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Issues and Actions: Emerging priorities for a community plan

Introduction

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Research Methodology

A comprehensive programme of research and consultation was developed as follows;

- 1 Initial scoping discussion with the Strathblanefield Community Development Trust
- 2 Development of several meetings with existing interest groups to assess the issues of relevance to the community.
- 3 Community Consultation - Self completion survey distributed to every household in Blanefield and Strathblane.
- 4 Undertaking a "Visioning" exercise with members of the community
- 5 Diagnostic focus group with members of the community council.
- 6 Two developmental workshops with the Strathblanefield Community Development Trust to help identify the key issues and priorities and to define achievable goals and actions.

Research Outputs

The output from the above research methodology has been reported in full and in significant detail within the main body of our research report. The following sections summarise these outputs highlighting the main issues and priorities as expressed by the communities of Strathblane, Blanefield and Mugdock.

Readers should be careful not to view each section in isolation but maintain an awareness that many of the issues and actions are inter-linked and may be repeated in different sections and should be assessed and actioned in a joined up manner.

Natural Environment

The natural environment or green space was seen to be important both within the village itself and within the space surrounding the village. A key issue for the village is the preservation of the green environment around the village and access to that space. The areas of importance include Loch Ardinging, the Campsies and Dumbrock Moor.

Within the village the main issue of concern was the perception that all of the green space/play space seems to be on the south side of the village (Primary School side).

Action

- Influence the potential development of a regional park
- Develop access to the Campsies directly from the village

- Preserve the natural environment and green belt through the planning system
- Development of a safe walking route to Loch Ardinning or a safe cycle route to Milngavie
- Identify a suitable area in the north of the village to develop a green space play area

Sustainability

Within the context of a natural environment where global warming is becoming more of an issue, peoples awareness of the environment and the use and waste of energy is increasing and with the constant increase in petrol and diesel issues, the sustainability of communities is becoming more important.

Activities which people are most likely to undertake locally, that is within the village are using a GP, school, hobby/leisure interest class and food shopping. Main food shopping tends to be undertaken in Milngavie, with other non food shopping in Glasgow. With regards to employment, it is Glasgow that the largest number of people travel to. With this pattern of travel in mind, people are most likely to walk to access services in the village making this type of behaviour the most sustainable. For most other activities it is car transport that dominates. To assist in the sustainability of other activities suitable public transport is required.

The main places that people stated they would travel to if there was a better bus service was Glasgow and Bearsden/Milngavie.

Energy costs for people to heat and light their homes have increased substantially in recent times. Sustainability issues relating to this, which could also come under the heading of the natural environment is the development of sustainable energy such as wind farms or river hydro electric projects. In addition to this the concept of people growing more of their own food in allotments or garden sharing initiatives would have a positive input to sustainability. This may also be supported by a community composting facility.

Action

- Promote and assist the local shopping provision through developing car parking provision or the development of a village centre.
- Creation of business, light industrial, retail space to create local employment.
- Improve public transport to Bearsden/Milngavie and Glasgow
- Development of a car sharing pool
- Creation of an allotment or garden sharing initiative.
- Investigate the opportunity of undertaking a community composting facility.
- Advice regarding home insulation and energy efficiency.
- Provision of insulation services
- Assess the potential for the development of sustainable energy through wind farms/turbine and river hydro electric schemes.

Built Environment

The built environment within the village can consist of a wide variety of different elements. This will include housing, public services such as the school and library, community facilities, shops and retail services, roads and transport. The issues may also be included in the elements of the main report entitled “village centre” and should be viewed conjunction with that concept.

Services and facilities within the village are currently well used including the shops, bank, library etc. This is not to say that people would not like additional services and facilities. People mentioned improved sports and recreation facilities, a café and better shops, a childrens play park and more amenities for young people and teenagers to name but a few.

Housing was also considered to be an important issue with the need for a variety of different house types for both young and older people.

Action

- Influence the redevelopment of the primary school site. This may be an integrated community facility to include the school, meeting space, café, recreation space and facilities, library and health services.
- Affordable housing for both young and older people who are down sizing and also sheltered housing.
- Creation of business, light industrial, retail space to create local employment.
- Improved public transport and the possibility of community transport for older people and teenagers.
- A reduction of the speed which cars and other vehicles travel through the village.
- Improved car parking for shops.
- Development of a farmers market to attract people to village.

Population profile

Most people consulted during the research were of the opinion that to ensure the village maintains it sense of community, enthusiasm and vibrancy and to contribute to the sustainability of the village that a mixed population is required. This will consist of people who are affluent and those that are less so, young and older people, people with children and those without.

It is only through this mixed socio economic profile that the village will continue to thrive. The actions outlined below will assist in ensuring this is the case.

Action

- An integrated community facility to include the school, meeting space, café, recreation space and facilities, library and health services.
- Affordable housing for both young and older people who are down sizing and also sheltered housing.
- Homecare for the elderly to ensure people can stay in their own homes and community for a s long as possible.
- Improved community transport.
- More local jobs/employment.

Community Involvement and Participation

There is an opinion within the community that there is a good feeling of community spirit and community cohesion in the village. There is a desire to ensure that this cohesion is maintained and developed. There are however issues with the sustainability of some of the groups in the village. It was stated that the community council, the scouts and guides had been having

difficulty in securing enough people to continue. It is within this context that the following actions sit.

The creation of community events is seen as a good way of developing involvement and participation.

Action

- Development of community events such as a gala day, walk along the water track, folk/pop festival, food festival or craft fairs.
- Use of events to communicate what the various organisations in the village do, for instance the CDT.
- Remind people of the benefits of various activities and to support community facilities and activities.
- Facilitate and make easier the issue of disclosure checks
- Advise on appropriate and proportionate health and safety checks
- Inform people that if they do not support the organisations such as the Scouts, Guides and Community Council they will fail and the community will be poorer for it.
- Create a central community focus or hub to bring people together. This could be the community school as a location for intergenerational contact.
- Develop a friends of the CDT, Community Council, village. A network of useful and influential individuals to promote the causes in the village.

Communication and Information

Communication and information are seen as key to maintaining and developing a wide variety of services and activities within the village. The village currently has a variety of communication mechanisms including the Blane, a village website, social diary in the library, notices in shop windows and the networks of people involved in the various community groups.

The Blane is the channel of communication through which the large majority of people in the village receive their information about what is happening in their area.

Communication and information is seen as a key element in developing community participation and involvement. Communication within the village is presently uncoordinated and piecemeal.

Action

- Maintain and develop the Blane.
- Creation of a village communication strategy
- Engage with Stirling Council and other statutory agencies such as the health board. More local and specific information about the village.
- Creation of village signage and interpretative map for walkers, visitors and tourists
- Development and improvement of the village website.
- Improved access to technology, possibly through a community wireless internet hub.

Employment and Training

Employment and training within the village and the actions that can support it links very closely with the built environment, sustainability and a strong balanced population. The opportunity to encourage local cottage industries and home based service jobs could be seized upon.

The issue of an inequitable home care service provided by Stirling Council was also mentioned whereby it seems that people in the village will be assisted from their beds later in the morning and put back to bed earlier in the day than people from other parts of Stirling. Locally based staff could address this issue.

Action

- Development of a local business directory/census.
- Encourage employers to develop a business network.
- Car parking to support shopping provision.
- Signage to inform people of services and facilities.
- Develop business, light industrial/office space.
- Shop, café, craft facility as part of village centre.
- Training for homecare employment opportunities
- Development of a music/recording studio for young people
- Creation of sustainable energy sources to create employment.

Healthcare and Services

The health service provision within the village is restricted to a G.P. Other services such as a dentist or general hospital will be located elsewhere. The village is located within the Forth Valley Health Board area and as such there is a fear that people may be expected to go to Larbert or Stirling for hospital treatment. The consultation indicated that people would like to see more services provided locally and more care services to ensure that people are able to remain in their home and community for as long as possible.

Action

- Influence the health service to provide more locally based facilities such as dental services, physiotherapy, wellman/woman clinics.
- More out of hours medical services for people who work.
- Lobbying to ensure that people are provided with hospital treatment in Glasgow rather than Stirling.
- Improved homecare services.
- Development of better, whole life housing to enable people to remain in their own homes/community for longer.
- Creation of sheltered housing in the village.

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1.1 Background

Local community plans in the Stirling area are the foundation of the community planning process. Each neighbourhood within the Stirlingshire Council area has been offered the opportunity to develop a local community plan to assess the neighbourhood's current position, identify future trends and list a series of actions and recommendations deemed by the local community to be priority in ensuring its sustainable, equitable development.

Local community plans will assist communities in determining their immediate priorities which can be actioned by communities in their own locality, and those more strategic priorities which may require more detailed intervention resulting in changes in service delivery. These latter priorities will be incorporated into the strategic community planning process of the Stirling Community Planning Partnerships, via the Area Forums and the Critical Partnerships where appropriate.

Local community plans are developed with local community organisations. The community owns the plan.

1.2 Objectives

The primary objective of the research is to provide Strathblanefield Community Development Trust with a programme of research and consultation that will assist in the development of a local community plan for Strathblane and Blanefield. Specifically the research will provide the following outputs;

- Development of qualitative and quantitative research into the current physical, social, cultural and economic infrastructure of the area- headlining on the main community planning themes of health, learning, safety, economy, the environment, housing.
- A review on the future sustainability of the village and the attitudes of the local population towards a sustainable lifestyle.
- Engagement of the local community in the process of information gathering.
- Specific information on the future direction and planning of the Community Development Trust.
- Assessment of the opportunities and threats posed to Strathblane and Blanefield over the next 3 years.
- A series of outcomes for development in the short, medium and long term, as determined by the local community.
- Input into the finalised local community plan summarising the above work, presented in a readable, accessible format.

1.3 Research Methodology

In order to collect information of the required depth and breadth, Lowland Market research developed a research programme utilising both qualitative and quantitative research techniques. The research consisted of the following components.

1. Initial scoping discussion with the Strathblanefield Community Development Trust
2. Development of several meetings with existing interest groups to assess the issues of relevance to the community.
3. Community Consultation - Self completion survey distributed to every household in Blanefield and Strathblane.
4. Undertaking a "Visioning" exercise with members of the community
5. Diagnostic focus group with members of the community council.
6. Two developmental workshops with the Strathblanefield Community Development Trust to help identify the key issues and priorities and to define achievable goals and actions.

1. Initial Scoping Discussion with SCDT

As an initial stage to the research Lowland Market Research met with representatives of the partnership (SCDT, SCC and SC) to discuss the issues and ideas which they felt were relevant for the development of a sustainable community plan within Blanefield and Strathblane. This discussion set the context and framework within which the research sits and helped to inform the content of the broader community consultation.

2. Consultation with Community Organisations

In addition to the initial scoping discussion with the SCDT, Lowland Market Research also undertook 4 focus groups several focus groups with other relevant stakeholder groups within Blanefield and Strathblane. A variety of groups were contacted inviting them to be involved in the discussion groups. These groups included the community council, church/faith groups, the parent council from the local primary school, uniformed groups such as the Scouts, Guides, BB's and other clubs, societies, committees and interested relevant parties. These discussions served a similar function to that of the scoping discussion with SCDT and encouraged a wider involvement in the development of the issues contained within the community consultation.

3. Community Consultation

The central element to the consultation is the development of a large consultation with the residents of Blanefield, Strathblane and Mugdock. This research was conducted through a postal self completion survey. This questionnaire was distributed to every household in the Blanefield and Strathblane area by local volunteers when distributing "The Blane" community magazine. Two questionnaires were distributed to each household in the area, thus allowing as many people as possible to participate in the research. A FREEPOST envelope was provided to allow respondents to post back the completed questionnaire directly to Lowland Market Research.

Response and Margins of Error

In total, 289 completed questionnaires were returned. A response rate such as this provides a number of advantages. In general, the larger the response the greater the level of accuracy of the data. A response of 289 people within a village population of approximately 2,000 provides data accurate to +/- 5%. In addition to this 289 completed questionnaires allows the data to be broken down into sub groups more easily. Different groups of respondents will perceive the area or behave in different ways. To allow data collected to be used reliably, each sub group such as age, gender, geographic location must have a robust number of interviews. It is our opinion that analysis of these groups should not be carried out unless 100 interviews are completed. One hundred interviews gives a level of accuracy of +/-10%. A level of accuracy above this level is becoming unacceptable when making decisions using the data. A sample size of 289 interviews will provide this level of flexibility and reliability and facilitate more detailed levels of analysis.

The table below provides examples of actual responses and how the margins of error may affect the results.

	Number of respondents	Margin of error	Variance
Q7 Do you think the speed of traffic within the village should be reduced to 20 mph	280 respondents – 52% stated yes	+/-5%	47% to 57%

Questionnaire

The questionnaire developed for the postal self completion research contained questions on the following topics. A copy of the questionnaire is contained in the appendices.

- Location and method of travel for various activities
- Importance of various services, facilities and issues in the community
- Environmental issues
- Community Safety
- Improvements and developments in the community
- Communication and information
- Issues to be addressed
- Demographic profiling information

4. Vision Workshop

To provide an opportunity for residents of Strathblane and Blane field to discuss their views of the area as a place to live and work in the future a vision workshop was developed.

Within the questionnaire distributed via the Blane, residents were asked if they would like to participate in further research. One hundred and two people said that they would, of which 22 were able to attend the vision workshop. The workshop involved the participants considering what they viewed to be an “Ideal” community. From this experience, participants ideas about the content of that community were developed and categorised and actions to achieve them developed. This assists in providing a clear vision of what these stakeholders believe a future for Strathblane and Blane field may consist of and act as a guide for the development of policy.

5. **Diagnostic Focus Group with the Community Council**

In a similar function to the vision workshop with members of the public, we also took the issues collected in the public consultation exercise back to the Community Council. This discussion fulfilled a similar role to that of the vision workshop and was used in a diagnostic manner, allowing the findings of the community consultation to be interpreted in a suitable context.

6. **Developmental Workshops**

Two developmental workshops with the Strathblanefield Community Development Trust were organised to report on the findings from the community consultation and vision workshops and to help identify the key issues and priorities and to define achievable goals and actions.

Lowland Market Research assisted in facilitating the discussion among the members of the SCDT to create an action plan through which the Trust can begin to progress the issues for the future.

2.0 Research Outputs

2.1 Initial Focus Groups

The initial consultation with people involved in community organisations was through a series of focus groups. These were conducted in late August and early September 2009. They consisted of representatives of a variety of different community groups including the community council, uniformed organisations, church groups, school and pre school groups, older persons groups, sports clubs and other clubs and societies.

This consultation was developed through 4 focus groups held in the village club and the Edmonstone Hall. The groups were structured around issues relating to people of the following ages;

- Individuals with pre school and primary school aged children
- High school/teens
- 30-50 years olds
- Older people/retired/elderly

The initial focus groups outlined a variety of aspects and issues which were of importance to the community. The outputs from these focus groups and consultation with the steering group informed the content of the self completion questionnaire which was distributed to every household via The Blane. Qualitative research by its nature produces a large amount of information; this part of the report has therefore been segmented into discrete sections to aid understanding. Readers should be careful, however, not to view each section in isolation but maintain an awareness that many of the issues are inter-linked and should be assessed and actioned in a joined up manner.

Like and Dislikes

Participants in the focus groups were generally very positive regarding Blanefield, Strathblane and Mugdock as a place to live. People said that the environment in which they lived was very good with a nice village and friendly people. It was a place that has a good sense of community with services like the school, library and church playing important parts in village life. It is also within the catchment area for a good high school in Balfron.

The broader environment was also mentioned with people stating that they had a feeling of putting Glasgow behind them when they come home and having a nice feeling when coming over the moor and seeing the Campsies and Ben Lomond.

People stated that it was an area with low crime and easy access to Glasgow as long as you did not have to use public transport.

In contrast to the types of things that people liked, dislikes were quite minimal. Many of the issues centred around aspects to do with roads, traffic and transport. This included potholes on the roads, lack of a pavement on both sides of the road at the Edmonstone Hall and speeding traffic, including motorbikes at the weekend, through the middle of the village.

In addition to this, it was stated that the bus service can be poor, for instance, at night coming home from Glasgow it is not good with people having to come back at either 9.30pm or 11.30 pm with nothing in between. Members of the focus groups also indicated that getting a bus to Stirling is not easy. The time table changes when it is the school holidays. This is not just the summer holidays but any other school holiday such as the May holiday, Easter fortnight, half term etc. It basically means that the buses do not run a full service when the school is not on, however there seems to be very little communication as to when this actually is the case.

Finally, people in the focus groups said that there is limited activities for young people. The young people in the focus groups said that they would like a place to hang about that is their own.

Activities and Services

The focus groups indicated that there was a lot of activities that they undertook within and near the village. Many people used the local shopping/retail provision which included Browns, post office, bank, pharmacy and hair dressers. There was a sense of community and a feeling that people wanted to use these services to ensure that they remained for the good of the community.

A number of sports and outdoor activities were undertaken both within the village itself and in the adjacent countryside. This included walking around or near the village, cycling to Lennoxton along the old railway line, sailing on Loch Lomond, as well as sports such as tennis, bowling, football and swimming at the Allander.

People in the focus groups also stated that there were a variety of clubs which included the library book club, drama group, gardening club, lunch club and the rural.

Activities aimed directly at young people were possibly less available, although there was a youth club for young people one night a week and the various uniformed organisations such as the Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts

A variety of gaps in services and activities were identified. These included more activities and services for young people, also possibly a computer club and an exercise club for people with disabilities. A couple of services that people mentioned, although with fairly low expectations that they could be developed was a petrol station and an ATM machine at the bank.

