District CUMBERNAULD

Tartan Designer Frank Gordon

Date 1987

Cumbernauld is one of Scotland's most successful new towns. It is a center for new industries and has a special place in the developing technologies of modern Scotland. The Cumbernauld area was selected and designated a new town center in 1956. At that time, it consisted of three small villages of Cumbernauld, Castlecary and Condorrat, together with their surrounding hills and countryside. The villages stood midway on the narrow waist between the Forth and the Clyde, and thus midway between Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland's two great commercial and industrial cities. All three villages remain in the green, open new town of today and their features add to the character of a unique environment. The new town center is situated on a hilltop encircled by self-contained neighborhoods and nearby lies Palacerigg Country Park.

Sponsored by Cumbernauld Development Corporation for the purpose of promoting the town and for the use of its citizens, the 'Cumbernauld' tartan was designed by a local men, Frank Gordon, a well-known kilt maker from Condorrat, Cumbernauld. Mr. Gordon based the tartan on the Government tartan, incorporating an ancient and modern colors to depict the emergence of a new thriving community, proud of its heritage. The tartan has been accredited by the Scottish Tartans Society and is entered in the register of All Publicly Known Tartans.

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