



SHORTLEES COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2015 - 2020

*'Driving into Caprington Avenue
the view is simply lovely - the
straight road filled with trees.'*

OUR PLACE
in
SHORTLEES



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INTRODUCTION

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

549 COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY FORMS WERE RETURNED FROM OUR **1,600** HOUSES
129 SURVEY FORMS WERE RETURNED FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN
35 STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS AND FOCUS GROUPS WERE HELD WITH
 LOCAL GROUPS, BUSINESSES, AND SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS
 OVER **360** PEOPLE VOTED FOR THEIR PRIORITIES AT THE
 COMMUNITY FUTURES EVENT AND COMMUNITY FUN DAY

SHORTLEES COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

This Community Action Plan summarises community views about:

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

OUR PLACE IN SHORTLEES STEERING GROUP

The preparation of the Action Plan has been guided by a local steering group of representatives from community groups, local residents and service providers.

LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE THEIR SAY

The Action Plan has been informed by extensive community engagement carried out over a nine month period from October 2014 to June 2015.

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 and available on-line;
- a children's views survey, conducted through the primary school;
- preparing a community profile detailing facts and figures about the community;
- a Community Futures Event in May and the Community Fun Day in June.

THANKS TO
EVERYONE WHO
TOOK PART – IT'S
A GREAT RESPONSE
AND GIVES WEIGHT TO
THE PRIORITIES
IDENTIFIED IN
THIS PLAN



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 Shortlees now.

SHORTLEES COMMUNITY PROFILE 2015 SUMMARY

Location

Shortlees is a distinct neighbourhood of Kilmarnock South around 3.5 km from the centre of Kilmarnock. It adjoins Riccarton and Bellfield and is centred around the Shortlees Community Campus.

Population

The population of Shortlees is around 4,500. The age profile of Shortlees shows that, compared to East Ayrshire and Scotland, it has a higher proportion of children and young people, and a correspondingly lower proportion of older working age and retired people.

Housing

There are just over 1600 properties in Shortlees. The majority were built in the post-war era with a mix of different house types. Around 33 units were built at the top of Shortlees in 2009.

- East Ayrshire Council own and rent 496 properties.
- Atrium Homes owns 457 properties for rent, and Choice Place their subsidiary factors another 171 that have been sold to residents.
- Link Housing rent approximately 100 homes.

Some of the older properties owned by Atrium Homes on

Blacksyke Road were steel framed, and have now been taken down leaving several empty sites.

There is a lower level of owner occupied housing in the area than the East Ayrshire and Scotland average.

Employment

Shortlees is a housing estate with little local employment within its own boundaries. The high unemployment in Shortlees is closely associated with the decline in employment opportunities in Kilmarnock. In particular employment in Shortlees was closely connected with the manufacturing sector. The 2001 Census showed that over 21% of the working population were employed in the manufacturing sector compared with 10% of the East Ayrshire population and just 7.7% of the Scottish population. Closure of many of the main manufacturing industries in Kilmarnock over the last 15 years has therefore had a disproportionate effect on Shortlees.

As a result Shortlees (and Kilmarnock South) report high levels of employment and income deprivation, child poverty, and people claiming jobseekers allowance. Employment deprivation is significantly higher than for East Ayrshire as a whole and double the Scottish average. Income deprivation is double that of East Ayrshire and almost 3

times worse than for Scotland as a whole. Similarly the percentage of jobseeker claimants is twice as high as local authority and three times the national figures, while Child Poverty is estimated at over 32% for Kilmarnock South (CPAG 2014).

Within Shortlees itself there are local shops and the community campus that offer some job opportunities. Atrium Homes will also be moving their main offices into the community. East Ayrshire Council run a computer suite and some training (with support from Ayrshire College) within the Community Campus, and also support a local job club.

Education

Nursery: Shortlees Early Childhood Centre
Primary Schools: Shortlees Primary School, St. Andrews Primary School
High Schools: Grange Academy, St. Joseph's Academy

In total there are around 470 pupils in primary education and 300 in secondary.

The Campus at Shortlees is a major new asset in the community and houses the Early Childhood Centre and Shortlees Primary School as well as the Community Centre.

