

**CLEISH AND  
BLAIRADAM CAP & LPP  
2025 - 2035**

Appendices

# Appendices

## Appendix 1 : Demographics

### Demographic report

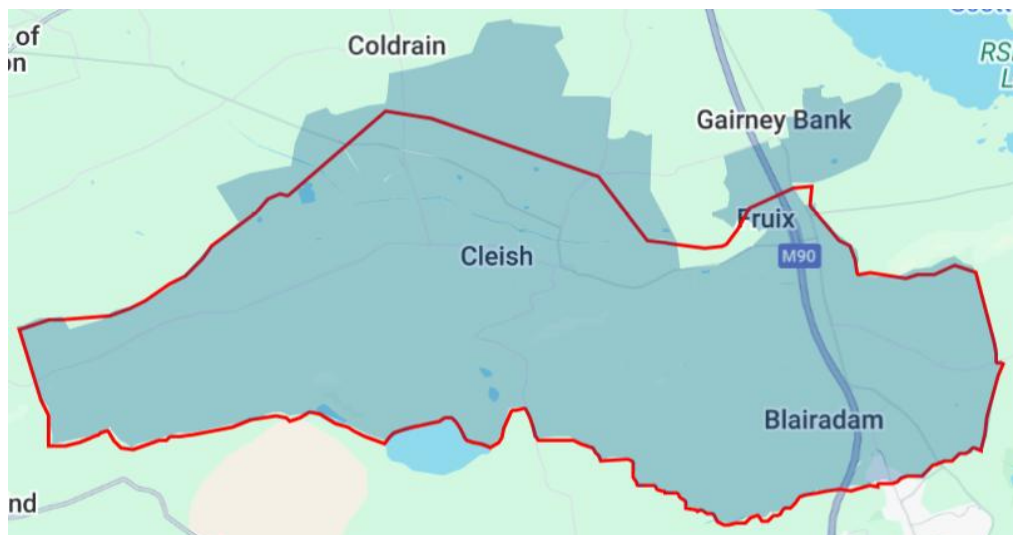
This demographic report provides a summary of key data on the community in Cleish and Blairadam Community Council area.

### Notes on boundaries and availability of data

The community council area for Cleish and Blairadam is situated in Perthshire and includes the village of Cleish, Keltybridge, Maryburgh and the surrounding communities. The red outline in the image below shows the Cleish and Blairadam Community Council boundary.

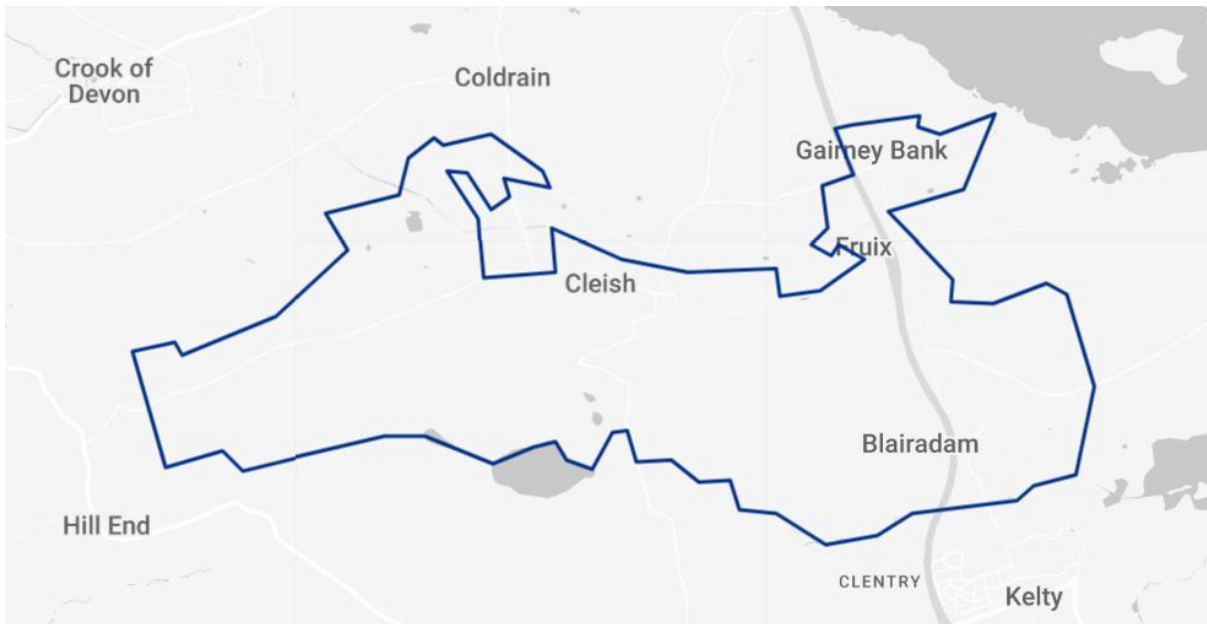


As Census data is not published for community council areas, we have gathered data from the closest fitting Output Areas. Output Areas are the smallest area for which Census data is published. Each one consists of several postcodes with a maximum population of 60. The area highlighted in blue shows the closest fitting Output Areas to the



and Blairadam boundary.<sup>1</sup>

Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this report is from the 2022 Census. When referring to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) Index, data is gathered from the closest fitting datazones. Datazones are small area geographies, designed to have roughly standard populations of 500 to 1000 residents and are composed of Output Areas. The SIMD boundary equates to the datazone S01019120 (Powmill, Cleish and Scotlandwell 03).

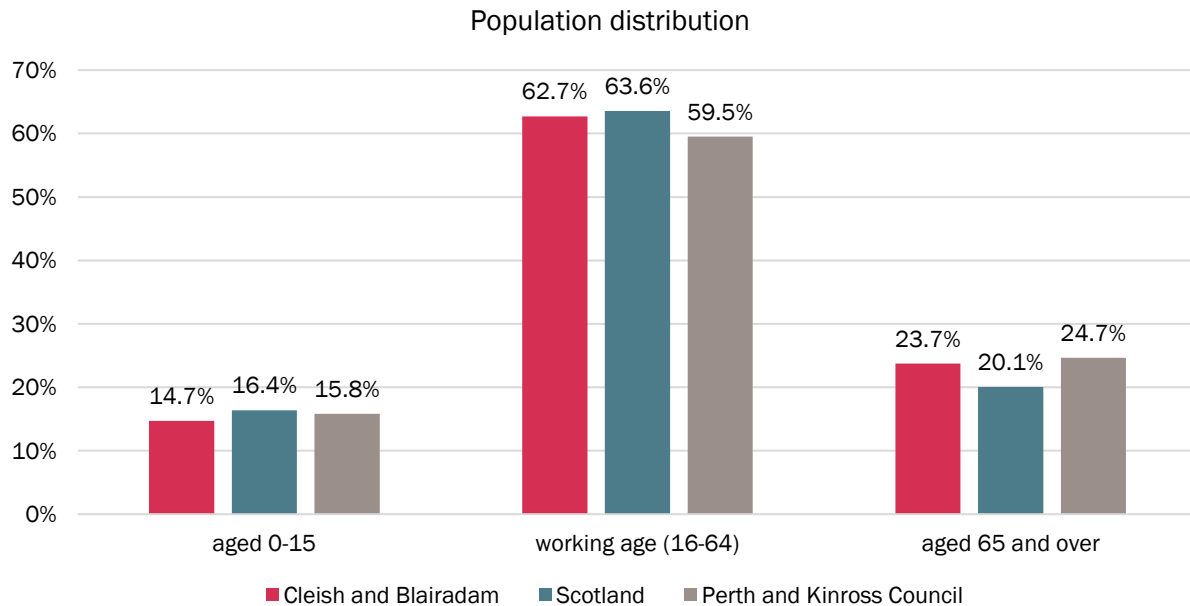


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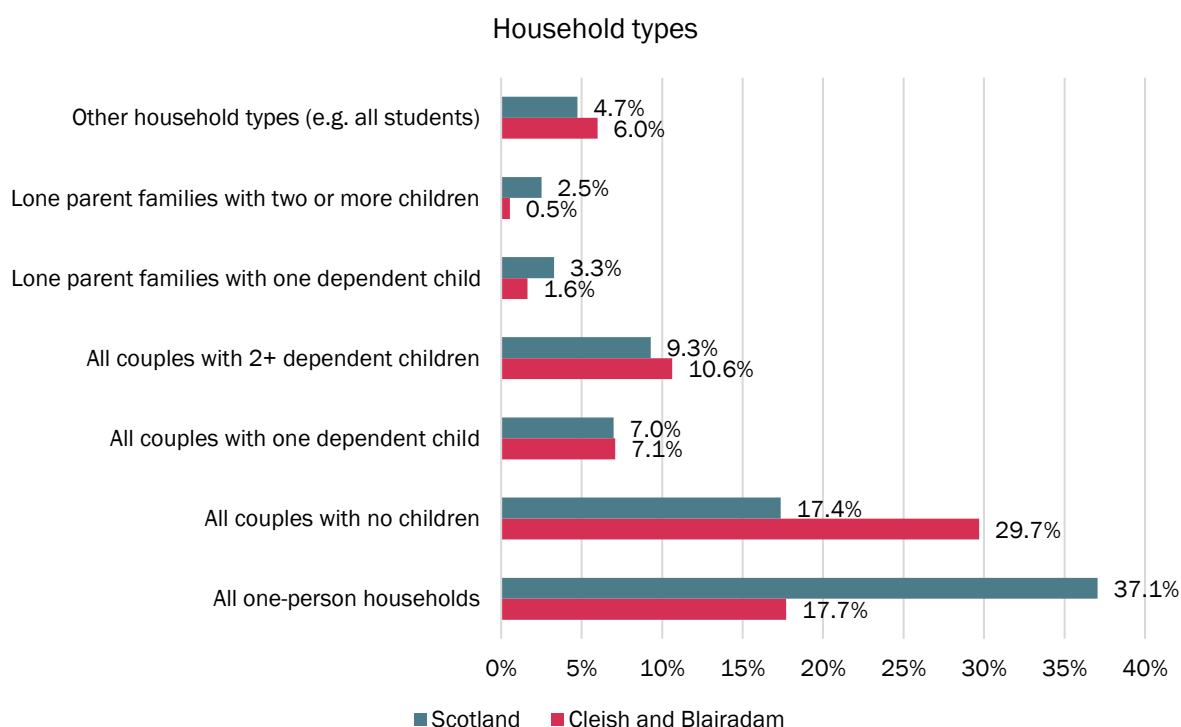
<sup>1</sup> This area is the 'best fit' for data relating to Cleish and Blairadam Community Council. The boundary used for these statistics represents the smallest level of data available at the national level.

## Key Demographic Information

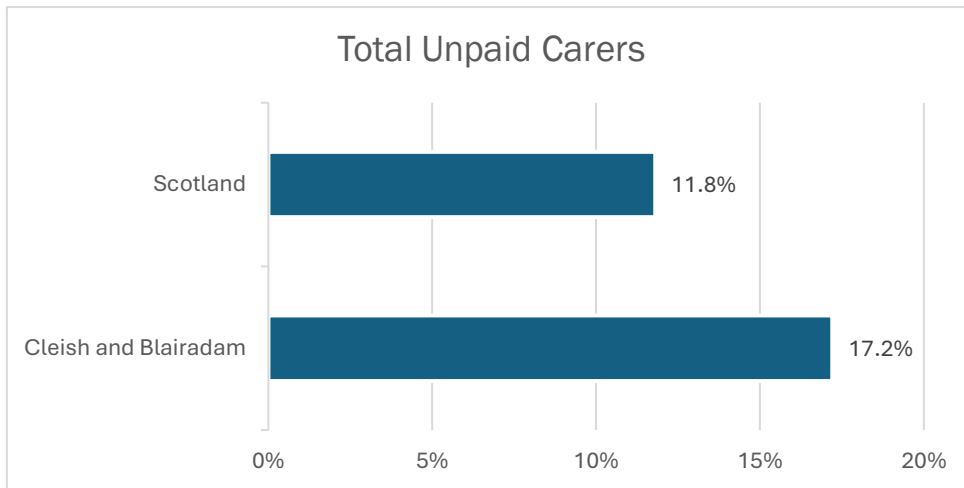


- Demographics:** The total population of the area is 885. The proportion of people aged 65 and over is 23.7% which is approximately 4 percentage points higher than the national average of 20.1% but in line with the regional average of 24.7%. Those aged between 16-64 years make up 62.7% of the total population in Cleish and Blairadam which is higher than the regional average (59.5%). There is also a smaller number of children and young people aged between 0-15 years of 14.7%, which is lower than both the national and regional averages.
- Housing:** There are 367 households in the Cleish and Blairadam community council area, most of which are either a house or bungalow (93.7%), which is much higher than the national average of 65.5% and only 1.4% of dwellings are a flat, maisonette or apartment. The majority of dwellings in Cleish and Blairadam are owned (89.4%) rather than rented (10.3% collectively). 4.1% of rented households are socially rented, which is much lower than the national average of 22.5%.

