

Our Neighbourhood Plan for

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank



South Lanarkshire
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Our Place Our Plan

Phase 1

January 2019 –
December 2019



This plan sets out priorities for our community identified by residents between November 2017 and February 2018 to be acted on over the next 10 years.

Further discussions and events have taken place in the community to agree what we want to focus on first. We recognise that to make a real and lasting difference we need to take our time and do things right and not try and do everything at once.

A local community action group has produced this plan. Most of us are local residents however we are joined by representatives from key local agencies and organisations

To ensure progress is made Our Plan will be updated on a yearly basis. This is the first phase of longer term developments in our community.

You will see, this year we are focussing on 3 of the 10 priority themes and working groups have been formed to develop activities further. More will be done to take forward all the other themes in the future.

For this plan to work it needs **you**, yes, **you**. Every resident, every worker, volunteer or elected member in the area can help to bring about change and help us to make the most of our shared resources – our people and our place. You can help in many ways by telling others about what's going on, by joining the community action group or the working groups to take forward some of the actions in the plan or simply enjoy and take part in what's happening around you.

What do we want to achieve



More leisure, recreation and social opportunities

- Our Place Our Plan residents working group, South Lanarkshire Council Land and Fleet and Education and youth work providers. To create a community access point into Glenlee Primary sports court Multi Use Games Area to enable use outwith school hours and provide a programme of events and activities to encourage use. **January 2019** Funded by Community Choices. Explore potential to do similar in Hillhouse.
- Establish Family Nights a partnership between the community and Save the Children. **January 2019**
- Our Place Our Plan residents working group with South Lanarkshire Council Land and Fleet Services and Housing and Technical Resources. To improve the play park at Donaldson Street. Community Choices funding is contributing towards play equipment. **March 2019**
- Our Place Our Plan residents in partnership with Youth, Family and Community Learning Staff will work with the community to help design local School Holiday Provision. **Summer 2019**
- Our Place Our Plan residents working group with South Lanarkshire Council Land and Fleet Services, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture and Hillhouse Parish Church. Provide toddler play at the Jock Stein play area and re-develop the area behind the Hillhouse and Earnock Community Centre as a multi use open space. Community Choices funding for play equipment. **Summer 2019**
- Local youth groups will engage with young people (12-18yrs) to develop appropriate activities and opportunities. **June 2019**
- South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture, local schools, Our Place Our Plan residents working group will promote / increase uptake of the Active School's programme of local free physical activities for children. **August 2019**
- Our Place Our Plan residents working group and Friends of Glenlee and Udston woods will explore the potential for a local Bike initiative – including bike maintenance, potential path improvements and health promotion. **August 2019**
- Our Place Our Plan residents working group, Friends of Glenlee and Udston woods and youth groups will explore the potential for a dedicated outdoor youth space and outdoor education programme for young people. **September 2019**
- Our Place Our Plan residents working group and Friends of Glenlee and Udston woods will provide themed, guided community walks in the area which would be linked to local woodland. **December 2019**
- Our Place Our Plan residents working group will develop and deliver an Active Age programme for older adults. **December 2019**
- Our Place Our Plan residents working group with assistance from a range of partners will deliver school holiday Playschemes including a Back to School Event and other family events throughout the year. Funded by Community Choices.



Greater community safety

- Police Scotland will produce an “Environmental Visual Audit” (EVA) and carry out physical assessments of the Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank area. Report recommendations will form the basis of a plan for the community safety working group. These reports will include information on built environments and hotspot areas etc. The Community Safety working group will arrange a walkabout once the report has been completed.
- Explore the possibility of police having community bases in Hillhouse and Burnbank.
- Continue youth work at the red road at Burnbank Centre and promote awareness of existing and developing youth work activities in Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank.
- Explore feasibility of identifying a point of contact for support or addiction services.



Physical environment / Housing improvements

- South Lanarkshire Council Housing will facilitate an allocations consultation – involving working group members and the wider community. **January 2019**
- Our Place Our Plan working group, Unpaid Work Team and Go Green will produce and distribute planters in various locations across Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank. **Spring 2019**
- Green Hamilton aim to secure premises for a Community Garden Project. **March 2019**
- Maximise use of community benefits clauses relating to local developments - have projects ready which could be put forward for investment. Our Place Our Plan working group, South Lanarkshire Council Planning / Community Benefits staff. **Summer 2019**
- Link Housing will deliver new retirement housing development on Wellhall Road. **Summer 2019**
- Review the recent Skips Initiative and repeat with increased local resident support. Our Place Our Plan working group and Unpaid Work Team. **October 2019**
- Link Housing in partnership with young people and the wider community, with support from external sponsorship will deliver a painting initiative, clean-up and visual improvement of small area. **December 2019**
- Pop-up play area / improvement to waste ground at Dunkeld Place. **December 2019**
- The Our Place Our Plan Working Group will work with relevant agencies to explore the feasibility of carrying out close painting works.

