



Tynewater Neighbourhood Plan

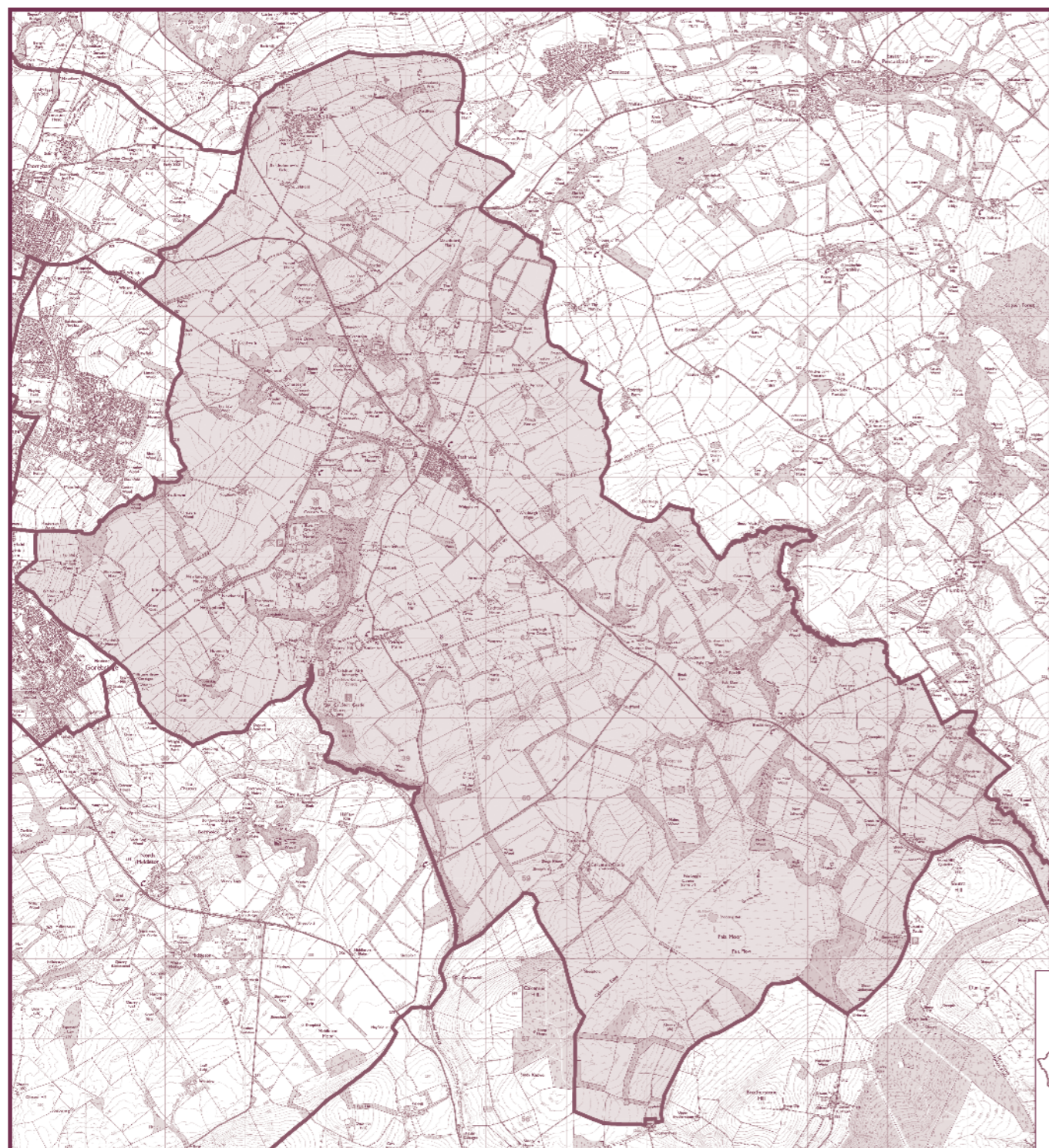
Tynewater Looking Forward

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1. Introduction

Midlothian Moving Forward, the Community Planning Partnership, is committed to placing communities at the heart of community planning. This involves producing Neighbourhood Plans in each of Midlothian's sixteen Community Council areas.

Neighbourhood Planning is about improving local communities in a way that brings together local residents with partner agencies to identify and find solutions to local issues.

This plan is focused on the Tynewater Community Council area and has been produced by residents from Edgehead, Dewartown, Cousland, Pathhead and Fala along with Tynewater Community Councillors, representatives from Pathhead and Cousland Village halls and the churches with support from Midlothian Council. It describes the area it represents, and lists the changes, developments and improvements local residents would like to see happen. The Neighbourhood Plan complements the work already undertaken by local organisations including:

- Cousland Development Plan
- Pathhead Village Hall consultation exercise
- Fala consultation
- Crichton Community Development Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan provides a snapshot of the issues, concerns and aspirations of Tynewater's communities in 2015. The steering group recognises that this is a flexible working plan which will be added to in the future as new challenges emerge.

Implementation and Monitoring

1. The Steering Group will become an Implementation Group, a sub-committee of the Tynewater Community Council, who with wide representation from our local communities and the continuing support of Midlothian Councils Communities Team, will facilitate and monitor progress of the plan. The Community Council will nominate a Convenor for the group.
2. The Implementation Group may form sub groups to progress actions and to identify, address and progress specific issues.
3. The frequency and format of meetings of the Implementation Group will be agreed by the Implementation Group and its sub groups with quarterly updates being provided to the community council.

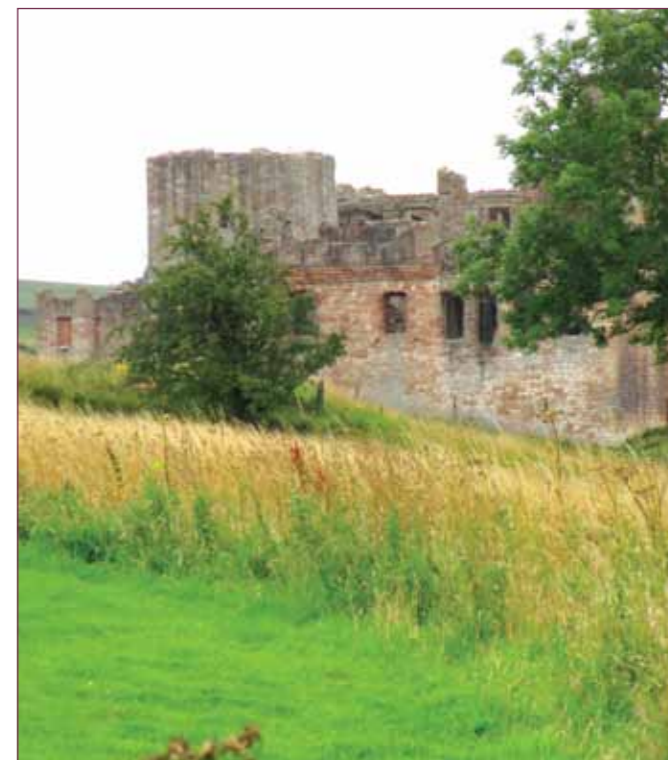
4. A review of progress of the action plan will be conducted by the Implementation Group and the Community Council at least every two years.

2. About Tynewater

Tynewater Community Council covers an extensive rural area with distinct local communities of varying sizes and populations. The total population of Tynewater is 2,429 (2011 census). The population of Midlothian is 82,300 and is projected to increase to 89,000 by 2035.

The area's main centre is the village of Pathhead. The surrounding area covered by the Tynewater Community Council includes the villages of Cousland, Edgehead, Crichton, Ford, Dewartown, Newlandrig, Fala, Fala Dam and Blackshiels.





Pathhead

Pathhead is a conservation village located around 4 miles (6.4 km) south east of Dalkeith and 11 miles (18 km) south of Edinburgh, at the head of the ascent of the main route south to Lauder. The busy A68 trunk road runs through the village and defines the development of the village.

Pathhead has around 500 homes, of which 135 are Council houses with the addition of a small number of amenity homes for older people rented through Castle Rock Edinvar Housing Association. Pathhead has a population of about 982 (2011 census). The village has grown in the recent past with additional housing added in the 1970s and 1990s. It contains the only shops and services in the area, along with two community halls, and the area's primary school.

The earliest house close to Pathhead is a Pictish earth house or "souterrain" believed to date from some 1,500 years ago. There are several Iron Age and Roman camps in the area and the A68 closely follows the path of the Roman road called Dere Street. Many of the houses on Main Street date from the 1750s, when the area was closely associated with the production of lime for both agriculture and building work. During most of the 20th century farming and mining were central to the economy of Pathhead and the surrounding district.

Cousland

The village of Cousland, with a population of around 300, lies approximately 3 miles northwest of Pathhead, 7 miles south-east of Edinburgh. It is easily accessible by car from the A68, A1 and A720 trunk roads.

