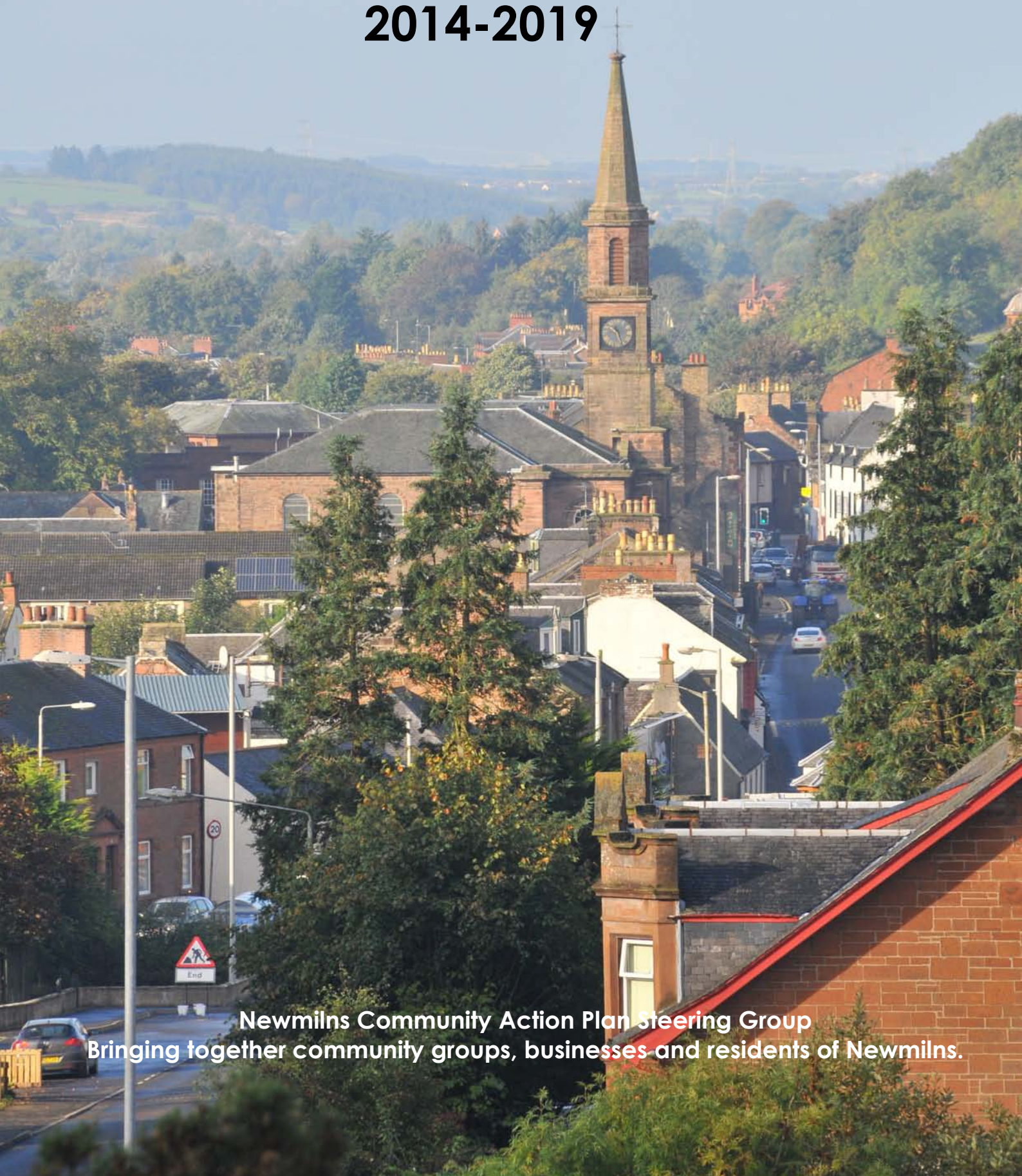


NEWMILNS

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2014-2019



Newmilns Community Action Plan Steering Group
Bringing together community groups, businesses and residents of Newmilns.