Environmental Aspects

Participants in the focus groups were informed that the carbon neutral group within the village had received a grant to undertake an audit of all the houses in the area to assess their thermal efficiency. There was varying levels of knowledge of this initiative, however, most people in the focus groups thought that the conservation of energy and its associated saving in expenditure was a good thing. Ways in which people could be informed, encouraged and supported to ensure their house was thermally efficient as possible should be encouraged.

Most people in the focus groups said that they used low energy light bulbs but would like to be able to do more regarding saving energy.

Many people composted their organic waste and recycle their rubbish through Stirling Councils kerbside recycling scheme. One person also mentioned the new food waste scheme that is being developed. The development of a composting facility on a larger scale for the village as a whole may be something that could be developed.

This could provide soil conditioner, compost or other nutrients for peoples gardens in the village or for a village allotment scheme. Some of the people in the groups grow their own vegetables and fruit. Among some of the focus group members there may be an interest in allotments and growing food, There would need to be advice and support provided and people need to be shown how easy it can be. There is a fear that it will be a lot of hard work.

For many people in the older group they are looking to downsize their gardens due to their age rather than start growing more. There could be opportunities for other people to cultivate some of the larger gardens.

The young people have a particular interest in many environmental issues they would like a community allotment to enable them to grow vegetables, they also stated that it would be good for the High school and the primary school to have some space where they can grow their own food. It was mentioned that Balfron high school has its second green flag and as such there is a significant awareness and interest regarding environmental issues among young people. The young people would also like a power generator to be developed for the village in an environmentally sensitive manner.

Other environmental issues that were raised included an opportunity to do some environmental improvements in and around the village. It was mentioned that the Guides undertake a litter picking initiative in the village which could be developed to include a larger group of people in the village and to broaden its remit to include tidying walkways, clearing bushes and generally giving the village an environmental “mop and brush up”.

Community Safety

It was interesting to note that people in all of the focus groups said that they felt safe and secure in the village. For instance most people said that they would happily walk around the village after dark and that crime, violence or anti social behaviour was not really an issue. A slight mention was made regarding noisy youngsters in the football field at night but very little else.

This limited incidence of crime and anti social behaviour has been mentioned as it highlights the sharp contrast between this community and many other areas in west central Scotland which have significant issues with regard to community safety.

Health and Care Services

Most people viewed the health service provision in the village to be good, although it is restricted to the village G.P. Most people used the dentists in Milngavie and Bearsden.

The older group were enthusiastic about the development of potential support mechanisms to allow them to remain in their home and live independently. People very much welcomed the opportunity to remain in their own homes as long as possible into their old age. The lunch club was also viewed as being an excellent service but it was only on once a week. People like services that would bring them out of their homes rather than being isolated.

The lack of sheltered housing in the village was also commented upon, with people stating that the development of sheltered housing or some form of supported accommodation would benefit the community and assist older people to remain in the village.

A major issue regarding more acute hospital and care services was due to the fact that the community sits within the Forth Valley Health Board and as such if people are ill they may be taken to Falkirk General hospital which is inconvenient to get to by public transport. Most people in the focus groups would want to be taken to a Glasgow hospital such as the Royal Infirmary or Stobhill which are both easier to get to.

Village Centre

The people in the focus groups were of the opinion that the village lacks “centre” or some sort of focus. The opportunity to develop a centre or hub for services was considered to be a good idea. This could be one larger hub or a series of smaller service specific hubs.

For instance there could be an education/leisure hub with the school, library, sports facilities as one hub, A small economic hub with small offices and small industrial space to encourage local people to set up business's in the area and finally there could be a retail/community hub which may incorporate shops and a café or tourism facility.

Other facilities and services could be developed around the hubs, for instance there are many more old people in the village and a day centre within the village for them to meet would be good. The facility could over look a garden or seating/ public realm type space. A village square /centre such as in Milngavie with the Fraser of Allander centre. There could also be sheltered housing round it.

Housing

The discussion relating to the provision of housing in the village developed around a variety of different themes. Most people indicated that there is a requirement for a broader range of housing which would include smaller properties for younger people and first time buyers as well as properties for older people to downsize into, including sheltered accommodation. Members of the focus groups indicated that there is no sheltered housing in the village and very limited housing for first time buyers.

In addition to this, people also said that there should also possibly be more social rented housing in the village.

One of the main issues that influenced the discussion was the desire to ensure that the village remained a vibrant and energetic community and had a mix of people who are different ages and life stages. People in the groups wanted to ensure that older people could remain in the village and that young people, young families and more mature families all had available accommodation that provided them with the opportunity to remain in the community.

Participants in the focus groups did not want the village either to be full of older people or just commuters into Glasgow.

Communication and Participation

As stated previously, members of the focus groups were of the opinion that there was good feeling of community spirit and community cohesion in the area. There was a desire to ensure that this cohesion is maintained and developed. The focus groups were of the opinion that more encouragement should be given to have people participate in their community and get involved. The groups would like a town gathering, gala day for instance or something similar to be developed. It could be a sports day, a village fair just something that would engender a sense of community among the residents of the village.

Communication was seen to be a core element to ensuring the development of a sense of community spirit. The groups stated that more co-ordination among the various organisations operating in the village is required to ensure that as many people as possible get involved in different initiatives. There needs to be good co-ordination regarding communication there needs to be a link between the various organisations and communication channels such as the village notice board, the diary in the library and in the Blane.

Members of the focus groups liked the Blane and thought it was a good mechanism for communicating issues and information. They also stated that websites are useful but most people rarely visited any of the village related websites. It was stated that people need to be encouraged to find things out. The information and communication is there but people have to look for it in things such as the Blane or various websites.

A co-ordinated communication and involvement strategy would benefit each organisation as well as the village as a whole.

2.2 Self Completion Survey

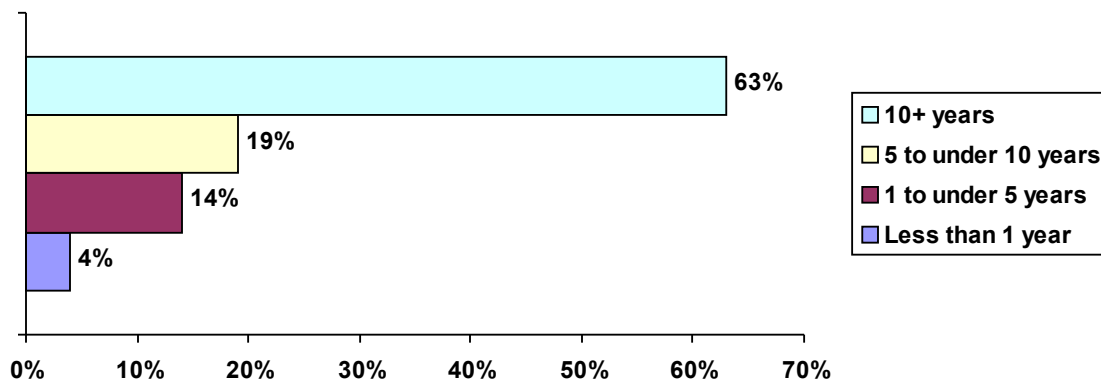
A questionnaire was distributed to every household in the Blanefield, Strathblane and Mugdock area by local volunteers when distributing “The Blane” community magazine. Two questionnaires were distributed to each household in the area, thus allowing as many people as possible to participate in the research. A FREEPOST envelope was provided to allow respondents to post back the completed questionnaire directly to Lowland Market Research.

2.2.1 Travel and Transport

Just under two thirds (63%) of all respondents indicated that they had lived in the Blanefield and Strathblane area for 10 or more years. A further 19% had lived in the area between 5 and 10 years and 18% had lived in the area for less than 5 years.

How long have you lived here?

Less than 1 year	4%
1 to under 5 years	14%
5 to under 10 years	19%
10+ years	63%



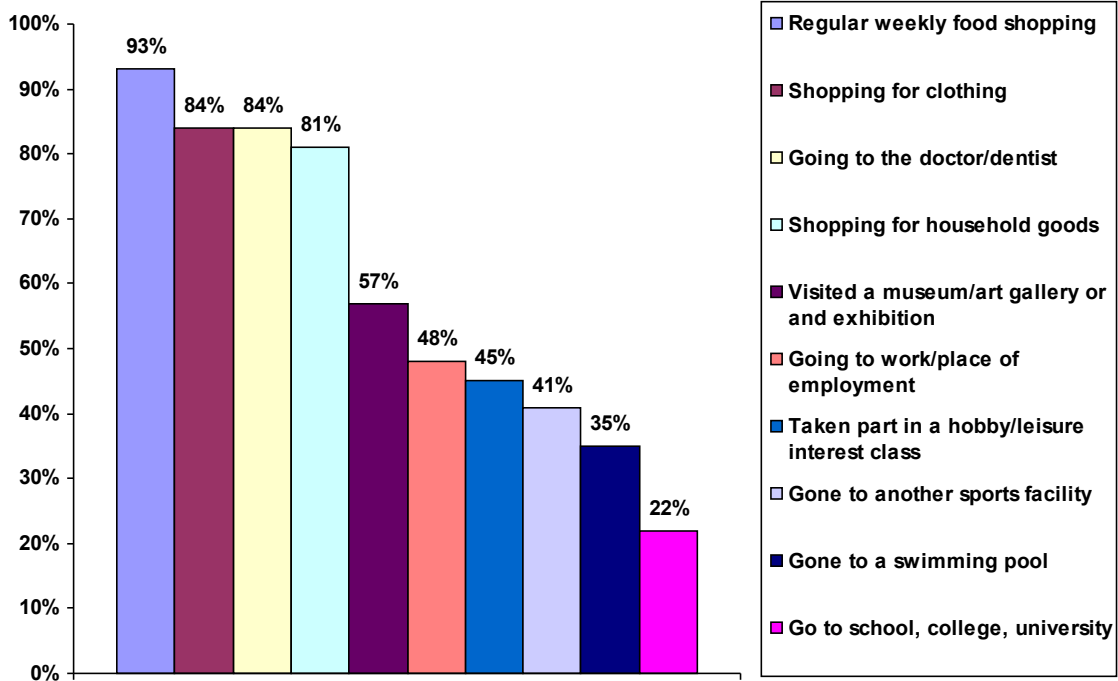
The main activities which the greatest number of respondents had participated in the past 6 months were as follows

- Regular weekly food shopping 93%
- Shopping for clothing 84%
- Going to the doctor/dentist 84%
- Shopping for household goods 81%

Fewer numbers of respondents visited a museum/art gallery (57%), went to work (48%) or took part in a hobby/leisure interest class (45%). This is followed by going to another sports facility (41%) and a swimming pool (35%). The least likely activity for respondents was going to school, college or university (22%)

Have you done any of the following within or outwith the village in the last 6 months?

Regular weekly food shopping	93%
Shopping for clothing	84%
Going to the doctor/dentist	84%
Shopping for household goods	81%
Visited a museum/art gallery or and exhibition	57%
Going to work/place of employment	48%
Taken part in a hobby/leisure interest class	45%
Gone to another sports facility	41%
Gone to a swimming pool	35%
Go to school, college, university	22%



Where did you go for...

	Milngavie	Blanefield	Bearsden	Glasgow	Braehead	Stirling	Clydebank	Bishopbriggs	Killearn	Balfron	Edinburgh	Other
Regular weekly food shopping	89%	12%	8%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%
Shopping for clothing	16%	0%	3%	77%	6%	4%	3%	0%	1%	0%	0%	4%
Shopping for household goods	38%	0%	4%	55%	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%	0%	0%	8%
Travel to dentist or doctor	30%	49%	6%	21%	0%	1%	1%	1%	16%	0%	0%	7%
Travel to school, college, university	7%	21%	5%	48%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	10%	0%	10%
Travel to work/place of employment	10%	4%	5%	54%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	22%
Travel to swimming pool	97%	0%	7%	9%	0%	1%	1%	7%	0%	7%	0%	9%
Travel to another sports facility	43%	11%	6%	23%	0%	5%	1%	3%	0%	14%	0%	11%
Travel to a museum/art gallery or an exhibition	4%	4%	1%	85%	0%	4%	0%	0%	1%	0%	6%	8%
Travel to a hobby/leisure interest class	20%	31%	5%	27%	0%	1%	2%	0%	2%	11%	0%	10%

Note: Percentages will add up to more than 100% as some respondents provided more than one answer

As the table on the previous page highlights, the range of places that people go for shopping, sports, leisure and health services is wide and varied. In general however, there are a couple of locations for each aspect that dominate.

Regular weekly food shopping	Milngavie (89%)	Strathblane/Blanefield (12%)
Shopping for clothing	Glasgow (77%)	Milngavie (16%)
Shopping for household goods	Glasgow (55%)	Milngavie (38%)
Travel to dentist or doctor	Strathblane/Blanefield (49%)	Milngavie (30%)
Travel to school, college, university	Glasgow (48%)	Strathblane/Blanefield (21%)
Travel to work/place of employment	Glasgow (54%)	Other (22%)
Travel to swimming pool	Milngavie (97%)	Glasgow (9%)
Travel to another sports facility	Milngavie (43%)	Glasgow (23%)
Travel to a museum/art gallery or an exhibition	Glasgow (85%)	Edinburgh (8%)
Travel to a hobby/leisure interest class	Strathblane/Blanefield (31%)	Glasgow (27%)

For all of the activities asked about, the type of transportation that people are most likely to use is the car. For all but 4 of the aspects asked about, car usage is at 90% or above.

Other aspects such as travel to school, college, university, travel to a dentist or doctor and travel to a hobby/leisure interest class had slightly lower levels of car usage although still in the high sixty/seventy percent range. These activities had a greater number of people walking to use them. This supports the responses contained in the table above which indicates that people are more likely to access these services within Strathblane and Blanefield.

The use of the bus when shopping for clothing (20%) reflects the high number of people who stated they shop in Glasgow for clothing and the opportunity to travel directly into Glasgow City centre by bus.

Most people stated that their most regular form of transport for any activity was the car. This was because it was convenient and there was limited alternative public transport options.

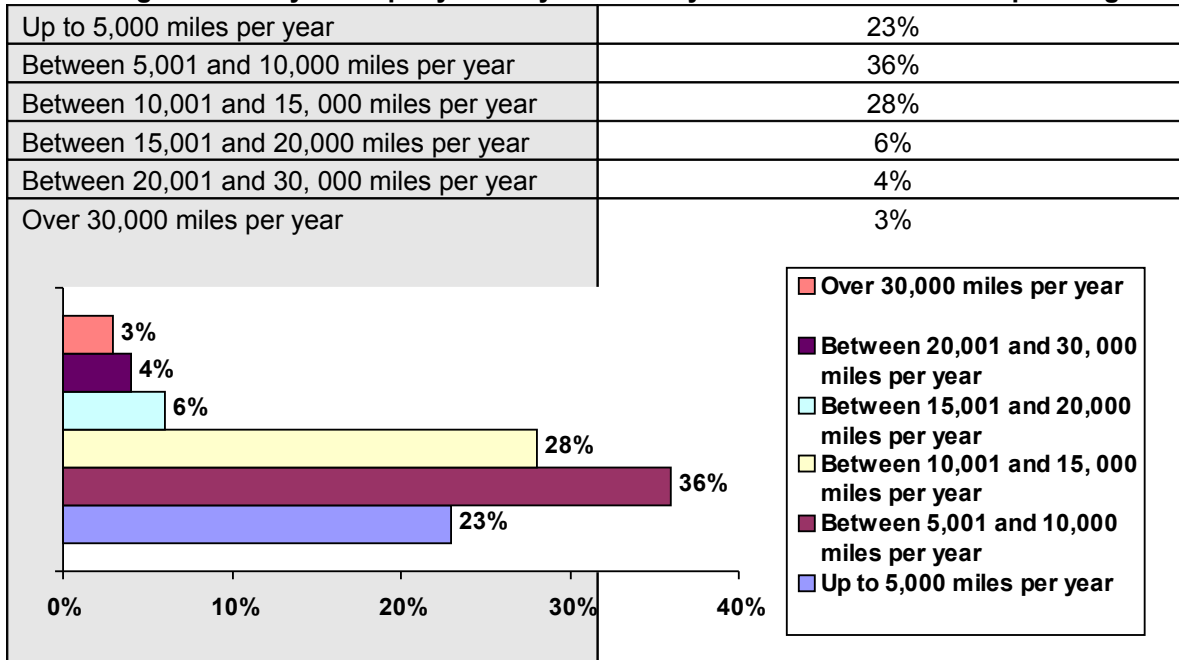
What type of transport did you use?

	Car	Walk	Bus	Train	Cycle	Plane	Run	Horse	Taxi
Regular weekly food shopping	97%	7%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Shopping for clothing	82%	0%	20%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Shopping for household goods	90%	3%	9%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Travel to dentist or doctor	79%	29%	5%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Travel to school, college, university	68%	21%	11%	11%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Travel to work/place of employment	91%	2%	8%	13%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Travel to swimming pool	98%	2%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Travel to another sports facility	92%	9%	2%	3%	3%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Travel to a museum/art gallery or an exhibition	90%	3%	10%	15%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Travel to a hobby/leisure interest class	73%	28%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%

Note: Percentages will add up to more than 100% as some respondents provided more than one answer

The majority of respondents (64%) indicated that on average they travelled between 5,000 and 15,000 miles per year.

On average how many miles per year do you travel by car either as a driver or passenger?



Eighty percent of respondents indicated that they would use the bus if the service improved. This peaked at 87% among respondents aged 35-44 years and dropped to a low of 57% among respondents aged 16-34 years.

