



# **Strathaven and Glassford Community Council**

## **Kype Muir Community Fund**

## **Community Consultation Summary and Action Plan 2019 - 2022**

**Prepared in conjunction  
with  
Banks Renewables**

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# Introduction

Welcome to the Community Action Plan for Strathaven and Glassford. Publication of the plan follows an extensive and thorough consultation across the community through questionnaires and open days.

The objective of the Plan is to form a basis for the allocation of funds from the Kype Muir Community Fund, supporting projects that are seen as priorities within the community, and sitting under five main headings.

- Infrastructure
- Youth Development
- Community Groups
- Arts and Sports
- Heritage and Culture

This plan summarises the findings of the consultation and sets out the priorities as established during the consultation.

The report also includes conclusions reached through consultation with the pupils of Strathaven Academy and other youth groups.

The Community Action Plan sets out priorities for the three years covering 2019 - 2022. It is designed to be a fluid document, adapted over time to reflect changes in priorities as evidenced by the views of the community. It will also reflect the views of other groups within Strathaven and form the basis for an Avondale Community Plan.



# Methodology

The public consultation process sought to engage members of the local community served by Strathaven and Glassford Community Council. The Community Council organised an exhibition in June 2018 to provide more information to the local community regarding the KMCF. The exhibition initiated the process of canvassing the views of members of the community. The survey exercise involved a questionnaire going out to all households across Strathaven and Glassford with returns collated and reported independently.

In addition there was further consultation with the youth community through interaction with Strathaven Academy.

## What is the Kype Muir Community Fund?

The fund will support eligible projects taking place within Strathaven and/or Glassford.

### What's it for?

Grants from the fund can only go to the following charitable purposes:

- the promotion of energy efficiency
- environmental protection
- landscape conservation
- health and well-being
- rural regeneration
- amenities for community use
- education and training
- employment
- social welfare

### What's it NOT for?

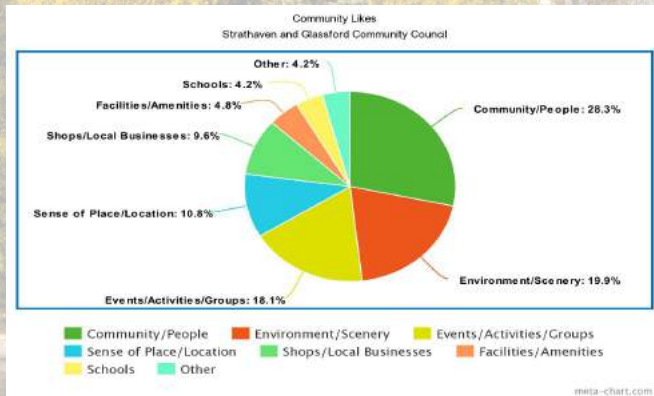
- Services or facilities already funded by the local authority or other public body
- Political activities
- Projects that don't benefit local people
- Charities not located in the area
- Projects on land without public access
- Sponsorship
- Projects that have already taken place
- Public bodies carrying out their statutory or legal duties

### Who's it for?

- Local charities
- Social enterprises
- Community groups
  - ⇒ Playgroups
  - ⇒ Youth clubs
  - ⇒ Sports clubs/ facilities
  - ⇒ Community Council projects
- Small businesses
- Environmental projects
- Voluntary organisations
  - ⇒ Village halls
  - ⇒ Church halls
  - ⇒ Scouts
  - ⇒ Guides
  - ⇒ Senior citizens clubs/ activities

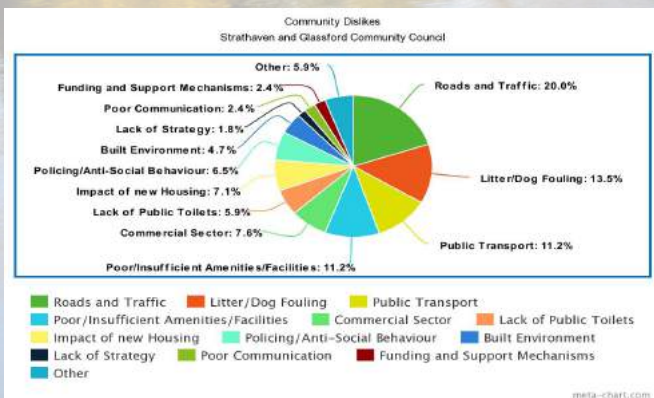
# Summary of consultation

The first question asked respondents to indicate three things that they like about their community. Almost everyone provided an answer for this question with only five people leaving it blank. Strong themes emerged with many people citing the “friendly people” and “community spirit” that exists. The park and rural setting were also mentioned regularly, as well as the many events, activities and active local groups. The table below summarises the comments received in relation to each theme.



