



# Freuchie Community Action Plan 2024 - 2028





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#### Introduction

The places that form the backdrop for our lives are tremendously important. However, identifying what makes a place important to someone is not easy. Depending on their interests and outlook on life and their age and stage in life, different people can view a place in vastly different ways. There are however many things about a place that most people can agree on, for instance that it should be safe, well maintained, and suitable for all people to use.

This Community Action Plan summarises community views about Freuchie today, the issues that matter to most of the community and our priorities for projects and action. The Action Plan will be our guide to what we, as a community, try to make happen over the next 4 years.

In summer 2023 a community survey form was delivered by Freuchie scouts to all households in the village as well as being published online on the Community Council website. 67 households and 36 individuals completed the survey which informed the Action Plan. In addition, the Community Council held a Pizza Night encouraging our younger residents to attend and provide us with an insight into matters concerning them. From this feedback the Community Council compiled a list of priorities which were discussed further with community organisations in the village.

The Community Council hopes that this Community Action Plan covers many of the things about Freuchie that you would like to see improved, However, it needs to be a living document which is open to change as circumstances alter or more villagers with different points of view become engaged in the process. Please get in touch if you want more information or to let us know how you would like to get involved and share your ideas to make Freuchie a great place to live.

You can contact the Community Council by emailing <a href="mailto:fccsecretarial@gmail.com">fccsecretarial@gmail.com</a>, using the Contact Box on the website (<a href="mailto:www.freuchiecc.org.uk">www.freuchiecc.org.uk</a>) or coming along to a Community Council meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Lumsden Memorial Hall.

# **Freuchie Community Profile**



# **2021 Population Estimates**

	Freuchie	Freuchie %	Fife %
Total Population	1392	100%	100%
Male	666	47.9%	48.6%
Female	726	52.1%	51.4%
Children (0 - 15 Years)	215	15.4%	17.0%
Working Age (16 - 64 Years)	815	58.6%	61.8%
Older Adults (65 +Years)	362	26.0%	21.2%

Source: Mid-Year Population Estimates, National Records of Scotland



# **2022 Housing Tenure**

	Freuchie	Fife	
Total Households	646	181,860	
Owner Occupier %	78.6%	61.4%	
Private Rented %	8.5%	11.3%	
Social Rented	7.7%	23.0%	

Source: Fife Council Housing Tenure Database

### 2011 Households with Access to a Car or Van



	Freuchie	Fife
Total Households	584	160,952
No Access to Car/Van %	10.6%	25.6%
Access to 1 or More Car/Van %	89.4%	74.4%

Source: Scotland's Census 2011 (NB 2022 census data is not currently available at 'small area' level)

### Location

Freuchie is a village in the Howe of Fife, situated 2 miles east of Falkland at the foot of the Lomond Hills. The nearest major town is Glenrothes located 5 miles to the south. The market town of Cupar is 9 miles to the north-east. The name derives from the Scottish Gaelic, fraoch, meaning heather. It is said that French masons working on the construction of Falkland Palace lived here during the 16<sup>th</sup> century and that the village was a place of exile for those out of favour at the royal court, hence the saying, 'Awa' tae Freuchie, whaur the froggies live'.

### **Population**

According to the 2021 Population Estimates from the National Records of Scotland there are approximately 1392 people living in the Freuchie Community Council area. The number of older adults is higher than for Fife as a whole.

### Housing

There are 646 households in the Freuchie Community Council area. The majority are owner occupied while 8.5% are privately rented. There is a significantly lower level of social rented housing – about a third of the Fife average.

#### **Education and Childcare**

Freuchie is served by a village primary school. Pupils are currently organised in 4 classes – P1/2, P3/4, P4/5 and P6/7 and a nursery class. The primary school roll is 92 and the nursery roll is 10. Secondary school age youths travel by school bus to Bell Baxter High School in Cupar.

