



Culture & Community Services

Kinross Profile



Kinross House Gardens and Loch Leven

Table of Contents

Introduction	3
Geography	4
Population, general statistics and information	5
Health and Medical.....	6
Education.....	7
Community facilities	9
Employment.....	10
Transport	11
Housing and accommodation	12
Shops / post offices etc.	13
Elected representatives	14

Introduction

The purpose of this profile is to give factual account of Kinross town and its services.

Kinross is the main town in this area, dominated by huge lowland loch, Loch Leven.

A variety of shops exist within the centre of the town and a large supermarket is situated at the western entrance to Kinross, near the M90.

Kinross has a local Police Station, manned during office hours. A small fire station is run by retained firefighters, most of whom live and work locally.

Kinross House has stately gardens, famous for their yew hedges, herbaceous borders and rose beds. For one weekend each July, Kinross is welcomes thousands of visitors to the T in the Park music festival at nearby Balado Farm.

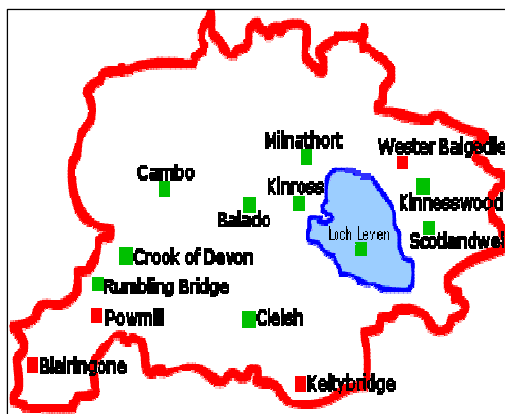
Geography

(the area key geographical features)

The area covered in this profile is the ward of Kinross Town, Perth & Kinross Council Ward 40.

Kinross is situated in an area of considerable natural beauty. It is surrounded by hills, the Ochils to the north and west, Cleish Hills and Benarty to the south, the Lomonds and Bishop Hill to the east. Loch Leven is not only attractive; it has a unique ecology (a naturally nutrient rich eutrophic loch) which gives it protected status at local, national and international level.

Loch Leven, the largest loch of the Scottish Lowlands, is the main feature of this area. Declared a nature reserve in 1964, the Loch today is of international importance, attracting around 15,000 wild geese every autumn. Sitting peacefully on an islet in Loch Leven lies Loch Leven Castle. The Castle gained infamy when it acted as a prison to Mary Queen of Scots in 1567. Her dramatic escape by boat is one of Scotland's most romantic tales.



	Miles	Kms
Aberdeen	100.4	161.6
Carlisle	135.4	218.0
Dundee	36.0	58.0
Dunfermline	12.2	19.6
Edinburgh	26.2	42.1
Glasgow	60.0	96.6
Gleneagles	16.5	26.6
Inverkeithing	13.6	22.0
Inverness	130.7	210.4
Perth	17.8	28.7
Rosyth	14.4	23.2
St.Andrews	28.7	46.2
Stirling	23.6	38.0
Stranraer	145.6	234.3
Tron	91.8	147.7

Population, general statistics and information

Population Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics 2008	Population	%
Total People	4642	100.00
Working age	2788	60.06
Children	881	19.02
Pensionable Age	973	20.92

Ethnicity Census 2001	Population	%
Total People	4681	100.00
White	4643	99.19
Asian	14	0.30
Chinese	16	0.34
Black	0	0.00
Mixed	5	0.11
Other	3	0.06

Gaelic Census 2001		
Speaking Gaelic	13	0.28
Speaking Gaelic – born outside Scotland	0	0.00

Interesting Facts Census 2001	Kinross	Scotland
Average number of persons per household	2.40	2.27
Average number of rooms per household	5.38	4.75
Average number of cars or vans per household	1.29	0.93
Percentage of households with no persons in employment (except full-time students) with dependent children	2.42	5.25

Health and Medical

Kinross town is served by Loch Leven Health Centre, a purpose built facility opened in 2009.

