

# TILlicouLTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE

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COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN  
2017 – 2022



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# INTRODUCTION

## TILlicouLTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONside COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

**This Community Action Plan summarises community views & information about:**

- Tillicoultry, Coalsnaughton & Devonside - our community now
- Our Vision for the future of the community
- Main strategies & priorities - the issues that matter most to the community
- Our plan for priority projects and actions

**The plan is our guide for what we - as a community - will try to make happen over the next 5 years.**

## TILlicouLTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONside STEERING GROUP

The preparation of the Community Action Plan has been guided by a local steering group which brings together representatives of the Community Council, local community groups, businesses and interested local residents.

## LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE THEIR SAY

**The Community Action Plan has been informed by extensive community engagement carried out over a five month period from September 2016 – January 2017.**

The process involved:

- a community views survey, delivered to a representative sample of 1,000 households and also available on-line and in community venues
- school surveys held with pupils at Tillicoultry & Coalsnaughton Primary schools
- stakeholder interviews and meetings with different groups and individuals representing all aspects of the community
- preparing a community profile detailing facts and figures about the community
- a Community Futures Event held on 14 January 2017

**408**

**SURVEY FORMS WERE RETURNED, REPRESENTING AROUND 500 PEOPLE**

**30**

**STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS WERE HELD INVOLVING OVER 70 PEOPLE**

**330**

**CHILDREN'S VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED IN THE SCHOOL SURVEY**

**395**

**PEOPLE ATTENDED THE COMMUNITY EVENT**

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART, AND TO ALL THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED. IT'S A REALLY GREAT RESPONSE AND GIVES WEIGHT TO THE PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN THIS COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN.**

# OUR COMMUNITY NOW PROFILE

We have summarised below some of the main facts and figures from the Community Profile - a report produced by the Steering Group to give a picture of the community as it is now.

## TILlicouLTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONSIDE COMMUNITY PROFILE SUMMARY

### LOCATION

Tillicoutry, Coalsnaughton and Devonside form the TCD Community Council area. Tillicoutry is one of the four "Hillfoots Villages" of Clackmannanshire lying on the A91 nine miles to the east of Stirling at the foot of the massive and striking Ochil Hills. Coalsnaughton is a smaller village just to the south of Tillicoutry. Coalsnaughton leads onto to Devonside by the Crankie Brae and the Glen then into Moss Road in Tillicoutry.

### POPULATION

Tillicoutry and Devonside together have a population of just over 5,000 (5,120 according to 2011 Census), and Coalsnaughton has a population of around 850 (848 in 2011). The overall population of the Tillicoutry, Coalsnaughton and Devonside area decreased by 4.8% between 2001 and 2011, whereas the population of Clackmannanshire increased by 7% over the same period. Over the last 15 years, there has been a sharp increase in the percentage of people aged over 64 and a corresponding decrease in the percentage of younger adult population and children.

### HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

The majority of homes (64%) in Tillicoutry and Devonside are owner occupied, with 21% being rented from the Council and the remainder either privately rented or other social housing. It is a slightly different story in Coalsnaughton with around 54% being owned, and around 36% being rented from the Council.

Over 80 new homes have been built on the development site at the Glen between Coalsnaughton and Devonside, and the final phase has been started by Hadden Construction. Hazeldene Developments are currently carrying out public consultation on development of the site at Coalsnaughton North, which could be for a further 240 houses.

Sites within Tillicoutry itself are relatively small, with Lower Mill Street identified for development of 74 houses, and Upper Mill Street for 50 houses. Neither site is being actively developed at present.

### EMPLOYMENT

The most recent Census figures, (2011) show that Tillicoutry has 5% unemployment, compared to 7.3% in Coalsnaughton and 5.7% for Clackmannanshire as a whole.

Over the period 2001 – 2011, the percentage of retired people in Tillicoutry rose by 6%, compared to an increase of just 2% for Clackmannanshire and 1% for Scotland.

