

Borgue Community Assets

Outdoor activities

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| The Dhoon Beach | Just outside Borgue CC area. Large car park and toilets. Issue: Water quality poor for 2018, worse than 2017 |
| Brighthouse Bay | Large beach with parking and toilets. Issue: Water quality getting worse over last 3 years |
| Knockbrex Beach | Walk in 1 km from the road. Limited roadside parking. Historic bathing house. Access to Barlocco Island |
| Isle Mouth Beach | Access to Ardwall Island. Car parking. |
| Carrick Beach | Safe, shallow beach. Easy access. No toilets or facilities. Water quality good. |
| Cycle Route | National Cycle Route 7 passes through Borgue along the coast road and is very popular. Sustrans is reviewing inland route as not well used? |
| Walking | Numerous D&G Core Paths. Some have good gates, some are not well marked. Viewpoints at Knockbrex Hill and Barn Heugh (Kirkandrews). Some conflict with farm operations (cattle feeders blocking paths, gates wired shut etc.). Brighthouse Bay circular path is mostly fenced off from animals |
| Golf | At Brighthouse Bay |
| Rock Climbing | Locations around Meikle Ross. Quite popular with local climbers. Access across farm land from Ross Bay |
| Sea Kayaking | Good access to the sea at the Dhoon, Ross Bay, Brighthouse Bay, Isle Mouth and Carrick |
| Bird Watching | Good sites to see a variety of sea birds through the year. The inland "gorsey knoll" landscape also supports a variety of bird life. |
| Fishing | Sea fishing from coastal cliffs and boats |
| Alpaca Trekking | At Upper Senwick Farm |
| Children's Activities | At Cream o' Galloway, just outside the Borgue area. |

Borgue Coast Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Covers all the Borgue coastline from Senwick Woods round to Carrick and Sandgreen. Home to nesting sea birds, otters and seals. Porpoises often seen offshore. Access to many areas is difficult due to lack of developed paths along the coast. Red Squirrels in western woods.

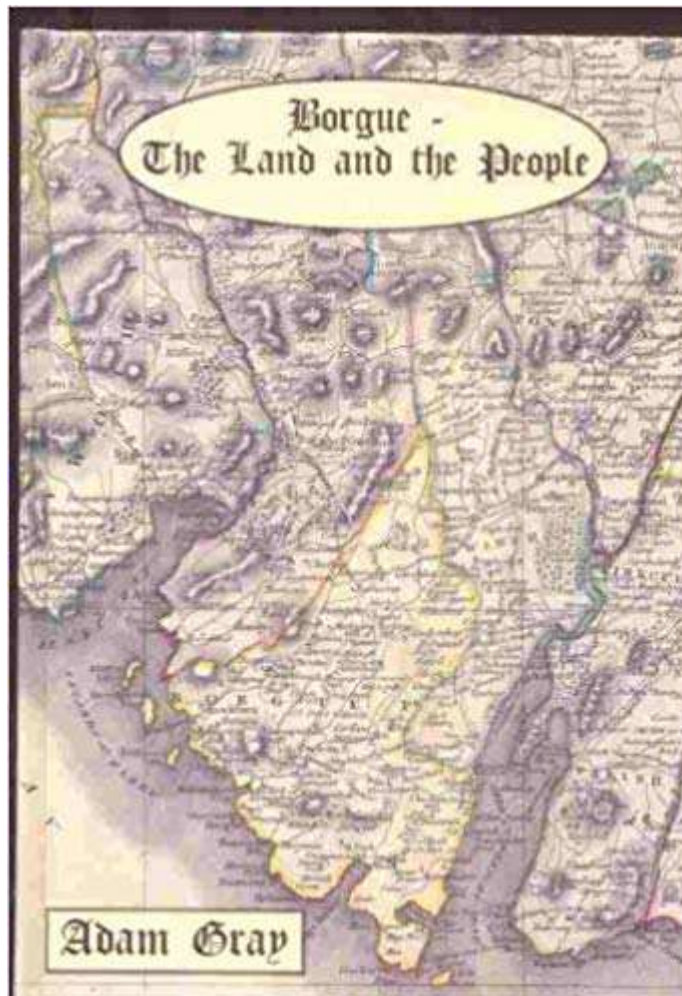
Map of the Borgue SSSI area, shown in yellow.



