

# Stranraer and the Rhins Ward 1 Profile



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## Key statistics - Main Settlements

Some details about the main towns and villages in the Stranraer and the Rhins Ward are given below

**Cairnryan** was established in 1701 and is a small village with a population of 142 which lies on the Eastern shore of Loch Ryan, 6 miles (10km) north of Stranraer. The linear village looks across the A77 North, It is home to P&O Ferries and Stena Line Companies which sail to both Larne and Belfast respectively and is the shortest sea crossing to Northern Ireland. The village has a public hall, toilets and a campsite.

**Drummore** is identified as a Local Centre in the Stranraer Housing Market Area with a population of 310. It lies to the south of Stranraer on the A716, and has a range of facilities including toilets and a community hub. It also lies within the Rhins Coast Regional Scenic Area. It is the gateway to the Mull of Galloway Trust tourist attractions including an operational lighthouse.

**Kirkcolm** is identified as a Local Centre in the Stranraer Housing Market Area. It is located to the north of Stranraer overlooking Loch Ryan. The settlement is located within the Rhins Coast Regional Scenic Area. The village has a community hub, bowling green and public hall.

**Leswalt** is identified as a Local Centre in the Stranraer Housing Market Area. It is located north west of Stranraer in the upper Rhins area and has a village hall.

**Portpatrick** is located south west of Stranraer on the A77 road and overlooks the Irish Sea. The settlement contains a number of historic buildings which are included within the Conservation Area. It is a popular tourist destination and a busy harbour town with facilities that include a public hall, bowling green and tennis courts. The town had a population of 534 in 2011 and is identified as a Local Centre in the Stranraer Housing Market Area.

**Stranraer** has a population of 10,593. It is the second largest town in Dumfries and Galloway and the largest in Wigtownshire. It is identified as a District Centre in the Stranraer Housing Market Area and functions as the main service centre for the western part of the region. The town contains a number of facilities including a community hospital, leisure centre, a wide range of shops including supermarkets, a library and museum as

well as many other businesses. It is located on the banks of Loch Ryan and has good access onto the A75 and A77 trunk roads.

**Sandhead** is identified as a Local Centre in the Stranraer Housing Market Area. It lies to the south of Stranraer on the A716, overlooking Luce Bay. The settlement offers a number of facilities including a bowling green.

## Primary Schools

Belmont Primary School	268
Drummore Primary School	35
Kirkcolm Primary School	42
Leswalt Primary School	37
Park Primary School	256
Portpatrick Primary School	27
Rephad Primary School	209
Sandhead Primary School	73
Sheuchan Primary School	178
St. Joseph's Primary School	35

## Secondary School

Stranraer Academy	998
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### Customer Service Centre

- Stranraer Customer Service Centre

### Playing Fields

- Portpatrick
- James Ward Park, Stoneykirk
- Stranraer - King George V Playing Field, Stair Park, Agnew Park and Belmont Park.

### Gardens

- Garden of Friendship Portrodie, Stranraer

### Grassed Areas

- Castle Green Charlotte Street, Stranraer Hanny's Mill Sheuchan Street, Stranraer

### **Burial Grounds**

- Bridge Street, Stranraer - Closed Dalrymple St, Stranraer- Closed Sheuchan, Stranaer - Closed
- St Andrews, Stranraer -Closed Thistle St, Stranraer - Closed Church St, Stranraer
- Glebe, Stranraer
- Cairnryan, Lochryan Church Drummore Mid - Closed Drummore Old - Closed Drummore New
- Kirkcolm Churchyard - Closed Kirkcolm Corsewall - Closed Kirkcolm, New
- Leswalt, Old - Closed Leswalt, New Portpatrick Old - Closed
- St Andrews, Portpatrick - Closed Portpatrick, New
- Kirkmadrine, Sandhead - Closed Stoneykirk Old -Closed
- Stoneykirk New

### **Parks and Open Spaces**

- Main Street, Cairnryan
- Mill Street, Drummore
- Bayview Terrace and Main Street, Kirkcolm
- Playing field, Leswalt
- Main Street and Burn Road, Lochans
- Picnic Area and Main Street, Port Logan
- Tennis Courts, Euan's Play Space and Portree Terrace, Portpatrick
- Main Street and Baird Drive, Sandhead
- Stoneykirk Park, Stoneykirk
- Agnew Park, Auchneel Crescent, Burnbrae, Fairway, Galloway Avenue, Kerrsland Road, King George V Park, McMasters Road, Ochtrelure, Seabank Road, Smithy Road, Stair Park, Stranraer

