

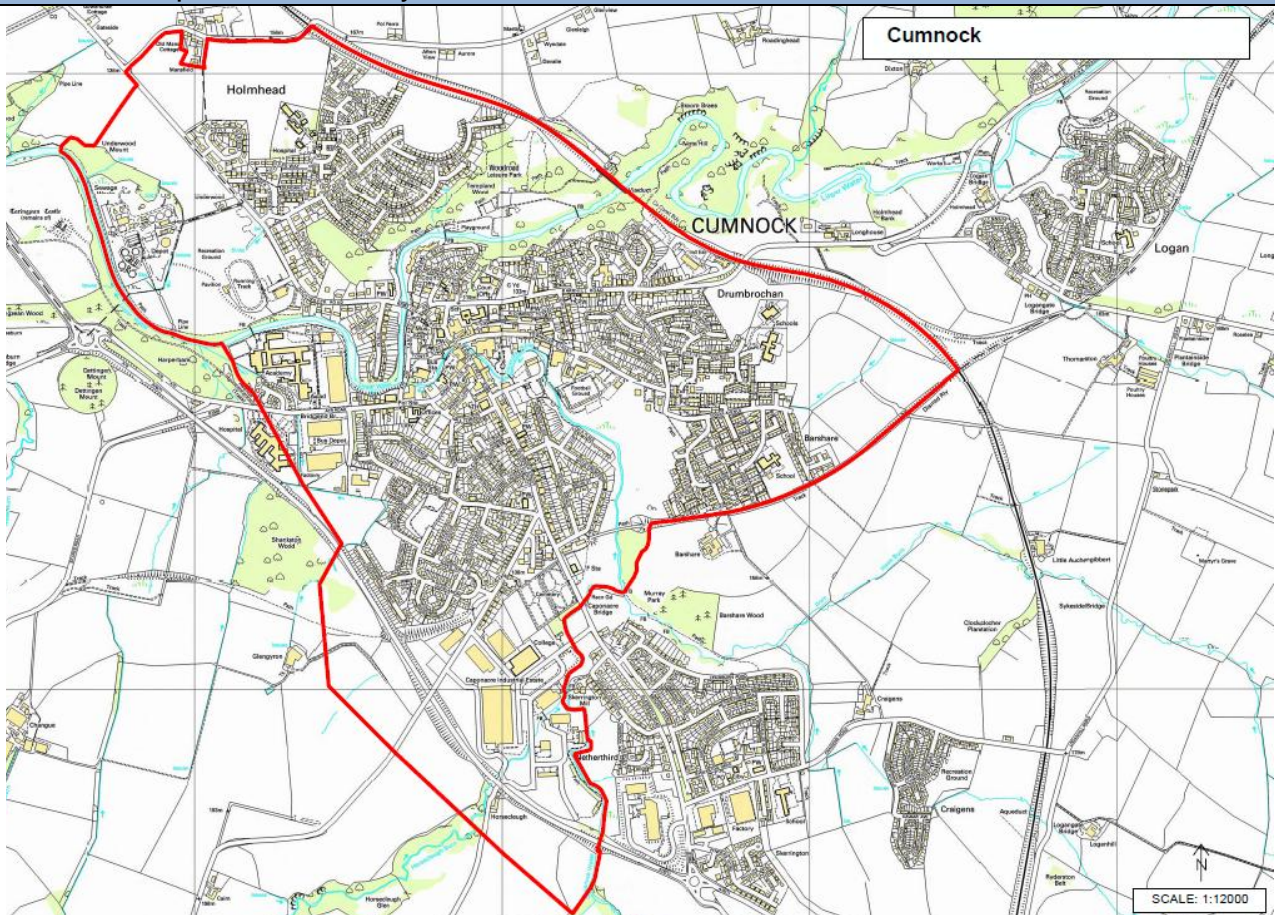
COMMUNITY PROFILE

Cumnock East Ayrshire



Lloyds TSB
Foundation for Scotland

1. Brief Description and History



Cumnock stands at the junction of the Lugar Water and its tributary, the Glaisnock, 360 feet above sea level. With its mixture of old and new houses, broad streets and narrow, with its ups and downs it is an interesting town. The hub is the town Square and right in the middle of it is the Old Church, carrying on the tradition of even older churches next to the Mercat Cross, which dates from 1703.

The origin of the place name of Cumnock is lost in the mists of time. Suggestions include "meeting of the waters" or "little shrine" from the Gaelic. By the 1300s the Barony of Cumnock was associated with the Dunbar family, the Earls of March. The seat of the barony, Cumnock Castle, was actually situated in New Cumnock which still has a place name Castle, but the parish church was always in Old Cumnock, and may date back to the 1400s or earlier. In 1509 James IV made Cumnock a burgh of barony, conferring the right to hold weekly markets and an annual fair. Positioned at an important crossroads, Cumnock capitalised on its new status and became a thriving market town and stopping off point for weary travellers. The Barony of Cumnock was sold by John Dunbar of Cumnock in about 1602 and after several owners came into the possession of the Earl of Dumfries in the mid 1600s. At this time the town was caught up in the violence that accompanied the religious and social upheavals of the Wars of the Three Kingdoms.

The town expanded during the late 1700s – new roads and bridges allowed easier access into, and through Cumnock, to the benefit of the many inns and hotels in the town. Textile manufacturing also flourished. Handloom weaving provided employment for many residents of the Townhead area, and coal mining began at Garlaff in 1768. Other industries included snuff-box manufacture, the production of fine quality lace, an early venture into graphite extraction and the Cumnock Pottery. By the mid 1800s the population had expanded to around 2,600.

In 1866 the town was made a police burgh, and a further programme of civic improvements was implemented – including the introduction of street lights, paving, water supply and other Victorian

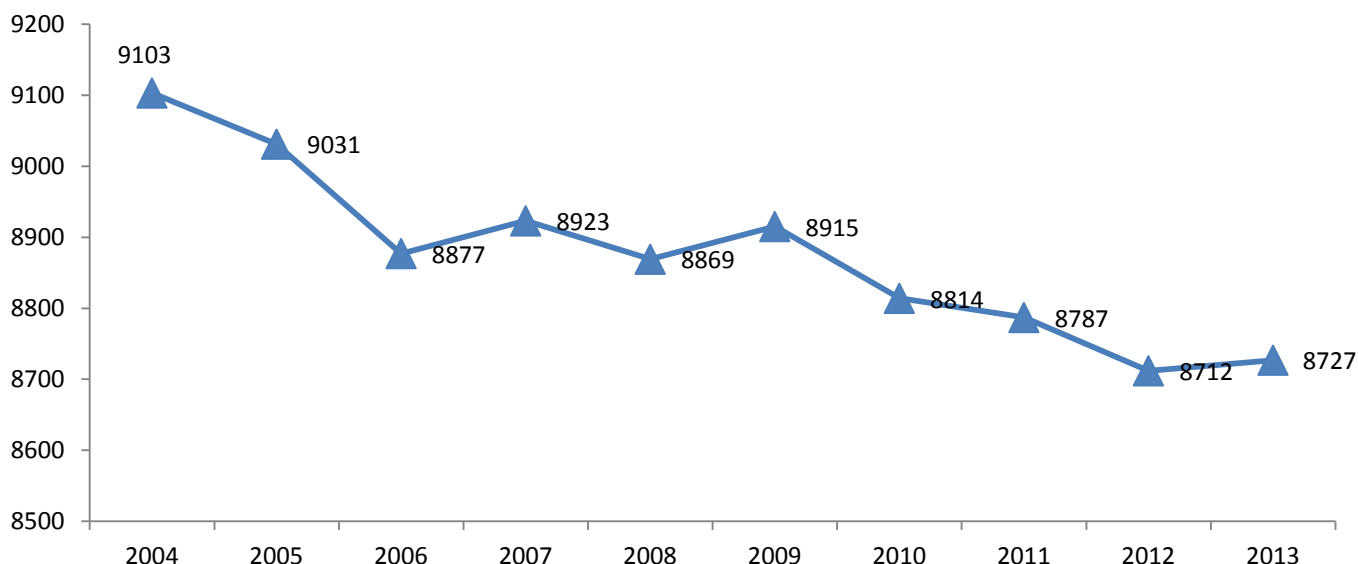
improvements such as the Town Hall. Cumnock was now a proper town, and would continue to grow and expand over the twentieth century.