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642 COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY FORMS WERE RETURNED FROM 1,300 HOUSES

22 STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS AND FOCUS GROUPS WERE HELD WITH LOCAL GROUPS, BUSINESSES, AND SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

292 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE COMMUNITY FUTURES EVENT

INTRODUCTION

This Community Action Plan summarises community views about:

Newmilns now

- the vision for the future of Newmilns
- the issues that matter most to the community
- our priorities for projects and action.

The plan is our guide for what we, as a community, will try to make happen over the next 5 years.

NEWMILNS COMMUNITY FUTURES STEERING GROUP

The preparation of the Action Plan has been guided by a local steering group which brought together representatives from local groups and organisations, interested residents and businesses.



LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE THEIR SAY

The Action Plan has been informed by extensive community engagement carried out over a 5 month period from June 2013 to October 2013.

The process involved:

- **stakeholder interviews and focus group meetings** - with different groups and individuals representing all aspects and ages of the community;
- a **community views survey**, which was delivered to all households;
- preparing a **community profile** detailing facts and figures about the community;
- a **Community Futures Event**.
- a Business Survey.



OUR COMMUNITY NOW – FACTS AND FIGURES

We have summarised below some of the main facts and figures from the **Community Profile** – a report produced by the Steering Group to give a picture of Newmilns now.

Location

Newmilns and Greenholm is the oldest burgh in East Ayrshire. It lies on the A71, around seven miles east of Kilmarnock and twenty-five miles southwest of Glasgow.

Population

The current population is around 2,925 and has decreased approximately 7.6% over the last 10 years. The percentage of children and working age adults has decreased, whilst the percentage of people of pensionable age has increased.

Housing

Newmilns has a slightly lower level of owner occupied housing (56.9%) than the East Ayrshire (58.7%) and Scotland average (62.6%). As a result, the area reports a higher level of local authority and private renting. Newmilns is an area with a high turnover of Council Housing and Registered Social Housing due to the volume of flatted properties.

Newmilns has a high level of flats, both local authority and private. A high percentage of these are currently lying empty. The local authority has planning permission to convert a small number of these into 2 or 3 bedroom houses.

Trust Housing and Hanover Housing provide housing & care for elderly people.

There has been very little housing development over the last 30 years, and there is a need for more family sized homes.

Employment and the Local Economy

Newmilns is still well known for the production of lace that is distributed worldwide. It is the only place in the world to weave Madras Lace which is sought after and exported to various countries. Newmilns used to have 10 lace mills but over the years this has been reduced to only 2 remaining and this has had an impact on the local industry and employment.

In 2001, 26% of the working population was employed in manufacturing – compared to 13.7% in Scotland. However, the closure of the Vesuvius factory in 2009 resulted in the loss of 300 jobs and the decline of the manufacturing sector.

Unemployment is higher in Newmilns than across East Ayrshire and Scotland, but has reduced slightly in recent years. Main centre's of employment are Kilmarnock, Ayr & Glasgow.

Health and Care Services

Loudoun Medical practice provides GP and primary care services. We also have a pharmacy, dentist and an optician in Newmilns.

Overall health statistics for Newmilns are poor. ScotPHO information for 2010 shows that the rate of patients hospitalised with drug related conditions in Newmilns is over twice the rate for the rest of East Ayrshire. The rate of patients hospitalised with alcohol related conditions and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is also much higher here than in the rest of East Ayrshire.

Education

Parent & Toddler Group meets every Wednesday in the Morton Hall.

Newmilns nursery is a Partner Provided Nursery run jointly by East Ayrshire Council and a group of dedicated parents and carers. There are 40 places in the refurbished classroom in the Primary School. Newmilns Primary School has a capacity for 250 children. The school roll in 2013 stands at 138 children - significantly decreased over the last 10 years as in 2003 there was a school roll of 213.