The Health Centre incorporates two practices, St. Serf's Medical Practice with seven GPs and Orwell Practice with two GPs. There is also a clinical team that includes Practice Nurses, District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors, Physiotherapists, Speech Therapists and a Podiatrist. Members of Social Work Services also work within the health centre.

Local people are referred to a number of hospitals depending on the need of the patient.

Hospitals/Medical Centre		
	Loch Leven Medical Centre, Kinross	01577 862112
	Perth Royal Infirmary	01738 623311 - website for directions & information
	Queen Margaret Hosp. Dunfermline	01383 623623 - website for directions & information
	Ninewells Hosp. Dundee	01382 660111 - website for directions & information

Social Work Services – Adult Care, are based at Mill Street In the centre of town. The team include Social Workers and Occupational Therapists. The Home Care Service is also based there. They can be contacted at -

Community Care Access Team
Pullar House
35 Kinnoull Street
Perth PH1 5GD
0845 30 111 20
AccessTeam@pkc.gov.uk

There are two Dental practices; both are in the centre of town -

A Gault, 75 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AA 01577 862 273

W Wait, 2 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TD 01577 864 573

Education

Kinross High School is now within the new Loch Leven Campus, a purpose built facility with modern library, sporting and educational facilities which opened in November 2010. Loch Leven Community Campus offers a wide range of facilities for all members of the local community and is the new home for Kinross High School. State of the art classrooms combined with the latest sports and cultural facilities provide first class education, sports and leisure services.

Address: Kinross High School
Loch Leven Community Campus
Muir
Kinross
KY13 8FQ

Tel. No. 01577 867100
Fax No. 01577 861830
E-mail headteacher@kinrosshigh.pkc.sch.uk

Present Roll: 920

In addition, staff from a range of services and agencies are based at the campus, delivering services on a partnership basis or in the wider community. These services include youth work and adult learning services, as well as community workers and active schools co-ordinators.

Kinross Primary School provides education from nursery to Primary seven and is situated centrally on Station Road.

Address: Kinross Primary School
Station Road
Kinross
KY13 8TG

Tel. No. 01577 863515
Fax No. 01577 865968
E-mail headteacher@kinross-pri.pkc.sch.uk

Present Roll: 444 plus nursery (90 places...50a.m. / 40p.m.)

Pre school education and childcare in Kinross is available both privately and through the local authority at several locations. Details of pre school childcare and education can be found in the Kinross Family Information directory.

Perth College have a local learning centre located centrally in Swansacre, they offer a range of courses and study methods supported by experienced staff, have excellent facilities including teaching rooms and an IT suite.

Community Learning & Development

The Perth & Kinross Council Community Learning & Development Team are based in Loch Leven Community Campus.

Adult learning

The Adult Learning Team provides community based adult learning and literacy in Perth and Kinross. These are informal opportunities for adults, that focus on developing skills to help them in everyday personal, community or family life, further learning or employment.

- Personal development - improving your communication skills including confidence building, computers/ICT, problem solving, working with other people.
- Literacy and Numeracy - developing your reading, writing, spelling and number skills and includes English for speakers of other languages (ESOL).
- Guidance- offering the right level of support to enable you to make the best learning or life choices for yourself.

Capacity Building

The Community Capacity Worker for Kinross-shire's role is to support individuals, groups and organisations to identify the issues affecting their communities. Building skills, community organisations, involvement and equalities supports them in improving the quality of life in their area.

- Where and how to access funding and help with funding applications.
- Promoting networking opportunities.
- Advice and guidance on setting up a group, constitutions planning and evaluating what your group does.
- Developing training programs for local groups and organisations.

Youth Services

There are a number of Youth Services staff operating in the area providing a wide range of activities, opportunities and services.

- Developing and sustaining educational, fun, social activities and opportunities for young people aged 11-25 years old throughout Kinross-shire.
- Youth Achievement Awards, John Muir Awards, Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Street Football
- School Radio Group, Cookery Fun, School Groups, Movie Night
- Detached youth work, and much more.

Youth Services can also provide you with local information on a range of issues and offer a place to come and just chat with one of the team.