### LOCAL ECONOMY

Tillicoutry was a thriving mill town in the 18th century. The burn running through the glen provided a source of water for the textile industry, initially for washing and dyeing wool and then for powering mills. By 1870 there were 12 mills employing over 2000 people. Textile mills and coal mining remained the biggest employers until the first half of the 20th century.

With good access to motorways, a regular bus service and a train station at Alloa, the area is now popular with commuters.

Sterling Furniture & Sterling Mills Factory Outlets attract shoppers from all over Central Scotland. There used to be tourist information at the Outlets but this closed several years ago.

Tillicoutry High Street has a range of independent traders, cafes and pubs as well as a Co-operative, and a Premier store incorporating the post office. The one remaining bank is under threat of closure.

Although there is no formal business association, a local business Blades Hairdresser started a group called Tilly Ladies, which organised fundraising in 2016, with support from local businesses and townspeople for Christmas lights in Tillicoutry High Street.

Coalsnaughton also has 2 local shops one of which contains the post office. The Burns Club is a busy social venue for members.

### PRE-SCHOOL & CHILDCARE

A toddler group meets twice a week at the Ben Cleuch Centre, and a toddler group meets weekly at the Congregational Church. There is no pre-school nursery or out of school care in Tillicoutry or Coalsnaughton, other than childminders.

### EDUCATION

Tillicoutry and Coalsnaughton both have primary schools, including nursery classes.

Most secondary age children attend Alva Academy.

### HEALTH & CARE

Tillicoultry Medical Centre provides GP and medical services. There are two pharmacies in Tillicoultry. Forth Valley Royal Hospital is within 30 minutes' drive, and there is a regular hospital bus service at the moment. Trust Housing (formerly Kirk Care) have properties on the High Street for elderly people and those requiring sheltered accommodation.

### TRANSPORT

There is a good, regular bus service to Alloa, Stirling and neighbouring towns and villages. The train station at Alloa, 4 miles away, connects to major cities.

### COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Ben Cleuch Centre, including library
- Devonvale Hall
- The Centenary Hall
- Coalsnaughton Village Hall
- Church halls
- Scout Hall
- Army Cadet hall

#### Sports & Recreation facilities include:

- Firpark Ski Centre (artificial ski slope beside the primary school)
- Hillfoots Rugby Football club house
- Tillicoultry Golf club
- Tillicoultry Bowling club
- Tillicoultry public park, including skate park
- Coalsnaughton football pitch
- Open spaces, gardens and play parks
- Walking and cycling routes including the Mill Glen, Devon Way, Gartmorn Dam

#### Community & Social groups and organisations include:

- Tillicoultry, Coalsnaughton & Devonside Community Council
- Four Churches
- Tillycoeur Twinning Association
- Community Week
- Gala committee
- Hillfoots Rugby club
- Bowling club
- Tillicoultry Golf club
- Hillfoots community football club
- Wee County Men's Shed
- Scottish Women's Institute (Tillicoultry)
- Coalsnaughton Regeneration group
- Coalsnaughton Burns club
- Two allotments groups
- Tic Toc group (Clock Tower Restoration)
- Tilly Ladies (fundraising for Christmas lights/social activities)
- Zumba dance group
- Bridge club

#### Youth Groups include:

- Boys' Brigade & Girls' Brigade
- Scouting Association
- Rainbows and Brownies
- Army Cadets
- Youth Groups at Ben Cleuch Centre and at Coalsnaughton Hall and Baptist Church

### ENVIRONMENT & ACCESS

Tillicoultry lies at the foot of the Ochils, with ready access to this majestic expanse of hill walking including Ben Cleuch. Tillicoultry Glen is the main point of access, and had been closed for several years due to the path being unsafe, but has recently been improved and re-opened.

The Devon Way and the Hillfoots Way are both waymarked routes, one along the River Devon and the other through the villages and hills.

The Ochils Landscape Partnership was a £2.2million funded project which was completed in 2014, having done much to improve access and understanding of the area. Its successor body EPIC (Environmental Projects in Clackmannanshire) is in the process of getting established.

