



# **FOSSOWAY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN**

## **COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY REPORT**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### Background

1.1 This Community Views Survey was carried out to help inform the preparation of a Community Action Plan for Fossoway and District. Other elements of the Community Action Planning process include:

- Stakeholder meetings and interviews
- Preparation of a Community Profile
- A Community Futures Event to be held in November.

1.2 The Community Action Planning process has been led by a Steering Group of representatives from Fossoway Community Development Trust, Fossoway and District Community Council and from the local village halls.

### Survey Organisation

1.3 The Survey questionnaire was designed by the STAR Development Group and tailored by the Steering Group.

1.4 The Survey was carried out as a Household Survey with a team of volunteers distributing forms to nearly all the houses in the area. In total around 855 houses were covered as follows:

Area	Household distribution
Blairingone Village and surrounding area	115
Powmill and surrounding area	150
Rumbling Bridge	50
Crook of Devon and surrounding area	300
Drum and surrounding area	75
Carbo village and surrounding area	55
Fossoway country	90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>855</b>

1.5 Surveys returns were either collected back by volunteers returning to houses, handed in at the designated drop off places (Powmill Shop, Fossoway Shop and Fossoway Garage), and by people completing the survey online. The online survey link and QR codes were promoted on the Survey Form, posters, the school, and through local facebook pages and websites. Some forms were also completed at the Fossoway Gathering with the assistance of volunteers 'doing the rounds'.

## Survey Response

1.6 A total of 310 completed Community Views Surveys were received – an equivalent of 36 returns for every 100 houses distributed to in the community council area.

### Responses by age

<b>Age Range</b>	<b>Paper Returns</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
0-15	12	8	20
16-29	8	10	18
30-44	15	35	50
45-59	22	64	86
60-74	37	47	84
75+	26	6	32
Did not say	10	10	20
	130	180	310

### Responses by area

<b>Area</b>	<b>Paper Returns</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Blairingone	10	23	33
Powmill	15	23	38
Rumbling Bridge	13	18	31
Crook of Devon	56	62	118
Drum	14	16	30
Carbo	4	17	21
Did not say	6	10	16
Elsewhere*	12	11	23
	130	180	310

\*Elsewhere – included responses from rural areas in Fossoway, as well as responses from Kinross and Milnathort and a couple from Fife.

Solsgirth	4
Fossoway rural	3
On B7097	1
Ggirneybank	1
Kirkhill	1
Kinross	6
Milnathort	3
Saline	1
Dunfermline	1

## 2. WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT LIVING HERE?

WHAT PEOPLE LIKE	% of responses
Environment and Outdoor Recreation	52.1%
Community Spirit	51.5%
Location	35.4%
Sense and feel of the place	22.3%
Local Services, shops and amenities	21.2%
Community facilities and activities	19.7%

### 2.1 Environment and Outdoor Recreation

In general respondents loved being in the countryside – the scenery, natural beauty, farmland, hills, and rivers – and really appreciated the local paths and walks. There was also a recognition of the good work done by the Bloom Groups and others in keeping villages looking good and for the green spaces in villages.

Sub heading	Percentage of comments
Scenery	52.1%
Paths/cycle routes	51.1%
Wildlife/nature	33.6%
Clean/well-kept/Bloom Groups	3.1%
Penny's Wood/Orchard	2.7%

#### Illustrative Quotes

*Nice views, farmlands, country walks*

*Rural area with lots of green and open spaces – let's keep it that way*

*The local countryside and access to beautiful walks*

*Many local walks in lovely countryside*

*Walking in the forest and hills around us*

*It's beautiful walks and cycle paths*

*The many trails and paths there's lots of good dog walking routes*

*Cycle path is brilliant*

*Love the River and access to the Ochil Hills*

*The Bloom Committee are working hard to improve the planted areas in public areas*

*I think the Bloom Groups have done a great job of bringing pride to the community*

*How well kept each village is*

*Love Penney's Wood great asset for biodiversity*

*That it is a biodiversity village – the community spaces like Penney's Wood*

## 2.2 Community Spirit

People valued the friendliness and 'warmth' of the community – and people looking out for one another, and the community's role in making things happen.