## Community dislikes

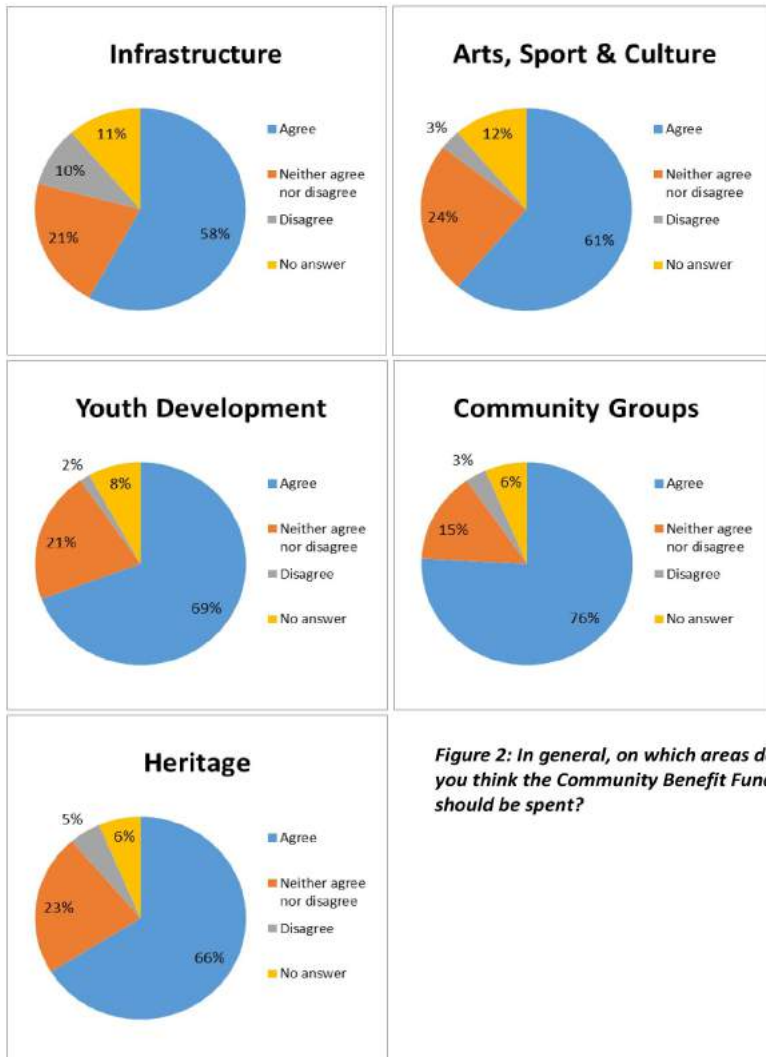
Respondents were also asked to indicate three things that they do not like about their community and, again, the vast majority provided an answer with only five people leaving the question blank. The strongest theme related to traffic and road related issues including the condition of pavements and parking problems. Public transport links were also a cause for complaint, receiving many comments.





## Summary contd

The following table shows how each of the five categories scored in terms of priority in the consultation returns.



