



Kirkcowan Community Action Plan 2020-2025

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Who we are

Membership of Kirkcowan Community Development Trust is open to permanent residents living within Kirkcowan Community Council area.

The members elect the directors who are responsible for distributing Community Benefit Funds which are paid to the community every year by the owners of local windfarms.

Membership is free and the directors all work on a voluntary basis.



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The Aims of the Trust are:

- ◆ To manage community land and associated assets for the benefit of the Community and the public in general.
- ◆ To provide, or assist in providing recreational facilities and/or organising recreational activities, which will be available to members of the Community and public at large with the object of improving the conditions of life in the Community.
- ◆ To advance community development, including urban or rural regeneration within the Community.
- ◆ To advance the education of the Community about its environment, culture, heritage and/or history.
- ◆ To advance environmental protection or improvement including preservation, sustainable development and conservation of the natural environment, the maintenance, improvement or provision of environmental amenities for the Community and/or the preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historic or other importance to the community.
- ◆ To promote, establish, operate and/or support other schemes and projects which are in furtherance of charitable purposes for the benefit of the Community.

What we did

We asked you how you would like to see the Community Benefit Fund spent.

We sent out two survey forms which generated answers from 179 people, and held a meeting which was attended by over 50 people.

We also got views regarding the play park from 50 children from the primary school and consulted with other groups in the community.

From this a 5 year Community Action Plan has been drawn up from which the following 6 priorities have been identified.

What you said

You indicated that you value the strong community spirit in Kirkcowan and that the Trust should spend the Community Benefit Funds on making the village a more attractive place to live and provide better facilities for all age groups.

More information

A copy of the full report on the Community Action Plan for Kirkcowan is available on the KCDT website, which outlines more of how the consultation process was carried out.

Village Hall

- 2020 - Develop business plan for Village Hall.
- Commence Community Transfer.
- Determine final design and use of space.
- 2021 - Identify and source external funding options.
- Finalise costings and timeframes for Proposed work.
- 2022 - Commence upgrade of Village Hall.



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Paths & Walks



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- 2020 - Hold focus group with community to look at path & walk options.
- 2021 - Carry out site visits and consult with landowners and occupiers.
- 2022 - Get full costings and make decision on path design.
 - Identify and apply for funding.
- 2023 - Commence construction and marking of paths.
 - Creation of path booklet for Kirkcowan.
- 2024 - Path maintenance.

Jenna Morra Wood

2020 - Set up a working group for the Community Woodland.

2021 - Create a Forest Management Plan and Access & Recreation plan for the Community Woodland.

2021 - Investigate external funding for projects.



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Winter Fuel & Energy Efficiency

- 2020 - Research alternative winter fuel payment methods.
 - Distribute annual payments.
 - Create and distribute a sustainability plan for all Trust projects.
- 2021 - Research energy efficiency measures which could be adopted by people living in Kirkcowan Community Council Area.
- 2022 - Arrange information meeting for people to learn more about energy efficiency measures for their households.

Play Park



Photo by Katina Dick

- 2020** - Commission a landscape architect to give different options on how to make best use of the space available to include recreational facilities and amenity planting.
- Create visual display of different options for Play park.
 - Hold consultation meeting with community to agree on design of the play park.
- 2021** - Seek full funding and planning permission.
- Draw up maintenance budget for upkeep of play park.

Youth facilities

- 2020 - Trust appoints a youth representative (16-25 years' old) on to the Board.
- Investigate feasibility for a youth club.
 - Investigate interest from individuals in the management and upkeep of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).
 - Consult with community to consider building a MUGA.
- 2021 - Investigate funding opportunities for youth facilities.





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