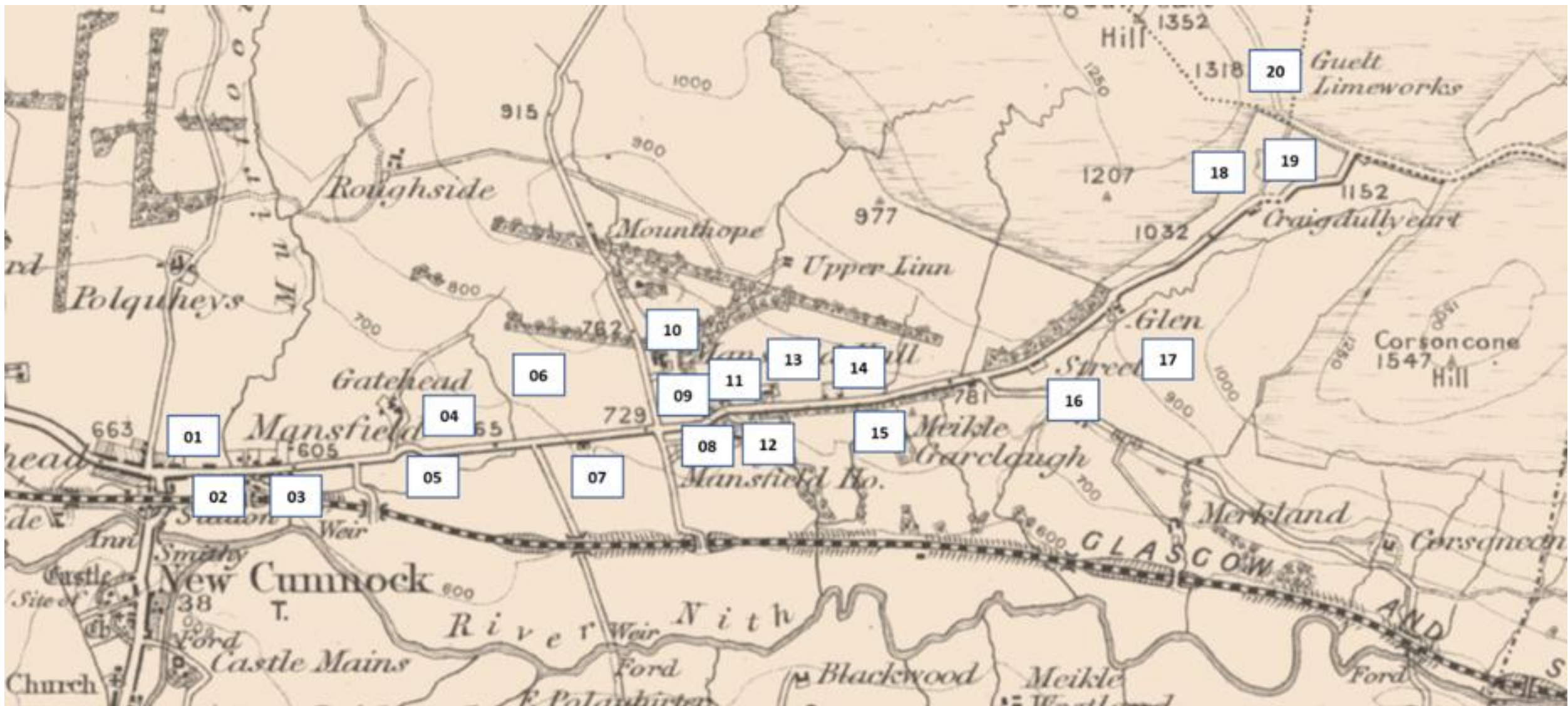




NEW CUMNOCK WALKS

Mansfield





01: MUIRFOOT BURN | Once you crossed over the Muirfoot Bridge you were “Doon the Burn”. The burn marks the boundary between Pathhead and Mansfield. The burn was originally called Polquheys (the prefix *pol-* meaning burn) and gave its name to the Polquheys farms. At some time later the burn was re-named after the now last farm Muirfoot, which stood overlooking where the burn joins the River Nith



02: MANSFIELD WOOLLEN MILL | Water-diverted from the burn powered a woollen mill that once stood on its west bank operating from the early to the late 19th century. In 1875 George Dobson, ‘Woolspinner & Tweed Manufacturer’ was in charge of the mill. Wool was also spun at home to help make a living and would be carded (separated and straightened) at the mill beforehand.

03: MANSFIELD VILLAGE | The postcard above shows Mansfield Village stretching from the mill along a section of the Mansfield Road with Corsencon Hill far in the distance and was home to miners, labourers, railway surfacemen and a sprinkling of tradesman. Look at the difference to-day ... as you leave to walk along the Mansfield Road.