

COUNTYWIDE WEBSITES originating in Cumbria

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The items on this list each cover many townships, too many to link individually. To use the list, open a website and then use the FIND facility under EDIT to check if there is any content relating to the place of interest

Archaeology and Ancient History

[Discover Derwentio](#)

[Grampus Heritage]: – *a detailed record of the archaeological activities at Papcastle 2010-2014*

CWAAS

1. [Archaeological projects in Cumbria 2009](#) *Schedule and summary of outcomes*
2. [Archaeological projects in Cumbria 2010](#) *Schedule and summary of outcomes*
3. [University research projects](#)
4. [Norman Rule in Cumbria 1092-1136](#): *full notes of lecture to CWAAS*

Mining and Industry

[Mines of the West Pennines](#) *Monograph - History & technical detail [Northern Mines Research Society]*

[Steetley Minerals](#)

Promotional catalogue giving short accounts of many mines in Cumbria

[Cumbria Industrial History Society](#) *extensive material on history of Cumbrian industries*

Business History

[Thomas Armstrong](#) (Builders)

Limited statement of history dating back to 1830

Natural History

[Cumbria Avifaunas](#)

A History by Cumbria Bird Club: Detail catalogue

Buildings and Monuments

[Cumbrian Towers & Fortified Buildings](#) *Description & photographs*

Aerial photographs

1. [many places in the county](#) (Geograph - Simon Ledingham)
2. [Simon Ledingham background](#) (Visit Cumbria)

[Cumbrian War memorials](#)

Record of memorials and inscriptions

[South Lakeland District Council](#)

Conservation Areas –Character Appraisals

Biographies

[Biographies of various persons buried in Allerdale](#)

[Allerdale Borough Council Bereavement Services]

Transport History

[Cleator and Workington Railway](#)

Extensive account

[Cumbrian Railways](#)

detailed archive of railway material

[Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line](#) *Project to identify, record and assess the condition of all the railway-related historic structures:*

Applies to many parishes along the line

[Waverley Railway Line](#)

Edinburgh -Carlisle

History leading to its opening in 1862, closure in 1969 and rebirth in 21stC Waverley Route

Heritage Association (M Stoddon)

[Fellrunner bus service](#)

Short history

[Cockermouth Keswick & Penrith Railway](#)

Description of line and present position

Energy

[Cumbria Wind Watch](#)

Development of wind farms

Detailed directory

General

PastPresented:

1. [Catalogue of small booklets](#)
2. [Source information](#) *about many individual aspects of local historical interest*

[Flat Caps & Bonnets](#) (K Scales)

Collection of 142 History books/sets of records : On DVD for purchase

Cumbria Family History Society

1. [Catalogue of CFHS Publications](#) *for purchase*
2. [Website inventory:](#) *Long list of other potential historical websites sources*

[Mick Jane's Cumbrian Books](#)

Catalogue of articles of interest to general public

[Steve Bulman](#)

Links to Extracts from directories, shipping, worthies, maps, articles, individual entries of parishes

[The Philology of The Lakeland Dialect](#) *Article by Canon Ellwood, Lakeland Dialect Society*

[Fell & Rock Climbing Club](#)

Articles from FRCC Journals giving detailed History of the climbing guides

[The Poll of the Knights](#)

*Full text; count & names of freeholders/voters in Westmorland in 1826
University of California Libraries*

[Cumbrian Lad: Memoirs of hunting in Cumbria](#)

extensive accounts including history

[Parliamentary enclosure and changes in landownership in an upland environment:
Westmorland, .1770–1860](#)

[History of Education in Westmorland, 1870-1914 \(Thesis\)](#)

[History and development of the English Lake District: LDNP](#)

[Cumbria Folklore.. D McIlmoyle](#)

Historical Directories

Leicester University has placed a large number of historical directories on-line. The collection was moved in 2014 to a "Special Collections" website which seems to be less intuitive to use and may take more effort to get used to.

It can also be busy and hence 'sticky' to use whilst one waits. There are 12 directories covering Cumberland, (one including Westmoreland and Furness) a further 10 for Westmoreland.

The most useful are the ones shown below, but **be aware that the page-numbering on the websites are not the same as those of the printed volumes and each differs.**

[Cumberland, Westmoreland & Furness, 1829 Parson & White,](#)

Index page 760 ff: Webpages are 2 more than print pages

[Cumberland, 1847 Mannix & Whelan,](#)

Index page 4 ff: Webpages are 7 more than print pages

[Cumberland, Bulmer, 1901](#)

Index page 3 ff: Webpages are 4 more than print pages

[Westmoreland and parts of Furness, 1851 Mannex & Co.,](#)

Index page 4 ff: Webpages are 1 less than print pages

[Westmoreland, Bulmer, 1885](#)

Index page 3 ff: Webpages are 4 more than print pages