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1. Introduction

This Report

The community of Cockburnspath and Cove has been in receipt of significant amounts of monies through Windfarm Community Benefit Funding, and this continues (See Appendix 1). These are largely but not exclusively held by the Community Council (CC) and to aid transparency and good governance, the CC felt it essential to engage with the whole community to obtain views on how these funds should be allocated and spent with specific priorities for action. These ideas were obtained using a Village Poll to be presented in the form of a Community Action Plan (2022), which will act as a foundation for any future development.

It is important to note, that whilst the Community Action Plan is Cockburnspath and Cove focused, the community engagement process, the rigorous voting structure, and residents' comments, will collectively influence plans for both of Berwickshire and the wider arena of the Scottish Borders.

(Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act, 2015 and The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019).

Background

This community is fragile. In recent years many amenities have been lost, for example: a reduction in public transport; the departure of a permanent post office; the loss of an established village shop and of course Covid-19 restrictions. In addition, financial constraints for the local authority, Scottish Borders Council poses threats to other services such as the continued presence of the school and the maintenance of roads. However, although these are all challenges, they have often resulted in creativity and a drive for community action to assist in community resilience. Most notable is the opening of Cockburnspath Community Shop – a community enterprise initiative involving volunteers, and the establishment of a weekly post office facility within the Village Hall. In addition, the creation of a Foodbank grew out of community need during a time of uncertainty and financial insecurity amid the global Pandemic (operating between March 2020 – June 2021 prior to the Community Shop opening).

All of these are reasons to celebrate a community that cares for each other, situated in a beautiful part of East Berwickshire within the Scottish Borders, with many assets and amenities on our doorstep. It is intended that the CAP provides a framework for the enhancement of these facilities and the lives of those who use them.

Purpose

Against the backdrop of continued Community Benefit Funds allocated via 7 Windfarms (see Appendix 1) for anything up to 25 years, and potentially longer, it is imperative that any actions and investments made from these funds reflect the priorities of the community whilst ensuring that these priorities are also tempered with realism. It is the aim, that the CAP will help individuals, community groups and partnerships to apply not only for Windfarm allocations, but, in addition, make rigorous, evidence-based applications to external funders (e.g., The Big Lottery, Fallago Rig Environmental Fund and Scottish Borders Council Funds) to match fund or “top up” the necessary financial investment to deliver on the community's vision. Many funders seek proof of engagement and the formation of Community Action Plans, to satisfy themselves that there has been consultation and involvement of all demographics, allowing them to identify their wishes and desires.

The CAP needs to be seen as a living document. The external environment shifts all the time, and the community's needs change, so it is important that the action plan is reviewed, amended, and added to on a regular basis. An example is that since closing the Village Poll, we saw Storm Arwen, (25-29 November 2021), which heightened awareness of the need for individual and community resilience. As the situation over Covid-19 continues to alter, and limitations on movement, work, travel, and hospitality adjust, there may be issues which arise, which need inclusion in the CAP. The current situation regarding cost of living and the war in Ukraine may also have an impact. It is therefore recommended that the CAP is reviewed on an annual basis or where there is a substantial change in circumstances.

Community Engagement

General

Community Engagement is a recognised “best practice” model to ensure that as far as possible, everyone can be heard, whatever their demographic group or ability.

The purpose of the community engagement process is to:

- Identify and prioritise what the needs of the community are to create a Community Action Plan
- Develop a consensus about the contents of the Community Action Plan
- Inform decision makers and funders that a robust community engagement process has taken place
- Develop new or collaborative ways of implementing the elements of the Community Action Plan
- Review progress of the Community Action Plan and update/amend as appropriate

Traditionally, public meetings have been used for this type of engagement, but they have their issues –

- the loudest voices are often those heard most.
- some people don't like speaking up in public or the time is inconvenient.

With Covid-19 restrictions, public meetings have not been possible and alternative methods of Community Engagement have been developed and are described in this report.

Quality Standards for Community Engagement

A ‘Ladder of Participation’ (Figure 1) was developed to help guide the process of obtaining public participation and ensuring all levels were addressed in the creation and delivery of the CAP.

Figure 1: Ladder of Participation



As part of the Scope and Purpose of the engagement process it is important to be mindful of the Scottish National Standards for Community Engagement. These provide a very useful reference point to ensure there is a clear and effective engagement process.

The Ten Standards are worth drawing upon to demonstrate rigour and robust engagement with the community on its future needs and priorities. These standards informed the development

of the Village Poll and were relevant throughout the engagement process. Table 1 below presents how it was proposed that the preparation of the CAP addressed the ten standards.

Table 1: Proposals for Addressing the Standards

No	Standard	Proposal
1	The Involvement Standard	Identify and involve people and organisations with an interest in the focus of the engagement
2	The Support Standard	Identify and overcome any barriers to involvement
3	The Planning Standard	Gather evidence of the needs, and available resources and use these to agree the purpose, scope and timescale of the engagement and the actions to be taken
4	The Method Standard	Agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose
5	The Working Together Standard	Agree and use clear procedures to enable participants to work with one another efficiently and effectively
6	The Sharing Information Standard	Ensure necessary information is communicated between participants
7	The Working with Others Standard	Work effectively with others with an interest in the engagement
8	The Improvement Standard	Actively develop skills knowledge and confidence of participants
9	The Feedback Standard	Provide feedback of the results of the engagement to the wider community and affected stakeholders
10	The Monitoring and Evaluation Standard	Monitor and evaluate whether the engagement meets its purpose and the national standards for Community Engagement

CAP Team

The Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council established a Community Action Plan Team with the following members reporting to them.

Jennie Sutton – Community Development Facilitator (CDF)

In November 2019, just before Covid-19 arrived, the Community Council engaged Jennie Sutton as a Community Development Facilitator (CDF). Jennie lives in Coldingham so has experience of Berwickshire, yet is remote enough from the actual community here, to be impartial. She has many years of experience in this type of work. Although Jennie was appointed to take on the role of CDF, the sad demise of our shop keeper and subsequent closing of the Village Store and Post Office in February 2020 meant that her focus had to shift to help get the new Community Shop up and running. Also, with Lockdown starting in March 2020, Jennie's focus was further shifted to assist with keeping the community running e.g., collecting prescriptions, assisting with the foodbank, development of the Community Pathway Newsletter and grant applications. As 2021 commenced, the Community Council were increasingly aware that community engagement through a process of physical meetings and events (as originally planned through the Planning for Real (Maps and Pins approach)) was not going to happen soon – restrictions were ongoing due to Covid-19 and a new method of engagement had to be considered.

Will Gardner (Gardner Puzzelli Media)

Will lives with his extended family in Cockburnspath. He is director of Gardner Puzzelli Media and has extensive experience in building and running websites. He listened to Jennie's desire to make community engagement digital during these uncertain times, yet still be able to gather votes from non-internet users. He built the Village Poll and has unequivocally supported and advised on its operation. He has given numerous hours of voluntary assistance to the Team and the wider Community Council on the best way to engage and how to interpret the data from the Village Poll. The Community Council is extremely grateful to him and his Development Team. Without him, this work would not have been possible during the two-year Pandemic phase.

Kate Tulloch

Kate was secretary to the Community Council but additionally took on the role of Administrative Support to Jennie to assist with both the Village Poll, the resultant Community Action Plan, and key contacts within the community.

Alan Gribben (Griz)

Griz assisted with inputting data and advising on layout for each section of the Village Poll.

Foundation Scotland and the Foresight Kinegar Windfarm Community Benefit Fund

Foundation Scotland have advised and supported the engagement process throughout with grants to enable people mentioned above to carry out their roles. Most of the funding for this project has come from the Foresight Kinegar Windfarm Community Benefit Fund, and we are extremely grateful to them, and to Foundation Scotland for their guiding support both practically and financially.

Community Engagement Process

Background

In 2018, Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council and some members of the community, underwent training in Planning for Real. This is a process which relies on physical maps of the community, and invitations to groups and individuals to place pins and stickers on to the maps, adding their thoughts on what they would like to see, and where. Across several events, designed to engage different demographics, an overall picture emerges of community priorities in the short, medium, and longer term, and these are then taken forward into a Community Action Plan.

Jennie Sutton started to commence this work as Community Development Facilitator (CDF) in November 2019. Jennie held some meetings with various groups in the community to introduce herself. She started some online and physical engagement exercises and planned others as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Engagement Opportunities Planned Prior to Covid Pandemic

Primary School	Painting Planning for Real maps and listening exercise
Public Meetings	Planned or guest speaker with post-it notes and Planning for Real
Event Stalls	Craft Fayre, Gala, Flower show, Art Show using Planning for Real
Community Surveys	Paper and online using SurveyMonkey
Newsletters	Paper and door to door distribution
Brownie and Guides	Creativity using Planning for Real Maps

However, in early 2020, the community met with two major challenges

- The sad and sudden death of our local shop keeper, and the closure of the Village Store and Post Office at the end of February 2020.
- The Covid-19 Pandemic

The Village Store

It was widely recognised through a series of public meetings in February 2020, that the community wished to see a local store re-established, and the Community Council recognised that Jennie's expertise in engagement would be useful to the group of volunteers willing to take this forward. It seemed sensible that during a period where community engagement would be compromised by Covid-19 restrictions, Jennie should assist the group (now Cockburnspath Community Enterprise Limited) to move the idea of a Community Shop forward. This took a great deal of Jennie's time throughout later 2020 and early 2021.

The Impact of Covid-19

Before Covid-19 became a Pandemic on 23rd March 2020, there was a project plan for the CDF to provide several engagement opportunities to ascertain the needs and wants of the community, utilising the Planning for Real approach. This was complemented with the launch of the Community Pathway Newsletter in March 2020, which continued to be delivered door to door by volunteers monthly until March 2022, when it changed to every two months.

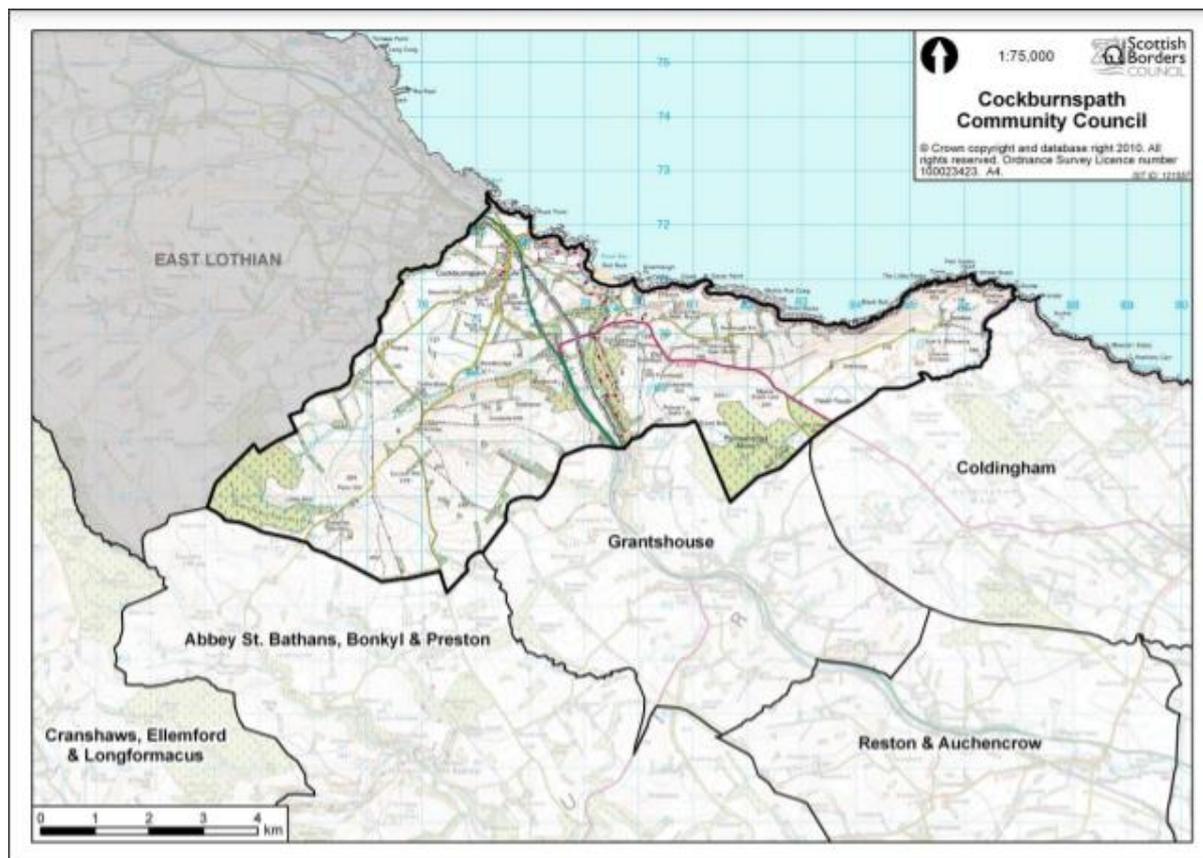
Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Lockdown restrictions, social distancing, shielding and self-isolation, normal public engagement was out of reach and has continued to be so throughout the progress of the Pandemic. It became evident that something different was required if a Community Action Plan was to become a reality.

The Solution

To overcome these difficulties, a digital platform was created based on the Planning for Real concept. Will Gardner, and his Development Team at Gardner Puzzelli Media which specialises in web development, mapping, community engagement and video came into their own. This digital platform became known as the Village Poll and a Village Poll Team was established.

As the Pandemic had greatly influenced the ability for community groups and organisations to meet, the Team identified the stakeholders for the engagement process as the residents that lived within the boundary of the Community Council (see Figure 2) and TD13 5 postcodes.

Figure 2: Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council Boundary Area. (Source SBC)



In addition, an invitation was given to people who lived outwith the area, to enable them to comment on specific aspects that their families may utilise, such as the Primary School and Playpark.

The digital platform was designed for both mobile devices and computer screens in their various formats, as there was recognition that mobile phones are widely used by teenagers and many adults as their main internet access point. This ensured that access to the platform was convenient and easy for many. Strict adherence to GDPR legislation throughout the process was vital. To include younger people’s views, it was decided that the Village Poll could be made available from 14 years upwards.

As already mentioned, although public meetings and events could not take place, the key committee members across the various groups, are part of the community and so it was anticipated that their participation in the platform would also reflect their interests and those of the groups they represent.

Identifying Barriers to Engagement

When planning the engagement process potential barriers to engagement, and the need to be flexible to minimise these obstacles where possible, were identified. As shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Barriers to Engagement

Potential Barriers Considered	Design issues considered and action taken to minimise barriers
Access to technology, and ability of different stakeholders were considered	<p>Independent one to one facilitation offered within the village hall through a mobile Kiosk facility to minimise any fear around technology or Village Poll access issues.</p> <p>The Village Hall offered open space, good ventilation, social distancing, mask wearing, sanitisation of surfaces and equipment, and opportunity for conversations.</p> <p>Some user’s requested hard copies of the Categories and these were made available.</p>
Harder to reach groups	Personal invitation given to those residents to attend an ‘outreach facilitated process’ when the Post Office was operational.
Other potentially excluded groups	<p>Provision of the Kiosk facility at a place of familiarity.</p> <p>The Village Hall offered space and accessibility, and a weekend invitation was also given for people who were time poor.</p> <p>It was anticipated that residents would benefit from the social aspect and use of the Post Office whilst participating in the Village Poll.</p>

Barriers could include fear of technology, digital poverty, the impact of Covid-19, the need for shielding and self-isolation, in addition to digital connectivity issues. Online methods tend to exclude some groups in the community, and this had to be addressed.

The opportunity to individually engage at a Kiosk in the Village Hall was provided, although the uptake of this facility was limited and many of the older generation did not wish to engage in the process.

Table 4: Voters by Age Group and Gender. (Source: Gardner Puzzelli Media)

By Age Group	Count	Percentage of total
15 – 18	4	1.79
19 – 35	23	10.31
36 – 50	64	28.69
51 – 65	84	37.66
66 – 79	40	17.93
80 +	8	3.58
By Gender	Count	Percentage of total
Male	79	35.42
Female	132	59.19
Prefer not to say	12	5.38

The Village Poll

Introduction

The whole design of the Village Poll took some time to develop from February 2021 until its launch in May 2021. There were several prototypes, login pages, GDPR adherence checks, convenience, and reliability audits, to ensure that the process was easily understood and fit for purpose.

This Village Poll is a first, a pilot in the design, development, and useability. The Village Poll Team therefore had no indication as to how well the concept would be received by the community.

The first Category of the Village Poll, “Leisure and Tourism” generated over 2000 votes at its launch providing the team with the confidence in the suitability of the process and its potential for success. The final Category engaged around 45% of the community in its different forms.

The feedback had been tremendous and once people built their confidence with the platform; they did return to see what other comments had been made by other residents based on their original remarks. This made room for discussion and ongoing debate and these statements greatly assisted the Team to identify areas that required further probing and consultation. This information formulated the final Category – The People’s Poll (see later). Full list of Categories selected are

- Leisure and Tourism
- Transport, Services and Facilities
- Crime and Safety
- The People’s Poll

There was also the opportunity for an Independent Moderator to comment, put an alternative viewpoint across or ask a question on behalf of someone who couldn’t participate immediately on the platform.

There were some initial teething problems, where some people reported difficulty in accessing the Village Poll. This was mostly down to missing some crucial steps in the registration process, which was easily solved, however a few residents experienced persistent issues. This was usually due to using older browser formats or internet facility and in these cases the option to use the Kiosk in the Village Hall was available. Some requested paper versions of the various Categories which were provided.

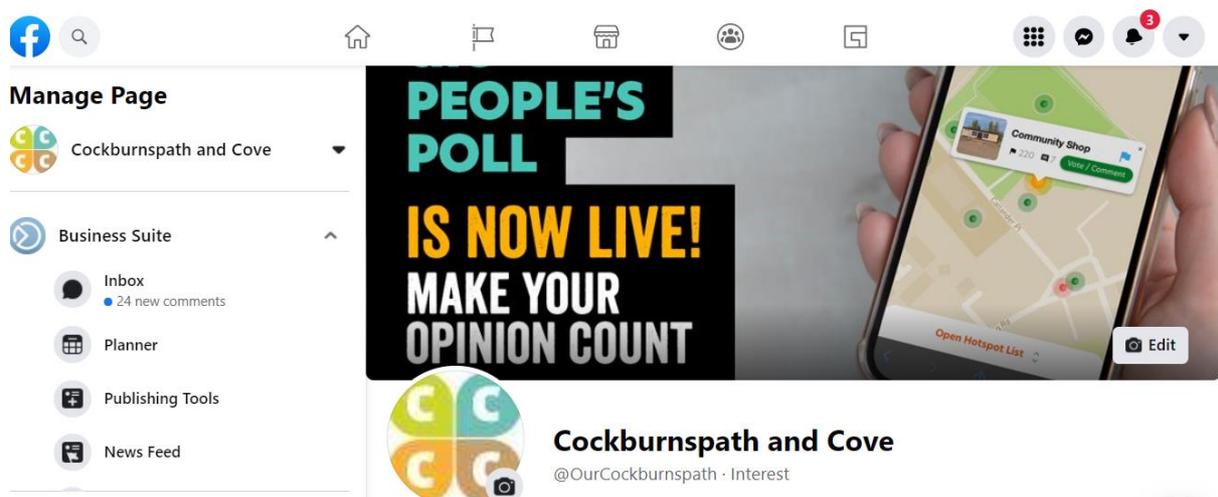
Communication

The Village Poll Team identified that there was a need for different forms of communication during the various parts of the Village Poll process. Digital information was “e-blasted” to subscribers regarding closure dates of each Category alongside Facebook posts. Hand delivered newsletters and Kiosk dates were also made available. Posters and flyers were delivered door to door to each household and placed on notice boards at the start of each Category and at the end with the results.

As Covid-19 was the driver for the Village Poll’s creation, with the inability to meet and socially engage in conversations, a blend of communication methods was vital to get people motivated against a backdrop of uncertainty, home schooling, home working and transitioning into different levels of Lockdown tiers.

A5 fliers for each Category were produced and delivered door to door by volunteers including younger people of the community. These fliers were colourful, promoted the ease of use of the Village Poll, set expectations and clarified the aims of the whole process. They were also placed on notice boards. The same branding was used on the Cockburnspath and Cove Facebook page.