The main destinations that people would travel to if the bus service was improved were;

- Glasgow 74%
- Bearsden/Milngavie 69%
- Stirling 39%

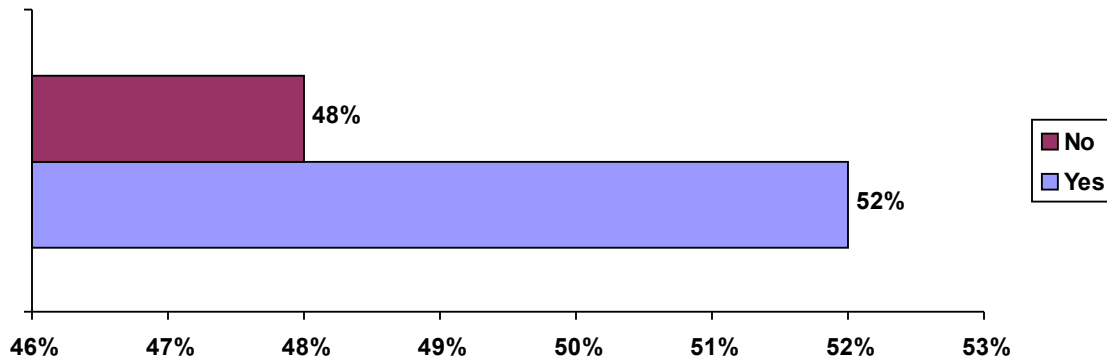
If a better bus service was available from the village to the destinations below, please indicate if you would use the bus to travel to those destinations?

Glasgow	74%
Bearsden/Milngavie	69%
Stirling	39%
Balfon	20%
Kirkintilloch	17%
Larbert	3%
Would not use the bus	14%

Just over half (52%) of all respondents said that they think the speed of traffic within the village should be reduced to 20mph. This rose to 60% among respondents aged 35-44 years and dropped to 44% for people aged 45-54 years.

Do you think the speed of traffic within the village should be reduced to 20mph?

Yes	52%
No	48%



2.2.2 Services, Facilities and Issues

Respondents were asked to think about the services and facilities currently available in the village and to state what services they would like to see and are missing from the village.

Almost a third (32%) of all respondents said that there were no services or facilities that they would like to see developed in the village.

The main services and facilities that people would like to see in the village were as follows;

- Sports facilities/gym 15%
- Café/chip shop/shopping area 13%
- Children’s play park 12%
- ATM – cashline/banking facilities 10%
- Amenities for young people/teenagers 10%
- Transport better/better bus service 10%

Thinking of the services and facilities currently available in the village, what services would you like to see developed that you feel are missing from the village?

Sports facilities/gym	15%
Café/chip shop/shopping area	13%
Children’s play park	12%
ATM – cashline/banking facilities	10%
Amenities for young people/teenagers	10%
Transport better/better bus service	10%
Community centre open during the day	6%
More fresh fruit and vegetables	5%
Dentist/health services	4%
Cycling paths/walking paths	3%
Better car parking	3%
Train link	2%
Road safety/reduce traffic speed	2%
Upgrading old railway line	1%
Allotments	1%
Village policeman	1%
Further education	1%
Housing for elderly/sheltered housing	1%
Affordable housing	1%
Offices	1%
Better library	1%
Nursery for under 3’s	1%
Nothing	32%

Respondents were shown a list of services, facilities and issues which have an impact on their community. They were asked to indicate how important they thought they were. The top 5 aspects that people stated were very important within their community were as follows;

	Very Important
• Local health care facilities and services	75%
• Public transport	67%
• Keeping the local environment tidy	67%
• The condition of our roads	66%
• Public safety	60%

In contrast, the aspects which people are least likely to state are very important are:

	Very Important
• Museum or heritage centre	14%
• Supported housing accommodation	18%
• Adult education	19%
• Helping people getting into jobs	27%
• Creating local jobs	33%

The top 10 issues that respondents stated were the most important ones to be addressed within their community were as follows;

• The condition of our roads	52%
• Local health care facilities and services	50%
• Public transport	48%
• Children's play areas	44%
• Keeping the local environment tidy	44%
• Facilities for young people	42%
• Public safety	39%
• Park and open spaces	38%
• Tackling anti-social behaviour	36%
• Amenity housing for older people	35%

Looking at the following list of services, facilities and issues in our community, please indicate how important you think they are?

	Very Important	Fairly Important	Fairly Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Don't Know
Museum or heritage centre	14%	25%	42%	17%	2%
Supported housing accommodation	18%	39%	23%	10%	11%
Adult education	19%	41%	33%	5%	2%
Helping people getting into jobs	27%	47%	21%	2%	3%
Creating local jobs	33%	48%	15%	3%	2%
Affordable housing for rent	34%	38%	16%	6%	5%
Quality child care facilities	38%	46%	11%	1%	4%
A local meeting place	38%	40%	17%	4%	1%
Amenity housing for older people	41%	45%	8%	2%	5%
Meeting the needs of the less able	42%	47%	7%	1%	2%
Local leisure and sports facilities	43%	42%	13%	1%	1%
Fear of crime	43%	36%	14%	3%	3%
Variety and quality of local shopping	44%	46%	9%	1%	0%
Meeting the needs of older people	46%	47%	6%	0%	1%
Street drinking	50%	33%	14%	3%	1%
Local library facilities	53%	35%	10%	1%	0%
Tackling anti-social behaviour	54%	31%	11%	3%	1%
Facilities for young people	57%	36%	5%	1%	2%
Children's play areas	59%	33%	5%	2%	1%
Park and open spaces	59%	32%	7%	2%	0%
Public safety	60%	30%	8%	2%	0%
The condition of our roads	66%	29%	5%	0%	0%
Public transport	67%	28%	5%	0%	0%
Keeping the local environment tidy	67%	28%	4%	1%	0%
Local health care facilities and services	75%	22%	2%	1%	0%

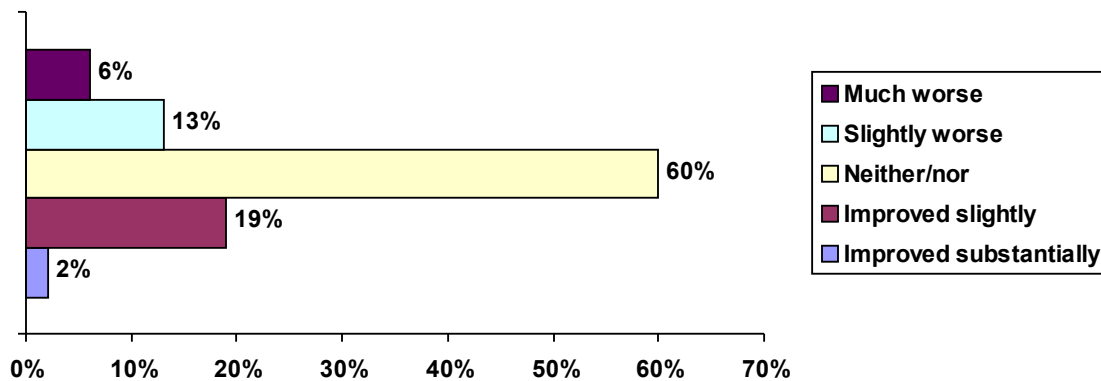
Please state which of these you think are the 10 most important ones to be addressed within your community?

The condition of our roads	52%
Local health care facilities and services	50%
Public transport	48%
Children's play areas	44%
Keeping the local environment tidy	44%
Facilities for young people	42%
Public safety	39%
Park and open spaces	38%
Tackling anti-social behaviour	36%
Amenity housing for older people	35%
Local leisure and sports facilities	33%
Affordable housing for rent	31%
Meeting the needs of older people	31%
Local library facilities	30%
Variety and quality of local shopping	28%
Meeting the needs of the less able	25%
Street drinking	24%
Quality child care facilities	23%
A local meeting place	23%
Creating local jobs	22%
Fear of crime	20%
Supported housing accommodation	11%
Helping people getting into jobs	11%
Adult education	9%
Museum or heritage centre	7%

The majority of people (60%) think that the services they receive in this area have neither improved nor worsened. Twenty one percent of respondents think the services have improved and 19% think they have become slightly or much worse.

Do you think the services you receive in this area have improved or become worse?

Improved substantially	2%
Improved slightly	19%
Neither/nor	60%
Slightly worse	13%
Much worse	6%



Respondents were then asked to state in their own words which services have become better or worse. The type of services which people stated have got better or worse are as follows;

Better

- Improved recycling
- Street lighting improved
- Library better
- Care of the elderly better
- Health services better
- Youth club better
- Police better

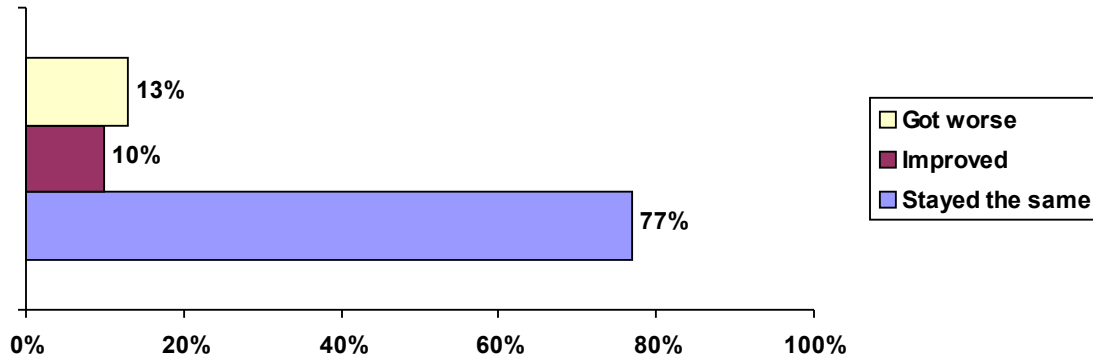
Worse

- Refuse collection worse
- Transport – bus etc worse
- Safety on roads
- Play park needs improving
- Litter
- Maintenance of cemetery/playing areas etc
- Condition of pavements – worse
- Grass cutting worse

Just over three quarters (77%) of all respondents stated that over the past year their neighbourhood has stayed the same. A further 10% thought it had improved and 13% said that it had got worse.

Over the past year, would you say your neighbourhood has

Stayed the same	77%
Improved	10%
Got worse	13%



2.2.3 Community Safety and Anti Social Behaviour

Respondents were asked to consider a variety of issues relating to community safety and anti social behaviour. They were asked to rank their top 5 issues on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the most important and 5 the least important.

As the table below summarises the main issue that respondents thought was the most important was speeding/dangerous traffic, 65% of respondents ranking it as a 1 or a 2. It is interesting to note that despite these high numbers of respondents indicating that speeding/dangerous traffic is the most important issue, only 52% of respondents were in favour of reducing the speed limit through the village to 20mph.

This is followed by damage/vandalism to public property (38%) and housebreaking (24%).

In contrast, the main community safety / anti social behaviour issues that respondents thought were so unimportant that they did not rank were;

- Racism
- Sexual violence
- Domestic violence

Which 5 of the following are you most concerned about in your community?

	1 – Most Important	2	3	4	5 – Least Important	Not Ranked
Speeding/dangerous traffic	55%	10%	7%	4%	2%	20%
Damage/vandalism to public property	16%	22%	14%	7%	5%	37%
Housebreaking	13%	11%	9%	6%	5%	56%
Damage/vandalism to your property	9%	5%	4%	6%	4%	73%
Groups of young people in the street	6%	7%	9%	6%	6%	66%
Anti social neighbours	5%	3%	3%	3%	4%	83%
Violence in the street	3%	1%	2%	1%	4%	89%
Car crime	3%	3%	4%	7%	7%	77%
Drugs/drug dealing	3%	3%	6%	3%	7%	79%
People drinking in public places	3%	7%	5%	7%	5%	74%
Personal theft/mugging	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	91%
Graffiti	1%	1%	4%	4%	6%	84%
Racism	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	98%
Domestic violence	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	97%
Sexual violence	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	98%

2.2.4 Community, Improvements and Developments

The statement which the greatest number of respondents agreed with regarding their community was that “It is a good place to bring up children”, 94% agreed with the statement. This is followed by “I believe my neighbours would help in an emergency” (93%) and “I would be willing to work together with others on something to improve my neighbourhood” (89%). In support of these statements, 79% of respondents disagree with the statement “Given the opportunity I would like to move away”.

In contrast to these positive responses to the statements, the number of people who said that they feel involved in making decisions about their community is quite low. Thirty two percent of respondents agree with the statement, however, 44% were neutral and 25% disagreed with it.

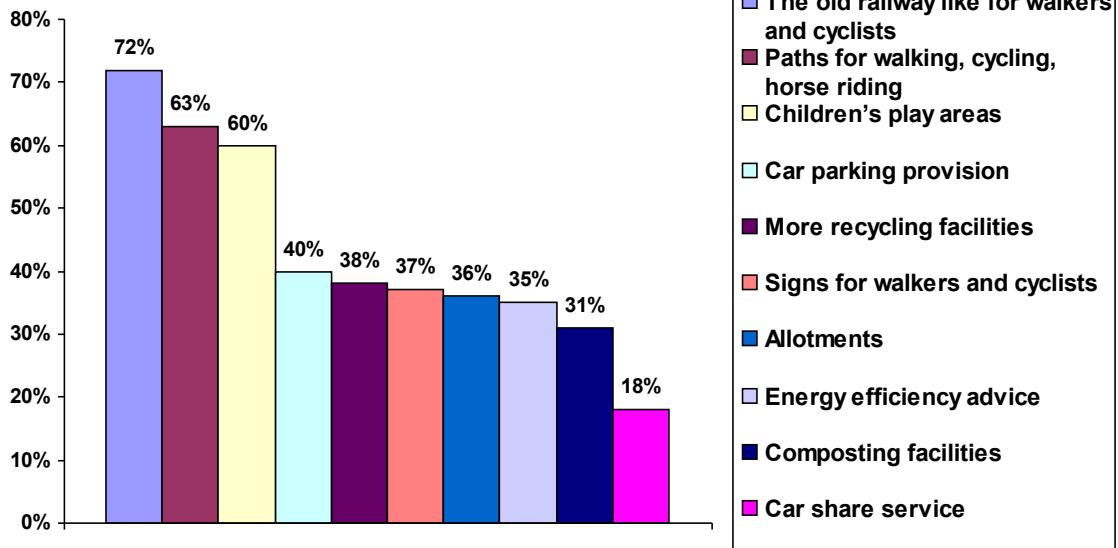
How much do you agree with the following statements about your community?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither/ Nor	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
It is a good place to bring up children	63%	31%	4%	0%	1%
I believe my neighbours would help in an emergency	58%	35%	5%	1%	1%
I regularly stop and talk to people	39%	46%	11%	2%	1%
It is a good place to grow old	36%	43%	16%	5%	1%
I would be willing to work together with others on something to improve my neighbourhood	34%	55%	9%	1%	0%
I feel I belong to the community	29%	41%	21%	6%	3%
There are enough good quality community halls and meeting places	20%	48%	21%	9%	2%
If I need advice and information I know where to get it	19%	46%	22%	11%	2%
I feel involved in making decisions about my community	9%	23%	44%	20%	5%
Given the opportunity I would like to move away	2%	7%	12%	29%	50%

The main issue that people would like to see improved or developed was the old railway line for walkers and cyclists, 72% of respondents stating this. A further 63% indicated paths for walking, cycling and horse riding and 60% said children’s play areas. At the other end of the scale 31% indicated composting facilities and 18% said car share service.

Which of the following would you like to see improved or developed?

The old railway like for walkers and cyclists	72%
Paths for walking, cycling, horse riding	63%
Children’s play areas	60%
Car parking provision	40%
More recycling facilities	38%
Signs for walkers and cyclists	37%
Allotments	36%
Energy efficiency advice	35%
Composting facilities	31%
Car share service	18%



The most important issue which respondents indicated should be improved to make their community a better place to live was public transport, 89% of respondents indicated that this was either very or fairly important. This is followed by facilities for young people (89%), children’s play areas (84%) and parks and open spaces (84%).

The facility or development that people are least likely to view as being important was a museum or heritage centre, 26% stating that this would be very or fairly important.

How important do you feel it is for improvements to be made to the following aspects, to make your community a better place to live?

	Very Important	Fairly Important	Neither/ Nor	Not Important	Not at all Important
Public transport	58%	31%	9%	1%	0%
Children’s play areas	47%	37%	13%	2%	1%
Health care facilities	45%	33%	20%	1%	0%
Facilities for young people	45%	44%	8%	1%	1%
Parks and open spaces	43%	41%	11%	3%	1%
A café or meeting place	32%	34%	24%	7%	3%
Variety and quality of shops	28%	42%	25%	3%	3%
Sports and leisure facilities	27%	48%	18%	5%	2%
Improved library facilities	25%	39%	31%	4%	2%
Space for local business’s to develop	19%	41%	30%	7%	7%
Museum or heritage centre	6%	20%	39%	23%	12%

Just over half (51%) of all respondents said that they would be very or fairly likely to use a handy man service. This rose to 70% among respondents aged 65+ years of age. The next most popular service which people said they would benefit from is garden maintenance (44%) and home help (26%).

The type of service which people are least likely to use is support and assistance with finding employment (7%).

Almost three quarters (71%) of respondents said that they would be willing to pay for these services.

