

Wildlife in the River Avon & the Serpentine Flower Bed

Salmon & Sea Trout

Salmon and sea trout were once thought to be extinct in the River Avon due to the pollution and weirs installed during the 18th and 19th century. As the river has improved, salmon and sea trout populations have slowly recovered with more and more found during surveys and being caught in the river.



Otters and other wildlife

Otters have also made a comeback with a number of otters making their home on the River Avon. When the river started to improve and as fish returned, otters started growing in number.

Kingfisher and dippers are but two of the many birds who have benefited from the Avon becoming healthier.

Eels have also been found on the river Avon again highlighting the change in water quality and healthiness of the river.



The Serpentine Flower bed depicts the history of the Avon starting at the high street and flowing down to Linlithgow Loch. The Changes in colour flow from reds, oranges and yellows depicting how the river once looked due to past industry. Whites and blues reflect on how the river has improved with wildlife such as salmon, sea trout, otters and kingfisher returning to a river which was once heavily polluted.

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Although wildlife has started to return to the River Avon, work is still needed to make sure the river thrives for future generations.