Gartmorn Dam Country Park, managed by Clackmannanshire Council, is easily reached on foot from Coalsnaughton and offers walking, cycling, horseriding and fishing. Fishing is also available on the River Devon, managed by the River Devon Angling Association.

### HERITAGE

Tillicoultry, Devonside and Coalsnaughton – like all the Hillfoots villages – have a wealth of heritage to discover. However, little of it is interpreted or celebrated locally.

The Clock Tower in Tillicoultry is an iconic heritage feature, owned by Clackmannanshire Council. The "Tic-Toc" volunteer group are campaigning and fundraising to restore the Clock Tower.

There is an active twinning link formed with the town of Crevecoeur le Grand in France in 2010, facilitated by the Tillycoeur Twinning Association.

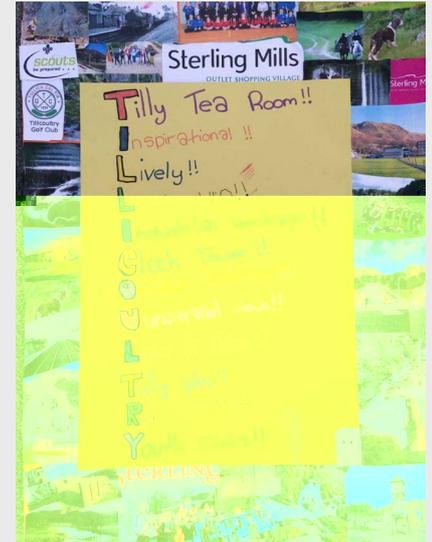


# OUR COMMUNITY NOW LIKES

408 responses were made by local residents in our Community Views Survey.  
Here is what people said they like about the community...

## COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY

LIKES	% OF RESPONSES
Countryside – views, hills and walking/ cycling	45%
Community spirit, friendliness and activities	42%
Shops and amenities	31%
Location and accessibility	17%
Public facilities & services	15%
Recreation facilities	14%
Historic, quiet nature of the community	13%



### What people said:

The natural beauty of its location at the foot of the Ochil hills.

I like the old railway line being tarmacked as it gives all weather and disabled access.

I like the hills, woods, Gartmorn Dam, fields, bike and footpaths.

It's very friendly and a sense of community.

I love that there are groups and clubs you can go to, Community Week is brilliant.

The hard work that many locals do to help others and add to the area.

It is within walking distance to Sterling Mills.

Tillicoultry has a great Co-op – best in the area.

Local businesses – Tilly Tearoom and butchers.

The location of Tillicoultry and its transport ties make for easy access to Scotland's two major cities for employment and retail.

Good access to other parts of Scotland, if you have a car.

Times and frequency of buses are good.

I like that Tillicoultry Primary school is a good school with approachable staff.

The Coalsnaughton village hall is an asset in the community.

An excellent community Centre, and the staff in the library are really helpful.

Excellent recycling provided by Clacks Council.

Reasonable amenities – school, golf club and bowling club.

Good range of sports activities are catered for.

Devonvale hall is an excellent resource, but too expensive for charities to hire.

I love the history of the village and how the Hillfoots villages came to be.

The town is not overbuilt and still retains its village feel.

The appearance of the village with its landmark clock tower.

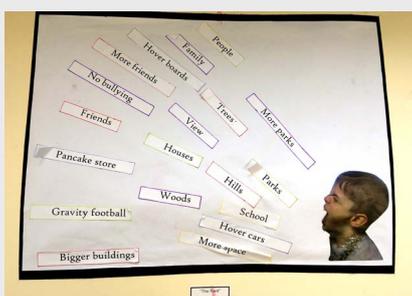


# OUR COMMUNITY NOW DISLIKES

...and what they were not so keen on!

## COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY

DISLIKES	% OF RESPONSES
Community safety/anti-social behaviour	42%
Dirty, neglected environment	39%
Lack of recreation and youth facilities	19%
Appearance of High Street	17%
Roads & traffic	10%
Access to services	8%



### What people said:

Small number of young neds who maraud around causing damage to property.