There are numerous small businesses operating from the village and there is a newly opened Community Heritage Hub in addition to a well used community hall.

The village has a long and varied history documented as far back as 1110. There is mention of Cousland in a charter of William the Lion around the late 12th century.

Significant industry took place in and around Cousland over the centuries. The lime industry (which only ceased in the 1980s) provided the lime to build Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace, and the Flodden Wall. Original lime worker cottages have now been converted into modern dwellings. Cousland has a significant number of historic remains, including Cousland Castle, lime quarries and kilns, and a working smiddy.

Edgehead

Edgehead conservation village is a small rural community of 68 houses and a population of 160.

Edgehead is a linear settlement with two rows of 19th century cottages, mostly single storey, on either side of a wide, straight Roman road that runs through the village. This gives the settlement a distinctive appearance. The conservation area includes Edgehead Farm.

Edgehead is located in an elevated position on the old Roman road 'Dere Street'. The village is situated on the south side of the Roman Camp Ridge, as this location afforded a strong, elevated defensive position. Part of the settlement was formerly known as Chesterhill. Over time the whole village became known as Edgehead, after the farm and colliery of that name. The houses were originally built in the 19th century for employees of the local colliery that was located within what is now Windmill Wood. There is a connection with milling, with the location in the village of the former 18th century tower grain mill, one of the few remaining in Scotland.

Ancient Monuments and sites within the Edgehead area include: the Old Windmill, Windmill House, and Edgehead Colliery Coal Mines.

Crichton

Crichton is a very small rural community of 21 houses and around 45 residents.

Some of the village and steading date from the 17/18th centuries.

The Crichton Estate was acquired by the Callander family of Prestonhall in 1795 and is still in its possession, except for the village houses.

In 1885 Robert Rowan Anderson (the architect who designed The National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh) was commissioned to design and build 'Crichton Cottages' in the village, to house servants. Crichton Castle, managed by Historic Scotland, sits to the west of the village. The earliest parts date from the late 14th century. The tower house is one of the oldest built in Scotland.



Ford

Ford is a small collection of houses just north of Pathhead and is much older than Pathhead itself. Ford is mentioned in the Blaeu Atlas of Scotland, published in 1654, and is known to be on the route of Dere Street. Ford sits in a valley overlooked by the Lothian Bridge, built over the Tyne Water by Thomas Telford in 1831 as part of the improvement in communication in Scotland, and considered a fine example of Telford’s work.

well preserved architectural and historical character. Dewartown (population approx. 65) was built to house the many workers from the local estates. Its name relates to the Dewar family who owned the nearby Vogrie House and Estate which now forms Vogrie Country Park. Newlandrigg (population approx. 30) is a small hamlet of diverse development. The area is rural but has been impacted in the past from opencast coal extraction to the west of Newlandrig.



Fala/Blackshiels and Fala Dam

On a small offshoot of the A68 sits Fala Dam, a small hamlet of 10 houses in a ribbon development either side of the road. This was the old Edinburgh to London road and Fala Dam was the first livery change after the City. The school, the joinery shop and wheel wrights, and the mill are long since closed. Following on along the road a further mile you come to Fala Village and Blackshiels, a larger village of 20 houses. Here the old village school is run as a thriving nursery and the church, which is spotlighted, is the first landmark in Midlothian that you see travelling north along the A68. The village has a thriving community, and village hall. Nearby lies “Soutra Aisle”, a historical Hospice/Franciscan monastery.

Outlying farming and estates

The area is predominantly agricultural. The development of housing and services has built up around serving the farming and large estates that define the landscape. As a result there is a significant number of farms and associated housing scattered over the area that forms an important contribution to the community.

Dewartown and Newlandrig

Both villages have developed along the busy B6372 road and are designated conservation areas with



General

Other unusual features of Tyne water include its long border with both East Lothian and Scottish Borders. These can result in planning decisions affecting Tyne water being made in Haddington rather than Dalkeith for example decisions on wind turbines located in East Lothian and the large quarry at Soutra that is regulated by planning consents granted by Scottish Borders Council, although the access roads to the quarry and the adjacent populations are entirely within Tyne water/Midlothian.

However, it is also fair to say that these neighbouring borders also have benefits. For example, as well as the new Borders Railway, opened in September 2015, the Fala community is destined to benefit from co-operation with their near neighbours in Humble (East Lothian), with the roll-out of a community based wireless broadband scheme. Another example would be the “Humble First Attenders”, a community based scheme largely funded by a local Community Benefit Trust and supported by the Scottish Ambulance Service that has successfully attended a number of call-outs in the Fala area.

Vogrie Country Park

Managed by Midlothian Council, Vogrie Country Park is a popular area for walks and outdoor activities, and attracts many visitors from outside the area, particularly at weekends and during the summer months.

Vogrie offers a haven of tranquility in the heart of Midlothian’s countryside. It retains much of its character as a Victorian parkland estate, with sweeping carriage drives, beautifully landscaped vistas, an original walled garden and the baronial-styled Vogrie House.

As well as the natural attractions of Vogrie, including 105 hectares of woods and over 4 miles of beautiful woodland walks, facilities include an adventure play area, barbecue sites, 9-hole golf course, woodland walks, water features, a miniature railway, and the Cedar Tree Cafe.

There is also a bird sanctuary (SSI) in Hadfast Valley, managed by the Royal Scottish Protection of Birds.

Services and Facilities

As in most rural areas many services have declined over the past few decades as local residents increasingly use the larger retail units closer to Edinburgh. Pathhead has a small general store and post office, pub, bakery, fish and pizza takeaway. There are also cafés located at Soutra on the A68, and in nearby Humbie.

The Tynewater community is served by the Pathhead Medical Practice in Pathhead, with a pharmacy attached.

The RBS Branch in Pathhead was closed in 2014 and was replaced by a mobile RBS Bank.

Pathhead has a park on the west side of the village with a full-size football pitch, pavilion building (where many local community groups meet), and children’s play area. Both Cousland and Fala have 5-a-side football pitches and a Patenque playing area.

Well used children’s play areas are maintained in the villages of Edgehead, Fala, and Cousland

Tynewater primary school, the local primary school, has a 4G Astroturf pitch, but the cost of booking this facility makes it difficult for some groups to access. Nursery provision is located at the primary school and there is additional private provision at Cranston and Fala.

Primary school children are mainly bussed to Pathhead, and secondary school children are bussed to Dalkeith.

Village Halls managed by local residents are located in Cousland, Pathhead, and Fala. These provide a range of social, educational, and recreational activities for local people.

Pathhead Village Hall offers a programme of activities including Pathhead Youth Project (PYP), and events organised by the Pathhead Music Collective. PYP organise the Pathhead Talent Show each year, and other events. The Pathhead Players put on a play and pantomime each year. Throughout the year the hall is well used by groups and clubs including Pathhead and District Horticultural Society. Pathhead & District Community Association manages the hall, with premises to the rear leased to the Pathhead Sports & Social Club. For older residents a cafe is run by church and community members each Tuesday morning in the Sports Pavilion, and there is also ‘The Wednesday Club’ that meets twice a month. For a week each July a Holiday Club is organised by the church for primary school children which is well attended. PYP organise an annual Burns Supper for the elderly that brings younger and older residents together.

Cousland has an active community with a well used village hall administered by a thriving village hall committee.

Village groups and clubs include the Women’s Institute, youth club, majority group, carpet bowls, guides, mother & toddlers, fitness training, Cousland real ale & poetry society, a monthly community café and an annual petanque tournament and league.

Cousland villagers produce a bimonthly newsletter that is distributed to every house in the village, and to 100 other rural dwellings and farms surrounding the village.

The village has produced its own development plan 2014 – 2019.

Tynewater is served by a number of churches and places of worship that are also a base for a range of activities and clubs.

- Church of Scotland Tynevalley Parish, with churches at Borthwick, Cranstoun and Fala
- St Mary’s Roman Catholic Church, Pathhead
- Crichton Collegiate Church

Equestrian centres play a significant role in the area and are an important source of income to local farmers making horse riding a popular pastime along the roads, bridleways and paths.

Public Transport

The area is dominated by the main A68 trunk road (part of the European route E15) that runs south through Pathhead. Although limited with a 30mph speed limit through the village, this road provides one of the major concerns for the area with regard to road safety and environmental impact, but does provide an important source of custom for the commercial outlets in Pathhead.

Private road vehicles remain the predominant mode of transport within the area. – With the opening of the Dalkeith bypass in 2008, it is possible to travel from Pathhead to the outskirts of Edinburgh in 15 minutes outside of peak hours. There is a Park & Ride bus service at Sheriffhall, and rail stations at Musselburgh, and Newcraighall. The new Borders rail link will provide rail services from nearby Gorebridge (opening September 2015). There is easy access to the south by the A7 and A68.

The B6372 road joins the A68, and the A7, and is therefore heavily used particularly for commuting from the rapidly developing housing in Gorebridge. The linear layout of Newlandrig and Dewartown along this road means that road traffic issues are a primary concern, although both villages have 30mph speed limits.