Community facilities

Loch Leven Campus facilities

Areas available for community use

General - Library and Museum , Café Zone

Loch Leven Community library is located in the new community campus at Muirs in Kinross. Opened in October 2009 this library offers designated parking for disabled badge holders at the front door and parking for all other vehicles in the large campus car park. Purpose built, this library offers level access to all areas, a hearing loop system, excellent computer access is available including wi-fi.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum is housed within the campus library area and displays an interesting number of local artefacts, records and photographs.

Meetings and Conferences - Meeting rooms, conference suites, interview rooms, lecture theatre, contemplation room, hall with cinema-style projection.

Specialist Areas - Art and design rooms, drama and recording studio, music rooms, ICT suites, kitchen/lifeskills room.

Sports and leisure

The fantastic sports and leisure facilities at Loch Leven Community Campus provide many new sporting opportunities for both school children attending the campus and the wider community of Kinross-shire.

There is a diverse range of facilities on offer which provides something for everyone: individuals, community groups and sports clubs. There is a range of exciting sports and fitness classes available, in addition to activities such as tennis, 5-a-side football and badminton.

Directly across the road from the campus is Loch Leven Leisure Centre, also run by Perth & Kinross Leisure. This centre has a 25m heated swimming pool with a moveable floor that allows the water depth to be changed from a toddler's pool to a diving pool.

Kinross Golf Club offers two 18 hole courses, The Bruce and The Montgomery as well as the recently refurbished modern clubhouse and is at Beeches Park, opposite the Green Hotel.

There is a curling rink at the Green Hotel where the local club meets and holds competitions.

Employment

Kinross is a commuter town that has grown from its old village, on the shores of Loch Leven. The town's situation on the M90, A91 and A977 coupled with its proximity to Edinburgh, Perth and Dunfermline make this an ideal commuter based town. The vast majority of residents commute to work in other towns and cities.

A knitwear industry still remains in the town, although this is a fraction of its original size. A manufacturer of oil and petrol tanks also remains in the town as well as several other small businesses. Service industries, such as hotels and restaurants offer local employment as do the local shops and supermarkets. The Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS), situated in the old walled garden of Kinross House is also a source of local employment – both paid and voluntary within the hospice and its retail outlets in town.

Main employment :

- Tourism
- Recreation & Leisure
- Hotels & Catering
- Care Homes
- Retail
- Farming
- Office and Administrative

The T in the Park event employs a number of young people temporarily throughout its duration in July every year. It is hoped that the planned new curling academy which will be situated centrally in town will also be a prospective employer.

The Kinross-shire Partnership has developed a very informative web site through which its members offer advice and support to new and existing businesses thinking of moving into the area.

The same website also has a 'situations vacant' page on which local business advertise jobs. www.kinross.cc

The table below shows the 2001 census breakdown of Kinross employment by occupation

Occupation	Kinross town (%)
Manager and senior officials	15.7
Professional	12.2
Associate, professional & technical	11.8
Administrative & secretarial	9.8
Skilled trades	12.9
Personal services	6.9
Sales and customer services	7.1
Process plant and machine operatives	10.0
Elementary occupations	13.8

Transport

Due to public transport services being intermittent to and timings often being unsuitable, travel into other towns and cities for employment and social purposes can be difficult if other than by car.

Kinross Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme provide a variety of services that includes a transport service enabling Kinross-shire residents to access medical, other appointments and facilities, whether they be at the local health centre or services in other geographical areas.

Kinross is served by a number of bus services and has a Park and Ride facility situated to the west of town beside the supermarket as well as a number of bus stops throughout the town. A regular bus route (approx. 1 ½ hourly) also incorporates a circular route of the town which includes the Health Centre, Campus, High Street and supermarket.

Kinross Park and Ride is on both the national Megabus and Citilink routes as well as the shorter local routes.

Copies of the Kinross-shire & Bridge of Earn Area Local Public Transport Guide are available free of charge from the Council's Public Transport Unit and various local outlets including the local library.

Kinross was once served by its own train stations but since the Beeching cuts of the 1960's the nearest railway stations are Perth or Cowdenbeath. Inverkeithing railway station is a popular choice locally however as there is free parking and a regular train (approx. every 15mins) to Edinburgh.

