



# Our Neighbourhood Plan for Burnhill

## Annual Progress Report 2021-2022



# Introduction

- ▶ Burnhill is a small community in Rutherglen that sits on the South Lanarkshire side of the border to Glasgow City Council.
- ▶ Burnhill is in Ward 12 – Rutherglen Central and North.
- ▶ The housing in the area is made up of a mixture of houses and flatted properties.
- ▶ Burnhill has a very strong Action Group who deliver a variety of activities for the community.
- ▶ Burnhill has a population of 3300.

Our Place Our Plan – Burnhill sets out priorities and highlights the positive things going on for our community of Burnhill 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 Burnhill.

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.
- ▶ 230 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 Burnhill community.
- ▶ Stakeholders meeting regularly to discuss future plans. (To get involved please see details on the back page.)
- ▶ February 2021 – Participatory budgeting budget announced £4200.

# Information

- ▶ Participatory budgeting money allocated to the area £4200 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 proposals model.
- ▶ Stakeholders invited to submit project proposals linked to the priorities in the plan. A public vote organised for local people to have the opportunity to vote and tell us how the funds should be allocated.



I like how in times of need neighbours all rally round to support each other and look out for one another.

**Resident**

## Priority

## Progress that has been achieved

# 1

### More leisure and social opportunities



- New social activities created during lockdown (Street Bingo, Elf Trail, activity packs, online activities) with 400+ residents involved throughout the year.
- New football club operating in the area.

# 2

### Stronger and better communities



- New Children's Action Group – working on issues to improve the lives of the people living in Burnhill.
- Covid response – Supporting neighbours throughout the pandemic 209 households received food provision.

# 3

### Physical environment and housing improvements



- Community clean up's organised.

# 4

### Play park and sports park improvements








- Exploring the use of derelict land to use as a community space.

# 5

### Easier to get about/moving around



- Actions being developed by stakeholders and partners.

Priority	Progress that has been achieved	
6	<b>Greater community safety</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra policing in the community throughout peak times.</li> <li>• Home fire safety checks undertaken.</li> </ul>	
7	<b>More variety of shops/businesses</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions being developed by stakeholders and partners.</li> </ul>	
8	<b>Better education, training and employment opportunities</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions being developed by stakeholders and partners.</li> </ul>	
9	<b>Better financial wellbeing</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions being developed by stakeholders and partners.</li> </ul>	
10	<b>Health improvements</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breast Screening Awareness Campaign.</li> </ul>	

## 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 the community to recover from the pandemic.



“It’s been great to be involved in the neighbourhood plan, I love how it has engaged the kids and it has been good to get them involved in discussions about the future of their community.”

**Blair McAulay**  
Youth Worker

“The local residents are passionate about their area and this shows in the amazing amount of community led activity that goes on in the area.”

**Jacqueline Queen**  
South Lanarkshire Council -  
Community Engagement Team



## Case study

Burnhill Action Group has worked tirelessly for the community throughout the pandemic delivering food parcels, organising activities, reduce isolation and continuing the momentum of the neighbourhood plan.

As a community they have come together during a hard time to ensure vulnerable neighbours received the support that they needed and entertained the community and kept the community spirit up even when restrictions made this difficult to do. These activities reduced isolation and allowed people to socialise while remaining safe throughout the pandemic.

Street bingo, children's activities, wellbeing activities and community clean ups are just some of the work the group delivered throughout the lockdowns. At Christmas time when the community were missing their usual festive activities the volunteers stepped up and organised an elf trail throughout the streets of the community where families could follow the trail to receive Christmas treats and got the chance to see some Christmas characters along the way. This brought so much happiness at a time when people were missing friends and family and feeling isolated.

Even while doing all of this the volunteers continued to promote the neighbourhood plan and encourage people to get involved in the process when talking to people and using online platforms to share information with the community when it was hard to engage with the community.

As restrictions have eased the volunteers are continuing to support the community by providing new and exciting activities to help the community recover from the pandemic and start socialising again safely.



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**



We are looking forward to using the Participatory Budgeting funding to develop our community garden project, this will give local people a chance to come together and socialise while learning how to grow.

**Nicole Kane**  
Resident

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