The local secondary school, Loudoun Academy, is near Galston. There is no bus provision for children travelling from Newmilns. Loudoun Academy is currently undergoing major refurbishments to the school grounds and updating leisure facilities including the indoor swimming pool – all of which will be available to the public.



Community

We currently have a library, the Morton Hall, the Senior Citizens Cabin, and a pavilion – all provided by East Ayrshire Council although at the time of writing these are the subject of review under the Asset Transfer policy.

There are also 2 churches with halls.

Groups include: Burns Club, Ladies Social Club, the Newmilns Senior Citizens Cabin, Campbell Area Tenants and Residents Association, the Newmilns angling club, pigeon club, the dog club, badminton and keep fit groups, parents & toddlers, Scouts, Beavers, Brownies, Guides, Newmilns Youth Forum, Loudoun Church group, Covenant Church group, Irvine Valley Community Church, Townhead Church group including the coffee morning and the play group.

Recreational Facilities

For recreation there is Loudoun Gowf Club, the Bowling green, two football pitches and a multi sports cage in Jamieson Park. The biggest attraction is the Dry Ski slope which also incorporates the Extreme Valley Riders off road bike track. The Ski-slope has recently had a £1million upgrade which provided a new beginner slope, a new advanced slope and refurbishment of the building.

Newmilns also has a number of parks, play areas and open spaces and the Irvine Valley Path Network connects 35 miles of walking routes along the Irvine Valley Towns.

Lanfine Estate, a working timber producing estate, is available to the community for walking.

Transport and Road links

Newmilns boasts a good quality bus service provided by Stagecoach. There is a 15-minute service through the village from Kilmarnock to Priestland, changing to half-hourly on evenings and Sundays. However the cost of public transport from Newmilns to surrounding areas is more expensive than comparative areas such as Kilmarnock to Irvine.

The main A71 goes through the centre of Newmilns, bringing heavy traffic at peak times, causing congestion and damage to the road surfaces. A by-pass has been mooted in the past.

Heritage

Newmilns is steeped in history, being Ayrshire's oldest Burgh, a status bestowed on the town in 1490. The area was inhabited as far back as 2000BC, as indicated by the site of a Neolithic circle at the Gowf Club. The Romans also built a road through the Irvine Valley around 200AD, which went from Loudoun Hill to Ayr.

Newmilns was a staunch Covenanting town. The most famous covenanter from Newmilns being John Nisbet of the farm of Hardhill who was executed in 1683.

Weaving was introduced to Newmilns by Huguenot refugees towards the end of the 16th century.

There are strong connections with Robert Burns who was a frequent visitor to Newmilns and regularly stayed with the Reverend George Lawrie at Loudoun Manse.

There are around 40 listed buildings including Newmilns Keep which dates back to 1530.

Environment

The area surrounding the town teems with a wide variety of wild life including roe and red deer which can often be seen in the early morning, grazing on the fields adjoining the Primary School.

The River Irvine has natural scenic beauty and runs through the town and attracts many dippers, herons and ducks whilst the river itself contains salmon, sea trout, trout and otters.

Many surrounding forests are being stripped and given over to windfarms. The biggest of these is Whitelee, which is environmentally friendly and has a Visitor Centre. Paths through the windfarms open up miles of walking and cycling opportunities and there is Renewable Energy Funding available to the community for projects administered by East Ayrshire Council.



COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY - LIKES

642 responses were made by local residents in our Community Views Survey. The results help to inform this action plan. Here is what people said they like about the community nowand what they were not so keen on!

