



Guide to Cumnock for ancestral tourists

compiled by Cumnock History Group
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Included in the pack separately – numbered layout of stones in Cumnock old cemetery in Barrhill Road and a list of surnames matching the numbers. See below “visiting cemeteries”.

Cumnock Heritage Trail Leaflet

Note: Cumnock in the parish of old Cumnock is a different town to New Cumnock in the neighbouring parish of New Cumnock. It can be confusing!

Cumnock History Group has an informative website and an online family tree. We have no premises and we are all volunteers.

<https://cumnockhistorygroup.org>

<https://cumnockconnections.tribalpages.com> online tree

info@cumnockhistorygroup.org

The Baird Institute is a council run museum. It has the Keir Hardie room, collections of Mauchline ware and Cumnock Pottery. Mining and weaving artefacts. Knowledgeable staff. It is only open on Thursday 12-8, Friday 10-4 and Saturdays 10-4. This is subject to change, so do call 01290 427084 or email to check opening times or email

BairdInstitute@Eastayrshireleisure.com

<https://eastayrshireleisure.com/culture/the-baird-institute/>

Free entry.

Access: There are steps at the front door. There's a lift on the north side.

Cumnock Heritage Centre is a privately run museum open on Friday afternoons and there are open days on the second and last Sundays of each month and at other times. It houses farm and service vehicles, steam engines, farm equipment, a police station, lots of transport related material, photos, books, local history, Mauchline ware and Cumnock pottery. Well worth a visit. Run by volunteers.

Free but a donation is welcome. Check upcoming events on their website

<https://heritagecentrecumnock.com>

Tel: 07966 555421

Access: Mobility access ramps

Lugar Heritage Centre

Craigston Square, Cumnock KA18 3LG

In Lugar church, it has been recently adapted to house a café and heritage centre. Open on Wednesday and by arrangement. Run by volunteers.

<https://www.lugarchurch.com>

Free entry

Access: on ground floor

Old Maps of Cumnock (and UK) with modern overlay

<https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=15.0&lat=55.45494&lon=-4.27104&layers=6&b=1>

Visiting cemeteries

See our accompanying sheets for Cumnock old cemetery in Barrhill Road.

See also <https://cumnockhistorygroup.org/product/memorial-inscriptions-and-photos/> for several other local cemeteries,

East Ayrshire Bereavement Services can help you locate a modern grave, say 1900 onwards.

This is useful especially if they had no gravestone.

Telephone: [01563 554776](tel:01563554776)

Email: BereavementServices@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Graveyards on Findagrave.com

[Cumnock new](#) Glaisnock Road

[Cumnock old](#) Barrhill Road

Visitor attractions

Other places nearby to visit and get lunch

[Dumfries House](#) and Gardens

[Boswells Coachhouse](#) on the Auchinleck Estate

[Cumnock Factory Outlet](#), Craigens Road, Cumnock

[Timbermills Café](#), Townhead St, Cumnock

Words of Wisdom, café in the Square, run by the parish church. Home baking, local history books for sale. Closes at 2pm on Wednesday and Saturday. Closed Sunday.

Transport

Planning a journey using public transport

<https://www.travelinescotland.com>

Taxi firms

<http://www.ayrshiretransport.com> 01290 423440

<https://www.a1lux.co.uk/> in Mauchline but serves Cumnock 01290 430099