Figure 3: Examples of Engagement Literature and Facebook Engagement



This Facebook Page (@OurCockburnspath) has a following of over 1,250 which assisted in publicising the launch of the Village Poll Categories, encouraging residents to vote, prioritise and comment on an ongoing basis during the whole 5-month process.

Complementary to social media and the fliers, posters were displayed at strategic gathering points, including the Notice Boards, Village Hall, Church Hall, the old Village Store window and the new Cockburnspath Community Shop. These posters advertised the Village Poll generally and notified the community of each new stage and Category of the engagement process.

Feedback and Next Steps

After the success of the first Category of the Village Poll (Leisure and Tourism) many lessons were learned.

The need to close the Village Poll, extract the data, and store it, before launching the next Category was vital. During this downtime between Categories, the Kiosk facility within the Village Hall was used for the 'harder to reach' groups. This data was then aggregated with the online data before the launch of a new Category.

Each Category required lengthy discussion to ensure that the questions were pitched correctly, using binary "Yes/No" closed questions, or open ones with suggestions and comments encouraged.

Once the hotspots (locations or areas) and options had been identified within each Category, these were transferred on to the maps to facilitate voting, priorities, and discussion.

After the Development Team had created the next Category Platform, communication and publicity was prioritised including the door to door delivery of promotional fliers and ongoing Facebook posts.

At the close of each Category, online and Kiosk data was combined to provide neighbourly community reports for that Category.

Throughout the process, the community received a Village Poll Update. This ensured that the first four of the Community Participation Ladder (See Figure 1) requirements were adhered to.

- Being Informed
- Being Asked
- Commenting of Decisions/Suggestions
- Developing Solutions

Experience gained from the first Category resulted in more binary questions being asked. In addition, specific issues raised by the community during earlier engagement were included to clearly demonstrate that their voices had been heard and valued.

The construction of some questions under the Category Transport, Services, and Facilities led to some very strong reactions from some residents within the community. This was due to the sensitivity of the topic, particularly, around the area of car parking and tourism in Cove - despite the previous Category of Leisure and Tourism not highlighting these same issues. This was perhaps due to both the Village Poll Team and the Community becoming more familiar with the platform, the format, and the inclusion of points from comments which had been shared in the first Category of Leisure and Tourism.

As a result of concerns raised over the structure and content of the questions, a socially distanced public meeting took place in Cove Car Park, facilitated by the Chair of the Community Council.

Following this, residents were reassured that the purpose of gathering data was solely to identify spend priorities. In addition, local project ideas would require neighbourhood agreement and action. If these aspects were not in place, then future projects would not progress.

This demonstrates that even after an engagement template is followed as advocated by Planning for Real, and engagement standards are observed, ongoing involvement, flexibility and stakeholder input is central to ensure understanding and to demonstrate that a listening culture is promoted throughout.

The third Category "Crime and Safety" gathered fewer votes. This may be because the community didn't think there was a significant issue within Cockburnspath and Cove, or it could have been to do with "voter fatigue". As a result, the final Category (The People's Poll) was created differently, with some open questions. It included the community's reactions to other Categories, "mopping up" some areas either missed or unclear. It was hoped that this would re-engage people and encourage participation within the Village Poll, and this method was successful in doing exactly that.

This final Category covered two aspects - Housing and the points and comments that the Community had raised during the previous three Categories as already mentioned. This offered the opportunity to shape the final People's Poll, encouraging further engagement and

participation, although at times, votes did not always reflect peoples' original priorities! This perhaps demonstrates how views can change over time, and the importance of reviewing the action plan regularly. In addition, the Pandemic, restrictions and general health and wellbeing of the community may have had an influence.

Flexibility within the Process

The Village Poll Team thought the engagement process would take about 6 months. The inherent flexibility of the digital platform meant that, as experience was gained, each new Category could be adjusted because of lessons learned from the previous ones. This enabled a greater responsiveness to stakeholders ultimately leading to more meaningful data for the CAP.

The level of engagement has been significant, with about 45% of the community responding either to specific issues or throughout the various Categories of the Village Poll. Concise voting numbers can be seen in Appendix 2 and comments in Appendix 3.

Determining the Results

How votes were calculated

As well as the number of votes for each option and in each Category, voters were asked to express a preference on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being least important to them, and 5 being the most important. Votes were multiplied by preference ratings to give an overall ranking score. Full details of all votes are presented in Appendix 2.

The ranking score was then used to assess the priorities expressed by voters in the Village Poll. Depending on the ranking score for each potential project area, priorities were then placed into High, Medium, and Low.

Analysis of Votes

The aim of this report is to highlight the process of the Community Action Plan. To identify and inform decision makers as to what the community wants to happen in terms of allocation of Windfarm funds, based on the results of the Village Poll. Priorities have been recognised, and placed into short, medium- and long-term timelines for actions.

Under each Category, we have given an interpretation from the data, regarding the highest priorities in each area. The narrative is not intended to be exhaustive, listing everything consulted on, but highlights the current, major priorities of the community. Some of the work identified involves fairly “quick wins” and can be carried out by the Community Council in conjunction with the Local Authority, Scottish Borders Council. However, other projects identified will take longer and need the work of new or existing voluntary groups, partnerships, volunteers, the Community Caretaker, and the Community Development Facilitator to take them forward.

Cockburnspath and Cove are fortunate to have several Voluntary Groups and resources within the Community:

- Village Hall Committee – running the Village Hall and the football field plus the toddler’s play area
- Bowling Club Committee – running the Bowling Club, various activities, and events
- Allotments Association – running the Allotments and Community Garden
- Community Caretaker – running day to day maintenance and improvements around the community and offering a “helping hand” service
- Community Shop Committee – running the Community Shop
- Community Council – providing liaison between the community, Local Authority, and other external bodies
- Scottish Women’s Institutes (Cockburnspath SWI Committee)
- Gala Committee
- Flower Show Committee
- Community Development Facilitator – making things happen, governance, grant applications and networks

The priorities in this document reveal the projects which are most likely to attract Windfarm and other public monies initially, but they are not exclusive. Any local body can apply for funds, but they are more likely to succeed if their project is identified as having high levels of community support.

Priorities Identified

Introduction

The questions posed in the Village Poll were arranged under 4 Categories: Leisure and Tourism, Transport, Services and Facilities, Crime and Safety, and The People's Poll. Several questions were associated with the same areas of concern but were covered in different Categories. This is shown in Appendix 2, where the results and priorities are generally presented under the following areas:

- Community Shop
- Village Hall
- Allotments and Community Garden
- Church Hall
- Community Council Area
- Primary School
- Bowling Club
- Playpark



Category 1 – Leisure and Tourism

A Village Shop for Cockburnspath, (Cockburnspath Community Enterprises Limited)

Within this Category, it was evident that the major priority of the community was to set up and run a Community Shop. During the engagement process, this has been achieved by a team of hard working, committed volunteers and the shop is now established and open 7 days a week, adjacent to the Village Hall. It has been a huge success and most of the wishes expressed through the Village Poll, in relation to what it should stock, how it operates (Community Enterprise with Community Shares) have now been achieved. There are a few community priorities not yet met, which are now being considered by the voluntary team.

- ***The provision of a cash machine/ATM.*** This attracted 28 votes, with a ranked score of 103 indicating that it was an expressed priority.
High priority/medium to long term.
- ***Permanent directional signage to the shop.*** This attracted 23 votes with a ranked score of 88. High priority/short term.
- ***Hermes/Amazon type return service.*** This attracted 18 votes, with a ranked score of 62 indicating it was a popular choice.
High priority/medium to long term.
- ***Souvenirs and certificates of completion of the Southern Upland Way.*** Certificates of completion attracted 22 votes, with a ranking of 82, whilst souvenirs attracted 18 votes with a ranking of 56.
High to medium priority/short to medium term.
- ***Consider ebike and mountain bike hire.*** Location and security would need to be considered, as well as storage, so this is likely to be a joint venture with other

committees and organisations. Votes 18 with a ranking of 56.
Medium priority/longer term.

Action by: Largely Cockburnspath Community Enterprise Limited. It is likely that should they wish to take these priorities forward, funding applications would be favourably received. Any project to take forward bike hire would require joint working as mentioned, although it is likely that such a project would be located within the environs of the Community Shop/Village Hall.

The Village Hall

The Village Hall is run by a voluntary Village Hall Committee on behalf of the community. It received a lot of attention in the Village Poll. It is recognised that due to Covid-19, the closure, then limitations on the use of the Village Hall, have had their impact, but it is hoped that as Pandemic restrictions gradually ease, previous users will return (e.g., amateur dramatics, badminton, quiz nights and pop-up pub) to provide the dynamism and variety of events which were previously held. In fact, this is now beginning to occur. Some priorities emerged more highly than others, and these were:

- **Community Café.** A weekly café was in operation pre-Pandemic, and there is now a desire to see this happen again, on an even more regular basis. This attracted a total of 32 votes with a ranked score of 135, making it a high community priority. The potential to employ a Café Manager is currently being explored to enable this to occur – a working group and funding have been established and secured. High priority/short to medium term.
- **Exercise Classes.** A popular choice, attracting 26 votes, with a ranking of 97. High priority/short to medium term.
- **Outdoor seating area.** This attracted 17 votes with a ranking of 64. Medium priority/medium term.
- **Other classes.** This attracted 19 votes with a ranking of 66. Medium priority/short to medium term.
- **Increasing Post Office opening hours.** Although this largely falls under “Transport, Services and Facilities” it has been included here as it is held within the Village Hall. This attracted 25 votes with a ranking of 91. However, it would largely be a decision for the Outreach Post Office Service.

Action by: Village Hall Committee in conjunction where appropriate with Community Development Facilitator and Wellness working group. Funding applications would be welcomed for such projects.

Football Field

The football field is a huge asset to the community having been purchased under community empowerment from Scottish Borders Council a few years ago. It is now held by the Village Hall Committee for the community, with grass cutting, and maintenance now carried out by the Community Caretaker. It is used for many larger events such as Gala Day, Flower Show and the forthcoming Jubilee Celebrations and is a popular dog walking and children's play area. There was little consensus around any future development of the field, with a variety of low priority ideas being voted on. Although in the past it has been mooted about development into a multi sports area, there was no real agreement as to what should be included. The major issues in this area were:

- **Provision of more dog waste bins.** This attracted 23 votes with a ranking of 87. Medium priority/short to medium term.
- **Adult outdoor gym area.** This attracted 20 votes with a ranking of 80. Medium priority/medium to long term.
- **Continued availability for events usage.** This attracted 22 votes with a ranking of 78 (high priority/short term) although there was some interest in a cycle track or pump track (10 votes, ranking of 37).
- **Paved area with seating.** This attracted 17 votes with a ranking of 64 Medium priority/medium term. This concurs with a similar identified need in the Village Hall location and may be assessed together?

Whatever development may be proposed here, it is clear the community values it as an events area, and this should be reflected within any future development plans.

Action by: Dog Waste bins – Community Council in conjunction with Dog Warden/Scottish Borders Council.

Action by: Outside adult gym area – Village Hall Committee initially plus interested volunteers.

Action by: Paved area with seating – Village Hall Committee.

Cockburnspath Allotments and Community Garden

Cockburnspath Allotments Association, located adjacent to Bankhead, bought this land under community empowerment from Transport Scotland in 2020. It has been a huge success, thanks to its voluntary team and status as a Scottish Charity (SCIO) with nearly all plots now rented and in use.

It is evident that the community are content with current plans for this area and support Cockburnspath Allotment Association with its goals particularly in terms of environmentally friendly management and care. The priorities expressed were:

- **Planting for wildlife.** This received 19 votes with a ranking of 83. Medium priority/short to medium term.
- **Orchard tree planting.** This received 16 votes with a ranking of 67. Medium priority/medium to long term. (Commencing 26th March 2022)
- **Facilities for disabled gardeners needed.** This attracted 14 votes with a ranking of 55. Medium priority/short to medium term.

- **Gardening classes.** This attracted 15 votes with a ranking of 52. Medium priority/short to medium term.
- **Part time gardener needed.** Gaining 13 votes and a ranking of 42. Medium priority/medium term.

Action by: Cockburnspath Allotments Association and Community Garden. Should they desire to pursue any of the above suggestions, it is likely that requests for funding will be met sympathetically.

Cockburnspath Church Hall

This beautiful building is currently owned by the Church of Scotland, but it is generally not widely used other than for Wednesday Club meetings and the annual Art Show. The community preference for increased use of the Church Hall was stated as follows:

- **Café area.** Although this is a possibility, it remains more feasible and popular for a café to operate from the Village Hall. 13 votes with a ranking of 50.
- **Pub.** Again, this is feasible, but it is likely that it would meet with some opposition and certainly, whilst still owned by the Church of Scotland, this would not be an option. 11 votes with a ranking of 46.
- **Purchase if under threat.** The main issue to come out of this Village Poll was that the community would wish to see the Church Hall purchased by the community if it were under threat (i.e., of being sold for housing development). This attracted 19 votes with a ranking of 74 - high priority, longer term. There is an appetite, should that occur, for accommodation for walkers to be considered in this building. Votes 14, with a ranking of 57. Medium priority/long term.

Action by: For future consideration by Church of Scotland and Community Council potentially involving other statutory and voluntary partners.

Our Environment

It is acknowledged that Cockburnspath and Cove is a beautiful area, but the Village Poll sought to determine what could make it even more attractive, both in terms of living here, and attracting others to share it with us. The highest votes were as follows:

- **Removal of garage vehicles from verges.** It is hoped that now planning permission has been granted for the new garage site, this will go a long way towards enabling improvements to the verge and improve the impression of the community at its entrances. Votes 23 with a ranking of 97. High priority/medium term.
- **Improvements to entrance verges generally.** To the north aspect of the Edinburgh Road, 22 votes, with a ranking of 88 wished to see wildflower planting and trees to verges. Medium priority/short term once vehicles removed.
- **Improved "Welcome" signage** to Cockburnspath.
 - Northbound: Votes 14 with a ranking of 51. Medium priority/medium term.

- Southbound: Votes 10 with a ranking of 36. Low priority/medium term.
- **Improved Southern Upland Way signage.** Votes to improve the signage particularly the completion of this walk amounted to 21, with a ranking of 83. Medium priority/short to medium term.
- **Mercat Cross upkeep.** This important central monument is greatly valued by the community and its continued upkeep is crucial. 19 people voted to support its upkeep with a ranking of 74. As work to the Cross requires planning permission (Scheduled Monument) this must be addressed with the Planning Authority. Medium priority/short to medium term.
- **Mercat Cross information board.** Recognised that the current information board is faded, and that improvements should be considered. Again, planning permission would be required. Votes 17 with a ranking of 64. Medium priority/short to medium term.
- **Mural at the Batehole underpass.** This was welcomed and it was hoped that it would help to reduce graffiti. Votes 12 with a ranking of 45. Medium priority/longer term.

There were common elements to improving our environment and these all followed a theme of encouraging wildlife and sustainability.

Action by: Largely Community Council in conjunction with statutory organisations e.g., SBC and Southern Upland Way Partnership.

Revitalised Playpark for Cockburnspath

The current playpark, located adjacent to the Village Hall needs improvement and this is recognised by the community, and by Scottish Borders Council who own the land and the equipment. (N.B. Toddler's playpark is owned by the Village Hall). When voting took place on the issue of playpark regeneration, the central question was whether this should occur on its current site, or consideration given to moving it on to the football field.

- **Keep playpark where it is.** Votes 27 with a ranking of 110 with only 9 votes (ranking 41) to relocate it. High priority/medium term.
- **Equipment needed.** There were many options and votes on equipment, but the traditional equipment of swings, slides, climbing frames and equipment for older children gained the most votes. (see Appendix 2 for full details)
- **Invest funds in a new playpark.** This attracted 11 votes with a ranking of 44. Medium priority/medium to long term.

Action by: A working group including parents, school/nursery representation and children should be set up to facilitate this regeneration. There are several key questions which need answered.

- Should the playpark remain the property (including insurance and maintenance) of Scottish Borders Council and be upgraded by them?

- Should the community lease the playpark, for a ten-year period from Scottish Borders Council and invest Windfarm monies in its regeneration? (NB insurance and maintenance would fall to the community but SBC would continue with an annual safety inspection).
- Should joint working initiatives be explored between various groups, SBC, and the Community Council, with shared financing?

If either options ii) or iii) are identified as best options with community backing, it is likely that an application for Windfarm monies towards this project would be successful.

Action by: A playpark group, Community Development Facilitator, with support from the Community Council and Scottish Borders Council.



Category 2 – Transport, Services and Facilities

Cove parking and tourism issues

Residents in Cove experience challenges from the effects of tourism, particularly, although not exclusively, over summer weekends. This results in stress on the small car parking area, noise, loss of residential amenity, litter and inconsiderate parking and behaviour from some visitors. The Village Poll has shown:

- ***The 20mph limit on Cove Road should stay.*** This is not under threat as it was obtained prior to the 20mph trial being carried out by Scottish Borders Council. Votes 30, ranking 120 to retain it.
- ***A desire to explore visitor parking elsewhere.*** Votes 22 with a ranking of 88. This is a high priority but long-term project as it will involve purchasing or leasing of land and obtaining permission for creation of car parking. It combines with the view that tourism should not be encouraged at Cove (votes 25, ranking 95) by the provision of onsite facilities such as toilets, although there were some who felt that litter and waste receptacles should be improved (votes 15 with a ranking of 56). Medium priority/medium term.
- ***Dog waste bins at Cove car park.*** Votes 17, ranking 65. Medium priority/short term.
- ***Other items.*** Some votes were received regarding additional signage, signposting visitors to Cockburnspath for toilets and the Community shop, but these were not of a high level, although could be combined with the measures above and would require liaison with Scottish Borders Council. (see Appendix 2 for full breakdown).

Action by: This is a complex issue, and a group needs to be set up to consider what actions are possible and how they can be taken forward. We would recommend that the Community Development Facilitator could support such a group which should comprise of Cove residents,

and could include the Harbourmaster, statutory groups (e.g., Roads Dept of SBC) as appropriate.

Dog waste and litter bins can be facilitated by the Community Council in conjunction with Scottish Borders Council once Cove residents indicate their potential/desired positions.

Callander Place

Callander Place comprises of a route to school, and access to homes and cul de sacs. With the advent of more vehicles per household, parking can be an issue, with cars parked on an already narrow road. The identified priorities in this area were:

- **Remove verge to widen road.** This would provide an additional metre approximately to the road width. Votes 19 with a ranking of 78. Medium priority/longer term. If residents wish to take this forward, they could approach the Community Council with a proposal which can be taken forward with Scottish Borders Council. Although some statutory monies may be available for this, it may require some funding from Windfarm benefits. It is however, at odds with the preservation of verges and biodiversity.
- **Consider a one-way system.** With 14 votes and a ranking of 60 this is something that residents and users of Callander Place could consider in the longer term. Medium priority/long term.

Action by: Callander Place residents to consider forming a group, which can be supported by the Community Council and Scottish Borders Council as appropriate.

Crofts Road and Croftsacre

In both these roads, the main concerns were to retain the 20-mph limit and ensure road surfaces were adequately maintained. The Community Council has sent the results of the Village Poll survey on the 20-mph trial to Scottish Borders Council, and it is hoped that this will support the retention of this speed limit.

In fact, votes were overwhelmingly in favour of retaining the 20-mph limit in the whole area.

Road surfacing is the responsibility of SBC, and residents should continue to report issues to the Community Caretaker or directly to the Roads Dept. The Community Council will also lobby SBC to improve faulty road surfaces.

Health and Social Care

In general, the community wish to see better health and social care facilities locally. The loss of the GP surgery in 2017 is very much regretted.

In the People's Poll, the need for improved health and wellness attracted 25 votes with a ranking of 91 (general lack of services). A standalone Wellness Survey was also completed, and it is anticipated that the results of this and liaison with external services (NHS, Social Work, and voluntary organisations) can be investigated further to create more opportunity for community-based wellness. Some associated external funding for this work has been

successfully negotiated by the CDF. A working group has been set up to explore improved social care and wellbeing within the community. High priority/long term.

Action by: Community Development Facilitator and Wellness community group (existing).

