

Biggin' up Blairhall!

Blairhall

Local Community Action Plan
2026-28

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About Blairhall

Blairhall, a former mining community in Fife, is situated to the North of High Valleyfield and to the West of Oakley. The village is well linked by the road network, with the A907 to the north, running between Alloa and Dunfermline, and the B9037 to the south, running down to High Valleyfield. Bus routes also service the village, although not as regularly as some locations, car ownership is in line with the Fife average at 43% vs 44% across Fife¹.

Home to approximately 1,200 residents², the employers in the village are the local corner shop, the community centre and primary school/nursery, and a dance studio. This means that most of the residents will have to travel for work and with almost 65% of Blairhall residents being of working age, this a significant volume of commuting.

With 21% of the village being 15 years old or younger³, higher than the 17% across Fife, there is a focus on improving opportunities and resources for the younger population.

Key Figures

1207 Population

119 3 Wishes Responses

84 Participants at Place Standards Event

31 Questionnaire Responses



¹ Scotland's Census, 2022.

² Mid-Year Population Estimates, 2022, National Records of Scotland.

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Engagement

Consultations in Blairhall began with a small group of residents, council staff and third sector organisations in Spring 2023.

The group named themselves Biggin' Up Blairhall, and were supported by the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, using their expertise and resources. The aim of the consultation process was to create a community action plan to improve the village, using the Place Standards Tool⁴, to make the village a more attractive place to live, work, study and play.

The data to inform the plan was gathered via postcards, a community consultation event, and a questionnaire. The postcards and questionnaire were delivered through the village, with collection points at the school, community centre and dance studio, with the option to complete online.

The consultation event was held over several weeks, including drop-in sessions for 2 days in the community centre. The results of these were collated and analysed and form the basis of the action plan.



⁴ <https://www.ourplace.scot/tool>, accessed June 2025.

Results

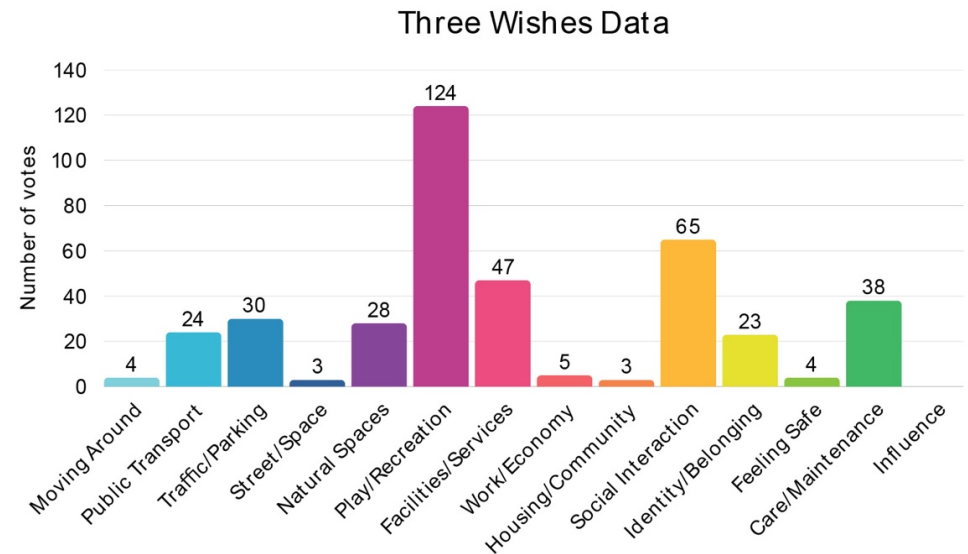
The 3 Wishes postcard allowed residents free rein to say what they would like to see in their community.