**Figure 2: In general, on which areas do you think the Community Benefit Fund should be spent?**

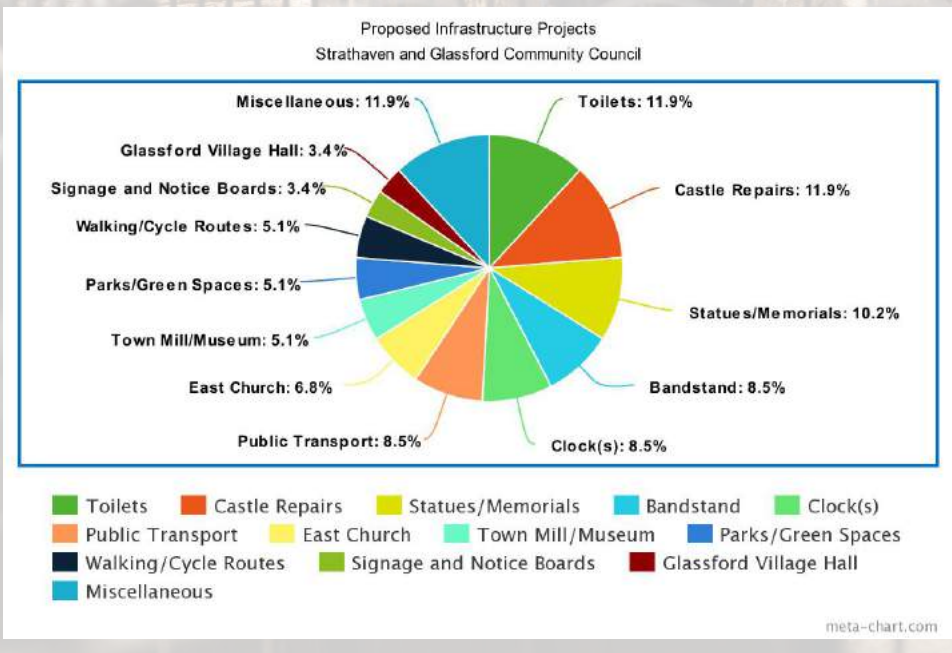
# Infrastructure

Respondents were provided with an overview of the infrastructure theme with examples of the types of project that could be eligible to receive funding.

Many potential projects relate to improvements to existing infrastructure although the Action Plan will not relate to anything belonging to or supported by private companies or the public sector. For example, a project may be identified to improve the bandstand in the park, install a clock in the town centre, or erect a memorial to a famous Stravonian.

They were then asked whether they know of any particular infrastructure projects that they feel should receive support from the Fund. The suggested beneficiaries have been grouped into categories and summarised in the table below.

The projects that received the greatest number of nominations were the public toilets and repairs or renovations of the Strathaven Castle. A handful of statues and memorials were also proposed as were repairs and electricity for the bandstand, renovation/ installation of a clock, and improvements to public transport.





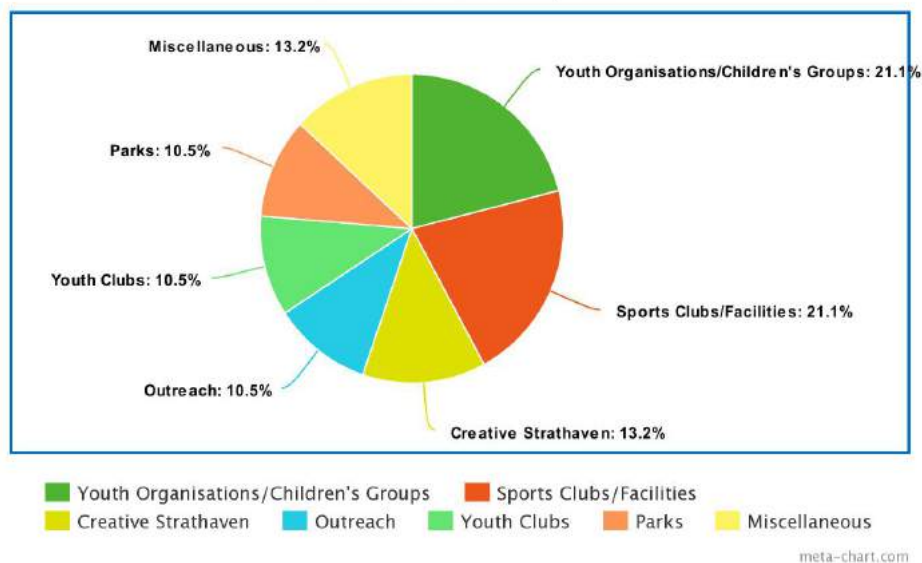
# Youth Development

The development of the youth of Strathaven and Glassford helps to create a sustainable community for the future. There are limited facilities in the area for our young people and we welcome ideas on what we can do to improve this situation. It is vital that our young people are supported through initiatives that are of interest to them and provide something for them to do.

The table below provides a summary of responses to this question. Much mention was made of existing youth organisations such as the Scouts and Guides as well as existing sporting initiatives such as the local football and rugby clubs. Creative Strathaven also received several references.

