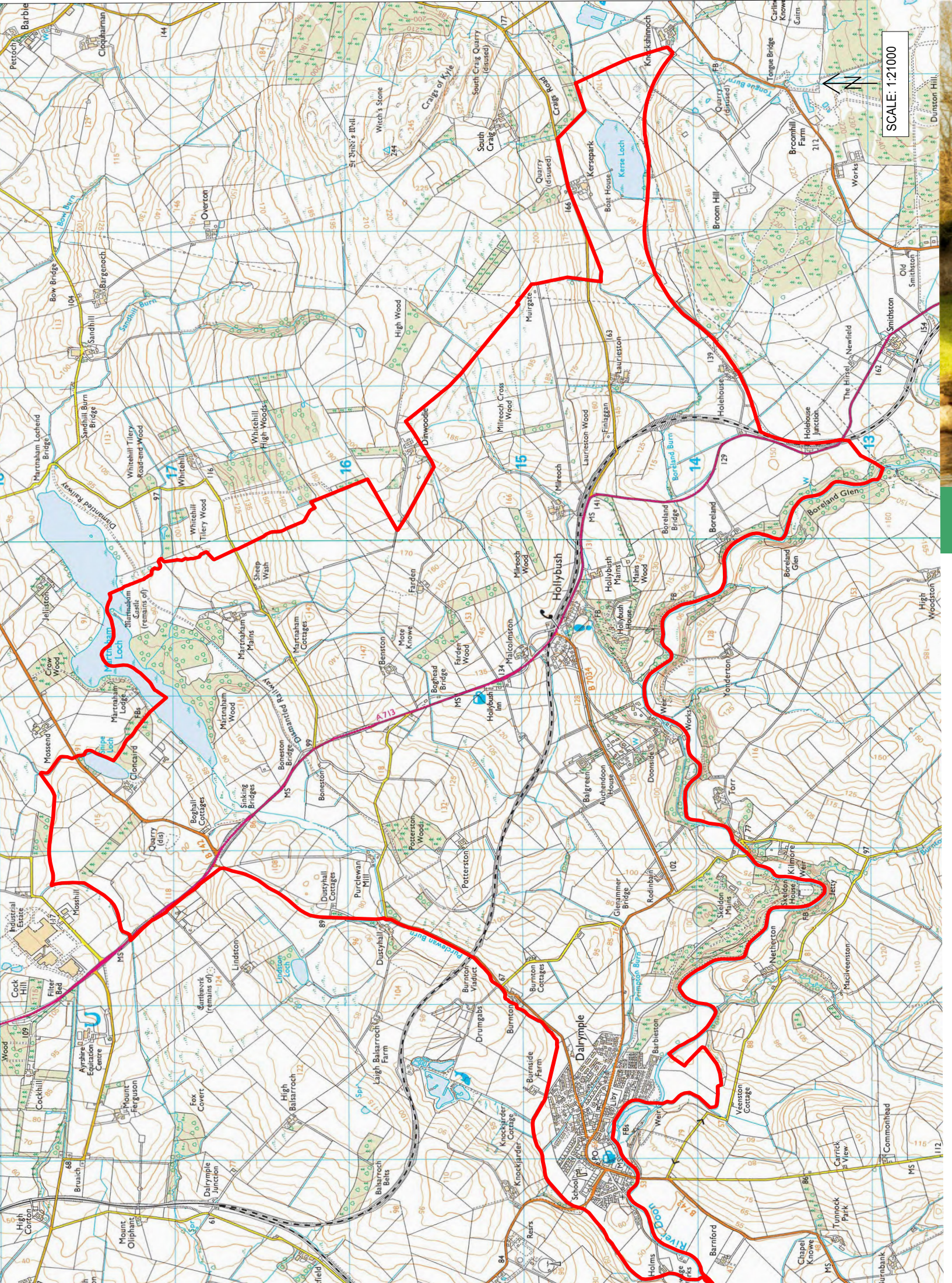


Dalrymple, Hollybush & Skeldon

Community Action Plan

2019 - 2024





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INTRODUCTION



Dalrymple, Hollybush and Skeldon are villages that sit in the South-West of East Ayrshire making up the Dalrymple Parish. The name Dalrymple derives from the Gaelic 'dail chruim puil', translated as 'the meadow by the sharply bending river' or 'field of the crooked river' and is situated on the north bank of the River Doon. The River remains the boundary of the Parish on the southern end, with Purclewan Burn to the west and north.

The barony of Dalrymple was created in the 13th century however the village dates from circa 1800 with the first houses being built in Main Street and Garden Street in Dalrymple. There are approximately 24 listed buildings within the boundary of Dalrymple Parish such as Skeldon House, the remains of Skeldon Castle, Hollybush House and Dalrymple Parish Church.

