



Local Place Plan Langholm & Canonbie Districts





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This document is designed as a record of the views of local people who co-created the Place Plan. By capturing the spirit and ambitions of these communities we hope to attract support from enablers, funders and partners. We have lodged an Expression of Interest with the Council so that this Place Plan can be registered and taken into consideration as part of the Local Development Plan, influencing Planning decisions for the next decade... all part of our vision and plan for Eskdale's future.

What is a place plan?

This Place Plan belongs to the people of Langholm and the rural parishes of Ewes, Westerkirk & Canonbie including settlements of Caulside, Harelaw, Rowanburn, Claygate, Hollows, Evertown and Chapelknowe and surrounds, facilitated by The Langholm Alliance, ratified by The Community Councils of Langholm and Canonbie.

A Place Plan captures the hopes and aspirations of local people for their community.

It is made by, for and with local people to set priorities for change. With strong ideas and ideals, partnership working and the support of local people and external funders and investors, we can continue to transform our place.



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Executive Summary

The Langholm & Canonbie Place Plan is dedicated to transforming our place, Through the collaborative efforts of residents, businesses and government representatives, into a thriving, dynamic, community which embraces its rich heritage while looking forward to a prosperous future. This Place Plan sets out our ambitions for the future and gives this community opportunity to attract investment to support sustainable regeneration. We are committed to our vision to make Eskdale a great place to live, visit and invest in.

When we first started this process, we thought about our hometown and imagined seeing it decline year after year, long running family businesses, who employ many of the town's population closing, our high street shops falling into disrepair and our young people moving away as a result of a lack of sustainable jobs. Langholm was once a thriving economy with a population of over 4,000, decade after decade we have seen reducing numbers to just over 2,000 today, with a significant number of those over 65 years old. Between 1960 – 1980 Langholm was at its economic peak with over 1,000 people employed by seven local businesses, these businesses are now all closed with the last major employer, Edinburgh Woollen Mill, moving their head office to Carlisle in 2018 further reducing local employment.

Despite this decline there is a real sense of optimism from within these close, hard-working communities who recognise the Langholm & Canonbie areas are uniquely placed to take advantage of the changing economic landscape and consumer demands with a focus on eco-tourism and creating a hub for small business start-ups.

Surrounded by under-utilised natural assets including The Tarras Valley Nature Reserve and other stunning countryside, rolling hills, rivers and forests and is home to some of Scotland's best loved wildlife including red squirrels and golden eagles. Langholm or 'The Muckle Toon' as it is known has a rich history/heritage and is home of two famous sons, Thomas Telford who changed the landscape of Britain, Hugh MacDiarmid who brought joy through poetry and, not to mention our strong family connection of Neil Armstrong which is quite literally, out of this world. The seat of the Armstrong Clan is at nearby Gilnockie Tower, a stone's throw away from the community of Canonbie.

2. Our Mission

Our Mission

Our mission is for Langholm and Canonbie district to be an even better place for people to stay, work invest, and visit.

By 2030 our aim is that the Langholm district will be rejuvenated, a celebrated hub for small business and quality textiles and a visitor destination renowned for its natural environment, its arts centre, its rich heritage, and its quality produce. Langholm itself is a natural home to small businesses and enterprise including modern textile manufacture and craftsmanship. The town is rich with people, spaces and environment to support business. The Langholm district is also home to Scotland's first medicinal cannabis farm and is on track to be the first in the UK to produce a prescription product for the domestic market.

We envisage the development of connected businesses under a Langholm brand that is synonymous with quality craftsmanship and builds on the rich heritage of the town.

All of the work undertaken by the community to date has importantly laid the foundations with key strategic partners including Dumfries & Galloway Council, South of Scotland Enterprise, Hollywood Trust, Scottish Land Fund, NatureScot, Woodland Trust, Rewilding Britain, Scottish Forestry, Esmee Fairburn Foundation, UK & Scottish Government and local windfarm operators, that have led to this point - the development of an ambitious Place Plan for Langholm, its associated parishes and Canonbie that sets out a ten year vision for the realisable regeneration, resilience and growth of the communities, and the priority projects that will allow this to happen.

We are keen to maximise everything this community has to offer locally, regionally and nationally. As the first town and village in Scotland on the A7 heading north to Edinburgh, we are the 'Gateway to the Borders' and are ideally located to attract visitors from both the North and South of the UK whether stopping off as they pass through, or as a place to stop and use as a base to explore.

To keep up the impetus, we need expert support and resources and very much look forward to ongoing partnership working and co-designing our future with local people to achieve meaningful and lasting change. This Place Plan will help focus the potential of the town for economic growth and wellbeing and we believe our priorities can bring us both financial and just as importantly, social return on investment. We will make Langholm and Canonbie an even better place for people to stay, work invest, and visit.

3. Our Challenges

Challenges Facing Our Communities



We have many strengths and opportunities, but to ensure sustainable progress we have affects remote working potential challenges to be tackled:

Rural Isolation and Accessibility

- Limited public transport services create barriers for those without private vehicles
- Access to healthcare, education, and essential services requires long travel times
- Weather-related disruptions can further isolate some of our communities

Population Decline and Aging Demographics

- The decline in young families and working-age residents impacts local services and businesses
- Lack of affordable housing and job opportunities contributes to youth migration
- A growing elderly population requires more health and social care support as per respondents

Economic

- Seasonal nature of tourism means economic activity fluctuates
- Limited employment diversity - few opportunities outside and agriculture and textiles

Infrastructure and Development

- Aging infrastructure and road networks require investment
- Lack of investment in broadband and digital connectivity

Our Challenges

Although not classified as 'deprived' our place is indeed suffering from rural deprivation. Langholm and Canonbie have been well known to look after themselves, but that has been done through necessity, and we have achieved as much as we can. In order for the good work to continue, external support and funding is now required.

Housing, transport and connectivity and health provisions are all big issues facing this community. Our consultations identified a clear need for a strategic approach to improving the local transport infrastructure and services. In addition, a large proportion of the community is now considered to be at risk of flooding despite the last major flood being back in 1977. *Development in Langholm and Canonbie districts is currently strangled by the excessive flood risk area identified by SEPA and we will continue to engage with DG Council and SEPA in the hope that we can reduce the area or find alternative methods of working* which in turn means that we can find a way through planning allowing for housing and health and social care centres to progress.

Forestry advancement continues, with the associated loss of farming land, to be of deep concern to residents throughout our communities. Although an inevitable price of development, the community is striving to ensure that the Government and contractors are held to account and ensure that all necessary environmental studies, surveys and checks are carried out prior to planting taking place.

The increasing encroachment of Wind Farms which are central to the government's plans to achieve climate targets, including decarbonising the UK's electricity system by 2030, and increase energy self-sufficiency are cause for concern in an area which is already surrounded by wind farms. We recognise the need for net zero and the renewable transition, but locally it feels like we are addressing climate change at the expense of the biodiversity crisis, which could be avoided by better strategic planning.

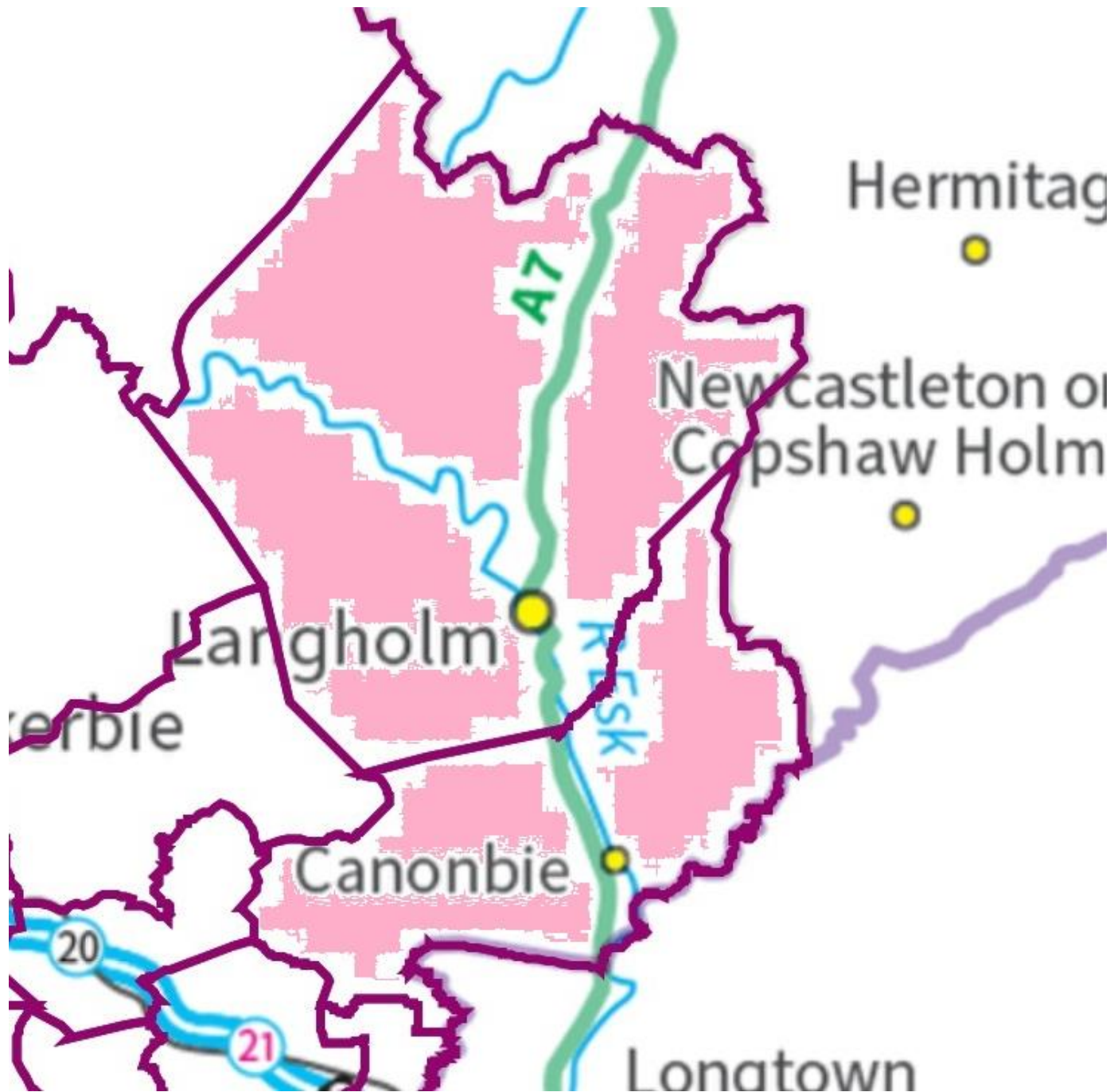
4. Our Place

Our Place

We are the heart of the 'debateable lands', steeped in history, culture and surrounded by stunning, natural beauty. Langholm, Ewes, Westerkirk and Canonbie are the perfect base for outdoor pursuits, with chartered walks, running and mountain bike trails, cycling, golfing, fishing and kayaking. We are part of the The Kirkpatrick Coast to Coast Cycle Route from Stranraer to Eyemouth and now the Community are historically the proud owners of 10,500 hectares making up the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve and the Castleholm at Langholm.