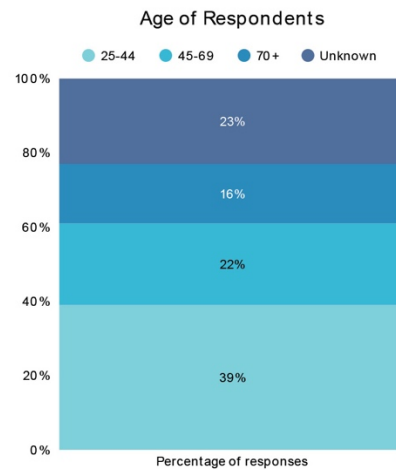
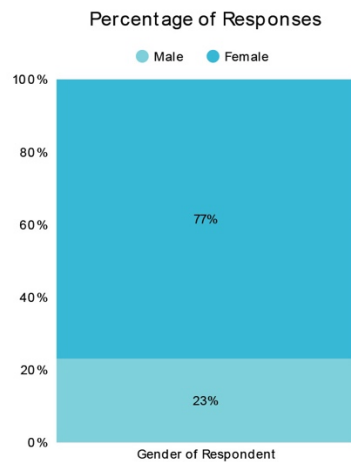
There were 119 responses and of those who gave details, 66 replies came from those 17 years old or younger, 13 from 18-44 years old, 15 from those aged 45-69, and 10 from those aged 70+. 342 wishes were made, and the responses were categorised into the 14 categories of the Place Standards tool.

The top wish was for a better playpark for children, and this wish was expressed across all genders and age brackets. The second most common wish was an increase in opportunities for social interaction. Again, this came from all ages and genders, indicating a desire to strengthen the local community.

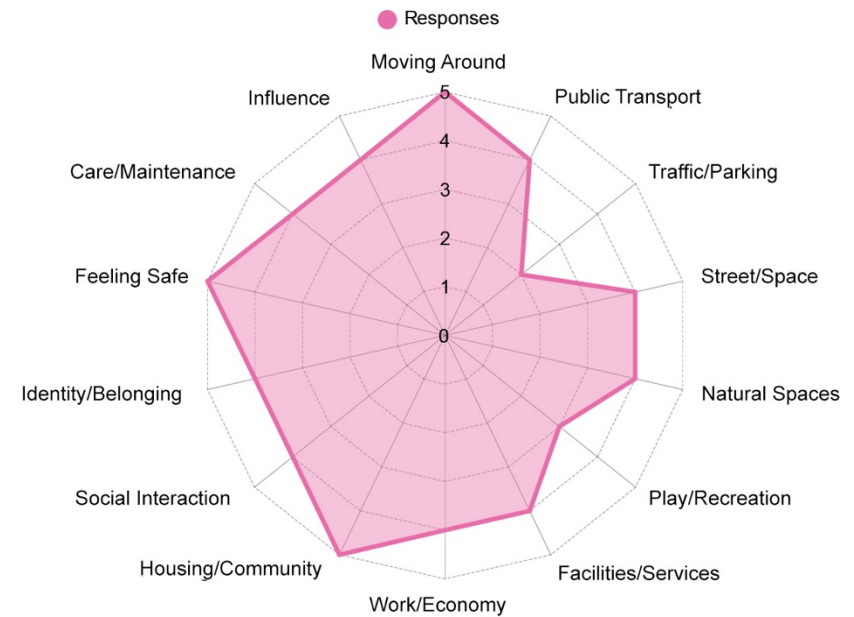
At the Place Standards event, 84 people engaged with the group and members of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. The results of the event again showed that Play and Recreation was the biggest factor concerning residents. The other areas of concern were Traffic and Parking, Transport and Travel, and Care and Maintenance.



After the 3 Wishes and Place Standards event, the Biggin' Up Blairhall group got together and established what residents wanted to change, what they could change, and how to get the finer details clarified to create an action plan. The result of these discussions was a questionnaire which was distributed throughout the village, and 31 responses were collected.



The radar graph indicates which themes are strong and which need improvement on a scale of 1-5. Themes with lower numbers (closer to centre) suggest areas for improvement.



Comments from 3 Wishes postcards

“More benches to look at the lovely view”

“Better, safer roads around Blairhall”

“Better bus service”

“More trees and plants”

“Better park”

“Better transport links”

“Stop people parking in stupid places”

“Need more social activity”

“Add More bins”

“More community activities”



