

BARRHILL

COMMUNITY-LED ACTION PLAN

2026 - 2030



Barrhill is a small rural community with a strong sense of place, resilience, and pride in our local area. This Community-led Action Plan sets out our shared vision for the future of Barrhill and reflects the priorities, ideas, and aspirations of the people who live and work here.

The purpose of this plan is to provide a clear framework for action over the coming years. It identifies what matters most to our community, highlights the challenges we face, and sets out practical actions to help Barrhill remain a sustainable, welcoming, and thriving place for current and future generations.

This plan has been shaped through engagement with local residents and we would like to thank everyone who took the time to contribute their views, experiences, and ideas. Your input has been essential in ensuring that this plan genuinely reflects the needs and ambitions of the community.

The Community-led Action Plan is not just a document, but a working tool. It will help guide our discussions with local authorities, funding bodies, and other partners, and support community-led projects that improve local facilities, services, and quality of life. Progress against the actions identified will be reviewed regularly to ensure the plan remains relevant and responsive to change.

Barrhill has a proud community spirit and a history of people coming together to support one another. By working collaboratively and building on our collective strengths, we can continue to shape a positive future for our village. Barrhill Community Council looks forward to working with residents and partners to turn this plan into meaningful action.

Barrhill Community Council



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About Barrhill

Barrhill is a small rural village in South Ayrshire, close to the border with Dumfries and Galloway. It is located at the junction of the A714 and the road to New Luce, approximately 12 miles south of Girvan and 18 miles north of Newton Stewart.

The village lies within the Carrick Hills and surrounding countryside, with access to both inland and coastal areas, including Stranraer, around 20 miles away. Barrhill has a population of approximately 350 residents. Local amenities include a community pub, a small shop, a primary school serving from nursery to age 12, a part-time GP surgery linked to Ballantrae, a bowling green, and a Village Hall used for community activities. The village is served by Barrhill railway station, located around half a mile from the centre, on the Glasgow South Western Line, with regular services to Glasgow via Ayr and to Stranraer. A limited bus service also operates between Girvan and Newton Stewart.

Barrhill also has a strong historical significance, particularly in relation to the Covenanters. The nearby Martyrs' Tomb is an important local landmark, commemorating Covenanters who lost their lives in the 17th century, and forms part of the area's wider cultural and historical heritage.

Barrhill is valued for its quiet rural setting, strong community spirit, and rich heritage. It provides an ideal base for walking, outdoor recreation, and exploring nearby attractions such as the Galloway Forest Park, a designated Dark Sky Park, and the surrounding countryside and coastline.

Community Engagement

The Barrhill consultation process has been ongoing for several years and has brought together multiple organisations working closely with the local community. The first engagement took place between October and December 2021, when South Ayrshire Council (SAC) carried out a public consultation using the Place Standard Tool, a methodology recommended by the Scottish Government to help communities identify their strengths and priorities. The outcomes of this work were published in June 2022 in the Barrhill Engagement Outcomes paper and provided a strong evidence base to inform future planning and community decision-making. Alongside this, the Barrhill Community Council (BCC) produced an Action Plan, covering the period 2017 to 2022.

Following the conclusion of the Barrhill Action Plan, a further programme of consultation and engagement was undertaken in 2025 by BCC, working in partnership with SAC and local groups: Barrhill Development Trust and Barrhill Community Interest Company. Considerable time was dedicated to designing a clear and accessible main survey, an accompanying community flyer, and a specially adapted version for younger children. The survey was launched in summer 2025 and was actively promoted through a combination of direct communication with residents and social media, helping to raise awareness and encourage participation.

Ensuring that a wide range of voices were heard was a key focus of the engagement process. Secondary school pupils from Barrhill attending Girvan Academy participated through a dedicated session, while pupils from P4 to P7 at Barrhill Primary School completed a children's version of the survey. The responses gathered provided a valuable mix of quantitative data and qualitative feedback, offering a clear insight into community priorities, concerns, and ideas. In total, 94 residents took part in the consultation process and the evidence was carefully analysed to inform the development of a series of proposed actions within this Community-led Action Plan.

PLANNING OR ACTION PLAN FOR BARRHILL

October, 2025.

Neighbourhood:

If you spare 30 minutes for your community?

If Community Council are working in partnership with South Ayrshire Council, Barrhill Development Trust and Barrhill Community Interest Company on our community-led action plan.

If you might be aware that our village already had an action plan, the Community Action Plan 2017-2022 (<https://www.barrhill.org.uk/documents/barrhill-action-plan.pdf>). As you can see this plan is now out of date.

