

OUR PLACE

Lochside & Lincluden

Our Vision

How to Bring Positive & Lasting Change



Lincluden Orchard photograph taken by local resident Glenda Thornton



What is Our Vision

Our Place is an initiative from the Big Lottery Fund in Scotland which will support the community of Lochside and Lincluden to have more influence on local decisions, to have more services and facilities that reflect our local priorities and to make it a better place to live.

Our Vision is the coming together of lots of different ideas from residents on what they want Lochside and Lincluden to be like in the future. It is a dream, a goal, an aim, something for people to work towards.

Our Vision is a set of priorities which identifies the aspirations of local people for the future of their community. Over the last 12 months, there have been various surveys and events to consult with different people in Lochside and Lincluden.

We are learning all the time about what makes Lochside and Lincluden tick. From knocking on doors and speaking to over 300 local residents about life in Lochside & Lincluden these are the most popular things people said:



Top 5 Things People Like about Lochside & Lincluden



Our Vision will guide where the Our Place investment is made for the area. All projects funded by Our Place will have to relate to at least one of the Our Vision priorities in this booklet. It is not expected that the Our Place investment alone will achieve this vision; it will require investment from local people and organisations to make this happen.

This is just the beginning.

Our Vision for the future of Lochside & Lincluden is that our community and green spaces are nurtured. We want to use the land at our feet for the benefit of all who live here. We want more groups of residents who are involved in the services and activities going on locally. Lochside & Lincluden will be a place where people of all ages are brought together to enhance the community spirit and the most vulnerable people are supported.

Priority 1 - Bringing People Together

Priority 1 is about building on the strong community spirit that exists here. If we all work together then we will be able to change the area for the better.

A: Facilities for people who live in Lochside & Lincluden

- Space which the whole community can use for social occasions
- Making more of current facilities by increasing access & availability
- More activities for all ages of local residents delivered in local venues
- Exploring opportunities for new & flexible spaces

B: Inviting the whole community

- Promoting activities & services in a way that reaches more people
- Community transport available to groups & individuals
- Supporting people who find it more difficult to socialise
- Sharing good news stories, promoting community spirit
- Increasing the feeling of community pride

C: Connecting people & ideas

- Building networks of people
- Encouraging people to get together & meet new people with similar interests
- Events within the community for all ages & walks of life
- Local organisations working together & with local people



Priority 2 - Using the Land at our Feet

We value our green spaces but we do think more could be done with open spaces and parks. Priority 2 is about doing more and about making sure the areas are protected and any future investments are looked after.

A: Green spaces & play areas for children & families

- Developing new & existing play areas
- Opportunities for outdoor learning

B: Making the most of our open spaces

- Encouraging use & pride in the green spaces in the area
- Addressing environmental issues

C: Making safety a priority

- Protecting people, resources, assets & investments
- Encouraging road safety



Photograph of Lincluden Abbey and Orchard

Local Resident: 'The view from my doorstep is amazing'

Priority 3 - Strong Minds & Healthy Bodies

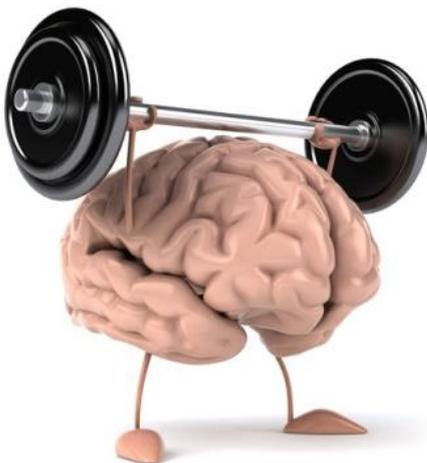
We want to be able to do more and be the best that we can be. Sometimes we need a little bit more encouragement and support to do that. Priority 3 is about everyone in the community aiming high.

A: Building knowledge, skills & experience

- Developing confidence & self esteem
- Increasing access to learning opportunities
- More digital access
- Exposure to new & cultural experiences
- Increasing volunteering opportunities & support for volunteering

B: Being the best that we can be

- Encouragement of eating & growing healthy food
- Accessible & affordable opportunities to do physical activity locally
- Supporting the most vulnerable people within the neighbourhood to access services
- Boosting community voices & empowering local people



Local Resident: 'I like the area and I like the people'



What's next

Now is the time. We need people and organisations in the area who are interested to take this vision forward into project development, grant application and delivery. Our Place provides support for people to take action on the priorities given in the vision, but Our Place will not deliver the actions.

The Our Place approach is flexible and long-term – it will progress at a pace that is right for people in Lochside and Lincluden.

What kind of projects will be funded

All projects should stem from the community and fit within their vision for the future. There is no idea too radical or too small. If it will make a difference to you and to where you live then get in touch

Through Our Place the Big Lottery Fund has previously invested in projects around community transport, community gardens, community food, financial inclusion, Development Trusts, community health, family support, community facilities and much more.



Photograph of a Tea Dance and a Field Trip Fun Day funded by Our Place

How to get involved

Get in touch.

Community Enterprise in Scotland are working with the community on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund and would like to hear from you if you would like to get involved.

There is a group of people who live in Lochside and Lincluden who are well connected. They know what is going on. And they're not afraid to share it! Our Community Connectors meet on the first Tuesday of the month and we are always looking for more people to join us.

If you want to get involved or know more about Our Place then get in touch:

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*Community Connectors Jim, Elaine, Nicky, Rab and the youth team
If you see them about why not chat to them about Our Place*