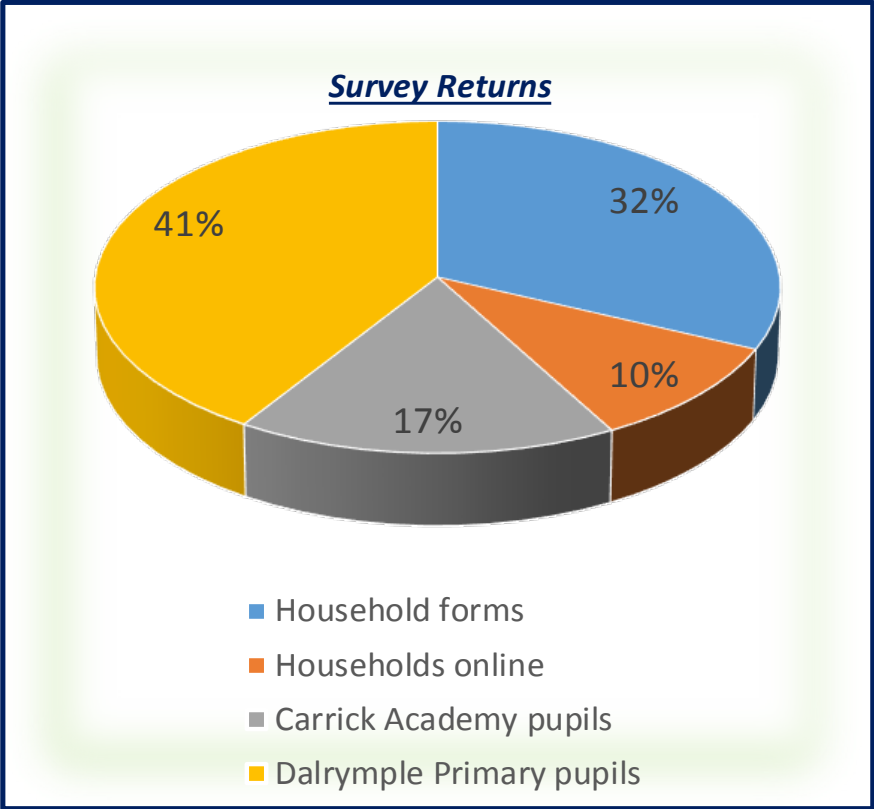


COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY

This five year plan will be driven by the residents in the Parish, coming together as one community to achieve the identified priorities. This plan is for the whole community and is jointly owned by all organisations and individuals who took part in its preparation. We will be working together to ensure its implementation over the next five years, to make their community a better place to live, work or visit.

Since October 2017 we have been carrying out community consultation to find out what people think of Dalrymple, Hollybush and Skeldon and what should be done to make it a better place.

The consultation has been organised by a local Steering Group which brought together representatives from community groups and individuals in the Parish.



Survey forms were distributed to all 662 households identified by the 2011 census and Steering Group and includes input from school children within the Parish. The surveys were also available online. In total 376 surveys were returned including 154 from Dalrymple Primary and Early Education Centre and 63 from Carrick Academy school pupils, representing a return rate of 57%. This is a very good return and is representative of all parts of the community.

Our Voting Event



STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

We have also been out talking and listening to a wide range of views from different groups and sectors of the community through one to one interviews and stakeholder interviews. These have included: Dalrymple Primary School, Dalrymple Parent Council, Stewart Pharmacy, Individual Residents, an EAC Elected Member and a local NHS Advance Nurse Practitioner.

WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES

The voting event was held on the 15th June 2018 and was an opportunity for our community to vote for our own priority projects and actions, and tell us what needs to be done to make Dalrymple Parish a better place to live in, work in and visit over the next five years.

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

The results of the voting day as well as the other consultation helped us to prepare a five year Community Action Plan for the Dalrymple Parish. The Action Plan will be used to help support the development and funding of priority projects and to make representation on behalf of our community.

FUNDING AND SUPPORT

The preparation of the Action Plan is being supported by East Ayrshire Council's Vibrant Communities Team.

Dalrymple Parish Church





Cassillis Court, Dalrymple

Our Community

Location:

The Parish of Dalrymple encompasses Dalrymple, Hollybush and Skeldon and is situated within East Ayrshire. Skeldon is the smallest settlement which lies approximately 7 miles South-east of Ayr and 20 miles south of Kilmarnock. Skeldon lies between Dalrymple, 1.5 miles to the West and Hollybush which is less than a mile to the east.

Population:

The population of the Dalrymple Parish has increased in the period 2004-2013. It increased from 1,390 in 2004 to 1,517 in 2013. According to the 2013 Mid-Year estimates, the population was at its highest in 2009 at 1,568 and then decreased to 1,517 in 2013. Since the 2011 census, there has been an increase in the population due to new housing developments in the Parish.