Likes	% of Responses
Community Spirit/Pride	46%
Environment/Outdoor Recreation	36%
Nature of Community/Village Appearance	28%
Location	21%
Nothing/Not a lot	21%
Local Public Services	10%
Local Economy – shops and cafes	9%
Community Activity	9%
Sports and Recreation Facilities	8%
Housing	3%

What people said:

The fact that it is local community and is a friendly place

Good community spirit/friendly town and people

Went to school here and it's our home and have family and friends here

Set in a lovely valley surrounded by beautiful scenery

Lovely countryside with the most spectacular views of the valley

River Irvine snaking through the town

The quiet town, good community and safe feeling

Beautiful old buildings

I like the fact it's a small village, its own culture and history

Close to city centre and good commute links for work

Location – great countryside, reasonably close to urban areas

Nothing, not what it used to be

Nowadays not very much

We are blessed by wonderful caring surgery and the library is great and well used

Good school and nursery

All the shops and those who work in them being very friendly and helpful especially the chemist and the post office

The effort of the small businesses to stay running

The Gala Day – lovely to re-unite with people who may have left the area but return for the day

Some hidden gems e.g. very old football pavilion

I like the football cage and all the clubs you can go to

Ski slope is a brilliant place well run by a non-profit company

Abundance of excellent quality homes at competitive prices...

Quality of housing (in our Street)...



COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY - DISLIKES

Dislike	% of Responses
Declined and Run Down	64%
Community Safety/Anti-social behaviour	59%
Housing Policy and Ownership	26%
Declining Local Economy	21%
Roads/Traffic/Parking/Pathways	14%
Lack of Community Spirit/Pride	13%
Lack of Community Facilities/Activities/Services	13%
Decline/Threat of Public Services	7%
Nothing	2%

What people said:

Main route through Newmilns is very tired and run down, not a good first impression when people first enter the village

The state of main street with empty shop units

Brown Street with derelict factories and the disgrace of the buildings in Loudoun Road and Gilfoot making the entire place an eyesore and not a place people want to bring up a family

Too much litter, dog waste, dogs off leads, drug usage...

Not feeling safe going up the street Friday and Saturday nights to the shops...

Drug addiction seems to be very high in the area

Landlord owned properties allowing property in a poor state of repair. No enforcement of keeping property or gardens in a decent state

Private landlords do not care who they put in and do not look after their properties

Feel we are a dumping ground for EAC in terms of housing etc

Everything shuts on a Saturday afternoon making it difficult to support local business

Most of the factories have closed down resulting in high unemployment

Not enough businesses working in Newmilns

The road surface is a hotch potch of repairs and potholes over many decades and bounces the traveller the length of the town

Pavements in places have remained unfinished over many years

Heavy use by HGVs, narrow footpaths through shops, limited parking

Community isn't alive like it used to be ten to fifteen years ago

No heart no centre no community focal point

The lack of premises fit for purpose to hold proper events

The lack of a central meeting place i.e. youth centre for young people

Poor land maintenance by the council e.g. grass cutting or lack of it, seems to be the forgotten town

Lack of infrastructure to cope with increase in people with social problems

NEWMILNS

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

This statement has been prepared to summarise the main aspirations for the future as expressed by local people and organisations in their replies to the survey and stakeholder interviews.

A thriving local economy, with plenty of local jobs, and where businesses and enterprise are encouraged and supported

- A thriving, regenerated, bustling and friendly town
- The community owning buildings, providing low rates for business to succeed.
- Thriving as a community with business opportunities and work for the local people.
- A hub of small and quaint shops in the town centre

An attractive town centre, with our historic buildings preserved, and the shops and housing kept clean and tidy

- For the village to be clean and tidy and make it more appealing.
- A nice main street making it more inviting and appealing.
- Regeneration of housing to encourage more families to the town.
- A clean and attractive environment that we are proud of and that people would like to visit.

A place that people like to visit, where the history and recreation opportunities are promoted, and there are activities for all the family

- A place where the local heritage is a focal point that boosts the local economy
- A nice country village with a picturesque look
- An attractive town in a wonderful setting, people coming to visit because of this and its historic setting in Scots history.
- A focal point where the history and past heritage of the town can be displayed.

Strong community spirit and pride, with activities and community facilities for the benefit of all

- Lively active town with as few as possible empty buildings and community involvement.
- More community spirit in a place people would want to live.
- More facilities would be a great benefit for the whole community
- A safe and secure community, where people care about each other and respect their environment.
- One big community with everyone working for the town.