The Sky Project provides after school care and holiday play schemes in Shortlees.

Health and Care

- There are 5 GP surgeries in Kilmarnock which also provide a range of primary care services and clinics
- Crosshouses Hospital in Kilmarnock is the nearest hospital and Accident and Emergency Department.
- Health Visitor – visits the Campus once a week
- Treeswoodhead Rd Clinic on the edge of the community used is a base for podiatry services but used to provide more clinical services.
- Public Health, Health Improvement department work closely with the Early Childhood Centre to encourage and support community engagement with the children and also build parent capacity.
- MEND Project works with families on a children's healthy weight programme
- East Ayrshire Council provide care at home, community alarms, community meals and home adaptations.
- Statistics show there are a number of health inequalities that need to be tackled including alcohol and drug related conditions, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and smoking during pregnancy. (Scotpho profile 2010)

Community facilities, groups and events

Facilities

- Community Centre in the Campus
- Fully equipped gym in the Campus, used by Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifters but also available to the wider community for fitness training
- Pub used for social activities e.g. bingo
- Multi Use outdoor pitch and football pitch at the campus
- Play area and Multi Use Games area at Burn Park
- Area used for football pitch at Burn Park
- Play area at Lainshaw Park

Groups

Groups include: Shortlees Community Association, Shortlees Amateurs, Burnpark Boys Club, Kilmarnock Amateur Weightlifters Association, Shortlees Netball, South West Writers Group, Centrestage, Sky Project, MEND Project, Family Buddies, Ladies Fellowship, Women's Group, Parent Council, Parent and Toddlers, Richmond Fellowship, PHAB Group, Brownies, Guides and Rainbows, Youth Club, Community Open Garden Shortlees, Killie Can Cycle.

Events

Local Events are on the increase and include: Easter and Summer Playschemes, Shortlees Community Association Summer Fayre, Xmas Fayre (Santa comes to Shortlees), The S-Factor,

Daffodil Tea Party, Litter Picks and many other local group events spread throughout the year.

Open Spaces and environment

Shortlees has a variety of open spaces from informal parks to wide grassy verges. The three main open spaces are:

- The old recreational area near Matalan – where the community has plans for a community garden
- Burn Park with its MUGA, play area and a marked out football pitch which is occasionally used (when playable) by Shortlees Amateurs.
- Lainshaw (Sandy) Park where there is also another play area.

Treesbank Estate and surrounding woodland are close by. The school and the Early Childhood Centre use the nearest part of the woodland for outdoor activities and some of the area has been used for biking. There are plans for housing development in the estate that might restrict access in the future.

East Ayrshire Council is leading on the development of a Green Infrastructure project that will develop cycle paths in and around Kilmarnock. This project will see the development of a cycle track that will run along the western edge of Shortlees.



4 OUR COMMUNITY NOW - LIKES

678
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
now ..and what they
were not so
keen on!

COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY

Like	% of Responses
The people and community spirit	42
Local amenities (shops, chemist, pub, takeaways, hairdressers, post office)	31
Community Campus (school, community centre, nursery)	24
Recreation areas (parks, open spaces, MUGA)	16
Friends and family – lived here a long time	14
Access and location (bus service, countryside, near town, near motorway)	9
Nature of the community (quiet, safe, clean, nice housing/lay out)	9
Nothing	7
Groups and activities (football, netball, weightlifting, fitness classes)	5
Everything	2

WHAT PEOPLE SAID:

I'm proud to live in Shortlees, people care about one another

I like the closeness of the community - everyone comes together to make things happen for kids and family

Good community centre, shops, chemist and local pub

Able to shop local - great shopkeepers

State of the art primary school, nursery, community centre with high standard of education

The community centre is a lovely building and the janitors would do anything for you

The primary school, nursery, community centre is fabulous - it looks clean, new, modern and calm.

Plenty of green space

The green spaces/parks are particularly important to me and have been since I was a child growing up in Shortlees

I have lived in Shortlees most of my life and people are the best of the best

I like that I know everyone and my family are here

Easy access to transport for Kilmarnock town shops.

Its proximity to M77 and other major road and open countryside

Laid out in an open bright way

Driving into Caprington avenue the view is simply lovely - the straight road filled with trees.