Housing:

The 2011 Data Census gives us an indication of the housing types in the community. However, since then there has been more housing developments in the Parish. There have been an extension of private houses on Primpton Avenue as well as Cassillis Court on the site of the previous community centre on Barbieston Rd. This development consists of 11 plots of social and accessible housing which were allocated in July 2018.

Employment:

There are a small number of opportunities that provide some local employment in the Parish:

- SPAR and the Post Office - Barbieston Road, Dalrymple, KA6 6DZ
- Stobbs Bakers - Barbieston Road, Dalrymple, KA6 6DZ
- Sizzle and Spice Takeaway Foods - Barbieston Road, Dalrymple, KA6 6DZ
- White Horse Inn - Barbieston Road, Dalrymple, KA6 6DZ
- The Hollybush Inn - A713, Hollybush, KA6 6EY
- The Kirkton Inn - Dalrymple, KA6 6DF
- JJJ Groundworks - Dalrymple, KA6 6BT
- Dalcon Ltd - Prestwick, KA9 1JZ
- Hollybush House - Hollybush, KA6 7EA
- ATV Services - Hollybush, KA6 6EZ

The 2011 data census figures indicate 39.2% of economically active people in full time employment. Self-employment represents 6.9% of economic activity while unemployment in the Parish stood at 5.8% at the time of the 2011 Census.



Hollybush House

Our Community

Combat Stress:

Hollybush House is run by the charity Combat Stress who help former servicemen and women deal with trauma-related mental health problems such as anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). They provide life-changing treatment to veterans from every service and every conflict. Hollybush House is one of their centres where specialist employees such as therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists and nurses provide a range of residential treatment programmes and outpatient appointments.

Health:

Stewart Pharmacy on Main Street offers prescription services and is a first point of call for minor illnesses. It works along with the Riverside Medical Practice and Maybole surgeries which serve the community. Riverside Medical Practice has surgeries in Patna and Coylton which are the main surgeries that serves Dalrymple Parish three days a week from the clinic on Portland Road. District nursing services and Health Visitors are also based in Patna. Emergency health cover is provided by NHS 24. The nearest Hospital is University Hospital Ayr and is situated on Dalmellington Road, Ayr. It provides out/inpatient treatment, accident and emergency and specialist care for people living in South Ayrshire and parts of East Ayrshire.

Education:

Dalrymple Primary School and Early Childhood Centre is the local primary and nursery school in the Parish and is situated on Hillview, Dalrymple. It is a co-educational and non-denominational school for nursery to primary 7 children. The Early Childhood Centre was refurbished in 2015 and the number of places available in the nursery is 42 and for Dalrymple Primary school the number of places available is 151. Children from Dalrymple Parish currently attend secondary schools within South Ayrshire with the main feeder schools being Carrick Academy in Maybole and Queen Margaret Academy in Ayr.

Ayrshire College offers further education for people wishing to gain higher levels of qualifications. They have three campuses across Ayrshire offering full/part time, day/evening classes. The Ayr Campus is situated at Dam Park, Ayr. University of the West of Scotland Campus offers further education for people wishing to gain further levels of qualifications for under-graduate and post-graduate courses with the Ayr campus situated on University Avenue, Ayr.

DALRYMPLE VILLAGE

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Our Community

Open Green Space

The Dalrymple Community Landscape Project are leasing land from Cassillis estate and are leading the development of the new Community Garden in Dalrymple. This Community Garden will be situated on Barbieston Road across from the main shops in the Parish and works will be starting in early 2019.

Transport, Road Links and Amenities

The main form of public transport is the Stagecoach 52 bus which runs from Ayr to Dalmellington which services both Dalrymple and Hollybush. The 361 bus from Ayr to Straiton also services Dalrymple but does not cover Hollybush. To travel by rail the nearest station to Dalrymple is Maybole. Ayr station is closer for Hollybush and covers a larger number of destinations including Stranraer, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

The main amenities in Dalrymple Parish are on Dalrymple's main street - Barbieston Road where you have Spar which has the Post Office and Cash Machine and two take-away eateries - Sizzle and Spice and Stobbs the Bakers. There are other restaurants/pubs in the community such as the Hollybush Inn, situated on the A713 outside Hollybush. The Whitehorse Inn on Barbieston Road and the newly refurbished Kirkton Inn on Main Street; both in Dalrymple.





