

Restoring the River Leven Fish Passage

The **Kirkland** and **Burn Mill Dams** were constructed to support local industry along the River Leven. The factories are now gone and options are being considered for both dams to make it easier for fish to move up and down the river as they would do naturally.

This will help improve the health and variety of **fish as well as other wildlife** along the River Leven. Whilst neither of the structures are listed, the important role they played in the area's history will be highlighted as part of the restoration project.

For **Kirkland Dam**, the proposal involves using rocks and boulders to create a rough surface on the face of the dam, sloping down to the natural riverbed below. This will remove the jump or step which is restricting the movement of fish and will provide areas of faster and slower flowing water to help the fish move up the structure more easily.

For **Burn Mill Dam**, which is already in a bad condition, our goal is to remove the structure. However the feasibility of this is currently being considered along with other potential options including lowering of the dam.



Kirkland Dam now



Burn Mill Dam now



Example of a full dam removal

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