### Illustrative Quotes

*Fossoway has an overall sense of community, and each village also has its own sense of community*

*The sense of community and that everyone is willing to help their neighbours*

*Warm and welcoming atmosphere with people helping each other*

*I like the community feeling with people recognising that they need to be involved*

*There is so much effort keeping people at the heart of Fossoway and District*

## 2.3 Location

Many respondents felt that the area was great to live in because it was 'rural' and had good access to nearby towns, and cities and road networks.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Near cities, towns, roads	54.3%
Rural	45.7%

### Illustrative Quotes

*Close to nature but not too remote and still close to bigger towns and cities*

*Great location for days out or commuting to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Perth, Dunfermline, Dundee*

*Love the combination of being rural and accessible*

*Rural environment yet close to amenities*

*Its rural setting – its closeness to larger towns*

## 2.4 Sense of place

Along with the appreciation of the rural location came a recognition of the value of village life - small in scale, quiet and peaceful and feeling safe.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Quiet and peaceful	53.8%
Good size/small	25%
Safe/lack of crime	21.2%

### Illustrative Quotes

*Small quiet community no major housing developments being built*

*A quiet safe community*

*Peaceful and great walks, little crime, lovely community*

*Low crime rate and feel*

## 2.5 Local services, shops and amenities

The importance of having access to local service, shops and amenities was recognised. The Primary School stands out amongst these comments. There was

also recognition of the role played by the village shops, post office, garage, and the Milk Bar and pub.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
School	41.3%
Shops	18.7%
Post Office	16%
Pub/café	13.3%
Garage	6.7%
Transport	4%

#### Illustrative quotes

*My children go to the Fossoway Primary and Nursery which gives an added feeling of community spirit and involvement*

*Great school in Crook of Devon*

*Local store in Powmill and Crook of Devon, Post Office at Crook of Devon, Petrol Garage at Crook of Devon, Powmill Milk Bar for coffee and cake, County Fabrics, Mobile Fishmonger on a Thursday, Pizza Van, 202 bus service to Kinross*

*Handy shop and Post Office, garage and pub within walking distance*

*Shops are good Milk Bar is good*

*The local shop is accessible and stocked/convenient*

## **2.6 Local community facilities, activities and events**

Respondents liked the village halls and church hall and the activities in them, as well as the parks, play areas and tennis courts. They recognised the role and value of local groups and the importance of events in bringing the community together. There was mention too of the local community facebook pages, websites and the newsletter.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Range of activities/groups	26.3%
Village halls/Church Hall	24.2%
Events e.g., Fossoway Gathering	18.9%
Playpark	10.5%
Church	8.4%
Tennis Court	7.4%
Information/facebook/website	4.3%

#### Illustrative Quotes

*Community ventures, flower show and gathering – village hall and church – nice to have community hubs*

*Good village halls with growing activity*

*Good hall facilities for meetings etc.*

*Village Hall in Crook is in active use – e.g., yoga*

*Love the horticultural show and gathering/Christmas events for the community*

*Resurgence of the Gathering*

*Good local school, tennis court and park*

*Love the kids play park – so well used*

*Sporting opportunities e.g.tennis/football/gymnastics/golf*

*Fossoway baby and toddler group*

*Having an online forum for the district and our own village (Powmill)*

### 3. WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE?

Dislike	% of Responses
Traffic, Roads and Parking	44.9%
Transport	26.2%
Local economy and hospitality	23.9%
Community facilities, activities etc	14.1%
Housing and development	11.8%
Environment and appearance	9.2%
Paths and cycleways	8.2%
Services	7.2%

#### 3.1 Traffic, roads and parking

By far the biggest issue identified was the traffic going through all the villages – both in terms of the volume and speed and some comments also mentioned the types of vehicles e.g., HGV's and motorbikes. The volume of traffic on the A roads that go through all the villages has been a problem for some time but was also thought to be getting worse. While there was recognition of the traffic calming measures taken there was also some respondents suggesting that these came with some knock-on problems.