A number of local taxi companies also provide private hire both by car and by mini-bus.

To compliment the Loch Leven Heritage Trail a 'Round the Loch' bus service operates every Sunday.

Housing and accommodation

In the 2001 census there were 1,945 households recorded in Kinross. Since then a large number of new houses have been built and some are being currently built at Junction Road, beside the Park and Ride.

Of the 1,945 households in 2001 the vast majority were owner occupied.

The table below shows the breakdown of household profiles with a comparison to Scotland as a whole.

Tenure	Kinross	Scotland
Total number of households with residents	1,945	2,192,246
% Owned	78.56	62.59
% Rented from council	13.47	21.57
% Other social rented	2.06	5.58
% Private rented	5.91	10.26

More social rented accommodation is either currently being built in Kinross or is at the planning stages.

Information regarding council housing is available from
Perth & Kinross Council
Housing & Community Care
Kinross Area Office
21 High Street
Kinross
KY13 8AP

Tel. 01577 862351
Fax. 01577 865352

Shops / post offices etc.

Most shops in Kinross are situated on the High Street and the local post office is situated within Sands supermarket at the North end. It is a sub post office which offers most services including passport verification.

Other shops include –

- Baker
- Charity shops
- Chemist
- Cycle shops
- DVD rental
- Electrical goods
- Estate agents
- Florist
- Hardware, DIY & garden supplies
- Greetings card shop
- Hairdressers
- Kilt & kilt hire
- Kitchenware
- Newsagents
- Optometrists
- Pet Shop
- Sportswear & equipment

In addition to this a large supermarket is situated at the west entrance to Kinross next to the Park and Ride and a general convenience store is also on Green Road.

As well as the shops detailed above there are a number of Inns, Hotels and Public Houses throughout the town.

A petrol station is in the centre of town as well as at the motorway services to the west of Kinross.

Four of the main banks have branches in Kinross, all of which are situated at the North end of the High Street.

A large Recycling Centre is situated at the south of the town at Bridgend Industrial Estate the opening hours are –

Monday - Friday: 0900 - 1900

Saturday - Sunday: 0900 – 1600

Bottle and clothes banks are also sited in Sainsbury's car park and Millbridge Hall car park.

Elected representatives

COUNCILLORS				
Ward	Party	Name	Phone	Email
8	CON	Kathleen Baird	01738 475091 (Council) 01337 840218 (Home)	kbaird@pkc.gov.uk
8	Ind	Michael Barnacle	01738 475027 (Council) 01577 840516 (Home)	mbarnacle@pkc.gov.uk
8	SNP	Sandy Miller	01738 475015 (Council) 01577 840462 (Business)	SMiller@pkc.gov.uk
8	LD	Willie Robertson	01738 475026 (Council) 01577 865178 (Home) 01577 863342 (Business)	wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk

KINROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL	
Secretary – Margaret Scott	Tel. 01577 862945 Email. mbs21@btinternet.com

Kinross Community Council's responsibility is to promote the well being of residents in the area; to ascertain, co-ordinate and express to the local authorities the views of that community in relation to matters for which those authorities are responsible.

The Community Council consists of eleven voluntary, elected members who represent the views of the Kinross community to Perth & Kinross Council.

Meetings, to which members of the public are welcome, are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Kinross CC Newsletter is published every month and includes information on the whole of Kinross-shire. All you would wish to know about local activities, cultural, social, sporting etc. is publicised in the newsletter. Organisations and individuals regularly place articles to promote services or express opinion.

A huge range of community groups and organisations operate within the Kinross. There is a tradition of a very active Community Council and Community based groups working to achieve improvements. These include –

Kinross-shire Partnership

Kinross-shire Fund

KLEO - Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme

Kinross in Bloom

TRACKS – The Rural Access Committee of Kinross-shire

Kinross-shire Plastic bag free campaign

The local website is a valuable source of information - www.kinross.cc

With grateful thanks to Kinross CC website for the use of maps, photographs and information used throughout this document.