During the consultation period there were no responses from anyone under 18. Given this is a key age group and the future of Strathaven a separate consultation exercise was held involving Strathaven Academy. The results of that consultation are on page 12

Proposed Youth Development Projects  
Strathaven and Glassford Community Council





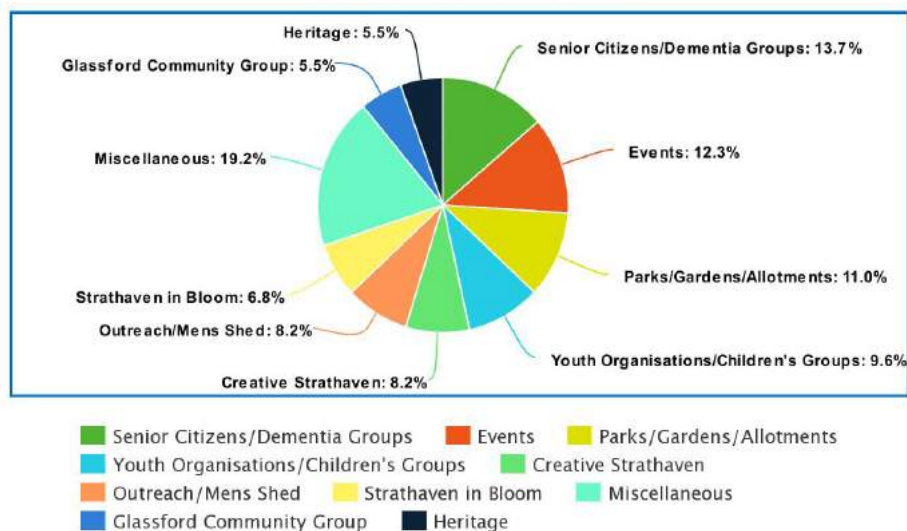
# Community Groups

Strathaven and Glassford have a wide range of community groups. They are a vital part of our community and their support is essential to enable them to achieve objectives. Many of them carry out fundraising to support projects and we welcome ideas from these groups on how the Kype Muir Community Benefit Fund can help. There are many examples of these groups carrying out work in our community including, amongst others, Adams Community Trust and LEAP/ Hands On.

A summary of the proposals grouped by category is provided in the table below.

Projects supporting senior citizens and those living with Dementia, such as LEAP and its associated Hands On projects, received the most support. A range of events and their relevant organising groups were also proposed. Strathaven Park was mentioned by a significant number of respondents and various children's and youth organisations were also highlighted. This theme generated a broad spectrum of responses, meaning that there was not a huge amount of repetition so the 'miscellaneous' category and 'comments' section were quite large.

Proposed Community Groups Projects  
Strathaven and Glassford Community Council



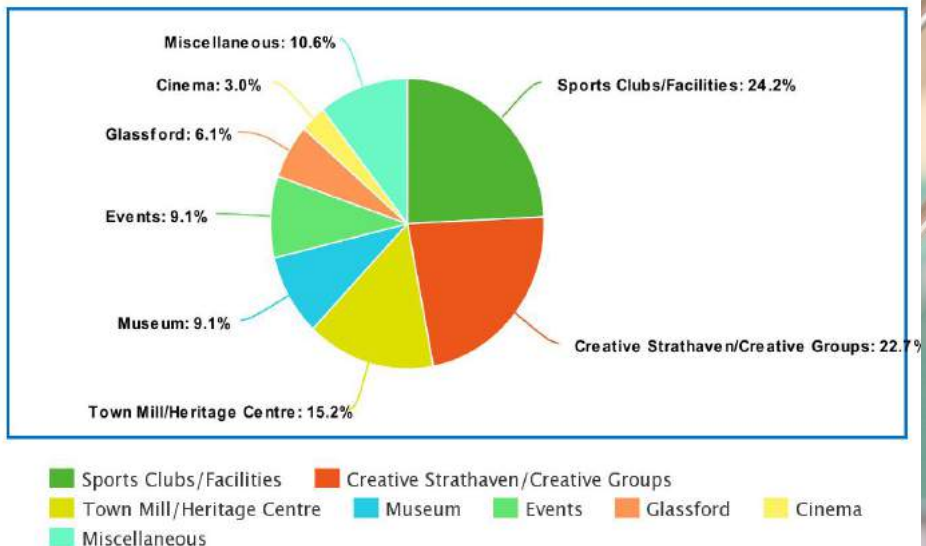
# Arts, Sports and Culture

Strathaven and Glassford are rich in talents in all of these fields. Under this heading we are looking for ideas on projects to support involvement, again where they do not relate to a private company or the public sector. Recent work at W3ST is a prime example, as was the development of Hangarfest and the Folk Festival. Strathaven is developing as an Arts and Crafts Town and ideas for projects supporting this would be welcomed.

