

# A WALK AROUND CUSHENDUN

**Start your walk from the public Car Park in front of Glenmona House**

## Glenmona



Built in 1824 for General (Lord) O'Neill. Later became the property of Ronald McNeill, Lord Cushendun. Building burnt

down by the IRA in May 1922. Rebuilt using existing shell in 1924. Sold to the National Trust in 1953. Village sold to National Trust in 1954. Leased to the Health Authority and became a home for elderly men. Later to become a Special Needs Day Centre.

## Church of Ireland

Built in 1838 by Michael Harrison from Ballycastle. He was living in Glenmona House having married into the McNeil family. Prior to this



Protestants living in Cushendun had to travel to Layde Church, in Cushendall to worship. The sum of £800 was raised by voluntary subscription towards the cost of building the church. Over the years the number of worshippers declined and in 2003 this listed building (B1) was deconsecrated. Now leased by the Cushendun Building Preservation Trust, who are working on a restoration project. (The project won the Northern Ireland heat of the BBC Restoration Village Award in 2006.)

## The Moss School

Near to the Church of Ireland was the site of a Moss School. It was funded by The Church Education Society and was patronised by children of all religions. It had ceased to exist by 1868.

**From the Church of Ireland, walk towards the village**

## Maud Cottages



Built in 1927 for Lord Cushendun named after his wife Maud. Designed by Clough William Ellis to a Cornish design and named after his wife.

## **The Village Main Street**

## The Square



Built in 1912 also designed by Clough William Ellis from Portmeirion in Wales, where "The Prisoner" was filmed and again built to a Cornish style as Maud originated from Cornwall. Both The Square and Maud Cottages were renovated in 2012 with new roofs and additional insulation

## The Tea Room and Store

Formerly a warehouse built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Before the building of a road out of Cushendun and The Glens. (eg The Coast Road). There was a considerable



trade between Cushendun and Campbeltown in Scotland. The store was at this time a commercial warehouse for the storing of goods for import and export. Since 1954, when it became the property of The National Trust, it has been used as a private house, shop and a Tea Room.

## Leavey's

Originally a Public House later became a private house with a shop and Tearoom, for a period of time was also the local Post Office. Completely rebuilt because of subsidence in the 1990s and found to be without foundations.

The National Trust demolished and rebuilt the house to its original state. Now a private house.



**Now look across the road to Mary McBrides Public House**

### Mary McBrides Public House



Reputedly, the smallest Pub in Ireland. Built in 1840, and licensed before 1860.

Daniel McBride, inherited the premises, however as he was in RIC, he could not hold a

license his wife, Mary, therefore took this on. Extended in 1990's, the original bar remains.

### The River Walk

Created by the National Trust within the last 20 years. It starts on the left (South) side of Riverside Crescent, opposite the side entrance to McBrides Public



House and beside the Public Toilets (now closed). On the back wall of the Toilet building is an interesting mosaic. The walk follows the course of the River Dun and ends at a footpath back to The Church of Ireland.



*Across the road from McBrides and down beside the Tea Rooms*



### The Harbour Car Park

Within the harbour confines are various plaques and stones one of which is "The John Hewitt Stone" marking the centenary of both 200 yrs of the Cushendun Parish and 100 years of Hurling in Cushendun.



### The Fuldiew Seat

Erected by the Cushendun and District Development



Association, as part of a Moyle Council Cohesion Project, and supported by The North East Peace III Partnership. It links to the Fuldiew Stone in

Craigagh Graveyard and to the Fuldiew story, unique to Cushendun.

*(Copies of the Fuldiew Story are available at local outlets.)*

*Walk along The Warren (grass area of beach) and view:*



- \* Scotland (on right) – The Mull of Kintyre. (Scotland just 12 miles from Cushendun, is Ireland's closest point to the mainland.)
  - \* Rockport (Northern End of Beach)
  - \* Strand House (Northern end of The Warren)
  - \* Rockport Lodge
  - \* Rockport Harbour
- (All these properties are private)*

*From The Warren, you can return to the Glenmona Car Park.*



*Thank you for your interest in Cushendun*

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