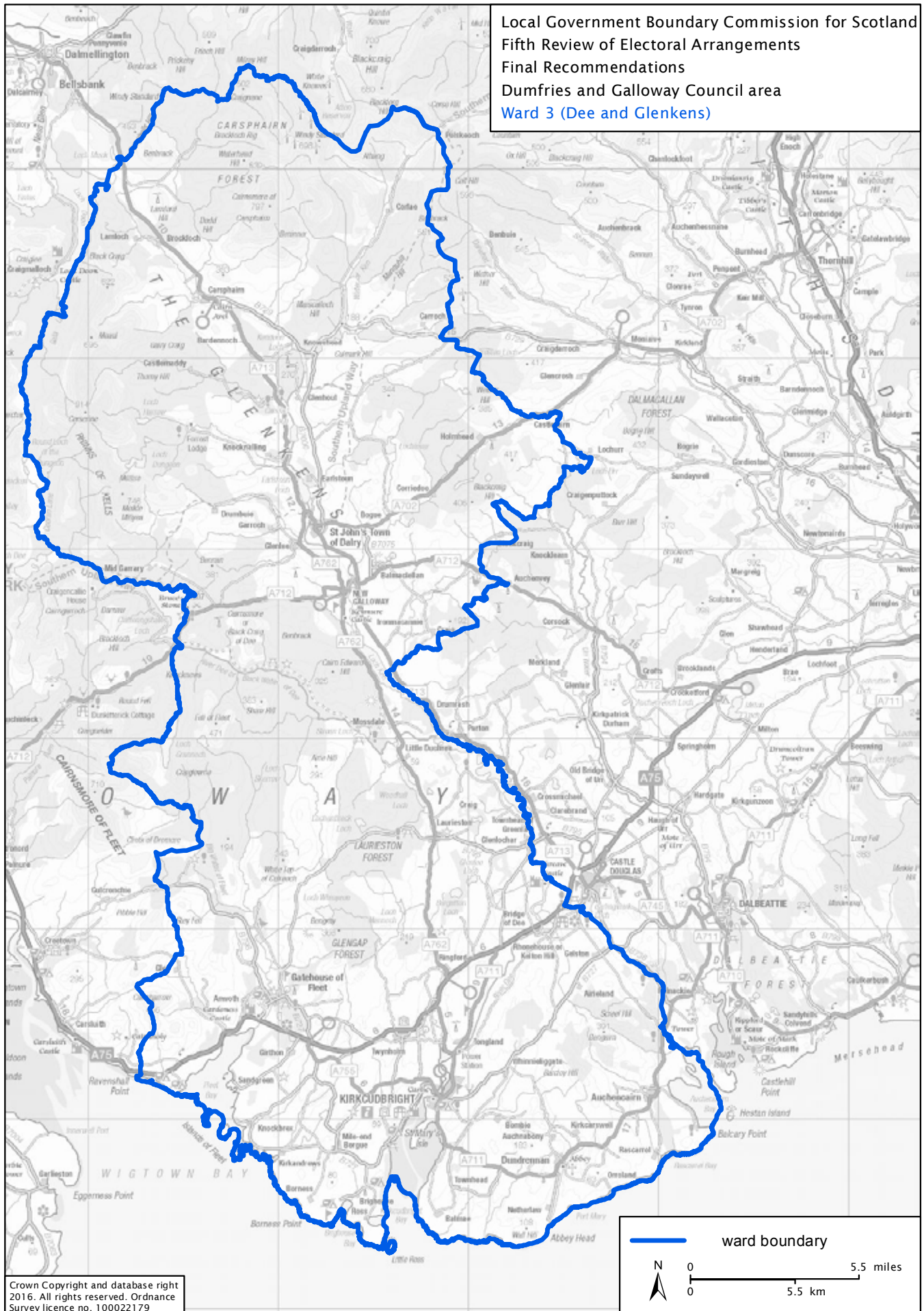


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Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland  
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 Final Recommendations  
 Dumfries and Galloway Council area  
 Ward 3 (Dee and Glenkens)



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## Key statistics - Main Settlements

Some details about the main towns and villages in the Dee and Glenkens Ward are given below.

**Auchencairn** is a traditional Scottish village with a population of about 365. It lies within the Solway Coast Regional Scenic Area and whilst the settlement itself is not within its boundaries, it is immediately adjacent to the East Stewartry Coast National Scenic Area. The settlement contains a number of facilities including a primary school, shop and Post Office, as well as other small businesses.

