



Alyth Community Action Plan Children's Survey Report October 2021



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¹ Taylor, S., 2021. *View From The Top of Alyth Hill* [accessed 6 December 2021]

Introduction

This report summarises the findings of the Children's Survey² which was carried out in Alyth.

The survey was carried out as part of the CAP engagement process and will inform the preparation of the finalised Community Action Plan 2021-2026.

Several other methods of engagement were also utilised, including:

- Community Views Survey
- Young People's Survey (12-17 years old)
- Community Event
- Pop-up Stalls
- Travelling Tea Party
- Focus Groups
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Social Media Engagement
- Visitor Survey

Organisation

² Laura Rodger. 2021. *Alyth Children's Survey* (Alyth: CAP Steering Group), pp.1-9
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1m2HoZjrvkf_e3ulsOPjhNtLA5HiZLrJ-14Hk3gXjT-Y/edit?usp=sharing> [accessed 25 October 2021]

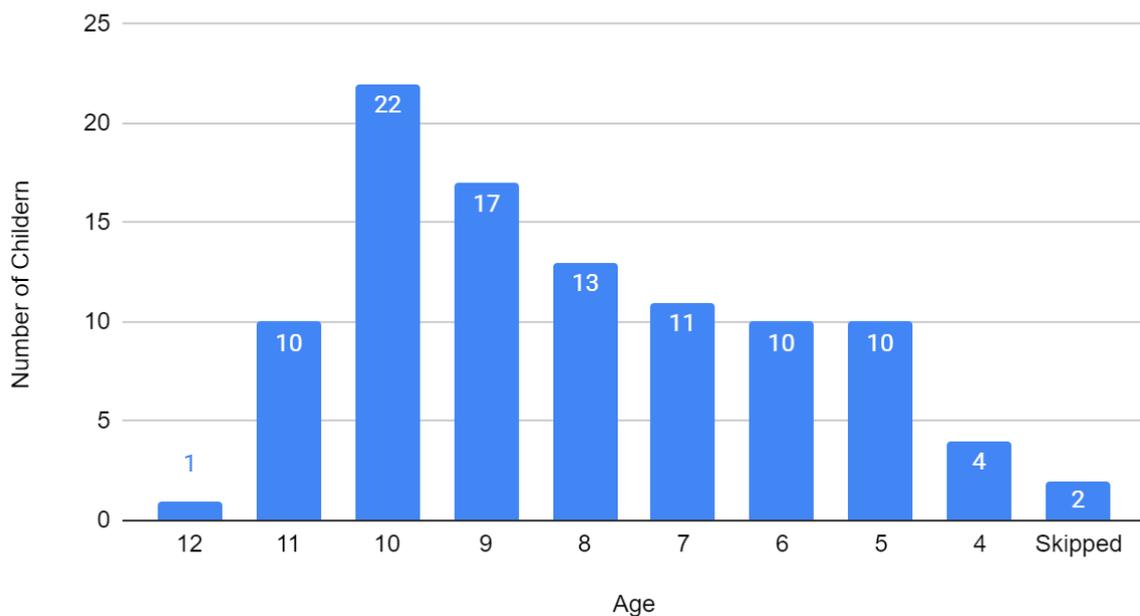
The Children’s Survey was approved by the CAP Steering Group and distributed by the Scouts, Alyth Youth Partnership and Alyth Primary School. The Survey comprised four questions. Children were invited to write or draw their answers.

Responses

Exactly 100 Children’s Surveys were completed and returned. Some forms included beautiful illustrations which will be included as part of our CAP launch event.

Age Demographics

How Old Are You?



