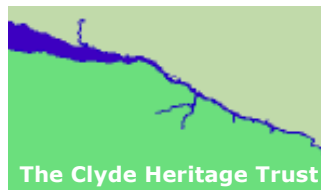


Clyde Catchment Conference



Living and Working with the River

Chair: Lady Isabel Glasgow



The Firth of Clyde Forum

- We are a partnership to care for the Clyde: its environment, its people and its visitors.
- We work by co-operation, negotiation and consensus through our Management Strategy and aim to ensure integrated management of the Firth through the voluntary approach.
- We have a number of projects promoting the key themes of our management strategy: Economic Enterprise, Management of Environment Resources, Renewal of Infrastructure and Community Engagement.
- Consultation with our membership during the summer of 2002 highlighted the need for further debate on the issue of flooding within the Clyde Catchment.

The Clyde

- The River flows approximately 100 miles from its source
- Around 1.8 million people live in Glasgow and the Clyde Valley
- Economic prosperity of the catchment is reliant on an understanding of the behaviour of the river and its interaction with the surrounding terrestrial environment.

Current Situation

- The river has been through many changes dictated by economic change.
- Increased regeneration and activity on the river is heralding a new era for the Clyde.
- Will a catchment approach provide the necessary backdrop to promote and protect sustainable economic and social regeneration?

Environmental Change

- Current predictions of climate change suggest Scotland will become warmer and wetter.
- Scottish Executive estimates that 93, 000 properties are presently at risk of coastal flooding.
- The lower Clyde estuary, the lower Kelvin and urban areas, including Paisley, Cathcart, Kirkintilloch and Kilmarnock have been identified as vulnerable.

Issues to be covered

- Identify the main environmental problems impacting on economic and social change.
- Review sources of data, historical studies and identify gaps in knowledge.
- Enable a fuller understanding of the Clyde Catchment.

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