KILBIRNIE

GENERAL, including VILLAGE, ARCHAEOLOGY, and ESTATE AGENTS' PARTICULARS

GENERAL

Johnston	1413, Kilbyrny: Gaelic *cill*, "cell, church", and probably St Brendan.
Census, 1841	Population increase attributed 'to the establishment of a spinning power-loom manufactory, and a mill for spinning flax, which employ together about 500 hands.'
2SA, 1845, 709	Population in 1755, 651; 1801, 959; 1841, 2631. Increase due to establishment of spinning mills.
714	Arable and pasture land. First improvements intriduced by the late William Cochrane of Ladyland. Coal wrought at south end of parish. Sandstone quarry near village, has been operating for about 40 years. Fine cream coloured stone, slightly coarse-grained and durable. 2 flagstone quarries.
Imp Gaz, 1855, 186	1831 population 1541; 1851, 5484. Increase due to mining and industrialization.
Groome, post 1892, 356	1851 pop of village 3399; 1861, 3245; 1871, 3313; 1881, 3405; 1891, 3528.
3SA, 1951, 388	Agricultural improvements began in mid C18. First coal pit opened 1808; power loom weaving introduced in late C18. 1840 GPKA. 1843 Glengarnock Iron Works.
KJ 30.11.1848	The lawless state of the miners employed by this company [Glengarnock] is, by report, notorious. Yet nowhere has more been done to impart to them habits of cleanliness, consistent with economy, or exalt their moral character; and nowhere can a more peaceable class of individuals be found than those immediately under the eye of the manager. A large and elegant schoolhouse was built by the company, and opened at the commencement of the current year, for the instruction of the young; not conducted upon the compulsory system, but parents, though strongly enjoined, allowed to use their own judgement regarding the propriety of educating their children, and calculating if their circumstances can afford the means of education. Happily the system works well; parents left to the exercise of their own will, feel proud to think that they at least get credit for discernment; and buoyed up by the noble flame dear to every human being, act, with pleasure, independently. The day classes have been crowded, while a large number, engaged about the pits and elsewhere, reap the benefit of the evening class. A reading room was opened in the month of June, in a classroom adjoining the school - 120 members enrolled themselves at the low rate of 1s1d per quarter - and they receive about 20 newspapers weekly, exclusive of periodicals, &c. No sooner was a taste for reading so spontaneously displayed than the propriety of establishing a library, in connexion with the works, was taken into consideration, a meeting was called, and a Committee appointed to raise subscriptions and receive donations of books. Through the liberality of the proprietors, their excellent manager and those interested, no less than 500 volumes are now in circulation, amongst 250 members who pay 6d per quarter - thus affording a convincing proof that want of opportunity is the only barrier to their moral and intellectual improvement, and that the evil propensities so often charged against men of this class are more to be ascribed to their neglect by those interested in their improvement than to any wayward principles in their nature.

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Many complaints have been circulated in this once rural district against the evil the erection of these iron works has produced - the increase in crime and demoralization arising from the introduction of such a heterogenous population, and the loss sustained by merchants on account of unscrupulous creditors. It is never taken into consideration that, in the later case, the merchants are themselves to blame. Shops of all description have been opened indiscriminately, in dependence on the colliers and miners, &c., until a once-thriving trade has been so subdivided by opposition, the profits so reduced and, as a last resource to maintain a speculative business, an unwarranted credit has been introduced, which cannot fail ultimately to prove ruinous. Complaints however are not confined to merchants - the farmers complain loudly of the ravages made upon their potato, bean and turnip crops: - the ironmasters are again to blame, no native of Kilbirnie could perpetrate such unwarrantable crimes. If potatoes are muddled, beans or turnips stolen, it must be by miners. Yet, strange, the individual shot at plundering a field of beans (whose case is at present the subject of controversy) is a native of Kilbirnie. Another native of Kilbirnie is at present doing penance in bridewell, not for taking a few beans to allay his hunger, but actually carting them off a neighbouring field.

It would appear strange, yet might not be less strange than true, if in a court of justice it were stated in order to interest the authorities in giving the inhabitants of Kilbirnie the benefit of a police officer and lock-up, that, so lawless is the mining population of this district become - so little respect is shown to person and property, that the farmers themselves have imbibed their want of principle, and would not hesitate in carrying off their neighbour's paling to fence their fields, or cart off clandestinely mine from the ironstone pits to form their garden walks. So long as people have the audacity, without permission, to destroy their landlord's property upon the 12th of August, a farmer can feel little uneasiness in visiting Kilbirnie (bad as it is) after dark, and would run little risk of being plundered, even although he returned home loaded with two-penny loaves, half seas over, about 'the wee short hour ayont the twal'.