Relatively safe.. It is mostly a quiet estate

I like the local football team

the weightlifting club have brought a good feeling to the area

I like Shortlees because of the clubs like netball

The Fun day because its for all the family

Thanks to all who put in a lot of effort in the community - your works are appreciated

OUR COMMUNITY NOW - DISLIKES

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COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY

Dislike	% of Responses
Poor environment and run down appearance	45%
Community safety and anti social behaviour	37%
Lack of community facilities and activities (for children and young people, lack of sports and recreation facilities, community centre, loss of church)	25%
Poor condition of parks and open spaces (play parks, trees and verges, football pitch)	20%
Access to services and shops (lack of/poor housing, appearance of shopping area, lack of shops, bus shelter, cost of buses, lack of doctor/dentist)	14%
Roads, pavements and fences (roads, pavements, fencing, lack of parking, poor parking)	9%
Nothing	3%

WHAT PEOPLE SAID:

There is a dreadful litter problem and there are times when I am ashamed to walk down my own road

People dumping furniture, white goods etc onto the grass verges

The general condition of the shops, pavements, and rubbish in front gardens

Area near school where houses were knocked down is an eyesore

There is a small amount of violence and drug abuse

Dog mess and vandalism

Sometimes I don't feel safe at night

Dog mess everywhere and stray dogs running around the place

Not a lot for kids when school/nursery off even for weekends

Could be doing with more community events for all ages

There are no facilities for teenagers to get together after school

School gym is too small for the activities such as netball and football

There are no central places for people to feel part of a community other than the school

Those who are elderly or disabled have no local support groups and are left isolated

Swing park - muddy to the extreme - no one can go in with a buggy

The grass in the park is usually mucky which is not much fun

There are no floodlights at the community centre football pitch so it can't be used in the evening

Most of Shortlees houses are not appealing - they look grey, run down and terrible

Boarded up houses - empty private let properties

Lack of medical services - you have to go into town for a doctor/dentist

The shops look very tired and washed out

Pavements are very unsafe to walk on especially for older people

Cars parking on the pavements

6 SHORTLEES 2020 – OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

*In our
own
words!*

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.



ATTRACTIVE AND BRIGHTER

Tidy gardens, streets and well kept areas
Pride and respect for our environment
Better roads and pavements and
no flooded roads and gardens
Well maintained houses and gardens
Brighter – houses painted streets cleaner
More greenery – trees plants fruit and veg, gardens
in the empty unused land and waste ground.
Colourful happy place to live work and visit
First litter free housing area in the UK
Empty spaces used and shops refurbished

HEALTHIER AND WEALTHIER

A healthy community with young people feeling
motivated and healthy
A healthy happy place by involving the community
Talent and skill sharing
A community workforce helping those unable to do
for themselves
Helping people back into work and training
More people in work greater help for the jobless.
Better job opportunities for residents
More retail and business units in the area giving
work jobs and much needed money.

GOOD INCLUSIVE FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES, SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Active community centre with range of activities to
try and integrate people who live here
Community Centre filled with kids doing
a variety of clubs
More for kids and adults to join in
Educational resources to help parents and others
More things for elderly to do
Family days for parents and kids
Sports Centre indoor and outdoor
Football training in the community
Playgroups and OAP Centre

SAFE, FRIENDLY AND CARING

Elderly feeling supported
Help with the older people to make sure they are
OK and being looked after
A safe friendly crime free area
A place where our children can play safely
Drug free, crime free
Stop and help with bullying and vandalism

RECOGNISED AS A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE

A community where people wanted to live because
they were proud to say they belonged to Shortlees
A place that young people and families were proud
to live in and be involved in keeping it that way
An area people want to move into
A happy place for kids to grow up in
Rid of the stereotype of being a deprived area and
being a blossoming community
All Houses to be revamped to encourage owners/
tenants to take more interest and feel proud of the
homes and where they live
To make housing more modern for the next
generation
All houses with solar panels

A COMMUNITY THAT WORKS TOGETHER AND IS ABLE TO SHAPE ITS OWN FUTURE

With a community council and for the
community to work together
Lots of communication and information
for all ages whether involved or not





MAIN STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES

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

THEME 1 ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING

Shortlees is an attractively laid out housing estate with a variety of post war housing accessed by wide streets, pavements and verges and dotted with large and small green open spaces. Local people would like to make more of these physical assets. Priorities include developing a community gardening project to make the most of the large green space at Matalan as well as carrying out general environmental improvements (reducing litter and dog fouling, improving gardens and fencing, making better use of roundabouts and verges, improving use of vacant sites and other open spaces). Residents would also like to see improvements to housing that would help improve their appearance and their energy efficiency.