People commenting also often related this issue to lack of safety for pedestrians and cyclists and the limiting effect on active travel (see the comments under 'Paths and Cycleways' below). The overwhelming impression is that traffic adversely affects people's quality of life.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Speeding traffic	40.7%
Volume of traffic/busy roads	38.7%
Introduction of traffic lights	8.8%
Poor road surfaces	7.4%
Lack of car parks	2.5%
Too many road signs	2.00%

#### Illustrative quotes

*The A977 and all the dangers it brings.*

*The busy road, volume of traffic and the speed they go through the villages*

*The main road through the village is so busy - big lorries and fast traffic close to the footpaths children walk home from school etc. worries me.*

*Speed of traffic on the roads makes it feel unsafe for children to be out on their own*

*Speed of traffic between the Crook of Devon and Powmill*

*You do not feel safe walking along the footpath from Powmill to Rumbling Bridge.*

*It's dangerous walking along the pavement far less trying to cross the road.*



*Dangerous at end of Crook where the river walk crosses the road in 60mph zone.  
Increase in motorbikes, motorhomes and caravans using the Aldie Road.  
The focus of traffic calming measures in some areas but none in others which seems to have increased the speed in areas without.  
The introduction of traffic lights has made the traffic worse – cars and lorries are now going through the village in convoy.  
New traffic lights at Drum are annoying as they back up traffic into one long snake.*

### 3.2 Transport

Lack of public transport particularly in the evening and on Sundays was highlighted – making it difficult to access services or get to activities. It was recognised by some that the service was likely to improve now it is being operated by Glenfarg Community Council. There was also mention of the difficulty in accessing taxis.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Lack of/poor bus service	88.5%
Reliance on cars	8%
Lack of taxis	3.5%

#### Illustrative Quotes

*Public transport is not reliable to get connections or appointments  
Transport too sporadic and unreliable  
Being isolated due to poor public transport  
Transport links poor but new bus service timetable looks great.  
No evening and Sunday bus service  
No public transport between Carnbo and anywhere  
Lack of public transport especially for young people for social activities  
No public transport links to Falkirk  
Lack of transport (taxis at night)  
The challenges of getting a taxi.*

### 3.3 Local economy

Respondents particularly felt the lack of local shops, cafes, pubs – and were also worried about the future of what they had (pub and shop in Crook of Devon). There was a strong feeling that the lack of cafés or pubs meant that there was no ‘social hub’ at the centre of villages.

Some respondents felt that planning was not always helpful in encouraging business development.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Shops	43.4%
Pubs	27.3%
cafés/restaurant	21.2%
Business space/support	5.1%
Local produce	3.0%

Illustrative Quotes

*Lack of village amenities like local affordable shops and meeting establishments*

*Needs a better shop – could do with a café. Not having a café.*

*Lack of village shop in Blairingone*

*Minimal mobile shops visiting*

*Lack of nearby choices for food shopping – Lack of banking facilities.*

*Lack of local amenities – shops, nice pub with food – we quite often end up going to Dollar or Muckhart for these things.*

*Visiting is a no show as there is no café or facilities to bring you here.*

*No active pub/hotel*

*Concern that the current services - pub and shop will close if current owners retire.*

*The lack of a pub that is open more than three nights a week.*

*Lack of business space for SME's to expand and develop*

*Lack of amenities and workspace for local businesses available in the area*

*No space allocated for employment purposes. Crook of Devon is noticeable in the omission of any space for business purposes.*

**3.4 Community facilities and activities**

Comments focused on the lack or underuse of community halls/hubs – particularly in Blairingone and Powmill. The lack of activities for young people was mentioned, as was the need to improve play areas. The need to develop a stronger sense of overall community was noted as was the lack of information about facilities and activities.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Lack of community facilities & assoc. activities	49.1%
Playparks	20.8%
Lack of activities for young people	21.2%
Lack of community involvement/info	9.4%
No gym	3.8%

Illustrative Quotes

*Blairingone used to have a hall, pub, shop, church and school*

*No community hub in Blairingone*

*Lack of community facilities – a hall that lies mostly empty (Powmill)*

*Need to go further afield for majority of amenities e.g., gym.*

*Not enough for children or teenagers*

*There appears not much to do in the villages for youth.*

*Playpark in Crook is out of date.*

*Not enough things to play on at the Park (Crook of Devon)*

*No swings in the park (Blairingone)*

*There may be small community groups within each village but there is no connection between or any overall larger community*

*Not aware of all community groups or who to contact.*

### 3.5 Housing and development

There was concern over the growth in housing – type and scale of housing development, lack of associated infrastructure and services, negative impact on the environment, and associated planning decisions. The lack of affordable housing was also noted.