RQR, September 1856 — Marriages in parish down because "the mining population of which this pairsh is mostly composed, suffered severely from the late 'strike'.

James Cook, Garnockside Lilts, Beith, John Hood, 1907

'Kilbourny Town', September 1898

The bathing season's now come roun',
And brought us sweaty skins, boys,
We cannot use the Milton groun',
When travelling to the "Linns", boys,
But "Parish Council Candidates"
Will soon be on the paths, boys,
Then vote for those who'll lower the rates
And build up "Public Baths", boys.

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VILLAGE

1SA, 1791, p.260 — Population of village, 300.

2SA, 1845, 709 [2/1840 rev 12/41]1 long street, south to north along river bank, and 1 shorter street extending W. factories on left bank of Garnock and 1 or 2 rows of dwellings [most standing "few years"]. Many new houses in local freestone. Gas light in most houses.
21 new 2-storey dwellings erected in last 8 or 9 years [i.e. c.1831]. Ashlar with mouldings. Designed by "untutored architects".

Imp Gaz, 1855, iii, 187 Only 3 houses in 1742. Recently gas-lit.

Groome, post 1892, 356 Free burgh of barony: rights conferred on mansion before town existed. Main industries: mining, iron and steel works, flax spinning, fishing net works, ropeworks.

3SA, 1951, 388 Only 3 houses in 1740. Agricultural improvements from mid C18 with introduction of cotton weaving. In 1843 Glengarnock Iron Works founded and entire village 'rebuilt' to accomodate workers. built c 60-70 years ago. Grey stone tenements survive. Pop: 9000, inc 2400 in Glengarnock. 128 pre-fabs erected recently.

390 140 permanent houses being built. LA have built 430 houses. Ministry of Supply have built 250 at Garden City. Colvilles have built 142 and W & J Knox 217 houses.

Kinniburgh & Burke, 15 Longbar was built in 1935, Milton from 1949, and Fudstone from 1956.

TT, F 3.12.1897, 5e Reference to new dwelling houses, built by W & J Knox, having been occupied for the first time at the Martinmas term just past (11th Nov 1897).

See also notes of 31.1.1993 site visit, herewith.

ALEXANDER FLEMING AVENUE
AUCHENHOVE CRESCENT
AVILS HILL
ASH 12.7.1901 3 storey tenement to be built at Avils, facing Kerr's Road, for W & J Knox Ltd. Architect: Snodgrass, Beith.

AVILS PLACE
AA 24.5.1883 Messrs Knox's workmen's houses at Avils Place are now finished and occupied.

BAILLIESTON AVENUE
CO3/12/4/4 BBC 7.12.1905 Cottage, B road, for J Allan; John McLelland
BALGRAY AVENUE
BANK STREET
BANKFAULDS AVENUE
BANKSIDE GARDENS
BARONY TERRACE
BATHVILLE ROAD
2/2A/2B
CO3/12/4/3 BBC 7.8.1902 Tenement; John Gonegal.
Listed as Parkhouse Drive until VR 1950/51. Appear to equal 2,4,6h3,h9,h12 PD in VR 1910/11 (John Gonagal). VR 1945/46 - at least 51/52, prop Salvation Army Assurance Society Ltd. 1 sold in c.1950.

BORESTONE AVENUE
BRIDGE STREET
3-5
List 6 Mid C19. 2 storey and attic, 3 bays. Painted ashlar and margins. Central door with fanlight, single 12-pane sash window in L bay, shop door with flanking windows in R bay. Pilasters at doors and at angles support frieze and cornice over ground floor. 3 1st floor windows with original 12-pane glazing. Eaves course, cornice and central wallhead

pediment with tall, slender apex stack. 2 peinded canted dormers. End stacks and slate roof. CS.

