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## FRIENDS OF MILNGAVIE RESERVOIR

### Autumn Newsletter

#### **Heritage Society – Milngavie Reservoir exhibition: 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Taken the opportunity to visit this [exhibition in Milngavie Town Hall](#) and perhaps also the guided tour to Milngavie Reservoir organised by members of Milngavie Heritage Society (Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Sept).

FoMR provided information on our Group's aim and outlined our main achievements since our formation in 2001. Of course there is lots to do going forward!

#### **Milngavie Reservoir – National garden and designed landscape – now its official**

FoMR is very pleased Historic Environment Scotland (HES) completed their assessment and is going to include Milngavie Reservoir on their Inventory of gardens and designed landscape for Scotland.

HES summary of their assessment states: *'Of outstanding architectural interest for its high-quality structures, Milngavie Reservoirs is also of outstanding historic interest as a rare example of a functional, 19<sup>th</sup> century civil engineering landscape designed and used like a public park, and which became highly valued for its 'natural beauty'. The reservoirs, associated architecture and mature planting also contribute major scenic interest to the local landscape.'*

This is great news for the Reservoir community!

#### **Bankell pumping station and pipeline planning application update**

The Council has now approved the building of a pumping station beside Bankell water holding tank. The contractor has advised work will commence on the Bankell pumping station later this year and the pipeline construction early in the new year. Work on the construction of new pipeline will impact on the reservoir and will involve the closure of Drumclog car park. More information will be forthcoming as the project progresses.

#### **Everything is coming up roses!**

Many thanks to our 'Milngavie in Bloom' friends who once again lent a helping hand to tending the roses at the old treatment works. Hoping for more opportunities to make a difference as we continue with our work to restore Milngavie Reservoir to its former glory. Every little helps!

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