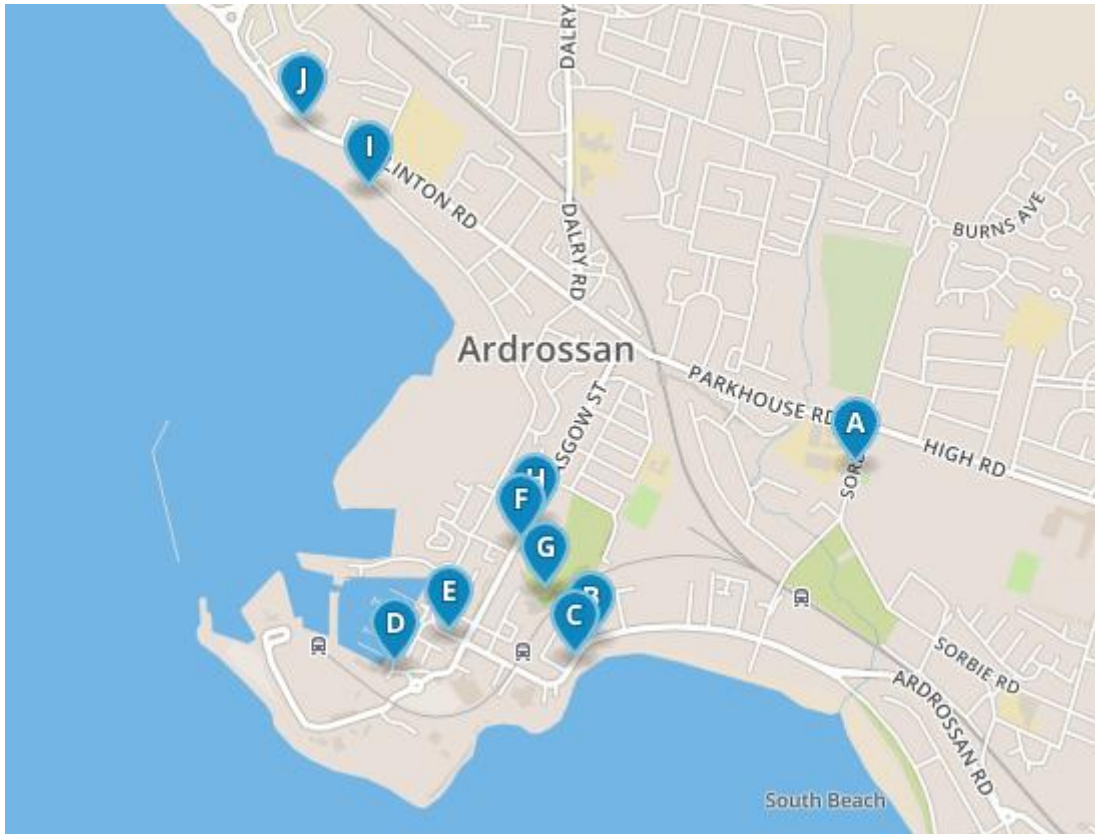


## Ardrossan Heritage Trail Route



Letters for each plaque can be found on the map above.

Start at Ardrossan Academy.

### **(A) Edith McArthur**

Ardrossan Academy, Sorbie Road KA22 8AR

OS Grid Reference - NS 23999 42560

Plaque on main gates. Edith attended the academy<sup>1</sup>.

Go down Sorbie Road past the Ardrossan Academicals Rugby Football Club<sup>2</sup> then down South Beach Road overlooking the Holm Plantation<sup>3</sup> to South Crescent Road. Turn right past the World War 1 Memorial<sup>4</sup>.

### **(B) St Peter in Chains**

1 South Crescent Road, KA22 8DU

OS Grid Reference - NS 23279 42107

Plaque at side of main gate into church grounds.

Continue to Arran Place, overlooking the Dasher Memorial and sunken garden<sup>5</sup>.

### **(C) The Majestics**

6 Arran Place, KA22 8DR

OS Grid Reference - NS 23216 42057

Used in filming for The Majestics.