We have achieved many of the proposed projects and ideas from the 2017-2022 Action Plan. We've opened the public toilets, improved the waste ground off in Main Street, set up a planting scheme for the village, set up a walking project for the Memorial Hall, improved the play facilities and been for young people of all ages, built a car park at the station, looked to slow traffic down through the village, created a car park between the station and Main Street, improved the bus stop, looked at bus routes, looked at transport timetables to be better co-ordinated, made sure that the 100m cycle route is routed through the village, and developed an energy saving plan for homes and businesses.

Community-led action plans help bring people together around a common goal, set priorities, outline steps to take, and set deadlines to make sure the plan is to work together, solve local problems, and create positive change for the years ahead, without an action plan we would be left with a significant gap. Public bodies, such as the local authority and other organisations, who would normally refer to a community action plan to influence decisions, are left to draw their own conclusions on the needs of the area.

To-date and accurate community-led action plan, will also provide a clear focus for funding on community needs and aspirations in order to support projects and initiatives. The action plan must reflect the collective view of the Barrhill community. This is why we are asking you for your views.

You may be aware that we have already circulated a rather detailed questionnaire. It is a detailed survey, which covers areas like roads, drainage, and other issues.

Please scan the QR code to fill in the survey online or pick up and return your paper copy from the Barrhill Memorial Hall

Thank you for getting involved in supporting us to develop our community-led action plan with our priorities and possibilities for funding.

Contact us at:
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Here info:
www.barrhill.org.uk

What's your opinion about pensioners' bungalows or starter housing for our young families?

Do you think that Barrhill should invest in assets owned by the community?

What if our village had Christmas lights along Main Street?

Please take the time to pick up a paper copy, complete and return.

Is it easy and safe to move about in Barrhill?

Please take the time to pick up a paper copy, complete and return the questionnaire to the hall. Alternatively, you can

What Residents Told Us - Place Standard Survey

Residents and primary school pupils took part in the Place Standard survey to share their views on what it's like to live in Barrhill. Using a simple 1 to 7 scoring system, responses showed that people generally feel positive about the village, with most scores sitting between 4 and 5, and no areas causing serious concern.

What's working well

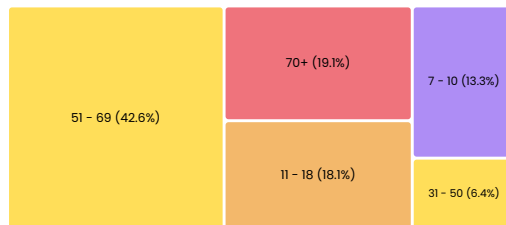
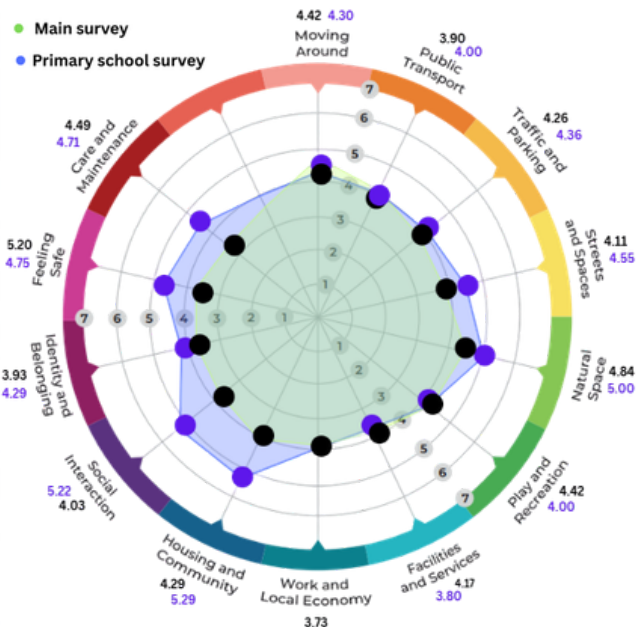
- Barrhill is widely seen as a safe place, especially by children.
- People value the natural environment, green spaces, and the village's rural setting.
- There is a strong sense of community and pride, with residents feeling connected to where they live.

What could be improved

- Transport and traffic were among the lowest-scoring areas, highlighting concerns about connectivity and road use.
- Moving around the village, including paths, streets, and accessibility, could be improved.
- Some residents feel there are limited facilities and amenities, particularly for everyday needs.




Adults tended to be more critical of transport and infrastructure, while children gave higher scores for safety and social aspects, showing the importance of considering all age groups in future planning.