Some exciting news for the village was released in May 2024 – **Freuchie Primary School** is to get a £2.7mi make-over including an extension to house a gym /dining hall, school and headteacher's office, reconstruction of the nursery to provide direct access to toilets and demolition of ageing hutted accommodation. Enabling works are planned to commence in July 2024 with the project due for completion by April 2026.

**Little Rookies**, which operates from the Cricket Club in Muir Road, offers a daycare service for 2 to 12-year-olds from Freuchie and neighbouring villages. The service is registered with both the Care Inspectorate and Fife Council and is open Monday to

Friday from 7.45am to 5.45pm providing Pre-School Places, a Breakfast Club, After School Club, Holiday Club, and daytime Child Minding.

#### **Health Care**

There are no GP surgeries, pharmacies, or dentists in Freuchie. Most villagers access medical practices in Auchtermuchty or Ladybank and may travel further afield to access dentists in Cupar or Glenrothes. The nearest pharmacy is in Falkland. For this reason, car ownership in Freuchie is higher than the Fife average as it is a necessity for many to access basic health care services.

### **Shopping and Personal Services**

Freuchie has one shop, a local Spar shop, which serves the village. It is well stocked and has a Post Office and cash machine which are extremely important to the village. There is also a petrol station/shop and garden centre on the A92. In addition, there is a local hairdressing shop. This is a far cry from the 20 + businesses that existed in the village in the 1950s when Freuchie had a dairy (located in what is now the car park), 2 joiners, 2 bakeries, a heating engineer/plumber/bricklayer, garage, 2 bike shops, haberdashery, TV repair and aerial shop, 2 grocers, a butchers, a post office, antiques shop, fruit and veg shop, 2 chip shops (which opened alternate weeks), a sweet shop, gents' hairdresser, a 'rake around' selling second hand goods and a shop selling household goods!

## **Community and Recreational Facilities**

Freuchie has no Council buildings (apart from the primary school) but has a range of community owned or leased assets. Prime amongst these is the **Lumsden Memorial Hall**, donated to the village by the widow of Thomas Lumsden, a wealthy manufacturer and son of Walter Lumsden who started linen manufacture in Freuchie. The first factory was built on the site of what is now Linen Mill Close with a second in Eden Valley Row. The Lumsden Hall is available to hire for parties, classes, and many varied uses. There are regular bookings for courses and classes throughout the week.

Established in 1908 and situated in the heart of the village, **Freuchie Cricket Club** fields 2 adult teams every Saturday in season and a Sunday third eleven development team. Most games are live scored and can be watched on YouTube. Links for the games

are posted on the club Facebook page. There is an active junior section, for primary school age upward, who meet on Friday evenings. Junior training is free of charge. Kids have a lot of fun, and parents get the chance to socialise. Player, social and junior memberships are available and offer access to all club facilities which include a bar, pool table, dart board and function suite. A variety of events and functions are held throughout the year. The function suite can accommodate around 70/80 people and is available for private hire. Kitchen facilities are also available. The Club is famous for winning the National Village Championship at Lord's in 1985, the only Scottish team to achieve this. 2025 sees the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this achievement.

Freuchie Bowling Club celebrates its centenary in 2024. The club offers a range of membership options including a taster membership for beginners with free coaching courses on request and a social membership. The club has a bar, pool table, dart board and a function suite for hosting bands and other events. The function suite is available for hire for private events. Since Covid the Bowling Club has offered a Warm Space to villagers and has offered initiatives targeted at older residents including Brew and a Blether, Old Codgers, Christmas Lunch for OAPs, and Sunday lunches during the winter period. The Bowling Club also run a Family Fun Day in the summer and Breakfast Raffles for the wider community. The Bowling Club is currently on stand-by as a temporary rest centre for residents and emergency services in the event of flooding and are keen to put this on a more formal footing should a Community Resilience Plan be developed for the village.

The **multi-use games area** (MUGA) is a joint school and Community Council venture. Situated in the school playground, there is access to the MUGA from Albany Crescent for members of the community out with school hours. Unfortunately, the MUGA will be closed for the duration of the building works at Freuchie Primary School but when it reopens, we hope to be able to improve the facility.