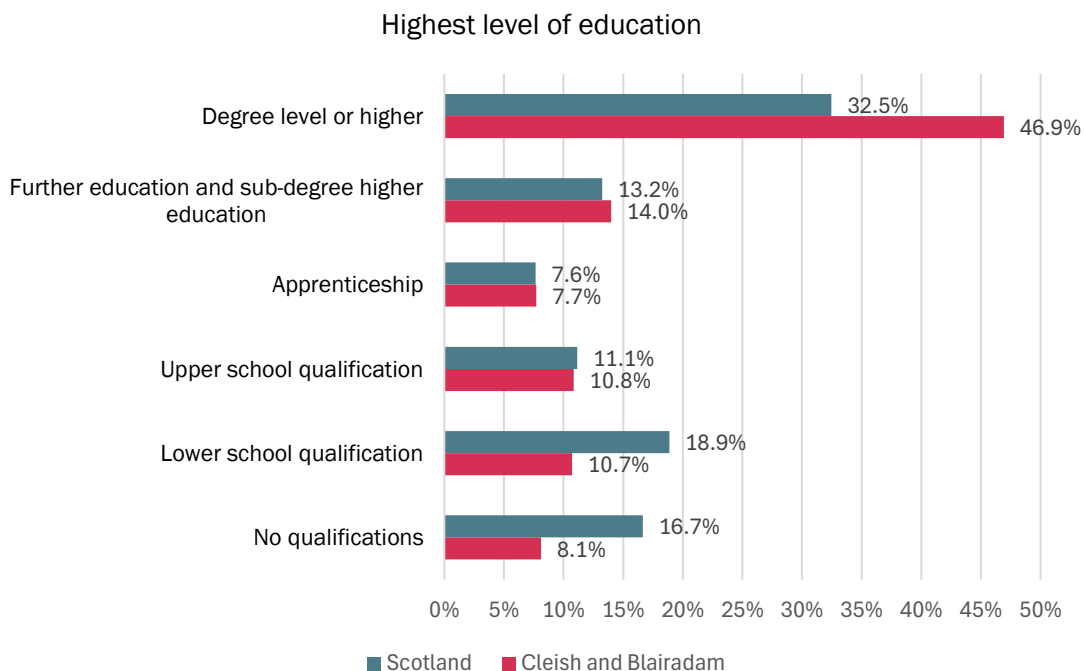
**Household composition** in Cleish and Blairadam reflects the small proportion of children aged between 0-15 years as there are more households without children and young people. For example, 17.7% of households in Cleish and Blairadam are one-person households and 29.7% are occupied by couples with no children. On the other hand, 7% of households in Cleish and Blairadam are occupied by couples with one dependent child and 10.6% of households, by couples with 2 or more dependent children. Both averages are similar to the national average.



- Economic Activity:** 57% of adults over 16 are economically active and 41% are economically inactive. These figures are both similar to national averages. Of those classed as economically active, 33.7% are full-time employees and 9.2% are part-time employees. 12.4% are self-employed and only 1.7% are unemployed and available for work. The majority of those classed as economically inactive are retired (29.4%). This figure is approximately 5 percentage points higher than the national average of 23.3%. Furthermore, 3.9% are economically inactive due to looking after home/family which is just above the national figure of 3.4%.
- Health, disability and caring:** Generally, health is good in Cleish and Blairadam, although 24.5% of the population have a long-term health condition (compared to 38% nationally). For example, 9% of people are deaf or hearing impaired in Cleish and Blairadam which is higher than the national average (7.1%). 8.8% of people have a physical disability and 2.5% are blind or vision impaired. The proportion of people with a mental health condition is lower in Cleish and Blairadam (6.9%) compared to the national average of 9.7%. This area has a higher-than-average number of unpaid carers (17.2% compared to 11.8% nationally).



- Vehicle access:** Only 4% of households in Cleish and Blairadam do not have access to a car or van which is much lower than the national average of 26.4%. This indicates an increased reliance on cars in the local area. Additionally, the SIMD (see below) shows high deprivation associated with the domain for geographic access to services which measures the mean travel time (in minutes) to key services by car or public transport, meaning that access to public transport is poor in the Comrie and District area.
- Education:** 46.9% in Cleish and Blairadam have a qualification at a degree level or higher, compared to 32.5% across Scotland. Only 8.1% have no qualifications which is much lower than the national average of 16.7%.

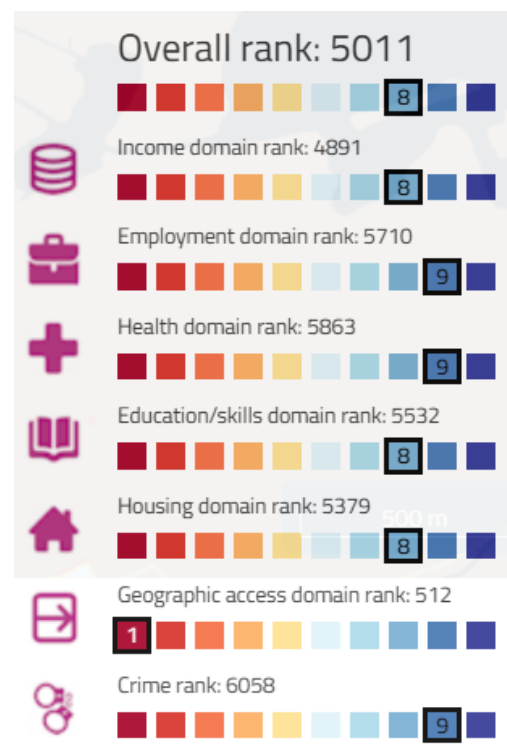


- **Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)**

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) measures the level of deprivation across 6,976 data zones in Scotland. The SIMD combines data across seven domains: income, employment, education, health, geographic access to services, housing and crime. **Areas coloured red are ranked as most deprived, through to orange, blue and dark blue (least deprived).**

There is 1 datazone (S01011835) that covers the Cleish and Blairadam area. Overall, the index shows low levels of deprivation in the area. The rural nature of Cleish and Blairadam, however, is highlighted by the high levels of service-related deprivation. The area is in the most deprived 10% in terms of access to key services.

The maps and SIMD datazone below indicate how this area ranks overall across the 7 different domains of the SIMD.



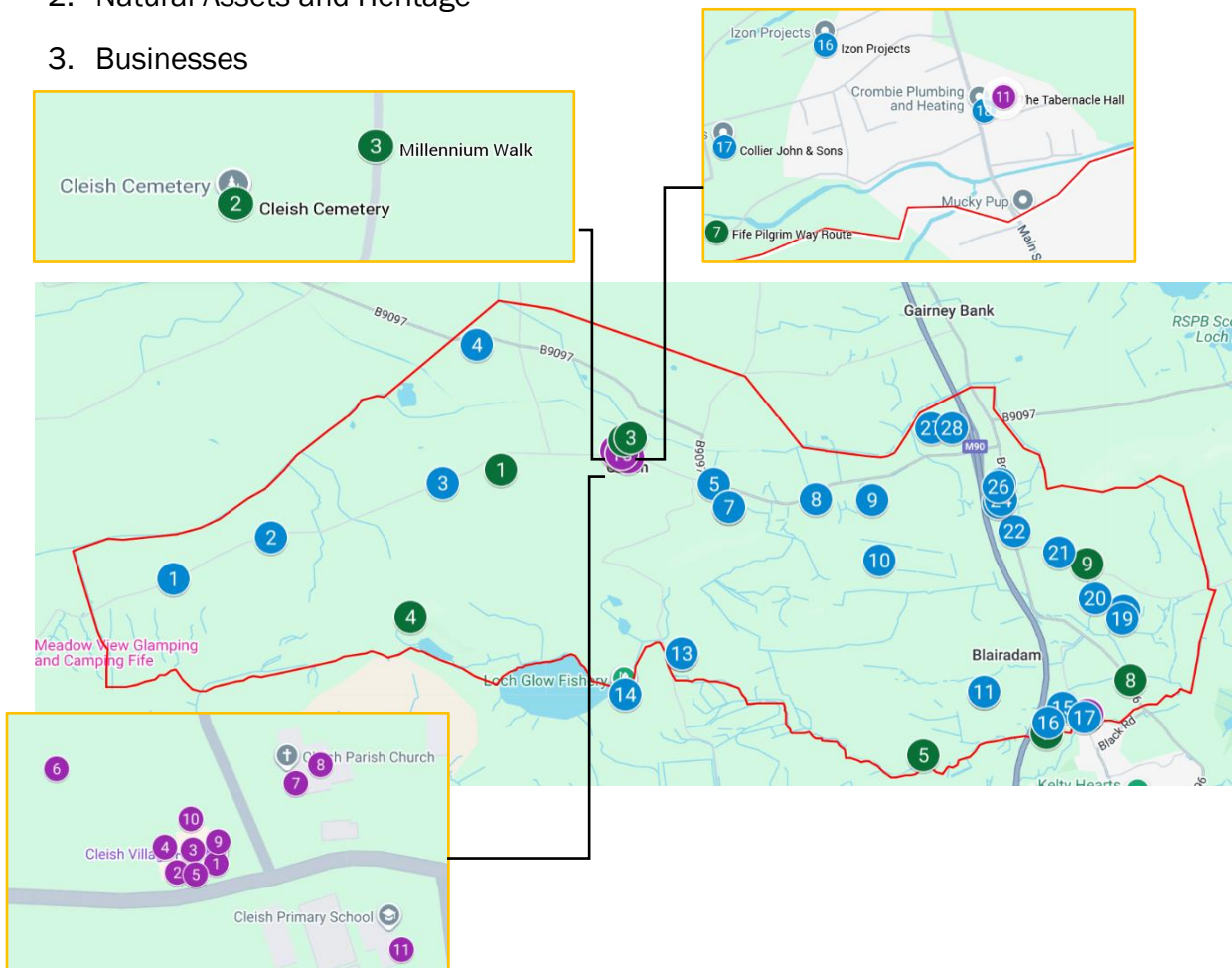
## Appendix 2 : Asset Mapping

Assets in a community include not just physical assets, but also things like organisations and events, which foster a sense of local identity and civic pride. This section of the report maps out some of the range of assets in Cleish and Blairadam. It is not intended to be exhaustive.

As a rural area, residents of Cleish and Blairadam Community Council have to travel to access services such as GPs, postal services, and shops. According to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation, this area falls within the most deprived 10% for access to services. For example, the nearest grocery shop to Cleish is the Co-op in Kelty and cannot be accessed by public transport but is a 9 minute car journey away, according to [TravelTime](#)<sup>2</sup>. Most services can be accessed by car within 30 minutes, particularly in Kinross but public transport options are limited meaning there will be an increased reliance on cars. On the other hand, the area is rich in natural assets, such as the local Cleish Hills, Blairadam Forest and points of historical interest, particularly Blairadam House.

The following categories of asset are shown:

1. Community Facilities and Local Organisations
2. Natural Assets and Heritage
3. Businesses



<sup>2</sup> [TravelTime](#) is a location advanced passenger information (API) product built to deliver accurate travel time calculations and intelligence.

## Community Facilities & Local Groups

- 1 Cleish Village Hall
- 2 Cleish Scottish Women's Institute
- 3 Cleish Up in Arms Pop Up Pub
- 4 Heatheryford Reels Club
- 5 Cleish and Blairadam Community Council
- 6 Cleish Field
- 7 Cleish Village Trust
- 8 Cleish Parish Church
- 9 Cleish Primary School
- 10 Cleish Primary School (additional space)
- 11 Friends of Cleish School
- 12 The Tabernacle Hall
- 13 The Tabernacle Hall Committee
- 14 The Tabernacle Ladies Walking Group
- 15 Cleish and Blairadam Community Council

## Natural Assets and Heritage

- 1 Cleish Castle
- 2 Cleish Cemetery
- 3 Millennium Walk
- 4 Cleish Hills
- 5 Blairadam Wood
- 6 Blairadam House
- 7 Fife Pilgrim Way Route
- 8 Lochore Meadows Country Park
- 9 Parenwell Bridge

## Businesses

- 1 DB89 LTD
- 2 Rootin' and Roamin'
- 3 Cleish Equestrian Livery Stables
- 4 Mawmill Farm
- 5 Keystone Clydesdales
- 6 A Craig Electrical Ltd
- 7 Young Subsea Engineering Ltd
- 8 Loch Leven Equine Practice
- 9 Polmaise Dog Training
- 10 Longley Whitebred Shorthorns
- 11 Blairadam House
- 12 River Leven Properties Ltd
- 13 Bonny Brae Farm
- 14 Loch Glow Fishery
- 15 Izon Projects
- 16 Collier John & Sons
- 17 Crombie Plumbing and Heating
- 18 The Kelty Highland Coos
- 19 High Performance Roofing & Building
- 20 Wild Meadow 2021 LTD
- 21 Blairadam Shooting Range
- 22 Lochran Farm
- 23 John Mclean Roofing
- 24 RT Landscapes
- 25 Topshield roofing
- 26 Dunfermline Thai Spa
- 27 Fruix Storage
- 28 Loch Leven Dog Grooming

## 1. Community Facilities and Local Organisations

There are two village halls in the Cleish and Blairadam Community Council area: Cleish Village Hall and the Tabernacle Hall, Keltybridge. Additionally, the Parish Church in Cleish is also used for community events. These venues offer space for a range of local groups and organisations. Cleish Primary School is also another key local asset in the area, currently with 36 pupils enrolled.<sup>3</sup>

### Cleish Village Hall

Cleish Village Hall was built in 1928 and is run by a management committee of volunteers from Cleish Village Hall Association (SCIO). In addition to the hall, the committee also maintain the Millennium Walk and Cleish Field (a shared green space for

<sup>3</sup> [https://scotland.shinyapps.io/sg-primary\\_school\\_information\\_dashboard/](https://scotland.shinyapps.io/sg-primary_school_information_dashboard/)

dog walking, sports, picnics etc). The hall is used regularly by the community for a variety of activities and meetings, including Cleish Primary School who use it as an additional activities space. It can also be hired privately, offering a large hall, a smaller meeting room and a well-equipped kitchen. Regular activities and groups using the village hall include:

- Cleish and Blairadam Community Council
- Cleish Scottish Women's Institute (SWI)
- Heathyford Reels Club
- Pilates
- The Up in Arms – Cleish's Pop up Pub

### The Tabernacle Hall

The Tabernacle Hall is in Keltybridge and is managed by a local committee of volunteers. The hall is used by several groups and can also be hired out for meetings, birthdays, and other private events. Regular activities and groups using the hall are:

- Cleish and Blairadam Community Council
- Yoga
- Ladies Walking Group
- Pop Up Pub 'n' Grub Nights
- Themed events; Burns Night Supper, Summer BBQ and Christmas Party

### Cleish Parish Church

Cleish Parish Church was built in 1832, and features in the introduction of Sir Walter Scott's novel, the Abbott as the 'Kirk of Cleish Bothan'. The Church closed at the end of 2024 and the Cleish and Fossoway Churches have joined with neighbouring parishes of Kinross and Orwell & Portmoak (known as Kinross-shire Parish Church).

