Walk up John Street and stop at the foot of:

16 Abercorn Park
Two houses overlooking the park deserve mention. No. 5 John Street, (1840), displays external shutters and an elegant porch, while opposite, 13-17 Pittville Street, (1935), boasts a portico on a much grander scale. At the top of the park is a granite memorial to Dr. Hugh Dewar, (1866-1914), erected by his patients.

Cross the top of the park and head west along the High Street towards the Town Hall. On the left, just after St. Mark’s Place is:

17 St. Mark’s Episcopal Church.
Opened for worship in 1826 and consecrated in 1828, it is an elegant neo-classical building with a bowed centre-piece, its grounds containing several military and naval tombstones.

18 15/17 Windsor Place
A two storey villa, c.1840, with unusual Gothic bay windows.

Return to the High Street, turn left and continue west. On your left is:

19 The Baptist Church, 185 Portobello High Street
Designed in 1862 by David Bryce as Portobello’s first town hall, near the site of Portobello’s original cottage. Notice the impressive skyline and the griffin gargoyles. [Photo back panel]

Continue west to the traffic lights and turn left up Brighton Place. On the left you will see:

20 St. John’s Roman Catholic Church, (1903-1906)
A highly individual building, mixing Gothic and Arts and Crafts, its huge spire dominates Portobello’s skyline. The architect was J.T. Walford. [Photo below & back panel]

Just beyond the church is Brighton Park, around which was laid out:

21 The Brighton Development
Laid out c.1823 by the architect John Baxter. Distinguished one or two storey villas are linked by single storey wings. One of the least altered and most attractive areas of Portobello. Brighton Park contains an 18th Cent. stone sundial which formerly stood in the grounds of the Tower. Opposite, Sandford Gardens (1825), displays graceful iron balconies.

Continue west along Portobello High Street. After the converted church, turn left into Windsor Place. Half way up, on the right, you will see:

Turn back down Brighton Place to the traffic lights and turn left. You are now back at the Town Hall and at the end of your walk.

We hope that you have enjoyed your walk and have learned a little about the history and architecture of Portobello.