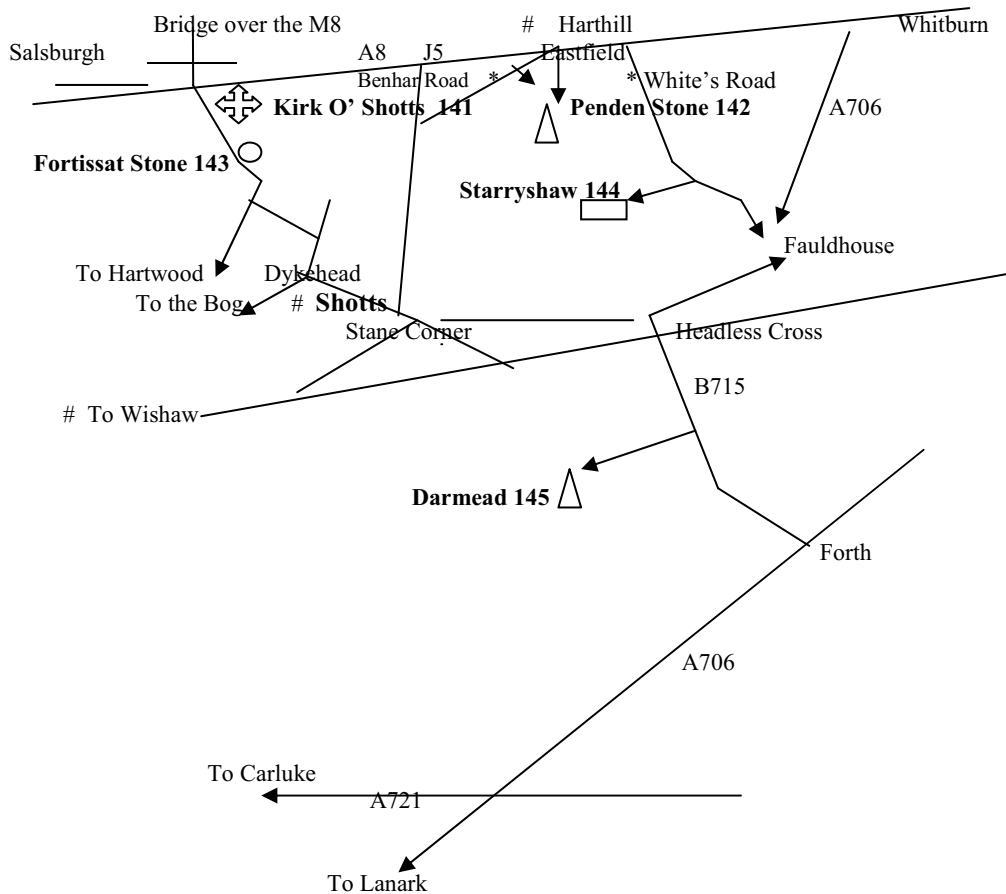


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**141, Kirk O' Shotts,** Grave to *William Smith* just inside the top gate behind the church. The Presenter's stone is diagonally North East of the Martyr's stone, which marks the presenter's Desk in the original Kirk, which is the blank space in the middle of the old yard. *John Livingstone* preached in this yard in 1630, consequently remembered as the Shotts Kirk revival, when some 500 persons were converted to Christ.

**142, Peden Stone,** traditionally one of the places where *Alexander Peden* (the Prophet of the Covenant) preached to the Covenanters. Can be reached from the church at Eastfield. Follow Covenanter Road behind the School out on to the moor, (by car nine tenths of the journey.) Better access from the Glue Pot, a house about half mile out of the village on the Benhar road. From the Glue Pot follow the moorland road to the top of the hill and park up by the wicket gate, where a short walk will bring you down into the hollow where the Monument stands.

**143, Fortissat Stone,** on the road from Kirk O' Shotts to Shotts, easily recognised as a great boulder jutting out from the East side of the road. Traditionally where 40 Covenanters held communion.

**144, Starryshaw Monument.** A place known as the Deer Slunk in Covenanting times, Where *Donald Cargill* held a commemoration service in memory of the fall of *Richard Cameron* at Ayrsmoss. The first Monument was erected in 1925 and after constant vandalism was finally blown up with dynamite in 1957. A second monument was erected in 1988, but it too was destroyed by vandals in 2000. There are prospects of a third Memorial being built out on the moors near Starryshaw farm.

**145, Darmead,** where *Richard Cameron* raised the Covenanting standard again in 1680, the year after their defeat at the battle of Bothwell Bridge. It is the place where *James Renwick* preach first to the Covenanters and a frequent gathering place for Conventicles. A pleasurable walk in from the Forth road will bring you out on to the moor where the Monument stands. (The bar gate at the entry on the Forth road is usually locked). There is a fork in the forest road, fork to the left for the monument.