MAIN STRATEGIES & PRIORITIES

These are the main strategies and priorities identified by the local community in surveys, interviews and profile and prioritised at the Community Event.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

The existing community facilities – the Morton Hall, the Senior Citizens Cabin, the Library and the Pavilion – are greatly valued by the community and there is current concern that they might be lost if the Council cannot continue to run them. However, there are improvements that could be made to encourage greater use of these facilities. None of the facilities is really suitable for sports use, and there was a lot of support for the development of a new indoor sport & leisure facility, to complement the outdoor facilities for cycling, ski-ing and football. Given the very poor health statistics, this would be a great benefit to encourage a healthier lifestyle for all.

More activities for teenagers are needed, and also provision of out of school childcare, to support existing families and to encourage more young families to come to the area. The Gala is hugely appreciated as an event that engenders much needed community spirit, and there is hope that there might be more events, and better ways of letting everyone know what is going on.

Main priorities

- **Retain and use existing community facilities**
- **Better sport & leisure facilities**
- **Activities for youth**
- **Out of school childcare**
- **Events & information**

APPEARANCE & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

The look of Newmilns has deteriorated over the years from a bright, bustling, cared for town to a down at heel, dilapidated place with buildings lying empty, litter and vacant plots. The top priority is to deal with the derelict buildings, although we recognise this may be a long drawn out task. A more immediate result may be achieved by carrying out community clean ups, and looking at ways to brighten the streets with gardens, allotments and floral enhancements.

Newmilns is well served with open spaces, parks and recreation areas, with paths in the town and heading out into the countryside. However, these are also in need of improved maintenance, and signage to ensure that they are used to their full potential.

Main priorities

- **Derelict buildings**
- **Clean up of the community**
- **Gardens & flowers**
- **Recreation areas and paths**





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LOCAL ECONOMY, HERITAGE & TOURISM

Newmilns has a long history as an industrial town with the lace mills and Vesuvius factory playing a key role in local employment. From having ten lace mills we now have just two, and the closure of the factory in 2009 had a drastic effect on employment within the area. However, enthusiastic businesses and individuals are keen to encourage more enterprise and explore how the community can help promote Newmilns as an employment opportunity.

One clear opportunity is through encouraging more visitors to stop in Newmilns. The dry ski slope and the access to the Irvine Valley Paths Network are already recreational attractions, but we could make more of the heritage offering for tourists – capitalizing on the historic buildings and the rich history of the burgh.

Main priorities

- **Attract more business to Newmilns**
- **Make use of empty business premises**
- **Develop & promote heritage**



HOUSING & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There is huge concern about properties that are held by private landlords for renting, not being properly maintained. This is adding to the deterioration in the look of the town, and is also affecting community pride in the area. Moreover there is a great deal of concern about how Council housing is allocated, with a widely held view that Newmilns is becoming a “dumping ground” for undesirable tenants from other areas. In turn, this is leading to concerns for community safety and a perception of increasing drug use and dealing in the area.

Main priorities:

- **More police and security measures**
- **Properties properly maintained by private landlords**
- **Housing development & allocation**

ROADS, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Heavy traffic travelling through the centre of Newmilns on the A71 gives residents concern for road safety, as well as damage to the road surfaces. There has been discussion about a by-pass for many decades, and opinion is still split – as a by-pass would potentially take trade away from an already dwindling economy. On the other hand, with very poor parking in the High Street, passing traffic cannot easily stop and locals also find parking difficult when using local shops and facilities.

Main priorities

- **Better traffic management**
- **Improve parking provision**
- **Repair roads and pavements**



ACTION

A guide to the first steps to be taken over the next 12 months.

