

Gretna & Rigg, Springfield & Gretna Green, Kirkpatrick Fleming & District

Community Action Plan 2017 - 2027



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Introduction

In spring 2017, the EDF Energy Renewables Windfarm, Beck Burn, will come online, triggering a £155,250 annual community fund that will be administered across 8 communities by Cumbria Community Foundation.

The fund will be divided up as follows:

- £84,200 available for general grants (takes applications from all 8 communities)
- £31,050 for training and education (takes applications from all 8 communities)
- £5,000 designated for each community for small projects

This will add to the £2,100 already available to each of the three Community Councils from the Infinis Group Windfarm, Minsca.

The Community Councils of Gretna & Rigg, Springfield & Gretna Green and Kirkpatrick Fleming & District are 3 of the 8 communities in receipt of/eligible for the EDF money and are delighted to present this Community Action Plan, which sets out the priorities between 2017 and 2027.

The plan has been produced following extensive community engagement including focus groups, open public sessions and a community survey that was delivered to every household within the Community Council boundaries.

The Community Action Plan reflects what the people in Gretna & Rigg, Springfield & Gretna Green and Kirkpatrick Fleming & District want to see happening in their area. After all, who better knows what the community needs than the community itself?



The Community Now

The Community Councils are situated within Annandale and Eskdale, one of the four Local Authority defined localities within Dumfries and Galloway. Accounting for a quarter of the total area of Dumfries and Galloway, Annandale and Eskdale covers 156,286 hectares¹.

Population

In 2011 the population was 38,521, an increase of 4% since 2001². Over half of the residents (59%) live in rural areas with the remainder living in accessible small towns³.

Life Expectancy

Life expectancy data for Annandale and Eskdale is comprised of a number of Intermediate Zones, including Gretna and Eastriggs, which is discussed later in the plan. However, in 2011, life expectancy within Dumfries and Galloway as a whole was above the national average for males (77.5 years)⁴ and females (81.9 years)⁵.



Employment

In 2011 approximately 17,700 residents were in employment accounting for 63% of the residents aged 16-74⁶. Unemployment figures for those residents aged 16-74 in 2011 suggest that around 1,100 residents were unemployed but available and looking for work, approximately 5,500 residents were retired and a further 1,200 were long-term sick or disabled⁷.

Business

'Health / social work' and 'wholesale / retail' are the industries that account for the highest levels of employment in the area. This is in line with Dumfries and Galloway regional trends⁸.

Annandale and Eskdale

Education

There are 4 secondary schools with Annandale and Eskdale and 27 primary schools. The attainment of all four secondary schools exceeded the national average in relation to the percentage of pupils achieving 5+ Credit level Standard Grades in 2012/13⁹. Young people can access further education at Dumfries and Galloway College, the Barony College, Carlisle College and Newton Rigg College, whilst the University of Cumbria, the University of the West of Scotland and Glasgow University all provide Higher Education within easy travelling distance. (Cross-border education and training grants are available through Beck Burn Wind Farm for young people, including bursaries, travel, equipment and training.)

Safety and Security

There were 506 crimes recorded in Annandale and Eskdale between April and September 2013¹⁰. 132 fires were recorded in 2012/13¹¹.

Transport

Annandale and Eskdale has access to two major transport routes: the M74 motorway, linking Glasgow and Carlisle; the A75 (Euro route), which is the main gateway to Ireland and a real economic driver for both business and tourism; the West Coast main line that travels through Lockerbie rail station; and the West Coast local railway that passes through Annan and Gretna Green rail stations, connecting Carlisle to Dumfries enabling connections to Glasgow. In addition, the Annandale Transport Initiative are active, providing community transport across the locality¹².



Gretna & Eastriggs Intermediate Zone

Due to the geography of the three Community Councils, it is not possible to provide a profile that neatly combines the boundaries of all three. However, the Scottish Executive, during the publication of Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics defined a number of geographic 'Intermediate Zones' that sit between data zones and council areas. The Intermediate Zone that covers the majority of the three Community Council areas is Gretna & Eastriggs. The following data therefore represents the collective data available.

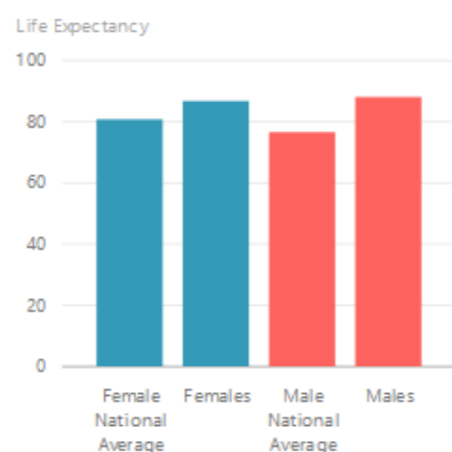
Size

The Intermediate Zone of Gretna & Eastriggs covers a land area of approximately 4,148 hectares and encompasses the settlements of: Gretna, Rigg, Gretna Green and Springfield, Stonehouse, Hollee, Redhouse, Whinnyrig, Quintinshill, Raeburnfoot, Aitchisonbank, Westgillsyke, Stubbyknowe and Greenwrae. Dwellings per hectare were recorded as a ratio of 0.46¹³.



Life expectancy

In 2011 the life expectancy was published as shown. However, it is worth noting that the proximity of Gretna to Carlisle means that a number of deaths each year are registered in England as opposed to in Scotland, potentially skewing the life expectancy data available.



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Economy

10.1% of the population were classified as income deprived (in receipt of Income Support, Employment and Support Allowance, Job Seekers Allowance, Guaranteed Pension Credits, and Child and Working Tax Credits) in 2011¹⁵.

