

A photograph of a stone arch bridge spanning a river. The bridge has two large arches and is made of weathered stone. The river flows through the arches, creating white water rapids. The background is filled with dense green trees and foliage. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. A teal oval graphic is overlaid on the bottom left of the image, containing the title and dates.

Kirkfieldbank Community Action Plan

2020 - 2025

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Introduction

This Community Action Plan brings together the current priorities and future aspirations of those who live, work and visit Kirkfieldbank. It provides a framework that can guide community action over the next five years that will help Kirkfieldbank to address many of the issues and challenges it currently faces. It also highlights many ideas, projects and initiatives that have been developed by community members in order to make Kirkfieldbank an even better place to live.

The plan has been developed to act as a tool that can be used by businesses, local groups, organisations and community members to begin new enterprises, unite people around shared goals, bring in funding, and highlight priorities to local authorities, third sector support and politicians.

The participatory and community-led plan was developed between February and September 2020. The outcome of this process demonstrates that many of the changes necessary to improve Kirkfieldbank as a place to live, work and visit are in the communities hands and are achievable if the community works together to deliver the actions contained in this document. Many of the changes, however, require additional support from public, private and third sector organisations who have the ability to address these issues themselves, or can support the community to tackle them.

Delivering this plan over the next five years will require the engagement and activity of people working together to make things happen. This plan can only guide people along the way.

Planning Process

Due to coronavirus and national lockdown restrictions, the approach to community engagement had to be modified to work with limited face-to-face interaction or community gatherings. This also meant the planning process was extended, with the original June launch being pushed back until mid October 2020.

Stage One - Kirkfieldbank Today

The first stage was planned to create an understanding of what Kirkfieldbank is like today: what are the main issues or challenges it faces? What do people really like about the community and what are its assets? What is the demography of the community and its history?

Steering Group Meetings

The project was initiated by forming a Steering Group that brought together different community interests. The group met in December 2019 and February 2020, before social distancing measures.

Desk Research

The initial desk research and audit established a clear understanding of the context in Kirkfieldbank, identifying services, facilities, assets and obstacles, as well as historical, social, economic and demographic information.

Project and Website Launch

The project and website were launched on March 26th at a Facebook Live event hosted on the Kirkfieldbank Community Group page. The video has been watched over 400 times.

Place Standard Online Survey

The digital survey used an adapted version of Scottish Government's Place Standard Survey as a framework for questions.

School Workshop

Kirkfieldbank Primary School took part in a range of activities that explored their thoughts and feelings about Kirkfieldbank now and in the future

Themes and Priorities

Initial report highlighting the major themes and priorities that came out of the first survey

Stage Two - Kirkfieldbank's Future

The first stage was used to give us a clear picture of what the main issues are in Kirkfieldbank today. The second stage focussed on what ideas or actions the community wanted to pursue to tackle these issues, or what projects and initiatives would make Kirkfieldbank an even better place to live.

Future Ideas Survey

The themes and priorities developed through the Place Standard Survey were reframed to pose provocative questions that would collect ideas for how to improve Kirkfieldbank.

Stakeholder Interviews and Input

A series of phone call interviews were carried out with relevant stakeholders from the community. The draft plan was also sent to stakeholders for feedback, such as members of the council, NHS, among many others.

Draft Action Plan

A draft action plan was created that brought together all the insights for the community so far. The plan was shared and was available for public feedback

Community Meeting

A Zoom meeting was held with community members, councillors, representatives from SLC You, Family & Community Learning, local business owners and representatives from Royal Burgh of Lanark Community Council.

Stage Three - Community Action Plan

The final stage brought together all the insights and ideas gathered through the engagement process for the launch of the final Action Plan.

What's the Future for Kirkfieldbank?

The final Draft Action Plan was launched on Wednesday 30th September through a Facebook Live Event.

Final Action Plan Launch Event

The final action plan was launched on Thursday 22nd October through: (1) Promotion Video (2) Community Banners (3) Kirkfieldbank History Trail

Kirkfieldbank Today

Kirkfieldbank is a village in South Lanarkshire, located directly on the banks of the River Clyde. It is situated approximately one mile from Lanark and two miles from New Lanark, one of six UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Scotland.

Historically Kirkfieldbank was economically dependent on horticulture, with the fertile soil of the Clyde Valley referred to as the 'Fruit Basket of Scotland'. The lands surrounding Kirkfieldbank were noted for their fruit farms, particularly apple orchards and plums, with many greenhouses also specialising in tomatoes.

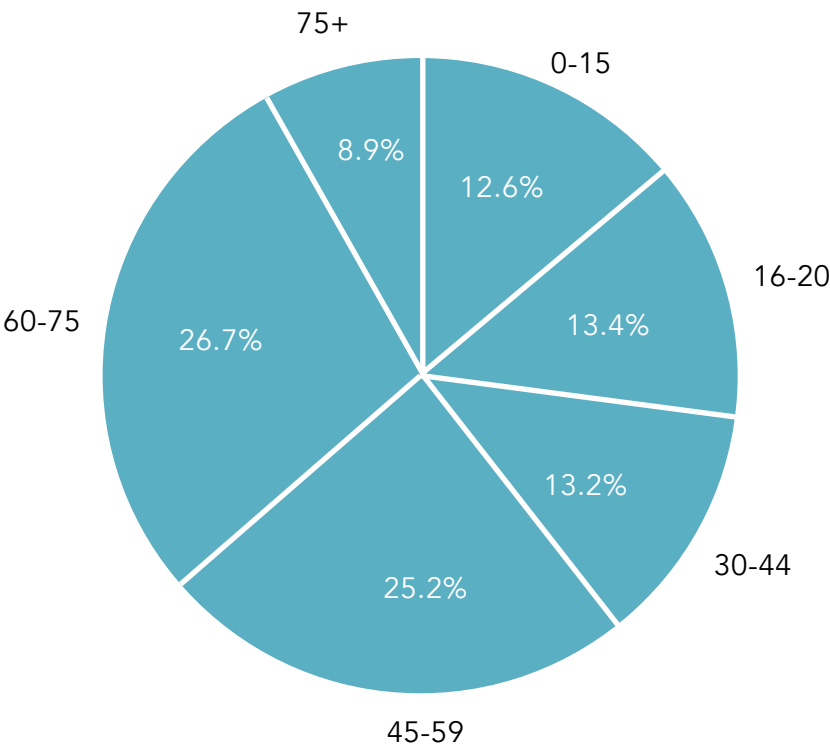
Kirkfieldbank has also been a historic bridging point over the river Clyde. The Clydeholm Bridge, often used as an icon for the village, dates back to the late 17th century, when it replaced an earlier ferry across the river.

Today, as Scottish agriculture and horticulture has declined in importance, Kirkfieldbank is primarily a commuter village, due to its proximity to the larger towns and cities, including Lanark, Hamilton, and Glasgow.



Population

Kirkfieldbank’s population has been slowly rising over the past 20 years, from just over 900 in 2001 to 990 in 2019. Like many rural villages in Scotland, Kirkfieldbank has an ageing population. 60.8% of people who live in Kirkfieldbank are 45 and older, compared to 39.2% who are under 45.



Housing

Kirkfieldbank, although very much one community, has three distinct areas:

- The centre of the village around the bridge and along the main A72 and Kirkfield Road, containing housing and community facilities. Many of the old buildings in the centre of the village, that once provided local services and amenities, have been developed into housing.
- Newer housing built before and after the Second World War at Lesmahagow Road
- More recent housing around Byretown Road, with more new housing planned over the next decade. Approximately another 80 homes according to South Lanarkshire Council Local Development Plan



Number of households (2011): 413

South Lanarkshire Council have 85 properties in the Kirkfieldbank letting area – 36 houses and 49 flats.

Facilities and Amenities

Although just over a mile from the centre of Lanark, Kirkfieldbank is a quite separate community with its own distinct identity, and historically its own facilities, services and amenities. The community continues to have many of its own facilities and amenities, which include: (1) Kirkfieldbank Parish Church and Church Hall (2) Kirkfieldbank Primary School (3) Community Hall (managed and used by the school) (4) Clyde Valley Kindergarten (5) Riverside Store (6) Montessori Nature Nursery (7) the local park (8) Clyde Valley Caravan Park (9) Football pitches and pavilion changing room (10) The Clyde Walkway.

Over the years, however, many facilities and amenities have also closed. Those which have closed include: (1) Post office (2) Butchers (3) Tearoom (4) Italian restaurant (5) Tourist and community notice boards (6) The Riverside Tavern (currently on the market) (7) Public toilets

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 figures show Kirkfieldbank is roughly average on all indicators except geographic (access to schools, clinics and other public services), where the village scores poorly.



