

Rutherglen main street is webcam wonder

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A webcam showing a Scottish high street has become an internet sensation and has been listed by a website as one of the world's most interesting views.

Hundreds of thousands of web-users have been logging on to watch round-the-clock footage of Main Street in Rutherglen, South Lanarkshire.

The site has been listed in the top 25 views by webcam portal site [EarthCam](#). Other cameras shortlisted show views of Brooklyn Bridge, Tokyo and Nasa astronauts in space.



Since the owner of the Rutherglen camera, who has not been identified, set it up in 2007 more than 430,000 viewers have visited the site. It promises live video and sound of "locals going about their daily business".

The welcome message reads: "If you listen, you will hear the odd reveller go home after a wee drink or two after the local pubs & bars close. Also, if your lucky, you might catch the local parades, marches and fun fairs that happen quite frequently."

Viewer can watch residents visiting a local off-licence, a betting shop and a grocers.

[EarthCam](#) editors reviewed thousands of webcams across the globe and drew up a list of their 25 favourites.

Criteria included image quality, uniqueness of the content and technical achievements in webcam technology. Labour MSP for Rutherglen, James Kelly, said he was delighted to learn the town had made the shortlist.

He added: "I was aware the camera existed but had no idea it was so popular. I think the main street captures a combination of history and modern life. Rutherglen is the oldest Royal Burgh in Scotland and across the road from the webcam is the sight of one of the early meetings of the first Scottish Parliament."