



The Leven Connectivity Project

Behaviour Change Community Action Plan

A proposal for actions that encourage more people to walk, wheel and cycle



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Executive summary

This Behaviour Change Community Action Plan proposes actions that encourage more people to walk, wheel and cycle. The actions will complement the proposed active travel network in the Levenmouth area which is being developed through the Leven Connectivity Project.

The Behaviour Change Community Action Plan was developed as a co-production with the local community, facilitated by the Sustrans Communities Team.

This Action Plan follows on from earlier work that identified the barriers people faced in the Levenmouth area which discouraged them from walking wheeling or cycling. ([Behaviour Change Report, July 2020](#))¹. The Action Plan is the result of work by the local community to identify the best actions to remove these barriers.

The Leven Connectivity Project recognises the importance of a mixture of both improving physical infrastructure and of developing community led solutions. As Fell and Kivinen said in 2016: “The most effective approach to increasing walking, cycling and wheeling is to implement a complementary package of measures – that is, a mix of hard and soft interventions.”²

How the local community and Sustrans worked together

The Sustrans Communities Team dedicated time to bringing community groups and organisations together for discussion. They listened to people and groups who identified shared priorities for local action that will encourage people to walk, wheel and cycle.

The Communities Team was led by an asset-based approach which recognises the knowledge, skills and insight that local organisations and individuals bring. Sustrans asked:

1. What the community's assets are (e.g. connections, knowledge, and aspirations).
2. What the best ways are to address barriers to walking, wheeling and cycling in the Levenmouth communities.

A steering group with local community organisations and stakeholders was formed and the Sustrans Communities Team acted as secretariat for the group.

¹ www.theleven.org/media/1077/behaviour_change_report_2020.pdf

² http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2017-0352/2_-Cycling_Walking_REA_-_final_report.pdf

Impact of COVID-19

Because of the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, the Communities Team needed to use alternative tools to collaborate with the community. Face-to-face meetings stopped and were replaced by digital engagement. This was a learning experience for both the community groups and the Sustrans Communities Team. It is recognised that there were limitations with regards to inclusion during this phase. For example, no face-to-face community outreach events in public spaces were held due to government restrictions.

Making engagement as accessible as possible

As part of the engagement, the Communities Team took the following steps:

- The facilitation techniques used for the steering group used were chosen based on how they could best support people.
- Virtual facilitation best practice was applied which led to engaging, dynamic and energising conversations for the group.
- Pre-session conversations were held to facilitate participation as much as possible (e.g. knowing what devices people used helped shape the facilitation planning).
- Documents were also made available in easy read as far as was practical.
- Material was created for young people listening activities.
- Conference call set up was used to connect where access to digital technology and internet was restricted.

Demographics represented

The Communities Team widened community participation by seeking out voices that are seldom heard. This included people of different ages (young people and older people), people living with a disability (learning disability, dementia), and varying degrees of digital connectivity. In addition, the Fife Centre for Equalities, who is recognised as a centre of excellence for championing equality, diversity and social justice, participated throughout.

Actions identified

1. Create an umbrella group with community representation at its core and fostering partnership working.
2. Develop and expand existing outdoor spaces (e.g. beach, parks) to create zones for a variety of uses and opportunities.
3. Promote and expand existing path network, make it accessible and clear.

4. Create a community hub, an indoor space with a café and toilet facilities that is multifunctional and inter-generational (e.g. provides bikes etc.).
5. Develop a community 'code of conduct' (How will we use cycle ways, walkways and spaces).
6. Create a coordinated programme of maintenance and ensure young people are included or lead.
7. Create a community-wide communications campaign (around themes of litter, active travel, getting involved).
8. Create and promote an accessible and inclusive programme of leisure events and activities that allow people to connect with their area and the river area (e.g. walking/running/cycling groups, events). Ensure young people are included or lead.
9. Enhance existing initiatives by the police and wider community that increase personal safety.
10. Improve systems for dealing with waste, reporting fly-tipping and create new opportunities to reduce waste.
11. Activities for young people including cycling and motorbikes.
12. Explore (social) history, heritage and nature and develop interpretation boards/murals and trails.
13. Identify locations for benches and build benches.
14. Enhance opportunities for people to enjoy, learn about nature, wildlife, food growing and foraging.
15. Multimodal: link up areas around the River Leven.
16. Develop tours / lead rides / walks for locals and visitors.
17. Create a programme of place making / art making.
18. Make bicycles available for affordable prices (hire, buy).
19. Develop downhill / trials / MTB / skating / wheeling area.

Moving forward

Steering group continuation The Connectivity Project has agreed for the Coalfield Regeneration Trust (CRT) will provide secretariat to the steering group. They will support the steering group and other local organisations to make the community's aspirations a reality.

Recommendations for the steering group

- Partnership creation - explore possible partnerships for delivery routes, possible synergy and collaboration opportunities.
- Delivery planning – move to development phase and identify actions to be taken forward first potentially via ‘action subgroups’.

Community engagement

Due to the limitations of wider public engagement, we recommend engaging the public with the action plan and general Leven Connectivity Project progress as much as practical (within COVID-19 restrictions) over the summer 2021.

Resourcing the actions

Actions that require funding will need relevant funding sources to be identified. The Leven Programme funding development group will support this work. The Coalfield Regeneration Trust will also offer advice and support.

Considerations the Steering Group want at the heart of any further work

As well as developing outcomes and actions, the Steering Group emphasised the importance of the following four considerations. These need to be considered as part of the implementation of this Behaviour Change Community Action Plan. The four considerations are:

- **Local first:** Wherever possible, the project should use local resources and businesses rather than bringing in outside organisations.
- **Involving and including young people:** Involvement will lead to positive experiences and a greater sense of pride, belonging and ownership.
- **Using what is already available:** Activities take place while planning for delivery is happening. Taking a meanwhile approach.³
- **Develop community:** The delivery of the action plan should be by the community and for the community. The spirit of community needs to be fostered through the way actions are delivered.

³ <https://townsfund.org.uk/blog-collection/meanwhile-use>

Introduction

This community action plan is part of the Connectivity Project, which aims to create an award-winning network of paths and cycle ways along a 5km stretch of the River Leven, as well as creating a further 16km long network of paths which will weave through the local communities of Buckhaven, Methil, Methilhill, Leven and Windygates. The action plan contains specific actions, generated by the community, that will encourage and enable more people to walk wheel and cycle.

The Connectivity Project is part of [The Leven Programme](#)⁴, a regeneration initiative led by SEPA with the environment and people at its heart. The Leven Programme involves many key government agencies, non-government organisations, private sector and local communities working closely together to help deliver environmental improvements in and around the River Leven in Fife, whilst maximising the social and economic opportunities that these improvements can bring.

In addition to creating a series of paths that will connect isolated communities to and along the river, the project aims to deliver environmental river improvements and unlock opportunities to bring some areas of vacant and derelict land into productive use. It is hoped that by working with communities to capitalise on these opportunities, the region will be opened up to new economic, health and well-being opportunities.



