

Our Language

Do you know these everyday words?

Gulder (Shout)

Hirple (Limp)

Scunnered (Fed Up)

Weans (Children)

If you use these words and **a when o ithers forbye, then aiblins ye ken mair about Ulster-Scots than ye nicht hae thoct!**

Famous Ulster-Scots

Did you know that these famous people came from an Ulster-Scots background?

Davy Crockett

(Hero and defender of the Alamo, Texas, USA)

Neil Armstrong

(Astronaut and first man on the Moon, USA)

Mark Twain

(Author of Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer, USA)

Our Sport

Golf: Thomas Sinclair, leading Presbyterian and author of the 1912 Ulster Covenant, popularised golf in Ulster after seeing it played on a visit to Scotland. Ulster now boasts some of the best golf courses in the world!

Bowls: Thought to have been brought here by Scottish settlers in the 1600s. Ulster bowlers have been successful at all levels in competitions throughout the world!

Our Stories and Folklore

The Red Hand is the famous symbol of Ulster. According to legend, two ancient invaders agreed that whoever touched the shore of Ulster first, would become its new ruler. As their boats raced towards the coast, one of them cut off his right hand and threw it onto the shore ahead of the other - so claiming the kingdom as his own.

Our Food

Griddle Soda Bread

Ingredients

A gopin o flour

A melder o buttermilk

A taste o these three - baking soda, cream of tartar and salt.

Method

Heat tha griddle up wile slow.

Lift up al o the ingredients

ta put in plenty o air,

Melder the buttermilk tae mak a dough.

Rowl oot on yer bakeboard,

Mak intae farls,

Cook on a het griddle fur

a when o minutes.

Dinny ate it till its cowl!

What does the Ulster-Scots Community Network do?

We were established in 1995 to help people from ALL backgrounds understand what the Ulster-Scots tradition and culture is about.

We promote our culture using music, dance, language, storytelling and drama.

We educate people about the important role of the Ulster-Scots community in Northern Ireland, the border counties of the Republic of Ireland and in the many countries around the world where Ulster-Scots people have gone to live.

We assist Ulster-Scots groups to explore and celebrate their own rich and varied identity.

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