

Kelty Village Walk

Level of difficulty: easy

Distance 3.3km

Approximate time: 1 hour



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A stroll around the Village landmarks


A Brief Introduction to Kelty




Kelty is one of the largest villages in Scotland with a population of approximately 6590. Its heritage has been largely shaped by the deep mining of coal. Five deep pits surrounded the village, namely Blairenbathie, Lassodie Mill (Flower), Lindsay, Benarty Mine and the Aitken.


This village heritage is commemorated by several monuments that have been erected around the village and by street names that remind us of things that are long gone e.g. Station Road and Whitegates Terrace hark back to the days when the railway ran through Kelty.

This walk will take you a circular route past monuments and memorials old and new and we hope it will give you a little flavour of the history of this community as well as some pleasant exercise.

The points of interest are numbered but you can join the walk at any point. From the car park at the Community Centre you will have access to the shops and eating outlets when you have completed your walk and the car park in Blairadam Park is near to the picnic area.

1. The Miners Memorial	
The Miners Memorial is located in front of the Community Centre in Main Street This bronze statue of a miner was sculpted by David Annand of Kilmany. The statue was erected in 1997 in memory of men who have lost their lives in the pits.	

Walk south along Main St till you reach Kelty Cross then turn east down Station Road. .	
2. The War Memorial	
Unveiled by Sir Charles Adam on 4th June 1921. The memorial was sculpted by Birnie Rhind of Edinburgh. The statue is of a Highland Soldier resting in meditation on his rifle and it sits on a square pillar inscribed with the names of those from the village who have fallen in defence of their country.	
Walk east down Station Road to the junction with Great North Road	
3. The Lindsay Monument	
Erected near the site of the former Lindsay Colliery in 1996. The pulley wheel and tub were designed by Kelty born poet, writer and artist, James Douglas to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Lindsay disaster. On 14th December 1957 nine men lost their lives in an underground explosion.	
Walk north along Great North Road to the track just past Seafar Drive. Turn west along the track and the totem pole is on your right	
4. The Totem Pole	
This is one of 3 poles carved by members of the Squamish People from BC Canada, in 2005. The other two poles are sited in the Millennium Garden and near the car park in Blairadam Forest	

Follow the path (old railway line) west to Main Street then turn north to Westcroft Way.	
5. The Wee Chief	
Erected as a reminder that for decades a railway line ran through the village connecting the main rail line off the Great North Road and Kelty Railway Station to the Blairenbathie Colliery in Blairadam Forest. Whitegates in Kelty got its name from the gates that used to close off the Main Street when the trains went past.	
Go north along Main Street to the shop then enter Blairadam park via Church Row	
6. Blairadam Park	
This was the site of the Blairadam Brickworks which closed in the late 1960's. Visit the wildflower maze and give the children a chance to run around and play in the play park	
Return to Main Street and turn south up the hill to the Millennium Garden	
7. The Millennium Garden	
Kelty Community Council secured funding to turn an area of derelict land into a community garden. Note the totem pole, the artwork and the memorial to Robert Stewart (1873—1941) who held the title of the world draughts champion from 1922 until he retired undefeated in 1937.	