Key Facilities and Amenities

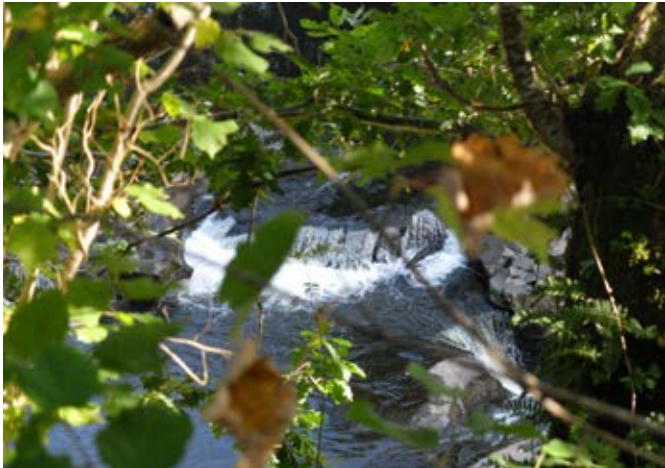
Kirkfieldbank Village Park

The local community park, located behind the new primary school, was developed through a major community initiative which involved building new play facilities, a multi-use games area, sensory garden, an outdoor gym, and landscaping. The Community Park Group, over the course of four years, raised over £120,000 to develop the park after it became clear South Lanarkshire Council were not able to build the park as they had planned when rebuilding the new primary school in 2013. The new park was opened in September 2018.



The Clyde Walkway

The Clyde Walkway is a 40mile/65 km long walking and cycling route. The route begins in Partick in Glasgow, following the Clyde River through Kirkfieldbank, finishing at the UNESCO World Heritage Site, New Lanark. The Clyde Walkway was created as a joint enterprise by the Glasgow City, South Lanarkshire, and North Lanarkshire Councils. The Clyde Walkway provides a vital tourist attraction, that remains a potentially underutilised asset for the community and for visitors.



The Riverside Tavern

The Riverside Tavern, the local village pub and restaurant, closed in 2019 and has since been put on the market with the option for new owners to develop the building into residential housing. Before the pub shut, it provided residents with one of the few meeting spaces in the village. The property also contains a 3 bedroom upstairs flat.



“Falls of the Clyde” Alisdair Gray 1969 - A forgotten mural painted by the acclaimed Glaswegian artist Alisdair Gray was rediscovered in 2006. The mural, painted in 1969 not long after Alisdair Gray had left the Glasgow School of Art, had been badly damaged over the years by wallpaper, paint and light fittings. Gray was asked by the landlord to restore the art work in 2009.

Business and Economy

The village has a limited number of businesses, as one would expect from its small size. The main local businesses and employers are Kirkfieldbank Primary School, Nicholson Plastics, GP Plantscapes, the Clyde Valley Kindergarten, the newly opened Montessori Nature Nursery and the local shop, The Riverside Store. Until recently, the Riverside Tavern was a local business and local employer. There are also a number of home-based businesses. In the past, Kirkfieldbank

had a number of nurseries and market gardens, in common with other villages in the Clyde Valley. These have all closed in recent decades.

Although many people work from home, significantly more people commute out of the area to work than commute in, according to combined census data for Kirkfieldbank and the smaller settlement of Hazelbank. Lanark being the most common commuter destination by some margin.



Clyde Valley Orchard Cooperative

Clyde Valley Orchards Cooperative (CVOC) is a “Not for Profit” group of enthusiastic orchard lovers and owners based in the Clyde Valley around Lanark, with one orchard located in Kirkfieldbank. The cooperative’s aim is to retain, maintain and replant the historic orchards of the area in a way that is relevant to the needs of this beautiful part of Scotland. The history of fruit growing in the area goes back many hundreds of years and through their work the cooperative

aims to ensure that future generations will enjoy the blossom, fruit and unique landscape that has been part of the Clyde Valleys heritage for many decades.

The CVOC also produces its own Clyde Valley Apple Juice, with all money raised through sales put back into Clyde Valley community initiatives.

Transport

Kirkfieldbank is in South Lanarkshire Council area, approximately just over 1 mile from Lanark, 15 miles from Hamilton and 25 miles from Glasgow. There are buses to/from Lanark, Hamilton and Lesmahagow approximately every hour and a half on weekdays. The Lanark - Lesmahagow bus stops at 5pm, so there is no evening service. The 317 continues until 23:05 on weekdays and weekends. There are more frequent bus and rail connections from Lanark to Motherwell and Glasgow.

Local buses

258 - Lanark to Lesmahagow, via Kirkfieldbank
317 - Lanark to Hamilton, via Kirkfieldbank

Community Groups

Community members have highlighted that, although there used to be quite a few community groups and organisations that operated in the area, there are very few today. The main reason for this is likely to be the lack of accessible social meeting space. The two groups known to be operating in the area are:

Kirkfieldbank Community Park Group

Kirkfieldbank Women's Rural Institute

The main road through the village (the A72) is relatively busy and lacks any pedestrian crossings or cycling facilities. Access on foot or by bicycle to facilities and opportunities in Lanark is more challenging than the short distance might suggest due to the very steep narrow road and footways, and infrequent bus service.



Kirkfieldbank Asset Map

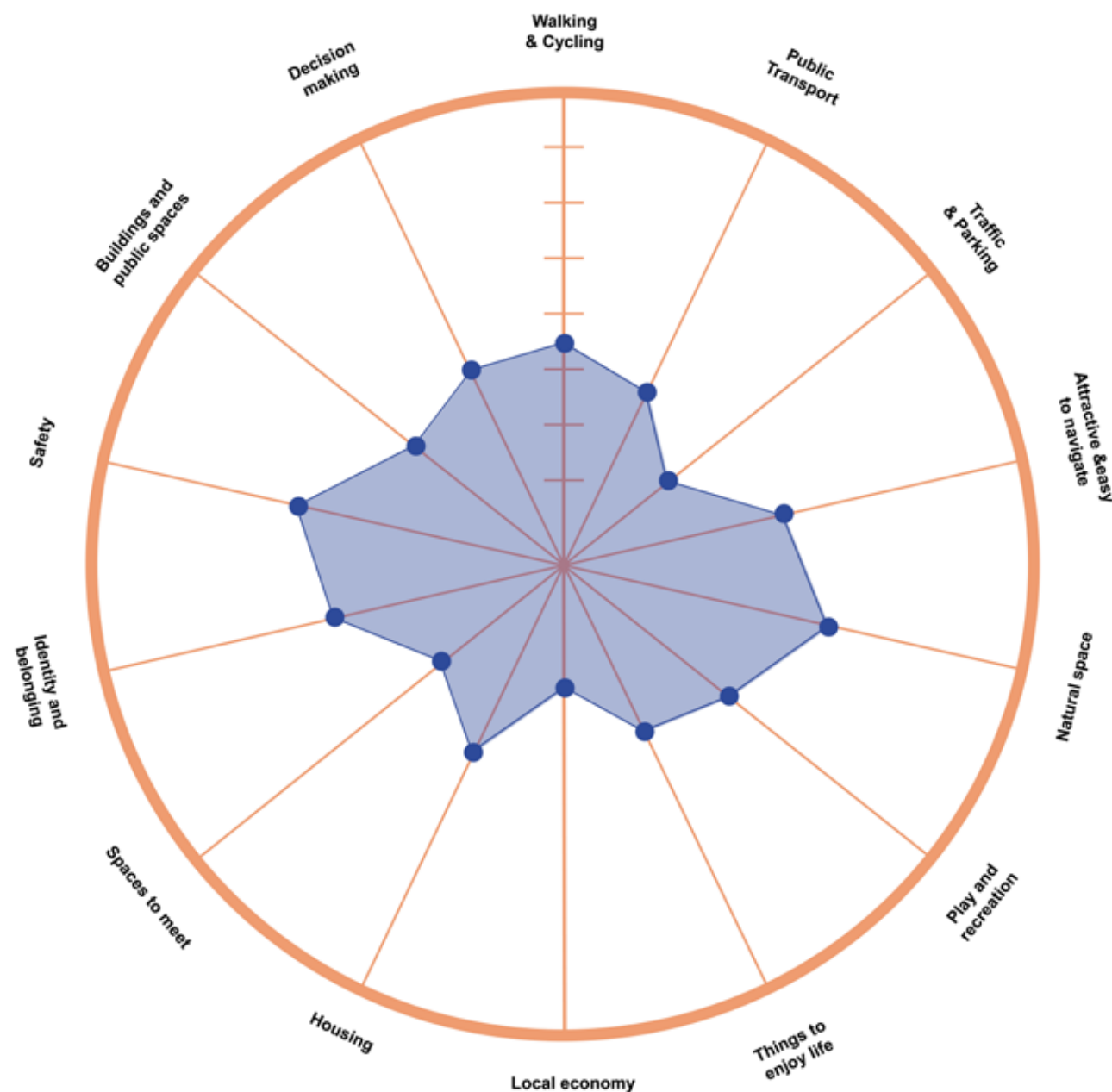


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|---|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----|----------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1 | Football pitches and pavilion | 5 | Playscapes Scotland Ltd. | 9 | Community Park | 13 | Riverside Store |
| 2 | Clyde Walkway | 6 | Public car park | 10 | Church Hall | 14 | GP Plantscapes |
| 3 | Clyde Valley Orchard Cooperative | 7 | Kirkfieldbank Primary School | 11 | Church of Scotland | 15 | Clydesholm Bridge |
| 4 | Nicholson Plastics | 8 | Community Hall | 12 | The Riverside Tavern | 16 | Clyde Valley Caravan Park |