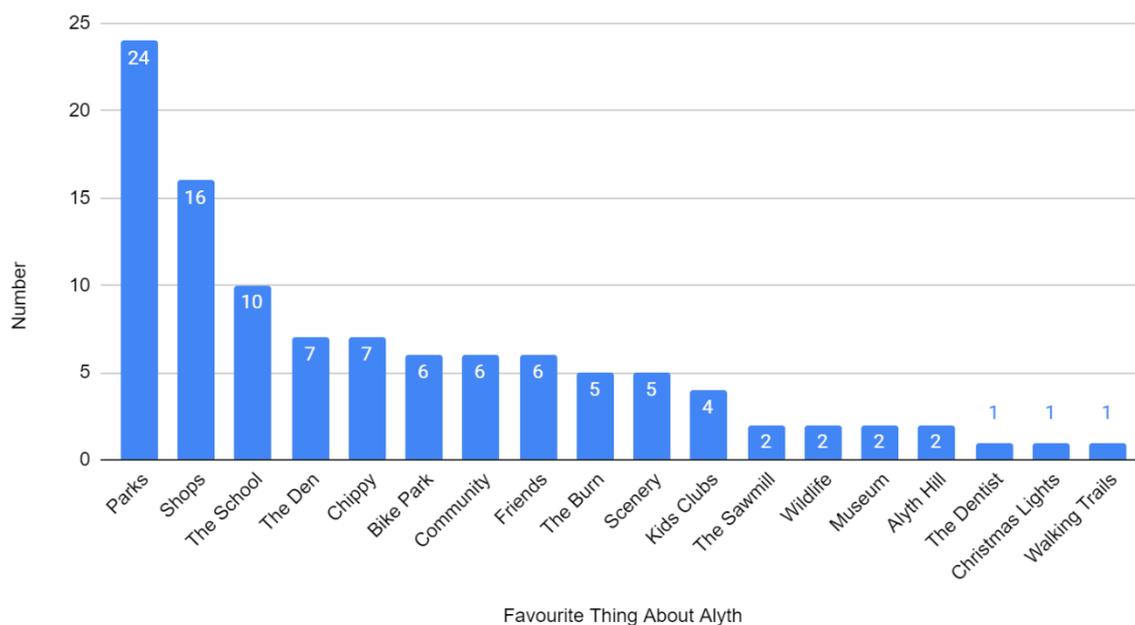
The Children's Survey was completed by young people ranging from four to 12 years old.

Two respondents did not indicate their age. It is important to note that that young people between the ages of 12 and 17 were also consulted in a separate Young People's Survey.

Our Favourite Things About Alyth

The first question on the survey asked children to tell us their favourite things about Alyth.

My Favourite Thing About Alyth



Responses identified that the parks and the shops were the two things that children love most about the town. However, the above also indicates that the children enjoy a variety of different activities that the town has to offer, including taking trips to the Den O' Alyth, the bike park and kids clubs.

My Favourite Thing About Alyth Is:

"The park because I get to see my friends and have fun and I also like the den."

"The amount of clubs like AYP, Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Scouts."

"That Alyth has its own museum."

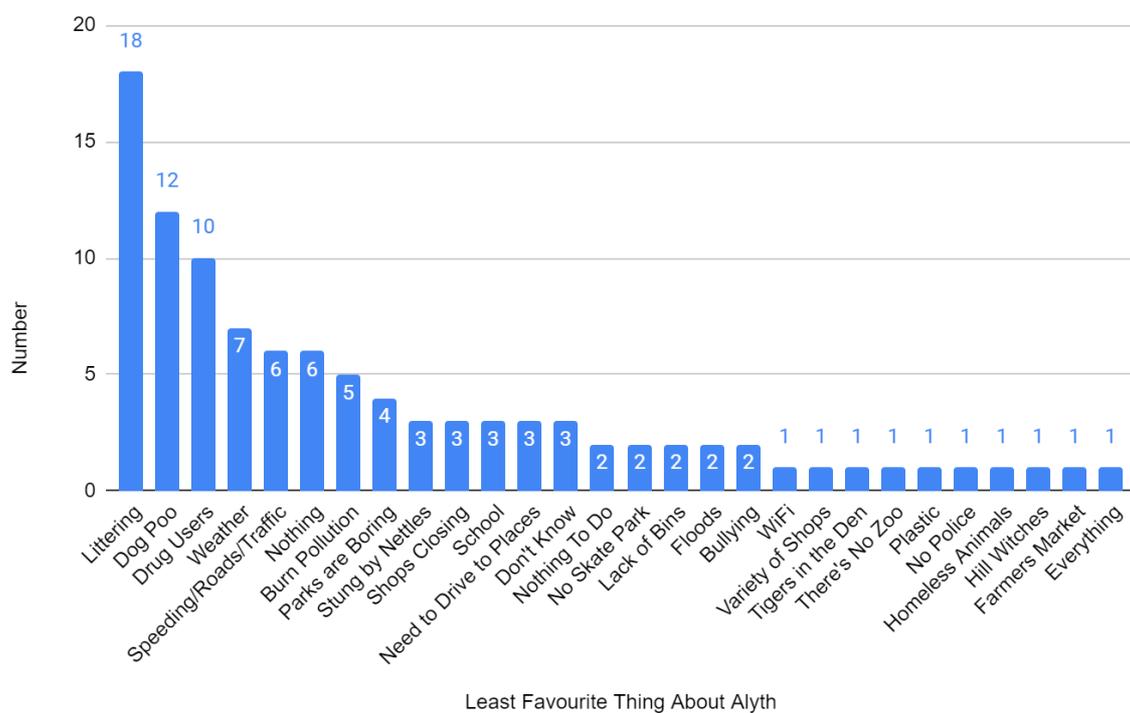
"The wildlife. Nature. Cows. Sheep. Just everything. Farms. Helping others."

