

THE REGISTERED TARTANS  
OF  
ELLAN VANNIN



(Compiled by David Bayliss, 2015)

# Foreword

This small booklet has been compiled in order to satisfy public interest in the various tartans that represent the Isle of Man (Ellan Vannin).

Tartan patterns are ancient in nature, however the process of assigning tartans to families and districts is a relatively recent phenomenon originating during the late Georgian – early Victorian era. I propose that tartan material predating the “Industrial era” would have been woven using whatever locally produced yarn was available – including yarns coloured with local dyes. Therefore tartan fabrics would have had no predetermined thread count for specific colours.

I do not specialise in tartans, nor have I conducted a scientific research project into their origins. More information about tartans can be found at the *The Scottish Register of Tartans*, <https://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with proposed amendments or tartans for inclusion. I am not aware of any specific tartan from the Isle of Man that pre-dates any within this booklet, and am therefore most interested in colour photos of any woven tartan fabric of these tartans (or any other tartan woven on the Isle of Man).

Regards,

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## Ellan Vannin



### Ellan Vannin

Threadcount given over a half sett with full count at the pivots.  
FG8 GG32 XM16 WW8 FG52 BJA8

FG=146400FOREST GREEN; GG=007800LIME GREEN; XM=780078XM;  
WW=C8C8C8WHITE; BJA=3C78C8OLD BLUE ALT;

**STA ref:** 4804

**STWR ref:** none

**Designer:** St. George's Woollen Mills

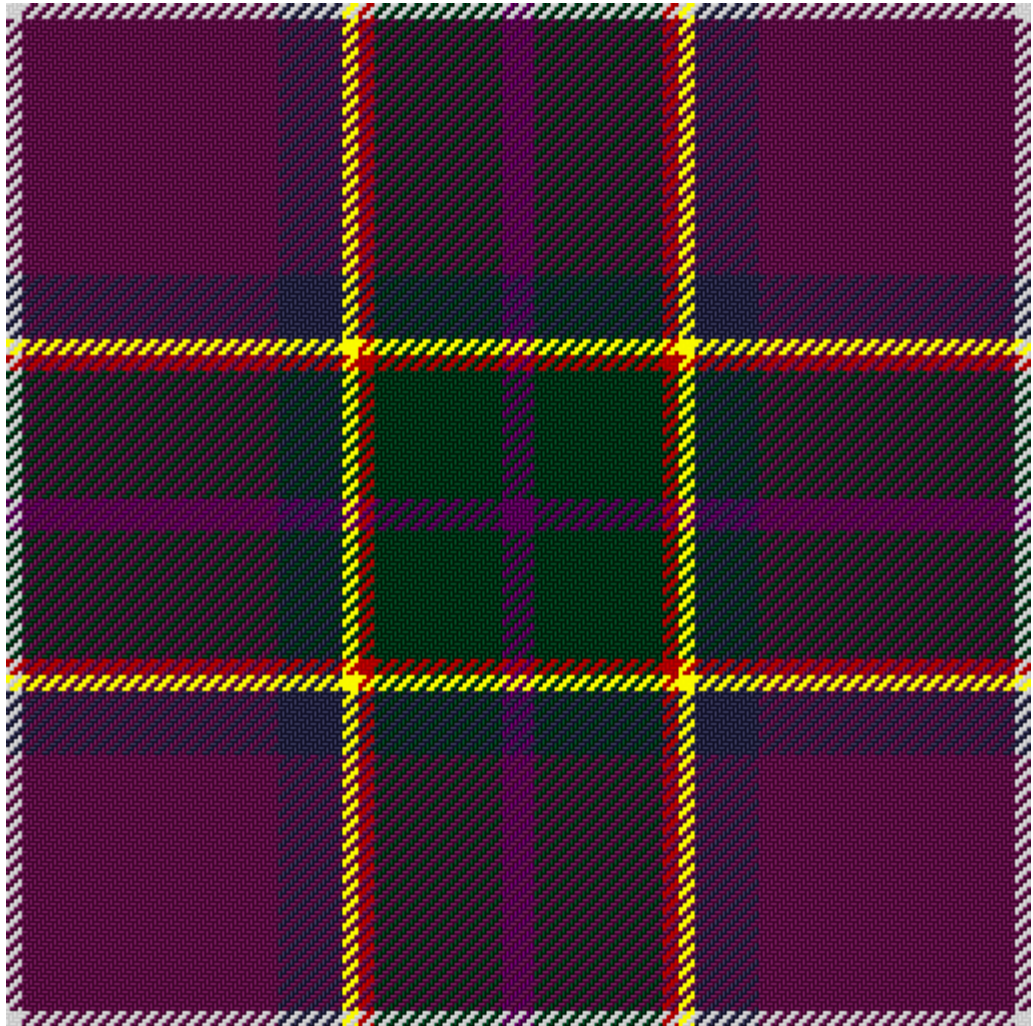
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**Category:** District