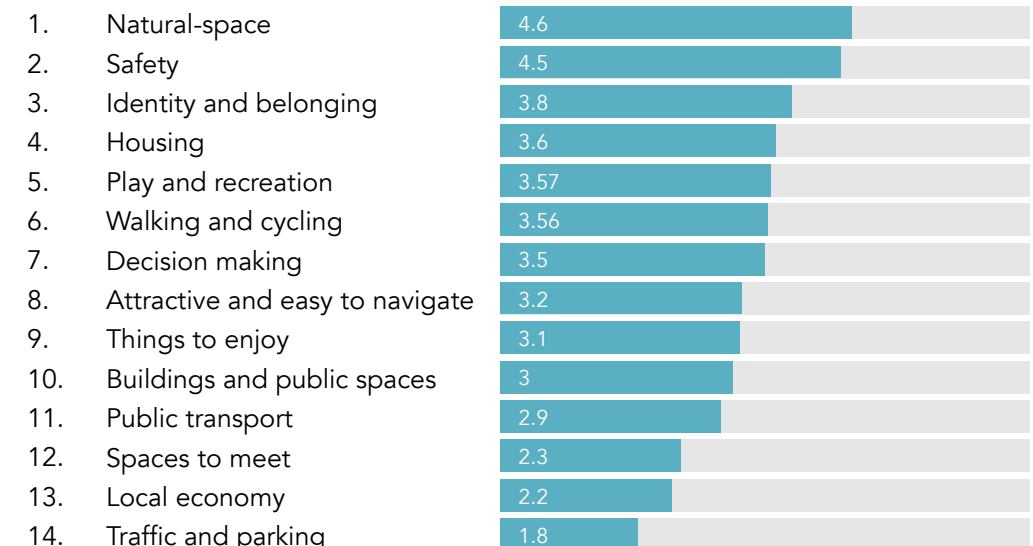
Place Standard Survey

The Community Survey was launched online on the 26th March through a Facebook Live event on the Kirkfieldbank Community Group Facebook page. The launch event was well attended on the night and has since been viewed 495 times. Due to coronavirus restrictions the survey remained open until 24th August. The survey was promoted through Kirkfieldbank Primary School, via local stakeholders, and through a social media and poster campaign.

The survey represented the view of 109 community members.



Responses ranked highest to lowest



Place Standard Summary

1. Natural-space

Can I experience good-quality natural spaces in Kirkfieldbank?

Good quality natural space was the highest voted asset in Kirkfieldbank, as there are 'lots of lovely walks' all around the village, especially along the Clyde Walkway. The new park is seen as an extremely valuable and well loved part of the community, which provides 'a great space for all ages'. However, some people suggest the natural areas are hidden or hard to find unless you know where to look. There is therefore a desire for better signage and waymarking.

To improve natural space, residents have suggested installing more flowers and benches to enjoy the views, and also improving the provision of natural space at the top of the village, potentially developing a 'garden' area where people could grow vegetables.

'Beautiful walks along the Clyde'



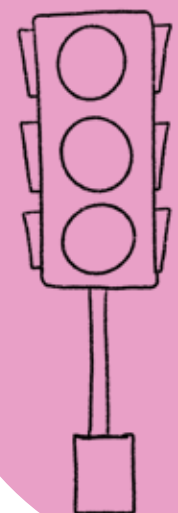
2. Safety

Do I feel safe in Kirkfieldbank?

The majority of people feel safe in Kirkfieldbank. There are some issues of alcohol, drugs, 'anti-social parties', and some isolated incidents of vandalism.

Overall, people seem mostly concerned by the safety of the roads, with busy and speeding traffic, some blind corners, dangerous access points, and too many parked cars. The state of the pavements and pathways is also a cause of concern.

'We need traffic calming at Lesmahagow road end'



3. Identity and Belonging

Does Kirkfieldbank have a positive identity and do I feel I belong to it?

People appear split in Kirkfieldbank about its identity: some claim it has a strong identity while others believe that 'there's a lot of community spirit but it needs to be brought together'. One person mentioned that fundraising for the park had brought the community together and people need more 'common goals' to work towards.

It was also highlighted that there aren't many community organisations, potentially due to the lack of an easily accessible community hall or meeting space. Additionally, there is also a feeling that Kirkfieldbank is a 'passing through place' and Lanark is the 'focus'. More effort needs to be made to give Kirkfieldbank an identity of its own.

'There is a lot of community spirit but it needs to be brought together'

5. Play & Recreation

Can I access a range of places for play and recreation in Kirkfieldbank?

The new park is seen as a great facility that provides key play, recreational and exercise opportunities. There are also areas along the Clyde Walkway where people can spend time recreationally.

Although the park is highly valued, a number of people highlighted the need for more facilities for play and recreation. In particular, there is a need for improved facilities at the top of the village, with improvements to the football pitches and pavilion.

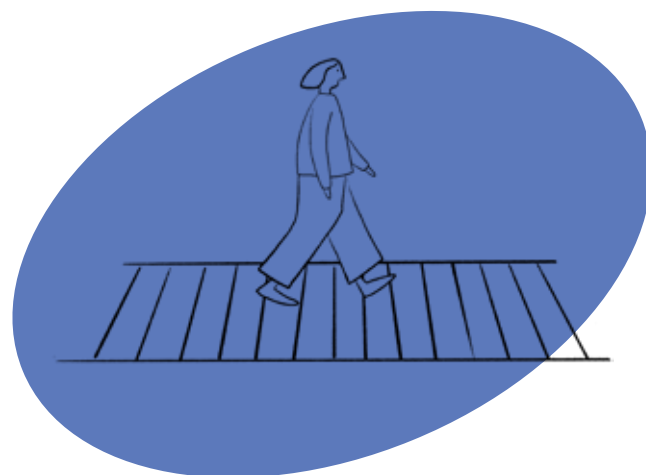
'Park on Hillview Road needs a dramatic makeover'



4. Housing

Do the homes in Kirkfieldbank meet the needs of the community?

People are happy with the mix of housing in the area, but feel that some of the buildings could do with a facelift. Respondents also suggest that there could be more social and affordable housing built in the area. However, one person highlighted that the infrastructure of the village - such as parking, public transport, etc. - would not be able to support many new houses.



6. Walking and Cycling

Can I easily walk and cycle around Kirkfieldbank?

People do not feel that they can easily walk or cycle around Kirkfieldbank. The pavements are seen as too narrow and in many places, particularly along Riverside Rd., they are in a bad condition. This impacts accessibility in the village, especially for those with prams or mobility issues. Due to the narrow roads, cars often park on the pavements, which again restricts accessibility. A number of people have suggested installing a safe crossing, either traffic lights or zebra crossing, that would calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety.

The roads are not seen suitable for cycling due to being too busy and narrow, with fast and heavy traffic. There are also many parked cars in the village, which creates a dangerous environment for cycling.

'It is difficult to cycle around Kirkfieldbank as there are not many cycle paths.'

7. Decision Making

Does Kirkfieldbank have a positive identity and do I feel I belong to it?

People would like more ways to get involved in community decision making, however, as one person said: 'I wouldn't even know where to start!' There is a feeling that Kirkfieldbank often gets overlooked. There is a desire for more communication about what's going on in the village, particularly on how local plans are being implemented.

'I would like to be more involved in the development of the village, but not sure how I would go about being part of it.'

9. Things to enjoy life

Does Kirkfieldbank have the things that I need to live and enjoy life?

People are very happy with the amenities that are provided - the park and local shop are seen as great assets. There is a very strong desire across the community for the local pub - The Riverside Tavern - to reopen. People are also keen for a restaurant or takeaway, however, the primary need is for a local cafe, which would provide much needed indoor meeting space for residents to meet during the day, especially for older and vulnerable residents.

The lack of indoor and accessible meeting space is a big issue in Kirkfieldbank, especially since the Village Hall is now controlled by Kirkfieldbank Primary School. The village requires a Community Hub, which can provide a social meeting space for groups and events.

Since the Community Hall was taken over by the local primary school there are no longer any public toilets or toilets of local proprietors that are accessible to the public. This causes problems for visitors and residents, particularly when visiting the local park, who feel that a valuable asset was taken from them.

8. Attractive & Easy to Navigate

Do the streets and public spaces of Kirkfieldbank create an attractive place that is easy to navigate?

