



# Culture & Community Services

## Bridge of Earn Profile



# Table of Contents

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

## **Introduction**

The purpose of this profile is to give factual account of Bridge of Earn and its services.

The village of Bridge of Earn sits by the River Earn 4 miles (6Km) South of Perth it nestles between Moncrieffe Hill to the north and the Ochil Hills close to the south making this a walker's paradise. The health giving waters of Pitkeathly Wells made it Scotland's most popular spa and for many years people would arrive from all over Britain travelling by paddle steamer up the Tay Estuary to the Earn, mooring close by the shadow of Dunbarney Church. The "Brig" has moved with the times and is now adjacent to the best road communications in the country so it's easy to bring the rods and clubs. Bridge of Earn is virtually surrounded by rivers, streams and lochs and is within a short travelling distance to the top golf courses in Scotland, if you don't want to travel far then try some of the local courses (12 within a 10 mile radius).

This area is the homeland of the legendary Black Watch, whose regimental museum is in Perth. (5 miles).

There is a strong community spirit which has grown over the years and has seen Bridge of Earn grow into a vibrant and dynamic local village.

Bridge of Earn won the best 'Large Village' in Take a Pride in Perthshire.

## **Geography**

*(the area key geographical features)*

Bridge of Earn and its adjoining village of Kintillo (dating back several hundred years) lies about 5 miles south of Perth, adjacent to the M90 with slip roads North and South. The population is around 2500, with several building developments currently ongoing or near completion.

The Earn, one of Scotland's major rivers, its closest bridge to the sea carried the coaching road from Perth to Edinburgh and led to the settlement which is Bridge of Earn.

This lovely area provides beautiful nature, history and scenic trails with spectacular views.

## **Population, general statistics and information**

*(key stats including age profile and ethnicity)*

<b>Population Census 2001</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>%</b>
Total People	2330	100.00
Male	1033	44.33
Female	1297	55.67

<b>Ethnicity Census 2001</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>%</b>
White	2295	98.50
Asian	4	0.17
Chinese	4	0.17
Black	7	0.30
Mixed	11	0.47
Other	9	0.39

<b>Age Structure</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>%</b>
0 -11	307	13.18
12 -18	275	11.80
19 -24	105	4.51
25 - 49	739	31.72
50 - 64	426	18.28
65 - 80+	478	20.52

## **Health and Medical**

Bridge of Earn is served by a Surgery on Main Street, where there are two GPs. There is also a Practice Nurse, District Nurses and a Health Visitor. Out of Hours care is provided by NHS24.

<b>Hospitals/Medical Centre</b>		
	Bridge of Earn Surgery	Tel: 01738 812000
	Perth Royal Infirmary	01738 623311 - <a href="#">website</a> for directions & information
	Ninewells Hosp. Dundee	01382 660111 - <a href="#">website</a> for directions & information

Bridge of Earn Dental Surgery is on Edinburgh Road.

Social Work Services – Adult Care for the Bridge of Earn area are based at Mill Street in Kinross. The team include Social Workers and Occupational Therapists. The Home Care Service is also based there.

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

## **Education**

Dunbarney Primary School serves the village of Bridge of Earn and the surrounding area. The building was extended in 1996 and provides bright and modern accommodation for pupils and staff. There are seven primary classes. The nursery class has forty part-time places (twenty morning and twenty afternoon).

### **Dunbarney Primary School**

Address: Main Street  
Bridge of Earn  
PH2 9DY

Tel. No. 01738 812213

E-mail [headteacher@dunbarney.pkc.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@dunbarney.pkc.sch.uk)

Present Roll: 176

Dunbarney Primary is within the cluster area of Perth High School. Pupils from within the Dunbarney Primary catchment area attending Perth High School are entitled to free school transport.

Kilgraston is a preparatory, senior school and sixth form independent fee-paying school and is situated in the village of Kintillo. Kilgraston is an all girls school (boarding and day).

For a comprehensive Prospectus Pack and details of fees please contact:

Mrs Linda-Anne Drane  
Principal's PA & Admissions Co-ordinator  
Telephone: 01738 812257  
e-mail: [headoffice@kilgraston.com](mailto:headoffice@kilgraston.com)

Pre school education and childcare in the Bridge of Earn are available both privately and through the local authority at several locations. Details of pre school childcare and education and after schools clubs etc. can be found in the Perth & Surrounding Area Family Information directory.

## **Community Learning & Development**

The Perth & Kinross Council Community Learning & Development Team are based in Loch Leven Community Campus and cover Bridge of Earn.