By focusing on these areas, the Action Plan aims to make Barrhill an even safer, more connected, and more welcoming place to live, based directly on what residents and young people have told us.



Age distribution of respondents (%)

PRIORITY ONE – SPACES AND PLACES

 OUTCOMES	 ACTIONS	 TERM
<p>1. Improve accessibility, safety and walkability in Barrhill.</p>	<p>1.1 Barrhill Community Council (BCC) to engage with Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) and South Ayrshire Council (SAC) to review existing provision and contribute to the development of a coordinated route plan for a corridor between the opposite ends of the village.</p>	Short
	<p>1.2 Develop safe, continuous, and fully accessible footpaths and cycle routes linking the village, playpark, and caravan/holiday parks, supported by appropriate lighting to ensure children and residents can safely access local facilities at all times of day.</p> <p>1.2.1 Create a segregated and/or shared-use active-travel route.</p> <p>1.2.2 Install appropriate lighting along the full route.</p> <p>1.2.3 Improve safety along the A714 corridor (measures such as improved crossings, clearer signage, path widening, or visibility enhancements to reduce risk for pedestrians and cyclists.)</p> <p>1.2.4 Install lighting at the playpark.</p>	Medium
	<p>1.3 Ensure accessible design for all users (<i>incorporate accessibility features such as appropriate gradients, smooth surfaces, dropped kerbs, tactile paving, and rest points to support disabled users, families with prams, and visitors.</i>) Work with Third Sector partners, such as the South Ayrshire Access Panel (SAAP) to conduct a detailed audit covering: uneven and damaged pavements, drainage and flooding issues, lack of dropped kerbs and ramps, slippery or moss-covered surfaces, missing footpaths, suitability for mobility scooters and wheelchairs, lighting adequacy for evening/winter walking, etc.</p> <p>1.3.1 Forward the findings to SAC and ARA for mitigation of issues.</p> <p>1.3.2 Encourage residents to report to BCC and/or ARA, SAC websites.</p> <p>1.3.3 Ensure accessibility at community facilities e.g. Bowling Green.</p> <p>1.3.4 Work with facility owners, SAC and ARA to install ramps, handrails, and suitable access points for people with mobility impairments.</p>	Medium

 **OUTCOMES**

 **ACTIONS**

 **TERM**

2. Improve signage and information for local walks and natural spaces.

2.1 Make walking routes and natural spaces in Barrhill and its environs, easier for everyone to find and enjoy by improving signage, mapping, and information.

2.1.1 Identify key local walks and natural spaces that currently have no signage.

2.1.2 Install clear, consistent signage for local walking routes. Install way markers, fingerposts, and small route signs at junctions and entry points. Prioritise paths that are already safe and commonly used by the community.

2.1.3 Install interpretation boards or trailheads at key entry points.

2.1.4 Highlight routes suitable for people who use mobility aids, or families with prams and identify barriers or sections that need upgrading for accessibility in future phases.

2.1.5 Create a printed and digital map showing local paths, viewpoints, heritage sites, and accessible routes. Include information on distance, difficulty, terrain, seating, parking, and accessible features.

2.1.6 Share maps through local website, noticeboards, local businesses, and community venues.

Ongoing

3. Maintain and enhance local footpaths.

3.1 Collaborate with SAC, ARA, Forestry and landowners, local heritage groups, community volunteers and/or local contractors to ensure a regular programme of footpath maintenance across the village, with specific attention to Martyrs' Tomb path and other local heritage or recreational paths.

3.1.1 Liaise with the relevant agencies to ensure vegetation clearance, surface repairs, ongoing seasonal maintenance, etc.

3.1.2 Liaise with the relevant agencies to discuss drainage improvements, bridge structure, road signage renewal, etc.

Ongoing

4. Improve and protect access to local walking routes.

4.1 Work with partners - SAC, ARA, landowners, Forestry & Land Scotland, and access officers, to address locked gates and obstructions on routes such as the Whithorn Way, Mark Hill, and other historically used tracks.

4.1.1 Use formal access processes where necessary to resolve obstructions in line with the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

Ongoing

 **OUTCOMES**

 **ACTIONS**

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4.1.2 Report and monitor access issues regularly through SAC.

Ongoing

4.2 Work in partnership with local groups, adjacent Community Councils, and Kilgallioch Renewables operators to confirm and monitor renewables-related path commitments, including the delivery of the proposed 55 km of leisure tracks, updated timelines, and the completion of agreed community access improvements.