The Cleish Village Trust (SCIO) has been set up for the purpose of bringing the Church into community ownership. Discussions with the Church of Scotland for sale of the Church and associated land and buildings is currently ongoing.

### Cleish Primary School

Is a non-denominational primary school, serving the areas of Cleish, Blairadam, Keltybridge and Maryburgh. The main school building was built in 1835, which has a classroom, staff room and school office. There is second classroom and dining room in the portacabins in the school grounds. As of May 2025, the school has a roll of 36 pupils and 3 teachers.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> [Primary School Information Dashboard](#)

## Local Organisations

In addition to the range of community assets detailed above, there are active community groups operating in the Cleish and Blairadam area, all of which support the development and delivery of activity and events. Some of these key groups are listed below.

- Cleish and Blairadam Community Council
- Cleish Scottish Women's Institute (SWI)
- Cleish Village Hall Association
- Cleish Village Trust
- Cleish Up in Arms Pop Up Pub
- Heathyford Reels Club
- Friends of Cleish School / Cleish Primary School Parent Council
- The Tabernacle Hall Committee (Blairadam Amenity Association)
- The Tabernacle Ladies Walking Group

## **2. Natural Assets and Heritage**

The area is popular for walkers, cyclists and nature lovers, offering beautiful countryside, walks, and access to heritage attractions such as Blairadam Estate.

- Cleish Castle is a 16<sup>th</sup> century tower house with gardens. It is believed that Mary Queen of Scots stayed at Cleish Castle shortly after escaping Lochleven Castle. The castle is privately owned.
- Cleish Parish Church Cemetery contains some notable graves including Ebenezer Michie, a friend of the poet, Robert Burns and the parish minister, Rev W. Wallace Duncan, whose wife, Mary Lundie Duncan penned the Cleish Hymn.
- Millennium Walk is a path managed by Cleish Village Hall that leads to Cleish Field, a community green space and Gairney Water. There are aspirations to extend the Millennium Walk which would form part of the plans to purchase Cleish Parish Church and the Glebe.
- Cleish Hills are a range of low hills on the border between Perth and Kinross and Fife. Dumglow is the highest peak of the Cleish Hills, and the summit is the site of an ancient fort. Other hills include Dummifarline, the Inneans and Georgeton Hills.
- Blairadam Forest is a popular recreational area with trails for walkers and cyclists with picnic tables and two free car parks. The forest used to be part of the estate of Blair Crambeth, bought by William Adam in 1733. The estate was sold to Forestry and Land Scotland in 1925 and is also a working forest, so sometimes trails may be closed to due to forestry operations.
- Blairadam Estate and 'A' Listed Blairadam House is owned by the Adam Family as a private residence. Scottish Architect, William Adam bought the Estate of Blair Crambeth in 1733 and built Blairadam House, the purpose being to exploit the coal seams and plant trees for commercial use. William's sons John, James and Robert continued the Architectural lineage with Robert Adam becoming

internationally renowned. Sir Walter Scott was a frequent visitor to Blairadam House, where members of the Blairadam Antiquarian club met every midsummer from 1817-1831 and attended Cleish Church. Part of the house now runs as a B&B. The gardens at Blairadam House have been noted as a heritage asset and categorised within the 'Registered Gardens & Designed Landscapes'.

- The Fife Pilgrim Way is a Scottish long-distance footpath of 104km, running inland from Culross to St Andrews. A section of the walking route passes through Blairadam Forest and Keltybridge, leading to Lochore Meadows.
- Lochore Meadows Country Park: although situated in Fife, Lochore Meadows can be accessed by foot from Keltybridge and is a popular walking spot for locals. Lochore Meadows Country Park provides a range of leisure activities, including walking, cycling, picnic areas, a beach and an adventure playground.
- Parenwell Bridge is a monument on a back road between the B996 Kinross to Kelty Road, which used to be the main route north from Edinburgh before road improvements in the late 1800s. The Adam family erected a land-based bridge as a monument to commemorate the attempt by the Earl of Rothes to capture Mary Queen of Scots and Lord Darnley in 1597.

### **3. Businesses**

The map on Page 8 also provides an overview of businesses and farms in the Cleish and Blairadam Community Council area. The main industries in the area are agriculture and farming, construction and professional, scientific and technical.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Professional services industries account for Legal activities; Accounting, bookkeeping and auditing activities; tax consultancy; Activities of head offices; Management consultancy activities; Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis; Scientific research and development; Advertising and market research; Other professional, scientific and technical activities; Veterinary activities. (Office for National Statistics)

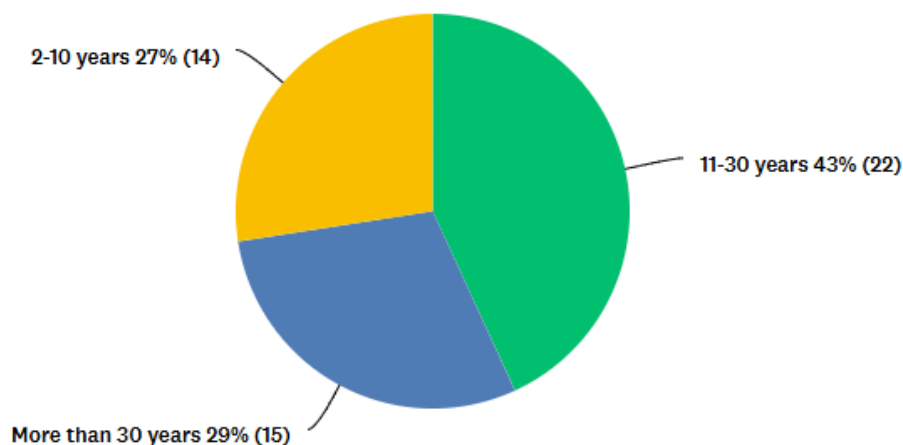
## Appendix 3 : Community Survey

The Cleish and Blairadam Community Action Plan survey ran from late January until mid-March 2025. The survey was advertised on social media and at public consultation events in early February. The local Steering Group and other volunteers also hand delivered leaflets and flyers to all households in the area to promote the survey – and in-person events. Paper copies were provided for anyone who preferred this route over digital.

The Cleish and Blairadam Community Action Plan survey ran from late March until early May 2025. The survey was advertised on social media and at public consultation events in early April.

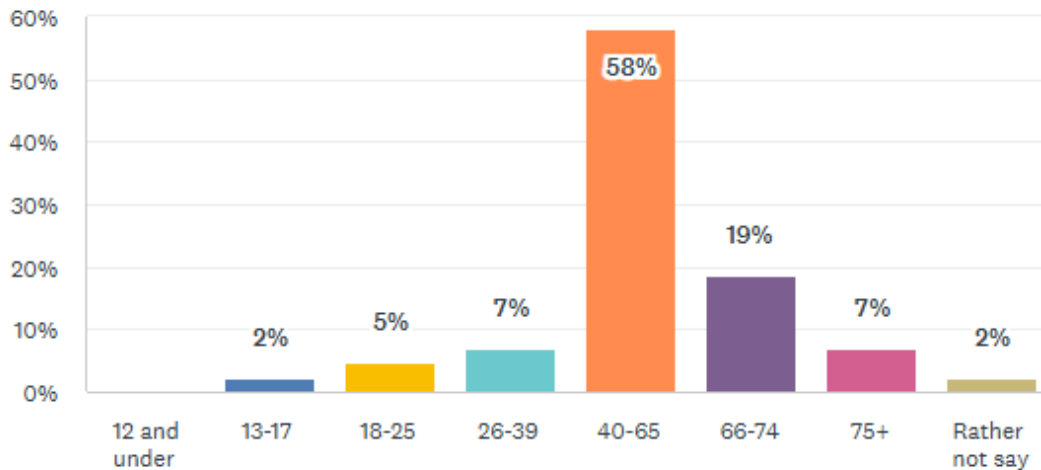
A total of 51 individuals responded to the survey, all of whom live in the area, and this represents around 6% of the population of the Cleish and Blairadam community council area.

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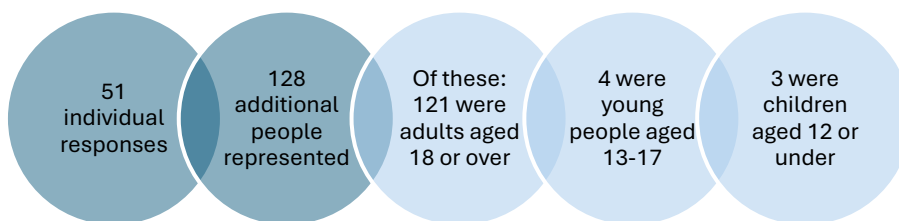


Respondents living in the Cleish and Blairadam area were asked how long they have lived there for. Responses came from both more recent residents as well as long-term residents. For example, 43% have lived or owned a property in the area for 11-30 years and 27% have lived or owned a property in the area for 2-10 years. No responses were received from anyone who has lived in the area for less than 2 years.

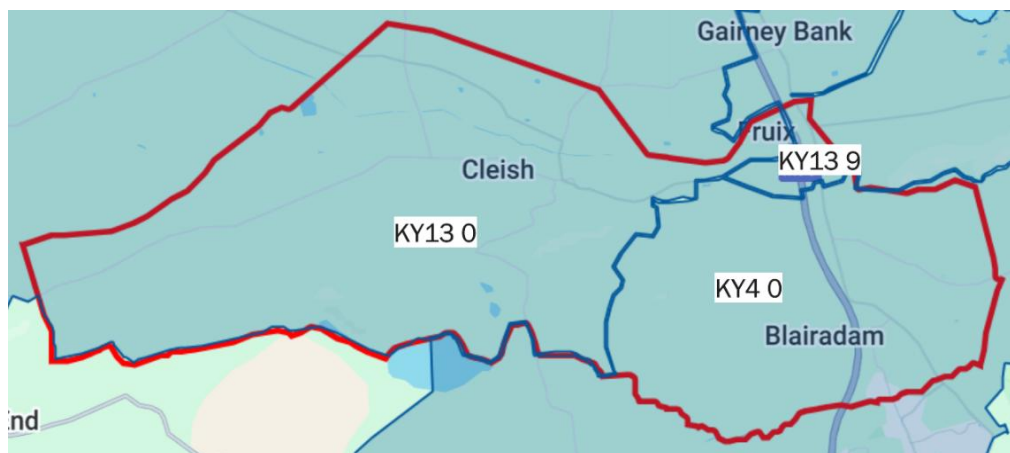
Respondents were asked to provide their age and most (58%) are aged between 40-65 years old. The second largest response rate was from those between 66-75 years old (19%). No responses were recorded from children under 12 years old and only 2% of responses were from those aged between 13-25 years.



The survey could also be answered on behalf of a household. The graphic below shows the number of people's views represented in the survey. Most respondents were over the age of 18 years old.



Respondents were asked to leave their postcode in order to illustrate the spread of the responses across the Cleish and Blairadam Community Council area. 49 postcodes were provided. Below is a map showing the postcode sectors within the Community Council boundary. Responses from the key settlements in the area were similar, highlighting balanced representation from across the Community Council district.