**Carsphairn** is a charming village in the heart of the Galloway Forest Park and has a population of approximately 115. It is the most northerly of the Stewartry's settlements and has a number of facilities including a shop, primary school and hall.

**Gatehouse of Fleet** is a village which is situated near the mouth of the River Fleet and has an estimated population of 1,255. It has a number of facilities including shops, a primary school, church and tourist facilities such as the Mill on The Fleet. Its historical importance, planned form and attractive appearance have resulted in much of the settlement being designated as a Conservation Area. The town particularly benefits from its landscape setting being at the heart of the Fleet Valley National Scenic Area and with much of the surrounding area being under National Trust Conservation Agreements. The population in 2011 was 986.

**Kirkcudbright** is marketed as the "Artists' Town" due to its historic associations with the art world. It is a popular tourist destination as well as a busy harbour town with a number of facilities. Development in Kirkcudbright originated in the historic core around the harbour and has spread to the north and south but is restricted in the west by the river and to the east by the topography of the land. The northern approach to the town is via the A711 Tongland Road. Kirkcudbright is identified as a District Centre in the Stewartry Housing Market Area. It has a population of 3,352.

**New Galloway** is the smallest royal burgh in Scotland and lies within the Galloway Hills Regional Scenic Area and much of its historic core is designated as a Conservation Area. The land east of the village is adjacent to several natural heritage sites such as the Loch Ken and River Dee Marshes Special Protection Area. New Galloway has a number of facilities which tend to benefit from the tourist and visitor trade that is principally attracted by the visual quality of the surrounding

landscape and local townscape. It has a population of approximately 553.

**St. John's Town of Dalry** is the largest of the villages in the Glenkens with a population of about 400 people. It lies within the Galloway Hills Regional Scenic Area and may develop into an important tourist destination based on the neighbouring Dark Skies Park in the Galloway Forest and Biosphere designations which have national and international significance. It has a number of facilities including shops, public houses, a primary and secondary school that provide for the settlement itself and the surrounding rural community.

The settlement contains a number of facilities including a post office/shop, hall, primary school and a hotel.

## Primary Schools

Auchencairn Primary School	31
Borgue Primary School	23
Carsphairn Primary School	MOTHBALLED
Dalry Primary School	54
Gatehouse of Fleet Primary School	85
Gelston Primary School	41
Kells Primary School	30
Kirkcudbright Primary School	242
Twynholm Primary School	70

## Secondary School

Kirkcudbright Academy	423
Dalry Secondary School	44

## Customer Service Centre

- Kirkcudbright Customer Services Centre
- Kirkcudbright Library
- St John's Town of Dalry Library
- The Stewartry Museum
- Tolbooth Arts Centre
- Kirkcudbright Swimming Pool



## **Burial Grounds**

- Anwoth Cemetery, Gatehouse Auchencairn Cemetery, Auchencairn Balmaclellan, New Galloway Balmaghie, Lauriston
- Borgue Cemetery, Kirkcudbright Carsphairn Cemetery, Carsphald Dalry Cemetery, New Galloway Girthon Cemetery, Gatehouse Kell Cemetery, New Galloway Kirkandrews Cemetery, Borgue
- Kirkcudbright Cemetery, Kirkcudbright Rerrick Cemetery, Dundrennan Senwick Cemetery, Kirkcudbright
- Stell Churchyard, Kirkcudbright Tongland Cemetery, Kirkcudbright Twynholm Cemetery
- Anwoth Churchyard, Gatehouse Balmaclellan Church Yard, New Galloway Dundrennan Abbey (private), Kirkcudbright Dunrod Cemetery, Kirkcudbright
- Galtway Cemetery, Kirkcudbright Girthon Churchyard, Gatehouse Kells Churchyard, New Galloway
- Kirkcormack, Rhonehouse, Kirkcudbright Senwick Cemetery Nr Kirkcudbright
- Stell Cemetery, Kirkcudbright Twynholm Churchyard, Kirkcudbright

## **Parks and Open Spaces**

- Auchencairn Auchencairn, Balliol Court Balmaclellan
- Borgue Carsphairn Dalry Dundrennan New Galloway
- Gatehouse of Fleet, Garries Park Gatehouse of Fleet, Castramont Road Gatehouse of Fleet, Burgher Park Gatehouse of Fleet, Riverbank Gatehouse of Fleet, Riverbank Wynd Gelston
- Kirkcudbright, Mearse Croft Kirkcudbright, Dovercroft Kirkcudbright, Deacon Road Kirkcudbright, Hope Dunbar Park Kirkcudbright, Station Development Kirkcudbright, Shillinghill Kirkcudbright, Mill Flats Kirkcudbright, Telford Road Ringford
- Rhonehouse Twynholm