Newmilns Regeneration Association (NRA) will liaise with various organisations to progress the following themes and priorities

THEME 1: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES	
PRIORITY 1	Retain and use existing community facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore potential for community ownership of the community facilities Work with East Ayrshire Council/Leisure Trust to retain library Aim to reduce charges for Morton Hall and increase use by community groups
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Community Council, East Ayrshire Council, Newmilns Senior Citizens Cabin Committee, Newmilns Action Group, Local Churches, Newmilns Youth Forum, Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership, Loudoun Valley Trust</i>
PRIORITY 2	Better sport & leisure facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with existing providers (e.g. Dry Ski Slope, Lanfine Estates, Loudoun Gowf, Loudoun Academy) to promote and encourage community use Explore the idea of developing a community gym in one of the empty properties Encourage more sport & leisure classes in community facilities
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Local sports clubs, Loudoun Academy, Newmilns Ski Slope Complex</i>
PRIORITY 3	More activities for youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out from young people what activities they want Get support from East Ayrshire Council communities team Recruit volunteers to help with youth activities
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Newmilns Youth Forum, East Ayrshire Council Vibrant Communities Team, Young People, Local Uniformed Organisations, Local voluntary groups, Newmilns Ski Slope Complex</i>
PRIORITY 4	Out of school childcare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out a survey through the nursery & primary school to find out if there is demand for out of school care/holiday clubs If there is demand, set up a group to take this forward
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Parent council, Parent & Toddlers, East Ayrshire Council, Newmilns Primary School</i>
PRIORITY 5	Events & information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim to hold one other community event during the year, in addition to the Gala e.g. New Year's event Set up a Newmilns Community Website, initially to provide update information about progress with action plan priorities Secure funding for a community noticeboard, to be available to all groups to put notices and agree where this should go.
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Community Council, Gala committee, Lanfine Estate, Local Voluntary groups</i>



THEME 2: APPEARANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS	
PRIORITY 1	Derelict buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List all derelict buildings that require action Agree on priorities – e.g. those in the High Street/Loudoun Road/Main Street Work with East Ayrshire Council to put pressure on owners to improve buildings Look at potential to take some buildings into community ownership if there is a use for them e.g. Co-op building
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Community council, East Ayrshire Council, Private Landlords, Relevant voluntary groups, Loudoun Valley Trust</i>
PRIORITY 2	Clean up of the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up an “Environment Group” to take the lead with projects Organise a Spring Clean of litter hot spots Work with primary school to organise a “Keep Newmilns Clean” campaign Work with shop owners to reduce packaging waste
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Primary School, Businesses, Local residents, Keep Scotland Beautiful, East Ayrshire Council</i>
PRIORITY 3	Gardens & flowers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify land that might be used to develop community garden or allotments Commission a feasibility design study for community garden/allotment project Develop floral enhancements for spring and summer – baskets, tubs, and wild flower areas
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Community Council, Primary School, Local voluntary groups</i>
PRIORITY 4	Recreation areas and paths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with East Ayrshire Council to ensure consistent maintenance of open space and recreation areas Improve specific paths in the town e.g. Steps leading from High Street to King Street, paths from Loudoun public house down to Gilfoot Put together a map of parks, recreation areas and paths –link with heritage sites as well (see Theme 3)
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Community Council, East Ayrshire Council, Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership, Local voluntary groups</i>



THEME 3: LOCAL ECONOMY, HERITAGE AND TOURISM	
PRIORITY 1	Attract more business to Newmilns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look into setting up a Newmilns Business Association to help our businesses work together for promotion • Encourage local people to use local shops • Encourage shops to stay open longer hours • Use new website to promote Newmilns as a good place for business
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Local Businesses, Community Council, Enterprise Ayrshire, East Ayrshire Business Hub</i>
PRIORITY 2	Make use of empty premises for businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out how other communities have gone about providing business start up units e.g. Benarty Regeneration Action Group in Fife • Contact Co-op to see if they would lease/sell building to the community
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Local Businesses, Community Council, Loudoun Valley Trust, Local voluntary groups</i>
PRIORITY 3	Develop & promote heritage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start a local project to research, gather and document the lace-making history of Newmilns • This could include community events to raise local awareness and interest in our heritage • Link with Environment Group to create a map of Newmilns showing paths, recreation areas and historic buildings (see Theme 2) • Fully explore the potential for a heritage museum and visitor centre, bringing a historic building into use (ref: HLF Heritage Enterprise programme)
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Loudoun Valley Trust, Burns club, Local Businesses, Local voluntary groups</i>