1. Transport and Travel

Theme	Actions	Partners
1.1. Improve the safety and visibility of the A907 bus stop.	Erect a bus stop pole and sign at the A907 bus stops.	Fife Council Transportation Services; bus operators; local ward councillor
	Improve the safety and accessibility of the bus stop zone on the North side of the A907.	Fife Council Transportation Services; Fife Council Roads; local ward councillors
	Explore the options of providing a shelter on both sides of the road.	Fife Council Transportation Services; bus operators; local ward councillors; Biggin' Up Blairhall / community representatives
1.2. Upgrade bus stops to include shelters, seating, timetable information and aesthetics.	Work with providers to improve the timetable information available at bus stops throughout the village.	Bus operators; Fife Council Transportation Services
	Engage with local providers to install seating and planters.	Fife Council; bus operators; Biggin' Up Blairhall; local volunteers / community groups
1.3. Work with transport providers to investigate/explore options for improved bus stop locations and routes.	Liaise with transportation services and providers to review locations and routes.	Fife Council Transportation Services; bus operators; local ward councillors; community representatives
1.4. Improve visibility and access from A907 into village.	Work with transportation to explore options for improving North access into the village, for example, widening junction, improving signage.	Fife Council Roads; Fife Council Transportation Services; local ward councillors





2. Traffic and Parking

Theme	Actions	Partners
2.1. Introduce improved traffic calming measures throughout the village.	Work with relevant departments to review calming options for the village.	Fife Council Roads; Fife Council Transportation Services; Police Scotland; local ward councillors
	Review the main thoroughfares in the village, for example Rintoul Avenue, Woodlands Terrace, and South Avenue, specifically looking at road markings.	Fife Council Roads; Police Scotland; local ward councillors
2.2. Increase or improve the parking options in the village, with the aim of reducing the levels of irresponsible parking.	Identify land in the village which would be suitable for parking bays.	Fife Council; Fife Council Planning; local ward councillors; community representatives
3. Improve active travel routes and connections within the village.	Improve the path network, particularly connecting the newer parts of the village with the established areas, such as a suitable path from Fleming Crescent through the park.	Fife Council; local ward councillors; Biggin' Up Blairhall; Paths / active travel partners
	Improve lighting and safety arrangements on the existing path network.	Fife Council; Police Scotland; local ward councillors





3. Play and Recreation

Theme	Actions	Partners
3.1. Improve the facilities, safety and aesthetics of the park, MUGA and surrounding area.	Replace the existing playpark with new equipment, which is fit for purpose and accessible etc.	Fife Council; Blairhall Community Centre Management Committee; local ward councillors; Biggin' Up Blairhall
	Explore improving the surface, remarking, and lighting for the MUGA.	Fife Council; Blairhall Community Centre Management Committee; Police Scotland; local ward councillors
3.2. Increase the number of physical, social and recreational activities for young people in the village.	Work with partners to increase provision for children and young people in the community centre.	Blairhall Community Centre Management Committee; Fife Council; local youth providers; Active Schools / sports partners; Police Scotland
3.3. Increase the number of family activities in the village.	Re-establish a history and heritage group.	Blairhall Community Centre Management Committee; local volunteers; Fife Council; local history / heritage partners
	Explore the viability of forming a book club.	Blairhall Community Centre Management Committee; local volunteers; Fife Libraries / Fife Council
	Create a family night with activities such as Lego, games, crafts, movies.	Blairhall Community Centre Management Committee; local volunteers; Fife Council; parent groups; local activity providers





4. Care and Maintenance

Theme	Actions	Partners
4.1. Increase the volume and/or visibility of litter bins, dog mess bins, and recycling points in the village.	Increase the number of signs to alert residents and visitors to refuse options.	Fife Council; Biggin' Up Blairhall; local ward councillors
	Improve awareness of littering issues in the village, for example, by linking with the school and nursery.	Blairhall Primary School; nursery; Fife Council; local volunteers
	Expand the types of recycling available at the North side of the village beyond textiles.	Fife Council; recycling providers; local ward councillors
4.2. Improve the aesthetics of green spaces in the village, therefore increasing the awareness and usage.	Work with local providers to install benches, bins, flower beds, etc, as appropriate.	Fife Council; Biggin' Up Blairhall; local volunteers; local businesses / sponsors; Blairhall Community Centre Management Committee
4.3. Form a group that carries out low-level maintenance and improvement tasks.	Form an action group to lead on improvements and tasks.	Biggin' Up Blairhall; local volunteers; Blairhall Community Centre Management Committee; Fife Council
	Use social media campaigns to showcase local initiatives and increase participation in the village.	Biggin' Up Blairhall; Blairhall Community Centre Management Committee; local volunteers; Fife Council communications / community teams





Blairhall
Primary
School

Lorraine Taggart
Dance School

Blairhall Community Centre Management Committee

George Stewart

And all the residents of Blairhall and surrounding area