

#### **Examples of Drymen Heritage Trail Audio**

## DRYMEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST AGM – 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022



#### WELCOME

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#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

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#### INTRODUCTION

- Who we are
- Why we're here
- What we do
- Our aspirations
- Progress made



#### PURPOSE

- DCDT is a limited company, with charitable status and a governing constitution
- A membership organisation delivering projects to improve the community
- Responsible for the Village Square environment, managed on behalf of the community who own it



#### **GENERAL AIMS**

- Square area renewal
- Village improvements
- Organise/facilitate events on the Square
- Improve active travel
- Support village organisations
- Lead on community engagement



## **CORE ACTIVITY**

- Apply for grant funding
- Grow membership
- Engage/communicate with community
- Organise events (Piping/Christmas)
- Deliver projects
- Work with agencies
- Monthly meetings



#### MEETINGS

- Richard Boddington
- Katy Gibb
- Rae Gibb
- Ewan MacKay
- David Mackie
- Struan Robb
- Paul Saunders

- Robert Coleman
- Simon Reid
- Louise MacInnes



#### **DCDT COMMUNICATION**

- Drymen Reporter
- Monthly Members Emails
- Village Leaflets (x2)
- Facebook / Website (contact form)
- Direct feedback (welcomed)
- Discover Drymen





#### **2021 PRIORITIES**

- Renewal of parking bays
- Information/Heritage panels for the Square
- Introduction of a new village website





### **PROGRESS REPORT**



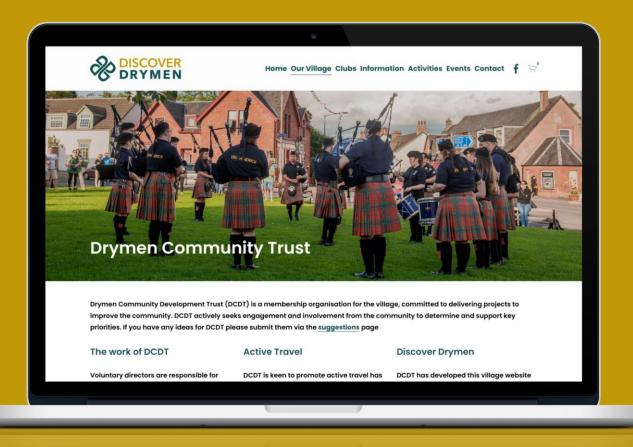


## HEADLINE: Substantial investment for Drymen delivered during last 12 months



#### **Village Website**





#### **Village Website**

- 6,776 unique users
- 8,656 visits
- 18,169 page views
- Most popular pages Drymen Local Walks, Drymen Village Hall, Events Diary, Village Shops, Drymen Show, Accommodation, DCDT, Map
- Used by Village Hall, Drymen Church, Art Club, Active Travel, 20minute Neighbourhood Study
- Questions received via the website from people new to the village and visitors planning a trip



#### Village Square Renewal





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- 1. Road around the Square
- 2. Parking bays and paths by butcher/hotel
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#### Spring highlights

After a winter lull, the longer days bring a wonderful sense of anticipation as we witness so much of nature springing to life all around us.

- Stroll through local woodlands at Inchcailloch or **RSPB Loch Lomond to witness carpets of sweet** smelling bluebells - just glorious!
- The awe-inspiring sight of an osprey is unforgettable. These magnificent birds of prey can be seen from April to September at Loch Lomond, RSPB Loch Lomond and from the Drymen river bridge.
- A symphony of spring birdsong is guaranteed to lift the spirits. You might even hear the distinctive cuckoo pictured right, calling in the village or at Garadhban forest or RSPB Loch Lomond.
- Enjoy the local oakwoods and marvel as they begin to come into leaf in May.





