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# Our History

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## Welcome to the Lochgoin Covenanters' Museum.

Almost every corner of southern Scotland has  
a tale to tell about the Covenanters.

I'm Callum, your  
Covenanter Guide!



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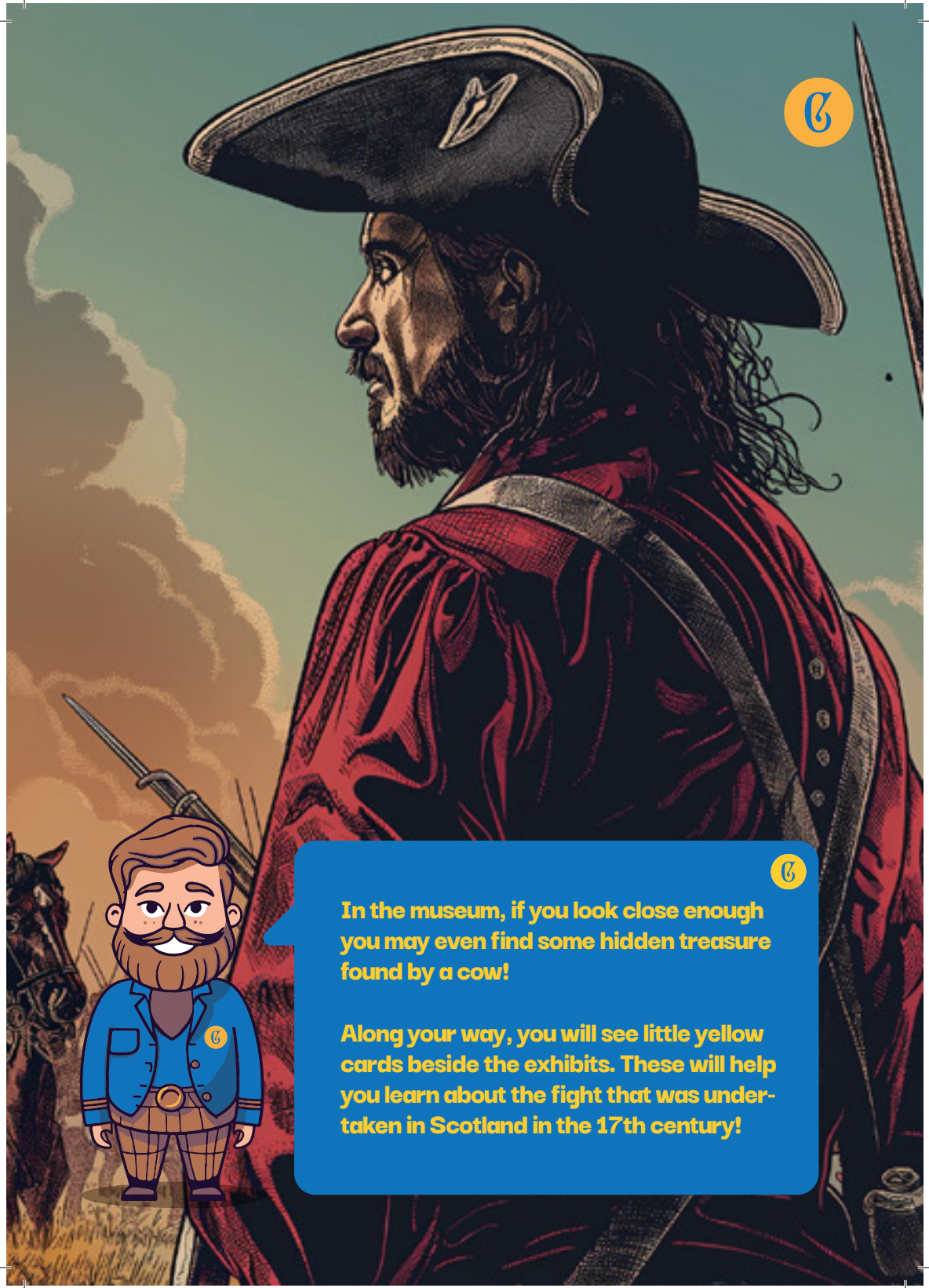
# Meet Your Guide

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**Hi, my name is Callum and  
I will be your guide on your  
visit to the museum.**

Join me on a journey around the Lochgoin  
Covenanters' Museum where you'll learn more  
about the men and women who supported the  
Covenant rather than accepting the royal decree  
that King Charles I was head of the church.





