



OUR PLACE OUR PLAN

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank

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 Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank 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

1	More leisure, recreation, and social opportunities
2	Greater Community Safety
3	Physical environment improvements
4	Stronger and Better Communities
5	Easier to get about / moving around
6	Housing Improvements
7	Better employment and business opportunities
8	Better financial wellbeing
9	Better Education and training opportunities
10	Health Improvements

What has happened this year?

Our Place Our Plan launched in March 2019

143 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 £30,000

Series of pop-up events held in July and August 2019 – 368 people participated in the events

Top priorities identified for the budget were:

- ***263 more leisure, recreation and social opportunities***
- ***159 greater community safety***
- ***126 stronger and better communities***
- ***116 healthy improvements***
- ***115 physical environmental improvements***

Other Key Milestones

2019	
April	Out Place Our Plan Easter activities and community clean-up
May	Skip initiative
August	Back to school event
August	Gilmour and Whitehall Parish Church Community Café launched
August	Participatory Budgeting events and pop-ups
September	Homework Club launch in Hillhouse and Earnock Community Centre
November	Our Place Our Plan members contribute to the Participation and Engagement Strategy
November	IT equipment installed in the Youth Wing in Hillhouse and Earnock Community Centre
December	Christmas activities
December	Our Place Our Plan members provide workshop at the Community Planning Conference.
2020	
January	Discussions ongoing concerning flexible use of SLC and SLLC facilities
January	Pop-up play space development on derelict land
February	My Place My Future work starts in Burnbank
February	Our Place Our Plan members participate in the rent management consultation
February	Our Place a Safe Place survey initiated in Burnbank
March	Neighbourhood based sports hub in development in partnership with SLLC and Our Place Our Plan
March	SOC outdoor classroom developed

What different has it made to people?

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

“My involvement with Out Place Our Plan has been brief. However, I am very much heartened by seeing the Neighbourhood plan starting to take effect. The sense of community is returning to the area as the OUR PLACE OUR PLAN Team work tirelessly to bring about much needed improvement and pride” – Anne Paul, Local resident and Elder Whitehill and Gilmour parish Church

Building strong effective partnerships between local people and those delivering services

“Being part of the work in Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank has been truly amazing, seeing the need in the local community and they being part of the solution has been brilliant. Our local community is thriving as we work together to bring about great changes” – Sammy Brown, Community and Families Worker

Identifying and acting together on local priorities

“As a voluntary Organisation OUR PLACE OUR PLAN introduced us to partners who were also working in the Burnbank and Hillhouse areas. We were about to coordinate our services to provide a more comprehensive approach and improve the resources and opportunities for young people” – Joanne Tierney, Terminal 1

Local structures and local decision making

The Our Place Our Plan Stakeholder group is made up of local people, groups, organisations and workers. The group oversees the delivery of the neighbourhood plan and drives forward improvements and developments. Working Groups made up of local residents help to progress themes they have a particular interest in:

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 Community Links 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?

We want to keep talking to and working with you. The Community Action Group are considering the themes identified and will hopefully be back in your neighbourhood soon to talk more with you about the action you would like to see. In 2020 the group will also assess local interest in new working groups and promote awareness to help more people get involved in making decisions and changes.

As soon as it is safe to do so we 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

To find out more about particularly budgeting go to www.pbscotland.scot

To find out more about community planning go to www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org

To get involved in your neighbourhood contact communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk or kimberley@communitylinkssl.co.uk

To find out more about the activities that are happening or to be kept informed of developments visit www.facebook.com/ourplaceourplanhub or www.twitter.com/OPOPhub