12, STAR CAFE

BRIDGEND

1A, GEORGE CINEMA [RADIO CITY]

B, 19.3.1937, 650 1937, plans in hand. **James Houston**, Kilbirnie, architect. [Also in ABN 14.3.1937, 370]

BI 48/566	May 1937	Cinema to be built on site of Bridgend House. 1200 seater. Architect: James Houston. The design of the exterior will be crowned with a tall electric pylon on ultramodern lines.
GH 1.3.1938		Formally opened.
ACC		Plan number 53, approved 9.3.1937.
ACC, TPC 10.6.1947, 762		Planning Application 4368. Addition, George Cinema, Kilbirnie, for Associated G.P. Cinemas; **John McKissock & Son**, Glasgow, architects.
ACC Planning, A8105		January 1955. Internal alterations; Gavin Paterson & Son, for Associated GP Cinemas Ltd.
ACC Planning, B574		October 1956. New doorway, Radio City; James Houston & Son, for Bridgend Picture House Ltd. Cancelled.

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The former Radio has just re-opened as a community centre. This opened as a cinema in 1937, designed by local architect James Houston. It was later renamed George after a takeover by local mogul George Palmer. IT has been derelict ofr many years after closing as a bingo hall. The interior was gutted during the conversion; however, the exterior has been lovingly restored, including a reproduction of the original pylon in the style of a radio transmission mast. Somewhat appropriately, the community centre is set to include a radio station amongst other facilities. [Ref: Evening Times 26 Sept 2003]

RCAHMS, various — Plans, sketches for interior decoration, and photographs, all by **James Houston**,, from Houston & Dunlop collection.

absoluteastronomy.com.topics/Kilbirnie [accessed 23 Jan 2009]

Project begun in 1998, and formally opened 1st March 2004. Architect, **Paddy Cronin**.

13, BRIDGEND BAR

34,36

List 7 — Mid C19. 2 storeys, 3 bays. Painted ashlar and margins. Central recessed door; shop to L, 2 sash windows to R. 3 1st floor sash windows. Eaves course, cornice and central wallhead pediment. End stacks and slate roof. CS.

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AA 24.5.1883 — Mr T B Anderson's 2 storey house at Bridgend also finished and occupied.

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AA 24.5.1883 — Mr William Mackie's house at Bridgend in course of erection.

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AA 16.7.1885 — [Building Operations] Messrs David and John Watson have feued a piece of ground at Bridgendholm and propose building a double cottage.

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CO3/12/4/4	BBC 3.3.1904	Tenement, B St., for R Crawford; Allan R Dunbar, architect
	BBC 5.5.1904	T/ment, B Holm, for Mrs Walker; Allan R Dunbar
	BBC 2.6.1904	T/ments, B: John Snodgrass for himself
		T/ments, B: Allan R Dunbar for himself
		T/ment, B, for W Bell; George Barclay, architect

BRIERY COURT
BROCKLEY VIEW
BROWNHILL CRIVE
CAMPHILL DRIVE
CASTLE DRIVE
CAUSEYFOOT DRIVE
CENTRAL AVENUE

CO3.12.4.22 — Exempt from ACC controls. In course of erection, 6.9.1917

A&BJ 21.8.1918, pp89/90 — 250 housing units for Colvilles. 1916. 19 acres. Planned by the Local Government Board for Scotland. Housing Commissioner: J Walker Smith, MICE, FSI. [Includes site plan]

BN, 4.9.1918, 166 — 250 houses proposed at Glengarnock. Scottish Office of Works, architects. Brick base and roughcast walls. Houses built in pairs or groups of six. Plan and illustration.

COMMUNITY HALL

ACC Planning, A2569 — July 1950. Community Hall, Central Avenue, for Kilbirnie Garden City Owners and Occupiers Association.

PHONE BOX

ACC, RtoCC 28.2.1933 — Approved.

COCHRANE STREET

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List 8 — Mid C19. 2 storeys, 3 bays. Painted droved ashlar and margins. central recessed door with broad pilastered doorpiece, 2 narrow windows above. Plate glass sash windows throughout. Eaves course, cornice and central wallhead pediment with tall corniced apex stack. End stacks and slate roof. B.

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AA 21.8.1884 — Among the building operations at present in progress may be mentioned ... a new 2 storey dwellinghouse to be built of stone for Mr James Lang on his steading in Cochrane Street.

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CO3/12/4/22 — Cottage, CS, T L Watson, architect, Glasgow, for himself. 20.5.1920.

COLDGREEN AVENUE
CONNELL COURT

Kinniburgh & Burke, 102 — Formally opened 4th March 1984

CRAIGHOUSE SQUARE
CRAIGTON ROAD
DALRY ROAD
DEAN ROAD
DENNYHOLM STREET
DIPPLE COURT
DIPPLE VIEW
EASTERN CRESCENT

ACC, Roads C 3.5.1954, 36 — Kilbirnie Garden Village Association want part of Eastern Crescent, known locally as The Horseshoe, and two cul-de-sacs nearby, The Neuks, added to the list of adopted highways.