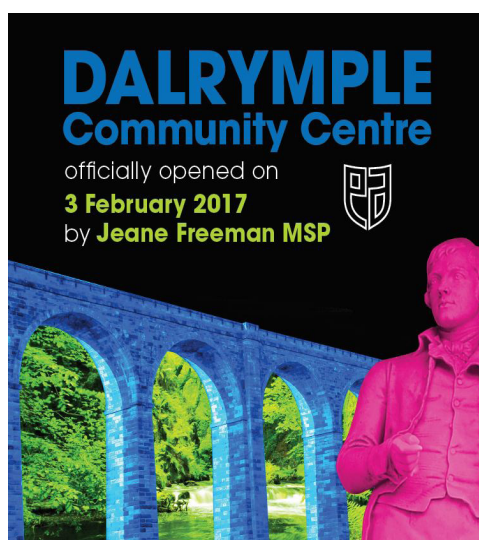
Our Community

Agricultural History:

The Dalrymple Agricultural Society hold an annual summer farm show which as of 2018 has been running for 167 years. The show includes classes for horses, ponies, sheep, cows and heavy horses. There are some stalls for baking, handicrafts and pets. Today the show is situated in a field with kind permission from Skeldon Estate. The Parish of Dalrymple has a long history of farming and there are a number of farms within the Parish boundary. They cover a range of activities, from dairy cattle to fish farming and have been a source of local employment for centuries.

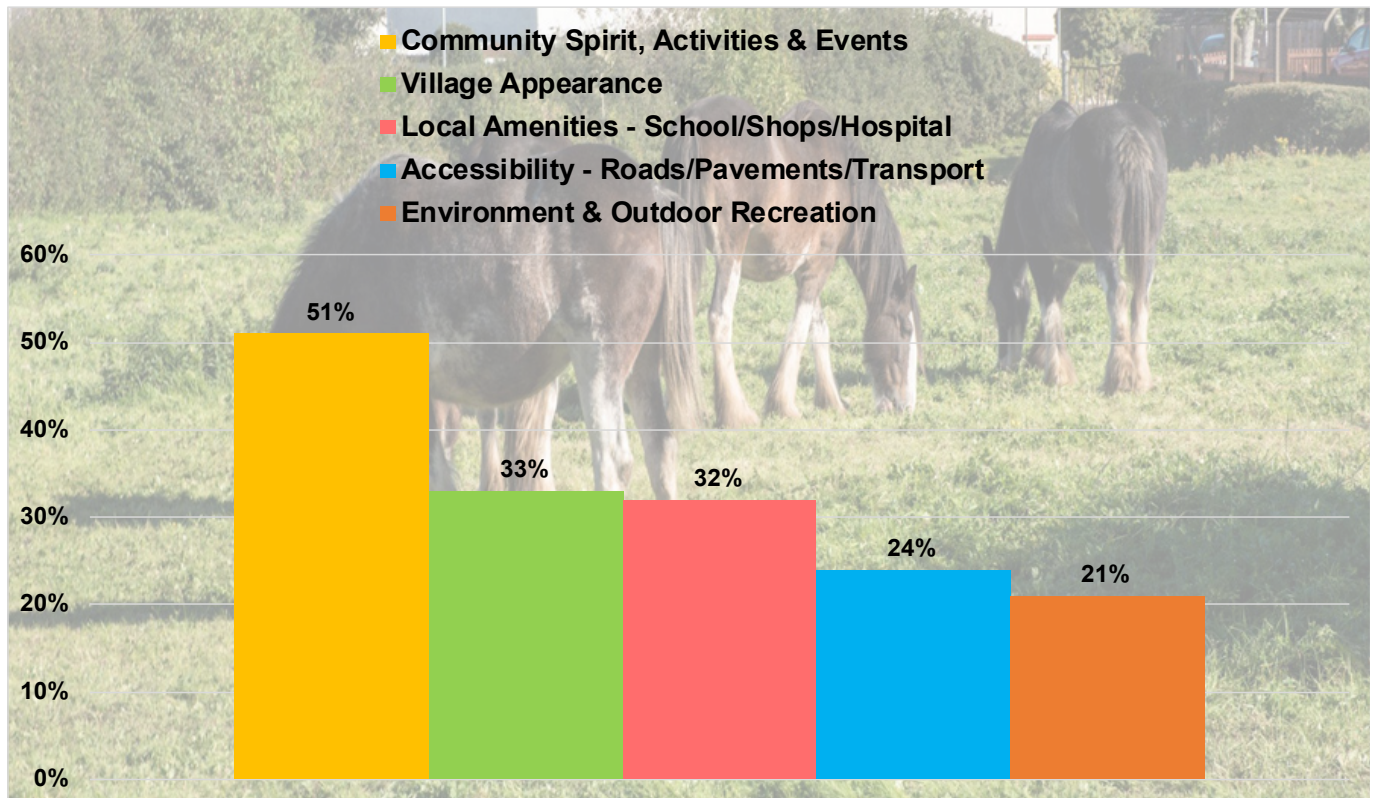
Community Facilities:

The Community Centre used to be on Barbieston Road along with the Day Centre, Youth Wing and Library. This site has since been cleared for the Cassillis Court development completed in 2018. The Community Centre was moved into a refurbished wing of Dalrymple Primary School which officially opened in February 2017. It offers facilities which can be hired out through East Ayrshire Leisure. There is also the Dalrymple Pavilion and pitch located on Cedar Terrace, Dalrymple which is used by local sports clubs. The Bowling Club (photo on page 10) is situated on Garden Street, Dalrymple where the Bowling Club team play April to September which is the outdoor Bowling Season. Dalrymple Parish Church have a church hall which is situated on Church Street, Dalrymple and can be used by local groups to host community events.



