



## **OUR PLACE OUR PLAN**

### **Springhill and Whitlawburn**

Neighbourhood Planning  
Annual Progress Report

January 2019 – March 2020

# What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood Planning is a long-term commitment on the part of the Community Planning Partnership to work with and alongside communities to improve outcomes and quality of life for all.

Community Planning partners and communities are required to work together to tackle inequalities and improve outcomes over a ten year period. Neighbourhood planning is the way we do this in South Lanarkshire. It means we spend time having a conversation with as many people who live in Springhill and Whitlawburn as possible, to find out your priorities, and we now work in partnership alongside you to see how we can deliver on these priorities.

The Our Place Our Plan neighbourhood plan is based on these priorities identified by local people and the Our Place Our Plan Community Group are at the heart of this work

<b>1</b>	More leisure, recreation, and social opportunities
<b>2</b>	Stronger and better communities
<b>3</b>	Housing improvements
<b>4</b>	Greater community safety
<b>5</b>	Physical environment improvements
<b>6</b>	Easier to get about / moving around
<b>7</b>	Better financial wellbeing
<b>8</b>	Better education and training opportunities
<b>9</b>	Health Improvements
<b>10</b>	Better employment and business opportunities

## What has happened this year?

Our Place Our Plan launched in March 2019

### ***186 Local people attended***

Participatory budgeting is a process where local people decide how to allocate part of a public budget. Participatory budgeting is a way for people to get involved in decision making and develop a trusting partnership working together to improve the local area.

### ***2019-20 participation budget was £10,000***

### ***13 project proposals were received***

### ***7 projects were funded***

- Family Fun Day hosted by Loch Primary Parent Council
- Whole community seasonal event hosted St Anthony's Parent Council
- Delivery of a Family Learning Programme by YFCL
- Purchase of dance equipment AJ Dance
- Environmental improvements Keeping Springhall Green Springhall Community Resource Group
- Targeted delivery of a range of complimentary therapies, Time to Shine project
- Purchase of equipment/resources Little Rascals Toddler Group

## Other Key Milestones

2019	
January	Springhall Community Group led on the CAGE development
February	Garden tool hire established
April	Information stations begin and run weekly
May	Community Safety group produce “Our Place a Safe Place” info cards
May	Walk to School Week
June	Whitlawburn Duke of Edinburgh Group deliver a bespoke programme of activities for young
June	Community Access to 3G MUGA at Loch primary
June	Springhill and Whitlawburn Youth Development event bring vacant land back into use
August	Skip initiative helps keep the area clean
September	Environmental working group introduce monthly walkabouts
November	First Community Supper Club happens
November	Car free zone consultation
December	Our Place Our Plan Group members talk about their work to other community groups t the Community Planning Conference
December	Our Place Our Plan members engage with the unpaid work team.
2020	
January	Residents complete Activate course and receive certificates in community work from Glasgow University
February	Residents take part in SLE rent management consultation
February	Springhill Centre and Library renovation completed

## What different has it made to people?

### Keeping local people at the centre by recognising and acting on what matters to them

Looking to the future I feel really enthusiastic and I am so proud to be involved. I know that everyone taking part in the Our Place Our Plan Stakeholder group are working together to bring about lasting benefits in our community - Local resident

### Building strong effective partnerships between local people and those delivering services

“I have really enjoyed the opportunity to express and share my views, to have my opinions heard and to work in partnership with others to make positive difference in my area.” – Member of the OUR PLACE OUR PLAN Stakeholder Group

### Identifying and acting together on local priorities

“We are fully committed to engaging with our communities to help plan and deliver the services that best meet people’s needs and make the best of resources. We value the skills, capacity, knowledge and potential that our communities have and seek to do all we can do to build the commitment and confidence evident in local groups and

organisations to achieve significantly better outcomes for communities” – Staff member, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture

## Local structures and local decision making

We want to keep talking and working with you. We are using a range of things to do this such as community events and the neighbourhood based Information Stations in Springhall and Whitlawburn. The stations are manned by development staff from Healthy and Happy and local volunteers. They are there to promote what's happening locally including highlighting progress and developments taking place as a result of the plan and encourage as many people as possible to get involved in the Stakeholder Group and Working Groups

These groups meet regularly and we would like to get more people involved in progressing other locally defined priorities such as employment, education/training, and health. Our priority is to make sure we are building trust, confidence, and resources locally to help you to work with us.

Community capacity building support to help local people get involved has been provided by Healthy and Happy and South Lanarkshire Council's Community Engagement team. The approach puts individuals and communities at the centre, recognising the skills, knowledge and experience you have and the physical assets and resources in your neighbourhood. Residents have said that they value the opportunity to come together and discuss solutions, ideas and possibilities rather than problems. Local people and those delivering services are beginning to understand each other better.

## What next?

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As soon as it is safe to do so the information stations will be back in your community again. In the meantime there are other ways to stay in touch and get involved with neighbourhood planning.

To see a copy of the neighbourhood plan go to [www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org/plans](http://www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org/plans)

To find out more about particularly budgeting go to [www.pbscotland.scot](http://www.pbscotland.scot)

To find out more about community planning go to [www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org](http://www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org)

To get involved in your neighbourhood contact [communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk) or [Jan@healthynhappy.org.uk](mailto:Jan@healthynhappy.org.uk)

To find out more about what's happening in Springhall/Whitlawburn go to [www.camglencommunities.org.uk/springhallwhitlawburn](http://www.camglencommunities.org.uk/springhallwhitlawburn)