I avoid the shop area esp. at weekends as there is a menacing feel to it.

Dog mess in streets and parks, broken glass around parks and school.  
Rubbish not being lifted because other people are contaminating the bins.  
I don't like that the council has let all our halls and the clock fall into disrepair.

The park isn't very good

- not a lot to play on and unslidiest slide I have ever seen.

Lack of public sports facilities - Tillicoultry Primary used to have basketball nets which were removed and never replaced.

Not enough for the younger generation to do  
- there isn't a proper community centre.

Tillicoultry High Street is a bit sad and does not have a lively feeling.  
It is drab and not as attractive as other similar sized communities.

We don't do flowers like Bridge of Allan!

Traffic in the side streets, Hill Street in particular gets the worst of it.  
Traffic system in the side streets running off the High Street is terrible.

The roads and pavements are also badly neglected on Hawthorn where I live.

Cost of bus fares is extortionate.  
Limited before and after school clubs.

Lacking in community information  
- it is difficult for new residents to feel part of the community.  
Individuals who complain about the town but do nothing to help make it better.

# OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF TILlicOUNTRY, COALSNAUGHTON & DEVONside IN 20 YEARS

This statement has been prepared to summarise the main aspirations for the future as expressed by local people and organisations

**Outdoor recreation capital of the Hillfoots, a hub for walking and cycling**

**Clean and green, making the most of our environmental and cultural assets**

**Quality High Street experience – bustling with shops, cafés and people**

**Caring, safe and enterprising - a good place for families**

**A vibrant, active community, that works together to get things done**

**“Other communities will look at us as an example of how to create a town to be proud of”**

# MAIN STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES

These are the main strategies and priorities the community will work towards achieving over the next 5 year, in partnership with public agencies and other supporters

## THEME 1: TOWN AND VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

Respondents in the survey, and at the event, felt that the look and ambiance of both Tillicoultry and Coalsnaughton should be improved. There is concern about increasing vandalism and anti-social behaviour, including littering, dog fouling and the general “run down” appearance of the High Street. However, there are also positive opportunities to build on – the success of the Christmas Lights, the planned capital improvements by Clackmannanshire Council, and the potential to brighten up the area with business and community involvement. There is also great support for the work of the Tic-Toc group in campaigning to restore the historic Clock Tower.

### Main priorities:

- Reduce vandalism and anti-social behaviour
- Environmental enhancements
- Restore and promote heritage features

## THEME 2: RECREATION AND YOUTH

Tillicoultry is home to Hillfoots Rugby Football Club, based at the edge of the town. With support from Clackmannanshire Council, the club is pursuing a major ambition to develop a community sports hub in Tillicoultry. This would benefit all sporting and community interests. There are also aspirations to provide more varied activities and facilities for young people, and improve parks and play areas for children. This was also borne out by the results of the Hillfoots-wide youth research commissioned by the EDF Burnfoot Hill community fund, completed in January 2017.

### Main priorities:

- Create a Sports Hub facility
- Expand youth facilities and activities
- Improve parks and play areas

## THEME 3: ROADS, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Traffic management in Tillicoultry is a big issue, particularly at school drop off and pick up times. The side streets leading to the school become congested and dangerous for vehicles and pedestrians. Traffic issues in Devonside and Coalsnaughton are more related to speeding traffic.

Further development of safe walking and cycling, and improving public transport would take the pressure off the roads and make services more accessible to all.

### Main priorities:

- Traffic management & roads
- Develop safe walking and cycling routes
- Public transport improvements



## THEME 4: TOURISM & LOCAL ECONOMY

The area has huge potential to attract and retain visitors, boosting the local economy, by developing and promoting the connections to Sterling Mills, the Mill Glen, Gartmorn Dam and the Ochils, and making the most of natural and historic assets. Facilities and activities would need to be further improved, the town centre re-vamped and more promotion of opportunities.

