A Young County

Cumbria has only existed since 1974 when the counties of Cumberland and Westmorland were brought together under a local government act of 1972.

Carlisle

The only city in Cumbria, once had a Ship Canal, unlike any boat canal in the UK. The Ship canal, officially opened in March 1823, was to be 11½ miles (18.4km) long, 54ft (16.5m) wide and 8ft 6in (2.6m) deep.

Edward I's Monument

Edward I of England was remorseless in his attacks on the Scots. In 1307 he returned to the north intent on fording the Solway at the ‘Sul Wath’ at Burgh By Sands, five miles west of Carlisle. But it was not to be. He died whilst his attendants were feeding him. A monument was built by Henry Howard in 1685 on Burgh Marsh.

The Old Bridge

There used to be a bridge from Bowness-on-Solway to Scotland, over 1 mile long and was used by iron ore carrying trains to avoid the busy junction at Carlisle. It was badly damaged by icebergs in 1881 after the rivers Esk & Eden froze and later demolished.

Grange-over-Sands

This place got its name from an annoyed vicar, who quickly got fed up of his mail getting misdirected to Keswick Grange, so he changed the name of the town to Grange-over-Sands to distinguish between the two.