FUDSTONE DRIVE
GARNOCK COURT
GARNOCK STREET

-, CASTLE VAULTS

ACC Planning Application C618 — 1964, no architect. Awful.

GEIRSTON ROAD [No Postcode]

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ACC Planning Application C427 — 1963-64, Dorran Construction.

GLASGOW STREET
GLEBE ROAD

GLENRIDDET AVENUE
GREENSIDE AVENUE
HAGTHORN AVENUE
HERRIOT AVENUE
HIGH STREET
HOLEHOUSE DRIVE
HOLMHEAD

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CO3/12/4/22	11.9.1919	7 Double cottages, H; J S Snodgrass.
CO3/12/4/4	BBC 2.4.1903	Tenement, H; James Templeton, builder
		Additions, Holmhead Cottage, A Reid
		Cottage, H, N Harrison
	BBC 7.5.1903	D Cottage, H, Mungo Kennedy
	BBC 17.1.1904	Tenement, H, for James Templeton senior; James Templeton junior, architect

31, CHAMBERLAIN COTTAGE
8, AVILS COTTAGE
36-42, 1-4 ALEXANDRA TERRACE
KEIR HARDIE DRIVE
KERSWINNING AVENUE
KIRKLAND ROAD
KNOXVILLE ROAD

Jaandw.co.uk	2007 housing development: layout for self build plots. Jewitt Arschavin & Wilkie, architects, Glasgow.

LADESIDE

CO3/12/4/5	BBC 1.7.1909	Tenement, L, for Miss Jameson; John Stiff, Glasgow, architect

LADESIDE COURT
LADYLAND DRIVE
LADYLAND ROAD (old name/continuation of Dipple Road)
EAST CHURCH MANSE
See Churches
LADYSMITH ROAD
2-6 were until 1950/51 listed under Parkhouse Drive, unnumbered
2, AVILS
4, St BRIGID'S PRESBYTERY

VR 1910/11	Listed

6, KAIMHILL

VR 1910/11	Name connection (Law) suggests this may be Chapelhill Cottage, Avils

8, KINGSBURN
LANGSIDE PLACE

CO3/12/4/4	BBC 2.7.1903	Cottage, LP, for John Walker

LARGS ROAD
14, THRUMS
LINDSAY AVENUE
LOADINGBANK COURT
LYNN DRIVE
MAIN STREET
37-39

List 10	SRC offices. Mid C19. 2 storeys, 3 bays. Symmetrical. Painted ashlar and margins. 3 windows separated by 2 recessed doors with rectangular fanlights and flanking panelled pilasters supporting frieze and cornice. 3 1st floor sash windows in architraves. Eaves course, cornice, blocking course and central wall-head pediment with twin octagonal apex stacks linked by cornice. End stacks and slate roof. B.

Kilbirnie & Glengarnock Civic Week programme 1980

In 1931 the council bought the adjacent (to Walker Hall) Imperial Hotel, and added it to the Walker Hall complex. Stables below survive.

49-53

List 12 — Earlier C19. 2 storeys, 4 bays. Painted ashlar and margins. Central recessed, round headed door with fanlight and pilastered jambs. Shop door with flanking windows in outer bays. Pilastered ground floor supporting continuous frieze and cornice. 4 1st floor sash windows in lugged architraves. Eaves course, cornice, blocking course and central wall-head pediment with panelled apex stack. End stacks and slate roof. B.

55-57

List 13 — Earlier C19. 2 storeys and attic, 3 bays. Ashlar, rusticated to ground floor and polished dressings. Originally 2 central doors, that to L now a window. large shop windows in outer bays. Continuous band course over ground floor. 3 1st floor sash windows in architraves with continuous cill course. Panelled end pilasters to 1st floor. Eaves course, cornice, blocking course and central wall-head pediment with apex stack. 2 box dormers, end stack and slate roof. CS.

ACC Planning, A7386 — June 1954 Shopfront, 57 Main Street, for John Walker & Sons.

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List 14 — Garnock Labour Club. Earlier C19. 2 storeys and attic, 3 bays. Painted ashlar and margins. Unfortunate modern alterations to ground floor. 3 1st floor plate glass sash windows in architraves. Eaves course, cornice and central wall-head pediment with slender, corniced apex stack with chamfered angles. 2 piended canted dormers. Slate roof. CS.

