

District STRATHCLYDE

Gaelic Name

Srath Chluaidh

Tartan Designer Laird-Porth of Scotland

Date c. 1975

Strathclyde, the broad drainage of the River Clyde, was an independent Kingdom of Britons -- speakers of a language akin to Welsh -- until the eleventh century. It had its capital at Dumbarton ('fort of the Britons'), on the north bank of the river but most of its territory was to the south, in what is now southwest Scotland. In 1975, this ancient name was given to the largest of Scotland's new Regions; it stretches from the former Ayrshire in the south, across the west central industrial belt, and includes part of Argyll and some of the more southerly of the Western Isles. Glasgow is the major city of both Strathclyde and Scotland, and is the home of Strathclyde University.

The Strathclyde tartan is one of the more recent designs and is appropriate for persons living in the historic river valley south of Glasgow and its immediate suburbs -- Monklands, Eastwood, East Kilbride, Hamilton, Motherwell and Lanak. The tartan was designed in 1975 to fulfill a need for a tartan representative of the area. The navy blue and white are said to represent the 'Scottish sporting colors'.

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