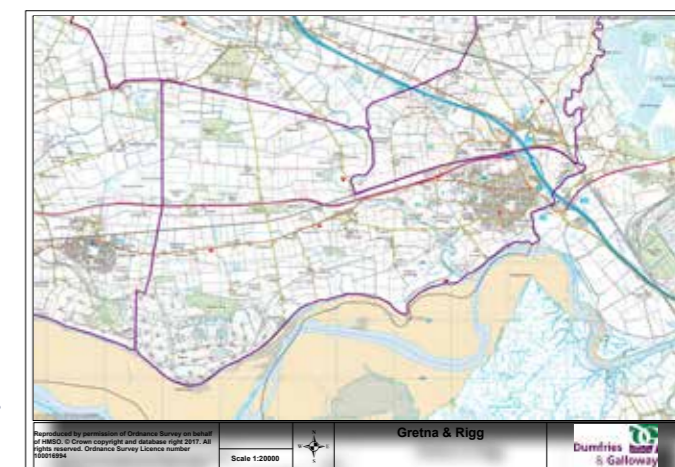
Gretna & Rigg



There are 1,603 residential addresses registered in Gretna & Rigg.

Education

Gretna Primary School was built in 1982 and has a school roll of 335¹⁶ with the majority of pupils making the transition to Annan Academy after P7¹⁷. Further Education is available at Dumfries and Galloway College, the Barony College, Carlisle College and Newton Rigg College.



Business

Gretna & Rigg hosts one of the six Visitor Information Centres within Dumfries and Galloway and has the second highest footfall (after Kirkcudbright) with 44,896 visitors accessing the centre in 2012/13¹⁸. In addition to a number of small local shops, Gretna & Rigg is also home to Gretna Outlet Village, a shopping centre employing over 550 staff and hosting numerous shops, cafés and restaurants¹⁹. Gretna & Rigg is also home to a large number of accommodation providers thanks to Gretna Green's popularity as a wedding destination.

Services

The following public services are located in Gretna & Rigg:

- Police station
- Fire station
- Gretna Surgery (doctor's surgery)
- Well Gretna (pharmacy)
- Blood Donor Service

Activities

Gretna & Rigg have a number of community activities running weekly from the Richard Greenhow Centre. Activities include art groups, social groups, sports/exercise classes, mothers and toddlers groups and youth groups. In addition, Gretna Day Centre offer a Monday to Friday weekly programme with a daily three course meal, a variety of activities and a rural transport service.

Springfield & Gretna Green



There are 254 residential addresses registered in Springfield & Gretna Green.

Education

Springfield Primary School has a school roll of 18²⁰ with the majority of pupils making the transition to Annan Academy after P7²¹. Further Education is available at Dumfries and Galloway College, the Barony College, Carlisle College and Newton Rigg College.

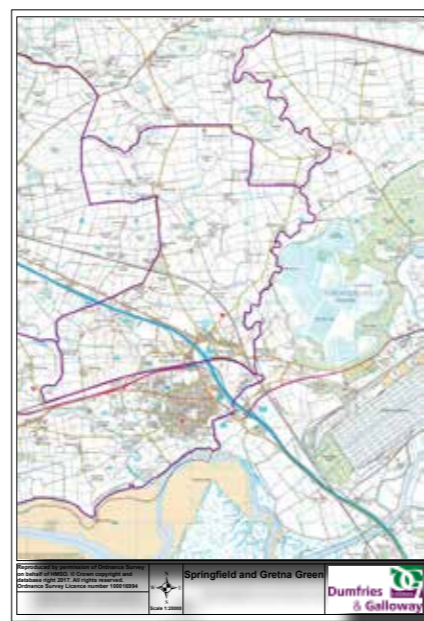
Business

Gretna Green Famous Blacksmith's Shop was by far the Top Visitor Attraction in Dumfries and Galloway with over 750,000 visitors and employing approximately 80 staff..

In addition, the village has a wedding venue, a shop, a pub and a church hall. Springfield & Gretna Green is also home to a large number of accommodation providers thanks to the area's popularity as a wedding destination.

Activities

Springfield & Gretna Green have activities for both young and old in the community owned Stormont Hall. Activities include an older people social group, a bowling group and a youth group. In addition, the church run social events in the community.



Top Visitor Attractions in Dumfries and Galloway in 2012 ²²

Visitor Attraction	Visitors
Gretna Green Famous Blacksmiths Shop	722269
Mable Forest, Dumfries	110000
Mable Farm Park, Dumfries	71313
Cream o' Galloway, Castle Douglas	61500
Dalbeattie Forest	55000



Kirkpatrick Fleming & District



There are 343 residential addresses registered in Kirkpatrick Fleming & District.

Education

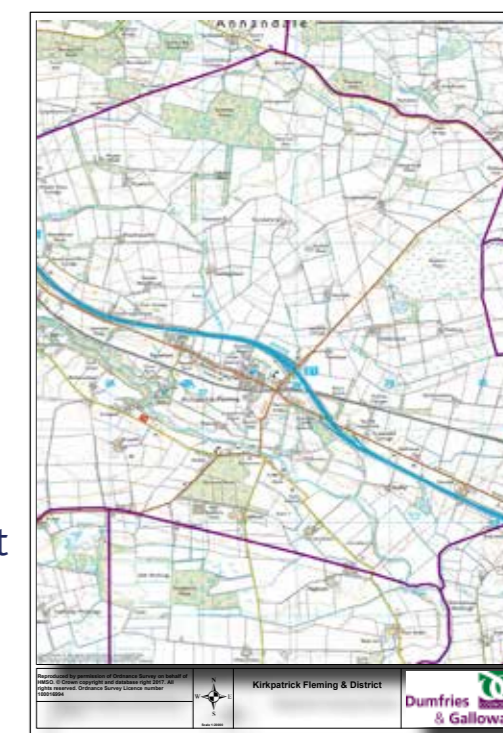
Kirkpatrick Fleming Primary School has a school roll of 67²³ with the majority of pupils making the transition to Annan Academy after P7²⁴. Further Education is available at Dumfries and Galloway College, the Barony College, Carlisle College and Newton Rigg College.