Shortlees is on the edge of open countryside and residents are keen to make the most of this making sure there is good access retained despite future plans for housebuilding on nearby green field sites.

Priorities

- Community Open Garden project
- Neighbourhood environmental improvements
- Housing improvements
- Improve and retain access to the countryside

THEME 2 RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

There is a strong desire to improve recreation and sports facilities and to increase opportunities for local people to participate in both indoor and outdoor recreation. A priority is to look at improving existing facilities at the Campus and Burn Park as well as considering the need for a new Sports Centre. Lack of suitable facilities currently hampers participation and the activities of existing sports groups.

Residents would also like to see improvements made to local play areas and parks to upgrade existing provision and to explore the need for additional facilities at the 'top end' of the community.

Priorities

- Develop new Sports Centre (with indoor and outdoor facilities) for all sports groups
- Improve play areas and upgrade parks
- Drain and improve football pitch at Burn Park
- Improve pitches at the Campus
- Develop participation in sports and recreation

THEME 3 COMMUNITY FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

The survey highlighted the need to provide more activities, events, facilities and services for young people in the community. The subsequent loss of the Youth Club to Bellfield has highlighted this need even further.

In general there is a desire to facilitate more local use of the Community Centre – by promoting activities in the Centre, and making it easier to access and use. There is also thought to be an opportunity to develop 'drop in' facilities and services in empty buildings like the ex Housing Offices or the empty shop – that would complement the role of the Community Centre.

The community want to be able to cater for the most vulnerable in the community –whether these be isolated elderly or "at risk" young people and families.

Priorities

- More for young people in Shortlees
- Support for vulnerable people in the community
- Promote and develop local use of the Community Centre
- Develop other Drop in facilities
- More information about activities and services in Shortlees

THEME 4 JOBS, TRAINING AND ENTERPRISE

High unemployment is a major issue in Shortlees – creating high levels of employment and income deprivation. Priorities include supporting services which provide access to training and jobs, as well as looking at ways of making the most of people's skills and talents – through for example volunteering, skill sharing and development of social enterprises.

There is also a need to make the most of the existing local economy - improving the look of existing shops, and carrying out research on ways in which investment in the local area can be used to generate job opportunities.

Priorities

- Support for existing and new social enterprise
- Facelift for the shops
- More training and job opportunities
- Skills exchange

THEME 5 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ACCESS TO SERVICES

It was hoped that more could be done to address issues of community safety – and a number of measures suggested (e.g. better lighting, community wardens, increased police presence, dog training etc)

It was also thought that there was a need to have greater influence over service provision in the area and that establishing a new Tenants and Residents Association and/or Community Council would enable the community to advocate for improvements.

Looking at ways of increasing access to health services, improving public transport, and developing sheltered housing were specifics that were raised during the consultation. It was also suggested that Shortlees could benefit from its own Community Transport.

Priorities

- Improve community safety
- Re-establish Tenants and Residents Association and/or Community Council
- Improve access to Health Services
- Sheltered housing for the elderly
- Improved transport



ACTION

A
guide
to the first
steps to be
taken

COMING SOON FOR 2015

NEW OFFICES FOR ATRIUM HOMES
CENTRAL AVENUE, SHORTLEES, KILMARNOCK

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THEME 1: ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING

