he remembers the 'cowp' on the riverbank where people used to dump their household waste.

He isn't sure how his parents came to have the good fortune to be allocated a house in Riverside. Maybe a combination of his father's employment at the Ordnance Factory and his WWI service. The houses were some of the very first council houses in Scotland and were built for returning servicemen after WWI. They are Stirling's 'Homes for Heroes'. Mr Lamb recalls that each house, once built, had a tree planted in its garden.

Very few of these 100 year old trees still exist though some are still there to be spotted on a walk round Riverside.



Riverside Community Council is delighted to be able to plant a tree to celebrate and commemorate the building of the houses at Shiphaugh. The centenary tree will be planted near the Community Orchard and there will be an interpretation board beside it to tell the story of the Shiphaugh development.

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Housing at Shiphaugh



1920 - 2020

1919 Planning and Construction Begins

The coming of peace at the end of the First World War in November 1918 brought a widespread demand for new houses. The government of the day passed legislation which enabled local authorities to build houses, known as 'Homes for Heroes'. Stirling Town Council was one of the first local authorities in Scotland to build a council owned housing scheme.

The Town Council considered various sites in Stirling and eventually, in April 1919, selected Shiphaugh, in Riverside, as the most suitable location. Plans for developing the land, mostly already owned by Cowanes's Trust, were drawn up. The first Shiphaugh houses were on their way.



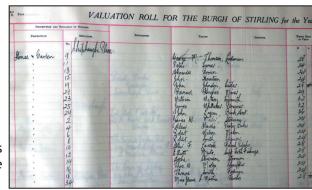
There followed a year and more of preparation and building; laying out roads and pavements, installing water and drainage and building the houses.



By Thursday 28th October 1920 four of the new Council houses were ready for occupation. They were described in the local press as:

"of the cottage type... [they had] a living room with a range and press, scullery with gas cooker, tub and sink, washing house with gas boiler,

larder and coal house and also a place for a perambulator. Upstairs there [were] two bedrooms and bathroom. The houses [were] fitted up for a supply of hot water to the bath and scullery. The cooking could either be done by range or in the scullery by gas. The houses were lit by electric light."



Shiphaugh Place occupants & their occupations from the Valuation Roll 1923 - 24

Recollections of Shiphaugh from Mr Alistair Lamb

Mr Lamb was born in the front bedroom of his house in Sutherland Avenue in 1925. Apart from a spell living and working in Elgin, and his WWII service, he has lived there all his 95 years. The houses in Sutherland Avenue were some of the first to be built as part of the Shiphaugh development after WWI and the first were ready for occupancy in 1920.

Mr Lamb's parents moved to Sutherland Avenue in 1924. They were the second occupants of the house. He recalls that the first occupants weren't happy as they found Riverside a bit 'toffee nosed'. But his parents loved living here and he himself still appreciates all the benefits of living in Riverside.

Having lived here for so long Mr Lamb has seen many changes. In the early days he knew all his neighbours in Sutherland Avenue and could be certain of a welcome, a cup of tea and a bun at any house he called into. He says that, sadly, this isn't the case nowadays though he still has friends in the area. The area was of course less



built up and the houses between Sutherland Avenue and Abbey Road were built on open ground.

There were very few cars in Riverside the 1920s and 30s. In fact any cars were often calling at the Lamb household as his uncles from Glasgow had cars and would come for a run out to 'the country'. While a car was a novelty there was a bus service, Jimmy's Wee Bus, which ran from Riverside to Cambusbarron. There were also horse drawn carts which were mobile shops.



Riverside had a mix of light industries which Mr Lamb recalls. His father was employed at the Ordnance Depot at Forthside having been a serving soldier for 28 years prior to moving to Shiphaugh. There was also the cooperage (now Cooperage Quay) and a linoleum factory near Abbey Road Place. The footbridge to Cambuskenneth was built in the 1930s and he recalls the small ferry which took people across the river. Less pleasantly