#### Illustrative Quotes

*Too many new housing developments planned or underway*  
*Lack of control of excessive building -strained infrastructure, doctors, dentists etc.*  
*Tendency for housing to be built without any improvements to local infrastructure*  
*Ever present threat of building new houses on greenspace particularly floodplains*  
*Construction that doesn't fit in with village surroundings*  
*Lack of affordable housing either to buy or rent*  
*Lack of affordable housing for younger members of the community.*

### 3.6 Environment and appearance

Comments mainly focused on untidy and unsightly areas – in and between villages. Other comments mentioned flooding and the need to maintain/restore ditches, and objection to the windfarms. There were also a significant number of comments about the need to improve verges and pavements (which we have included below in the next section on Paths.)

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Untidy and unsightly areas	69.5%
Proposed Windfarms	13%
Flooding	10.9%
Powerlines	6.5%

#### Illustrative Quotes

*Litter on the A977 between Crook and Rumbling Bridge/T Junction down to Rumbling Bridge*  
*Huge volume of signage makes Drum/Crook look horrendous.*  
*The old fish farm is derelict the ponds should be filled in they are dangerous.*  
*The traveller site is an eyesore – Council should intervene*  
*Proposed windfarm development disruptive in an area of great landscape beauty*  
*Threat of windfarms in the Ochils*  
*Flooding in certain areas e.g., back Crook. Ditches need to be maintained better and some ditches need reinstated.*

### 3.7 Active Travel – walking and cycling

Respondents identified the lack of safe active travel routes – for walking or cycling – and how limiting and worrying that can be. There were also comments about overgrown hedges and verges that have made existing paths difficult to use.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Lack of cycle routes	39.4%
Lack of paths/pavements	33.3%
Verges, paths overgrown	27.3%

#### Illustrative Quotes

*There is a lack of safe active travel routes*

*Hard to walk/cycle between the villages – Blairingone-Powmill-Crook-Kinross*

*The roads outside the villages make cycling unpleasant*

*Lack of cycling routes to towns*

*Lack of pavement from Drum Road, Cleish to Crook Garage*

*You do not feel safe walking along the footpath from Powmill to Rumbling Bridge because of the speed of traffic*

*A977 unsafe for cycling and there are no cycle paths apart from a little bit between Drum and Aldie Rd now in very poor condition*

*Overgrown pavements and verges*

*Lack hedge verge cutting which restricts ability to walk on designated paths and pavements especially around Rumbling Bridge.*

### **3.8 Access to services and amenities**

There was concern about the lack of childcare, increasing difficulty accessing health services, and the poor quality of broadband. There were also comments about the need for better service from Perth and Kinross Council.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Lack of childcare	24%
Poor internet	20%
Lack of attention from the Council	20%
Access to health services	16%
Lack of banking facilities	8%
Lack of grit bins	8%
Lack of post boxes/offices	4%

#### Illustrative Quotes

*Lack of childcare particularly wrap around care before and after school*

*Lack of childcare – nurseries and childminders*

*Lack of childcare- after school clubs, no breakfast clubs*

*Kinross Health Centre completely overloaded.*

*The Loch Leven Health Centre is seriously overstretched*

*Poor internet access – can be slow, intermittent or no service at all*

*Poor internet access still despite apparent introduction of fast fibre*

*The recycling areas do not get emptied often enough*

*Lack of council support for outlying more rural areas with district*

*Feel forgotten by PKC.*

#### 4 WHAT WOULD MAKE IT BETTER TO LIVE IN, WORK IN OR VISIT?

Improvement	% of Responses
Local economy	33.1%
Traffic, roads and parking	28.9%
Paths and cycleways – active travel	26.2%
Transport	25.9%
Community facilities and activities	24.9%
Services	10.8%
Environment and Heritage	8.5%
Housing and development	7.5%
Don't know/nothing	3%

#### 4.1 Local economy

In general respondents wanted to see a stronger local economy– with a focus on local shops, café, pub. This was seen as being important primarily for local people, but it was also recognised as being of value in providing a reason for visitors to come to or stop in the area. Many comments focused on the need to maintain and improve on what was already there – picking up on the concern over the future of the pub and shop in Crook of Devon. Others mentioned the need for additional business and ideas for other attractions that could be developed and promoted as part of what was on offer in the area.

Other comments mentioned the need for more business units to boost the local economy and create jobs and have a better development mix.