### Main priorities:

- Develop and promote the Mill Glen
- Improve facilities, activities and information for visitors
- Regenerate the High Street

## THEME 5: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Having a range of community facilities is valued in the communities, but they all have to be sustained and supported. This means holding more activities and events in the community facilities, and encouraging and supporting more volunteers to do all this. There is already great appreciation of the efforts that local groups and individuals put in to improving the community, but having more information and communication about what is on offer would help to encourage more support.

### Main priorities:

- Support and sustain community halls and centres
- More community events and activities for all ages
- Encourage and support volunteering
- Improve community information and communication

## THEME 6: A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

There is a real appetite to explore the potential for a renewable energy scheme that would not only provide energy, but also an income source for the communities, beyond the existing Burnfoot Hill wind farm benefit fund. Linked to this – protecting and enhancing green space, developing community gardens and allotments would make the community more sustainable.

### Main priorities:

- Community renewable energy
- Improve energy efficiency
- Green spaces, community gardens and allotments



# ACTION

*Our plan for priority projects and actions to be started over the next 12 months*

## THEME 1: TOWN AND VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

PRIORITIES	ACTION
<b>Reduce vandalism and anti-social behaviour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Community Police and Community Wardens to identify actual levels and instances of crime and anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• Raise awareness in the community of importance of reporting crime and anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• Work with Community Wardens to organise a campaign and local litter picks to tackle litter and dog fouling</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>LEAD: Community Council INVOLVE: Community Police, Community wardens, schools, community groups</i>
<b>Environmental enhancements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convene a meeting of interested groups and businesses to scope out what can be done, and what resources are required</li> <li>• Find out how other communities have achieved environmental enhancements – including floral displays, gardens, seating, art works etc.</li> <li>• Look at setting up an “Environment Action Group” to take this forward</li> <li>• As an early action project – establish some planted barrels for summer 2017</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>LEAD: Community Council, Environment Action Group INVOLVE: Clackmannanshire Council Land Services, Ochil Community Garden, Gardening Group, Coalsnaughton Regeneration group, Wee County Men’s Shed, local businesses, schools</i>
<b>Restore and promote heritage features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to campaign to preserve and promote the Clock Tower in Tillicoultry</li> <li>• Secure commitment and continued input from Clackmannanshire Council regarding proposed Heritage Lottery funding for the restoration of the Clock Tower</li> <li>• Look at what other historic features and information can be highlighted in the area, including the Devonvale and Centenary Halls</li> <li>• Organise heritage walks/talks to raise awareness – involve young people</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>LEAD: Tic – Toc Group INVOLVE: Volunteers /heritage enthusiasts, Devonvale and Centenary Hall committees, schools, Clackmannanshire Council</i>



## THEME 2: RECREATION &amp; YOUTH

PRIORITIES	ACTION
<b>Create a Sports Hub facility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work with Clackmannanshire Council and Sport Scotland to progress plans for a Community Sports Hub facility</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<p><i>LEAD: Hillfoots Rugby Football Club</i>  <i>INVOLVE: Clackmannanshire Council, other sports and recreation groups and clubs</i></p>
<b>Expand youth facilities and activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise a “Tilly Youth Summit” of all groups and organisations providing youth facilities and activities</li> <li>• Work in partnership with young people and the wider community to develop and promote an enhanced provision of youth activity in the area</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<p><i>LEAD: Community Council – involving young people</i>  <i>INVOLVE: All youth provision, Clackmannanshire Council, Churches, Youth groups, schools</i></p>
<b>Improve parks and play areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up a “Play Areas Action Group” to lead on this – working in partnership with sports clubs (See Priority 1)</li> <li>• Look at possibility of expanding and improving the skate park, and installing lighting at the public park</li> <li>• Develop Tillicoultry and Coalsnaughton primary school grounds for recreation and play</li> <li>• Audit of play parks across the area and decide on priorities for improvement</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<p><i>LEAD: Play Areas Action Group</i>  <i>INVOLVE: Clackmannanshire Council, schools, young people, parents</i></p>