Carlisle is the nearest city around 21 miles from Langholm, 16 miles from Canonbie. It is the main administrative and retail centre for Cumbria and benefits from good access to the M6 as well as having a station on the main West Coast Virgin Glasgow to London Euston rail line.





Langholm, Ewes,
Westerkirk &
Canonbie
District
Boundary



Langholm, Ewes & Westerkirk

Built around the 'meeting of the waters', Rivers Esk, Ewes and Wauchope, Langholm, the Gateway to The Borders, located on one of the main routes to Edinburgh (A7) and is a Burgh of Dumfries and Galloway. Just a short drive from Carlisle and the M74 motorway which connects with the M6, making our Place ideally located to attract visitors from both the North and South of the UK. Often referred to as the 'Muckle Toon', Langholm is surrounded by rolling hills and lush countryside. Known for its rich textile heritage, vibrant cultural life, and annual Common Riding festival, which celebrates local traditions and history.

Ewes is a rural parish and community located north of Langholm. Characterised by picturesque landscapes, Ewes is centred around the Ewes Water, a tributary of the Esk. The area is well known for its peaceful valleys, agricultural land, and opportunities for outdoor pursuits such as walking and fishing.

Westerkirk lies further west along the River Esk and is renowned for its beautiful scenery and quiet charm. The parish boasts historical sites, including the Westerkirk Parish Church, and is closely associated with the poet and essayist Thomas Telford, who was born nearby. Westerkirk offers visitors a tranquil slice of rural Scotland with a strong sense of history and community.

The community has ambitions to reinvent itself as a destination for eco-tourism - a strategically placed hub, a leisure destination with a focus on the outdoors, a growing cultural offer and most of all, a glorious green place with wellbeing at its heart.

People

Gender

Gender	
Male	1,321
Female	1,385
Total	2,706

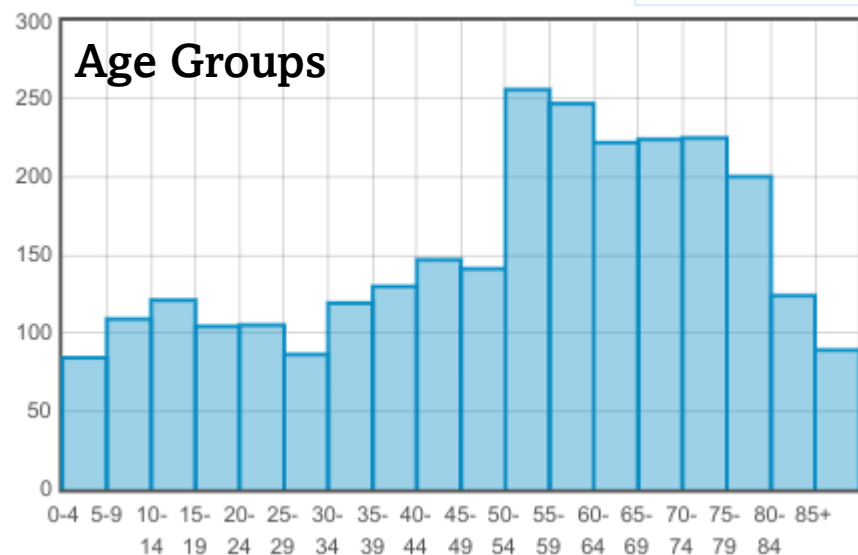
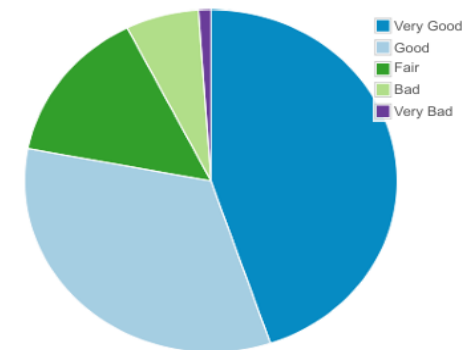
Housing Tenure	
Owned Outright	612
Owned with Mortgage	265
Shared Ownership	7
Rented: From Council or Other Social	171
Rented: Private Landlord <i>inc. letting agents</i>	275
Rented: Other	7
Rent Free	45
Total	1,382

Health

Health in the UK is strongly tied to age as you would expect, but the affluence of a neighbourhood also has strong influence, with deprived areas often showing poorer standards of health.

Overall, the UK considers itself to be healthy - 81.6% of residents of the United Kingdom rated their health as Very Good or Good.

Health	
Very Good	1,222
Good	905
Fair	397
Bad	173
Very Bad	29
Total	2,726

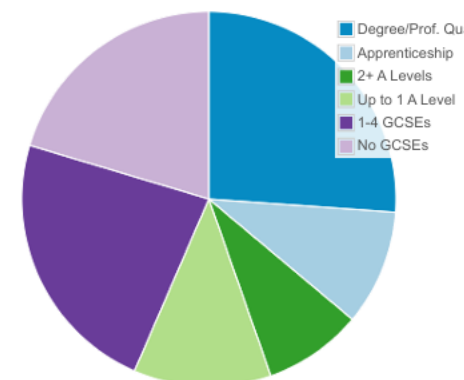


Ethnic Group	
White	2,700
Mixed Ethnicity	15
Indian	1
Pakistani	2
Bangladeshi	0
Chinese	7
Other Asian	3
Black African	3
Black Caribbean	0
Other Black/African/Caribbean	1
Arab	0
Other	4
Total	2,736

Education & Qualifications

At the time of the 2021/22 census, across the UK 22.9% of residents had no qualification, 10.3% had 1-4 GCSEs as their highest qualification, 13.2% had 5+ GCSEs and 1-2 A/AS-Levels, 16.6% had 2+ A-Levels, 33.6% had a degree (or similar), and 5.6% had an apprenticeship.

Highest Qualification Level Achieved	
Degree or Similar <i>e.g. professional qualification (accountancy etc)</i>	622
Apprenticeship	237
2+ A Levels	203
5+ GCSEs, an A-Level or 1-2 AS Levels	283
1-4 GCSEs	550
No GCSEs	485
Total	2,380

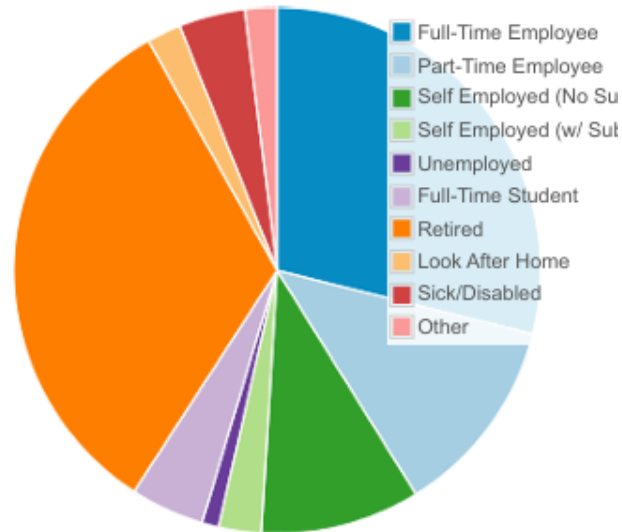


Economic Activity

Figures for economic activity do not include those aged under 16, or those family members aged 16-18 who are in full-time education. The 2021/22 census occurred during period of depressed economic activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, care should be taken in interpreting figures relating to labour market participation.

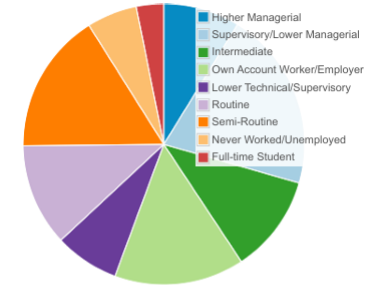
Economic Activity

Full-Time Employee	675
Part-Time Employee <i>(defined as 30 hours or less per week)</i>	287
Self Employed (No Subordinates)	229
Self Employed (With Subordinates)	61
Unemployed	24
Full-Time Student <i>(with or without job)</i>	106
Retired	765
Looking After Home or Family	49
Long-Term Sick or Disabled	95
Other	46
Total	2,337