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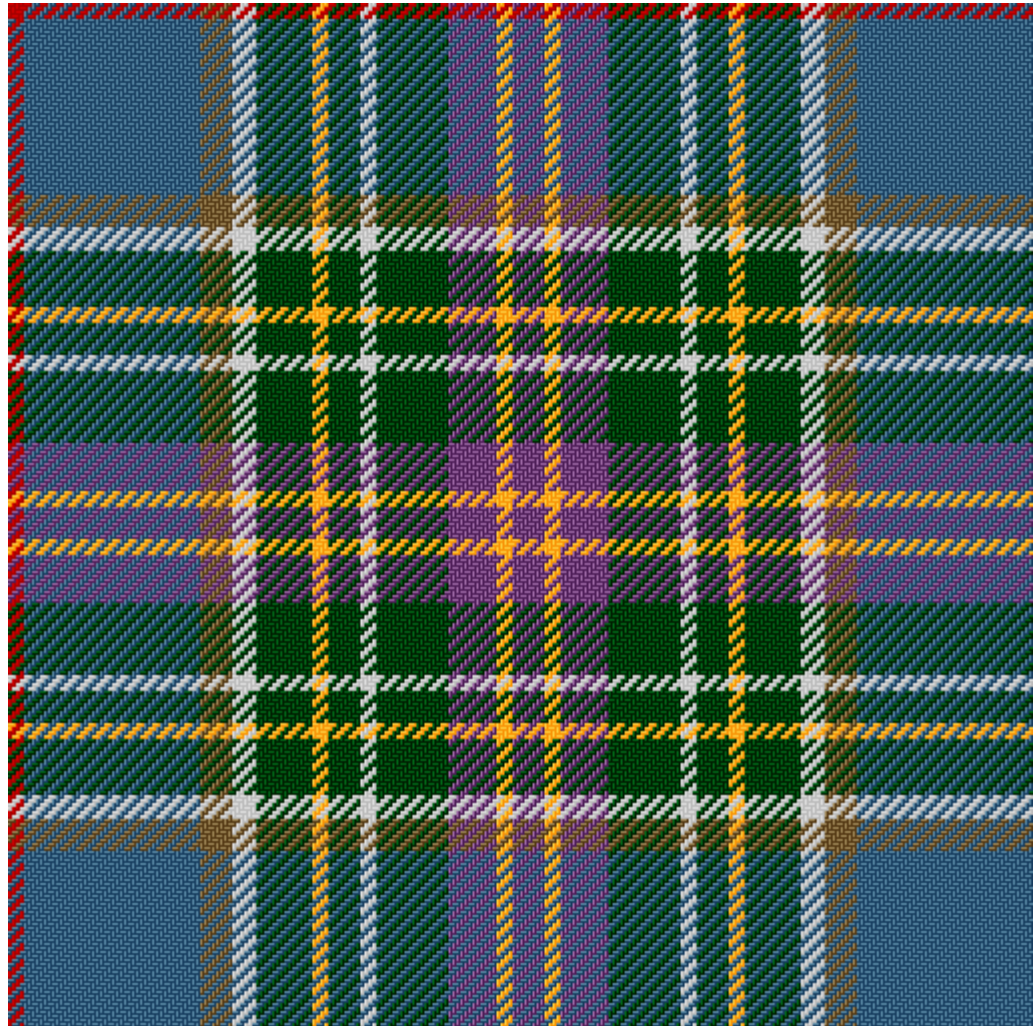
**Registration notes:** St. George's Woollen Mills, Isle of Man. This is the Manx name for the Manx National but it seems to bear no relation to it. Sample in Scottish Tartans Authority's Johnston Collection.

**ELLAN VANNIN (1958)****Ellan Vannin  
(1958)**

Threadcount given over a half sett with full count at the pivots.  
LN4 PH64 DB16 MY4 DR4 DG32 P8

DB=000050MOD BLUE; DG=003014MOD GREEN; DR=8C0000RED;  
MY=C88C00YELLOW; K=000000BLACK; LN=C8C8C8WHITE; SB=788CB4AZURE;  
P=64008CPURPLE; PH=4830A0HEATHER;

**STA ref:** 4805  
**STWR ref:** none  
**Designer:** McQuaid, Miss Patricia  
**Tartan date:** 01/01/1958  
**Registration date:** This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.  
 District  
**Category:**  
**Restrictions:**  
**Registration notes:** Designed by Patricia McQuaid, 1958. See other Manx and Laxey tartans for the full story.

**ISLE OF MAN****Isle of Man**

Threadcount given over the full sett.

XR4 A44 LT8 W6 G14 YY4 G8 W4 G18 LP12 YY4 LP8 W4 LP8 YY4 LP12 G18 W4  
G8 YY4 G14 W6 LT8 A44

LT=A08858LIGHT BROWN; YY=FCCC00YELLOWBASIC; LB=2888C4LIGHT BLUE;  
G=006818GREEN; W=E0E0E0WHITE; A=5C8CA8AZURE; XR=C80000BASIC RED;  
P=780078PURPLE; LP=B468ACMAUVE;

