



## **GLASGOW WEST END – WW2 MEMORIAL WALKING ROUTE**

**We are all acutely conscious of the devastating effects of World War 2 on Glasgow. This walking route, drawn together by the local history group, is aimed at commemorating one particular event, the Clydebank Blitz of 13th and 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1941, and its impact locally on the West End. Theories vary whether Glasgow was bombed by design or accident on those nights.**

**The following list is not exhaustive. Locations of major loss of life or property damage are grouped geographically.**

## Knightswood

- ❖ **Bankhead School, Caldwell Avenue, Knightswood. The school was used as an ARP station, home to the Auxiliary Fire Service and a first aid post. Thirty nine people were killed.**



## Maryhill

❖ **The tenements of Kilmun Street, just off Maryhill Road behind St Mary's Primary School. Eighty-three people died. The buildings have not been replaced.**



## Scotstoun/Whiteinch

- ❖ **Between Earl Street and Dumbarton Road where a mine landed on shelters, killing more than 60 people.**
- ❖ **Number 11 Queen Victoria Drive. Sixteen people were killed.**
- ❖ **Victoria Park Drive, Whiteinch. Nine people were killed.**
- ❖ **Clyde Structural Engineering Plant, South Street was destroyed**

## Partick

❖ **Peel Street where the tenements opposite the cricket club (numbers 29-45) were destroyed. Fifty people lost their lives. Modern flats standing amongst the old tenements show where bomb damaged buildings had to be pulled down.**





❖ **Sandy Road, Hayburn Street, and Dumbarton Road were also bombed as was Merkland Street Station.**

### Hyndland/Dowanhill/Kelvinside

❖ **Dudley Drive where thirty six people were killed and twenty-one injured. Numbers 8, 10 and 12 collapsed and, across the road, numbers 7 and 9 later had to be demolished. You can see where new tenements were built in these gaps after the war.**



- ❖ **Airlie Street and Turnberry Road where a detached villa was demolished, killing two people. Numbers 25 and 31 also had to be demolished.**
  
- ❖ **Number 3 Queen's Gardens where one person was killed.**
  
- ❖ **Bombs also exploded in Hyndland Road and in Westbourne Gardens at the corner with Westbourne Road.**
  
- ❖ **49 Polwarth Gardens where a delayed action bomb was detonated.**
  
- ❖ **Notre Dame Girls' School where the First Aid Post based there was badly damaged.**

- ❖ **Redlands Hospital in Lancaster Crescent where unexploded bombs landed and patients had to be evacuated.**
  
- ❖ **Queen Margaret Road where three died, six were injured and fifty were trapped. Around 500 houses and shops were damaged including the BBC studios. Glass in the Kibble Palace was broken.**
  
- ❖ **Queen Margaret Road at the junction with Queen Margaret Drive. The last block in the road was destroyed, later rebuilt. Two pedestrians were killed.**

### [Kelvingrove Park](#)

- ❖ **Two bombs fell here, one on the banks of the Kelvin, 30 yards west of the bridge at Kelvin Way. The bombs broke hundreds of**



**panes of glass on the north side of the Art Galleries and the Kelvin Hall.**

### **Kelvindale**

**❖ 16 Chelmsford Drive where seven people were killed. Numbers 10-24 Chelmsford Drive and six houses in Leicester Avenue were destroyed by a mine and 150 houses were damaged.**

**An invaluable source in creating this walk was the blog**

**<http://glasgowpunter.blogspot.com/2017/03/bombs-over-glasgow-on-night-of.html> where you will find more detail and some useful photographs.**

**Further information can also be found in:**

- **‘Glasgow at War 1939-45’ by Craig Armstrong**
- **‘This Time of Crisis; Glasgow, The West of Scotland and the North Western Approaches in the Second World War’ by Andrew Jeffrey**

**Do you know of any other sites? Do have any memories you want to share? Any current or old photos you think others might be interested in?**

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