

Recreating Our Past

Rephotographing Cumnock in 2023





Then and Now Photos

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Register your interest by emailing:

info@cumnockhistorygroup.org

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- Cumnock has changed vastly over the years, especially the town centre. Younger people may not even recognise where exactly the old photographs were taken.
- •Our project is to retake the old photos from the same position and compare the two, looking for what has changed.
- •We have the **Then** photos which we will share with you. You create the **Now** photos!
- •This can be done as individuals, families or groups.
- •Some photos may be used on our website, in an exhibition or in a book. All photos may be uploaded to a Facebook or Flickr group.
- •Deadline for submitting photos: 31 Aug 2023

Taking the photos

This is a fun activity which will make you aware of the historical past of your town.

Make sure your camera or phone is charged up and you have storage space. Pick a dry and bright day to go out at a time when it won't be too busy eg a Sunday. Take the target photos with you.

Be aware of your surroundings. Be very careful, if stepping into the road. Take a friend with you to watch out.

Most of the photos are landscape orientation (wide), so if using a phone, remember to turn it sideways.



Keep looking at the original photo and try to find the spot where it was taken from. Try to line up any points of reference, i.e. buildings, walls, gateposts, roofs, chimneys.

Take several images all from slightly positions and angles and compare with original.

Take the images slightly wider than you think needed. They can be cropped later.

You may want to go out again at a different time of day for different lighting e.g to avoid shadows.

Once home, select the best one and submit to info@cumnockhistorygroup.org by email or by web transfer by uploading to wetransfer.com if the file is too large.

Remember to add your full name in the email. By sending us your photo, you are agreeing to let us share it online, in an exhibition or a book. You will be credited if it is used.

As several people will be taking the same photos, be aware that your photos may not be selected for use in the final outcomes (slideshow, exhibition or book).

However you can add your photos to the *Photos of Cumnock Today* Facebook group or *Recreating Our Past* Flickr group for everyone to see.

We hope you enjoy the experience of taking the photographs and finding out more about Cumnock.