

Stewarton Shared Action Plan - Projects List

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Purpose and Status

This Shared Action Plan outlines live and recommended projects and initiatives identified in the preparation of the Stewarton Development Framework in late 2021 / early 2022, to inform Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2). It is suggested that this Shared Action Plan should be a 'live' and dynamic term of reference for stakeholders and partners as projects are identified, developed, implemented and impacts monitored. It should be reviewed at least every 6 months but a group comprising EAC, representatives of local community groups / organisations, the Key Agencies Group (KAG) and others as deemed appropriate. The current Action Plan (with the 'Project Status' column updated) should be published online as a term of reference for all with an interest in Stewarton.

Project Sponsors, their Partners and wider Stakeholders would be responsible for developing funding and business cases for each project / action as required. Over time it would be anticipated that delivered / completed projects would be 'closed out' and impacts monitored, recorded and lessons learned recorded for subsequent actions in Stewarton (and elsewhere in East Ayrshire).

This Shared Action Plan considers action within and beyond the scope and timeframe of LDP2. It is anticipated that the Shared Action Plan be reviewed and refined through stakeholder and community engagement to ratify priorities and secure buy-in and support for potential partners / stakeholders. It could also be envisaged that this Shared Action Plan be considered a resource for any forthcoming Community Action Planning in Stewarton.

Area	Description	Reference
Central Stewarton	The Central Stewarton Area referred to here is framed by the Railway to the west, Annick Water to the south and east and Clerkland Burn to the north. This is largely the extent of the historic town with the Cross at the centre. It encompasses the LDP Town Centre designation and the Conservation Area.	CS

This Shared Action Plan should be read in conjunction with the associated 'Placemaking Plans'.

Action No.	Area/Proposal	Description	Stakeholders (proposed lead / sponsor highlighted in bold)	Timescale (short = 1-2 years, medium = LDP2, long = 10yr+)	Cost	Performance Indicators	Project Status
SPE	Place & Environment						
SPE1.0	Central Stewarton Enhancements (incl. Town Centre)						
SPE1.1	High St/Main St/Lainshaw St Improvements to walking/cycling infrastructure and environment	The principal east-west route through the Central Area* is Stewarton's 'High St'. The historic street is currently traffic dominated and requires general public realm and traffic management enhancement to provide improved walking, wheeling and cycling pathing to create a more accessible, inclusive and attractive street scene to support local business, street economy (day and night) and community amenity.	EAC ARA Sustrans Scotland	Medium	tbc	Improvements to active travel access and movement (undefined)	tbc
SPE1.2	Avenue Square Improvements to streetscape	Restoring this significant historic public space to provide a pedestrian priority, high quality public realm/focal point for the town centre capable of hosting events and providing an attractive gathering/meeting point destination in the centre of Stewarton. Opportunities to retain/enhance public transport access and to promote conservation of heritage buildings should be progressed in parallel with streetscape improvements. First steps include undertaking a feasibility / options appraisal to assess the scope of a brief to progress funding application and design development.	EAC Stewarton Initiatives SPT Sustrans Scotland	Medium	tbc	Improvements to streetscape (undefined)	tbc