**In the museum, if you look close enough you may even find some hidden treasure found by a cow!**

**Along your way, you will see little yellow cards beside the exhibits. These will help you learn about the fight that was undertaken in Scotland in the 17th century!**

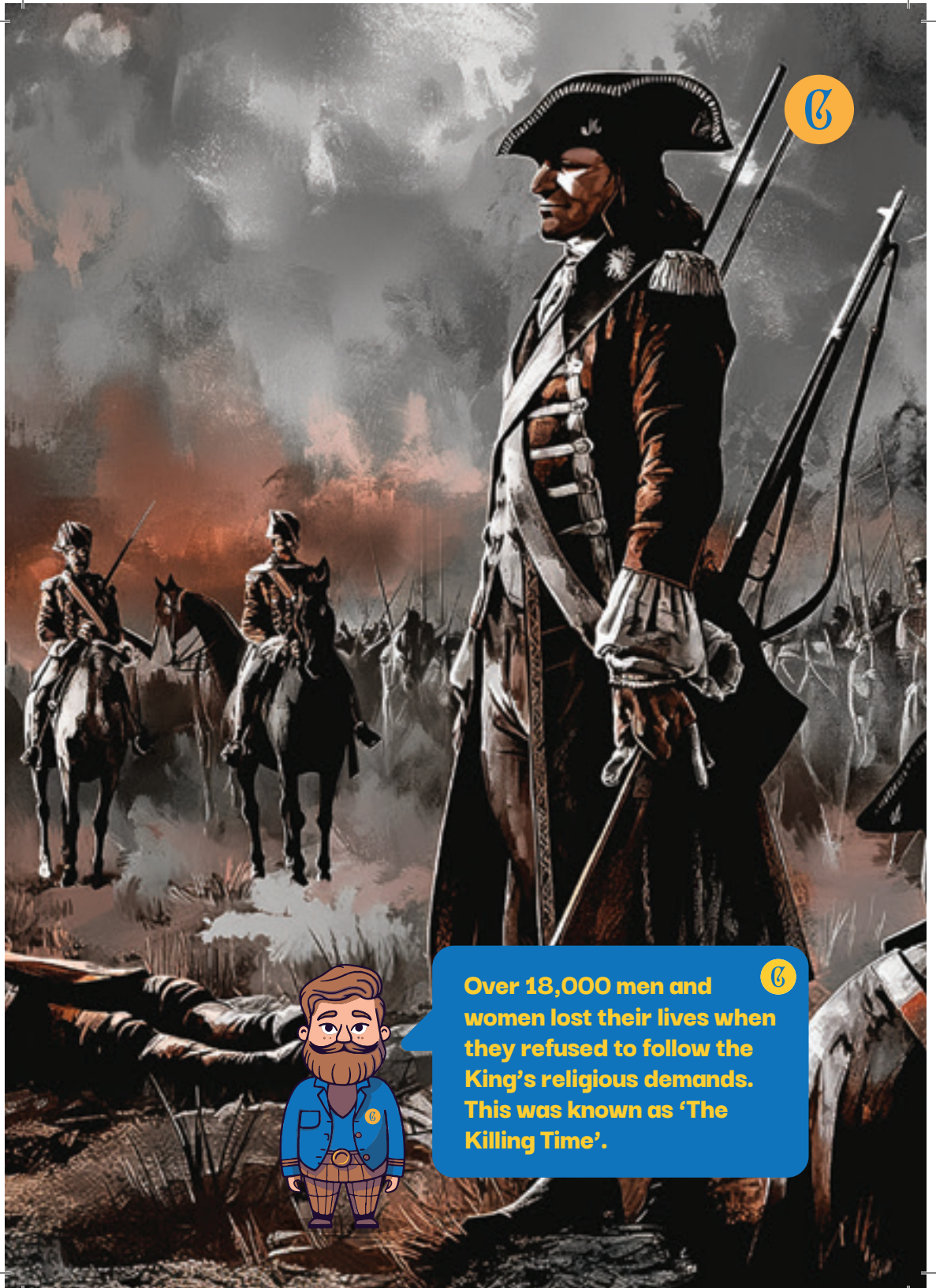


OUR HISTORY

# The Covenanters

**The Covenanters were the people who signed the National Covenant in 1638. They believed only Jesus Christ could be the head of their church, not a king.**

The death penalty was imposed for even attending a Coventicle. A Coventicle is another name for a secret or unlawful church service. Sometimes these Coventicles were held in barns, houses or outside near caves.



