

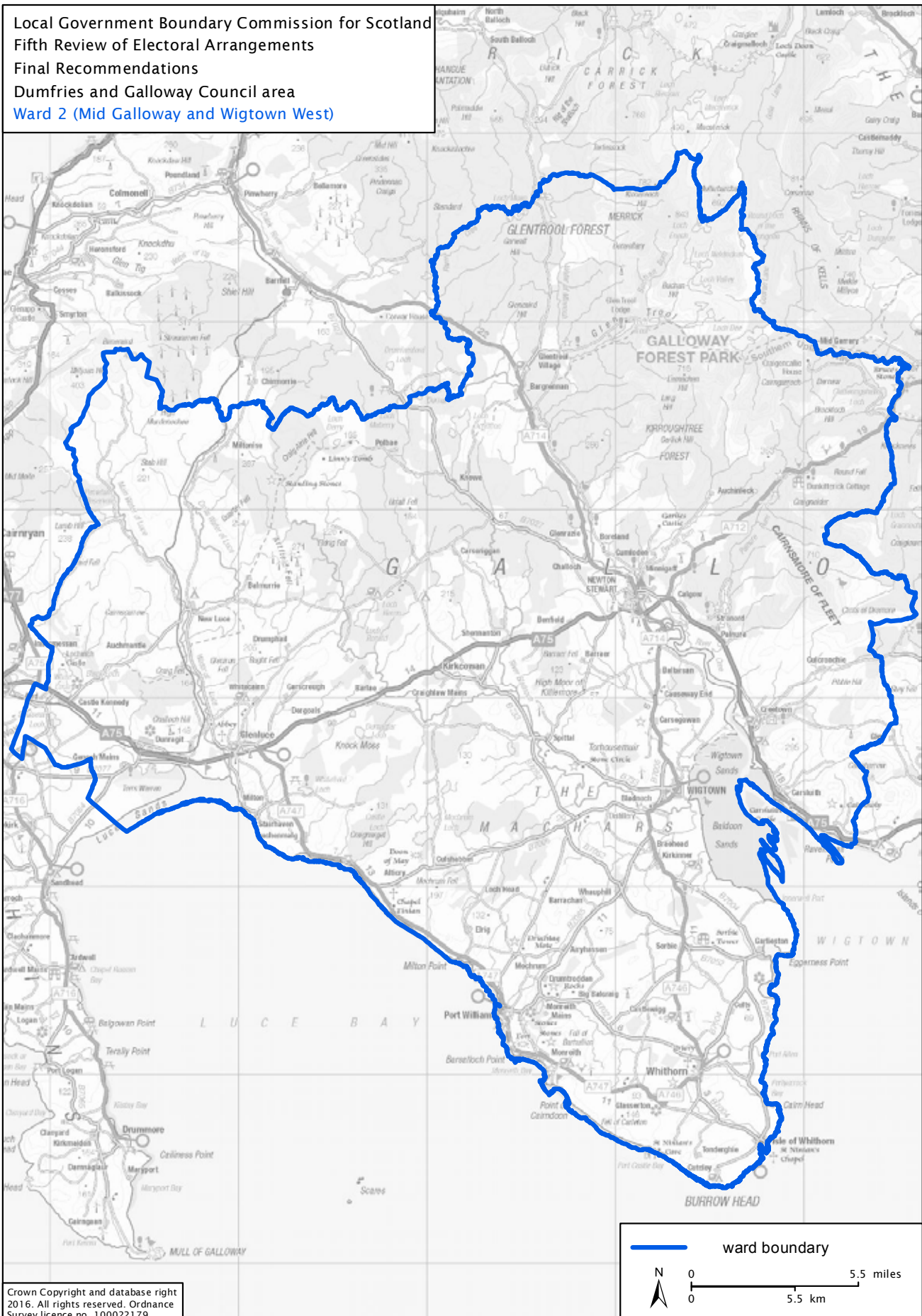
# Mid Galloway and Wigtown West **Ward 2 Profile**



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## Ward 2 Profile

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 – 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.

**Glentool** 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 Glentool 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.

**Kirkiner 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.

## Council and Partners Facilities

### Primary Schools

Castle Kennedy Primary School	49
Creetown Primary School	46
Garlieston Primary School	15
Glenluce Primary School	75
Kirkcowan Primary School	51
Kirkinner Primary School	17
Minnigaff Primary School	99
Penninghame Primary School	223
Port William Primary School	70
St Ninian's Roman Catholic Primary School	31
Whithorn Primary School	87
Wigtown Primary School	80

### Secondary Schools

Douglas Ewart High School	580
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### Customer Services Centres

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 Council Projects

### Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

Following on from major flooding in Newton Stewart in December 2015 Dumfries and Galloway Council has agreed as part of the Solway Local Flood Risk Management Plan to develop and deliver a flood protection scheme for Newton Stewart. 80% of the funding will be provided by Scottish Government as part of their General Capital Allocation and 20% provided by Dumfries and Galloway Council's Capital Investment Strategy. The total project will cost approximately £8M. The project includes the advance works of raising and reinstating the Sparling Bridge damaged during the flooding in 2015. After a Community Consultation which took place in March 2017 work to reinstate the bridge on a new site approximately 100 metres downstream is now being taken forward as the community's preferred site.

