



# Clydebelt News

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Clydebelt is the organisation dedicated to protecting our Greenbelt heritage in the Kilpatrick Hills.

It is non-political, non-sectarian, and non-profit-making

## Sporting estate to block Kilpatrick Hills ?

There are persistent rumours of plans for a sporting estate at Cochnohill Farm, with consequent access restriction, shooting and other activities like those that Clydebelt successfully stopped years ago. The Council Planning Dept "knows nothing yet".

Clydebelt and other local bodies are very con-

### Dalmuir Park scalped

Three feet of the "Sow's Back" at Dalmuir Park have been scalped off, taking away character from this distinctive hill. Is more to go?

### Quarry too near

Sheephill Quarry got planning permission in 1949, long before the houses at Miltonhill were built. The houses shake with the blasts now, but could be in danger if it advances to their back gardens. Clydebelt supports the residents, and also deplores removal of this part of the Kilpatrick Hills skyline as seen from Milton & Dumbarton.

### Romans remain?

A developer is about to buy the Roman Fort site around the disused bus garage at Old Kilpatrick. The lower part of the site is a scheduled ancient monument so must have an archeological survey before building takes place. Clydebelt has been attending meetings on providing some kind of Roman History attraction at the site, perhaps a planning permission condition?

### Carbeth hutters

Two of the Carbeth Hutters Committee met Clydebelt's Committee on 20th October. We agreed to broadcast their plea for support in lobbying for land reform so that community purchase is realistically possible. Until and unless this happens, evictions continue at Carbeth to make room for luxury development, and the hutters fight expensive cases without legal aid.

cerned that ordinary access to traditional pursuits on the hills is once again at risk.

Cochnohill Farm was divided into three parts recently. The lower part was bought by Glasgow University. The upper part now belongs to a non-agricultural entrepreneur who would normally be permitted to erect agricultural buildings, and has been discussing building a house.

There are firm plans for a "domestic boarding establishment" for animals at the remaining 10 acres of steading.

More details at our 23rd November meeting.

## Meeting

You are invited to the Clydebelt Members' Annual General Meeting

7.30pm Monday  
23rd November 1998

followed by:

Members stories about the sites mentioned in this Newsletter bring photos & and slides if possible

in the Trinity Church,  
Roman Road, Duntocher

We will have more details of issues raised in this Newsletter, and any more that arise. The meeting is for all who are members (eg who receive this newsletter), and you can join at the meeting. Come and make your feelings known.

### Agenda

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Financial Report
3. News & current issues:  
Cochnohill Farm, Fishing rights, Access Alliance, Sheephill Quarry, Roman Fort, Dalmuir Park, Roman Road development, housing a Craighton Wood, Carbeth
4. Election of Committee
5. Any other competent business

This Newsletter has been delivered to the last known address of a member. If they have moved on, but you are interested, you are very welcome to join us - at the meeting or by phoning the Secretary at 01389 872836.

Membership is a once-only fee of £1 (or £2 for a household) which should last for years of printing and postage unless we need another big campaign.