Over 18,000 men and women lost their lives when they refused to follow the King's religious demands. This was known as 'The Killing Time'.



## TASK ONE

# The Coventicles

Coventicles were performed by church ministers who broke free when Charles II brought change to the church.

The ministers left their parishes and couldn't live within twenty miles of them.



### QUESTION

The authorities declared Field Preaching (the holding of Coventicles) to be a capital offence. It was against the law to miss three services held in a church in a row!

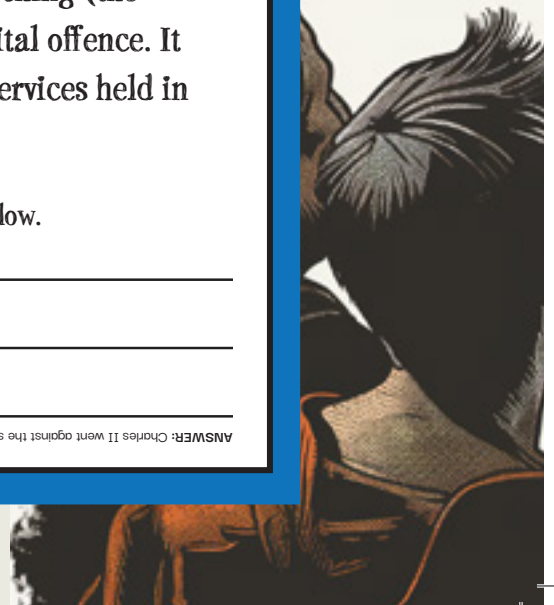
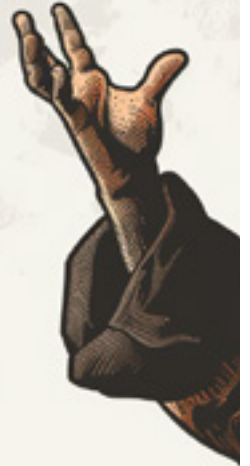
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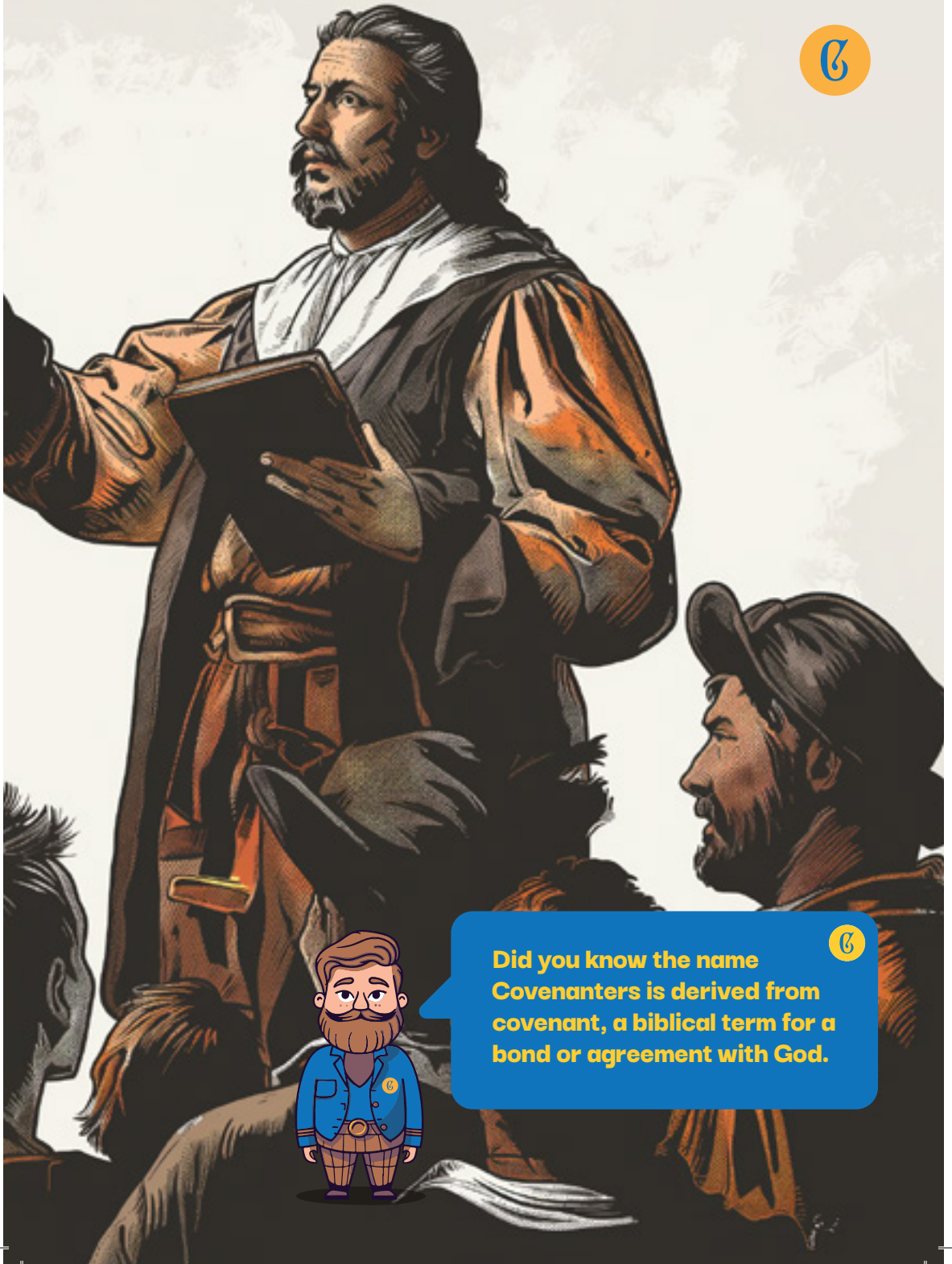
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ANSWER: Charles II went against the signing of the Covenants.