By the mid 1950s the population had risen to around 4,400 and saw an extensive council house building programme including Drumbrochan and Barshare. Over 100 shops traded in Cumnock and the locally produced newspaper; the Cumnock Chronicle enjoyed a large circulation. Coal Mining continued to be the main employer of men and boys with Scottish Midland Transport and Bankend Factory employing many women and girls. Cumnock outdoor swimming pool, picture house and Townhead Football Park attracted large crowds, as did the dance nights at the Town Hall alongside the annual Carnival at Woodroad Park. Cumnock Academy, St Convals, St Johns and Greenmill Primary served the school populace.

Today, Cumnock faces many challenges. The collapse of the coal mining industry has hit the town particularly hard. However, Cumnock remains a close-knit community, proud of its local heritage and local heroes - from James Keir Hardie, socialist MP and founder of the Labour Party, to composer Sir James MacMillan and Cumnock Juniors FC.

2. Population

Cumnock Population 2004 to 2013



Source: Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics

The population of Cumnock has declined in the last ten years from 9,103 in 2004 to 8,727 in 2013.

Total Population and age structure – Cumnock

Age	Total Numbers	Percentage of population
0-4	488	5.4%
5-15	1058	11.7%
16-29	1600	17.7%
30-44	1699	18.8%
45-59	1952	21.6%
60-74	1510	16.7%
75+	732	8.1%
TOTAL	9039	100%

Source: Census 2011

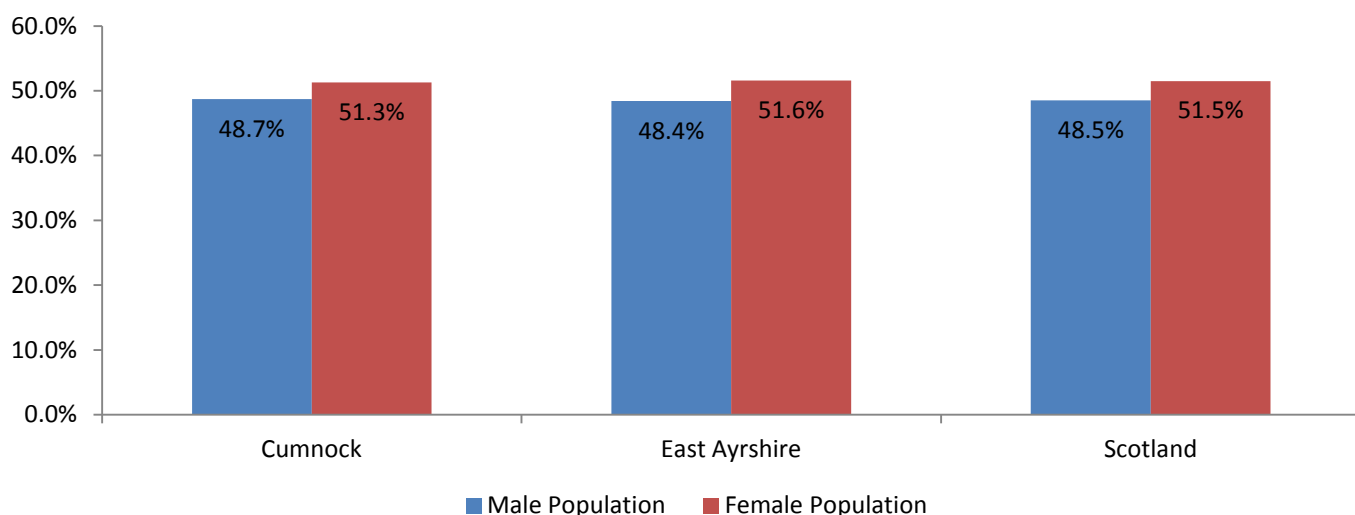
Age ranges as percentage of the population

Age	Cumnock	East Ayrshire	Scotland
0-4	5.4%	5.5%	5.5%
5-15	11.7%	12.1%	11.8%
16-29	17.7%	16.9%	18.5%
30-44	18.8%	19.7%	20.0%
45-59	21.6%	21.7%	21.1%
60-74	16.7%	16.5%	15.5%
75+	8.1%	7.7%	7.7%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%

Source: Census 2011

One point to note from this information is that Cumnock has a lower percentage of under 16 year olds than local and national figures. Cumnock also has a significantly higher percentage of over 60s than East Ayrshire and Scotland as a whole.

The gender split in Cumnock is consistent with the figures reported across East Ayrshire and Scotland as a whole.



3. Housing

Tenure	No. of Houses	Cumnock %	East Ayrshire %	National %
Owned	2441	61.1%	61.9%	62.0%
Rented from council	923	23.1%	23.4%	13.2%
Other social rented	332	8.3%	5.5%	11.1%
Private rented or Living Rent Free	300	7.5%	9.2%	13.7%
TOTAL:	3995	100%	100%	100%

Source: Cumnock Data Census 2011, Council Area and National, Census 2011, Scotland's Census Website

Statistics show a similar level of owner occupied housing to the East Ayrshire and Scotland average. The percentage of those in rented accommodation from local authority is almost double.

	% dwellings which are flats: 2013	% dwellings which are terraced: 2013	% dwellings which semi-detached: 2013	% dwellings which are detached: 2013
Cumnock South & Craighs	30.2%	39.6%	23.3%	6.9%
Cumnock North	23.5%	19.4%	25.9%	31.2%
Cumnock Rural	8.0%	24.8%	35.6%	31.4%
East Ayrshire	25.2%	26.5%	28.7%	19.4%
Scotland	38.0%	20.6%	19.8%	21.1%

Source: Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics

The total number of dwellings in Cumnock in 2013 was 6546.

Housing:

Over the past 30 years development in the Holmhead area of Cumnock has continued. Knockroon and Holmhead Hospital site are also still under development, which is planned to continue until 2025.

On the closure of St Conval's Secondary School in 2006, the site was cleared and sold to private developers for the building of 20 private properties, some of which sold in the region of £250,000. Other areas which have undergone private development are Harperbank Grove, on the site of Bankend Farm and Cairn Road, on vacant land within Caponacre Industrial Estate.

