

District ARRAN

Gaelic Name

ARAIN

Tartan Designer MacNaughtons of Pitlochry

Date 1982

Arran, the large mountainous island in the Firth of Clyde, rises steeply from the sea. Easily visible from many places on the Scottish mainland and from Ireland, Arran is a conspicuous landmark which has long since captured the hearts of visitors. Early settlers included Christian ascetics and some of its place names reflect the Viking era. The history of Arran is essentially one of tenant farmers, generations following generation, to modern times. Gaelic was spoken on the island until well into this century. It has long been a popular tourist resort and at one time many businessmen used to commute from Arran to offices in Glasgow by ferry and rail. Visitors to the island still arrive by ferry to challenge the steep hills, while the gardens of Brodick Castle, now in care of the National Trust for Scotland, attract the more leisurely visitor.

The Arran district tartan is a modern sett introduced by MacNaughtons of Pitlochry in 1982. It has recently been produced with a color modification by Locharron Mills at Galashiels.

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