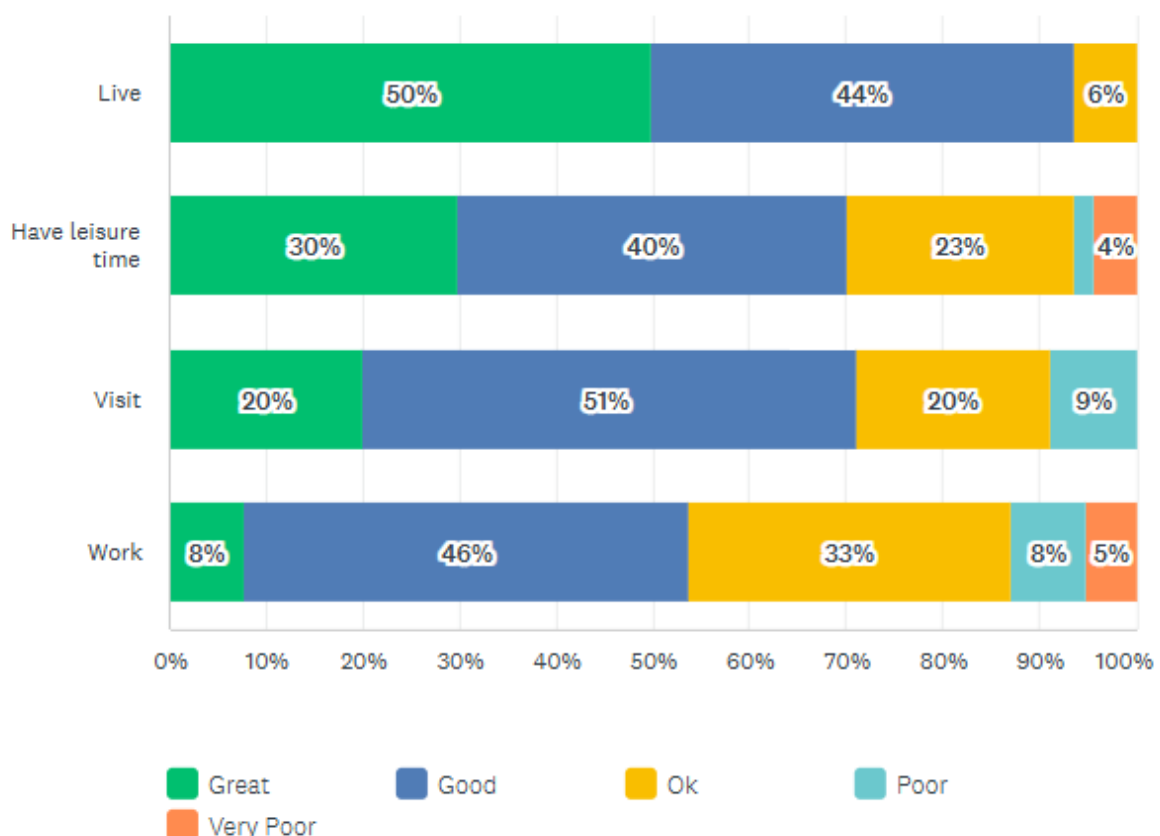


| Postcode Sector | Number of responses |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| KY13 0          | 24                  |
| KY4 0 / KY13 9  | 25                  |

### Views of Cleish and Blairadam today

Respondents were asked to rate Cleish and Blairadam as a place to live, work, visit and play and overall, the ratings were positive:

- Overall, Cleish and Blairadam was highly rated as a **place to live**; 50% rated it as a great place to live and a further 43% rated it as good.
- Most respondents were positive about Cleish and Blairadam as a **place for leisure**, with 30% rating it as great and 40% rating it as good. 6% gave negative feedback about the leisure opportunities locally (2% rating it as poor and 4% as very poor).



- Most respondents were also positive about Cleish and Blairadam as a **place to visit**, with 20% rating it as great and 51% rating it as good. A further 20% were more ambivalent, ranking the area as 'ok' and 9% thought the area was 'poor' as

a place to visit.

- Views were more mixed regarding Cleish and Blairadam as a **place to work**. Just over half did view the area positively as a place to work (possibly linked to easy commuting routes). However, only 8% felt the area was ‘great’ as a place to work and a further 46% rating it as ‘good’. A third of respondents only rated it as ‘ok’ as a place to work and 13% had a negative view on this topic (8% rating it as ‘poor’ and 5% as ‘very poor’).

### Assets and Challenges

Survey respondents were asked to list three things they liked most about Cleish and Blairadam and three things they would like to see improved in the area. The following tables summarise the responses to these open questions.

49 individuals responded to the assets prompt, leaving a total of 127 comments with 15 things that they like most.

| <i>Theme/Subject</i>                 | <i>Total number of mentions</i>      | <i>Quotes from survey</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rural but accessible                 | 38% of all comments<br>(48 mentions) | <p><i>“Easy access to key transport routes”</i></p> <p><i>“Countryside but close to shops/town”</i></p> <p><i>“Easy access to road networks and countryside”</i></p> <p><i>“The location, rural but well connected by road to towns and cities, for easy commuting”</i></p> |
| Community spirit and friendly people | 21% of all comments<br>(27 mentions) | <p><i>“People/community spirit”</i></p> <p><i>“Friendly community”</i></p> <p><i>“Sense of community/pride in the community”</i></p>                                                                                                                                        |
| Access to nature and walks           | 18% of all comments<br>(23 mentions) | <p><i>“Paths and places to walk”</i></p> <p><i>“Good access for walking”</i></p> <p><i>“Access to nature, excellent walking and rural environment”</i></p> <p><i>“Nature on our doorstep”</i></p>                                                                           |
| Peaceful                             | 10% of all comments<br>(34 mentions) | <p><i>“Quiet and peaceful”</i></p> <p><i>“Very peaceful area”</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|  |  | <i>"Relative peace when you get it"</i> |
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Other assets and positive things also mentioned, but fewer times than those listed above are:

- Size of the community (low population)
- Safe
- History
- Clea

Respondents were then asked to list 3 things that needed to be improved. 46 individuals responded to this prompt, leaving a total of 106 comments with 14 things to improve.

| <b>Theme/Subject</b> | <b>Total number of mentions</b>   | <b>Quotes from survey</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Roads                | 25% of all comments (27 mentions) | <p><i>Issues related to:</i></p> <p><b>Safety</b></p> <p><i>"Road speeds in Maryburgh"</i></p> <p><i>"Speed restrictions"</i></p> <p><i>"Speed bumps to slow down on narrow road"</i></p> <p><i>"Street lighting on Main Street reviewed/increased"</i></p> <p><b>Drainage</b></p> <p><i>"Keep the roads safe – no potholes and drainage (this combined, dangerous for cyclists)"</i></p> |
|                      |                                   | <p><b>Condition of roads</b></p> <p><i>"The local road surfaces are badly needing upgraded"</i></p> <p><i>"Roads repaired"</i></p> <p><i>"Winter road maintenance"</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Transport Links      | 16% of all comments (17 mentions) | <p><i>"Public transport links later in the evening and on Sundays" (Keltybridge)</i></p> <p><i>"Better transport links, more frequent and reliable public transport"</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                                           |                                          | <p><i>“Some form of consistent public transport” (Cleish)</i></p> <p><i>“Even one bus a day would be great” (Cleish)</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Safer walking and cycling routes</p>   | <p>15% of all comments (16 mentions)</p> | <p><i>“Cycle paths and safe pedestrian paths”</i></p> <p><i>“Pedestrian safe access to main hub (Kinross) for pedestrians/disabled, separate from pedestrians cycle path”</i></p> <p><i>“Cycling traffic free lanes”</i></p> <p><i>“Better separation of cycling and car traffic – especially on Kelty to Kinross Road”</i></p> |
| <p>More community activities</p>          | <p>8% of all comments (9 mentions)</p>   | <p><i>“Activities for young and old”</i></p> <p><i>“Better use of the local community hall, better community involvement” (Keltybridge)</i></p> <p><i>“More community events”</i></p> <p><i>“Community centre – activities such as yoga, book club, arts and crafts, speakers’ nights etc” (Cleish)</i></p>                     |
| <p>Protecting the natural environment</p> | <p>7% of all comments (7 mentions)</p>   | <p><i>“Looking after nature/biodiversity”</i></p> <p><i>“More native woodland, marches etc to encourage wildlife”</i></p> <p><i>“Protection of the built environment and the countryside space”</i></p>                                                                                                                         |

Other improvements also mentioned, but fewer times than those listed above are:

- Upkeep of the area
- Access of services and facilities
- Enforcing planning regulations
- Council services
- Electric vehicle charging point
- Better mobile reception

#### *Projects ideas and initiatives*

Respondents were asked to list project ideas and initiatives. There were 37 different project ideas. Many of these are a reflection of the challenges listed by respondents earlier in the survey.

| <b>Theme/Subject</b>                               | <b>Total number of mentions</b> | <b>Quotes from survey</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Improving and extending walking and cycling routes | 16 mentions                     | <p><i>“A footpath/cycle path to Loch Leven, to Blairadam Wood.” (from Cleish)</i></p> <p><i>“Better cycling route to Kinross to serve less confident riders who feel roads are too dangerous”</i></p> <p><i>“Walking/cycling connection to Loch Leven and Kinross” (from Keltybridge)</i></p> <p><i>“Better mountain bike trails in Blairadam woods”</i></p>                                                |
| Roads and Planning                                 | 8 mentions                      | <p><i>“Reduce speed from Kelty to Gairneybank, inc Maryburgh, with speed bumps and speed warning signs”</i></p> <p><i>“Introduction of speed displays on entry to the village to make 20 mile an hour speed guidance real and visible” (Keltybridge)</i></p> <p><i>“Two new discreet and well-planned houses in Cleish”</i></p> <p><i>“Preserve the conservation area in development plan” (Cleish)</i></p> |
| Protecting the natural environment                 | 6 mentions                      | <p><i>“More awareness of the climate crisis and more wildflower areas and trees”</i></p> <p><i>“Rewilding with more consistently accessible walking paths”</i></p> <p><i>“Biodiversity projects”</i></p> <p><i>“Improvement of public access by bike and horse whilst increasing and maintaining biodiversity in the area”</i></p>                                                                          |

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|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Community facilities              | 5 mentions | <p><i>“Accessibility and parking problems at addressed for the Tabernacle Hall”</i></p> <p><i>“Viable plan for future of the Church and Glebe”</i></p> <p><i>“Opportunity to have community buy local buildings and create more community spaces”</i></p> |
| Community activities and projects | 5 mentions | <p><i>“Organised regular walking group”</i></p> <p><i>“Social activities/clubs for adults and children”</i></p> <p><i>“Community café or pub in the Tabernacle Hall”</i></p> <p><i>“Some additional clubs/activities implemented”</i></p>                 |

Other initiatives/project ideas that had fewer than 5 mentions include:

- Public transport (more specific to Cleish)
- Improving parking (Keltybridge)
- Planters on the main street (Keltybridge)
- Playpark (Keltybridge)

### **Place Standard Tool**

The survey asks respondents to rank the following elements of life from 1 - 7 (1 is very bad and 7 is very good). The following image illustrates where the themes fall after being rated by the community.

The following is a summary of comments left to the fourteen areas covered by the Place Standard Tool.

As shown in the results **feeling safe, identity and belonging and natural space** ranked highest with an average score of 5 out of 7.

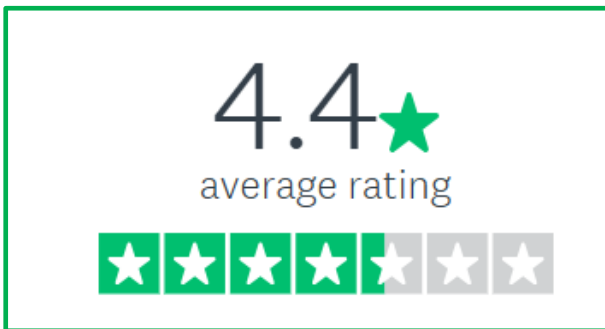
This was followed by **social interaction, general upkeep of the village and surrounding area, moving around (walking and cycling), roads and public space, housing and facilities and services** which were all rated 4 out of 7.

The lower scoring categories were **play and recreation, traffic and parking, influence and sense of control and work opportunities and local economy**, all were rated 3 out of 7. **Public transport** was ranked the lowest, with a score of 2 out of 7.

| Topic                                                    | Rank (1-7) |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|--|
| Feeling Safe                                             | 5          |  |
| Identity and Belonging                                   |            |  |
| Natural Space                                            |            |  |
| Social Interaction                                       | 4          |  |
| Care and Maintenance<br>(general upkeep of village/area) |            |  |
| Moving Around<br>(walking and cycling)                   |            |  |
| Roads and Public Space                                   |            |  |
| Housing                                                  |            |  |
| Facilities and Services                                  |            |  |
| Play and Recreation                                      |            |  |
| Traffic and Parking                                      |            |  |
| Influence and Sense of Control                           |            |  |

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| Work Opportunities and Local Economy |   |  |
| Public Transport                     | 2 |  |

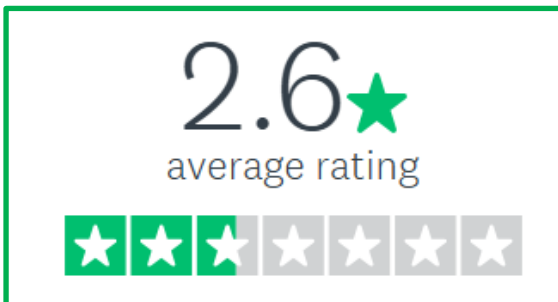
Moving around



Comments about paths and routes available for walking were generally positive, particularly Blairadam Forest and its trails and signage. However, connection between the villages by active travel were limited with sections of roads deemed unsafe for pedestrian and cycling access between communities across the community council area.

Areas that were highlighted as unsafe for cycling and walking were the main road from Kelty to Kinross (cycling) and along the B9097 (walking). Areas that people would like more access to by walking and/or cycling are Kinross and Loch Leven.

Public Transport



Public transport was the lowest ranking indicator on the Place Standard for Cleish and Blairadam Community Council area.