Running since 1909 and one of the oldest scouting groups in the UK, **Freuchie Scouts** offer scouting opportunities to children from 6 to 14 years of age from the Scout Hall in Factory Road, off the High Street. There is a Beaver troop for 6 to 8-year-olds, Cubs for those aged 8 to 10 and a half and Scouts for those up to 14 years old.

### **Open Spaces**

Freuchie has a well-equipped playpark for younger children, but it is tired and in need of refurbishment and a lick of paint. Opposite the playpark are the playing fields of Albany Park which has a lot of potential but is under-utilised as the football pitch is not fit for purpose. The grass is not cut to a length suitable for playing sport, there are no line markings or nets, and the posts are rusted. This was commented upon by many of the youths of the village. There is a basketball hoop in the park, but it is difficult to access due to the rewilding around the community orchard. The latter has not been maintained and the trees have not been pruned for a long time.

The Community Council tidied up Freuchie Den in 2023 with support from the Community Payback team. Vegetation was cut back, paths were reinstated, and bridges repaired. Unfortunately, the pea gravel on the paths was washed away by runoff from the fields and a lot of the banking has also been impacted by flooding.

The cricket grounds are well used by dog walkers out with match days, but we need to be vigilant to avoid dog fouling of this key village resource.

#### Church

Freuchie Parish Church was built in 1875 and continues to serve the village and surrounding area. Sunday services are at 11.15am and there are also opportunities for those who are not able to attend services to access services online on Facebook (just search for Freuchie Church), website (<a href="https://www.falklandandfreuchiechurches.com">https://www.falklandandfreuchiechurches.com</a>) and also on YouTube. There are changes expected in the coming months and years. There were 10 churches in the Fife Eden Tay cluster, but this will eventually reduce to 4 buildings. Some churches have already been sold and others are up for sale. Freuchie Church will remain open for Freuchie residents and those from surrounding villages to worship.

The roof of the church hall will be replaced during 2024 enabling the hall to be available for church and community groups for the foreseeable future.

### **Public Transport**

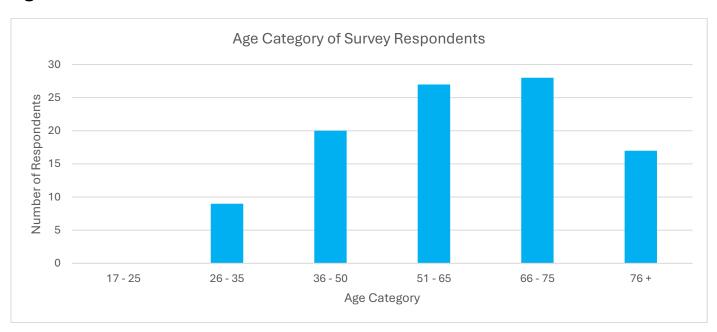
Freuchie is served by 64/64A Moffat and Williamson and 36/36A Stagecoach bus services. Both buses come through the village. The former travels between St Andrews to Glenrothes and vice versa and the latter travels from Perth to Glenrothes and vice versa. The buses provide crucial transport to Falkland, Ladybank, Auchtermuchty, Cupar and Glenrothes. The 42 Stagecoach bus from Glenrothes to Dundee and vice

versa stops on the A92 at Freuchie road end. Other buses travel along the A914 and can be picked up at Welltree junction, but this involves walking along Freuchie Mill Road on a country road with no pavements or lighting. These buses are the Moffat and Williamson 66/66A Glenrothes to Kinross and X24 St Andrews to Glasgow and the Stagecoach X59/59A St Andrews to Edinburgh and 54 Dundee to Edinburgh.