5. Improve village signage, road safety, and basic infrastructure.

5.1 Ensure that Barrhill has clear signage, safe pedestrian routes, better crossing points, and essential roadside infrastructure so residents and visitors can move safely around the village and its surrounding roads. Engage with ARA to address the following:

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5.1.1 Work with the appropriate authority to provide updated Barrhill village entrances signage, with the correct Gaelic place name.

5.1.2 Ensure regular monitoring and timely maintenance of village signage.

5.1.3 Assess safety concerns on the B7027, where the narrow carriageway puts walkers at risk.

5.1.4 Discuss with ARA the feasibility of pedestrian crossing options at key village locations, including the pub, GP surgery, and Memorial Hall, to determine the most suitable location or combination of locations for provision.

5.1.5 Encourage residents to use the ARA website to report road-related issues, such as potholes and damaged street lighting, and to submit requests for the installation of new or replenishment of existing salt/grit boxes.

5.1.6 Review parking and access at the playpark by having clearly marked parking areas.

5.2 Engage in discussions with ARA and SAC to ensure the long-term maintenance and structural integrity of the bridge in the village core and the Duisk bridge. Request ARA to inspect the bridge, identify any necessary repairs or structural improvements whilst ensuring safety and long-term maintenance.

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 **OUTCOMES**

 **ACTIONS**

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6. Reduce flooding, improve drainage, and prevent surface-water hazards.

6.1 Ensure that Barrhill has safer, better-drained roads and pavements by tackling flooding, blocked drains, and overgrown areas. This will help protect homes, support safe walking routes, and reduce winter hazards such as ice and overflowing run-off from surrounding land. Work with ARA and SAC to:

6.1.1 Carry out a village-wide drainage and surface-water assessment, more specifically in the areas where water runs off the road onto pavements and roadside areas without pavements affected by ice and pooling.

6.1.2 Create a targeted maintenance programme for high-risk areas (blocked drains on Main Street and other hotspots) and improve drainage on roads and pavements at locations with regular flooding.

6.1.3 Support residents affected by hillside or run-off flooding (drainage issues caused by hillside run-off e.g., Scourhead area).

6.1.4 Encourage community reporting of flooding and blocked drains (overgrown vegetation contributing to water build-up e.g., Station Road).

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7. Make Barrhill's roads safer through better speed management and traffic calming.

7.1 Engage with heads of roads ARA to discuss options to reduce speeding through the village, improve safety for walkers and cyclists, and manage heavy vehicle traffic. Points to discuss:

7.1.1 Introduce traffic calming measures in key danger zones. Locations to prioritise are the routes toward the Caravan Parks, Kildonan Court area, the hamlet of Scourhead, the B7027 and smaller rural roads used by walkers.

7.1.2 Reducing the speed limit on the B7027 (Knowe Road).

7.1.3 Extending the 30mph speed limit further along the B7027 from the A714 junction.

7.1.4 Ensuring clear signage and enforcement presence where appropriate.

7.2 Work with ARA, SAC and Police Scotland to develop a traffic management plan for heavy freight vehicles, to reduce the impact of such vehicles.

7.2.1 Request a review of HGV routing, especially related to windfarm and forestry operations.

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7. *Continued.*

- 7.2.2 Assess whether certain roads (e.g., the Barrhill – New Luce Road) are unsuitable for heavy vehicles and need restrictions.
- 7.2.3 Improve signage warning HGVs of narrow sections, blind corners, or residential areas.
- 7.2.4 Explore options for weight restrictions or designated haulage routes.

8. Reduce the local impact of renewables construction, haulage and other operations.

8.1 Renewables-related impacts were raised strongly during consultation. Work to minimise the disruption, noise, pollution, road safety risks, and environmental impacts caused by renewables and associated construction traffic, while ensuring Barrhill residents are protected, heard, and supported during large-scale energy developments.

- 8.1.1 Engage with renewables operators, contractors, and haulage firms to:
 - Reduce early-morning traffic where possible.
 - Limit the number of heavy vehicles travelling through the village at peak times.
 - Encourage alternative routes that avoid residential streets.
 - Enforce responsible driving standards and adherence to speed limits.

8.2 Advocate for responsible management of water extraction and supply. Work with Scottish Water, SAC, and developers to:

- Investigate reports of excessive water extraction linked to renewables operations.
- Assess the cause of brown or discoloured household water.
- Ensure any water use complies with regulation and does not negatively impact residents.
- Request transparent communication on water usage during construction phases.

8.3 Work with ARA and developers to ensure proper reinstatement after construction:

- Damaged verges and road surfaces are repaired.
- Pavements and roadside drainage affected by HGVs are restored.
- Long-term monitoring continues after construction ends.