An hourly bus service links Pathhead with Edinburgh, via Dalkeith, and Edgehead. The trip takes around 50 minutes and continues south, serving the communities adjacent to the A68 towards Jedburgh or Kelso. Gaps in the bus service in the early morning, and through the evening, are covered by “Ring & Go”, a local demand responsive service between Pathhead and Dalkeith financially supported by Midlothian Council.

Cousland has had no bus service since April 2014. There is a “Ring & Go” service between Cousland and Dalkeith that runs daytime and early evenings seven days a week.

Dial-A-Bus [DAB] is operated by HcL [formerly Handicabs Lothian] and is financially supported by Midlothian Council.

DAB provides a pre-bookable service using vehicles that are designed for ease of use by wheelchair users and the semi-ambulant, although they are open to others to use particularly in more remote settlements. Set routes link residential areas with shopping centres on a weekly basis. DAB route “Y10” links Newlandrig, Dewartown, Pathhead, Ford and Edgehead with Eskbank Tesco on Tuesday afternoons. Seats need to be pre-booked with the operator HcL.

Dial –A- Ride (DAR) uses vehicles similar to those operated on DAB, but for customised journeys. Pricing is a base charge of £4 plus mileage at 25p per mile for the first 20 miles, and 50p per mile thereafter.

Further Information on Public Transport

| Service | Provider | Contact |
|--|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bus service [51/52 Edinburgh-Jedburgh/Kelso] | Perryman’s Buses | 01289 308719 |
| Dial-A-Bus [Y10 Tuesday afternoons] | HcL | 0131 447 1718 |
| Dial-A-Ride | HcL | 0131 447 9949 |
| Midlothian Council | Travel Team | 0131 561 5455 |
| Ring & Go Cousland | Swift Taxis | 0131 660 1031 or 0131 654 1004 |
| Ring & Go Pathhead | 1212 Taxis | 0131 654 1212 |

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Outlying residents are entirely dependent on cars and taxis for transport and access. The minor roads in the locality are maintained by Midlothian Council, with a good service on gritting and snow clearance in bad winters.

- Easy access to Edinburgh
- Vogrie Country Park

3. Neighbourhood Plan Consultation process

Questionnaires were designed by the Steering Group and distributed to all households in the Tynewater area. The questionnaire was also available to complete online.

90 completed questionnaires were received (42 paper/48 online). These were received from residents as follows:

Fala Village 8

Dewarton 10

Newlandrig 2

Pathhead 33

Edgehead 10

Ford 2

Fala Dam 3

Crichton 2

Cousland 10

and other 10.

In addition to the questionnaire a stall was organised at The Green Fair in December 2014. A questionnaire was designed with young people, and was distributed to young people through the primary school, Pathhead Youth Project, and the Brownies who meet at Cousland Village Hall.

4. What people told us

The results of the questionnaire are summarised in the following section:

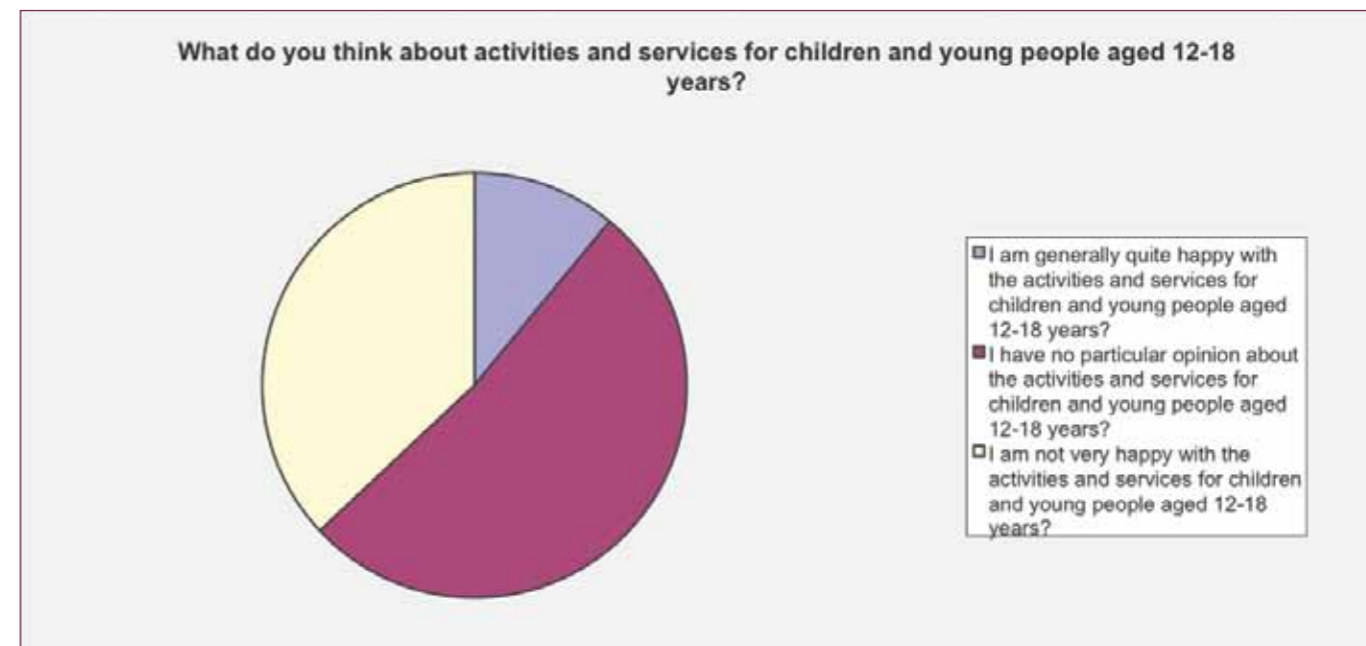
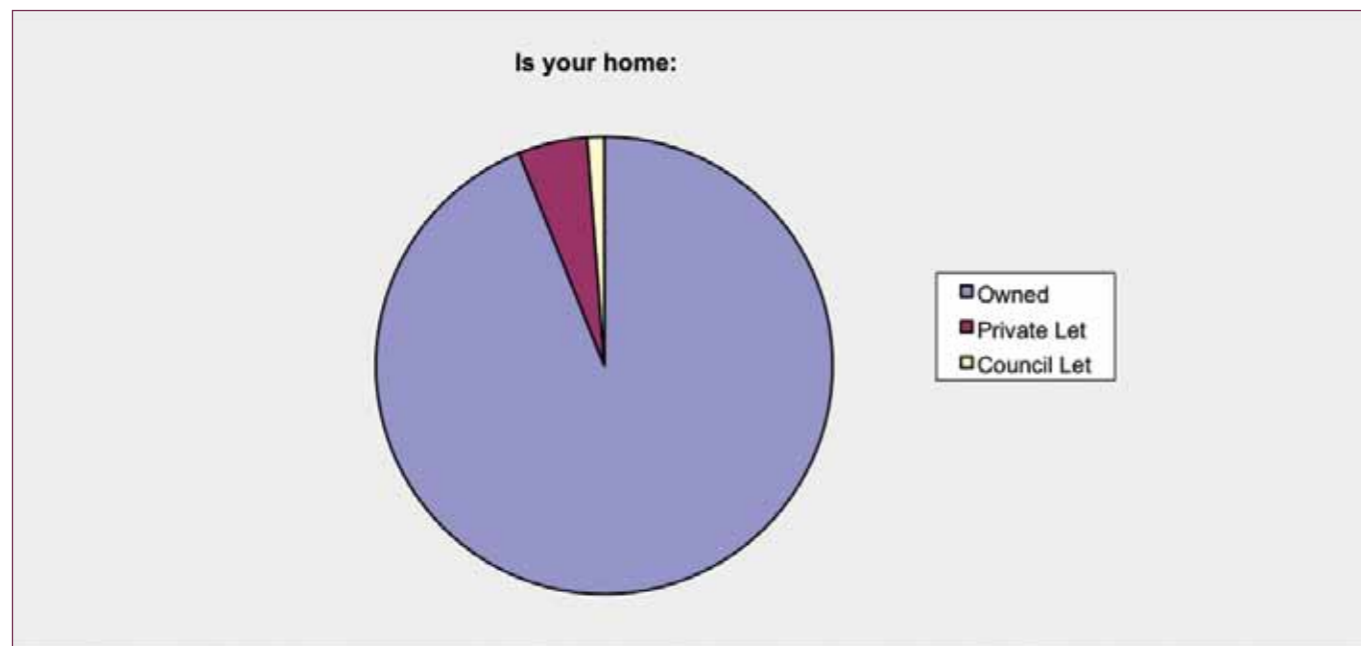
Some of the reasons that people like about living in Tynewater

- Its rural setting
- Quiet, tranquil surroundings
- Friends and neighbours
- Countryside, green space, playparks, no pollution
- Activities, facilities, and events
- Pathhead Music Collective

What would make Tynewater a better place to live in?