The proposed projects have been grouped and a summary is included in the table below.

A wide variety of sports clubs and facilities were identified which ranged from supplying sports equipment to various groups and organisations to creating new facilities and improving existing ones. Significant support was also demonstrated for Creative Strathaven, associated creative industries and the Town Mill.

Proposed Arts, Sports and Culture Projects  
Strathaven and Glassford Community Council



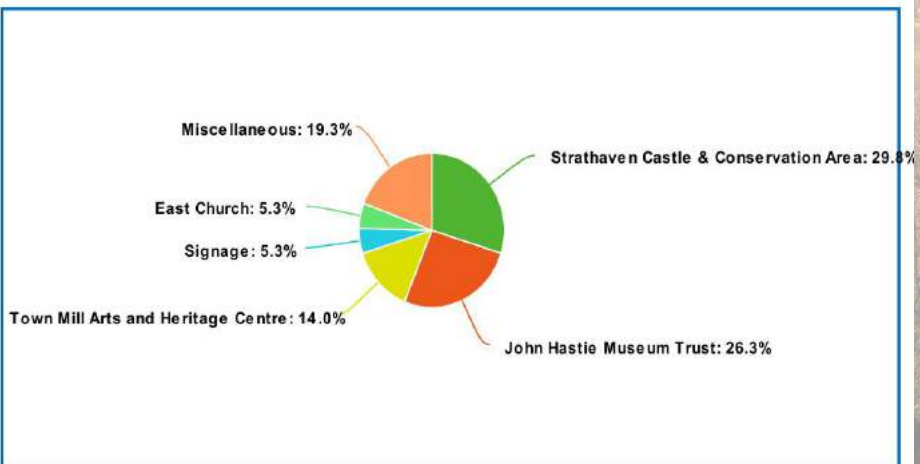


# Heritage

The heritage and history of Strathaven and Glassford are critical in retaining a sense of where the area came from and it is important that these are effectively managed to ensure the history is not lost for future generations. We welcome ideas for where the Kype Muir Community Fund can help with projects geared towards protecting our heritage and ensuring it remains part of our community.

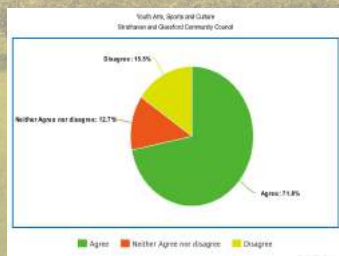
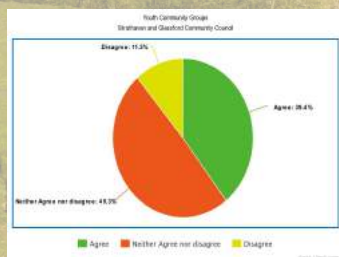
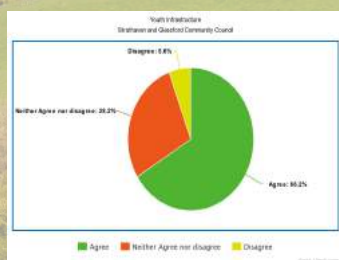
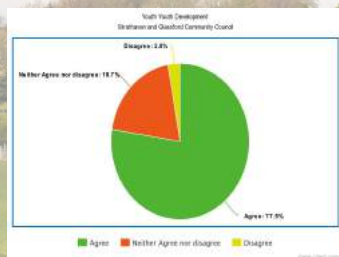
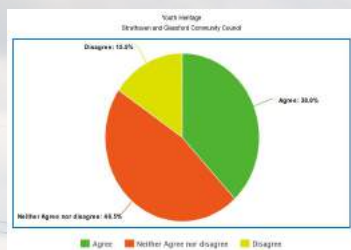
Almost a third of the suggestions related to Strathaven Castle and the Strathaven Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (SCARS). Another significant proportion proposed the John Hastie Museum Trust. A slightly smaller group referred to the Town Mill Arts and Heritage Centre with the remainder of the suggestions relating to a range of proposals and beneficiaries, from the miniature railway and the clock tower in Glassford to the Strathaven and District Pipe Band and the Avondale Civic Society. (Please note that one suggestion made reference to Strathaven Castle and SCARS within the context of the respondent's general comment about using the KMCF to purchase expertise and advice, as opposed to funding for the actual fabric of the area.

