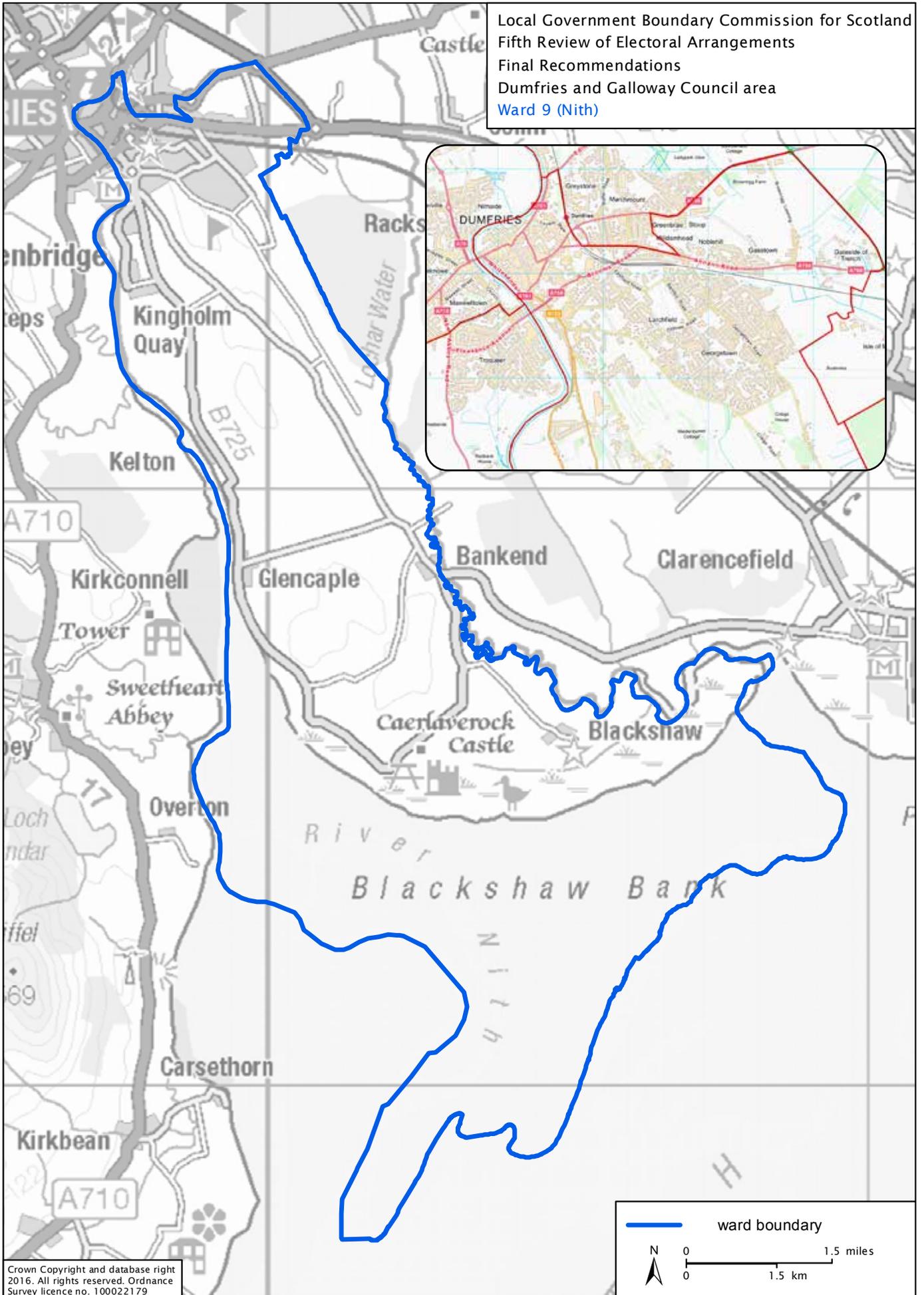


Nith  
**Ward 9 Profile**



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Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland  
Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements  
Final Recommendations  
Dumfries and Galloway Council area  
Ward 9 (Nith)



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## Key statistics - Main Settlements

Some details about the main towns and villages in the Nith Ward are given below:

**Dumfries** is identified as the Regional Capital within the Dumfries Housing Market Area, with a population of approximately 32,000. The town is well located and easily accessible to the strategic road system at the junctions of the A75, A76, A701 and A709 around the Dumfries bypass. Further afield the town can access the A74 (M) 11 miles to the east via the strategic road network. The town is also accessible by rail on the Nith Valley Line between Glasgow and Carlisle. The settlement serves as the main administrative, shopping and health care centre for the region providing amongst other things, a range of employment and education opportunities, leisure facilities and housing options. Dumfries is an attractive market town with an original medieval core which attracts tourists and visitors and has conservation area status. The tidal River Nith flows through the town providing an attractive feature and setting, however the river also results in a number of areas of flood risk within and around the town.