Transport

At the outset of this plan, the Community Council thought that Transport would be a major feature and would reveal the need for a community-based transport system similar to that of BAVS (Berwickshire Association of Voluntary Services). This would involve purchasing an electric vehicle owned by the community and accessing drivers. However, although poor transport links were identified as a problem locally (votes 19, ranking 77) there was a limited appetite for community-based transport (votes 12 ranking 50 were in favour of this, with votes 12 and ranking of 44 against it.) The results are therefore not conclusive and there was some opposition to a community vehicle largely due to expense and upkeep.

The solution sought locally, appears to be to improve existing bus links to Dunbar, and Berwick. However, recent meetings with the bus operators (West Coast Buses) reveal that this is currently not commercially viable. Only if there is increased usage of the bus service, will an improvement to services result. This in turn links into regeneration of the village generally, through housing and attracting new families to the area.

Scottish Borders Council is currently looking into direct transport opportunities throughout the Borders, and Berwickshire is well represented in this. The Community Council and CDF are keen to become involved in such a project which may provide a middle ground and enable better access to transport locally.

Community Caretaker Pilot

In 2021, a pilot of one year was established to explore whether a Community Caretaker would benefit the community. This concludes at the end of March 2022. The community was asked if the pilot should continue or not. This role includes a “helping hand” service for those most vulnerable in the community, which has been well received.

- ***The Community Caretaker project should be extended.*** Votes 17 with a ranking of 74. High priority/short term.
- ***The Community Caretaker project should not be extended.*** Votes 1, ranking 3.

Therefore, the result provides clear supportive evidence to extend the project.

Action by: Community Council – funding has now been secured to enable this project to extend from April 2022 for a period of 3 years.

Primary School

As with all rural schools and reducing budgets, the long-term provision of the Primary School may at some time be jeopardised should pupil numbers reduce. The viability of the school relates strongly to housing and families with children living in the area and the school in turn, attracts families to live here.

The community wishes to retain the school in Cockburnspath. Votes 19 with a ranking of 81.

- ***A safer playground surface is needed at the school.*** Votes 13, ranking 55. Medium priority/medium term.
- ***Improved play equipment within school playground.*** Votes 12, ranking 48. Medium priority/medium term.

Action by: For Parents Council consideration, supported by Community Council as required.



Category 3 - Crime and Safety

Speeding

Despite the 20-mph trial currently in operation, speeding is still a concern both within these limits and elsewhere. One of the issues is lack of enforcement. Overall, 16 votes were placed regarding local road safety, with a ranking of 64. The highest priorities around speeding were:

- ***A lower speed limit is required on the Pease Bay Road.*** Votes 21, ranking 83. This road is currently a 60-mph limit and there are “pinch points” with pedestrians and farm vehicles. It was felt that the area between Cove Farm and Cove Farm Cottages presented a danger to pedestrians using that part of the Southern Upland Way where it crosses this road. High priority/medium term.
- ***Electronic slow down signage is required on the Edinburgh Road.*** (C130) at the 20-mph limit. Votes 16, ranking. Scottish Borders Council have been contacted regarding this and are willing to instal 3 electronic signs. One would be on the entrance to Cockburnspath west of the Church Hall (replacing existing signage); 2 to be placed 100 m within the 20-mph signage on the Edinburgh Road in either direction. (NB the 100 m requirement is set by SBC and is not for negotiation). High priority/medium term.
- ***Speed buffer zone to south entrance of Cockburnspath.*** A 40-mph buffer zone from the Cockburnspath signage has been negotiated with Scottish Borders Council. Votes 13 with a ranking of 52. (In progress)

Although questions were asked around rumble strips and different coloured road surfacing at the village entrances, these attracted fewer votes. Rumble strips and speed bumps proved unpopular in “comments” due to noise and the potential to damage vehicles.

Action by: Community Council, Caretaker and Scottish Borders Council.

Community CCTV

This raised a lot of comments, with votes for CCTV in the community amounting to 13, with a ranking of 42. Votes against community CCTV amounted to 9 with a ranking of 33. Privacy was a major concern from comments made.

We asked if CCTV should be placed on the football field to reduce dog fouling and hall vandalism. Votes against CCTV in the wider community amounted to 9 with a ranking of 35, whilst votes for CCTV to prevent dog fouling were 3 with a ranking of 9, and to prevent hall vandalism, votes equalled 2 with a ranking of 6. There is therefore no clear desire for CCTV either in the community generally, or specifically on the football field and surrounding area.

Reinstate Neighbourhood Watch

There were votes for the reinstatement of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (votes for = 7 (ranking 25) and votes against = 1). This can be taken forward with Police Scotland if a co-ordinator can be identified.

Action by: For inclusion in community newsletter to seek co-ordinator (March 2022).

Community 24/7 public access defibrillators

Since voting completed on the Village Poll, the Community Council has been made aware of changes to public access defibrillators in the community. This is due to the reduction of support from some manufacturers for the models currently in place. This situation is being monitored with replacements being sourced to ensure a smooth transition. Maintenance and access of current machines will continue. The location of defibrillators within the community:

- Cove – in external box outside Greenheugh, mounted on fence
- Church Hall – external box mounted beside the front door
- Church – inside unlocked door facing the Square
- Bowling Club – external box mounted beside front door
- Village hall – not 24/7 access but is available for use within the hall when open

Action by: Community Council in conjunction with Community First Responders and Scottish Ambulance Service.



Category 4 - The People's Poll

Homes and Housing

(NB – In order to simplify the reporting process, all other People's Poll results have been combined in Categories 1 to 3)

Attracting new families and people into the area is crucial, as the current demographics given in Table 5 demonstrate.

Table 5 – East Berwickshire - Overview of Population, Deprivation, Unemployment, and Schools (2015). The National Records of Scotland with deprivation figures from HMRC

Datazone Name (2011)	% Children Population 2015	% Working Age Population 2015	% Pension Age Population 2015	% Children in Low Income Families (2014)
Ayton	14.2%	59.2%	26.6%	10.3%
Chirnside - East	21.6%	57.2%	21.2%	15.2%
Chirnside - West	20.3%	59.6%	20.1%	25.9%
Cockburnspath and Area	13.1%	66.2%	20.7%	9.3%
Coldingham	14.7%	56.2%	29.1%	18.8%
Eyemouth - Central	20.4%	54.4%	25.2%	27.8%
Eyemouth - Gunsgreen	21.4%	57.1%	21.5%	17.9%
Eyemouth - North	20.6%	61.8%	17.6%	21.1%
Eyemouth - Seafront Harbour	13.1%	51.6%	35.3%	15.5%
Eyemouth - South	23.1%	58.8%	18.1%	16.3%
Foulden and Area	11.6%	59.3%	29.1%	11.1%
Reston and Coldingham Moor Area	15.3%	60.0%	24.6%	14.0%
St Abbs and Eyemouth Landward	11.2%	60.4%	28.3%	7.2%
Whitsome Allanton and Hutton Area	13.3%	60.8%	25.9%	12.5%
East Berwickshire Total	16.5%	58.9%	24.6%	15.9%
Scottish Borders	16.6%	59.9%	23.5%	14.0%
Scotland	17.0%	64.7%	18.3%	18.4%
Chirnside	21.1%	58.1%	20.8%	20.6%
Eyemouth	19.6%	56.8%	23.6%	19.7%

The Scottish Borders Local Development Plan for the area (both current and proposed), identifies two areas for housing development within the community:

- Extension to Tollview
- South of the Mount, extending towards the rear of Croftsacre.

Both sites have been owned by Caledonian Trust for many years. They have planning permission for housing and yet correspondence over the years regarding any proposed progress of these sites has met with no response. Berwickshire Housing Association have identified a need in the community for affordable homes. However, land availability and local opposition to other land proposed has precluded any moves forward.

The Village Poll identified the following priorities:

- ***Family homes are needed.*** Votes 16, ranking 67. (Against 7/24)
High priority/long term.
- ***Affordable starter homes are needed.*** Votes 11, ranking 51.
Medium priority/long term. (Against 9/32)

Action by: The main areas identified in the Local Development Plan should be progressed in conjunction with Caledonian Trust, Scottish Borders Council, and the Community Council.

Vote of Thanks:

The Village Poll Team would like to thank you all for your time and effort in placing votes and becoming involved in this process.

We would also like to thank John Hood, who assisted with the editing of this Community Action Plan.

APPENDIX 1 COMMUNITY BENEFITS

A1 Amount Allocated by Windfarm

The Annual Community Benefit money received from the Windfarms varies, dependant on the annual entitlement and any backlog due. The annual amount is also determined by the amount of power generated by the Windfarms, but it is generally as shown in Table A1.1

Table A1.1 Community Annual Entitlement from Windfarms

Fund	Administered By	Amount	Totals
Crystal Rig	Community Council	£15,500	
Penmanshiel	Community Council	£8,000	
Fernylea	Community Council	£4,000	
Fisherman 3	Community Council	£20,000	
Drone Hill	Community Council	£1,000	
Aikengall	Community Council	£50,000	
			£98,500
Sub Total Administered by the Community Council			£98,500
Drone Hill	Foundation Scotland	£10,000	
Kinegar	Foundation Scotland	£25,000	
Sub Total Administered by Others			£35,000
TOTAL ENTITLEMENT			£133,500
Fallago	External fund which can be applied for		Unknown

Funds are index linked, so adds to the variable annual amount. It is important to note that funds are “rolled over” year on year, so that unspent monies accumulate and are not lost to the community.

Many developers set specific regulations around their use and preclude certain things. For example, most prohibit use of funds for “statutory duties” (around services which should be supplied by Local Authorities and Government).

The following narrative provides further explanatory detail for each Windfarm. The operating company for each is given in brackets after the name.

[Aikengall Windfarm \(Community Windpower Ltd\)](#)

We receive £50,000 per annum from Aikengall II. This is split into a general tranche of £25,000 pa towards community priorities and £25,000 pa to assist individual households with green projects. All projects over £10,000 must be ratified by Community Windpower, with requirements for business planning.

[Kinegar Windfarm \(Foresight\)](#)

We receive £25,000 pa from this Windfarm. The fund is wholly administered via Foundation Scotland who manage the fund for the community, on behalf of the developers. Foundation Scotland make recommendations to the Community Council on each application received by them. The final decision is made by the Community Council.

[Drone Hill Windfarm \(Greencoat\)](#)

We receive £10,000 pa and again, this is administered by Foundation Scotland on behalf of the developers. Regular meetings occur with panel members from all recipient Community Council areas and a recommendation on applications is made to this panel by Foundation Scotland. A small fund of £1,000 pa managed by the Community Council is also available for “unconstituted groups” to apply to.

[Crystal Rig I and II \(Fred Olsen Renewables\)](#)

We receive just over £15,000 pa from these funds, and these are directly administered by the Community Council.

[Ferneylea \(Community Energy Scotland\)](#)

We receive just over £4,000 pa from this Windfarm, and funds are directly administered by the Community Council.

[Fishermen 3 \(Community Energy Scotland\)](#)

We receive just over £20,000 pa from this Windfarm and funds are directly administered by the Community Council.

[Penmanshiel \(RES\)](#)

We receive just over £8,000 pa from this fund, and whilst funds are largely administered by the Community Council, RES require a second validation from a panel comprising some non-Community Council members prior to releasing funds.

[A2 Community Windfarm Benefits period 2020/21](#)

As previously stated, the amount received varies year on year. Copies of the full Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council accounts are available on www.copathandcove.com under AGM/Treasurer’s report and Accounts. The amount of money received as Community Benefit in the financial year 2020/2021 is given in Table 2 below. The difference in the totals of Tables A1 and A2 results from payment of backlog due from Aikengall largely spent on establishing the Community Shop.

The AGM of 9th March 2022 included accounts to end February 2022, and these are available on the website.

Full signed off accounts for year 2021/22 will be published once finalised.

Table A1. 2 Amount Received and Allocated in the Financial Year 2020/2021

Fund	Comments	Date	Amount
FS Covid Specific	Covid-19 Specific	14/04/2020	£5,000.00
BAVS Covid Specific	Covid-19 Specific	24/04/2020	£372.00
FS Kinegar	Support for CAP	19/05/2020	£3,744.00
Fallago	Passed to Allotments	26/06/2020	£3,000.00
FS Kinegar	Support for CAP	23/07/2020	£12,426.00
Dunglass Parish	Covid-19 Specific	05/08/2020	£750.00
Aikengall		22/09/2020	£20,500.00
Aikengall		29/09/2020	£25,000.00
Aikengall	Backlog used for Community Shop	20/10/2020	£70,000.00
Penmanshiel		20/01/2021	£8,241.65
Cyrstal Rig R1 & Crystal Rig 2		29/01/2021	£15,101.49
Fernylea		26/03/2021	£4,267.79
Fishermen 3		26/03/2021	£20,170.43
			£188,573.36

FS: Foundation Scotland

BAVS: Berwickshire Association for Voluntary Service

CR: Crystal Rig

APPENDIX 2 VOTING RESULTS

Appendix 2 presents the voting results and analysis of the 4 Village Polls collated under the headings of locations to which the voting refers.

The locations and the groups currently responsible are presented in Table A2.1 below

TABLE A2.1

Appendix 2 Section	Location	Existing Group
A2.1	The Village Shop	Community Shop Management Committee
A2.2	The Village Hall	Village Hall Committee
A2.3	Allotments and Community Garden	Cockburnspath Allotment Association
A2.4	Church Hall	Church of Scotland
A2.5	Cockburnspath and Cove (Community Council Area)	Community Council
A2.6	Cockburnspath Primary School	Friends and Parents of Primary School and Local Authority (SBC)
A2.7	Bowling Club	Cockburnspath Bowling Club Committee
A2.8	Playpark	None Existing. Could be facilitated by CDF
A2.9	Transport	None Existing. Could be facilitated by CDF

A2.1 THE VILLAGE SHOP

TABLE A2.1A LEISURE & TOURISM

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 135-90 M – Med 89-45 L – Low 44-0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Daily Food & Supplies	35	135 – H	Achieved	
Light Refreshments	32	128 – H	Achieved	
Artisan Goods	31	118 – H	Achieved	
Cash Machine	28	103 – H	M-L	To Explore
Tourist Information	30	101 – H	Achieved	
Newspapers	24	91 – H	Achieved	
Certificates of Completion (SUW)	22	82 – M	S-M	Liaise with SUW Alliance
Souvenirs for SUW	18	56 – M	S-M	Liaise with SUW Alliance

Alcohol and Tobacco Products	21	71 – M	Achieved	
E Bike & Mountain Bike Hire	18	56 – M	M-L	Liaise with Heart of Duns/BAVS
Early Opening for Hot Breakfast Rolls	6	22 – L	Achieved	
Computer/Internet Desk for Customers	6	20 - L	S-M	Liaise with Will Gardner Need space

TABLE A2.1B TRANSPORT, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 120-80 M – Med 79-40 L – Low 39-0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Dogs waste bins	13	48 - M	S - M	Liaise with CC/Caretaker/SBC
Satisfaction with customer service	10	38 - L		
Need to add stock	7	26 - L		Customer panel/ suggestion box
Need for disabled parking space	8	25 - L	M - L	Liaise Village Hall Committee
Need for delivery service	6	23 - L	Achieved	
Need for customer service improvement	4	19 - L		
Need for online ordering	5	17 - L	S - M	

TABLE A2.1C PEOPLE'S POLL

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 91 - 60 M – Med 59-30 L – Low 29-0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Need for Cash Machine	25	91 – H		
Need for permanent directional signs YES	23	88 – H	S	Liaise with SBC via Councillors
Need for permanent directional signs NO	2	10 – L		
Courier return service YES	18	62 – H	M – L	Liaise
Courier return service NO	3	15 – L		

Coffee for Walkers who complete SUW	12	44 – M	S – M	Cost benefit/Good PR
Thurs. all day opening YES	12	43 – M	S – M	Achieved
Thurs. all day opening NO	4	18 – L		
Need for prominent opening hours	11	40 - M	S - M	Signage
Marked ped. access NO	8	27 - L		
Marked ped. access YES				

A2.2 THE VILLAGE HALL

TABLE A2.2A LEISURE & TOURISM

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked/Level of Priority H – High 135-90 M – Med 89-45 L – Low 44-0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Cafe	32	135 - H	S - M	Café Manager to be introduced
Classes Exercise	26	97 - H	S - M	Liaise for timetabling
Non - Exercise	19	66 - M	S - M	
Cookery classes	11	45 - M	S - M	Community champion - cookery
Badminton	8	30 - L	S - M	Re-establish post floor repair
Events usage	22	78 - M	S - M	Increased publicity of the facility
Booking System	20	75 - M	Achieved	
Outdoor seating	19	72 - M	S - M	Caretaker/Village Hall Committee
Post Office Opening Hours Increased	19	65 - M	S - M	Discuss with PO
Amateur Dramatics	16	53 - M	S - M	Re-establish
Quizzes	15	49 - M	Achieved	
Supper Clubs	14	49 - M	S - M	Church Network
Children's play area	10	36 - L	M - L	
Family discos	6	22 - L	S - M	
Men's shed	6	20 - L	S - M	Newsletter promotion
Darts	5	19 - L	S - M	
Women's shed	5	15 - L	S - M	Newsletter promotion
Table tennis	4	12 - L	S - M	
Short tennis	3	9 - L	S - M	
Football Field:				
Dog waste bins	23	87 - M	S - M	CC/SBC/Community Caretaker
Dog free zone	9	41 - L	S - M	
Adult Gym	20	80 - M	M - L	
Gala Events	16	66 - M	S - M	Liaise with the Gala Com.
Litter bins	18	66 - M	S - M	CC/SBC/Shop/Caretaker
Events usage	22	78 - M	S - M	

Paved area with seating	17	64 - M	S - M	Explore may not need permission as outwith conservation area
Wilderness area	15	58 - M	M - L	Explore further, no response from Caledonian Trust who own land.
Tennis	14	55 - M	S - M	
New goals	11	44 - L	S - M	
5 a-side artificial football pitch	10	43 - L	M - L	
5 aside grass football pitch	11	41 - L	S - M	
11 aside football pitch	4	16 - L		
Basketball netball area	11	43 - L	S - M	
Floodlights	10	42 - L	M - L	Explore with Community Shop
Cycle paths	9	37 - L	M - L	Explore with Sustrans; no response from Caledonian Trust.
Flowering shrub planting	7	28 - L	S - M	
Hedge layering	4	20 - L	M - L	Community Caretaker
Pump track (bike/Skateboard)	5	18 - L	L	
Footpaths needed	3	11 - L	L	
Outside Village Hall:				
Electric Car Charging	11	46 - M	L	Liaise with Transport group

TABLE A2.2B TRANSPORT, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked/Level of Priority H – High 120 - 80 M – Med 79-40 L – Low 39-0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Farmers Market	15	57 - M	M - L	
There should be disabled car parking facility	9	38 - L	M - L	
Village Hall should host a pub	11	37 - L	L	
Electric Charging Points for cars is needed	11	36 - L	L	
Second hand bookshop	8	31 - L		Accessible/Opening hours

Bike rack is needed	9	30 - L	S - M	
IT & Copying facilities	9	28 - L	M	
Add a James Hutton Visitor Centre	8	27 - L	M - L	James Hutton Institute would fund
Craft Workshops available	8	27 - L	S - M	Available community crafters
School should have a garden area on playfield - NO	6	25 - L		
Dog waste bins	6	24 - L	S	Via SBC
Amateur Dramatics	6	22 - L	S	Existing Group
Extension of Village Hall	6	20 - L	L	Reconfigure what is available
Community Workspace	6	20 - L	S - M	Increased working from home
Outdoor BBQ Area	3	13 - L	S	
Baking Classes	4	13 - L	S	Community champion baker
Basic Cookery Classes	4	13 - L	S	Community champion cook
Advanced Cookery Classes	2	6 - L	S	As above
There is enough storage - NO	3	13 - L	S	Reconfigure what is available
Work guidance made available	2	8 - L	S	Job centre
Local Job advice	2	7 - L	S	Job centre
Outside stage	2	6 - L	L	
Stage permanently erected in Village Hall	1	3 - L	S	