**Did you know the name Covenanters is derived from covenant, a biblical term for a bond or agreement with God.**





OUR STRUGGLE

# The Covenant

**In 1643 the Scottish and English Parliaments had entered into a ‘Solemn League and Covenant’ meaning Presbytery would govern in the churches of Scotland, England and Ireland.**

The Presbytery was crucial to the Covenanters because it helped them keep their beliefs alive and allowed them to worship the way they wanted. It was like their team captain in a game against King Charles I rules for worshipping Jesus.





## King Charles I signed both the Covenants when he was crowned King at Scone in Perthshire in 1650.

This covenant meant the Presbytery would govern in the churches of Scotland, England and Ireland. This was done after the Scot's army helped King Charles I when the English Civil War broke out in 1642.



 **TREASURE HUNT**

**Find the artefact...**

Can you find the original visitor record that was presented to the museum in 1869?





TASK TWO

# Let's Explore...

And find out more information about Captain John Paton. He served in the army. Use the boards around you.



## QUESTIONS

Where was John Paton born?

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Was John Paton a Covenanter?

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What position did John Paton hold in Fenwick Church?

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Who was the minister at Fenwick Church when John Paton attended?

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## QUESTIONS

Where was John Paton captured?

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What was the final thing John Paton did before he was executed?

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What can still be found today in the Fenwick churchyard to celebrate the life of John Paton?

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**TASK THREE**

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# Treasure Hunt...

