WHAT IS A COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN?

A Community Action Plan gives people a real opportunity to say what's important to them and what needs to happen to make sure that their communities are better places to live for everyone. This plan sets out the priorities and aspirations of Harthill residents and identifies ways of making these things happen.



How Do I Get Involved?

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

We received 223 survey responses from the community. The most popular 15 actions from the survey were:

- 1. Activities for Young People
- 2. Better Access to Good Quality Play Facilities
- 3. Improved Maintenance of Outdoor Spaces
- 4. Better Information About What's Happening
- 5. Activities for Older People
- 6. Improved Parking Arrangements
- 7. Community Clean Up Event
- 8. Address Congestion at Primary School
- 9. Access to Sheltered Housing in Harthill
- 10. Build a Multi Use Games Area
- 11. Community Bus Initiative
- 12. More Community Events Throughout the Year
- 13. More Affordable Housing for Rent
- 14. Improve Walking Route to Primary School
- 15. More Volunteering Opportunities

PRIORITIES

The main priorities for the community were: to have more activities on offer for young people; to improve the quality and number of play parks in the village; to address speeding through the village; to improve Main Street by reducing litter and vacant sites; to involve more local people in community action; to undertake a community- wide clean up in Harthill; to address parking issues throughout the village; and to upgrade community facilities to enable more groups, services and activities to run.

These priorities were identified in the community survey and through conversations with local residents at the follow up community drop in event.



PROJECTS

Community Development Trust

Set up a community led and owned development trust to be the driving force behind social, economic and environmental improvements within the village, helping to create wealth within HArthill and keep it there.

Play Park

The park would provide play facilities for local young people who are currently without. Young people would be involved in the design of the park to make sure the equipment provided meets their interests and demands.

Local Active Travel Routes

Create a better and safer local walking and cycling network in and around Harthill. Undertake a feasibility study to look at best options, potentially alongside the River Almond or dedicated cycle path through the village.

Multi Use Games Area

Install a new MUGA in Harthill to create more and better opportunities for sports and leisure activities in the village. The MUGA could be used by all community members and local groups and could accommodate a wide variety of sports and fitness activities

Upgrade Community Facilities

Develop a feasibility and options study for the upgrade of community buildings; potentially looking at extension, more sports provision, a larger hall, and more storage.

Activities for Older Residents

Establish an older residents social committee or social convenor, to develop a programme of taster sessions of new activities in the village. This would let people try new things before bringing them to HArthill longer term.