Here is what the community said they liked about Dalrymple, Hollybush and Skeldon now...and what they disliked.

What we LIKE!



Community Spirit & Activities

- "Village spirit and events"
- "Doonfest was a real highlight last summer and brought a lot of the community together"
- "We like how everyone is friendly and there is community spirit that extends to all residents"
- "Small friendly village"
- "Lived here for 48 years - home"
- "Friendly and safe"

Village Appearance

- "I love the way the village looks and how rural it is"
- "It's physical setting in the bend of the river Doon nestling in a valley"
- "The flowers on every road entrance to the village"
- "Dalrymple is like a best kept secret"
- "Rural life with wonderful scenery"

Accessibility - Roads/Pavements/Transport

- "Close proximity to Ayr and A77"
- "Proximity to Ayr hospital"
- "Location of the village is nicely situated for commuting to Glasgow"
- "Good road network"

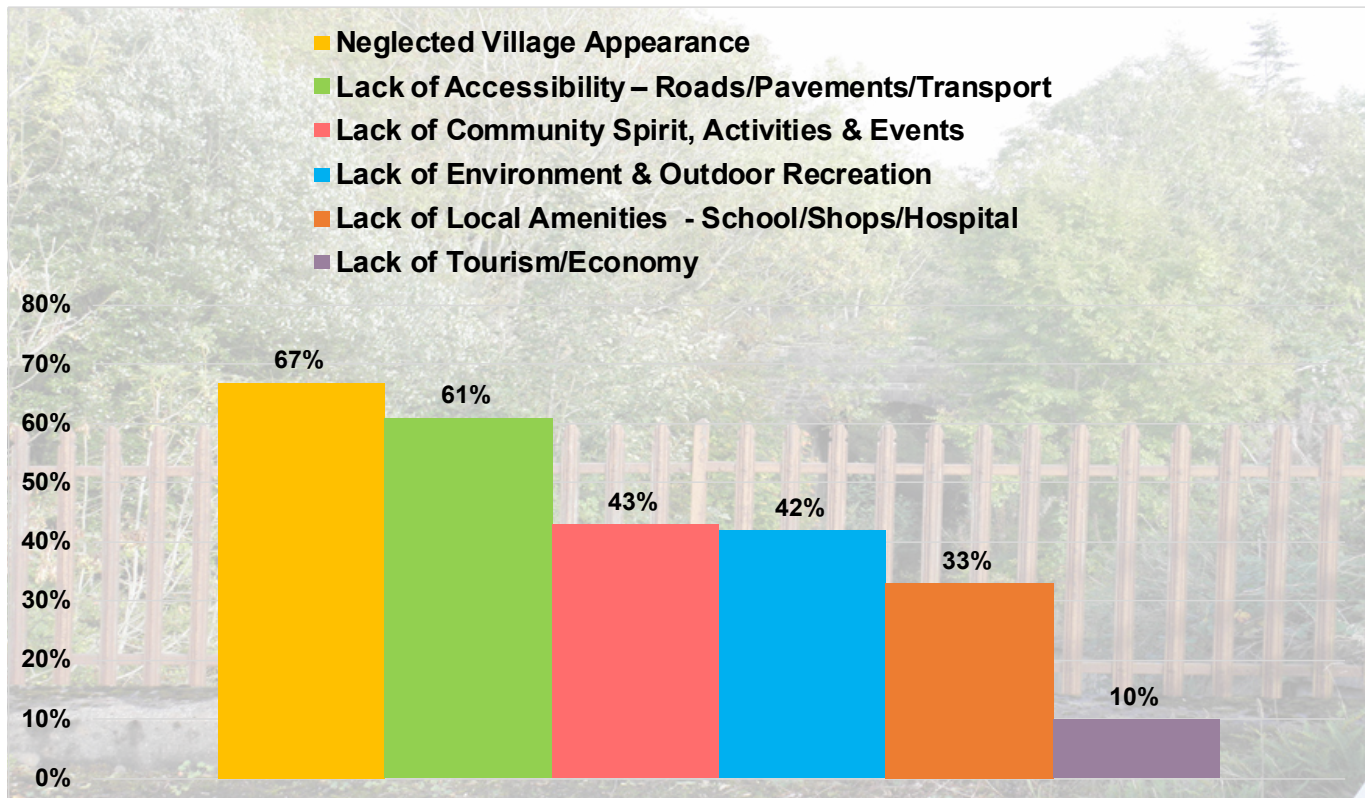
Local Amenities - School/Shops/Hospital

- "Frequent road sweepers from Council"
- "Housing affordability"
- "Local amenities such as the Spar and primary school"
- "Amazing School"
- "Post Office and cash machine"

Environment & Outdoor Recreation

- "Beautiful river walks"
- "A beautiful rural area on the banks of the Doon"
- "Country walks"
- "The village is lovely and beautiful views down at the river"
- "Lots of green space..."