History

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| Prehistoric | Cup & ring marked rocks, earthworks |
| Iron Age | Numerous forts, mottes & homesteads. Well preserved, partially rebuilt double-walled fort at Castle Haven. Artifacts from Castle Haven are kept at Fishercroft. |
| Churches | Ruined old churches at Kirkandrews & Senwick. Borgue Church dates from 1814 |
| Historic & Listed Buildings | Knockbrex House, Borgue House, Plunton Castle, Barmagachan House, Kirkandrews Kirk, Meggerland Cottages, Kirkandrews & Ingleston laundries, Knockbrex bathing house. Also several old mill buildings. |
| Dry stone dykes | Some fine examples of traditional dry stone dyking in the Galloway style. |
| The Borgue Hearse | Victorian horse-drawn hearse. Owned by the Borgue community |
| Victorian & Edwardian | James Brown's estate structures: Knockbrex Castle, Coo Palace, Kirkandrews Kirk, Laundries, Walls. Examples of Arts & Crafts movement work by G. H. Higginbottom (architect), Frank Hallows (cabinet maker), James Smithies (coppersmith), W. J. Englefield (master pewterer) |
| Books by Adam Gray Snr. (Ingleston) | "Borgue Academy: The story of a village school" (1989) "Borgue - the Land and the People" (2001) "White Gold – the Story of Dairying" |
| William Nicholson | 1782-1849. The "Bard of Galloway", known for his poem "The Brownie of Blednoch". Memorial at Borgue School and grave at Kirkandrews |

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| John MacTaggart | 1800-1830. Author, poet and engineer. Wrote the "Gallogvidian Encyclopaedia" and worked on the Rideau Canal in Canada |
| Lt Colonel Sir William Gordon, Bart of Earlston | Lived at Earlston House, Borgue. In the Charge of The Light Brigade at Balaclava, 25 th Oct 1854. Born 20th October 1830, died 12th May 1906. His horse's grave is at Earlston |





Gordon mausoleum in Borgue churchyard

Facilities

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| Solway View Campsite | Camping and cabins |
| Brighthouse Bay Holiday Park | Large site with camping, caravans, lodges. Has shop, café and golf course |
| Borgue Hotel | Food, drink and numerous activities. Good community focal point. |
| Holiday Cottages | Many cottages available for rent in the area |
| Coo Palace | Holiday Property Bond site with 25 holiday units. Available from mid-2019. Will be a significant increase in visitor numbers who will want access to outdoor activities and local food providers. Huge potential for the village and area if managed correctly. |
| Former garage showroom & Dee Fish smokehouse | Now available to let. Could be an additional hub for the village. |
| Borgue Primary School | Well supported with active PTA and Borgue Fair (long term viability of school numbers??) |

Local Farms & Businesses

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| Farms | 21 working farms in the Borgue area. Mostly dairy and beef. Several small family croft/farms. One hydroponic vegetable and fruit farm. One deer farm at Gledpark. |
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| | Some farms diversified into additional activities: camp site, alpaca trekking, local sales of meat, eggs and produce |
| Honey | Traditional honey-making in the area |

Art, Craft & Culture

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| Borgue Collective | Woodworking, wood turning, textile arts, photography. www.borguecollective.org.uk |
| Linda Mallett | Painting, printmaking. |
| Ian Cameron-Smith | Furniture making. www.cameronsmithdesigns.co.uk |
| Claire Cameron-Smith | Printmaking. www.cameronsmithdesigns.co.uk |
| Alan McClure | Writer and musician. http://www.alanmcclure.co.uk/ |