## THEME 3: ROADS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

PRIORITIES	ACTION
<b>Traffic management &amp; roads</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with police to reduce speeding traffic in Coalsnaughton and Devonside</li> <li>• Work with Clackmannanshire Council to commission a review of traffic management in Tillicoultry, including side roads and road crossings</li> <li>• Lobby Clackmannanshire Council to carry out road and pavement repairs</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<p><i>LEAD: Community Council</i>  <i>INVOLVE: Police, Clackmannanshire Council</i></p>
<b>Develop safe walking &amp; cycling routes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at potential for lighting on some walkways and cycle paths</li> <li>• Further develop and enhance route between Tillicoultry and Alva</li> <li>• Promote cycle routes and encourage their safe use</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<p><i>LEAD: Community Council</i>  <i>INVOLVE: Clackmannanshire Council, neighbouring community councils (Alva) schools, cycling and walking groups</i></p>
<b>Public transport improvements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lobby to keep and improve existing bus transport</li> <li>• Work with neighbouring communities to support their efforts to improve transport (especially Dollar)</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<p><i>LEAD: Community Council</i>  <i>INVOLVE: Joint Community Council forum, Bus companies, Clackmannanshire Council</i></p>

## THEME 4: TOURISM AND LOCAL ECONOMY

PRIORITIES	ACTION
<b>Develop and promote the Mill Glen</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up a “Mill Glen Action Group”</li> <li>• Work with Clackmannanshire Council to organise a “grand opening”</li> <li>• Ensure that works on the Mill Glen are completed and maintained</li> <li>• Continue to develop and promote the Mill Glen for locals and visitors</li> <li>• Involve Scouts and other volunteers in maintenance of the area</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<p><i>LEAD: Mill Glen Action Group</i>  <i>INVOLVE: Clackmannanshire Council, Environmental Projects in Clackmannanshire (EPIC), volunteers</i></p>
<b>Improve facilities, activities &amp; information for visitors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up a “Local Economy Action group” to be the lead</li> <li>• Encourage and facilitate more events to attract visitors</li> <li>• Develop visitor information e.g. booklet of local walks and history</li> <li>• Come up with proposals for better public toilet provision and wi-fi</li> <li>• Work with Sterling Outlets to jointly promote what is available in the area</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<p><i>LEAD: Local Economy Action Group</i>  <i>INVOLVE: local businesses, community groups</i></p>
<b>Regenerate the High Street</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Clackmannanshire Council to ensure Small Towns Initiative capital programme is implemented in 2017</li> <li>• Business &amp; community support for environmental enhancements (Theme 1)</li> <li>• Look at schemes to promote/incentivise local shopping (e.g. Young Scot Card)</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<p><i>LEAD: Local Economy Action Group</i>  <i>INVOLVE: Community Council, Clackmannanshire Council</i></p>

## THEME 5: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

PRIORITIES	ACTION
<b>Support and sustain community halls and centres</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devonvale Hall to pursue community ownership and upgrade heating system</li> <li>• Centenary Hall to progress plans for new windows</li> <li>• Coalsnaughton Hall to progress plans to improve fabric of building</li> <li>• Scout Hall to look at developing residential facilities for visiting groups</li> <li>• Jointly look at potential to create a “community/youth hub” either in an existing facility or in a new build facility (link with Theme 2; Priority 1 &amp; 2)</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<p><i>LEAD: Individual Hall Committees, Scouts</i>  <i>INVOLVE: all community facilities, Clackmannanshire Council, Hillfoots Rugby Club, Wee County Men’s Shed</i></p>