TABLE A2.2C

CRIME & SAFETY

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 46-30 M – Med 29 -16 L – Low 15 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Football Field:				
CCTV is NOT Needed	9	35 - H		
CCTV is needed to prevent Dog Fouling	3	9 - L	S	
CCTV is needed to prevent vandalism	2	6 - L	S	
More dog waste signage is required	9	30 - H	S	Via SBC
Dog waste education programme	4	14 - L	S	Via SBC

TABLE A2.2D

THE PEOPLE'S POLL

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 91-60 M – Med 59-30 L – Low 29-0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Investments in:				
Post Office – more access to	25	91 - H		Liaise with Post Office
Leisure facilities (micro-pub/café/outdoor sports)	22	83 - H		
Permanent cafe	20	75 - H		Community Café manager
Micro - pub	19	69 - H		
Investment to be made in Outdoor Gym	12	45 - M	M - L	
Mountain bike pump – track/cycle track	10	37 - M		Caledonian Housing
Pop – up outdoor cinema	8	27 - L		

A2.3

ALLOTMENTS & COMMUNITY GARDEN

TABLE A2.3A

LEISURE AND TOURISM

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 135-90 M – Med 89-45 L – Low 44-0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Planting for wildlife	19	83 - M	S - M	
Orchard Tree Planting	16	67 - M	M - L	
Seating	18	67 - M	S	
Community Allotment Hut	12	47 - M	S	£ available for Polytunnel
Firepit	13	45 - M	S	
Compost bins	11	43 - L	M	
Recycling facility: seeds, plants, water	11	40 - L	S	Promote via Newsletter
Expertise & Knowhow sessions	9	36 - L	S - M	Abundant Borders/Networks
Raised beds	9	32 - L	S - M	Some are in place
Access path	8	30 - L	M - L	
Tool upcycling	8	30 - L	S - M	
Environment Youth Club	9	29 - L	M - L	Networks available
Woodland Crafts	9	29 - L	S - M	Networks available
Wood recycling	9	28 - L	S	Community Caretaker
Tool sharing scheme	7	26 - L	S - M	Community Caretaker
Willow Sculptures	7	24 - L	M - L	
Grow your own plants and veg	6	23 - L	S	Achieved for the plot holders
Men's shed	6	23 - L	S	Polytunnel access
Toilets	6	23 - L	M - L	
Machinery mending	6	18 - L	S	Community Caretaker
Pond – renewable energy	4	14 - L	S - M	

TABLE A2 - 3B

TRANSPORT, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 120-80 M – Med 79-40 L – Low 39-0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Dog waste bins at allotments and cemetery	12	44 - M		Liaise SBC/CC/ Caretaker
Part time Community Gardener	13	42 – M		

TABLE A2 – 3C

THE PEOPLE'S POLL

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 91-60 M – Med 59 -30 L – Low 29 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Seasonal events	16	60 - H	S - M	Funding is available
Seasonal events are NOT needed	1	1 - L		
Family events	12	44 - M	S - M	Funding is available
Family events should NOT be organised	3	9 - L		
Facilities for disabled gardeners	14	55 - M	S - M	
Facilities for disabled gardeners are NOT needed	0			
Gardening classes	15	52 - M	S - M	Funding is available
Garden Classes are NOT needed	1	5 - L		
Toilets	9	34 - L	M - L	
Toilets are NOT needed	1	3 - L		
Community firepit / BBQ	9	27 - L		

A2.4 CHURCH HALL

TABLE A2.4A LEISURE AND TOURISM

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 135-90 M – Med 89 -45 L – Low 44 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Cafe	13	50 - M	S - M	
Pub	11	46 - M	M - L	
Youth Area	9	33 - L	S - M	
Hub and Bunkhouse	8	30 - L	L	
Garden and Parking	7	26 - L	M - L	
Men's shed	4	14 - L	S	
Tourist Information Centre	4	13 - L	M - L	James Hutton Inst has funds
Permanent shop	4	12 - L	L	Option for site
Women's shed	2	8 - L	S	

TABLE A2.4B TRANSPORT, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 120-80 M – Med 79 -40 L – Low 39 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Art Studio/Show	9	33 - L	S	Currently has annual show
Farmer's market	9	32 - L	M - L	
IT & Copying Facilities	7	27 - L	M - L	
Mobile Library point	7	27 - L	S	Via Borders Live
Community workplace	7	23 - L	M - L	
Medical service provision from here	6	22 - L	M - L	Survey, 3 rd sector, LA, NHS
James Hutton Visitor Centre	6	20 - L	M - L	Grants are available
Wifi	5	20 - L	S - M	
Showers and Toilets	5	19 - L	M - L	
Support for all - mental health	5	19 - L	S - M	Survey evidence
Pensioners club	4	16 - L	S - M	
Welfare rights	3	13 - L	S - M	Citizen's Advice outreach
Local job advice	4	12 - L	S - M	

TABLE A2.4C

THE PEOPLE'S POLL

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 91-60 M – Med 59 -30 L – Low 29 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Community purchase of the hall	19	74 - H	L	
Community should NOT consider purchase	6	28 - L		
Accommodation for walkers	14	57 - M	L	
Accommodation for walkers NOT needed	3	9 - L		
Visitor centre NOT needed	9	34 - M		
Visitor centre needed	9	30 - M	L	Funds are readily available
Wifi needed	9	34 - M	S - M	
Wifi NOT needed	3	10 - L		

A2.5 CO'PATH AND COVE AREA

TABLE A2.5A LEISURE AND TOURISM

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 135-90 M – Med 89 -45 L – Low 44 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Entrances to Co'path:				
Removal of Garage Vehicles	23	97 - H	M	Discretion of owner
Entrance verges north – wildflower planting, upkeep	22	88 - M	S	Community Caretaker
Entrance verges north – signage improve	14	51 - M	M - L	SBC/Community Caretaker
Entrance verge north – tree planting	13	50 - M	L	SBC/Community Caretaker
Entrance verges north – underpass mural	12	45 - M	L	Liaise with School/teens/artists
Entrance verges north - seating	10	35 - L	S	Community Caretaker
Co'path Burn A1 side - wildflower and upkeep	14	53 - M	S - M	SBC/Community Caretaker
Co'path Burn A1 side - pathway improvement	14	50 - M	M - L	SBC/Community Caretaker
Co'path Burn A1 side - flood prevention measures	10	41 - L	M - L	SBC/Community Caretaker
Co'path Burn A1 side - flower shrub planting	10	39 - L	S	Community Caretaker
Co'path Burn A1 side – dog waste bins	5	18 - L	S	SBC/Community Caretaker
Co'path Burn A1 side – hedge layering	3	8 - L	M - L	Community Caretaker
Entrance verges south – tree planting	11	46 - M	L	SBC/Community Caretaker
Entrance verges south – entrance signage improved	10	36 - L	M	SBC/Community Caretaker
Entrance verges south – cycle path signage	10	35 - L	M - L	SBC/Sustrans/Caretaker

Southern Upland Way:				
Plaque to mark end/start	21	83 - M	S	Liaise with SUW alliance
Certificate of Completion	15	62 - M	S - M	Liaise with SUW alliance
Pathway Improvement	15	62 - M	M - L	Liaise with SUW alliance
Pathway improvement – Co’path	7	26 - L	M - L	Liaise with SUW alliance
SUW maintenance and upkeep at Cove	16	57 - M	M - L	Liaise with SUW alliance
SUW Cove – Info. Boards	7	24 - L	M	Liaise with SUW alliance
SUW souvenirs	8	32 - L	S	Liaise SUW alliance/shop
SUW – brass rubbings	4	15 - L	M	Liaise with SUW alliance
SUW start/end – flower tubs	4	14 - L	S	Community Caretaker
SUW Blackburn area – maintenance and upkeep	3	10 - L	M - L	Liaise with SUW alliance
SUW Blackburn area – pathway improvement	1	4 - L	M - L	Liaise with SUW alliance
SUW Blackburn area – Information Boards	1	3 - L	M	Liaise with SUW alliance
Mercat Cross maintenance and upkeep	19	74 - M	S - M	Liaise with SBC/Planning
Mercat Cross info. board	17	64 - M	S - M	Liaise with SUW alliance/SBC
Mercat Cross flower tubs	13	48 - M	S	Community Caretaker
Tourist Information Point	15	56 - M	M - L	Liaise with SUW alliance
Tourist Info. Boards updated	13	54 - M	M - L	Liaison with SUW/Networks
Facilities for walkers	16	70 - M	S - M	Liaise with community shop
Tourist Spots:				
Fast Castle Info. Boards	14	51 – M	M - L	Liaise SoS Destination Alliance
Fast Castle improved access	10	40 - L	M - L	As above
Fast Castle benches mid-way	8	27 - L	M - L	As above
Fast Castle carparking	1	3 - L		
Siccar Point pathway improved	12	46 - M	M - L	Liaise James Hutton Institute

Siccar Point Info. Boards	10	39 - L	M - L	Liaise James Hutton Institute
Siccar Point signage from road	10	37 - L	M - L	SBC/James Hutton Inst
Siccar Point Car Parking	8	29 - L	M - L	Liaise Drysdale/James H
Siccar Point Tourist Information Centre	6	24 - L	M - L	Liaise Drysdale/James H
Tourist Information Point – maps updated	13	49 - M	M - L	Liaise SoS Destination Alliance
Display of Hogback gravestones/St Helen's Church	7	23 - L	M - L	As above
War Memorial:				
Flower Tubs	14	55 – M		Community Caretaker
Seating	10	39 – L		Community Caretaker
Information Boards	8	31 - L		Historic Scotland
Bridges:				
Co'path Burn Bridge at Croftsacre - upkeep	14	54 - M	M - L	SBC/Community Caretaker
Co'path Burn Bridge at Croftsacre – wildflowers	11	42 - L	S	Caretaker/Residents
Co'path Burn Bridge at Croftsacre – dog waste bins	3	13 - L	S	SBC/Community Caretaker
Co'path Burn Bridge at Croftsacre – Hedge layering	1	3 - L	M - L	Community Caretaker
Dunglass Old Bridge – wildflower planting	9	37 - L	S	Caretaker/Residents
Dunglass Old Bridge – Car parking	6	20 - L	M - L	SBC/Residents/Caretaker
Dunglass Old Bridge – improved signage	5	19 - L	M - L	SBC/Community Caretaker
Dunglass Old Bridge - benches	5	18 - L	S - M	Caretaker/Residents
Dunglass Old Bridge – car park prohibited	1	3 - L		
Wildlife:				
Pease Dean Flora & Fauna	13	48 - M		Scottish Wildlife/Caretaker
Pease Dean signage	7	24 - L	M - L	Scottish Wildlife/Caretaker
Pease Dean benches mid-way	6	23 - L	M - L	Scottish Wildlife/Caretaker

Buses:				
Tourist Information Point – Bus timetable	10	32 - L	S	Liaise with Border Buses
Southbound bus stop - timetable	7	28 - L	S	Liaise with Border Buses
Southbound bus stop remain	7	27 - L		
Southbound bus stop move	0			
Southbound shelter upgrade	4	12 - L	L	
Southbound seating upgrade	3	9 - L	L	
Northbound bus stop - timetable	7	27 - L	S	Liaise with Border Buses
Northbound bus stop remain	6	22 - L		
Northbound bus stop move	0			
Northbound shelter upgrade	3	9 - L		
Northbound seating upgrade	3	9 - L		
Cove Area:				
20 mph limit should stay	30	120 - H		Liaise with SBC/residents
20 mph limit should be removed	0	0		
Tourism should NOT be encouraged	25	95 - H		
Visitor car parking should be explored elsewhere	22	88 - H	L	
Need for improved waste receptacles	15	56 - M	M	
Cove car park dog waste bins	17	65 - M	S	
Secure bike parking should be provided	12	45 - M		
Toilet facilities should be provided	9	34 - L		
Keep existing parking facilities	8	32 - L		
Online ticket booking for parking	3	11 - L		

Village Square:				
20 mph limit should stay	22	92 - H		Liaise with SBC/residents
20 mph limit should be removed	2	8 - L		
Keep existing parking facilities	13	50 - M		
Remove parking from the Square	0			
There should be a mobile library point	11	43 - M		
A zebra crossing is needed	9	35 - L		
The Square have information on the Glasgow Boys	10	33 - L		

TABLE A2.5B

TRANSPORT, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 120-80 M – Med 79 -40 L – Low 39 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Hoprig Road:				
The road should be resurfaced	21	88 - H	Achieved	Liaise SBC/Caretaker/residents
20 mph limit should stay	19	73 - M		
20 mph limit should be removed	0			
Improve visibility of road signage	15	55 - M		
Footpath is needed for whole route	12	50 - M		
Wild Verges should be retained	10	37 - L		
Verge maintenance	6	22 - L		
Footpath is NOT required	1	5 - L		
Edinburgh Rd – old A1 now C130:				
Implement electric speed calming measures	21	81 - H		Liaise with SBC
Implement a safe crossing point	19	75 - M		
Implement a cycle lane	12	46 - M		
Callander Place:				
Widen or improve road verge	19	78 - M	L	Liaise with SBC/Residents/CC
20 mph limit should stay	18	74 - M		
20 mph limit should be removed	1	3 - L		
Implement one-way	14	60 - M	L	
Do NOT make one-way	8	31 - L		
Keep on-street parking	11	41 - M		
Remove on-street parking	9	33 - L		
Too much traffic on this road	5	16 - L		
Crofts Road:				
20 mph limit should stay	13	51 - M		Liaise with SBC/Residents
20 mph limit should be removed	2	8 - L		

Remove parking facilities	4	12 - L		
Keep existing parking facilities	2	8 - L		
Road needs resurfacing	8	28 - L		
Croftsacre Road:				Liase with SBC/Residents
20 mph limit should stay	12	51 - M		
20 mph limit should be removed	1	3 - L		
Road needs resurfacing	10	38 - L		
Woodland needs improving	6	26 - L	In progress	
Zebra crossing across to Hoprig Steps	2	8 - L		
School patrol across Hoprig Steps	1	3 - L		
Old Cambus:				Liase with SBC/Residents
Redheugh Rd needs resurfacing	8	28 - L		
Redheugh Rd to be blocked to Drysdale vehicles	4	12 - L		
Directional signage for Siccar Point	4	13 - L		
Telephone box to be retained	5	21 - L		
Repurpose the telephone box	2	7 - L		
Additional Dog Waste Bins:				Liase with SBC/Caretaker
Woodland walk to Dunglass	17	65 - M		
Cove car park	17	65 - M		
Callander Place garages	13	52 - M		
Callander Place steps	10	39 - L		
Telephone Exchange/Box:				Explore adopt a telephone box
Exchange Hoprig Road – speed up broadband	14	58 - M		Liase with BT
Broadband speed is sufficient	3	12 - L		
Area around the Exchange to tidy up	15	53 - M		
Public telephone box to be cleaned	6	24 - L		

Public telephone box repainted	6	24 - L		
Public telephone box repurposed	4	14 - L		
Public telephone box to be retained	4	14 - L		
Additional Grit Bins:				Liaise with SBC/Caretaker
Toll View/Lady Hall Road	9	35 - L		
Junction of Hoprig Road & Edinburgh Road	10	39 - L		
Speed Architecture:				Liaise with SBC
Speed bumps – Hay Terrace bottom of Hoprig Rd	14	59 - M		
Speed bumps - West of Church Hall on Hoprig Road	14	57 - M		
Speed bumps - Bottom of Croftsacre	13	52 - M		
Buffer Zone - Village Entrance South Side	13	52 - M		In progress
Buffer Zone – South Side NOT required	1	3 - L		
Other:				Liaise with Border Buses
Buses - Service, frequency and destinations	14	57 - M		
Doctor Brae exit to Hoprig Road to remove	11	42 - M		

TABLE A2.5C

CRIME AND SAFETY

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 46-31 M – Med 30 -16 L – Low 15 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Cove Underpass:				
Repairs to lighting are needed	12	46 - H		Achieved
Steps and surface require maintenance	5	16 - M		
Area wide use of defibrillator:				Liaise with First Responders
Knowledge of nearest defibrillator	4	16 - M		
I do not know where my nearest defibrillator is	1	5 - L		
Current position of the defibrillator is good	4	15 - L		
I would like training in first aid and defibrillator	3	10 - L		
Confidence in use of a defibrillator	2	9 - L		
Lack of confidence in using a defibrillator	0			
Like to see more defibrillators	3	9 - L		
Community wide CCTV:				Liaise hall/school/shop/church
CCTV is needed in the community	13	42 - H		
CCTV is not needed	9	33 - H		
Fake CCTV is needed in the community	1	3 - L		
NO need for crime deterrents	4	14 - L		
Area wide walkways:				Liaise with SBC/Caretaker
Pedestrian paths and steps need improving	7	26 - M		
Pedestrian paths are well maintained	0			
Pavement access	3	13 - L		

Pavement access to Cove is needed	4	11 - L		
Pavement access to Cove is NOT needed	2	6 - L		
Torness Police Service:				Liaise with Torness Police
Acts as a deterrent to local crime	7	24 - M		
Liaison with Torness Police is good	3	12 - L		
Liaison with Torness Police is NOT good	0			
Police Scotland Service:				Liaise with Police Scotland
101 difficult to use and time consuming	3	12 - L		
101 calls are responded to in a timely manner	2	6 - L		
Not used Police Scotland in the last year	3	11 - L		
Have used Police Scotland in the last year	2	8 - L		
They do NOT have a visible local presence	3	9 - L		
They do have a visible local presence	2	6 - L		
Like local crime prevention information	2	6 - L		
Like local crime prevention talks	2	6 - L		
Road Safety:				Liaise SBC /Residents
Safe crossing of Pease Bay Road is needed	6	22 - M		
Safe crossing of Pease Bay Road is NOT needed	0			
'No through Road' Causeway – Edinburgh Road	4	18 - M		
'No through Road' as above - clearer	2	10 - L		
'No through Road' as above is sufficient	0			
Speeding:				Liaise SBC/Residents
Electronic Signage on Edinburgh Road	6	23 - M		

Rumble strips at the entrances of our community	6	20 - M		
20 mph waste bin stickers	3	11 - L	Achieved	
Scarecrows at entrances to prompt 20 mph	2	8 - L		
Pretend Police figures at entrances	1	3 - L		
Current speed limit of Pease Road is sufficient	0			
Current speed limit on A1107 is fast (Old Cambus)	5	17 - M		
Current speed limit on A1107 is sufficient	2	6 - L		
Personal Safety:				Education programmes
NOT wary when going out in the dark	6	20 - M		Crime prevention measures
I am wary when going out in the dark	2	6 - L		
Feel safe when out in the community	6	20 - M		
I do NOT feel safe out in the community	1	3 - L		
Knowledge of what a 'Cold Calling zone' is	4	17 - M		
NO knowledge of what a 'Cold Calling zone' is	0			
Community needs publicise 'No Cold Calling Zone'	4	16 - M		
Need new doorstep signage for No Cold Calling	2	8 - L		
Advice needed for cold calling on phone	1	3 - L		
Advice needed for unwanted doorstep callers	1	3 - L		
Street lighting:				Liaise with SBC
Street lighting could be improved	3	11 - L		
Knowledge of how to report faulty street lighting	1	5 - L		

NO knowledge how to report faulty street lighting	0			
Crime:				Liaise SBC/Police Scotland
Neighbourhood Watch needs reinstated	7	25 - H	S	Education programme and include in newsletter for co-ordinator.
NO need to reinstate the scheme	1	3 - L		Neighbourhood watch initiative
There is NO an anti-social behaviour here	3	12 - L		
There is an anti-social behaviour problem here	0			
There is NO vandalism here	3	12 - L		
There is vandalism here	0			
Need for how to deal with the above behaviours	1	5 - L		
Knowledge of how to report these behaviours	0			
Need for advice on avoiding email scams	1	5 - L		
Need for advice on how to keep children safe online	1	4 - L		
Need for advice on how to keep myself safe online	1	4 - L		
Other:				Environment group
Batehole Underpass – a mural to discourage graffiti	10	37 - H		
No mural here is required	0			
Any graffiti should be painted over	1	3 - L		
Grass cutting SUW Cove/ Pease Bay danger of ticks	6	21 - M		
Other grass cutting to reduce danger of ticks	4	16 - M		
Litter	3	12 - L		
Road surface on Redheugh Road upgraded	4	14 - L		
Emergency response times (NOT Police) poor	4	12 - L		

