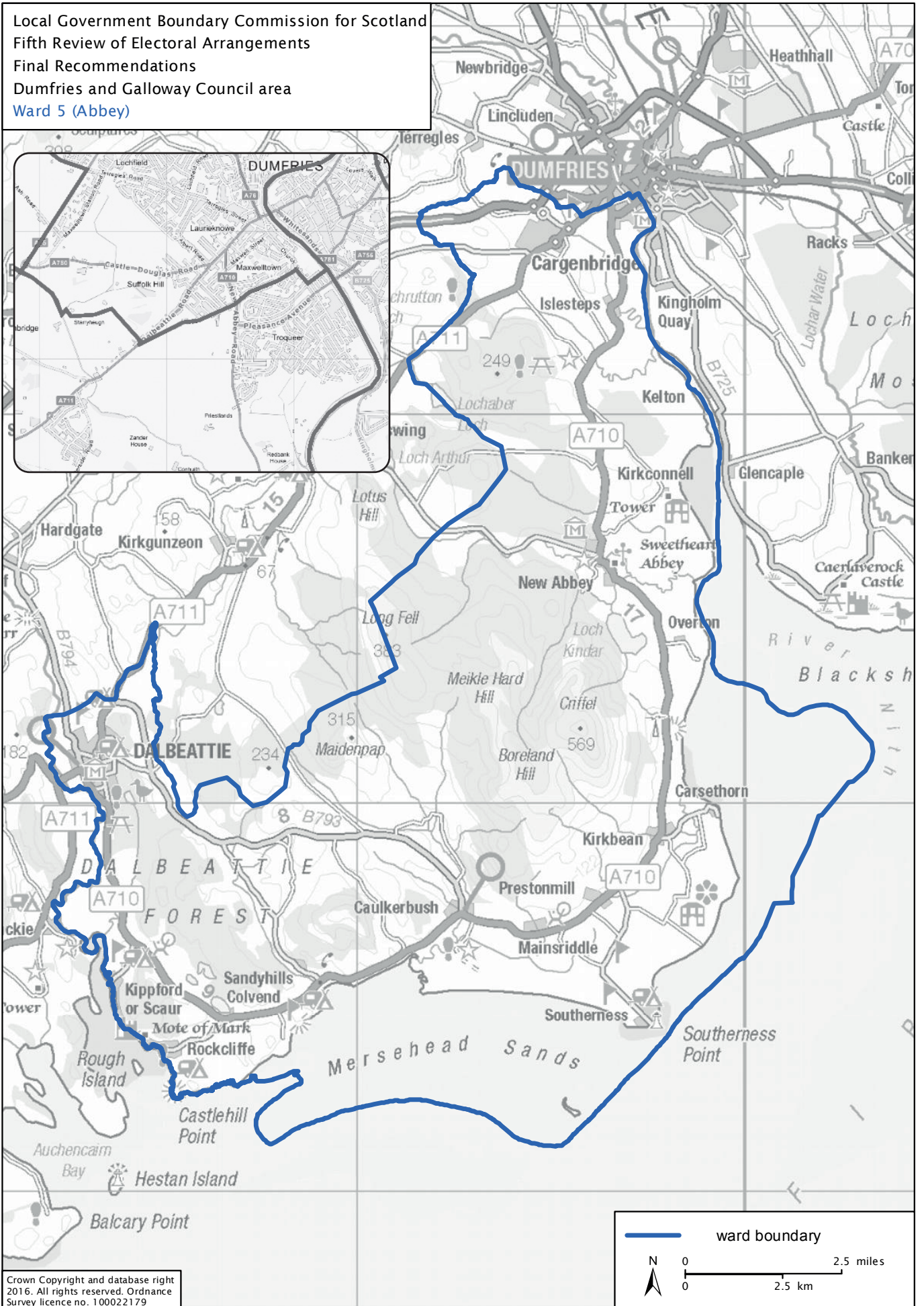
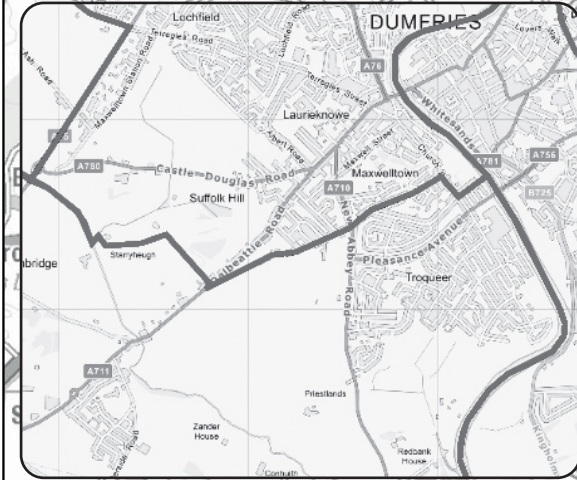