What we **DISLIKE!**



Community Spirit & Activities

- “Lack of communication from village groups - not sure of what is on and when”
- “Lack of community activity”
- “Nothing to do and no opportunities”

Village Appearance

- “Appearance of some of the buildings”
- “Litter”
- “...the rubbish dumped at bottom of village”
- “Many gardens left looking like a field”

Accessibility – Roads/Pavements/Transport

- “Poor transport links”
- “The freight traffic passing through the village”
- “Bus service only once an hour”
- “Traffic speed”
- “Potholes everywhere”
- “Condition of roads”
- “Parking outside of shops”

Local Amenities – School/Shops/Hospital

- “The lack of local amenities and area for kids and elderly to enjoy recreational activities”
- “Community Centre isn’t used”
- “No library anymore”

Environment & Outdoor Recreation

- “Litter and dog fouling in public places is an increasing problem”
- “Lack of footpaths”

Tourism/Economy

- “There doesn’t seem to be anything to attract visitors”
- “The Council should apply pressure to developers...”
- “Improve signage about attractions in the village”

Place Making

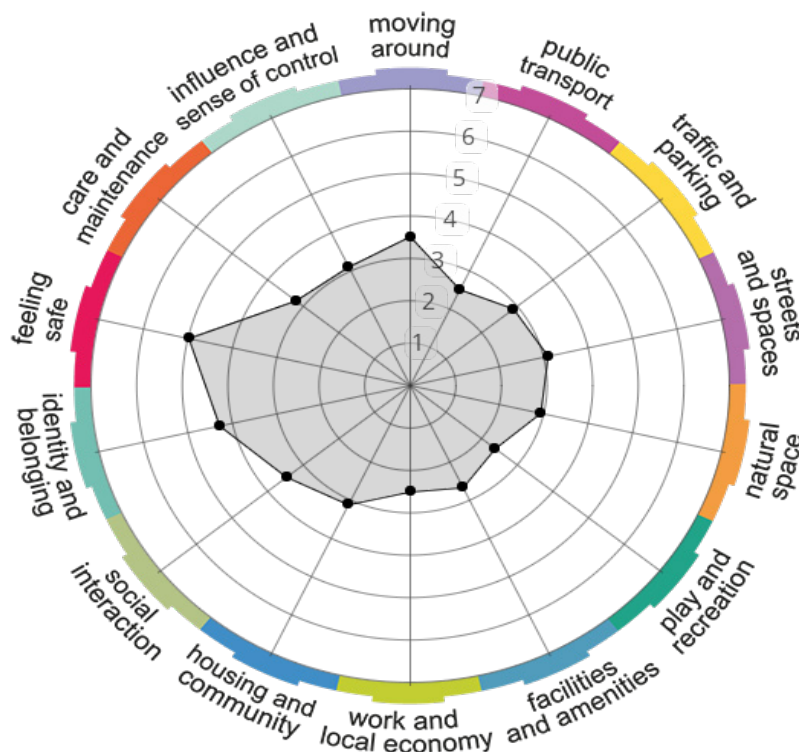
Dalrymple, Hollybush and Skeldon Community Action Plan is involved in a pilot for a Place Making Plan. A Place Making Plan consists of a map and an action programme from a geographically identified community - in this case; Dalrymple Parish. Priorities listed are in terms of built and natural environments. Improvements are then identified by stakeholders and the community.