Continue on past the Barony Church<sup>6</sup> on your right and Bath Villa<sup>7</sup> on your left into Princes Street. Cross over and walk down to the red sandstone building at the corner, Ardrossan Masonic Lodge<sup>8</sup>. Turn left into Harbour Street and at the roundabout turn right to the redbrick building.

### **(D) Ardrossan Harbour**

Cecchini's Restaurant. KA22 8DA

OS Grid Reference - NS 22736 42052

This was the old power house for the harbour.

Return to Princes Street and cross over to the library.

### **(E) Rev John Kerr**

Ardrossan Library, Princes Street, KA22 8BT

OS Grid Reference - NS 22890 42133

Kerr was born in Princes Street at an unknown address.

Turn back and turn left into Glasgow Street. Cross the road and continue up to the Castlehill Gates.

### **(F) Ardrossan Castle and Parish Church**

Middle of Glasgow Street, south side, KA22 8EU

OS Grid Reference - NS 23090 42363

Plaque on gate post.

Climb steps up to Castlehill. (There is an easier route onto Castlehill from Hill Place which is further up Glasgow Street.) Turn left to the parish church ruin then back up the hill to the castle. Then further on to the obelisk monument.

### **(G) Dr Alexander McFadzean**

OS Grid Reference - NS 23133 42221

Plaque in front of monument where the lion stone carving is.

Return to Glasgow Street and continue up to the Civic Centre past the World War 2 Memorial Garden.

### **(H) Peter Nicholson**

Ardrossan Civic Centre<sup>9</sup>, Middle of Glasgow Street, south side, KA22 8EU

OS Grid Reference - NS 23163 42432

Glasgow Street is the main street in the town of Ardrossan that Nicholson designed.

Cross Glasgow Street and enter Barr Street. Continue to Montgomerie Street and turn right. (Note the Fire Station to your left first<sup>10</sup>.)

Continue up Montgomerie Street turning north over the old railway bridge. (On your left you can see parts of the platforms of Ardrossan North Railway Station<sup>11</sup> and the area next to the sea where ShellMex<sup>12</sup> stood.) Continue on to North Crescent Road.

## **(I) Horse Island**

OS Grid Reference - NS 22716 43348

Plaque at end of North Crescent Road overlooking Horse Island.

Continue onto Eglinton Road and turn left. Walk north to the stone bridge over the burn.

## **(J) Mungo Campbell**

Opposite 102 Eglinton Road, KA22 8NN

OS Grid Reference - NS 22557 43497

Plaque at North Shore on stone bridge. This overlooks the rocky area on the shore where Mungo shot the Earl.

This ends the walking route.

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<sup>1</sup> The older part of Ardrossan Academy was built in 1933 and replaced an earlier academy of 1882 located at South Crescent.

<sup>2</sup> Ardrossan Academicals Rugby Football Club were founded in 1921 as the Ardrossan Acidemicals Sports Club and played their matches at Montfode Farm, North Shore, Ardrossan.

<sup>3</sup> The Holm Plantation once had a mineral well that sold bottled water.

<sup>4</sup> This war memorial was unveiled in 1923 and has on it the carved figures of St Andrew, Robert Bruce, Admiral Sir Andrew Wood, James IV, Robert Burns, James Watt and David Livingstone.

<sup>5</sup> HMS Dasher was a Royal Navy aircraft carrier that sank off Ardrossan in 1943 killing 379 men on board.

<sup>6</sup> The Barony Church opened in 1844 as the New Ardrossan Parsh Church.

<sup>7</sup> Bath Villa was built in 1807 by the 12<sup>th</sup> Earl of Eglinton to provide fresh and salt water bathing.

<sup>8</sup> This building used to be the town's court house until the Lodge St John Royal Arch Saltcoats and Ardrossan No. 320 acquired it in 1946.

<sup>9</sup> The Civic Centre was once called Castlecraigs and was built in 1851.

<sup>10</sup> The fire station opened in 1934 and had accommodation for two fire engines, two officers and eight men and their families.

<sup>11</sup> Ardrossan North was one of five railway stations in the town. It opened in 1888 and closed in 1932.

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<sup>12</sup> ShellMex was an oil refinery mainly producing bitumen for road construction. It first started operating in 1927 and produced bitumen until 1985 and was then demolished in 1991.