There is a desire for better signage to help residents and visitors navigate the village. In particular, there is a need for better signage to the park and information boards for tourists so that they can locate the Clyde Walkway, other local walks, and places to stay.

The village is seen as fairly attractive, but 'not as attractive as some of the other Clyde Valley villages'. Parking is seen as a big problem that makes the village look unattractive and hard to navigate. There is also an issue of litter, particularly outside the shop and on the riverbank. One respondent highlighted that the road sweeper which passes through the village cannot do much cleaning due to the number of parked vehicles.

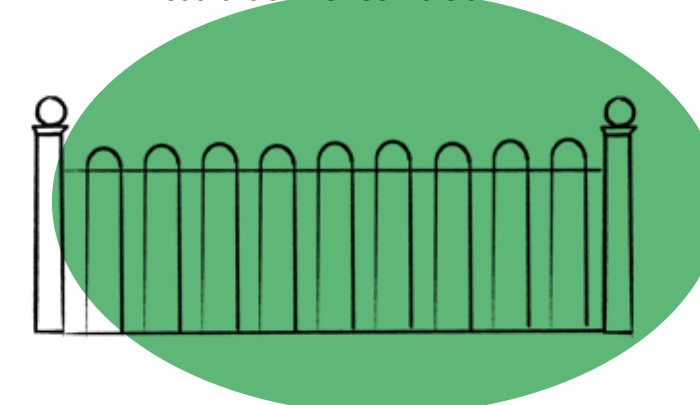
10. Buildings and Spaces

Are Kirkfieldbank's buildings and public spaces well cared for?

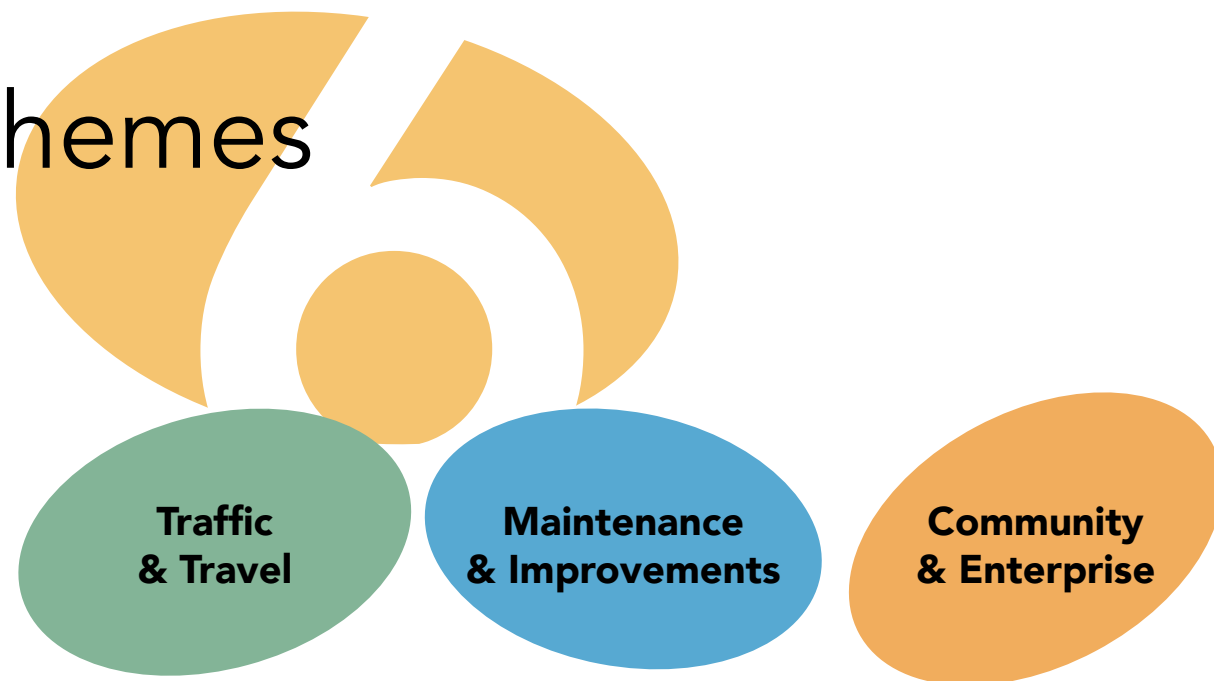
There is a general sense that the railings, paths, pavements, and hedges need considerable attention and maintenance, for accessibility, safety and aesthetic reasons. Places in need of attention include: the lower paths/stairs in Kirkfieldbank Park; Hedges on the upper park pathway; the roadway up to the Church of Scotland; the Clyde Walkway.

Some of the buildings, including the Riverside Tavern, have been left to deteriorate and could do with a new coat of paint and some TLC.

'Some of the houses along the Main Street could do with some TLC.'



Themes



1. Traffic and Travel

The Place Standard Survey highlighted that issues surrounding traffic and travel are some of the biggest concerns in Kirkfieldbank. The inadequate parking conditions, the maintenance and state of pavements, the need for traffic calming measures, a pedestrian crossing, improved public transport and active travel infrastructure, all create a sense that Kirkfieldbank does not have sufficient traffic and travel provision to meet its needs.

These issues, which rely on the policies and plans of local authorities and service providers, are not easy for the community to tackle by themselves. The concerns and potential solutions, such as moving bus stops or limiting parking in the centre of the village, are also not straightforward. Kirkfieldbank is an old village that has grown in size over the decades. The village was not designed to accommodate the number of cars that are parked there today.

There are a number of short term or costly solutions that could improve parking facilities, such as building new car parks or utilising existing space behind The Tavern, and there is a clear and necessary demand for traffic calming in the village, such as speed indicators or speed bumps. However, longer term solutions may address many of these challenges. Promoting active travel, car sharing, developing adequate cycling infrastructure and improving public transport could reduce the number of vehicles on the road and enhance accessibility.



2. Maintenance and Improvements

Residents feel that Kirkfieldbank is in need of maintenance and development to make it a more attractive and appealing place to live. Many of these issues, such as installing floral displays, painting buildings, creating new paths linking the top and the bottom of the village, and improved signage and waymarking, are all things that the community itself can make happen. However, many of the improvements needed, such as keeping the pavements, railings and hedges well maintained require action from other bodies. Lack of clarity over who is responsible for maintaining these - whether it is the council or private landowners - creates confusion. In previous years, community members have tried to maintain the railings near the riverside, but have been told by contractors that they are not able to repair them due to health and safety reasons. There needs to be increased clarity and communication over who is responsible for maintenance throughout the village and what that responsibility entails.

The community took it upon themselves to raise funds to build the new park, a massive undertaking, that took four years to achieve. This park now provides much needed recreational space and is an extremely valuable asset. Despite this achievement, the Kilbank Recreational facilities and grounds at the top of Lesmahagow Rd, which are managed by South Lanarkshire Council and South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Ltd., have fallen into disrepair and are in need of investment in order to be brought back into use. The pavilion, which could provide much needed space for the community, remains closed.

Other issues that relate to the ongoing and future improvement to Kirkfieldbank, such as new public toilets and a flood prevention strategy, are major concerns for the community that require action. South Lanarkshire Council is currently working on a flood prevention strategy (more info in the Action Plan, see p. 32) which will be finished in 2021 and will highlight high risk areas. The closure of the public toilets when the Community Hall was connected to Kirkfieldbank Primary School has been an issue of contention for many of the members of the community. Now that there are no other proprietors in the village, since the local pub closed, the park is less accessible to many residents due to lack of public toilets.



3. Community & Enterprise

Despite its size, Kirkfieldbank used to boast a range of facilities and amenities, such as a tearoom, Italian restaurant, butchers, post office, and community notice board. However, in recent years these have all closed or no longer exist, which has impacted the sense of connectivity among people and the place they live. Most noticeably, the Community Hall, although not closed, was attached to Kirkfieldbank Primary School when it was rebuilt as part of South Lanarkshire Councils school modernisation programme. The Community Hall is now used as an assembly and dinner hall by the school. During its closure, many of the groups and organisations that met at the hall either relocated or disbanded.