<b>More community events and activities for all ages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build on success and popularity of events such as Community Week</li> <li>• Hold an annual “Community Fair” with all community groups and services promoting their activities</li> <li>• Try out some of the community’s ideas for new activities – a cinema club, badminton, baseball, grannies and toddlers group, women’s group</li> <li>• Continue to encourage people to participate in existing groups and activities, and to volunteer to help</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>LEAD: Community Council - Social Committee, Community Week Group INVOLVE: All community groups and providers, Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface (CTSI)</i>
<b>Encourage and support volunteering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote opportunities for volunteering – through existing groups, Facebook and newsletter (See Priority 4)</li> <li>• Work with Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface (CTSI) to benefit from their knowledge and support</li> <li>• Look into developing a “time bank” or “skills swap” to share skills for community projects</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>LEAD: Community Council INVOLVE: Community groups, Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface (CTSI)</i>
<b>Improve community information and communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up a “Communications Action Group” to take this forward</li> <li>• Use and promote Tillicoultry website <a href="http://www.tillicoultry.btck.co.uk">www.tillicoultry.btck.co.uk</a></li> <li>• Start a community newsletter – look at how other communities do this</li> <li>• Produce and publicise a list of all community facilities/halls</li> <li>• Establish a diary of community events</li> <li>• As part of regeneration of High Street (Theme 4) create a new, larger notice board/information point</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>LEAD: Communications Action Group INVOLVE: Community Council, community facilities/halls/groups</i>

## THEME 6: A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

PRIORITIES	ACTION
<b>Community renewable energy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore potential for a community renewable energy scheme, raise funds, and commission a feasibility study</li> <li>• Seek advice from other similar projects (e.g. Harviestoun Farm)</li> <li>• Act on the results of the feasibility study</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>LEAD: Initially Community Council INVOLVE: Local Energy Scotland, interested individuals</i>
<b>Improve energy efficiency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve energy efficiency in community buildings. (Theme 5, Priority 1)</li> <li>• Look at potential for community renewable energy scheme to provide energy for other community projects (e.g. lighting, heating)</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>LEAD: Individual community hall committees INVOLVE: Local Energy Scotland</i>
<b>Green spaces, community gardens and allotments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community garden groups, Gardening club and Men’s shed to further develop plans for community gardening throughout Tillicoultry</li> <li>• Coalsnaughton Hall to pursue ideas for an outside area/garden</li> <li>• Develop and promote opportunities for growing and gardening</li> <li>• Consider potential for offering locally grown produce e.g. a pop up shop</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>LEAD: Ochil Community Garden, Coalsnaughton Hall INVOLVE: Parish Church, Gardening club, Men’s shed, Allotments committees</i>

# GETTING INVOLVED AND MAKING IT HAPPEN

This Community Action Plan has been developed by the whole community and is for the whole community. We hope that many people will get involved in making it happen. There was a terrific response to the community consultation and we intend to build on this positivity in the community and create more opportunities for people to get involved.

## THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE A LEADERSHIP AND CO-ORDINATION ROLE

The priorities in the Community Action Plan will be reported at each Community Council meeting, and Action Groups will be given support.

## EXISTING GROUPS WILL BE STRENGTHENED

and supported to pursue their priority actions – Hillfoots Rugby Football club, Tic-Toc Group, Ochil Community Garden, hall committees, etc.

## NEW ACTION GROUPS WILL BE SET UP

to focus on specific priorities that do not have a “natural home”. These will include:

- Environment Action Group
- Local Economy Action Group
- Mill Glen Action Group
- Play Areas Action Group
- Communications Action Group

## KEEPING THE ACTION PLAN UNDER REVIEW

Community Council meetings will regularly report on progress with all aspects of the Action Plan. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend monthly CC meetings.

We will also involve the community in an annual review of the Community Action Plan, re-setting priorities and actions.

## GET IN TOUCH AND GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in getting involved in any of the projects or groups mentioned in the Action Plan, or would like more information, please get in touch.

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## COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2017 – 2022

**This Community Action Plan sets out the priorities for the development of Tillicoultry, Coalsnaughton & Devonside over the next 5 years as determined by the community through a process of extensive community engagement carried out over five months from September 2016 – January 2017.**

### **The Plan contains**

- a summary of our Community Profile
- our main likes and dislikes as identified in our Community Views Survey
- our Vision Statement for the future of our community
- the main Themes and Priorities for action
- information on how you can stay in touch and get involved.

The Community Action Plan is for the whole community and is jointly owned by all the organisations and individuals that took part in its preparation. We will be working together to ensure its implementation over the next 5 years.

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