In 2009, Shire Housing Association built 47 properties, all of which are social housing stock and available for rent. Further social housing has been built on the site of Ayr Road, once the site of the library and East Ayrshire Council offices. These single storey bungalows are accessible for elderly and disabled.

Future Developments:

Developments within Holmhead and Knockroon are planned to continue into a sustainable community comprising of 770 houses, open spaces and community employment uses. The first phase of mixed-use development has now been completed to widespread local and national acclaim, and already the buildings are proving highly influential as a model for new developments to other landowners in Scotland.

Within the East Ayrshire Development Plan there is a proposal to develop another section of Cairn Road for housing. Another two properties are also expected to be developed on the site of the Cumnock Chronicle offices, which will be of the same design of those recently built on the Ayr Road site.

Strategic Issues

Continue to develop new and maintain existing housing stock- EAC and other social landlords.

4. Employment and the Local Economy

Cumnock has experienced significant decline over a period extending to 20 years, principally due to structural changes in the local economy. Unemployment has increased, as a result of the closure of the deep mining industry, the reduction in textile manufacturing and the declining fortunes of the agricultural industry. There remain very few major employers in the area, those with the highest number of employees include Caledonian Bottlers; Curtainwise; East Ayrshire Council; NHS Ayrshire & Arran; Emergency One; Tesco; Asda; Dumfries House Trust; Hargreaves and ATH.

Economic Position	Total
Employed F/T	37.2%
Employed P/T	14.1%
Self employed	5.3%
Unemployed	6.2%
Students	4.9%
Permanently Sick	7.4%
Retired	16.7%
Other	2.2%

Source: Census 2011 – Cumnock

The figures indicate that 37.2% of economically active people are in full time employment. Self-employment represents 5.3% of economic activity while unemployment in Cumnock stood at 6.2% at the time of the 2011 Census.

	% of 16-64 population claiming JSA : 2010	% of 16-64 population claiming JSA : 2011	% of 16-64 population claiming JSA : 2012
Cumnock South & Craighs	7.1%	7.4%	7.4%
Cumnock North	4.7%	4.7%	5.6%
Cumnock Rural	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%
East Ayrshire	5.4%	5.9%	5.7%
Scotland	3.8%	4.0%	3.8%

Source: Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics

The percentage of people in Cumnock South & Craighs claiming Job Seekers Allowance is far greater than the rate for East Ayrshire and national figures.

Figures available from Cumnock Jobcentre Plus in September 2015 show 300 individuals claiming Job Seekers allowance, 387 claiming employment support allowance and 358 claiming income support.

Local Economy and Sectors

The following list shows the number of current businesses by economic sector as a percentage.

	Cumnock	East Ayrshire	Scotland
Agriculture forestry and fishing	1.3	2.1	1.7
Mining and quarrying	4.1	1.4	1.4
Manufacturing	10.2	10.7	8.0
Electricity gas steam and air conditioning	0.6	0.7	0.8
Water supply - sewage waste management and remediation activities	1.0	0.8	0.8
Construction	9.5	9.4	8.0
Wholesale and retail trade - repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	13.3	15.6	15.0
Transport and storage	5.5	4.8	5.0
Accommodation and food service activities	4.0	4.7	6.3
Information and communication	0.8	1.7	2.7
Financial and insurance activities	1.9	2.8	4.5
Real estate activities	1.0	0.8	1.2
Professional scientific and technical activities	1.7	3.4	5.2
Administrative and support service activities	4.2	4.6	4.3
Public administration and defence - compulsory social security	8.5	7.0	7.0
Education	7.2	6.8	8.4
Human health and social work activities	21.0	18.3	15.0
S T U Other	4.4	4.5	4.9

Source: Cumnock Data Census 2011, Council Area and National, Census 2011, Scotland's Census Website

Strategic Issues

Lack of local employment and loss of College means young people move for education and work elsewhere – skills not retained in Cumnock.

5. Education

Nursery, Out of School Care, Playgroup, Childcare

Name	School Capacity	Current Role
Barshare Early Childhood Centre	40	40
Greenmill Early Childhood Centre	92	72
Logan Early Childhood Centre	40	30
Netherthird Early Childhood Centre	40	40
Yipworld Out of School Care	72	-

School Handbooks, December 2015.

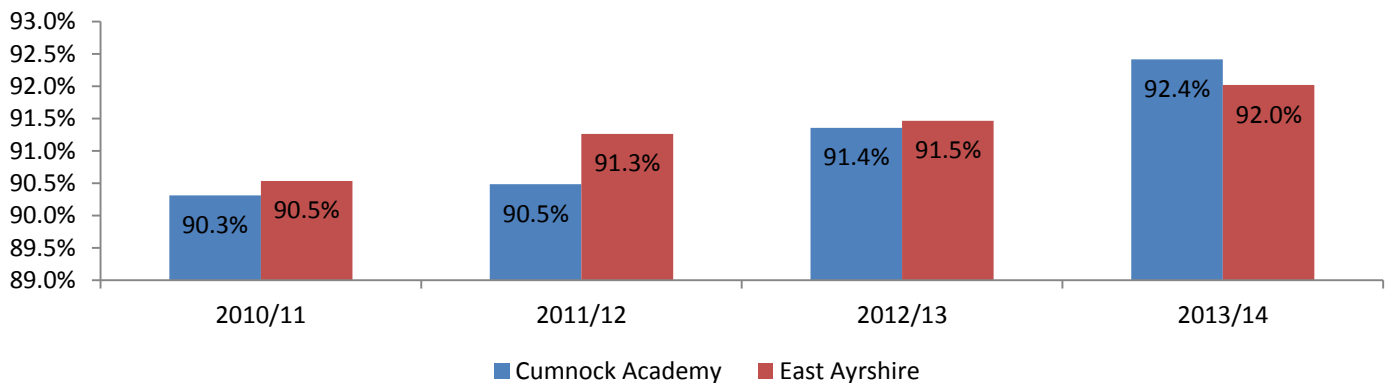
Primary & Secondary Education

Young people within Cumnock are serviced by two local primary schools, namely Greenmill Primary and Barshare Primary. St Patrick's Primary in Auchinleck is the designated Roman Catholic primary school and Hillside School, situated close to Barshare Primary supports children with special needs in Cumnock and the surrounding communities.

Schools	School Capacity	Current Role
Cumnock Academy	1427	822
Barshare Primary & SLC	203	203
Greenmill Primary	480	313
Logan Primary	231	88
Netherthird Primary	332	195
Hillside School	25	25

School Handbooks, December 2015.