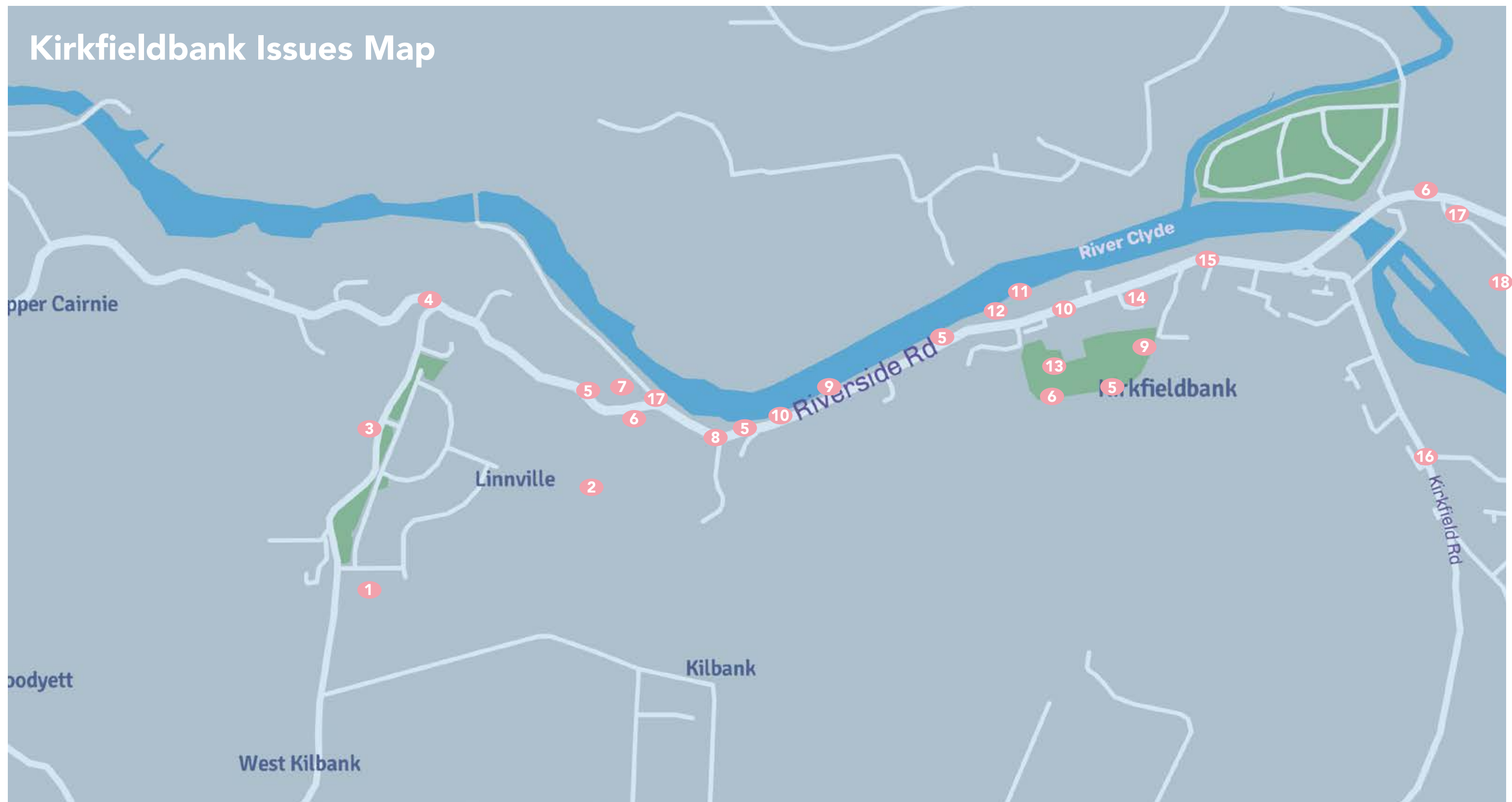
Since the hall reopened, with limited community access and a centralised booking system, many of these groups haven't reformed. This has caused a decline in community events and therefore a decline in much needed social activity. Furthermore, the local pub and restaurant, The Riverside Tavern, has also closed and is on the market with the option for the new owner to develop a much needed business and social space into new housing. Perhaps unsurprisingly, it has been highlighted that loneliness and isolation (a growing public health concern in Scotland) is a major issue in Kirkfieldbank as there are no accessible meeting spaces. This is something that needs to be addressed if Kirkfieldbank is to maintain a vibrant and active community.

There are a number of businesses in the village, however, as highlighted in the survey, the local economy is not as strong compared to previous years. With the growing shift in working patterns due to coronavirus, with less commuting, it is possible that more people may relocate to rural communities. To capitalise on this opportunity, Kirkfieldbank should investigate the feasibility of creating informal office / work space for people who no longer need to commute to work. This could draw more local and online businesses to the area.

Kirkfieldbank also has potential to become an increasingly popular tourist destination, which can help strengthen the local economy by bringing more visitors to the area. Most visitors currently only visit for the day and there is a need for more overnight accommodation to attract and retain overnight, weekend breaks and leisure breaks of a week or more. Kirkfieldbank has many attractions on its doorstep and there is an opportunity to build a sustainable tourism industry along the Clyde Valley with the development of tourist information and infrastructure.



Kirkfieldbank Issues Map



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|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1 Football pitches and pavilion | 6 Overgrown and untrimmed hedges | 11 High risk of flooding | 16 Dangerous junction |
| 2 Need for upgraded path through Orchard | 7 Lack of parking for Clyde Walkway access | 12 Litter and rubbish on banking | 17 Lack of signage to Clyde Walkway |
| 3 Persistent dog mess problem | 8 Narrow and dangerous bridge | 13 Park swale | 18 Bad smell from sewage works |
| 4 Dangerous blind corner and crossing | 9 Damaged railings | 14 Lack of public toilets | |
| 5 Damaged paths and pavements | 10 Speeding traffic | 15 Parking congestion | |

Future Ideas Survey

Following the responses from the initial survey, we developed a clear understanding of what the major issues and priorities were in Kirkfieldbank. The next step was to understand what actions were needed to tackle these issues.

We developed an online Future Ideas survey that asked community members to develop proposals for how we can improve Kirkfieldbank, relating

specifically to the themes and priorities already identified. Participants could also vote on their favourite ideas, which helped us to understand which ideas the community wanted to prioritise.

Below are the survey questions and a list of the highest voted ideas. The other ideas have been incorporated into the Action Plan contained below.

Survey Questions:

1. Traffic and Travel

- How can we improve parking and traffic conditions in Kirkfieldbank?
- How can we ensure there is functional and reliable public transport?
- How can we improve walking and cycling conditions in and around Kirkfieldbank?

2. Maintenance and Improvements

- How can we brighten up the village and its buildings, keeping the streets, pavements, railings, and hedges well maintained?
- What sort of new signage/information should be installed so that residents and visitors can better navigate the village and local walking routes/recreational and natural spaces, such as the Clyde Walking and the park?
- How can we approach improving the recreational facilities for young people (football pitches, etc.) at the top of the village? What facilities should there be?
- How can we alleviate and prepare for current and future flooding along the riverbank?

3. Community & Enterprise

- How can we reopen and better utilise the local pub? What role should the pub serve in the community: should it be community owned or privately run? Should it be a cafe / community hub / take away / restaurant / post office, or just a pub?
- How can we create more indoor social space for people and groups to meet?
- How can we improve involvement in the community and in local decision making, encouraging more community groups, activities and events?
- How can we attract new businesses to the area?

Top voted ideas

1.	It would be great to have somewhere where locals could all meet, cafe, clubs etc	22 votes
2.	A map at the bridge or/and park. Signs for walkways	21 votes
3.	There should be a safe crossing in Kirkfieldbank, either a zebra cross or traffic lights	20 votes
4.	There should be a reduced speed limit through the village. Speed indicators / speed cameras / speed bumps should be installed at strategic points	19 votes
5.	Flower displays and planters should be installed to make the village look more attractive	19 votes
6.	A website. A Facebook page that everyone would want to use. Events.	19 votes
7.	Repurpose the pavilion and changing rooms at the sports field and turn them into a cafe or community/social hub for people of all ages	18 votes
8.	Better signage for walkers and cyclists who either come from new Lanark or up the Clyde valley walkway about what other options they can take from the village	17 votes
9.	[flood prevention] Do a risk assessment and see what ideas the specialists have	17 votes
10.	Kirkfieldbank should set up its own Community Council and Development Trust	16 votes
11.	Local Lanark 'scheme bus' should incorporate Kirkfieldbank into its route	16 votes
12.	Surely the council should be responsible for ensuring the paths are safe, the trees and hedging also	15 votes
13.	Hedges maintained, pavements maintained with the railings painted annually and flower planters and parking control and speed limit enforced would make the village a quieter place	15 votes
14.	As others have said, make a community hub space environment with a cafe selling local sourced produce and have safe and secure bicycle parking and promote it via the local cycle clubs and walking clubs etc it would soon attract plenty of visitors	15 votes

112 unique
ideas generated

837 votes

Key Projects

Out of all the ideas and initiatives suggested by the community, the following five projects are seen as key to the future of the village. These projects are also all initiatives that are in the community's hands, and although they will require concerted effort, they are not dependent on support from local authorities, although they would benefit from their endorsement and support where possible.

1. Community Owned Pub

There is concern among many residents of Kirkfieldbank that The Riverside Tavern may be sold to developers who would convert the building into residential housing. In order to ensure that the local pub remains open as a pub, the community are keen to consider taking ownership of the establishment to retain this much needed asset and social space, which would provide jobs and increase footfall for the town centre, improving the local economy.