67-71

List 15 — Earlier C19. 2 storeys and attic over basement. Symmetrical. Ashlar, with polished dressings. Central recessed 3-centred-arched pend with pilastered jambs, and fanlight, in architrave, below consoled pediment. Flanked by wide doors and shop windows all with moulded architraves. Door to L has fanlight. Continuous band course over ground floor and moulded cill course to 1st floor. 4 1st floor windows with original 12-pane glazing in lugged architraves. Giant outer pilasters support main entablature and blocking course. Unfortunate central box dormer. End stacks and slate roof. B.

81-83

List 16 — Later C19. 2 storeys and attic. Painted render and ashlar margins. Central recessed door in pilastered doorpiece. Shop with enlarged window in pebble-dashed right bay; blocked door, door, and enlarged shop window in L bay. 4 1st floor sash windows, 3 with original 12-pane glazing. Eaves course. Single modern dormer to R. End stacks and slate roof. Some ceramic tilework by J Duncan in butcher's shop to R. CS.

89-91

List 17 — Earlier C19. 2 storeys, 3 bays. Painted ashlar, dressings and angle margins. Off-centre recessed door in pilastered doorpiece. Shop with enlarged window to left; single window to R with lying-pane glazing. 3 irregularly placed sash windows with modern glazing to 1st floor. Eaves course and cornice. End stacks and slate roof. CS.

c2-32

Kinniburgh & Burke, 102 — Co-operative Buildings were demolished and replaced in 1990

32-36

ACC Planning, A1913 — January 1950. Show room, &c., for Scottish Gas Board.

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ACC, PHDAC 6.10.1932 — BBL. Shop, Main Street, for Galbraith's Stores Ltd., Paisley.

50-52

List 18 — Royal Bank Building. Mid C19. 2 storeys and attic. Painted ashlar and margins. Pilastered ground floor with 2 central windows, door to L, pend to R. fascia and cornice above ground floor. 3 1st floor windows in architraves. Eaves course, cornice, and blocking course. 2 large piended canted dormers. End stacks and slate roof. CS.

54-58

List 19 — Mid C19. 2 storeys, 3 bays. Painted ashlar and margins. central pilastered door flanked by door and shop window. 2 sash windows to outer bays in 1st floor. Eaves course and cornice. End stacks and slate roof. CS.

60-66

ACC Planning, A157 — September 1948. New shop window, 60-66 MS, for Duncan's Economic Stores.

VR 1953/54 — suggest that 64 is Paisley Savings Bank.

80-84

List 20 — Mid C19. 2 storeys, 3 bays. Painted ashlar and margins. Central recessed door with rectangular fanlight and pilastered doorpiece, flanked by modern shops. 3 1st floor sash windows. Eaves course, cornice and central wall-head pediment. Slate roof. CS.

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AA 16.7.1885 — [Building Operations]. The Kilbirnie Co-operative Society are about to commence operations for building a bakehouse on their ground in Main Street.

AA 22.6.1899 — A southward extension of the Central Co-operative is about to be erected. 32' frontage, 2 storeys with attics; architecture in keeping with present premises.

TT, F 23.6.1899, 8c — Work has begun on a new building for the Co-operative Society in Main Street, to the south of their central premises. 2 storeys and an attic, frontage of 32 feet, going back 43 feet. **John Mclelland**, architect. Contractors listed. Estimated cost, £1500.

CO3/12/4/4 BBC 2.5.1907 — Shops & Dwellinghouses, Main St., for Kilbirnie Co-op; James Davidson, architect, Glasgow.

CO3/12/4/22 30.6.1921 — Shop for Co-operative Society; William Mercer, Glasgow.

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CO3/12/4/22 20.5.1920 — Clydesdale Bank; John Baird and James Thomson, Glasgow.

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ACC Planning, A678 — February 1949. Alterations, TSB, Main Street, K, for -- Fletcher.

MANUEL COURT

SVR 1968-1969 — December 1968 to February 1969.

MILL ROAD

MILTON (SHOPS)

Site 4

ACC Planning, A1484 — September 1949. Shop, for William Henderson.

Co-op

ACC Planning, A1626 — November 1949. Shop, Milton Road. K.F. Masson, Glasgow, for Kilbirnie Co-operative Society Ltd.