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PRIORITY TWO – LIVE, WORK AND LEARN

 OUTCOMES	 ACTIONS	 TERM
<p>9. Creating a safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable environment.</p>	<p>9.1 Work with residents, ARA, SAC and other partners to create a safer and cleaner environment.</p> <p>9.1.1 Reduce dog fouling and improve enforcement. Encourage residents to use both general and dog waste bins to keep Barrhill clean (<i>residents are reminded that general bins may also be used for the disposal of bagged dog waste.</i>)</p> <p>9.1.2 Residents are encouraged to report any dog fouling issues to Environmental Health (SAC) team (contact details at the back of the booklet).</p> <p>9.1.3 BCC will engage with partners – Environmental Health, local schools, and local groups, to support and promote anti-dog fouling campaigns.</p> <p>9.2 Given the number of dog walkers in the village, improve dog-walking options in the village by:</p> <p>9.2.1. Identifying potential locations for designated dog-walking areas.</p> <p>9.2.2 Exploring whether a secure off-lead dog exercise space could be developed.</p> <p>9.2.3 Providing clear information (signage) on where dogs are allowed and where they are not (including playpark rules).</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>10. A mixed and ageing water infrastructure increases risks to water quality and reliability.</p>	<p>10.1 Liaise with Scottish Water to request a secondary assessment of water quality to request clarification on the reasons for the observed change in chlorine levels, including confirmation of any network flushing, seasonal variation, asset maintenance, or operational activity that may affect treatment levels.</p> <p>10.2 Seek assurance and ongoing engagement from Scottish Water and South Ayrshire Council to ensure that all residents, including those relying on private water supplies, have access to safe and wholesome drinking water, with clear arrangements in place for monitoring, supporting, and safeguarding where risks arise.</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Short</p>

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10.3 Engage with partners to ensure that residents experiencing water quality concerns are:

- 10.3.1 Provided with practical support by facilitating independent water quality testing where appropriate and arranging home visits to review internal plumbing or filtration systems.
- 10.3.2 Provided with a rapid-response process for future water quality issues, including clear reporting routes, defined response times, and an agreed escalation pathway with Scottish Water and relevant regulatory bodies.

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11. **Improve access to and from the train station and the village.**

11.1 Improve safe, inclusive, and year-round access to Barrhill railway station for residents of all ages and abilities by enhancing the quality, safety, and continuity of the walking environment.

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11.1.1 Commission a comprehensive pedestrian route safety and accessibility audit of the walking routes to Barrhill railway station. The assessment will consider street lighting provision, personal safety after dark, surface quality, drainage, wayfinding, and winter resilience.

11.1.2 Work with ARA, SAC, and relevant transport bodies to prioritise, resource, and implement the audit recommendations, subject to feasibility and funding. Improvements may include upgraded lighting, improved surfacing, drainage enhancements, and clearly defined safe walking routes, contributing to increased use of active travel and public transport.

12. **Improved and sustainable transport connections.**

12.1 BCC will engage with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), bus service providers, ScotRail, and community transport including Stinchar Connections to:

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12.1.1 Identify solutions to gaps in provision, particularly weekday services after 5pm and the lack of Sunday services.

12.1.2 Explore the feasibility of link buses, community transport, and demand-responsive transport options.

12.1.3 Promote the use of community transport where available to support long-term viability.

12.1.4 Advocate for secure cycle parking at Barrhill Station and within the village to support integrated active travel.

OUTCOMES

12. *Continued.*

13. Digital connectivity that supports employment, learning and community life.

¹Backhaul fibre carries data between major network points (for example, between towns or exchanges), but does not automatically provide direct connections to individual properties.

ACTIONS

12.2 BCC will work with transport operators to improving bus and rail connectivity:

12.2.1 Improve alignment between bus and rail services, strengthen early morning, evening, weekend, and Girvan – Newton Stewart connections.

12.2.2 Develop a community evidence pack using survey data to support discussions with providers.

12.2.3 Encourage trials of smaller, low-impact or demand-responsive vehicles better suited to rural passenger demand.

12.2.4 Audit bus stops to identify the need for shelters or infrastructure improvements.

12.3 Strengthening community-led transport. BCC will support rural mobility by:

12.3.1 Advocating for continued funding and expansion of Stinchar Connections and similar services.

12.3.2 Exploring volunteer driver schemes, lift-sharing options, and flexible 'connector' services to Girvan and Newton Stewart.

13.1 Engage with the community to form a broadband working group (local groups and residents) to drive local connectivity improvements by:

13.1.1 Advocating for Barrhill to be prioritised as a full fibre rollout cluster, given the rural isolation, strong need for remote working, and existing trunk fibre presence.