THEME 4: HOUSING AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	
PRIORITY 1	More police and security measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make police aware of community concerns of anti social behaviour and fear of crime • Work with police to develop workable solutions to reduce anti social behaviour e.g. more police presence, CCTV cameras
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Community Council, Police Scotland</i>
PRIORITY 2	Properties properly maintained by private landlords <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with neighbouring Community Councils to put pressure on East Ayrshire council to crack down on absentee landlords and enforce the terms of occupancy.
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Community council, East Ayrshire Council, Private landlords, Local voluntary groups</i>
PRIORITY 3	Housing development & allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to make representation in East Ayrshire Local Development Plan process to take account of housing needs for families • Work with neighbouring Community Councils to liaise with East Ayrshire council regarding allocations policy
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Community council, East Ayrshire Council, Local voluntary groups</i>

THEME 5: ROADS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT	
PRIORITY 1	Better traffic management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the need for a by-pass – taking account of business and community views • Explore options for traffic calming, including speed bumps, pedestrian crossing on Main Road and 20mph limit
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Community Council, East Ayrshire Council, Local voluntary groups</i>
PRIORITY 2	Improve parking provision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with East Ayrshire council to commission a parking study to assess potential sites for off road accessible parking
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>Community Council, East Ayrshire Council, Local voluntary groups</i>
PRIORITY 3	Repair roads and pavements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise areas for repair, including areas highlighted at Community Event: road at Gilfoot bus stop, main road from golf course to Newmilns
<i>NRA will liaise with</i>	<i>East Ayrshire Council, Community Council</i>



MAKING IT HAPPEN

WORKING TOGETHER FOR NEWMILNS

The community groups and individuals involved in the Newmilns Steering Group decided to stay together and to form the Newmilns Regeneration Association as a lead body to implement the Community Action Plan. NRA will be looking to work with all local groups to take forward the priorities in the Action Plan.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

The projects listed here will need to be progressed by the local community with the support of a range of partners including East Ayrshire Council, Police Scotland, Community Council, Newmilns Primary School, Newmilns Youth Forum, Local Churches, Local sports clubs, Loudoun Academy, Newmilns Ski Slope Complex, Scouts, Brownies, Loudoun Valley Trust, Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership, Parent Council, Parents and Toddlers, Lanfine Estate, Keep Scotland Beautiful, Local Businesses, Enterprise Ayrshire, East Ayrshire Business Hub, Local voluntary groups, Local residents.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED AND CONTACT INFORMATION

As a practical way of taking things forward we will be setting up a number of small Action Groups to lead on each aspect of this Plan. If you are interested and want to be involved please contact:

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COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2014-2019

This Community Action Plan sets out the priorities for the development of Newmilns over the next 5 years as determined by the community through an extensive process of community engagement organised and led by local community organisations and local residents and carried out over a five months period in 2013.

The Plan contains

- a summary of our Community Profile
- our main likes and dislikes as identified in our Community Views Household Survey
- Our Vision Statement for the Future of Newmilns
- The main themes and priorities for action
- Information on how you can stay in touch and get involved.

The Plan is for the whole community and is jointly owned by all the organisations and individuals that took part in its preparation. We will be working together to ensure its implementation over the next 5 years.

Thanks to all those who took their time to share their views and take part, and to all who gave their time voluntarily to participate in the Steering Group and the co-ordination of the Survey, and to the Vibrant Communities team of East Ayrshire Council who worked closely with the community and supported the Steering Group in carrying out all aspects of the work involved in preparing this Plan.

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