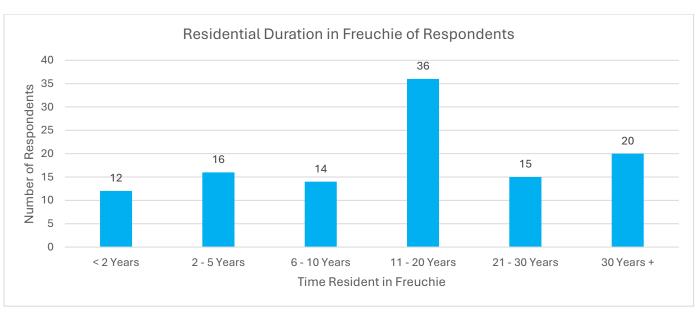
### **Community Survey – Key Findings**

The survey was completed by 67 households and 36 individuals.

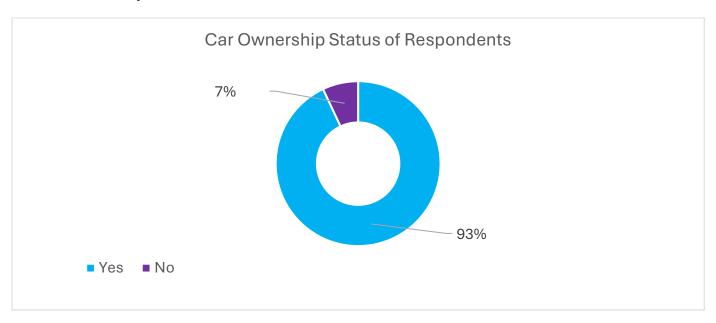
### Age Profile



# Length of Time Staying in Freuchie



### **Car Ownership**



### **Transportation**

49% of respondents said they experienced issues with traffic or car parking in the village. Most respondents reported concerns about traffic speeding through the village, closely followed by safety concerns for motorists and pedestrians at the junctions with the A92. There were multiple complaints about street parking including on pavements which made it difficult for pedestrians to get past. Parked cars at the East End were highlighted as a safety issue as vehicles leaving the village had to pull out into the opposite lane and were not visible to vehicles turning left into the village from the A92. Several near misses have occurred and sadly there was one fatality in the recent past.

Other issues raised included the state of the road surfaces and potholes exacerbated by too many large lorries and tractors driving through the village and damaging the roads.

Specific concerns were raised about public transport which many felt did not meet their needs. In common with other rural communities the bus services were infrequent and there were concerns about the impact of any further reduction in services. The loss of a direct service to Edinburgh from the 'road end' was felt keenly and safety issues in walking on an unlit country road with no pavement to Welltree to pick up a direct bus was mentioned by many, and by youths and their parents in particular.

#### Comments included:

We use our bus passes as often as we can. However, some of the bus routes are dwindling.

Lack of public transport on a Sunday

No public transport link to Victoria Hospital or Ninewells

Speeding in the village is commonplace and needs addressing.

Issues at the East End when driving in or out of the village due to parked cars on the approach to the junction.

The bus takes too much time to go to the train station, cycling isn't safe to Ladybank Station and there is no safe way to walk along and cross the A92.

The two junctions with the A92 are dangerous for both cars and pedestrians.

Not safe to cross A92, walk on a road with no lighting and cars travelling too fast to get to Welltree bus stop.

Not enough street parking for residents

### **Village Streets and Open Spaces**

94% of respondents felt that the buildings, streets, and public spaces in Freuchie created an attractive place to live and 93% felt that the natural green space in and around the village was part of its appeal. The horse fields in the middle of the village, cricket ground and Albany Park all added to the village 'feel' and were viewed as important assets in the village. Residents commented on the views of the Lomond Hills visible from many points around the village and liked the fact that the village is surrounded by farmland. There was a sense that there is a variety of green spaces which can be accessed from the village (though roads may have to be traversed to reach open countryside)

76% felt that the spaces and facilities to support play and recreation were of good quality and used to their full potential but others felt that improvements were needed. The playpark was felt to have a good range of equipment for younger children, but it needed some maintenance, and particularly a coat of paint. Equipment for older children such as a zip wire was suggested but it may be better located in Albany Park to keep the playpark as a safe space for our youngest residents. The football pitch in Albany Park was perceived to be left to become overgrown and was not fit for purpose.

