



*Rapids near Gillhall.*



*Remains of a weir at Gillhall.*



*Sculpture at Hoddam.*

bend as the B723 is first met. The B723 crosses over and the river passes a graveyard opposite the wooded 129m Woodcock Air.

Mein Water joins as the Annan heads towards Brydekirk, where a stone arched bridge crosses and the road runs straight up the hill through the centre of the village to the prominently placed kirk. Below the bridge is another old weir, effectively in two parts with a rocky island in the centre. In low water it is probably better left of the island but to its right when the water is higher.

A long island follows at Mount Annan, most water going left. Pheasants squawk as they head into the woods.

Chapelcross, Scotland's first nuclear power station,

was operational 1959-2004. It has been partially demolished, particularly the four red cooling towers which were visible over a wide area. A set of powerlines are important because they cross the river at what is by far its most dangerous weir. This apparently lethal modern concrete design has a long towback, is closed in at each end and has concrete walls running away downstream on each side for some distance. It lies round a lefthand bend and there is no warning of its proximity. At low water it may be better to land on the left bank although there is no obvious location. There is a flight of steps with a handrail back to the water but it is close to the towback. About 100m downstream there is a concrete platform running away downstream just above water level for some distance, reached where