MILTON QUADRANT

MILTON ROAD

--, SHOP

ACC Planning, A3314 — March 1951. Shop, MR, for W.C. Anderson.

31, BRAEHEAD

ACC Planning, A2581 — bathroom, Braehead, MR; James Houston for Miss M.A. Brodie

7-17

AA 23.12.1920 — To sell, erected "about 20 years ago".

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nr — Unitas Buildings. 6 flats, pre 1899, built for Kilbirnie Co-operative Society Ltd.

40, AVONHAUGH

nr — Appears to be 1899. See Sasine 989.75 of 1899 - John Watt.

ACC Planning, B1289 — May 1957. Addition; James Houston and Son, for Sarah Thomson.

70, WHITEHURST

Schedule, March 1998 — Architect designed detached bungalow built around 1929.

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ACC Planning Application C347 — 1963-64, James Houston & Son

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CO3/12/4/3 — BBC 30.12.1902 — D Cottage, MR; A R Dunbar.

MONTGOMERIE COURT

Kinniburgh & Burke, 102 — 1977

MONTGOMERIESTON PLACE

MONTGOMERIESTON STREET

MOSSEND AVENUE

MUIREND STREET

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ACC Planning Application C496 — 1964-65, James Houston & Son. [Looks good on plans]

20-22

nr — Not found in VR 1900/01. In 1910/11 VR Prop is John Sheddon Snodgrass, architect.

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CO3/12/4/4 — BBC 2.1.1908 — Bakery, Muirend St., for Kilbirnie Co-operative; Thomas Melvin & Sons Ltd, Glasgow, engineers and architects

MUNRO DRIVE

NEWHOUSE DRIVE

NEWTON STREET

1-3

List 22 — Mid C19. 2 storeys, 3 bays, with central door, additional single bay at L curving round corner. Rubble built, with ashlar margins. Pilastered shop front and door piece; single window in R bay. 4 blocked 1st floor windows, eaves course, cornice and wallhead pediment with corniced apex stack. Modern end stacks and slate roof, piended at left. CS.

5-7

List 23 — Mid C19. 2 storeys, 4 bays. Rubble built with ashlar margins. 2 windows and 2 doors at ground floor, centre and left in painted margins. Single blocked window to R. 4 12-pane, 1st floor sash windows. Eaves course and cornice, and central wallhead stack with moulded base. End stack and slate roof. CS.

-, Eglinton Inn

List 24 — Dated 1835. 2 storey, 3 bay corner building with single storey 3-bay cottage at right angles. North elevation is rendered with painted margins; off centre door, windows in outer bays. 2 1st floor windows, blind L bay. Canted angle to L, originally with door at ground (now window) 1 window on 1st floor. Eaves course, cornice and central wallhead pediment. Elevation to Newton St: 1 2-storey bay with single storey centre-doored cottage at left. Harled at ground, rendered 1st floor bay. 1 modern dormer to cottage. Slate roofs. CS.

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CO3/12/4/3 — 1.11.1900 — Shops and dwellinghouses, N St/Montgomery St, for Jamieson's Trustees: John McClelland.

-, CLAREMONT VILLA

LDHS Newsletter, December 2003, 4-5 — Built by James Crawford, mason and builder (†1937) in 1910.