**Dumfries Town Centre:** The Town Centre Housing Renewal programme for Queen street has now completed and the work for Friars Vennel has begun, assisting in making improvements to the environment, fabric and appearance of these town centre fringe areas. Work is also underway to rationalise the three town centre conservation areas into one combined character appraisal.

**Glencaple** is identified as a Local Centre within the Dumfries Housing Market Area. The village lies to the south of Dumfries on the B725, fronting the Nith Estuary. The village contains a number of services including a primary school and a community shop and café. The village is within the Nith Estuary National Scenic Area (NSA) and is situated on the shores of the Upper Solway Flats and Marshes SSSI and the Solway European Marine Site.

**Caerlaverock** and the surrounding area is home to about 400 people. Included in the estate are the two main villages of Glencaple and Bankend, lying on either side of dramatic, tree-topped 'Wardlaw,' site of an ancient, hill-top fort commanding splendid views over the Solway Merse. Each village has its own identity and its own unique role to play in the community

## Primary Schools

Calside Primary School	198
Loreburn Primary School	162
Noblehill Primary School	249
St Andrew's Roman Catholic Primary School	177
St Michael's Primary School	170
Brownhall Primary School	35
Caerlaverock Primary School	29
Langlands	19

## Secondary School

Dumfries Academy	642
St Joseph's College	884

## Burial Grounds

- Caerlaverock Cemetery
- St. Michael's Churchyard, Dumfries
- St. Michael's Cemetery, Dumfries
- Dumfries High Cemetery
- St. Andrew's Cemetery (Calside), Dumfries

## Public Toilets

- Castledykes Park, Dumfries
- Dock Park, Dumfries
- Munches Street, Dumfries
- Whitesands, Dumfries
- Glencaple

## Parks and Open Spaces

- Greensands
- Catherine Street
- Dock Park
- Castledykes Park
- Castledykes Estate
- Kingholm Quay
- Cresswell Hill
- Sir John Richardson Place
- Larchfield Flats
- Cresswell Park
- Kellwood

- Airds Avenue
- Rowanbank Avenue
- Calside Park
- Oakfield Drive
- Moss View
- Georgetown Crescent
- Georgetown Comm Council
- Loganbarns
- Noblehill Avenue
- Gasstown Park
- Stoop - Parkhead
- Noblehill Park
- Bankend
- Glencaple

#### **NHS Facilities**

- Gillbrae Medical Practice
- Nithbank, Dumfries
- Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary
- Midpark Hospital
- Dumfries Dental Centre
- Crichton Hall

#### **Police Scotland Facilities**

- Dumfries and Galloway Divisional Headquarters, Cornwall Mount, Dumfries
- Loreburn Street Police Station

#### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Facilities**

- Dumfries Fire Station

## **Key Council Projects**

### **Redeveloping Dumfries Academy and Minerva Hall - Dumfries Learning Town (Phase 2) DLT Phase 2 - Dumfries Academy ([dumgal.gov.uk](http://dumgal.gov.uk))**

The school on Academy Street in Dumfries is being transformed at a cost of around £16.5 million. The redeveloped school will provide facilities that are fit the 21st century as well as retaining and enhancing historic buildings on the site:

### **DLT Phase 2 - Loreburn Primary School DLT Phase 2 - Loreburn Primary School ([dumgal.gov.uk](http://dumgal.gov.uk))**

Loreburn Primary School has been included for significant investment through the Council's Capital Investment Strategy.

## **Key Partner Organisation 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.

### **The Hub**

'Your community action centre' is a community anchor organisation based in Dumfries providing development support for organisations based at the centre. 24-26 Friars Vennel, Dumfries DG1 2RL

Director Karen Lewis karen.lewis@thehubdg.org.uk

### **Dumfries Partnership Action Group (DPAG)**

Established in 2019 as an advisory and reference group to work with Dumfries and Galloway Council to coproduce a vision and action plan to revitalise Dumfries Town Centre. DPAG is a collaboration of Dumfries- based businesses, community organisations, community activists and social enterprises who want to make a positive difference to the revitalisation of the town. Dynamically Different Dumfries is the developing vision and 10-year action plan co- produced with the community around Dumfries Town Centre. Dynamically Different Dumfries is the outcome of a new approach to community led regeneration with the community actively working with the Council, its partners and Elected Members to ensure that everyone in Dumfries who wants to can have a say in the future of their town. In developing the priorities for Dynamically Different Dumfries 5 key vision drivers have been identified. These vision drivers imagine the quality of Dumfries as a place to: Live and Belong, Work, Learn and do Business, Access, be Active and Green, and Grow and Play.