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SPE1.3A	The Cross Improvements to civic space at the Cross	As part of High St and Avenue Square public realm improvements (SPE1.1) community-led proposals for a civic space at the Cross should be progressed to enhance the place-setting, enable better pedestrian/cycle crossing at the junction (Action from LDP1)	Stewarton Initiatives ARA EAC Sustrans Scotland	Long term	tbc	Civic space improvements undertaken (<i>undefined</i>)	-
SPE1.3B	The Cross Ongoing review of Traffic Management	Traffic light sequencing has been adjusted to optimise junction performance and reduce impact of traffic at the Cross. Traffic management/traffic light sequencing to be monitored on an ongoing basis to assess scope for future adjustments as Action Plan and Development Framework is implemented.	ARA	Short Term / Ongoing	tbc	Traffic management/traffic light sequencing monitored	-
SPE1.4	Rigg St. / Vennel St. Improvements	Companion project with High St/Main St/Lainshaw St and The Cross improvements these historic streets are currently traffic dominated. Enhanced public realm, including improved pedestrian priority crossing and footway widening and cycle pathing (where practical) to be investigated.	EAC ARA Sustrans Scotland	Long Term	tbc	Enhanced public realm (<i>undefined</i>) Improved pedestrian crossing Footway widening Cycle pathing	-
SPE1.5	Railway Station Improvements	Improve pedestrian and cycle connections to Rail Station (from both east and west sides to both platforms) and quality of passenger experience within Station environment. Enhance connections to both Dunlop Rd and from the west via Ravenscraig Rd and Standalane. Explore scope for improved boundary treatment to Dunlop Rd to provide more positive 'gateway' to the town from north.	Network Rail/Scotrail Transport Scotland Sustrans EALT ARA	Short to Medium	tbc	Improved boundary treatment to Dunlop Rd made (<i>undefined</i>) Enhancement of connections to Dunlop Road from W. via. Ravenscraig Rd.	-
SPE1.6	Gateways Central Stewarton	To announce arrival and provide positive first impression of Central Stewarton seek to progress environmental improvements to key 'gateways' in to the Town Centre at the following locations (public realm, feature lighting, soft landscaping, public art, signage); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Viaduct at Lainshaw St o War Memorial o Standalane o Dunlop Rd at Rail Station o Cunningham Watt Park o Holm St 	Local community EAC ARA	Short to Medium	tbc	Improvements to gateways made (<i>undefined</i>)	-
SPE1.7	Live / Work Spaces Extend designation of existing Class 4, 5, 6 uses to include scope for new ways of town centre living/co-working	Promote new types and tenure of housing, including live/work units in Central Stewarton. Explore scope for more co-working format space to sustain a post-COVID-19 economy and reduce the tendency for outbound commuting to Glasgow and Kilmarnock. Consider the possibility to enable an allocation on sites currently designated for Class 4, 5, 6 uses at 192B Rigg St and 193B Bridgend per LDP1.	EAC		tbc		-

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SPE1.8	Community Facilities – enhance/re-provide/co-locate? Central Stewarton	Develop business case/service redesign proposition for provision of health and social care and community services/infrastructure across the Stewarton catchment. Consider scope for enhanced/extended/relocated or co-located services on existing or other Central Stewarton sites. Central Area provision of community infrastructure to be considered as part of holistic assessment to achieve 20 Min neighbourhood accessibility across the catchment, including consideration and coordination of existing and new facilities on East and West Stewarton Community Campuses and any Future Growth Areas.	EAC NHS AA Health and Social Care Partnership Stewarton Initiatives	Medium		Relocation or re-provision of health and social care services in line with Spatial Strategy New site for Lainshaw Primary identified and developed	
SPE1.9	Retrofitting Under-occupied/vacant space – mixed uses Stewarton (General)	Promote the reuse/repurposing/retrofit of vacant and under-occupied spaces/sites across Stewarton and especially within the Central Area. Promote a mix of uses within the Town Centre, notably Town Centre Living alongside appropriate business, enterprise and community/cultural facilities.	EAC HES	Long term		TCHC or other data to underpin agreed percentage reduction in vacant of units.	
SPE2.0	Enhanced Open Space Provision						
SPE2.1	Green-Blue Infrastructure Strategy across and beyond Stewarton Stewarton (General)	Stewarton has an established and extensive network of blue-green infrastructure principally aligned with the Annick Water and its tributaries including Clerkland Burn and Cuts Burn. Scope to enhance, improve and extend this network of green-blue infrastructure should be prioritised to improve access to nature, support and enhance biodiversity, integrate climate change adaptation and enable improved active travel. In combination these enhancements would improve the attractiveness of Stewarton. First Step is preparation of a Stewarton Green-Blue Infrastructure Plan to develop interventions for each of the areas listed below and all component parts of the existing and future open space and green-blue infrastructure network.	Stewarton Woodland Trust EAC NatureScot			Prep and adoption of Blue-Green Infrastructure plan Improvements to open space made <i>(undefined)</i>	
SPE2.2	Stewarton (General) Improve / upgrade existing designated Open Spaces	Following on from the Open Space Audit a prioritised action plan to improve existing open space to meet and exceed thresholds of quality should be progressed, focusing on those areas of greatest need / shortfall below term standards. Based on the current open Space Audit these sites include the following (per the OSA listings).	Stewarton Woodland Trust EALT NatureScot		tbc	Improvements to open space made <i>(undefined)</i>	
A		Amenity Open Space (27)					
B		Amenity Open Space (29)					
C		Amenity Open Space (30)					
D		Amenity Open Space (31)					
E		Amenity Open Space (32)					
F		Amenity Open Space (34)					
G		Cockelbie					
H		Cutsburn Park					