Bluebell is brog na chuthaig in Gaelic. It means the cuckoo's shoe, as it appears at the same time as the cuckoo! Ben Andrew (rspb-images.com)





Osprey have tiny spines on the underside of their toes to help them grab fish from the water. Ben Andrew (rspb-images.com)



Treecreepers are teeny, weighing in at only 10g! Their long tails and big bills make them look bigger than they really are. Ben Andrew (rspb-images.com)



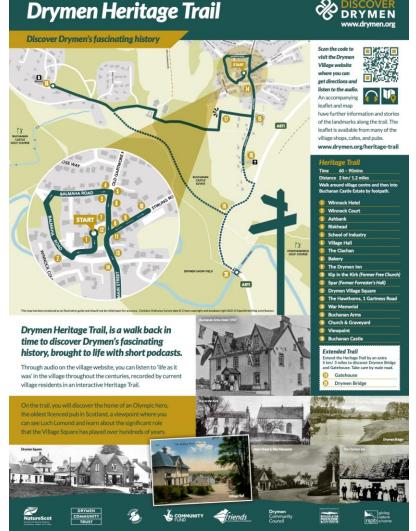
**Orange-tip** butterflies have mottled green underwings. Males have bright orange wingtips and females have black wingtips. Ben Andrew (rspb-images.com)





#### **Drymen Heritage Trail**

- Made in Drymen
- Square panel
- Leaflets
- Audio on Website
- Future potential



Drymen Heritage Trail has been created by Drymen Community Development Trust, in association with Drymen Heritage. Thank you to all the village residents that have participated in this project, we are also grateful to our sponsors and funders. Audio created by Think Topping. Pictures kindly reproduced courtesy of Drymen Heritage.



# AUDIO PODCASTS BY...

- David Fletcher (Winnock Hotel)
- Bob Edwards (Winnock Court)
- Mhairi Duncan (Ashbank)
- Dawn Connor (Village Hall)
- Elaine Strang (Clachan Inn)
- Frances Warnes (Kip in the Kirk)
- Orla Robb (Drymen Square)

- Robert Johnston (War Memorial)
- Rev. Alex Macpherson (Drymen Church)
- Marina Brennan (Drymen Viewpoint)
- Ali Thomson (Buchanan Castle & Gatehouse)
- Jimmy Bilsland (Drymen Bridge)

#### **Events**











Planted by the DCDT in 2021 to thank the NHS and the Drymen Community for their work during the Covid 19 pandemic 5 Funded by a kind legacy to the DCDT, in memory of Mr Kenneth Cameron?





#### **Active Travel**





#### **2021 ACTIVE TRAVEL SURVEY**

- Make it as easy as possible for everyone in the community to make local journeys on foot or by bike.
- Provide information on local walks and cycle routes in the area.
- Campaign for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure to promote safe journeys, particularly to nearby villages.
- Provide bike maintenance sessions to help cyclists keep their bikes in good working order.
- Provide secure and convenient bike parking in the centre of the village.
- Provide facilities such as e-bike charging and water refills for visiting
- Provide access to an e-bike loan scheme.
- Support led walks and rides in the local area.
- Promote Drymen as a destination on the WHW, RRW and NCN7 long-distance walking and cycling routes.

#### **2022 PRIORITIES**

- Complete Square Renewal
- Campaign for Public Toilets
- Prepare a Community Place Plan



#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

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#### Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park East Loch Lomond

Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Framework

Prepared by Ironside Farrar on behalf of Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Authority





#### **Please Help Us**

- Volunteer in any capacity
- Join/renew DCDT membership
- Have your say, make suggestions





# Thank you for your support





## **ANY QUESTIONS?**

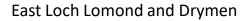


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## 20 Minute Neighbourhood - Rural Pilot Project











### **Forth Environment Link**

#### **Our Objective**

Environmental improvement through community-led action. We take national ambitions and apply them at a local level

We are a Scottish environmental charity, based in the Forth Valley, leading the way on connecting people and place on actions which make a positive response to the Climate Emergency. We support community–led climate action; enable more day to day journeys on foot or by bike; we encourage more local food to be grown and eaten in our communities; and we help increase the lifespan of our everyday items.