**STA ref:** 3832

**STWR ref:** none

**Designer:** Moore, Richard T

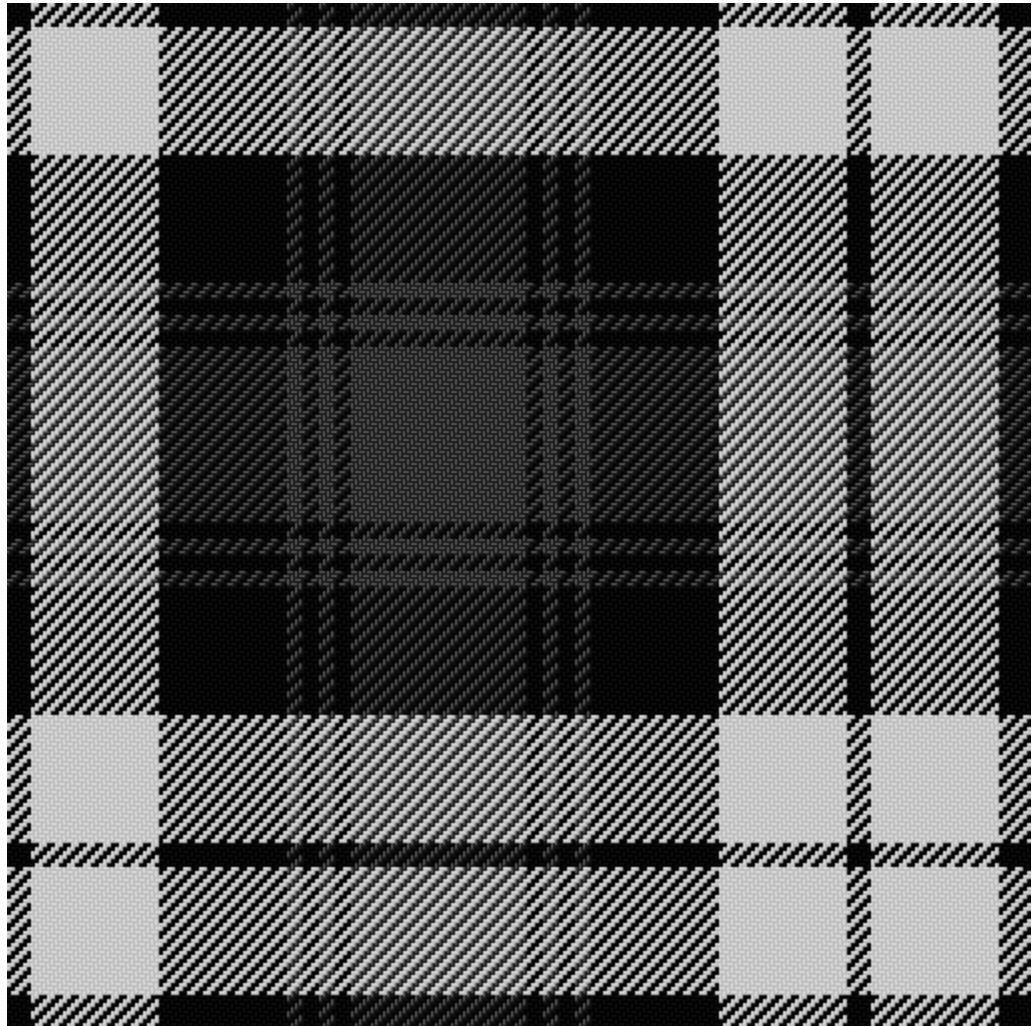
**Tartan date:** Not Specified

**Registration date:** This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.

**Category:** District

**Restrictions:**

**Registration notes:** Richard Moore was the owner of Tynwald Woollen Mills at St Johns and originally wove the Manx National tartan. However the designer, Miss McQuaid, had a disagreement with him and took the tartan away. He therefore designed his own. See Laxey Manx entry.

**LAKSAA (MANX)****Laksaa (Manx)**

Threadcount given over a half sett with full count at the pivots.  
K6 W32 K32 DN4 K4 DN4 K4 DN44

K=101010BLACK; DN=5C5C5CDARK GREY; W=E0E0E0WHITE;

**STA ref:** 1233  
**STWR ref:** 1233  
**Designer:** St. George's Woollen Mills  
**Tartan date:** 01/01/1985  
**Registration date:** This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.  
**Category:** District  
**Restrictions:**  
**Registration notes:** Laksaa is the Manx for Laxey. A place on the Isle of Man  
 Sample in Scottish Tartans Authority's Johnston Collection.

**MANX CENTENARY****Manx Centenary**

Threadcount given over the full sett.  
B44 G6 B6 G6 B6 G18 N56 G6 N12

B=40748CBLUE; G=006818GREEN; N=888888GREY;

**STA ref:** 129

**STWR ref:** 129

**Designer:** Wood, Robert

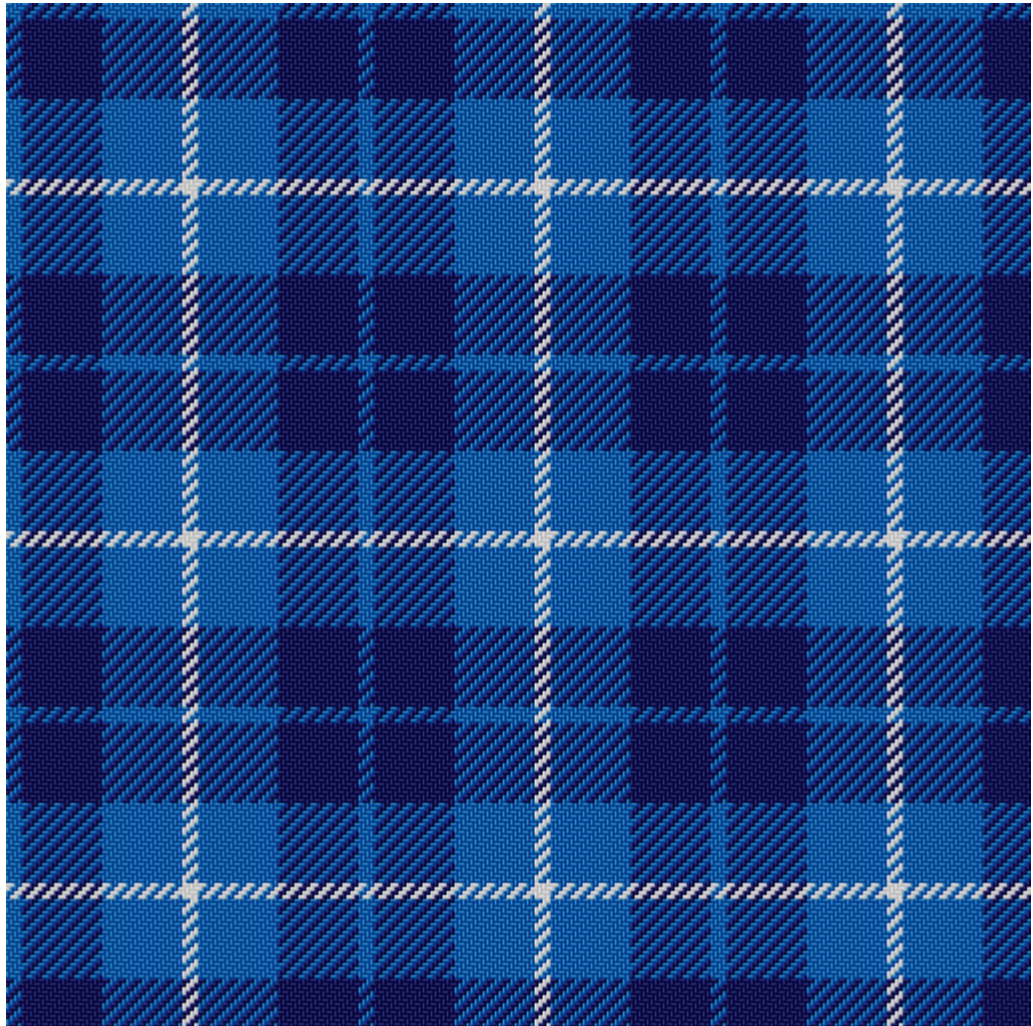
**Tartan date:** 01/01/1981

**Registration date:** This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.

**Category:** District

**Restrictions:**

**Registration notes:** Sample from Dr D G Teall & sample in Scottish Tartans Authority Johnston Collection. Manx refers to the Isle of Man, a large (221 sq miles) island in the Irish Sea which is a self governing Crown dependency with a population of about 70,000. The inhabitants are of Celtic origin. Centenary was 1881 - 1981. Laxey is an old mill village on the Isle of Man and this tartan is said to celebrate the centenary of the St George's Woollen Mill in the village. The grey represents the original grey flannel woven there and the blue and green are from the Manx Laxey tartan.

