



Community Action Plan - November 2024

This document should be read in conjunction with the Local Place Plan for Strathaven and Glassford. The purpose of this document is to map out the existing and potential projects that we can undertake as a community. It will be a working document, and can be updated as projects develop. It is intended to be indicative at this stage, and is not a comprehensive list of everything that is happening within Strathaven and Glassford.

Theme and Projects	Existing and potential projects / lead organisations
Theme 1: An Active Place for All	
We will be a place with great facilities where people can gather and where our assets can be of benefit to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.	
<i>We are committed to making Strathaven and Glassford even better places to live. In particular, we would like to increase facilities for people in the 15-25 age group.</i>	
1. Community events and festivals: supporting and developing the existing programme of year-round community events, so that these are sustainable for the long term future.	Strathaven Gala Glassford Gala Strathaven Balloon Festival Round Strathaven 50 Hangarfest Park Runs Raft Race Bonfire Night Reindeer Day Glassford Beer and Gin Festival Strathaven Show
2. Development of facilities for young people aged 15-25, including leisure facilities, activities and creative opportunities.	Sports facilities Creative Strathaven CIC Strathaven Town Mill
3.1 Development of information sharing about what is available in the community, and events, at central locations in the area.	The Community Council noticeboard The proposed new noticeboard Increasing access to the electronic noticeboards at the Avondale Centre
3.2 Review, develop and promote resources for local information.	Strathaven.org website Strathaven Business Association Discover Strathaven Avondale Radio
4.1 Support and develop heritage and arts projects, including Strathaven Castle and the John Hastie Museum.	John Hastie Museum Strathaven Castle
4.2. Support and develop arts projects, including the Strathaven Town Mill.	Strathaven Town Mill Creative Strathaven CIC

5. Support and develop the activities for the wider community that are organised and delivered within local churches.	Food bank CAB Haven Youth Group Bethany Group Holiday clubs Trinity lunch club
6. A volunteering and community activism programme to get more people involved in the community.	Gala Day Scouts and Guides Rotary Roundtable
Theme 2: A Sustainable, Beautiful and Accessible Place	
Our environment and townscape will be well looked after, accessible to all and biodiverse in a way that transitions our community to net zero.	
<i>We will protect and enhance our local environment.</i>	
1.1 Protect and enhance local greenspaces and the natural environment, including Strathaven Park and its facilities, including disability access	Friends of Strathaven Park
1.2. Protect and enhance children's play parks in Strathaven and Glassford, including disability access	Friends of Strathaven Park Glassford Community Group
2. Development of active travel and local walking and cycle routes, including improving and widening footpaths for accessible access for all, both within and between Strathaven and Glassford and other villages.	Climate Action Strathaven
3. Lobby South Lanarkshire Council for road improvements and traffic control measures	Community Council Traffic Working Group Climate Action Strathaven, including Transport Strategy
4. Improve parking options and signposting to existing parking places, for both visitors and locals	
5.1 Improve the maintenance of street furniture in the area including lampposts, railings and bins.	Strathaven in Bloom
5.2 Improve and correct signage throughout the area.	
6. Improve community transport, including preservation and expansion of the 3C bus service, and shared electric cars to hire	Climate Action Strathaven, including Transport Strategy, 3C bus, car hire and bike hire / repair
7. Public toilets	
8. Continue to reduce food waste and promote food accessibility through community initiatives	Foodbank Community fridge
9. Work towards Net Zero including reducing consumption and cost of energy usage	Climate Action Strathaven
Theme 3: An Economically Thriving Place	
<i>We will be a place where the community helps to create a vibrant wellbeing economy.</i>	
<i>We will continue to develop and promote our independent businesses.</i>	
1. Promote in person services, such as banking and postal services.	
2. Create a shop and café in Glassford, as part of	Glassford Community Group

the development of a community hub in Glassford Hall.	
3. Review, develop and promote initiatives that support Strathaven as a shopping destination for independent businesses, and encourage people to 'buy local'.	Independent businesses Strathaven Business Association 3C bus
4. Support and promote community owned assets, including the Glassford Hall and any Asset Transfer Requests.	Glassford Community Group Strathaven Tennis Club Strathaven Dynamos
Theme 4: A Place with Sustainable Services	
Our place will have sustainable services so that all our inhabitants enjoy a good standard of living.	
<i>We will strive for equality of access to services across our area.</i>	
1.1 Lobby the Council / NHS to improve access to healthcare, including GP availability.	
1.2 Improve access to integrated health services, including complementary health and mental health services.	
3. Work with the Council to clarify and explain the existing legislation around parents accessing schools of their choice.	
Theme 5: A Place to Live Well	
We will have appropriate and affordable housing for all stages of life.	
<i>Good quality and accessible housing for all life stages is important to us a community.</i>	
1. Ensure that the Council recognises the community's desire for a moratorium on the expansion of Strathaven with large scale housing developments of large houses which increases pressure on the town's infrastructure.	
2. Promote supported housing for older people to release bigger houses for young families.	
3. Promote more affordable housing options to buy and rent, including social housing.	