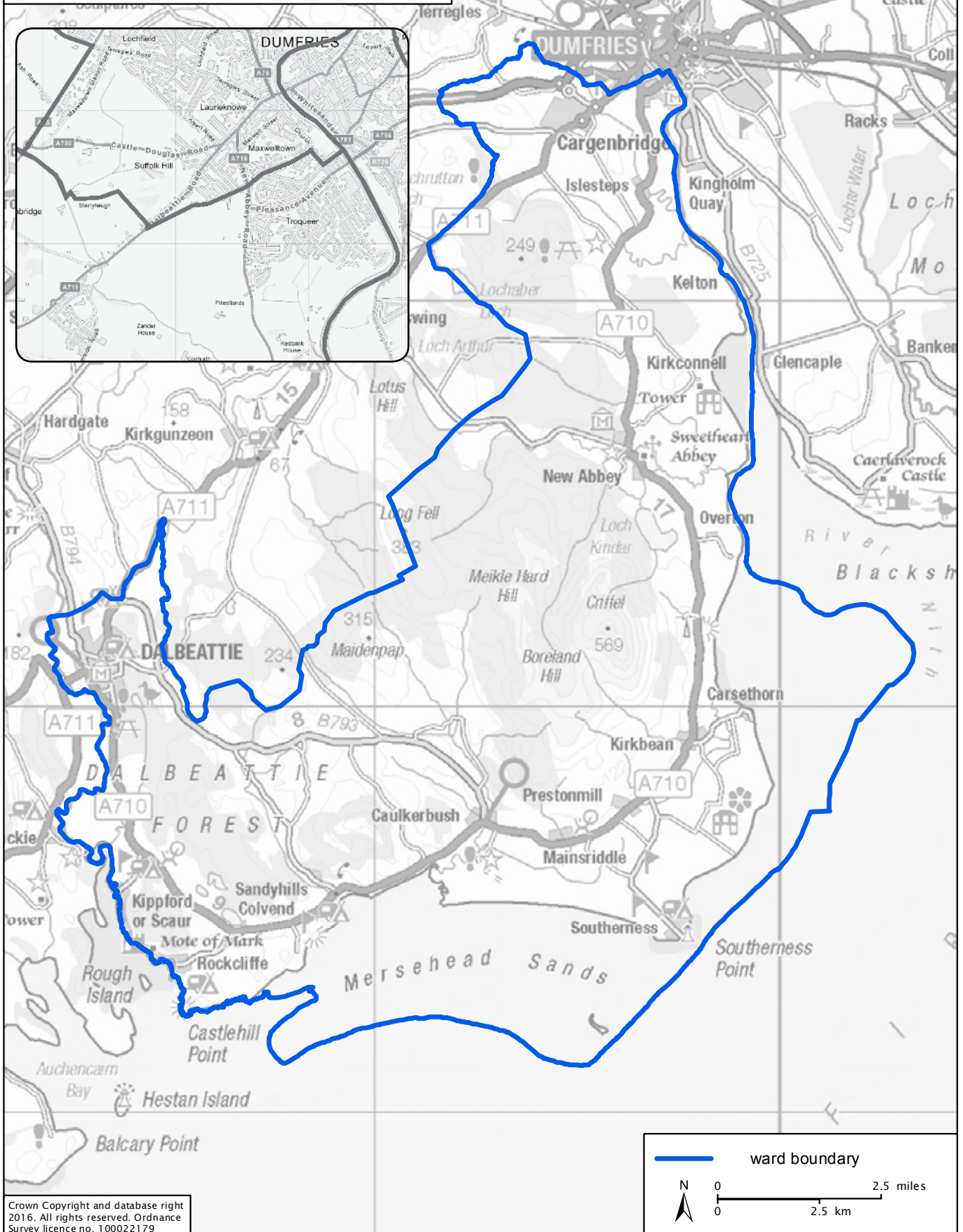


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Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland  
Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements  
Final Recommendations  
Dumfries and Galloway Council area  
[Ward 5 \(Abbey\)](#)