This project receives funding from Places for Everyone, which Sustrans manage on behalf of Transport Scotland. The funding provides money to design and construct paths that will help people to walk, wheel and cycle around their local area for everyday journeys (e.g. going to work, school, shopping). Part of the funding is used to understand what needs to change to get more people to use the paths and other infrastructure that is built.

The Communities Team at Sustrans have been working in collaboration with the local community. Firstly, to identify barriers to walking and wheeling and cycling. Secondly, to identify what would address these barriers and therefore encourage travelling by foot, scooter, wheelchair and bike.

Activities that encourage and enable people to walk, wheel and cycle in the project area (behaviour change interventions) are seen as crucial for the success of the Leven Connectivity Project.

⁴ www.theleven.org

This report is an action plan created with representatives from the local community based organisations and facilitated by the Communities Team at Sustrans. This report will cover:

- the background and context to the creation of the action plan;
- an explanation of the process used to arrive at the actions that have been identified;
- a list of the actions that were identified as being necessary to encourage more people to walk, wheel and cycle around the project area, including a range of cost estimates for each action.

The identified actions all align with The Leven Programme's themes. A table in the appendix shows how each action intersects with these themes of Nature Rich, Health and Well-being, Heritage, Water Innovation, Resilient Communities, Productive People and Place, Climate Action, and Connectivity.

Background

The Levenmouth area experiences significant economic challenges that impact on people and the community in a variety of ways including employment. These challenges lead to people trying to survive on low incomes compared to the rest of Scotland. Many people do not have access to a car and work within a few miles of where they live. More details about the area can be found in the [Behaviour Change Report 2020](#)⁵ which was produced by the Sustrans Communities team.

The community action plan below builds on the Behaviour Change Report 2020. This report identified a number of barriers that discourage people from walking, wheeling and cycling around their local area. The Sustrans Communities Team identified these barriers through face-to-face meetings, online conversations and online surveys. They engaged with 15 local community-based groups and over 650 individuals to do this. The barriers were grouped under four main themes, which are briefly explained in the following paragraphs.

Enabling people to enjoy the area

People told us that they wanted to enjoy the area, particularly around the River Leven. They wanted to see more options for things to do in the area such as fishing, picnicking and accessing nature. By helping more people to use and enjoy the area, the local community will have a greater sense of ownership. This will help when it comes to both maintaining the area and building up a sense of community.

⁵ www.theleven.org/media/1077/behaviour_change_report_2020.pdf

Helping people move through the area

People said they wanted the area to be easier to move through. They suggested improvements which included:

- lighting to make paths usable during hours of darkness;
- signage to help people navigate through the area;
- improved surfaces to minimise slips and trips. These improvements will be addressed through the design and specification of the paths rather than requiring specific community actions.

Looking after the area

There was recognition that the project area could quickly fall back into disrepair unless there is a plan in place to maintain and look after the area. To avoid this problem, a maintenance plan is needed to outline how to care for the area and keep it in good order.

Addressing anti-social behaviour

People regularly voiced concerns about antisocial behaviour, giving it as a main reason why some people do not use the area around the River Leven. These perceptions of antisocial behaviour were mainly about the behaviour of young people or fears about how young people might be behaving.

Leading on from the Behaviour Change Report 2020, this community action plan will outline how the community wish to tackle these barriers. It will list the actions that local community representatives have identified in response to the question "How will these barriers be addressed?"

Methodology - How the action plan was developed

The Community Action Plan was developed in the spirit of co-production with the local community. The Sustrans Communities Team used an asset-based approach which recognises the knowledge, skills and insight that local organisations and individuals bring, and support them in developing their strengths. Sustrans asked what the community's assets are (e.g. connections, knowledge, and aspirations) and what the best ways are to address barriers to walking, wheeling and cycling in the Levenmouth communities.

The Sustrans Communities Team dedicated their time to:

- providing a space for discussion;

- listening to people;
- bringing community-based organisations together for conversations;
- identifying priorities for local action that encourage people to walk, wheel and cycle.

The Sustrans Communities Team tried to ensure that engagement with the community was done in an inclusive way (which had limitations due to COVID-19, see section 'Impact of COVID-19, page 15). To this end, the team widened community participation by seeking out voices that are seldom heard. This resulted in actions identification being both locally led and representing a wide range of people. This included people of different ages (young people and older people), people living with a disability (learning disability, dementia), and varying degrees of digital connectivity. In addition, the Fife Centre for Equalities, who is recognised as a centre of excellence for championing equality, diversity and social justice, participated throughout.

How we did that:

- Form a steering group of local community-based organisations to work with.
- Summarise and sense check information gathered with community steering group and community.
- Ask for ideas on actions to address identified barriers.
- Filter actions down and prioritise.
- Develop a community action plan (outcomes, actions, additional considerations).

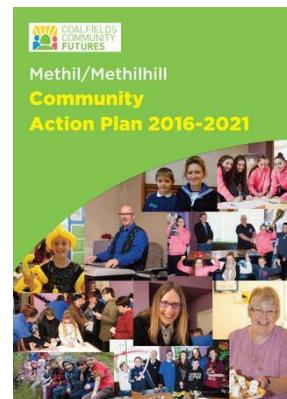
As part of this, we acted as a secretariat to the steering group and facilitated the steering group sessions.

Local plans and community action plans

The local context was looked at and guided our understanding of what is happening locally. These plans provided invaluable insights and were considered through the process.

The work feeds on local level improvement plans and community actions plans:

- [Plan 4 Levenmouth Area. Local Community Plan 2019-2022⁶](#)
- [Buckhaven Links! Community Action Plan 2018-2023⁷](#)
- [East Wemyss and Macduff Community Action Plan 2019-2024⁸](#)
- [Kennoway Community Action Plan 2018-2023⁹](#)
- [Methil and Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021¹⁰](#)



A table in the appendix shows where each action from this action plan intersects with the above listed local plans.

National policy context

We looked at relevant policy documents. This work feeds into national policy on several levels.

At a national level, this action plan delivers on objectives contained within the following policies:

- National Transport Strategy
- Active Travel Framework
- National Walking Strategy

It also delivers on the National Performance Framework, specifically:

- We are healthy and active.
- We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe.
- We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment.

⁶ www.fife.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0033/192957/Levenmouth-Area-Local-Community-Plan.pdf

⁷ www.pas.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Buckhaven-Community-Action-Plan.pdf

⁸ www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/East-Wemyss-and-Macduff-Community-Action-Plan-2019-to-2024.pdf

⁹ www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Kennoway-Community-Action-Plan-2018-2023.pdf

¹⁰ www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Methil-Methilhill-Community-Action-Plan-Action-Plan-2016-2021.pdf

Process – how we did it

The Sustrans Communities Team held two engagement phases. In the first phase from October 2019 to May 2020, we focused on listening to the community, listening to what gets in the way of walking, wheeling and cycling in the project area. What we heard was shared in the Behaviour Change Report (July 2020).

There was a pause in engagement with the local community over the summer of 2020 because of uncertainties around COVID-19. However, work resumed in the autumn, building on the July report.