**MANX CORNAA (PERSONAL TARTAN – DR D. G. TEALL)****Manx Cornaa  
(Personal – Dr  
D.G. Teall)**

Threadcount given over the full sett.  
LB4 B20 LB20 W4 LB20 B20

B=2C2C80BLUE; LB=2888C4LIGHT BLUE; W=E0E0E0WHITE;

**STA ref:** 44

**STWR ref:** 44

**Designer:** Teall, Dr D.G.

**Tartan date:** 01/01/1981

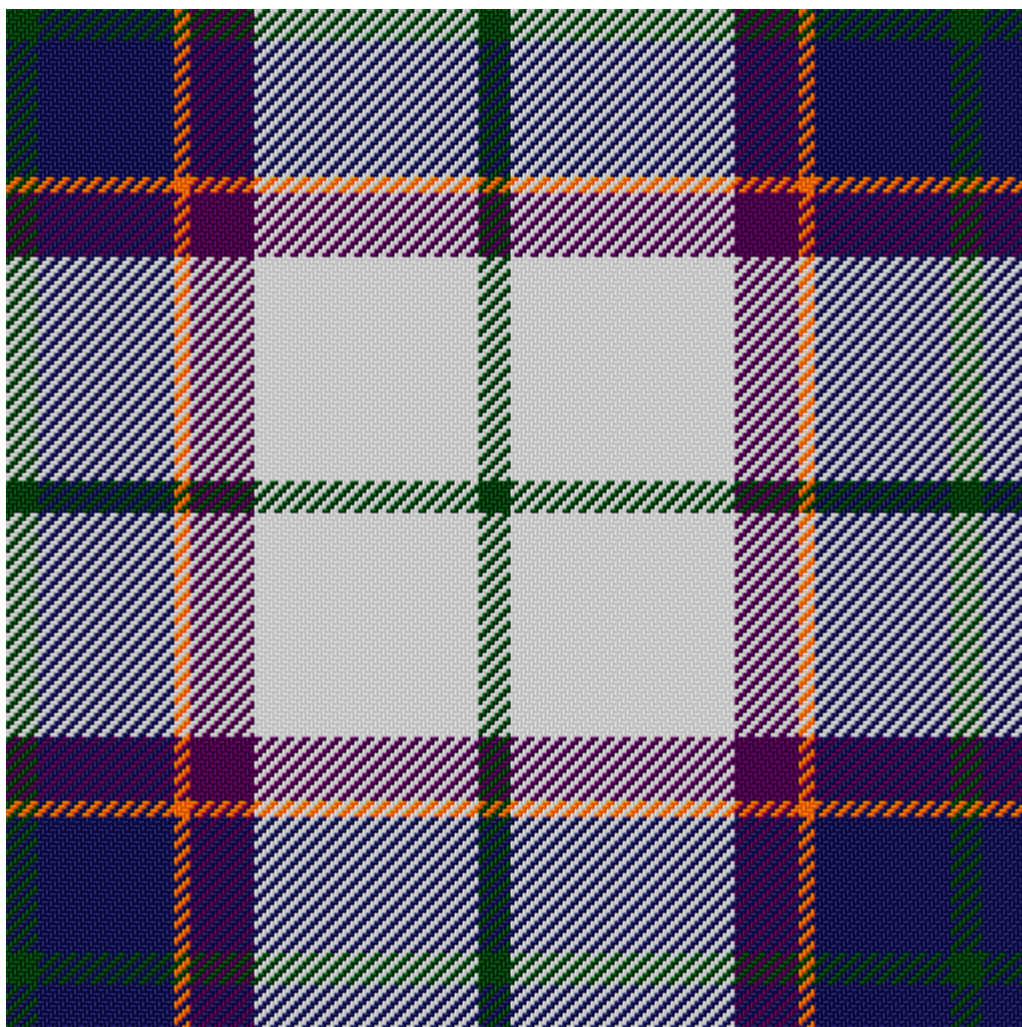
**Registration date:** This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.

**Category:** Clan/Family

**Restrictions:**

**Registration notes:** Cornaa was the name of Gordon Teall's house in the Isle of Man. Manx refers to the Isle of Man, a large (221 sq miles) island in the Irish Sea which is a self governing Crown dependency with a population of about 70,000. The inhabitants are of Celtic origin. D.C. Stewart's Nomindex has a slog of BBB : BBB whereas the Slog here is BBB : BWB



**MANX DRESS****Manx Dress**

Threadcount given over a half sett with full count at the pivots.  
G8 B34 DY4 P16 W56 G8

B=2C2C80BLUE; DY=E8C000GOLD; G=006818GREEN; P=780078PURPLE;  
W=E0E0E0WHITE;

**STA ref:** 748  
**STWR ref:** 748  
**Designer:** Not Specified  
**Tartan date:** 01/01/1981  
**Registration date:** This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.  
 District  
**Category:**  
**Restrictions:**  
**Registration notes:** Presented by Dr.D.G.Teall - Past President of the Scottish Tartans Society. He lived on the isle of Man.

**MANX ELLAN VANNIN**

**Manx Ellan Vannin** Threadcount given over the full sett.  
 DG56 W8 DB12 LG28 DG8 LG28 DB12 W8 DG56 A8

DB=202060DARK BLUE; LG=98B480LIGHT GREEN; W=E0E0E0WHITE;  
 A=5C8CA8AZURE; DG=003820DARK GREEN;

**STA ref:** 194  
**STWR ref:** 194  
**Designer:** Not Specified  
**Tartan date:** 01/01/1985  
**Registration date:** This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.  
**Category:** Clan/Family

**Restrictions:**  
**Registration notes:** Sample loaned by Dr D.G. Teall in 1985. No more details. Manx refers to the Isle of Man, a large (221 sq miles) island in the Irish Sea which is a self governing Crown dependency with a population of about 70,000. The inhabitants are of Celtic origin. Date from D.C. Stewart's NOMINDEX. His spelling is Ellen Vannen. St. George's Woollen Mills, Isle of Man. This is the Manx name for the Manx National but it seems to bear no relation to it. Sample in Scottish Tartans Authority Johnston Collection.

