

Skirling

Skirling Village

Skirling Community Council

Current status

Unique & valuable

- The village owns the Village Hall
- The owners of the village green are very generous in making it available to the community for public use
- There is a history of horse and cattle fairs in the village along with the converging drove roads

Proud to live here

- Shared delight in living here, an active church parish, and a supportive community, demonstrated through organised deliveries the pandemic and through households adopting plant tubs to show we care about our village

Negative in living here

- No shop, no school, not enough young people,
- very busy main roads and drivers not always being mindful they are in a built up area - we are trying to get flashing signs for the speed limits, to join Community Speedwatch and to get a Pop-up Bob.
- Not enough paths to link us to Broughton or to Biggar.
- Marginally adequate public transport.
- Derelict drove roads with fences missing.

Local contacts

- Advisor to survey residents to ascertain interest/need
- Path route planners and advisors on negotiating with landowners. Path builders
- Bus companies to discuss public transport
- Playground constructors to build a children's playground
- Housing Planners for more affordable housing to attract young families
- Scottish Land Fund to help get orphaned land into village community trust ownership

Priorities

Short-term

A survey of need and involvement of a more diverse group (not just Community Council members)

Medium-term

Path project for active travel, getting orphaned land ownership, construction of play park

Long-term

Affordable housing to link the two parts of the village and attract a younger demographic - perhaps a shop and school might come from that and better transport.

Placemaking

existing plan	no
existing consultation	no
interest in Place Plan	yes

Traquair

Traquair and surrounding villages Traquair Village Hall

Current status

Unique & valuable

- Rural yet accessible, fantastic quiet location, well-maintained and versatile village hall.

Proud to live here

- Beautiful area, wealth of wildlife, activities, walks. Very diverse community too.

Negative in living here

- Sometimes overlooked as an accessible location. Limited community input
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Local contacts

- Local residents, groups and societies
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Priorities

Short-term

- Better community engagement

Medium-term

- Further enhancing the facilities available

Long-term

- Looking beyond just the village hall facilities
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Placemaking

existing plan

no

existing consultation

no

interest in Place Plan

no

Innerleithen

All of the EH44 postcode area

Innerleithen Community Trust

Current status

Unique & valuable

- Our unique textile heritage is now gone and new economic opportunities are evolving from the 'biking interests'.
- Our natural assets can and should be used sustainably to promote economic growth.
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Proud to live here

- A real sense of community and vibrancy to get involved and make things happen.
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Negative in living here

- Historic lack of investment has exposed a huge deficit in facilities.
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Local contacts

- Residents
- Sporting and Cycling Organisations,

- Businesses,
- Primary School

- Community Groups,
 - Heritage Interests
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Priorities

Short-term

Facilities fit for purpose of the modern age

Medium-term

Enhanced visitor experience with infrastructure to underpin

Long-term

Joined up public transport airport/bus/bike

Placemaking

existing plan
existing consultation
interest in Place Plan

yes
yes
yes

Future Innerleithen
A follow on to our previous plan.

Peebles

Peebles – covers the settlement Peebles – but could incorporate interests out to the full extent of the Community Council boundary, but this is not currently the case, and would not be a simple process

Peebles Community Trust

Current status

Unique & valuable

- A close community centred around a long standing settlement and continuing many of its ancient traditions - Beltane Festival, Common Riding, etc. - with a vibrant town centre, many community organisations, and popular tourist destination

Proud to live here

- Strong sense of belonging, and great resilience (as exemplified in its response to the Covid emergency)

Negative in living here

- limited local work opportunities - reversal from a long-standing tweed mills economy to a commuter economy; last twenty years have seen a 40% increase in built footprint - but without the equivalent in physical and institutional infrastructure; significant poverty and deprivation and Foodbank masked by general picture of affluence

Local contacts

- Peebles Community Trust (PCT)
- The Guildry Corporation of Peebles

- Royal Burgh of Peebles and District Community Council
- The Bridge, Peebles

- Peebles Civic Society
- The Peebles Callants

Priorities

Short-term

- control of irresponsible parking; children walking / cycling to and from school (avoids school run "traffic jams")

Medium-term

- allocation of areas for economic development, and building of more affordable housing so that more people can both live and work in the town

Long-term

- build second bridge across the Tweed and create more social infrastructure outside the High Street

Placemaking

existing plan

yes

Peebles Town Action Plan (published 2016) & draft 1st stage Peebles Whole Town Master Plan (published 2016)
Both the above plans are currently being updated - the 1st covers a 3 to 5 year period; the 2nd a 20 to 30 year period

existing consultation

yes

interest in Place Plan

yes

Carlops (1)

Carlops, Kitleyknowe,
Ninemileburn and environs

Carlops Community Council

Current status

Unique & valuable

- There is real community involvement in many aspects of life here. We have a lot of highly educated and knowledgeable people, who share their talents and skills with the wider population. Our community has sufficient long term residents, who have overlapped with previous generations, for there to be stories and knowledge still passing on by word of mouth from almost a century ago.

Proud to live here

- It's an historic village in a lovely setting, with thriving arts, music and science groups. We have a history which is known and passed on through talks, events and celebrations.

Negative in living here

- The trunk road which cuts through the full length of the village and is a danger to our lives, especially those of our children, elderly and animals.
- We cannot hold a conversation with neighbours at the front of our houses or while walking along the street because of it. Little is done to enforce the speed limits (or challenge the abusiveness of speeding drivers) and there is no acknowledgement that this was a village Main Street for approximately 200 years before it was made a 'trunk road' and therefore untouchable.
- Most of the village has footway on only one side of the road and is very difficult to navigate on foot as blind bends make crossing back and forth highly dangerous.
- The bus service has become increasingly hopeless over the years and is now unusable for anyone working later shifts or wanting to be in town for the evening - which makes it particularly useless for younger people working in hospitality and care.

Local contacts

- Residents, including children, and local farmers
 - Church
 - West Linton Beekeepers Assoc.
 - Hall committee and user groups
 - Community Garden group
 - Community Council
 - Sustainable West Linton and District
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Priorities

Short-term

- Retain the 20mph throughout the whole village and make the southern stretch a no overtaking zone.
- More investment in maintenance (eg, bus shelters, verges, footpaths, clearance of encroaching vegetation) or support for the community undertaking such ourselves.

Medium-term

- Add gateways and traffic calming.
- Improve the bus service.
- Low key development of the Rock field as a community growing and meeting space.

Long-term

- Have a footway on both sides of the road, especially at the southern end.

Placemaking

existing plan

no

We just have our inclusion in the SBC Local Development Plan

existing consultation
interest in Place Plan

no

yes

Carlops (2)

The Rock Field, Carlops

Carlops Community Garden Group

Current status

Unique & valuable

- Enthusiasm & ability to volunteer

Proud to live here

- Good neighbours & social activities.
- 20mph zone.

Negative in living here

- Poor public transport to Peebles.
- No late buses from Edinburgh

Local contacts

- Residents,
- Carlops Village Centre

- visitors,
- Carlops Church

- Carlops Community Council
- Sustainable West Linton & District

Priorities

Short-term

Keep our 20mph zone status

Medium-term

Better public transport

Long-term

By-pass

Placemaking

existing plan

noes

existing consultation

yes

Carried out community survey recently

interest in Place Plan

yes