

Our Neighbourhood Plan for

Springhall and Whitlawburn



South Lanarkshire
Partnership
Stronger together

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. 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.

This is the first phase of Our Plan as the plan will be updated on a yearly basis. A local Stakeholders group has produced this. Most of us are local residents however we are joined by representatives from key local agencies and organisations.

For this plan to work it needs **you**, yes, **you**. Every resident, every worker or volunteer and elected member in the area can help to bring about change. To help us to make the most of our resources – our people and our place. There are many ways you can do this by telling others what's going on. By joining the stakeholders group or joining a working group that is of particular interest to you to help with 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

- Springhall Community Resource Group in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council and South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture will promote the use of the “The CAGE” and participation in the greenspace development. **Autumn 2019**
- Springhall Community Resource Group, South Lanarkshire Council and HealthynHappy will work together to establish and promote a new community access point to the 3G multi-play court at Loch Primary. They will also Investigate the potential to re-open the football pitches next to the primary schools. **Spring 2019**
- Refurbish the Springhall Community Centre including library re-location. Springhall Community Resource Group, South Lanarkshire Council and South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture will work in partnership to explore funding opportunities to support development activity to ensure the centres use is maximised. **Spring 2020**
- Ongoing work by Little Rascals. Staff and committee to safeguard and maximise positive use of the Whitlawburn Toddler Play Park.
- Maximise use of the Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre Hub. Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre/West Whitlawburn Housing Co-operative staff and committee. **December 2019**
- Ongoing partnership work between Regen FX/Springhall and Whitlawburn Youth Development Team/Reach Lanarkshire /Project 31 will increase the number of local children and young people involved in local youth provision.



Stronger and better communities

- Senior Steering Group, Springhall Community Resource Group and HealthynHappy aim to maximise number of residents over 50 involved in Age Active Seniors Programme. **Ongoing**
- A range of community events to promote Our Place Our Plan; improve community spirit and involvement and raise awareness of opportunities e.g. the Big Breakfast. **Autumn 2019**
- The Stakeholder Group will establish an Our Place Our Plan Communications Group. To maximise awareness of what’s going on and to promote the involvement of residents. Recognising and addressing any barriers to participation. **Spring 2019**



Housing improvements

South Lanarkshire Council Housing and Technical Resources, Neighbourhood Management and East Whitlawburn residents will begin to work together to:

- Deliver the East Whitlawburn masterplan, ensuring residents are informed and involved. Minimise disruption (e.g. roads implications). Maximise any potential local employment and training opportunities through the building programme. **South Lanarkshire Council Housing and Technical Resources**



Greater community safety

- A walking bus project has been established to ease traffic congestion and promote wellbeing through active travel.
- The Seniors Steering Group, Springhall Community Resource Group and HealthynHappy are delivering an Active Age programme bringing older and younger residents together to improve relationships and tackle any safety fears.
- A community safety group will be established to identify specific issues and actions. Membership will be made up of local residents Police Scotland, Springhall Community Resource Group and South Lanarkshire Council. **January 2019 then ongoing**



Physical environment improvements

- Establish an Environmental working group to identify and progress specific issues and actions. Made up of interested Residents West Whitlawburn Housing Co-operative, South Lanarkshire Council Housing and Land Services. The Group will have access to a small scale environmental improvement fund to support community led improvements to open and shared spaces. **Beginning January 2019**
- Delivery of open space improvements via the Cage Development. **Springhall Community Resource Group, South Lanarkshire Council and Big Lottery**
- Ongoing preventative action to minimise fly tipping in East Whitlawburn when houses are emptied will be undertaken.



Easier to get about / moving around

- Grit bins have been installed at three locations around the tunnelled areas on route to the 2 primary schools. Secured by the Walking Bus/Safety Campaign Worker on behalf of the community who raised this issue.



Better financial wellbeing

- Identify funding to continue Citizens Advice Bureau outreach in Springhall beyond current participatory budgeting funding and maximise uptake and impact of work.
- Residents and other stakeholders will continue to work together to maximise uptake and impact of the HUB in Whitlawburn - Community Resource Centre.
- The Credit Union and other stakeholders will work in partnership to promote awareness, maximise the uptake and impact of Credit Union activity in Springhall and Whitlawburn.



Better education and training opportunities

- Participatory budgeting funds will be used to provide a range of neighbourhood based courses and classes.

If you would like to find out more about activities happening or be kept informed of developments visit your areas Facebook page @ourplacewhitlawburnandspringhall



Health improvement

- Activity around other priority themes will have the potential to have a significant impact of health and wellbeing.



Better employment and business opportunities

- Promote awareness, maximise uptake and impact of the Job Club at Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre.
- Deliver Job Fair type events, to ensure that residents are aware of any existing or up and coming employment opportunities.



What residents have said so far about Our Place Our Plan

“It’s been great to be part Our Place Our Plan, I like being able to share good news with people in my community and let them know that changes are coming”

“Getting involved and having a say on what happens in the area is what Our Place Our Plan is all about - get involved it really is making a difference”

“We are delighted to be part of Our Place Our Plan, working in partnership with local residents and other stakeholders to bring about real and lasting differences in Springhall and Whitlawburn”

“The early actions highlighted in the plan offer something for everyone – it’s fantastic”

“We look forward to continuing to work alongside local residents and partners to take forward local priorities and early actions”

“It worth remembering that this plan represents some early actions in year one, there’s lots more to come”

“Things are really starting to happen and everyone seems so enthusiastic”

“Once residents start to see changes and improvements they will definitely want to get involved in Our Place Our Plan”

Survey Findings

Themes

(in order of popularity)

Actions

(most popular for each theme)



1. More leisure, recreation and social opportunities

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

Greater accessibility to community facilities and amenities – (more flexible opening of public buildings/easier access/use spare capacity).



2. Stronger and better communities

More public sector investment / increase opportunities for local businesses to get involved financially and otherwise.

More programmes/events/volunteering to improve community spirit and participation.



3. Housing improvements

More new housing /refurbishment of existing stock.

More responsive landlords.



4. Greater community safety

Less anti social behaviour (less vandalism/loitering/noise/fire raising).

Better policing.



5. Physical environment improvements

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

Improvement of open spaces.



6. Easier to get about / moving around

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

Improved road safety and public transport.



7. Better financial wellbeing

Cheaper access (to public buildings and amenities).

More money advice/debt management.



8. Better education and training opportunities

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



9. Health improvements

More activities and programmes that improve health.



10. Better employment and business opportunities

More employment and training opportunities.

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

- Residents will be better connected and more involved in community life
- Increased use of community facilities and services
- New opportunities, activities and services will be developed
- Improved health, wellbeing and reduced isolation where it exists
- Less anti social behaviour and an even better sense of community spirit in Springhall and Whitlawburn



How to get involved

The Stakeholders Group meets regularly and working groups will also be meeting to take forward some of the priority themes outlined in the middle pages. If you live or work in the area and think you might like to get involved then contact Jan Taylor at HealthynHappy 0141 646 0123 jan@healthynhappy.org.uk

A Communications Group has been formed, to make sure that everyone living or working in Springhall or Whitlawburn knows about Our Place Our Plan and what's happening or planned in our community. We are looking for creative ways of doing this so please don't hold back if you have any ideas or skills to offer. Please call or email Jan Taylor to discuss this further

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