In the second phase from October 2020 to April 2021, the Sustrans Communities Team focused on hearing what needs to happen to encourage more people to walk, wheel and cycle. The aim of this phase was to develop a Community Action Plan that will encourage people to travel actively in the area of the Connectivity Project. Further detail on phase 2 is provided below.

Behaviour change engagement: phases

Engagement phase 1	COVID-19-pause	Engagement phase 2
When: October 2019- May 2020	May - October 2020	When: October 2020 – April 2021
We asked: What gets in the way to walking, wheeling, and cycling?		We asked: How do we overcome the barriers that were identified in engagement phase 1?
Result: Understanding what the barriers to walking, wheeling, cycling are locally		Result: Understanding what activities could address the identified barriers and encourage more people travelling actively
Output: Behaviour Change Report (July 2020) ¹¹		Output: Behaviour Change Community Action Plan (see p.28)

¹¹ www.theeleven.org/media/1077/behaviour_change_report_2020.pdf

It was essential to involve local people and community-based organisations in the creation of this action plan. We did this over the seven-month period (Phase 2: October 2020–Apr 2021) by:

- bringing people together and holding space for a community steering group;
- holding additional focused conversations with community-based groups and organisations who were not able to participate in the steering group (e.g. those who did not have access to internet or required smaller group sizes to be comfortable);
- having one-to-one stakeholder conversations to gain further insights to feed into the action plan.

The table below provides a high-level overview of the engagement phase from October 2020–April 2021.

Behaviour Change Report (July 2020) distribution and awareness raising of next engagement phase (October 2020 – January 2021)

We shared the Behaviour Change Report through email, the [Leven Programme's website](#)¹² and via [social media](#). In addition, we also made a [short video](#)¹³ which was shared via a variety of social media channels outlining the Behaviour Change Report and the next steps.

We connected with the people and organisations we had listened to previously. We were also introduced to new community-based stakeholders and identified who would be interested in actively participating in the next phase.

Behaviour change community steering group formation (Jan – Apr 2021)

The steering group met seven times online for collaborative sessions. Six sessions focused on the action plan and one considered some initial small expenditure to support the action plan.

These sessions consisted of:

- Reviewing the Behaviour Change Report (July 2020), sharing reflections in particular with regards to barrier themes (what is stopping people from walking, wheeling or cycling).

¹² www.theleven.org

¹³ www.facebook.com/TheLevenProgramme/posts/261005058701593

- Identifying what success would look like in the future for them in relation to encouraging active travel within the Connectivity Project area.
- Collaborating and brainstorming ideas to identify actions that could address identified barriers.
- Agreeing actions to be included in the Community Action Plan.

Focused group conversations and one-to-one conversations (January 2021– April 2021)

Further conversations added to the Community Action Plan and generated invaluable insights. These involved:

- Focused group conversations - online and over the phone.
- One-to-one conversations with community stakeholders - online and on phone calls.

Production of Behaviour Change Community Action Plan – bringing it all together (April-May 2021)

- Insights were brought together.
- Creation of an Action Plan based on agreed actions.
- Writing of report.

The steering group met for 6 core sessions to identify actions together.

Session 1: 14 January 2021	Session 2: 21 January 2021	Session 3: 4 February 2021	Session 4: 11 February 2021	Session 5: 4 March 2021
Kick-off session A session to start the process.	Barrier theme: Things to do around the area Collaborate – brainstorm and create solutions. What actions can we envision forming part of the action plan?	Barrier theme: Dealing with anti-social behaviour Collaborate – brainstorm and create solutions. What actions can we envision forming part of the action plan?	Barrier theme: Looking after the area Collaborate – brainstorm and create solutions. What actions can we envision forming part of the action plan?	Bringing it all together A feedback session to collectively review and feedback and what had been discussed in previous sessions. 3 weeks to summarise
Session 6: 25 March 2021	April-May 2021	June 2021	June 2021	Ongoing
Bringing it all together (cont) A feedback session to collectively review and feedback and what had been discussed in previous sessions.	 Report writing Based on what emerged from the seven sessions and conversations throughout, a report was produced.	 Report finalised Copy of report shared with stakeholders.	 Steering Group continuation Beginning of the journey to implement the ideas raised.	 Implementation The implementation of the ideas raised.

Impact of COVID-19

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the process of bringing the Community Action Plan together was disrupted. Subsequently, the Sustrans Communities Team needed to use alternative tools to collaborate with community stakeholders than before the pandemic.

This changed from face-to-face meetings to mainly digital engagement. This was a learning experience for both the community groups and the Sustrans Communities team.

Together with the Leven Connectivity Project team, the Sustrans team recognises that there were limitations with regards to inclusion during this phase. For example, no face-to-face community outreach events in public spaces were held due to government restrictions. To this end, we have made some recommendations for the next phase of the project in the “Making it happen” section of this report. In the next section we detail who we listened to and how we approached the different groups in order to overcome barriers to inclusion.

Who is involved?

The Connectivity Project's Behaviour Change Community Action Plan has been led by the steering group, bringing together a range of community-based organisations across the Levenmouth area. The group represented a variety of perspectives on what would ultimately encourage active travel in their local area as part of the Connectivity Project.

These representatives have been actively involved in sharing community views. The steering group meetings were held over Zoom (a free phone option was made available to allow those without digital connectivity to participate). The facilitation of these conversations was approached with care and kindness.

Steering group participants

Steering group participants		
Organisation/group (in alphabetical order)	Who	What
Buckhaven & Denbeath Community Council	Shelle Ratcliff	Voluntary organisation set up by statute by the Local Authority and run by local residents to act on behalf of its area.

CLEAR Buckhaven & Methil/ Levenmouth Rail Campaign (LMRC)	Allen Armstrong	Community-led Environmental Action for Regeneration. We want to make our local community a more prosperous, healthier and attractive place to live and work.
Fife Council, Community Education	Barry Clark	Community education for children and young people in Levenmouth.
Fife Council, Cycling Development	Kirsteen Durkin, Tea Jensen	Work with clubs, groups and communities to develop initiatives to encourage more cycling in Fife.
Fife Council, Levenmouth Area, Communities and Neighbourhoods	David Paterson	Focus on community development and engagement, voluntary sector support, community planning, performance management and improvement, local co-ordination and policy, plus project support for key strategies including anti-poverty, health and wellbeing, safer communities and community learning.
Community Trade Hub	Kenny McAllister	The core aims of the hub is to reduce barriers to employment and provide equal opportunities to all with easy access to practical training and employability support.
Corra Foundation – Buckhaven and Methil	Gordon McLean, Marion Thomson	Working alongside communities, supporting local people to connect, collaborate on ideas, and take

		action to create positive change.
Cycling UK Scotland	Ralph Jessop	Work across a range of different projects in Fife offering local groups support, training and guidance to run their cycling groups and activities to the benefit of their local community.
Dementia Friendly Fife (Health and Social Care Partnership)	Ruth McCabe	Raise awareness of dementia and reduce the stigma that surrounds the condition. Make Fife a place where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported.
Fife Centre for Equalities (FCE)	Pat Greenhough	Develop a harmonised approach to build a collective voice to champion equality, diversity, inclusion and social justice.
Fife Coast and Countryside Trust (FCCT)	Deidre Munro (James Dawson)	Committed to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to experience Fife's great outdoors.
Fife Employment Access Trust/Silverburn Park	Brian Robertson	FEAT: To enable and support individuals to reach their full positive mental wellbeing in a culture where there is no stigma. Silverburn: Develop Silverburn as a place of quiet enjoyment, supporting the health and well-being of the community, and respecting the habitat and biodiversity of the environment.