Sub heading	Percentage of comments
Cafes/restaurant/meeting places	33.1%
Improved/more shops	26%
Improved pub	26%
Business units/support	9.1%
More job opportunities	3.2%
Local produce/farmers market	2.6%

#### Illustrative Quotes

*Up to date facilities appropriate to villages e.g., shop pub, car park area, ATM  
Café, farm shop or convenience store*

*A nice coffee shop, bakery etc and better stocked village shop*

*Could do with a small supermarket in the village and a café would be amazing*

*Local farmers market once a month*

*A café in the Crook of Devon and a late-night shop.*

*Shop/café in Blairingone*

*Better shop and pub in Crook of Devon*

*Pub into community ownership like the Red Lion in Culross*

*More places for visitors to stop eat and drink – nothing realistically in Crook. Tie this in with promoting local walks and hikes.*

*Have an attraction in the Crook (just like Powmill has the Milk Bar) maybe a museum, gallery space.*

*More local infrastructure to serve the local community including small business units.*

*More available workspaces for local businesses.*

*More encouragement and support for local business is required.*

*I do not want Crook of Devon just to be a dormitory village we need business development.*

## **4.2 Traffic, roads and parking**

The great majority of comments focused on ways to improve life for residents by reducing the negative impact of traffic through their villages. Measures being advocated include those that would both reduce volume and speed of traffic. They included local measures within villages, between villages and area wide initiatives. There were also comments about the need for better road maintenance and improved parking.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Traffic calming measures	49.1%
Reduce traffic	17.3%
Improving road surfaces/maintenance	15.4%
Better parking	7.7%
Bypass on A977	6.7%
More police presence	3.8%

### Illustrative Quotes

*Reduction of traffic – especially lorry traffic on the A977*

*Reduce heavy traffic coming through the villages*

*Speed restrictions from Crook of Devon to 20 and from Crook of Devon to Drum reduce to 30 or even 20.*

*Reprogramme the lights at Drum to be the same as the lights at the Institute.*

*We would welcome views on how we can better manage access/egress to our campsite (Scouts Field) - we are considering speed limit signs and one way system.*

*Buffer zone of 40mph each side of Carnbo to reduce speeding traffic*

*Carnbo speed restrictions extended to cover Carnbo Hall entrance.*

*Put in speed controls on the straight bit of the B9097*

*A 20mph limit on the Aldie Road to improve safety.*

*Perhaps a 40mph between Powmill and Crook of Devon*

*Speed limits on A977 between Blairingone and Kinross*

*Encourage all HGVs to use the A9 not the A977 as their route north.*

*Putting in speed control measures to make the journey time from the Clackmannan Bridge longer so lorries would no longer use it as a short cut.*

*By pass so less traffic in the villages*

*Better road maintenance the road drains and verges are not maintained so cause*

*flooding issues*

*Unblocking drains to prevent local flooding.*

*Improvements to roads, verges and paths*

*Improved parking at Rumbling Bridge*

*More parking in Crook of Devon.*

### **4.3 Paths, cycleways – active travel and outdoor recreation**

There was a strong desire to see improved pavements, paths, cycle routes and walking/cycling friendly roads. Desired improvements included dealing with specific pinch points within and on the edge of villages, the development of safe functional routes between villages, creating better links to nearby villages and towns (Dollar, Saline, Kinross etc), connecting to longer distance cycle routes, and the development and promotion of a local recreational paths network (building on the many local off-road paths in the area).

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Develop walking and cycling network	38.5%
Better maintenance of paths/cycleways	29.8%
Better promotion, info, parking for paths etc	20%
Access to health services	16%
New bridge	9.6%
Better pavements	6.7%

#### Illustrative Quotes

*Better walking/cycling network and more walking/cycling friendly roads.*

*Continued development of the trails network*

*Improve cycle lanes to access all surrounding villages*

*A cycle path to allow safe cycling for all ages between the communities along the A977*

*Safe walking and cycling routes from Carnbo to Crook of Devon – footpath from West End Cottages onto Gelvan Moor Road which should be a 'safe route' to school and indeed a safe route to walk to get the High School Bus in the village*

*Footpath from Drum to the Garage*

*Improve paths especially to the Forestry site at Blairingone.*

*Pedestrian access from Blairingone to Dollar*

*Cycle paths to Kinross and Dollar*

*Completing the cycle trail to Kinross – good cycle parking at the Park and Ride*

*Link old railway line between Kinross and Dollar would be great to cycle all the way to Tillicoutry*