Businesses

Kirkpatrick Fleming & District is home to Bruce's Cave, a visitor's attraction said to be where Robert the Bruce went into hiding in 1306. In addition, the village has a wedding venue, a shop, a pub and a garage.

Activities

The community-owned Victoria Hall, is home to a number of community social activities including a bowls club, a social afternoon group and a baby and toddler group.



Current plans

As with any small community, there are a number of Local Authority and community-based plans already in place that this Community Action Plan will both need to align with and inform. The major plans affecting the three communities are:

Dumfries and Galloway Local Development Plan²⁵: adopted in September 2014 and due to be updated every 5 years. Consultation is currently underway in relation to its second iteration (Local Development Plan 2).

Annandale and Eskdale Health and Social Care Locality Plan²⁷: developed in line with the national move to Health and Social Care Integration and alongside the Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Strategic Plan.

Gretna and Area Regeneration Master Plan²⁶: developed in 2009 in line with the Chaplecross Nuclear Power Station de-commissioning process.

Raydale Community Partnership, Feasibility Study and Business Plan²⁹: developed to consider the need for community facilities locally.

Dumfries and Galloway Regional Economic Strategy²⁸: covering the period 2016 to 2020.



Methodology

Community Survey

A community survey was distributed to all 2,200 residential addresses within the Community Council areas.

Four local 'drop-box' locations were identified for the community members to return their surveys.

Survey return was also incentivised (with the potential of winning a meal for two in a local restaurant) to encourage completion. In addition the survey was made available online with 81 individuals choosing to respond in that way.

In total 167 responses to the survey were received.

Face-to-Face Engagement

Face-to-face engagement sessions were carried out across a number of weeks to provide community members with another method of engaging.

Targeted sessions

Targeted sessions were promoted to the following groups, although members of the public were also welcome to attend:

- Local businesses
- Third, public and private service providers



Public sessions

Open sessions were held in the following locations:

- Gretna
- Kirkpatrick Fleming
- Springfield

Focussed sessions:

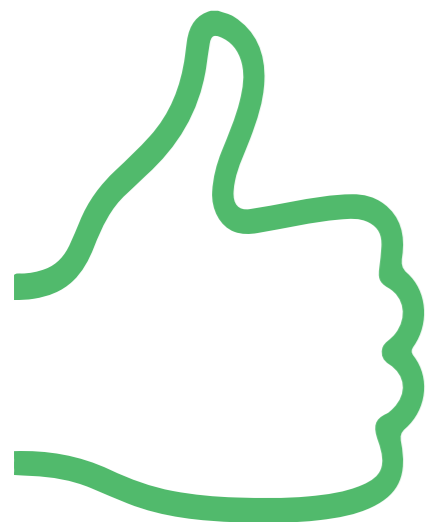
The following focussed sessions were held to encourage those groups who are typically harder to reach, to engage:

- Gretna Primary School
- Kirkpatrick Fleming Primary School
- Springfield Primary School
- Older People Group
- Mother and Toddler Group
- Gretna Brownies and Rainbows

In total 574 people attended face-to-face sessions.

What local people like and don't like

During the community engagement, these are some of the headlines that people said they like and don't like about living in the area:



“ Pulling together in time of need.
Quiet and not busy.
Rural location – close to hospital links.
Easy access to other areas.
Lovely community to live in.
There is a good park.
Peace and quiet.
Feels safe.”

- Adults particularly liked the local amenities, activities and attributes and the sense of community support and spirit.
- Young people also particularly liked the local amenities, activities and attributes but also valued the ease of access to outdoor activities.

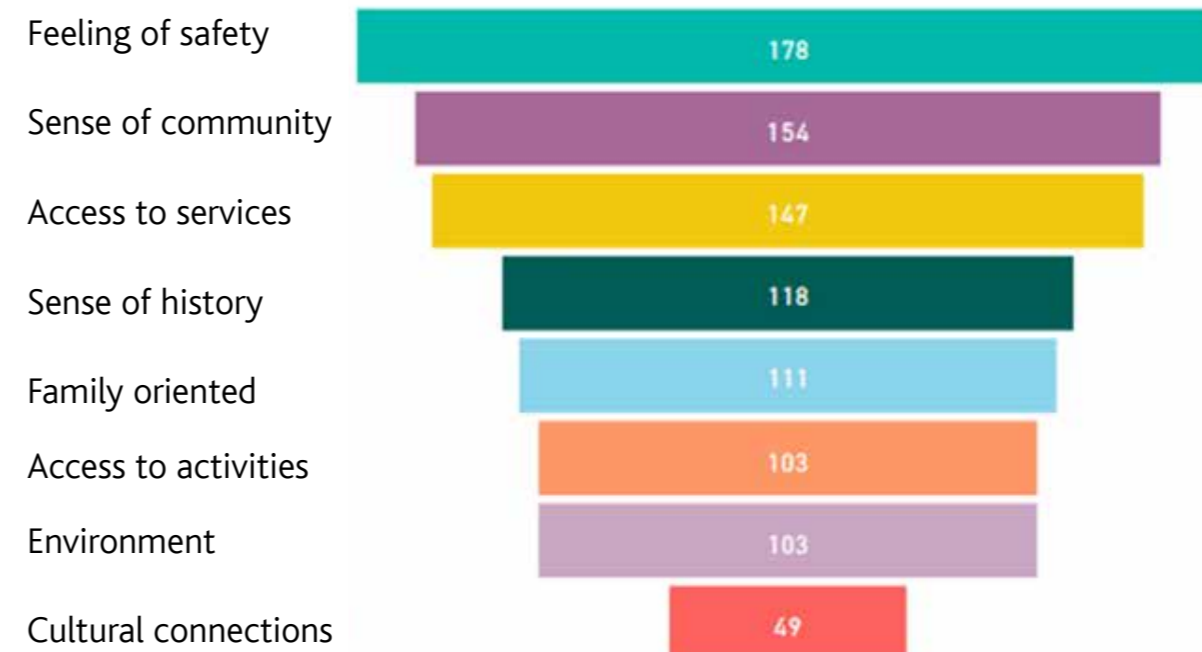
“ Roads and paths maintenance.
Lack of facilities for adults & children.
Lack of car parking facilities for shopping.
Speeding traffic through village.
Pot holes.
Litter.”