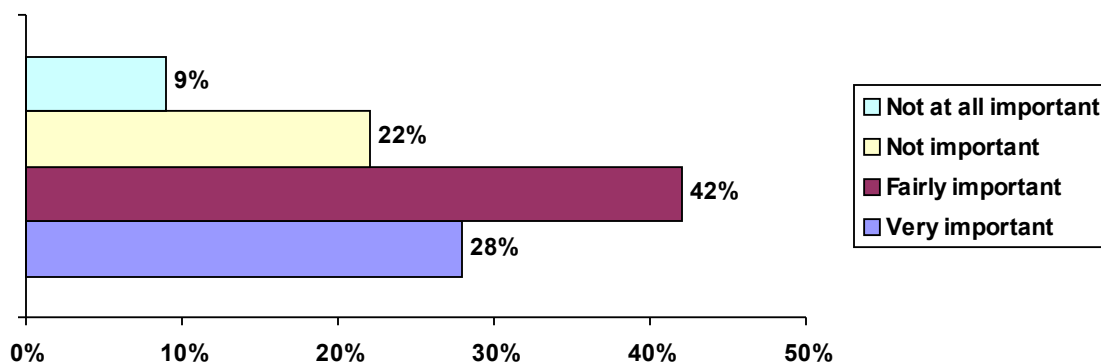
Comment has been made that some people may benefit from the development of additional services. How likely would you be to use these?

	Very Likely	Fairly Likely	Not Likely
Handyman service (small household jobs)	23%	28%	49%
Garden maintenance	15%	29%	56%
Home help (light cleaning, shopping)	9%	17%	74%
Friendship/support groups	6%	22%	72%
Support and assistance with finding employment	2%	5%	93%

Seventy percent of respondents said that they thought the village would benefit from a centre, square or focus with some seating and a garden area.

Do you think that the village would benefit from a centre square or focus with some seating and a garden area. How important is this?

Very important	28%
Fairly important	42%
Not important	22%
Not at all important	9%

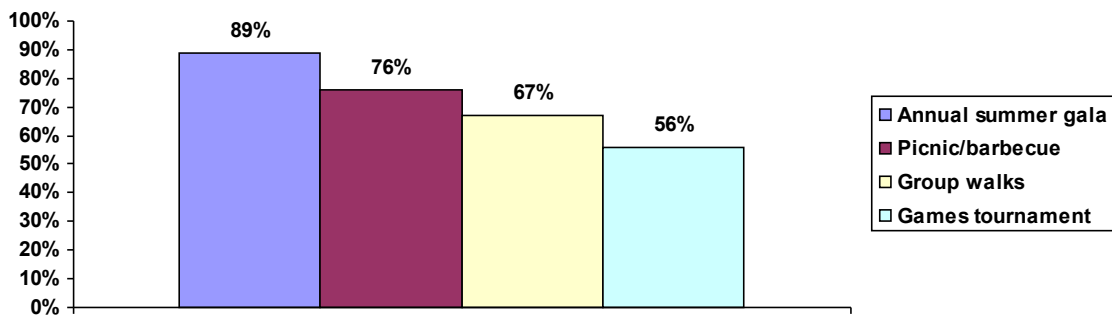


Ninety two percent of respondents said they believed that it would be of benefit to the village to have events and activities which bring the community together. This rose to 100% among respondents aged 35-44 years of age.

The main event that people would like was an annual summer gala (89%). This is followed by a picnic/barbecue (76%), group walks (67%) and a games tournament (56%).

Which of the following would you like?

Annual summer gala	89%
Picnic/barbecue	76%
Group walks	67%
Games tournament	56%



Eleven percent of respondents said that they would benefit from having office space within the village, a further 7% said that they would benefit from having business space within the village.

Would you benefit from having office space or a business unit within the village?

	Yes	No
Business space	7%	93%
Office space	11%	89%

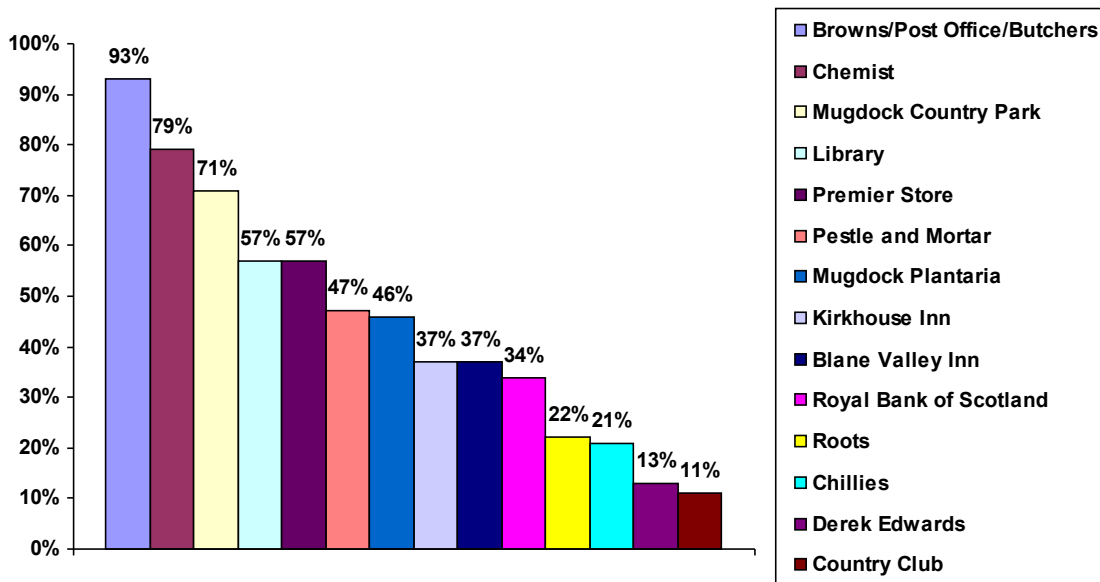
The greatest number of respondents (93%) said that they had used Browns/Post Office/Butchers in the past 8 weeks. This is followed by 79% who had used the chemist and 71% who had used Mugdock Country Park. Fewer people had used the library (57%) and Premier Store (57%).

The shops and services least likely to have been used by people in the last 8 weeks were as follows;

- | | Used in last 8 weeks |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| • Roots | 22% |
| • Chillies | 21% |
| • Derek Edwards | 13% |
| • Country Club | 11% |

Which of these have you used in the last 8 weeks?

Browns/Post Office/Butchers	93%
Chemist	79%
Mugdock Country Park	71%
Library	57%
Premier Store	57%
Pestle and Mortar	47%
Mugdock Plantaria	46%
Kirkhouse Inn	37%
Blane Valley Inn	37%
Royal Bank of Scotland	34%
Roots	22%
Chillies	21%
Derek Edwards	13%
Country Club	11%



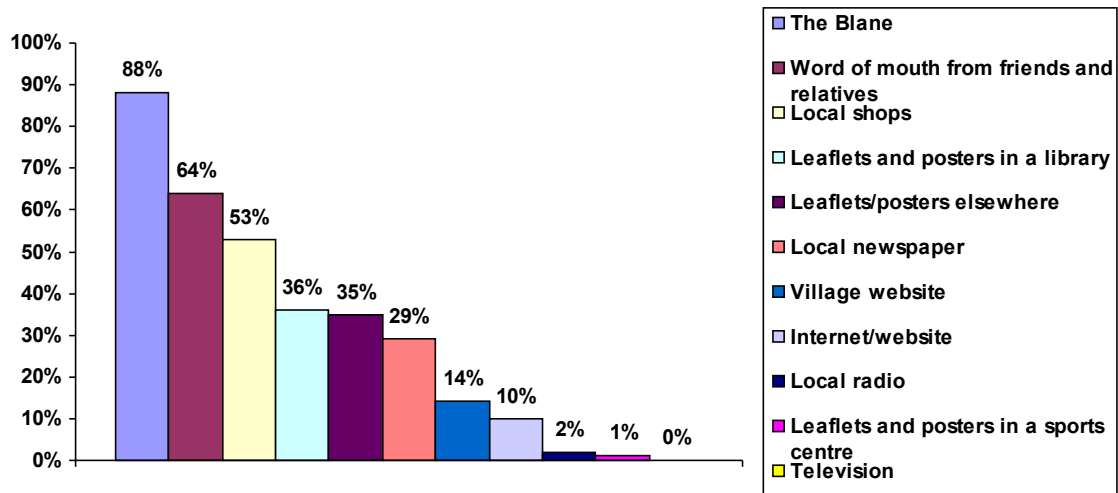
2.2.5 Information and Consultation

The most important means through which people find most of their information on things to do in this area was “The Blane”, 88% stating this. This is followed by word of mouth from friends and relatives (64%), local shops (53%) and leaflets and posters in a library (36%).

The village website was stated as a main source of information by 14% of respondents, rising to 19% among respondents aged 35-54 years.

Where do you find most of your information on things to do in this area?

The Blane	88%
Word of mouth from friends and relatives	64%
Local shops	53%
Leaflets and posters in a library	36%
Leaflets/posters elsewhere	35%
Local newspaper	29%
Village website	14%
Internet/website	10%
Local radio	2%
Leaflets and posters in a sports centre	1%
Television	0%



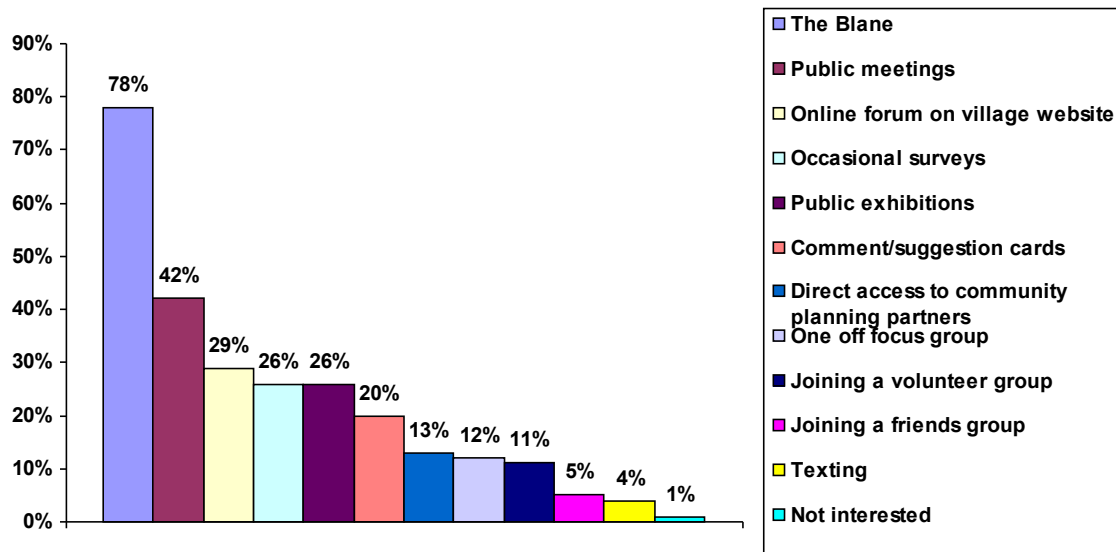
Seventy eight percent of respondents said that they would like to be consulted or involved in future decisions relating to their community through the Blane. A further 42% would like to be involved or consulted through public meetings.

Smaller numbers of respondents said they would like an online forum on the village website (29%) or through occasional surveys (26%).

Very small numbers of respondents said that they would like to join a volunteer group (11%), join a friends group (5%) or be consulted or involved through texting (4%).

How would you like to be consulted or involved in future decisions relating to your community?

The Blane	78%
Public meetings	42%
Online forum on village website	29%
Occasional surveys	26%
Public exhibitions	26%
Comment/suggestion cards	20%
Direct access to community planning partners	13%
One off focus group	12%
Joining a volunteer group	11%
Joining a friends group	5%
Texting	4%
Not interested	1%



Just under half (46%) of all respondents said that they belong to any clubs, associations, church groups or community groups. This peaks at 56% of respondents aged 35-44 years of age.

Do you belong to any clubs, associations, church groups or community groups?

Yes	46%
No	54%

The types of groups that people belonged to included, a full list can be found in the appendices.

- The Fun Hut
- Volleyball Club – Glasgow and choir-Milngavie
- Invicta ladies fishing club (does not run from Blanefield)
- Fun hut, Blane Valley Allotment society
- Arts and Crafts
- Lomond Mountain Rescue team/ Greenheart Group
- Guiding committee
- Burns Club
- Woman's Guild
- Esporta/Heritage/Seniors/WRI
- RC Church
- Library, church, primary school parents organisation
- Parent's Council
- Community Council
- The Guild, Strathblane Garden Club, Strathblane Bowling Club
- Church
- Book group in library
- Parents/School Council
- Church and Bridge Club
- Mugdock Association
- SCDT. BUGNG
- Church Guild/Gardening Club
- Strathendrick Pipe Band
- Heritage, WRI, Church, Box Club and gardening
- Curling Club/Golf Club
- SCC/Mugdock Association
- Tennis Club
- Tennis Club/Blane Valley Players
- The village club/Bowling club/SCC Heritage Society
- PROBIS
- Bowling Club
- Brownies, Beavers and Bowling Club
- Rural
- St Kessogs church – in music group
- Blane Valley Burns Club
- SWRI, Gardening Club, Heritage Society, Pensioners Association

Respondents suggested the following types of clubs and groups which the village may benefit from;

- Facilities for young adults
- Older children would benefit from Youth Club, or activities for them
- Sports Activities that allow kids
- Youth Club
- Interest groups (e.g. sewing, writing)
- Music group and choir
- Leisure and Sports facilities for old and young
- More community entertainment i.e. dance every 3-6 months depending on age group!
- Music groups, walking group, theatre/filmgoers group
- Youth groups
- Music Society or similar
- French conversation – fitness classes
- A community hall i.e. gym and classes etc. Not just an empty space
- Junior Sports Clubs/Teams
- Dance class – social dancing
- “Green Gym”
- Local walking/rambling group that meets evenings/weekends, and allows dogs (Ramblers Club does not allow dogs)
- Third Age Group – Photographic Club
- Youth Club, Playgroup (not Funhut)
- More regular youth group
- (Modern Women’s Groups)
- Allotment group/Rural/Car Club/(Car share facility)
- Walking
- Ladies football/hockey team
- Evening classes e.g. photography/cookery etc
- Singing group
- Women’s exercise groups
- Perhaps more evening classes and a youth club
- One which would encourage knowledge of the history and current state of local community
- Historic walks and visits
- Exercise classes/relaxation classes/well women and well man groups
- Toddlers group later in the week
- Youth facility
- Church Guild/WRVS – Meals on Wheels – Heritage Society
- Education/aerobics

Respondents were given the opportunity to state what they thought were the 2 or 3 most important problems facing their area today. This was an unprompted question, allowing people to respond in their own words.

The top 10 issues put forward are as follows;

- Safety on roads/speed of traffic/volume of traffic 21%
- Poor public transport/too expensive 16%
- Poor pavements and roads 14%
- Building plans/threat to greenbelt 9%
- Lack of facilities for young people/teenagers 7%
- Play park poorly equipped 6%
- Young people drinking in the street/anti social behaviour 4%
- Bad parking/parking on pavements, grass etc 3%
- Litter 3%
- Unable to use pavement 2%

What are the 2 or 3 most important problems facing your area today?

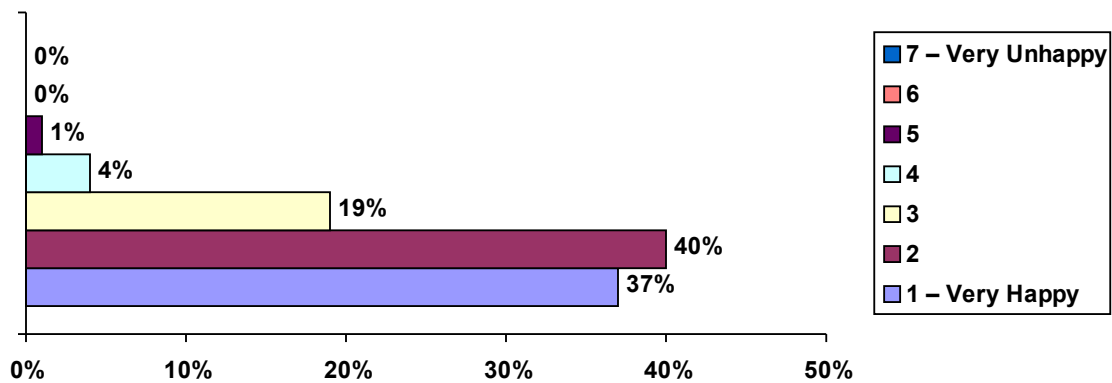
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Litter	3%
Unable to use pavement	2%
Vandalism/graffiti/crime	2%
Lack of council houses	1%
No community spirit	1%
Lack of volunteers to run community groups	1%
Lack of shops	1%
No village centre	1%
Care of the elderly/housebound	1%
Affordable housing	1%
School run down	1%
Other	5%

The majority of respondents (96%) selected a smiley face 1,2 or 3 to best indicate how they feel about living in their community. A further 4% selected a neutral face, neither smiling nor frowning and 1% selected a slight frown, face number 5.

No respondents selected the frowning faces 6 or 7 which were the most unhappy.

Looking at the face scale, which best shows how you feel about living in your community?

1 – Very Happy	37%
2	40%
3	19%
4	4%
5	1%
6	0%
7 – Very Unhappy	0%



2.2.6 Respondent Profile

Forty two percent of all respondents were male, with the corresponding 56% being female and 2% did not respond to this question.

Gender

	Respondent	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4	Person 5	Person 6
Male	42%	59%	49%	43%	50%	67%
Female	56%	41%	51%	57%	50%	33%

The age range of respondents are primarily 35 years of age and above. We would anticipate that the majority of responses will be from the home owner/tenant or their partner. The number of responses among people aged 16-34 years of age will give some indication of the limited number of people in that age group who are home owners/tenants in the village.

