
ALYTH
Heritage Trail
Dipping into Alyth's past
The Muir
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INTRO TEXT

Trail intro Text: Follow the map on the reverse side to find the heritage trail highlights.

1 Library

The trail starting point - On the walls of the library and on a desk flip chart you will find pictures of Old Alyth, Tourist information and a video presentation of the Laing Collection of photographs.



2 Alyth Hotel

The birthplace and home of James Sandy who was the inventor of the invisible hinge used on snuff boxes amongst other things in the 18th Century. A cabinet of heritage items can be viewed in the lounge bar of the hotel.



3 Classic Cars (Fire tender)

In the display area of the premises the original Alyth town fire tender can be viewed. Dating from ???? and built by ???? this machine would be manually drawn to the scene of fire related incidents in the town up to 18??.



6 Town Hall

The building was commissioned as a result of a local initiative in 1884. The foundation stone for the new building was laid by the Earl of Airlie on 2 September 1886. It was designed by Andrew Heiton and his nephew, Andrew Granger Heiton, in the Tudor Revival style, built in red sandstone and was officially opened on 29 April 1887.
Within the foyer of the Town Hall the Alyth Provost Robes and Hat are displayed.



7 Alyth Primary School

Originally constructed in 1850 with a comprehensive upgrade in 2023. The school now combines a Victorian heritage and a modern facilities providing a functional and historically significant environment for pupils and the local community. A heritage cabinet can be viewed in the main foyer of the building



8 Pack Horse Bridge

Alyth's Pack Bridge is one of the oldest masonry bridges in Scotland and is shown on maps as far back as 1600. Reputedly built around 1500, it is known to have been rebuilt in 1674 and heightened in the 19th century with its wide parapets, although it retains its original five-foot width.

9 Mercat Cross

A 'Mercat Cross' in Scotland signified the right to hold a regular market or fair. This right was granted to settlements awarded burgh status directly by the monarch, who levied a duty on goods sold and was an indication of a town's relative prosperity.





Toutie St. (Old town) was once full of shops.



10 The Arches

The Alyth Arches stand on the site of what is probably Alyth's oldest Christian church dating back to the 6th century and dedicated to St Moluag. There are also a number of graves, some of which are of notable local people, including James Sandy, the inventor of the invisible hinge.

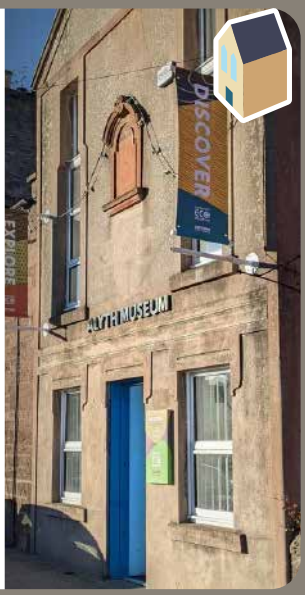
11 Family History Project

Housed in Alyth Parish church is a photographic history of the families of Alyth over the years. Alyth Parish Church (completed in 1839) is notable for its unusually high steeple The Church houses a rare clock made by Benjamin Lewis Vulliamy. The clock is one of only two known Vulliamy clocks in Scotland, and was installed in 1840 along with a bell cast at Thomas Mears' Whitechapel Foundry, where Big Ben was also cast. Please note: the Family History Project is open on a Sunday from 2 to 4pm between Easter and Remembrance.
Other times by email:
fhp@alythparishchurch.org.uk



12 The Old Museum

Alyth museum was established in 1989 and closed due to financial constraints by Culture Perth & Kinross in September 2025. Alyth Youth Partnership (AYP) now lease the building and provide social, educational and recreational activities for local teenagers. A heritage cabinet can be viewed in the building.



13 Millhaugh History Boards

The complete history of Alyth from pre-history to current times.



The Episcopal Church (1856)



Alyth & Meigle Auction Mart used for livestock fairs



Alyth Railway Station (opened in 1861 , closed in 1965).



14 Alyth Market Muir

Alyth Market Muir is a 2.27 ha area situated on the southeast side of Alyth. It is understood that the area has been managed by grazing or mowing for more than 100 years and has not been treated with weedkiller, improved or re-seeded. During a survey in 2022 around 140 species of grasses and flowering plants were identified.



Alyth War Memorial (Airlie St. and Meigle Rd.)



4 Café in the Square

Home of a cabinet displaying heritage items from various long-standing groups in the town. (e.g WRI Scouts, Guides etc.) Closed on a Sunday.

5 Boer War Memorial

This memorial was erected in memory of Lieut.-Colonel Lord Airlie (the Earl of Airlie), Lieut. Nigel Ramsay, and Trooper Charles Wedderburn Ogilvy who died in the second Anglo-Boer or South African War, which was fought between Britain and the Afrikaner (Boer) colonists of the independent South African Republic (the Transvaal) and the Orange Free State.




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HIGH ST.
KIRK BRAE.
BAMFF RD.
CHAPEL ST.
TOUTIE ST.
COMMERCIAL ST.
BAMFF RD.
ALBERT ST.
AIRLIE ST.
ST ANDREWS ST.
ALEXANDRA ST.
ST NINIANS RD.
AIRLIE ST.
MILL ST.
MEIGLE RD.
Toutie Street is the site of Old Alyth's main shopping centre
Millhaugh
Town Square
Mill St. Park
Diamond Jubilee Park
The Episcopal Church (1856)
Previous Location of Alyth Railway Station
Previous location of Alyth & Meigle Auction Mart
Alyth War Memorial
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The Den o' Alyth, was gifted to the town in 1923. Designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by Scottish Natural Heritage, the Den's ancient woodland is of semi-natural origin, comprising native species, such as ash, oak, birch and hazel, and non-native species, such as beech and sycamore. A variety of wildlife is regularly spotted among the oak, ash, beech and birch trees, including red squirrels, deer, tree creepers and great tits, with dippers, herons and grey wagtails often seen by the water.
The period of war with France (1793 to 1814) was generally prosperous and the manufacture of yarn and coarse brown linens (from locally-grown flax) brought good prices, which fell sharply again when peace arrived in 1815.
A link with this period remains in the form of a church bell from Brittany. It was captured in 1810 from a French frigate taken by HMS Horatio and was sent as a gift to Alyth by John Warden, a son of the owner of the Bamff Arms, who served on the ship. It remains on display in the town hall.
Livestock fairs on Market Muir came to an end, which then took place at the Auction Mart, near the Railway Station, convenient for the transport of animals.
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ALYTH Heritage Trail

Alyth's Heritage Trail invites you to wander through the town's rich and varied past, discovering stories shaped by centuries of community, craftsmanship and landscape. From the iconic Old Pack Bridge to the proud Town Hall and the atmospheric Arches, each stop reveals a different chapter in Alyth's history.

Take your time, explore, and enjoy a walk that brings the town's heritage to life.







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