Although there are hundreds of community run pubs in England and Wales, the first in Scotland was taken into community ownership just last year: The Black Bull, in Gartmore. The Black Bull was taken into community ownership to address many of the same issues that are of concern in Kirkfieldbank, such as providing facilities for an ageing population, tackling social isolation and loneliness, lack of activities for young people and local job opportunities, and the need for more facilities to attract tourists and visitors.



Like the Black Bull 'hub and pub' the Riverside Tavern could be used as a cafe and community hub during the day, providing essential meeting space for community groups and events. The three bedroom apartment could also be converted into office and work space for those no longer commuting out of Kirkfieldbank for work, providing another source of revenue.

South Lanarkshire Council have already highlighted the Lanarkshire Town Centre Capital Program 2020/21, which could be used to support a community purchase. The Town Centre Capital Program provides up to £500k, with a minimum application size of 50k and priority being given to projects under £100K.

Funding:

1. Sustainable Development Fund - <https://www.sserenewables.com/communities/sustainable-development-fund/>

2. South Lanarkshire Council Town Centre Fund

2. Signage, Waymarkers & Information Boards

A relatively simple but much needed feature needed in Kirkfieldbank is improved signage, waymarking and information boards. The community previously had two notice boards, one for the community and one for visitors, however, both of these were dismantled during the development of the new school and neither have been replaced. This should be a priority for the community.

For visitors to the area there is very little waymarking or information highlighting local history, points of interest, or the beautiful walks. There is also no information on local accommodation for those wanting to spend the night in or near Kirkfieldbank. The Clyde Walkway, one of the main features of the village and the Clyde Valley, is very poorly signposted and is difficult to find unless you know where to look. A map of the area, either in the centre of the village or on the Kirkfieldbank Bridge, with additional waymarking and signage, would help people to navigate the area.

Additional waymarked / audio routes, such as an educational history trail around the park, have been highlighted as a potential asset for the community. It is felt that the story of the Clyde Valley is not promoted in a manner that is accessible to the majority of locals and visitors. There is a rich history - environmental, economic and social - that should be shared more widely. 'The opportunity', as one community member said, 'to use the park as an educational and general interest facility is too great not to be missed.'

For existing local walks, have a look at: <https://www.communityactionlan.org/explore> and the Clyde Walkway App, available on Apple and Play Store.

Funding:

Paths for All - <https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/cmp-grants>

National Lottery Heritage Fund - <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/>

3. Brightening up Kirkfieldbank

There is a general feeling that Kirkfieldbank, although not unattractive, is not as attractive as other villages along the Clyde Valley. Simple improvements, such as installing planters and hanging baskets along Riverside Rd. could brighten up the village. Community members should seek support and advice from Lanark in Bloom to develop a plan for Kirkfieldbank.



4. Development of Kilbank Play Area

The Kilbank Recreational and Play Area, owned and managed by South Lanarkshire Council, has fallen into disrepair over the years. This has been highlighted as a key concern by the Kirkfieldbank Community Group, who have said:

'There is a noticeable lack of outdoor sports facilities in the Clyde Valley and a well known excess of demand over availability for football pitches in the Lanark area. Kirkfieldbank has a double pitch facility/ adjoining built changing facilities and dedicated parking – all of which appear to be in reasonable condition but which have been mothballed for want of an upgrade. With a modest investment we believe that these facilities could easily be brought back into mainstream use, thereby reinstating a valuable community asset, increasing much needed pitch capacity in the locality and producing a future income stream for SLC. The group already has a number of teams very interested in using such a facility. We

can foresee a possible upgrade to 3G/4G standard to meet local demand and potentially the installation of a perimeter running track which would provide a flexible/state of the art training location attractive to many sporting clubs and associations.'

Given the lack of social space in the village, the football pavilion has been suggested as a building that could be developed as a Community Hub or cafe. There is an opportunity for residents to open up discussions with SLC about the future of the site and explore options to deliver on community aspirations for the space.

There is also a demand for a community garden to be built at the Kilbank Recreational Area, which could be used to grow fruit and vegetables. The community garden could also be used as an educational and intergenerational space for young and old people.



5. Kirkfieldbank Development Trust and Community Council

The four projects highlighted here are all 'game changers' that would radically improve the physical and social dynamic of Kirkfieldbank. Although all these initiatives can be achieved through the action of community members themselves, they will not be straightforward. It is vital that the community establishes the right structures and bodies that will enable them to pursue their goals. Establishing Kirkfieldbank Development Trust would provide a formalised network of support, advice and access to funding, particularly if the community are to pursue taking ownership of the pub and pavilion.

'Through the provision of information, advice and support, and the effective facilitation of our inspiring development trust network, DTA Scotland seeks to contribute to the building of independent, enterprising and resilient communities.'

Development Trust Association Scotland

Kirkfieldbank is currently incorporated into the Royal Burgh of Lanark Community Council (RBLCC) area. For Kirkfieldbank's voice to be heard on local issues it is important that residents join the RBLCC. By gaining experience from being part of RBLCC, community members may decide to establish their own Community Council in the future.

Community councils are voluntary organisations set up by statute and run by local residents to act on behalf of their area. Some community councils are more active than others - but their main activities include:

- identifying and taking action on local issues such as planning and licensing applications
- organising community events
- liaising with the public authorities and other agencies about local services



Action Plan

1. Traffic & Travel

	1.1 Parking	Idea	Actions
1	Create more parking space and reduce congestion	Remove the sign at the school car park and encourage people to use this car park to reduce congestion on the road	Step 1: Contact school and South Lanarkshire Council to make sure this sign is taken down and replaced with sign that says 'Public Car Park'.
		There is additional parking space behind the local pub. As a temporary measure - while the pub is not in use - this car park could provide much needed parking. There is some concern over the safety of the access point on to Riverside Rd. This hazard could be mitigated by road mirrors and traffic calming measures.	Step 1: Contact landlord to request permission for car park to be used while the pub is not being used Step 2: Put up directional sign saying 'Additional Parking'
		Investigate measures that would stop cars parking at the bus stop to reduce congestion or enquire into moving the bus stop to an area that would cause less congestion	Step 1: Contact SPT to enquire into relocating bus stop Step 2: Look into what other measures could prevent cars from parking at bus stop e.g. double yellow lines.
		There is space at the entrance to the Clyde Walkway which could be developed into a car park for residents and visitors. This land is privately owned	Step 1: Contact landowner Step 2: Contact South Lanarkshire Council to gather support Step 3: Feasibility study to understand cost of developing land into car park
		Limit parking to one side with double yellow lines	Step 1: Contact South Lanarkshire Council Transport department to check feasibility
2	Too many cars park on the pavement, restricting accessibility for pedestrians, particularly those with prams or mobility issues	Install signs to deter people from parking on the pavement, i.e. 'Parking on Pavement Prohibited: If parking is causing an obstruction for pedestrians or vehicles, Police Scotland will be contacted' Parking on the pavements will be made illegal in Scotland next year, 2021	Step 1 - Identify locations for signage Step 2 - Gain permission from SLC for installing signage

	1.2 Heavy & Fast Moving Traffic	Ideas	Actions
1	Improved traffic management	<p>To improve the safety of the roads there needs to be a reduced and enforced speed limit throughout the village. The existing advisory 20mph signs near the primary school do not appear to work. The most viable options for this is speed indicators when entering the village with additional traffic calming measures, listed below.</p> <p>Specific areas of concern:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stretch of road at Nicholson Plastics 2. Section of road between Dublin Bridge and Kirkfieldbank primary school 3. Corner of Kirkfieldbank Rd. and Byretown Rd. <p>Other traffic management options that could be utilised to manage heavy and fast moving traffic are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speed bumps - Traffic lights and/or zebra crossing - Road narrowing (e.g. A70 from Douglas going towards Ayrshire) - Speed cameras 	Step 1: Contact South Lanarkshire Council to enquire about traffic calming measures
		Carry out School Travel plan with the support of SLC. Schools can carry out a School Travel Plan with support of SLC, which can collate information on traffic issues for children on their routes to school. However, this plan can also highlight other issues from the community and can drive changes to people's behaviour.	Step 1 - Encourage school to work with SLC carry out School Travel Plan - contact Marion Shearer / Colin Smith SLC Roads and Transportation
	1.3 Safe Crossing	Idea	Ideas
1	There is a need for a safe crossing in the village	There are a number of locations highlighted along Riverside Rd. that would benefit from safe crossings - either a zebra or pelican crossing, or traffic lights. These crossings would also help to calm traffic traveling through the village:	<p>Step 1 - Highlight need for a safe crossing (through School Travel Plan) to SLC</p> <p>Step 2 - Make desire for safe crossing heard through the schools travel plan or via roadsandtransportation@southlanarkshire.gov.uk to input into proposed active travel improvements</p>
	1.4 Public Transport	Ideas	Ideas
1	Improved timetable	Community needs to connect with Scottish Partnership for Transport (317 Hamilton) and Whitelaws Coaches (25 Lesmahagow) to lobby for improved bus timetable and routes that works for the community.	<p>Step 1 - Contact Bus Users Scotland to gain support and advice on how to improve local bus service</p> <p>Step 2 - Use action plan to lobby SLC's STAG report for the need of an improved timetable</p> <p>Step 3 - Contact service providers (SPT and Whitelaws Coaches) directly to lobby for improved timetable</p>