NORTH DRIVE

PADDOCKHOLM ROAD
CO3/12/4/3 BBC 6.11.1902 Tenement, P: James Crawford, builder.
PADUFF PLACE
PARK VIEW
AA, CO3/18/2/59, 3979 1946, 9 temporary houses for Ayr County Council.
PARKHOUSE DRIVE
See also Bathville Road, Ladysmith Road.
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ACC Planning, 3973 October 1946. Bungalow, PD, for James H. Connell. Not found.
ACC Planning, A3443 April 1951. House, PD, for Andrew Stevenson.
ACC Planning, A4182 November 1951. Bungalow, Parkhouse Drive, for George C. Hex.
1-17 ACC Housing
2-18 ACC Housing
20-22
VR 1910/11 May be the 2cotts, Caernoc, PD, (John Riddet).
PLACE VIEW
PLAN VIEW
ST BRENNAN'S COURT
SCHOOL ROAD
BEECHGROVE
List 25 Mid C19 single storey and attic 3 bay cottage. Ashlar. Central recessed pilastered door, flanking windows with lying-pane glazing. Outer pilasters. Eaves course. 2 piended canted dormers. End stacks and slate roof. B.
SCHOOL WYND
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List 26 Earlier C19. 2 storeys, 3 bays. Harled, with painted ashlar margins and additional curved bay at right. Central recessed door with cavetto reveals, architrave, and cornice, with pilastered window above. 4-pane sash windows throughout. Eaves course, cornice, blocking course and broad, central, wallhead pediment with corniced rectangular apex stack. Corner to right curved, with 4-pane sash windows, skew curved above. End stacks. Rear wing at N with lower 2-bay addition at West. B.
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CO3/12/4/3 BBC 14.5.1902 Tenement; D Kirkwood, builder
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ACC Planning, 1102 August 1938, alterations for Ann Knox Fletcher, by **James Houston**.
SERSLEY DRIVE
SOUTH DRIVE
STATION ROAD (Not in Postcodes)
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ACC Planning, A3992 September 1951. Bungalow, SR, K, for George Hex. Superseded by A4182.
STOCKBRIDGE CRESCENT
STONEYHOLM ROAD
13, CRAIG DHU
38
ACC Planning, A89 August 1948. House, off SR, for Edward Mckinstray.
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ACC Planning Application C807 1964-68, James Houston & Son.
42
ACC Planning, 4076 November 1946. House, off SR, for Robert Kane
48
ACC Planning, A2802 October 1950. House, off SR, for William McNeil
50, STRATH HALL
ACC, PHSC 10.6.1931 Subsidy. 4A bungalow, Kilbirnie, for James Thomson.

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ACC Planning, A1344 — August 1949. Bungalow, SR, for William Smith.

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ASH, F 27.4.1888, 5d — James Shaw's new cottage at Stoneyholm is nearly finished - "it is a decided acquisition to the cottages of Kilbirnie, both in point of architectural beauty and substantiality".

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CO3/12/4/4 BBC 7.9.1905 — D Cott, S, for J Reid and A White; J Snodgrass

ACC Planning, 3980 — October 1946. Bungalow, off SR, for Andrew Miller. No decision.

ACC Planning, 4075 — November 1946. House, off SR, for Jessie Lochhead. Abandoned 1950.

SUNDERLAND COURT
TOWNHEAD

7-9

List 27 — Mid C19. 2 storeys, 3 bays. Painted ashlar and margins. Central door, with centre-doored 2 window shop to left, single sash window to right. 3 1st floor windows sash windows. Eaves course, cornice, blocking course and central wall-head pediment. End stacks and slate roof. CS.

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AA 24.5.1883 — Mrs MacMillan's fine 2 storey dwellinghouse with attics at Townhead. [Article: Building in Kilbirnie]

WESTERN CRESCENT

LOCAL AUTHORITY

ACC Planning, 3292 — December 1945. 128 Temporary Houses, Loadingbank, Kilbirnie, for Ayr County Council.

ACC, HC 2.7.1946 — 100 Lindsay houses, Kilbirnie. Springbank Quarry Co Ltd., Airdrie, and William Govan & Sons Ltd, Prestwick. £115633 19s 2d.

ACC Planning, 3979 — October 1946. 9 temporary houses, Bankfaulds, for Ayr County Council.

ACC, HC 3.12.1946, 1630 — 160 houses, Milton Road. 52 B1, 58 B4, 50 C1.

ACC, HC 3.12.1946, 1650 — 160. Palmer Brothers, Kilwinning (106), £42951 18s 0d, and James Thomsion, Kilbirnie (54), £22416 12s 0d; Charles Wark & Son, Irvine (130), £44524 1s 5d, and Barclay & Crawford, Kilbirnie (30) £10122 17s 7d; £186,355 14s 8d.

ACC Planning, 4104 — December 1946. Permanent houses, Milton Road site, for Ayr County Council.

ACC Planning, A877 — April 1949. 20 Blackburn houses, Milton Road, for Ayr County Council.

ACC Planning, A1472 — September 1949. 48 houses, Milton, for Ayr County Council.

ACC Planning, A2315 — May 1950. 18 houses, Milton Road, for Ayr County Council

ACC Planning, A2780 — September 1950. 2-sty house, Milton, for Ayr County Council. [Police?]

ACC, PLC 6.11.1950 — 2 4A houses, Kilbirnie. Palmer Bros., Kilwinning, £1341 0s 5d; Charles Wark & Sons, Irvine, £607 9s 6d; £2997 9s 1d.

ACC Planning, A3147 — January 1951. 38 houses, Milton Road, for Ayr County Council.