- Adults particularly dislike the lack of road maintenance and had concerns regarding traffic.
- Young people on the other hand disliked the lack of local facilities and the amount of anti-social behaviour.

Vision for the Future

The people of Gretna & Rigg, Springfield & Gretna Green and Kirkpatrick Fleming & District value:



Vision for 2030

A community with:

- Affordable housing
- Successful businesses
- Access to quality education
- Environmentally friendly approaches
- Easy access to transport
- Open spaces
- Community interaction

These characteristics should underpin the implementation of this plan.



Findings



Some examples of things the community of Gretna & Rigg would like to improve about their community:

Activities/ facilities for young people	29
Sports and leisure	29
Improve existing facilities	28
Road maintenance/potholes	24
General appearance/ landscaping	9
CCTV/ security	7
Parking space / regulation	5
Housing related	4
Footpath/ walks	2
Public transport related	2
Local business support	1
Littering/dog mess	1
Internet related	1

"Activities available to local children and adults without having to travel"

"Gym equipment for fitness classes, e.g. spinning"
"Better leisure activities"

Some examples of things the community of Gretna & Rigg would like to remove from their community:

Road maintenance/potholes	27
Anti-social behaviour	17
Littering/dog mess	10
Drugs	10
Local facilities	7
Traffic related/ HGV	6
Mind-set related	6
Council related	4
Eyesores	3
CCTV/security	1

"Pot holes"
"Litter"
"Negativity"

Gretna & Rigg

Some examples of things the community of Gretna & Rigg would like to introduce into their community:

"Gym"
"Leisure facilities"
"More joined up thinking and co-operation between groups"

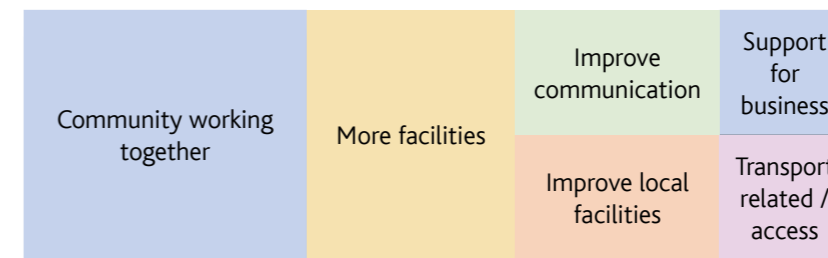
Sports facilities	110
New facilities	23
Activities/ facilities for young people	18
CCTV/security	7
Improve existing facilities	6
Community communication related/ priorities	5
Housing related	3
Footpath/ walks/ cycle paths	2
Traffic speed related	2
Signage	2
General appearance/ landscaping	2
Road maintenance/potholes	1

What the people of Gretna & Rigg want their community to look like in 2030:

- Varied activities
- Successful businesses
- Employment opportunities
- Access to quality education

Short term steps that the community of Gretna & Rigg think would help to get the community to where they want to be in 2030:

"Everyone to come together and agree on a clear future to put plans into place"
"Support for local business"
"All groups to come together for what we want"



Long term steps that the community of Gretna & Rigg think would help to get the community to where they want to be in 2030:

"Affordable housing"
"Access to higher education"
"Sports and gym"



Findings



Some examples of things the community of Springfield & Gretna Green would like to improve about their community:

Traffic related/HGV	17
Road maintenance/ potholes	2
Litter/ dog mess	2
Drugs	2
Local facilities	1
Council related	1
CCTV/ security	1
Public transport related	1

“More parking for local residents”
 “Improve underpass”
 “Public realm, including pot holes”

Springfield & Gretna Green

What the people of Springfield & Gretna Green want their community to look like in 2030:

- Affordable housing
- Easy access to transport
- Access to quality education

Short term steps that the community of Springfield & Gretna Green think would help to get the community to where they want to be in 2030:

“Hall floor”
 “Upgrading park facilities / playing field”
 “Keep Springfield school open”

Some examples of things the community of Springfield & Gretna Green would like to remove from their community:

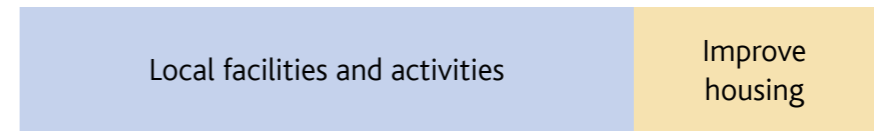
Housing related	10
Sports facilities	8
New facilities	8
Footpath/ walks/ cycle paths	8
Improve existing facilities	6
Activities/facilities for young people	3
Traffic speed related	2
Road maintenance/potholes	2
Community communication related/priorities	1
General appearance/ landscaping	1

“HGVs coming down School Road”
 “Drug problem”

Some examples of things the community of Springfield & Gretna Green would like to introduce into their community:

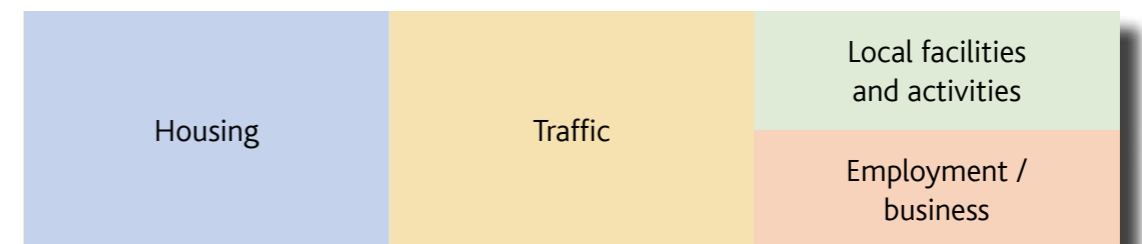
Improve local facilities	10
Affordable / improved housing	8