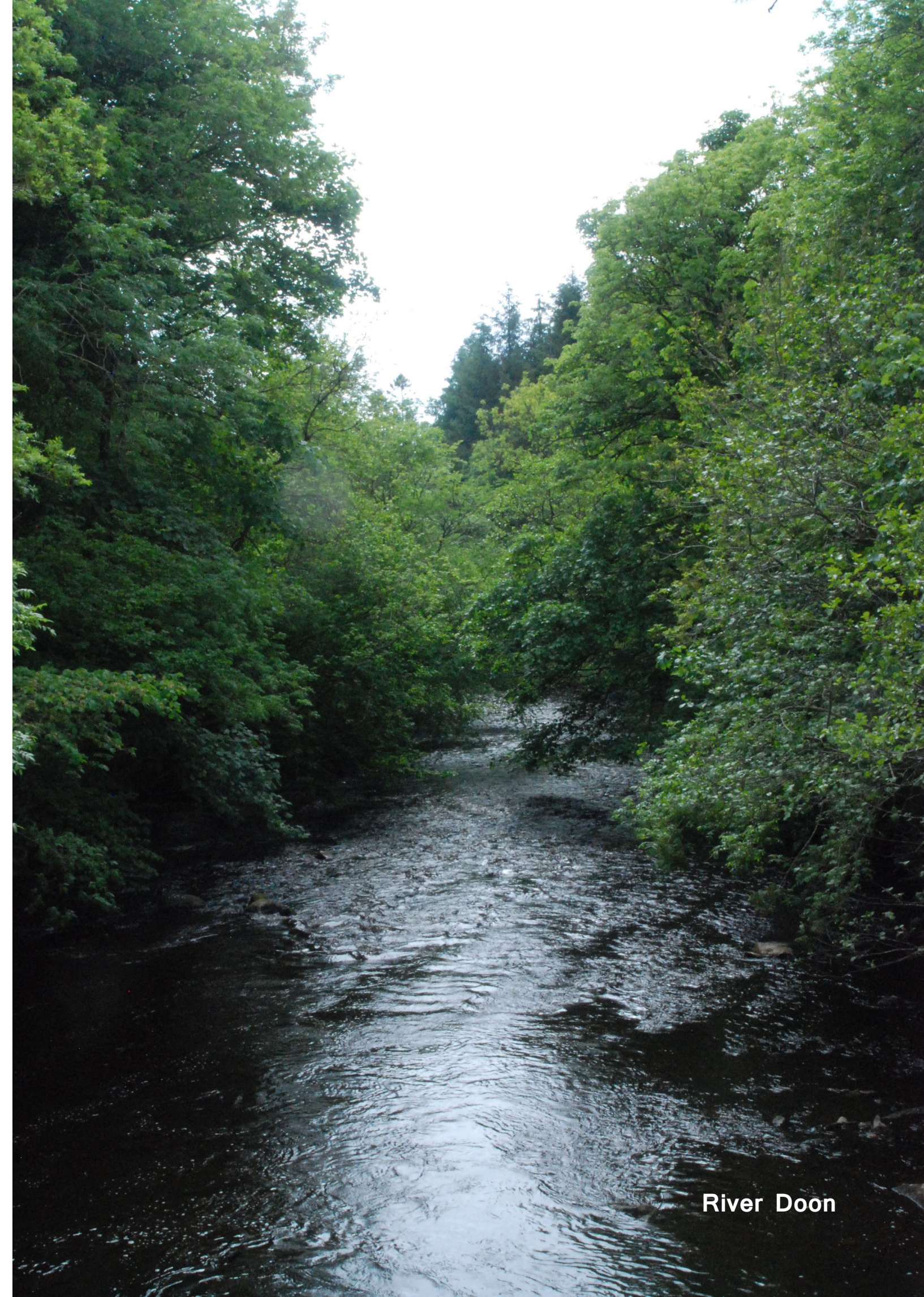
At the voting event people received a voting information sheet with their sticky dots attached to vote on their action plan priorities, as well as a place making scoring sheet. This scoring sheet has a list of themed indicators that are ranked between one and seven. One being lots of room for improvement and seven being little room for improvement. Each of the indicators have been sorted into the themes in the action plan: Improve Village Appearance & Outdoor Spaces; Improve Access to Services & Amenities; Improve Community Spirit, Activities & Events; Improve Tourism, Economy & Heritage and Improve Environment & Outdoor Recreation.

All of the votes and indicators are then compiled on the Place Standard Tool Website to produce a Radar diagram (shown below). This helps identify the main place making priorities for the community. Once adopted Place Making Plans become part of the East Ayrshire Local Development Plan. This means it has planning influence and has to be taken into consideration by private developers or public sector organisations when considering development or investment in that community.

The place making plan will be developed in the near future and anyone interested in its progress can contact the Steering Group through details on the back page.

Dalrymple Parish Place Standard





River Doon



Your Vision for the Future...

This is what you said is your vision for your Dalrymple Parish for five years time taken from the household responses:

- "A nice place with nice people"
- "Big Community"
- "Lots of stuff to do"
- "Everyone happy"
- "A good place to be with places to go"
- "A friendly village with many more amenities and better travel links"
- "Meeting places for the young and old alike to share time and enthusiasm for innovative ideas"
- "Better roads to and within the village"
- "To still be a quiet friendly village, but with more jobs and opportunities for young people"
- "Thriving community with everyone doing their bit for Dalrymple"
- "An even better Community Spirit"
- "More vibrant and colourful"
- "Thriving and vibrant"
- "Healthy, enthusiastic and a sharing community for a better Scotland"
- "Vibrant, buzzing, welcoming"
- "Doonfest to be an established event of the village calendar"
- "A much more joined up community; united, welcoming and vibrant"
- "Valhalla"
- "A safe place to live and raise our children"
- "Friendlier, happier and more social"
- "Thriving, picturesque, clean and on the tourist map"
- "A fully accessible walkway along the river"
- "A better place to live"

Dalrymple Primary School and Early Childhood Centre



Your Vision for the Future...

