

## IMAGES OF WOLFHILL DAM – MIDDLE

The four Controlled Reservoirs at Ligoniel



Wolfhill Upper – owned by O'Kane Limited

Wolfhill Middle – owned by Ligoniel Improvement Association

Wolfhill Lower – owned by O'Kane Limited

Boodle's Dam – owned by Belfast City Council

1. View of Wolfhill Middle Dam from the Wolfhill Upper Dam.



2. More recent photo showing fishing club members and new earthworks



### 3. New paths and interpretive panels



### 4. One of two new fishing stands





5. Additional paths and Kissing Gate above Wolfhill Upper and Middle



6. Heritage Panel to be installed at the Dams shortly

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**Ligoniel Dams**  
**Ligoniel Linen Village**

Ligoniel was once a thriving industrial area. It was particularly important for linen manufacture. A number of important works, such as Ewart's Spinning Mill and Emerson's Spinning Mill, were located throughout the village.

By the late 19th century the Ewart family owned the largest linen manufacturing company in the world which included Glenbank Bleachworks and Ewart's Mill in Ligoniel.

The concentration of linen manufacture in this area was largely due to the power and reliability of the Forth and the Ligoniel rivers. This old corn mill formed part of the large mill complex of the Wolfhill Spinning Company. It is labelled on early maps from the mid 1800s.

Three dams and watercourses remain intact. Their scale and completeness are testament to the importance of water power during the industrialisation of Belfast during the latter 1700s. The corn mill, dams and the remnants of the adjacent bleach green are the last survivors of the area's industrial heritage that once thrived here under Wolf Hill.

**Did you know?**  
Linen is 2 to 3 times stronger than cotton and is made from the flax plant.

Employees of the Wolfhill Spinning Company 1857

Emerson's Spinning Mill

Wolf Hill on Ordnance Survey Map showing Ligoniel village

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