“More parking for local residents”
 “Improve underpass”
 “Public realm, including pot holes”



Long term steps that the community of Springfield & Gretna Green think would help to get the community to where they want to be in 2030:

“More housing to attract more families”
 “Lorry reduction”
 “Hall improvement (roof, eco-friendly heating, car parking)”



Findings



Some examples of things the community of Kirkpatrick Fleming & District would like to improve about their community:

Road maintenance/potholes	5
Activities/facilities for young people	4
Traffic speed related	2
General appearance/ landscaping	1
Housing related	1

"Traffic during school times"
"Information about local activities"

Some examples of things the community of Kirkpatrick Fleming & District would like to remove from their community:

"Anti-social behaviour"
"Pot holes"
"Scrap yard"

Road maintenance/potholes	2
Anti-social behaviour	2
Council related	2
Litter/ dog mess	1

Some examples of things the community of Kirkpatrick Fleming & District would like to introduce into their community:

New facilities	8
Activities/facilities for young people	4
Improve existing facilities	3
Sports facilities	2
Traffic speed related	1
General appearance/ landscaping	1
Public transport related	1

"Health advice"
"Community safety"

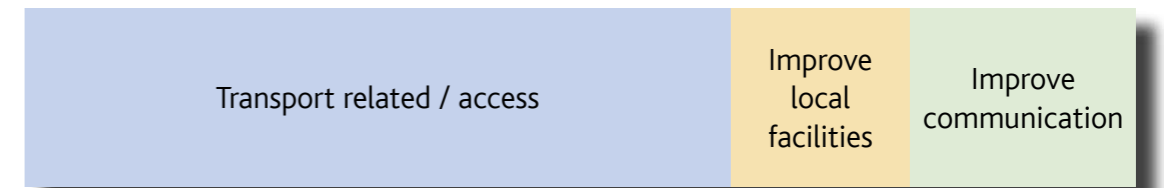
Kirkpatrick Fleming & District

What the people of Kirkpatrick Fleming & District want their community to look like in 2030:

- Successful businesses
- Employment opportunities
- Easy access to transport

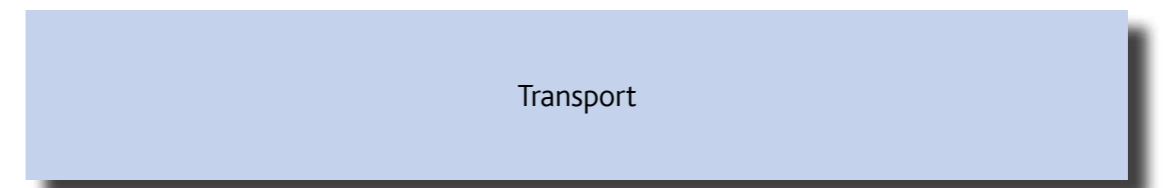
Short term steps that the community of Kirkpatrick Fleming & District think would help to get the community to where they want to be in 2030:

"Sharing of info about local activities, e.g. social media, notice boards etc."
"Speed restrictions need to be enforced"
"Social activities for older people"



Long term steps that the community of Kirkpatrick Fleming & District think would help to get the community to where they want to be in 2030:

"Teach people to be self-sufficient, not a never ending pot of money"
"Guaranteed funding for community transport"



Findings - Young People

Young People

Some examples of things local young people would like to improve about their community:

"Improve the park"
"More shops for kids"

Some examples of things local young people would like to remove from their community:

Local facilities	27
Litter/ dog mess	3
Drainage/ mud	2
Anti-social behaviour /vandalism	2
Road maintenance/ potholes	1
School related	1
CCTV/security	1
Drugs	1

Some examples of things local young people would like to introduce into their community:

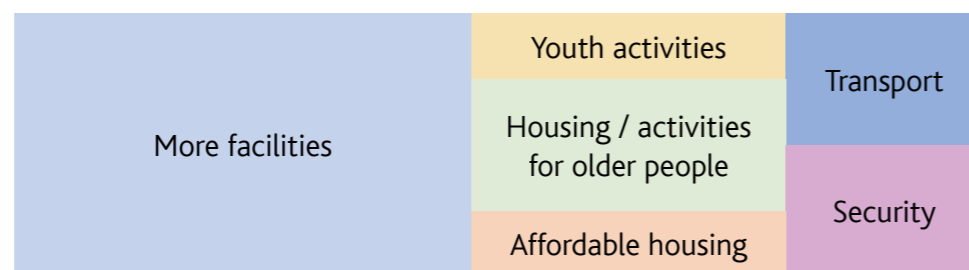
"Kirkpatrick Fleming Primary school garden" "Cinema"

What local young people want their community to look like in 2030:

- Open spaces
- Varied activities
- Environmentally friendly

Steps that local young people think would help to get the community to where they want to be in 2030:

"More shops"
"Park with water feature"
"More activities for us"



School improvements	45
Improve existing facilities	43
Activities/facilities for young people	8
Housing related	8
Littering/ dog mess	7
Road maintenance/ potholes	6
General appearance/ landscaping	4
Public transport related	3
Parking space/regulation	2
Internet related	2
Footpath/ walks	1
Traffic speed related	1
Signage	1

"Broken things/Litter"
"The wooden park (Gretna) because its broken"

Introduce new facilities	75
Introduce sports facilities	59
Add to existing facilities	9
Activities/ facilities for young people	6
CCTV/ security	3
Community communication related/ priorities	2
Footpath/ walks/ cycle paths	1