TABLE A2.5D

THE PEOPLE'S POLL

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked /Level of Priority H – High 91-60 M – Med 59 -30 L – Low 29- 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Top Community Concerns:				
Services NOT Available (Doctor's Surgery Post Office Cash machine)	25	91 - H		Village Hall Committee to see if PO can increase facility. Community Shop to explore Cash Machine. Survey results to bring care services closer to home.
Speed Limits / Roads / Pavements / Parking:				Liaise with SBC/Residents
Pease Bay Road lower speed limit required	21	83 - H	M	
Pease Bay Road speed limit is NOT required	2	8 - L		
Road surfaces	18	72 - H		
Speed and Road safety	16	64 - H		
Pavements need resurfacing	15	56 - M		
Pavements do NOT need resurfacing	1	5 - L		
Road rubble strips at village entrances	12	51 - M		
Rubble strips at village entrances is NOT needed	1	3 - L		
Different road colouring at entrances	14	50 - M		
Different road colouring NOT needed	2	5 - L		
Further speed reductions around school	9	40 - M		
Speed reductions around school NOT needed	4	13 - L		
Better parking facility needed at Callander Place	12	47 - M		

NO need for better parking facility Callander Place	6	24 - L		
More 20 mph signage required	9	33 - M		
More 20mph signage NOT required	4	15 - L		
Crossing place SUW NOT needed Pease Bay Road	2	8 - L		
Electronic slow down signage is needed on Old A1	16	67 - H	M	
Electronic slow down signage NOT needed Old A1	1	4 - L		
Waste (Dog fouling / Litter):	19	72 - H		Liaise SBC/Caretaker
More 'pick up poo' signage	10	45 - M		Environment group
'Pick up poo' signage NOT needed	8	28 - L		Engage with residents
Regular community litter picks	12	44 - M		
Regular community litter picks is NOT needed	1	3 - L		
Education programme for dog owners NOT needed	10	37 - M		
Education programme for dog walkers needed	4	17 - L		
Environment:				Establish an Environment and Tourism group
Protecting the environment	14	62 - H		
Secure fencing needed at Batehole	5	22 - L		
Secure fencing NOT needed at Batehole	2	6 - L		
Mural at Batehole is needed	14	48 - M		
Mural not needed at Batehole underpass	4	18 - L		
Replace fencing around football field	4	13 - L	Achieved	
Replace fencing around football field NOT needed	2	8 - L		

Environmental weed management is needed	12	47 - M		
Environmentally weed management is NOT needed	1	3 - L		
Caretaker pilot should be extended	17	74 - H	Achieved	
Caretaker pilot should NOT be extended	1	3 - L		
Under tourism in Co'path area	4	14 - L		
Over tourism in Co'path area	3	9 - L		
Accommodation for walkers	12	44 - M		
Crime:				Education programmes
Crime and anti-social behaviour	5	14 - L		
Housing:				Liaise BHA/Caledonian/Residents
Family homes are needed	16	67 - H	L	
Family homes are NOT needed	7	24 - L		
Affordable starter homes are needed	11	51 - M	L	
Affordable homes are NOT needed	9	32 - M		
Lack of housing	12	48 - M		
Homes for people with disabilities are needed	8	35 - M		
Homes for people with disabilities are NOT needed	4	13 - L		
Pensioner homes are needed	5	21 - L		
Pensioner homes are NOT needed	6	22 - L		
Cove Specific:				Liaise with Cove Residents
No facilities signage on the approach to Cove	12	43 - M		
No facilities signage on approach NOT needed	1	5 - L		
Over tourism	12	41 - M		
Under tourism	2	8 - L		

Directional signage to Co'path for facilities	12	40 - M		
Directional signage to for facilities NOT needed	4	14 - L		
Keep car parking SBC responsibility	10	37 - M		
Move car parking to residents' responsibility	2	8 - L		
Official resident's car park signage	8	31 - M		
Official resident's car park signage NOT needed	4	16 - L		
Signage to dispose of waste in bins	8	32 - M		
Signage to dispose of waste in bins NOT needed	2	6 - L		
Overflow car park needed	5	24 - L		
Overflow car park NOT needed	4	14 - L		
Pavement needed along hedgerow into Cove	6	24 - L		
Pavement NOT needed alongside hedgerow	5	19 - L		
Car parking payments needed	6	20 - L		
Car parking payments NOT needed	6	20 - L		
No pavement sign needed	5	19 - L		
No pavement sign NOT needed	2	5 - L		
Crossing at Pease Bay Rd/Cove Cottages SUW	17	64 - H		
Crossing needed Pease Bay Rd/underpass Cove	5	19 - L		
Verge bollards at Cove seafront needed	5	19 - L		
Verge bollards at Cove seafront NOT needed	5	19 - L		

A2.6 COCKBURNSPATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

TABLE A2.6A LEISURE AND TOURISM

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked / Level of Priority H – High 135 - 90 M – Med 89 – 45 L - Low 44 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
School Playground need for safe surface	13	55 - M	M	Liaise with School & Parents
Play equipment	12	48 - M	M	
School Hall use for Cookery classes	7	24 - L		

TABLE A2.6B TRANSPORT, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

What was asked for	No: of Votes	Ranked / Level of Priority H – High 120 - 80 M – Med 79 – 40 L - Low 39 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Current staffing levels are not sufficient	3	11 - L	L	Liaise with School & Parents
Proposals for communication NOT adequate	3	11 - L		
Proposals for communication are adequate	1	3 - L		
School involvement in the community is NOT good	5	11 - L		
School and community links need improvement	2	8 - L		
Proposals for composite classes meet needs	3	15 - L		
Composite classes do NOT meet needs	2	10 - L		
Current staffing levels are adequate	0			
Like to join parent council	0			
Proposal for leadership structure is adequate	0			

TABLE A2.6C

THE PEOPLES POLL

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked / Level of Priority H – High 91 - 60 M – Med 59 – 30 L - Low 29 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Future of the Primary School	19	81 - H	L	

A2.7 BOWLING CLUB

TABLE A2.7A LEISURE AND TOURISM

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked / Level of Priority H – High 135 - 90 M – Med 89 – 45 L - Low 44 – 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L – Long	Notes
Outside Seating	15	60 - M		
Membership for all	12	44 - L		Use Newsletter for promotion
Events usage	12	40 - L		
Young people's bowls	6	26 - L		
Darts	5	14 - L		
Children's play area	1	5 - L		

A2.8 PLAYPARK

TABLE A2.8A LEISURE AND TOURISM

What was asked for	No. Of Votes	Ranked / Level of Priority H – High 135 - 90 M – Med 89 – 45 L - Low 44 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Playpark Equipment:				Build on the good work that's already been achieved
Swings	32	125 - H		
Slides	30	117 - H		
Equipment for Older Children	29	111 - H		
Climbing frames	29	110 - H		
Wooden den	26	98 - H		
Climbing wall	26	95 - H		
Ariel runway	23	83 - M		
Wilderness classroom	19	68 - M		
Trim trail	16	60 - M		
Performance area	13	45 - M		
Accessible for all equipment	9	33 - L		Legislation
Mud kitchen	8	28 - L		

Keep playpark where it is	27	110 - H		
Relocate playpark to the football field area	9	41 - L		
Enclosed fencing	9	37 - L	Achieved	Current site
Picnic tables	9	36 - L		

TABLE A2.8B THE PEOPLES POLL

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked / Level of Priority H – High 91 - 60 M – Med 59 – 30 L - Low 29 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Invest funds in a new playpark	11	44 - M	M - L	
Safer fencing around playpark	10	42 - M	Achieved	Current playpark
Safer fencing around playpark NOT needed	10	36 - M		

A2.9

TRANSPORT

TABLE A2.8A

THE PEOPLES POLL

What was asked for	No. of Votes	Ranked / Level of Priority H – High 91 - 60 M – Med 59 – 30 L - Low 29 - 0	Timeframe S – Short M – Med L - Long	Notes
Poor transport links	19	77 - H		
Electric car charging point	15	56 - M		Liaise with Heart of Duns/Bavs
Community electric vehicle is needed	12	50 - M		
Community electric vehicle is NOT needed	12	44 - M		
Electric community vehicle	9	37 - M		

APPENDIX 3 COMMUNITY COMMENTS, IDEAS AND SOLUTIONS

As mentioned on Page 5 within this report, the Village Poll enabled the community to have tangible participation from Level 1: Being Informed to Level 4: Developing Solutions.

Figure 1: Ladder of Participation



Regarding Level 5: Delivering Initiative, this was facilitated by a community centred event 'Jump Start Your Community' organised by the CC. This brought together all voluntary and community groups within the area to celebrate what they do, involve more residents through membership or voluntary means and to assist in ongoing conversations about what really matters to and for the community.



The following table is a complete catalogue of all comments, ideas and solutions made by the community. They have been put together alphabetically, either under specific themes or locations for ease.

Allotments and Community Garden:

- The allotment plots have grown an abundance of veg, the pond area is being developed, there are six raised beds and there will be two more with disabled access plus lots more happening.
- Raised beds for those who can't lean over would be a lovely wee addition, and events for families (like a wee pumpkin or strawberry patch for next year), would encourage better eating and perhaps a wildflower area like the one at the shop to encourage the bees.
- Use seaweed fertiliser.
- A bit of, pick your own, what a good idea, perhaps it would develop into, Grow Your Own.
- Pond safety for children, wildlife/plants protection from each other, compost.
- Would provide an opportunity for folks to work together.
- Shed needed to store equipment, act as shelter with outside sheltered seating to enjoy the view and space. Make it a unique construction but not an expensive one.
- Great work! Look forward to everything growing.
- There are options in the poll for trees, and wildlife friendly plants and that is great, however there are wild areas all around us already - it would be good also to see some beautiful plants and flowers in the garden - some things that are nice to look at - different plants that look nice through the seasons.
- Possibly a communal shed with lockers for plot holders to store their own tools.
- Wind power of course, but more reliable than solar.
- Think pond idea is great but it needs some water circulation. Otherwise, it'll be stagnant water and not conducive to wildlife or anything else. Perhaps solar generated circulation.
- I feel having a communal hut/shed will be of great benefit as it will negate the need for individual plot members building their own.
- Is it worth having a community compost skip? Having to drive to the tip with garden rubbish is bad for the environment and perhaps a company would collect a larger amount that can't be used/composted here? Happy to pay for this type of service?
- Programme of family events would be an excellent idea. The addition of a Community Development Gardener could coordinate this type of workshops and work with volunteers to help run family workshops. Ideas could include seasonal planting/ideas for cooking food from the plot/increasing wildlife habitats/composting toilet would help in future.
- Great idea - getting children involved through education/school garden etc. Need someone to be the community gardener to do this type of work.
- In the space of just a few months the derelict land has been transformed. A great example of a community project finally showing signs of progress. There are opportunities with the community garden, thoughts on polytunnels, inviting all our community to join in. I think though a toilet there, composting perhaps, is very important if people are to spend time there.
- Excellent opportunity to use this new community asset, the allotment site and garden to cooperate with school, community shop etc, great to involve the school kids and to provide some produce for the shop. Community gardener is an excellent proposal, anybody like to do it?
- Great idea for bringing generations together and to produce sustainable produce for local people.

- I'd rather see the school become involved with the allotments/community garden and have an area there to work on as this was one reason for creating a community garden.
- It would be great to have a community compost here, since we don't have council run food waste collection.
- Children should be involved in community garden. It is not a great distance and walking to the site would also give opportunity to practice road safety etc. Definitely composting toilet at the community garden is a great idea.

Bowling Club:

- Great community asset. Would like to see the club open more and welcoming so that it attracts more members from the community. People often say they want a village pub/cafe - there is an opportunity to have the club used similar to a community pub/cafe if it tackles its perception of being unwelcoming. If it wins wider community membership, then I would welcome community money being spent on upgrades.
- We are thinking about getting social membership. The village is sorely lacking a pub or a cafe, and the bowling club has the potential to raise some extra income and be a great resource for the community by perhaps welcoming the community in the afternoons in summer for a beer garden style event.
- Important community asset would be good to invest, together with more youngsters playing.
- More advertising for local folk about opening times and community events.
- Needs a bit more social/media presence. Any members who could post on Facebook/twitter to promote awareness of club and facilities?
- There used to be a perception that the club wasn't welcoming to new members, but it honestly is! Always been made to feel very welcome so come along and try it - a member can sign visitors in, although there are still current restrictions due to COVID. Am not on the committee - just a social member and it is, as you say, a great asset which we need to support and keep.
- Not bowling club related. But I couldn't find hotspot for the Burn that runs alongside the bowling club on the opposite side. Could a fence be erected along the burn? I feel this is a very dangerous place as young children and dogs could accidentally slip and fall in.

Bus Stops:

- Person responsible for checking digital timetable and updating.
- Waste bin required.
- Bin please.
- Would it be possible to have a book swap/ library cupboard here?
- If the train services are to be improved with new station, and we are being encouraged to shop local, the buses have to be improved. More regular service would open up so much more for those who don't drive and allow those who do to leave the car at home where possible.
- As someone with no personal access to a car and has to rely on others to take me places, more bus options would be fantastic, right now (or pre covid) the bus options where pretty much impossible to navigate any meaningful time out round.
- The bus service to and from the village over the last few years has got steadily worse. Not everyone has a car and can drive. It's such a shame that the bus service isn't more frequent.

Callandar Place, Crofts Road, Croftsacre and Doctor's Brae:

- The road alongside the field is far too narrow to pass parked cars safely especially if it is at all slippery in winter, or the side of paving has collapsed. Widening the road even a meter or so and making it one way would make it much safer for school children, pedestrians, drivers, cyclists, and residents.
- The verges are all getting eroded anyway, so makes sense to look at widening.
- We need to park outside our house and should not have to park elsewhere to make it easier for others to speed down Callandar Place because they may be late to drop off at school, also people often park on the bottom corner where it is clearly marked not to do so. Agree completely that the verge needs improvement but feel this is something Scottish Borders Council should have addressed long ago as the road surface and edges are rapidly getting worse. Agree also that this could easily be made a one-way system and widened by a few feet but would also need speed bumps being installed to slow down the traffic.
- I would happily take my car off the street but there are limited spaces available, and I have no vehicular access to my house. At least three cars could be eliminated from the street if access was permitted down the front of 19, 19a, and 20. However, it is a pedestrian path at the moment. There is a perfect area for a car park between 19 and 21 Callandar Place. No one uses it as it is locked off. Possibly big enough for 15 or 20 cars. And, if not a one-way system, how about a traffic light system between Old School House and village hall? Just a thought.
- 100% need better parking here it is a nightmare at times and the road is in poor condition at the edges.
- If SBC maintained roads, then no need for one way, ok between 1 and 2 Callandar Place with vehicles parked if you could drive properly then you can avoid the drop in the road at the fence/field. If you cannot drive without going into the dip at the fence, then should you really be driving ???
- A one-way system in Callandar Place would make Hoprig Road much busier than it already is. Hoprig Rd already suffers with the traffic of large & heavy farm vehicles, not always adhering to the 20mph. And that road doesn't have a pavement from Croftsacre to the top of Crofts Rd; is very narrow too.
- If the verge was widened then one way system might not be needed, but something to allow for large lorries to do deliveries to the houses, or even using widened verges to make "official" residents only parking bays? Could there be windfarm grant funding for those who don't currently have a driveway to have one added? Sometimes it's nearly impossible to walk on the path if people park so they're off the road.
- Definitely worth trying as the verge is almost non-existent. Parking bays for residents would improve site lines. Much of the traffic already comes in at the top and out at the bottom because it's not safe entering from Square and exiting near Church Hall, or passing two blind corners coming up the hill especially.
- No thank you to a one-way system in Crofts Road. Large cars, trucks, lorries etc cannot enter or exit the bottom end of Crofts Road. Our garden walls have already been damaged by trucks attempting to do so.
- I would like a 2-way mirror located on the lamp post at the bottom of the steep exit from Crofts Road. Instead of having to edge out onto the road, you would be able to clearly see both ways. Also, maybe a one-way system accessing at the top and exiting down the bottom?
- One way system, especially with increased traffic to shop. Speed bumps too before entering the Square to encourage slowing down.

- Can't we put a mirror at bottom and no overgrown hedges and verges where possible would also help.
- Like the idea of a mirror to be able to see both ways. The one-way system would work for cars but not large vehicles because of the steepness of the road at the bottom of Crofts Road.
- One way would not work in Callander place, give way or stop sign exiting the car park in front of shop would help, numerous times both cars and vans just pull out of car park without looking, I've had a few close encounters.
- I think a mirror at the bottom of this road would help both drivers and pedestrians to exit safely onto Hoprig Road.
- Mirror is a good idea. One way system is no good as large vehicles can't use Dr Brae for getting in and out. Even dustbin lorry reverses down so he can exit at top.

Car Parking at Cove:

- If there is a genuine shortage of parking, then you need more parking. Doing a them and us/nimby routine on the parking though is just going to offend anyone visiting. I can't imagine people make many repeat visits, do they?
- Alternative parking is needed. It's a question of where though?
- We could have a giant car park with a small village attached, more roads, more cars, more car park.
- Make it local parking only. Provide parking facility for visitors away from Residents. Life be in it. Walk!
- Overflow car parking is an issue, with emergency vehicle access frequently blocked during summer weekends in the existing car park. Police need to be called when this happens. Would suggest the field behind the bungalows as an option for overflow parking or at least part of it but I doubt this would be popular with residents.
- Car park to extend into field or next to it.
- Use the parking to support the maintenance of the harbour, as is done at St Abbs.
- Biggest problem isn't parking but the amount of traffic coming in and going back out because they can't find a space, that isn't a call for more parking spaces. People in cars are angry and rude, people on foot are much nicer.
- Residents fought hard for the 20mph limit, and it should stay. Car parking is a nightmare for all during the summer weekends.
- Cove residents need to be supported in limiting number of tourists especially the number of cars that create additional traffic and make life in Cove really difficult in the summer months. Not to mention the mess left behind. We definitely do not need or want more tourism.
- Car Parking needs to be outside of Cove, to avoid bumps on corner and atrocious parking when spaces are full.
- The double yellow lines which we have so far resisted on visual amenity.
- More bins needed down at the Cove, better parking is definitely needed.
- I think we have to manage as best we can with what we have at Cove in terms of parking. I feel we could have more or less spaces and will still have inconsiderate parking. Wonder if there is a way to limit the extra and turning traffic by somehow letting visitors know the car park is full at the top of the road. I'm not sure how though.
- LiveBorders have restarted mobile library to Cove. Could we request stop in Co'path? Unfortunately Click & Collect only available from a separate mobile delivery van in Eyemouth.

- Perhaps there should be a charge to visit Cove all of which could help manage numbers but more importantly, help contribute towards its upkeep. This of course with the agreement and consent of its proprietor.
- More parking reserved for residents. Double yellow lines?
- I for one have voted against anything which encourages tourism in any way. I think signage warning that no toilet or tourist facilities of any kind are available is an excellent idea, as well as reducing visitor parking bays to a half dozen forcing walking is a start.
- No longer a, Hidden Gem. Therefore, very hard to address how best to limit visitors in cars other than clear signage, and perhaps alternate car parking. The bins and toilets are a tough one, as if there's nothing there will be litter and fouling of these area of natural visitors, but if there's more amenities, it may encourage even more visitors and there simply isn't the space. Frustration expected and understood. Maybe residents only parking bar half a dozen spaces, with some other parking at a distance, where there could be a larger bin and parking without disrupting the lives of local people and the beauty of this wonderful part of our local beauty and heritage.
- Realistically, it would be someone quite exceptional who parked far away and walked all the way to Cove - more parking, however far away, is just not a realistic solution, nor one which will improve local lives. Please don't do it!
- It was just a suggestion to keep cars away from Cove, because let's face it, continuing having the volume that Cove is getting will just get the same outcome. What suggests have others about managing the car flow?
- At St Abbs the parking charges are donated to the harbour for its maintenance and could be done at Cove.
- About a month ago Cove residents were advised by the Scottish Borders Council reps that double yellow lines could not be used in Cove as they would/could not be enforced by Police due to resourcing challenges. They used Coldingham as an example, where people ignore the lines and park anywhere.
- The village simply can't cope with the number of visitors so encouraging more is ludicrous. I feel that by introducing toilets and other facilities we are adding to the issue as it will simply encourage more to stay for longer - not to mention the fact there's no room and they would be just unsightly. Additional parking outside of Cove village is needed and if it means folk have to walk further then so be it. They already have to walk down to the harbour. It is the cars, vans and campervans coming down the wee village road and parking wherever they well like that is the fundamental problem needing resolved. Have suggested signs need to be put on the A1 before the roundabout highlighting that there are no tourist facilities in Cove which could reduce number of people simply stopping looking for a toilet or shop or cafe. Don't understand the remove 20mph question? Yes, if it is replaced with 10mph.
- Parking away from the immediate location would make people think and stop car noise, parking on drives, parking on verges, safe areas for families. Plus, if parking off site was doable, they could use the loos and bins on the way down. Thoughts?
- 'Car Park Full' excellent idea, but give an alternative for people who want to walk. Also, for all the talk of overcrowding the amount of people on the beach and harbour does not seem in proportion to the amount of traffic, a survey of those visiting would be interesting.
- I feel for the residents down at the Cove. It's such a spectacular bay and coastline that it's natural that it's going to be a visitor magnet, but I fear that it's no longer a, Hidden Gem. It's getting more and more well-known, but this is people's home and there must be balances and checks. Double yellow lines from the car park to the Cove is a start,

restrictions of when the car park is open too, but can the area not get some sort of protection as a natural habitat which would force tighter controls on the numbers?