Fife Voluntary Action (FVA)	Eloise Wilson (Jo Clark)	Supporting, developing and representing community groups, voluntary organisations, social enterprises and volunteering.
Greener Kirkcaldy	Susan Jaynes	Working locally to combat the climate emergency, tackle fuel poverty and food insecurity, and bring people together.
Kingdome Off-Road Fife Motorcycle Club	David Paton	Make our safer communities by providing a controlled area for children, young people and adults to enjoy off-road motorcycling. By doing this we will reduce anti-social and illegal use of off-road motorcycles. We also provide social awareness and re-education programmes.
Largo Area Community Council	Matt Allan (Peter Aitken)	Voluntary organisation set up by statute by the Local Authority and run by local residents to act on behalf of its area.
Levenmouth Academy	Harry Brown	Secondary school with the motto, "Learning to Achieve your Personal Best". Active eco committee.
People First	Tracy Scott (Katie Cook)	The National Disabled People's Organisation of adults with a Learning Disability in Scotland run by our members for our members.

Police Scotland – Levenmouth Community Policing Team	Paul Gillespie, Craig Fyall	Community Police. Focus on anti-social behaviour prevention and enforcement. Working in and with our communities to identify and solve problems.
Windygates Community Council	Rodger McMullan	Voluntary organisation set up by statute by the Local Authority and run by local residents to act on behalf of its area.

Other groups and individuals

Listening to additional, smaller groups allowed for detailed conversations and provided valuable insights to emerge. It also allowed a more tailored approach to the group conversations depending on the needs of who we spoke to. For example, a series of conversations with the STAND (Striving Towards a New Day), a group of people living with younger onset dementia, was always supported by easy read summary documents.

We connected with The Circle Methil through a series of conference calls which were led by a trusted person they already knew (Marion Thompson, Corra Foundation). We also joined groups via their favoured online platforms where they felt comfortable. For example, the Equality Collective meet via Facebook Rooms, hosted by a member of the Fife Centre for Equalities.

Additional groups and people we listened to	
Organisation/group (in alphabetical order)	Who
BRAG enterprises (Benarty Regeneration Action Group)	Brian Robertson-Fern
Equality Collective	Facilitated by Pat Greenhough (FCE)
Kennoway Community Shed	Bob McPhail

Kennoway pump track	Gavin Harrower
Leven and District Dog Training Club	Sam Perkins
Leven Angling Club	Stewart Grieve, Brian Mcglashan
Methilhill Community Children's Initiative	Carol Barnes
The Circle Methil	<p>Yvonne Tolley, Mary Forrester, Margaret Pigdon, Elizabeth Christie, Michaela Simpson</p> <p>Facilitated by Marion (Corra Foundation)</p>
The Stand (Striving Towards A New Day)	Facilitated by Ruth (Dementia Friendly Fife)

Young people

The steering group and other stakeholders made it clear that young people need to be involved in the Community Action Plan. Young people participation is seen as integral and their opinions valuable. Through the engagement phase from December to April 2021, limited insights were gained due to COVID restrictions making connecting with young people more difficult. We listened to Police Scotland Youth Volunteers. The Levenmouth Community Development Worker Barry Clark listened to different groups of young people. At time of writing Harry Brown (teacher) is preparing to listen to pupils at Levenmouth Academy and feedback their thoughts on what would encourage them to walk, wheel and cycle.

Young people need to be involved throughout the journey and be encouraged to lead activities for themselves, by themselves, with adults aligning with them.

Young people	
Organisation/group	Who
Police Scotland Youth Volunteers	Facilitated by PC Emma Fisher (Police Scotland)

Anti-social Behaviour group, Education Recovery Fund group, Natural Connections group and LGBTQ+ young people	Groups were listened to by Barry Clark (Community Education – Fife Council)
Levenmouth Academy	Facilitated by Harry Brown (Teacher)

How we helped people to get involved

Steering group sessions on zoom

The facilitation techniques used were chosen based on how they could best support people. Thought has gone into making the 2-hour conversations engaging, dynamic and energising for the group. We did regular small group conversations (using breakout rooms), consistent use of the chat function, and learning online tools together (e.g. online whiteboard and sticky note function). The group felt comfortable and able to share their thoughts effectively with each other. We also openly checked in with the group asking for feedback on how they felt the Sustrans Communities Team were doing with regards to holding space for them online.

Pre-session conversations were held to facilitate participation as much as possible (e.g. knowing what devices people used to get online helped shape the facilitation planning). This allowed for the session designs to fit the needs of the group.

People could contribute to documents after sessions at their own time (using online documents). We also ensured that sessions built in time for people to familiarise themselves with information rather than expecting people to be able to do this before each session.

Documents containing information were sent to participants with a learning disability prior to the sessions. Documents were also made available in Easy Read as far as was practical. For example, for the STAND (Striving Towards a New Day) Easy Read summaries were emailed to the group beforehand which allowed them to familiarise themselves with the content before a meeting.

Material was created for young people listening activities that were used by Barry Clark (Community Education Worker). These were simple, plain English documents with pictures and questions and prompts.

What does success look like?



Throughout the engagement phase we asked people to describe what success would look like to the community following the completion of the Connectivity Project. The below list clearly demonstrates the vision the community has for the area, and the action plan they developed aims to work towards the success they want to see. The community sees working towards these success themes as crucial in order to see walking, wheeling and cycling increase in their local area in the future.

Suggested outcomes:

Increased numbers of people coming to the project area from near and far - in particular the river (as a destination)

- Bring people from outside, make it busier - it's our Levenmouth community as well as for people from outside.
 - People come and want to come back again.

Encourage use of space by the river and local neighbourhoods - Busy, buzzing, vibrant places and neighbourhoods

- Well-used by locals (diversify the use of spaces).
 - Lots of events that increase the use of spaces.
 - The Leven path network as thoroughfare not just destination to ensure round the clock usage
 - A balanced place, not dominated by any one user group (intergenerational work).

Foster a sense of community - We belong together and are at ease with each other

- We will believe in us as a community and have an increased sense of belonging.
 - More opportunities for people in the area are provided with safe and fun activities - community involvement.



Encourage a sense of local pride and ownership - We will change the perception of our area (to us and others)

- For people to live in a place they can wake up and be proud of.
- Increased sense of ownership and pride by all.

Provide learning opportunities – A space for people to learn from and engage with nature, wildlife, social history

- For people to have quality outdoor learning activities on their doorstep, and to know it.
- Having local community groups use the area as a training area.
- People will choose to go to the Leven to teach their children about nature and show them the wildlife.

