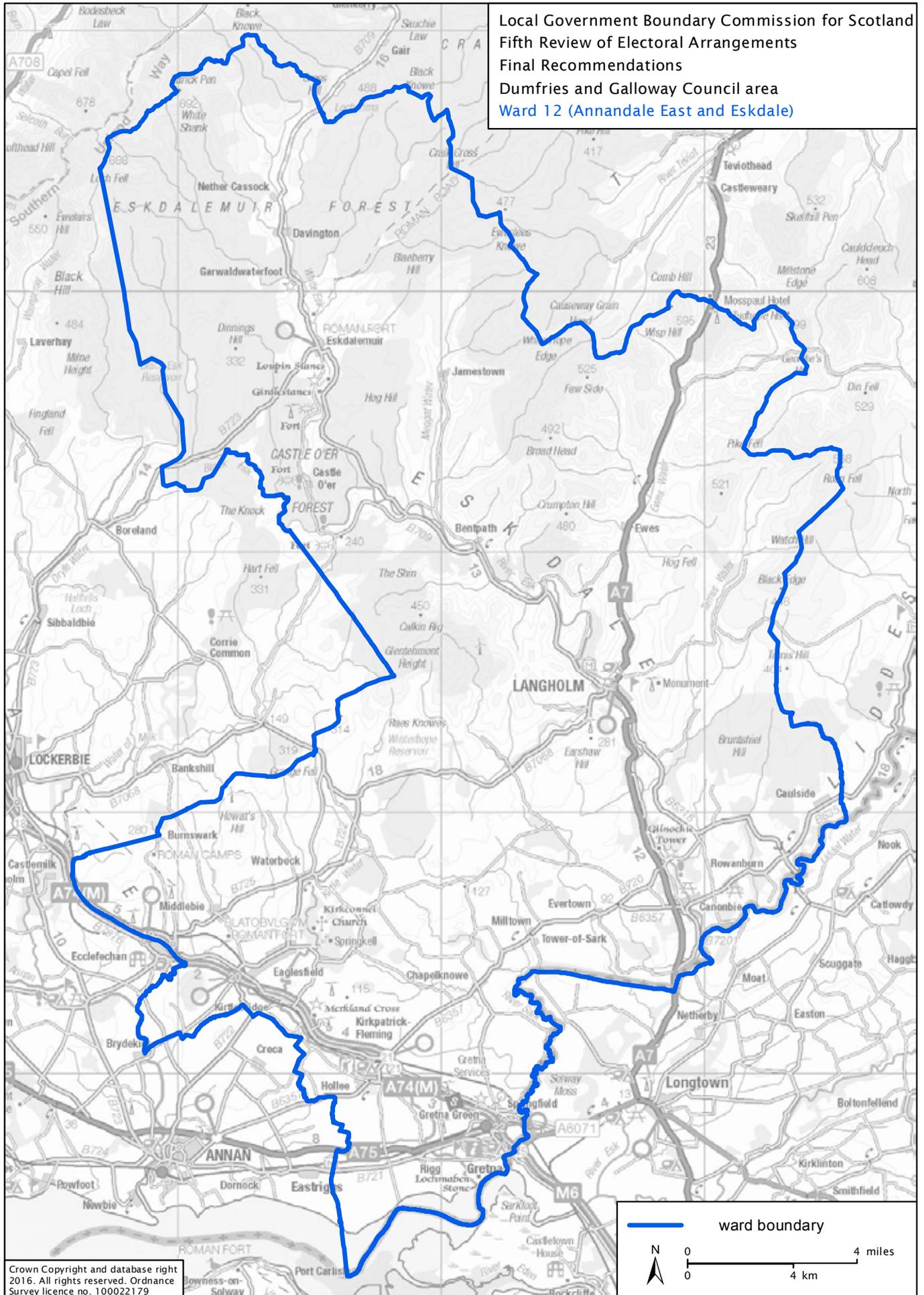


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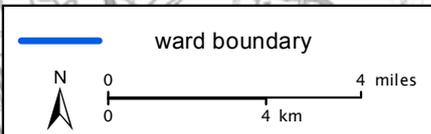


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Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland
 Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements
 Final Recommendations
 Dumfries and Galloway Council area
 Ward 12 (Annandale East and Eskdale)



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Key statistics - Main Settlements

Some details about the main towns and villages in the Annandale East and Eskdale Ward are given below:

Canonbie contains a number of facilities including a post office/shop, hall, primary school and a hotel. The settlement is identified as a Conservation Area, is characterised by the River Esk and has a population of 390.