Age

	Respondent	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4	Person 5	Person 6
0-4 yrs	0%	0%	12%	17%	33%	33%
5-11 yrs	0%	1%	33%	42%	33%	33%
12-15 yrs	0%	2%	18%	19%	33%	33%
16-24 yrs	3%	2%	22%	13%	0%	0%
25-34 yrs	5%	4%	6%	6%	0%	0%
35-44 yrs	19%	21%	5%	0%	0%	0%
45-54 yrs	19%	19%	2%	2%	0%	0%
55-64 yrs	28%	29%	1%	0%	0%	0%
65+ yrs	27%	22%	1%	0%	0%	0%

The largest number of respondents (55%) indicated that they were employed either full time (30%), part time (17%) or self employed (8%). This is followed by people who are retired (35%).

What are they doing?

	Respondent	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4	Person 5	Person 6
Working full time	30%	37%	13%	2%	0%	0%
Working part time	17%	13%	1%	0%	0%	33%
Self employed	8%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Voluntary work	2%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%
In full time education	1%	4%	64%	81%	82%	33%
Unemployed, looking for work	1%	2%	3%	2%	0%	0%
Unemployed, not looking for work	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Permanently sick/disabled	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Looking after house/family	5%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%
Retired	35%	28%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Other	0%	0%	12%	13%	18%	33%

The majority of households (70%) had 2 adults within it, with a further 17% having only one adult and 13% having three or more adults. The majority of households with 3 or more adults within them were parents and adult children rather than elderly relatives.

How many adults are there in your household?

One	18%
Two	70%
Three	10%
Four	3%

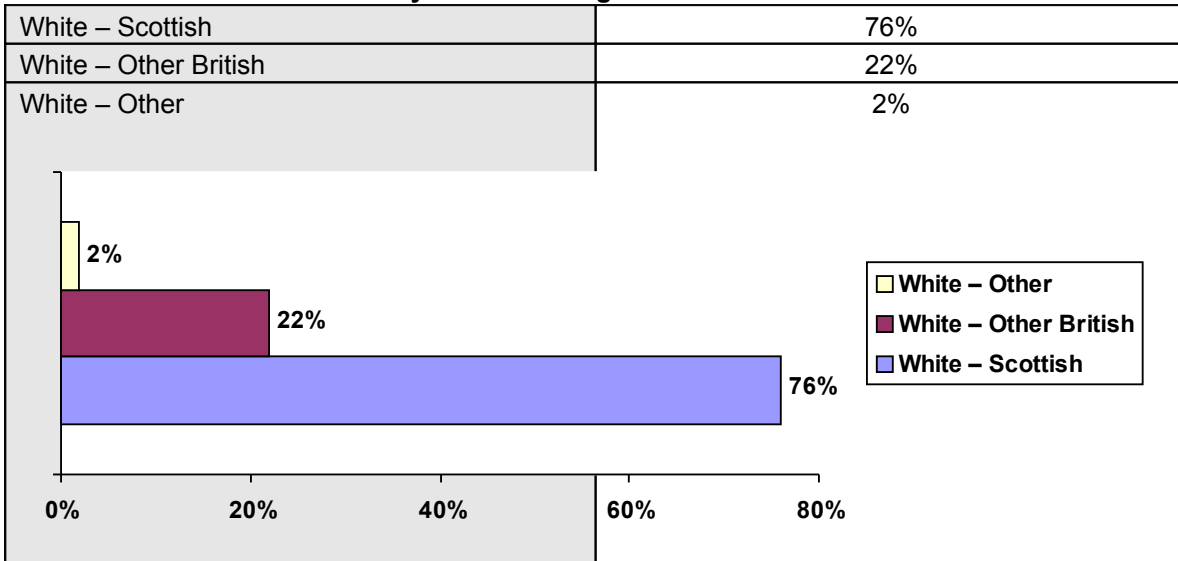
Just under three quarters (74%) of all households did not have any children aged under 16 years of age within them. Ten percent of households had one child, twelve percent had 2 children and 4% had 3 children.

How many children under 16 years are there in your household?

None	74%
One	10%
Two	12%
Three	4%

The majority of respondents (76%) stated that they were white – Scottish, a further 22% indicated that their ethnic origin was White – Other British and 2% were White – Other.

Which of these best describes your ethnic origin?



2.3 Vision Workshop and Community Council Discussion

To provide an opportunity for residents of Strathblane and Blanefield to discuss their views of the area as a place to live and work in the future a vision workshop was developed. In a similar way we also took the issues collected in the public consultation exercise back to the Community Council. These discussions fulfilled similar roles, providing an opportunity to look at the findings from the community consultation in a diagnostic manner and to be interpreted in a suitable context.

As with the initial focus groups discussions such as this produces a large amount of information; this part of the report has therefore been segmented into discrete sections to aid understanding. Readers should once again be careful, however, not to view each section in isolation but maintain an awareness that many of the issues are inter-linked and should be assessed and actioned in a joined up manner.

Participants in the vision workshop were able to identify issues that they perceived to be important and then to prioritise them using a series of votes. The following sections outline the important issues identified both in the vision workshop and the discussion with the community council. All of the elements are deemed to be important, however, we have highlighted those which are seen as immediate priorities for the Strathblane, Blanefield and Mugdock villages.

The section headings are as follows;

- Natural Environment
- Built Environment
- Population profile
- Community Involvement and Participation
- Employment and Training
- Healthcare and Services
- Village Centre
- Communication and Information

Natural Environment

Participants in the vision workshop saw two distinct elements to the natural environment that were important. This was green space outwith the village in the surrounding area and green space within the environs of the village itself. In addition to this, people also discussed environmental issues.

When looking at the bigger picture, many people in the vision workshop and the community council discussion stated that a key issue for the area was to preserve the green environment that surrounds the village. This included Loch Ardinging, the Campsies, and Dumbrock Moor. As part of this, it was mentioned that it could be linked to the potential development of a regional park.

Not only did people want to maintain and preserve the natural environment they also wanted to improve green access to other places such as Milngavie. This may include the provision of a

safe walking route to Loch Ardinning or a safe cycle route to Milngavie. Access to the Campsies from the village itself was seen as an important issue.

The main issue that was mentioned with regarding green space within the village was the issues that all of the green space seems to be on the south side of the village (Primary school side). Most people said that there needs to be more green space on the north side and possibly the development of a childrens play area in the north side of the village.

When considering environmental/sustainability issues under the heading of the natural environment, a variety of different initiatives were considered to be important. The first of these was the opportunity to develop a community wind farm/turbine with which to create sustainable energy. In addition to this the development of allotments and garden sharing opportunities should be taken forward, with the possibility of a community composting facility being tied in with this.

The issue of home insulation was also discussed, as was the fact that the community development trust had secured a grant with which to undertake surveys of all homes in the area to assess their thermal efficiency. The development of a home insulation service for homes in the neighbourhood could be something that is developed.

Issues that were mentioned but had less support included the development of a car sharing pool and through the planning system a means by which the number of gardens that are concreted over can be stopped or reduced.

Built Environment

The discussion surrounding the built environment covered a variety of different topic areas including housing, facilities and services and roads and transport. The issues discussed in the section entitled “village centre” would also be classified as the built environment although are more specific to some sort of central facility or hub.

A key issue for many people in the vision workshop and the community council discussion was the provision of varied housing for people at different stages in their life within the community. This would include sheltered housing/supported accommodation for older people as well as more affordable housing for younger people.

In addition to the need for more new and varied housing, people also mentioned the requirement for a new primary school. This facility could be developed to be more multi use and may include community sports and recreation facilities with an all weather pitch, a library and health and community care facilities to name but a few. In addition to this, people stated that it would be beneficial for the community to have improved community facilities for meetings and events with suitable car parking provision.

Public transport was seen to be problematic, it was indicated that there is a gap in the service mid morning and mid afternoon and also in the evening where people are unable to get from the village into Glasgow or vice versa. In addition to this the service does not link with the train from

Milngavie. With regard to travel and transport, a regular mini bus service to Milngavie that would meet up with the train service would be very beneficial for both young and older people.

Many people mentioned the speeding traffic through the centre of the village with a view that something should be developed to reduce the speed of cars and other vehicles before a fatal accident occurs. Parking on pavements can cause problems with pedestrians having to walk on the road to get round parked vehicles. The need for improved parking to support shops and business opportunities was seen as a priority.

In addition to all of the above issues other initiatives that were mentioned included a safe and secure scooter park facility outside the Kirkhouse to allow older people to park their mobility scooters when using the bus, additional cemetery space in the village and an improved road junction at Station Road.

Population Profile

Almost everyone in all of the discussions was of the opinion that for the village to maintain its sense of community, enthusiasm and vibrancy there is a need to ensure that it is not just a middle class, middle aged commuter village. They would like the village to have a broad social mix including young people, older people and families with children.

To ensure that this happens the vision workshop and the community council discussion suggested the need for the following services, facilities and activities.

- Integrated community facility. To include a school, meeting space, café, recreation space and facilities, library, health services.
- Affordable housing for both the young and people who are downsizing and also sheltered housing.
- Homecare for the elderly (imaginative ways to do this) to ensure that people can remain in their own homes and community for as long as possible.
- Community transport for older people and teenagers.
- Childcare – local nursery and childcare facilities/provision
- More local jobs/employment

Village Centre

As outlined in the issues required to have a dynamic and mixed population profile, people in the vision workshop and community council group discussed the concept of a village centre or the potential to have functional hubs at different locations throughout the village providing services such as education and leisure, health and care, retail and business premises.

There is significant support for the redevelopment of the primary school and the addition of facilities at that location. These facilities may include a library, community café, indoor sports facilities and outdoor all weather pitches. Most people think that a main community hub providing a variety of services could be developed down at the school. There is a desire to develop the school as a base for more intergenerational contact.

In addition to these type of services people also stated that the village centre could additionally have sheltered housing for older people, a drop in centre for older people with a café/lunch club and some form of outdoor space/gardens such as a village square for instance.

The need to support local retail and business provision was also discussed. People were of the opinion that the existing retail provision must be supported, possibly through the development of additional car parking provision. Other support for business and employment could be the development of small offices or light industrial units to assist local business people to create employment within the village. It would also provide opportunities for people to expand home based businesses where appropriate

Community Involvement and Participation

The issue of community involvement and participation was viewed as being a difficult one to address and to develop. Many people in the community have so many competing requirements on their time including work and family commitments.

During the discussions a variety of different themes emerged that could be developed to encourage community involvement and participation. As discussed previously with regard to the village centre and a multi use school facility, the concept of a community hub which provides an opportunity for intergenerational contact would facilitate the development of community involvement and participation. This area may include a coffee shop and other community space to bring people together.

The development of community events was seen as a way developing involvement and participation. These events could include a school fayre/gala day which is already happening or activities such as walk along the water track which was undertaken as part of the Millennium celebration. Other activities could be a folk/pop festival, food festival or craft fairs.

All of the above activities must be communicated to people in a variety of appropriate ways to ensure that they are aware the activities are on and that they come along and support them.

In addition to this, people need to be made aware and reminded of the benefits of various activities and to support community facilities and activities. People discussed the fact that there

are many organisations currently active in the community that are potentially failing. These include the Guides, Scouts and the Community Council. The community needs to be informed that if they don't support these organisations they will fail and the community will be the poorer for it.

Other barriers that restrict community involvement and participation include the requirement for a disclosure check. Many people said that there needs to be less onerous disclosure checks that are more proportionate to the event/activity and the risks associated with them. In addition to this, there is also a requirement for reduced health and safety requirements, again not to make things dangerous but to develop health and safety issues that are within the context of the events being undertaken.

Communication and Information

Many issues as we have seen so far are very interlinked. The issue of facilities and services, buildings suitable for purpose and now communication and information all play a part in maintaining and developing a vibrant community.

The usefulness of "The Blane" cannot be understated in providing a communication channel through which to inform people about what is happening in the community. The participants in the vision workshop and the community council discussion all indicated that the Blane must be maintained and developed for the future.

The Blane however, cannot be the only means by which people receive information about their community. Due to the frequency of the Blane it is often not the best means by which people can be provided with notice of events. On many occasions the Blane will be published after an event.

In order to support the Blane and the other communication channels there is a requirement for improved information management and co-ordination of information from all of the groups and organisations operating in the community using channels such as local shops, library, The Blane and the village website.

The village website is seen as an area of communication that could be developed and improved. There is an opportunity to provide up to date information on the website which could include the village diary and be a portal to other information sources from organisations such as Stirling Council and Forth Valley Health Board.

The website could also be promoted more and provide additional and more in-depth information on the various articles in the Blane, for instance each article in the Blane could have a link to the website. The website could form the core of the communication strategy with all of the other communication channels feeding out from the website. The website could also be the portal from which visitors to the area could receive information. The website could also contain information on events, bus times, walks and history. There could be a discussion board which may involve the uninvolved.

In addition to the information and communication by people, for people in the village, it was also commented that the community would like more local and specific information from the various public services regarding Strathblane. In their view Strathblane seems to be peripheral to Stirling Council and Forth Valley Health Board for instance and partly forgotten about. People in the village want to know what the public agencies are doing in their community and not just in areas of Stirling for instance.

Lastly, when considering access to technology, a suggestion was made that there needs to be improved access to technology for all. This is particularly so when considering the development and rise of the internet. The community and people within it need to have suitable and affordable access to computers and broadband perhaps through a community wireless hub and including the support to do so.

Employment and Training

The issues of employment and training was discussed in varying detail within the vision workshop and the community council discussion. The issue of local employment and training centres primarily around the concept of sustainability.

Once again the linkages between some of the other topic areas are evident. One of the main priorities was deemed to be the potential to encourage local cottage industries, as well as home based service jobs such as accountancy and graphic designers by develop small units, office space and meeting facilities in the community.

There could also be the possibility of creating a place to sell crafts/cottage industry products and possibly a gift/coffee shop. This could provide local employment as well as a community facility which could bring people together.

Local employment as well as the creation of sustainable power could also be developed by building a community wind farm/turbine. Other ways in which community employment could be developed may be through the provision of a landscaping service which could be combined with the development of allotments and a community composting facility.

With regard to training, people in the discussions indicated that it would be beneficial for the area if some of the local businesses would develop apprenticeships for local people. In addition to this there may be an opportunity to create local training facilities for industries like the care industry or the music industry, particularly for young people.

Increased opportunities for volunteering was also mentioned as a means by which could become more involved in the community and also a channel through which people may gain the knowledge and experience with which to move onto paid employment.

Health and Care Services

The only health service provision in the village is that of a GP surgery. Most people indicated that the community would benefit from more GP services plus additional dental, physiotherapy, wellman/wellwoman clinics etc. All of these types of services would reduce the need for people to travel to other areas for health services.

People would also like to see more out of hours, evening and weekend medical services for people who work.

A significant issue for the people living in Strathblane and Blanefield is the fact that they come under the remit of Forth Valley Health Board. This in theory could mean that if they were to be admitted to hospital it could be in Larbert or Stirling. In practice this does not seem to have been the case and people are likely to be treated in a Glasgow hospital. The main issue is that public transport to Glasgow, although, not ideal is a possibility. Public transport to Stirling or Larbert from the village would be almost impossible.

Many people would like to see more services developed and provided that would help keep people out of hospital in the first place. This may involve more peripatetic or outreach services from the medical and care professions. It may also include homecare and other support to allow people to maintain their ownership or tenancy of their home and stay in village as long as possible.

The homecare service provided by Stirling Council was also discussed. Comment was made that due to the location of Strathblane and Blanefield at the edge of Stirling Council, this community is at the end of the service area. It seems to be that the elderly people who are provided with this service receive assistance to get out of their bed and dressed quite late in the morning and at the other end of the day are put to bed early in the evening. People in the vision workshop and discussion with the community council would like to see an equitable service across all of the Council area. The view is that perhaps more locally based care assistants would be able to provide this type of service.

To support older people in their own homes for longer a variety of other services and initiatives need to be developed. This would include more activities for older people and respite care for people caring for elderly people. In a longer term and combined with the concept of new housing there is a requirement for better life/whole life housing which will enable people to remain in their own homes for longer.

Appendices

Open Ended Responses – Self Completion Survey

Example Questionnaire

Community Consultation – Self Completion Survey

Open ended responses

Q3 What is your most regular form of transport and why?

Car – Family Commitments

Car – most convenient with dog and small baby

Car/most convenient as bus service expensive and not frequent enough

Motorcycle, no jams, cheap, environmentally friendly

Car – convenience

Car – it is easier and available

Bus to Milngavie then train to Hyndland if at Gartnavel Hospitals

Car – most convenient followed by bicycle for leisure

Car – convenience

Bus (only form of transport)

Drive, cause I like it!