Increased youth engagement - Young people participate and trust that the project will be positive for them

- For young people to have real pride in the area.
- Up and coming youth will be targeted and involved in the process and development of the project.

Increased feeling of safety with measurable reductions in anti-social behaviour - A sociable, friendly, well-lit environment

- A safe, friendly place with sound security measures to allow people to feel safe.
- A well-lit area with spaces for activities that can take place at any time of day.

Increased activities and facilities - Affordable, inclusive and accessible to everyone

- Affordable activities (including water-based activities) across the whole area, not just the river Leven.
- A range of accessible activities that accommodates the community as a whole, including different user groups (older, younger, protected groups), particularly those who wouldn't access main-stream activities.
- Cycle/wheeling friendly - all wheels not just normal bicycles.
- Areas of recreation (Walks, Orchards, Wildlife, Fishing).



Increased standards of accessibility - Everyone can move around the area, whatever their characteristics

- Accessible pathways/signs throughout the Connectivity Projects active travel network (e.g. dementia friendly colours, signs).
- Accessible areas which are wheelchair friendly and suited to a variety of needs.

Increased tidiness of our spaces and neighbourhoods - A tidy and well-maintained place

- Place feels cared for (Clean pathways, peace, tranquil, well maintained).
- Reduced litter and fly tipping.
- Community led maintenance and upkeep.

Encourage increased levels of volunteering

- Creation of volunteering opportunities.
- Increase the number of projects being developed where volunteers can contribute. This in turn will provide skills, routes to employment and support well-being.

Increased levels of community-based business opportunities

- Local businesses, social enterprises and organisations are included in opportunities from the start (social benefits will be returned into the community).
- Early conversations allow to build capacity for organisations to deliver for the Leven as much as practical.

Develop linkages with local schools - Our schools are involved in action planning and delivery

- Curriculum for Excellence opportunities will be spotted
- Schools adopt areas along the active travel path network throughout the neighbourhoods and the river area

We anticipate that the above outcomes will be used to measure success for the actions identified in this action plan. Measuring for example the increase of activity or the decrease of anti-social behaviour by benchmarking it against current levels and identifying where the community would like to be short, medium and long-term.

Fundamental considerations

As well as developing outcomes and actions, the Steering Group emphasised the importance of the following four considerations. These need to be considered as part of the implementation of this Behaviour Change Community Action Plan. The four considerations are:

Local first: The Steering Group strongly believe that, wherever possible, the project should use local resources and businesses rather than bringing in outside organisations. This will have the benefits of increasing a sense of ownership within the local community and supporting the local economy.

Involving and including young people: Young people are very important to the success of the project. It is hoped that involving younger people, through positive experiences in the project area, will lead to a greater sense of pride, belonging and ownership.

Using what is already available: The Steering Group are very keen to ensure that activities take place while planning for delivery is happening. Taking a meanwhile approach¹⁴ involves starting with small deliverables, learning over time and creating tasters through small scale activities.

- For example, there is a long-term goal to create a series of gardens along the river as part of the River Park, however there are immediate opportunities that could help make the current area more attractive for walking. These could

¹⁴ <https://townsfund.org.uk/blog-collection/meanwhile-use>

include bringing in benches and/or temporary shelters for people to use when enjoying the area in the meantime.

Develop community: The delivery of the action plan should be by the community and for the community. There is a strong desire for community cohesion to be fostered, which in turn will encourage walking, wheeling and cycling activity.

Within the Connectivity Project, the area of the River Leven is seen as a location where the surrounding communities come together. The spirit of community needs to be fostered through the way actions are delivered.

- For example, this could be through community led activities such as: events, walks, led cycle rides, art or heritage conversations.

Action plan

This plan is a starting point and provides direction for action.

The following action plan is designed to reflect the communities' priorities. It includes actions to help them achieve the success they want to see. Actions have been identified by the steering group, focus groups and through stakeholder conversations.

The below actions have been identified in response to the barriers to travelling actively (see above section 'Background', p. 8). The actions are seen as ways to reduce and overcome barriers to walking, wheeling and cycling in the Levenmouth area.

The steering group have ranked actions where the first five actions are seen as priority actions. While some actions have a lesser priority, this does not mean that they are not important or needed. These priorities are highly likely to shift and change depending on opportunities that arise such as funding, groups contributing and partnerships forming.

The steering group have identified local stakeholders to assist with the action implementation. This is a starting point for conversation. We encourage others to come forward where they support any action stated within the plan (see section 'For more info or to get involved', p.41). To realise the actions below, there is a need to identify who else can be involved in building networks and partnerships across the community and its organisations.

The Leven Programme partners (listed below) should be involved throughout the implementation of the plan as well as other established participants such as Police Scotland.

The Leven Programme partners include:

Leven Programme partners
Organisation/group (in alphabetical order)
Diageo
Fife Coast and Countryside Trust
Fife College
Fife Council
Forth Rivers Trust
Green Action Trust
Historic Environment Scotland
Keep Scotland Beautiful
NatureScot
Network Rail
Scottish Enterprise
Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Scottish Water
Sustrans
The Coal Authority
Zero Waste Scotland

There are other bodies that should also be considered such as connecting with the Fife Tourism Board.

This plan will require updating as more stakeholders get involved and commit to supporting its implementation.

The action plan is a working document that should be reviewed as the implementation progresses.

Prioritised actions	Possible costs	Likely timescales (short/medium/long)
1. Create an umbrella group – with community representation at its core and fostering partnership working.	£0-£5,000 Costs of providing a secretariat and places to meet.	Short
Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Fife Voluntary Action, Corra Foundation, Community Trade Hub, Circle Methil, CLEAR/LMRC, Fife Coast & Countryside Trust, Dementia Friendly Fife, Kingdom Off Road, Levenmouth Academy, Cycling UK		
Other organisations that might like to be involved: STAND, Fife Council CLD		
2. Develop and expand existing outdoor spaces (e.g. beach, parks) / zones for a variety of uses and opportunities.	£10,000 - £100,000 Costs of people spending time to identify opportunities and invest in suitable interventions.	Medium
Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Kennoway Pump Track / Fife Mountain Bike Community, Community Trade Hub, Corra Foundation, CLEAR, Kingdom Off Road, Levenmouth Academy		

Other organisations that might like to be involved: Leven and District Dog Training Club

3. Promote and expand existing path network – make it accessible and clear	£10,000 - £100,000 Lower end of this range. Costs of both promotion and installing appropriate signage.	Medium
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Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Greener Kirkcaldy, Kennoway Pump Track/ Fife Mountain Bike Community, Fife Voluntary Action, CLEAR/LMRC, Kingdom Off Road, Community Trade Hub, Corra Foundation, Circle Methil, FCCT, Cycling UK

Other organisations that might like to be involved: To be confirmed - We encourage others to come forward where they support any action stated within the plan

4. Create a community hub - indoor space with a café and toilet facilities – that is multifunctional and intergenerational (provides bikes etc.)	Over £100K Cost of designing and building a community hub.	Long
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Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Fife Voluntary Action, Corra Foundation, Community Trade Hub, Dementia Friendly Fife, Kingdom Off Road, FCCT, Levenmouth Academy, Circle Methil