Eaglesfield has a population of 691 and is located adjacent to the A74(M) within the Gretna-Lockerbie-Annan regeneration corridor. Its facilities include a post office/shop, hall and primary school. Eaglesfield is identified as a Local Centre within the Annan Housing Market Area.

The Gretna Border settlement includes **Gretna**, **Gretna-Green** and **Springfield** and is identified as a District Centre in the Annan Housing Market Area. Gretna Border forms part of the Gretna-Lockerbie-Annan regeneration corridor, is strategically located adjacent to the A74(M) and A75, is on the Carlisle to Glasgow train route and has a population of 2,700.

Gretna is a planned village built during the 1st World War in 1915 to accommodate workers in munitions factories. Today, the majority of shops and facilities, including the post office, library and registry office, are located along Central Avenue in Gretna. Gretna Border contains two primary schools, one in Gretna and the other in Springfield. Gretna-Green and Gretna Gateway Outlet Village are major tourist attractions with Gretna-Green historically famous as a wedding venue. Langholm has a population of 2,227 and is defined as a District Centre in the Eskdale Housing Market Area. It is strategically located on the A7. The settlement contains a number of facilities including a primary and secondary school, a small supermarket and a number of independent shops, public houses and other small businesses.

Langholm is characterised by the River Esk running through the settlement. Its floodplain limits development potential as do the hills that surround the settlement. Langholm is a Conservation Area and falls within the Langholm Hills Regional Scenic Area.

Primary Schools

Springfield Primary School	27
Gretna Primary School	306
Canonbie Primary School	68
Eaglesfield Primary School	40
Langholm Primary School	168
Kirkpatrick Fleming Primary School	65
Hottsbridge Primary School	15

Secondary School

Langholm Academy	235
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Burial Grounds

- Canonbie
- Carruthers (Waterbeck)
- Eskdalemuir
- Ewes
- Gretna Parish
- Half Morton
- Kirkpatrick Fleming
- Langholm
- Middlebie
- Rigg
- Wauchope
- Westerkirk

Parks and Open Spaces

- Kilngreen, Langholm
- Braehead Play Park, Langholm
- Academy Place, Langholm
- Buccleuch Park, Langholm
- Rosevale Play Area, Langholm
- Ewes
- Harelaw
- Rowanburn
- Canonbie Playing Field
- Evertown
- Kirkpatrick Fleming Playing Field
- Grahamsfield, Kirkpatrick Fleming
- Kirtlebridge
- Bowerbank, Eaglesfield
- Eaglesfield Playing Field
- Waterbeck
- Middlebie
- Springfield School
- Gretna Community Centre
- Prefabs Playing Field, Gretna

NHS Facilities

- Gretna Surgery
- Langholm Medical Partnership, Health Centre
- Thomas Hope Hospital

Police Scotland Facilities

- Gretna Police Station
- Langholm Police Office

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Facilities

- Langholm Fire Station
- Gretna Fire Station

Key Projects

Council

Langholm Flood Protection Scheme

A Strategic Flood Risk Appraisal was carried out by Dumfries and Galloway Council in 2007 which highlighted Langholm as one of the top five settlements in the region in terms of the numbers of properties at risk of flooding. Subsequently SEPA published their National Flood Risk Assessment in December 2011 identifying Langholm as a Potentially Vulnerable Area (PVA). Proposals for this scheme are being developed to provide flood defences to a 1:200year return period Standard of Protection.

Community

Tarras Valley Nature Reserve

Langholm has successfully undertaken one of the South of Scotland's largest community land buyouts, following one of the most ambitious community fundraising campaigns ever seen. The community now legally owns 5,200 acres of land which includes upland moor, ancient woodland, meadows, peatlands and river valley which is being developed into the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve. The campaign to raise £2.2m to purchase a further 5,300 acres to double the size of the reserve is well underway.

Raydale Community Sports Hub

Raydale Community Partnership is transforming Raydale Park in Gretna into a community sports hub. Having recently raised sufficient grant funding to install a brand new 3G pitch the Partnership is working on plans to develop their new gym and education facility.

Langholm Old Primary School

Langholm Alliance has identified the Old Primary School building which is currently surplus to Dumfries and Galloway Council's requirements as having the potential to be a catalyst and home for fulfilling the vision of the community's Action Plan. A Stage 2 Community Asset Transfer request is anticipated on completion of a feasibility study and business planning activity.