Car – very scarce buses (Carbeth)/Train when possible for distance e.g. Edinburgh, Inverness and Manchester

Car – most convenient

Car – due to work at Glasgow Airport/sometimes use bus

Car – bus only hourly and variable – no train

Car – easiest form of transport with children and their luggage

Car/Convenience and location

Car - convenience

Car or bus

Car – easier

Private car

Car because of where I live

Car – bus service irregular

Car – most convenient – suffer motion sickness on buses

Car – infrequent buses

Car – most economical re time

Car to the Milngavie train station – quick and car park at Milngavie is free

Car – convenient

Car – most convenient

Car – only option

Car – need it to transport equipment for work

Car – convenient

Car – most convenient

Car – part of my work

Car – lack of public transport

Car and it is easier than bus transport

Car – little choice

Car – easiest option for me

Car – varied locations carrying goods or locations impractical by bus/train etc

Car – buses no use

Car, convenience, no need to wait for bus/train and can take child easily
 Car - (easiest)
 Walk (hobby) – Car (public transport unsuitable for needs)
 Car - can't walk too far
 Bus – it is convenient
 Now semi-retired – bus to Glasgow – nice change from car –also free
 Bus – no car
 Car – because of disability
 Bicycle – commute to work
 Car – need it for work/transport goods/train for long distance journeys/No time to use buses?
 Car – gives the most flexibility
 Car – public transport hard to access at times I want
 Car - Convenience
 Car – AM 82
 Car
 Car because the bus transport is shabby, slow and irregular
 Convenience
 Convenience
 Car – no local train, bus route inconvenient and frequency poor
 Car
 Car, distances travelled and convenience
 Car, no alternative as we live outside the village
 Car – we live near Country Park
 Car – convenience, no public transport and no pavements
 Car – ½ a mile from bus stop
 Car – poor bus service and no trains
 Car – no parking
 Car – as there is no drive and park
 Car – convenient outside village/walking within village
 Car – buses are infrequent and slow
 Car – aged 85 and live outwith village centre
 Car
 Car – I cannot get to Kilsyth, Cumbernauld any other way
 Car – convenient
 Car – convenience
 Bus – I don't drive and rely on family and friends
 Car – convenience
 Private car for convenience
 Car – convenience
 Car – rarely a bus available at time required and extremely busy work schedule and ferrying kids
 in evenings/weekends
 Bus – not car owner
 Car – convenience
 Car necessary for carrying goods and also to provide access to areas off bus route
 Car – convenience
 Car and bus – most convenient

Car – convenient, comfortable and safer than public transport
 Car – convenience
 Car – convenience
 Car – not enough bus services – only direct to Glasgow
 Car – convenience
 Car – no practical alternative (1 mile walk to bus stop)
 Car – lack of public transport or safe cycle route between Strathblane and Milngavie
 Car – you can go where you want when you want
 Car – necessity in this area and time saving
 Car – convenient and poor bus service
 Car – convenient
 Car /Bus – car when looking after grandchildren as bus service not frequent enough
 Car – no regular bus – country living on Stockiemuir Road
 Car as passenger and service bus
 Car as our bus service is appalling I'd probably need safety helmet
 Car – poor public transport links
 Car – public transport is not frequent enough
 Car – difficulty of carrying loads because of arthritis
 Car – work in central Glasgow
 Car – bus service is infrequent, unreliable and expensive
 Car – public transport too infrequent
 Bus – senior pass
 Car
 Car – needed for work
 Car – convenience
 Car – buses infrequent
 Car – no linkage to hospital, Braehead, Falkirk, Balloch etc.
 Car – no bus to my work or to train in Milngavie on time, nor able to carry staff
 Car – ease of use, availability, no time restrictions
 Car – convenience/habit
 Car – flexibility and convenience
 Feet/bus as I don't drive
 Car – easy
 Car – use it for work and visiting friends
 Car to get to work in Glasgow or to airport for work

Q8 What services would you like to see developed that you feel are missing from the village?

Tesco express type store
 Children's play park – (under 7s)
 A bus that gets you into Glasgow for 9.30 on a school day and a bus home at about 8.30pm and 10.30pm
 A bouncy castle/properly upgrading the old railway path to the Beech Tree Inn
 A train link would be good and also facilities and things to do for teenagers
 Sports facilities (gym), more fresh fruit and vegetables, meeting place for young people
 Car sharing/a good little café, cycling and footpaths and also a chip shop

Village café, greengrocers and dentist
 Anything for teenagers to do and a decent play park for all ages
 A cashline ATM (non-chargeable)
 Village policeman needs to be visible/no presence, which leads to petty vandalism and littering
 Amenities for young people
 We are missing a focus for the community and we need a nursery and some better shops
 Village officer
 Banking
 Communities centre – open during the day
 Child-friendly tea-room, more sports facilities for children
 Banking – cash machine and better bus service
 Playpark/Co-op shop and better coffee shop
 Another Doctor and a Dentist
 Cashline machine – sports facility
 Village too small to support much more without duplication with Milngavie
 Public paths e.g. old railway line upgraded to allow people to walk away from public roads/ the pavements are in a terrible position
 Traffic lights to allow children to cross. Cars often do not stop.
 Children’s playground (that works)
 Dentist
 Train – better bus
 A central heart with shops, café etc. better play facilities for children
 It seems to me that for a village of this size we have a good range of local services
 Fitness centre
 Facilities for youth, better public transport and allotments
 Auto teller
 A lovely vegetable shop and a tea room with design works
 Cash machine, better central parking areas
 Central Square
 Sports facilities
 Further education i.e. arts and crafts
 Children’s play area (all weather)
 Improved children’s play facilities
 Village Square and small Bistro
 Fishmonger and fruit and vegetable shop
 Park and open spaces, children’s play areas, safe walking/cycle paths to and from village to Mugdock etc
 More fresh fruit and vegetables
 Clean bus travel or even a shuttle bus
 More benches and seating around open spaces, walks etc. Access to Campsie Hills from Strathblane to encourage walkers
 A community centre with a gym or classes i.e. martial arts etc. would be a good idea instead of binge drinking on the streets on a Friday and Saturday nights
 Children’s play park
 Improved transport links – especially to link with train station in Milngavie
 Fuller range of health issues e.g. dentist

Sports facilities

Tree cutting services made readily available. Walk pathways made safer and clearer from bushes. Street lights from Strathblane to Esporta

Speed restrictions very important/pedestrian traffic lights at existing balisha

Better sports and recreational facilities and housing for the elderly

Good play park and sports facilities

Elderly people in Strathclyde get free rail travel and can use free leisure facilities e.g. bowling and swimming. There is very little for the elderly to do here during the day time

I think the facilities within the village are good, and suitable for the area. I think it would be good to encourage more use of the facilities we already have

Free cash point

Good public transport

Well woman clinic/well man clinic

Proper off-road path/Strathblane to Blanefield

Sports facilities and community centre

Happy with present services

There is a real need for a play park for young children (up to 12 years) as the previous one was destroyed by vandals approximately 10 years ago

Cashline – sports centre/community centre

Better offering of fresh fruits and vegetables

Bank ATM

Better provisions for takeaway food/delivery – better

Better/more dog waste disposal bins on popular dam

Community Council/Sheltered housing/parking facilities/allotments

Sports facilities – gym and swimming pool perhaps attached to the hotel

Nursery for under 3s

Sports facilities/sheltered housing

Cashlink/sports centre (small like Fintry)

Fresh Bread/bakery shop/cash machine

Sports facilities and play park facilities

Better school playing fields for the children and better play park with component

Better car parking for local shops and village halls

Fruit and Vegetable shop selling local produce where possible/cash machine but not at expense of bank/Bank

A properly managed centre for youth in village

Gym

Shops selling better variety fruits and veg and non dairy e.g. soy milk

Children's play area

Better shopping facilities

Centre for Arts & Culture (including proper youth, education, sports and library facilities) – Bakery and Greengrocers, organic/farm foods

Public Toilets

Development of play-park facilities need to be improved and better use of Primary school grounds e.g. drainage, astro-turf an area

Adequate car parking facilities at amenity centres

Village already has most essential services

Community Centre with some sports facilities

Offices

Sport

Better banking hours

Shopping area integrated with library and amenity housing (Perhaps demolish the school (Primary) and provide a mini-centre – new school adjacent)

A village centre and all weather multi-games area

Better play facilities/Bank ATM/central focus point for village e.g. at chemist/Derek Edward shops

Surfeit of services

Adult education classes/sport and exercise using existing facilities

All weather sports facility/playarea/equipment for children/heritage centre/coffee shop/cricket pitch

Facilities for young people – many other services are present/Possibly some music interest group e.g. community choir

Somewhere informal for young people to gather (café?) Housing young adults (first time buyers) supported housing

I think the park could have more equipment for the children

A village centre – community focal point

Sports hall with swimming pool/much better play area and cycling area for children

Play/sports/variety of shops

I would like to do more shopping here including clothing

Health Care facilities, dentist, opticians and well man/woman clinics. Improve indoor sport facilities and transport services

Bus

Children's play area – facilities for young people/leisure and sports facilities

Provision for teenage play

Play ground for children

Car – convenient as buses are too irregular and expensive. Use train if I can and park at station. I paid £6.20 return bus fare to Maryhill when my car was broken - outrageous

Play park for the children

Train services would be good though know it is not possible – bus service adequate

Rural car club/car share

Train

A decent community centre with a variety of modern facilities, perhaps replacing Edmonstone Hall/library portacabins

Sports facilities for children and young people. Decent buildings for our library. A money machine at the bank such as Killearn-Balfron have!

Fresh food shops and sports facilities

Day Care Centre – more affordable housing for rent and to buy

Community Office space

Third tennis court

A realistically priced gift shop for every day people to buy small/medium gifts

The village is lovely as it is and is why I chose to live here but the bus service particularly to Milngavie is not frequent enough and needs to be pushchair friendly

More sporting and leisure facilities for young age groups

Something for children of village – “Youth café or somewhere for them to go

Sports facility/proper play area
 Café/tea room – better upkeep of paths – Nursery – Improved play park – Arts Centre/Community centre and a cinema integrated into the above – Cycle lanes
 Leisure facilities
 Facilities for young people
 Shopping precinct/Coffee Shops/Laundrette/improvement in bus service – a bus regularly to Milngavie
 Post Office at West End of village
 Cash Machine
 Swimming Pool
 None – the current facilities are perfectly adequate as they are
 Better facilities for teenagers and young adults
 Bank cash machine
 Allotments
 More shops, bakers etc and youth club for teenagers
 Have no need for further development for me
 A cash dispenser/a fruit and vegetable shop/Fish Shop.
 You have to go to Milngavie for these facilities, which means loss of income to the local community
 Some places hardly any drivers stop at the crossing so need traffic lights
 Coffee Shop
 Youth facilities
 Playground improvements
 Coffee shop
 McDonalds & KFC
 Cash machine would be indispensable
 Car parking/central hub/community centre/library
 Sports facilities, children's play area needs improving
 Art area for people to meet and socialise?
 Sale of fruit and vegetables
 Bus service /transport that is co-ordinated i.e. Milngavie train with bus and mini bus
 Regular bus service – meeting point? Mini buses more frequently to meet trains
 Adequate parking round the small shops
 Dog training classes and better food shops
 Better roads, play park facilities for younger children, draining school field
 Weekly shopping store at reasonable prices and train link to Glasgow
 ATM machine
 Bigger coffee shops with play area for kids and Marks and Spencer simply food – or another smallish good food shop
 Cash point and petrol station
 Town centre
 Cash machine, transport and more shops
 More social entertainment for adults to mix and be sociable
 Music group – orchestral or singing
 More for the youths of the village
 More shops – improved choice (food)

Shopping

Cashline machine and a decent play park for young children and affordable housing and car parking

Village centre

Library provision limited

Poor library

Local energy projects

An informal café/restaurant/meeting place

Services available seem adequate for size and population

Dentist

ATM

Central meeting point where all ages could meet, enjoy a coffee and chat

Youth café and sports club

Children's area/park and more facilities for young people i.e. youth café in Serendipity shop and better sports facilities i.e. multi-sport or youth badminton club and other activities

Better play park

Youth facility, improved library and heritage centre

Night school

Chiropody services

Neighbourhood policing

Bus service

Sports facilities, cash machine and play park

A well drained sports field

Speed limiting facilities that are effective – narrowing of road/humps

Dentist

Leisure/sports centre

All my current needs are met as far as services go but there are facilities I would like to see had that been included in the question

Park area and social (green spaces needs improving (I know this is being looked at already)

Outdoor basketball/net-ball hoops, skateboard ramps. Recycling facility like Balfroon. Hole in the wall bank machine

Shopping and parking

Q9a Any others

Dog fouling is a very serious issue

Speeding in the village needs to be tackled

Place of Christian Worship – before anything else

Parking facilities have impact on the shop's viability

Dog fouling

Road safety

Safety at zebra crossing

Council Tax reduced rather than increased paying too much for not enough Council Services

Cultural activities (e.g. courses and readings) – cycle paths/lockers and allotments

Strange planning decisions infringing green belt

I think it is important to have a safe community with places for people to meet to enhance the community environment. I think it is important to have plenty of green open spaces that is kept natural – kids and adults need that

- Speed bumps in Mugdock
- Surface repairs opposite memorial and Strathblane Church
- Public toilets for walkers
- Allotments
- Local newspaper
- Public toilets – footpaths – (pavements)
- Maintain green belt limits
- Pedestrian friendly main street and other streets
- Enforcement of Main Road speed limit through village
- Footpaths/station road – footpath on old railway line
- Dog fouling
- Road safety – cars drive far too fast through Blanefield – we need speed cameras like at Esporta
- Better cycle paths
- Tackling dog fouling/litter and inconsiderate parking
- Traffic speed control at Dunecass View
- Footpaths – Station Road/Old Railway Line
- Pavement to Milngavie, allowing people to walk to Tesco and sports centre safely
- Cashline machine
- Preserving Green Belt
- Cut down greenhouse gases and generate own electricity
- Reinstate crash barriers on Glasgow Road and double bends on entry to village
- Maintenance of green belt
- Traffic speeding
- Parking area
- Providing a lollipop person
- Recycling facilities/cycle tracks to Milngavie
- Reducing traffic speed through the village
- Improving pavements in Station Road
- Parking a must as century and traffic increase

Q10a Which services have become better or worse?

Maintenance of cemetery, playing areas and grass cutting by Stirling Council could be very much improved

Roads

- Rubbish collections better
- Condition of roads
- Bin collection is more erratic
- Library – better and that is all
- Recycling facilities have improved slightly but play-park facilities have become slightly worse
- Street lighting improved, children’s play-park worse and school playing fields still waterlogged
- Local shops, roads improved, children’s play facilities worsened
- Road safety has improved but still dangerous. Question of time before someone (or a child) is killed

Roads - worse

General cleanliness within the village

Road safety

Buses and maintenance of roads and pavements

Shop is improved – roads still awful

There are no flower arrangements in Blanefield (only Strathblane)

Local shopping (since new ownership of Brown's) Local pub (since new management of the Blane Valley

Roads, refuse collection is random, rubbish and litter

Play-park no better

Roads

Local shop, public paths and roads improved

Road maintenance

Improved recycling

Roads/Drainage/refuse

State of roads, traffic increase and speed of traffic and litter on roads. Footpath on Strathblane road never maintained

Speed calming lights on main road, new bark in swing-park

The bus is very dirty usually, dusty with a horrible odour. Why can you not mend this problem?

The buses are very expensive, so why are they therefore in very poor condition

Public transport links and road conditions

Nice art gallery (but a pity it meant losing a café)

Great that Browns has extended opening hours or does dry cleaning

Shame the Blanefield Post Office shut

Good deli at Pestle and Mortar – net cafe

Roads have deteriorated

Bus and roads worse – no other improvements

Roads – potholes, flooding – road department not taking enough time to check roads from Strathblane to Homebase the roads are a disgrace. Speeding through village.

Bus service worse

Road maintenance has deteriorated

Good community development support and support for sustainability

Recycling has taken small steps forward although services in general get worse, year on year

There has been no crossing patrol person since Christmas

Minor roads have deteriorated very much

Road conditions improved

Refuse collection worse

Road cleaning/sweeping etc needs local handy man

General communication has improved and the children's play park is much better

Refuse collection

Browns has improved but I think the Blanefield end of the village could do with something to provide a more central feel. Down by Roots and the art gallery I think the area of village could do with something to provide a more central feel – down by parts of the art gallery. I think the area of Pestle & Mortar, the Blane Valley and the store has improved

Shopping and vegetable now available at Browns

Roads are shocking around Mugdock

Children's play park is much worse
 Bus service – late at night
 Extended opening hours at Post Office is a good thing
 Road maintenance/worse
 Roads 3rd world standard
 Environment services/worse
 Bin collection on time and litter clearing from the village
 Browns shop and post office opened longer
 Bin collection poor – should be more frequent/bus fares increasing
 Environmental upkeep of village
 Road maintenance – worse/environment maintenance - worse
 Refuse collection/road maintenance/bus fares increasing
 Council has replanted and cuts the verge outside our house
 Road maintenance has declined
 Spending money on road calming (new roundabout, traffic island) – why!
 Litter and fouling of pavements and bin services
 Bin collection – has become worse
 Roads resurfaced and old railway line improved
 Children's play area and school better
 Library – better/Chemist – better/Care of elderly - better
 Street cleaning
 Shop is open longer hours - better
 Street lighting has improved
 Bus Shelter/local pub/medical facilities
 Road speeding/tidy environment/sports facilities
 Electricity – no/less significantly power cuts/ B821 significantly improved with resurfacing
 Council services/roads, housing and repairs
 Lost recycling service at library
 Pavement condition in Station Road
 Recycling improved
 Less Anti-social behaviour/better grounds maintenance-grass cutting and hedge trimming/better roads/better litter clearance
 Buses, roads are worse
 Hours increased for local shop improved/roads to Milngavie have bad pot holes/local tennis club has new surface/improved service for "Railway traffic"
 Footpaths
 Bin collection
 Roads are a disgrace/danger
 Bin emptying still not reliable/the weed killing sprayers have not been on target
 I see facilities for young people waning
 Road repairs
 Buses, youth facilities, community events, roads, programmes for education
 Buses get older and in warm conditions every year yet elsewhere it is much better – why?
 Quality and variety of local shops
 State of roads and pavements; refuse uplift not always on day indicated, pavements and gutters not clean