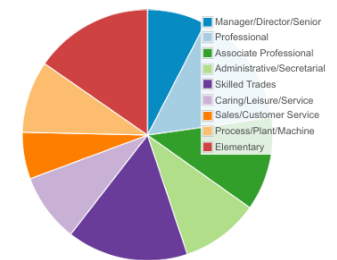
Socio-Economic Classification

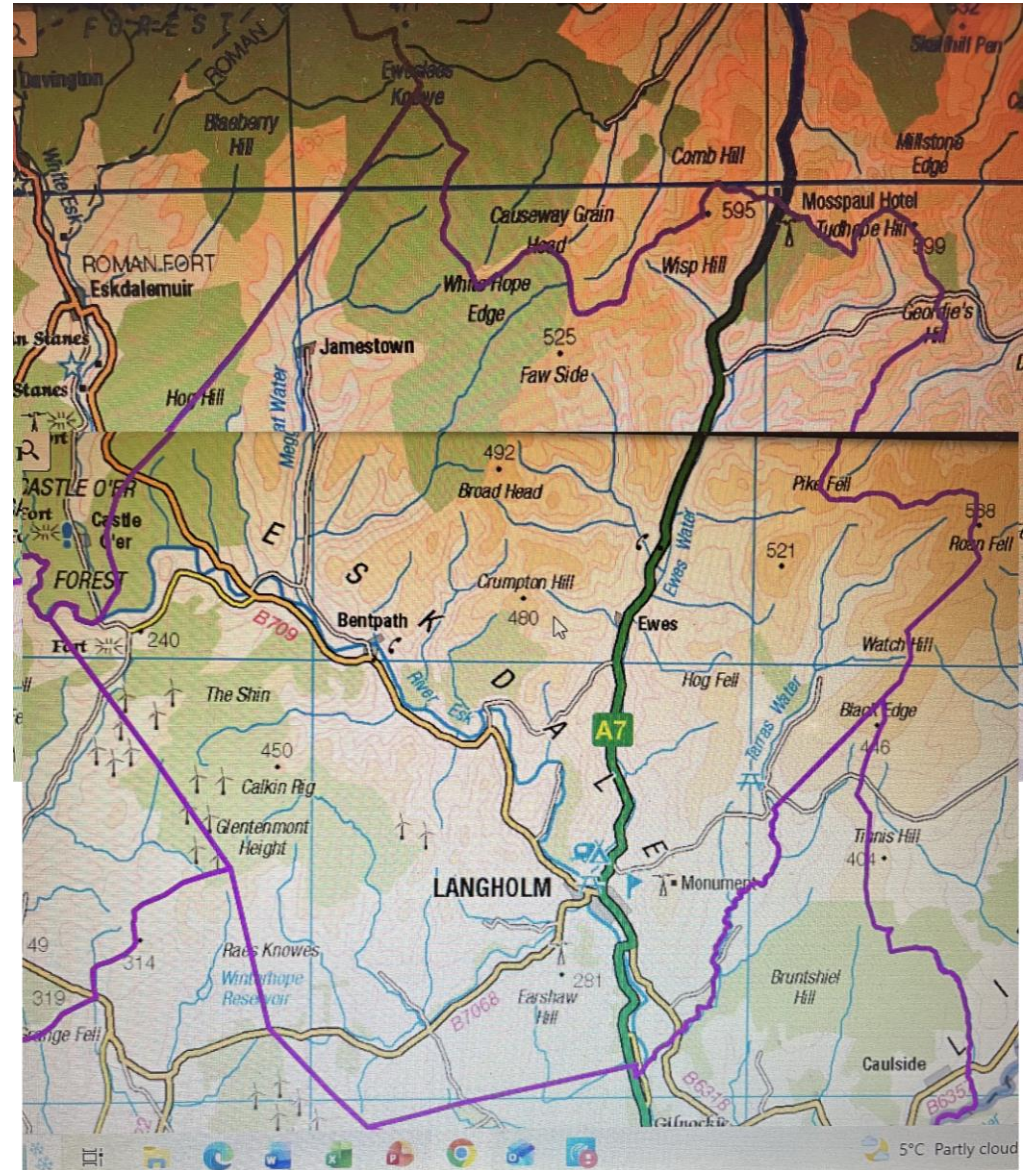
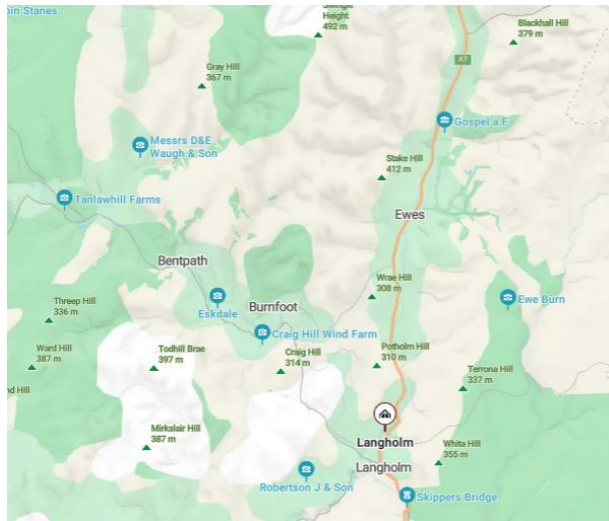
Large Employer or Higher Managerial/Professional	209
Supervisory, or Lower Managerial/Administrative/Professional	493
Intermediate Occupation <i>e.g. clerical, sales, technical, engineering occupations</i>	269
Own Account Worker/Small Employer	356
Lower Technical or Supervisory Occupation	177
Routine Occupation <i>e.g. sales, service, production, operative, agricultural occupations</i>	281
Semi-Routine Occupation	387
Never Worked or Long-Term Unemployed	138
Full-time Student	75
Total	2,385



Occupation Group

Managers, Directors and Senior Officials	99
Professional Occupations	197
Associate Professional Occupations	157
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	131
Skilled Trades Occupations	204
Caring, Leisure and Other Service Occupations	115
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	78
Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	121
Elementary Occupations	200
Total	1,302







Tarras Valley Nature Reserve



Tarras Valley Nature Reserve

A story of hope, community and a powerful symbol of what can be achieved when people come together. Following two epic community land-buy-outs, helped by thousands of people from all walks of life, against impossible odds, the community of Langholm now own 10,500 acres of the stunning Tarras Valley.

We are now creating the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve which is one of the biggest projects of its kind in the UK for people, nature and climate.





Canonbie District



Canonbie

Canonbie & District Community Council area is divided by the A7 trunk road which links Carlisle and Edinburgh. Part of our southern boundary, approximately 15 miles, is also the Scottish / English border and we meet the border of Scottish Borders Region at Caulside. As well as the area now known as Canonbie other settlements make up the district namely Caulside, Harelaw, Rowanburn, Claygate, Hollows, Evertown and Chapelknowe and surrounds.

Canonbie sits on the river Esk, which is famous, in angling circles, for its salmon and sea trout although stocks have diminished in recent years. It also sits above the Canonbie Coal field. Coalmines ran from the early 19th Century until 1922 when it was said the coal was exhausted.

Nearby in the Hollows, sits the infamous 500 year old Scots Tower House, Gilnockie Tower.



People

Gender

Gender	
Male	723
Female	735
Total	1,458

Housing Tenure

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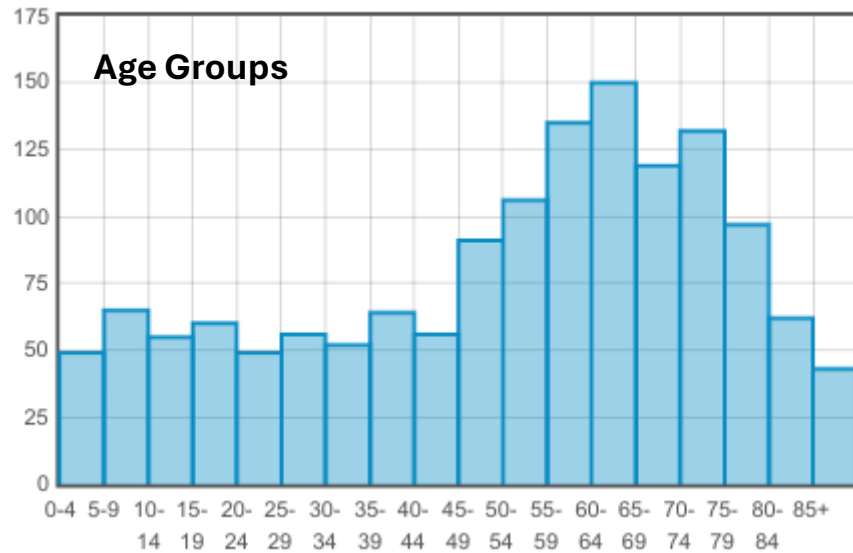
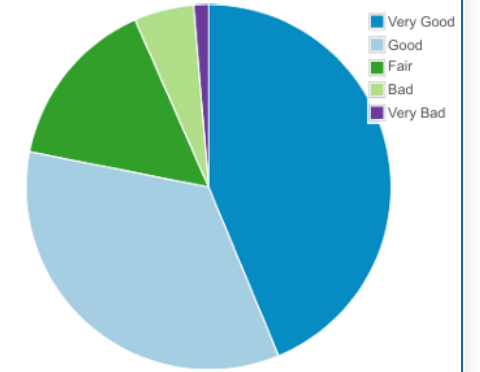
Owned Outright	327
Owned with Mortgage	143
Shared Ownership	0
Rented: From Council or Other Social	50
Rented: Private Landlord <i>inc. letting agents</i>	113
Rented: Other	7
Rent Free	24
Total	664

Health

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Health	
Very Good	635
Good	499
Fair	222
Bad	77
Very Bad	19
Total	1,452

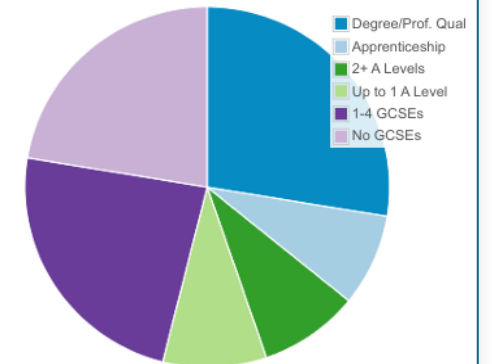


Ethnic Group	
White	1,449
Mixed Ethnicity	11
Indian	3
Pakistani	1
Bangladeshi	0
Chinese	0
Other Asian	5
Black African	0
Black Caribbean	0
Other Black/African/Caribbean	0
Arab	0
Other	1
Total	1,470

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Highest Qualification Level Achieved	
Degree or Similar <i>e.g. professional qualification (accountancy etc)</i>	351
Apprenticeship	105
2+ A Levels	113
5+ GCSEs, an A-Level or 1-2 AS Levels	117
1-4 GCSEs	301
No GCSEs	285
Total	1,272



Canonbie District Population Data



5. Our Process



Your Place - Your Say

YOUR LOCAL PLACE PLAN
 Canonbie & District Community Council
Drop in
 Canonbie Village Hall Ante Room
 Tuesday 21st May
 4.30 – 7.00 p.m.



- Establish important development issues for the community now and in the future
 - ✓ Proactive input into the local planning system for our area
 - ✓ The evidence and information which underpins our Place Plan can be used to secure funding for identified actions/projects.

Come along and find out more



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

IN THE LANGHOLM LIANCE

The Event Will Be Held On:

Thursday, 11th April, 2014
 3pm

The Buccleuch Centre
 Langholm, DG13 0AW

Special Guest:

Our Process



Our Community & Place Planning has been a collaborative process. The community has defined the key themes ... a shared ambition and collective understanding of opportunity that has emerged through community-led Place Planning. Acknowledging a decade of neglect, a sense of broken promises and under-investment in Langholm & Canonbie, we look to Government, partners in local government and funding bodies to get behind our Place Plan. We are in desperate need of capital funding to transform the town and its hollowed-out infrastructure.

