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Cummertrees

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Cummertrees is a coastal [village](#) and [parish](#) of [Annandale](#) in [Dumfries and Galloway](#). It lies about a mile inland, on the Pow Water, twelve miles from [Dumfries](#), and three from [Annan](#).^[1]

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Seaside-style holiday houses in Cummertrees's Queensberry Terrace 

History [\[edit\]](#)

Cummertrees is [rural](#), primarily [residential](#) village; the parish includes Powfoot and Trailtrow and is bounded by St Mungo and Hoddam, [Annan](#), the [Solway Firth](#), and [Ruthwell](#) and [Dalton](#). A Public hall was erected at Cummertrees in 1893.^[1] The river Annan is at the northern boundary. It has a wide area of level sand swept by the Solway 'bore' which can move at around ten miles an hour and can often be heard throughout the parish. The seaboard is low and sandy and features in [Walter Scott](#)'s novel *Redgauntlet*. The ground rises a little inland, to 350 feet on Repentance Hill.^[1]

The local geology is mainly [Devonian](#), with old [limestone](#) workings at Kelhead and some [sandstone](#) quarries.^[1]

In a field called Bruce's Acres, at Broom Farm, [Robert Bruce](#) fought and lost a skirmish against the Southron (English).^[1]

Cummertrees parish includes some notable buildings, [Hoddam Castle](#), Kinmount and Murraythwaite. Historically, the main landowner has been the [Marquess of Queensberry](#). The church was founded by Robert Bruce and has been much rebuilt and enlarged.^[1]

Kinmount House [\[edit\]](#)

[Kinmount House](#) was the seat of the Marquesses of Queensberry, described by Groome in 1903 as a *beautiful edifice, built in the early part of the 19th century at a cost of £40,000, and surrounded by fine pleasure grounds*.^[3]

Transport [\[edit\]](#)

Etymology

The meaning of Cummertrees is suggested as being 'confluence at the thorn or brambles' from the Gaelic 'Comar dreas'.^[2]

Cummertrees railway station was opened in 1848 by the **Glasgow, Dumfries and Carlisle Railway**, which then became part of the **Glasgow and South Western Railway**. It was closed by the **British Railways Board** in 1955. The fine station building survives as a private residence.

Views of Cummertrees

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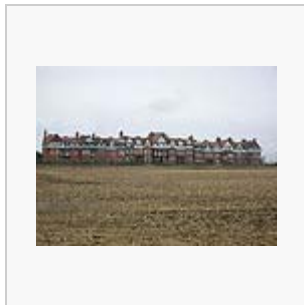
The old **Cummertrees railway station**.



The parish church and **lychgate**.



The Douglas family Mausoleum at the Parish Church.



Holiday apartments at Agnes Hill.

Notable residents

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- **Lady Florence Dixie** (1855-1905), travel writer, **war correspondent**, and **feminist**, a daughter of the 8th Marquess of Queensberry, was born and lived much of her later life on the Kinmount estate at Glenstewart House after her husband lost his family seat through gambling. She had married **Sir Alexander Beaumont Churchill Dixie, 11th Baronet** (1851-1924), known as "Sir A.B.C.D."
- **Lord Francis Douglas** (1847 – 14 July 1865) was a British mountaineer born in Cummertrees. After sharing in the first ascent of the **Matterhorn**, he died in a fall on the way down from the summit



Memorial to Lord Francis Douglas in Cummertrees Parish Church.

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