The MUGA (multipurpose games area) located in the school playground is available to the community out with school hours but a lack of lighting limits its use.

68% of respondents said that the facilities and amenities in the village met their needs. There were positive comments about the Spar shop which also provides a Post Office and cash machine, the Book Exchange in Lumsden Memorial Hall and about the role of Freuchie in Flower in enhancing the village environment. Several people highlighted the need for a coffee shop as a place for social interaction.

Dog fouling and litter (the latter primarily on the verges off the A92 and Kettle Road) remain ongoing problems we need to address. The closure of the Lomond Hills Hotel, which was boarded up at the time of the survey, was a concern for many who described it as an 'eyesore in the centre of the village'. Hopefully this will be a temporary situation as the new owners work towards refurbishing and reopening the hotel.

### Comments included:

Play Park is very dated.

The deterioration and eventual closure of the Lomond Hills Hotel has been very detrimental to the facilities within the village.

Somewhere to eat within the village – loss of hotel has left a big gap.

Somewhere to go to eat/have coffee. Garden Centre is good but difficult to cross the road.

### **Housing and Community**

Unlike other areas of village life surveyed there was not the same degree of consensus around housing. Differing views around housing depended on people's individual situation. Nonetheless there was a strongly held view that the village is the optimum size for the services available and respondents opposed any large-scale housing development particularly on areas of green space which surround the village. Some expressed the view that there were insufficient pensioner houses being built.

Responses to questions about identity and belonging and feeling safe received very positive responses and highlighted that there is a high degree of social cohesion in the village. People feel they belong and can participate and interact positively with others. When asked if they felt connected to their neighbours and community 87% of

respondents reported in the affirmative. When asked if they felt safe walking around the village 94% of respondents said they did. This is particularly heartening as strong social connections are seen as a cornerstone for mental health and wellbeing and community resilience. It is therefore sad that the village experienced several acts of vandalism in spring 2024.

#### Comments included:

The community spirit in Freuchie is second to none.

Great community feel, friendly people, lots of interesting community initiatives going on.

There is a real sense of community in the village with opportunities to meet up through e.g. coffee mornings, social clubs, pub, or village shop.

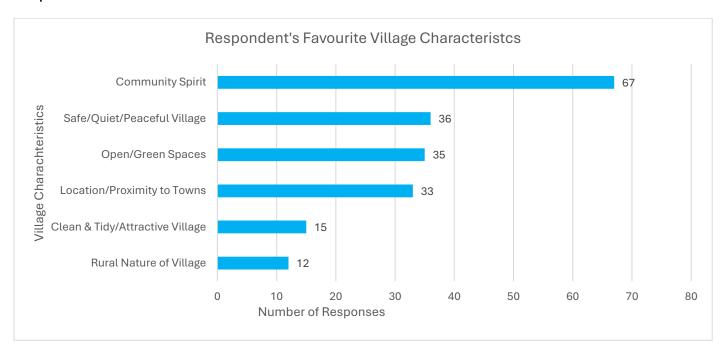
There are enough houses here.

We strongly believe that Freuchie does not need any more private 3/4/5-bedroom houses filling up the landscape until we are left with a dormitory town.

Old folks housing should never have been sold.

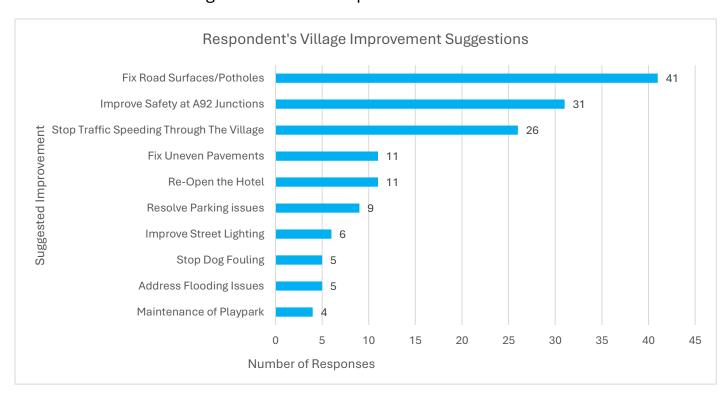
#### What's Best About Freuchie?