THE LANGHOLM ALLIANCE

Come & join us to discuss

- Infrastructure & Energy
- Business & Economic Development
- Tourism
- Sports, Leisure & Outdoor Activities
- Arts & Culture
- Heritage
- Health & Social Care
- Children & Young People

LANGHOLM'S COMMUNITY PLAN PUBLIC MEETING
MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD
Wednesday, 22nd February
6.30pm - 8pm
The Buccleuch Centre

Hear about the successes and future plans from our Community groups and share your ideas.

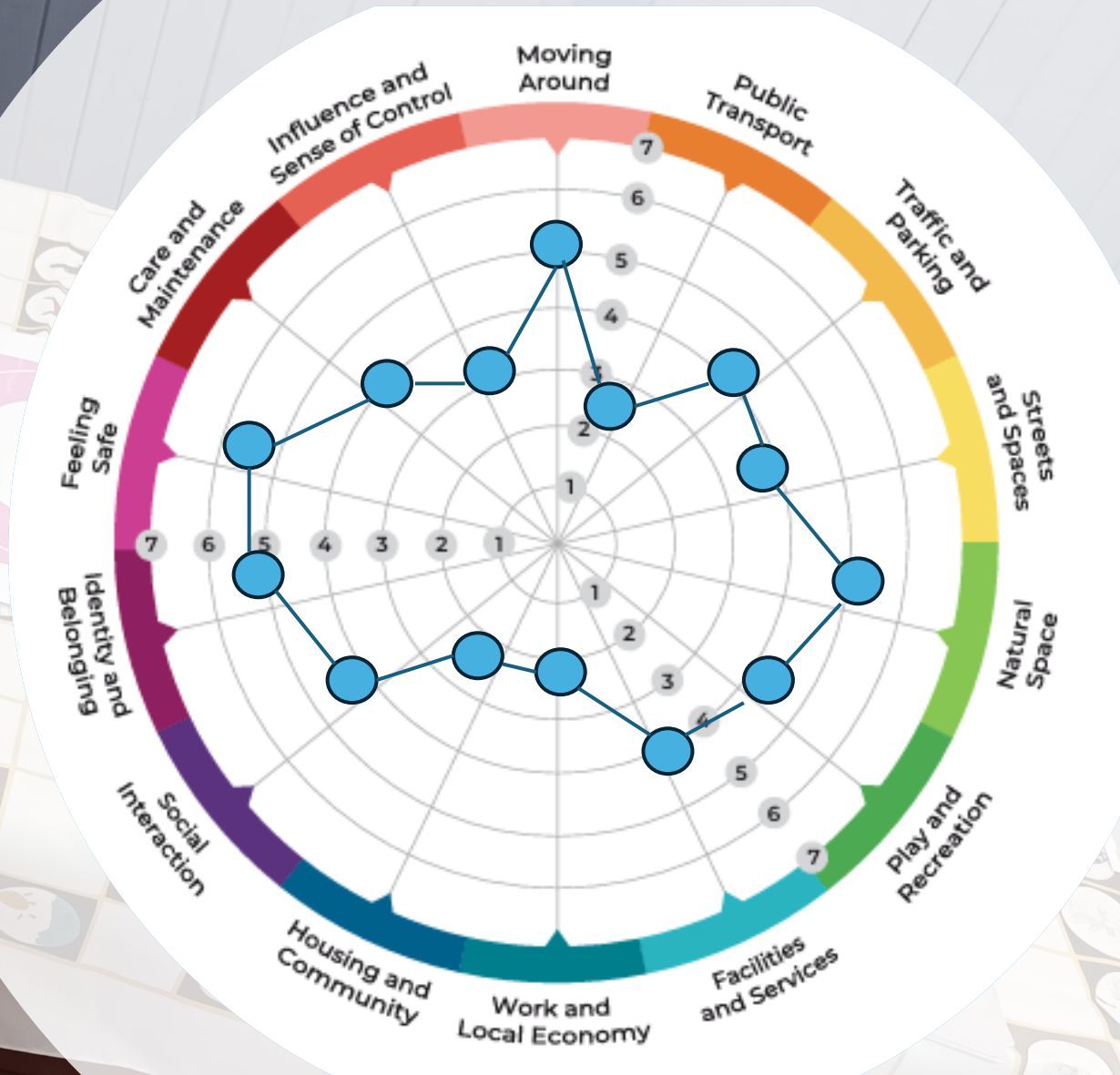
Drop-in sessions at The Buccleuch Centre

- Thursday 23rd February, 10am - 4pm
- Friday 24th February, 10am - 4pm

SOUTH SCOTLAND ENTERPRISE



Although built on both Community Action Plans and the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve 5 Year Development Plan - themselves developed on the back of extensive community consultation processes; this Place Plan has been prepared with close regards to the latest local, regional and national strategies and plans in order to ensure a synergy of approach and to ensure that it supports and complements planned development activity within the area being led by local agencies and bodies.



Our Process

As part of our consultation process we asked the residents of Langholm, Ewes, Westerkirk and Canonbie:-

What are the positives about our community?

- ◆ sense of community
- ◆ community spirit
- ◆ the people
- ◆ scenic beauty

What are our biggest challenges?

- ◆ transport
- ◆ an aging population
- ◆ retaining our young people
- ◆ housing

What is most important for our future?

- ◆ employment
- ◆ health & social care,
- ◆ housing options – young and old
- ◆ opportunities for young people.

What sums up our communities to you?

- ◆ Good people
- ◆ Safe
- ◆ Community Spirit
- ◆ Green

Our Process

Using the Place Plan Tool we asked (ranked highest to lowest)

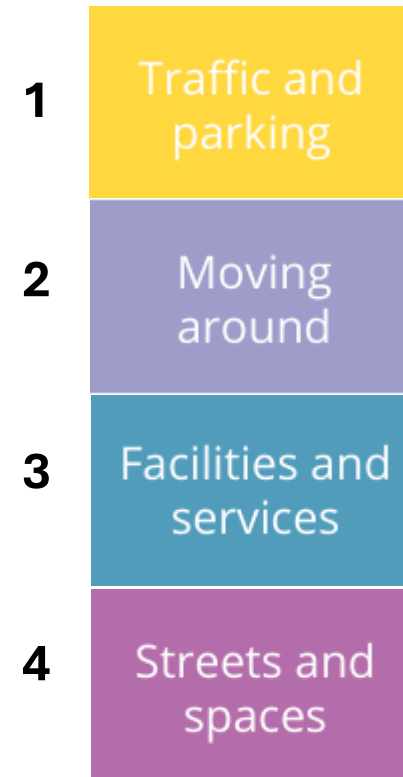
What do we love about our place?



What do we not rate in our place?

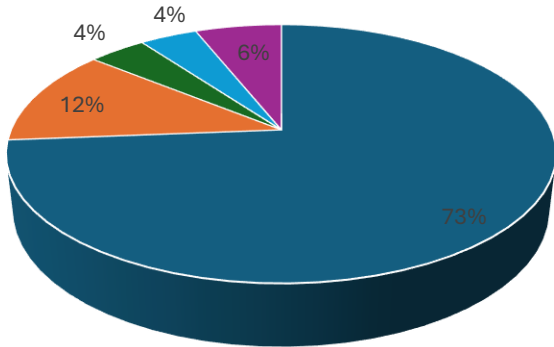


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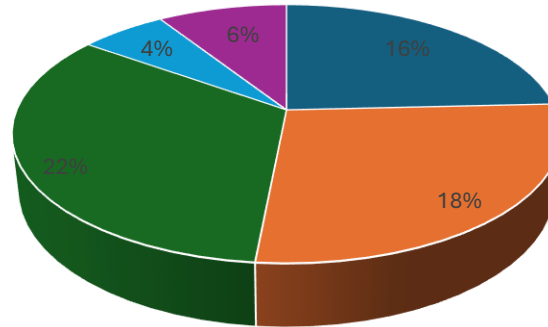
Our Process – LPP Infographic

Residential Area



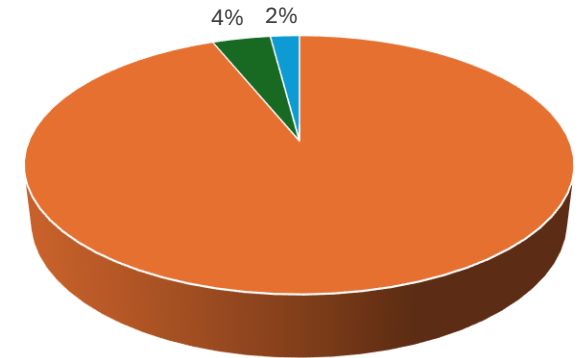
■ Langholm ■ Canonbie ■ Westerkirk ■ Ewes Valley ■ Other

Age Bracket



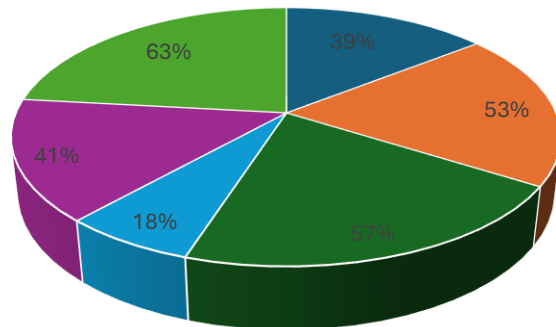
■ 12-17 ■ 18-29 ■ 30-49 ■ 50-65 ■ 65+

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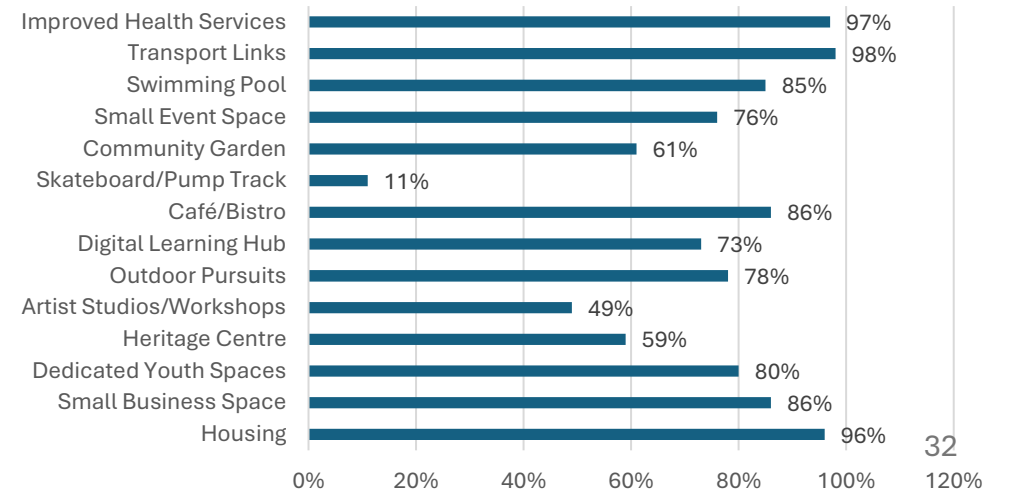
■ Continue to live in area ■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't Know

There are sufficient provisions/activities for:-



■ 0-4 years ■ 5-8 years ■ 9-12 years ■ 13+ ■ 30-60 years ■ Seniors

What We Want to See



6. Our Pillars

Our Pillars

The over-riding conclusion was that at the core of each of these pillars we **MUST** be inclusive, we **MUST** look to protect and enhance our environment, and we **MUST** be open to change, unafraid to try new things, now is not the time for what has “aye been”!

