

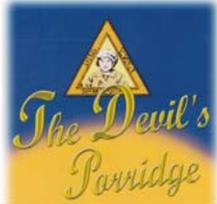
The History of Gretna Township

Gretna Township was founded in 1915 and is now a famous example of town planning history. Gretna was the first new town to be sponsored by the government in Britain and was built to house munition workers from the nearby cordite factory, built at the same time.



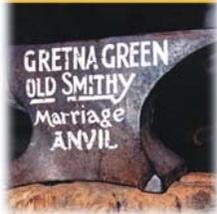
The Devil's Porridge

An amazing exhibition tells the secret story of the greatest munitions factory on Earth.....



The Blacksmith's Anvil

The Anvil is an enduring symbol of Gretna Green weddings because of the many 'Blacksmith Priests' who conducted wedding ceremonies in the area.....



Quintinshill Rail Disaster

A terrible rail disaster which occurred on the 22nd of May 1915, where 227 people lost their lives.....



For More information on the above, and the Gretna Area in general, including

-  Visitor Attractions
-  Places to Stay
-  Out and About
-  Maps & Public Services
-  Local History
-  Business Directory
-  Community Groups

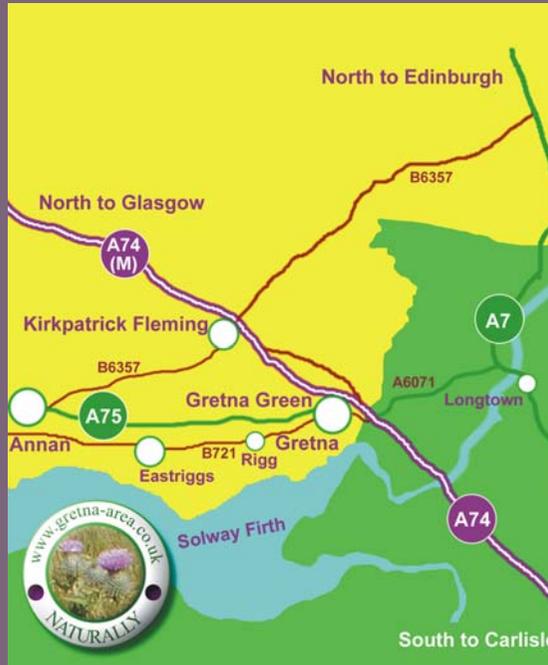
Visit the Gretna Area Web Site at:

www.gretna-area.co.uk

Directions

We are 10 miles north of Carlisle, just over the border into Scotland.

Take the Gretna exit from the A74 (M) North or South Bound or from the West take the Gretna exit from the A75.



Transport

There are train stations at Gretna and Carlisle (only 10 miles away) with good bus links to the Gretna Area.

National Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950

Stagecoach: 08706 082608

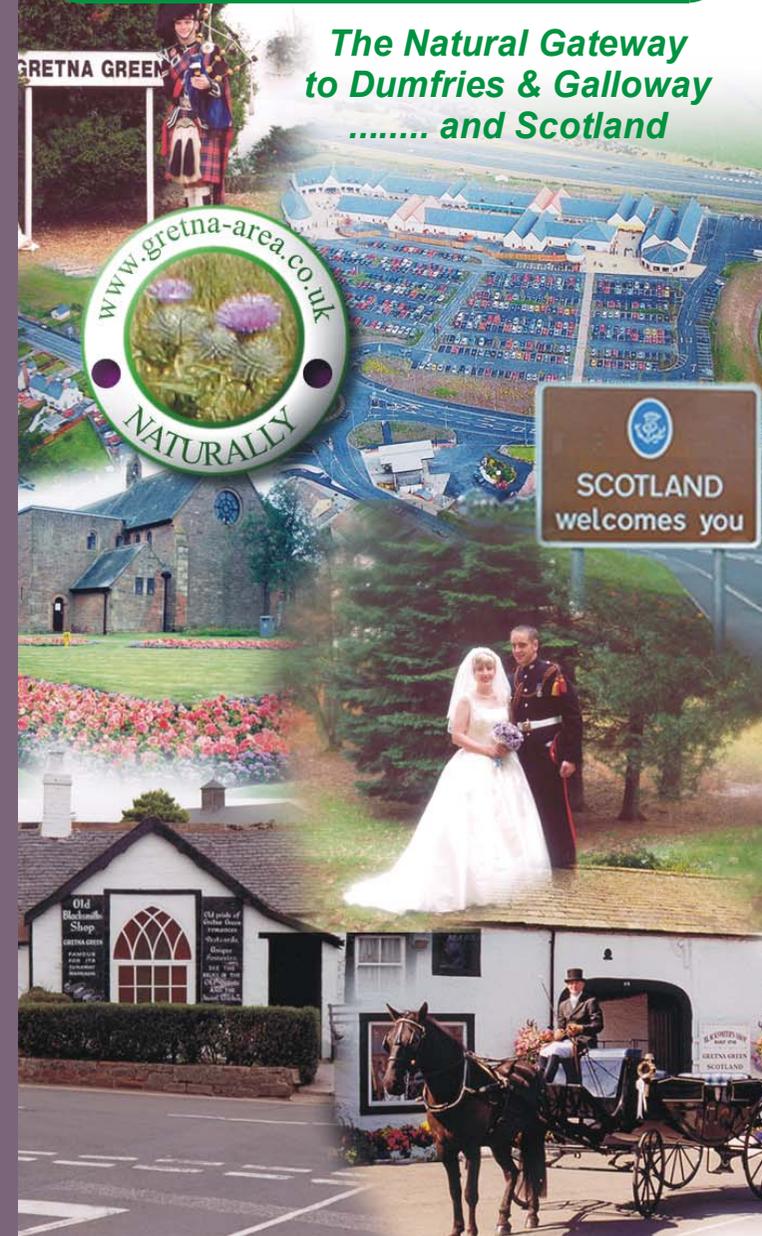
National Express: 08705 808080

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Welcome to:

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The Natural Gateway to Dumfries & Galloway and Scotland



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1 Bruce's Cave

In the winter of 1313 after suffering defeat, King Robert the Bruce went into hiding in the cave near Kirkpatrick Fleming.