Survey respondents were asked to rate Freuchie as a place to live on a 5-point scale from Very Low to Very High. 52% rated it High and a further 45% gave it the top score of Very High. When asked what 3 things they liked most about living in Freuchie respondents commented on:



### **How Could It Be Improved?**

When asked what 3 things needed to be improved the feedback included:



### Vision for the Future

#### Our vision for Freuchie:

- Effective traffic calming through the village will have helped to improve the quality of village life.
- There are good transport links and good access to services locally and in the wider area.
- A place that has retained its character as friendly, attractive, and safe.
- A place with good community facilities and activities
- A community which is proactive in addressing social isolation and offers a range of opportunities for social interaction.
- A community which is resilient and positive about its future

### **Action Plan – Themes**

Local outcomes are improved by effective collaboration between communities, community organisations and public bodies. To achieve the priorities identified by the community will require local organisations to act, either on their own or jointly, to develop projects and make representation to public bodies on behalf of the community. By working together to deliver this Community Action Plan we will make Freuchie a better place to live for all residents.

THEME 1	TRANSPORTATION	
PRIORITY	ACTION	ACTION BY
Traffic Calming Measures	Request community speed and volume check through the village to inform action.	CC/Transportation
	Establish a Community Speed Watch team to address concerns about speeding in the village.	CC/Residents/Police Scotland
	Explore 20mph flashing warning signs.	CC/Transportation
	Explore the feasibility of weight restrictions of lorries travelling through Freuchie.	CC/Transportation
Address Safety Concerns at A92 Junctions	Raise community concerns with Amey and Transport Scotland.	CC
	Work with Amey and Transport Scotland on design options.	Amey/Transport Scotland/CC
	Seek implementation of the project at the earliest opportunity.	Amey/Transport Scotland/CC
Route to Welltree Bus Stop	Improve the safety of the walking route along Freuchie Mill Road including pedestrian walking signs.	CC/Transportation
	Investigate the feasibility of a pedestrian lane created by poles.	CC/ Transportation
	Lobby for a bus shelter at Welltree.	CC/ Transportation
Improve the state	Discuss with Ward Councillors and make representation	CC/ Transportation
of village road surfaces and uneven	to include in the Area Roads Programme over the period of the Action Plan.	CO/ Hallsportation
pavements	Encourage residents to use Fife Council website to report potholes: https://www.fife.gov.uk/services/form-pages/report-a-road-	CC/Residents
	or-pavement-fault	
Street Parking	Link issues with parking at East End to A92 improvements and seek a resolution with Residents.	CC/Transportation
	Identify and address other hotspots in the village	CC/Transportation
Public Transport	Lobby against any future discontinuation of bus services.	CC
	Publicise Stagecoach App and seek support to make information on public transport more accessible.	CC/Transportation

THEME 1 (Cont.)	TRANSPORTATION	
PRIORITY	ACTION	ACTION BY
Electric Vehicle Parking	Address issues for house holders with no off-street parking by lobbying for an EV charge point in the car park	CC/Transportation