Through continuous public engagement, we gathered a wide range of issues, ideas and solutions from locals, businesses and accommodation providers from which ‘Our Pillars’ were identified: (all of which fall under the goal and policies of NPF4 – See Appendix 7)

- **Housing:** development of community led affordable housing for local use.
- **Health & Social Care:** development of community-led / run services.
- **Children & Young People:** youth involvement in decision making, youth led activities, employment and training.
- **Business & Economic Development:** gain strategic support; attracting inward investment and developing projects.
- **Tourism:** marketing/promotion ensuring we are a destination and ‘open for business’
- **Infrastructure & Energy:** development of key infrastructure including transport links and viable sustainable energy use.
- **Nature & Environment:** development of the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve
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Pillar One - Housing

➤ Development of community led affordable housing for local use

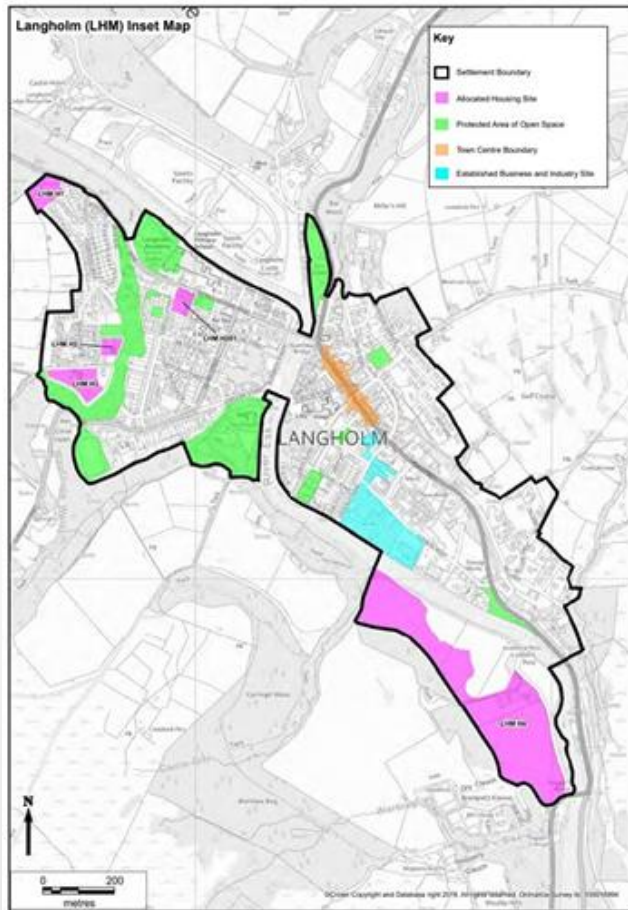
The Eskdale Housing Market Area covers the easternmost part of Dumfries and Galloway, with Langholm being the largest and only settlement featuring an established Business & Industry site. Eskdale, being the region's least populated housing market area, features only 17 identified business and industry units.

Understanding and meeting local housing needs is key to social and economic cohesion. The Place Plan recognises this by identifying the need to develop a local housing strategy to meet the needs of the whole community.

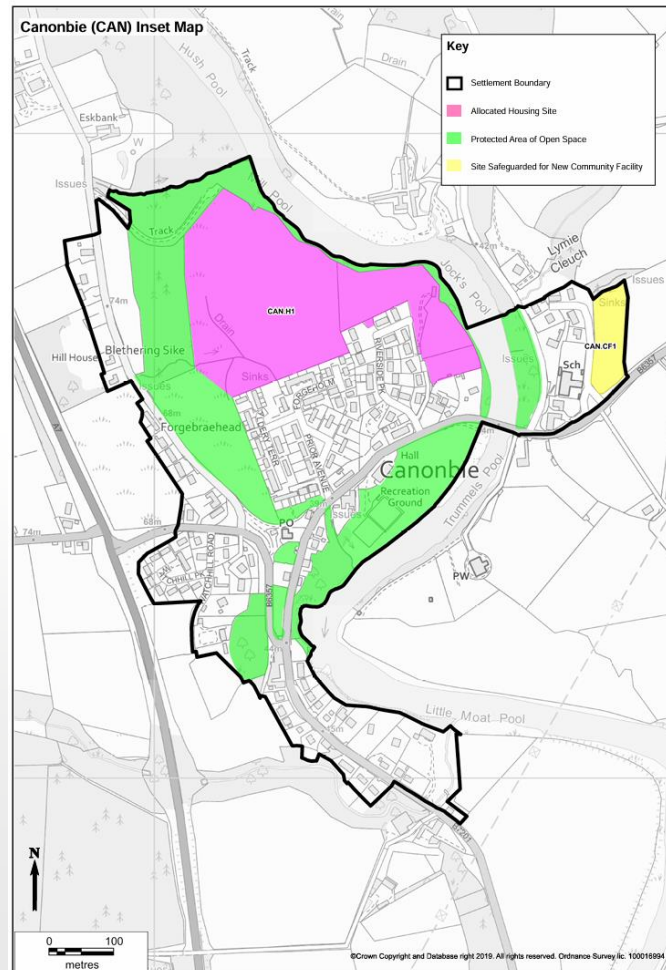
Using the skills and experience of third sector partners to work to develop new affordable housing is a key tenet of the D&G Local Housing Strategy 2018-2023 and the community had made progress in this direction with its plans for failed supported accommodation at Murtholm which have unfortunately come to a standstill due to lack of commitment from the housing association. We have identified sites within the town of Langholm and on the nature reserve to develop new affordable housing. (see Appendix 5). Working with South of Scotland Housing Association, a recent community housing survey has upheld these findings. (see Appendix 6)

We will continue to explore and identify sites for potential development within the Canonbie districts.

We will continue to work with SEPA to ensure proposals for future builds comply with flood risk restrictions.



Langholm inset map – Dumfries and Galloway LDP2, page 224.



The boundary of Langholm Conservation Area – Langholm Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan, 2022.

Pillar Two – Health & Social Care

- Development of community-led / run services.
- Create a safe space for meeting, to house social care initiatives (see Appendix 5)
- The protection and development of health and social care services

During Covid, Langholm and the surrounding area lost the majority of external health services from the Thomas Hope Hospital, everything from physiotherapy to dementia care, until recently none of these services had been reinstated, including local access to Vaccination Centres.

Following a LEWCC initiative our H&S Working Group are working alongside D&G NHS, and the Community Council, our Health and Social Care sub-group have successfully begun re-establishing some services and continue to work together to reinstate other services and make the best use possible of the facilities available at our community hospital which along with The Day Centre are vital to our communities. Our nearest hospitals include 80 mile round trips and closest Care Homes are either a 40 mile round trip or across the border which is why it is imperative that projects like the failed Murtholm care housing with community led care teams go ahead.

Our Vision: All our residents will be able to access high quality health and social care as and when they need it. The ongoing management of Patient Care within the Thomas Hope Hospital is a vital incentive in the recruitment of future GPs. The fact that the Langholm Medical Practice is a training and mentoring practice means that the facility is unique and must be protected at all costs.

These communities have an ageing population and whilst we believe it is important for younger people who reside in, or come back to the area, we recognise that an adequate Health and Social Care Service is an important part of this picture and is a vital element which helps to create a good quality of life for all our residents.

In order to achieve this, we need to protect and enhance our existing facilities and services while tackling key issues such as accommodation and transport links.

To help us achieve this we need to work with a range of key stakeholders including the Scottish Government, Local GPs, Community Health and Social Care (IJB), the local MP and MSPs, Dumfries and Galloway Council, and local community groups.

- Continue working with key stakeholders to establish public health community teams.
- Support the retention of Annandale Community Transport services.
- Continue to work with NHS Dumfries & Galloway and transport providers to identify patient transport needs to get to hospitals for treatment and appointments
- Secure local day care services by support of any further developments in Day Care Services and the work being done by Langholm Day Centre
- Secure local sites for all Vaccination Clinics
- Explore all avenues to source and secure a dentistry practice locally
- Work with partners to establish social care projects.
- Working with TVNR and other partners, look to establish accessible Community Gardens
- Promote the newly established Sensory Room at Xcel increasing user visits through targeted outreach and informational sessions focused on key groups, to raise awareness and encourage usage.

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PROSTATE & MALE CANCERS
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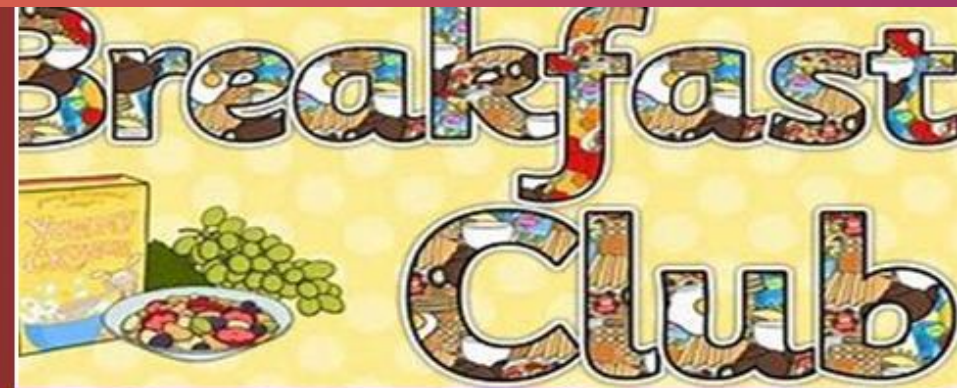
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Pillar Three – Children & Young People

- Youth involvement in decision making
- Youth led activities
- Employment and training

Children and young people are a vibrant part of our communities. Making our area an attractive place for our children and young people to grow up in, stay in, and come back to is a key priority for the future of our place. In order to achieve real change and progress we need to engage young people in a meaningful way, develop more dedicated spaces and create more opportunities for young people in the area. All of this will be achieved through support of a range of key players such as the Xcel Youth Project, Langholm Playcare, Creation Mill, Buccleuch Centre, TVNR, local schools and community organisations, the Holywood Trust and Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Langholm Playcare offer a crucial service to the area, allowing parents to work, go back into education, re-train etc but are finding it increasingly difficult to be sustainable and can no longer raise fees for much needed funds as local wages are well below the national average.