Proposed Heritage Projects  
Strathaven and Glassford Community Council



Strathaven Castle & Conservation Area John Hastie Museum Trust  
Town Mill Arts and Heritage Centre Signage East Church Miscellaneous

# Findings from Young People Consultation

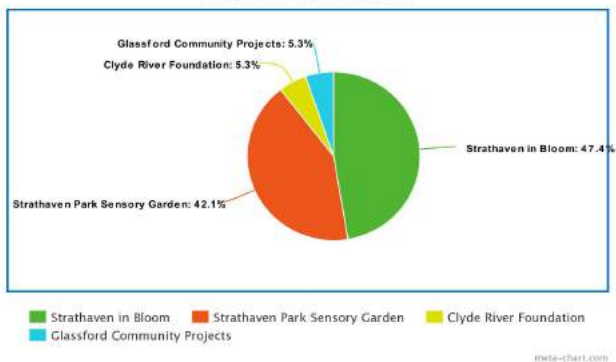


- Train Station
- Improve public transport
- Reopen toilets in Alison Green
- New and better car parks
- Change junction at Glassford Road / Hamilton Road
- Better access to school by road
- Bigger footpaths and no more roadworks
- Clean the place up
- More shops
- More Stuff to do
- Fix the pavements
- Outdoor Basketball Court
- More Activities
- Less Houses
- Better transport routes
- Police station / police presence
- More time for green man at crossing
- Better Roads
- Hospital
- More public bins
- Owners pick up dog poo
- More Sports Facilities – running track
- Less congestion
- Rebuild the castle
- Drivers speeding
- Too much traffic
- Shops should be open 24/7
- Reduce fly tipping
- Improved park maintenance
- Less Expensive
- Renovation of property
- Renovate Kirkland Park
- Repair Common Green
- Retail Park
- Safer Road crossings
- Pump track for bikes and scooters
- Mountain Bike trail
- More Fast Food places
- More work by Council
- Bigger Park
- Healthier food options
- More all inclusive events / groups
- Bridle path at Windfarm
- More help for lonely elderly people

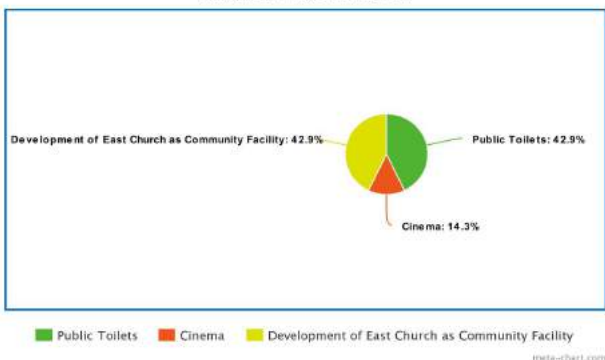


# Community Priorities

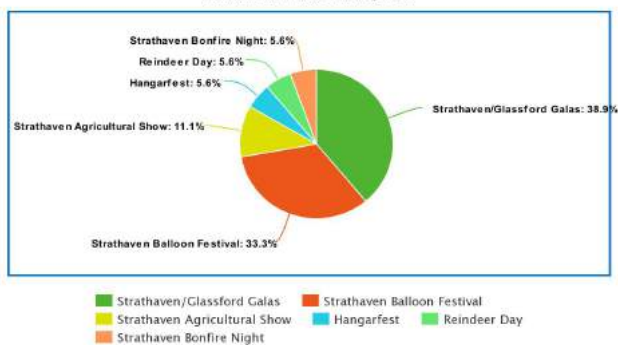
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Strathaven and Glassford Community Council



Facilities  
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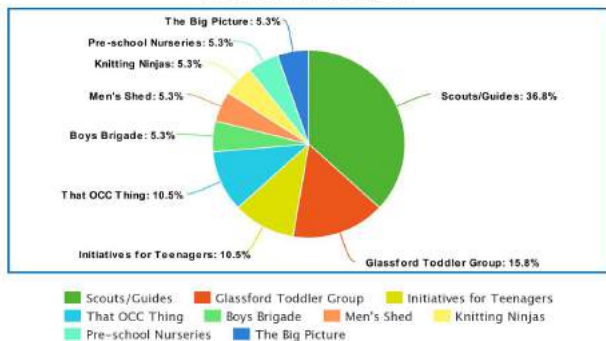