School Attendance Rates - Cumnock Academy

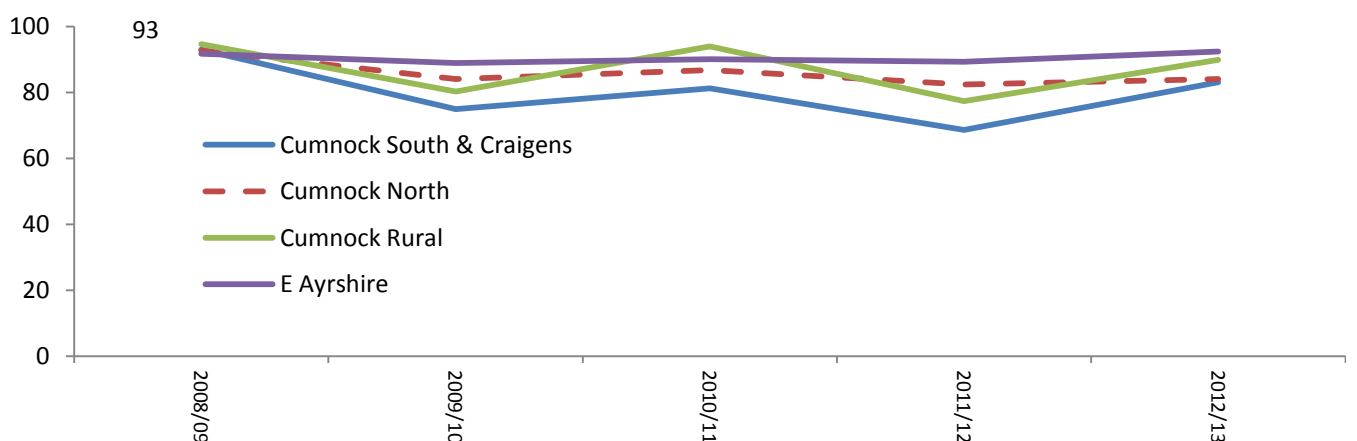


	Cumnock	East Ayrshire	Scotland
All persons aged 16 and over	7,495	101,168	4,379,072
- % With no qualifications	37.1	34.1	26.8
- % Highest qualification attained - Level 1	25.6	24.4	23.1
- % Highest qualification attained - Level 2	14.0	13.6	14.3
- % Highest qualification attained - Level 3	10.0	10.0	9.7
- % Highest qualification attained - Level 4 and above	13.3	17.9	26.1

Source: *Cumnock Data* Census 2011, Council Area and National, Census 2011, Scotland's Census Website

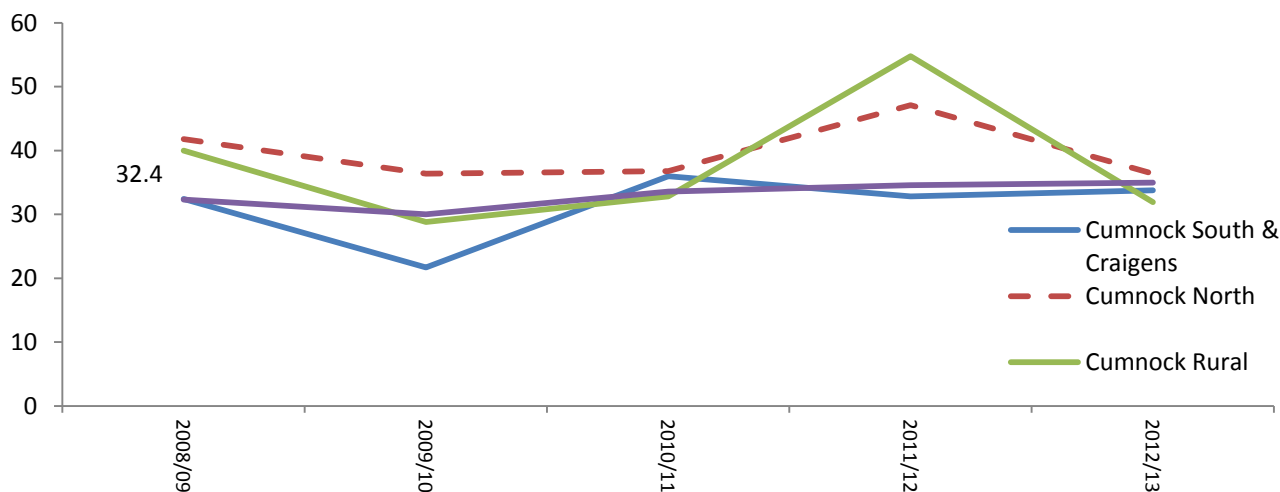
The most recent attainment data available at settlement level indicates that, in 2012/13, fewer S4 pupils from across Cumnock achieved a Foundation or better pass in English and Mathematics than in East Ayrshire as a whole.

S4: Percentage of pupils with English & Maths at SCQF level 3 and above



The most recent attainment data available at settlement level indicates that, in 2012/13, fewer S4 pupils in Cumnock South and Cumnock Rural achieved 5 awards at SCQF level 5 or better than in East Ayrshire as a whole. Pupils in Cumnock North did however achieve a higher level of attainment than the East Ayrshire average.

S4: Percentage of pupils with 5 awards at SCQF level 5 and above



The most recent attainment data available at settlement level indicates that, in 2012/13, fewer S5 pupils from across Cumnock South and Cumnock North achieved 3 awards at Higher than in East Ayrshire as a whole. Pupils in Cumnock Rural had a higher level of achievement than both East Ayrshire and national figures.

School Leaver Destinations

	Total Number of School leavers : 2012/13	% Positive : 2012/13	% Other : 2012/13
Cumnock South & Craigen	73	95.8	4.2
Cumnock North	45	91.1	8.9
Cumnock Rural	68	95.5	4.5
East Ayrshire	1,411	92.1	7.9
Scotland	52,792	90.0	10.0

Source: Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics

School leavers across Cumnock show a higher percentage of school leavers entering positive destinations in 2012/13 when compared to national figures. A positive destination for a young person could be education, employment or training.

Further Education and Adult Education

Cumnock College, part of part of Ayrshire College announced its closure within the town in October 2015. The closest colleges are located in Ayr and Kilmarnock. Both colleges offer students courses and HNC and HND level. Opportunities for higher education can be explored locally at University of West of Scotland (UWS) in Ayr.

Vibrant Communities offer several adult education courses within communities across East Ayrshire. Information on available courses is obtainable from community workers and online from the Council website.

Strategic Issues

Lack of local training and further / higher education for young people.

Lack of job opportunities locally.

Commuter town with poor public transport.

6. Health

GP/ Health Centre



Cumnock residents and residents of several of the surrounding communities are serviced by Tanyard Medical Practice located in the Tanyard. The practice manager is Morag Ward and assistant manager is Jane Malone.

Opening times for the surgery are Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.30pm. The current doctors practising in the surgery are Dr Lockens; Dr Dunlop; Dr Mitchell; Dr Powell; Dr Paulina; Dr Church and Dr Lowry.

The surgery is at 2 Tanyard, Cumnock. Patients can contact the surgery on 01290 421157 and 01290 422723. More information on all clinics and services available can be found on the website at www.cumnockhealthcentre.co.uk.

The current capitation figures as of September 2015 show a total of 12,152 patients registered at the practice. The breakdown of ages is detailed below:

Age	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75-84	85+	Total
Male	353	688	806	1484	1649	626	308	70	5984
Female	349	636	729	1451	1756	678	411	158	6168
Total	702	1324	1535	2935	3405	1304	719	228	12152

Tanyard Medical Practice facilitates and hosts a number of clinics throughout the week:

Clinic	Days	Times
Well Woman Clinic	Tuesday & Thursdays	1.30pm – 4.45pm
Diabetic Nurse	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	8.30am – 10.45pm or 1.30pm – 4.30pm
Diabetic GP	2 Clinics per week	Various Times (Please Enquire)
Diabetic Educational Session	Last Friday of every month	1.30pm
CHD/Stroke	Monday, Wednesday & Friday	8.30am – 11.30am
Asthma/COPD Clinic	Monday, Thursday & Friday	8.30am – 11.30am and 1.30pm – 4.45pm

Baby & Child Surveillance Clinic	Every Thursday morning	8.30am onwards
INR Clinic	Tuesday & Thursday afternoons	Times may vary

Primary Care & Nearby Hospitals

NHS Ayrshire & Arran is responsible for making sure the people of Ayrshire and Arran receive community and primary care health services.

