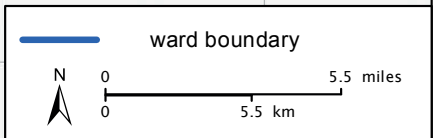


Mid Galloway and Wigtown West **Ward 2 Profile**



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Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland
Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements
Final Recommendations
Dumfries and Galloway Council area
Ward 2 (Mid Galloway and Wigtown West)



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Key statistics - Main Settlements

Some details about the main towns and villages in the Mid Galloway and Wigtown West Ward are given below.

Castle Kennedy has a population of 352 and is a small estate village formed on the land of Stair Estates which also includes Lochinch Castle. Both the Castle and Castle Kennedy Gardens are very popular tourist and event attractions and the settlement also includes a shop, petrol station and a primary school.

Creetown is identified as a Local Centre within the Mid Galloway Housing Market Area and has a population of 679. It is located off the A75, south of Newton Stewart, and contains a number of facilities including a primary school, shops, visitor and tourist facilities including the Gem Rock and the Creetown Heritage Museums.

Dunragit's history is a long one and we have evidence of human habitation here dating back to the Stone Age.

Garlieston is identified as a Local Centre in the Mid Galloway Housing Market Area and has a population of 338. It is a coastal village on the east coast of the Machars and located south of Wigtown overlooking Wigtown Bay. The settlement contains a number of facilities including a primary school, shop and other small businesses.

Glenluce has a population of 635 and is identified as a Local Centre within the Stranraer Housing Market Area. It lies to the north of the A75 east of Stranraer. The settlement benefits from a number of facilities including a primary school, shop and public house.

Glentroll is a small settlement to the North West of Newton Stewart with a population of 150 that was originally built to provide housing for Forestry Commission Scotland employees. It is located on the A713, is close to the Glentroll Visitor Centre and is considered to be the gateway to the Galloway Hills and the Dark Sky Project.

Isle of Whithorn is situated on the southernmost tip of South West Scotland and, with most of the village designated as a Conservation Area, is a popular tourist attraction. It has a population of 300. The settlement's main industries are fishing, agriculture and tourism. St. Ninian's Hall, which was originally a Dumfries and Galloway Council facility, was transferred to community ownership. Utilising Big Lottery Funding of just under £1,000,000.00 the facility has been completely refurbished and now includes a new Visitor Centre,

Café and Cinema. A large numbers of events and workshops run each week within the facility.

Kirkcowan is identified as a Local Centre within the Mid Galloway Housing Market Area and has a population of 501. The settlement is located on the northern edge of the Machars, 2.5 miles south of the A75 and contains a number of facilities including a primary school, shop and other small businesses.

Kirkinner and Braehead are identified as a Local Centre in the Mid Galloway Housing Market Area, they are located south of Newton Stewart. Taken together, these settlements have a population of 229 and contain a number of facilities including a shop, hall, bowling green and primary school.

New Luce lies at the junction of the Water of Luce with the Cross or Main Water of Luce 5 miles north of Glenluce. It is a conservation village sitting on the confluence of two rivers, Main Water of Luce and Cross Water of Luce and sits on a junction of 5 roads. It has a population of 184.

Newton Stewart and Minnigaff are located on the A75 and act as a commuter town for the surrounding smaller towns and villages. They have a combined population of 4,092. The settlement benefits from a number of facilities including three primary schools and a secondary school, small supermarkets, independent shops, a cinema, a museum, a library and Customer Services Centre, a Health Centre and Community Hospital, The Merrick Leisure Centre and public houses. It is the gateway to the Galloway Hills and the local hill "Cairnsmore - some 2330 ft" and the Galloway Forest Park.

Port William is a linear shaped settlement located on the West coast of the Machars overlooking Luce Bay. It is a popular tourist destination as well as a busy harbour town with facilities that include shops, primary school and a number of recreational facilities. The settlement contains a number of historic buildings which are included within the Conservation Area. The population is 523.

Sorbie is a small village in South Machars with a population of 235 and is located mid-way between Wigtown and Whithorn on the A714 road. It has a village hall and a restaurant.

Whauphill is a small rural village offering basic amenities with hotel and garage. Wigtown, the former County town which holds the status of "Scottish Book Town" is situated some 5 miles east of the village and offers a wider range of shops and other facilities including a modern medical

practice. The village has a well-appointed Hall which is managed by the Whauphill Community Association who also undertake various community projects within the area.

The Royal Burgh of Whithorn is a linear shaped settlement located towards the southern edge of the Machars with a population of 829. It has a number of facilities that serve the wider area including a primary school, shops, small businesses, visitor and tourist facilities associated with the Whithorn Dig and the town's Christian Heritage. The settlements historic centre is characterised by a wide main street, long narrow gardens, closes and pends and numerous listed buildings form part of the Conservation Area. Beyond the western boundary there are important archaeological and historical sites.