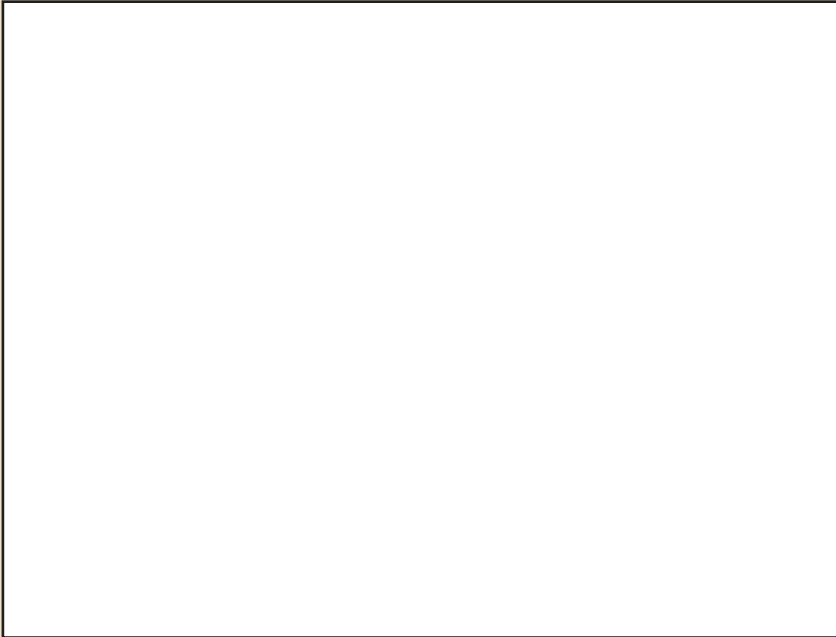
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**Can you find the artefact used  
by John Paton when he was a land  
measurer between 1781 and 1844?**

**Sketch the artefact you discover in the box below!**

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for sketching the discovered artefact. The box is set within a light beige background that has a blue shadow effect on its right and bottom edges.

Sketch and label some equipment you use at school to help you measure.



 **QUESTION**

What would you use to measure the perimeter of your playground?  
Please tick the ones that you might use.

Rulers

Metre sticks

Measuring tapes

Trundle wheels



# Treasure Hunt

Move around the museum carefully until you locate John Paton's chair. Find the quill and candle close to John Paton's chair.



**QUESTION**

What would we use today instead of a quill?

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Can you draw a picture of the quill on John's desk?





## TASK FIVE

# Important people

We are going to find out more information about Reverend William Guthrie.

He was a significant figure in John Paton's life. John Paton was an elder of Fenwick Church and Reverend William Guthrie was Fenwick parish's first minister.



### TREASURE HUNT

Find the artefact...

Can you find the small cup that was used for communion during these times?





 **QUESTIONS**

When was Rev. William Guthrie ordained to the parish of Fenwick?

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How do we know he was well-respected in his role in the church?

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Describe what 12 dragoons did to William Guthrie.

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Why did the dragoons do this to William Guthrie?

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TASK SIX

# Grave Reminders

Look around the museum for the map of the Fenwick Kirk and locate the monuments of the following people from the box below:



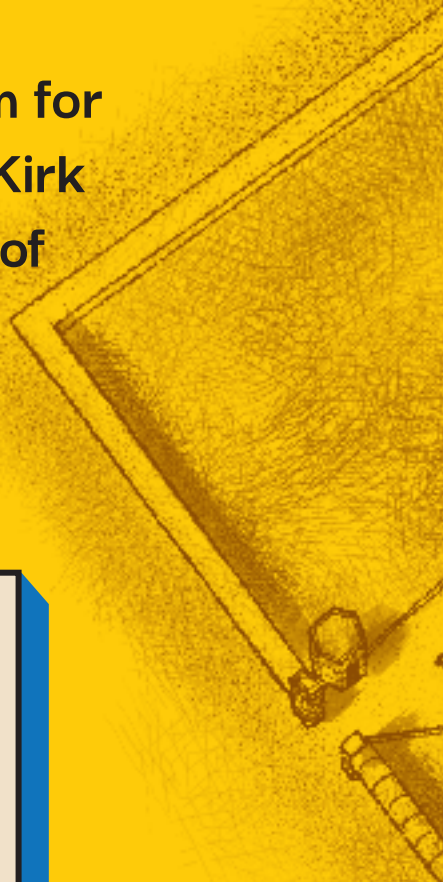
## ACTIVITY

Add the corresponding letter that matches the grave stone. In the corresponding box below.