ACC Planning, A4009 — September 1951. 6 Weir houses, Milton Road, for Ayr County Council. Cryptic note about going to C.L.B. as 2 houses and 4 houses.

ACC Planning, A4010 — September 1951. 50 Weir houses, Milton Road, for Ayr County Council. Cryptic note about going to C.L.B. as 4½ and 45½ houses.

ACC Planning, A5600	February 1953. 50 Weir houses, Milton Road, for Ayr County Council.
ACC Planning, A5601	February 1953. 30 Weir Timber houses, Milton Road, for Ayr County Council.
ACC Planning, A6271	July 1953. 66 houses (46 Lawrence, 20 Weir timber), Milton Road, for Ayr County Council.
ACC Planning, A7604	August 1954. 108 Lawrence houses and 12 type T/2 houses, Milton, for Ayr County Council.
ACC Planning, A9044	September 1955. 254 houses, Fudstone, for Ayr County Council
ACC Planning, B154	June 1956. 236 houses, Fudstone, for Ayr County Council. 206 Lawrence houses (122 3A, 80 4A, 4 5A) and 30 traditional (20 1A, 10 2A)
ACC Planning, B1369	June 1957. 16 houses, Fudstone, for Ayr County Council. 10 2A, 6 4A.

SCOTTISH SPECIAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION

ACC Planning, A9531	January 1956. 40 Bellstone houses, Fudstone, for SSHA.
ACC Planning, B545	October 1956. 20 Bellstone houses, Fudstone, for SSHA.

UNSORTED

BLACK BULL, Kilbirnie

EG, F 26.2.1869, 250a	ref.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL (and bakery, 57 Main Street)

EG, F 15.10.1915, 1573ab	Business of late James Walker, baker and hotelkeeper, have been disposed of, by his Trustees, who no longer have any interest in the businesses.

WHEATSHEAF INN

EG, Tu 13.7.1915, 1080a	Peter McGuire, WI, K, is in sequestration.

AA 12.3.1846	To sell, tackright of houses, on SW side of road to Beith, occupied by Hugh Peebles, John Watson and John Brodie, on 99 years tack from Whitsunday 1841. Houses "recently built".
AA 25.5.1848	To sell, Riverside House, "new".
ASH, F 25.5.1883, 5g	Building operations,, past few months Knox's workmen's houses at Avils Place now finished and occupied T B Anderson's 2-storey house at Bridgend, also finished and occupied W Mackie's house at Bridgend in course of erection Mrs McMillan's fine two-storey dwelling house and attics at Townhead Wilson's cabinet and chair manufactory on a piece of ground between old and new Glengarnock schools. "The old school at Glengarnock belonging to Messrs Merry & Cuninghame is being partly taken down, and will be remodelled, and utilised as dwelling-houses for a few of the foremen of the new steel works." W Merrie has commenced … a shop and houses adjoining his present property.
BI 11/128 November 1900	Tenement, Newhouse ground, for Archibald Whyte; John McLelland.

CO3/12/4/22	8.1.1920	Picture House, for Dreghorn and Springside Picture House Co. Archts: W M Bishop, Motherwell.
	8.1.1920	Picture House, for [blank]. Archts: Denny & Blair, Glasgow. [DSA has 1920, and 1924, both Denny & Blain]
B 22.10.1926		96 houses to be built for ACC - 1926 - James Houston, Kilbirnie, architect.
B 9.9.1932		Proposed shops and other accommodation: J Houston, architect, Glasgow.
B, 18.6.1937		Proposed 370 council houses in Milton Road. William Reid, County Architect. Plans to be prepared.
B., 5.1.1940		Plans prepared, 1940, by Charles Grant, Ayr.
SRC SWC 22.1.1975		ACC Sheltered Housing unit, Stoneyholm Road, £190,327, approved by SRC.
AA, CO 3/19/1/22		c.1973, job architect for proposed SHU/Residential is Matthew Marshall.

ARCHAEOLOGY

CARWINNING FORT
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This stone walled fort, now in an extremely wasted condition, occupies a splendid situation on the W side of the valley of the Pitcon Burn, the flank of which is here particularly steep. Like the Harpercroft Fort [Dundonald], it consists of a central enclosure c.300' in diameter which lies within the remains of an outer wall placed at a distance of about 100' from it. An additional feature here is a small central enclosure about 100' in diameter formed by a stoney mound. This might be intrusive and might represent the robbed remains of a dun.

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