The hospital services provided within the community are for the mentally ill, the elderly - both frail and with mental health problems - and people with a learning disability. GP acute services are provided at East Ayrshire Community Hospital on Ayr Road.

The closest Accident & Emergency hospital is located in Ayr (University Hospital Ayr), with another in Crosshouse, Kilmarnock (University Hospital Crosshouse). Ayr Hospital is the main Accident and Emergency centre for South Ayrshire. It provides a number of Ayrshire-wide services including vascular surgery, ophthalmology and audiology. The main contact for the Hospital is 01292 610555. The University Hospital in Crosshouse is the main Accident and Emergency Centre for East and North Ayrshire. It is also home to the national Cochlear Implant Service.

Dentist

There are currently 2 dental practices within Cumnock Town centre.

Rhona Harrison Knockroon Dental 97 Auchinleck Road Cumnock KA18 1AN Tel: 01290 420048	Robert Kerr Neo Dental 19 Lugar Street Cumnock KA18 1AD Tel: 01290 425108
------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Unregistered patients within Ayrshire & Arran can contact the Ayrshire Dental Helpline on **01563 507 950** (Monday – Friday 8.00am – 6.00pm). All patients can obtain advice on dental pain by calling **NHS24** on **111**.

Optician

Within Cumnock town centre there are two local opticians:

James R Shaw 41 Townhead Street Cumnock East Ayrshire Tel: 01290 421421	Firstsight Opticians Unit 3, Glaisnock Shopping Centre Townhead Street Cumnock Tel: 01290 518082
------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Care facilities

Glebe Court, Warwick Court and Menzies Court are three local sheltered complexes which are managed by Bield Housing Association. Glebe Court and Warrick Court are located on Warrick Drive, whereas Menzies Court is on Townhead Street.

All three offer safe and secure homes for older people looking for a little extra support. The flats were built between 1994 and 1997. The three complexes contain a total of 67 one bedroom flats, all of which are accessible. Some of these properties are very sheltered housing, offering extra support, with the remaining properties providing amenity housing for people over 60. All of the properties are in close proximity to the post office, shopping facilities, health and leisure facilities.



There is one care home, Bute House, which is located in Barrhill Terrace on the site of the old railway station. The premises has 45 rooms, 23 of which are en-suite. Specialist care is available for elderly residents within a range of categories. Bute House is managed by Community Care Homes Ltd and can be contacted on **01290 426311**.

Care in the Community

The aim of East Ayrshire Council is to help people remain at home for as long as it is safe and reasonable to do so. Where this isn't possible, they aim to ensure individuals are cared for in a safe and homely environment.

With office bases across East Ayrshire, the local authority supports adults and older people with the following:

Adults in Need of Support and Protection	Services for people with sensory impairment
Assessment of Need	Equipment and Adaptations
Care at Home Services	Respite Provision
Day Services	Support to Carers
Care Home Provision	Self Directed Services
Blue Badge Scheme	Mental Health Officer Services

Further information and support in relation to social work services in the Cumnock area can be obtained from the Social Work team at Rothesay House.

Social Services (Cumnock), Rothesay House, 1 Greenholm Street, Cumnock, East Ayrshire, KA18 1LH. Telephone: 01290 427720 or Email: social.work@east-ayrshire.gov.uk.

Health Profiles Overview

Scotpho Profiles highlight the considerable variation in health between areas and help identify priorities for health improvement. The profiles gives a snapshot overview of health for Cumnock; the following inequalities are statistically significantly worse than the Scottish average.

- Patients hospitalised with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Patients with emergency hospitalisations
- Patients (65+) with multiple emergency hospitalisations
- Babies exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks

Strategic Issues

Waiting times for a surgery.
Availability of information relating to clinics.

7. Leisure, Recreation and Open Spaces

Library

Cumnock library is located on Greenholm Road, beside the East Ayrshire Council offices. Contact details and opening times are as follows:

Cumnock Library, Rothesay House 1 Greenholm Road, Cumnock, KA18 1LH. Tel: 01290 427710	Monday	1300 – 2000
	Tuesday	1000 – 1700
	Wednesday	1000 – 1300
	Thursday	1300 – 2000
	Friday	1000 – 1700
	Saturday	1000 - 1300



Village Halls/Community Centres

Cumnock has a number of local halls and community spaces which are used by an extensive list of local groups within the area.



The main facility within Cumnock is the **Town Hall**. Located on Glaisnock Street, it has a number of rooms available for community use. The main hall has a capacity over 200 and has a service bar area and kitchen attached. Within the main hall is a stage, equipped with professional sound and lighting, with 2 changing rooms and shower facilities to the rear. The main hall has seen a number of very famous bands perform over the past 50 years. The lesser hall is on the second floor and has a capacity of 60. It is also has kitchen facilities available. The Keir Hardie room is the main meeting room on the ground floor and has a maximum capacity of 20. A lot of investment recently has brought the Town Hall into a very high standard. The contact number for the Town Hall is **01290 421028**.

Barrhill Community Centre is located on Bank Avenue and is a community run facility. The centre is managed by Cumnock Area Musical Production Society and is open to all groups to use at an affordable cost. There are regular groups which meet in the centre and also offer a number of volunteer opportunities for individuals from within the locale. The main contact for the Barrhill Centre is **01290 423402** or by emailing **secretary@camp.me.uk**

There are also a few organisations/services within the town that can also offer small meeting rooms for hire or free to the community. These include:

Yipworld	Meeting Room
Visions Leisure Centre	Meeting Room
Scottish Fire & Rescue	Meeting Room
Rothesay House	Various Meeting Rooms

Church Halls

Cumnock is currently served by 7 churches, details of which are below. Several of the churches have separate church halls which are used on a regular basis by various group and organisations, as well as hosting many private functions such as weddings and birthday parties.

<p>Cumnock Baptist Church Pastor Ali McLachlan 18a Barrhill Road Cumnock KA18 1PG</p> <p>Tel: 01290 422860</p>	<p>Parent & Toddler Group Bible Study</p>	<p>Wednesday mornings Thursday evening</p>
<p>Cumnock Congregational Church Rev. Ross McMahan 4 Auchinleck Road Cumnock KA18 1AE</p> <p>Tel: 01290 426216</p>	<p>Choir First Aid Junior Anchor Boys Silver Liners Ladies Fellowship Midweek Meeting Flower Group Rainbows & Brownies Girl Guides BB Senior Section Alcoholics Anonymous Deacons Court Young People's Group</p>	<p>Monday Evening Monday Evening Monday Evening (BB Hall) Tuesday Afternoon Alternate Tuesdays Wednesday Evening 2nd Wednesday of the Month Thursday Evening Thursday Evening Friday Evening (BB Hall) Friday Evening Monthly Sunday Evening (Once or Twice Monthly)</p>
<p>St Andrew's United Free Church Rev. D Lyon Glaisnock Street Cumnock KA18 1JU</p> <p>Tel: 01290 421031</p>	<p>Cumnock Highland Dance Bible Study Opportunities in Retirement Health Class Brownies Friday Fellowship Coffee Mornings Board & Session Sunday School & Bible Class</p>	<p>Monday & Tuesday Evening Every 2nd Tuesday Tuesday Afternoon (Monthly) Thursday 2-4pm Thursday Evening Friday Evening Every 3rd Month (Sat Morning) As Required Sunday Mornings</p>
<p>Cumnock Christian Fellowship Secretary Tom Houston 60 Barrhill Road Cumnock KA18 1PN</p> <p>Tel: 07540 460 318</p>	<p>Go- Kidz UTC Zone (12yr and Older) Family Worship Service Men's Prayer Meeting Women's Prayer Meeting Joint Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday Evening Thursday Evening Sunday Morning Wednesday/Thursday Thursday Afternoon Last Thursday (Monthly)</p>