John Paton

John Howie

William Guthrie





**SCAN ME  
NOW**



**Scan here for our  
360 degree tour  
of the Fenwick Kirk  
monuments.**



TASK EIGHT

# Treasure Hunt...

Look around the museum for some hidden treasures that were found near here.



## QUESTION

Can you find the hidden treasure uncovered by a cow's hoof?

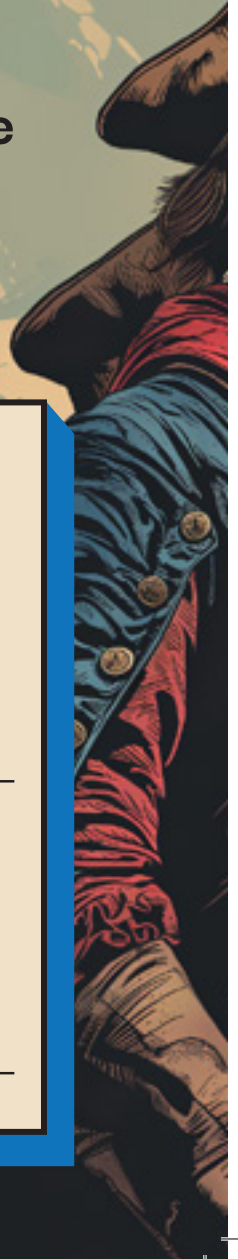
What was found?

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Think about how we live today.

What do we use to pay for items nowadays?

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**6 THINK ABOUT**

Think about how you pay for school dinners, school trips etc.

Do you always meet the seller when you are buying things nowadays?

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## TASK NINE

# Who am I?

Use the information around the museum to work out how John Howie is related to John Paton.



### QUESTION

How is John Howie related to John Paton?

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What was John Howie given that belonged to John Paton?

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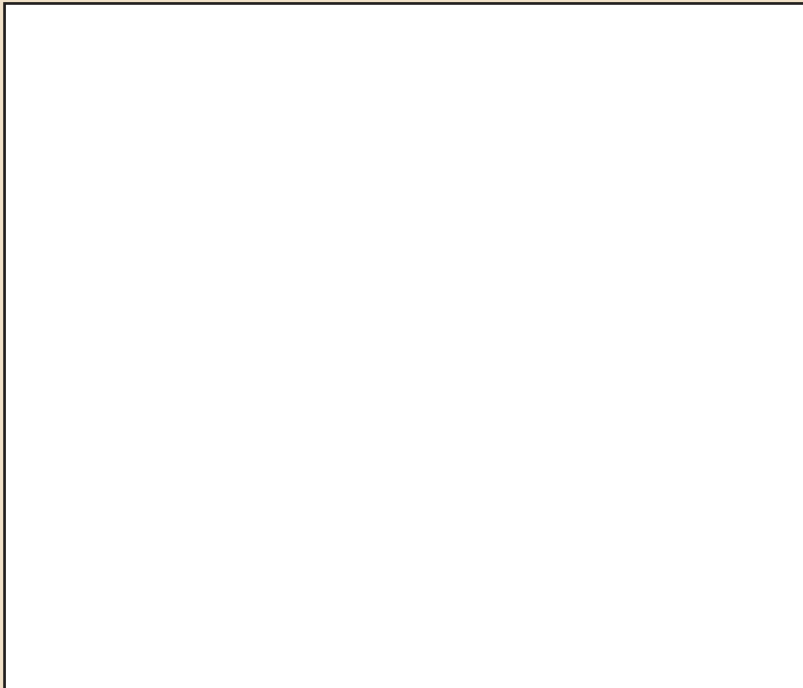
 **ACTIVITY**

The monument you passed on way to the museum is in memory of John Howie. John Howie (1735-1793) lived here at Lochgoin Farm.

What did John Howie write?

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Make a sketch of Lochgoin Monument when you leave the musueum.





## TASK TEN

# Extra information



## QUESTION

Who was crowned King in 2023?

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King Charles III has vowed to uphold the Presbyterian system of Church governance in Scotland.

Signing an historic oath was His Royal Highness' first act after being officially proclaimed King following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth.