13.1.2 Requesting a formal meeting with Openreach Rural Engagement Team, Scottish Government R100 programme and SAC Digital Infrastructure Officers.

13.1.3 Gathering and presenting evidence of demand (survey results, household data) to strengthen the case for activation of existing cables.

13.1.4 Exploring whether Barrhill qualifies for the R100 Scottish Broadband¹ Voucher Scheme and/or the UK Government Project Gigabit rural investment pots.

13.1.5 Identifying whether physical fibre infrastructure laid previously is Backhaul only or ready for final connections (*Openreach sometimes requires separate funding for the 'last mile'.*)

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14. Strengthening play, fitness and community outdoor areas.

15. Supporting housing that meets local need.

ACTIONS

14.1 Residents can request reassurance about the safety and ongoing maintenance of the local playpark, which benefits from regular inspections by BDT and an annual independent safety inspection.

14.2 Work with BDT to explore additional lighting options (*solar-powered and motion-sensor options to maintain wildlife sensitivity, where possible*).

14.3 Commission a feasibility study for a children's cycle track around the park and/or a small pump track or wheeled skills area.

14.3.1 Prior to feasibility study, consult with partners including local parents, young people and Barrhill Primary School and SAC Thriving Communities (*Health and Wellbeing team*).

14.4 Request partners and/or funders to:

14.4.1 Revisit the proposal for adult outdoor exercise equipment and identify suitable locations, such as adjacent to playpark.

14.4.2 Provide increased seating and rest areas for walkers by installing new seats in priority areas such as along the river, near the playpark and on walking routes such as the Martyrs' Tomb walk.

15.1 Work in partnership with relevant stakeholders to promote and support the delivery of sustainable housing development aligned to local need, prioritising starter homes to support younger residents and accessible bungalows to meet the needs of pensioners.

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PRIORITY THREE – CIVIC AND COMMUNITY PRIDE

 OUTCOMES	 ACTIONS	 TERM
16. Increased capacity and efficiency of existing village skips.	<p>16.1 Partner with the local group(s) providing skips in Barrhill to:</p> <p>16.1.1. Solicit continued provision of monthly general-waste skips, with flexibility for additional collections during peak demand periods, and/or explore increased capacity options, such as a second skip or an extra mid-month collection, if demand continues to exceed current provision.</p> <p>16.2 Promote the existing resident waste guide, setting out what can be disposed of in the skip, what is prohibited, and where restricted items should be taken. The guide can be shared via the website, social media pages, noticeboards, and the village newsletter.</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Short</p>
17. Developing Barrhill's community assets and opportunities.	<p>17.1 Engage with SAC and other local groups to review: hall usage policies; opportunities for drop-in activities; multi-use community rooms (e.g., for health, social care, youth activities); etc.</p> <p>17.2 Work with partners - local groups, SAC, South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (SA HSCP), and South Carrick Locality Planning Partnership (LPP) to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The retention of the SAC mobile library services. • The use of the Memorial Hall for mobile social care, housing advice sessions, etc. • The addition of clubs and activities in the Memorial Hall to include intergenerational programmes, events for young people and families. • The revision of a 'Community Welcome Pack' to reduce the sense of being forgotten or needing insider knowledge. • The promotion of local heritage through history displays in hall; community storytelling and/or heritage events/days (Barrhill nature day, wildlife walks, and dark skies evenings). • The development of a stronger appreciation, use and stewardship of Barrhill's natural environment. • The partnership with local agencies to support mental health, social isolation, and community wellbeing initiatives. 	<p>Short</p> <p>Short</p>



OUTCOMES

17. *Continued.*

18. Supporting rural living and expanding local opportunities: strengthened rural economic and community resilience.



ACTIONS

17.3 Work with partners to identify funding opportunities and establish the appropriate process for the acquisition, installation, insurance, operation, and ongoing management of Christmas lights on the Main Street.

18.1 Establish a village volunteering group to support outdoor maintenance, paths, events, and organising outdoor volunteering days (riverbanks, woodland, planters, walking routes, etc.).

18.2 Work with partners - SAC, SA HSCP, South Carrick LPP and Third Sector organisations to explore the possibility of developing and funding a full/part time community development post. Projects taken forward could include:

- Creating a map of local skills and trades to form a rural skills and business network.
- Promoting and organising training sessions and knowledge sharing opportunities.
- Promoting volunteering and micro-enterprise opportunities.
- Developing a nature and rural environment statement to recognise the village's rural setting and values.
- Exploring partnerships with SAC Youth Services for outreach visits.
- Developing after-school activities, intergenerational community events, etc.