Old Cumnock Trinity Church Rev Scott Rae Ayr Road Cumnock KA18 1DW Tel: 01290 422145	Wednesday Break Guild Art Class Sunday School & Bible Class	Wednesday 10am – 11am Tuesday Evening Thursday Evening Sunday Morning
St John the Evangelist Father Stephen McGrattan 92 Glaisnock Street Cumnock KA18 1JU Tel: 01290 421031	Prayer Group Lunch Club Tae Kwando Womens Group Keep Fit Class St Vincente de Paul Bingo 0 – 100 Group Youth Club Hall Committee	Monday 10.45am Tuesday 11.30am – 1.30pm Tuesday Evenings Wednesday Wednesday Evenings Thursday Evenings 6.00pm Thursday Evenings 7.00pm – 9.00pm Friday Mornings Friday Evening 6.00pm – 8.00pm Meet as Required
Old Cumnock Parish Church Rev John Patterson 33 Barrhill Road Cumnock KA18 1PJ Tel: 01290 420769		

Sport Facilities

Cumnock Juniors Football Club, established in 1912, operate from their club on Townhead Street, which is currently undergoing major refurbishment to develop a new 3g pitch. The club was established in 1912 and has grown to be a massive part of the community. The social club is well used to host a number of functions throughout the year, such as parties, fundraising events, bingos and group meetings.

The boys clubs are very well attended and continue to grow and develop, In the past few years Cumnock Juniors girls team was re - established. Currently there is over 50 girls registered between the ages of 5 and 12.

Social Club	01290 420237	Website	www.cumnockjuniors.co.uk
--------------------	--------------	----------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------

Cumnock Rugby Club, established in October 1961 play their home games at Broomfield on Auchinleck Road. Currently the club has 4 sections: Senior, Midi, Mini and Micro. Each section has several teams within them, with the aim to have established 20 teams over the next few years. Rugby star Mark Bennett is an ambassador for the Cumnock Rugby Football Club which is where he started his career. The club has established links with local primary and secondary schools in the area.

Club House	01290 420292	Website	http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/cumnock/
-------------------	--------------	----------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Cumnock Academy PE Department has a floodlit all weather surface which has 3 separate pitches or can be opened up into one large area. This can be used for various different sporting activities. This is an exceptional facility that is also used in the evening by the community.

Angus McVake (Head)	01290 421228
----------------------------	--------------

East Ayrshire Leisure	01563 554940
------------------------------	--------------

Broomfield Playing Fields, Running Track and Pavilion are located on Auchinleck Road. Opened in 1996, the running track is a floodlit synthetic 4 lane track, which is well used by the public. Broomfield is also home to Cumnock Rugby Club, as it offers a number of rugby pitches. There are also several football pitches which are used regularly by local football teams and a pavilion on site, the facility is managed by East Ayrshire Leisure.

East Ayrshire Leisure	01563 554940
------------------------------	--------------

Website	www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk
----------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------

Visions Leisure Centre was officially opened on 9th October 2004 and is located on Auchinleck Road. The facility offers the community a 25m swimming pool, fitness suite, sauna, spa, steam room, aerobics studio and hydro massage. A number of classes run throughout the week as well as the offer of swimming lessons and individual fitness programs. The facility also offer a number of membership options.

Visions Leisure Centre	01290 425495
-------------------------------	--------------

Website	www.visionsleisure.com
----------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------

Cumnock Bowling Club was formed in 1868 and can be found on Car Road. The club enjoys a high profile within Ayrshire and Scottish bowling circles with many successes at both team and individual events. The club has two greens and has recently undergone a programme of improvements, which have included refurbishment of the main hall, kitchen and bar areas. Memberships are available and open to all. The hall is also available for hire for private functions.

Club House	01290 428938
-------------------	--------------

Facebook	Cumnock Bowling Club
-----------------	----------------------

Other Parks

Woodroad Park

Cumnock, albeit a large town has a large greenspace within the Town Centre that is known to the locals as the Woodroad Park. The park entrance is located on Auchinleck Road (B7083) and has been an attraction for families from as far back as the 1930s. The Woodroad Park was once the home to a heated open air swimming pool, opened in 1936. The park also offered caravan and camping facilities as well as children's playpark, tennis courts and putting green. Families used to spend whole summers in the park. Over the years, the park has had some redevelopment, but all that remains is a children's play area.

The Flush

The Flush, located between Coila Place and Barshare, once contained a large volume of water. The shallow pond was where Cumnock Curling Club once played their games. Up until the latter part of the 1800s there was no sewage disposal system in our town, and people used cesspools to get rid of their waste. The Council arranged for some sewage pipes to carry the effluent into the Glaisnock River where, with the Flush was used to flood out the bed of the river and rid it of its noxious burden, when required. Much of the area is now woodland, however a large greenspace in the vicinity still exists.

Children's Play Parks

Play parks exist on Hearth Road, Glenlamont, Cairn Road and at The Flush, and have various pieces of equipment and swing for young children to enjoy.

Strategic Issues

Woodroad Park regeneration.

Threat amongst community at losing facilities - poor communication from EAC.

Town hall refurbishment is an ongoing saga for all users.

8. Community Groups and Organisations

Cumnock has a vast amount of voluntary organisations, many of which work very closely with each other when it comes to events, volunteering opportunities and fundraising. Further information on groups and where they meet is obtainable from the Vibrant Communities team for the area on 01292 552940.

