



Walking Tour on Sunday, 4th August, 2019

Glasgow's Merchant City was developed to the north west of the Cross from the 1750s onward on land that included the Medieval Lang Croft, Ramshorne Land and the Greyfriars and Blackfriars monasteries, The wealthy 'tobacco lords', who made their money in shipping, tobacco, sugar and tea, etc., built their residences and warehouses here and, with its straight streets and vistas it formed a new core of the city. It also represented the first phase of the ever westward expansion of the city.

As this expansion continued the wealthy residents moved further west leaving 'the town' to become a working district of warehouses and markets; the old Cheese, Fruit and Vegetable Markets still huddle round the City Halls although their original function is long gone.

In the 1980s a major urban renewal project was set in progress and it was at this time that the term 'Merchant City' was created. Buildings were restored, new businesses opened and residents were encouraged back into the city.

Architectural historian, David Martin was largely responsible, as City Heritage Officer in the 1980s, for conceiving the idea of the 'Merchant City' as an area of historic urban conservation and renewal. He will take us on a two hour walk round the district giving us an insight into its original development and its more recent regeneration.

There will be a short break halfway through for tea or coffee at Babbity Bowster, a bar, restaurant and hotel in a restored 18th Century townhouse.

The tour will start in George Square, 2pm and numbers will be strictly limited, so do get your booking form in quickly.

The charge of £10 per person includes the tour and coffee/tea in Babbity Bowster's.



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**Please send your booking form, SAE if you do not have an email address, and cheque for £10 per person made out to "Strathclyde Group – AHSS" by 1st July, 2019 to:
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