






# LONGTOWN THROUGH THE AGES

 The **Waverley Route** was a railway line that ran south from Edinburgh to Carlisle. The line was built by the North British Railway in 1849 and fully opened in 1862. The line was nicknamed after the popular Waverley Novels, written by Sir Walter Scott. The railway line closed in 1969.

 Longtown was the first town of any size after leaving Carlisle on the Waverley Route. **Longtown Railway Station** was sited at the junction with the Gretna line, just north of the viaduct over the River Esk.

 **Kirkandrews Upon Esk** lays at the heart of the Debateable Land between England and Scotland. Today you can see the stunning St Andrews Church of Kirkandrews Upon Esk, rebuilt in 1775. The sundial clock on the church is dedicated to the safe return of two Graham brothers from WW1.

 **Netherby Hall** is a Grade II mansion with a vast history, originally a Roman camp and from the 16th Century to the 20th Century it was home to the famous Graham family of Longtown.

 **Coop House** was created around 1772 and sits beside the River Esk. This striking Gothic summerhouse is a perfect example of the sort of buildings mid-Georgian gentlemen built to adorn their estates.



For the shorter routes this walk can be accessed from the parking lay-by on the A7, towards Langholm. You could also begin this walk from St Andrews Church, Kirkandrews Upon Esk. Nearest postcode: CA6 5NF. If enjoying the red route you could park in Longtown town centre, nearest postcode: CA6 5LY.

**Improve your Carbon Footprint:**  
Longtown town centre offers regular buses running from Carlisle, Dumfries and Annan.

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## LONGTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENTS:

A series of local walks celebrating the history, nature and community of Longtown



# THE OLD WAVERLEY LINE

Explore the incredible history of Longtown along this public footpath trail.

Thank you to  
**The National Lottery  
Heritage Fund** for  
funding this free map to  
promote and strengthen  
our local community.

**The Waverley Line** was  
Built by the North British  
Railway Company in 1849  
it became vitally important  
during WW1 for the  
transport of munitions. The  
line closed in 1969

● **5 miles, linear route.**  
● **100 - 110 minutes, moderate.**

Beginning in Longtown town centre, walking to Kirkandrews Upon Esk and back. Please note if accessing from the town centre it can be quite difficult to find the start of this walk.

● **Approximately a one mile extension to visit the church and see the suspension bridge.**

— **Waverley Line**

**Safety Brief:** This map follows a public footpath, going over stiles and walking through grassy paths. Please do take care when walking, particularly when weather is wet, as these paths can get boggy. Dog walkers and their dogs are always welcome but please do keep them on a lead and clean up after your dog. Please note that this walk is correct at time of writing.

**Kirkandrews Upon Esk** is a peaceful place but it has a long unsettled history. It was the last mainland area to come under English Rule.

**Kirkandrews Pele Tower**

**St Andrew's Church**

**Suspension Bridge**

**Netherby Hall**

**Netherby Hall** was built on the site of a Roman Fort and contains within it the 17th Century Pele Tower. Netherby Hall is located on the edge of the Debatable Land between England and Scotland.

**Coop House**

The Gothic Folly known as **Coop House** is now maintained by the Landmark Trust. Built in the 18th Century it takes its name from the traps set to catch salmon in the passing river.

This parish lays at the heart of the '**Debatable Land**' between England and Scotland with neither country willing to take control.

The tree lined streets that you can see while walking down the **High Street** were an aesthetic choice by Dr Robert Graham who planned and built the town in the late 18th century.

Netherby Street

Swan Street