## TREASURE HUNT

### Find the artefact...

Can you find the item that might have been used during the killing times?





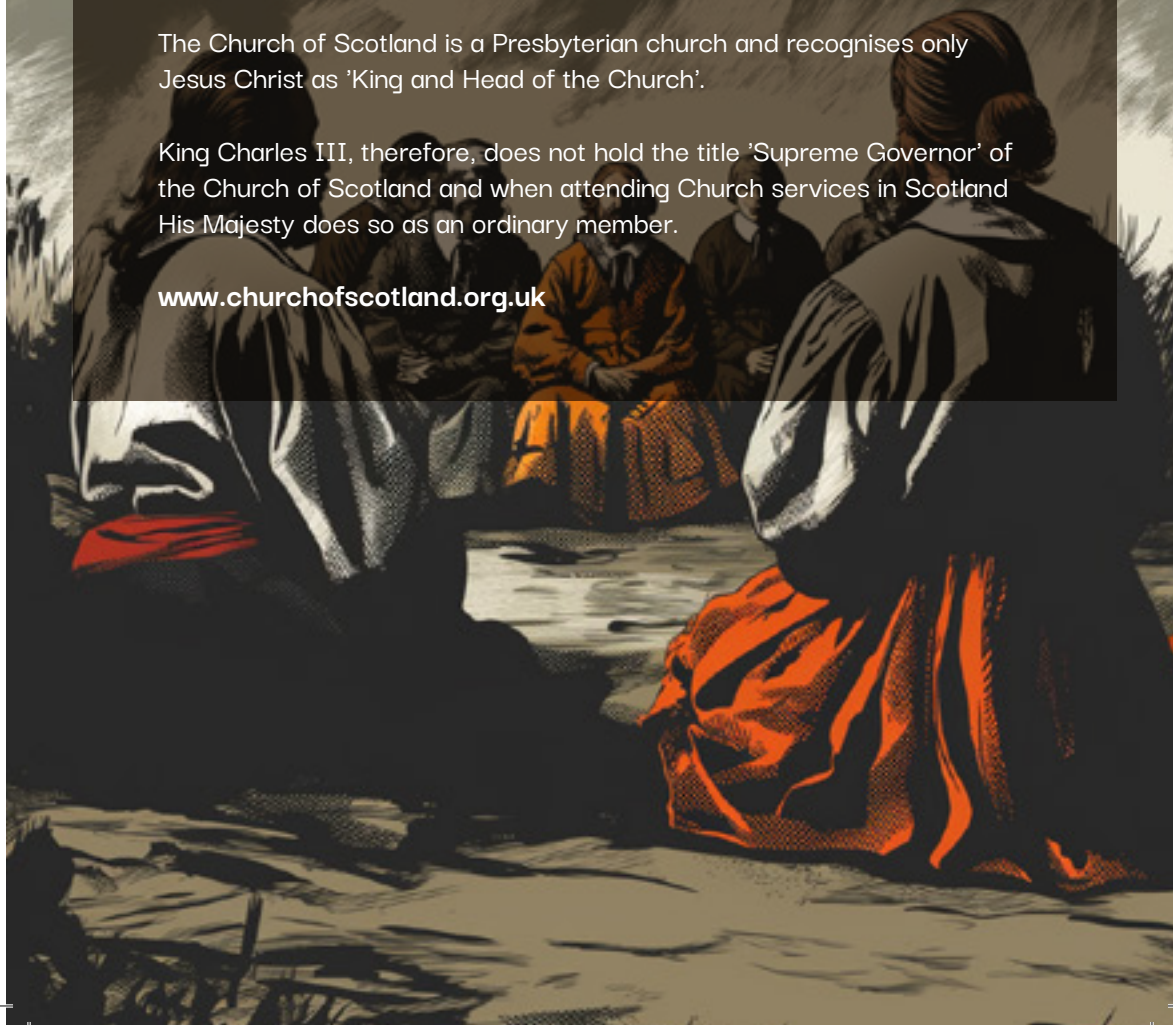


**British monarchs have sworn to uphold the Protestant religion in Scotland and maintain Presbyterian Church Government and the oath reflects the constitutional independence of the Church from the state.**

The Church of Scotland is a Presbyterian church and recognises only Jesus Christ as 'King and Head of the Church'.