This is what you said is your vision for your Dalrymple Parish for five years time taken from the children and young people school survey responses:





Improve Village Appearance & Outdoor Spaces

Priority 1	Develop village clean up initiative including partnership organisations to tackle litter, fly tipping and dog fouling.
Priority 2	Install more planters and hanging baskets, more planting in green spaces.
Priority 3	Install more litter bins.
Priority 4	Local business shop fronts: i.e. Support local businesses to take up "I Clean My Space" campaign.
Priority 5	Improve village entrances with new signage and planters.
Priority 6	Clean up park areas and walkways along the river.

Who could help move this forward?

The above actions can only be met through working in partnership with various groups. We have identified various groups and organisations that could assist with these actions. This list is not exhaustive.

They are:

Local Residents, Businesses, Funders, Local Schools, Community Groups, Churches, East Ayrshire Council Departments, Keep Scotland Beautiful, Local MP and MSP's and Ward 9 - Doon Valley Councillors.



Improve Access to Services & Amenities

Priority 1	Improve public transport links from the village to major towns and ensure access on all routes.
Priority 2	Improve the traffic management system in the village i.e. speed signs or islands as well as speed bumps.
Priority 3	Tackle the heavy freight traffic coming through the village.
Priority 4	Improve the surfaces of the roads and pavements.
Priority 5	Install site railings across from Spar for the safety of children and young people.
Priority 6	Improve the street lighting throughout the village.

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Local Residents, East Ayrshire Council Planning, Community Planning Partnership, Ayrshire Roads Alliance, Stagecoach, Scottish Passenger Transport, Local Freight Companies, Local MP and MSP's and Ward 9 - Doon Valley Councillors.



Improve Community Spirit, Activities & Events

Priority 1	Develop a programme to increase the usage of the Community Centre.
Priority 2	Increased activities for children/young people such as: more groups, gym, skate park, play areas.
Priority 3	Develop more activities/events for older people such as lunch clubs/groups & social events.
Priority 4	Enhance and increase the number of events held in the village i.e. Doonfest, Halloween, Christmas events etc.
Priority 5	Create a community newsletter to promote the village events and activities.
Priority 6	Install a community noticeboard so community is informed of activities, events, meetings etc.

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They are:

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Improve Tourism, Economy & Heritage

Priority 1	Promotional materials developed to raise awareness of what the area has to offer i.e. excellent fishing opportunities, cycling and walking routes.
Priority 2	Promote heritage of the area i.e. reprint The Story of Dalrymple. Utilise the heritage to attract tourist to area.
Priority 3	Attract new investment into the village i.e. small businesses, craft workshops, mobile phone shop etc.

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They are:

Local Residents, Local Businesses, Funders, Community Groups, Business Gateway, Visit Scotland, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce, East Ayrshire Council Departments, Local MP and MSP's and Ward 9 - Doon Valley Councillors.



Improve Environment & Outdoor Recreation

Priority 1	Develop a programme to reduce dog poo along with partnership organisations.
Priority 2	Look into flood prevention systems.
Priority 3	To develop a Community Garden, Hub and Social Space.
Priority 4	Introduce seating and picnic areas in the parks and by the river.
Priority 5	Enhance and improve children's play areas to include all weather equipment.
Priority 6	Develop signposted nature trails, walking and cycling routes between villages and beyond.
Priority 7	Utilise and promote the River Doon i.e. for fishing and outdoor activities.

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Making it Happen

THANK YOU

The Steering Group would like to thank all those who took their time to share their views and to all who gave their time voluntarily to be a part of the Steering Group.

Thanks to the Vibrant Communities Team of East Ayrshire Council who supported the Steering Group in carrying out all aspects of the work involved in preparing the plan.

PLANNING INTO ACTION

We will continue to work with funders and supporters into the future to help implement the priorities identified in this plan. However, we also need local support and interest in taking forward the projects and ideas in the plan. So please get involved in our community and in the things that matter to you and join the local organisations and action groups that will help to turn planning into action.

The Dalrymple, Hollybush and Skeldon Community Action Plan Steering Group is the main group taking things forward to achieve the listed priorities. If you want to find out more or are interested in being involved, you can contact them through their email address:
dhsactionplan@gmail.com



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COMMUNITIES

East Ayrshire Community Led Action Planning is based on
the Community Futures Programme designed by
STAR Development Group

Carried out by Dalrymple, Hollybush and Skeldon Steering Group