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I		Cunningham Watt Park					
J		Kilwinning Rd (part of Lainshaw Woods)					
K		Lainshaw Woods					
L		Merrygreen					
M		Mill Gardens					
N		Pokelly Place					
O		St Columba's					
P		Stewarton Cemetery					
Q		Rose Reilly Sport Centre					
R		The Centre					
S		The Hound					
T		The Vennel					
SPE2.3	Address gaps in open space provision Stewarton (General)	Based on analysis of accessibility/proximity to Open Space there are 5 areas without access to Open Space within 150m (see Placemaking Plan). The most significant/pronounced are the area to the west of Stewarton (between Dalry Rd and Kilwinning Rd) and Central Stewarton. Scope to retrofit existing open space to meet standards and/or the inclusion of new Open Space provision as part of any Future Growth Area to enable adequate provision for existing and future housing should be prioritised.	Landowners EAC East Ayrshire Leisure Trust NatureScot	Medium Term		Retrofit of existing open space <i>(undefined)</i> Addition of appropriate areas of open space where necessary.	
SPE3.0	Landmarks / Lighting Enhancements						
SPE3.1	Landmark / Lighting Strategy Stewarton (General)	The setting of key town landmarks should be improved including the provision of feature lighting. Proposals should be progressed taking cognisance of heritage significance. A Stewarton Lighting Strategy should be developed to coordinate delivery. Key sites / landmarks include some previously proposed through LDP1.	Landowners EAC HES	Short term	tbc	Lighting Strategy prepared and adopted.	-
SPE3.2		Lighting of Corsehill Castle (Gateway feature)		Short to medium term	tbc	Lighting scheme introduced	-
SPE3.3		Lighting of the viaduct (Gateway feature)		Short to medium term	tbc		-
SPE3.4		War memorial		Short to medium term	tbc		-
SPE4.0	Heritage						
SPE4.1	Extension of Conservation Area Central Stewarton	Progress a Conservation Area Appraisal (proposed in LDP1) and assess / justify any adjustment to the extents of the Conservation Area.	EAC Stewarton Historical Society HES	Short term		Conservation Area Appraisal undertaken and extension made if appropriate	

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SPE4.2	Enhanced Interpretation of Built, Social and Natural Heritage across Stewarton Stewarton (General)	Promote increased awareness and appreciation of local heritage (social, built, natural) including the provision of improved signage, online and on-site interpretation. Develop and implement a wayfinding, signage and interpretation plan.	EAC Stewarton Historical Society HES	Medium term	tbc	Promotion of heritage through signage, online material and on-site interpretation	-
SCH	Communities & Housing						
SCH1.1	20 Minute Town Stewarton (General)	Adopt the 20 Minute Neighbourhood concept across the settlement (encompassing the 'satellite' towns/villages within education/healthcare/service catchments (Dunlop etc.). Promote 'Living Well, Locally' as the basis of planning and investment decisions and to support funding applications for improved access to services, amenities, and opportunities (including jobs/skills).	Scottish Government EAC Key Agencies	Short (<i>Ongoing</i>)	tbc	Assessment of planning and investment decisions at agreed date to measure progress.	-
SCH1.2	Annick Ward Hub (serving satellite catchment) Stewarton (General)	Assess scope to enhance active travel/transport connections between Stewarton and surrounding towns/villages reliant on Stewarton as a hub for local services (including schools, healthcare and access to rail network) tying to STPR2 & LDP2 Spatial Strategy.	Scottish Government EAC Key Agencies	Medium		Enhancement of connections made by agreed date	
SCH1.3	Community Hub Central Stewarton	See Place & Environment above (SPE1.8)	Community Planning Partnership EAC NHS AA			See SPE1.8 Place & Environment above	
SCH1.4	West Stewarton Community Campus	As part of future service provision/redesign of Community facilities (education, healthcare, leisure & culture) consider scope to co-locate/re-provide services within the existing West Community Campus (currently occupied by Lainshaw Primary and the Sports/Leisure Centre). Consider service provision in parallel with future service provision in Central Stewarton, East Stewarton and in any Future Growth Area. Next Step – assess scope to relocate Primary School to Future Growth Area to west of Stewarton to enable potential relocation of Healthcare to West Stewarton Community Campus	Community Planning Partnership EAC NHS AA	Medium	tbc	Co-location of services within West Community Campus	-
SCH1.5	East Stewarton Community Campus	As part of future service provision / redesign of Community facilities (education, healthcare, leisure, culture) consider scope to co-locate / reprovide services within the existing East Community Campus (currently occupied by Nether Robertland Primary and Stewarton Academy). Consider service provision in parallel with future service provision in Central Area, West Stewarton and in any Future Growth Area.	Community Planning Partnership EAC NHS AA	Medium	tbc	Co-location of services within East Community Campus	-
SCH1.6	Future Growth Areas Stewarton (General)	Assess scope for allocation of mixed use Growth Areas to where they may be a tool in unlocking infrastructure capacity issues for example in accommodating new community Open Space provision (in addition to normal open space requirements), Community Infrastructure (education, healthcare, other) alongside mixed tenure housing. It is vital that any Future Growth Area only be promoted as compatible with the 20 Min Town concept, addressing future needs for open space and community amenities / facilities and in line with 'net zero' / climate neutral place ambitions. Any Future Growth Area must enable active travel connections to adjacent sites and fully integrate with landscape and infrastructure. Any Future Growth Area to require a design Masterplan to secure quality of layout, specification and placemaking.	EAC	Short		FGA identified as part of preparation of LDP2	

