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PROJECTS 2020



MYGALLOWAY NEW GALLOWAY

There are many lovely heritage sites from New Galloway listed on Canmore, but a few of the entries could do with a helping hand! It's time to share what you know. Here are some of the ones that stood out for us but feel free to just search for 'New Galloway' and have a look at the other entries too.

High Street, General Canmore ID: 213844

The high street in any Scottish burgh was the first street to be laid out and it's often the feature that has survived through the centuries of a town's life. They are literally the heart of a place and so photographs showing how they've evolved over time can be fascinating for anyone to see.

New Galloway's entry has only one image, taken in the 1970s - although a certain 'HK' has kicked off this project with a modern photo of the same view!

The high street is also central to a town's social history. We've been told that New Galloway's residents have been decorating their streets throughout the pandemic and we think photographs of this would also be lovely to have on Canmore for future generations to see!

War Memorial Canmore ID: 187416

Oh look, a 20th century war memorial located at NX 6356 7775, how lovely.

But wait, there's no description or photos. When was it built? We can't even see what war it's commemorating!

PRO TIP!



If you do a Search on 'New Galloway' in the Key Word search option, it brings up sites in New Abbey and Newton Stewart. Use the Filter option on the left of the screen to filter the Parish down to 'Kells' – that will show you the relevant sites.

St Margaret's Episcopal Church Canmore ID: 213830

A church located at NX 63566 77834, it was built in 1904 by the architect W.H. Harrison.

That's it, that's all the information to be found on its Canmore entry. There aren't even any photos. Can you add more about the history (old and recent) of this building?

High Street, The Old School Canmore ID: 267502

There's an old school at NX 63392 77742 – period unassigned. Anyone know the history or how 'old' it is?

Although it's also listed as a modern community centre...wait, is this the CatStrand? If it is, then was it not also a knitting factory and a Masonic Hall?

No mention of any of it and no photos...

Garroch, Garage & Stables

Canmore ID: 83525

This one sits a bit out of the main town to the northeast at NX 5971 8124. We can read that Garroch House, Canmore ID: 83524, was destroyed by fire after 1916 (although to be fair not much more than that) but the stables seem to have their own separate entry. Were they not destroyed? Are they still standing?

These might now be someone's private garage so you may need permission to take a new photo (unless you own it!) but you could still add to the text description if you know anything about its history.

Town Hall (Tolbooth)

Canmore ID: 111835

This has a bit more information but only a couple of photos – surely this impressive-looking building has more to show off though!

Any more photos of its exterior?

And what about inside? We've heard tell of beautiful inscriptions, plaques and a collection of paintings...

Let's get them into our National Historic Record!

Kells Church and Churchyard

Canmore ID: 211168 and 211170

These records show a few of the gorgeous gravestones here, but nothing about the building itself. Some photos of the exterior and interior seem essential!

Rear of High Street, Workshop

Canmore ID: 345323

A 19th century workshop at NX 6387 77659. There's a short description for this one – a single storey rubble structure possibly connected to the former mill. But there's no photographs. And a century is a long time – has it been used for anything else? Is it still in use?

NEW SITES

What you can't do in MyCanmore is add new sites, but if there are any that you would like documented, you could upload their images to Canmore ID entry: 71254, New Galloway General, and include a description. This way they can still be included in the national record of New Galloway for everyone to see.

ANY QUESTIONS ?

If you have any questions about this project, just email helen.keron@dumgal.gov.uk or get in touch with us through the Can You Dig It Facebook or Twitter accounts (@GGLPArchaeology).

You can also let us know how you get on – do share with us through email or on social media what you've managed to find. We're always interested and love a good photograph! Email us or tag us with @GGLPArchaeology in your post or tweet.

So do take part if you can – it's a great way to preserve your knowledge and enrich the national record for the area. It's time to let the world know how great our heritage is!