2	Lanark scheme bus (Lanark Circular)	The local Lanark bus could incorporate Kirkfieldbank into its route which could provided much needed connectivity between Kirkfieldbank and Lanark.	Step 1 - Contact Stuarts Coaches
3	Relocating bus stops	The current bus stops at the corner of the Lanark Rd and Lesmahagow Rd. is positioned on a blind corner with no traffic calming.	Step 1 - Contact SPT to enquire into moving bus stop Step 2 - Lobby SLC's STAG report
	1.5 Safe Cycling and Walking Infrastructure	The bus stop in the centre of the village, on Riverside Rd, is inconveniently placed and causes congestion.	Step 2 - Lobby SLC's STAG report
1	Better provision of safe cycle routes and lanes. Roads are currently not suitable for cycling due to busy and narrow roads with fast moving and heavy traffic.	New infrastructure that promotes and encourages cycling: - A cycle path along the Clyde - Extend the national cycle route through Kirkfieldbank - Traffic management (enforced speed limit, speed cameras, speed bumps etc.) - Improve parking conditions, as this creates a dangerous environment for cyclists	Step 1 - Work with local councilors / SLC to feed into Active Travel and STAG plans for Clydesdale Step 2 - Approach Community Action Lanarkshire for support on how to promote Active Travel in Kirkfieldbank
2	Path linking top of village to bottom	To improve accessibility between the top of the village and the bottom, the community propose to develop a path that cuts through the wooded area and orchard to the main road. This would also provide an accessible route for children to walk to school off the main road. Children are currently bused to school due to safety issues	Step 1 - Encourage school to work with SLC carry out School Travel Plan Step 2 - Develop feasibility study

2. Maintenance and Improvements

	2.1 TLC	Idea	Actions
1	Install flower displays and planters	Work with Lanark in Bloom and Keep Scotland Beautiful to organise approach that would be suitable to Kirkfieldbank	Step 1 - Organise Kirkfieldbank gardening group, encouraging old and young people to be involved in the project as a way to tackle isolation and loneliness Step 2 - Learn from Lanark in Bloom approach to understand what can be achieved in Kirkfieldbank Step 3 - Plan local fundraising event Step 4 - Identify funding
2	Reduce litter and dog mess throughout village	Develop a local campaign, install signs at specific locations, increase the number of bins and post leaflets through doors	Step 1 - Work with school to develop posters, leaflets and signage Step 2 - Contact SLC about the need for more bins - Land Services Step 3 - Declare the village a 'Litter Free Zone' with banners stating this when entering the village

3	Brighten up the buildings on Riverside Rd.	Seek funding to paint buildings throughout the village	Step 1 - Enquire who would be willing to participate Step 2 - Locate funding
4	Improvements to community orchard	Extending the orchard down to the river and installing a bench in the orchard for walkers to sit, relax and enjoy the view over the Clyde	Step 1 - Fundraise for bench Step 2 - Work with Orchard Cooperative to expand orchard
5	Repaint and repair railings	Kirkfieldbank Community Group has already tried to achieve this, but the process proved more difficult than expected.	Step 1: Develop a detailed document highlighting all the railings needing maintenance Step 2: Create community document showing who is responsible for maintenance of railings and their maintenance plan (SLC or private owners) Step 3: Identify where action can be taken and develop / support this.
6	Fix pavements and paths throughout the village	Many of the pavements and paths are in poor condition and in need of repair. SLC need to be pressed to maintain paths and pavements which are unsafe and act as hazards: road to old school, path surrounding park, the Old Bridge, Dublin Bridge, steps at the bottom of Well Road, the Clyde Walkway, the lower gravel path in the park has not been maintained for years	Community can report pavement issues via the SLC 'report it' pages. Discuss park path with SLC Parks team
7	Maintenance of the hedges at the top of the park and overhanging vegetation on Kirkfieldbank Brae	Many of the hedges are in public hands. There is a need to identify who is responsible for hedges and how often they are required (if at all) to cut them	Step 1: Develop a detailed document highlighting all hedges needing maintenance Step 2: Discover who is responsible for maintenance of hedges (SLC or private owners) and raise via a community-SLC walkabout Step 3: Create visible calendar, so that people know when maintenance is due
	2.2 Signage and Information	Ideas	Actions
1	Improved signage to the park and natural areas	Some new signage has been installed at road side, but additional signs to park, Clyde Walkway, and other natural areas are necessary	Step 1: Identify where signs are needed Step 2: Seek funding
2	Improved information and signage for visitors so that they can better navigate the village and Clyde Walkway	There used to be information boards for visitors to the area that highlighted points of interest. The signage also advertised places to stay locally, such as Bed and Breakfasts, holiday lets and the caravan park	Step 1: Identify what information needs to be communicated Step 2: Identify appropriate location for signage Step 3: Source funding for design, manufacture and installation
3	New community notice board for residents of Kirkfieldbank	There is a need for new community notice boards in the community that can highlight local news and events	Step 1: Identify location Step 2: Source funding

4	Development of an educational / history trail	There is so much history and points of local, historical, natural and cultural interest in the area that could be brought to people's attention through a local trail	Step 1: Identify sources of funding Step 2: Work with designers to develop trails
	2.3 Improvements to New Park	Idea	Actions
1	A mile-a-day/Munro challenge trail around Kirkfieldbank Village Park	Improved access and surfacing would allow the installation of boards and markers to encourage and compliment the other healthy recreational activities already available in the park	Step 1: Develop a feasibility study Step 2: Source funding Step 3: Work with a designer to develop trail
2	Bridge(s) over the swale in Kirkfieldbank Park	Bridges would really help to maximise the use of space available in the park/ provide a fun platform from which to study the intended eco-friendly swale bog garden. This again ties in to the eco-educational trail around the park and would encourage a greater variety of wildlife into the area.	Step 1: Source funding Step 2: Work with engineers
	2.4 Improvements to Kilbank Play Area	Idea	Actions
1	Improved sports facilities, particularly football pitches	1. Upgrade football pitches to 3G/4G 2. Fix the drainage for the other pitch so that they are both usable 2. Install floodlights 3. Install perimeter running track 4. Install basketball area	Step 1: Open discussion with SLC about the future plans for facilities Step 2: Option, suggested by Julia Marrs, to inquire into Community Empowerment Act to take community ownership of the recreational facilities. This would require the community to be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the park Step 3: Use existing Planning Gain money as match funding to support the redevelopment of the sports facilities
2	Upgrading the pavilion to multipurpose community / sports facility	Redevelop the pavilion into a multipurpose space Community Hub and Cafe, with functional changing rooms	Step 1: Open discussion with SLC about the future intentions for facilities and the state of the building Step 2: Explore the potential of a community buy out Step 3: Develop a feasibility study
3	Community garden	There is desire to build a community garden that would be owned and managed by the community. This garden could be used to grow fruit and vegetables. It could also be an asset to the school, who could use it as an educational resource.	Step 1: Work with support of Clyde Valley Orchard Cooperative, Lanark in Bloom, Clydesdale Community Initiatives, SLC Food Strategy / Allotments contact to create plan and locate funding. https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/12186/community_growing_toolkit
4	New play park and recreational facilities for young people	The new park at the school is the only functional recreational space in the village. There is demand for an additional recreational facilities and an upgraded playpark	Step 1: Consult the community with what they would like to see and discuss with SLC the potential for upgrades. Develop plans further if community want more than SLC can provide.

