

# Scotland's Most Beautiful High Street

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*Look at what our High street has got, unlike any other - a High Street that has a unique character  
A double line of lime trees planted in the 1890's adorns it  
A road you can close yet the traffic still gets through it  
A Vintage Car Rally from all over United Kingdom and Ireland every year visits it  
Vintage car ride to St. Mary's Loch, Grey Mare's Tail, Talla Dam and Beeftub leave from it.  
A week-long Gala with many events is held every year all around it - A torchlit procession celebrating the Finale goes up it  
Santa rides up every year in a horse and carriage to it  
The RSAC Rally ends in it  
The Dark Sky (first Dark Sky Town in Europe) you can marvel at the twinkling stars above it  
A Ram wi' nae lugs presides over it  
The famous William Brodie designed that Ram and placed it on it  
The narrowest Hotel in World 'THE STAR' Is on it  
The narrowest street in Scotland 'SYME STREET' is off it  
The shortest street in Scotland 'CHAPEL STREET' is just off it  
There is no M&S, Boots, Tesco, Aldi, Asda Lidl or Sainsbury or phone shop anywhere near it  
There is a variety of individual shops with more appearing to enhance it.  
Every August the town is packed to see our famous sheep race run down it  
We have a beautiful refurbished War Memorial right in the middle of it  
We have wonderful flower beds decorating our town with Civic Pride local people addressing it  
You can see the famous Gallow Hill (a former commercial woodland) now in community ownership planted by local volunteers with natural broad leaf trees with a better future for it  
Annandale Way and six other walks start off on it  
Our Historical Bath House has been restored to its former glory - now our Town Hall owned and run by the community for the community - looks its best and stands tall in the heart of it  
Robert the Bruce statue (if you can find it) looks down on it  
We have ten historical sites that can be walked to from it  
You can't see Merlin's Cave from it but you can walk to it  
The Zsar of Russia's son Nicholas came to visit Moffat and this event is celebrated every year in it  
We have the best Christmas Lights throughout the festive period shining on it  
We have a Christmas Market and a regular Farmers Market on it  
We celebrate the New Year with a fireworks display that is enjoyed by the whole community in it  
To celebrate Lord Dowding - Spitfire, Hurricane and occasional Lancaster Bomber fly over it  
Tar McAdam is buried in the cemetery on it  
A Group who play Brass instruments play traditional and old time music on it  
This year 2017 we host the WORLD GOLD PANNING Championships in Moffat 23 nations from all over the World will be in our town. On 7th August the NATIONS parade will march through it  
Everyone can park for free on it !!!-so come along and take advantage of it*

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