Top Five Priorities

As a result of the engagement process, five priorities have been identified that will inform Community Council decision making over the period of the action plan:

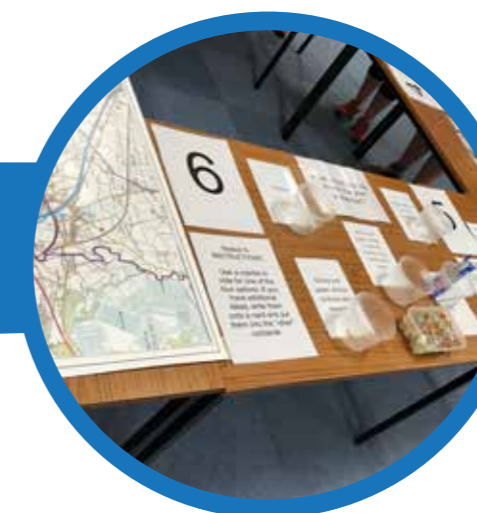
Facilities

Housing

Activities / Facilities for young people

Roads

Working together



Facilities

The three communities made clear their desire for new and enhanced facilities, particularly in relation to multi-sport and recreation facilities. At the moment, there is a requirement to travel further afield to access facilities such as gyms, swimming pools, badminton courts, spin classes and all-weather pitches.

In addition, improvement of and access to community owned facilities and the lack of public toilets were also identified as areas of focus.

A wide variety of needs in respect of multi-sports and recreation facilities have been identified, which has the potential to make moving forward as a cohesive unit challenging.

Large numbers of people visit the area because of the Outlet, the Blacksmith's Shop and the wedding industry. However, the town is not benefiting from their spending.

There is a perception that Raydale Park as a location for a new facility would mean that there would be a football focus.

Evidence based demonstration of need can be challenging as there is not a secondary school locally and a lot of people currently access facilities in Carlisle.

Private sector investment is not being utilised as much as it potentially could be.

Engagement from statutory sector partners can be challenging.



Suggested Actions

Long term	High Cost	- £££
Medium Term	Medium Cost	- ££
Short Term	Low Cost	- £

Multi-Sports and Recreation Facility

Phase One - all-weather pitch - £££

Phase Two - purpose build facility - £££

Develop full costings for the multi-sports/recreation facility - ££

Develop a brand for the multi-sports and recreation development project, which dispels the myth of it being solely football focused, to encourage community support - ££

Ongoing community engagement to encourage community involvement and support - £

Learning visits to community owned multi-sports and recreation facilities - £

Agree a name for the multi-sports and recreation development project - £

Facilitate the local sports groups to come together to create a joined up vision for the multi-sports facility - £

Skills audit, capacity building and external mentoring for the multi-sports and recreation development project steering group - ££

Legal structure consideration for the multi-sports and recreation development project steering group - £

General

Install / make available public toilets - £££

Marketing to encourage customers from the Outlet to visit the town centre - ££

Consideration of succession planning for the Community Councils and the multi-sports and recreation facility development project steering group - £

Parks and Parkland

Protection of green spaces during housing development - £

Ongoing park maintenance - £

Key Stakeholders

- Local Community
- DG Council
- Elected Members
- Raydale Community Partnership
- Gretna Community Sports
- Community Councils
- Local Primary Schools
- Annan Secondary School
- Local Sports Clubs
- Chamber of Commerce
- Gretna FC
- Gretna Outlet

A need was identified to increase the availability of affordable housing in the area. Young people choosing not to return to the area was attributed, in part, to this area of concern.

Four Registered Social Landlord's currently operate within the local area.

House prices in Gretna are comparable with Annan, with an average house sale amounting to £113,477 with houses in Annan selling for £114,200³⁰.

As Gretna falls within the regeneration corridor of the 2014 -2019 Dumfries and Galloway Local Development Plan, there is a commitment by the council to create more jobs, which, in turn, has the potential to increase the need for affordable housing further.

There has been an allocation of 545 units in the vicinity up to 2024 plus 1 hectare for flexible business units. Furthermore an additional 160 units have been allocated in the vicinity for beyond 2024³¹.

As the need for affordable housing is something that will not be able to be addressed within the available resources, close partnership working with local housing providers will be needed to ensure any resource directed to this priority area is impactful.

The current engagement work had a limitation in respect of housing as it engaged with current residents as opposed to prospective residents.

Providers are now moving into the area to deliver additional affordable housing. Cunninghame Housing Association will begin building in 2017/2018.

The water supply has always posed a challenge within the area. However, there has now been a commitment to build a new service reservoir before 2020 to facilitate the building of houses. Housing development has the potential to impact on the school roll and local infrastructure. The need for local social care has the potential to increase with the development of additional housing and there is currently a workforce deficit nationally.

Suggested Actions

Long term	High Cost	- £££
Medium Term	Medium Cost	- ££
Short Term	Low Cost	- £

Physical Environment

Community Gardens / Allotment Development - ££

Supported Housing

Care village environments to enable people to receive the care they need within their communities - £££

Consideration of different models of social care - ££

Accredited training for social care providers - ££

Promote funding for aids and adaptations - £
Second Homes Council Tax Funding - £

Affordable Housing

Research / mapping in relation to local housing needs to develop an evidence base for further action - ££

Key Stakeholders

- Local Community
- DG Council Elected Members
- DGHP
- Loreburn Housing Association
- Irvine Housing Association
- Home Scotland
- Cunninghame Housing Association
- Local primary and secondary schools
- Adult Health and
- Social Care Integration Partnership
- Emergency Services / GPs
- Utility Providers
- Social Care Providers



As highlighted within Facilities, the need for a play park was identified within Springfield specifically.

More widely, however, the desire for sports and leisure facilities, specifically catering for the needs of young people, was apparent. Playing field improvement, the introduction of a skate park and a water feature within one of the play parks are examples of the suggestions put forward.

