

Restoring the River Leven

River Restoration

River restoration is the process of restoring the natural processes you would expect to find in a river that have been artificially changed, helping them function more naturally.

The River Leven and the streams and burns that flow into it have been altered over time to support local industry. Restoration options being developed aim to create a more natural river. Balancing physical constraints of the site such as railways, bridges and pipelines with the desire to regenerate a more natural environment.

Historical information and an understanding of how rivers work helps guide the design process. The design will create areas of shallower, faster moving water (known as 'riffles') and areas of slower, deeper water (known as 'pools').

Working closely with **Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)** and other project partners **Fife Council** has commissioned this and several other river restoration projects across Fife to help us improve our waterways for the benefit of local people and wildlife.



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