

Allotments were very popular during the wars, and in 1935 one of Shettleston's allotments was in the present-day Eastbank Academy grounds. Shettleston's newest allotments were established in 2011 at 68 Eckford Street. Ground contamination from the area's industrial past rules out growing food directly in the ground so the project uses raised beds. The project includes a



community garden and has won many awards.

16: Shettleston Housing Association  
Shettleston Housing Association was set up in 1976 by local people who were concerned at the decline of their community and wished to do something about it. The Association now owns and manages nearly 2,300 houses throughout the community of Shettleston and promotes and initiates wider regeneration activities. Its offices are based in the old Co-operative Halls where many weddings and gala events took place over the twentieth century. The modern renovation won the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS) best building award in 2010.

17: Cooperative Shops  
Early last century there was no other place to do your shopping. In 1915 the co-op had fifteen shops in Shettleston, including a butcher, a furniture shop, a creamery, a horse drawn delivery service, a dance hall venue and much more. The buildings on Shettleston Road and South Vesalius Street were built in 1896 and had shops on the ground floor. If you look up at first floor level you will see the 'unitas' symbol of shaking hands representing the cooperative movement.

18: Shettleston Road  
If you'd been here in the first half of the twentieth century you would have been passed by many trams. One project participant Alice described her work on the trams as a conductress (they were also known as 'Clippies'): "It was a great job and everybody knew you. We wore a bottle green uniform with brass buttons which my mother polished until they glittered".

## Walking Back to the Future

This leaflet was created as part of Walking Back to the Future, a new heritage trail project in Shettleston, which began in February 2014.

The project was created by Fuse Youth Cafe and Shettleston Housing Association. It is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The aim of the project is to celebrate, promote and encourage an interest in Shettleston's rich heritage, whilst also providing an opportunity to get out and about and feel the health benefits of walking.



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# Shettleston Heritage Trail

## Welcome to Shettleston

Shettleston was first mentioned 900 years ago in a medieval manuscript, describing lands belonging to the Bishops of Glasgow. Four centuries ago it was an early centre for coal mining and heat stored underground in the mines is used today to heat houses. Shettleston has one of the only geothermally heated housing developments in the country.

Shettleston remained a small, rural weaving and farming community until the arrival of the railway in 1871. As factory workers settled in the area the population grew rapidly, doubling in the decade between 1890 to 1900. By 1930 nearly all the green space in Shettleston was covered with housing, however, the population was not at a loss for entertainment! Fifty years ago there were four cinemas and two dance halls as well as a swimming pool and many social and sporting clubs. This trail takes you on a journey through Shettleston's past, with four overarching themes: Employment and Industry, Education and Housing, Sport and Recreation, and Social History.

Many famous people have their roots in Shettleston. They include football manager Tommy Docherty and writer and broadcaster Archie MacPherson who have both endorsed this project. Other famous Shettlestonians include Cliff Hanley who wrote the words to Scotland the Brave and Craig Armstrong, a composer who wrote film scores for Moulin Rouge and Romeo and Juliet. Scottish Socialist politician John Wheatley was MP for Glasgow Shettleston 1922-1930. The local college is named after him.

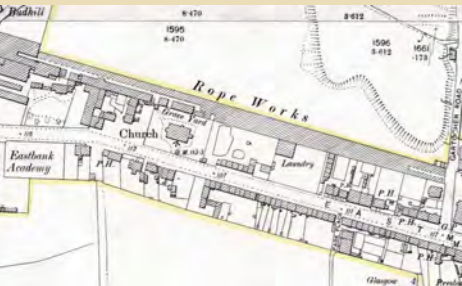
Over eighty Shettleston residents were involved in choosing the sites for this trail. These sites are the ones which meant the most to them. So please, take a walk along the trail, share in their heritage and look towards a bright future for Shettleston.



## Trail 1

**1: Shettleston Station**  
The station was opened in 1871 by the North British Railway Company to serve the village's coal and iron industries. The Budhill Coal and Sandstone Company quarry once stood in what is now the station car park. Why not pop in and see the station's very own library.

**2: Rope Works**  
Shettleston Rope and Wire Works was established in 1860 by Archibald Thomson and Martin Black. Around 100 people worked in the plant which stretched for half a mile from what is now Annick Street to Gartocher Road. Hemp and wire rope was manufactured for customers all across Britain, the Commonwealth and Europe.