The need for inclusive facilities with equipment accessible for children with disabilities was also highlighted.

Succession planning for key community organisations was also highlighted as a need, to enable their voice to be both heard and understood, and to ensure the sustainability of the community organisations.



Suggested Actions

Long term	High Cost	- £££
Medium Term	Medium Cost	- ££
Short Term	Low Cost	- £

Activities

Duke of Edinburgh centre within the Richard Greenhow Centre - ££

Alcohol and drug misuse early intervention and prevention - ££

Establishment of a 'Lads' Shed' - ££

Beat the Street walking competition - ££

Co-ordination

Consideration of the potential for private sector facility provision - £

Training community members to deliver activities on a rolling programme to support succession planning - ££

Consideration of succession planning in relation to activity co-ordination - £

Extend the opening hours of the youth wing at the Richard Greenhow Centre - ££

The mobile youth centre (MY POD) brought into the area - ££

Audit of current activities available - £

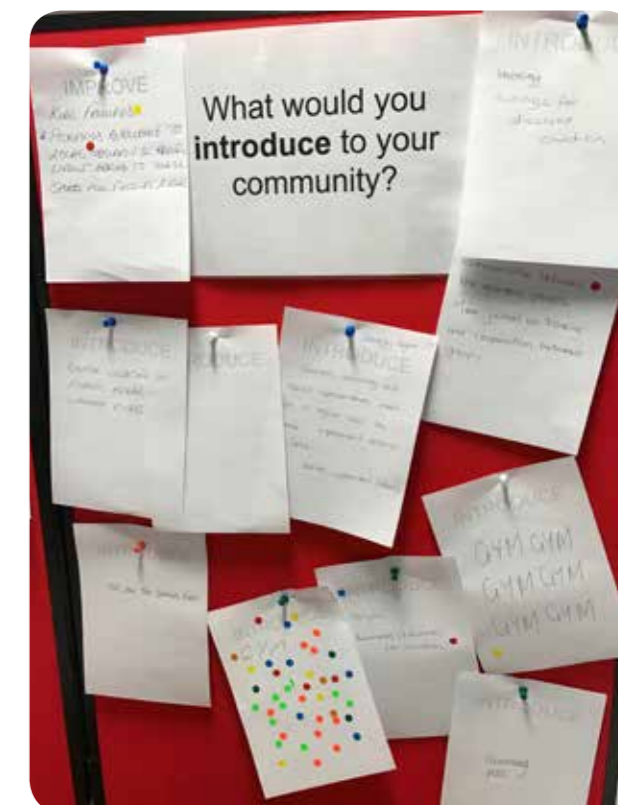
Active involvement of young people in the design and development of activities to instil a sense of ownership and civic pride - ££

Online promotion of what is available - £

Work to dispel the perception that there are high levels of anti-social behaviour - £

Key Stakeholders

- Local Young People
- Police Scotland
- Local Primary Schools
- Annan Academy
- SHAP
- Public Health
- Elected Members
- DG Council
- Local Youth Groups
- Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway



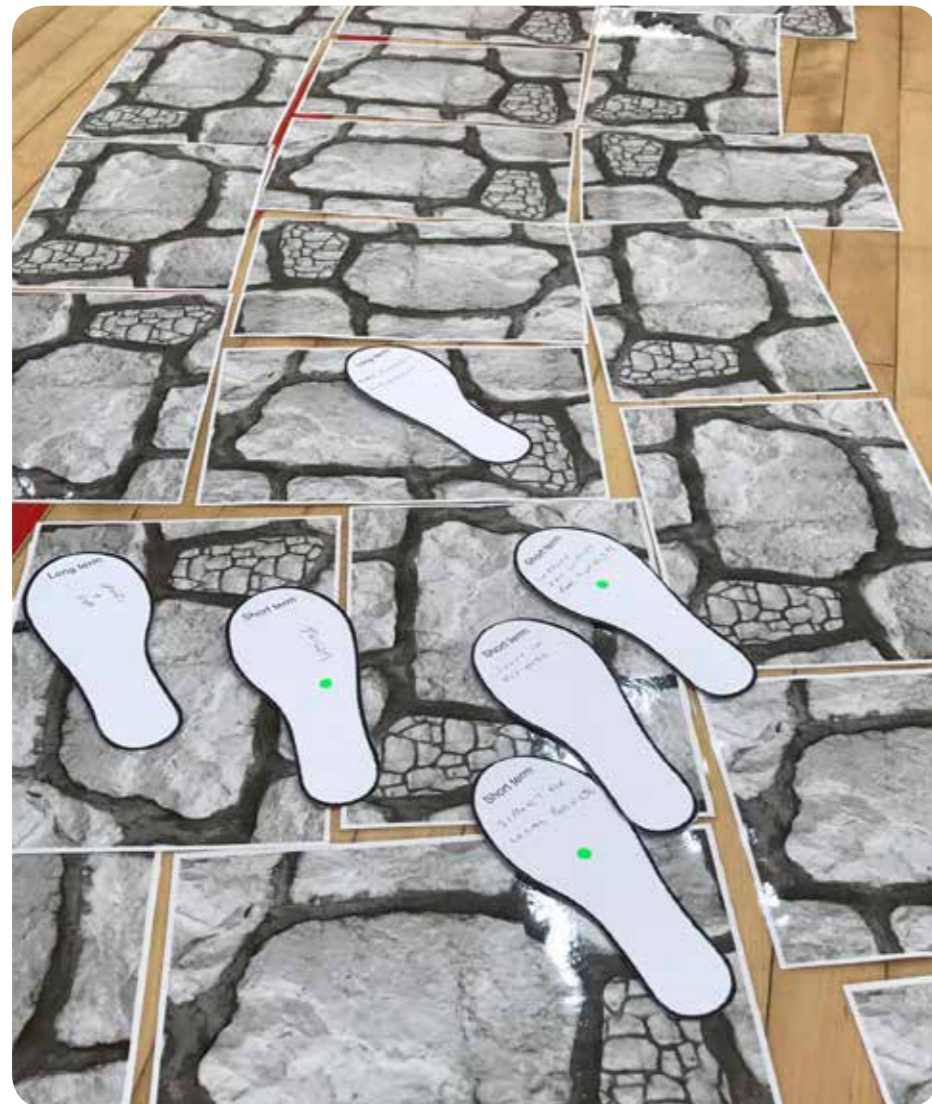
Roads

With such close proximity to multiple motorway junctions and the outlet centre requiring regular HGV access, the number of HGVs on the communities' roads was identified as a particular area of concern.