- Less traffic
- Better traffic control
- Improved leisure and outdoor facilities
- Dog fouling taken seriously
- More interest from Community Police Officers
- Better care of roads and footpaths
- Improved access to broadband



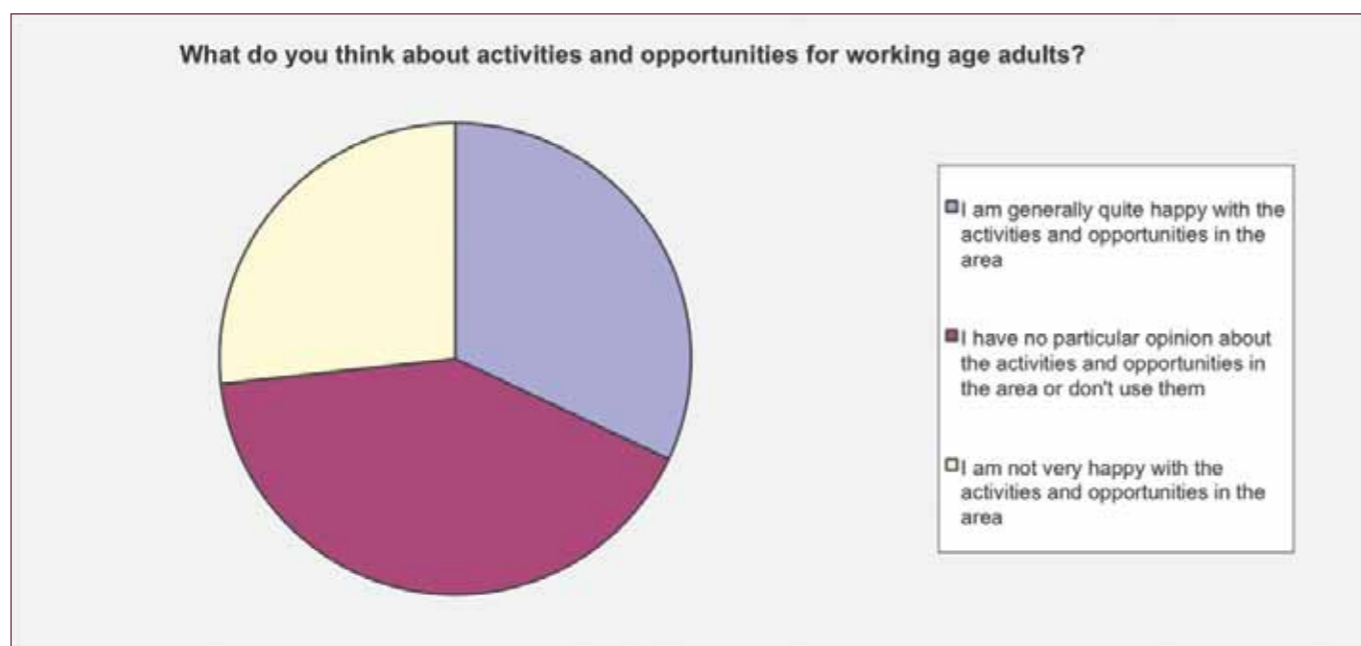


Any additional comments about activities and services for children and young people aged 12-18 years

- Good music and drama opportunities
- Pathhead Youth Project is a great asset

Issues/Concerns

- Restricted transport to and from villages
- A lack of facilities for young people aged 12-18 years;
- No outdoor sports facilities
- Funding for project to ensure they can be sustained and developed, for example Pathhead Youth Project

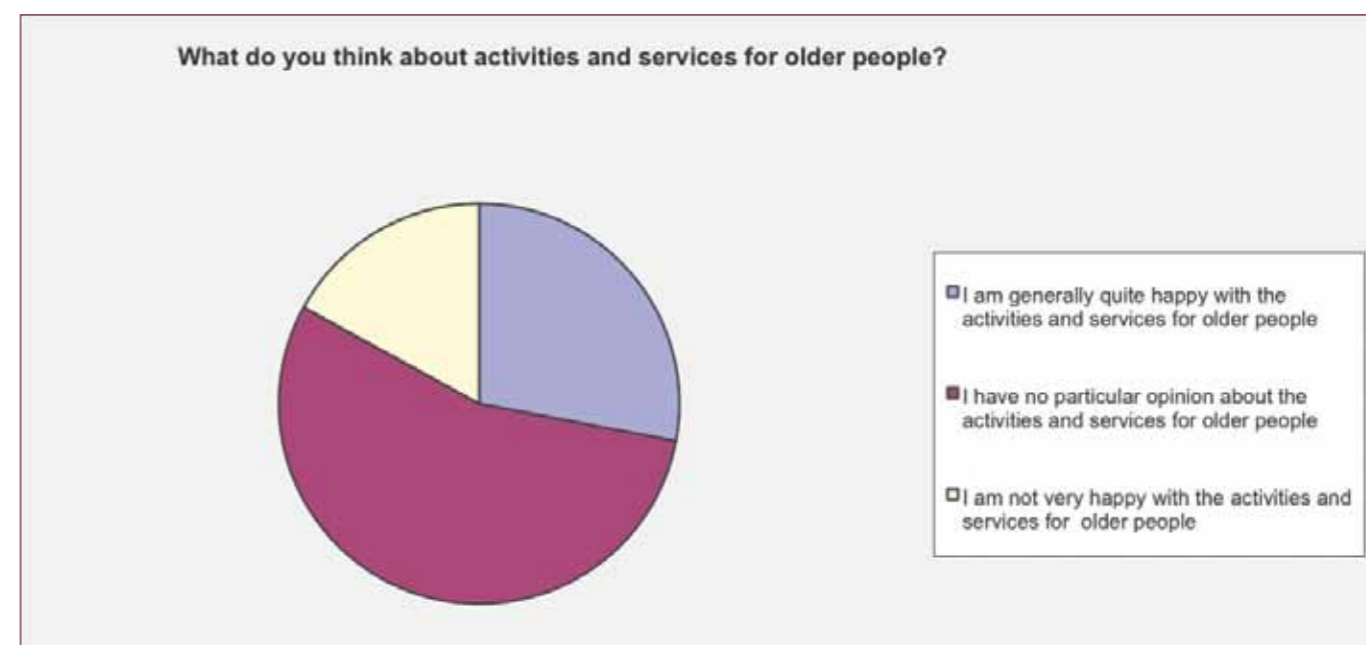


Any additional comments about play facilities and activities for young children and their families

- Vogrie is a very good asset
- There are good play parks but mostly for smaller children.

Issues/Concerns

- Tynewater Primary School Astro turf – cost of use
- Fala park is often flooded
- An indoor play facility would be good
- Dog fouling in parks and public spaces

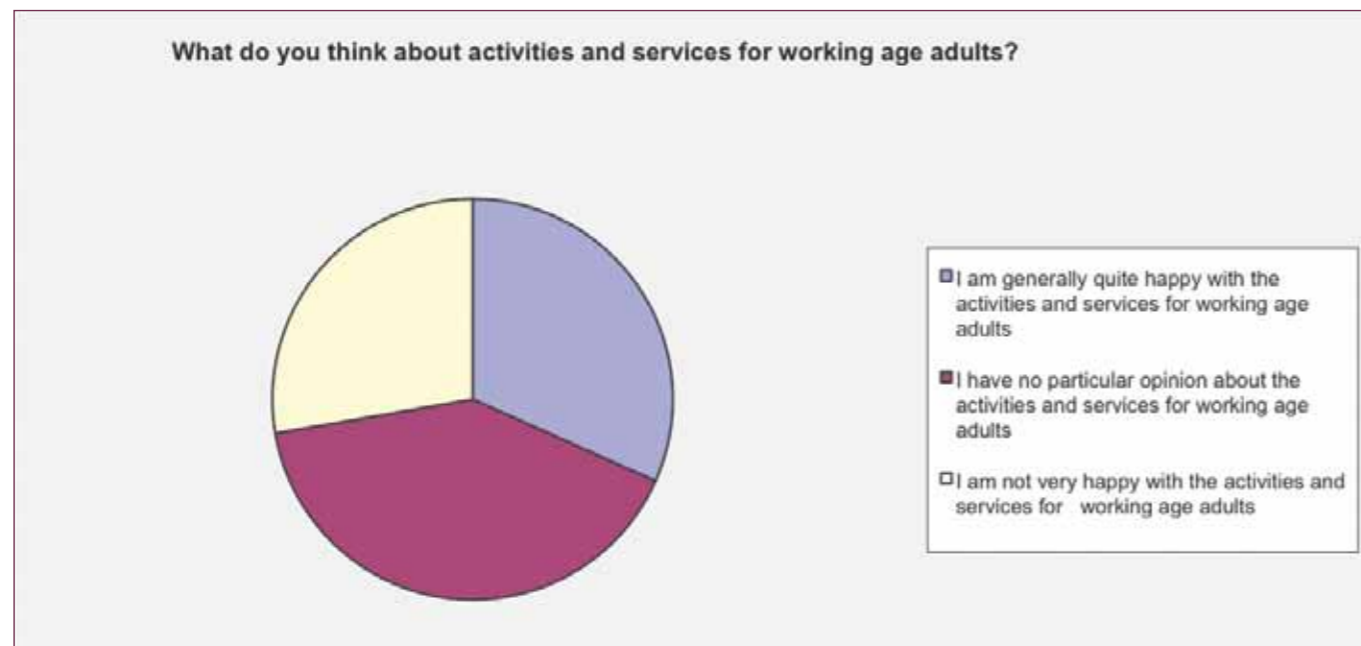


Additional comments about activities and services for older people

- Several groups on through the week – for example Pathhead Horticultural Society, History Society Group, and community Cafes at Fala, Cousland, Pathhead

