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Our Neighbourhood Plan for Cambuslang East

Annual Progress Report 2021-2022



South Lanarkshire Council

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Community**

Introduction

- ▶ Ward 14 Cambuslang East – Halfway, Overton, Cairns, Westburn, Flemington, Lightburn, Circuit, Drumsagard, Newton, Hallside and Gilbertfield.
- ▶ 3 Community Planning Partnership priority areas within the ward – Circuit, Halfway and Westburn.
- ▶ Cambuslang East has a lot of very active groups/organisations who operate at a ward level.
- ▶ The ward has a population of 18,000+.

Our Place Our Plan – Cambuslang East sets out priorities and highlights the positive things going on for our community of Cambuslang East as a whole ward as well as Circuit, Westburn and Halfway as individual communities identified by residents between November 2019 and January 2020.

A local community action group produced this plan. Most members are local residents however we are joined by representatives from key local agencies and organisations.

To ensure progress is made this plan will be reviewed on a yearly basis. This is the first phase of longer term developments in our community.

You will see we have used the data gathered through the survey to set 10 priority themes for Cambuslang East as a whole as well as Circuit, Westburn and Halfway as individual communities.

The Covid-19 pandemic delayed the launch of the neighbourhood plan and this has had a knock on effect on the progress of the priority themes however the community response throughout the pandemic was outstanding.



History

- ▶ October 2019 – First Stakeholders meeting held.
- ▶ November 2019 to January 2020 – Consultation open, door to door conversations took place, school/group visits to encourage young people to take part.
- ▶ 1044 people shared their hopes and aspirations for their area through the consultation.
- ▶ February to October 2020 – The neighbourhood plan was produced, printed and delivered/shared to residents in the Cambuslang East community.
- ▶ Stakeholders meeting regularly to discuss future plans. (To get involved please see details on the back page.)
- ▶ February 2021 – Participatory budgeting budget announced £6,300.

Information

- ▶ Participatory budgeting money allocated to the area £6,300* (£2,100 each for Halfway, Circuit and Westburn) to be spent focusing on the priorities highlighted in the plan.
- ▶ Stakeholders decided on the model of delivery for the participatory budgeting process. The decision was made to operate the process using a small grants model.
- ▶ Groups/organisations invited to apply for a share of the money. A public vote organised for local people to have the opportunity to vote and tell us how the funds should be allocated.



Receiving this Participatory Budgeting grant will help LEAP to develop a fantastic community growing space in a derelict piece of land in the heart of the community. Providing an open space for local people to come together, learn, grow and relax in the outdoors, working together to grow food, nurture the land and learn new skills.

Wendy Russell
LEAP

Priority	Progress that has been achieved
1	Play park and sports park improvements  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring opportunities to enhance parks in the area.
2	More leisure and social opportunities  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online quizzes, social contact groups and virtual walking tours were delivered online.
3	More variety of shops/businesses  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revolve Clothing Swap Shops operating in the area.
4	Stronger and better communities  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cam/Glen Covid response. • Micro Grants available for local groups through Halfway Community Council. • Due to restrictions Halfway Community Council moved monthly meetings online to allow meetings to go ahead throughout.
5	Physical environment and housing improvements  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Cambuslang Clean – Local litter picks organised. • Halfway in Bloom – Brightening up the Halfway Main Street with planters.

Priority

Progress that has been achieved

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Easier to get about/moving around



- Actions are being developed by stakeholders and partners.

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Better education, training and employment opportunities



- New Lightburn ELC can offer 160 Early Learning places, 120 for ages three to five years and 40 for ages two to three years.

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Greater community safety



- Increased police visibility and patrols over through peak times.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue offering Home Fire Safety Checks to most vulnerable in the community.

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Health improvements



- LEAP – Befriending service to reduce loneliness.
- Covid response ensuring people still had access to essential medicine throughout lockdown.

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Better financial wellbeing



- Clothing bank and swap shop offering essential free clothing to the community and those most in need.

Development plans

- ▶ Participatory budgeting voting event – Encourage local people to have their say on how the budget will be allocated using a variety of methods.
- ▶ Participatory budgeting activities delivered – Activities that are funded through the participatory budgeting process will be delivered and monitored to evaluate impact.
- ▶ Strengthen Stakeholder Group – Continue to work with the stakeholders to drive the plan forward while recruiting new members.
- ▶ Continue to explore the priorities highlighted in the plan and work as a collective to work to improve the priorities.
- ▶ Work with local groups to access opportunities (funding, training, networking).
- ▶ Support communities to recover from the pandemic.



“The young people from our Youth Project were included in the consultation and were encouraged and supported to have their say. It was great to hear what the young people had to say about the community they live in.”

Karen
Westburn Youth Project

“We are looking forward to seeing the projects being delivered through the Participatory Budgeting funding. Using this approach allows local people to tell us where they think the money should be spent.”

Sian Flynn
South Lanarkshire Council -
Community Engagement Team

Case study

Over the course of the Covid-19 outbreak and lockdown restrictions local groups, volunteers and organisations in Rutherglen and Cambuslang quickly came together to support the needs of local people.

The Cam Glen Covid Response Network created vital partnerships between all these groups that ensured essential things such as food packages, prescriptions, befriending services and emotional support could be offered to those who were shielding, self-isolating or vulnerable within the community.

To support the increased need for food provision within the community, food hubs were created in Rutherglen at St Columbkilles Church and Particip8 Hub in Cambuslang alongside the local food bank. Food packages and hot meals were also stored and delivered by some smaller organisations such as West Whitlawburn Housing Co-op and St Vincent de Paul Church.

Food deliveries including fresh items such as fruit, bread and milk were also delivered to groups via South Lanarkshire Council to supplement food packs. An online request form for support was created by Healthy and Happy Community Development Trust to enable local people to request the support they required.

Throughout the restrictions the Cam Glen Covid Network regularly met for development sessions and shared ideas regarding any problems or barriers being faced when delivering support.

The community spirit and partnership approach within Rutherglen and Cambuslang meant that between March and September of 2020 760 households were supported during the first lock down and 6,157 food packs were distributed.



Stakeholder Groups are meeting regularly to progress the neighbourhood plan, if you would like to get involved please contact **0303 123 1017** or email **communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk**



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The volunteers in the area are pivotal to making the area a better place to live, we also have good organisations who invest their time and resources into the area.

Circuit Resident

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