*Convert old railway line that runs to Kinross to walk/cycle track*

*Link cycle track to Stirling/Alloa tracks and Dollar – Stirling*

*Better connecting footpaths*

*More joined up footpaths to do local loops*

*Waymarked footpaths/cycle paths for the area – circular if possible*

*Connect an upper bridge/path look at Rumbling Bridge*

*Rebuild the Bridge at Rumbling Bridge Gorge for larger circular walks.*

*A new Bridge across the Devon*

*More seats and benches along popular walking routes e.g the Drum Route to the Aldie Road*

*Cutting grass verges on walking and cycling friendly roads*

*A map of local paths and also a local information pamphlet would be useful.*

*A guidebook of local paths, walks, routes, landmarks, map, bit of history.*

*Information board/leaflets re local walks*

*What about the Tarland Trails model for Lendrick Hill to bring in mountain biking.*

*A bike track (pump track)*

#### **4.4 Transport**

Comments included the need to address gaps in public transport provision with improvements to evening and weekend (Sunday) services required as well as better timetabling to help link to services and onward transport. There were one or two requests for additional bus stops. There was thought to be a role for the community in improving transport. There was also a wish to bring back the rail service.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Better bus service (public/community)	86.5%
Bring back the train	6.7%
Better taxi service	4.5%
More bus stops	2.2%

#### Illustrative Quotes

*Most important thing is a regular bus service connecting the villages with good times in the week and at weekends.*

*An evening bus linking communities or more affordable taxi service*

*Improved bus service which caters for students to get to Kinross Park and Ride to access the Kinross-Perth UHI service.*

*More community investment in EV charging and better community transport*

*Some sort of taxi service for being able to return from public transport at Kinross*

*Improve bus service with bus stops to serve more rural housing*

*Bus stop at the end of the Aldie Road which is a known walking route*

*A railway connection from Kinross – closed in 1971 – disastrous.*

*A train station and line linking to Kinross and Stirling!*

#### **4.5 Community facilities and activities**

There was a desire to see greater use of existing halls – with particular mention of Mowbray Hall as well as the need for a new community hub in the old Blairingone School. Some suggestions were made for activities and events.

It was thought that the existing parks and play areas could be improved on with suggestions for improvements for different age groups, including major items like skate parks and multi-use games area.

Some comments focused on the need for more indoor and outdoor activities for young people and to promote what was already there as well as to explore what more could be done.



Comments also highlighted the need for an area wide initiative to promote the different village halls and groups, for collaborative working, and more information to showcase what activities and events were running throughout the area and throughout the year.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Community Halls improve/more use/develop	33%
Improve/more play parks	23%
More activities/events for young people	14.3%
Community information/collaboration	12.2%
More sports (tennis court/sports clubs)	5.5%

### Illustrative Quotes

*Use of community halls for wider offering of activities e.g. fitness classes*

*Pop up pubs in Village Halls*

*Improved village halls (external and internal)*

*More community use of local amenities (e.g. Lendrick Muir Scout Camp)*

*Greater use of the hall as a focal point in Powmill*

*More use of the village hall (Powmill). More updated hall in Powmill*

*Community hub in Blairingone. Develop Blairingone School. Community Hall in Blairingone*

*More community events where Powmill Village Hall is used*

*More annual gatherings to draw people to the village.*

*Bigger play park as there a lot more families with kids.*

*Improving the park green space as the football pitch is at an angle and completely unusable*

*Improvements to the play areas with more picnic benches*

*Whether at the Park or School I think a Multi-Use Games Area would be a great addition for all the community*

*A skate park for kids*

*Reinstate the wee play park at the West Crook Way*

*Improve Park at Blairingone School*

*A second tennis court and club house*

*To have another tennis court that is floodlit so it can be used all year*

*Parking area for tennis/park/church as people get blocked in*

*More parking at the Village Hall (Crook of Devon)*

*More groups and opportunities for children and young people to meet, socialise and learn new skills.*

*More amenities for youth to travel, hangout and socialise*

*Outdoor activities for children/teenagers*

*Kids activities available indoors e.g. soft play*

*More promotion of the KYTHE youth club*

*Community halls linking together to support each other's events, avoid clashes, share talents, share planning, workloads etc.*

*Better collaboration between various community groups so events don't clash.*

*Could work together to support each other better e.g., Primary School, Church, Village Halls.*

