

## **Cockermouth Civic Trust Town Trail**

The Town Trail starts at the Cockermouth Tourist Information Centre (TIC) in the library on Main Street. It follows 19 plaques in a circular tour and takes you on an interesting walk of this fascinating gem town. Copies of the self-guided leaflet can be purchased from the TIC or New Bookshop also on Main Street.

For a more detailed exploration, the Civic Trust also publishes a booklet, 'Cockermouth and Papcastle, Walks round the Town', again available as above.

The architecture of Cockermouth is complex resulting from over eight centuries of development. The town centre has densely packed medieval streets leading up to the Norman Castle, now flanked by mostly Georgian buildings or frontages.

Ancient burgage plots have become yards and courts but still maintain their medieval structure and many show evidence of development during the industrial revolution with the building of factories and worker's cottages.

Water using industries have influenced the character of the town with mills, factories and tanneries being built along the banks of the Derwent and Cocker. Some of these remain albeit with change of use, generally now residential.