Recycling services
 Road safety and traffic calming
 Roads
 Doctors and recycling are better
 Roads have deteriorated
 Bus Service
 Road maintenance – much worse
 Condition of roads
 Roads have deteriorated
 Grass cutting
 Village Store/butchers
 Bin service erratic/road safety
 “Browns Shop” with the recent take over and more variety for customers
 A village store and butcher shop
 Some services you have to be very assertive to obtain them
 Bus
 Bins not emptied on day stated
 Shops, playground both better
 Roads and play park
 Bin collection and car parking
 Improvement on pathways in village
 Church youth club – Tuesday evenings better
 Now no PO in Blanefield
 Street cleaning and maintenance
 Shop (Browns)
 Increased kerbside collections for recycling and increased policing
 Tackling anti-social behaviour
 Police better and rubbish collection worse
 Police better and rubbish collection worse
 Planning control/roads
 Park better and path between Blanefield and Lennoxton could be fully tarmaced
 Street lighting
 Worse – roads, facilities and council
 The roads are in an appalling condition
 Bin collection every 2 weeks is not enough and roads are better – resurfaced
 Street cleaning and speeding traffic
 Better retail
 The 21.30 and 23.00 bus from Glasgow to Strathblane sometimes never arrives, leaving villagers stranded
 Recycling pick up better
 Roads worse
 Road conditions
 NHS and visits

Q14 others

Dog Fouling patrols

MUGA for all – school kids and young people/better faster bus service so I don't have to use the car

Crossing – main road to school – traffic is fast and often doesn't stop

Sport's facilities

An outdoor meeting place – school building and playing field

Speed limit and pavement on Campsie Road

The Primary school facilities

Off road facilities for motorcycles

Improved bus service – frequency and cheaper fares

Cycle path to Milngavie – overwhelmingly most important

Police patrol improved at nights – youngsters at Kirkhouse Inn and opposite bus stop. Bawling at night and kicking balls against bus shelter – especially at weekends

Indoor sports centre

Meeting Place (maybe build on the success of our library)

More dog waste bins on paths

It would be nice to create more environmental awareness, how healthy is the burn, what animals live in it, the Bird life etc. People would care more if they know what is there – nature walks/trails

Visible signs for people with poor vision

Road (which is no longer gritted)

More litter bins

The old railway reinstated as a commuter train line

Pavements within village – Milndavie/Old Mugdock Road

A few resting-places – bench or even a wall suitable to sit upon

(Open) Public Toilets

Pavement and roads

Recycling – more variety and a need to be able to recycle batteries for example

Cultural Education Meeting Centre

More frequent refuse collection

Modern community and arts centre with cinema

Path, pavement needed on Campsie Road as people have to walk on grass to get to Dunglass View or walk on road, taking care to avoid traffic

Separate paths for “horses” as they seem to be taking over, and churning up all the local glens and walking paths (old railway etc)

Motorcycle access to countryside

Facilities at the bus stop for mobility scooter users to secure their vehicle and allow them to travel by bus

Development of old railway line for walkers and cyclists from Station Road to Beechtree Inn

Street lighting in rural areas and roads especially at Strathblane

Cash machine and village planters

The old railway from Cult Brae past Duntreath for walkers and cyclists

Glasgow Road/Station Road junction. Station Road blocked to large vehicles

Parking area

Better access to companies e.g. at the top of Kirkhouse Road

Pavement repaired and widened in Station Road. It is a nightmare trying to get pushchair on/off pavements. Too narrow and broken, Wheelie bins causing obstructions

Q18a other

Christmas Ceilidh
 Street party
 Running Group
 Market type events (farmers market, bring and buy sale etc.)
 A community centre with activities for young people (18-25)
 Could organise occasional music nights ask local folk, jazz etc. musicians to play and invite the community
 Fun cycle, maybe to Lennoxton along the old railway
 Supporting local teams or individuals that are striving to do well
 Organised community development e.g. path clearing, communal gardening, volunteering
 Community fundraising projects
 Music events
 Condition of side roads and pavements
 Musical events
 Farmers market
 Continue with 5k and 10k linked with Summer Gala
 Social events bringing community together
 A winter event – village concert enlisting local talent annually
 Children’s Festival, seasonal events that are intergenerational

Q21 other

‘The park’ publication
 Edna
 The Country Park Magazine (Lomond Country Park)
 Premier and Browns
 Mailing list
 Library is best source of local information
 Park Life
 Leaflets etc from Primary School
 Park Life
 Chemist, Premier
 Park magazine

Q22 other

Council updates/newsletters

Q23a What clubs, groups or associations are you a member of?

The Fun Hut
 Volleyball Club – Glasgow and choir-Milngavie
 Library, school fund-raiser and sports class
 St Kessog’s
 Invicta ladies fishing club (does not run from Blanefield)
 Fun hut, Blane Valley Allotment society
 Yes Arts and Crafts
 Lomond Mountain Rescue team/ Greenheart Group

Guiding committee
 Burns Club
 Woman's Guild
 Esporta/Heritage/Seniors/WRI
 Sometimes gardening club
 RC Church
 Library, church, primary school parents organisation
 Parent's Council
 Fun Hut
 Church and Church home group
 Community Council
 Planning to start attending the Fun Hut
 The Guild, Strathblane Garden Club, Strathblane Bowling Club
 Church
 Book group in library
 Online community
 Parents/School Council
 Church and Bridge Club
 Mugdock Association
 SCDT. BUGNG
 Church Guild/Gardening Club
 Strathendrick Pipe Band
 Heritage, WRI, Church, Box Club and gardening
 Curling Club/Golf Club
 SCC/Mugdock Association
 Tennis Club
 Tennis Club/Blane Valley Players
 Shotgun – sport shooting
 The village club/Bowling club/SCC Heritage Society
 PROBIS
 Bowling Club
 Brownies, Beavers and Bowling Club
 Rural
 St Kessogs church – in music group
 Blane Valley Burns Club
 SWRI, Gardening Club, Heritage Society, Pensioners Association
 Parent Council, Parent & Toddler
 Blane Valley Golf Club
 Bearsden Fiddlers
 Strathblane Running Club
 Community Development Trust/Bowling Club
 Used to belong to parents and Toddlers when children were younger
 Balfron Golf Society
 The Blane WRI/Gardening Club
 Heritage Society
 Parish Church and associated activities

Fun Hut/Childminders Group
 Bowling
 Mugdock Association
 Blanefield Thistle FC
 Community Council
 Local History at Strathblane and Drymen/Gardening Club also a helper at lunch club, Meals and
 Wheels and library for the housebound
 Women's Rural, Gardening Club, Helper with lunch club/meals on wheels/library for housebound.
 Out with village, Arlington Baths Club, Church in Glasgow
 Church member (non-attending)
 Strathblane Parish Church
 Fishing Club
 Tennis Club/Community Council/Parent Council
 Tennis Club
 Gardening Club, volunteer "Lunch Club" Deliver "Blane" and deliver library books to the
 housebound
 Bowling
 None just now – too busy
 Voluntary
 Development Trust
 Milngavie Bowling Club
 Gardening/Strathblane Development Group
 Community Development Trust
 Village Club Committee
 Church
 SCOT
 Church, Youth Club, Tennis Club
 Art group
 Carbon neutral group
 Fun hut
 Scouts and SOSC
 Bowling club and com deu trust
 Clober golf club
 Strathblane Church
 Parish Church, women's guild, local bible study group, gardening club and heritage society
 All activities related to Strathblane Parish Church and long time member of local greenbelt
 committee
 Church women's guild
 Art class
 Church
 Probus/Milngavie and golf club
 Balfon Barracudas and Get Reel
 Strathblane church and BVCNG
 Blane Valley carbon neutral group
 Sports – Balfon High
 Walking club, was badminton club member, which no longer exists unfortunately

Strathblane bridge club
 Heritage, bowling BV players
 BVCNG and Strathblane church
 Women's guild, West Stirlingshire branch labour party and library book group
 West Strathclyde branch labour party
 Rainbows and yoga
 Book Group (informal)
 Church and bible study group, parent council, school fundraiser and school sports working
 Strathblane church guild
 Carbon Neutral Group, Allotments Group, Gardening Club, pilates class
 Bowling Club
 Church, Blane Valley Players, Bible class and Beavers
 Cubs, Brownies, Scouts, Fun Hut, St Kessogs, Mountain Rescue, Strathendrick Pipe Band
 Strathblane Bowling Club and Blanefield Burns Club
 Windband(DIVE), Sailing (Bardowie)
 Bowling, Burns club and village club
 Carbon Neutral, Parish Church
 Was in Mother and Toddler, Primary School PTA, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Dancing
 and son still goes to Youth Club

Q23b other

There is enough difficulty getting office bearers for existing organisation
 Yes – facilities for young adults
 Probably not at this point in time
 Yes – I think there is lots on for younger children/older children would benefit from Youth Club, or activities for them
 No – plenty already
 Sports Activities that allow kids
 Youth
 Youth Club
 Interest groups (e.g. sewing, writing)
 Music group and choir
 Possibility in the winter – not sure what though! I am not very imaginative
 Leisure and Sports facilities for old and young
 More community entertainment i.e. dance every 3-6 months depending on age group!
 Music groups, walking group, theatre/filmgoers group
 Probably more for young people 12-16
 Youth groups
 Specific groups to resolve local issues
 Music Society or similar
 French conversation – fitness classes
 A community hall i.e. gym and classes etc. Not just an empty space
 Junior Sports Clubs/Teams
 Dance class – social dancing
 “Green Gym”

Local walking/rambling group that meets evenings/weekends, and allows dogs (Ramblers Club does not allow dogs)

Third Age Group – Photographic Club

Youth Club, Playgroup (not Funhut)

No existing groups need to work together more

More regular youth group

Something to keep the kids of the streets

Yes (Modern Women's Groups)

Allotment group/Rural/Car Club/(Car share facility)

Walking

Too many old people

Ladies football/hockey team

Evening classes e.g. photography/cookery etc

Anyone interested in singing group?

There is a definite need for more activities. Some clubs may be in the decline

More for Young people (16 – 24)

Women's exercise groups

Perhaps more evening classes and a youth club

One which would encourage knowledge of the history and current state of local community

Historic walks and visits

Exercise classes/relaxation classes/well women and well man groups

Toddlers group later in the week

Youth facility

Church Guild/WRVS – Meals on Wheels – Heritage Society

Education/aerobics

Q24 What are the 2 or 3 most important problems facing your area today?

Unable to use pavement to walk to village as buses and lorries mount pavement at hair pin bend

Poor pavements and roads

Refuse bins at bus stop

Poor public transport/lack of sports facilities/lack of activities and meeting places for young people

The lack of facilities for young people/teenagers

Potholes

The bus service is too expensive and not enough service

State of roads and pavements

Crossing A81 to school and zebra crossing does not work as some people do not stop – some people do. This is very difficult for an adult to judge – impossible for a child to judge. It is a matter of time before a child is run over. I do not allow my ten-year-old child to cross the road alone – this is not satisfactory

Increased housing

Not enough council housing/difficulty of keeping a youth club (lack of volunteers)

Nothing for youngsters to do – no groups or organisations for them i.e. sports

Cheaper and more efficient public transport

Lack of good quality play facilities/need for improvements to school buildings/car parking and reliance on cars

Speed of traffic leaving Blanefield village overtaking traffic approaching entrance to East Ballewan

Children's play park, not being able to use the school playing fields, parking around school and no patrol at school crossing, better bus timetable

Litter, roads in poor condition and dangerous speeding traffic

Station Road needs to be closed to large vehicles

Road condition/bad parking

Activities/space/meeting place for young people

Dog fouling/bus for west end

Littering, speeding and condition of road

Lack of playground facilities

Public transport, things for young people/housing for first time home-owners

Dangerous speed and traffic/lack of affordable housing/local shops viability

Lack of shops/irregular evening bus service

No centre to village/poor play-park facilities/poor transport

Encroachment on brown belt

Lack of affordable housing/speed management on A81 and poor quality road surfaces on side roads

State of roads

Public transport and the lack of it/speeding traffic – especially at Zebra crossing/Road surfaces

Road safety/facilities for children and young people

Litter/dog fouling

Poor public transport (cost and frequency)

Lack of outdoor play facilities

Roads – lack of repairs

Housing Developments

Public transport/sports facilities

Speed at traffic and no lights at the zebra crossing

No decent play park

Bus service

Children's play facilities and sports facilities/public transport and allotments

I am blissfully unaware of problems here. I moved here from Glasgow so it is very peaceful in contrast.

No young people's services

Most residents being away all day so having little time to spend actually in the area

Speeding cars on Old Mugdock Road past our house. Cars blasting horns at corner near our house instead of slowing down. Drainage – drive always flooded due to blocked drains on Old Mugdock Road

Too much had surfacing of driveways etc (rain run-off a problem.).Poor public transport (bus infrequent, no train)

Noise pollution from helicopters. Traffic increase on Bankhead Road and surrounding Mugdock roads to Country park. Increase in litter

Poor children's play area/lack of 'Buggy friendly walks from village/rural roads with very fast traffic are prohibitive

Erosion of small spaces within village – too many houses being built in gardens/common areas for play and leisure should be safeguarded

Council to repair/upkeep roads and pavements/penalties/police presence to deter
 State of roads/inconsiderate parking/traffic speed and not enough facilities in children's play park.
 Overgrown hedges bordering pavements
 Lack of public transport link from Mugdock to Milngavie
 Car parking provision on street
 Lack of affordable housing. Housing for the elderly and bad condition of the roads
 Countryside under threat
 Transport/children's and young peoples' facilities
 Youngsters drinking, cars speeding and too much traffic through the village. Public roads are disgrace. Bus fares expensive
 Young people drinking in the street
 Probably developers – people building houses on the green belt. Also developments within the village which alter the character of the place and loss of community. People are busy, their work is based elsewhere. The Blane and community events are important to keep the community together
 Having a social club that would bring the community (and visitors) into contact with each other in the course of their existing business, shopping etc.
 Needs to be sustainable
 Lack of public transport/Apathy/Lack of leadership/sustainability of existing life styles
 Lack of interest in local group and volunteers to run community groups and clubs
 Restricting traffic speed through village
 Traffic/speeding in the village
 Noisy/unruly behaviour in early hours
 The conditions of all the roads in this area and the safety of people at the zebra crossing
 Play park poorly equipped
 Traffic (not only on Glasgow Road, but also in Southview Road)
 Roads and pavements need upgraded and not patched up. It is impossible to push a pram on the pavements on Station Road – Litter in the village
 Speeding traffic/muddy footpaths
 Nothing for your children and teenagers to do.
 Cars parked on both sides of road – not on driveways
 Cars/motorbikes parked on grass verge
 People using homes as workplaces – materials left outside. Boats/trailers parked on pathways – cars on road/grass
 Incomers trying to turn village into a town almost non-existent children's play area/speeding traffic
 Green belt being encroached on
 Public Transport
 Condition of Craigenlay Avenue and pavements
 Lack of good quality play park/bus service to Milngavie/access to Campsies and West Highland Way
 Extra buses to Milngavie between 9 -11 am and again Milngavie to Balfron 3 – 5 pm
 Road Maintenance
 Horses ruining old railway line walks
 Car parking in Dumbarton Road when doctor's surgery on. Public transport –cost of bus is expensive for young people especially
 Speed of traffic/condition of roads

Park facilities and school playground usability
 Traffic through village/transport
 Speeding traffic/no speed limit/damaged verges
 Lack of facilities for young people
 Speeding traffic and increased heavy vehicle traffic - litter
 Traffic/road condition/tree growth – spoiling views
 Roads/bad bend on A81 – constant crashes - Bypass
 Lack of affordable public transport/lack of fruit and vegetable shop (Browns has basic supplies but need more)
 Housebreaking/play spaces need developed
 Provision for elderly/villagers possibly spoiled by the excellent quality of services available – leads to lack of appreciation
 Poor road maintenance/traffic speeding through village
 Poor and expensive bus service/Young people hanging around with nothing to do/roads in very poor condition
 Speeding traffic
 Road maintenance (deep pot-holes) Zebra crossing often ignored by motorists
 Lack of decent facilities in the local park and not enough play activities for children
 Lack of shops in village – lack of parking/Poor access for prams along pavements where I live
 Bus service not frequent enough and expensive/traffic going through the village too fast
 Too much development and house building
 Threats to the green belt/possible reduction of bus service
 Speeding on B821 – West Highland Way – many pedestrians on a bad bend
 Parking around Spar and Stuart’s shop/Facilities for teenagers – I don’t have children but feel they are demonised – they have nowhere to ‘hang out’
 Between Craigmaddie and Strathblane there is only minimum upkeep of road side verges – making the area tired and unkempt – not a good welcome to Stirlingshire. Too many road signs hidden by trees etc
 Poor public transport /poor road conditions/infrequent refuse collection
 Parking on our street/Congestion around Browns shop
 Poor public transport links/poor refuse collection
 Inadequate public transport/lack of teenager activities
 Lack of a village centre/car traffic
 Traffic speed on A81 and lack of community involvement
 Poor landscaping and maintenance also poor footpaths
 Poor out door recreational facilities e.g. play park and paths/pressure on greenbelt from developers and inappropriate developments. General apathy and lack of community involvement.
 Public transport, roads, speeding
 Building a sense of community
 Traffic – speed/Litter/vandalism/lack of village focal point/centre
 Transport/condition of roads – safety/lack of shops (variety) and no swimming facilities/poor environment adjacent to school/library
 Public transport along/lack of pivotal point in the community
 Outlying area of Carbeth is a forgotten part of village, it lacks focus and needs co-ordinating in terms of local government. Huts are an eyesore

Blane Crescent area is in lower part of village. For elderly people it is too tiring to walk to village e.g. Station Road – steep climb to walk, pavements uneven and too narrow to walk on – camber also makes walking difficult and speed of traffic and visibility poor around bridge area

Attacks on the green belt. The urbanisation of the moor, especially the house at Valhalla – a disgrace! I feel the planning process should be subject to greater scrutiny. I deplore mega houses – ugly – with excluding fences, walls and high gates

Development of park/play facilities and how to fund it. Lack of real community spirit (I think people are not very involved in community life – different age groups keep to themselves etc)

Poor transport service/roads/speed on Main Road

Speeding traffic/parking on pavements

Lack of intergenerational events/seasonal celebrations/Forced to shop outside village and use car

Lack of arts/cultural events/seasonal gatherings that promote community cohesion and raise social capital

Transportation/public transport not good enough in terms of service/No place for young people to go, no infrastructure to support need

Consumerism/new buildings on open ground

Traffic problems, the speed of traffic and volume is growing, a danger to children and the elderly.