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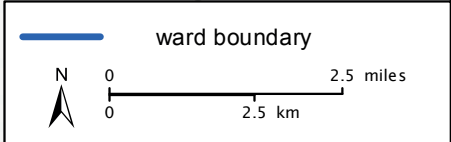


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[Ward 5 \(Abbey\)](#)



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Key statistics - Main Settlements

Some key details about the main towns and villages in the Abbey Ward are given below.

Dalbeattie is identified as a District Centre in the Stewartry Housing Market Area. Its population in 2011 was 4,227. It benefits from close proximity to one of the internationally renowned Seven Stanes mountain biking routes and has a range of shops, facilities and businesses serving the wider area. To the east, the town is enclosed by forestry incorporating important walking and cycling routes. The north of the town includes the cemetery and other areas of open space forming part of the wider green network as well as the main entry to the town from Dumfries. The southern approach to the town is in close proximity to the East Stewartry Coast National Scenic Area. Locally quarried granite stone used in the construction of many of the buildings give the town its unique feel and character.

New Abbey lies on the A710 and provides a range of facilities including a primary school, shop, cafe and public houses. The settlement has a Conservation Area and is an important visitor and tourist destination, mainly due to Sweetheart Abbey which forms an important focal point for the village. Troqueer has a primary school and community centre which is home to clubs, bingo, and used for events and parties. There is an active Tenants and Residents Association and a Parish Church which overlooks the River Nith.

Cargenbridge is situated a mile and a half from Dumfries Town Centre and is home to a primary school and a local shop.

Southernness is a small coastal village located approximately 2 miles south of the A710 between Caulkerbush and Kirkbean. The town today is mainly a tourist village and has for many years had a large number of static caravans, some private and many rented to holiday homes.

Colvend is home to a primary school that serves the villages of Colvend, Rockcliffe, Kippford, Sandyhills and Caulkerbush. Colvend is a small village situated at the south end of White Loch and close to the Solway Coast. It is also home to a village hall, golf course, pottery studio and farm shop.

Kippford is a small village along the Solway coast. Kippford can only be accessed by car from Barnbarroch, passing by Craigieknowes Golf Course and two campsites.

Rockcliffe is a small, coastal village with a view of Rough Island, Hestan Island, the Solway Firth and sometimes the Lake District.

Kirkbean is a small village near the Solway Firth It is home to a primary school which serves the local area and is partnered with New Abbey primary school.

Primary Schools

Dalbeattie Primary School	275
Troqueer Primary School	273
Kirkbean Primary School	13
New Abbey Primary School	35
Colvend Primary School	15
Cargenbridge Primary School	104

Secondary School

Dalbeattie High School	351
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Burial Grounds

- Dalbeattie
- Southwick
- Colvend
- Troqueer

Parks and Open Spaces

- Colliston, Dalbeattie
- Craigmath, Dalbeattie
- Glenshalloch, Dalbeattie
- New Abbey
- Troqueer
- Cargenbridge

NHS Facilities

- Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary

Police Scotland Facilities

- Dalbeattie Police Station

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Facilities

Dalbeattie Fire Station

Key Projects

Rosefield Mills (Dumfries Historic Buildings Trust)