Development of Springfield Playingfield

Springfield and Gretna Green Community Assets Trust has worked for many years to enhance the facilities at Springfield Playingfield with improvements being made on an annual basis.

Capital works including drainage, outdoor gym equipment, play equipment and walking paths have been undertaken in recent years. The Trust now has control of the former changing pavilion at Springfield Playingfield which will provide a facility to accommodate more sports matches and community activities.

Development of Buccleuch Park, Langholm

The Buccleuch Park Sub-Committee has undertaken extensive community engagement to develop plans for enhancing Buccleuch Park through the introduction of new play equipment, raised planters and new inclusive picnic benches. Phase 1 of their plan will come to fruition during 2022 when approximately £100,000 is invested in a new play area within the park.

Development of Kirkpatrick Fleming Play Park

Kirkpatrick Fleming Playingfield Committee has secured external funding to enhance Kirkpatrick Fleming Play Park with the installation of new play equipment scheduled to be installed during 2022. The Playingfield Committee is exploring options to enhance car parking and access arrangements to the play park.

Development of Canonbie Play Park

Canonbie Leisure and Redevelopment Association has secured external funding to enhance Canonbie Play Park and is working to secure the required match funding to complete their project plan.

Partner

Star of Caledonia

The Gretna Landmark Trust and its partners plan to begin building The Star of Caledonia during 2022. Once complete it will be a celebration of Scotland, its people and their contribution to our world, testament to renewables and sustainability, a visitor attraction encouraging travellers to explore southern Scotland, be a cultural catalyst for economic regeneration and at 40 metres high provide a warm welcome to our country being seen by 10 million people annually.

Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal – Gretna

The Borderlands Place Programme will target investment in places that will help boost economic activity across the region. Gretna has been identified as one of five initial towns in Dumfries and Galloway to be included in the Place Programme with the potential to identify projects meeting Borderlands Investment Objectives and tap into approximately £14m available.

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

- Langholm Old Library
- Langholm Quay
- The Former Police Station, Langholm

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

- Richard Greenhow Centre, Gretna.
- Springfield Pavilion

Community Councils and Community Associations:

- Canonbie and District Community Council – Established
- Eskdalemuir Community Council – Established
- Gretna and Rigg Community Council – Established
- Kirkpatrick Fleming and District Community Council – Established
- Kirtle and Eaglesfield Community Council – Established
- Langholm, Ewes, and Westerkirk Community Council – Established
- Middlebie and Waterbeck Community Council – Established
- Springfield and Gretna Green Community Council – Established

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. £300k annually available
- Stove - Embers Project
- Borderlands

Elected Members

Councillor Karen Carruthers

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Current statistics are for year 2020 (latest statistics available)

*Trend is 10 year trend

Population 9,799



Poverty and Inequalities Data



Education and Skills

Percentage of population by Ward with no qualifications

17.5%

Regional average 15%



Employment

Employment deprived as % of working age population

6.4%

Regional average: 8.5%

Claimant Count Unemployment (all ages)

305

Regional average: 402

Child Poverty



Percentage of children in receipt of free school meals

18%

Regional Average: 19.25%

Child Poverty

25%

Regional average: 39.1%



Housing

Homelessness applications

1

Regional average: 6.5

Temporary accommodation tenancies

0

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



	Current	Trend*	Current	Trend*	Current	Trend*
Langholm & Eskdale	12.4%	+52%	13.3%	+44.1%	107.8%	+5.5%
Annandale East	11.9%	+40.5%	7.9%	+69.2%	96.4%	+0.5%
Gretna	15.5%	+87%	7.9%	+41.2%	97.6%	+1.9%

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*
Langholm & Eskdale	100%	+14.9%	5.71	-2%
Annandale East	93.1%	-1.5%	5.26	-7.9%
Gretna	100%	+10%	5.45	+2.8%

Health and Wellbeing



Rate of death

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

	Current	Trend*
Langholm & Eskdale	150	-46.8%
Annandale East	417	+9.5%
Gretna	312	+7.8%

Unplanned Hospital Admissions

Accident and Emergency attendances per 100,000 head of population



	Current	Trend*
Langholm & Eskdale	11,334	+58%
Annandale East	21,540	+23.2%
Gretna	16,304	+99%

Safer, Stronger Communities

Number of crimes per 100,000 head of population



	Current	Trend*
Langholm & Eskdale	133	-28.8%
Annandale East	357	+3.3%
Gretna	436	-2.3%

*10 year trend