



THE KINGDOM OF MOURNE AN ULSTER-SCOTS HEARTLAND!

***Dae Ye Ken there are many
places of Ulster-Scots
interest in the Kingdom!***

***Fair Fa' Ye To Mourne!
Hae a Bonnie Time!***

Greencastle

The picturesque village, 5 miles south of Kilkeel features a splendid 13th century Norman castle, which was captured in 1315 by Edward Bruce, brother of the famous King of the Scots 'Robert The Bruce'. Three centuries later, in the winter of 1689, a contingent of the Duke of Schomberg's army were stationed in the area tasked with guarding the entrance to Carlingford Lough! Located close to Cranfield Beach, Greencastle attracts large numbers of visitors and tourists to what is the most southern settlement in the whole of Northern Ireland!



The Old Church, Kilkeel

Kilkeel meaning 'Church of the Narrows' takes its name from this 14th Century Church which overlooks the town. However, for some time following the arrival of Scottish settlers, Kilkeel was known by its Scots version 'Kirkiel'.

In among the old headstones in the cemetery are to be found many Scots names, which are still prevalent in the Mournes today!



Hanna's Close

A unique Scottish 'clachan' or cluster of cottages located on the edge of Kilkeel, the Close was settled by Scots Presbyterians in 1640 and takes its name from the Hannas of Sorbie in Galloway. The most famous Hanna connected to Hanna's Close is Victoria Cross Winner Robert Hill Hanna who was born in 1887 in the townland of Aughnahoory. He won his VC for conspicuous bravery during the battle of Lens, France in August 1917. Now restored to its former glory, the cottages are available for self catering accommodation!



Mourne Presbyterian Church

Now situated on Greencastle Street, Kilkeel, this is the oldest Presbyterian congregation in Mourne being established in 1696 and is a fine example of Mourne granite and architecture.

In front of the Church is a magnificent marble War Memorial and there are also historic headstones in the graveyard to the memory of famous Ulster-Scots Captain Chesney and General Nugent.



Annalong Cornmill

A beautiful stone built Cornmill and museum situated in the quaint village of Annalong, the mill was in operation from the early 1800s until the 1960s.

According to local history, the mill was used for a time as a Meeting House for Annalong Presbyterians until their Church was opened in 1842.

Here at the Cornmill you can experience how many local folk lived and worked in bygone days!



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Ballyvea Museum

A privately owned Victorian Farmhouse located in the townland of Ballyvea, just outside Ballymartin village, the house was built in the 1850s and was a wedding present to Edward Irvine from General Chesney!

The Irvine family, originally from Scotland, inhabited the homestead in Ballyvea until 1956 and it was restored in 1978 to be used as a private museum.



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Kilkeel Orange Hall

Opened in 2015 on Greencastle Street to replace the old hall which was built in 1921, Kilkeel Orange Hall is one of the finest and most modern Orange Halls anywhere across Ulster.

The hall is home to 4 local marching bands, the largest Royal Black Preceptory in the world and also displays much local Ulster-Scots history and heritage! The new hall with its fantastic architecture and Corinthian facade at the front entrance is a must see!



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Reivers House

The Schomberg Society's Reivers House is an Ulster-Scots cultural centre which promotes the rich Ulster-Scots traditions and identity of the Mournes!

This cultural hub showcases the best of Ulster-Scots music and dance and explores the history, heritage and language of its people! Why not come in and see for yourself!

For further information on these places of Ulster-Scots interest, contact the Schomberg Society or call into Reivers House!



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The Schomberg Reivers Festival

Why not come along and enjoy
The Reivers Ulster-Scots Festival
centred around the 11th July Celebrations
in Kilkeel showcasing all facets of Ulster-Scots music,
song, dance and living history!

You'll be made very welcome!

The Schomberg Society
...Building A Strong and Dynamic
Ulster-Scots Community!



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