Issues/Concerns

- Lack of transport
- Communication issues not helped by poor internet availability
- Old and outdated facilities requiring to be updated such as Pathhead Village Hall and Callender Pavilion

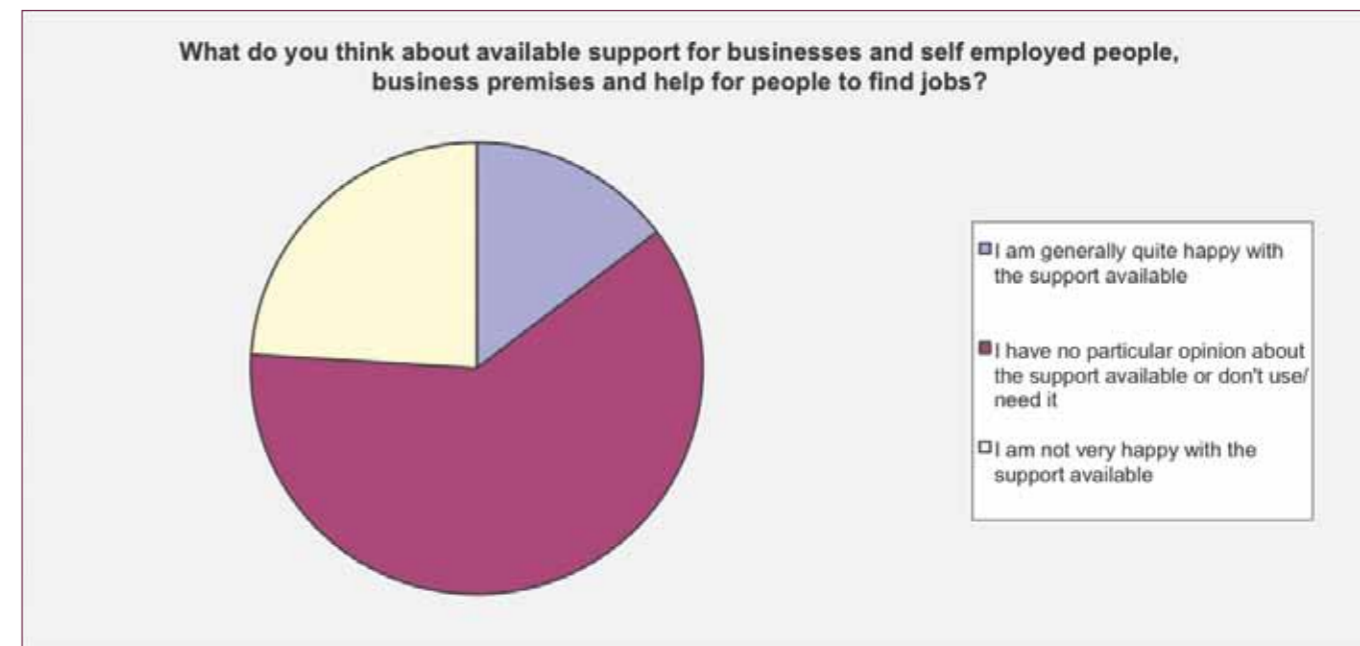


Additional comments about the activities and opportunities for working age adults

- Pathhead Music Collective offers great activities;
- There is a good mobile library

Issues/Concerns

- Very few opportunities within the villages
- Cost of use of the pavilion in Pathhead on Sundays for community events
- Lack of communication not helped by poor internet availability
- Lack of community action days eg. improve public spaces or carry out collective work on communal assets

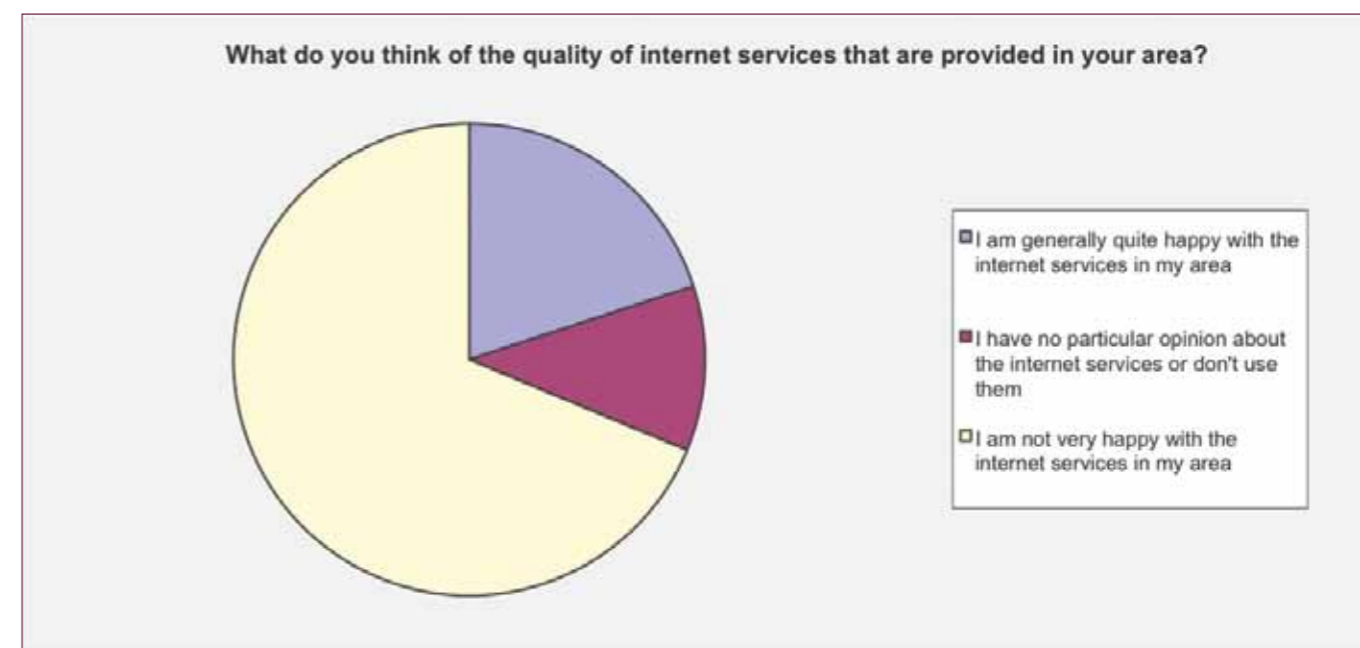


Additional comments about the support for businesses, self-employed people, and business premises and help for people to find jobs

- People are aware of the support, advice and guidance which Business Gateway in Dalkeith provide

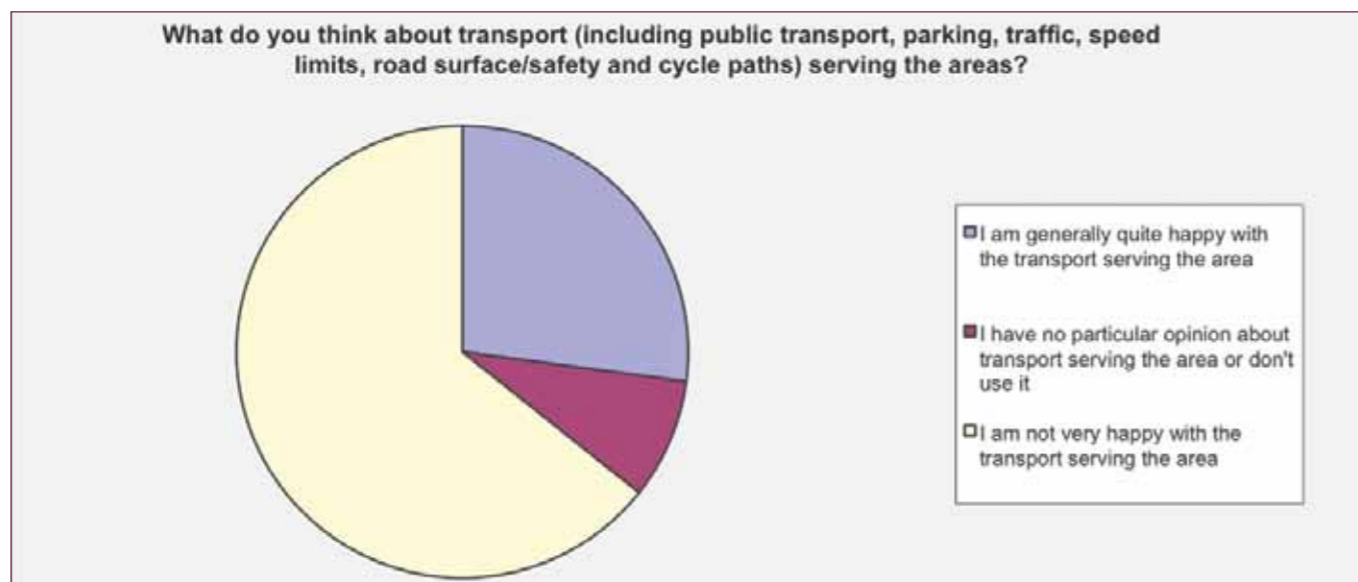
Issues/Concerns

- Poor Internet service drives businesses away from area



How internet services affect you

- Affect my business
- Slow speed and poor access to broadband
- Look forward to Scottish Government digital programme to improve broadband
- Internet access now a real driver for business



