

**8 The Museum** was originally the Town's Carnegie Library which was built in 1906. Bank Street has many fine buildings: The former Bank of Scotland, old police station, the Victoria Halls, Eskine Church, St Andrew's Church, British Linen Bank, and the old post office were all built between 1843-1906. The street has remained almost unchanged.

**St John's Road** houses built between the 1860s and 1880s. Annan Station was built when the railway was laid in 1848. The spire of Greenknowe Church can be seen at the end of the road, it was burned down in 1939. The nearby Annan Academy was built as Greenknowe School in 1896 and extended in the 1960s. The Town's swimming pool was added in 1982.



St John's Road in 1900



Port Street in 1890

**Port Street** has several classical Georgian houses. The Albert Hall was built 1872 by James McLean auctioneer. In the late 19th century a brewery, a tannery and bacon curing factories and a cattle mart combined to produce a terrible smell.

**9 Annan Bridge** The road bridge was built in 1824 by John Laurie to the design of the civil engineer Rennie. This replaced the earlier bridge. This was a section of the 106 mile long Military Road linking Gretna and Portpatrick. The adjacent Blue Bell Inn was an old coaching establishment. The river's caul or weir was built about 1790 to power the cotton, saw and other mills. The Sustrans cycle bridge was built in 2001. Down river beyond the railway bridge the Town Quay on the mill lade was the site of Nicholson's shipyard during the period 1820—1865.



River Bridge



Bridge House

**10 Bridge House** was built in 1780 as a fine Georgian town house. It housed Annan Academy from 1802 to 1820. Thomas Carlyle was educated here and later returned to teach for a brief period. He hated both experiences. A commemorative sandstone plaque is set into the wall. It is hoped to refurbish Bridge House as a museum, archive and community resource.



Mass pipebands, Riding of the Marches



Annan coat of Arms, Annan bridge



The River and Motte from the Town Hall



## The Royal Burgh of Annan

1. Annan Town Hall
2. Motte and Bailey
3. High Street
4. Queensberry Arms
5. Gracie's Banking
6. Old Parish Church
7. Annan Library
8. Museum
9. Annan Water Bridge
10. Bridge House

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