Events  
Strathaven and Glassford Community Council



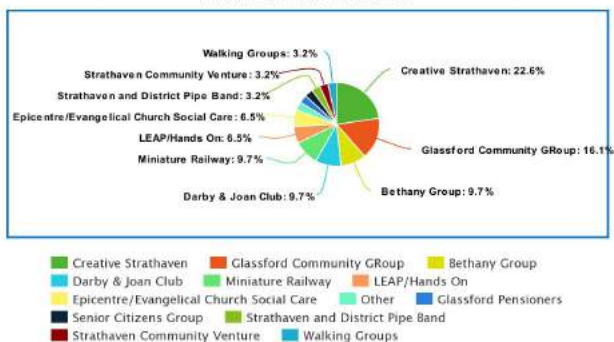
# Community Priorities

Children/Youth Groups  
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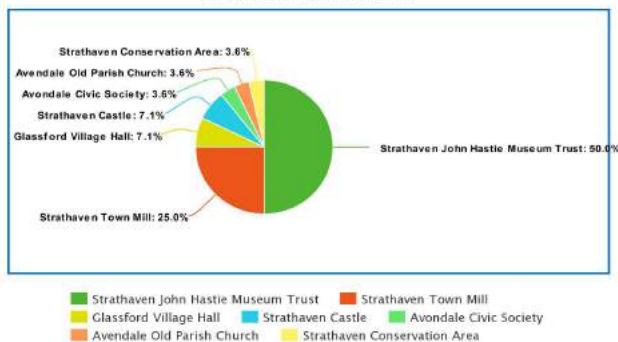
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Community Groups  
Strathaven and Glassford Community Council



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Hentags/Buildings  
Strathaven and Glassford Community Council



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## Next Steps and Timescales

This Community Action Plan will form the basis of management of the Kype Muir Community Benefits Fund (KMCBF). The fund will be managed by the Kype Muir Community Partnership on which representatives from Strathaven and Glassford Community Council sit, in conjunction with Banks Renewables and will run from April 2019 for a period expected to be 25 years.

The Community Action Plan will be uploaded to the Community Council website at [www.strathaven.org](http://www.strathaven.org) and will be reviewed every three years to ensure that it continues to reflect community priorities across Strathaven and Glassford.

Processes for making applications to the KMCBF will also be uploaded to the website along with relevant forms and guidance notes.

The appendix below summarises the Action Plan as at April 2019. This will be a living document that changes over the period of this document and will be updated on the Strathaven And Glassford Community Council website.

This document will be passed to, and discussed with officers within South Lanarkshire Council to ensure that community priorities which are council responsibilities and therefore not covered by this fund are understood. It will also be passed to our MSPs and MP, as well as other organisations including SPT. It will also be available to all other groups within Strathaven and Glassford to assist in the development of a wider future plan for our communities.

# Appendix 1: Community Action Plan

## Calendar 2019-2022

April 2019:

- Conclude Consultation summary and Community Action Plan
- Publish document on website
- Distribute small number of hard copies

May 2019

- Publish Kype Muir Community Fund guidelines
- Publish application processing rules
- Publish application form
- Hold community open day

June 2019

- KMCF open for bids
- Strathaven and Glassford Community Council promotes KMCF
- Application review process begins once applications start

April 2020

- First annual report on Kype Muir Community Fund

April 2021

- Second annual report on Kype Muir Community Fund

April 2022

- Third annual report on Kype Muir Community Fund

December 2021

- Review Community priorities

April 2022

- Publish Revised Community priorities document covering 2022-2025



# Appendix 2: What is the Fund?

## Kype Muir Community Fund

Banks Renewables delivers Community Funds

**This new fund is available to community groups across Strathaven and Glassford to help fund eligible projects.**

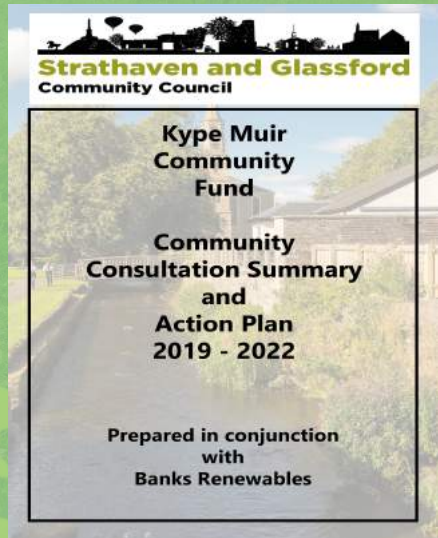
Strathaven and Glassford Community Council forms part of the Kype Muir Community Partnership, which oversees the Fund. Funding will be linked to projects in the Community Consultation Summary and Action Plan, with the document available from the Community Council website at [www.strathaven.org](http://www.strathaven.org). Guidance notes and the application form are also available from the website.