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SCH1.7	Town Centre Housing Central Stewarton	Scope to increase the number of residential properties within the Central Stewarton Area should be supported and promoted. Retrofitting existing building and progressing with new housing types (esp. live-work units) is encouraged.	EAC	Medium		Increase in Council tax-paying properties recorded using agreed baseline and percentage uplift	
SCH1.8	Affordable and Elderly Housing Stewarton (General)	Assess and act upon findings of future housing need assessment with specific consideration for housing for the elderly and for affordable housing.	EAC – Housing	Medium		Future housing need assessment and resultant actions undertaken.	
SCH1.9	Community-Led Regeneration Stewarton (General)	Use Community Action Plan process to reaffirm local community needs (resident, business, civic) and to enable capacity building to enable future place leadership and stewardship.	Community EAC – Vibrant Communities	Short term and ongoing	tbc	Increasing community capacity	
SEE	Economy & Employment						
SEE1.1	Town Centre First	Service Centre for Annick Ward – assess future needs / requirements and scope to meet needs of wider Annick Ward within Stewarton (applying Town Centre First principle)	EAC Public Sector Partners Local Businesses	Short			
SEE1.2		Shop Local Retail/Hospitality – develop a package of actions / initiatives to support local business (esp retail and hospitality).		Short			
SEE1.3	Workspace + Enterprise Stewarton (General)	Post COVID-19 – new ways of working (co-working?). Promote / establish possibility of promoting co-working space within Stewarton (Town Centre preferred) to reduce commuting and support new ways of working (between working from home and commuting out of town)	EAC	Short			
SEE1.4		New business space at Magbiehill – allocate further space to support local employment opportunities	EAC	Short to medium term			
SIRR	Infrastructure, Resources & Resilience						
SIRR1.1	Confirming and addressing Infrastructure Capacities to meet current and near future (LDP1 allocation) requirements Stewarton (General)	In line with the Main Issues Report initial assessment has been made vis-à-vis the capacity of local infrastructure to provide for existing and ‘near future’ (LDP1 allocations) demand. This initial assessment (see Development Framework) confirms the need for regular coordination with all relevant stakeholders and service / utility providers to monitor investment programmes and confirm future network upgrades to address current shortfalls. Furthermore a clear requirement for investment to provide a remedy to any existing shortfall is required prior to progressing with Future Growth Areas. In addition any Future Growth Areas requires clear developer contributions requirements indexed to future capacity requirements.	Community EAC Scottish Water ARA Transport Scotland?	Short and ongoing			
SIRR1.2	Health and Social Care Stewarton (General)	Develop initial assessment of Development Framework analysis and ongoing work by Health and Social Care Partnership to establish future provision. The Development Framework envisages scope to create purpose-built Health Centre provision in West Stewarton Community Campus (on or near the site of Lainshaw PS – which is to be relocated / reprovided in Future Growth Area).	NHS AA Health and Social Care Partnership	Short to medium term	tbc		-