King Charles III, therefore, does not hold the title 'Supreme Governor' of the Church of Scotland and when attending Church services in Scotland His Majesty does so as an ordinary member.

[www.churchofscotland.org.uk](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk)

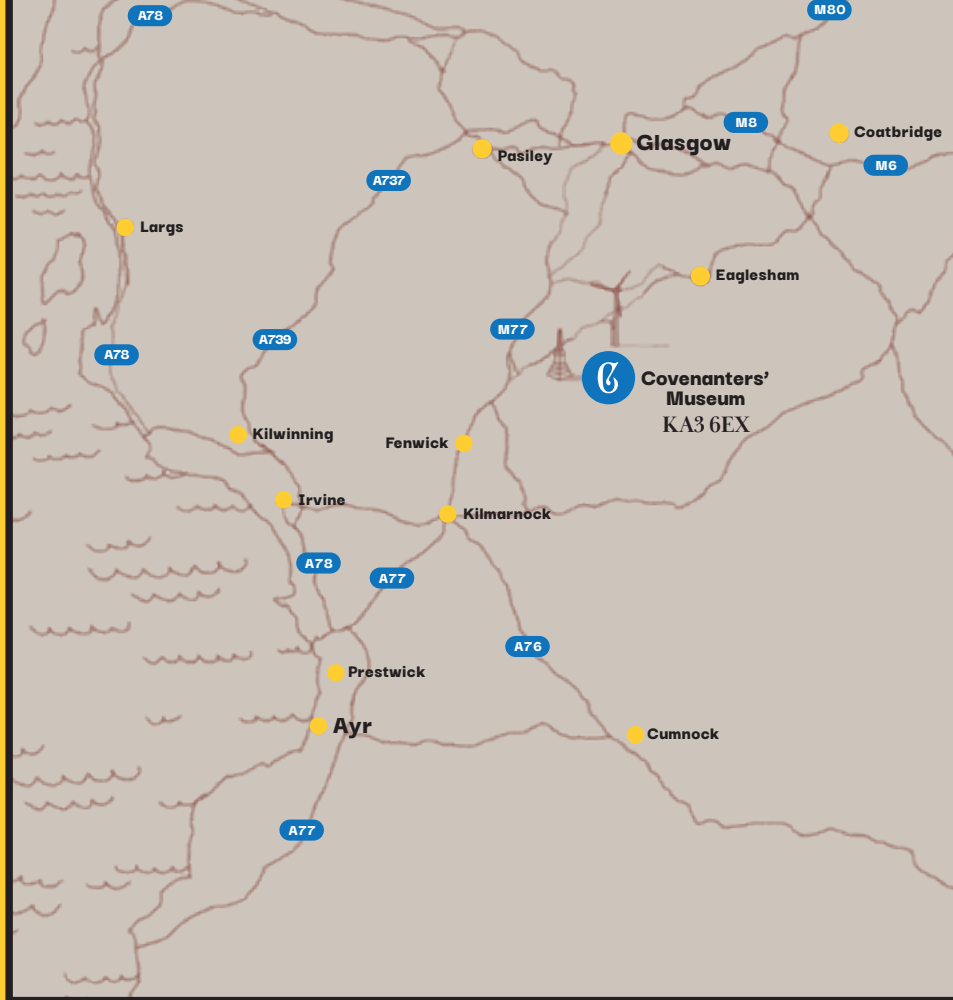






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## The History & the Struggle



Education Pack



## The Lochgoin Covenanters' Trail

**The trail connects the historic Lochgoin Museum and Fenwick Kirk.**

If starting at Lochgoin you will pass through a section of Whitelees windfarm before being directed along farm tracks and pathways leading to the village of Waterside. Please be aware that the walk involves public roads, often without pavements, so may not be suitable for those who have difficulty with walking longer distances.

Along this section you will pass by the ancient cave where many covenantors sought refuge during "The Killing Times". From Waterside the trail follows a 2-mile route along the quiet Fenwick Road bringing you to Fenwick Kirk.

**You can follow the interactive trail by scanning the barcode to the right.**