*Improved communication between all areas  
Development of a more informative website for the Fossoway area highlight what is going on in all the local halls.  
An initiative to encourage more people in the community to become more involved.*

#### **4.6 Services**

Improvements were requested for internet and phone services, and better access to health and childcare. For some there was a feeling that the area was neglected by Perth and Kinross Council.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Better internet/mobile	33.3%
Better service from PKC	18.2%
Better childcare facilities	12.1%
Better health care services	12.1%
Better recycling	6.1%
Toilets	6.1%
Post boxes/Office	6.1%
Grit Bins	3.0%
Banking	3.0%

#### Illustrative Quotes

*Better phone coverage and internet*

*Better broadband connectivity to help businesses and residential requirements*

*After school care parents find it hard to go back to work as there is no wrap around care.*

*More childcare to help mothers return to work – extra school clubs*

*Better provision of medical services*

*Better access to doctors and other medical facilities,*

*Better recycling area next to the village halls (Crook of Devon)*

*Providing a post box in Carnbo.*

#### **4.7 Environment and Heritage**

Respondents were keen to see the area keep its green spaces, and support groups that were working to make it attractive, biodiverse and more productive. Specific mention of the need to tidy up the area and some of its built environment were also mentioned. There were one or two suggestions for making local heritage more prominent.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Greenspace - retain, develop, use	40%
Improve appearance	30%
Less litter and dog poo	23%
Heritage	7%

### Illustrative Quotes

*Protection of the green spaces*

*A community garden where produce can be grown and sold to community*

*Better support for the gardening group*

*Support for Crook and Drum Growing Together to make our village more eco- friendly*

*Better areas for plants and wildlife*

*Further protection of biodiversity in the local area – loss of habitats being proposed by recent planning applications*

*More tree planting. Flowers for villages in the summer*

*Rewild the graveyards*

*A nature trail needs to be planned for the Crook Moss*

*Maintain the rural setting with lots of arable/grazing land*

*Better management and maintenance of the Gorge*

*Removal of Electricity/telegraph poles through the Crook of Devon*

*Rationalisation of signage throughout the village*

*Better management of travellers' site*

*Less Litter on Main Street*

*Keeping front of homes presentable. Keep gardens tidy*

*Signs need cleaned and foliage cut back*

*More dog poo bins on paths. Dog Bin in Drum. Dog poo bin in the woodland.*

*Museum. Can we try and get the Fossway Stone back to the Crook of Devon Hall.*

## **4.8 Housing and development**

Some comments suggested there was a need for a greater mix of housing to include smaller houses, smaller developments, and affordable housing.

### Illustrative Quotes

*No large scale development*

*Less new housing*

*Limit new builds to maximum 2 bedrooms*

*Revision of LDP to facilitate self-build plots*

*Affordable housing to support younger generations – we are losing them*

*More affordable housing available*

## 5. WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES FOR ACTION – BIG AND SMALL?

Here are the priorities and the number of times they were mentioned.

<b>THEME 1; TRAFFIC, ROADS, AND PARKING</b>	<b>HOW MANY COMMENTS</b>
Traffic calming and reduction	104
Road improvements/potholes/fix road signs	18
Improve car parking/better car park signage	12
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>134</b>

<b>THEME 2: PATHS AND CYCLEWAYS AND ACTIVE TRAVEL *</b>	<b>HOW MANY TIMES</b>
Improve pavements	30
Restore/maintain foot/cycle paths	27
Rebuild Bridge across the River Devon	25
Develop more footpaths/cyclepaths (Including links)	14
Better signage/information for footpaths	9
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>105</b>

\*Includes an appeal for accessibility for wheelchair users.

