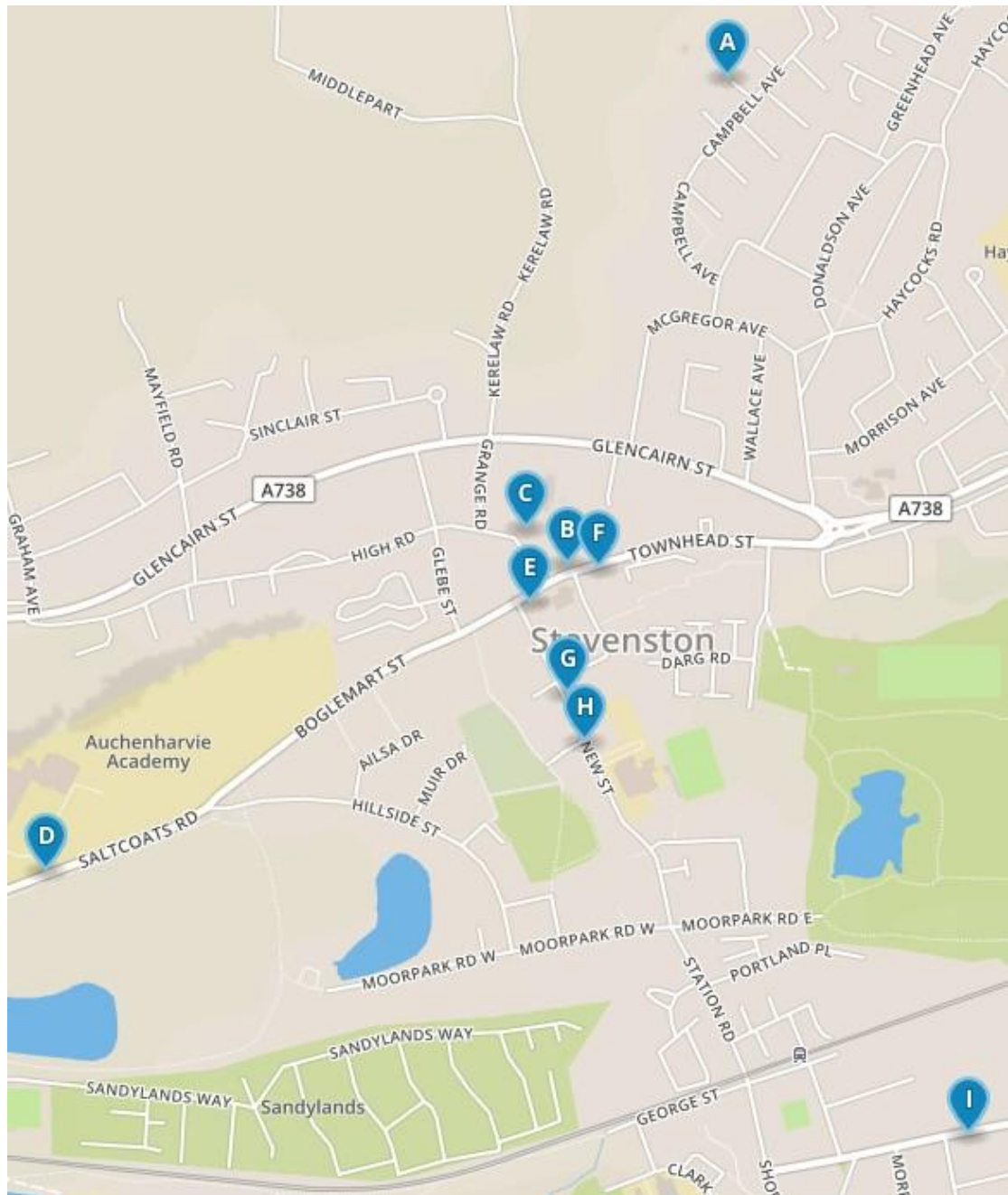


## Stevenston Heritage Trail Route



Letters for each plaque can be found on the map above

Start at Kerelaw Castle

### **(A) Kerelaw Castle**

Northwest of Campbell Avenue, KA20 4BS  
OS Grid Reference - NS 26896 42855

Note the old bridge next to the castle over the burn. This led to where Kerelaw Mansion<sup>1</sup> was.