Sports & Recreation

Cumnock District Leisure Group

Visions Swimming Pool

Cumnock Bowling Green

Cumnock Juniors Boys Club

Cumnock Juniors Social Club

Cumnock Rugby Football Club

Cumnock Rugby Club

Tae Kwon Do (Barrhil Centre)

Darts Club

Tae Kwon Do (St John's Church)

Homing Pigeons

Whippet Racers

Cumnock Running Club

Cumnock Juniors Enterprise Group

J's Fitness Team

Force Fitness & Martial Arts

Kilmarnock Harriers

Invigor8

Table Tennis Club

Keep Fit Class (St John's Church)

Community Groups & Organisations

East Ayrshire South Forum on Disability

Cumnock & District Blind Club

Asian Cultural Group

Coalfield Community Federation

Cumnock & District Widow's Group

Cumnock History Group

Cumnock Christian Fellowship

Cumnock Self Help Group

Rising Sons of the Covenanters

Cumnock Age Concern

Cumnock Round Table

Cumnock Senior Citizen's Club

St. Barnabas Masonic Lodge

Daughters of Naomi LLOL 175

Things Tae Dae Social Hub

Sovereign Credit Unit

Cumnock Community Council

Cumnock Highland Games

Keir Hardie Hill Tenant's and Resident's Association

Rising Sons of the Covenanters LOL 2010

Cumnock Orange Lodge

Association for Spiritual Development

Opportunities in Retirement

Women's Aid

Cumnock Rotary Club

Cumnock Community Transport

Citizen's Advice

Lugar & Cumnock Star of the West

Alcoholics Anonymous (Congregational Church)

Arts Groups

Art Class (Trinity Church)	Coloursplash
Cumnock Area Musical Production Society	Cumnock Floral Art Club
Cumnock & District Camera Club	Cumnock Highland Dance Class
Denise Baillie Dance Group	CREATE, Cumnock & Doon Valley Limited

Children & Youth Groups

Yipworld	0 – 100 Club (St John's Church)
Princes Royal Trust Carers Centre	Interact
Barshare Mothers & Toddlers	2 nd Cumnock Brownies
5 th Cumnock Brownies	1 st Cumnock Boys Brigade
Parent & Toddlers (Baptist Church)	Junior Anchor Boys (Congregational Church)
Go Kidz (Christian Fellowship)	UTC Zone (Christian Fellowship)
Youth Club (St John's Church)	

Strategic Issues

Access information and assistance with funding.
Minerals Trust has no future as coal extraction reduces.
Lack of Volunteers to assist with events.

9. Transport and Roads

Cumnock sits at the junction of the A70, Ayr to Edinburgh route and the A76, Kilmarnock to Dumfries. The main trunk roads are maintained by Transport Scotland. Other routes within the town are maintained by Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

The 2011 census indicates that there are 2,757 locally owned cars or vans in the area although 31.0% of residents reported that they did not own a car or van.

	Percentage of households
Percentage of households with cars or vans (None)	31.0%
Percentage of households with cars or vans (One)	43.8%
Percentage of households with cars or vans (Two or more)	19.9%
Percentage of households with cars or vans (Three or more)	5.3%
Total number of cars or vans in the area	2,757

Source: Census 2011

Public Transport

The local services are offered by Stagecoach, with some services also being covered by Liddells Coaches of Auchinleck.

Various routes exist from the main bus stands in the Tanyard. To the south is Dumfries, east is Muirkirk, north is Glasgow and west is Ayr. The bus garage in Cumnock was closed in 2015, with all buses being stationed in Ayr or Kilmarnock depots.

The nearest rail station is in Auchinleck. Cumnock Railway Station closed to the public in the mid 1960s.

Community Transport

Coalfields Community Transport

Provides accessible and affordable transport to community groups within East Ayrshire. To use the service your group is required to become a member of the CCT. Charges are as follows:

- Joining fee - £35.00.
- Annual re-affiliation fee - £20.00.
- Each booking costs £15.00 plus fuel charge and £0.45p per mile.

They also offer a Day Hopper Service. To access this service you must be in receipt of benefit, older or unemployed, lone parent, be geographically disadvantaged or have a disability.

For more information call Coalfield Community Transport on: 01290 429088.

MyBus (Rural)

MyBus is a bookable bus service for taking you directly from your home to your destination. MyBus can be used for shopping, visiting friends, attending local clubs, Doctors appointments, hospital visits and much more. MyBus also serves rural parts of the West of Scotland that are not served by regular public transport services.

For enquiries, new registrations or to cancel your journey, call 0845 128 4025.

Strategic Issues

Poorly maintained roads.

Closure of Stagecoach depot has taken away local job opportunities.

Lack of buses that suit the needs of those travelling by public transport.

Poor rail links – especially at weekend.

10. Utilities

Telecommunications

Mobile phone and internet access is good within the town, with only a few occasional issues with some phone coverage. Fibre optic is slowly being rolled out across the town, but currently no 4G signals are available for phone network.

Sewage

The purification works are located at Underwood, behind Cumnock Academy.

Refuse

The refuse is uplifted by East Ayrshire Council and details of the collection days can be found on the East Ayrshire Council Website.

Recycling

The nearest recycling centre is at Skares Road, Garlaff near Cumnock. This centre has containers for a wide variety of materials. Each container is clearly labelled. You can deposit all household material free of charge.

If you drive a commercial vehicle then you must book an appointment first via the online booking system: <http://bookings.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/commercialrecycling/>

Opening times are as follows:

Summer months: April – end October		Winter Months: November – end March	
Monday - Thursday	8.00am - 4.30pm	Monday - Thursday	8.00am - 4.30pm
Friday	8.00am - 4.00pm	Friday	8.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday	8.00am - 3.50pm	Saturday	9.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday	8.00am - 4.30pm	Sunday	9.00am - 6.00pm

The nearest local recycling point is at Asda on Townhead Street. It has containers to take books, cans, glass, paper, textiles, mixed plastics and cartons and cardboard.

Special Uplifts:

The special uplift service provides two different types of collections for East Ayrshire residents:

- Bulky uplifts.
- Kitchen and bathroom uplifts.

Bulky uplifts are for larger items such as household furniture, carpets and electrical items. Garden furniture and sheds cannot be uplifted as part of a bulky uplift.

With the exception of white goods – cookers, washing machines, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers and tumble dryers – uplifts are free to residents.

In any calendar year, a maximum of 5 special uplift requests will be provided per household, with a maximum of 6 items included per request. If a household requires more than six items to be uplifted at the same time, a maximum of 12 items will be collected, and will be recorded as two uplift requests.

White Goods:

White goods are charged at a cost of £15.45 per item. Households where residents are over the age of 65 will be exempt from this charge.

Residents can deposit white goods free of charge at local Recycling Centres.

Arrange your special uplift:

Special uplifts can be arranged at Rothesay House. They will process your payment, where required, take your name, address and details of the items you wish to have collected. You will be advised to place your items within your property boundary as close as possible to your usual collection point. We aim to collect items within 7 working days.

There are also a number of reuse projects which operate in East Ayrshire. If your unwanted items are in good repair, please consider donating items to these projects to enable others to benefit.

Cunninghame Furniture Recycling Company: Tel 01294 475650 – operates Monday – Friday each week, during office hours.

The Cumnock & Doon Valley Gift Furniture Scheme: Tel 01292 550525 – operates Wednesday – Friday from 11.00am – 2.00pm each week, with a telephone answer machine in operation outwith these hours.

Power Supply

Cumnock has both electricity and gas supply. Many properties are also moving towards renewable energy with solar panels and turbines.

Water

Water for Cumnock comes from the Afton Dam. Figures from Scottish Water show 100% compliance with water quality standards for a sample period from December 2014 to November 2015.

Strategic Issues

No 4G signal available.
Town centre Wifi would attract visitors to shop local.
3 weekly bin service has caused concerns.

11. Emergency Services

Police

Cumnock Police Station is located on Ayr Road. The station services Ballochmyle, Cumnock and New Cumnock. Opening hours for the main desk are Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm, however the station is operational 24hours, 7 days a week. For non-urgent crimes, contact the office on 101.

Ambulance

The Scottish Ambulance service are located at Thistle Business Park on Ayr Road.

Fire Brigade

Scottish Fire & Rescue have a retained station on Glaisnock Street which is serviced by two pumps. This station also has a large room which can be used for community groups and organisations for meetings.