### **Forth Environment Link**

### Our themes

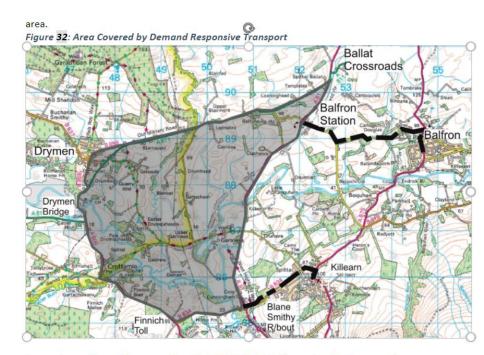
- Active Travel
- Circular Economy
- Volunteering
- Food & Growing

- Employers support, Keyworker bikes
- Employability pathway, Veg Your Ledge
  - Micro and Corporate volunteering opportunities
  - Rural online markets for local and Sustainable produce



### **1. Baseline report**

- Socio demographic analysis
- Transport links overview
- Features and facilities
- Mapping: organisations and stakeholders
- Current and future planning
- Recommended methodology



Source: https://my.stirling.gov.uk/media/22754/4-drt-leaflet-croftamie-drymen.pdf

## 2. Engagement

- Survey & place standard questionnaire
- Primary school map activity
- Joining local gatherings
- Walking interviews
- Cycle bus ride
- Online talks
- Pop-ups with 'place passport'
- Capacity building sessions
  - Climate literacy
  - 20 Min Neighbourhoods
  - Sustainable Businesses workshop



Mapping exercise with Drymen Primary

## 2. Outcomes for Scotland

- Improved local economy
- Climate action
- Improved wellbeing
- Decreased health inequalities
- Ageing in place



Source: ClimateXChange, "20 Minute Neighbourhoods in a Scottish Context" (Feb '21)

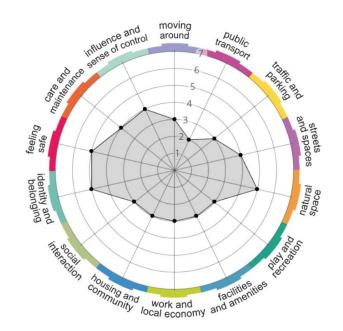


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- Identity
- Feeling Safe
- natural spaces

#### Higher room for improvement

- Public transport
- Traffic
- Moving around
- Housing, work, amenities, social, recreation



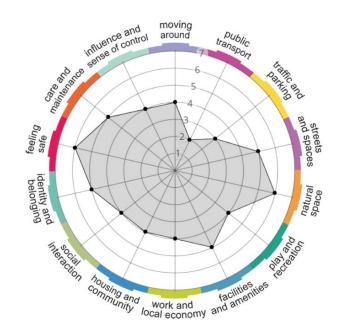


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### **4.** Priorities



#### Movement

- Shared paths through and between villages
- Dynamic public transport (local and tourism)
- Dedicated off-street parking
- Pedestrian priority
- Park & ride / cycle for tourist traffic



The 5.5km Three distilleries pathway, Islay.



Space



- Multi-use hubs in underused buildings
- Green spaces for growing, biodiversity and seating



#### Resources

- Venues to meet and connect with others
- Quality of high street grocery, bank, post office
- Career opportunities
- Affordable, appropriate, sustainable housing



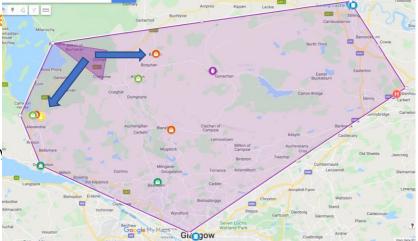
- Cement identity and share resources
- Safe streets lighting, speeding vehicles