Other organisations that might like to be involved: STAND

5. Develop a community 'code of conduct' (How will we use cycle ways, walkways and spaces. Interaction with each other).	£0-£5,000 Costs of the umbrella group and then the ongoing cost of promoting the code of conduct (signs, leaflets, social media)	Medium
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Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Silverburn Park, Corra Foundation, FCCT, Circle Methil

Other organisations that might like to be involved: To be confirmed - We encourage others to come forward where they support any action stated within the plan

6. Create a co-ordinated programme of maintenance – ensure young people are included/lead.	£10,000 - £100,000 Costs of people leading this programme and materials needed to provide a maintenance programme.	Medium/long
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Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Community Trade Hub, Kingdom Off Road

Other organisations that might like to be involved: To be confirmed - We encourage others to come forward where they support any action stated within the plan

<p>7. Create a community-wide communications campaign (e.g. around themes of litter, active travel, getting involved).</p>	<p>£5,000 to £10,000 Costs of employing people to create campaign and then deliver it.</p>	<p>Medium</p>
<p>Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Corra Foundation, FCCT, Fife Voluntary Action</p>		
<p>Other organisations that might like to be involved: Fife Council - CLD</p>		
<p>8. Create and promote an accessible and inclusive programme of leisure events/ activities that allow people to connect with their area and the river area (e.g. walking/running/cycling groups, events) – ensure young people are included/lead.</p>	<p>£10,000 - £100,000 Costs of people leading this programme and the costs of either running 'home grown' events or bringing events into the area.</p>	<p>Medium</p>
<p>Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Community Trade Hub, Corra Foundation, Kingdom Off Road, Levenmouth Academy, Circle Methil, Greener Kirkcaldy, CLEAR, Kingdom Off Road. Cycling UK</p>		
<p>Other organisations that might like to be involved: Schools, Bats Wood, Fife Council - CLD</p>		

9. Enhance existing initiatives by the police and wider community that increase personal safety	£0-£5,000 Potentially some costs in supporting the Police (amounts unknown).	Medium
Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Corra Foundation		
Other organisations that might like to be involved: Police		
10. Improve systems for dealing with waste, reporting fly-tying and create new opportunities	£0-£5,000 Costs probably limited to those for a working group to review systems and suggest improvements.	Medium
Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: CLEAR, FCCT		
Other organisations that might like to be involved: To be confirmed - We encourage others to come forward where they support any action stated within the plan		

11. Activities for young people –including cycling and motorbikes	£5,000 - £10,000 Costs of people leading this programme along with some activity costs.	Medium
Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Community Trade Hub, Kingdom Off Road, Levenmouth Academy		
Other organisations that might like to be involved: Fife Council – CLD, Bat's Wood		
12. Explore (social) history, heritage and nature and develop interpretation boards/murals and trails	£0 - £5,000 Costs of making and installing boards. (Assumes that exploration of history would be done as an activity by a local group).	Medium
Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: CLEAR, Corra Foundation, FCCT		
Other organisations that might like to be involved: Methil History Group, Workers' Educational Association		

13. Identify locations for benches and build benches	£5,000 - £10,000 Costs of materials, building and then locating them in identified locations	Short
<p>Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: CLEAR, Community Trade Hub, Circle Methil</p> <p>Other organisations that might like to be involved: To be confirmed - We encourage others to come forward where they support any action stated within the plan</p>		
14. Enhance opportunities for people to enjoy, learn about nature, wildlife, food growing and foraging	£0 - £5,000 Costs of sessional workers to deliver nature-based experiences	Short
<p>Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: CLEAR, Community Trade Hub, FCCT, Levenmouth Academy, Circle Methil</p> <p>Other organisations that might like to be involved: To be confirmed - We encourage others to come forward where they support any action stated within the plan</p>		

15. Multimodal – link up areas around the Leven (consider how bus, rail and active travel interact)	£10,000 - £100,000 Costs could vary significantly. Might include installing secure cycle parking at stations, tool stations, promotion of current opportunities, incorporation of cycle hire with public transport	Medium/long
<p>Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Silverburn Park, Community Trade Hub, FCCT, LMRC/CLEAR, Fife Voluntary Action, Greener Kirkcaldy, Cycling UK</p> <p>Other organisations that might like to be involved: To be confirmed - We encourage others to come forward where they support any action stated within the plan</p>		
16. Develop tours, lead rides/walks for locals and visitors	£5,000 - £10,000 Costs for sessional workers and associated marketing and publicity.	Medium
<p>Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Greener Kirkcaldy, FCCT</p> <p>Other organisations that might like to be involved: Workers' Educational Association, Methil History Group</p>		

17. Create a programme of place making/art making.	£5,000 - £10,000 Costs might typically be for supporting the creation of art works. This could be appointing an artist to work with local community groups to create a piece of public art.	Medium
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Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: CLEAR, Circle Methil

Other organisations that might like to be involved: To be confirmed - We encourage others to come forward where they support any action stated within the plan

18. Make bicycles available for affordable prices (hire, buy).	£5,000 - £10,000 Costs of purchase of some cycles.	Short
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Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Greener Kirkcaldy, CLEAR, Cycling UK

Other organisations that might like to be involved: To be confirmed - We encourage others to come forward where they support any action stated within the plan

19. Develop downhill / trials /MTB / skating / wheeling area	Over £100,000 Costs of developing a wheeling park or trials area likely to exceed £100,000 including design and build.	Long
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Organisations who would like to continue the conversation or become involved: Kingdom Off Road

Other organisations that might like to be involved: Kennoway Pump Truck project

*'Physical safety measures' (e.g. CCTV) was removed from the actions list due to this specific action not falling within any of the remit of the community organisation's remit. However, this is still noted as an action the community would like to see being taken forward.

Young people insights

We asked young people what would help encourage them to walk, wheel or cycle in the area of the Connectivity Project. We found there is overlap with what we have been told by adults. Further in-depth exploration of what young people would like to see as actions would be beneficial as young people engagement was limited. This could lead to a young people focussed action list.

While the below isn't a comprehensive action list it provides valuable insights and a starting point for exploring potential activities with young people.

- Increasing personal safety (Make it safer for us, more lighting to feel safe, it should look more friendly).
- A space to motorbike (motorcycle track, indoor motorcycle).
- Provide (more) toilets (down by the dam where we play and spend time all day).
- Outdoor play and spaces (adventure park, assault courses, obstacles), new parks – new, exciting equipment.
- Socialising spaces for us (Somewhere to meet friends, sit away from residential areas, build safe fire pits).
- Activities that include cycling (going to a destination, event, cycle rides accompanied by adults to keep an eye on the group, cycling events or competitions (e.g. race), do something at the gala day).
- Create volunteer options for young people - in relation to cycling and general.
- Make information about cycling easily available (at a space where young people go and have a person to talk to there. It helps to find out from someone else directly).
- Learn how to maintain bikes (Getting the equipment to fix bikes, bike surgeries- to bring in the bike, training to fix bikes or to mark bikes).
- Dedicated infrastructure for active travel (cycle paths/walking, wider paths to share, More cycle paths).
 - This is specifically looked at by the Connectivity Project as part of the infrastructure design for the active travel network.