## MANX HERITAGE



### Manx Heritage

Threadcount given over the full sett.

A6 S6 A4 S6 DG4 S4 DG4 S34 B20 S4 DG4 S4 DG38 N6

A=5C8CA8AZURE; B=2C2C80BLUE; DG=006438DARK GREEN; N=888888GREY;  
S=C8002CSCARLET;

**STA ref:** 2679

**STWR ref:** 2679

**Designer:** Not Specified

**Tartan date:** 01/01/1996

**Registration date:** This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.

**Category:** Corporate

**Restrictions:**

**Registration notes:** Produced by the Manx Museum in 1998 as a commemorative and promotional tartan. Manx refers to the Isle of Man, a large (221 sq miles) island in the Irish Sea which is a self governing Crown dependency with a population of about 70,000. The inhabitants are of Celtic origin.

## MANX HUNTING



### Manx Hunting

Threadcount given over the full sett.  
A12 DN2 GN40 DN2 Y8 DN2 W8 DN2 N22 DN2 B76

A=5C8CA8AZURE; B=2C2C80BLUE; N=888888GREY; W=E0E0E0WHITE;  
Y=E8C000YELLOW; DN=5C5C5CDARK GREY; GN=406054GREEN GREY;

<b>STA ref:</b>	149
<b>STWR ref:</b>	149
<b>Designer:</b>	Kelly/Teall
<b>Tartan date:</b>	01/01/1980
<b>Registration date:</b>	This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.
<b>Category:</b>	District
<b>Restrictions:</b>	
<b>Registration notes:</b>	Produced after agreement between Mr C Ewan Kelly who marketed the Manx National tartan and Dr Gordon Teall. The former had a preliminary sketch which Teall developed in consultation with Loccarron of Galashiels who first wove it. Count taken from a plaid owned by Dr Teall. The following is an accompanying poem. Dark grey - the rocks; the heart of Ellan Vannin. Grey green - her rugged valleys, hills and moors; Clear blue - the sky above the land of Mannin; Grey blue - the sea around her shining shores; Bright gold - the gleam of cushag flowers a-blowing; Pure white - the mist that lingers for a while. These woven on the Loom of Love are showing, the soft lived fabric of Manannan's Isle. Blue is quite the wrong shade.

**MANX LAXEY (BLUE)**

**Manx Laxeey (Blue)** Threadcount given over a half sett with full count at the pivots.  
LB8 DG32 Y4 P14 LB56 W8

LB=6098B4LIGHT BLUE; P=780078PURPLE; W=E0E0E0WHITE;  
Y=E8C000YELLOW; DG=005834DARK GREEN;

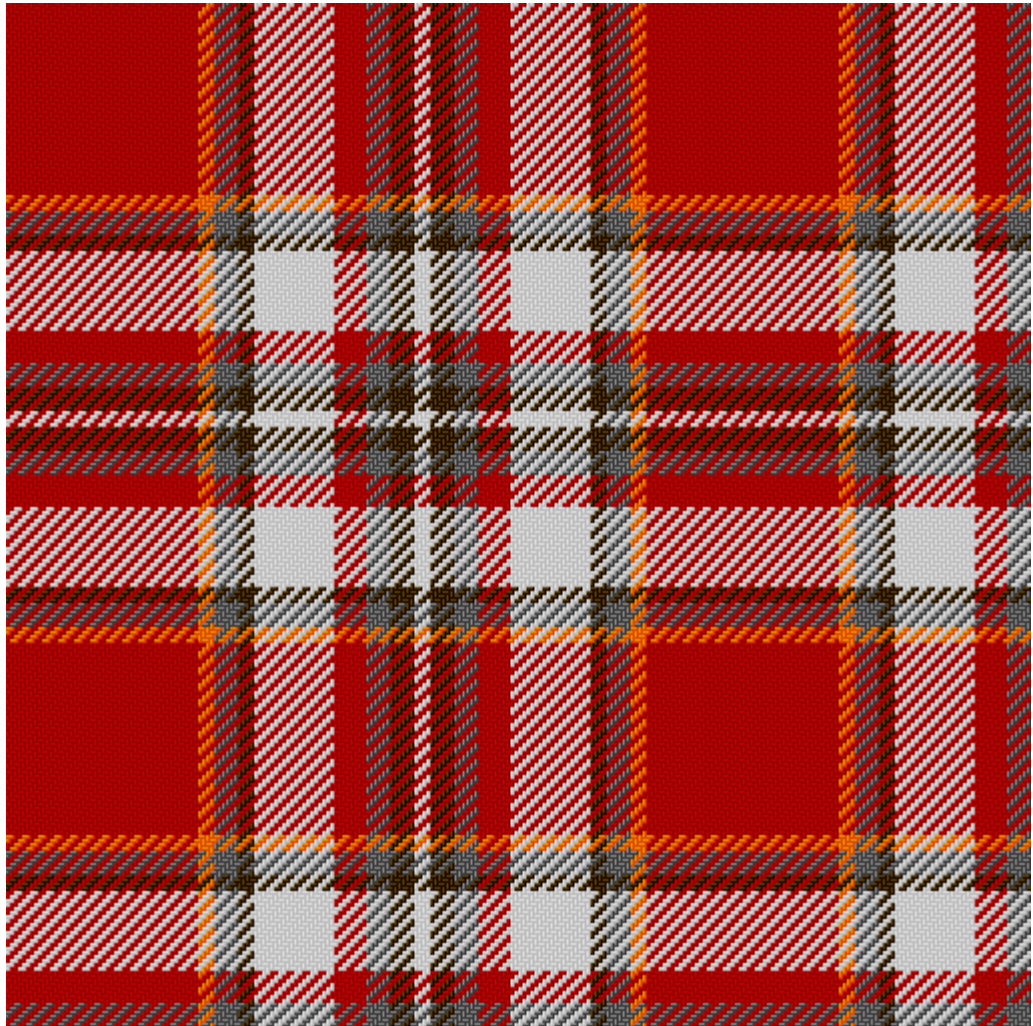
**STA ref:** 202  
**STWR ref:** 202  
**Designer:** Wood, Robert  
**Tartan date:** 01/01/1978  
**Registration date:** This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.  
 District

**Category:**

**Restrictions:**

**Registration notes:**

Designed and woven by Robert Wood, owner of St George's Woollen Mill in Laxeey after the weaving of the Manx National tartan was taken out of his hands by Miss Patricia McQuaid after a difference of opinion. This is now the only tartan woven by that mill. Manx refers to the Isle of Man, a large (221 sq miles) island in the Irish Sea which is a self governing Crown dependency with a population of about 70,000. The inhabitants are of Celtic origin. Presented by Dr. D.G. Teall in 1981 He was a Past President of the Scottish Tartans Society.