## Key Partner Organisation Projects

### Health and Social Care Integration

Health and Social Care Integration brings together Dumfries and Galloway Council and NHS Dumfries and Galloway alongside Third and Independent sector and our local communities to improve the experience of people who use adult health and social care services.

The principal ambitions of health and social care integration are to:

Support the improvement of the quality and consistency of services for patients, carers, service-users and their families.

Provide seamless, joined-up quality health and social care services in order to care for people in their homes or a homely setting where it is safe to do so.

Ensure resources are used effectively and efficiently to deliver services.

The Health and Social Care Locality Manager for Wigtownshire is June Watters.

## Community Councils and Community Associations

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 Whithorn and District Community Council - Established  
Royal Burgh of Wigtown and District Community Council - Established  
Sorbie Community Council - Established  
Castle Kennedy Community Council - Disestablished  
Port William Community Association  
Whauphill Community Association  
Broader Machars Federation of Community Councils

## Community Resilience Teams

Alticry (Port William)  
Glenluce  
New Luce  
Castle Kennedy  
Glentrool  
Newton Stewart  
Creetown  
Isle of Whithorn  
Port William  
Dunragit  
Kirkcowan  
Sorbie  
Elrig  
Kirkinner  
Whauphill  
Garlieston  
Mochrum  
Whithorn  
Glen of Luce  
Monreith  
Wigtown

### Community Asset Transfers

Waverley Hall, Creetown (Policy and Resources Committee Paper January 2016)

Isle of Whithorn Village Hall (Policy and Resources Committee Paper September 2011)

Whithorn New Town Hall (Policy and Resources Committee Paper March 2017)

### Windfarms and Community Benefit Monies

**Artfield Fell** – approx £24,000 equally between Old Luce and New Luce Community Councils.

**Balmurrie Fell (Artfield Fell Extension)** - £22,500 equally between Old Luce, New Luce, and Kirkcowan Community Councils.

**Glenchamber** – approx £50,000 fund between Old Luce, New Luce and Kirkcowan Community Council's with a further £75,000 available through Local Electricity Discount Scheme.

**Carscreugh Fell** - £38,250 between Old Luce, Cree Valley, Kirkcowan, New Luce, Old Luce (70%) share, Port William, Stoneykirk Community Councils.

**Barlockhart** - £3,000 to Old Luce Community Councils.

### Community Plans

Old Luce Community Action Plan

New Luce Community Action Plan

### Elected Members

Katie Hagmann  
Scottish National Party

David Inglis  
Scottish Conservative and Unionist

Jim McColm  
Independent

Graham Nicol  
Scottish Conservative and Unionist

### MSPs and MPs

MP Alister Jack  
Scottish Conservative and Unionist

MSP Finlay Carson  
Scottish Conservative and Unionist

MSYP Emma Currie Galloway and West  
Dumfries

Neal McCulloch Galloway and West  
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# Mid Galloway and Wigtown West

**Electorate 10,521**



Electorate does not equal population. Source - Boundary Commission

## Employment and Economic Growth

**% of adults receiving out of work benefits**



Adults aged 16 to 64 - 3 year trend

**% of children living in poverty**

4 year trend



**Rate of depopulation**



10 year trend (inverse indicator)

	Current	Trend	Current	Trend	Current	Trend
Machars South	17.40%	-0.2%	13.80%	-6.00%	110.40%	+8.90%
Cree Valley	18.20%	-0.5%	19.30%	+1.60%	94.90%	-2.50%
Moors	15.90%	-0.1%	13%	-3.10%	103.40%	+3.30%

## Positive Destinations



**Positive destinations**

The percentage of school leavers who, within three months of leaving school, enter higher education, further education, employment or training - 5 year trend

	Current	Trend	Current	Trend
Machars South	77.80%	-5.90%	178	+8
Cree Valley	95.20%	+8.40%	168	+8
Moors	89.40%	-2.70%	219	+42



**S4 Tariff**

Scottish average 298

National benchmarking focusing on attainment of pupils following S4 S5 or S6. Qualifications are awarded tariff points based on its SCQF level, credit points and the grade achieved by the pupil -10 year trend.

## Health and Wellbeing

**Early mortality rate**

Rate of death for persons under the age of 75 - 5 year trend



**Unplanned hospital admissions**

Accident and Emergency attendances per 100,000 head of population - 10 year trend



	Current	Trend	Current	Trend
Machars South	415	-23	21318	-1785
Cree Valley	439	+13	24799	+2869
Moors	392	-77	20238	-1353

## Safer, Stronger Communities

**Crime Rate**

Number of crimes per 10,000 head of population - 3 year trend



	Current	Trend
Machars South	79	-184
Cree Valley	274	-292
Moors	171	-49

The statistical information presented for each of the detailed outcomes is sourced from the Community Planning Outcome Profiling tool (CPOP). Slight anomalies may exist as intermediary data zones do not match identically the geographic nature of electoral wards. In such cases, the statistical information cannot be disaggregated further to allow the information to be presented differently. The statistical information may therefore include areas which are out with the Ward boundary.



**If you would like some help understanding this or need it in another format please contact 030 33 33 3000**

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**Agreed**

**October 2017**