Strategic Issues

Reduced hours at Police Station has resulted in the community feeling as if they completely lost the service.
Cumnock Fire Station becoming full time rather than remaining part time would greatly benefit surrounding communities.

12. Environment

Flora, Fauna & Woodlands

Within Cumnock Town Centre, there are no Statutory Protected Natural Heritage sites. The Muirkirk and North Lowther Uplands Special Protection Area both lie to the north east of the town centre and the Lugar

Sill Site of Special Scientific Interest lies 3.5km to the east. There are several non-statutory wildlife sites, which are identified by the Council and nature conservation bodies as being land of local nature conservation interest. Two of these provisional wildlife sites lie within the locale of Cumnock. Shankston Wood lies to the south side of the town and the Lugar Water runs through the town centre.

No plant species of particular were recorded, which is likely to be due to the paucity of habitat provided by the built up and urban nature of the town. However, there are several areas of semi natural woodland to the south east. Barshare Woodland on the eastern bank of the Glaisnock Water is a good example of wet woodland and is made up primarily of elder and willow. There are also several areas of mature, semi-natural woodland of ancient origin within the town, which include Templand Wood, Woodroad Park and Shankston Wood. There also exists a number of invasive non-native species, particularly along the watercourses and the back of residential properties, this includes Japanese Knotweed.

The Glaisnock Water, the burn which feeds into the Lugar Water is the main river which flows through the town centre. It has steep banks through the town centre where it has been built up, as well as shallow banks, which are completely flat in places, forming a marshy area, dominated by valerian, meadowsweet, rush sp., great willowherb, cow parsley and butterbur.

The Ayrshire Rivers Trust has reported high levels of juvenile salmonid production in the Cumnock area, which include salmon, trout, chars, freshwater whitefishes and graylings. This further demonstrates the quality of the riparian corridor. The Lugar Water is suitable for otters due to the abundance of fish stocks, the vegetated banks and the deep and slow moving water. Various signs of otters have been evidenced in the past from spraints, footprints and feeding sites.

Previous studies in the area have shown that Cumnock is known for a high level of Soprano Pipistrelle bats. Roosts have been found within Richmond Terrace and Cumnock Academy. Woodland areas within the locale appear to be productive as they appeal to a variety of common species and have a reasonable diversity of avian-fauna. Badger activity is abundant within a 5km radius of the town, with the surrounding habitat providing ideal ground for foraging and breeding badgers.

Rivers

As mentioned the two main rivers which meet in the town centre are the Glaisnock Water and the River Lugar. The river then meanders towards Ochiltree where it meets the Burnock Water.

Paths and Access

There are plenty of paths and right of access that exist within the area. A number of walks exist within the Woodroad Park, leading to Rigg Road and Lugar. There is also a pathway which follows the Lugar Water towards Dumfries House. Old railway lines that exist in and around the town also offer some walks to hikers. The rural location of Cumnock also benefits keen cyclists with the quiet minor roads which lead out of the town into the Ayrshire countryside.

Organisations

East Ayrshire Woodlands is a partnership initiative supporting communities and landowners to expand and enhance native and amenity woodlands in Ayrshire. They promote sustainable management practices that ensure these areas deliver a range of social, economic and environmental benefits. The project was established in 1997 as a co-operative arrangement of six economic development, forestry

and conservation organisations. Substantial additional support was provided through the Millennium Forest for Scotland Trust. The project employs 8 full-time and one part-time staff.

Strategic Issues

Clean up river bed to protect wildlife.

Walkways and cycle routes need maintained and signposted.

13. Heritage

Sites and features and other assets

Terringzean Castle

Pronounced 'Tringan' this now-ruined castle was partly built in the 15th century on the banks of the Lugar about a half-mile west of Cumnock. The Barony, castle and lands of Terringzean have a complex history of possession, with the Craufurds, also Crawford, being the first recorded.

Dumfries House

Built between 1754-9 the 4th Earl of Dumfries by the Adam brothers, the house stands on the left bank of the Lugar Water about 1 mile west of Cumnock. The House was rescued in 2007 for the nation by a consortium headed by Prince Charles and opened to the public.

Glaisnock House

Built around 1833, Glaisnock House was owned by the Allasons then the Campbells. Taken over by the County Council in 1952 as a junior secondary school. In 1968 it was upgraded to a four-year school, but it was closed in June 1973. It subsequently became a residential centre for outdoor studies. Situated a mile to the south of Cumnock.

Garrallan House

16th Century and owned by the Boswell Douglas's and now a private residence. Situated 1 ½ miles due southwest of Cumnock.

Lochnorris

Built by Keir Hardie in 1887 and remained in the family until the late 60s when it was sold. Situated on Auchinleck Road, Cumnock.

Baird Institute

Opened in 1891 through a bequest made to Cumnock by local businessman John Baird. Now managed by East Ayrshire Leisure the Baird holds a collection of Cumnock Pottery, Mauchline Ware, and Mining artifacts and has a room dedicated to James Keir Hardie, founder of the Labour Party and contains many of his personal belongings. The gallery has a continually changing catalogue of contemporary art exhibitions and a range of events and workshops. Open weekly Thursday-Saturday at 3 Lugar Street, Cumnock.

Town Hall

Opened in 1885 and situated on Glaisnock Street, Cumnock. The Hall and its lesser rooms have been used for all kinds of events and occasions over the past 100 years or so. The building recently

underwent major refurbishment and is managed by East Ayrshire Leisure.

Cumnock Juniors FC

Since moving to Townhead Park in 1934, Cumnock Juniors have enjoyed various successes as part of the Junior League in Scottish football. Situated in Townhead Street.

Cumnock Heritage Trail

Cumnock has many surviving public and private buildings and several churches from the 18th and 19th centuries mainly clustered around the Town Square, Ayr Road and Glaisnock Street. An Old Cumnock Heritage Trail leaflet has been produced by the Cumnock History Group and is available from local shops, hotels, the library and the Baird Institute. Also available online:

<http://www.cumnockhistorygroup.org/publication-heritage-trail.html>

Associations and Organisations

Cumnock History Group

Formed in 2013, the group is dedicated to the research and promotion of the heritage and history of Cumnock. The group's website can be found at www.cumnockhistorygroup.org

Activities and Events

The Cumnock Tryst Music Festival

The Tryst is held annually in October and attracts both local visitors and those from further afield. Various music performances are held in venues across Cumnock. Sir James MacMillan, who grew up in Cumnock, is founder and Artistic Director of the Tryst. The festival attracts people from around the world to hear the spectacular pieces of music the Festival has to offer.

Cumnock Highland Games

An annual Cumnock event held in August since 2005, the Games continue to attract a family crowd to watch the spectacle of the games at Broomfield Park.

Cumnock Carnival & Music Festival

Cumnock Music Festival was the brainchild of CREATE, a group set up to initiate plans to develop a theatre and arts centre within the town. The Carnival came as an offshoot when the annual Gala Day came to an end. The Music Festival has put on bands such the Bay City Rollers and The Ivy League.

Strategic Issues

Access to funding for groups organizing community events continues to prove difficult. The reduction of the awards from the Minerals Trust will have a big impact on groups within the area. Promotion of heritage and sites of interest in and around Cumnock would encourage tourism.