18.3 Discuss with the village shop owner(s) whether the shop could:

- Extend hours seasonally;
- Offer postal, parcel and/or install a parcel locker service point.
- Explore the possibility of establishing a community shop and/or partner with volunteers to support extended opening.

- The Cross Water flows through Barrhill and is a tributary of the River Stinchar. The burn has shaped walking routes, local history, and wildlife habitats around the village for centuries.
- The Cross Water is also associated with Scotland's Covenanter history. The Martyrs' Tomb was later built near the banks of the Cross Water and remains an important historical site today.



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Did you know?



OUTCOMES

19. Working together for an open, connected Barrhill.

20. Strengthening pride and responsibility in our village environment.

ACTIONS

19.1 Promote a stronger sense of community, belonging, and social connection by encouraging inclusive events, shared activities, and opportunities for residents to participate in community life by:

- 19.1.1 Improving communication with residents through clear, consistent, and accessible channels, including (*but not limited to*) social media, printed newsletters, a community website, and noticeboards.
- 19.1.2 Create a Barrhill Good Governance Charter to be endorsed by all community committees, setting shared expectations for inclusion, transparency, and accountability.
- 19.1.3 Committees of local groups are encouraged to publish clear information on how to join, including contact details, available roles, and expected commitments.
- 19.1.4 Local groups are recommended to have an independent external facilitator to support good governance, good practice, conflict resolution, and transparent funding processes.
- 19.1.5 Discuss with local groups the possibility of introducing an annual Community Oversight Panel meeting where all groups report progress, share plans, and respond to community questions.

20.1 We want to make Barrhill a cleaner, safer and more welcoming place by dealing with long-standing eyesores and neglected land around the village.

- 20.1.1 Carry out a simple but thorough review of derelict, abandoned or run-down sites in and around Barrhill.
- 20.1.2 Work with SAC Environmental Health and Trading Standards, landowners, local community groups, SEPA and relevant partners, to explore what can be done next. This may include:
 - Encouraging residents to report any issues and guidance to use existing powers (*such as Section 179 notices for untidy land*) where sites are causing blight.
 - Developing a village regeneration ideas paper, looking at realistic future uses such as affordable homes, community green spaces, visitor parking or small-scale holiday accommodation(s).

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20. Continued.

20.2 We want public spaces that residents can feel proud of and fewer problems with littering and fly-tipping. Liaise with SAC, ARA and other partners to:

- Improve signage around the village explaining: that fly-tipping is illegal; the penalties involved and how residents can report incidents quickly and easily.
- Create a simple Barrhill Reporting Guide showing: What issues can be reported; Who to report them to; and direct links and QR codes for council services and online reporting. *(Also included at the back of this booklet).*

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20.3 Promote community responsibility, pride and shared action by:

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20.3.1 Introducing a 'Barrhill Proud' campaign to encourage residents to keep areas tidy and recognise households or volunteers who make positive contributions.

20.3.2 Provide tools for volunteers (litter pickers, bags, gloves, etc.).

20.3.3 Encourage local groups, businesses, landowners to "adopt a space" and maintain it.

20.3.4 Share successes widely via newsletters and noticeboards.

21. A more resilient Barrhill community through the village hall being equipped and used as an emergency resilience centre during power cuts or extreme weather.

21.1 Engage with SAC Property, the Resilience Team, and other relevant partners to assess the village hall's suitability for use as a resilience centre.

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21.2 Explore funding options through SAC, Scottish Power Network (SPN), SA HSCP, South Carrick LPP, and others to purchase a generator and equipment.

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21.3 Coordinate planning with key partners: SA HSCP, South Carrick LPP, Resilience Partnership to:

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- Identify and store essential emergency equipment.
- Develop a community resilience plan and promote awareness.

21.4 Support emergency preparedness and first response. Engage with SA HSCP and other partners to maintain the local first responders' team within Barrhill. This would support residents to feel confident and capable in emergency situations by:

- Promoting awareness and training in CPR, first aid, and defibrillator use.
- Making best use of existing defibrillators.

OUTCOMES

21. Continued.

ACTIONS

21.5 Promote community safety and crime reporting. Encourage residents to report anti-social behaviour or crime through Crimestoppers, using either:

- The website: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>
- Telephone: 0800 555 111

Emphasise that Crimestoppers is anonymous and works in partnership with Police Scotland to help keep communities safe.