**MANX LAXEY (RED)**

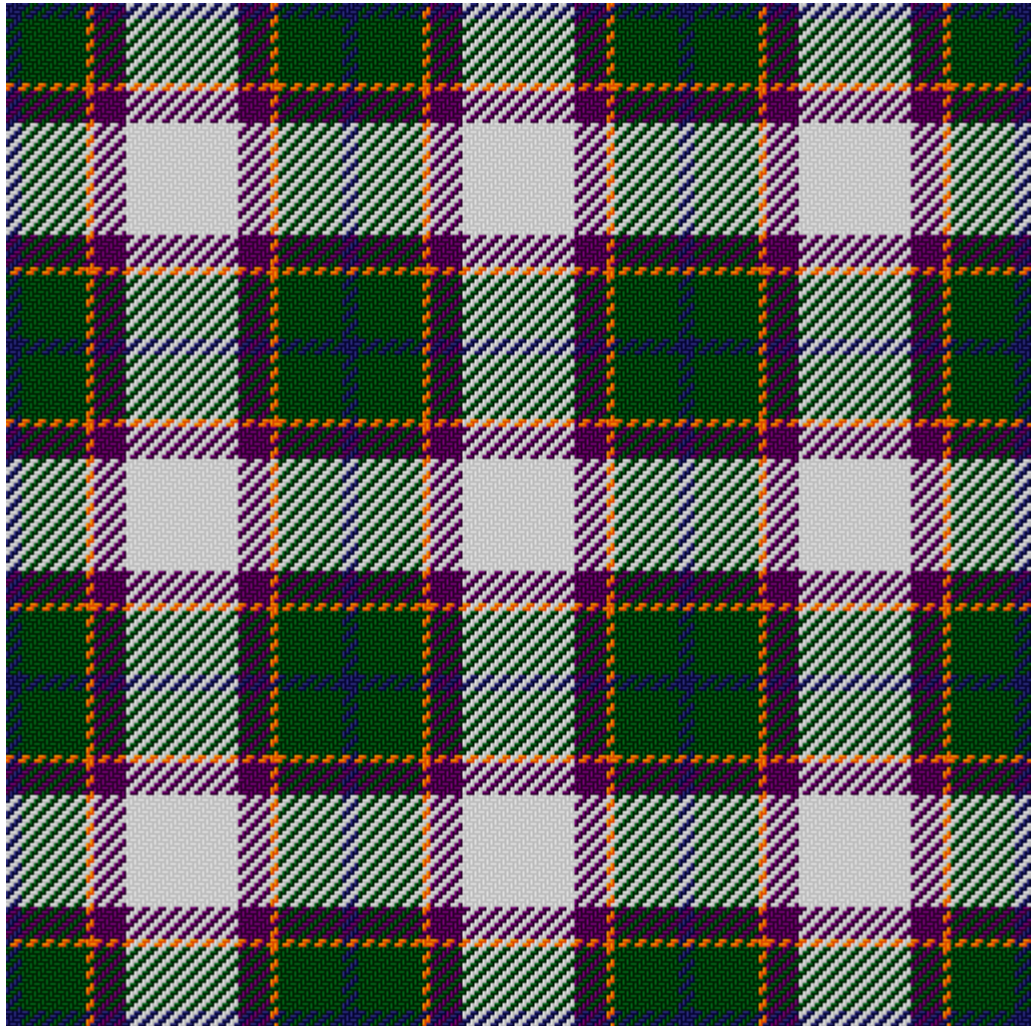
**Manx Laxey (Red)** Threadcount given over the full sett.  
R48 DY4 N6 T4 W20 R8 N6 T6 W4

T=604000BROWN; DY=E8C000GOLD; N=888888GREY; R=C80000RED;  
W=E0E0E0WHITE;

**STA ref:** 1721  
**STWR ref:** 1721  
**Designer:** Not Specified  
**Tartan date:** 01/01/1981  
**Registration date:** This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.  
 District

**Category:**  
**Restrictions:**  
**Registration notes:**

Yet another Isle of Man tartan. Data from Dr D.G.Teall. Manx refers to the Isle of Man, a large (221 sq miles) island in the Irish Sea which is a self governing Crown dependency with a population of about 70,000. The inhabitants are of Celtic origin. Date from D.C. Stewart's NOMINDEX.