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SIRR1.3	Education East Stewarton	Work already committed to (Extension to Stewarton Academy / Early Years Facility at Nether Robertland site)	EAC	Medium term			
SIRR1.4	Education West Stewarton	The Development Framework envisages reprovision of Lainshaw PS in new purpose built facility within Future Growth Area to west of Stewarton as part of mixed-use masterplan. The existing PS site then is available for Health Centre provision. Next step is to develop business case for reprovision and progress planning / land ownership discussions.	EAC	Short to Medium term			
SIRR1.5	B778 improvements Stewarton (General)	Confirm needs and means of road improvement to connect to M77 on B778. Develop business case and implement.	ARA				
SIRR1.6	Digital Network Stewarton (General)	Continue dialogue with digital infrastructure providers and other parties re planned investment. Insert projects here alongside timescales. Monitor implementation. Develop longer-term Digital strategy in anticipation of Future Growth Area and in line with Development Framework.					
SIRR1.7	Sewers/Water Infrastructure Stewarton (General)	Continue dialogue with Scottish Water and other parties re planned investment. Insert projects here alongside timescales. Monitor implementation. Develop longer term drainage strategy in anticipation of Future Growth Area and in line with Development Framework.					
SIRR2.0	Active Travel Reduce reliance on car use for local trips (in support of 20 min Town) – reduce traffic at the Cross						
SIRR2.1	Enhanced Path Network Stewarton (General)	Improve / upgrade existing Core Path Network. Map and assess interventions (in line with Development Framework) in specific detail and list below, with timescales. Develop business case, secure funding and implement.	Local Walking / Disability Groups EAC Access				
A		Location -					
B		Location -					
SIRR2.2		Extend / improve non-Core Path Network (creating a network of quality Paths – review Core paths designations) Map and assess interventions (in line with Development Framework) in specific detail and list below, with timescales. Develop business case, secure funding and implement.	Local Walking / Disability Groups EAC Access				
A		Location – West Edge Loop from Kilwinning Road to Dunlop Road					
B		Location -					
SIRR2.3	Improve Cycle Network Stewarton (General)	Introduce on-street cycle infrastructure enhancements. Map and assess interventions (in line with Development Framework) in specific detail and list below, with timescales. Develop business case, secure funding and implement.	Local Cycle Groups Sustrans Scotland ARA			Increased cycle use for local everyday trips	
A		Location					
B		Location					
SIRR2.4		Introduce off-street cycle infrastructure enhancements Map and assess interventions (in line with Development Framework) in specific detail and list below, with timescales. Develop business case, secure funding and implement.	Local Cycle Groups Sustrans Scotland EAC			Increased cycle use for local everyday trips	

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B		Location					
SIRR2.5		Introduce enhanced active travel routing to 'satellite' towns / villages Map and assess interventions (in line with Development Framework) and serving all arterial routes and list below, with timescales. Develop business case, secure funding and implement.	Local Cycle Groups Sustrans Scotland ARA			Increased cycle use for local everyday trips	
A		Stewarton – Dunlop Cycle Route					
B		Stewarton Cycle Route					
C		Western Cycle Route					
SIRR2.6	Enhancing Public Transport Networks Stewarton (General)	Inner Loop (INSERT PROJECT DESCRIPTION / ACTION HERE)	Bus Operators EAC SPT				
SIRR2.7	Well Maintained Stewarton Stewarton (General)	Assess options to promote local stewardship of open space. Promote / re-engage with local building owners to promote enhanced maintenance. Review and raise awareness of funding support. Review and update enforcement action options where necessary	Community EAC	Short term			
SIRR2.8	Flood Risk Assessment + Mitigation Stewarton (General)	Maintain open dialogue with SEPA to assess food risk and mitigation measures, reviewing implications of climate change. Inform the development of Blue-Green Infrastructure plan for Stewarton SPE2.1 (see above)	SEPA EAC	Short term and ongoing			
SIRR2.9	Community / District Energy / Renewables Stewarton (General)	Undertake feasibility study to assess scope for renewable energy sources (including community hydro and district heating networks). Progress with funding / business case to progress pilot projects.	EAC	Medium Term			
SDFG	Delivery, Funding and Governance						
SDFG1.1	Town Team Stewarton Stewarton (General)	Establish a 'Town Team' comprising EAC, local community representative and Key Agencies Group members. This group, led by the local community and EAC, would be responsible for assess progress against this Shared Action Plan.	<i>Community Council</i> Stewarton Initiatives EAC KAG	Short term and ongoing			
SDFG1.2	Stewarton Shared Action Plan Stewarton (General)	Review every 6 months this Shared Action Plan, utilising the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework criteria and LDP2 policies to determine measures of success / KPIs. Revise / refresh every other year to enable new projects to be promoted in line with the LDP2.	<i>Community Council</i> Stewarton Initiatives EAC KAG	Short term and ongoing			