The Royal Burgh of Wigtown is located 7 miles south of Newton Stewart overlooking Wigtown Bay on the east coast of the Machars. Wigtown has a number of facilities including a primary school, shops, library, town hall and many small businesses. The town is designated as Scotland's National Book Town and hosts a number of related events each year. The population of the town is 921.

Primary Schools

Castle Kennedy Primary School	34
Creetown Primary School	71
Garlieston Primary School	13
Glenluce Primary School	53
Kirkcowan Primary School	48
Kirkinner Primary School	21
Minnigaff Primary School	84
Penninghame Primary School	223
Port William Primary School	64
St Ninian's Roman Catholic Primary School	13
Whithorn Primary School	82
Wigtown Primary School	101

Secondary Schools

Douglas Ewart High School	606
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Customer Service Centre

- Newton Stewart Customer Services Centre
- Port William Customer Services Centre
- Whithorn Customer Services Centre
- Wigtown Customer Services Centre

Burial Grounds

- Bargrennan, Newton Stewart Church Street, Glenluce
- Clachan of Penninghame, Newton Stewart Glasserton, Whithorn
- Glenluce New Cemetery, Glenluce Glenluce Old Luce Church, Glenluce Kirkcowan Graveyard, Kirkcowan Kirkdale Cemetery, Carsluith Kirkinner, Newton Stewart Kirkmabreck Old, Creetown Kirkmabreck, Creetown Kirkmaiden Cemetery, Monreith Machermore, Minnigaff
- Minnigaff Church, Minnigaff Mochrum Church, Mochrum New Cemetery, New Luce
- New Luce Parish Church, New Luce
- Old Cemetery, Jubilee Road, Newton Stewart Old Kirk Graveyard, Sorbie
- Park Cemetery, Wigtown Sorbie Cemetery, Sorbie
- St Kennera Church, Kirkinner
- St Macbutuss Cemetery, Wigtown St Ninians Priory, Whithorn
- Top Cemetery, St Couans Road, Kirkcowan Whithorn Cemetery, Whithorn
- Wigtown Top, Wigtown

Parks and Open Spaces

- Bladnoch, Bladnoch Playing Field, Creetown
- Playing Field, Dunragit Forteviot Gardens, Garlieston Lady Stair Park, Glenluce
- Sun Street, Glenluce Glentool, Glentool
- Boyach Crescent, Isle of Whithorn Foreshore, Isle of Whithorn Kirkcowan, Kirkcowan
- Kirkinner, Kirkinner Playing Field, Minnigaff Skate Park, Minnigaff
- Stewart of Garlies Road, Minnigaff Mochrum, Mochrum
- Monreith, Monreith New Luce, New Luce
- Blairmount, Newton Stewart Douglas Park, Newton Stewart Garlies Crescent, Newton Stewart Glebelands, Newton Stewart Industrial Estate, Newton Stewart Mansfield Place, Newton Stewart St Couans Place, Newton Stewart Cairnsmore Road, Palnure Bowling Green Road, Port William Maxwell Park, Port William
- South Shore, Port William Reiffer Park Gardens, Sorbie Whauphill, Whauphill Castlehill, Whithorn Kilncroft, Whithorn

- Beddie Crescent, Wigtown Lightlands Avenue, Wigtown Seaview, Wigtown

Picnic Areas

- Mill Island, Minnigaff
- Chapelfinian, Port William Road (A747)
Chippermore, Port William Road (A747)
Craignarget, Port William Road (A747) Port William, Harbour Area, Port William Stairhaven, Glenluce
- Harbour Area, Harbour Street, Wigtown

Gardens

- Albert Street Gardens, Albert Street, Newton Stewart
- Randolph Monument Gardens, Newton Stewart Wigtown, Main Street, Wigtown

Grassed Areas

- Gavin Maxwell Memorial, Monreith St Medans Bay, Monreith
- Castlehill Recreation Ground, Wigtown
- Martyr's Monument, Moss of Cree Road, Wigtown

Playing Fields with Football Pitches

- King George V Playing Field, Creetown Lady Stair Park, Main Street, Glenluce Kirkinner, Kirkinner
- Minnigaff, Minnigaff New Luce, New Luce
- Blairmount Park, Newton Stewart Douglas Park, Newton Stewart Maxwell Park, Port William
- Castlehill Recreation Ground, Whithorn Trammondford Park, Wigtown

Playing Fields

- Isle of Whithorn, Isle of Whithorn Kirkcowan, Kirkcowan
- St Medans, Monreith Kilncroft, Whithorn

NHS Facilities

- Newton Stewart Community Hospital (No A&E Facility)

Police Scotland Facilities

- Newtown Stewart Police Station
- Whithorn Police Station (occupied by Scottish Ambulance Service)

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Facilities

- Newton Stewart Fire Station Whithorn Fire Station

Key Projects

Public Health Improvement

The Public Health Improvement (PHI) workforce is part of the Community Health and Social Care Directorate. One PHI team works regionally, in partnership with Health and Social Care, Third Sector, Local Authority and communities to agree strategic direction and lead on action to deliver a regional plan to improve population health and wellbeing. With a focus on reducing health inequalities, the regional PHI plan includes poverty and inequalities; food insecurity; mental health and wellbeing; tobacco, alcohol and drug use prevention and harm reduction; physical activity/re-ablement; diet and healthy weight; housing and homelessness; workplace health; children and young people's health and wellbeing; digital equality.