THEME 2	VILLAGE STREETS & OPEN SPACES	
PRIORITY	ACTION	ACTION BY
Address Street Lighting Concerns	Raise Residents' concerns with Fife Council.	CC
	Investigate street lighting options.	CC/Transportation
	Lobby for street lighting dimming times to be changed.	CC
Improve Play Areas	Seek advice on Queens Park playpark equipment from Fife Council's Playpark Development Officer.	CC/Community & Neighbourhoods
	Refurbish and paint existing equipment.	CC/Grounds Maintenance
	Discuss maintenance schedule for Albany Park with Area Grounds Maintenance Manager.	CC/Grounds Maintenance
	Investigate the feasibility of a Parks Development Group to support the development of play areas in the village.	CC/Freuchie Primary School Parent Council
	Explore funding opportunities for goal nets and pitch marking.	Freuchie Parks Development Group
	Gauge interest in Adult Walking Football.	Freuchie Parks Development Group
	Explore funding opportunities for a zip wire in Albany Park.	Freuchie Parks Development Group
	Discuss use and maintenance requirements of the MUGA with Freuchie Primary School.	CC/Freuchie Primary School
	Explore feasibility of floodlights for the MUGA.	CC/Freuchie Primary School
	Explore ways to improve play activities in the school playground when it reopens after the school refurbishment.	Freuchie PS Parent Council/Park Development Group

THEME 2 (Cont.)	VILLAGE STREETS & OPEN SPACES	
PRIORITY	ACTION	ACTION BY
Maintenance of verges, paving, associated drainage, and	Seek to keep verges and pathways clear.	CC/Transportation/Grounds Maintenance/Street Cleaning
vegetation	Raise issues with Fife Council.	CC/Transportation/Grounds Maintenance/Street Cleaning

THEME 3	CONSERVATION OF VILLAGE BOUNDARIES	
PRIORITY	ACTION	ACTION BY
Oppose Large Scale Housing Development	Feedback Resident's views to Planning as part of Local Development Plan 2 consultation.	CC
	Safeguard vistas and green spaces that are important to the local community.	CC/Planning Policy & Place team

COMMUNITY COHESION	
ACTION	ACTION BY
Publish a paper-based community newsletter, a minimum of 2 times per year.	CC
Deliver the newsletter to all households in the village.	CC/Freuchie Scout Group
Seek contributions from residents and community organisations.	CC/Residents/Community Groups
Establish a group to build on the successful Christmas 2023 Event and explore potential for raising funds for Christmas streetlights.	CC/Christmas Sub- Committee
Engage with local organisations to discuss programme of summer events.	Freuchie Community Organisations/Freuchie PS Parent Council
Gauge interest in courses and classes in e.g. First Aid, Heritage, Community Gaelic	CC
	Publish a paper-based community newsletter, a minimum of 2 times per year.  Deliver the newsletter to all households in the village.  Seek contributions from residents and community organisations.  Establish a group to build on the successful Christmas 2023 Event and explore potential for raising funds for Christmas streetlights.  Engage with local organisations to discuss programme of summer events.  Gauge interest in courses and classes in e.g.

Organise Events to Bring People Together (cont.)	Advertise events through the electronic Community Diary, the Community Council Website and the CC and Social Events Facebook Pages.	CC
Identify opportunities to address social isolation and promote social inclusion	Build on existing initiatives in the village – Souper Saturday, Bite & a Blether, Old Codgers, Breakfast Raffle, Sunday Lunch at The Bowling Club, Pensioner's Christmas Lunch, Coffee Mornings.	Lumsden Memorial Hall, Bowling Club, Cricket Club, Church, Freuchie in Flower, Scouts.
	Seek opportunities to collaborate across community groups.	Freuchie Community Organisations
	Explore better ways of communicating what is on offer to targeted groups.	CC

THEME 5	COST OF LIVING CRISIS	
PRIORITY	ACTION	ACTION BY
Provide a helping hand to those in need of support	Build on existing village initiatives including the School Uniform Swap and Book Exchange.	Lumsden Memorial Hall
	Continue to provide a Community Larder for Freuchie, encouraging villagers to take what they need now and give back when they can.	CC/Freuchie Primary School Parent Council/Lumsden Memorial Hall/Church
	Consider ways in which the North East Fife Food Hub's ready meals can be incorporated into current food provision in the village.	CC
	Explore the feasibility of creating a Breakfast Club for Freuchie Primary School pupils.	CC/Freuchie Primary School Parent Council
	Take action to reduce the cost of the school day	Freuchie Primary School/Parent Council
	Explore the potential to use grant funding to subsidise targeted community groups.	CC
	Discuss distribution and advertising of Welfare Rights information with Fife Council Welfare Support.	CC/Communities & Neighbourhoods/CARF

