



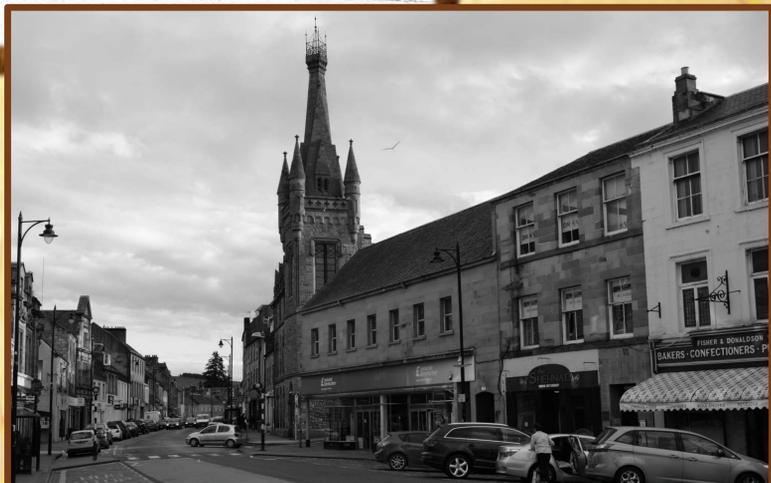
To Denshaw & Crossgate

**Crossgate**

This image is dated as early Edwardian, from the style of clothing that the bystanders are wearing. The prominent building with the twisted spire which is central to the image is the Duncan Institute, built in 1870 due to the philanthropy of Miss Duncan of Edengrove House. Her wish was to create a mechanic's institute for the working classes of Cupar, and following a competition, the architect John Milne of St Andrews had the winning design. The building became a centre for social activity and remains an important resource for the community as Cupar's public library.

Also in this picture is the large store occupied by Hood and Robertson who had been occupants of the premises since 1887, later passing the business to Gillies and Henderson who sold the premises to Messrs Woolworths who took over the store in 1954. The impressive frontage was demolished to be replaced by a modern retail outlet which Woolworths closed in 2009.

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# Cupar's Sense of Place

**Mercat Cross**

Cupar's Mercat Cross has occupied a number of sites during its long history. The earlier view shows its position at The Cross following its re-erection on a new plinth in 1897 at the time of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. It had occupied a site at the junction of Crossgate and Bonnygate marked by a hexagonal design in the road near the Burgh Chambers since 1683 until it was removed to Tarvit Hill about 1812 as a result of redevelopment. The significance of the Mercat Cross is that it signified that Cupar was a Royal Burgh and had the right to hold markets. It has the Burgh Coat of Arms carved and is surmounted by a Unicorn. As it stood on an island with heavy traffic passing, it was vulnerable to damage. In 2014, it was transferred with great care to a new site in the Crossgate after a decision to create a new traffic management system. The move allowed historians to study a time capsule placed under the Mercat Cross in 1897, the contents of which are now held at Cupar Museum and Heritage Centre.

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