No bus routes go directly through Keltybridge, but connections are available from neighbouring Kelty. For example, the X56, running from Perth to Edinburgh stops

in Kelty (approximately a 10–15-minute walk). This hourly service runs until around 7-8pm and isn't available on Sundays. There were comments highlighting that this service can be unreliable (especially at certain stops).

Good bus connections at Kinross were highlighted by respondents. However, this would require a 10-minute drive to connect with these services.

Cleish has very limited public transport options, with a 45 minute - 1 hour walk to the nearest stop. More frequent buses and bus routes were highlighted across the region.

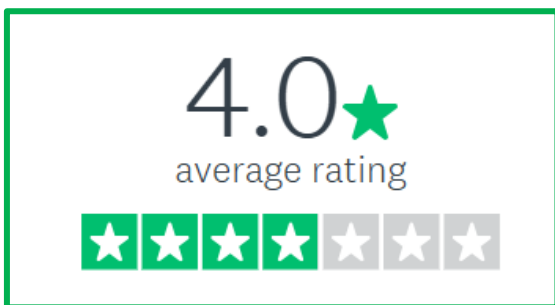
### Traffic and Parking



Traffic and parking received average score of 3.7. In Keltybridge, an issue with parking on the roadside near the Tabernacle Hall was highlighted by respondents. This caused issues of access locally, especially when events are on in the Hall. Speeding through the village and near neighbouring areas was noted as an ongoing issue.

In Cleish, speeding on the B9097 was highlighted as a critical safety issue. This was a challenge for other road users with limited/no pavements and areas of limited visibility e.g., sharp bends.

### Roads and public space



Roads and public spaces achieved score of 4 on the Place Standard Tool. There were similar issues identified across both main settlements, Cleish and Keltybridge, and included flooding, blocked drains, litter, potholes and speeding from vehicles going through the villages.

### Natural space



Natural space was highly rated in Cleish and Keltybridge. In Keltybridge, many commented on the access to Blairadam Forest and Lochore Meadows. A need for volunteers to maintain some of the green spaces was mentioned. Popular natural spaces highlighted in Cleish included Cleish Field and the Millennium Walk. There was also feedback on

the need to improve access to Cleish Hills, Loch Leven, and the possibility of creating a circular walk around Cleish.

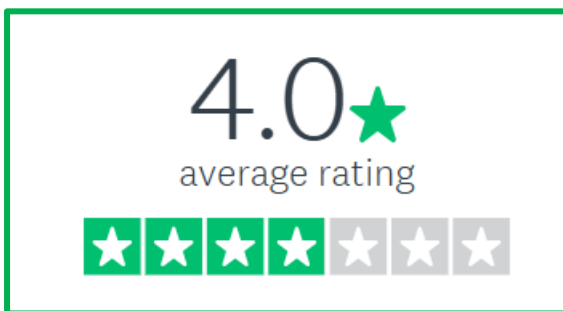
### Play and recreation



Both Cleish and Keltybridge have community spaces (Cleish Village Hall and the Tabernacle Hall). The classes and events run at the spaces were highlighted but additional activities would be welcomed.

Outdoor areas like Cleish Field were highlighted. Respondents highlighted interest in offering play equipment / space for children both in Cleish as well as in Keltybridge.

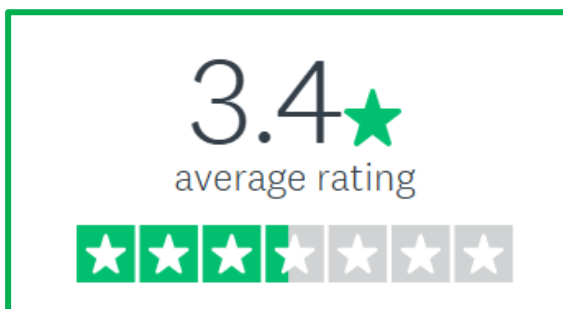
### Facilities and services



There are limited services in the immediate local area. The community spaces and the primary school were highlighted as the key local facilities. Many mentioned how there are places nearby that they can access, which have more services and facilities such as Kelty, Kinross and Cowdenbeath for cafes, shops and recycling facilities. It was

mentioned that many rely on a car to access these services – improvements to public transport would open up greater access to these neighbouring areas.

### Work Opportunities and Local economy



Work opportunities and local economy in the area scored an average rating of 3.4. The rural nature of the communities was acknowledged when considering the local economy. For residents of Cleish, Kinross is the main hub for shopping, eating and drinking locally. For Keltybridge, Kelty and Kinross were highlighted as the main hubs,

but some comments mentioned the limited shopping provision in Kelty. In terms of local employment, many said there were limited opportunities and most employment is agricultural or home-based businesses.

## Housing

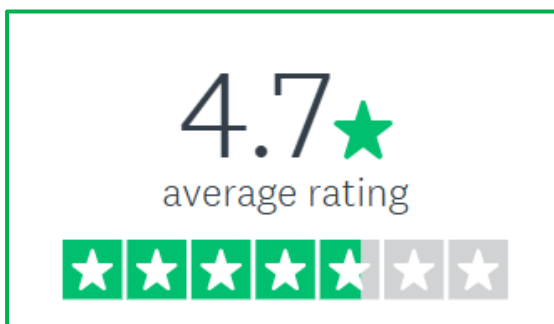


Across the main settlements in Cleish and Blairadam Community Council, most housing is privately owned. Many respondents commented on the lack of affordable housing in the area. Some comments highlighted that a lack of affordable housing was a challenge for young people seeking to stay in the area. However, there was also a clear view that

expanding the environs of the current settlements was undesirable. If new housing was to be built, there is a preference to keep these developments small, and in character with the rest of the village(s).

It was also highlighted that Cleish has conservation status making it more difficult for new housing and planning permission. The conservation status of Cleish was felt to protect the village from losing its character but also was noted as a challenge for some homeowners locally.

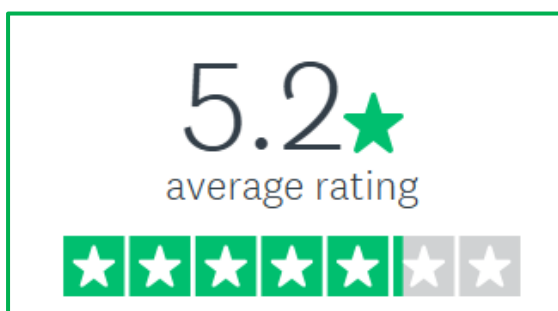
## Social interaction



Overall, respondents highlighted a good degree of social interaction in their local community. Residents of Keltybridge highlighted the Tabernacle Hall as the main space for bringing people together and while there are events and activities at the hall, some people would like to see more diversity in the events held there. Cleish Village Hall

was also recognised as the main space for socialising, and events that have been good for bringing people together are the Up in Arms Pop up Pub and the Cleish Fete.

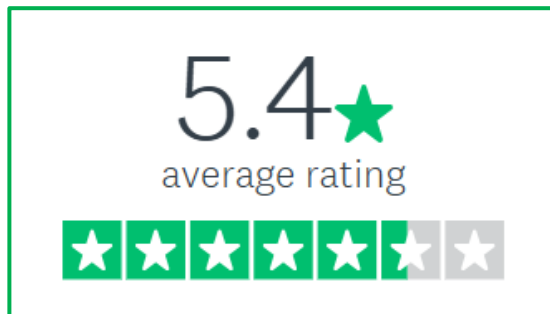
## Identity and Belonging



Identity and belonging also emerged as an area that ranked highly on the Place Standard and overall, there seems to be a strong sense of community within the villages and settlements. Connection between the CC area was more limited, with this boundary being created rather than formed from existing community connections.

Suggestions for strengthening the sense of community included involving younger and newer residents in the community and putting on more social events for people to attend.

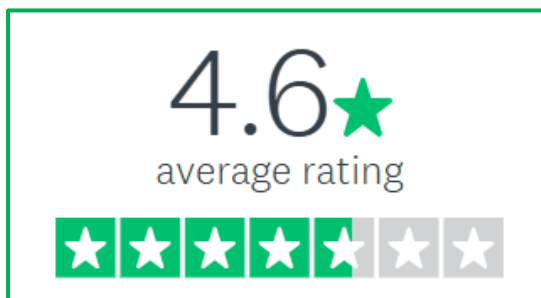
### Feeling Safe



Overall, most comments reported feeling safe within the local community. The main safety concerns were the higher potential for burglaries due to rural location and minimal police presence.

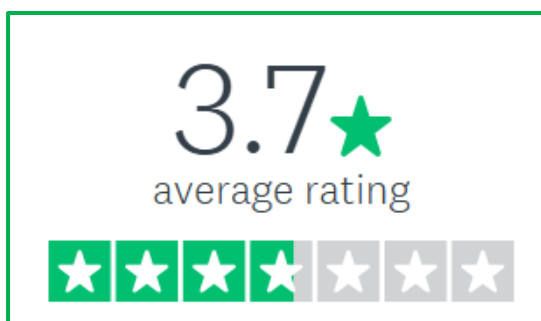
Traffic issues emerged here linked to pedestrians feeling unsafe whilst walking along the road. The area is also home to several Traveller communities and issues of mistrust were highlighted.

### Care and Maintenance



People in the local area are generally positive about the care and maintenance of their communities. This was most often linked to the upkeep of buildings and spaces like the village halls. In contrast, road maintenance was criticised with potholes, drainage issues, litter and overgrown grass at the verges.

### Influence and Sense of Control

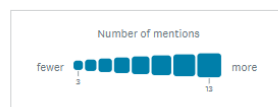


Influence and sense of control had an average overall rating of 3.7 on the Place Standard. There were positive comments about the Community Council but uncertainty about the level of power they have, especially in relation to Perth and Kinross Council.

There were also positive reviews of the local councillors in the area, who attend meetings, listen to the community and advocate on their behalf. Responses were mixed regarding community involvement - particularly attendance and involvement in the Community Council and other local groups.

### Cleish and Blairadam in 10 years

Respondents were then asked how they would like to be able to describe the community in 10 years' time. The following word cloud is an illustration of key themes highlighted in the 35 statements provided.



Some examples of statements are:

#### Keltybridge/Maryburgh:

*“An all-inclusive welcoming community with facilities for young and old.”*

*“A safe rural village to live in.”*

*“A thriving, friendly and active community set in a beautiful, cared for location with excellent public transport and active travel links to nearby towns.”*

*“Ideally, little or no change, other than improved bus services and decreased fly tipping.”*

*“Not over developed but still retaining its rural feel.”*

#### Cleish:

*“Lovely quaint location with a strong sense of community.”*

*“I would like to see the community stay as it’s through a self-supported (with some external funded) community involvement approach that currently exists.”*

*“Even more desirable place to live with active residents maintaining a community spirit.”*

*“I’d love the area to retain its sense of community and natural beauty and really improve on the biodiversity of the area and the community cohesion.”*

## Appendix 4 : Public Meetings<sup>6</sup>

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April 2025

In total, 45 people attended the two Community Events held within the Tabernacle Hall, Keltybridge and Cleish Village Hall on Tues 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The following is a summary of the key issues and ideas that emerged from these public events.

### Tabernacle Hall, Keltybridge (3.30 – 5.30pm)

Assets of area:

- Lovely place to live, rural and quiet but close to towns and cities (e.g., M90 access).
- Desire to retain sense of community and feeling of small village.
- Places to go walking and cycling e.g., walking and mountain biking in Blairadam forest, Lochore Meadows.
- Tabernacle Hall recognised as a good community venue with an active Committee who are keen to put on activities and events and want to engage with community.
  - o Fortnightly BYOB meals in Hall during winter
  - o Special events such as Burns Supper, Festive meals etc.
  - o Walking group use it as a base for lunch after local walks



Could be improved:

- Speeding through village, road safety.
- Signposting for local walks and access e.g., into Blairadam forest – many visitors come to Keltybridge with satnav directions but then stuck with no place to park etc. for forest walks.
- Cycle path currently links into Fife but doesn't extend any further to link up to Kinross etc.



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<sup>6</sup> Notes from public meetings were gathered and typed up from written responses by the community. These are presented verbatim in the following section where possible – alongside a comment count to reflect number of stars / agreement. The information from these events was analysed alongside survey and stakeholder conversations to develop the key themes and projects within this CAP/LPP.

- More engagement and support for Tabernacle Hall – membership cost is low (£10 per year) but could be better supported and used by community. Acoustics a challenge in the Hall – in larger gatherings was noted as a barrier to participation.
- Community voice – especially in relation to planning decisions. Concern about Perth & Kinross planning decisions/potential new housing developments at edge of Keltybridge. Feeling that local people don't have any power or ability to influence the Council.
- Being on the 'edge' of Perth & Kinross, there is a sense that they are a forgotten community by the local authority.
- Public transport – none exists for Keltybridge (nearest bus stop in Kelty – around 0.5-1 mile away). But there was uncertainty as to whether people would use public transport if it was available.
- Not a lot to do for children and young people in the area, have started to see some younger families come into the area. There is land behind the Tabernacle Hall that is sometimes used by kids. There was a swing rope attached to an old tree in the field but the committee does not have liability insurance in case anything happened.