Additional comments about transport serving in the areas

- Provide a public transport link between Cousland and Pathhead, especially to/from Pathhead Health Centre
- Provide bus stops closer to Pathhead Health Centre – current stops are quite a long walk away

Roads and Foot Paths

- Road and footpath surfaces are poor
- A need for a footpath from Edgehead to Whitehill
- A need to review road crossings through Pathhead

Cycle Paths

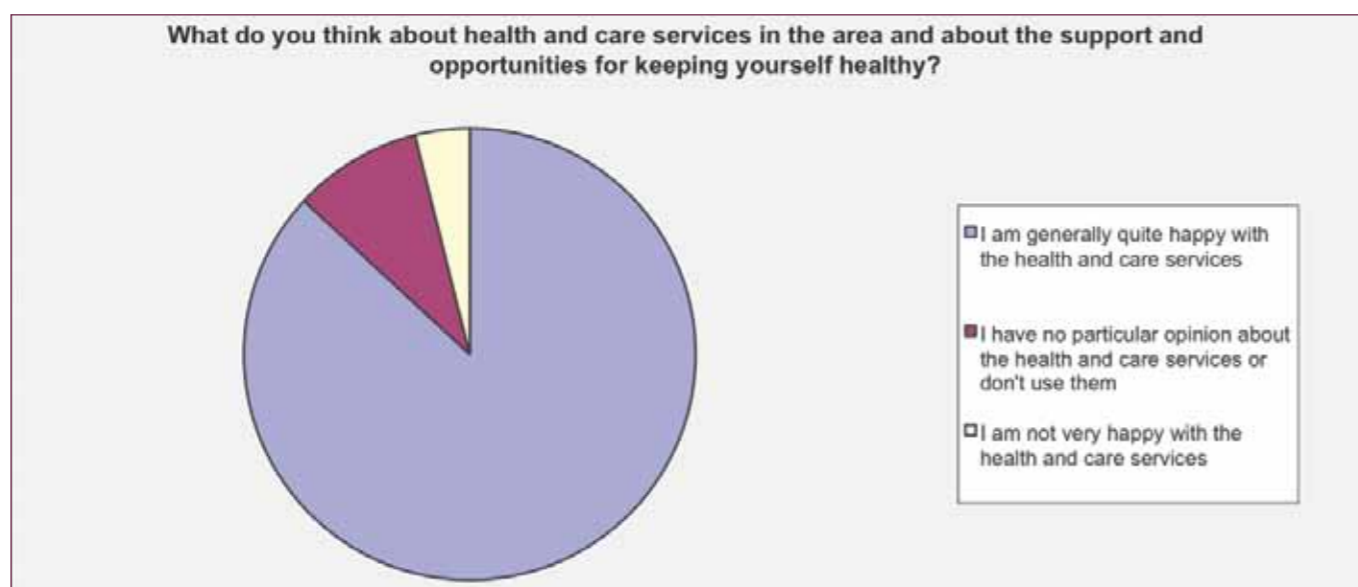
- Very limited
- Nonexistent in some places

Buses

- Bus fares are expensive
- Bus services are limited
- Extend Pathhead Ring & Go journeys to include Fala Dam and Fala

Traffic

- Traffic very heavy particularly on A68 & B6372
- Speeding traffic

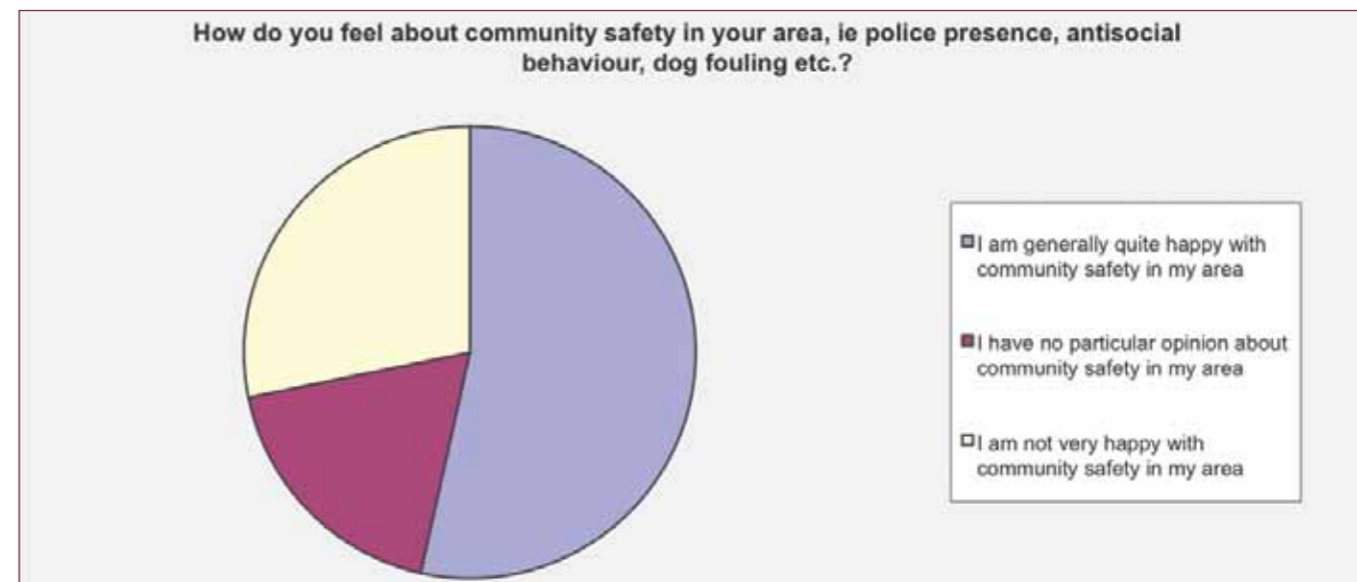


Additional comments about health and care services

- An excellent Health Centre and Pharmacy in Pathhead

Issues/Concerns

- Transport from outlying areas to Pathhead surgery

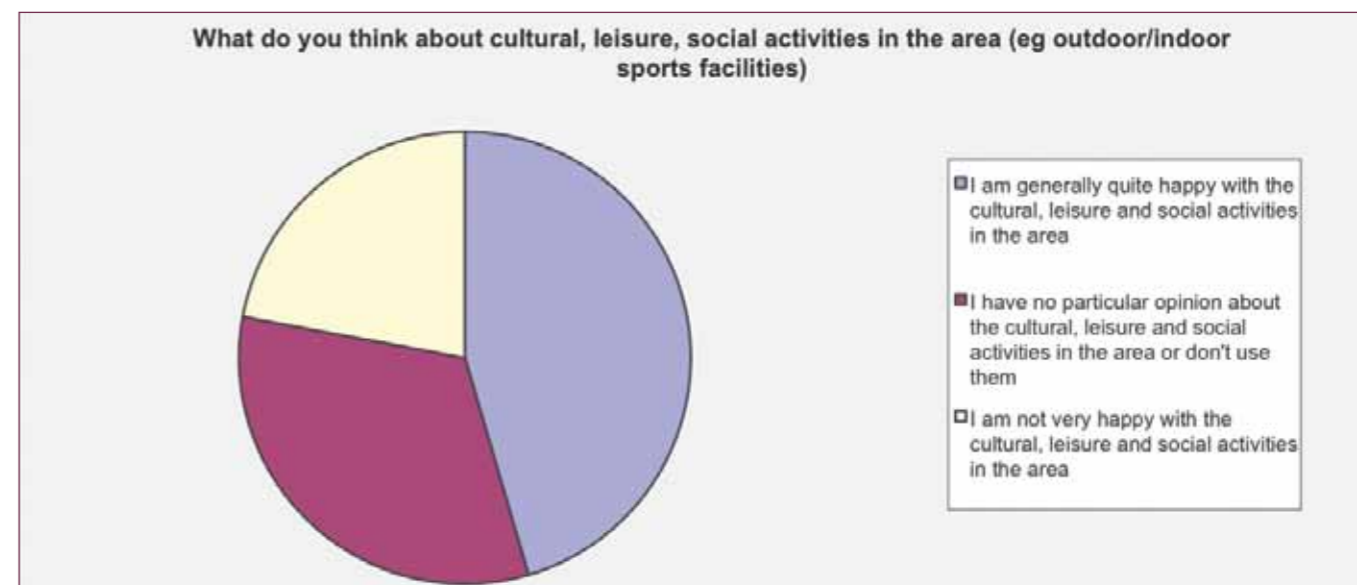


Additional comments about Community Safety in your area

- Anti social behaviour has improved over the last two-three years

Issues/Concerns

- Dog fouling a persistent problem
- Lack of litter bins across area
- Lack of Police visibility in area

