

A street long exhibition celebrating the heritage  
& people of the local high street, starting at the  
Castle House Museum, Dunoon

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# THE SHOP KEEPERS OF ARGYLL ST. DUNNOON

## THE PEOPLE OF PLACE:

### The Shop Keepers of Argyll St., Dunoon

Dunoon's Argyll Street has been a thoroughfare for Victorian tourists arriving from Glasgow by paddle steamer and a place of community celebration marked by pipe-bands, floats and flags across two centuries.

The shops along Argyll Street make an enormous contribution to the cultural fabric of the area. They supply people living in and visiting Cowal, with a wide variety of goods and services, giving the town a unique character. This exhibition looks back at the rich heritage of Argyll Street, drawing attention to some of the physical and social changes that have taken place here, whilst celebrating the shop keepers of Dunoon.

### Credits

Co-produced by Hannah Clinch of TACIT-TACIT and Claire Hallybone of Argyll and Bute Council's CARS initiative. Archive material, artefacts and heritage guidance by John Stirling and the amazing volunteers at the Castle House Museum. Thanks also to people who have contributed stories and information from the community, particularly Paddy Girard, the Kent Trust, the staff at the Dunoon Observer and Argyll Print and Design.

## How to use this guide

This guide accompanies The Shop Keepers of Argyll Street exhibition. The exhibition starts at the Castle House Museum and runs along Argyll Street, up to John Street, forming a trail of 15 items.

The Castle House museum holds an amazing collection of artefacts and images associated with the local shops, so it is a great place to start the trail if you can.

The museum is open Mon - Sat,  
10am-4pm, Adults: £3 / £2.50. Kids free!

The locations of the exhibits are marked on the map overleaf. The trail includes images, text extracts and objects. Many of the exhibits are displayed in shop windows. Not all items are obvious, so have fun discovering this local heritage for yourself.

## THE TRAIL

The trail runs from the Castle House Museum, along Argyll Street and up to John Street

### 1. Castle House Museum

Castle Garden  
Images, artefacts & information about Dunoon's high street shops. £3/2.50. Kids free.  
Open Mon-Sat 10-4pm

### 2. Queen's Hall cafe

Ground floor, cafe area.  
The large wall freeze of the Cowal Games, 1926

### 3. Deja Vu

33, Argyll St.  
The shop workers of Cooper's

### 4. 66, Argyll St.

Macpherson's Imperial Tea Room & Bakery

### 5. Kennedy Pharmacy

65 - 67, Argyll St.  
The amazing Mr George Stirling

### 6. Bookpoint

2A, Ferry Brae  
Bell's fashion through the years

### 7. 89, Argyll St.

M. Parker & the Royal Letters Patent

### 8. Gibson's Electrical

96, Argyll St.  
A family business & the great midge money spinner

### 9. AD.Kent's

95, Argyll St.  
Norrie the butcher

### 10. Pricewise

105, Argyll St.  
Maypole Dairy days

### 11. Doon the Watter

120, Argyll St.  
Clydesdale Bank

### 12. Cowal Hospice Shop

132, Argyll St.  
Smith's Library & the missing lion

### 13. Electricom

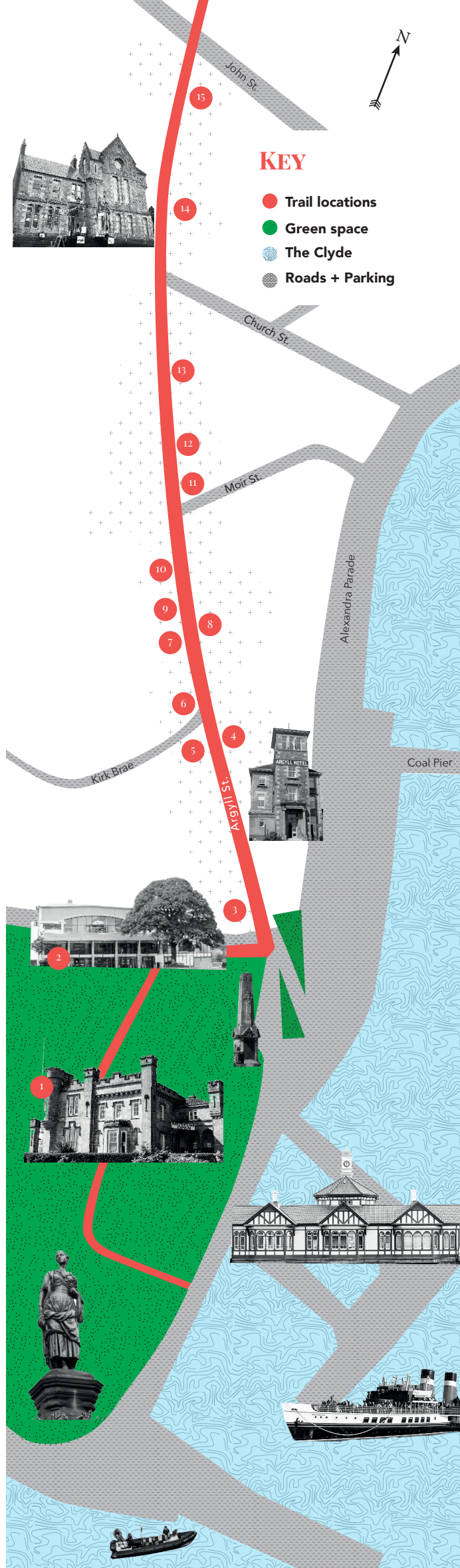
136 -138, Argyll St.  
JE Cunningham & Lawrie's Electricals

### 14. Boots

182, Argyll St.  
132 years of Kirkland's

### 15. Dunoon Property

204, Argyll St.  
The Gregellen Buildings



## LEARN MORE

This collaborative project is inspired by the Castle House Museum's collection of local heritage artefacts and stories.

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The project is part of Argyll and Bute Council's Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), a programme of investment into Dunoon's heritage and the built environment.

Over the next few years there will be further opportunities to discover more about Dunoon's high street. For more information contact Claire Hallybone, the local CARS officer.

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The exhibition is part of the Architecture Fringe 2019 programme, a Scotland wide festival of design and architecture.

[architecturefringe.com](http://architecturefringe.com)

The People of Place project aims to gather stories about characters from Cowal, to enrich our knowledge of place. The project is being developed by TACIT-TACIT a design and research agency based in Dunoon.

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## Contribute

Donate a story to the Shop Keepers of Argyll Street project at the Castle House Museum, visit them to find out more #peopleofplace #dunoonheritage