

# THE HISTORIC RURAL SETTLEMENT RESEARCH GROUP

## HISTORIC RURAL SETTLEMENT AROUND THE CLYDE SEAWAYS

CONFERENCE AND FIELD EXCURSION

### FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

ROTHESAY, ISLE OF BUTE

**SATURDAY MAY 12TH 2007: 9.30 AM TO 5.00 PM**

The Historic Rural Settlement Group is an amalgam of professional and voluntary groups and individuals concerned to cultivate and improve the understanding and valuing of, and caring for, Scotland's historic rural settlements for the wide benefit of present and future generations. We are pleased to announce the latest in a series of annual conferences and field visits to regions of Scotland. In May 2007 we are going 'doon the watter' to visit the delightful and fascinating Isle of Bute for the weekend. Our hosts, the members of the *Buteshire Natural History Society*, will be pleased to show us their long-established work in recording the buildings and farming landscapes that are abundant across the island. We should anticipate some delightful sea views and interesting archaeology. As in past conferences, the meeting is on one day, SATURDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2007, but because many of you will want to stay over, we can anticipate events on the Sunday morning also. The Tourist Office in the Discovery Centre, Rothesay (08707 200619) will be happy to handle enquiries concerning accommodation, to make the most of the weekend.

The conference will be held at The Library of the Bute Museum in Rothesay. The day of the meeting will comprise a 1/2 day conference session in the morning (9.30 am to 12.30 pm) and an afternoon visit (2.00 to 6.00 pm) to recently studied sites on the island. Guest speakers will be from both the professional ranks and from colleagues representing local societies, focusing on aspects of past life around the Clyde Seaways. Further details of the speakers will be available on the Trust's web-site ([molrs.org.uk](http://molrs.org.uk)) in the second announcement. To round off the day, we are all invited by the *Buteshire Natural History Society* to a small reception in the Museum Library in Rothesay.

There will be a charge of £20.00 per person, necessary to cover the hire of facilities, tea/coffee during the morning and coach hire for the afternoon. Lunch cannot be provided, unfortunately, but Rothesay has many restaurants, cafes and hostelrys. If you would like to register your interest in this meeting, please reply by returning the downloadable form below to:

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University of Stirling, Stirling FK9 4LA (e-mail: [rt1@stir.ac.uk](mailto:rt1@stir.ac.uk)).

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I am interested in attending the conference and field excursion .....

Please inform Dr. Tipping in your reply if you anticipate difficulties in access to buildings or the countryside: thank you.

I am interested in attending the conference but cannot attend the field excursion .....

Please place me on an e-mailing list for future Group events:  
I give you permission to store my address .....

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E-MAIL ADDRESS (if available) .....

I enclose a cheque for £20.00 made payable to the  
'Historic Rural Settlement Trust' .....

Please acknowledge receipt of this payment .....

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