## Key statistics - 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.

## Council and Partners Facilities

### Primary Schools

Dalbeattie Primary School	281
Troqueer Primary School	263
Kirkbean Primary School	15
New Abbey Primary School	38
Colvend Primary School	24
Cargenbridge Primary School	92

### Secondary Schools

Dalbeattie High School	372
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### Customer Service Centres

Dalbeattie Customer Service Centre and Library

### Burial Grounds

Dalbeattie  
Southwick  
Colvend  
Troqueer

### Parks and Open Spaces

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

### **NHS Facilities**

The £200 million new acute hospital for Dumfries and Galloway will provide a brand new Emergency Care Department, a combined theatre complex for day surgery, endoscopy and surgical patients, and consolidated ambulatory care. The site for the region's new district general hospital is on the outskirts of Dumfries town, close to the Garroch roundabout, by the A75. It is due to open in December 2017.

### **Police Scotland Facilities**

Dalbeattie Police Station - now due for closure

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

Dalbeattie Fire Station

## **Key Council Projects**

**Dalbeattie Learning Campus** brings together Dalbeattie High School and Dalbeattie Primary School and Nursery onto one shared site.

It was agreed that Dalbeattie High School needed to be rebuilt in 2009 and the separate primary school and nursery was also judged to be in fairly poor condition. D&GC agreed to proceed with a shared campus and new building for both schools in 2012 because the secondary school stands on a site that could accommodate this larger facility.

Dalbeattie Learning Campus is funded by the Scottish Government through Scotland's national Schools for the Future programme.

A second phase will involve the demolition of the old high school building and final landscaping works. This will be completed in early 2018. Construction began on site in March 2016 and the campus is scheduled to open to pupils in October 2017.

### **Community Councils and Community Associations**

Troqueer Landward - Established

Dalbeattie - Established

Colvend and Southwick - Established

New Abbey - Established

Kirkbean - Established

Southernness - Established

### **Community Resilience Groups**

Colvend and Southwick

Dalbeattie

New Abbey

### **Community Asset Transfer**

Troqueer Community Centre - 30 September 2107

### **Windfarms and Community Benefit Monies**

Robin Rigg - Approx £50,000 between Kirkbean, Southernness, Auchencairn, Buittle Parish, Colvend and Southwick, Dundrennan.

### **Elected Members**

Ian Blake

Scottish Conservative and Unionist

Rob Davidson

Scottish National Party

David Stitt

Scottish Labour

### **MSPs and MPs**

MP

Alaister 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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**Ward Officer**

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# Abbey

**Electorate 8,377**



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
Rotchell and Rosefield	14.75%	-13.7%	13.40%	0.00%	100.90%	+1.00%
Dalbeattie	16%	+1.0%	13.20%	-0.50%	106.40%	+5.40%
Catherinefield	15%	-0.3%	13.35%	-2.70%	109.60%	+6.80%
New Abbey	10.80%	+0.2%	10.30%	+3.70%	91.10%	-5.70%

## 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



**S4 Tarrif**

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.

	Current	Trend	Current	Trend
Rotchell and Rosefield	100.00%	+4.50%	298	+71
Dalbeattie	85.70%	+0.00%	193	-3
Catherinefield	92.90%	+16.00%	198	+80
New Abbey	93.90%	-2.70%	229	+10

## 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
Rotchell and Rosefield	395	+27	18095	+696
Dalbeattie	355	-81	22252	+1850
Catherinefield	417	-100	23448	+1618
New Abbey	309	-104	19041	+4805

## Safer, Stronger Communities

**Crime Rate**

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



	Current	Trend
Rotchell and Rosefield	264	-205
Dalbeattie	149	-92
Catherinefield	169	-138
New Abbey	59	-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**