#### Projects and ideas:

- More signposting around the village and Forest to improve ease of access and confusion for visitors.
- Speeding restrictions.
- Road maintenance – especially in winter (no gritters etc).
- Potential links to 'as needed' community transport discussed.
- Painting double yellow lines at the T junction from the Main Street up to the Tabernacle Hall. Cars tend to park on either side of the entrance of the road up to Hall and there was concern about access, especially to the defibrillator.

#### Cleish Village Hall (7 – 9pm)

##### Assets in area:

- Beautiful countryside, quiet location.
- Local primary school.
- Cleish Village Hall – good space for community activities, well maintained.
- Good community feeling.
- Easy to drive to Perth or other towns in area.

##### Could be improved:

- Public transport links: none currently in village, 2.5-3 mile walk to nearest bus stops. Single track road to nearest stop can be overgrown making safe walking to stop more challenging.



- Cycling from Cleish to Kinross (and Perth) / Kelty (and Fife) challenging due to certain parts of B9097 and B996 being unsafe e.g., bad bends. Improvements to these parts e.g., widened roads, tracks etc would enable Cleish to be linked to Perth and Fife on quiet roads or cycle tracks most of the way.
- Housing locally is not affordable, young people and children will struggle to move back to area.
- Concern over loss of Parish Church in village – closed by Church of Scotland. Group in village organised and ready to respond to next steps from Church e.g., private sale or not. Some concern over how to ensure that future generations in Cleish aren't burdened with church to maintain and upkeep as a community space. Seeking to do private sale but waiting on surveyor to give them an indication of whether it should be put on the open market.

#### Projects:

- Link to neighbouring Community Transport initiatives such as Glenfarg?
- Highlight availability of bus-fare taxi scheme locally. In place but only one taxi now part of this scheme – how available is it in reality?
- Church purchase – explore what support is available for the group e.g., Claire at DTAS.



- Have spoken to SLF but ability to evidence need locally is unclear – Village Hall isn't at capacity in terms of use.
- Expanding the Millenium Walk along the river all the way to Loch Leven.
- Working on right of access to Blairadam Forest from Cleish. There are paths (also shown on OS maps) but walkers have been denied access by landowners.
- Traffic calming measures along B9097. Accidents have happened with cars and cyclists, and cars tend to use this a cut through to Crook of Devon rather than going via the M90 then the A91. Also, suggestion to remove the sign to Crook of Devon as way of decreasing traffic.

## May 2025: Community Feedback Events

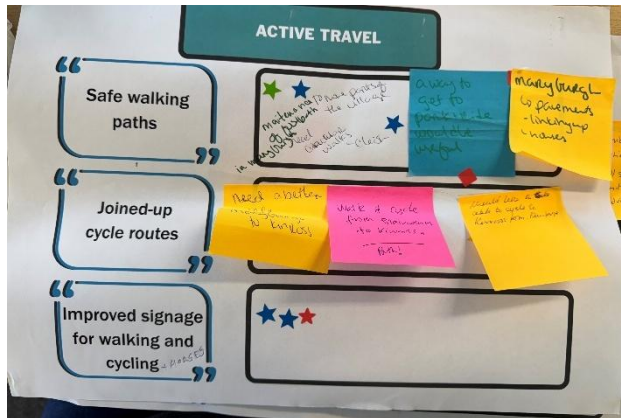
On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Community Enterprise visited the area to feedback insights and key priorities emerging from the Community Action Plan. The team had a stall at Cleish Village Fete with information boards and opportunities to undertake priority voting and submit new ideas for the CAP. The Fete was well attended (100+ people) with many of these passing by the stall to find out more about the Community Action Plan and review the survey results so far. Information and key findings were also shared at the Tabernacle Hall on the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup>. Around 20-30 people engaged at length with the draft findings of the Plan across the afternoon and evening events, including several local families, landowners, and representatives of local groups.



## Theme 1 : Active Travel

### Safe walking paths

- Maintenance of Dustbath in Maryburgh
- To more parts of the village
- Need circular walks – Cleish
- Away to get to park & ride would be useful
- Maryburgh – pavements – linking up – houses



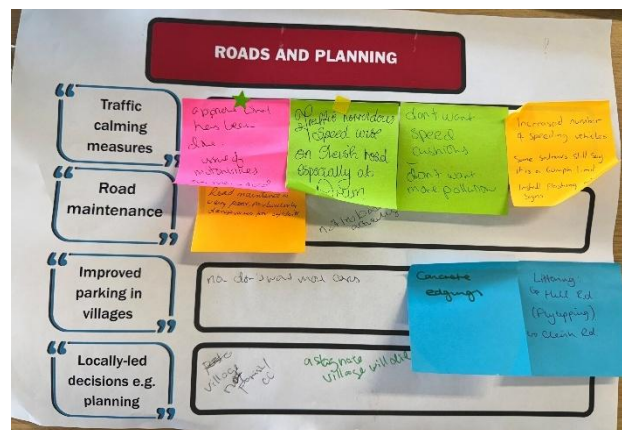
### Joined-up cycle routes

- Need a better cycle route Maryburgh to Kinross
- Walk & cycle from Blairadam to Kinross – path
- Would like to be able to cycle to Kinross from Blairforge
- Improved signage for walking and cycling - & horses (3 stars)

## Theme 2: Roads and Planning

### Traffic Calming measures

- Approve what has been done, issue of motorbikes on main road
- Traffic horrendous speed wise on Cleish road especially at Drum
- Don't want speed cushions – don't want more pollution
- Increased number of speeding vehicles
- Some satnavs still say it is a 60mph limit
- Install flashing advisory signs



### Road Maintenance

- Road maintenance is very poor, particularly dangerous for cyclists
- Not too bad actually
- Improved parking in villages
- No, don't want more cars
- Concrete edgings

- Littering – hill road (fly tipping) – Cleish Road

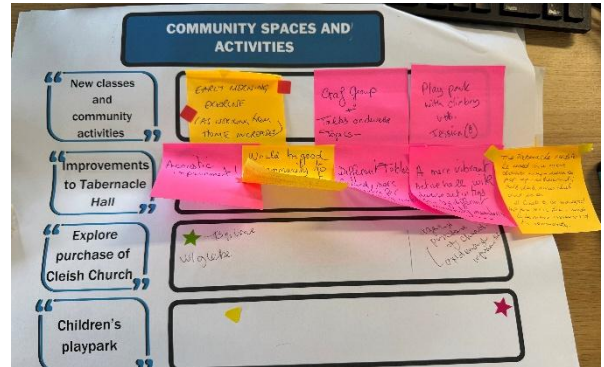
Locally led decisions e.g., planning

- Village not parish CC, a stagnant village will die

**Theme 3: Community Spaces and Activities**

New classes and community activities

- Early morning exercise (as working from home increases)
- Craft Group - talks on diverse Topics
- Play park with climbing walls (3)
- Children’s Playpark (2 stars)



Improvements to Tabernacle Hall

- Acoustic improvement.
- Would be good for community to hold diverse events in halls
- Different Tables (round, more sociable for pub/dining events).
- A more vibrant active hall with diverse activities run by different community members.
- The tabernacle – needs to be used in a more diverse way- such as pop-up restaurants, folk club, men’s club and so on. Tends to be managed by a few for a few - needs to more inclusive of the community.

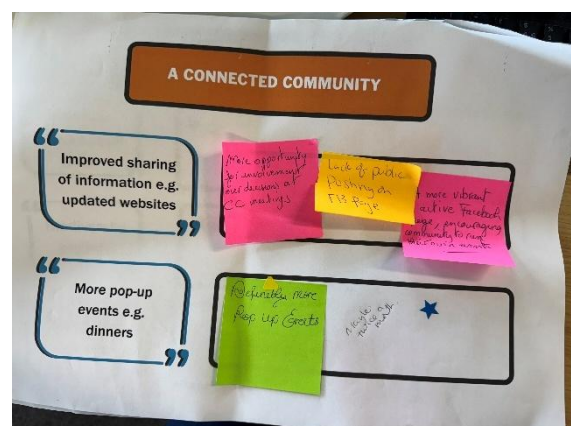
Explore purchase of Cleish Church

- Big like w/glebe.
- Against purchase of church.

**Theme 4: A Connected Community**

Improved sharing of information e.g., updated websites

- More opportunities for involvement over decisions at CC meetings.
- Lack of public posting on FB page.
- A more vibrant & active Facebook page, encouraging community to run their own events.



More pop-up events e.g., dinners

- Definitely more pop-up events - maybe twice a month (1 star).

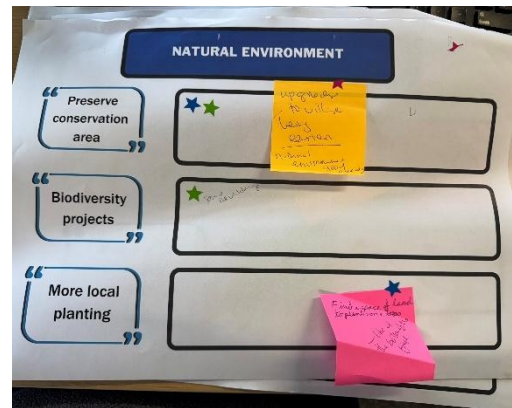
## Theme 5 : Natural Environment

### Preserve conservation area (2 stars)

- Upgrades to the village - being easier.
- Natural environment good already.

### Biodiversity projects (1 star)

- Some Rewilding.
- More local planting.
- Find a space of land to plant some trees – like at the bottom of the (Cleish) field.



## Appendix 5 : Youth Consultation

An engagement session was held at Cleish Primary School in March. There were 28 children in total from Primary 1-7. The younger children (P1-P4) were put into groups of 4-5 and the older children in P5-P7 were in a bigger group of 14. Facilitation support was kindly offered by a teacher and classroom assistant.

Pupils in the school highlighted they came from across the area including Cleish, Greenacres, Keltybridge and Maryburgh. The session involved a mapping exercise, where pupils could identify where they live and they also created bunting, focusing on what they like about where they live and what could be improved. The feedback and designs from this session were used throughout the CAP engagement events in April and May to share the priorities of children in the area.

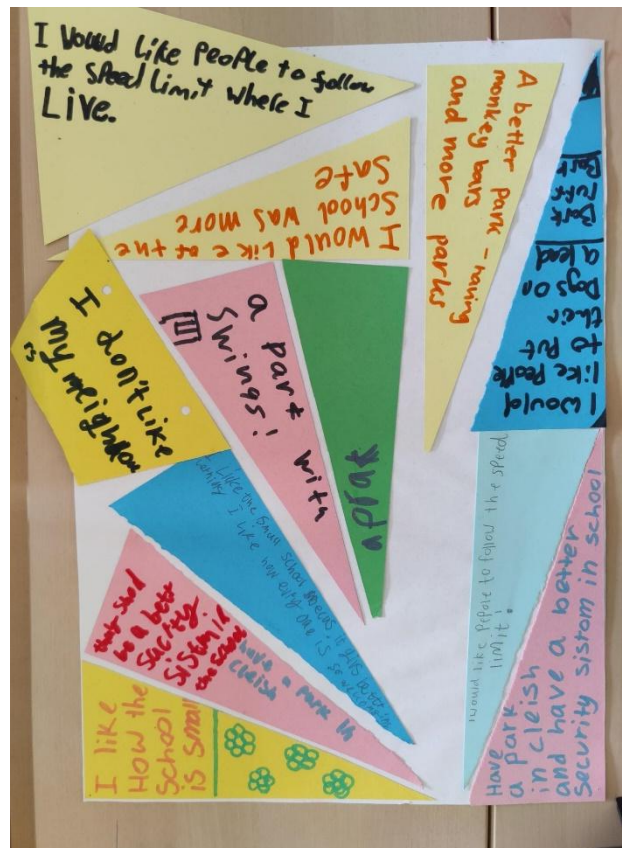
Overall, the children were very positive about the area. Below is a summary of their thoughts and pictures of the bunting created.

What you like about where you live:

- The school
- Cleish field
- The scenery
- Peaceful
- Friends and family nearby
- Feels safe
- Their houses
- Horse riding
- Near Kinross (mentioned the leisure centre)
- Groups like Kelty Hearts Community Club, the Boys Brigade (1<sup>st</sup> Kinross) and boxing (in Kinross)

What could be better about where you live:

- A better park in Cleish (including suggestions of monkey bars and swings)
- People following the speed limit
- Feeling safe walking by the road
- People putting their dogs on a lead
- A better security system in the school



## Appendix 6: Strategic Fit

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As well as being founded on research and local community consultation, this plan references key national and regional strategies and policy documents.

### Core Strategic Fit

#### Perth and Kinross LDP 2

It should be noted that, although this is not Local Place Plan, the local development plan is still an important reference point.

Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan 2 was adopted in November 2019 and identifies a strategic vision for the future of Perth and Kinross which seeks to promote **sustainable economic growth** and **sustainable development** by building on the special qualities of the area that make it an attractive place to work and do business.

The LDP provides clear guidance on what development will or will not be allowed and where. It addresses a wide range of policy issues, including housing, retail, business, industry, transport, recreation, built and natural heritage, placemaking and climate change.

#### Vision

“By 2036, the TAYplan area will be sustainable, more attractive, competitive and vibrant without creating an unacceptable burden on our planet. The quality of life will make it a place of first choice where more people choose to live, work, study and visit and where businesses choose to invest and create jobs.”

