

Central Chapter visit to the Isle of Bute

The Chapter organised a day trip to Rothesay on Saturday 12 July. The intention was to combine a field visit and social event, providing a CPD opportunity that might suit some Members who are unable to attend events on weekday evenings. The opportunity provided by a full day event allowed us time to travel further afield to see what lessons can be learnt from the operation of the planning system in another part of Scotland and, hopefully, meet Members from other Chapters.

A small group attended and we took a walking tour around the centre of the **Rothesay Conservation Area**. David Eaglesham from Argyll and Bute Council joined us and explained the background to a number of recent and prospective development projects in the town. With the weather remaining fine, we were able to take full advantage of the open top bus tour which operates on the island. This enabled us to see the remainder of Rothesay's large Conservation Area and appreciate the contrast between the resort town and the more rural western parts of the island with its attractive coastal landscapes and spectacular sea views towards the mountains of Arran.

As always, your feedback is welcome via the RTPI Scotland web site. It would be particularly useful to hear from those who were unable to attend the event. Would you welcome another opportunity to attend an event with a similar format to our trip to Rothesay? If so, do you have any suggestions about timing and possible destinations?

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