## **NHS Facilities**

- Kirkcudbright Community Hospital

## **Police Scotland Facilities**

- St. John's Town of Dalry Police Station  
Kirkcudbright Police Station

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

- New Galloway Fire Station Gatehouse of Fleet  
Fire Station Kirkcudbright Fire Station

## Key Projects

### New Galloway Town Hall

New Galloway Town Hall is a historic building with a striking clock tower. The original bell tower stood on the spot as early as 1711 and the two bells which can be heard today are recast from the originals. Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING) have recently been successful in their application to take ownership of the hall through the Community Asset Transfer Process. The group are now in a stronger position to apply for grant funding for capital works to maintain and improve the building externally and internally, including the installation of a lift and the adaptation of the toilet facilities. LING aim to provide a viable community-based alternative to ensure the future of New Galloway Town Hall is sustainable, resurrecting it to its central role in village life.

### The Johnston

The Johnston Project is run by Kirkcudbright Development Trust. The building, which was a former primary school includes a youth work wing, the Johnston Nursery which provides wraparound childcare, business/office spaces, general room/venue hire for community groups and organisations and a state-of-the-art Dark Skies Planetarium. There are also two start-up businesses located there - the Wee Pottery and Dark Art Distillery.

### Kirkcudbright Harbour Stage

Kirkcudbright Development Trust have successfully redesigned the staging area at the Harbour Square in Kirkcudbright. The structure, which is designed with removable sides and canopy will now host a busy calendar of events throughout the year. The performance area is a key aspect of this calendar and is utilised by a number of groups and events such as the Scottish Nights, Grand Parade, Tattoo & Fireworks Display, Farmers Markets, School Performances, the Churches Songs of Praise, and the Kirkcudbright Food Festival. It is also an important focal point for many of the town's multi venue events such as the Arts & Crafts Trail and Jazz Festival, as well as a popular place for families to spend time in the summer months.

### 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

- Johnson School, Kirkcudbright
- Glenkens Community Centre.
- Kirkcudbright / Silvercraigs Caravan Park

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

- Kirkcudbright Skatepark.
- Kirkcudbright Harbour Stage / Square

## Community Councils and Community Associations:

- Auchencairn Community Council – Established
- Balmaclellan Community Council – Established
- Balmaghie Community Council – Established
- Borgue Community Council – Established
- Carsphairn Community Council – Established
- Dalry Community Council – Established
- Dundrennan Community Council – Established
- Gatehouse of Fleet Community Council – Established
- Kelton Community Council – Established
- Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright and District Community Council – Established
- The Royal Burgh of New Galloway and Kells Parish Community Council – Established
- Tongland and Ringford Community Council – Established
- Twynholm Community Council – Established

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

- Coastal Community Fund Projects
- DGC Town Centre Investment
- Windfarm Community Benefit Funding - approx. £235k annually av

## Elected Members

Councillor Dougie Campbell  
(Independent)

Councillor John Denerley  
(Scottish Conservative and Unionist Group)

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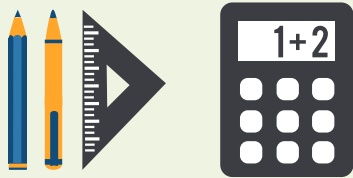
Current statistics are for year 2020 (latest statistics available)

\*Trend is 10 year trend

## Population



## Poverty and Inequalities Data



### Education and Skills

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

**12.3%**

Regional average 15%



### Employment

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

**6.6%**

Regional average: 8.5%

**Claimant Count Unemployment (all ages)**

**265**

Regional average: 402

### Child Poverty



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

**13%**

Regional Average: 19.25%

**Child Poverty**

**32%**

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*
Gatehouse	11.4%	+64.7%	23.6%	+18.0%	100.3%	-0.4%
Kirkcudbright	12.8%	+65.0%	21.2%	-1.8%	98.8%	0.0%

## 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*
Gatehouse	74.4%	-24.7%	5.67	+2.2%
Kirkcudbright	87.9%	-3.6%	5.57	-5.4%

## 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*
Gatehouse	303	-19.5%	19,963	+9.7%
Kirkcudbright	345	-10.9%	20,906	+4.7%



## Safer, Stronger Communities

Number of crimes per 100,000 head of population



	Current	Trend*
Gatehouse	150	-15.0%
Kirkcudbright	252	-38.1%

\*10 year trend