### **Picnic Areas**

- Ardwell Bay, Clachanmore
- Ardwell, Auchenleach, Dyemill, New England Bay, Rinvinachan, Terally, Drummore Road, (A716)
- Cailliness Road, Drummore
- Cairnryan Burnfoot Bridge, Main Street, Cairnryan
- Lady Bay, Portencallie, The Scar, Kirkcolm
- Main Street, Port Logan
- Balyett, Harbour Street, Stranraer

### **NHS Facilities**

- Galloway Community Hospital
- Waverley Medical Centre
- The Oak Tree Family Centre

### **Police Scotland Facilities**

- Stranraer Police Station

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

- Drummore
- Stranraer

## Key Projects

### 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

- Portpatrick Public Toilets
- Ward Shore Land Portpatrick

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

- Stoneykirk Village Hall

## Community Councils: (at March 2022)

- Cairnryan Community Council – Established
- Kirkcolm Community Council – Established
- Kirkmaiden Community Council – Established
- Leswalt Community Council - Disestablished
- Lochans Community Council - Established
- Portpatrick Community Council – Established
- Stoneykirk Community Council – Established
- Stranraer, Ochtreure and Belmont Community Council - Established

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

- Coastal Benefit Fund Projects
- Regionwide Community Fund Projects
- CARS monies
- DGC Town Centre Investment
- Windfarm Community Benefit Funding – approx. £290k annually available
- The Stove Network - Embers Project
- The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal
- Area Committee
- Stranraer Common Good

## Elected Members

**Councillor Ben Dashper**  
(Scottish National Party)

**Councillor Andrew Giusti**  
(Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

**Councillor Chrissie Hill**  
(Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

**Councillor Willie Scobie**  
(Non Aligned)

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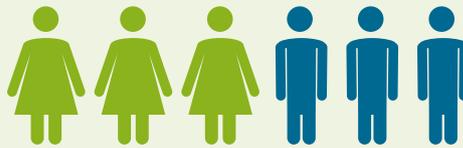
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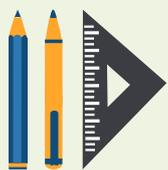
Current statistics are for year 2020 (latest statistics available)

\*Trend is 10 year trend

**Population 14,998**



## Poverty and Inequalities Data



### Education and Skills

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

**19.2%**

Regional average 15%



### Employment

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

**12.5%**

Regional average: 8.5%

**Claimant Count Unemployment (all ages)**

**640**

Regional average: 402

### Child Poverty



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

**25%**

Regional Average: 19.25%

**Child Poverty**

**34%**

Regional average: 39.1%



### Housing

**Homelessness applications**

**16**

Regional average: 6.5

**Temporary accommodation tenancies**

**38**

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*
Stranraer West	29.6%	+33.4%	31.1%	-14.0%	111.0%	-1.1%
Stranraer East	24.7%	+38.2%	35.5%	+89.7%	108.8%	+8.8%
Stranraer South	23.4%	+59.1%	26.8%	+79.3%	95.8%	+4.3%
Rhins North	15.8%	+69.3%	23.6%	-16.5%	109.3%	+6.1%
Rhins South	19%	+44.2%	21.1%	-34.8%	105.5%	+1.5%

## 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*
Stranraer West	95.4%	+31.8%	5.23	+2.3
Stranraer East	73.4%	-14.7%	5.32	+1.2
Stranraer South	87.3%	-0.6%	5.08	-5.3
Rhins North	99.5%	+9.5%	5.32	-1.2
Rhins South	100%	+5.9%	5.18	-7.6

## 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*
Stranraer West	532	+13.8%	26,121	+27.6%
Stranraer East	590	-4.1%	24,920	-19.3%
Stranraer South	634	+18.1%	27,130	-5.2%
Rhins North	330	-30.6%	15,713	-31.5%
Rhins South	354	-26.5%	20,227	-15.8%



## Safer, Stronger Communities

Number of crimes per 100,000 head of population



	Current	Trend*
Stranraer West	568	-17.5%
Stranraer East	1140	-31.1%
Stranraer South	313	-64.5%
Rhins North	1074	+395.3%
Rhins South	189	-0.8%

\*10 year trend