"The view is just magnificent as well the sunrise and sunset."

Our Least Favourite Things About Alyth

The second question on the survey asked children to let us know what their least favourite things about Alyth were. By doing so, potential changes that could help improve the town may be identified.

Least Favourite Thing About Alyth



As shown above, it is clear that children are very conscious of the local environment which suggests that more needs to be done to keep Alyth clean. The children also highlighted that they believe there is a lack of things for them to do in the town.

My Least Favourite Thing About Alyth Is:

“Not a lot of things for kids to do.”

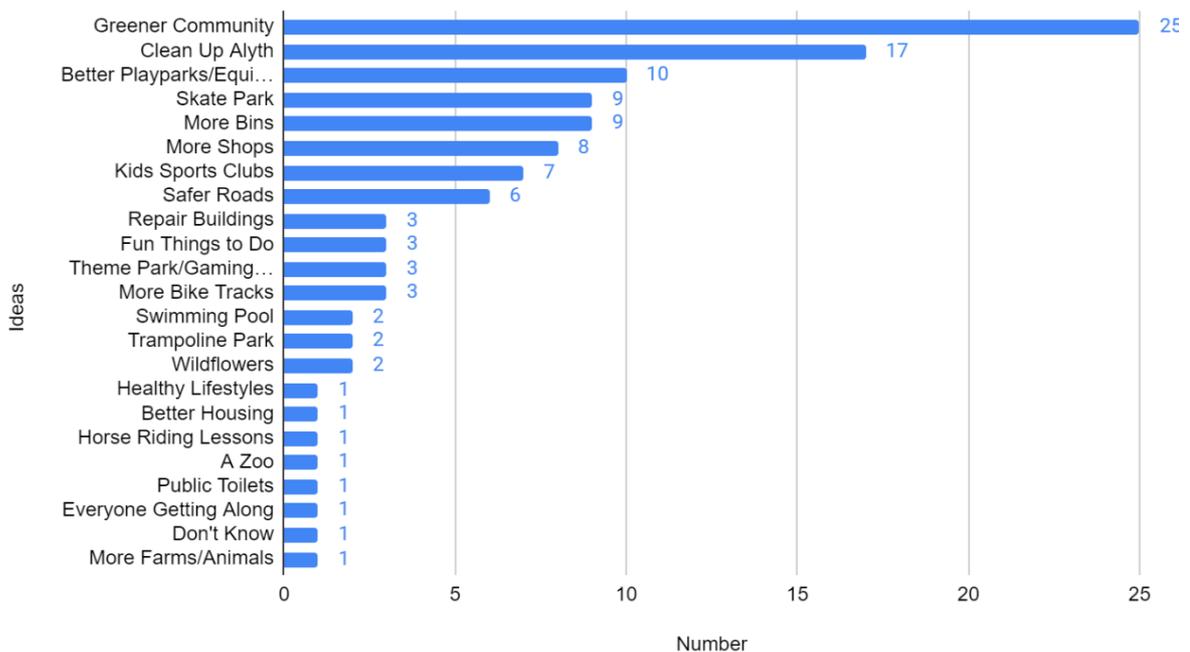
“No skate park.”

