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Our Neighbourhood Plan for

Fernhill

Year
One

**2022-
2023**



This report sets out priorities and themes identified by Fernhill residents in the Fernhill Neighbourhood Plan survey between November 2020 and March 2022.

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Community**

Introduction

A local community action group have 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 updated 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 the Fernhill area. The launch event for this plan will allow the community to vote on their top priorities to be focused on in year one of the plan.

More will be done to take forward all the other themes in the future.

For this plan to work it needs you, yes, you. Every resident, every worker, volunteer or elected member in the area can help to bring about change and help us make the most of our shared resources – our people and our place. You can help in many ways by telling others about what's going on, by joining the stakeholders group or the working groups to take forward some of the actions in the plan or simply enjoy and take part in what's happening around you.

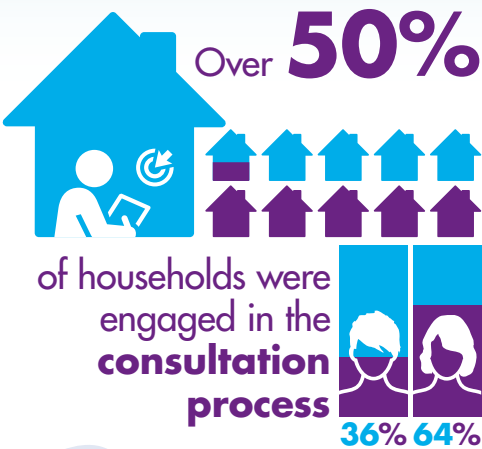


Information

This neighbourhood plan has been informed by extensive community engagement carried out between November 2020 and March 2022 the process involved:

- An asset map of the community was produced to highlight the great work already ongoing within the community.
- A number of meetings with local residents and representatives from key organisations in the area to design the engagement.
- A community survey delivered door to door which covered all households within the Fernhill area.
- A paper copy of the survey was delivered to every house in Fernhill with a drop box located in the local shop to collect completed surveys.
- Local stakeholders promoted the opportunity through their networks.
- Interviews with young people from schools.

Thank you to everyone who took part!



Survey findings

What people like about Fernhill		Improvements/ new opportunities suggested
1	More leisure and social opportunities	
Local groups and organisations, the community centre and churches.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More activities for all local people, more youth focused activity, better access to the community centre and access to sports facilities locally.
2	Stronger and better communities	
The people in Fernhill, good neighbours who look out for each other, local volunteers.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More community events e.g. fun days and clean-up's, more people getting involved in leading on activities and taking part and more community spirit.
3	Play park and sports park improvements	
The football pitch, the local play park and Fernbrae Meadows.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve playpark equipment, access to football pitches, a community football pitch.
4	Physical environment and housing improvements	
The houses in the area look great, the meadows		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing repairs and upgrades, better bins and bin sheds, Local people taking ownership of gardens and less fly tipping.
5	More variety of shops/businesses	
Local shops.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More shops and variety of shops more locally.

What people like about Fernhill	Improvements/ new opportunities suggested
<div data-bbox="120 268 176 347">6</div> <div data-bbox="227 268 557 347">Easier to get about/ moving around</div> <div data-bbox="888 276 1028 355"></div> <div data-bbox="87 371 339 403">Transport links are good.</div> <div data-bbox="582 371 1011 427"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better parking, traffic management and better bus service. </div>	
<div data-bbox="120 454 176 534">7</div> <div data-bbox="227 454 529 534">Greater community safety</div> <div data-bbox="882 462 1022 542"></div> <div data-bbox="87 558 272 590">It's safe and quiet.</div> <div data-bbox="582 558 972 614"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher police/community warden presence, less anti-social behaviour. </div>	
<div data-bbox="120 641 176 721">8</div> <div data-bbox="227 641 742 721">Better education, training and employment opportunities</div> <div data-bbox="899 649 1028 729"></div> <div data-bbox="87 745 288 777">Schools in the area.</div> <div data-bbox="582 745 927 801"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More training and employment opportunities for local people. </div>	
<div data-bbox="120 828 176 908">9</div> <div data-bbox="227 828 468 908">Health improvements</div> <div data-bbox="927 836 1028 916"></div> <div data-bbox="582 932 994 987"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental health services, fitness groups, support for addictions. </div>	
<div data-bbox="104 1015 204 1094">10</div> <div data-bbox="227 1015 479 1094">Better financial wellbeing</div> <div data-bbox="876 1031 1028 1110"></div> <div data-bbox="582 1118 994 1174"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment in the local area and more money advice services. </div>	

What is Participatory Budgeting?

Participatory budgeting is recognised internationally as a way for people to have a direct say in how public money is spent. The Fernhill Community has had the opportunity to have their say in how £2800 should be spent in the area.



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It has been great to hear the views and opinions of the residents in Fernhill through this consultation for the neighbourhood plan.

Karen Gillespie
South Lanarkshire Council

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Participatory budgeting monies helped the youth club have a magic Christmas event allowing gifts, food and selection boxes.

Fernhill Youth Club Staff

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What's already happening in Fernhill

The Fernhill community delivered this process in their own bespoke way as local people in the area helped to design the process. Local stakeholders and groups were invited to apply for funding for activities delivered in the Fernhill area. The projects were shared with the community to then allow local people to vote and tell them what they would like £2800 to be spent on.

The community had the opportunity to vote online and in person as a link was shared via South Lanarkshire Council and Local Social media pages and the Stakeholders held outdoor voting stations within the community. There was a great turn out 337 people showed support and voted for their favourite projects/groups.



The votes were then counted and the projects with the most votes were allocated funding to allow their projects to get underway.

Congratulations to all of the successful groups we can't wait to hear all about success of the projects.

No.	No. of votes	Project	Amount awarded
1	88	Fernhill Youth Project	£700
2	68	Fernhill Play Scheme	£700
3	67	Fernhill Soccer School	£700
4	41	Fernhill Bowlers	£700
5	38	Communities Together	£0
6	34	Fernhill Seniors	£0



The Stakeholders Group meets regularly and working groups will also be meeting to take forward some of the priority themes outlined in pages 4 and 5.

If you live or work in the area and would like to get involved please contact **0303 123 1017** or email **communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk**

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We have enjoyed the neighbourhood planning process so far and we look forward to seeing the improvements in the area through working together as a community

Davy
Resident

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