If you would like to find out more about activities happening or be kept informed of developments visit your area's Facebook page
“Our Place Our Plan HUB”



Stronger and better communities

- Design and place signs on all new physical developments linked to Our Place Our Plan. To increase knowledge, encourage involvement and ownership. Involve schools in a design competition. Supported by Our Place Our Plan Community Action Group, local schools and South Lanarkshire Council Land and Fleet Services. **March 2019**
- Consider options for reducing any cost barriers to our local community facilities, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture, South Lanarkshire Council, Our Place Our Plan Community Action Group. **December 2019**
- Community Links / South Lanarkshire Council will provide ongoing support to local residents and community groups to inform and participate in Our Place Our Plan.



Easier to get about/moving around

- Actions to be considered in due course – remember this is a 10 year plan and this edition focuses only on year 1.



Better employment and business opportunities

- Actions to be considered in due course – early thoughts include local job fairs.



Better financial wellbeing

- St Cuthberts, CAB, South Lanarkshire Council will work together to deliver a CAB Fuel Poverty Switch Service School Pilot. **January 2019**
- Further develop the SELECT HUBS in Hillhouse and Burnbank. Explore partnership opportunities with Community Links SELECT HUBS; Hamilton CAB, South Lanarkshire Council Money Matters help to extend services. **December 2019**
- Consider options for reducing any cost barriers to our local community facilities South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture, South Lanarkshire Council, Our Place Our Plan Community Action Group. **December 2019**



Better education and training opportunities

- The work being progressed by Save the Children will be developed with local primary schools and nurseries. Other actions will be considered in due course.



Health improvement

- Many of the actions indicated in this map will help to improve physical and mental wellbeing. Other actions will be considered and progressed in due course.

How to get involved

There are working groups in place taking forward the themes and actions outlined here. If you live or work in the area and think you might like to get involved then contact Heather Robertson, our local "Our Place, Our Plan" development worker on **01698 827583** or e-mail heather@communitylinkssl.co.uk

Or if you want to chat to Heather informally about what's going on or planned in your area, why not pop into the Hub café any Thursday between 10am and 2pm in Hillhouse and Earnock Community Centre

Survey Findings

Themes

(in order of popularity)

Actions

(most popular for each theme)



1. More leisure, recreation and social opportunities

More / improved facilities, activities and opportunities for children and young people and greater accessibility to public buildings / community facilities for all.

More / improved shops with less vacant properties and more choice.



2. Greater community safety

Less alcohol and drugs abuse.

Less anti social behaviour.



3. Physical environment improvements

Improvement of open spaces.

Better waste management and tackling litter; fly tipping and dog fouling.



4. Stronger and better communities

More investment (public and private sector).

Better community spirit and activities to boost community spirit and participation.



5. Easier to get about / moving around

Better maintenance of roads, pavements, pathways, drains, gritting.

Improved road safety.



6. Housing improvements

More responsive landlords.

More responsible tenants.



7. Better employment and business opportunities

More employment and training opportunities.



8. Better financial wellbeing

Cheaper access (to public buildings and amenities).



9. Better education and training opportunities

Better pre-school service / provision (nursery/ parenting classes and support)

Build link with UWS to maximise awareness of learning opportunities for local residents



10. Health improvement

More activities and programmes that improve health.

How will we know that the plan is making a difference?

- More residents will be actively involved in community life.
- More residents will be using community facilities and services.
- New opportunities, activities and services will be available.
- Less anti social behaviour and an even better sense of community spirit in Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank.
- At the end of year one, residents will get the opportunity to say what they think of what's happened so far and discuss the priorities to take forward as we move into year two.



What people have said about **Our Place Our Plan** so far...

“Thank you so much for this amazing experience - for the opportunity to be involved in Our Place Our Plan”

“I have loved being part of this process, didn't realise I could help make changes happen in my neighbourhood”

“A big thank you from my whole family - for giving us the opportunity to take part in events and to be part of the bigger picture too”

“Thank you for this opportunity, I've really enjoyed being involved”

“The changes within my area are fantastic, especially the improvements to the MUGA and the play park”

“A great opportunity, a lot has been achieved in a very short time”

“Didn't realise I could get so much enjoyment out of being involved”

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