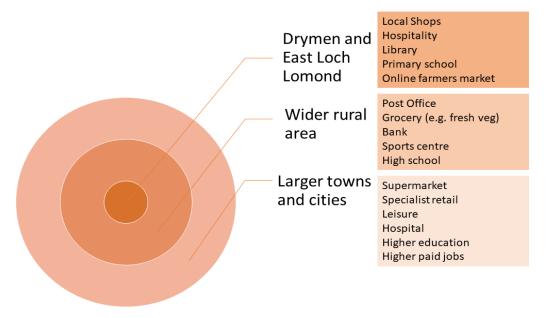
- Being listened to at Local Authority level
- Maintenance litter, recycling, dog mess
- Maintenance footpaths, road surfaces

# 5. Recommended rural adaptation of 20 Minute Neighbourhood model

- '20 minute neighbourhood' replaced by places where people 'Live Well Locally'
- Features of a '20 minute neighbourhood' connected by high quality active travel or public transport routes
- Regional collaboration on how to meet people's everyday needs equally, conveniently and sustainably
- Adapted planning tools for Scottish and rural context
- Participatory budgeting



Services, currently shared across the region that, with improved transport links, would fulfil the requirements of a 20 minute neighbourhood, and enable rural people to live well locally



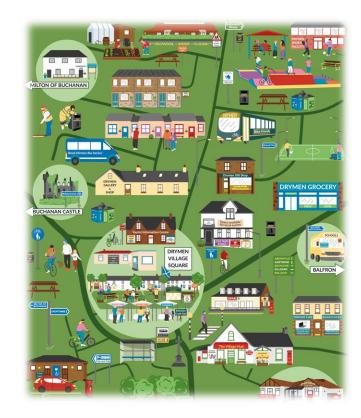
### 6. Recommendations

#### Short term

- Confirm place priorities (illustration to assist and inspire)
- Place plan
- Convene working groups
- Seek place-based funding
- Embed Participatory budgeting

#### Long Term

- Create place partnership co-ordinator role
- Cross-sector partnership approach to prioritised changes
- Collaborative place planning across areas of the park
- Re-imagine mobility for everyday and tourism needs



## 7. Developing a blueprint

#### **Limiting factors**

- Covid-safe working
- Unknowns of new omicron strain
- Winter weather and back-to-back storms

#### Impact

- Limited conversation prior to survey completion
- Over-reliance on online surveys
- Over reliance on incentive rather than buy-in
- Limited attendance to Go-Alongs



## 7. Developing a blueprint

#### What worked

- Mixing it up
- Joining scheduled gatherings
- Local champions, networks and influence
- Engaging Schools
- Delegating event planning

#### What didn't

- Go-Alongs
- Incentive prize draw
- Outdoor pizza oven (weather)



#### Prize draw: Local Food Hamper

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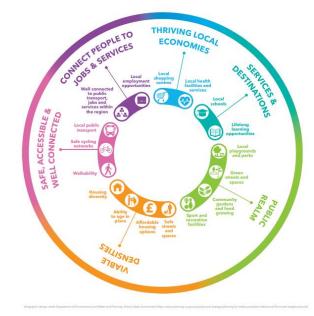
#### **Benefits to Place Plans and Communities**

- Offer Safe, accessible and connected places
- Connect people to jobs and services
- Facilitate thriving and diverse economies
- Provide destinations for local living and learning
- Offer high-quality public and green spaces
- Offer diverse housing to meet local needs

#### **Funding levers**

- 20% reduction in car kilometres by 2030
- Net Zero by 2045
- Scottish government commitment to 20Min

#### FEATURES OF A 20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD



### 8. National Conversation

What next for 20 Minute neighbourhoods in a Scottish rural context?

- Title and definition (Living Well Locally?)
- Tool kit (adapted Place Standard?)
- Money

#### SURF's 20 Minute Neighbourhood Practice Network:

- Regular network meetings
- Information sharing and newsletter
- National conferences
- Policy discussions
- Learning and case studies



#### Credit: Nick Wright Planning, April 2022



#### www.forthenvironmentlink.org

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# **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

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# **PROPOSED FEE CHANGES**

- Individual membership increase from £6 to £10
- Couple membership increase from £10 to £15
- New life membership option £250







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