Dumfries Historic Buildings Trust purchased Rosefield Mills in Troqueer in March 2018. The aim is for the trust to repair the historic buildings structure and fabric of the riverside building. Future use will include space for public and community events and a space for entertainment. Long term use is also being considered for things like a café or restaurant. More information can be found at: Rosefield Mills – Dumfries Historic Buildings Trust (dumfriestrust.org.uk)

The refurbishment of New Abbey Play Park (New Abbey Play Park Committee)

The New Abbey Play Park project is a small charitable project set up by local parents with an aim to improve the playpark within the village of New Abbey. More information can be found at: (4) New Abbey Playpark Project | Facebook

Rocks and Wheels – the community asset transfer of the former Dalbeattie Primary School (Dalbeattie Community Initiative)

Rocks and Wheels (RAW) is a community project which aims to bring back to life the former primary school site as an activity centre based on the districts cycling and bouldering opportunities. More information can be found at: Rocks and Wheels Project Dalbeattie

The repair and upgrade of Dalbeattie Pond in Colliston Park (Dalbeattie Community Council)

Dalbeattie Community Council are leading on a project to repair and upgrade the pond in Colliston Park. Information about Dalbeattie Community Council can be found here: Dumfries and Galloway Council - [dumgalrefresh Home Page](#)

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.

Active Travel

Dalbeattie Cycleway Phase 2, Church Crescent Cycle Bridge

Community Asset Transfers – Transfer of Ownership

Former St Peters Primary School, Dalbeattie

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

- Dalbeattie Multi-Use Games Area

Community Councils and Community Associations:

- Colvend and Southwick Community Council – Established
- Dalbeattie Community Council – Established
- Kirkbean Community Council – Established
- New Abbey Community Council – Established
- Ryedale Community Council – Disestablished
- Southernness Community Council – Established
- Troqueer Landward Community Council – Disestablished

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

- Coastal Community Fund Projects
- Regionwide Community Fund Projects
- DGC Town Centre Investment
- Windfarm Community Benefit Funding - approx. £30k annually available
- Borderlands

Elected Members

Councillor Ian Blake

(Scottish Conservative and Unionist Group)

Councillor Kim Lowe

(Scottish National Party)

Councillor Davie Stitt

(Scottish Labour Party)

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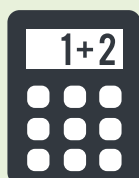
Current statistics are for year 2020 (latest statistics available)

*Trend is 10 year trend

Population 10,475



Poverty and Inequalities Data



Education and Skills

Percentage of population by Ward with no qualifications

11.9%

Regional average 15%



Employment

Employment deprived as % of working age population

8.5%

Regional average: 8.5%

Claimant Count Unemployment (all ages)

250

Regional average: 402

Child Poverty



Percentage of children in receipt of free school meals

14%

Regional Average: 19.25%

Child Poverty

22%

Regional average: 39.1%



Housing

Homelessness applications

3

Regional average: 6.5

Temporary accommodation tenancies

5

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*
Dalbeattie	16.4%	+30.5%	19.1%	+44.4%	102.8%	+2.1%
Troqueer	12.8%	+42.4%	16.4%	+26.6%	101.2%	-0.3%
New Abbey	12.8%	+30.0%	18.6%	+97.3%	103.6%	+7.6%

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*
Dalbeattie	85.7%	+8.3%	5.7	-2.7%
Troqueer	95.2%	+2.0%	5.8	-2.5%
New Abbey	95.8%	+10.9%	5.37	-7.1%

Health and Wellbeing



Rate of death

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

	Current	Trend*	Current	Trend*
Dalbeattie	432	+3.0%	25,696	+5.9%
Troqueer	245	-40.1%	25,318	+4.5%
New Abbey	355	-3.0%	22,209	+1.7%

Unplanned Hospital Admissions

Accident and Emergency attendances per 100,000 head of population



Safer, Stronger Communities

Number of crimes per 100,000 head of population



	Current	Trend*
Dalbeattie	25,696	+5.9%
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New Abbey	22,209	-13.1%

*10 year trend