Further action exploration and delivery should be approached in collaboration with young people and professionals who have trusted relationships with young people.

Monitoring and evaluation

It will be important to collect and record information about what is being done consistently (monitoring). In addition, it should be thought about how the collected information will be used to get a clear picture of the how the action delivery is going (evaluation). The progress on action delivery should be monitored consistently and should be evaluated against identified outcomes (see 'What does success look like?') The Connectivity Project's established Monitoring and Evaluation Framework will also inform this process.

The Connectivity Project's logic model should also be reviewed for reference by those looking after the reporting for monitoring and evaluation for action implementation. This model shows the steps to be taken to reach goals. The Monitoring and evaluation activity would be a joint responsibility shared between funders, the secretariat and the steering group.

Delivery - Making the actions happen

Now that there is an action plan, the next step is implementation of the plan. Given the scale of ambition, it is expected that fully implementing these actions will take several years. The first step has already taken place, which was to continue the steering group.

Steering group continuation

At the time of writing (May 2021) the Connectivity Project has agreed for the Coalfield Regeneration Trust (CRT) to provide secretariat to the steering group. They will support the steering group and other local organisations to make the community's aspirations a reality. CRT have experience in development and capacity building support to assist small organisations to take forward their ideas.

The steering group has also been invited by the Connectivity Project to contribute more widely to the project. In particular, the Steering Group have been invited to contribute to conversations around the design of infrastructure.

Recommendations for the steering group

As well as this initial step of continuing the steering group, here are recommendations from the Communities Team of work for this steering group to support, which will underpin the delivery of actions. These are outlined in the following paragraphs.

Partnership creation

Local community-based organisations (likely through the steering group), the Leven Programme partners, and Fife Council will be able to explore possible partnerships

for delivery routes. In line with the Leven Programme's Partnership Agreement the actions will be reviewed for synergy and collaboration opportunities.

Delivery planning (development phase)

There are some important initial tasks that can be taken forward:

- Set out an agreed list of specific tasks/ deliverables and projects that will be taken forward initially by the group.
- Create a record of which community-based organisation/individual is taking the lead and who they will be working with.
- Identify a target date for completion, a clear understanding of the outcome and how it will be measured (referring to 'What does success look like?' section).
- Connect with local Community Action Plan steering groups –where in place - (Buckhaven, East Wemyss and Macduff, Kennoway, Methil and Methilhill) and explore synergy possibilities.

As a practical way of taking things forward the Steering Group might consider setting up small 'Action Subgroups' that focus on themed tasks and projects. These could include community activities and events, history and heritage, outdoor spaces and maintenance.

Community engagement

Due to the limitations of wider public engagement, we recommend engaging the public with the action plan and general Leven Connectivity Project progress as much as practical (within COVID-19 restrictions) over the summer 2021.

Suggestions by the community have included the creation of pop-up boards which organisations themselves can use to engage their groups. These can be displayed in public spaces, like a roadshow. The boards can be used to start conversations about the project and the Behaviour Change Community Action Plan.

Another suggestion included offering opportunities to hear about the project and the action plan over a cup of tea and some cake such as at stalls. These could be run by local people that champion the project with a focus on engaging young people within the community.

Resourcing the actions

Actions that require funding will need relevant funding sources to be identified. The Leven Programme funding development group will support this work. The Coalfield Regeneration Trust will also offer advice and support.

For more info or to get involved

If you would like to know more about the Connectivity Project and/or get involved in delivering this action plan, please get in touch. You can contact us by:

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Social media

You can leave us a comment or direct message on our social media accounts:

- Twitter - @TheLevenFife
- Facebook - @TheLevenProgramme
- Instagram - @thelevenfife

Thanks to...

Our thanks to the groups, organisations and individuals who assisted, encouraged and supported the steering group and the Sustrans Communities Team - particularly over the past 6 months (December 2020 – May 2021) where engagement was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to:

- All Levenmouth people, young and old who took the time to share their views generously.
- All who gave their time to be part of the Steering Group.

The Sustrans Communities Team - Chrissy Sprinks, Daniel Prince and Susanne Mueller, have really enjoyed being part of this journey of the Leven Connectivity Project.

Appendix 1: How the actions align with The Leven Programme's themes

This table shows how the different actions in this plan match the themes in The Leven Programme, of which the Connectivity Project is a part.

Action	Nature rich	Health and wellbeing	Heritage	Water innovation	Resilient communities	Productive people and place	Climate Action	Connectivity
Create an umbrella group – with community representation at its core and fostering partnership working								
Develop and expand existing outdoor spaces (e.g. beach, parks) / zones for a variety of uses and opportunities								
Promote and expand existing path network								

- make it accessible and clear								
Create a community hub - indoor space with a café and toilet facilities – that is multifunctional and intergenerational								
Develop a community 'code of conduct'								
Create a coordinated programme of maintenance – ensure young people are included/ lead								
Create a community-wide communications campaign								

Create an accessible and inclusive programme of leisure events/ activities that allow people to connect with their area and the river area – ensure young people are included/lead	Orange	Yellow	Green	Cyan	Blue	Grey	Green	Orange
Enhance existing initiatives by the police and wider community that increase personal safety		Yellow			Blue			
Improve systems for dealing with waste, reporting fly-tipping and create new opportunities					Blue		Green	
Activities for young people –including		Yellow			Blue			

cycling and motorbikes								
Explore (social) history, heritage and nature and develop interpretation boards/murals and trails								
Identify locations for benches and build benches								
Enhance opportunities for people to enjoy, learn about nature, wildlife, food growing and foraging								
Multimodal – link up areas around the Leven								

Develop tours / lead rides/ walks for locals and visitors	Orange	Yellow	Green		Blue	Grey	Green	Orange
Create a programme of place making/ art making		Yellow						
Make bicycles available for affordable prices (hire, buy)		Yellow			Blue		Green	Orange
Develop downhill / trials / MTB / Skating / Wheeling area		Yellow			Blue			

Appendix 2: Making the links with local Community Action Plans

We know that individuals and organisations across The Leven Connectivity project area have already put a lot of work into creating community action plans. We have reviewed these alongside the actions that have been developed as part of this work to encourage people to walk wheel and cycle. We noted where the actions identified in the Behaviour Change Community Action Plan could support and enhance the existing community action plans.

This is not an exhaustive list or analysis, but may provide a starting point for joint activity across the communities in the area.