“How often the river floods and that people litter and let their dog poo everywhere.”

Making a Better Alyth

The third question asked children to let us know what they thought would make Alyth better.

How Can We Make Alyth Better?



This chart emphasises the point made in the responses to Question 2 in that children in Alyth would like to see the town making changes to help protect the environment.

Furthermore, it also illustrates that young people in our community would like there to be a greater variety of things for them to do.

Alyth Would Be Better If:

"I think people should clear up dog poo and no litter to save the planet."

"Another park and a slide that chucks you on to a trampoline."

"Stop littering. Football goals. Basketball courts. Electric car chargers. more parks."

"Skate park so scooter and skateboard users can practice."

How to Help Our Planet

The final question on the survey asked children how they thought Alyth could help our planet. As can be seen in the table below, the children of Alyth have a wide variety of ideas.

Stop Littering/pollution	23
Recycling centre/signs/bins	17
Plant trees/wildflowers	12
More litter bins	11
More electric cars/car-charging	8
Encourage walking/cycling	5
More wildlife	3
Fewer cars	3
Renewable energy sources	3
Clothes donation point	2
Don't know	2
Bottle deposit scheme	1
Biodegradable plastics	1
Paper bags	1
Poster campaign	1
Reduce fuel consumption	1
Bike paths	1
Machine to get rubbish out of sea	1
Eat healthy food	1

Reduce waste	1
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This demonstrates that the children in our community believe that more needs to be done to tackle the problem of littering and that recycling needs to be a big priority for the town.

Several other methods of becoming a greener community were also identified.

Alyth Can Help the Planet by:

"Having a shop that you can sell your plastic bottles."

"Gets signs that tell you to recycle."

"Don't litter, more trees."

"Biodegradable plastic."

"Make bags paper."

"Recycling Posters."

"To recycle more."

"Get more bikes instead of so many cars. Make places for people who are struggling with money to get clothes that are cheap."

"No dropping litter, more bins, more greenery."

"Plant some more wild flowers, more bins, get people riding bikes instead of using cars."

"More electric car chargers, less cars that are not electric, stop building, more animals, more fish in the burn."

"Clean up litter. Get more bins. Stop littering. Get more electric car chargers."

"Electric car stations and ban smoking."

"Reducing waste."

"More bins in den and Alyth bike park."

"Taking care of wildlife."

Contextualisation and Conclusion

Overview:

The Children's Survey was carried out with the primary aim of establishing what the children in our community thought would improve Alyth.

Secondary to this, it established:

- What they liked about Alyth;
- What they disliked about Alyth;
- How they thought Alyth could help planet.

A total of 100 surveys were completed with the views of children between four years old and 12 years old being represented.

Data was gathered between May and September of 2021.

Age Demographics:

Almost half of the children who completed the survey were between nine and 10 years old. Only one child aged 12 responded to this survey. However, a survey for young people aged 12-17 was also carried out.

Identified Improvements:

A wide variety of improvements which could be made in Alyth were identified in both Questions 3 and 4. From the information presented, it has become apparent that children in the town would like to see two key changes.

1. To have a wider variety of activities for young people.

2. For Alyth to take actions that will help Alyth to become a greener community.

Process Evaluation:

A response rate of 100 children in our community between the ages of four and 12 is particularly strong. However, not all children attend the Scouts, Alyth Youth Partnership or Alyth Primary School. This process could have been more inclusive by gathering the views of children in Alyth who attend different schools/clubs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this was not possible as restrictions which were put in place restricted access in order to ensure the safety of young people. Yet, it should be noted that this is only one step in the engagement process and that young people in our community will have further opportunities for their voices to be heard.