Policies are grouped in line with 4 key policy themes in Scottish Planning Policy:

#### **A successful, sustainable place.**

This theme covers Placemaking, Economic Development, Retail and Commercial Development, Community Facilities, Sport and Recreation, Residential Development and the Historic Environment.

#### Key Objectives

- Creation and continuation of high-quality places that meet the needs of the existing and future communities.
- Support for local businesses to ensure economic growth in the region.
- Provide an ongoing supply of readily available commercial/ industrial land of 25ha across Perth and Kinross.
- Focus on retail and commercial development in accessible centres that provide employment and services to residents and visitors.

- Ensure provision of housing that is socially inclusive and meets a wide range of needs.
- Promotion of a strong cultural character through arts, cultural, community sport and recreational facilities offering opportunities for social interaction and local identity.
- Maintain the distinctiveness and diversity of the area through the protection and enhancement of the natural and historic environment.

## **A low carbon place**

### Key Objectives

- Improve the long-term resilience and robustness of the natural and built environment to climate change.
- Ensure that development and land uses make a positive contribution to helping to minimise the causes of climate change and adapting to its impacts.
- Protect the natural and built environment and ensure that new development embraces the principles of sustainable design and construction, energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation.
- Protect and enhance the character, diversity and special qualities of the area's landscapes to ensure that new development does not exceed the capacity of the landscape in which it lies.
- Conserve and enhance habitats and species of international, national and local importance.
- Promote the sustainable development of electricity generation from a diverse range of renewable and low-carbon energy technologies, including the expansion/repowering of renewable and low-carbon energy generation capacity and heat networks, in accordance with national objectives and targets.

## **A natural resilient place**

### Key Objectives

- Conserve and enhance habitats and species of international, national and local importance.
- Identify and promote green networks where these will add value to active travel, the provision, protection and enhancement, and connectivity of habitats, recreational land, and landscapes in and around settlements.
- Improve the long-term resilience and robustness of the natural and built environment to climate change.

- Ensure that development and land uses make a positive contribution to helping minimise the causes of climate change and adapting to its impacts.
- Protect and enhance the character, diversity, and special qualities of the area's landscapes to ensure that new development does not exceed the capacity of the landscape in which it lies.

### A connected place

*Policies in this section cover Digital connectivity and Transport/Accessibility.*

#### Key Objectives

- Identify and provide for new and improved social and physical infrastructure to support an expanding and changing population.
- Establish clear priorities to ensure stakeholders and agencies work in partnership so that investment is co-ordinated, and best use is made of limited resources to enable the delivery of the strategy, supporting the aims and objectives of the Strategic Transport Projects Review, the Regional Transport Strategy, and the Tay Cities Deal.
- Ensure investment in the renewal and enhancement of existing infrastructure is consistent with the strategy of the Plan in order to make best use of the investment embedded in our existing settlements.
- Provide a flexible policy framework to respond to changing economic circumstances and developing technology.

### Key strategies

#### National Planning Framework 4

There are six overarching spatial principles:

1. Just transition. We will empower people to shape their places and ensure the transition to net zero is fair and inclusive.
2. Conserving and recycling assets. We will make productive use of existing buildings, places, infrastructure and services, locking in carbon, minimising waste, and building a circular economy.
3. Local living. We will support local liveability and improve community health and wellbeing by ensuring people can easily access services, greenspace, learning, work and leisure locally.

4. Compact urban growth. We will limit urban expansion so we can optimise the use of land to provide services and resources, including carbon storage, flood risk management, blue and green infrastructure and biodiversity.
5. Rebalanced development. We will target development to create opportunities for communities and investment in areas of past decline and manage development sustainably in areas of high demand.

Rural revitalisation. We will encourage sustainable development in rural areas, recognising the need to grow and support urban and rural communities together.

The Scottish Parliament approved [National Planning Framework 4 \(NPF4\)](#) on 11 January 2023. NPF4 was formally adopted by Scottish Ministers on 13 February 2023 and now forms part of the Development Plan for the Perth and Kinross Council area and should be considered alongside the LDP.

### **Perth and Kinross Community Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan)**

In 2017 the purpose of the Community Planning Partnership set out in the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2017-2027 was “**creating a confident, ambitious and fairer Perth and Kinross, for all who live and work here.**” Since then, we have reviewed our strategic priorities in light of the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and new/emerging challenges, particularly the cost-of-living crisis and its impact on our communities and the growing climate emergency.

Following the Community Planning Conference and workshops in 2021, the ambition was revised for the area to be “**the best place to live life well, free from poverty and inequality**”.

Priorities in this plan include:

- **Reducing Poverty** – child, food and fuel poverty are significant inequalities in Perth and Kinross and ones which have been increasingly highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath. Evidence across the area shows levels of poverty increasing and all Community Planning partners have seen demands grow for services which support those needing financial assistance and advice.
- **Physical and Mental Wellbeing** - Evidence from the Health and Social Care Partnership shows a major increase in demand for mental wellbeing support following COVID, demanding a cohesive and strongly aligned response from all CP partners in future, alongside NHS Tayside and adult/child social work and social care services.
- **Digital Participation** - is increasingly important and has highlighted issues with connectivity, technology and individual capacity.
- **Learning and Development** – supporting individuals to build their skills, confidence and resilience through community learning and development.

- **Employability** – focus on upskilling for those seeking employment and supporting young people in a fast-changing job market.

Employability, skills, learning and development are also fundamental priorities for sustainable economic growth in Perth and Kinross, in the context of the Tay Cities Deal which is focused on creating smarter, fairer jobs for people of working age who live in the region.

Cross cutting issues identified by the CPP include reducing carbon emissions and the cost-of-living crisis.

### **Perth and Kinross Council Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan**

Six overarching principles have been developed that will shape our long-term approach to Climate Change are:

- Achieving Net Zero aligned with the Paris Agreement and the Scottish Government Targets, with the ambition of achieving them sooner.
- Building a more resilient Perth and Kinross.
- Ensuring climate action is fair and benefits all and we deliver a green recovery to Covid-19.
- Enhancing biodiversity to help avoid an ecological emergency.
- Engaging and empowering children and young people to take action on climate change.
- Empowering our communities and businesses to take climate action in line with the Perth and Kinross Offer.

The Climate Action Plan has been divided into eight thematic areas:

- [Transport](#)
- [Buildings and Energy](#)
- [Business and Industry](#)
- [Waste and circular economy](#)
- [Land use](#)
- [Climate resilience](#)
- [Education and engagement](#)
- [Governance](#)

### **Tay Cities Regional Economic Strategy 2019-2039**

The overarching objective of this strategy is to increase the number of businesses and to create more better-paid jobs across the Tay Cities Region in order to improve access to opportunity and increase the distribution of wealth and wellbeing within the region.

**Perth and Kinross Council Economic Wellbeing Plan (2020-2028)**

The Economic Wellbeing Plan highlights the opportunity now available to build a new Wellbeing Economy. Meaning that the economy should serve people and communities first and foremost.

Invest in housing construction through innovative partnerships and projects is an area of focus under the Business category including:

| Issue                                                                                                | Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Inability to fund the opening up new housing or mixed-use sites due to upfront infrastructure costs. | Open up new housing and mixed used sites by examining options to set up a revolving fund for financing upfront infrastructure to open up new housing and mixed-use sites in return for investment in rural sites key to the delivery of the LDP strategy.                                                                                                      |
| Ensuring an adequate supply of housing across all tenures.                                           | Accelerate delivery of affordable housing programme through work with developers and Registered Social Landlords to identify opportunities via a range of pipeline projects, purchase of off shelf units from developers, and shared equity options to best respond to the availability of Scottish Government finance and the potential use of pension funds. |

**Perth and Kinross Council Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2024/25-2028/29**

Good quality homes in well-designed places make a significant contribution to Perth and Kinross Council’s (PKCs) wider aims of creating safe and sustainable communities where people aspire to live.

Perth and Kinross Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan, the Local Housing Strategy, and the Local Development Plan all aim to support the implementation of the Housing and Planning Delivery Framework which aims to:

1. increase the supply of housing

2. make the housing system more responsive to demand

3. improve long term housing affordability

4. reduce volatility in the housing market

The Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2024/25 – 2028/29 outlines investment priorities for affordable housing which will support delivery of the outcomes that are set out through our Local Housing Strategy (LHS) with the following 4 new strategic priorities:

- Priority 1 – Providing more affordable homes to support liveable and sustainable communities.
- Priority 2 – Providing a range of housing options that people can easily access, afford and keep.
- Priority 3 – Delivering housing for people with varying needs.
- Priority 4 – Delivering quality homes with affordable warmth, zero emission and SMART technology.

## Appendix 7: LDP2 Compliance and Settlement Areas<sup>7</sup>

The Local Development Plan (LDP) is the Council’s statutory corporate document that guides all future development and use of the land. It acts as a catalyst for changes and improvement in the area and shapes the environment and economy of Perth and Kinross.

Perth and Kinross Council’s Local Development Plan was adopted on 29 November 2019 and guides all future development and use of land in Perth and Kinross Council area.

**The Vision:** “By 2036, the TAYplan area will be sustainable, more attractive, competitive and vibrant without creating an unacceptable burden on our planet. The quality of life will make it a place of first choice where more people choose to live, work, study and visit and where businesses choose to invest and create jobs.”

The below table demonstrates how the thematic areas and projects in this LPP align with the thematic policy areas set out in LDP2. These policies give guidance on where development will be encouraged and where in what circumstances it will not be permitted.

| Perth and Kinross Council Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) | Policy Theme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | LPP alignment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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|                                                           | <p><b>A successful, sustainable place</b></p> <p>Relevant key objectives under this theme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation and continuation of high-quality places that meet the needs of the existing and future communities.</li> <li>• Support for local businesses to ensure economic growth in the region.</li> <li>• Ensure provision of housing that is socially inclusive and meets a wide range of needs.</li> <li>• Promotion of a strong cultural character through arts, cultural, community sport and recreational facilities offering opportunities for social interaction and local identity.</li> <li>• Maintain the distinctiveness and diversity of the area through the protection and enhancement of the natural and historic environment</li> </ul> <p>Relevant policies under this theme include:</p> | <p>Theme 1: offers improvement to local place through active travel offerings and recreational activities across the area. Projects 1.1 and 1.2.</p> <p>Theme 3: All projects under theme 3 work towards a more connected community with opportunities for greater social cohesion.</p> <p>Theme 5: seeks to protect and</p> |

<sup>7</sup> Source: Perth and Kinross Council LDP2 (2019) [https://www.pkc.gov.uk/media/45242/Adopted-Local-Development-Plan-2019/pdf/LDP\\_2\\_2019\\_Adopted\\_Interactive.pdf?m=1576667143577](https://www.pkc.gov.uk/media/45242/Adopted-Local-Development-Plan-2019/pdf/LDP_2_2019_Adopted_Interactive.pdf?m=1576667143577)

