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

CWAAS
I. Archaeological projects in Cumbria 2003 to 2014 Schedule and summary of outcomes

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 amongst other counties - 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
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