Prioritised actions	What priorities do these link to in Local Plans	Name of Local Plan/Document
1. Create an umbrella group – with community representation at its core and fostering partnership working.	Encourage better / more use of our community facilities	Methil/Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021
	Interaction - To facilitate and encourage community interaction and energy. Build community capacity / skills / resilience.	Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023
	Develop and support community leadership in all forms. Increased use of Participatory Budget approaches	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022
2. Develop and expand existing outdoor spaces (e.g. beach, parks) / zones for a variety of uses and opportunities.	Affordable access to sports and keep fit facilities Improve and upgrade our parks	Methil/Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021
	Environment & Sustainability - Promote greenspace use. Movement - Support physical and recreational activity.	Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023
	Green Space and Play Space Improvements Adaptable spaces with something for everyone	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022
	More projects to increase biodiversity Make the most of local greenspace	East Wemyss & Macduff Community Action Plan 2019-2024

	Improve our parks for everyone	Kennoway Community Action Plan 2018-2023
3. Promote and expand existing path network – make it accessible and clear	Improve and upgrade our parks	Methil/Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021
	Movement - To improve access and use of the town centre, to and along the foreshore, and around and beyond Buckhaven.	Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023
	Improvements in Transport connectivity. Walking ,Cycling, Bus and Train	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022
	Investigate what signage is needed with the village to improve connectivity	Kennoway Community Action Plan 2018-2023
4. Create a community hub - indoor space with a café and toilet facilities – that is multifunctional and intergenerational (provides bikes etc.)	More community activities for all ages and abilities Improve and upgrade our parks Encourage better / more use of our community facilities	Methil/Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021
	Environment & Sustainability Provide better public facilities.	Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023
	Social hubs which provide a connection – town centres – . Increased local opportunities for skills development and training. 2. Tourism Employment Opportunities.	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022

	Create a visitor centre & community hub	East Wemyss & Macduff Community Action Plan 2019-2024
	Good quality community facilities that are fit for purpose	Kennoway Community Action Plan 2018-2023
5. Develop a community 'code of conduct' (How will we use cycle ways, walkways and spaces).	Targeted action on Anti-Social behaviour issues.	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022
	A safer environment	East Wemyss & Macduff Community Action Plan 2019-2024
	Work with Fife Council to encourage people to use the area responsibly.	
6. Create a co-ordinated programme of maintenance – ensure young people are included/lead.	Environment & Sustainability- Improve cleanliness, maintenance and visual appeal and safety.	Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023
	Increased local opportunities for skills development and training Develop and support community leadership in all forms.	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022
	Clean up our village–Litter & Fly Tipping	East Wemyss & Macduff Community Action Plan 2019-2024
	Employability initiatives, Clean up our village – litter and fly tipping	Kennoway Community Action Plan 2018-2023

<p>7. Create a community-wide communications campaign (around themes of litter, active travel, getting involved).</p>	<p>Encourage better / more use of our community facilities</p>	<p>Methil/Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021</p>
	<p>Interaction -Improve and create opportunity for social interaction.</p>	<p>Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023</p>
	<p>Clean up our village–Litter & Fly Tipping (Clean Up Our Community Campaign)</p>	<p>East Wemyss & Macduff Community Action Plan 2019-2024</p>
	<p>Encourage participation in the 'Clean Up Kennoway Campaign!', Create a campaign around building a positive story around living in Kennoway</p>	<p>Kennoway Community Action Plan 2018-2023</p>

8. Create and promote an accessible and inclusive programme of leisure events/activities that allow people to connect with their area and the river area (e.g. walking/runni ng/cycling groups, events) – ensure young people are included/lead.	More community activities for all ages and abilities	Methil/Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021
	Interaction - To facilitate and encourage community interaction and energy - Promote community recreation and leisure groups.	Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023
	Improve health outcomes. Development of a coordinated events strategy	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022
	Local activities for all ages to help bring the community together	East Wemyss & Macduff Community Action Plan 2019-2024
	More activities for 1-10 yrs, More activities for young people, More activities for the older residents	Kennoway Community Action Plan 2018-2023
9. Enhance existing initiatives by the police and wider community that increase personal safety	More police presence in the local communities	Methil/Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021
	Interaction - To facilitate and encourage community interaction and energy	Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023
	Targeted action on Anti-Social behaviour issues.	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022
	A safer environment	East Wemyss & Macduff Community Action Plan 2019-2024

	Continue to work with Police Scotland to look at increasing community policing	Kennoway Community Action Plan 2018-2023
10. Improve systems for dealing with waste, reporting fly-tying and create new opportunities	Organise a community clean up More bins to reduce litter and dog fouling	Methil/Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021
	Improve cleanliness, maintenance and visual appeal and safety.	Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023
	Clean up our village–Litter & Fly Tipping (Clean Up Our Community Campaign)	East Wemyss & Macduff Community Action Plan 2019-2024
	Work with Fife Council to ensure a rapid response to dealing with fly tipping.	Kennoway Community Action Plan 2018-2023
11. Activities for young people – including cycling and motorbikes	Affordable access to sports and keep fit facilities	Methil/Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021
	More activities for young people	Kennoway Community Action Plan 2018-2023
12. Explore (social) history, heritage and nature and develop interpretation boards/murals and trails	Identity - Promote existing historical and architectural features, and improve the built environment.	Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023
	Utilise our cultural heritage to develop the potential for visitors	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022
	Make more of promoting local heritage	East Wemyss & Macduff Community Action Plan 2019-2024

13. Identify locations for benches and build benches	Improve and upgrade our parks	Methil/Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021
	Town Centre Public Realm Improvements.	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022
	Put benches in various locations	Kennoway Community Action Plan 2018-2023
14. Enhance opportunities for people to enjoy, learn about nature, wildlife, food growing and foraging	More community activities for all ages and abilities	Methil/Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021
	Environment & Sustainability – To enhance Buckhaven's environmental and visual appeal, especially the town centre and foreshore and create a varied biodiverse green environment and network which is people-friendly.	Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023
	Green spaces and places that encourage social interaction and play will continue to be a focus.	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022
	More projects to increase biodiversity	East Wemyss & Macduff Community Action Plan 2019-2024
	Create a community garden	Kennoway Community Action Plan 2018-2023
	Movement - support sustainable travel.	Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023

15. Multimodal – link up areas around the Leven	Improvements in Transport connectivity. Walking ,Cycling, Bus and Train A regular bus service	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022 East Wemyss & Macduff Community Action Plan 2019-2024
16. Develop tours, lead rides/walks for locals and visitors	Improve the Bus Service More community activities for all ages and abilities Movement - Improve accessibility and ease of use across all active travel paths. Support physical and recreational activity.	Kennoway Community Action Plan 2018-2023 Methil/Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021 Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023
17. Create a programme of place making/art making.	Tourism Employment Opportunities Develop and support community leadership in all forms.	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022
18. Make bicycles available for affordable prices (hire, buy).	Green Space and Play Space Improvements Movement - Support physical and recreational activity.	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022 Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023
	Improvements in Transport connectivity. Walking ,Cycling, Bus and Train Improve health outcomes.	Plan 4 Levenmouth area 2019-2022

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19. Develop downhill / trials /MTB / skating / wheeling area	Affordable access to sports and keep fit facilities Improve and upgrade our parks	Methil/Methilhill Community Action Plan 2016-2021
	Environment & Sustainability - Provide better public facilities.	Buckhaven Community Action Plan 2018-2023
	Make the most of local greenspace	East Wemyss & Macduff Community Action Plan 2019-2024

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