Vandalism to public property and graffiti

Bus Service

Speeding Traffic/Inconsiderate Horse Riders/Cyclists – churning up paths

Inconsiderate car parking

Quality available public transport to Milngavie or Glasgow – so little facilities for young people

More frequent and cheaper bus service

Road Maintenance/preservation of the green belt/lack of parking at shops/speed of traffic (especially HGVs)

Lack of affordable housing for young families and lack of facilities for the young people

Poor bus service to and from Glasgow/no frequent bus service to Milngavie for shopping and ridiculous prices for fares on rickety buses which take almost an hour into Glasgow

Lack of youth clubs etc growing up here I knew only too well the lure of drugs and drink through boredom/affordable housing

Road safety/poor maintenance of roads/pavements

Relevant focus for social behaviour for the young people of the village

Outline planning for a house to be built in 2 overgrown gardens opposite our house. Parking will be severely compromised and a danger to children will arise due to this

Parking problems on Milndavie Crescent/building planning permission/lack of support for local groups

A small plot of land at the junction of old Mugdock Road and Dubrock Road “an eyesore” overgrown with weeds that seed and are blown all over the surrounding gardens. I understand the plot is privately owned.

Inappropriate planning permissions/Risk to Green Belt/Communication with villages from Stirling District Council

Making it a safe place to live

Inappropriate cars for elderly housebound/time it takes for this to be put in place

Drink/neighbours being grumpy/Drinkers coming out the pub late

Drunken youths

Old Railway Track impassable in rainy weather

Adequate facilities for young people

The lack of a railway system to Blanefield like Milngavie

Lack of street cleaning and neglect by Stirling Council. Pot Holes and the deterioration of the roads over the years. There is a couldn't care less attitude in certain areas

Anti-social behaviour/speeding traffic through village and volume of traffic

Speeding traffic and volume of heavy goods traffic/anti social behaviour

The want for patient care and proactive health care

Speeding motorists particularly the motor cyclists at the weekends

Threat to the green belt and poor roads

Car crime from outsiders and not enough recycling bins/only two weekly whole bin collection

Busy road

Danger from and noise caused by speeding traffic and HGVs

Adequate facilities for young people

Neglect of council owned properties by their occupiers

State of pavements and roads/Dog fouling/Litter/Inconsiderate parking particularly outside school

'Play' community spirit and the free market

Speeding traffic

Poor roads /pavement surfaces

Groups of young people on the street at night, lack of community spirit (neighbours)

Lack of children's facilities compared to surrounding villages/climate change

More elderly/retired people

Continued personal, home and car safety

Traffic – speeding heavy lorries – makes house vibrate

Facilities for older people e.g. housing/facilities for younger people

Traffic and public transport

Speed of traffic

Pressure to build more houses, which will ruin area, country park is too busy – townie visitors spoil countryside and no community spirit

School bit run down and meeting place for community and kids

Sustainability in terms of transport, energy for homes, local food and activities for young people

Possible encroachment of green belt and village envelope. Tightening up of planning applications needed, destruction of wildlife by development proposals

Risk to established greenbelt boundaries, loss of community spirit due to lack of involvement

Young people gathering at night and buses only one and hour or two hours at times

Lack of play facilities for children and parking is a problem

Poor parking on street even when driveways are available

Lack of sports facilities or facilities for young people and speeding traffic

Poor transport links to Glasgow, no police presence and appalling conditions of side roads

Lack of consultation on local issues with Stirling Council

Lack of consultation by Stirling Council on local issues and resisting over development

The eroding of the greenbelt surrounding Strathblane, the constant pressure by developers for housing and failure of Stirling Council to address local issues

Crime, green issues and quality of life for all residents

Litter and dog poo

No speed limit on Campsie Road and no pavement on Campsie Road to Dunglass View

Remaining rural and preserving character of village and western Stirlingshire

Speeding traffic, lack of bus service on Lennoxtown road
 Poor road surfaces
 Nothing for youths to do and nowhere to meet
 Roads, children and play park facilities and young people leisure and sports facilities
 Poor public transport, poor facilities for children and poor state of roads – slow to repair
 Street cleaning, improved winter pavement and road safety
 Reducing our carbon footprint from transport, heating, food/clothing choice and lifestyle
 Public transport, poor road maintenance and vandalism
 Traffic speed/dangerous driving and parking and pressure from housing developers
 Traffic speed in Main Street, parking near shops in the street and Strathblane and facilities for young people
 The lollipop person on main road, speeding traffic through village and lack of community cops
 Lack of play facilities, lack of sports facilities, poor public transport and road safety
 Presentation of peripheral greenbelt, non-prosecution of persistent parking on pavement offenders
 Poor quality roads and pavements/speeding/pedestrian crossing not adequate
 Community youth centre
 Transport and medical care
 Traffic speeding and lack of children's play parks
 Repair of roads
 Junction of Glasgow Road/Station Road, Station Road is used as a rat run and needs speed reduced. Road is unsuitable for large vehicles and should have restricted access to block them
 Roads
 Encroachment on green belt
 Speeding Traffic/inconsiderate horse riders/inconsiderate car parking
 Transport – more frequent and flexible and sports facilities for the young/play areas/soft play areas
 Neighbours not caring for gardens
 Building plans
 Road surface
 Road deterioration

Q25 What in your opinion should be done to address these issues?

Large scale and immediate upgrades to the Strathblane swing-park
 Kirk rooms open for 2-3 hours a day/Village Club for 2-3 hours a day/Teenagers require transport to their more interesting venues
 Traffic lights/more facilities and options for young people
 30mph speed limit
 Council should make gardening available to those unable to cope
 Press the Council to act. A bin would cost little and would get rid of bottles and fast food litter
 Question of money
 More to do for teenagers, youth club etc./meeting place
 Affordable public transport and more buses
 Plan for land to be made available for council housing (pensioners etc) – 2 bedroom not one
 Paid leader for youth club

New play facilities (at park and school) refurbishment's to buildings/car sharing, better public transport and communal car parks
 Maintain them/realistically, I don't know
 Teen club
 Fill in the potholes
 If a patrol person cannot be employed install a pelican crossing and reduce speed on road
 Campaign and directly work for improvements
 Improve play-park, not being able to use the school playing fields, parking around school, no patrol at school crossing, better bus timetable
 There are no litter- bins in the village, apart from outside shops and bus stop
 The speed limit should be lowered and Station Road improved
 Public transport is unfortunately down to First Bus – pester power might work
 Stirling Council – control on planning – housing permits
 Notices/free bags/I have two dogs and always pick up – everyone should!
 Consider alternative routes for bus
 Stop spray filling potholes – repair properly/think carefully about supposed road safety plans – instead of jumping in and wasting money – pedestrian crossing should have been lights and road islands seem to be pointless
 Remarking of the road lines between former Post Office and Blanefield Nursing Home
 External protected status
 Police presence for littering and speeding
 Stirling Council for maintenance of roads
 Create additional housing through HA/more frequent cameras/speed traps
 Tarmac, more frequent surveys to determine need
 Lobby Stirling Council and concerted action of various village groups
 Lobby Stirling Council
 A bus every hour would be a good start/pedestrian lights and camera at zebra crossing/stop patching them and start resurfacing them
 I think this is being addressed
 Stirling Council to be made aware of rural priorities
 Greater public subsidy comparable to Glasgow or Stirling
 More buses/drop in centre/starter homes
 Stirling Council lobbied to provide facilities
 E.g. co-operative grocers opened/improved bus service
 Legislation to protect green belt
 I believe everything possible is/has been done re-play-park to no avail
 Restrict/regulate block paving of residential areas. Increase bus frequency, reduce bus fare, improve connectivity of bus routes and provide a mini-bus service to Milngavie train station
 Traffic lights and speed camera
 Timeous road repairs/upgrading tighter planning controls
 Community effort for better play park
 Increase buses around commuter times 7-9am and 4-6pm
 Send a petition to council
 Having a wide mix of housing types and some local employment might be of help

Ban helicopters and put same sign (access only) at entrance to Mugdock village to cut traffic on Bankhead Road and it should only be used by residents put speed restrictions. Put signs up - keep our countryside litter free

Transport/more frequent buses and a wider range of bus routes/this would help young people to playground

Council should take better care of area and more speed control

More policing – Council come out and check roads every two months. Reduce cost of Public Transport. No need for a bus every hour!

More frequent buses/more events/more initiatives to educate folk about sustainable life and how to change

Improvements to existing play area (similar to Killearn would be great) safe walking/cycle paths to Mugdock/Milngavie would be great

Expand village at edges with new builds and leave open spaces for young, elderly. New builds should be affordable for first time buyers – cottages etc. like Wood row would blend in.

Implement bus service from Strathblane – Mugdock – Milngavie – regular service say every half hour or hour

Needs central car parking, cycle parking, shops, café, public services all close together

Local food strategy including allotment

Energy efficient housing/Integrated transport – walking, cycling, public transport, car share schemes/Renewable energy generator – eg hydro schemes

Creation of suitable parking area

More publicity in the Blane and the local paper

More frequent police patrols

Speed cameras/police presence during pub closing hours/investment in new park facilities

Planning department need to publish plan and stick to it

Ban development on the greenbelt – no excuses from developers’ organise events that bring the community together – gala days etc. keep lines of communication open – the Blane etc.

Regular speed cameras on Glasgow Road. I am in favour of the Police Car parking in the lay-by at the top of the hill. Occasional speed advice for drivers turning into Southview Road from Southview Drive

Pedestrian traffic lights in place of existing belisha crossing very necessary

More money needed

Council with private sector help should address housing situation. Money should be made available for road maintenance repair

Pavements should be wider and smooth

Rigorous speed/traffic management measures. Resurface paths and segregate horses ASAP

Larger car park at surgery

Frequent buses with much cheaper fare

Ban horses from railway line

A better timetable and not so expensive to encourage people to leave their car at home

Craiglenay Avenue and pavements should be dug up and relayed/it has not been done since Lawrence the builder first erected the houses on the avenue approx. 40 years ago

Stirlingshire Council to recognise issue and provide funding

Traffic calming/bus service improved

Reduced fares/more frequent service – perhaps a rural bus company in competition to No 10 service/household refuse collection each week

Consultation – phased redevelopment programme/more traffic calming measures
 Signs and possibly speed bumps on B82/where pedestrians walk (it is an accident waiting to happen (WHW)
 Appeal to younger people
 Fundraise/grant applications and Stirling Council for financial assistance
 Drainage of school grounds should be done by Council
 Bypass
 Formal notices re parking – no boats etc on driveways
 Grass verges to be kept clear – grass being ruined
 Check proper rates paid for working at home – residential area – not industrial area
 Village/Council Fund raise/Lobby First Bus/In act core paths
 New play-park for starters
 Lorries banned from narrow roads/more litter-bins
 Campaign/petition Council and Scottish Parliament to reduce bus fares
 Ask if any current shops could expand range – there isn't really the retail space for another shop is there?
 Bypass/law limiting height of trees
 Increase frequency, late night Friday/Saturday and subsidise cost/Youth club and sports facilities/repair them properly and not short term quick fix that make holes bigger
 Remove some for a period of time! (not the elderly or the facilities)
 More effort by Stirling Roads department/citing of speed cameras in village on Main Road or Stirling Council to make these points priority
 I am unsure – perhaps subsidised curb lowering/improve car parking at the side of the shop
 Implement council's proposals to reduce speed and mount a community campaign. Existing groups are insular – we need a community conference to bring groups together to act for the whole community
 Reduce bus fares in line with other parts of Glasgow and improve standard o buses – limited stop/express service after Milngavie Station to Glasgow. Weekly household waste collection
 Improve situation
 CCTV around village
 At least 2/3 buses per hour – every hour
 Youth Clubs and outdoor led activities
 Parking created/a facility of some sort, probably minimal staffing as the young people are rarely a problem and they just need somewhere to hang out
 The community council should consult and communicate more. Need to encourage people to become more involved to work with Stirling Council and other bodies to get funding/and more people to get involved in practical work in the community
 Traffic calming measures/trees need to be cut back to improve visibility around bridge in Cuilt Brae. When exiting Blane Crescent it is very difficult to see traffic in both directions due to trees to left and walk on right and speed of traffic More frequent bus service – lower cost – reduce traffic speed
 Deterrence/regular fines for speeding through village/village officer with powers to fine offenders and more visible policing
 Continued use of strong planning legislation
 Residents should come to agreement with Council – I know I should start this but never have the time

More investment

More affordable energy – efficient housing with a communal feel and no more huge houses for rich developers who know how to play the system

Stop any more development

Suitable land identified for building of suitable housing whether for purchase or rent

Consultation with younger people

All require immediate attention

Build an Arts/Cultural centre – venue for performance, café, book and toy store, classes, organic/farm foods, group meetings, business space, gallery, sports base

More evident community policing

Should be withdrawn and people responsible for overgrown gardens fined, instead of trying to sell this as a building plot.

I think a central community space/café/community centre, people in village volunteering to keep it staffed, working with activities for different age groups

More Police presence

A truck load of gravel

Stirling Council must be reminded where their responsibility starts/encourage council, estate owners, farmers and householders to cut trees down and give a clear view to all traffic

MUGA installed/Village Centre created/buses updated and new X schedules for peak times

Extend speed limit towards Killearn on main road/educate those governed/introduce restrictions as necessary (and enforce these)

Better and cheaper service

Lobby Council, transport for Scotland, SPT and Scot Government

Increase public transport/a youth centre

The Council to force the owner of the plot of land to regularly gut the grass and keep the plot tidy

Ring fence money for roads; constant vigilance of planning applications

Contact Councils concerned and hopefully bring us into the 21st century

Council need to step up for youths before we have a drug problem!

Youth Clubs of some sort appropriate to current culture – Internet Café?

Purchase Drumbroch Muir as Community buy out (will give facility and focus to Community)

Stirling Council should pay more attention to Rural areas and deal with problems that elderly residents have promptly without the use of agency carers who are disinterested

Just be normal

The people concerned with the above areas should be addressed and something seriously done about it. It is a beautiful area to reside in, but a certain amount of neglect has adly crept in.

Council and Police are well aware of problem parking on Milndavie, yet still do nothing, they will wait on accident occurring before they do anything? Why?

Cars speeding up quiet roads at night should be stopped

Allotments/footpaths and Old Railway Line/Junction of A81 and Station Road

Average speed cameras

Adopt a more 'laissez-faire' spirit towards 'community development'

Increase in Council Tax to pay for road improvements

Higher priority in Council Budget/Change attitude of people who cause problems

More police patrols, more community events

Bypass/limit HGV traffic

Target anti-social behaviour with police presence

Camera's recording average speed through village
 Visible police presence at the appropriate times i.e. evenings and weekends Friday/Sat.
 Space should be dedicated as parking so that new businesses are encouraged (not Tesco)
 Policing/Fines
 Speed cameras, road repairs
 Firm intervention and follow up by council
 Dr visiting patients in their homes
 Traffic calming
 Better recycling facilities/better amenities
 Speed cameras/warning at Duneglass View
 Put the railway back
 20mph limit
 Ban housebuilding and constrain townies to country park boundaries
 School rebuild and find large space/building for meeting
 Sustainability - activities of carbon neutral group very encouraging, publicity across community in order to spread messages, young people funding for a regular club run by paid leaders to supplement excellent volunteer led clubs
 Stricter control of green belt
 Village club could be used as a meeting place for older residents during the day. Grass triangle near school could be turned into a car park for school etc and children's play park could be improved
 Local police patrols
 Multi sports court, speed bumps on all residential roads, especially near the school and meeting place/café for youths
 Improve funding for all, starting with roads
 Opportunities for regular feedback to councillors and community council
 A securing of the greenbelt boundary, a community ownership of land surrounding the village and a stronger presentation (of the village) on the council
 Encourage community spirit to help police without fear. Is there more we could do to generate power in our community. We have wind power, power of water etc. To do this why don't we encourage cycling and walking and have more rubbish bins to prevent littering
 Bring back our village cleaner who was part of the community and cared for the area
 At least a 40mph limit until Broadgate Farm
 Control development
 Resurface the roads
 Youth café and meeting place
 Resurface the roads is a priority, improve play park facilities and set up young people activities and facilities i.e. youth café
 Better bus service, new swing park, play area and repair potholes
 Stirling council contacted
 Useless and more selectively
 More traffic calming in village square
 Not sure – apparently no budget for road improvement
 More traffic calming – enforcement of speed limits
 Council should employ ASAP, traffic calming and speed camera and Central Police should provide more support

Sports facility provision, improve playpark, more frequent buses and pedestrian crossing with traffic lights

Tougher police action, rigid implementation of green belt policing

More effective by Stirling Council and funding provided from lottery

More funds available for repair

Prioritise local authority spending or any central government grant

Stirling Council roads

Q31 other

South African