	2.5 Public Toilets	Idea	Actions
1	New public toilets, located near the park	There are no accessible toilets in the village, either public toilets or cafe / pub toilets that would be accessible to people visiting the village, Clyde Walkway or local park	Step 1: Approach SLC highlighting the vital need for public toilets in the community, particularly in light of coronavirus and lockdown restrictions. Cost up toilet construction and management commitment required OR include in pub purchase plans.
	2.6 Flood Prevention	Idea	Actions
1	Develop a long term flood prevention strategy	There is a considerable risk that due to increasing rainfall and climatic change, the riverbank throughout Kirkfieldbank is likely to flood. Local residents are concerned that erosion of embankments could damage pavements, housing and the foundation of the village.	Step 1: SLC is currently undertaking a Flood Study for the River Clyde, which includes Kirkfieldbank. This plan will provide SLC with a detailed hydraulic river model for the Clyde between the Falls of Clyde and the Tidal Weir in Glasgow, and will highlight at-risk locations. The plan is to due for completion July 2021. Step 2: If watercourse flows through private land, there are riparian duties to maintain their land as it is not always within the Council's ability or means to maintain private lands or protect garden areas. Community can use the Flood Prevention Study to identify where private landowners must maintain watercourse and land, and what measures everyone can take to protect themselves and property from flooding.
	2.7 Improvements to Clyde Walkway	Idea	Actions
1	Maintenance of the Clyde Walkway	Since the Clyde Walkway opened in 1998 the path surfaces and steps have declined and are in need of repair. There is also need for bins along the walkway, particularly for dog mess	See points 2.1.2, 2.1.6, Step 1: Volunteering options to improve Walkway working with SLC ranger service.
	2.6 Sewage Works	Idea	Actions
1	Sewage works smells bad during the summer	Sewage works positioned on scenic Clyde Walkway and close to homes. Option could be to plant trees to buffer smell.	Step 1: Residents can report odour problems to SEPA Step 2: Community can approach Scottish Water / SEPA to explore solutions. https://www2.sepa.org.uk/EnvironmentalEvents

3. Community & Enterprise

	3.1 Local Pub	Idea	Actions
1	Reopen the local pub	<p>Many community members are keen to consider a community buy out of the pub, turning it into a community owned asset and social space that sells local produce and provides local jobs. There is also suggestion to have a 'secure bicycle parking and promote it via the local cycle clubs and walking clubs etc. it would soon attract plenty of visitors'</p> <p>However, as one person has commented - 'The last couple of times the pub opened there wasn't a problem with the quality of food etc. The issue seems to be getting enough people into the place so it can run sustainably. Regardless of who owns it there needs to be fresh ideas of ways to keep it busy.'</p>	<p>Step 1. Contact property owner</p> <p>Step 2. Develop feasibility study of community buy out</p> <p>Step 3. Research into other community owned pubs (i.e. Flying Pig in Dunscore, The Swan in Banton near Kilsyth)</p> <p>Step 4. Submit Funding Application</p>
	3.2 Social and Community Space	Ideas	Actions
1	Feasibility study into redeveloping the Pavillion into a Community Hub	The pavilion could be used as a Community Hub	See 2.4.2
2	Improved access to the Community Hall	The Community Hall has been taken into educational/council hands and acts as the school hall for Kirkfieldbank Primary School. This has caused a number of issues, primarily limiting the communities access to a much needed meeting and function space. The hall now has limitations on time and use, which hinders many community activities. There is a desire for it be made 'easier and cheaper to hire the community hall'	Step 1. Approach SLC and the school to discuss daytime availability of the hall and any other options to access it safely.
3	Gain permission to use the Church Hall	Due to the lack of social and meeting space in the community, the Church has access to an asset that would be of value to the whole community, which could help tackle issues of loneliness and isolation	Step 1: Approach the Church to enquire into a more established agreement of use between the community and the Church
	3.3 Community Activity and Involvement	Ideas	Actions
1	Develop a community website for information and communication	The project website (www.kirkfieldbank.com) can be handed over to the community after the project. This website could act as a digital community hub, where residents can keep up to date with what developments are happening	Step 1: Approach icecream architecture with the intent of taking ownership of the project website www.kirkfieldbank.com

2	Collaborate with Royal Burgh of Lanark Community Council	It is suggested, with the support of RBLCC, that residents from Kirkfieldbank should join RBLCC to pursue joint aims. After gaining experience from RBLCC, Kirkfieldbank may be in a position to establish its own Community Council.	Step 1: Participate in Royal Borough of Lanark Community Council to get experience of what's involved and / or gather interest in forming one for Kirkfieldbank
3	Workshop / office space	Due to coronavirus, it is possible that people may change career and start new small online/local businesses. It is also possible that people will move away from larger cities. These kinds of enterprises should be supported with the provision of small workshops/office spaces that are subsidised. This would help promote local talent and in time generate local jobs.	<p>Step 1: Locate building that could be developed into workspace</p> <p>Step 2: Develop business plan / feasibility plan</p>
	3.4 Clyde Valley Orchard Cooperative	Ideas	Actions
1	Improved communication between cooperative and community	<p>The Co-operative would welcome stronger links with and participation - and even membership - from those living in the village with the ongoing maintenance and activities of the orchard. The key times for this are in the winter, when the trees are dormant for pruning, and in the autumn, for picking.</p> <p>The Cooperative can provide guidance, training and equipment for anyone who wants to participate in these activities</p> <p>Community and orchard cooperative to develop an effective communication strategy and forum (community website / new notice board) for discussing future ideas</p>	Step 1: Clyde Valley Orchard and Community Group to develop strategy for improved communication
	3.5 Overnight Accommodation	Ideas	Actions
1	There is a need for overnight accommodation in Kirkfieldbank to attract tourists and visitors to the area	Develop holiday lets that would provide much needed tourist infrastructure and bring increased footfall and revenue into the community	<p>Step 1: Identify business advice</p> <p>Step 2: Locate grant funding</p>
	3.6 Development Trust	Ideas	Actions
1	To take the Action Plan forward, Kirkfieldbank requires the right community structures in place	Establish a Kirkfieldbank Development Trust	<p>Step 1: Gather residents together</p> <p>Step 2: Contact DTAS for advice and support</p>

Support, Partners and Organisations

Traffic & Travel

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Strathclyde Partnership for Transport - www.spt.co.uk

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Bus Users Scotland - www.bususers.org

Whitelaw Coaches - www.whitelaws.co.uk

Stuarts Coaches - www.stuartscoahces.co.uk

Community Action Lanarkshire - www.communityactionlan.org

Sustrans - www.sustrans.org.uk

Paths for All - www.pathsforall.org.uk.

Central Scotland Green Network - www.centalscotlandgreennetwork.org

Maintenance & Improvements

Lanark in Bloom - 01555 665 768

Zero Waste Scotland - flytipping@zerowastescotland.org.uk

Keep Scotland Beautiful - info@keepscotlandbeautiful.org

Clydesdale Community Initiatives - enquiries@cciweb.org

SLC Countryside & Greenspace team - CAG@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Paths for All - www.pathsforall.co.uk

Renewable Energy Micro Grants scheme -
https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/13190/micro_grant_application_form

Sports Scotland - sportscotland.enquiries@sportscotland.org.uk

South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture - customer.services@southlanarkshireleisure.co.uk

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Timeline

Action	0-1	2-3	4-5+
Remove sign at school car park			
Utilise car park behind pub			
Install signs to deter parking on pavements			
Install flower displays and planters			
Campaign to reduce litter and dog mess throughout village			
Maintenance of the hedges			
Improved tourist and community signage			
Improved access to the Community Hall			
Gain permission to use the Church Hall			
Develop a community website for information and communication			
Improved communicaton between Clyde Valley Cooperative and community			
Set up a Community Council or Development Trust			
School Travel Plan			
Improved bus timetable			
Connect Lanark bus with Kirkfieldbank			
Improvements to pavements and paths			
Path linking top of village to bottom, throuh orchard			
Brighten up the buildings on Riverside Rd.			
Improvements to community orchard			
Repaint and repair railings			
Development of an educational / history trail / mile-a-day / munro challenge			
Bridge(s) over the swale in Kirkfieldbank Park			
Community garden at top park			
Reopen the local pub			
Kirkfieldbank Development Trust			
Luxury holiday lets and overnight accommodation			
Tackle congestion and safety in town centre - traffic management, safe crossing etc.			
Clyde Walkway car park			
Relocating bus stops			
Active Travel infrastructure			
Improved play and sports facilities at Kilbank Play area			
Upgrading the pavilion to multipurpose community / sports facility			
New public toilets, located near the park			
Develop a long term flood prevention strategy			
Workshop / office space for home workers			

Ideas into Action

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views and take part in the engagement events or support the development of this plan over the past few months. The plan represents the main assets, issues, priorities and projects that are important to the future of Kirkfieldbank. To ensure the success of the plan over the coming years, we hope to see the whole community working towards these shared goals.

What next?

Community Action Lanarkshire, a project of the Rural Development Trust, has been awarded funding from the National Lottery Communities Fund to support five communities, including Kirkfieldbank, to develop and deliver projects from their action plans. The projects will focus on improving the health and well being of local people - ensuring communities get the hands-on support they need to adapt projects to a post-covid world with ongoing changes in restrictions.

CAL can help with project governance, project management, project delivery, volunteer recruitment, publicity, capacity building (training, developing new skills), networking and signposting to key stakeholders / organisations, employing consultants or hosting events. CAL will also ensure that when people are ready, local community organisations are created (or existing organisations strengthened), developed and supported to be able to lead the delivery of their action plan into the future themselves by pulling in key partners so groups have the right structure to limit members liability, are inclusive and community led.

Get involved

Project website

www.kirkfieldbank.com

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