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Placemaking (Policy 1):</b> Development must contribute positively to the quality of the surrounding built and natural environment. All development should be planned and designed with reference to climate change, mitigation and adaptation.<br/><br/> The design, density and siting of development should respect the character and amenity of the place, and should create and improve links within and, where practical, beyond the site. Proposals should also incorporate new landscape, and planting works appropriate to the local context and the scale and nature of the development. </li> <li> <b>Settlement Boundaries (Policy 6):</b> Settlement Boundaries For those settlements which have a boundary defined in the Plan, built development will be contained within that boundary. Development on sites that adjoin these settlement boundaries will only be permitted where the proposal is: (a) in accordance with Policy 8: Rural Business and Diversification and does not adjoin a principal settlement boundary; (b) justifiable on the basis of a specific operational and locational need and it can be demonstrated that there are no suitable sites available within the settlement boundary; or (c) required to address a shortfall in housing land supply in line with Policy 24: Maintaining an Effective Housing Land Supply; and (d) will not result in adverse effects, either individually or in combination, on the integrity of a European designated site(s). </li> <li> <b>Gypsy/Travellers' Sites (Policy 21):</b> Existing Sites Existing authorised Gypsy/Travellers' sites will be protected and there will be a presumption against their conversion to other uses. </li> <li> <b>Conservation Areas (Policy 28):</b> Development within a Conservation Area must preserve or enhance its character or appearance. The design, materials, scale and siting of new development within a conservation area, and development out with an area that will impact upon its special qualities should be appropriate and sympathetic to its appearance, character and setting. Where a Conservation Area Appraisal has been undertaken for the area, the details contained in that appraisal should be used to guide the form and design of new development </li> </ul> | <p>preserve the unique character and landscape of the area. In particular through Project 5.1.1, 5.1.2 and Project 5.2.1.</p> |
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|  | <p>proposals. Applications for Planning Permission in Principle in Conservation Areas will not be considered acceptable without detailed plans, including elevations, which show the development in its setting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|  | <p><b>A low-carbon place</b></p> <p>Relevant key objectives under this theme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the long-term resilience and robustness of the natural and built environment to climate change.</li> <li>• Ensure that development and land uses make a positive contribution to helping to minimise the causes of climate change and adapting to its impacts.</li> <li>• Protect the natural and built environment and ensure that new development embraces the principles of sustainable design and construction, energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation.</li> <li>• Protect and enhance the character, diversity and special qualities of the area’s landscapes to ensure that new development does not exceed the capacity of the landscape in which it lies.</li> <li>• Conserve and enhance habitats and species of international, national and local importance.</li> </ul> | <p>Theme 1: includes a range of projects designed to encourage active travel options to reduce carbon emissions.</p> <p>Theme 4: prioritises improvements to public transport throughout the area – leading to less reliance on cars (a key driver of climate change).</p> <p>Theme 2 Project 2.2.1 includes the consideration of EV charging points – to encourage electric vehicle use in the area.</p> <p>Theme 5: key Project 5.1.1, 5.1.2, and all projects under 5.2 are designed to improve ecological resilience, conserving and enhancing local habitats and species.</p> |
|  | <p><b>A natural, resilient place</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Theme 5: focuses on conserving and enhancing the</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|  | <p>Relevant key objectives under this theme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conserve and enhance habitats and species of international, national and local importance.</li> <li>• Identify and promote green networks where these will add value to active travel, the provision, protection and enhancement, and connectivity of habitats, recreational land, and landscapes in and around settlements.</li> <li>• Improve the long-term resilience and robustness of the natural and built environment to climate change.</li> <li>• Ensure that development and land uses make a positive contribution to helping minimise the causes of climate change and adapting to it impacts.</li> <li>• Protect and enhance the character, diversity, and special qualities of the area’s landscapes to ensure that new development does not exceed the capacity of the landscape in which it lies.</li> </ul> <p>Relevant policies under this theme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 39 Landscape</b> Development and land use change, including the creation of new hill tracks, should be compatible with the distinctive characteristics and features of Perth and Kinross’s landscapes. Development proposals will be supported where they do not conflict with the aim of maintaining and enhancing the landscape qualities of Perth and Kinross. This includes safeguarding views, the tranquil qualities and relative wildness of landscapes.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 41 Biodiversity</b> The Council will seek to protect and enhance all wildlife and wildlife habitats, whether formally designated/protected or not, taking into account the ecosystems and natural processes in the area.</li> <li>• <b>Policy 46: Loch Leven Catchment Area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Total phosphorus from built development must not exceed the current level permitted by the discharge consents for Kinross and Milnathort waste water treatment works together with the current contribution from built development within the rural area of the catchment. Where</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>unique character of the area including built and natural environment, habitats and species of the area.</p> <p>Theme 1: active travel improvements that can better connect communities in the area.</p> |
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|  | <p>improvements reduce the phosphorus total from the built development, there will be a presumption in favour of retaining such gains to the benefit of the ecological recovery of Loch Leven. All applicants will be required to submit details of the proposed method of drainage, and details of phosphorus mitigation, where applicable, with their application for planning permission and adopt the principles of best available technology, not entailing excessive costs, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority in conjunction with SEPA.</p> <p>(b) Developments within the Loch Leven Catchment Area will be required to connect to a publicly maintained drainage system incorporating phosphorus reduction measures. Exceptions will only be permitted where one of the following criteria can be met: (a) where drainage can be diverted outwith the catchment; or (b) where the developer is able to implement acceptable mitigation measures consistent with the Council's published Guidance that are capable of removing 125% of the phosphorus likely to be generated by the development from the catchment. Applications for planning consent not connecting to the Kinross or Milnathort waste water treatment works will be required to provide an assessment of phosphorus input for the development. Evidence of phosphorus impact of the development will be required from a suitably qualified person. In cases of great complexity or uncertainty the Precautionary Principle will be adopted. The requirements of this policy may be secured by means of legal agreements and planning conditions to deliver planning obligations concluded between the applicant and the Council, prior to the issue of planning permission. The delivery of agreed phosphorus mitigation will be required before the occupation of any new dwelling. Mitigation measures should not include measures which are already committed in a spending programme and likely to be implemented by a statutory body within three years of the determination of the application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 50 Prime Agricultural Land</b> Outside the identified settlements, development on prime</li> </ul> |  |
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|  | <p>agricultural land will not be permitted, unless it is necessary to meet a specific established need, such as a major infrastructure proposal and only when there is no other suitable site available on non-prime land. Small scale development (usually single buildings) directly linked to rural business, including housing, may also be acceptable on prime agricultural land, providing it is compatible with all other aspects of the policy framework of the Plan and there are no other suitable non-prime land sites available, and it does not adversely affect the viability of the agricultural unit.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|  | <p><b>A connected place</b></p> <p>Key objectives under this policy theme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and provide for new and improved social and physical infrastructure to support an expanding and changing population.</li> <li>• Ensure investment in the renewal and enhancement of existing infrastructure is consistent with the strategy of the Plan in order to make best use of the investment embedded in our existing settlements.</li> </ul> <p>Relevant policies under this theme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy 60 Transport Standards and Accessibility Requirements</b> The Plan identifies existing transport infrastructure; encouragement will be given to the retention and improvement of these facilities provided the improvements are compatible with adjoining land uses. All development proposals that involve significant travel generation should be well-served by, and easily accessible to all modes of transport. In particular the sustainable modes of walking, cycling and public transport should be considered, prior to private car journeys. The aim of all development should be to reduce travel demand by car and ensure a realistic choice of access and travel modes is available, including opportunities for active travel and green networks.</li> </ul> | <p>Theme 3: seeks improved social infrastructure of the area to support the existing and future population of the area.</p> <p>Theme 1, 2, and 4 all seek to improve the physical infrastructure of the area. Including new and improved active travel routes which better connect local villages, improved public transport to better support a range of users e.g. young people and older adults.</p> |

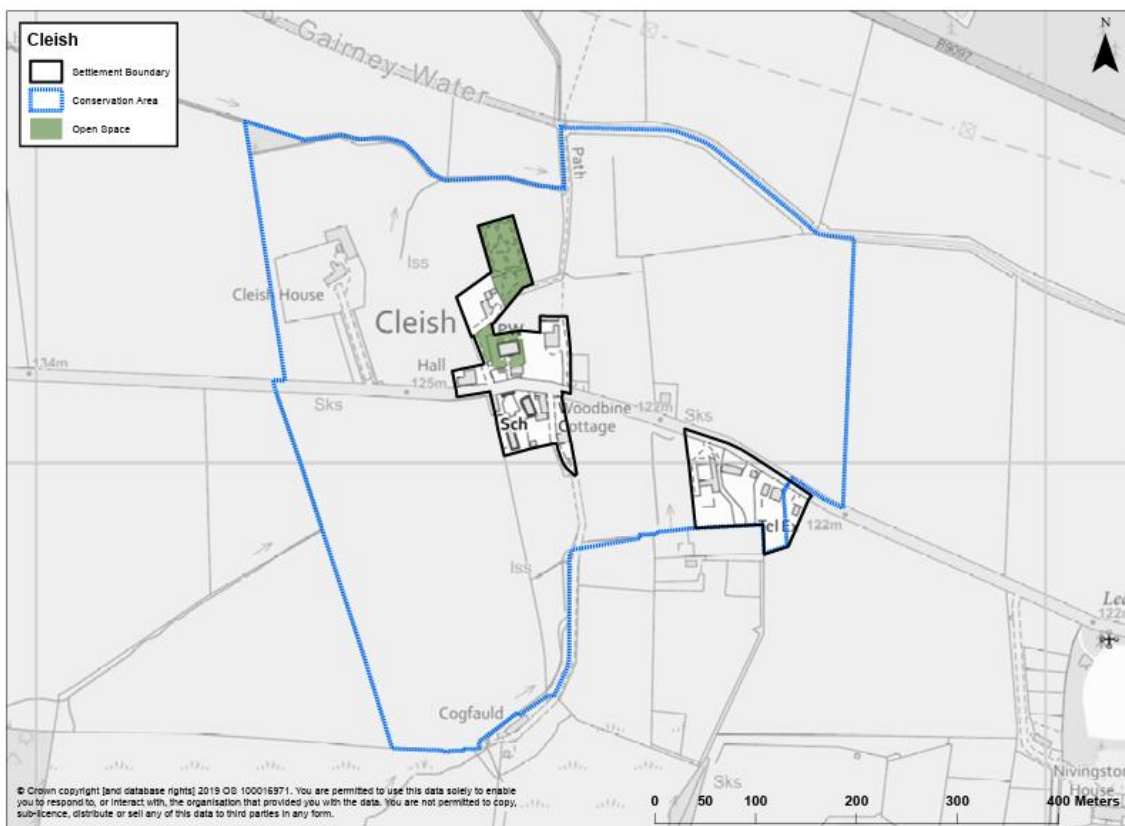
## Settlement Areas in LDP2

The following three Settlement Areas are highlighted within the current Perth and Kinross LDP2.

### **Cleish<sup>8</sup>**

Cleish is designated as a Conservation Area and is unique in Kinross-shire by merit of the spatial arrangement of the dwellings and its open spaces. A tight settlement boundary has been drawn and open spaces identified to limit any significant future growth to protect the historic environment.

This settlement lies within the Loch Leven Catchment Area and so any development should comply with Policy 46: Loch Leven Catchment Area.



The central area of Cleish is designated as a Conservation Area, which reflects its historic character.

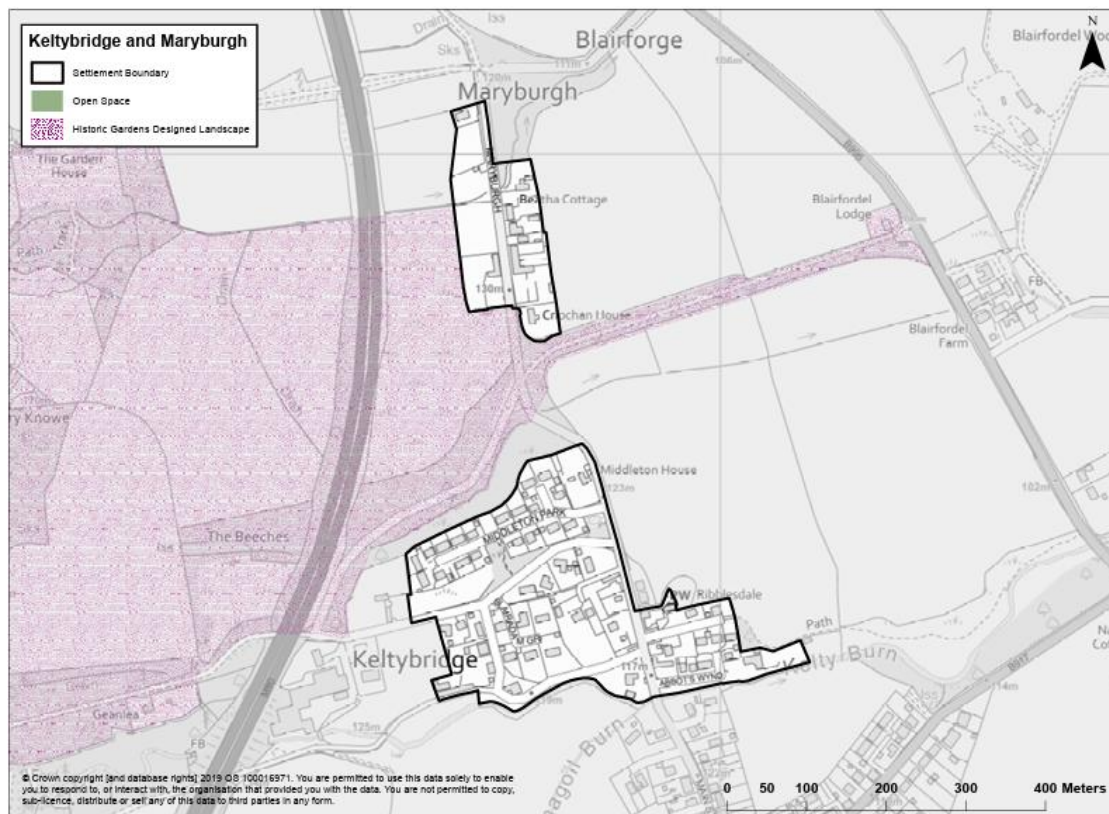
### **Keltybridge and Maryburgh<sup>9</sup>**

The inventoried Historic Garden for the walled garden, and extensive parkland and woodland associated with the A-listed Blair Adam house separates the settlements. The settlements themselves have limited facilities but lie close to much larger Kelty.

<sup>8</sup> Page 167 of Perth and Kinross LDP2 for Cleish Settlement profile

<sup>9</sup> Page 221 of Perth and Kinross LDP2

Due to the growth that has taken place in Keltybridge, a tight settlement boundary has been drawn to limit any significant future growth, whilst the settlement boundary of Maryburgh has been drawn to offer the potential to accommodate some limited further development mirroring the form of the existing settlement pattern.



### Greenacres<sup>10</sup>

Greenacres provides private pitches for Gypsy/Travellers and has grown organically over recent years. Through the Housing Need and Demand Assessment, a need for additional capacity for Gypsy/ Travellers is identified.

Greenacres has become an established site, and the settlement boundary has been drawn to offer, encompass and encourage an overall plan for the satisfactory development of the site as a whole. The settlement will be retained for use as a travellers' site.

In the event of land ceasing to be used as a Gypsy/Travellers' site, there shall be no presumption in favour of residential development. This settlement lies within the Loch Leven Catchment Area and so any development should comply with Policy 46: Loch Leven Catchment Area.

<sup>10</sup> Page 211 of Perth and Kinross LDP2

Prior to the creation of further pitches a landscaping framework, in agreement with the Council as Planning Authority, will be implemented incorporating noise attenuation measures along the boundary with the M90 and boundary screening. Road and access improvements to the satisfaction of the Council as Roads Authority may be required.

