

Former Locals call for return of Rutherglen Webcam

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FORMER Ruglonians are wanting their webcam back!

Last year the Reformer told how a webcam showing Rutherglen Main Street had become wildly popular. The story became national news, as residents from all over the world were logging on to watch the lives of every day people in the Royal Burgh. It was even listed in a poll to find the top 25 webcams in the world, alongside sites that showed such locations as the Brooklyn Bridge, NASA astronauts in space and the studio of American chat-show host Jay Leno.

But now the webcam is down, although the site remains active. Visitors have been greeted for the past few weeks by a message from the webcam's owner, known only as Nair, which states: "Dear folks, I am hoping for the wee cam back up and running within the next week, so stay tuned."

The webcam itself now simply shows a black screen. And that's prompted several former locals, who used the webcam to keep up on what was happening back home, to wonder who's turned out the lights on their shots of home.

Muriel Toffoli, who lives in Johannesburg, said: "Nair keeps promising 'next week', and I don't have a contact email for him/her.

"I'm Glasgow-born, from Queens Park and schooled there, so I enjoyed clicking on the wee webcam, as while it was just to stare at a street with a bus stop and a few cars it was still a wee bit of home!"

Posts on the site itself also suggested former residents are eager for it to return.

Tracey-Jane Willis in Newcastle, Australia, posted: "Come back online soon, it's good to see the wee Main Street again!"

The site itself has had a total of 644,842 hits. The camera, which is sited close to the Royal Bank of Scotland, showed views of the north side of the Main Street, looking towards Mill Street. Last year it was selected by the [EarthCam](#) website as one of their Top 25 sites.

Justin Camerlengo, of [EarthCam](#), said: "The Main Street cam in Glasgow is a pleasant escape to a main street outside of the United States.

"It is different in appearance, but maintains a universal feeling."