THEME 6	FLOOD MITIGATION & COMMUNITY	
	RESILIENCE	
PRIORITY	ACTION	ACTION BY
Mitigate the Impact of Flooding in the Village	Lobby Fife Council for action to address flooding in key hotspots in the village.	CC/Transportation
	Seek to engage with local farmers to better understand issues.	CC
	Promote Fife Council grants for households affected by flooding.	CC/Fife Council
	Contact Fife Council regarding regular maintenance of drains and gullies.	CC/Transportation
	Keep up to date with relevant information relating to climate change.	CC/Freuchie Mill Residents
	Targeted communication to households impacted by flooding.	CC
	Provide practical information such as key contact details for reporting flooding issues and seeking support.	CC
	Explore interest in the creation of a Community Resilience Plan for Freuchie.	CC
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Develop a Community Resilience Plan	Explore the potential to form a core group to lead and develop a Community Resilience Plan.	CC/Fife Council Emergency Resilience
	Undertake a feasibility Plan to identify:	Freuchie Community
	<ul><li>Key risks in the village and potential responses</li><li>Village assets</li></ul>	Resilience Group
	A community led place of safety.	
	<ul> <li>Insurance requirements</li> <li>Activities to be included – welfare checks on vulnerable</li> </ul>	
	residents, giving lifts where transportation is disrupted, helping prepare for/clear up after severe weather events.	
	Seek support from Fife Council Emergency Resilience to produce and publish a Community Resilience Plan.	CC/Emergency Resilience/Freuchie Community Resilience Group

Replace the	Raise funds to replace the current defibrillator located at	CC/East Newk
Village	Freuchie Parish Church with an up-to-date model.	Responders/British
Defibrillator		<b>Heart Foundation</b>

THEME 7	IMPROVING COMMUNICATION	
PRIORITY	ACTION	ACTION BY
Improve communication within the community and	Continue to develop the Community Council Facebook page (Freuchie Community News) and Website: <a href="https://www.freuchiecc.org.uk">www.freuchiecc.org.uk</a>	CC
between local residents	Promote the Community Noticeboard in the village.	CC
	Produce a minimum of 2 community newsletters a year and distribute to households.	CC/Freuchie Scout Group
	Explore sponsorship for the newsletter.	CC
	Seek to improve the Community Council's social media presence by recruiting a volunteer.	CC
Improved Telecommunications	Support the implementation of ultra-fast full fibre broadband to houses and businesses in Freuchie.	CC/Telecoms Companies

#### **Get in Touch and Get Involved!**

This Community Action Plan is for everyone in the village. We hope you will read it, consider its content and help toward making it happen in whatever way you can. Just think – if everyone did something positive for their community or their neighbour what a difference we could make!

<u>Partners and Support</u> - In order to deliver on all our aspirations, we will need to work in partnership with a range of public and private sector bodies, both local and national. In particular we will look to Fife Council, Councillors and Officers, to support our efforts to implement this Community Action Plan. Community Groups in Freuchie have endorsed this Action Plan and will be central to its success.

<u>New Action Groups</u> - A number of new Action Groups will also be set up including a Christmas Sub-Committee, a Parks Development Group, a Community Orchard Group and a Community Resilience Group to take forward specific issues.

<u>Supporting Existing Groups</u> - Our aim is to strengthen existing groups such as Freuchie in Flower which rely on volunteers to enhance the village.

If you are interested in getting involved in any of the projects or groups mentioned in the Action Plan, please get in touch with Freuchie Community Council. You can contact the CC Secretary, Nigel Reynolds by email on <a href="mailto:fccsecretarial@gmail.com">fccsecretarial@gmail.com</a> or the Chairperson, Janice Laird on <a href="mailto:fcc.chairperson@gmail.com">fcc.chairperson@gmail.com</a>.

We look forward to hearing from you if you would like to get involved or share your ideas.