<b>THEME 3: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>HOW MANY TIMES</b>
Improve playparks/develop new ones	22
Development of old school in Blairingone (turn into hall/reinstate garden etc)	16
More community groups/activities/events	12
Make more use of village halls (5 specifically mention Mowbray Hall)	15
Develop new tennis court/improve current court	9
Newsletter/website promotion and up to date community noticeboards	9
More for young people/Kythe Youth Club	7
Collaboration between communities	4
Christmas lights event	3
Nets in goals (Crook of Devon)	2
Community Allotments	1
Swimming Pool	1
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>104</b>

<b>THEME 4: TRANSPORT</b>	<b>HOW MANY TIMES</b>
Better transport links/buses to towns	36
Evening transport	5
More bus stops	2
Bring back the train	2
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>45</b>

<b>THEME 5: ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE</b>	<b>HOW MANY TIMES</b>
Litter picking/more litter and dog bins	19
Cutting hedges/trees/grass	8
Renewable energy/solar panels	6
More flower beds/plants and protect greenspace/maintain gardens	6
Electric car charging	2
Reduce overhead powerlines	1
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>42</b>

<b>THEME 6: LOCAL ECONOMY</b>	<b>HOW MANY TIMES</b>
Cafes/pub/restaurant/places to meet	19
More shops/farmers market/farm shop/local produce	11
More business support/business units	7
Holiday Park	1
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>38</b>

<b>THEME 7: SERVICES</b>	<b>HOW MANY TIMES</b>
Better broadband	5
Grit bins/snow plough	3
Recycling Services	3
Improved Healthcare	2
Better Childcare	2
More post boxes	2
More attention from the Council	2
Reinstate Library	1
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>20</b>

<b>THEME 8: HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>HOW MANY TIMES</b>
More sensitive planning of housing (e.g., protect open space/rural environment)	7
More affordable housing	4
Stop development of windfarms	2
Increased public ownership of land	1
Better control of travellers site	1
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>15</b>

## 6. OUR VISION FOR FOSSOWAY AND DISTRICT

We asked “What is your ideal Vision for the future of your community – the best you can imagine it will be in 10 years time?”

The responses are summarised here into six main aspirations

### **Well connected**

Good public and community transport  
Safe footpath and cycle access within and between villages and into towns  
Good access to services and facilities in nearby towns

### **Reduced traffic and safe communities**

Reduction in volume and speed of traffic through and between villages and across the area as a whole has improved residents and community quality of life

### **Good local economy and services**

Good shops, hospitality, businesses  
Welcoming for locals and visitors  
Development of local services

### **Community Action**

Community Hubs in each village  
Communities and groups working well together and good communication  
Good range of local groups, activities and events for all ages  
Good parks, play areas and outdoor recreation  
Ability to act and represent community interests  
Active citizenship – people involved

### **Sensitive and balanced development in a rural area**

Develop in keeping with village and rural life and environment  
Balance between housing, green space and business development  
Development that encourages younger people and families and creates local employment opportunities

### **Environment and Sustainability**

Developed and well promoted local paths network  
Reducing carbon footprint  
Reducing flooding risk  
Community growing and local produce  
Increasing biodiversity

## 7. SUSTAINABILITY

*Tell us your ideas for making Fossoway and District a more sustainable community?*

<b>THEME 1: ACTIVE TRAVEL, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT</b>	<b>HOW MANY TIMES</b>
More public transport	47
Better/more cycle paths	17
Better/more walking paths and better signed/ promoted	16
Reduce traffic/manage speeding	13
Electric car charging points	10
Electric bikes/bus/cars	5
Car share/taxis	2
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>110</b>

<b>THEME 2: KEEPING IT LOCAL</b>	
More shops	13
Business units for local use	12
More local job opportunities	10
Farmshop/Farmers Market	10
More coffee shops	7
More pubs/bars	7
Local Health Service	3
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>61</b>

<b>THEME 3: ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY</b>	<b>HOW MANY TIMES</b>
Protect and look after greenspace	22
Community orchards/gardens/allotments	17
Encourage biodiversity/wildlife	13
Tree planting	9
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>61</b>



<b>THEME 4: ENERGY</b>	<b>HOW MANY TIMES</b>
More wind turbines	14
Green energy – community run, community buildings, housing	11
Solar panels	10
Hydro Power	6
Insulation	5
Smart meters	1
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>47</b>

<b>THEME 5: COMMUNITY</b>	<b>HOW MANY TIMES</b>
Encourage more community participation/communication	18
Better use of village halls	6
More community activities	4
Local foodswap/refill shop/community fridge	5
Community workshops e.g. repair	2
Renovate Blairingone School	2
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>37</b>

<b>THEME 6: RECYCLING AND WASTE</b>	<b>HOW MANY TIMES</b>
Better recycling facilities	22
More litter and dog bins/litter picking	4
Cleaner water/better sewage treatment	2
<b>Total Comments under this theme</b>	<b>28</b>