Our Vision for 2030:

- Develop new places and spaces for young people to meet and take part in activities (see Appendix 5).
- Supporting young people to take the lead on the development of these youth-led spaces for hang out and as a base for activity programmes, music making and leisure facilities.
- Secure long-term sustainability for Langholm Playcare and Xcel Youth Project
- Continue to develop a youth-led events programme creating more cultural opportunities for young people. Support young people to take the lead on this.
- Work with community partners to provide more support for young people to gain employment.
- Local projects through collaboration will provide opportunities for young people to take on voluntary work and to get help with key employment skills
- Continue to build on a more robust Community Partnership with local schools.
- We will have more active youth involvement in decision-making and strategy processes, and many of our young people taking up employment in roles created from implementation of the Plan



Pillar Four – Tourism

- Marketing/promotion ensuring Eskdale is 'open for business'
- Promote 'The Langholm Brand and 'Made in Langholm'
- Developing a single voice for tourism locally
- Supporting existing sector providers to develop 'package' tourism

Ensuring Langholm, Canonbie and districts are 'open for business' will be an integral part of the Plan going forward which includes the continued expansion of visitor accommodation including the Buccleuch Border Estate development at Irvine House Canonbie and tourism offerings in the area. The development of the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve, bordering both Langholm and Canonbie districts aligns with many of the themes and will form an integral part of Place Plan going forward.

We will be viewed as an outstanding tourist destination combining natural assets, history and heritage in a way that attracts a wide range of visitors from all over the world.

Tourism is a vital part of our economy and is a key theme within this plan. To take it forward in a sustainable fashion provides a great opportunity but also a challenge for the local communities and the key players involved.

In order to achieve real change we need to improve our marketing (including online), continue to lobby key tourism agencies and support improvement to our services and infrastructure to ensure that this is an attractive place for people to visit and stay. To help us to do this we need to work with a range of other key players including local businesses, Dumfries and Galloway Council, visitor attractions and events, our elected representatives (Councillors, MSPs and our MP), Transport Scotland and the South of Scotland Destination Alliance.

Pillar Four – Tourism

- Ensure we are Open for Business: Provision of services with regular opening hours.
- Work in conjunction with TVNR, Buccleuch Centre, Creation Mill and hospitality and accommodation providers to present “package tours” to offer the visitor a unique bespoke experience.
- Open dialogue with local high street businesses exploring how we can deliver their services to the community and visitors.
- Identify where we have gaps in provision of services and the best way to fill these.
- Support Langholm Initiative Tourist Information Kiosk
- Identify where we have opportunities to fill vacant shops and business units and work with property owners to effectively market these units to prospective buyers and business start-ups through partnership working with relevant groups within the town.
- Continue to lobby MP & MSP for better A7 signage presence
- Work with new holiday village accommodation at Irvine House
- Increase the number of tourist visitors to our communities and better co-ordinated our local tourism provision in order to maximise our local assets and services.
- Maintain established contact with Center Parcs and capitalise on increased visitor flow.
- Explore community buyout of Crosskeys Hotel, Canonbie



Pillar Five – Business & Economic Development

- Gain strategic support
- Attract inward investment
- Develop projects to promote growth and sustainability
- Engaging with Young People through employability programmes and events

Access to suitable new business premises remains challenging for existing and start-up enterprises. The Place Plan identifies the need to develop new and existing units to address this head on. (see Appendix 5). This need is recognised within the local community and supports the priorities identified within the D&G Council Plan 2017-2022 to invest in key local infrastructure to help small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to get established and grow.

Despite the challenges, new business creation, particularly the textile trades is once again beginning to thrive.

Our Vision for 2030

- Create a mixed-use development to kick-start small enterprises on one of the vacant mill sites in Langholm. Assess availability and suitability of vacant sites to create mixed use development to kick start small enterprises. Border Fine Arts, Buccleuch Mills and Langholm Old Primary have been identified.
- Support the Auld Langholm Station project, a multi-user commercial and community development combining the Townfoot No. 2 site with the former Border Fine Arts factory on the edge of the A7 on the southern entrance to the town
- Secure long term Post Office and General Store at Canonbie
- Explore community buy out of Cross Keys premises, Canonbie for local development to include café and potential meeting space and hotdesks for businesses
- Provide opportunities for work experience / apprenticeships locally for young people.
- Support development of former vacant premises to encourage new businesses.
- Provide a mentoring service from local established businesspeople to any start-up or established businesses.
- Support retailers on the High Street making a vibrant place to visit with hospitality options and more accessible opening hours.
- Increase business start-ups and local employment opportunities.
- Better co-ordination of business activity.
- Explore possibility of a community led self-service petrol station for Canonbie



Pillar Six – Infrastructure & Energy

- Development of key infrastructure including transport links and sustainable energy use.
- Develop a Local Energy Plan
- Improve transport links
- Improved internet connections
- Improved roads, pavements and drains
- Explore flood protection scheme options
- Explore potential for a dedicated central resource for emergency services



Our area continues to attract windfarm developments, not all of which are appropriate or welcome. Working with external agencies we are in the initial investigative stage of developing a sustainable Local Energy Plan. In addition, we will continue in our quest to introduce further EV Charging points and encourage active travel.

In September 2022 a draft SWestrans Regional Transport Strategy for Dumfries and Galloway was issued for consultation - identifying key objectives for a safe, affordable and accessible transport system which enables healthier lifestyles, contributes to Net Zero aspirations and supports inclusive growth aspirations. Several identified priorities align well with the concerns felt particularly acutely by Langholm, our outlying communities and Canonbie residents regarding poor connectivity and accessibility of travel options which restrict their access to employment, education and recreation but most importantly, to hospitals and medical centres. Our nearest hospital is across the border in Cumbria and is a 45 minute journey. Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary and the Borders General Hospital are both over an hour's commute. We will continue to push transport providers to address a number of local priorities including improving bus service connectivity in areas experiencing transport poverty and deprivation; improving access to public and active travel as highlighted in their strategy.

The development of a design for flood protection scheme for the River Esk (and tributaries Ewes and Wauchope) is being explored.

Pillar Six – Infrastructure & Energy

Our Vision is for a joined-up approach to energy generation and use. We will introduce a sustainable local energy plan, which will reduce the overall carbon footprint and introduced energy efficiency measures for individuals and organisations within the community. We will be connected by road and rail to the rest of Scotland and the North of England **including vital health service links**.

- Continue to progress the proposed local energy scheme.
- Investigate the benefits and challenges associated with a local community energy scheme.
- Undertake an initial consultation with the community and public authorities.
- Find out what support and funding is available.
- Produce an overall project plan which specifies details of delivery.

Publish a Local Energy Plan (LEP).

- Ensure this has support from local community user groups and aligns with local and national authority strategy and plans.

Transport

Support for A7 upgrade / Campaign for better public transport, co coordinated with bus and train routes

- Continue to support the A7 Action Group in campaigning for upgrade of A7 Route to Edinburgh.
- Support campaign for better public transport, including vital links to health services in Annan and Dumfries.

Support for Borders Rail extension through Langholm.

- Continue to support Langholm and District Rail group in lobbying for any rail extension being routed through Langholm.
- Explore feasibility of running an electric shuttle bus to the selected rail head



Pillar Seven – Nature & Environment

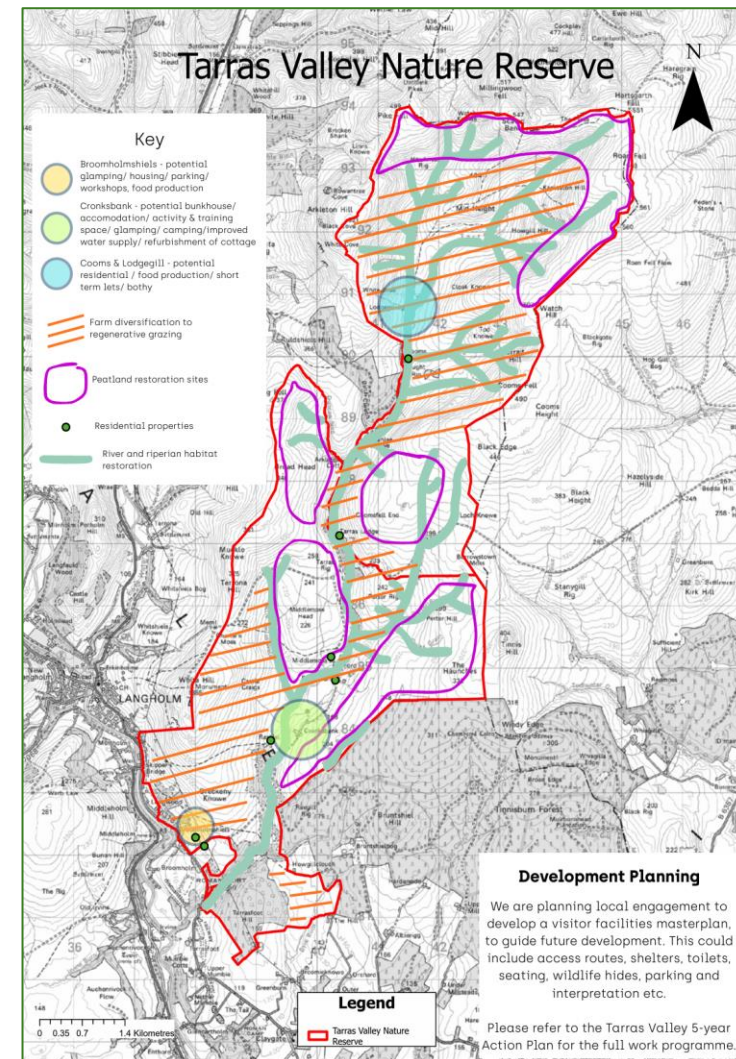
➤ Support development of the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve

Following the success of the historic community buyout of 10,500 hectares to protect the landscape for generations to come.

We will manage the land to generate community benefits through economic regeneration, ecological restoration, carbon capture and increased biodiversity.