2 Westlands

Open daily from Easter till October, Westlands offers all weather family fun including Quad Rides, Paintball, Family and Senior Karts, Clay Shooting and Pony Rides.



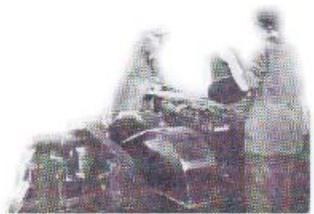
Catering for a single person, small or large parties, corporate days and birthday parties.

9 Gretna Sunday Market

The largest open air Sunday market in South Scotland with a variety of stalls and a huge selection of bargains.



5 The Devil's Porridge Exhibition



The Devil's Porridge was the explosive paste which munitions workers fashioned into ammunition at HM Factory Gretna for British troops for the First World War.

The Exhibition is open from May to October.

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3 Gretna Golf Club

Visitors are welcome at this privately owned 9 hole parkland course with extensive views over the Solway Firth and Cumberland Hills.

The Course is a real test for the enthusiastic golfer and at the same time ideal for the social and family golfer.



11 Gretna Hall

During it's days as a Coaching Inn, the Gretna Hall became a venue for "men and women of breeding and social prominence." As early as 1825 the Inn became a safe and dignified sanctuary for aristocratic runaway couples



12 The World Famous Old Blacksmith's Shop

A prestigious visitor attraction, the site has been built around the original Blacksmith's Shop. It is from within these very walls that the legend of the Anvil emerged.



10 Gretna Gateway Outlet Village

Enjoy shopping at Scotland's top outlet shopping destination - offering leading designer and brand name merchandise at EVERYDAY savings of up to 50% off the original price.



13 Bridge End Nurseries



Bridge End Nurseries is a specialist nursery offering visitors the opportunity to view many rare and unusual varieties of cottage garden perennials and ornamental grasses.

6 Gretna Football Club

Raydale Park is the home of Scotland's newest league team, elected to division 3 in 2002.

A neat little stadium which many genuine football fans will want to add to their list of grounds visited.



4 Greyhound Racing

Halcrow Stadium in Gretna is the South of Scotland's premier Greyhound Racing venue



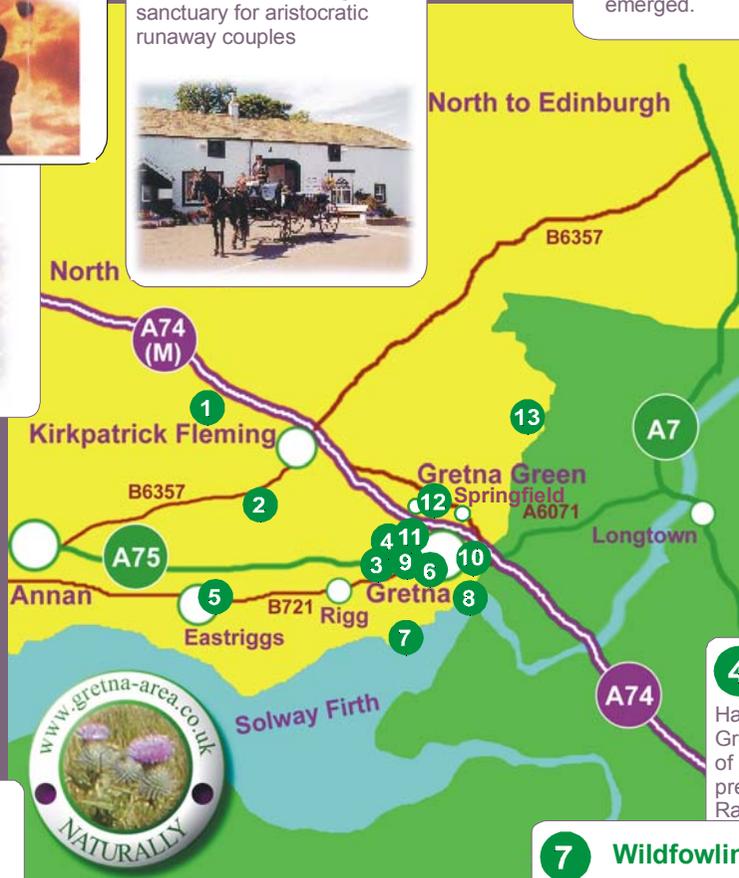
7 Wildfowling

Gretna Wildfowling Association control the shooting from Gretna to Browhouses and also part of the English side.



8 Fishing

Salmon, Trout and Coarse fishing is all available locally.



Local Amenities in the Gretna Area Include:

- Shops
- Registration Office
- Churches
- Community Centre
- Accommodation

