

District LARGS

Gaelic Name

Na Leargaidh Ghallda

Tartan Designer Sidney Samuels

Date 1981

Largs, a historic town on the Firth of Clyde, is today a favorite tourist resort. Families play on the sands of history. During the early Middle Ages the jurisdiction of the King of Scots was confined to the mainland, the islands being part of the Kingdom of Norway, and Kings Alexander I and II moved to bring the Western Isles under Scottish rule. In response, King Hakon of Norway brought a fleet to Scotland to maintain Norse sovereignty. The Norwegians landed at Largs on October 1263, and were defeated by the Scots. The peace treaty that followed made the Hebrides part of Scotland although the Outer Hebrides are still named in Gaelic *Innse Ghall* -- the 'islands of the Foreigners', referring to the Norse. Orkney and Shetland remained part of Norway for several more centuries. The Gaelic name reminds Highlanders that there is another place by the same name. Modern Largs is 'the Lowland Largs'.

The Largs tartan is a new design created for the town and officially adopted in 1981.

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