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Other Housing

Bridgend Rows

Location 55.964407, -3.533639; in Bridgend village, about 3 miles east of Linlithgow. [map](#)

Former parish and county Parish of Linlithgow, Linlithgowshire

Current local authority area West Lothian

Construction history Built c. 1885

Ownership history Linlithgow Oil Company, James Ross & Co.

Demolition history Most demolished late 1930's, some improved and extant

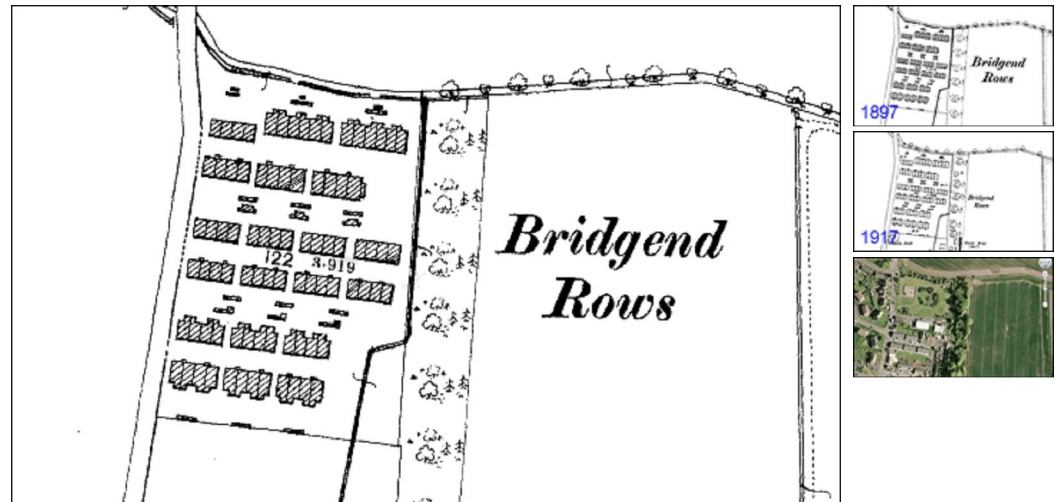
Current status of site Park, playground and community buildings constructed on site of demolished rows.

Background

Built to serve **Champfleurie Oilworks**, Bridgend consisted of 18 rows of four dwellings and 2 rows of six dwellings. Some of these appear to be single room houses. Five rows of the largest two-apartment houses remain as "Auldhill Cottages"

Maps

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Recent Images



- (1) Bridgend Rows (now known as Auldhill Cottages), looking east
- (2) Bridgend Rows (now known as Auldhill Cottages), looking west
- (3) Bridgend Rows (now known as Auldhill Cottages), looking east over gardens
- (4) Park and community centre built on the site of demolished rows.

Snippets

" At Bridgend (there are) some eighty-six houses, all owned by Lord Rosebery, and leased to James Ross & Company, of Philpstoun Oil Company. The houses consist of room and kitchen. There are a few single apartments. At Bridgend thirty-six



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houses have small sculleries. One dry-closet is provided for every two tenants, and a coal-cellar for each tenant, but there are no washhouses. Water is supplied by stand-pipes. The rental is 1/9. for single-apartment houses, and 2/6. for two-apartment houses, inclusive of local and county rates. The Company remove the refuse from dustbins every morning. The population of Kingscavil and Bridgend is 802. A number of the houses are empty, and many need repairs. In some cases the keeping of too many lodgers leads to overcrowding." *Theodore K. Irvine, Report on the Housing Conditions in the Scottish Shale Field, 1914*

"The West Lothian County Council scheme to establish a new village at Bridgend is progressing favourably. The new village is being built alongside the old miner's rows at Bridgend, and the population of the old Bridgend and also the people from the neighbouring village of Kingscavil will be housed there." *Midlothian Advertiser, 4th December 1936*

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