Our Vision: (Appendix 4 – TVNR 5 Year Plan)

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Pillar Seven – Nature & Environment



Creating the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve

Our Vision and Mission

Our vision is to:

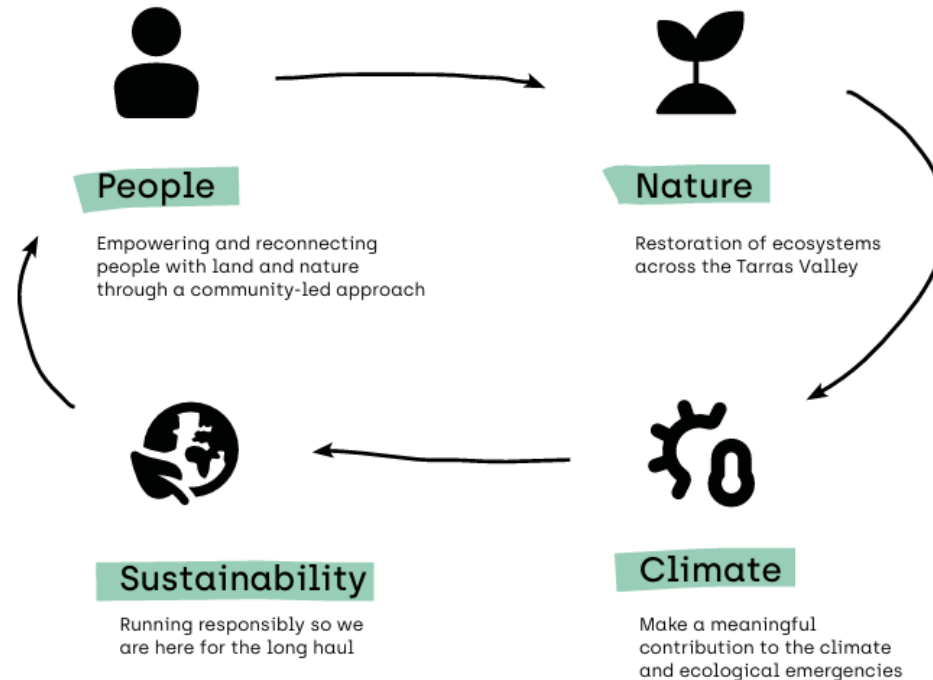
A community owned landscape rich in nature with people at its heart

Our Mission is to create:

- A place for nature to thrive
- A place for learning and discovery
- A place to call home
- A place to connect with nature and the land
- A place for work and enterprise
- A place that is diverse and welcoming
- A place for celebrating and valuing culture and heritage
- A place which supports wellbeing, health and happiness
- A place where we are adapting to our changing climate

The Tarras Valley means different things to many different people. As custodians of the land, it's our job to work together to balance these interests to create a sustainable community asset where nature is thriving, and the land continues to be a source of pride for the community.

There are 4 key objectives



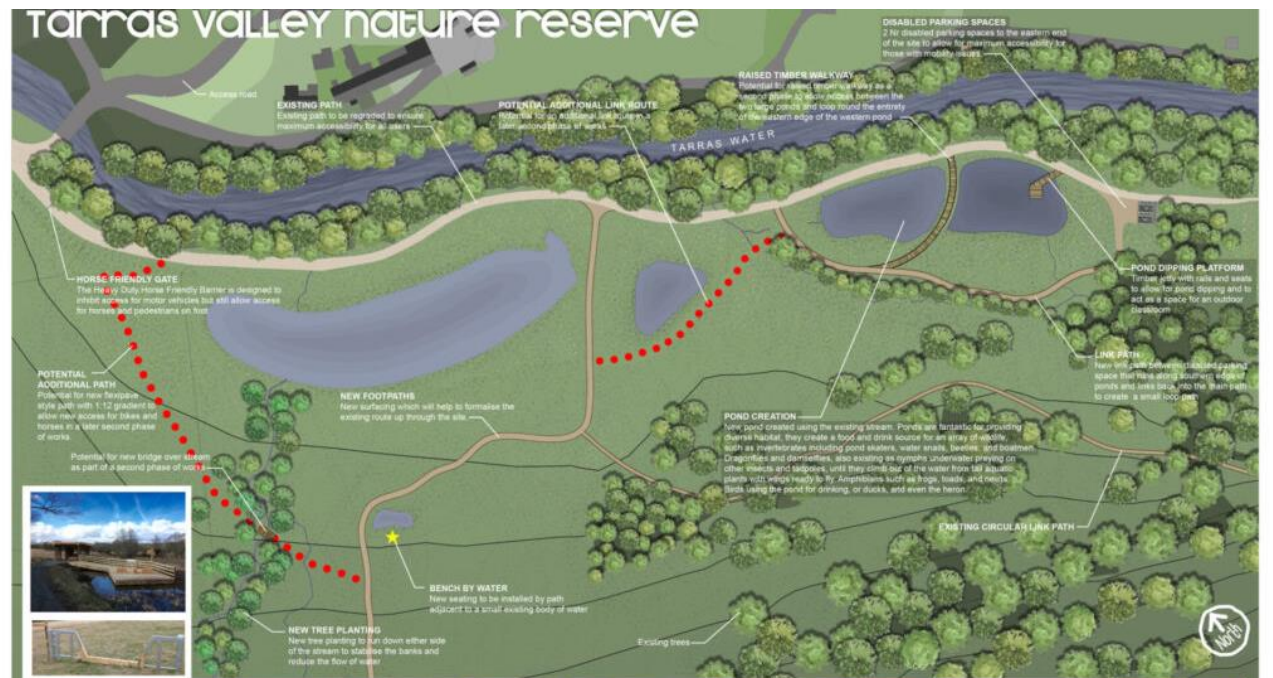
Our Guiding Principles

People are at the heart of our work. We will ensure that:

- We're locally rooted, community-led and local voices are heard and valued
- Local people have a means to shape what happens
- Everyone is welcome and respected
- We value local lived experience alongside scientific evidence
- We value and celebrate local heritage and cultural connection with the land
- We collaborate, share and work in partnership

To restore the land, we will:

- Allow space and time for nature to thrive, expand and shift back into balance
- Take a broad, holistic approach focussed on a 'helping hand' where it is needed to restore self-sustaining natural processes
- Work to create a rich dynamic mosaic of habitats
- Apply broad principles to our management and restoration of the land rather than a highly prescriptive approach
- Accept that we cannot predict and control every outcome and we must accept some uncertainty in the end result as things change



Pillar Eight – Sports, Leisure & Outdoors

Our Vision:

Our residents will have access to good quality, affordable sports and leisure facilities and activities. (See appendix 5). Eskdale and the surrounding area will be promoted as a hub for outdoor activities, weekend breaks or longer holidays with an outdoor activity focus. Sports, leisure and outdoor activities are a key part of local life. They are important for the health and well-being of our communities and they also form an important part of our tourism offer. This theme will focus on the development of Langholm, Canonbie, Tarras Valley and the surrounding area as a hub for outdoor activities, weekend breaks or longer holidays with an outdoor activity focus.

Currently there is a lack of low-cost, family-friendly accommodation that can support this meaning that those taking part in these outdoor activities do not stay and use the local facilities. This also has a bearing on the development of adventure holidays and other outdoor activities. The proposed development at Irvine House and bunkhouse accommodation on the nature reserve has the potential to be beneficial to the area in this regard.

In order to achieve real change about these issues we need to work with residents, businesses and a range of key stakeholders to:

- Develop a specific focus on outdoor and adventure holidays.
- Improve our existing facilities and support our existing clubs and projects.
 - ◆ Support the establishment of projects which arise from the Community action plan.
 - ◆ Develop cycle routes for active travel: Canonbie to Langholm and Woodslee to Priorslyn. Potential for other routes will be explored.
 - ◆ Increase the number of people visiting Langholm and Canonbie to take part in outdoor activities
 - ◆ Develop walking routes on Tarras Valley Nature Reserve
 - ◆ Engage with Woodland Creation/Forestry to ensure best outcomes for land use.
 - ◆ Develop outdoor education facilities
 - ◆ Develop Community Gardens and allotments in Langholm and Canonbie
 - ◆ Development of Castleholm after recent land buyout
 - ◆ Redevelopment of the Townfoot Community Sports Centre .
 - ◆ Support the expansion of sports and leisure facilities including development of land surrounding and adjacent to the former Edinburgh Woollen Mill Sports Centre
 - ◆ Support the sustainability of local clubs and groups
 - ◆ Explore feasibility of re-introducing Hatchery on Langholm waters
 - ◆ Explore development of safe, accessible bridleways
 - ◆ Collaborate with Dumfries & Galloway Council on proposed plans to develop and Active Travel Hub on the Kilngreen.

In our On-Going section you can see the projects that are currently underway for improving sports, leisure and outdoor activities in our communities.



Pillar Nine - Heritage

- Development of hub for heritage and genealogy, history and learning
- Continued development of Heritage trails

Despite the best efforts of the Covid Pandemic, we marked the 400th Anniversary of Langholm Becoming a Burgh. A timeline was created over 28 information boards which were subsequently displayed throughout the town.

We also Commemorated the 50th anniversary of Neil Armstrong's visit to the town by arranging a visit by his sons and their families to the town creating even stronger links with the family for future projects. The latest addition to Neil Armstrong's clan, a son born on Christmas Day 2024 to Kali Armstrong and husband Brett named Leif Langholm!

Our Vision:

A wide range of visitors and local residents of all ages will be more aware of the rich history and heritage of Langholm and the surrounding area.

The history and heritage of our area is a significant local asset and one which has not been developed to its full potential. It is a key part of what makes this an attractive place for people to stay and visit.

In order to achieve real change and progress we need to establish a hub for genealogy/heritage in the town to promote the very rich heritage and history we have to locals and visitors alike. We also need to better develop our marketing and promote the history and heritage of the area to residents and visitors.

- Significantly increase opportunities for visitors and local residents to find out and learn about all aspects of local heritage
- Established a state-of-the-art, interactive Heritage Hub/Centre
- Provide facility for a full genealogy service for visitors interested in family/clan roots.
- Put in place attractive learning tools for children, which enables them to learn more about the local Heritage.
- Provide guided heritage walks

To help us to do this we need to work with a range of other key players such as the Clan Armstrong Centre, The Langholm Library and Archive, Langholmarchive.com, Langholm Visitor Hub, Eskdale Historical Society.



Pillar Ten – Arts & Culture

➤ Creative place making, partnership working and education.