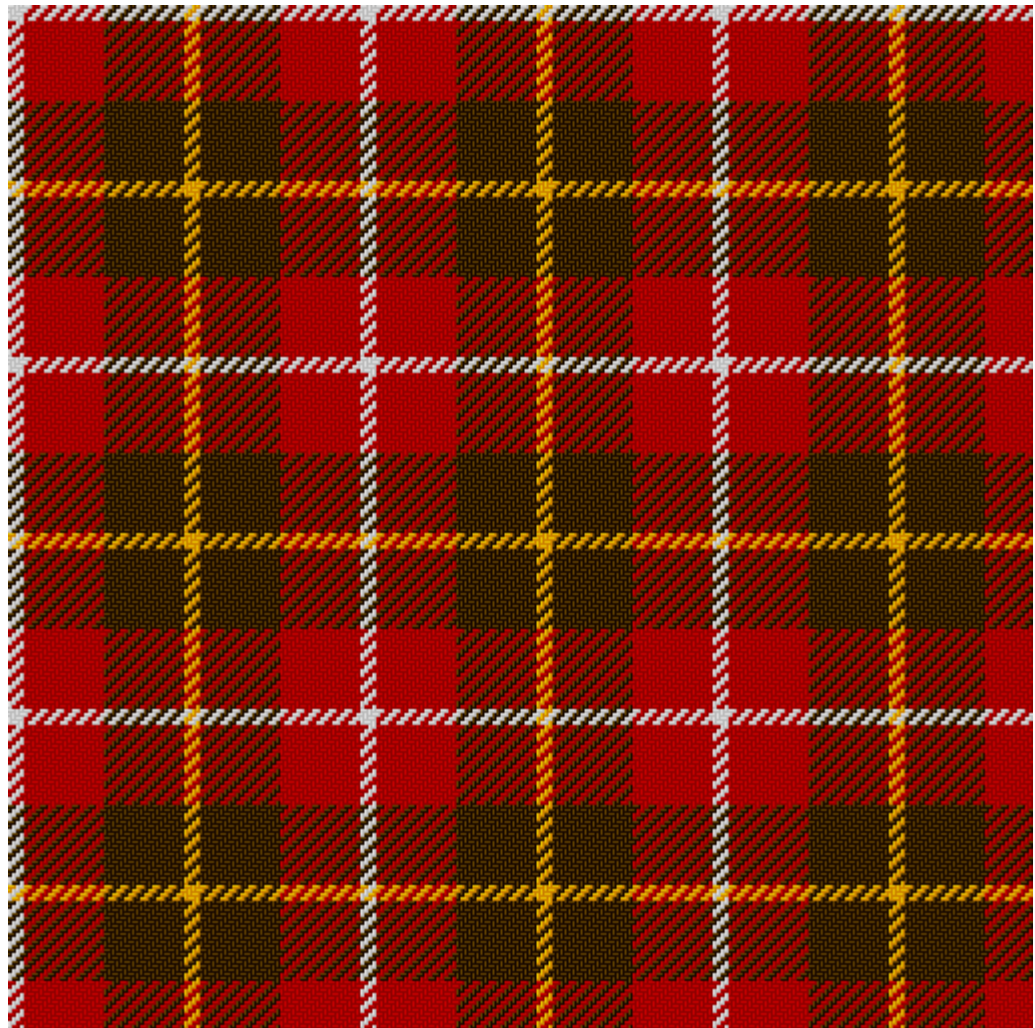
**MANX LAXEY DRESS GREEN**

**Manx Laxey Dress Green** Threadcount given over the full sett.  
B4 G16 DY2 P8 W28

B=2C2C80BLUE; DY=E8C000GOLD; G=006818GREEN; P=780078PURPLE;  
W=E0E0E0WHITE;

**STA ref:** 200  
**STWR ref:** 200  
**Designer:** Teall, Dr D.G.  
**Tartan date:** 01/01/1981  
**Registration date:** This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.  
**Category:** District

**Restrictions:**  
**Registration notes:** Presented by Dr. D.G. Teall in 1981. Scottish Tartan Society notes 'Experimental?' Dr D.G. Teall was a Past President of the Scottish Tartans Society.

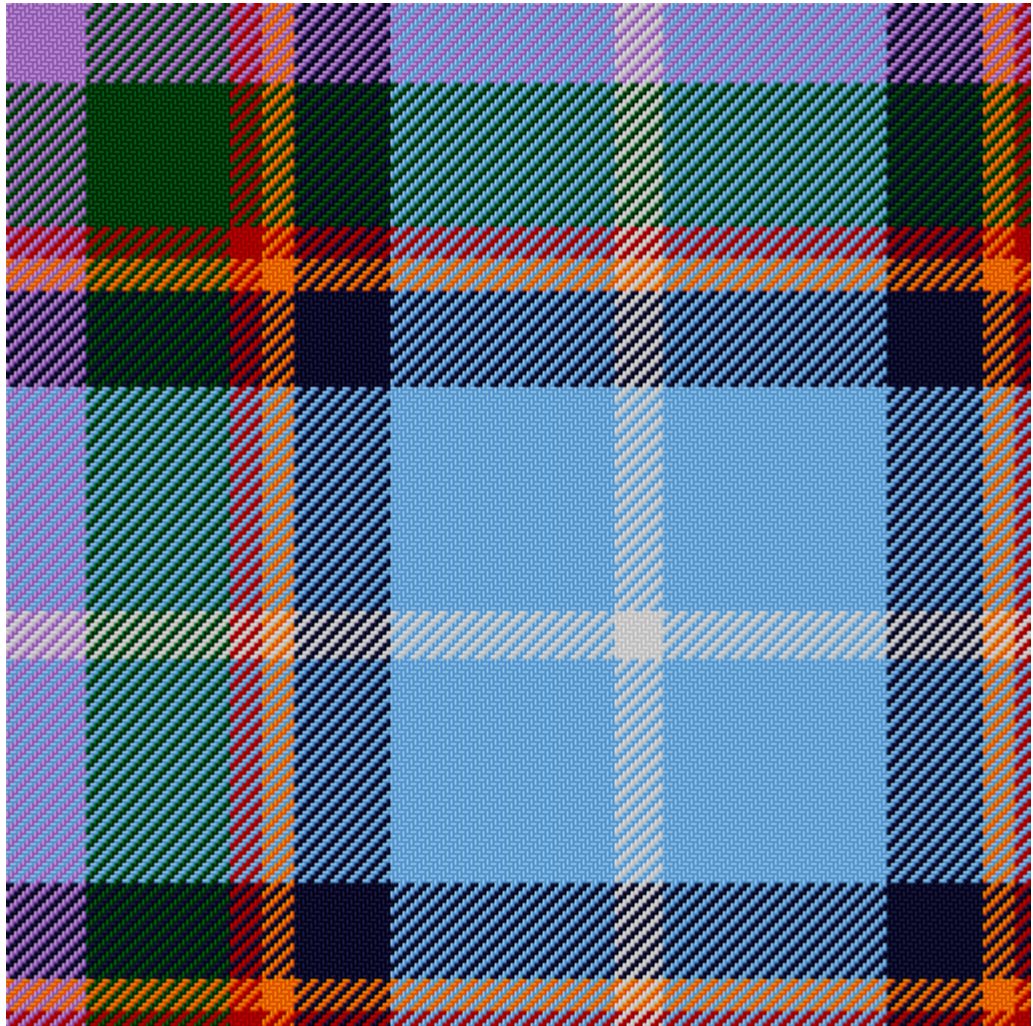
**MANX MANNIN PLAID**

**Manx Mannin Plaid** Threadcount given over a half sett with full count at the pivots.  
W4 R20 T20 Y4

W=E0E0E0WHITE; R=DC0000RED; T=503C14BROWN; Y=E8C000YELLOW;

**STA ref:** none  
**STWR ref:** 1863  
**Designer:** Not Specified  
**Tartan date:** Not Specified  
**Registration date:** This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.  
**Category:** District  
**Restrictions:**  
**Registration notes:** Presented by Dr D.G. Teall, Past President of the Scottish Tartans Society, 1981.