The maintenance of the roads, 'pot holes' in particular, was a further key concern for the communities.

Traffic speed caused concern both within the small towns and the more rural areas.

The responsibility for addressing these areas of concern lies with both Transport Scotland and Dumfries and Galloway Council. However, awareness raising and education in relation to the roads may well be something the communities can address with their current resource.



Suggested Actions

Long term	High Cost	- £££
Medium Term	Medium Cost	- ££
Short Term	Low Cost	- £

Road Maintenance

Community volunteering activities including litter picking and hedge trimming - £

Raising public awareness of both the current reporting mechanisms and the importance of individual responsibility - £

HGV Traffic

Reconsideration of motorway junctions - £££

Early engagement in the planning stages of CAD Longtown changes - £

Cycle Routes

Consideration of re-routing National Cycle Route 7 to encourage travel through the town - £

Speed

Speed watch training for local community members - £

Driver awareness signs with a 5-10 year maintenance agreement in place at installation - ££

Temporary counters to establish evidence of need in respect of speeding - £

Key Stakeholders

- Local Community
- DG Council
- Transport Scotland
- Police Scotland



Community spirit and the friendliness of local residents was highlighted across the three communities in relation to what people most liked about living in their communities.

However, the communities also highlighted the importance of joined up working in relation to community groups avoiding duplication and making the most of any resource available.

There was also a strong call for more people to participate in community events, such as local community engagement, to ensure that their voices are heard and that concerns are raised in appropriate forums. In addition, the need for the communities to work more closely with statutory sector officials was also identified.



Suggested Actions

Long term	High Cost	- £££
Medium Term	Medium Cost	- ££
Short Term	Low Cost	- £

Anti-Social Behaviour

Provision of bollards to discourage parking on pavements - ££

Provision of planters to discourage driving on grassed areas - ££

Expansion of early intervention and diversion measures - £

Promotion of volunteering opportunities within Police Scotland - £

Public awareness campaign regarding safe parking near schools - ££

Civic Pride

Developing the Young Workforce activities to prepare young people for the opportunities that will be available to them within their own community - £

Volunteering opportunities to provide an element of 'TLC' to the local community - small wins that can make a big difference to civic pride - £

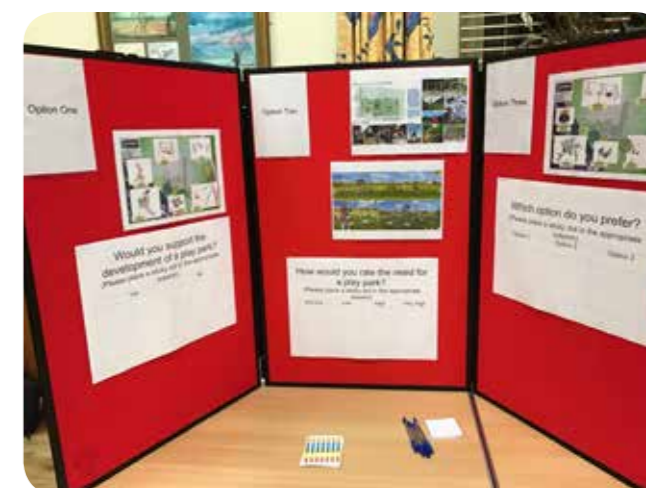
Succession planning to encourage active involvement of people from across the demographic - £

'Day of the region' event - ££

Communication of what is currently available in the community - £

Key Stakeholders

- Local Community
- SHAP
- DG Council
- Police Scotland
- Third Sector, Dumfries & Galloway



Making It Happen

With these five priorities identified it will be the responsibility of the Community Councils to ensure that the values and vision underlying this plan are upheld and that any resource allocated contributes to the furthering of at least one of the five priority areas.

There are, however, limitations on the resource. Firstly, a number of restrictions exist. The resource cannot be used to fund:

- The advancement of religion
- The advancement of any party political activity
- Projects that are the exclusive responsibility of statutory authorities
- Projects that have an adverse impact on renewable energy/wind farm activities

Secondly, the amount of resource available on an annual basis is limited and as such the maximum amount likely to be awarded for any specific project will be £20,000 (although larger multi-year grants will be considered).

Thirdly, the fund will be divided up as follows:

- £84,200 available for general grants (takes applications from all 8 communities)
- £31,050 for training and education (takes applications from all 8 communities)
- £5,000 designated for each community for small projects

This will add to the £2,100 already available to each Community Council locally from the Infinis Group Windfarm, Minsca.

Decisions, therefore, will need to be based on what is currently available alongside additional resource that might be sourced from elsewhere.

The ownership of this plan now needs to be in the hands of the community. The list of suggested actions are merely that, suggestions. It is for the community to take inspiration from this plan and the values that underpin it and drive forward change.

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- Kirkpatrick Fleming Primary School
- McKenzie's
- Moffat Shop
- Police Scotland
- Richard Greenhow Centre Management Committee
- Scottish Care
- SHAP
- Springfield Coffee Chat Mondays
- Springfield Primary School
- Springfield Stores
- Stormont Hall Management Committee
- Victoria Hall Management Committee
- Visit Scotland

"Perseverance is a great element of success. If you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you are sure to wake up somebody."
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

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