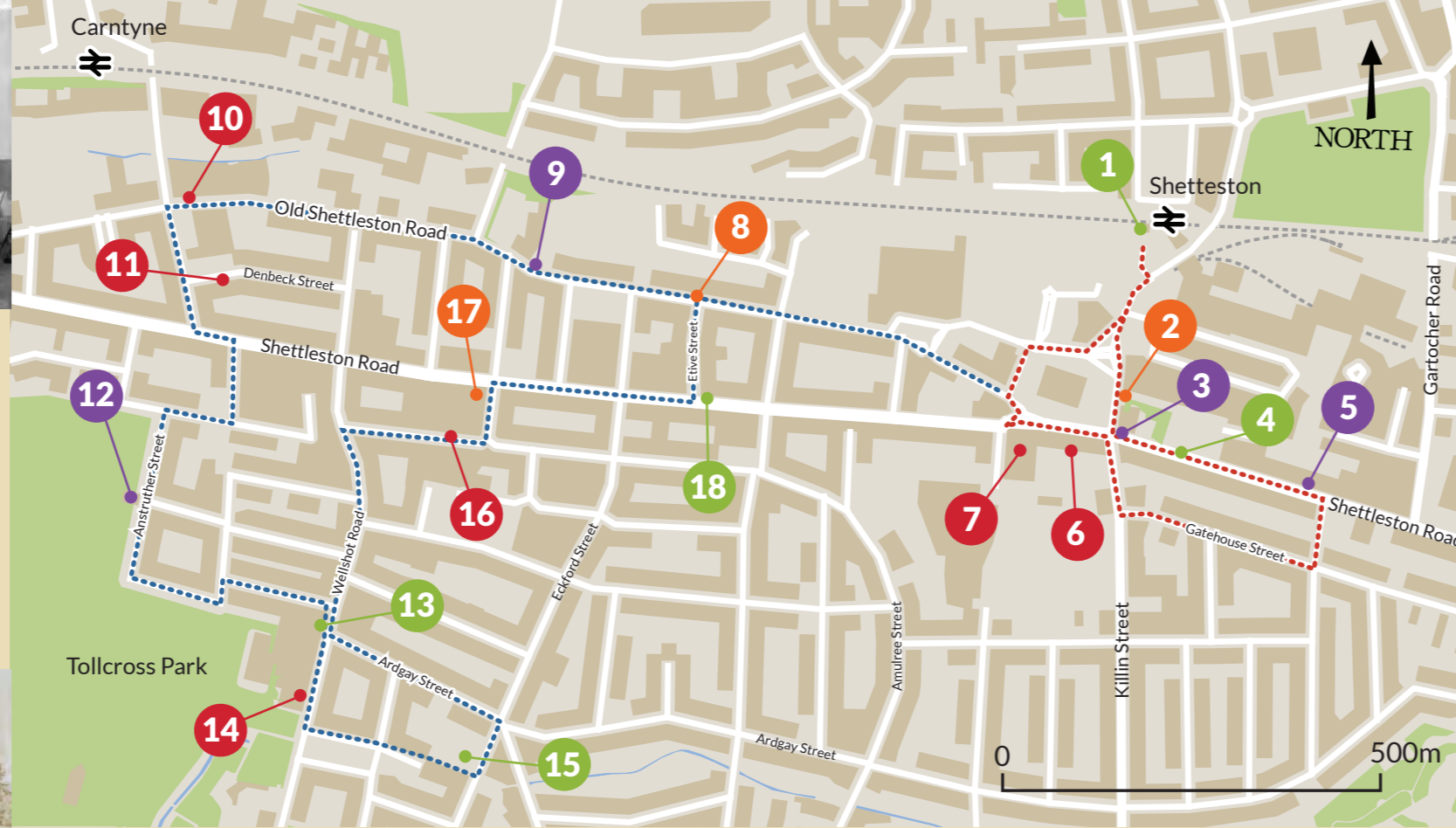
**3: The Kirkhouse**  
One of Shettleston's oldest buildings, the Kirkhouse has been serving customers for over two centuries. It was a stagecoach stop during the days of horse-drawn transport on the route between Glasgow and Edinburgh: in the 1830s there were six per day! The oldest remaining section of the building can be seen in the yard behind the modern pub.