- I would not support more parking anywhere: more parking will just mean more visitors; the car parking will have to go somewhere and would adversely impact even more people than already are. As the words of the song Big Yellow Taxi go: *Don't it always seem to go, That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone, They paved paradise and put up a parking lot!*

CCTV:

- Do not support the concept at all that we should be spying on our community, least of all because of dog mess. GDPR nightmare. Heavy handed. Who exactly would be spying on us and the children with these cameras? Who would have access to the footage? Keep it simple instead and put a bin at the field.
- I think CCTV could be a good thing what with earlier in the year when people were trying to steal our dogs. Home and community security should be a priority.
- We are not exactly a busy city or town centre which might need this, or even Eyemouth where crime is noticeably greater.
- This is abject paranoia. Has no one noticed how low their insurance premiums are round here? It's because crime is near zero.
- CCTV needed at the village hall and the village shop.
- Cameras on entry to village and signage may deter thieves.
- CCTV would certainly be good near the shop and around the back of the school near the lockups and sheds.
- Around village hall and school as there are no houses looking on to this area, and a lot of activity.
- CCTV is a bit over the top if the key reason is to stop dog mess. More dog bins please! (*Reference to Football Field*).

Church Hall:

- A visitor centre on its own is probably not sustainable but could form part of a community hub with the shop and hopefully cafe like in Coldingham.
- This is a beautiful historic multipurpose building with great potential to serve the community well into the future. Ever since we moved here, I have found it strange that we live at the end of not one but two important walking paths, and there has been little or nothing made of this in the way of accommodation, catering, recognition, etc. Providing hospitality for visitors and locals alike would be a great use for this facility going forward. Making it a bit more user friendly with things like wi-fi and/or changing facilities should be enough to get something going as has been seen in the past few weeks when the village hall has not been in use. Great to see gates open and people making more use of this hall as well.
- Good idea, outside seating in good weather. Could dig up the hogback stones and put them under glass in there.
- Always thought you could utilise it for the walkers finishing the walk e.g., bunk beds and showers with some cooking facilities. There is plenty room to use it for other things as well as there is plenty room.
- It's a great building and I'd love to see some youth activity, so it's got potential in the huge hall, without adverse effects on art show and other uses.
- Cafe, youth club, community pub, something open for walkers to have a rest stop or a sleepover, could be used by church and community together.

- Sometimes cold for the Wednesday Club so may need to look at heating. Would Wed Club be able to start again depending on availability of volunteers?
- It could also accommodate some youth facilities. Got lovely garden area which can be maximised.
- I think the church hall would be beautifully suited to being a permanent cafe fixture especially as the grass area would be excellent as outdoor seating with a small parking area included.
- Sell it and money to the Church.
- Underused asset as it stands. Was a wonderful meeting place for those who came along to the Community Food store, school clothes swap, gardening freebies, paper collection, etc. So many ideas could follow on from that.
- Intergenerational events needed. Art club feeding into art show so it's not elitist include general art e.g., theatre etc. Would like see club etc not just labelled pensioners or youth i.e., a community.
- If there was a way of getting the Church Hall 'transferred to the community', would there be enough will in the village to make it into something rather special? Money isn't the problem it's getting the manpower behind it.
- It would be a great shame for this facility to be lost to the community.
- If we didn't have a village hall already, I'd say, Buy it, but we've already got a village hall - a nice modern energy-efficient one at that. Need to consider why the church wants to sell it - the answer is that it doesn't stack up financially to keep old buildings like this, beautiful as they are. Perhaps the best community use might be to turn it into seasonal walkers' accommodation and a seasonal Glasgow Boys (and others) arts centre and cafe?
- There is money available through 'Heritage' funds to assist with sensitive conversions and asset transfer is another option.
- It would be great to have yoga/ meditation/ community classes.

Cockburnspath Burn:

- Give the burn space to flow freely so it doesn't get flooded so easily.
- This is a lovely area but would greatly benefit from some clearance to allow the burn to flow more freely and prevent flooding as we saw earlier this year.
- This area needs protection as a right of way.
- The newly planned building is pretty close to this area.
- Could the area in front of 4 - 14 Croftsacre be left as a wildlife area? Mow a path through the area to the bridge but leave the rest to grow? Already a good selection of wildflowers, birds, butterflies, fungi and the area around the pigeon hut will be lost to wildlife. Would it be worth building liaison between Co'path and SWT for this, for Pease Dean and other potential areas?
- The path that runs up the side of the A1 where the fence has been ripped and is falling down would be ideal for a hedge planting project. Planting new hedgerows would also improve nature along the route.
- More substantial bridge.

Community Shop:

- Link more with the Southern Upland Way.
- I was told the shop needs income from passing trade to flourish (though it is a Community shop?). Trying to increase traffic down that narrow, pavement less road is not a good idea.
- Definitely need better signage as unless you know the village, there is no way you would find the shop. Also, the opening times need to be more visible.

- Better signage is needed - and if Thursday half day is to be abolished then the team need more volunteers, so it's up to people to step up if that's what they wish to see. Would love to see a PO and ATM too.
- The shop is a great achievement. Would it be possible to highlight the local goods you have on sale? There are already lots, but it would be great to have pies from Jarvis Pickles, Yester Dairies, Belhaven Salmon, Left Wing Kombucha, Steam Punk Coffee etc. We love them, but walkers might also buy as an end of walk treat. Delighted there is Dunbar bakery bread! Oh- locally grown flowers, either from the allotments or borders eco flowers. And possibly some music/radio playing just for a bit of atmosphere. But off to such a great start, well done.
- Also- would it be possible to have dry goods/shampoo/cleaning products etc in dispensers and people can bring their own containers for refills/no packaging?
- Possible to have signage on A1? Even something temporary, similar to Art exhibition signs?
- We have so many talented Crafters living in the area, it would be great for the shop to be used as an outlet for these.
- Do we have an official opening day for the shop? I would also like to see more delicatessen & continental foods.
- A real achievement by all concerned.
- Good ideas, fresh croissants/bread too!
- Congratulations on a wonderful space, and well done to the committee of volunteers and those who are helping in the shop.
- I hope the extra traffic will be duly managed. (*Reference to the location of Community Shop*).
- I'd love more delicatessen too, and more healthy snacks. This is going to be (well, already is) a real draw for the primary school pupils and it would be great if the stuff for sale was wholesome and healthy (AND tasty!), instead of the run of the mill snacks and drinks full of fat, salt and sugar, and chemicals.
- Some outside seating, bike racks, open early for breakfast rolls.
- Be good if managers were more visible to public.
- How could this area be both pedestrian and car safe?
- Order and delivery for elderly would be helpful. Also, if it's possible to put in requests for bakery/butcher etc for collection?
- More local perhaps village produce cheeses, gifts, ect.
- ATM cash machine please.
- Lovely selection of local & craft products so far. Will be interesting to see how this range develops.
- New village shop fab. However, some people that shop think they can just drive out of the car park without looking, had a few near misses with them.
- Donations box for Community Council services?
- Online and telephone ordering for older people would be great.
- A huge achievement and a wonderful facility.
- More organic produce please! Especially dairy.
- I didn't realise that the shop closed at 2 on a Thursday. Walking back, I spoke to a gentleman who lives in the Square, he didn't realise either. I noticed a board up in the Square saying opening times. He had never noticed it before until I said about it. We both agreed it needs to be made clearer and brighter to enable people to notice and be able to read it. I then spoke to a man who works in the garage he also didn't realise it was closed. He also mentioned he had tried 3 times and the card machine wasn't

working. (Teething problems I would imagine). Then a lady came by. She also didn't realise the shop was closed. This is in no way criticism, hopefully by being stated can enable assistance to the shop for improvements along their road of progress.

- A wider variety of fresh vegetables would be great!
- More interaction from manager to help fulfil order requests, also more organic produce.
- More organic produce mainly dairy.

Cove Underpass:

- Repair the lights could prove handy.
- Lights are now working, so hopefully on-going maintenance will now be handed to SBC.

Defibrillators:

- I didn't know there was one at Delgany, that's excellent news.
- There is one in the porch of Delgany at Old Cambus.
- Scottish Ambulance service will direct you to it if it is required. Remember to always call 999 before trying to access a defibrillator if someone collapses unconscious with not normal or no breathing.
- Asset tour of rural community.
- Have we considered having these in some of the outlying communities that are still part of Co'path and Cove, like Old Cambus, Ferneylea and Birnieknowes/Dunglass?
- Some people have been asking about codes for the ones at Church Hall and at Bowling Green which are in outside cabinets. Code for both is C then turn handle clockwise. An alarm will sound but ignore this as it will go off in around 30 secs. Always call 999 and they have all the access codes etc and will direct and support you. Please make a note of the code and keep it handy!
- If we do a needs assessment done by Scottish Ambulance Service, this will ensure most in need get one.

Dog Waste:

- More bins but that isn't really the issue.
- It is a wilful act as I live in a place where people take their dogs to exercise among other things and have rarely ever caught it/them in the act, the inference is that the poo is picked up if someone is looking. Also, I think that people are uncomfortable carrying bags of hot excrement around so greater availability of disposal bins might just ease the problem.
- Sadly, the only thing that I think will help is catching the culprits and challenging this irresponsible and disgusting behaviour. Perhaps, if the warden did "rounds" and spoke to everyone they saw, or cctv were installed, it might begin to deter the offenders? But sadly, I think, there will "always be one" who disregards all requests.
- The sort of people who leave dog mess on pavements and verges wouldn't take any notice of any signage - you could put a billboard up and they'd still do it.
- New signage required.
- More bins would help but constant signage is pointless. Responsible dog owners will pick up poo anyway and I doubt signs will make much difference to those that don't! The weird signs plastered around the village right now are almost more irritating than the actual dog mess (in my opinion!).
- Anyone who does not immediately clean up fouling by a dog is committing an offence under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003. You must clean up after your dog on: pavements, roads, footpaths, parks, football pitches, communal land, back greens, stairs,

closes, any other land that is open to the public. Dispose of your dog's faeces in your bin at home or in any public litter bin, do not leave it behind.

- If more dog poo waste bins were installed it might make lazy dog owners' bag and bin. I'm happy to bag and carry my dog poo bags on my walk until I find a suitable bin or just take home, but obviously there are many in Co'path just can't be bothered to do so. (*Reference to Cockburnspath Burn*).
- Dog poo bin for the lazy people who can't carry the bags around.
- Add eco bags to the bin locations, and for the bins to be emptied, with some hand sanitiser.
- Dog waste is a huge issue, and we need to start tackling it - more bins will be a start. Most owners are very responsible, but the few spoil it for the many.
- Serious issue around walking paths, on pavements and even in other people's gardens. Action must be taken to address the issue of the few irresponsible owners.
- Who would take responsibility for emptying bins not within SBC areas of control?
- There's plenty of bins in the village it's people not pickup up that's the problem!
- Dogs take after their owners. Would their owners be happy to leave their waste behind for others to clear up?
- The more bins the better. Carrying a dog poo bag from the Cove to the village is what we have to do now, which we do, however strategically placed bins around the most popular walking areas would I am sure encourage more responsible dog walking.
- More bins would help disposal, but it won't deter offenders. A lot aren't watching their dogs, especially off lead dogs on streets and some aren't physically capable of picking it up.
- That photo (*on the Village Poll*), represents the only dog waste bin in the entire village, kinda says it all doesn't it?
- Dog waste an issue - small minority of LAZY owners who do not pick up.... yes you know who you are!!!! Carrying your dog waste should NOT be an issue. Be responsible, there are plenty of bins in area.
- There are at least 3 bins (1 is just off old Edinburgh Road on the path to Cove. 2 can be found at the end of Croftacre, near the bench!! and 3 is down by the Old Smithy/Bowling Green, alternatively you can use litter bins that can be found around the village.
- Dog bin at New Cove exit on Pease Road would be a good place.
- If having more bins is part of the answer, what's the other part of the answer to encourage for dog owners to take responsibility of their dog's waste?
- Therefore, regarding any woodland paths, it is the responsibility of individual dog owners to ensure that dog mess is kept off the designated public tracks or bag and dispose of it at the nearest bin location likely to be nearer to the village.

Dunglass Old Bridge:

- Part of a nice walk to the estate or beach. A little plaque with some history details on it would be nice.

Entrance Verges:

- Welcome sign, planters, improve stone path for walking, wildflowers.
- Some more welcoming signage perhaps?
- Safer and more visibility.
- Removal of garage vehicles imperative.
- The verges on both sides badly need clearing of litter from the edge of the village to the junction at the quarry. Not so bad beyond there so don't know if the culprits are from

the caravan park or the quarry or elsewhere so perhaps a bit of targeted education wouldn't go amiss either.

- I find trying to come out of village difficult. It's difficult to see road clear if there are vans and cars parked near corner.
- Clear cars on junction.
- Spring bulbs or Scottish wildflower verges.
- The pavement needs to be improved. It's just stones.
- The verges both directions are looking so much better - Thank you!
- Can we get all lorries and buses to start actually slowing to 20mph though from the start of the village signs, especially as they come down the hill from the south (i.e., extend the tiny section of 20mph and put in a speed camera or flashing speed sign)? The ground actually shakes as they thunder past!!
- Replanting of the grass verges and removal of garage vehicles to another location would be good.
- Anything ever going to be done about the farm traffic coming through the village at ridiculous speeds, or Drysdale's quarry traffic bombing past the garage at 50-60mph? About time someone actually did something.
- Verges looking so much tidier, traffic speed coming from the south is particularly fast.
- If you don't like the state of the verges, might I suggest you travel another way into the village. Awful is not a word I would use. After it has been cut, now it is awful and ugly. How can anyone take 3 attempts at cutting it and it looks worse than it did originally. 2/10.
- Can the grass be cut back on the verges coming through the village, looks quite scruffy and unkept, by all means leave the back/top parts for insects, bees etc, but think a nice neat edge close to the road side would look better, up to the Hoprig Park Road end is awful, coming down the way into the village you can hardly see the road for overgrown verges - is there verge grass cutting going to be happening on the road up from the village?
- Removal of all non-customer vehicles from the roadside and grass verges that garage own. Then we might be able to do some wildflower planting making the approach to the village more pleasing. The number of vehicles parked at the junction is extremely dangerous for pedestrians as well as other road users.
- Didn't know it was called the C130. Makes sense though, C class = Can't be bothered to resurface it, presumably.

Environment:

- Lots of tourists only benefits a few who have businesses catering to them. For residents in areas like that it is a nightmare. The amount of trash left on that tiny beach after a busy day is pretty disgusting and folk driving inappropriately down roads without footpaths. Who needs that?
- How about signage on all paths shown in Scottish Borders Core Paths Network in the Co'path & Cove area?
- Well done on the work so far on the woodland area! Thank you

Grit Bins:

- Was there a bin in the Croftsacre car park at some stage? Or could there be one at the steps?
- No salt bins at Old Cambus. Don't even grit road to Redheugh either. Need bin at phone box. Or could there be one at the steps from Croft's Road to Croftacres? For the steps and the Brae?

Fast Castle:

- Better signage or pointers.
- The path as it gets close to the castle is very narrow and needs a short fence on the section where the path is two feet wide and drops off to the cliffs on one side - it wouldn't be expensive as only about ten feet long section is dangerous.
- Never been there but remember there was a story that treasure was hidden beneath it.
- There are a lot of visitors to this once peaceful site. People taking selfies on the remaining curtain wall. There used to be a large seal colony and wild goats there, but both seem to have gone.
- Small information board on the road, and markers.
- A most evocative place.
- Access can be quite difficult too, so without detracting from the place, it would be good to improve the access.
- Signs to keep off the remaining wall!

Football Field:

- Would benefit from new dog proof fencing and also a lockable gate on the path leading up to the toilet block.
- Flat visible play park on grass and storage at east side near present park. Access and parking along field hedge, place for adventure/relaxation for youth, circuit for exercise and multipurpose court at west side, leave middle section as a pitch with proper kit, lines etc so that it is still available for fayres, galas, flowers shows.
- Space for parent and toddler groups to meet during restrictions and in warmer weather would be great. A small lockable storage container where easy to clean toys, play equipment and foldable chairs could be kept.
- An outdoor covered area where we could have seating or yoga/exercise classes/meet ups.
- Bike tracks.
- Just wondering if anyone knows when the public toilets will be opening for visitors and for kids using park/football pitch?
- Be great to see a facility useable for teenagers, like a skate park or pump track. (It would also be used by young kids and some adults).
- Pump track for bikes and skating.
- Something as simple as benches around the field would be great - a place to sit and enjoy company and hopefully the good weather.
- I would suggest a multi sports court at one end, a grass five a side football pitch and outdoor gym stands around the edges so there is still plenty of space for gala, flower show etc and most of the area is still a green space.
- Field is very uneven. Once very badly sprained my ankle. Always worry when races are held there for the children.
- It can still be a green area, but just encourage more sporting activity. Important school use, gala and flower show for example, are still able to spread out, but I'd love to see an adult gym and some court areas for basketball, 5 a side etc.
- Astro type surface multisport area would be great (netball/basketball/hoops/tennis net/goals). Levelling the playing field literally.
- It would be lovely to have some outdoor covered seating in this area.
- Have always said it should be used more, in all whether, it's a sport area for older kids etc. Basketball/hoops/skateboarding etc.

- This is a great space, loads of potential but should remain green. I think there is scope for some sort of combi-sports all weather area for 5 a side/basketball and with floodlights. How about coached football, a Co'path team???
- It would be great to use for parent and child groups to meet during restrictions for outdoor play and get togethers. A small lockable storage space with some easy to clean toys, play equipment and foldable chairs would be ideal. Maybe even a mud kitchen area near the play park.
- A multi-functional covered outdoor area would also be useful so different community groups and families could use the area to meet in all weather.
- Think football pitch could be turned into something better.
- Used to play for the Co'path Team many moons ago. Would love to see this area turned into a multi-sport area.
- That would be a fantastic idea, especially if the new shop plans to sell hot drinks/cake/hot pastries for the community and also the many cyclists and Walkers we get visiting the village.
- A community gym would be fantastic, I'd love to see that!

Grass Cutting:

- Discourage the planting of "wildflower" verges if you believe this is an issue. You can't complain about long grass on verges then have an anti-mow, grow wildflower suggestion elsewhere on these pages for verges entering the village.
- Access to the right of way through The Neuk Farm, at the footbridge on Hoprig Road, needs cutting.
- It is good to have the grass verges kept short, so people and dogs pick up less ticks when out for a walk.
- Be great to tackle the stretch between Village Hall/Tollview and Pathead.