Follow the footpath south to Campbell Avenue and continue to the path at the rear of McGregor Avenue. This path takes you along the Stevenston Burn to Glencairn Street. Cross Glencairn Street and follow the path beside the burn.

(For an easier walking route not using the burn path – continue on Campbell Avenue to Reid's Avenue and turn go to McGregor Avenue. Turn right again and continue to Glencairn Street, turn right and cross over to the burn path.)

### **(B) Deep Shank Pit**

On path next to 6 Townhead, KA20 3AG  
OS Grid Reference - NS 26640 42180

Continue south on the path to Main Street and turn right. Then turn right into Schoolwell Street. Walk up past the Champion Shell Inn<sup>2</sup> to the wall surrounding the church.

### **(C) David and William Landsborough**

On graveyard wall next to 12 Schoolwell Street, KA20 3DL  
OS Grid Reference - NS 26585 42141

The entrance to the graveyard<sup>3</sup> is on Glencairn Street.

Continue on Schoolwell Street to the High Road<sup>4</sup> and turn left down Glebe Street. At the bottom of Glebe Street turn right into Boglemart Street. At the end of Boglemart Street is Auchenharvie Academy and playing grounds.

### **(D) Seabank House and Nelsons Tower**

Auchenharvie Academy, Saltcoats Road, KA20 3JW  
NS 25967 41677

The plaque is on the main gate to the academy.

Retrace you walk back along Boglemart Street to the town centre and cross over to the library with the Warner Fountain<sup>5</sup> outside. Also note the Stevenston Provost Lamp across on the other side of the Main Street.

### **(E) Ron Geesin**

Stevenston Library, 1 Main Street, KA20 3AB  
OS Grid Reference - NS 26593 42018

Continue up Main Street to Townhead Street.

### **(F) Edward Boyd**

Townhead Christian Fellowship Church, 7 Townhead Street, KA20 3AQ  
OS Grid Reference - NS 26702 42060

Edward Boyd was born at 5 Townhead which in now the Fellowship's car park.

Go past the library and turn left down New Street to the masonic lodge.

### **(G) Francis Love**

Stevenstone Thistle & Rose Lodge No. 169, 54 New Street, KA20 3HD  
OS Grid Reference - NS 26650 41853

Love was a keen freemason and the lodge has a painting of him inside.

Cross over New Street to the cemetery gates.

### **(H) Cholera victims**

New Street Cemetery, New Street, KA20 3HG

OS Grid Reference - NS 26664 41797

This is where the majority of Stevenston's cholera victims were buried.

Continue down New Street (note the building on the right with the flag pole – this is Stevenston's War Memorial<sup>6</sup>), onto Station Road, over the level crossing at the station and onto Shore Road. Go down Shore Road and turn left at the Ardeer Parish Church into Caledonian Road.

### **(I) Alfred Nobel**

Caledonian Road, KA20 3LF

OS Grid Reference - NS 27252 41152

Plaque on wall next to bus stop. Caledonian Road was the main access to Alfred Nobel's factory. Indeed this street was once called Dynamite Road.

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<sup>1</sup> This was the home of Kenneth Campbell, the Victoria Cross winner, who has a plaque in the Saltcoats Heritage Trail.

<sup>2</sup> Behind the Champion Shell Inn is a short road called the Pun Brae where a Bronze Age burial cist was uncovered in 1908.

<sup>3</sup> Many local residents of note are interned here including David Landsborough and Francis Love. In the crypt under the church are the tombs of the Hamiltons of Kerelaw, Warners of Ardeer and Cunninghames of Auchenharvie.

<sup>4</sup> Further up the High Road on the right is Mayville once the home of Lesley Baillie (1768 – 1843) who's beauty inspired Robert Burns to pen two poems about her.

<sup>5</sup> Originally this had a trough for horses attached and two wells to hold drinking water. It was unveiled in 1910 – a gift to the town from Patrick Warner of Ardeer.

<sup>6</sup> The War Memorial Institute is Stevenston's War Memorial. The monument on the front of the building lists the roll of honour for both World Wars and properly states the dates of the First World War as 1914 – 1919 as the war didn't end until the Treaty of Versailles was signed on 28 June 1919.

The Institute also served as the town's Municipal Building when it was a burgh from 1952 to 1975.

Also note the gate posts these are made of cast iron from the Merry and Cunningham Ardeer Iron Works. Look out for more of these gate posts when walking the Heritage Trails of Stevenston, Saltcoats and Ardrossan.