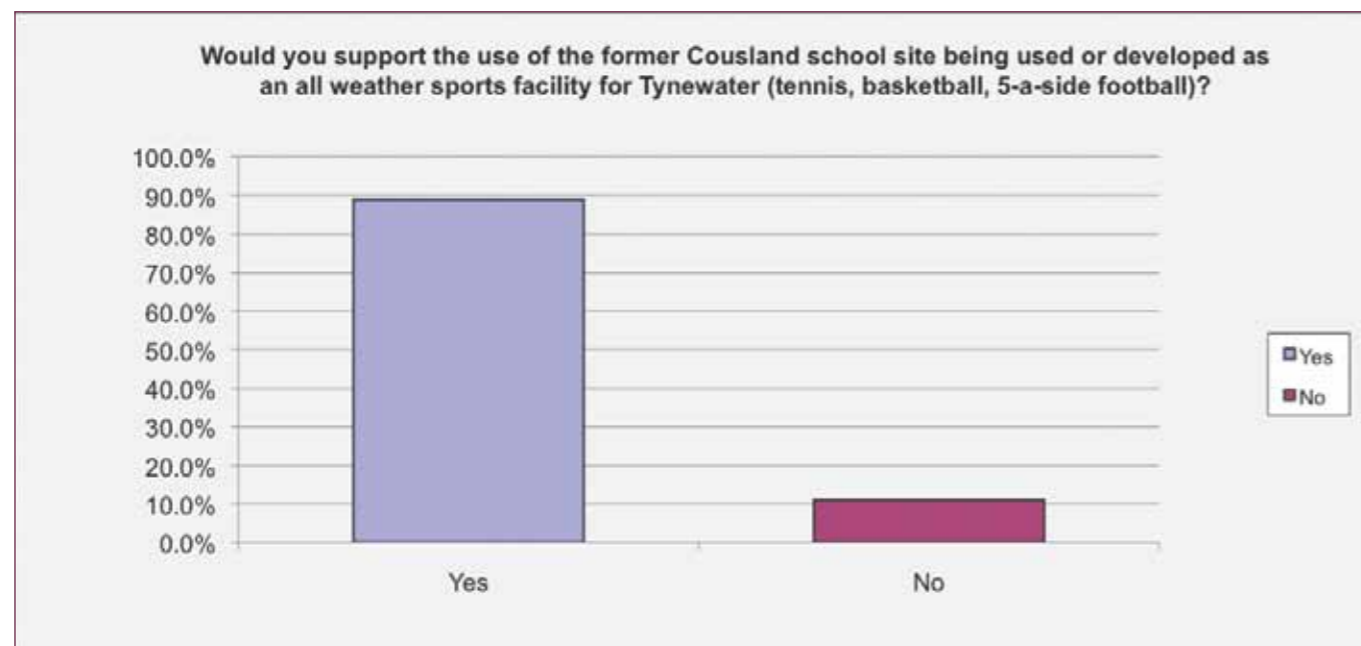


Additional comments about cultural, leisure and sports facilities in the area

- Excellent Cultural – Pathhead Music Collective
- Good village halls
- Good walking & jogging groups

Issues/Concerns

- Lack of outside & inside sport facilities
- Communication required to advertise and promote opportunities
- Transport to and from activities is an issue



Additional comments about the local environment

- Vogrie is a great local asset

Issues/Concerns

- Lacking in interesting green spaces- nothing like allotments in the area. Need to encourage community growing
- Shortage of convenient and affordable housing for local families and employers

Comments about influencing matters in the community

- Active village committees but lack of co-ordination
- Community Council working well but could be better advertised and issues communicated

Issues/concerns/ideas

- A need for a community network

Comments about conservation/ industry/energy in your area

- Mixed feelings about wind turbines – some areas get funding but wind turbines in other areas affect Tynewater
- The gas main in Pathhead is a great new facility.

Issues/concerns

- The majority of residents are worried and not in favour of fracking/it has to be opposed
- Majority are not in favour of open cast mining
- Concerns about large scale private house building

How would you like to see your village hall improved and developed?

- Basic improvement of community hub meeting places involving more in local decisions and need for local networking
- On-going maintenance and improvement of village halls and community spaces is an area of concern



5. What young people said about Tynewater

Children and young people at Tynewater Primary School and Cousland Brownies were asked their views about what was good about living there, what could be improved and what were the gaps in provision.

Environment

- Dog fouling is a high concern.
- Bus shelters are poorly maintained.
- Would like to see more community gardens.
- Start up litter picking groups in any areas that don't have them.
- Clear paths of debris and bushes more regularly.

Parks

- Disappointed over the removal of Fala Park facilities, which were never replaced.
- Would like to see colorful flower beds and benches in parks
- Fix the flooding in Fala Park.

Health

- Better communication of what's available in local communities

Leisure

- Lack of general sport facilities all over Tynewater
- No soft play areas.
- Make more use of the nature/the woods/nature walks
- Start Community cafes at the weekend
- Would like to see a sports hall for all to access
- A high number showed interest in creating a skate park

Community Safety

- Speed limits/fast cars/lorries etc – high concern – some said makes them late for school trying to cross the busy road.
- Not enough cycle paths.
- Safer roads so can cross safely.
- More buses should be available in the evening especially on winter nights.

Local Economy

- Poor internet access
- Places in general need redecorated to make place more appealing.

Let's Talk About...



Tynewater



HELP MAKE YOUR VILLAGES BETTER

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TYNEWATER ACTION PLAN

Sustainable Growth

| | Outcome: What Are We Trying to Achieve | Input/actions | Timescale | Who will be involved/lead? |
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| 1 | Reduce Fly tipping, illegal dumping of tyres etc | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research what other areas are doing, identify good practice including Europe 2. Raise awareness – programme of articles in local papers 3. Discussion with Waste Manager re concerns and potential alternatives – fees charged to small businesses for tipping; amnesty days 4. Ask Environmental Services & Police for their views re enforcement/solutions 5. Discussion with Planning Manager about agreement of removal of waste in planning applications. 6. Publicise use of “Report it Midlothian” & “Dumb Dumpers” and other complaints routes to Midlothian Council. Note: Tynewater Community Council has published these on its Facebook Page. | 6 months | Midlothian Council Environmental Services and Planning Police Scotland Tynewater Community Council |
| 2 | Retention and improved use of green spaces and gardens | Research potential setting up of allotments/opportunities for community growing/garden projects and intergenerational work. Note: An example of a local project is the “Pathedible” Project in Pathhead supported by Tynewater Community Council. | 1-3 years | TyneWater Community Council Midlothian Council Cousland Allotments Pathedible Project |
| 3 | Reduce dog fouling | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organise a walkabout of the area with relevant Council staff to identify best locations for bins and identify if more are needed, 2. Discussion with Council Waste Manager, about concerns that bins are not being emptied frequently enough. 3. Evaluate the benefits of establishing a scheme where poo bags are more readily available via volunteer dog walkers. Note: Tynewater Community Council supported free dog bags has been operating in Pathhead since 2014. Availability of free bags via members of the Midlothian Green Dog Walkers Scheme has been publicised. It should be noted that members of the public approaching others with dog bags is not encouraged i.e. possible risk of confrontation. 4. Publicise that any Midlothian Council Litter Bin can be used for disposal as can householders own bins. Note: Also part of TWCC Pathhead project as above. 5. Young people in schools and local groups to design posters to be displayed in parks | 6 months | Midlothian Council Land Resources and Environmental Health Tynewater Community Council Schools and local groups |
| 4 | Reduce litter | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment regarding need for more bins/is issue emptying and/or location of bins – see above action 2. Litter education programme 3. Schools and general community to be involved in litter pick up events. Note: Tynewater Community Council hold a number of “litter pickers” previously donated by Millars of Fordel. Midlothian Council support litter picks through the provision of litter pickers and removal of material collected. | 6 months | Midlothian Council Environmental Health and Environmental Services Tynewater Community Council |
| 5 | Area Conservation: Ensure that all residents express their views as regards opencast mining, fracking etc | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure all residents are informed/kept aware of any proposals via newsletter and social media so that views can be expressed in response to consultations | 3-5 years | TyneWater Community Council |
| 6 | Establish a community view in regards to impact of wind turbines/other environmental threats and opportunities | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure all residents are informed/kept aware of any proposals via newsletter and social media so that views can be expressed in response to consultations | 3-5 years | TyneWater Community Council Environmental campaigning organisations |
| 7 | Reduce rural fuel poverty | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publicise current collective oil purchase scheme and invite others to join | 6 months | TyneWater Community Council |
| 8 | Improved road maintenance | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request information about dates/times of road works to minimise disruption e.g. to farms <p>Note: Midlothian Council provide an annual programme</p> | 1-3 years | Midlothian Council Tynewater Community Council Amev (A68) |