Housing:

- Bringing people into the area will in my opinion, have a positive effect on local services, transport availability and importantly retaining the school roll - the school is one of the last lifelines of the village/community.
- Provide for self-build opportunities.
- Local housing for local people.
- Land – the community could acquire it?
- Think we need to have discussions with Caledonian about their intentions on the two sites within the Local Development Plan - Tollview and behind Croftsacre.
- It is a shame that whenever housing proposals are put forward, these are rejected either by the local population, community council or SBC. There's is a housing shortage which if permitted to go ahead could help towards better School numbers for example. It is very frustrating that there remains "landbanking" by Caledonian Developments with perfectly suitable areas for future development. Hopefully something will be agreeable in due course!
- Problem with housing is the few council/BHA HOUSES that come are advertised countrywide so the local children who have now grown up and want to stay in the area to bring up their families can't as they seem to be last in line for any available to let.
- Safeguarding the school is paramount, and also at least partially dependent on new housing for families in the area. I feel they are linked, and we need to encourage further housing to feed the school and the community with younger people.
- The CC have been trying to pressurise Caledonian Trust into starting to build on the two sites they're currently land banking. Unfortunately, in this area these are the only two

sites identified for housing development on the Local Plan. Unless it's social housing, it's hard to get permission outside the Local Development Plan.

- I know of families in all three of the categories mentioned who have been trying for suitable accommodation for a considerable time. Local people with changing life circumstances who are being forced to move elsewhere. We need better housing, better services, better transport, better choices if even these people who are currently local are going to be able to stay, not to mention the need to bring in more families to boost the school roll and bring a wider age range to the area.

Litter Issues:

- Litter used to be dreadful in the Square when we had the shop - now it's travelling to the field and up Callander Place - climate awareness would be good - maybe we could do a climate mural/graffiti art project at the railway bridge.
- Glass bottles of wine regularly are littered at the verges between Dunglass and the roundabout. Rubbish (particularly McDonalds packaging) gets left by the side of the roads everywhere nearby: How about asking McDonalds to pay for a clean-up?
- What can the community do to embrace Cop26 at a local level as Climate Change is happening at home too?
- More bins are needed around the village.

Mercat Cross:

- Important historical monument that needs to be looked after.
- The cross is a significant part of local history and should be maintained as far as possible.
- There is no hotspot for the church. I was in the graveyard last week and was shocked to see headstones cornered off with hideous metal fences due to falling down. Weeds growing out the roof and gutters and what looks like a lot of repointing to be done. Is the church a forgotten asset?

Pavements:

- Highway code rule on Junction Parking Enforced at Thorburns Garage.
- A pedestrian crossing is required on Edinburgh Rd where the SUW crosses the road at Thorburn's Garage. Warning signs for motorists also required.
- Better paving on Edinburgh Road cinder track pavements is needed. Also crossing point.
- Better surfaces on pavement for those walking, children cycling, people carrying tools or bags going back and forth to school, allotments, shop, etc are essential. This is a very busy road, more so with the increased lorries, and a safe crossing place would help to assure everyone stays safe and warning signs for this that traffic would be more likely to slow down coming into village.
- It would be great if all the pavements were improved.
- I think gritting pavements in the winter would be a good idea and now that the caretaker has the trailer for the tractor and is improving grit boxes and supply, hopefully that's something that can be taken forward. Callander Place pavement isn't great on the main bit.
- No through road sign required at foot of Croftsacre.
- Pedestrian safety, top of Callander place, along past bus stop, and near cove farm?
- The pavements on the Edinburgh Rd are in dreadful disrepair. The parking on them makes it inaccessible for pushchairs and other mobility aids meaning pedestrians have to walk on the road - no parking on pavement + resurfacing
- Suggestion for Croftsacre-dropped kerbs on the pavement at 33 Croftsacre and from the car park at 14.

- All road and pavement surfaces are poor to the point of appearing unadopted.
- Be great to get the council to resurface the pavement on Edinburgh Road. The Handyman has done a great job clearing it over the last year, but it badly needs resurfaced by Borders Council.
- May I request that where plants from private gardens overhang public paths, steps & especially the handrails (Croftsacre, Crofts Road - Callandar Place to Hoprig Road), that the plants are cut back especially roses and whippy plants like clematis and honeysuckle? Be much appreciated by those who need to use the handrails and with sight problems.
- Can the weeds growing out of the steep paved areas beside some pavements be addressed in an animal-friendly way, please?
- Kids and adults stepping out between cars. Road safety awareness and going through school grounds for safety. Hoprig Road without pavements. Reflective wear in winter for people walking and bikes.
- Crossing the Square when icy.
- Could/should be from the old shop across to the parking bays. The visibility of a crossing there would also help slow down traffic in general coming down Hoprig Road.
- A lot more bins around key footpaths.

Pease Bay Road:

- Pavement is required between Cove and Pease Bay.
- A pedestrian crossing is required at New Cove Farm Cottages for SUW users. Warning signs for motorists and a 30mph limit on this entire road.
- Warning signs for motorists of the SW crossing at New Cove Farm Cottages on Pease Bay Road.
- Some sort of path down to Pease Bay too would be great, rather than walking on the road and having to hope nobody runs you over because the tourists think it's acceptable to do 50 on single track road.
- Many visitors are unaccustomed to single track/passing places, so a lower speed limit may help here. The crossing of the SUW at Cove Cottages is an accident waiting to happen - it needs highlighted to frequently speeding motorists.
- Not driving down there anymore, it is getting ridiculous now.
- Street lighting on Pease Bay Rd/A1 Roundabout needs fixing.
- Would road markings help at the Pease Road crossing, not a full zebra crossing but something to highlight the crossing? Even just a change in surface colour.
- Think Pease Bay Road should have a lower speed limit - the road is too busy and narrow to have national speed limit of 60 on it.
- The single-track Cove Road has no passing places, so road rage and rudeness are to be expected. You can see what a mess people are making of the verges.
- There is definitely a need for calming the traffic on the Pease Bay Road. The current limit is 60mph and many drivers aspire to this. I propose a 20mph speed limit from the A1 roundabout to the Coldingham road. Rumble strips before and after the Southern Upland Way crossing at New Cove Farm cottages and warning signs for motorists to be aware of pedestrians crossing.
- Crossing points for the walks with hidden exits on Pease Road.

Pease Dean:

- A safe place to cross the A1 for pedestrians and cycles would be great.
- It's a mud bath days after heavy rain. Some more walkways as there are in Pease Dean would be most welcome.

- A safe path to walk from Pease Dean/ Bridge to Co'path Tower Ruins then under the A1 to the Co'path Road past Mr Neep and on to the village - a great circuit if people wanted to then re-join onto the Southern Upland Way.
- Its utterly ridiculous that there is not a single pedestrian crossing in the village, let alone on the old A1. Do we need someone to be seriously hurt before something is done about crossing that road??? Traffic speeds coming down from Mr Neep can be frightening, especially traffic from Drydales Quarry.
- It is but seems to lead off the beaten track. We followed it for a while and path was overgrown completely so turned back.
- A wonderful place.
- Co'path Tower on the edge of the reserve - is access signposted?
- I also walk this path most days and I'm a regular Pease Dean visitor, and totally agree with comments above that some improvement on walkways with board walk type construction is a good solution. This work used to fall to the SBC and SUW Access Ranger team. I know they are stretched for resources. I believe the Community Council will have the right contacts.

Phone Box and Exchange:

- It's still an active phone box however, so we can't do an awful lot to it, it needs a revamp!
- It would be good if the Telephone box just opposite could perhaps be painted and given a new lease of life.
- Personally, the speed (internet), I experience is very good, and I have no complaints especially as we are a small village - it's miles ahead of some areas. The area around the exchange could really do with some nice planting or something, and maybe a new coat of paint. Of course, I wouldn't say no to faster internet, could we group apply to become a FTTP rather than just FTTC?
- Micro library would be good.
- The maintenance could possibly fall under the Caretakers role.
- By all means paint it white or cream or something but murals are very much in the eye of the beholder. Personally, I always think they lower the tone.
- BT have said that the phone box is not under threat of closure and will visit in the next month to look at tidying it up. Unfortunately, as it's their property, they won't allow the community to tidy it for them!
- Like the idea of a mural. Theme on James Hutton, Glasgow Boys etc? But what about longer term maintenance? Interesting murals appearing in Gala. Better maintenance of area would help.
- A micro library or art gallery would be amazing!

Playpark:

- I vote for installing a football cage - for lack of better word, somewhere with railings where kids can kick the ball and it's contained. Basketball hoops as well. At the moment kids kick the ball against the back wall of the village hall and it's just a matter of time before they break a window. There's not enough for older kids to play with.
- Not sure why we are only able to vote for safer fencing as playpark needs so much more. Safe flat surface, updated all-inclusive equipment appropriate for all age groups, safety gates to name just a few.
- Another accident waiting to happen. Many thanks to those who have made it safer until the whole area can be made more user-friendly for everyone, and most importantly safe for the children using park and fields.

- Disability swings and equipment would be good.
- We have a lot of space behind the current playpark, even a strip with some ramps/jumps. Lots of the local teenagers are bike-mad (which is a very positive thing) and are up at Penmanshiel and/or trying to make their own tracks around the village where they can as there is nothing else available.
- The village needs a playpark but maybe the present situation is not the best place -- maybe the two present areas could be combined and moved further away from the road, maybe down the side of the hall and on to the edge of the football pitch.
- I definitely think the playpark should be moved. It's not a very safe area and will be worse when the new community shop is open. The playpark should be suitable for all ages not just the younger ones. The older ones need some consideration as well. I'm sure the parents don't want them hanging around bus shelters because there's nothing else for them to do. A football area, basketball hoops even a small tennis court or skateboard area would be beneficial. Before anyone asks my children and grandkids all went to the school here and it really wasn't suitable then for older ones. I was the school cook and playground supervisor and it was nigh impossible to keep an eye on everyone.
- The whole playground is looking a little rough!!! Wouldn't take much to improve the surface at least for our kids.
- Upgrade on playpark would be great. I agree moving the area for younger children over would really help make the park more practical. It's also good for the wee ones to watch the older ones play and learn from them.
- Playpark needs upgrading and fenced off. My 5-year-old and 1 year old can play safely together, not ideal at the moment when you have your 1-year-old on the baby swing, and you can't see what the older one is up too.
- A new playpark please at the same place where it is now across from school.
- Think it should be moved a bit into the field. The position of the oil tank separating the toddler play park from older ones isn't ideal.
- Playpark should stay where it is and be invested in as a community priority.
- Playground defiantly needs upgraded. My daughter has gone through p1-p7 with the park as it is now and it's not that great. Keep it in same position so the school and nursery can utilise it as well as children from surrounding areas. Would be great to see the kids actually having something in the village to look forward to!!
- Fencing is an absolute priority.
- To follow on I think the children of this village and their parents deserve a decent area for the children. The present one is tired, outdated, run down and not safe in its present site for anyone.
- The playpark has been in its "current location" for years and there has never been any mention of an "issue" with its location until local parents took it upon themselves to try and get funding/help to upgrade, now certain individuals have decided that it would be better to use that space for the village hall (which I feel is already big enough) &/or repositioning the shop on this plot!! The playpark should stay where it is and be given funds to upgrade with equipment for all ages in the same space allowing the nursery/school to access it easily.
- Would be great to see some new equipment for the kids and some picnic tables under the trees maybe?
- Then I suggest either have the oil tank moved/placed underground so there can be one large, continuous space and parents/carers can keep an eye on their kids in different areas properly.

- Think the playpark would be better further away from the road, into the football field, and properly fenced. It would remove some of the danger from traffic etc and also prevent dog fouling. Amalgamating the entire playpark together seems to make sense for parents who have children of varying ages and have difficulty keeping an eye on them all due to the current layout. Agree we need better equipment, but it would be a great opportunity to look at addressing other issues as well.
- Please keep playpark in current location and support parents' proposal to have it refurbished.
- Pump track or skate ramp as the pavements around the village are unsuitable for skateboarding.
- Be great to see a facility useable for teenagers, like a skate park or pump track. (It would also be used by young kids and some adults).
- Playpark needs to be in a safer location away from side of the road and where parents can see children of all ages, and a place for older children to enjoy, and adults to sit and chat with coffee. Woodland could be developed with obstacle course or dens, and bike paths around it.
- Be good to see something for older children.
- There are issues with its current location and moving it a wee bit into the football park would help address these. Just feel that if there are £ to be spent on a regeneration, then we should also address the wider issues - fencing; proximity to road; ability to supervise children of all ages in one view. This can't be achieved at the moment, and no matter how all singing all dancing a new playpark is, if it continues to be separated by the hall fuel tank, it doesn't let parents supervise children properly. Also, it doesn't give any ability then to extend the village hall in the future as it removes the only aspect which can be extended according to planners.
- Instead of taking a chunk of the playing field, is it possible to use the land between the field and the back of Tollview to create a mini nature reserve and market garden giving the children a broader learning opportunity.

School:

- I think there is plenty of scope for a revamp of the whole school grounds and so many charities promoting outdoor play who could help brighten it up a bit.
- The large corner gate needs serious attention.
- The fence is looking a little rough, could certainly do with a spruce up!
- Great wee school and such lovely children.
- The school should be at the heart of the community and integrated with the rest of village life. It feels like SBC are making some effort to keep the school going but not enough! Only offering temporary posts etc do not make it an attractive place to work. If the school goes then a really important part of the village will be lost and it will become a significantly less attractive place to live.
- The school is such a valuable asset to the whole community. We need the future generation to keep the village alive, so I hope SBC listen to the concerns of the Parents' Council.
- I find it really hard to actually have any insight into what does and doesn't work for the school in terms of, for example, staffing levels and proposed leadership structure, so I don't feel I can actually vote. What I do miss in all of that is firstly information on what goes on at the school, what overall aims, and objectives are, what are key values and what is the school's vision? And then, the school actively asking for parent's AND children's feedback, insights, concerns, wishes and suggestions regarding this, and how they think the school is doing and where the points for improvement are. This might

happen through the parent council, I'm not sure. But I'd love it if the whole school community were involved, it can be as simple as sending out an online form at the end of every semester.

- I like the idea of the school having a site (garden), close to school but we should also include the school in the Community Garden to encourage community involvement.

Siccar Point:

- It would be nice to have a small interpretive panel about St Helen Kirk on the way to Siccar Point.
- Would be lovely to make a much bigger fuss over this important site, noticeboards, perhaps a visitor's kiosk, boat trips from Cove etc.
- Great idea to highlight the hogback graves at St Helen's old church - but it needs to be done really sensitively to preserve their ancient status and not made to look like a tourist site - maybe a small info board and some gentle site clearance so that people can see them?
- There is nowhere sensible to make something bigger at Siccar point at present. Then its noticeboards. The geological society are looking at improving things too. Definitely need to coordinate with them.
- Buried Hogback gravestones! 'To preserve them'. They should be on display under a protective glass panel. It is part of the local heritage and should be available and preserved for posterity.
- There are many historical gravestones here including Hogbacks that should be preserved under glass and on display. Signposts etc too.
- There is mention of a visitor centre as one of the ideas to celebrate Hutton. For several years I headed up the exhibition and interpretation team for a major heritage organisation and would urge caution over raising and committing significant capital expenditure on such an endeavour. I think there are many other options that would be less intrusive on the landscape, with low or zero revenue costs, that could imaginatively engage potential visitors about Hutton's work. Happy to discuss this further if it's useful.
- Just wondering if, as some of the best views of the amazing geology are from the sea, whether some boat trips may be an idea?
- Also, the tourist information point should probably be in Co'path as it wouldn't be that practical at Siccar Point itself. This would encourage "clean tourism" from people interested in such an amazing geological "find" so close to us.
- Very far away. St Helens Church is nearer and has no signage. There are Hogback Graves there that should be on display.

Southern Upland Way:

- Would like to see a higher fence between the path and railway line if possible? (*Reference SUW underpass*).
- A mural would be great but could be expensive unless volunteers do it. Maybe something showing a picture map of the SUW and "you are here"? Agree re higher fence at boundary with railway.
- Graffiti art project with our young people - agree preferred the graffiti to the paint job – especially with peace and biscuits!
- The paint over the graffiti looks worse than the actual graffiti!
- A mural would be amazing here especially from a local artist or local teenagers.
- Great for skating if it had the right surface.
- Network Rail is responsible for the fencing that forms the boundary to the railway.

- A mural might be a great way to mark COP 26? Perhaps local artists could help youth do something intergenerational, and encourage all to take pride in community... AND YES! There is such a difference in the village already with the Caretaker taking up so many different jobs to help make the area more attractive and welcoming, and to "fix" things when needed. Most helpful with benches, and gates at park, clearing overgrown pavements, wee jobs for local people needing a helping hand, and just keeping an eye on things like roads and lights and anything untoward going on around the area.
- Volunteers from the village used to work with SBC rangers to maintain paths and did a great job over the years.
- The Southern Upland Way is one of the least used long-distance footpaths. With the new shop, some sort of commemorative items for sale and food would be enough. Air b and bs would make some money but it is hardly beneficial to the community as a whole.
- Make something more of finishing the SUW, photo set, certificates/medals, free cuppa, and transport links!
- Better photo opportunities and some certification etc via the shop (with coffees etc which they will offer) would be great. A few years ago, SBC threatened to remove the SUW finish from Co'path due to lack of facilities, so this needs to be addressed to safeguard the area and its end of SUW status.
- Dangerous paths need renewed.
- Cockburnspath always described as uninspiring or such like in the SUW guides etc. Would be good to have something better to offer. Could we have a finishers gift/medal at shop (nothing expensive), just to give people the incentive to visit the shop and know we are impressed with their efforts.
- We need to be able to welcome folks who start or end here, or we could lose it to Coldingham or Dunbar.
- I always thought this marked the end of the Southern Upland Way - it is a bit odd having a big sign like yards from the Mercat cross, and nothing at the Mercat cross.
- Would like to see some flower tubs - roses and thistles to reflect history - here and make a good backdrop for photos, plus a better explanation of the Cross and the end of the SUW without adversely impacting on the historic monument.
- A small cafe that perhaps gives out the certificates could be a very nice thing!
- The pathway at the clifftop is in places dangerous, especially when wet. Perhaps some further discussion with landowners re rerouting some of it a little inland?
- Better maintenance.
- The Community Council almost got an agreement between SBC, Access Officer and the two landowners concerned to move the path on to higher and more level ground. Although this would spoil the character of the path it would make it safer and easier to maintain. Although part of the SUW it is very much a local path and, in most people's, opinion should be made more accessible to people of all ages.
- From a walker's perspective, Co'path is a really delightful place to start, or, end, any long-distance walk. The main problems are transport to/from Co'path and accommodation. Many b+b's now operate a 2-night minimum stay. Walkers, usually, need only one night, unless they plan to stay longer to walk some of the local paths.
- For folk who have been at the other end of the SUW at Portpatrick where there are hotels, cafes, and shops, Co'path is a bit of a disappointment. It would be good to get us "back on the map" and start with the community shop having more for walkers, which is the intention. Other facilities e.g., hostel style accommodation would be good.
- It made my day to come across an old boy of 76 who was a mile and a half from finishing the SUW. 200 plus miles in 17 days. He asked if there was a bus from Co'path to

Edinburgh shortly (some hope), so I gave him a lift to Dunbar, possibly a more useful reward than a medal.

- Coffee and cakes would be good to have.
- This should be a big deal for our village, yet I continue to watch visitors sitting on curb stones after completing a real challenge and it seems an anti-climax. It should be celebrated and promoted and linked to the shop. No one wants mass tourism on our doorsteps, but this kind of sustainable tourism should be embraced and a key driver for Co'path a future.
- Signage to say the end of the S.U.W. for photo opportunities for the ones who walk it, similar to the one on top of the big shelter opposite the garage.
- Agree something has to be done.
- I walk this route very regular and it's always going to be muddy after wet weather. It is an outdoor walk. A Path round field would be just as bad. Some remedial work on some of it would be all that is needed.
- As Cockburnspath is at the end of the Southern Upland Way, could the hall be utilised in the same way as that of the Dolphin Inn? A full time hostel. Attract walkers, hikers, surfers??? When the lower part of was going to be turned in to a pub, a representative of the S.U.W. attended a meeting and was very interested to assist in turning the building next door into a bunkhouse.