PRIORITY 1	Community Open Garden Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding already raised for feasibility study • Complete feasibility study • Agree and adopt legal structure for project • Negotiate land from the Council • Raise funding for project • Implement project
Action by	<i>Community Open Garden Shortlees (COGS), East Ayrshire Council, Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group, with input from local residents and groups.</i>
PRIORITY 2	Neighbourhood Environmental Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement activities by a range of local groups and tenants and residents e.g. annual spring clean organised by Early Childhood Centre • Activities by Council and other housing providers (e.g. garden competitions) • Promotion and greater use of the work of the GRAFT Project run by CVO East Ayrshire that helps elderly and isolated people do up their gardens • Establishment of Tenants and Residents Association to be able to access environmental improvement schemes • Establish 'Environmental Improvement Action Group' to coordinate and develop activities • Explore potential for training of local garden "hit squad" to provide service to those not able to look after their gardens
Action by	<i>East Ayrshire Council, Atrium Homes, Link Housing, CVO East Ayrshire, East Ayrshire Tenants and Residents Federation (to help set up Shortlees TRA), Early Childhood Centre, Shortlees Primary School, Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group (to set up Action Group), COGS.</i>
PRIORITY 3	Housing improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out more local work to identify main areas of concern and find out whether they are matched by proposals for improvements (e.g. to fences, external fabric, energy efficiency) • Joint development of proposals for further improvements between community and housing providers.
Action by	<i>East Ayrshire Council, Atrium Homes, Link Housing</i>
PRIORITY 4	Retain and improve access to the countryside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the Early Childhood Centre and the Primary School to make sure children have local access to outdoor recreation • Work with East Ayrshire Council to deliver Green Infrastructure proposals around Shortlees • Identify proposals for housing development around Shortlees and make sure that they include plans for retaining access to the surrounding countryside.
Action by	<i>Early Childhood Centre, Shortlees Primary School, East Ayrshire Leisure Access Officer and East Ayrshire Countryside Ranger Service, East Ayrshire Council Planners, Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group.</i>

THEME 2: RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

PRIORITY 1	Develop new Sports Centre (a review of sports provision in Shortlees) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission feasibility study into a dedicated sports centre for indoor and outdoor recreation (the study should take account of Priorities 3 and 4 below as part of an options appraisal). • Implement findings of feasibility study
Action by	<i>Local sports groups with support from Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group and East Ayrshire Council</i>
PRIORITY 2	Improve play areas and upgrade parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore what improvements would be wanted and for what age groups • Small feasibility study to design new equipment – and cost improvements • Raise funds for new equipment
Action by	<i>East Ayrshire Council, Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group, with input from local parents and children</i>
PRIORITY 3	Drain and improve football pitch at Burn Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify drainage and improvement solution and cost needed improvements • Raise funds for improvements
Action by	<i>East Ayrshire Council, Shortlees Amateurs, Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group</i>
PRIORITY 4	Improve outdoor pitches at the Campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at how outdoor pitches can be maximized at the campus including improvements to lighting, reconfiguring the football pitch to cater for 11 a side, and improvements to surface e.g. astroturf)
Action by	<i>East Ayrshire Council, MITIE, Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group, local sports groups.</i>
PRIORITY 5	Develop participation in sports and recreation <p>Work with schools and existing clubs to increase opportunities for participation in sports particularly for children and young people – including football, netball, weightlifting, fitness training, golf, rugby etc.</p>
Action by	<i>East Ayrshire Council (Sports Development Officer, Active Schools Co-ordinator), local sports and fitness groups & clubs, primary and secondary schools.</i>



THEME 3: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

PRIORITY 1	Do more for young people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to relocate Youth Club back in Shortlees • Engage with local young people on how best to develop their assets and address their needs • Support existing activities and develop more activities, events and services
Action by	<i>East Ayrshire Council, Barnardo's, Schools, Sky Project, Family Buddies, Centrestage and others.</i>
PRIORITY 2	Support vulnerable people in the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collective effort to identify where there is a need to provide support • Promote and develop the support that is currently available • Continue to develop and support work of support projects and services
Action by	<i>East Ayrshire Council, schools and Early Childhood Centre, Health Visitor, NHS Public Health, Sky Project, Family Buddies, EACVO, Volunteer Centre (Befriending Project), Barnardo's, Helping Hands, MEND, Housing Providers, Richmond Fellowship, Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group and other local community groups and service providers.</i>
PRIORITY 3	Continue to develop use of Community Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve booking system • Develop wifi and internet access if possible • Support development of activities e.g. carpet bowls etc
Action by	<i>Shortlees Community Association, East Ayrshire Council, MITIE</i>
PRIORITY 4	Develop other drop in facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Sky Project and Family Buddies development of the old Council Housing Offices in Shortlees • Support other initiatives to create drop in facilities e.g. youth projects, activities and support for elderly, community café etc. • Pursue use of the empty shop as a "community hub" for the Community Association and other community projects.
Action by	<i>Sky Project, Family Buddies, Centrestage, East Ayrshire Council, Barnardo's, Shortlees Community Association.</i>
PRIORITY 5	More information on what's on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Shortlees Web Site (see www.ourplaceinshortlees.tumblr.com) • Develop community newsletter • More noticeboards • More local promotion by existing groups
Action by	<i>Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group, local groups, Shortlees Community Association</i>



