

Kirkbride Village

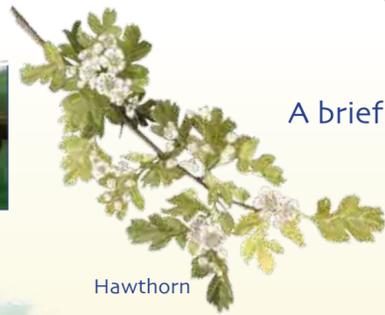
A brief guide to help you explore Kirkbride's past and enjoy its present

Whitrigg Bridge



This was originally a wooden structure erected by public subscription in 1856 at a cost of £600. The river bed here is notoriously unstable and the quicksands are very dangerous.

Hawthorn

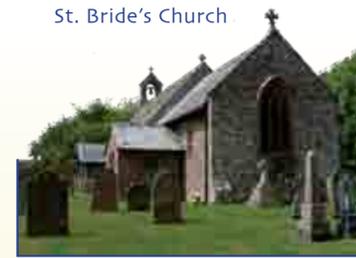


Situated in a curve of the winding river Wampool, Kirkbride has a long and varied history, visible in many of its buildings and in the surrounding countryside. Vestiges of a Roman fort rub shoulders with World War II defensive works, while the Industrial Revolution and more modern development have also left their imprint.



An interesting engraved plaque, below the east window of the church, records the succession of deaths from smallpox of the Reverend Lancelot Thompson's six children in the summer of 1746.

St. Bride's Church



Over the centuries this 12th century church has been called both St Bride's and St Bridget's. The stone used to build the church may have come from the nearby Roman fort and the church door has stone recesses to allow it to be secured from within for defensive purposes.



Artwork and design: www.visualimprint.co.uk
Supported by:
Cumbria County Council
Parish Paths Initiative
Cumbria Community Foundation
Solway Coast AONB
Natural England
and for the contributions made by local residents and businesses



Buildings of Interest

- 1 Bank House
- 2 St. Brides Church
- 3 Rectory
- 4 Tennis and Bowls Club
- 5 Wheatsheaf Cottage - former inn
- 6 Inglenook/Cross House - former shop
- 7 Bush Inn
- 8 Village Hall
- 9 Lilac Cottage - former cobbler
- 10 Station House - Kirkbride Station
- 11 Playground - former claypit
- 12 Former Chapel
- 13 Former School House
- 14 Hawthorn House - former shop
- 15 Garage
- 16 Site of Blacksmith Shop
- 17 Post Office
- 18 Former Methodist Chapel
- 19 Memorial Garden
- 20 Former Corn Mill
- 21 Kirkbride House
- 22 Kirkbride School
- 23 Town Head Farm



The Carlisle to Silloth railway opened in 1856 and was very popular with day-trippers. It was the main method of transport for farmers' livestock and crops and also provided a connection with the main line services at Carlisle. The footpath crosses the site of the old level-crossing. This line closed on September 7th 1964 and the station is now a private house.

Wildlife abounds in the surrounding countryside. Raised peat mosses north and south of the village are home to rare butterflies, moths and amphibians. Curlew, skylark and oystercatcher are year-round residents, and spectacular formations of migrating geese and swans are a thrilling sight in winter.

Foxglove



Fox



At one time Kirkbride had many businesses to serve the local area, these included:
butcher x 2
blacksmith
joiner
saw-mill
inn x 3
brickworks
slaughter house
cobbler/clogger
undertaker
grain-mill
grocer
tailor/dressmaker
Many of the houses in the village show signs of their previous uses.

Hare



Harebells



The village also boasted three chapels: The original 'primitive' chapel was built in 1865 on what is now called Chapel Bank, it was rebuilt in around 1906 and in 1972 when the tower was removed.

The Methodist chapel was built in 1869 with the Sunday school building added in 1887.

Along west Lonning was the site of a Quaker meeting house, the building has been demolished but the burial site is still present as a copse of woodland on the left of the Lonning.

KEY
Footpaths

Illustrated map based on Ordnance Survey material
© Crown copyright. All rights reserved.
Licence no. 100049352 (2010)

Kirkbride Parish Paths

Explore the parish with this illustrated footpath map and four suggested routes



Welcome to Kirkbride

This leaflet describes 4 routes that are way-marked and well maintained. However, Kirkbride has an extensive network of public paths and many variations of walks linking these paths can be enjoyed.

In all cases it is important to be a welcome walker and remember that the countryside is where farmers earn their living so please respect their way of life.

- Take care not to disturb wildlife habitats
- Follow the footpaths around the edges of fields
- Take all litter home
- Prevent dogs from fouling footpaths and keep them under close control to prevent disturbance to stock and wildlife

Walking for Health

It has been shown that walking in the countryside is good for our physical and mental health.

20 minutes 3 times each week is the minimum recommended amount and the short footpath loops around the village are ideal for this.

Most people can benefit from becoming more active. If you are currently inactive, try walking for just 5 minutes initially and slowly increase the time and distance covered.

Your doctor's surgery will be able to give you further advice if you have concerns.

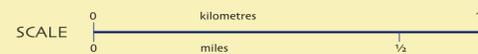
Routes 1, 2 and 3 have no stiles

Kirkbride Parish Paths



Key	
Route One	
Route Two	
Route Three	
Route Four	
Public footpath	
Public bridleway	
Parish boundary	
Site of Roman Fort	

Illustrated map based on Ordnance Survey material
© Crown copyright. All rights reserved.
Licence no. 100049352 (2010)



Suggested routes

Route 1. 1.5 miles (2.4 km)
Start: village shop
Route: bridleway, woods, open fields, return by next bridleway.
The section through the woods is lovely and passes a WWII pill-box, can be muddy in places when wet.

Route 2. 2 miles (3.2 km)
Start: playground/village shop
Route: through village, along paths behind houses, round turf field, Birch Hill, church, back through village.
This walk links up some of the old lonnings with hedgerows rich in plant and bird-life. It continues to the church then returns through the oldest part of the village. Good views to Northern Lakeland and the Solway can be seen. All crossing points have gates.

Route 3. 2.5 miles (4km)
Start: playground/village shop
Route: down road towards Wigton, bridleway, Powhill, airfield, bridleway.
This route follows bridleways and roads, all crossing points have gates available, it follows a quiet bridleway before passing the airfield and wartime buildings.

Route 4. 3 miles (4.8 km)
Start: village shop
Route: to Longland's Head, up road to Shaw Hill, back down Monks' Dyke.
This is a more challenging walk. After a wooded section to Longland's Head the road is followed to Shaw Hill. The route then follows the ancient path along Monks Dyke back to Kirkbride, passing alongside Gribb's water meadows, a Site of Special Scientific Interest for their rare wild flowers. The path is rough underfoot in places and includes some steep banks and stiles.