21.6 Maintain and support defibrillator provision. Seek funding and support to ensure the ongoing supply, servicing, and maintenance of defibrillators located at:

- Queensland Caravan Parks.
- Barrhill Memorial Hall.
- Doctors' surgery, 44 Main Street.
- East Lodge Corwar, A714 From Barrhill East To Council Boundary At Wheeb Bridge.

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Did you know?



- Barrhill Railway Station appears in *The Five Red Herrings* (1931) by Dorothy L. Sayers, part of the famous Lord Peter Wimsey detective series, giving the village a place in British literary history.

Local Groups and Businesses		Contact	More info
Barrhill Community Interest Company		enquiries@bcic.org.uk	www.bcic.org.uk
Barrhill Community Council		www.barrhill.org.uk	Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm
Barrhill Development Trust		enquiries@barrhilldevtrust.org	01465 821000
Barrhill Badminton Club	Tuesdays 6:00pm to 8:00pm	Barrhill Pickleball Group	Mondays 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Barrhill Book Group	4 th Monday of the month 2:00pm to 3:00pm	Gentle Exercise Class	Thursdays 10:30am to 11:30am
Barrhill Coffee Morning	Fridays from 10am to noon	Pilates Style Exercise Class	Thursdays from 7:15pm to 8:15pm
Barrhill Men's Group	Every 3 rd Friday of the month 6:00pm to 9:00pm	Short Mat Bowls Group	Wed 2:30 - 3:30pm / Thur 6 - 8pm (April)
Barrhill Photography Club	3 rd Monday of the month 7:30pm	Wee Whist Club	Tuesdays 7:30pm to 10:30pm
Barrhill Events Group		www.facebook.com @Barrhill Events Group	
Barrhill Holiday Park		Barrhill Rd, KA26 OPZ	01465 821355
Barrhill Primary School and Early Years		8, Main St, Barrhill	barrhill.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk
Barrhill Surgery		Main St, Barrhill	01465821218
Suzanne Stores		32, Main St, Barrhill	01465821235
The Crosswater		18, Main St, Barrhill	01465502977
Queensland Holiday Park		Barrhill Rd, KA26 OPZ	01465821364

Useful contact numbers

AYRSHIRE ROADS ALLIANCE	Report potholes, lighting faults at: enquiries@ayrshireroadsalliance.org - ayrshireroadsalliance.org	01563 503 160
BREATHING SPACE	A free, confidential, phone and webchat service for anyone over 16, providing a safe and supportive space.	0800 83 85 87
CHILDLINE	A free, confidential phone service for anyone under 19. (<i>Childline number doesn't show up on the phone bill.</i>)	0800 11 11 (24HR)
CONNECT SOUTH AYRSHIRE	Directory for local services, groups, events and volunteering opportunities. enquiries@connectsa.scot	0800 432 0510
CRIMESTOPPERS	A free, anonymous phone and/or online service to report crime anonymously. crimestoppers.org/give-information	0800 555 111
EMERGENCIES - POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE	All emergencies.	999
FLOODLINE	24hr information service operated by SEPA.	0345 988 1188
HOMELESSNESS STANDBY SERVICE	Emergency (<i>out with office hours</i>) homeless assistance.	0808 100 3151
HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT	The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service help identify fire risks and offer solutions to decrease fire risk at home.	0800 0731 999
LOCAL ISSUES POLICE SCOTLAND	Contact your local police officer, report a crime (theft or damage) that's already happened, advice or any policing issues.	101 (24HR)
NATIONAL POWER CUT HELPLINE (ALL PROVIDERS)	Priority service (<i>customers who rely on electricity for medical equipment</i>) during power loss 0330 1010 444.	105 (24HR)
NHS 24	For all non emergency medical queries.	111 (24HR)
SAMARITANS	Free phone and online service or send a letter to a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way.	116 123 (24HR)
SCOTTISH DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE	Free phone, online chat/email service for domestic abuse (<i>as well as those who support</i>). Text/WhatsApp 07401288595.	0800 027 1234
SMELL GAS? NATIONAL GAS HELPLINE	If you get an emergency or suspect there is a gas leak or lose your supply call the National grid.	0800 111 999
SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL	Reporting fly tipping, bins, maintenance, dog fouling, pest control, anti social behaviour, abandoned vehicles, etc. south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/25320/report-a-problem	0300 123 0900
SOUTH AYRSHIRE OUT OF HOURS SOCIAL WORK	Child Protection Social Work Mon/Thur 8:45 - 16:45, Fri 8:45 - 16:00. Out of hours 0800 328 7758 or 101/999.	01292 267 675



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