THEME 4: JOBS, TRAINING AND ENTERPRISE



PRIORITY 1	Support for existing and new social enterprises and community projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Killie Can Cycle Feasibility Study to help grow business and create more training and employment opportunities • Support for other community based projects like Sky Project, Family Buddies, Centrestage to support local volunteering and to look at how volunteering can lead to training and employment opportunities • Workshops in social enterprise for local residents interested in developing their own ideas.
Action by	<i>CVO East Ayrshire, Killie Can Cycle, other community groups and projects</i>
PRIORITY 2	Facelift for the Shops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake proposed upgrade of shops • Look for a use for the empty shop
Action by	<i>East Ayrshire Council (for upgrade), Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group (for promotion of the empty shop)</i>
PRIORITY 3	Training and job opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to promote Job Club and support for training based in the Community Centre
Action by	<i>East Ayrshire Council (Economic Development, Vibrant Communities), Ayrshire College</i>
PRIORITY 4	Skills exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Timebank pilot in Shortlees
Action by	<i>East Ayrshire Council (Community Investment Team), Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group</i>

THEME 5: COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ACCESS TO SERVICES

PRIORITY 1	Community Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with local community police, shops and housing providers to identify ways of improving community safety • Explore whether it would be possible to reintroduce Community Wardens • Improve local street lighting to make it safer at night
Action by	<i>Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group, Police Scotland, East Ayrshire Council, Atrium Homes, Link Housing</i>
PRIORITY 2	Establish Tenants and Residents Association and/or Community Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with EATRF to re-establish a Tenants and Residents Association in Shortlees. • Explore future role of Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group as a representative forum for the community
Action by	<i>East Ayrshire Tenants and Residents Federation, East Ayrshire Council, Atrium Homes, Link Housing, Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group</i>
PRIORITY 3	Improved access to Health Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the possibility of increasing health services - including the development of health improvement initiatives e.g. community food, walking groups, smoking cessation etc.
Action by	<i>NHS, existing GP surgeries, Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group.</i>
PRIORITY 4	Sheltered Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify likely need for sheltered housing and any current plans to provide sheltered housing in the area
Action by	<i>Housing Providers (East Ayrshire Council, Atrium Homes, Link Housing)</i>
PRIORITY 5	Improve transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify ways in which transport can be improved to facilitate access to services, work, education and amenities outside of Shortlees • Lobby for improvements. • Explore the potential (e.g. feasibility study) to provide community or demand responsive transport for groups and those in greatest need (e.g. feasibility study)
Action by	<i>Local groups, Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group</i>



MAKING IT HAPPEN

WORKING TOGETHER FOR SHORTLEES

Local groups and service providers will continue to work together through the Our Place in Shortlees Steering Group to take forward the priorities within the Action Plan.

The Our Place team will work with the community and community organisations to strengthen and develop capacity to make lasting and sustainable improvements to the services and facilities in Shortlees.

FUNDING

The Our Place in Shortlees team will be working with the community and its supporters over the next 4 years to help develop projects and service provision that will improve the quality of life for all who live in Shortlees. This will include helping to access funding and resources, and developing local people's skills and confidence to take forward the priorities identified in this Action Plan.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Get in touch if you want more information or to let us know how you would like to get involved and to share your ideas

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SHORTLEES COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2015 - 2020

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.

This Community Action Plan sets out
the priorities for the development of
Shortlees 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 9
months period.

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
Shortlees
- The main themes and priorities for action
- Information on how you can stay in touch
and get involved.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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