If you wish to discuss your project with a member of the Community Council, send an email to [strathavencommcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:strathavencommcouncil@gmail.com) or contact one of the members named on the website at [www.strathaven.org](http://www.strathaven.org).

Forms will be also be available (EO1) from the Banks Renewables website at <https://www.banksgroup.co.uk/renewables/> and from the CDCF website at <https://www.cdcf.org.uk/>

Completed forms should be submitted to [james@cdc.org.uk](mailto:james@cdc.org.uk) or you can phone 0191 378 6340 to discuss your project.

Forms can also be returned to James Eaglesham, County Durham Organisation, Victoria House, Whitfield Court, St John's Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Durham, DH7 8XL.



We hope in the first year of the fund to distribute to as wide a section of our community as possible. The Community Consultation Summary and Action Plan outlines the priority areas identified from the wide consultation carried out in 2018 across our community. This document will be reviewed in 2022 to ensure it remains relevant to support the ongoing fund.

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# Appendix 3: Application Form

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## KYPE MUIR WINDFARM COMMUNITY FUND

Organisation applying	
Address of Organisation	
Key contact	
Role of key contact	
E-mail of key contact	
Telephone of key contact	
Provide a very brief summary of the project that you are seeking funding for?	
Amount of Funding being requested – please give details if funding is being requested for multiple years.	
Area of benefit (ie which Community Council area or community will your project benefit?)	



# Appendix 4: What are Micro Grants?



## Micro Grants Fund application guidelines For groups and individuals

### Before you begin

Please note: this guidance form is only for Micro Grant Fund applications to the Renewable Energy Fund.

Within South Lanarkshire, Micro Grant Funds are available to all Community Council areas. The Funds are delivered locally by Community Councils who can apply to the Renewable Energy Fund for an annual £5,000 fund. Where no Community Council exists, other suitably qualified constituted organisations can apply instead. This guidance sets out the key information for groups or individuals who wish to apply for micro grants. A full list of Community Council areas, with contact details, where micro grants can be accessed on - <https://southlanarkshire.fundingscotland.com/>

### Key information

What are micro grants?	Micro grants are intended to make the Renewable Energy Fund available to individuals and small local groups who need small amounts to pursue their objectives. The process of applying for and receiving a micro grant is intended to be relatively quick and light touch, and will be delivered by your local community council or other local community organisation.
How much can I apply for using this application form?	Up to a maximum of £500.
Which areas can benefit from the micro grant?	The Community Council areas listed on the web site above currently offer micro grants. This list will be continually updated.
How do I apply for a micro grant?	Individuals and groups seeking a micro grant should complete the short application form available from your relevant community council or community organisation.  Completed application forms should be sent directly to your Community Council or community organisation.
When can I apply?	There is generally no closing date for applications for micro grants and applications can be accepted at any time, however individual Community Councils may set closing dates to manage the funds.
When are decisions made?	The Community Council or community organisation will inform you by letter of the outcome of your application as soon as possible. The timescale will depend on when meetings are held.  Please note that applications submitted immediately before a meeting may not be considered until the following meeting.
Who can apply?	Applications for micro grants can be accepted from groups – including those who don't have a written constitution or set of rules – and individuals.  Individuals must be living in the eligible community council areas to which they apply.

## **How to find us**

**Strathaven and Glassford Community Council is a statutory body set up under the auspices of South Lanarkshire Council. It meets monthly on the last Tuesday of each month except for July and December.**

**The Community Council will be working as part of the Kype Muir Community Partnership in conjunction with the Community Councils of Sandford & Upper Avon, Stonehouse and Lesmahagow, and also working with Banks Renewables.**

**This document is available to download from the CC website or email to request a PDF copy**

**web: [www.strathaven.org](http://www.strathaven.org)**

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