All other PHI practitioners are being located within 8 Home Teams developing across the region and will be focusing activity on early intervention and prevention with vulnerable communities and individuals; delivering and developing the Community Link Service; proactively engaging with colleagues, communities and partners to build and strengthen a 'community led' regional approach to PHI using community development methodology; and providing support for specific actions within the PHI Regional Plan and priority PHI issues.

NHS Home Teams

Home Teams will be fully integrated, multi-disciplinary teams placed at the heart of the community who will work closely with people, their family, friends, carers and the wider local community and services to enable people to live healthy and active lives and live at home for longer.

They will support people within their community to live at home, close to their home or in a homely setting, preventing hospital admission where appropriate or safely bring them home from hospital earlier. A "Home First" approach is the default position for everyone. Home Teams will also ensure that people are at the heart of any decisions and will encourage people to improve and maintain their health and wellbeing through good conversations.

Community Asset Transfers – Transfer of Ownership

- New Town Hall Whithorn
- Former Glentrool Primary School
- Glenluce Lorry Park
- Woodside Industrial Units, Glenluce

Community Councils and Community Associations:

- Castle Kennedy Community Council - Disestablished
- Cree Valley Community Council - Established
- Garlieston Community Council – Established
- Isle of Whithorn Community Council – Established
- Kirkcowan Community Council – Established
- Kirkmabreck Community Council – Established
- New Luce Community Council – Established
- Old Luce Community Council – Established
- Port William Community Council – Established
- Royal Burgh of Wigtown and District Community Council – Established
- Sorbie Community Council – Established
- The Royal Burgh of Whithorn and District Community Council – Established

The following sources of funding have been drawn down in the ward

- Coastal Community Fund Projects
- Regionwide Community Fund Projects
- DGC Town Centre Investment
- Major Events and Festivals Funding
- Windfarm Community Benefit Funding - approx. £1M annually available
- Borderlands

Elected Members

Councillor Katie Hagmann
(Scottish National Party)

Councillor David Inglis
(Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Councillor Jackie McCamon
(Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

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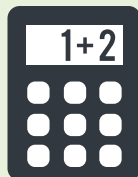
Current statistics are for year 2020 (latest statistics available)

*Trend is 10 year trend

Population 13,480



Poverty and Inequalities Data



Education and Skills

Percentage of population by Ward with no qualifications

17.4

Regional average 15%



Employment

Employment deprived as % of working age population

9.4%

Regional average: 8.5%

Claimant Count Unemployment (all ages)

450

Regional average: 402

Child Poverty



Percentage of children in receipt of free school meals

18%

Regional Average: 19.25%

Child Poverty

37%

Regional average: 39.1%



Housing

Homelessness applications

5

Regional average: 6.5

Temporary accommodation tenancies

8

Regional average: 13.5

Full report and sources can be found here

<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/media/23800/Report-Poverty-and-Deprivation-in-Dumfries-and-Galloway-2020/pdf/Poverty-and-Deprivation-Position-Report.pdf?m=637424348890330000>

The following statistical information is sourced from the Improvement Service's Community Planning Outcome Profiling tool

Employment and Economic Growth

% of adults receiving out of work benefits



% of children living in poverty



Rate of depopulation



	Current	Trend*	Current	Trend*	Current	Trend*
Machars North	16.0%	+75.8%	18.7%	-23.0%	106.5%	+6.7%
Machars South	17.5%	+52.2%	26.4%	-2.1%	107.8%	+6.6%
Newton South	17.5%	+52.4%	23.5%	+57.6%	107.8%	+1.3%

Education



Positive Destinations

The percentage of school leavers who, within three months of leaving school, enter higher education, further education, employment or training.



Educational Attainment

(Average number of National 5 Qualification attained)

	Current	Trend*	Current	Trend*
Machars North	88.4%	+5.3%	5.55	-1.5%
Machars South	75.1%	-16.6%	5.75	+9.4%
Newton South	95.0%	+0.1%	5.56	+4.7%

Health and Wellbeing



Rate of death

For persons under the age of 75, per 100,000 head of population

Unplanned Hospital Admissions

Accident and Emergency attendances per 100,000 head of population



	Current	Trend*	Current	Trend*
Machars North	267	-40.4%	27,601	+28.8%
Machars South	356	-19.5%	21,320	-2.2%
Newton South	387	-6.9%	22,581	+5.6%

Safer, Stronger Communities

Number of crimes per 100,000 head of population



	Current	Trend*
Machars North	180	-38.8%
Machars South	220	-27.7%
Newton South	406	-19.0%

*10 year trend