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Improving Opportunities in Midlothian

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| 9 | Improve opportunities to take part in physical activities locally for all ages | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a working group with representation from each village 2. Conduct a community consultation regarding establishing a sports facility for Tynewater residents | 1-2 years | Other Community Groups Midlothian Voluntary Action Midlothian Council |
| 10 | Improve access to affordable and eco friendly housing e.g. solar panels | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consultation with Planning Manager regarding Council policy in regards to new developments as regards building of smaller houses <p>Note: The community aim is to have a greener approach to housing provision e.g. incorporating solar panels into building design.</p> | 3-5 years | Midlothian Council Planning |
| 11 | Improved access to internet/broadband | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting with Midlothian Council and Scottish Government to discuss improvements 2. Promote development of community broadband. <p>Note: a meeting was held in June 2015 to progress this outcome.</p> | 6 months | Tynewater NP Implementation Group Midlothian Council Scottish Government |
| 12 | Improved local communication/information exchange about local groups/services etc | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish one newsletter for Tynewater area 2. Promotion of access to and use of Face Book page that Tynewater Community Council has established. 3. Minutes of Community Council meetings made available to all. Note: Already available via local Community Councillors/Representatives, Community Council Notice Boards and Facebook Page. 4. Establish a community network to “have a responsible voice to effect change on the ground” | 3-5 years | Midlothian Council: Lifelong Learning & Employment and Communities Midlothian Voluntary Action Tynewater Valley Parish Local Groups |
| 13 | Maximise opportunities for local community groups | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider implications and opportunities of the Community Empowerment legislation for local community groups. | 1-2 years | Tynewater Community Council Local Groups |

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Community Safety

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| 14 | Road Safety on Lothian Bridge | <p>1. No overtaking and double lines on Lothian Bridge or other alternative road safety opportunities. Note: Tynewater Community Council has been in dialogue with Amey (who are responsible for the trunk road) but they are not supportive of this proposal.</p> <p>General Road Safety Issues within Tynewater Area. Road Safety issues continue to be progressed by Tynewater Community Council via Midlothian Council Amey and Pathhead Road Safety Action Group (see 17.2 below)</p> | 3-5 years | Midlothian Council Amey Tynewater Community Council Pathhead Road Safety Action Group |
| 15 | Increase and improved cycle paths, lanes and footpaths | <p>1. Meet with relevant parties regarding maintenance of current cycle paths and establishing more, regarding extending pavement to Edgehead etc</p> | 3-5 years | Midlothian Council Tynewater Community Council Amey |
| 16 | Improved transport links | <p>1. Extension of Ring & Go times for Fala and extension of areas to cover Cousland to Pathhead medical practice</p> <p>2. Install two bus shelters at Costerton Mains Road end for Fala Dam residents using buses on the A68</p> | 1-3 years | Midlothian Council Travel Team |
| 17 | Improved road safety/speed of traffic | <p>1. Research what other Community Councils are doing</p> <p>2. Meeting with relevant parties to improve vehicle activated signage, pedestrian crossings, traffic lights at junction at bottom of Pathhead, reduced speed to 20 mph</p> <p>Additional note: Tynewater Community Council and the Pathhead Road Safety Action Group continue to pursue improvements. New VAS signs to be provided (Summer 2015). The issue of a 20mph speed limit through Pathhead has been raised with Transport Scotland, with very little support. A second pedestrian crossing for Pathhead has been considered by Amey & Transport Scotland. However, there is no support for an actual crossing; but consideration/consultation with the community is currently underway with regard to an Island Crossing in the vicinity of the PO/Shop.</p> | 3-5 years | Tynewater Community Council Pathhead Road Safety Action Group Amey |
| 18 | Increased Police presence and explore community safety e.g. neighbourhood watch | <p>1. Tynewater Community Council will continue to raise their concerns in this regard with the elected members and Police Scotland</p> | 6 months | Tynewater Community Council |
| 19 | Improved communication with Midlothian Community Safety Partnership | <p>1. Clarify and establish direct links between local communities and the Community Safety Partnership.</p> | 6 months | Tynewater Community Council Midlothian Council Community Safety Partnership |

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Adult Health and Care

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| 20 | Improved access to GP surgery and pharmacy taken account of bus schedules | 1. Increase Ring and go service Cousland – Pathhead especially to and from Pathhead Health Centre | 1-3 years | Midlothian Council |
| 21 | Reduction in isolation and increased support for all vulnerable individuals | 1. Increase awareness of support available via Age Scotland, Red Cross and Pastoral care team and how to access these | 3-5 years | Red Cross Community Care Team Joint Churches Pastoral Care team |

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Getting it Right for Every Midlothian Child

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| 22 | Community Cafe | 1. Promote /expand existing community cafes with young people. 2. Gather views of young people, along with recommendations for any pilots to include intergenerational work. | 1 year | Young People. Midlothian Council. Pathhead Youth Project. |
| 23 | Improved play equipment for older children at Fala | 1. Meeting with relevant Council manager to review existing provision. 2. Include young people in the process. | 1-2 years | Fala residents Midlothian Council Land Services |
| 24 | Lack of facilities for 12-18 year olds | 1. Carry out a youth consultation designed by young people which identifies the needs of each rural community including the level of interest towards a skatepark. 2. Submit funding applications. 3. Partnership working. | 1 year | Midlothian Council Communities Team along with the support of Lifelong Learning & Employability sessional youth work staff Village Hall Associations Uniformed Organisations. Existing youth groups |
| 25 | Skatepark | 1. Form a steering group of young people and partners to investigate suitable sites and prepare funding applications. 2. Explore opportunities for young people to access skateparks in other areas | 1-2 years | Pathhead Youth Project, Midlothian Council Communities Team along with the support of Lifelong Learning & Employability sessional youth work staff, Midlothian Council Land Resources |
| 26 | Increased opportunities to take part in physical exercise for children/young people | 1. Expand with/from the youth consultation. | 1-2 years | Local youth groups and organisations Midlothian Council Sport and Leisure |

Further information and contact details about community planning

To find out more about community planning in Midlothian

www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/200172/community_planning

To view the profile for Midlothian which provides current information on Midlothian

www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/5243/midlothian_profile_2014

Who is my councillor?

www.midlothian.gov.uk/councillors/specificWard/10/midlothian_east

Get involved:

Tynewater Community Council meets every other month from January – December. Meetings are held at Fala Village Hall, Callender Pavilion (Pathhead) and Cousland Village Hall. Dates, times of meetings and further information including minutes of meetings can be found on the Community Council Notice Boards and are published on the Community Council Facebook page www.facebook.com/tynewater or contact the Community Council Secretary, Colin Grahame, Tel 01875 833651 email jennygrahame@aol.com

If you want to report fly tipping and illegally dumped waste:

www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/1330/street_care_and_cleaning/808/fly_tipping

Community Police

If you would like to make police aware of any policing issues in your local area you can e-mail your Local Police Community Team, for the Tynewater area the e-mail address is

MidlothianEastCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

Or for further information about Police Scotland priorities and local news go to

www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/midlothian/midlothian-east/

Amey South East Trunk Road Unit

are responsible for the A68 and can be contacted (Freephone) on 0800 042 0188 or by e-mail at OCCR.SEscotland@amey.co.uk; the Control Room is staffed on a 24 hour basis.

Alternatively, Transport Scotland operates a Freephone Customer Contact (0800 028 1414) as a simple and effective route for members of the public to report specific road defects and hazards. All reports are passed to Operating Companies for appropriate attention and logged for future reference.

Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

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EH3 9DE

Contact 0131 228 2401 or in an emergency dial 999



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Following the production and launch of this plan

Tynewater Community Council and the Implementation Group will ensure the actions are progressed, monitor progress, feedback to local communities on what has been achieved and address future issues and concerns as they arise.

If you or any group are able to help tackle some of these priority issues we would welcome and appreciate your input and ask you to contact Derek Welsh on 0131 271 3452 or email: neighbourhood.planning@midlothian.gov.uk



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