



Carstairs Junction Community

# Action plan

2020 - 2025

# Our Vision

We cannot achieve this vision alone and need you to help us. This is an action plan for our whole community.

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**“We live in a safe and friendly place with a strong sense of community, able to enjoy a place that offers quality of life to all residents.”**

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# What we did

We asked you what you would like to see happen in the village.

Through a community ceilidh, a local survey, small groups, one to one conversations and a virtual spring tea we spoke to over 300 people. We also looked at statistics.

From this we have developed a community action plan for Carstairs Junction.



# What you said

You said you liked living in Carstairs Junction and there is a stable community.

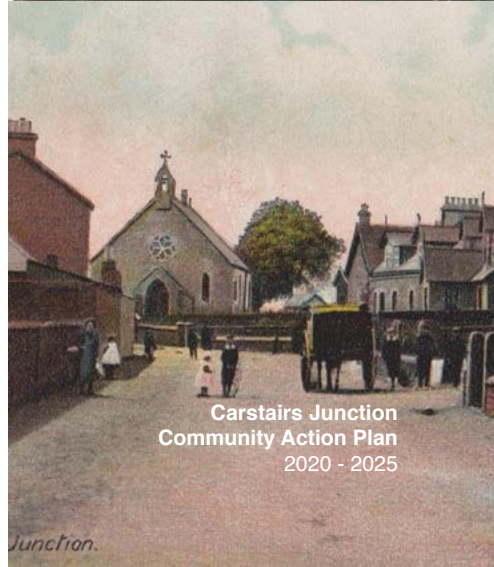
You told us you want to be more connected, to have better services locally with more to do and to know more about what is happening. You wanted to see an improved environment and to get around more easily.



# What is a community action plan

A Community Action Plan is developed by the local community, for the local community.

The plan sets out what the community wants to achieve and what activities and resources are required to improve our community over the next 5 years.



# Project 1

## The Community in Control

This is an action plan for the whole community and any organisation or group of residents can come forward to lead on projects. The steering group will evolve to oversee how it progresses.

Following training and support during year two, we plan to set up a constituted place-based group such as a Development Trust. In the longer term, we will recruit a Development Officer.



# Project 2

## A Better Informed Community

We will set up a communications group in year one and work to set up a community newsletter.

A welcome pack for new residents will be developed in the medium term to help them feel linked into the community.

There will be a lobbying and campaigning role with things that are outwith the control of the residents, particularly in relation to housing and transport.



# Project 3

## Improving Community Connections

We will stimulate a suite of events that the community can enjoy from film nights to seasonal events, gala days to community parties.

We will work with Healthy Valleys and others in the medium term to expand the café and there is an aspiration for a full time café in the village by the end of the action plan.





# Project 4

## Attractive & Accessible Environment

An Environment Group will be established. They will undertake local improvements, most importantly regular litter picks and raising funds for planters and street furniture. Later we will create a “Carstairs Junction Pride of Place” award and will pilot a “living streets” project. Developing Monteith Park is a key priority but this will take time. Long term we will create an Environmental Task Force to encourage learning and employability.



# Project 5

## Getting About

Working with the school and local groups we will develop an Active Travel Plan to encourage walking and cycling. This will evolve into a Community Transport group that in the long term will develop a transport project with a suite of vehicles.

As well as transport we will start to develop better paths for walking and cycling.



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# Project 6

## More Things to Do

The Welcome All Hub is an important new initiative and we will secure sustainable funding for it.

In the medium term, we will create a programme of activities based on community feedback with a focus on families and young people and well-being.

Long term there is an aspiration to encourage a resurgence of local retail.



# Thanks

This plan has been created by the community, for the community – anyone can get involved. Please get in touch with:

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