### **The Crichton Trust – '21st Century Village'**

Jennifer Challinor

In partnership with Dumfries and Galloway Council, we will deliver a full and detailed masterplan for The Crichton Quarter/ 21st Century Village in line with the Local Development Plan 2 which seeks to dovetail the Ladyfield Housing Site into The Crichton Estate. The work will include design options and costing for: housing, a community-owned non-carbon local energy scheme, design,

feasibility and costing of a pedestrian and cyclists priority zone for The Crichton Quarter and design considerations for the use of autonomous vehicles and assisting living technologies across what will become a Living Lab Innovation Quarter in partnership with the University of Glasgow and Heriot-Watt University. All will benefit from the co-location of Scotland's first rural 5G Innovation Centre due to be announced 26 May 2021.

### **Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway**

An organisation that exists to promote, support and develop a strong third sector; develop social enterprise; develop volunteers and volunteering; and connect the third sector to community planning. 54 Buccleuch St, Dumfries DG1 2AH <http://thirdsectordumgal.org.uk/>

### **The Hollywood Trust**

A charitable organisation which aims to help young people in Dumfries and Galloway. It gives grants to individuals and organisations, creating opportunities for young people in the region. The largest individual charitable organisation for young people based at the Crichton in Dumfries and Galloway [https:// www.hollywood-trust.org.uk/](https://www.hollywood-trust.org.uk/)

### **Nith Inshore Rescue**

A voluntarily funded service established in 1981 following the tragic drowning of a man trapped on a sandbank. Meeting the increasingly rigorous legal codes of practice is an ongoing challenge for all involved. This invaluable service has proven its worth time and time again. For full details of Nith Inshore Rescue go to [www.nithrescue.org.uk](http://www.nithrescue.org.uk)

## Community Asset Transfers – Transfer of Ownership

- Bakers Oven, Dumfries
- 1 Cresswell Gardens
- Lochvale House Georgetown
- Land at Catherine Street
- Kingholm Pavilion

## Community Asset Transfers – Long Term Leases (>10 years)

- The Stove

## Community Councils and Community Associations:

- Caerlaverock Community Council – Disestablished
- Georgetown Community Council – Disestablished
- Kingholm Quay Community Council – Disestablished
- Loreburn Community Council – Established
- St Michaels Community Council – Disestablished

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

- Coastal Community Fund Projects
- CARS monies
- DGC Town Centre Investment
- Windfarm Community Benefit Funding - approx. £10k annually available
- Borderlands

## Elected Members

### Councillor John Campbell

(Scottish National Party)

### Councillor Malcolm Johnstone

(Scottish Conservative and Unionist Group)

### Councillor David R Slater

(Independent)

### Councillor Keith Walters

(Scottish Labour Party)

## MPs, MSP, and MSYPs List

### MP David Mundell MP

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## Nithsdale MSYPs

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## Nith Ward Youth Councillor

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## Nith Ward Youth Councillor

Lucy Waugh

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Current statistics are for year 2020 (latest statistics available)

\*Trend is 10 year trend

**Population 13,390**



## Poverty and Inequalities Data



### Education and Skills

**Percentage of population by Ward with no qualifications**

**11.4%**

Regional average 15%



### Employment

**Employment deprived as % of working age population**

**9.4%**

Regional average: 8.5%

**Claimant Count Unemployment (all ages)**

**415**

Regional average: 402

### Child Poverty



**Percentage of children in receipt of free school meals**

**13%**

Regional Average: 19.25%

**Child Poverty**

**17%**

Regional average: 39.1%



### Housing

**Homelessness applications**

**8**

Regional average: 6.5

**Temporary accommodation tenancies**

**25**

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



(inverse indicator)

	Current	Trend*		Current	Trend*		Current	Trend*
Kingholm	13.3%	+44.1%		12.6%	+29.1%		98.3%	+3.5%
Calside	7.9%	+69.2%		6.6%	+1.7%		121.1%	+11.0%
Georgetown	7.9%	+41.2%		12.8%	25.2%		116.7%	+8.9%
Dumfries Central	28.9%	+23.8%		24.8%	+52.7%		92.6%	-0.6%

## 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*
Kingholm	92.5%	+4.4%		5.75	+1.6%
Calside	95.3%	+13.6%		5.95	+6.4%
Georgetown	96.7%	+14%		5.90	+4.4%
Dumfries Central	97.5%	+21.5%		5.09	-7.9%

## 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*
Kingholm	495	+12.1%		28,233	+44.2%
Calside	330	-17.5%		16,250	-3.6%
Georgetown	293	-28.3%		20,657	+3.1%
Dumfries Central	721	+23.1%		35,744	+0.3%



## Safer, Stronger Communities

Number of crimes per 100,000 head of population



	Current	Trend*
Kingholm	554	+93.7%
Calside	105	-52.6%
Georgetown	41	-84.6%
Dumfries Central	2231	+44.5%

\*10 year trend