### **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**

The area is well served with a modern primary school, village hall (Bridge of Earn Institute), Victory Park (Tennis, Bowling Club and Football Pitch (a further football pitch is sited at Kintillo), local church and health facilities. Other facilities include local shops, public houses, restaurant, bed and breakfast establishments and nursery school.

The Police Station on Main Street is manned on a part-time basis.

Bridge of Earn Institute was officially opened in January 1909. The Institute is owned by the village and is built on ground donated by the Moncrieffe family who were, and still are local landowners and who still take a strong interest and provide support to the Institute. The lead player in raising money for the building of the Institute was Herbert Pullar of Dunbarney Estate and a Director of the well known Pullars' of Perth Cleaner and Dyers of international fame. The Institute is run by a voluntary Management Committee, with any profit reinvested for the benefit of the community.

Last year it celebrated its Centenary year, and today, over 100 years on, it remains the hub of the community, playing host to a multitude of groups which serve the community in various ways.

The Institute has 3 main halls, the Earn Room, the Main Hall and the Moncrieffe Room; each suitable for a variety of functions.

The mobile library visits weekly on Fridays and stops in five places in the village.

Bridge of Earn area has been selected to be the next **Placecheck** area in 2010/11. The Environment Service has a dedicated budget to take this forward and carry out work on priorities identified. For more information see: [www.placecheck.info](http://www.placecheck.info). Placecheck is about improving public spaces by the Council and the community working in partnership.

The pavilion at Victory Park is currently be refurbished with funding received from the Lottery. Major work to the interior will commence in the summer 2010.

There is a community newsletter distributed regularly.

## **Employment**

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

Employment in Bridge of Earn town is mainly from retail, care homes and service industries.

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

Occupation	2001	(%)
Professional and Middle Manager	395	22.38
Other non-manual	544	30.82
Skilled manual	263	14.90
Semi/unskilled manual	228	12.92
Other	335	18.98

## **Transport**

Bridge of Earn is served by a number of bus services and is in close proximity to Perth park and ride/megabus stop.

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.

Bridge of Earn was once served by its own train station but since the Beeching cuts of the 1960's the nearest railway station is Perth

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

## **Housing and accommodation**

In the 2001 census there were 1,031 households recorded in Bridge of Earn. Since then a large number of new houses have been built and some are being currently in the village and surrounding area.

Of the 1,031 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	Bridge of Earn	Scotland
Total number of households	1031	2,192,246
% Owned	76.74	62.59
% Rented from council	11.58	21.57
% Other social rented	5.44	5.58
% Private rented	6.24	10.26

Perth and Kinross Council has approved the development of housing on the site previously locating Bridge of Earn Hospital at Oudenarde, Bridge of Earn. The site of the Oudenarde development currently lies within the existing school catchment area of Dunbarney Primary School. However, the Oudenarde development also includes the provision of a new primary school. Currently each school within Perth and Kinross has a clearly defined catchment area which determines the management of pupil intakes. It is recognised that Dunbarney Primary School does not have the capacity to contain projected enrolments resulting from any housing development at Oudenarde. It is therefore necessary to establish a clearly defined catchment area for the primary school being built as part of the Oudenarde development.

Committee\Lifelong Learning\Reports\2006\06.01.11 - Statutory Consultation - Oudenarde.doc

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 Bridge of Earn are situated on the High Street as is the local post office. It is a sub post office which offers most services including passport verification.

Other shops include –

- Baker
- General Store
- Chemist
- Hairdressers
- Take-away

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

Until recently there was a local petrol station however now the nearest petrol station is in Perth.

There are no banks in Bridge of Earn however the general store an ATM machine

Recycling point: Bridge of Earn - Town Hall, Station Road.

## Elected representatives

COUNCILLORS				
Ward	Party	Name	Phone	Email
9	LD	George Hayton	01738 475013 (Council) 01577 863055 (Home)	<a href="mailto:gghayton@pkc.gov.uk">gghayton@pkc.gov.uk</a>
9	IND	Alan Jack	01738 475086 (Council) 01738 813241 (Home)	<a href="mailto:aajack@pkc.gov.uk">aajack@pkc.gov.uk</a>
9	SNP	Wilma Lumsden	01738 475039 (Office) 01738 583376 (Home)	<a href="mailto:WLumsden@pkc.gov.uk">WLumsden@pkc.gov.uk</a>

BRIDGE OF EARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL	
Secretary – Mrs S.L. Nimmo	Tel. Email. <a href="mailto:EarnCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk">EarnCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk</a>

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

Meetings, to which members of the public are welcome, are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7pm in the institute.

Areas covered –

- Aberdalgie,
- Bridge of Earn,
- Craigend,
- Dron,
- Forgandenny,
- Forteviot,
- Path of Condie,
- Rhynd