**4: Graveyard**  
At the entrance to the graveyard you can see two sentry boxes. These housed watchmen who would guard against body snatchers. This church once stood in the centre of the graveyard. It opened as a 'Preaching Station' in 1753 which meant Shettleston residents no longer had to walk into Glasgow to go to church.



**5: Fuse Youth Cafe**  
This East End pub called "The Sheiling Bar" was converted into a Youth Cafe and opened in 2009. The project's aim is to develop the premises as a facility with the layout and ambience of cafe culture where young people can meet with their friends in a safe and welcoming environment. Up Gartocher Road to the East of Fuse Cafe is where the Shettleston Harriers had their original club house. This famous Shettleston athletic club began in 1904. Head down Gatehouse Street



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to Killin Street. See how many anderson air raid shelters you can spot in the gardens along the way.

**6: Honeymoon Building**  
So-called locally because the small flats suited newlywed couples. However, the name actually derives from the architect who designed the terrace, named John Honeyman, who worked in partnership with Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Look out for the beautiful stained glass above the doors.

**7: Eastbank Academy**  
Completed in 1893, locals believed it was too large and too grand for a small place like Shettleston. Take a look down Academy Street to see both fine red sandstone buildings. For a time the primary school was situated next door, accessed from Meadowwell Lane.

## Trail 2

**8: Industrial heartland**  
This area along Old Shettleston Road was the industrial heart of Shettleston a hundred years ago. Boyd's Iron Works stood where Tesco is now. Next door was the North British Bottle Manufacturing Company Ltd, where production began in 1904 and, for the first six years, all bottles were hand blown (as shown in this photo). Initially, the bottles were all produced for the booming local whisky industry. A particularly busy time was when the Prohibition Laws in the USA came to an end in the 'thirties.

**9: Shettleston Juniors**  
Shettleston Juniors have a long and proud history, with many achievements since the club started in 1903. It is the most successful club in



junior history for players stepping up to senior clubs. Shettleston's only Junior Cup Final appearance came in 1959 in front of over 65,000 fans at Hampden Park – a 2-1 defeat to Irvine Meadow XI.

**10: Shettleston Primary School**  
This school holds many happy memories for Shettleston residents. This building housed the younger primary school children and the upper primary was across the road. The house to the right was once the home of the school janitor.

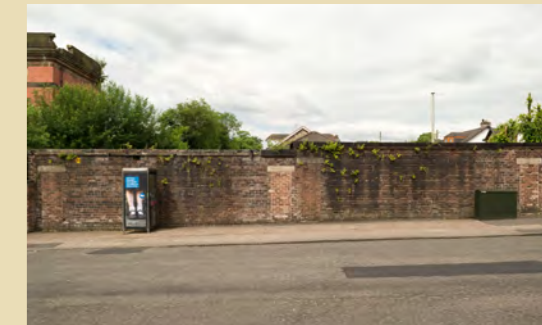
**11: Play Street**  
In the 1950s Denbeck Street was closed to traffic and was called a 'Play Street'. Street games were popular with Shettleston children throughout the last century. Project participants have described common games, including beds or peever (hopscotch); booles (marbles); doublers (a ball game where the ball is thrown against the wall); hunch cuddy hunch; skipping with ropes; kick the can...the list goes on!

**12: Tollcross Park**  
Situated in the park, Tollcross International Sports Centre plays host to the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games. Why not extend your trail to take in the scenic views of Glasgow which can be found here. References to Tollcross Park are recorded as far

back as 1290 when Roger Corbett, a local baron, lived in the area. The park has a rose garden of international importance.

**13: Air Raid Shelters**  
During World War Two, Shettleston, like many towns, had air raid shelters. One of the largest shelter is situated on the corner with Ardgay Street. See if you can spot the bricked-up entrances. Shettleston public baths were used a listening post and a transport depot during the war. Smaller Anderson Shelters were built in peoples' gardens and many still exist in Shettleston.

**14: Shettleston Library**  
Shettleston Library was opened on



Friday, 20th February 1925 by the Lord Provost. A newspaper report described: "Shortly after four o'clock hundreds of school children were on the scene and the commissioner who was in attendance had great difficulty in keeping the children in order. They swarmed round the door like bees round a hive." Next door you'll see Wellshot Halls, where only the facade remains after a devastating fire. The halls were a very popular dance and function venue in the mid twentieth century.

**15: Shettleston Community Growing Project**