



4A) West End, Glasgow

- Glasgow
- 24,500 population



Glasgow West End is a series of connected neighbourhoods with a strong cultural and artistic identity and a wealth of activity and bustle.

A large, mixed community of students, young professionals and families populate the lively and quirky area, within which there are a number of smaller neighbourhoods such as Kelvinbridge, Kelvinhaugh, Hillhead, Finnieston and Partick.

This area is a great place to live and visit for artists and art lovers, featuring a number of popular art galleries, including the Kelvingrove and Hunterian Gallery and small independent galleries. The Finnieston neighbourhood boasts 'The Hidden Lane': a collection of 100 artist and musician studios, a gallery and a tearoom.

The area is also a source of architectural wonder, with beautiful 19th-century sandstone buildings. Communal gardens, tree-lined avenues and cast-iron railings add further distinctive character to the area. There are many residential property types in the West End – traditional tenement flats, mews cottages, townhouses, modern riverside apartments, terraces and large detached properties.

The West End is a hive of activity, with a great food and drink offer and range of independent shops, particularly along Byres Road High Street and the Lanes – a series of back alleys brought to life with an eclectic mix of bars, restaurants, antique yards, boutique shops and record and comic book stores.

The local parks provide year-round entertainments hosting craft markets, farmers' markets, exhibitions and annual festivals, while other local venues host regular live music, shows and events. During Summer, the Botanical Gardens are home to "Bard in the Botanics", a festival of Shakespeare's greatest works. The annual West End Festival brings

vibrant events including Open Air Ceilidh. The multicultural Glasgow Mela Festival of music and dance also takes place during summer in Kelvingrove Park.

“ *It has often been said that the West End brings that 'village' vibe to the country's biggest city. It's an awfully big village granted... While the city centre is a burgeoning commercial giant, the focus out west is more on small business, big characters and a bohemian and nonchalant nature* ”

– NEIL ROBERTSON, LOCAL RESIDENT



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