Speeding:

- I would like to see traffic slowing measures introduced for Old Cambus. There is an increasing number of homes here, with more people pulling out onto the A1107. Traffic on this road can be dangerously fast through Old Cambus.
- Would electronic speed signage be appropriate on Edinburgh Road, either side, before entering the 20mph? If so, where would you like to see this. We won't get it the whole length of the Edinburgh Road as it's not built up enough, as it's not all a 20mph, but some ideas of where would be great, as SBC are listening!!
- Enforcement needed.
- A reduced speed limit on this road and a safe crossing place at the Cove Cottages/SUW must be achieved before someone is badly hurt or worse.
- 20mph is the speed in Edinburgh on roads with pavements. It needs to be less on those areas with no pavement. Some people just don't get it.
- No rumble strips the road is noisy enough through the night.
- School needs lower speed restrictions, but the main issue is speeding traffic on old A1 (Edinburgh Road), so some electronic speed awareness signage may help. Agree that rumble strips to slow traffic up Hoprig Road is definitely needed - the speeds can be horrendous, and there is a lack of 20 mph signage between top and bottom of village and The Square.
- Verges looking so much tidier, traffic speed coming from the south is particularly fast.
- We need something in place to cut the speeds of vehicles entering the village from the south.
- Saw the signs and thought they were quite effective. Official signage may have more impact.
- We have put a couple of self-made signs warning drivers of the crossing but has minimum impact, near missus are a daily occurrence at the chicane where SUW crosses the road at the cottages, I'm not sure any signage would have any effect, and then the matter of large overhanging vehicles/farm machinery would potentially knock the signs out of the ground.
- No through road sign required at foot of Croftsacre.

- The electronic speed signs are great. Let's you know what speed you're doing. Coldingham, Eyemouth, and Dunbar all have them. Clear roads would be good. Down past old shop is rather tight when in tractor. And harvest time ahead log trucks passing through a clear run be great. Junction at garage, most days you are out over lines to see if clear.
- No to speed bumps and rumble strips because of the noise. How about an illuminated "your speed" to advise people of their speed? Or countdown markers at 300m, 200m, 100m, advising of the speed restriction ahead?
- Be great to get the council to resurface the pavement on Edinburgh Road. The Handyman has done a great job clearing it over the last year, but it badly needs resurfaced by Borders Council.
- Speed bumps on Callander Place near school and village hall. Significant number (7/8+) of parents highlighted their concerns- said their correspondence appears to have fallen on deaf ears. So maybe a poll right outside the school to facilitate their views on the issue.
- Not a fan of speed bumps but would support the use of a digital speed indicator sign. In my view it creates adherence without the discomfort of and potential vehicle wear of speed bumps.
- Ensure 20mph signs are clearly visible. Repaint SLOW and white lines and have some 20mph warnings painted on road surface.
- I feel better local signage on side roads would be a start, and electronic signage on Hoprig Road and Edinburgh Roads, rather than speed bumps which I feel will add to the danger on the roads as they are so narrow.
- I don't agree on speed bumps. They do not have a positive effect on speed.
- Near Edinburgh Road junction with the village needs speed bumps as well as the main run through the Village.
- How about the Children of the Village do their own signage that is endorsed by 'the powers that be', maybe more impactful? For example...Children live here, slow down or even little figures of children crossing the road. Thoughts!
- Coming into the square and near the school. 10 mph speed limit.
- Something needs to be done about the condition of Hoprig Road and the number of large/heavy vehicles which thunder past need to be slowed or follow an alternative route.
- Dogs and cats. If a vehicle not a child, this would be absolutely devastating.
- I would like to see traffic signs to slow drivers down around the Old Cambus area on A1107. The Redheugh Road is also in a dire state and could do with some attention.
- Need speed calming on the main road before the bowling green, at the war memorial and all the way past Tollview. Many cars, lorries and buses pay no attention to 20mph.
- There should be a calming zone before the 20mph - electronic warning signage as soon as possible on both north and south entrances.
- Lorries and tractors coming far too fast up and down the hill through narrow bits of road. Electronic Calming measures and direct pleas may help. I have also requested better signage within the village.
- Traffic calming 100%. There should at least be digital speed monitoring to warn drivers. The speed traffic comes down can be frightening. I walk down to the Cove with my wife, daughter and dog and spend half my time raging at drivers.
- There are a couple of tight bends both in and out of Old Cambus, what's the best thing for this? Signage, mirrors, anything else?

- It's not just people passing through the village. I find it hard to believe that some people who actually live in the village can be so selfish and dangerous.
- Something to deter speeding vehicles. Often have to slow traffic. Makes me really angry. Young kids.
- Alternative methods of calming traffic across our community are now critical.
- There needs to be more measures for reducing speeds for vehicles approaching the village.
- Not speed bumps, please as our cars suspension already suffers enough with potholes.
- The speed that cars fly up and down the old A1 is ridiculous. It's 40mph where I live but cars, lorries, farm vehicles often travel much faster. You take your life in your hands trying to cross the road there.
- It's outrageous. We who live on the main road face a constant battle with idiots racing through the village and endangering our children. At night-time some vehicles are hitting shocking speeds. Recently a large yellow digger from either the quarry or from one of the farms was easily hitting 50mph around 11pm up and down, up and down. The police have been informed and we haven't seen the digger again however unless proper speed controls, including capturing vehicles speeds, are implemented it will continue to rest on those of us who have to live with it to do something about it.
- Not a fan of speed bumps. Too many people just drive over them with their tyres either side.
- The village junction at the garage is extremely dangerous with vehicles coming fast both directions, often in the middle of the road because of parked vehicles near the war memorial.
- Speed bumps anywhere do nothing but increase noise and vehicle damage.
- Speed bumps, electric signs and even speed cameras.
- After living in Edinburgh for years I for one would avoid speed bumps you will find they damage your vehicle suspension even at low speed.
- As the 20mph is so short, it's unenforceable. It needs to be extended from The Mount right up to at least the end of Tollview if not further.
- The speed of cars coming into and out of the village on Hoprig road is far too fast. Drivers that speed are not interested in the speed limit.
- No speed bumps please roads noisy enough through village especially through the night. Maybe some digital speed awareness signs etc.
- I cannot believe the speeds, especially coming from the quarry. We have already photographed and reported vehicles to the police and will continue to do. Its beggars' belief that there is no safe place for us to cross that road safely.
- There needs to be some speed restriction on the A1107 when it goes through Old Cambus (proper). Driving in and out of the drives there is dangerous, not to mention scary.
- The ground shakes with the speed some lorries and buses drive at.
- Something to slow down traffic on Redheugh Road would be good.
- No to speed bumps anywhere. The phone box is of historical interest as I think it's the first solar powered one. Traffic is too fast through the main part of Old Cambus on the A1107. Maybe a question here about a speed limit?
- Traffic calming prior to entering the village, but I don't agree that speed bumps are the way to go. They are an eyesore and damaging to cars.
- Digital sign warning of speed good idea. Put speed bumps in and there would be even more noise so that's a no from me. When you buy a house on roads like that you have to expect the inconvenience. But agree the traffic from and to quarry is probably worst

of them. Before anyone says anything, I lived on the road when it was the A1 and the house was hit by a lorry.

- The issue is speeding. By the time vehicles get to where the houses are nearest the roundabout, they are often going well in excess of 40 mph.
- We need something to slow traffic down through the village, but don't impede the farming traffic - speed humps or maybe some wiggly islands. The speed people come through at night is just unacceptable (and during the day to be fair.)
- I just hope that we don't end up implementing a solution here that either makes the problem worse or shunts it up the road to other people's houses. Can anyone think of a solution that doesn't make it worse, or kick it up the road to other people?
- Rumble strips on entrances to village? Interactive speed warning signs on entrances to village? 20mph stickers on resident's property/rubbish bins wherever possible? Gala /Stow have stickers on main roads. 20mph scarecrows in village? Saw one in Dunbar today. Contact the employers at quarry and local farms\farm contractors directly to express concerns - engage directly with local employers.
- Crossing points for the walks with hidden exits on Pease Road.
- Definitely something done about speeding lorries, tractors and cars at this part and through village. Would love to own a spike strip!!!
- I personally believe something needs to be done that slows the traffic down along here, for the safety of our pets and humans, especially where Hay Terrace doesn't have any paths which means you have to walk on the road, also up Hoprig is the same issue. Some Island or speed humps in my opinions (or both!).
- Ensure 20mph signs are clearly visible. Repaint SLOW and white lines and have some 20mph warnings painted on road surface.
- Maybe if speed bumps are unpopular, we can get advice on what other traffic calming measures may be better? Think Hay Terrace is a particularly difficult area and lots of speeding tractors and other vehicles.
- No speed bumps they just make the traffic noisier especially with heavy goods traffic who just ignore them anyway.
- This is one of our biggest issues with living in the village. Lorries hammer down from the quarry past Alan's garage, huge farm traffic from certain farms, not all, also pile through Co'path at ridiculous speeds. Nothing ever gets done. We have young children & animals and are genuinely angry. I agree speed ramps are not ideal - traffic calming on Hoprig Road is a village priority.
- What else would you suggest? Something has to be done and right now. I live on Hoprig Road. I have a young daughter who can literally walk straight out of our door onto the road and I'm continually out telling people to slow down - I'm sick of having to police traffic outside my front door.
- Speeding vehicles is horrific. Constantly out trying to slow down traffic. As far as yellow vehicle this was a yellow lorry. I monitored and decided to go out and take video footage. Forwarded to police!!
- Scottish Borders Council would probably never approve speed cameras for this road but with no zebra crossings, it's only a matter of time before someone gets badly hurt.
- The turn into Edinburgh Road is extremely dangerous with vehicles in the middle of the road because of parked cars.
- Some of the farm traffic vehicles (not all) are travelling at unsafe (IMO) speeds too. Many of the people who speed past my house are residents who don't seem to care because it's not where their house is.

- We really need something to slow down traffic on the main road at the war memorial too. Few lorries or buses pay any attention to the 20mph because it's so short.
- Agreed, seems to be a lot of residents driving down Hoprig too fast as well as commercial traffic.
- Farm traffic seems to be the majority of cases of excess speed. Given the highway code makes it an offence to delay progress and therefore farm traffic should pull over on main roads when they have a queue behind them - and don't - and given the police never bother with that bit of enforcement either in Scotland or England, I'm not sure anything will cause them to slow.
- Definitely need traffic calming measures, especially near the school and shop. Perhaps a one-way system or chicane could provide a solution.
- Speed bumps are not the answer.
- The speed of the cars that drive through the village and along the lane at the school is far too fast. When you are walking with young children the cars drive by you so fast. They don't realise to a small child it is very frightening to have cars so close to them. Please slow down and show consideration to others.

Torness Police:

- Policing the village is not the role of the CNC.
- There can be no doubt that the presence of CNC acts as a deterrent, and officers are always willing to help or pass on information to Police Scotland.

Tourism:

- Improve the coastal path to make it all weather. Add benches at the viewpoints with more info boards.
- Walkers have to find transport to get home as there is nowhere for them to overnight, change or shower etc. The old Dolphin inn is a great example.
- Human poo needs to be treated in the same way. (*Reference to Cove Harbour*).
- A local paths map with beach, waterfalls, etc would be helpful and informative. (*Reference to Dunglass Old Bridge*).
- I don't actually see much benefit to the community in increasing tourism to the village to be perfectly honest. Look at small villages that have high tourist footfall, it is a nightmare for residents. Siccar Point, St Helens and Fast Castle are so far from the village anyway. Some facilities for long distance walkers, yes.
- Hmm. No. Cove suffers from over Tourism - too many people on a tiny wee spot: the environment can't cope with the existing number of visitors as it is. Nothing wrong with visitors who stay overnight in local accommodation (and add to the local economy; B&Bs are better than holiday cottages - we don't need yet more homes turned into holiday accommodation which takes the wintertime soul out of the village); but would certainly not encourage more (car) day trippers.
- Is there really a single person in this community who'd want to encourage more tourism to Cove?
- I walk to Cove daily, and it's got busier and busier every year we've been here. I truly understand the Cove inhabitants' frustration with regards to the busy car park; visitors double-and triple-parking where there are no designated parking spaces; visitors not using the bins for their litter; visitors peeing against walls and fences; visitors camping overnight despite there being a sign saying that it's not allowed; visitors not picking up after their dogs; visitors shouting to each other in the car park etc etc etc.

Tourist Information Point

- Having a map of local footpaths, using the information on Scottish Borders Core Paths Network could be beneficial for residents and visitors. Could start with signage for the rights of way?
- Signpost and mark core paths and let the wildflowers grow.
- The map is pretty tired and faded and it could do with updating - perhaps signposting folk to the shop?
- Could be given a new lease of life and a more modern facade, along with phone booth, with pointers to Square and shop/cafe for certificate and cuppa.

Transport:

- Think joint working with BAVS etc over this will reveal the best model for communities like ours and although there can be issues, they can be addressed. Many communities have experience of such schemes, and some funding is available externally for electric vehicles for community use, so I'd say it's well worth exploring further. Nothing may come of it, but there's no harm in exploring it and it ties the community to nothing.
- I'd rather just support the bus service or just more local services so leaving is last resort... I mean Train station is my dream!
- Advice and support from other local networks as to how to proceed, lessons learned, and a local survey about possible uses as well.
- Vehicles depreciate and wear out. You'd need a very large budget to buy (or lease) a vehicle, pay for the insurance and repair costs, pay for the increased insurance when someone damages it and claims they didn't, pay for the repairs that someone "hopes they don't notice", and (if leased) pay for the end of lease damage that the lease firm spots.
- Can Co'path please have some Charge Places Scotland electric vehicle charging points please?
- Could ask for a small donation from people to support upkeep, when they use the transport - no worse than paying a bus fare?
- It would be good to have additional public transport; would Eve's coaches come up to Co'path? Borders buses crosses several local authorities.
- A later service from Dunbar would allow villagers to enjoy evenings out with friends, without having to think about driving.
- Anyone know why it costs more to travel to Dunbar from Cockburnspath than it does to travel from Dunbar to Edinburgh?
- A charger for EV's would certainly be great but to be useful really needs to be 50KW, good luck powering one of those from solar panels in Co'path!
- It would be (very) nice, not to mention useful to have a bus service that goes over the moor again, like we did years ago. Once a day? Even 3 times a week would be better than nothing.
- The investment for a community bus is a big one. If it's not being used 5 out of 7 days, it would be running at a loss. How can the community ensure it's used at least 80% of the time? Who would organise the booking system? Would there be enough volunteer drivers or drivers willing to take it out with current driving license?
- Would be great to have a late service Berwick to Edinburgh (*Reference Bus Service*).
- A community minibus would be a fantastic asset and could be used by so many different groups, clubs & folk in the area.
- Potholes! The patching they do doesn't last from year to year (*Reference Old Cambus*).

Village Hall:

- Charging points need to be sited on a central location near Square/hall.
- Wonder if we need a suggestion box at the village hall or at the shop when it opens so that residents who are not on the internet can also put forward their ideas?
- We used to have lots of events in hall a few years ago including live bands, plays, pantomimes etc and it would be great to see these come back ASAP.
- I'm relatively new to the village, so not sure what activities went on pre Covid in the hall. I'd be keen on badminton or table tennis.
- Be good for the hall to be used for badminton, short tennis, and other activities.
- I would like to see a memorial bench or some other tribute at the village hall to Claire Wright who put so much effort into it even after she had moved away from the village.
- Please could we have some yoga classes in the evenings? Is there any scope for a room to be used like the treatment room at Humbie hub and have therapists/chiropractors/visit once or twice a month? Also - WFH hub is a great idea!
- Miss the travelling pantomime, concerts, fundraisers, dance/fitness classes, toddler groups, parties, cafe gala, dances, flower show etc which I hope will start back very soon. Booking system needs updated online, but accessible to all. Such a wonderful space, with multiple entrances, and rooms, this could be much better utilised. Hub for wfh!
- Time the hall was used for family events again. Back in the day family discos were so popular and a great way to raise funds for family/village events such as gala weekend events.
- It's the village's biggest structural asset. Needs to offer more to attract families and younger community.
- There are a large number of books within the Village Hall - what's the best way of promoting, accessing them (maybe with funds being used for the betterment of the village)?
- A possibility for someone to use the kitchen, start their own wee business?
- Perhaps teenagers and twenty somethings could be involved if the timing were slightly different. All good for CV, skill development and getting to know the community.
- Looking forward to having events and groups back up and running soon as we can stay local but encourage socialisation at that same time. Post office, library, maybe CAB or support team are some of essential services we should be able to access locally.
- It would be great to have yoga/ meditation/community classes.
- Could the community cafe start again? But all dependent on availability of volunteers.
- Several of the long-term & hard-working volunteers who were instrumental in keeping the cafe running have decided to step down from the 'job'. It was hard work for a couple of people each week, and difficult to get younger people to volunteer their time. But perhaps cafe can be revived with the engagement of new volunteers?
- I've asked if Co'path could be included again in the library stops ... I think they're just starting slowly, but it was well used in the village previously so hopefully they'll restart.
- How about community e-cars? They could be cheap to run tapping off the solar panels from the Village Hall, insured for all, small 4-seater to the bigger version SUV size?

War Memorial:

- Would be great to have this area as a focal/resting point at end of SUW, and to be able to give the memorial its proper place as a reminder of those who've paid the ultimate sacrifice, perhaps share some of their stories, better if garage gets to move without cars etc. Could have historical info on a board there.

- Some better way of ensuring wreaths don't disappear in the wind would be good. If the garage moves, some benches would be great.
- Moving cars away, that are part of the garage would make that area much nicer and safer. Then benches or a good way of keeping wreaths on monument would be a good idea.
- It is important we maintain the war memorial. It's an important reminder of the sacrifices of folks for our freedom.

Top Concerns:

- Lack of affordable housing
- Top Three Projects: First, Playpark, all weather pitch and adult fitness area on playing fields, second, community transport, third, hub for walkers' accommodation, visitors centre, focus on art and geology, history with cafe (during peak hours) and pub (at weekends) GENERAL SUPPORT AND UPKEEP: Fuel payment support especially with end to furlough and universal credit changes, also more flowers and signage in and around the village. Perhaps something creative in old shop windows about Hutton and/Glasgow boys' meantime.
- I feel the school's future depends on more housing encouraging young couples and families to stay local or move in, as well as on improvement in local services and amenities. New playpark, simple things like cafe, cash machine, sports facilities, would all help keep those we have and attract new folk. It's a beautiful part of the world with a good community spirit, when that is encouraged, so what's not to love.
- A lot of residents send their kids to school elsewhere. It is their business why but there are quite a few who live here and don't go to school locally. Change of teachers so often doesn't help.
- More infrastructure for older kids is needed.

If you had control of the windfarm funds, where would you invest the funds?

- Don't think an electric community vehicle is required? What is it to be used for? If a community vehicle is required for trips/outings can money not be spent on hiring a taxi or booking a minibus as and when required? Like the idea of contributions for households towards their Winter Energy Bills. How about each child in the nursery and Primary school at Cockburnspath are given an East Links membership for a year?
- Invest so it benefits the good folk who live and work here not for encouraging tourism. Unfortunately, that also means paying for quite a few things Berwickshire Council are responsible for but just don't do because of lack of Government funding or because they are rubbish.
- Housing prices in Cove have already taken a hike and no doubt the, Lothian, effect will reach Co'path. The important thing in a community is for it to refresh and not become a retirement home. Young people need affordable housing and work of course.
- Nature reserve with outdoor classroom in the land between playing field and Tollview.
- Community buys out of the woodland section just past the school. It could have a network of all-weather paths, nature area for the school etc.
- Invest in the fishing and the harbour.
- Flower decoration off the Square and of the whole village, generally speaking.
- It would help to know the scale of this budget. It may be possible to do several things with it or not. There's a huge difference in cost between sticking a barbeque up at the allotments and buying an electric car for the community (daft idea I would say anyway due to ongoing escalating costs) after all.
- No one uses outdoor fitness areas.

- Improving facilities for youngsters should be the greatest priority.
- I would give each household a Donation towards Winter fuel bills.
- A visitor centre incorporating a cafe and art gallery promoting local artists. The association with the Glasgow Boys should be promoted. All weather tennis court too.
- This huge amount of money should be used in my view for really big projects we otherwise couldn't afford. I would suggest a carer service to support the council one (e.g., for emergencies) like some other areas of Scotland have done and improved transport links, especially to the areas at the periphery of Co'path which currently have nothing, having had services withdrawn. Also, maybe an emergency hardship fund.
- Don't give the money to businesses that don't even operate in the area, like last time.
- There is nowhere safe to cycle for kids. That should be a priority.