The regeneration of Langholm and the Esk Valley will be supported via 'Creative Placemaking' practises led by local creatives and arts organisations. We will work with the community to ensure Langholm is a vibrant and interesting place for residents and visitors of all ages.

Arts and culture are very important for Langholm with organisations such as OutPost Arts, The Buccleuch Centre, Creation Mill and Centre Stage already delivering a range of activities. However, there is a clear potential to further benefit the local area and the community by expanding the capacity of local artists/makers and arts organisations in order to deliver more ambitious and wide-reaching activities.

Langholm is home to The Buccleuch Centre, a vibrant, modern, fully licensed and accessible theatre, arts and events venue. The auditorium has tiered seating for 260 or capacity for 150 cabaret style. The Centre is fully committed to developing a strategy for young people both through the content offered and through training, volunteering and opportunities for employment. Although partly funded through D&G Council, the Centre is in constant need of revenue funding. Increased awareness and use of the venue is crucial to the further development and future of this vital community resource.

In order to increase creative opportunities, we need access to attractive and contemporary spaces which are equipped to facilitate creative events. Better partnership working will increase the likelihood of project success. This activity will impact on tourism and encourage creative professionals to settle in Langholm.

- ◆ Opening of Creation Mill hub community textiles/fashion space at Buccleuch Mills
- ◆ Create a strong programme of creative events and activities to attract visitors to Langholm.
- ◆ Continue to develop collaborative working between groups and individuals.
- ◆ Continue to develop accredited learning which is accessible locally and remotely.
- ◆ Work with universities and colleges to investigate possible opportunities for remote learning.
- ◆ Establish more drama based workshops/access for young people.
- ◆ Increase arts/culture/production opportunities through Buccleuch Centre offerings.
- ◆ Establish a local 'Textile Trail'.
- ◆ Have more spaces available which are equipped to facilitate creative events and activities.

We will have a more professional approach to the local creative sector, with less reliance on volunteers and have increased employment opportunities. Creative place-making projects and activity will have a positive impact on visitor numbers and more creatives will explore the local area.

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7. Our Assets, Attractions & On-Goings

Our Assets and Attractions

- Area of incredible natural beauty and resources
- Largest Scottish community land buyout – Tarras Valley Nature Reserve
- Dedicated Youth Centre and Sensory Room,
- Langholm Playcare (Full day care for children and young people from 0-18 years)
- Buccleuch Centre – renowned venue for Arts with 260 seat theatre and Coffee Shop
- Local Cottage Hospital and two health centres
- Dedicated Day Centre
- The Langholm Brands
- Textile Hub – resurgence of textiles
- MTB trails, walks, running trails, gym, golf course, bowling clubs, tennis courts, 3G pitch
- On the Coast 2 Coast Cycle Route
- Scotland’s Oldest rugby club, home of the first international, Football and Girl’s Football
- Second oldest Town Band in Scotland, Pipe and Flute Bands
- 70+ Groups & Clubs, many family oriented
- Burgh for 400 years
- First Man on the Moon / Home of the Armstrong Clan / Kinship Agreement
- Historic castle, monuments
- Gilnockie Tower – Armstrong Stronghold
- Common Riding over 200 years old, emulated by Langholm Playcare Common Riding
- Family events: Party on Pitch, Spring Fling, Agricultural and Flower Shows,
- Community Developed Play Parks in Langholm, Canonbie and Rowanburn
- Campsites with touring & tent pitches, Luxury Log Cabins, holiday accommodation
- Alpaca walking
- Dedicated Youth Centre and Sensory Room



On Going ...

With scope to create both short and long-term employment, continued employment for local trades and a wealth of training and volunteering opportunities.

Development of Castleholm: Castleholm Community Trust have successfully negotiated a historic land transaction of an area of the Castleholm (extending to 18.12Ha) being transferred to community ownership securing the future of this green community space. The Castleholm is central to life in Langholm being the focal point for local shows, horse racing events and the traditional Langholm Common Riding as well as an integral part of the local walks and home to Langholm Cricket Club. While community ownership secures the future of the Castleholm as the home of many activities and events, it also places the responsibility for its future maintenance and development firmly in the hands of the community. Castleholm Community Trust Limited will continue to run the Castleholm for the benefit of the local community, and the local organisations which currently use the area for their activities can continue to do so.

Creation Mill – Textile Centre and Scrap Store: In order to increase creative opportunities, we need access to attractive and contemporary spaces which are equipped to facilitate creative projects, events and teaching. Creation Mill are currently developing an old mill site in the town as a Community Hub to run workshops, expand the Scrap Store and establish a textile training programme.

Hilltop Leaf: GMP accredited facility focused on creating a science-led Scottish pharmaceutical product while bringing jobs and innovation. Hilltop Leaf is a private Medicinal Cannabis cultivation and extraction business. The company aims to play a leading role in the provision of full spectrum cannabinoid oils, APIs and cannabis based medicinal products to the European market. The site, situated just outside Langholm, will host a discrete cultivation and extraction facility bringing much needed employment opportunities to the community.





On Going ...



Community Asset Transfer of Langholm Old School: Opportunity for the community to take ownership of the building to establish local housing and a dynamic rural centre for social health and wellbeing as well as being a gateway to outdoor pursuits. Transforming the old dining hall at Langholm's Old Primary School into a community meeting space for various established initiatives as well as assisting in the reinstatement of services lost. This space would accommodate organisations like Citizen's Advice, provide a venue for counselling sessions, and host community group meetings. Additionally, it would feature a community café and offer work experience and training opportunities for our young people.

Community Ownership Canonbie Post Office & General Store: A few dedicated local people have formed the Canonbie Community Enterprise (CCE) and are actively working towards securing funding for the buy out of the only shop and the post office from the village. This is a lifeline for many older members of the community especially but used by all generations and has a wide catchment area for the post office services. Canonbie Community Enterprise are also looking at the possibility of purchasing the Cross Keys hotel.



Auld Langholm Station, a multi-user commercial and community development combining the Townfoot No.2 site with the former Border Fine Arts factory. Work has already commenced at the former factory to upgrade the buildings for commercial and community developments by local businesses and organisations – both new and existing. In addition, negotiations with a national retailer for an outlet on the Townfoot No 2 site could form an exciting commercial development at 'Auld Langholm Station', making Langholm a more attractive place to work, creating a welcoming, unique, interesting and inviting place for locals, regular visitors and passing tourists to enjoy in equal measure.



On Going ...



Continued development of award-winning Ewes Water Caravan & Camping Park: Part of Langholm Rugby Club, nestled at the foot of Whita Hill this is a peaceful family friendly camping and touring site boasting both grass and hardstanding pitches with EcoGrid bases, used as permeable paving and optional electric hook ups. The park has recently upgraded shower and toilet facilities and installed a bike washing station. There are plans to house community bikes for booking encouraging active travel, a great way to explore the surrounding area.

Continued expansion and development of Bush of Ewes are a small friendly campsite open all year round set in a walkers paradise just off the A7. For the animal lovers there are pygmy goats 2 very friendly tups, chickens and pigs for you to meet and spend time with.



Development of Irvine House Holiday Village: Planning permission is currently logged by Buccleuch Border Estate with D&G Council Planning Department for the village that will be on land that lies between Langholm and Canonbie. 150 modular lodges are proposed to be built in fields around Irvine House and in the walled garden. The plans for the main house include creating guest areas, a restaurant, meeting rooms and accommodation for staff. It is likely that there will be a laundry on site. The lodge at the entrance gate will become a reception and the site manager's residence. This development could bring a significant number of visitors to the area and provide work locally. Assuming four people to each lodge, the village could provide holiday accommodation for 600 people when full. People would access the site from the southern end as the site is on the old A7.



On Going ...



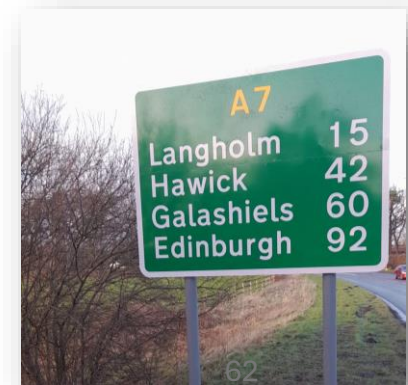
Redevelopment of Langholm Sports Centre: To develop and operate a first-class modern Community led Sports Centre, which will be embraced by the Community and will benefit the general wellbeing and welfare of the wider Community in Langholm and Eskdale.

Xcel Outdoors – continued the development of woodland outdoor youth space on dedicated Buccleuch land

Canonbie Park: CLARA, (Canonbie Leisure & Redevelopment Association) are a group of local residents who are focused on the inclusive redevelopment of Canonbie Park for all ages and capabilities. To date an inclusive play area has been established and funding is being sourced for further development of the park and hall.



Where's Langholm? Road Signage Campaign: After 18 months of lobbying MP's MSP's and highways authorities on both sides of the Border, Langholm is finally listed on directional signs north of Carlisle on the Historic Borders Tourist Route. Continue to pursue opportunities for awareness on other access routes eg the M74 at Kirkpatrick Fleming and Gretna.



In the Pipeline

In establishing our themes and priority projects and to help deliver our vision, we are able to align with and build on momentum emerging from a series of important initiatives which key stakeholders and partners are exploring and taking forward. These initiatives set the Place Plan priorities within a broader context, providing strategic collaborations that will add value and benefit the investment priorities by broadening their scale, offering complementary funding opportunities and extending the reach of what we can achieve.

- Changing Places Toilet
- Housing Projects
- Development of Remote Learning Digital Education Centre
- Community Laundry
- Dedicated Heritage & Genealogy Centre

Housing Development Project: In addition to the proposals on the nature reserve and for Langholm Old School, plans are also being explored at the former Reid and Taylor site situated in the heart of Langholm.

Developing a Digital Educational Suite for connection with Dumfries & Galloway and Border colleges. Due to the lack of transportation for our young people to progress with their intended career, collaboration with Xcel Youth Project, D&G Council and The Buccleuch Centre to create safe welcoming spaces for both young people and adults to further their education through online learning.

Community Laundry – Establishing a facility in the town of Langholm for local businesses, residents, and visitors to use. Currently, the nearest laundry facilities are a 20-minute drive away. On-going public consultations indicate community and business support for a local laundry service.

Heritage & Genealogy Centre: The Heritage Working group are currently seeking funding and finalising the Business Plan with a view to creating this which will be a central point for anyone looking to learn about the rich history of the town and the surrounding area and debateable lands.