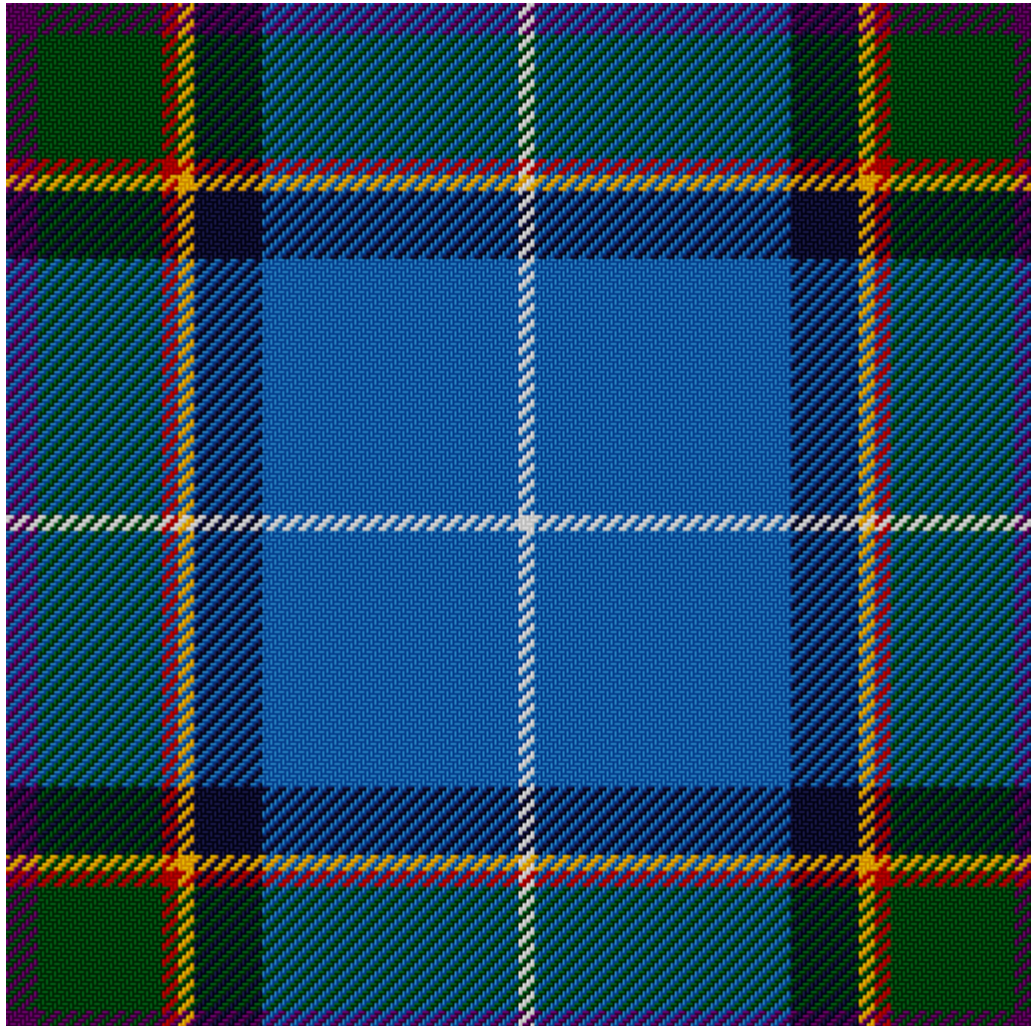


**MANX NATIONAL****Manx National**

Threadcount given over a half sett with full count at the pivots.  
LVP20 G36 R8 DY8 DB24 LSB56 W12

DB=303094DARK BLUE; DY=E8C000GOLD; G=005814GREEN; R=A86C1CRED;  
W=E0E0E0WHITE; LSB=608CA4LIGHT SKY; LVP=88609CLGT VIOLET;

<b>STA ref:</b>	185
<b>STWR ref:</b>	185
<b>Designer:</b>	McQuaid, Miss Patricia
<b>Tartan date:</b>	01/01/1946
<b>Registration date:</b>	This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.
<b>Category:</b>	District
<b>Restrictions:</b>	
<b>Registration notes:</b>	Manx refers to the Isle of Man, a large (221 sq miles) island in the Irish Sea which is a self governing Crown dependency with a population of about 70,000. The inhabitants are of Celtic origin. D.C. Stewart's Nomindex notes. This seven-colour tartan was designed by Miss Patricia Mcquaid as the Manx National Tartan at the instigation of the Rt. Hon the Lord Sempill (probably John, the 18th Lord Sempill). Lord Sempill's connections with the Isle of Man are not known. <sup>1</sup> The colours were explained as follows: The Light Blue of the Sky, The Dark Blue of the Sea, The Green of the hills & valleys, The White of the Cottages, The Purple of the Heather, The Yellow of the Gorse in bloom, The Red of the flowers of the Fuchsia

**MANX NATIONAL #2****Manx National #2**

Threadcount given over a half sett with full count at the pivots.  
P8 G31 R4 DY4 DB17 LB64 W4

P=5A008CPURPLE; G=005020MOD GREEN; R=DC0000RED; DY=C89600YELLOW;  
DB=080848BLUE; LB=0596FALIGHT BLUE; W=E0E0E0WHITE;

**STA ref:** none  
**STWR ref:** 186  
**Designer:** Not Specified  
**Tartan date:** Not Specified  
**Registration date:** This tartan was recorded prior to the launch of The Scottish Register of Tartans.  
**Category:** District  
**Restrictions:**  
**Registration notes:** Thread count of the sample donated by Dr. D.G. Teall in 1987. Differs in threads only. Dr Teall was a past President of the Scottish Tartans Society.