



# Alyth Community Action Plan Stakeholder Report October 2021



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<sup>2</sup> Taylor, S., 2021. *View From The Top of Alyth Hill* [accessed 6 December 2021]

## Introduction

### Background

**What is a stakeholder?** In this report, this refers to someone who has an abiding interest in our town, either through a commercial or personal connection. This report summarises the findings of the ***Stakeholder Meetings*** carried out in Alyth from May to July 2021.

The meetings were carried out as part of the community engagement process and will help to inform the preparation of our Community Action Plan (CAP) 2021 - 2026.

To complete the CAP, additional consultation has been carried out including a Community Views Survey, Pop-Up Focus Groups, Youth Surveys, a Visitor Survey and other community outreach. Feedback on all the community engagement will be provided at an event on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### Stakeholder Meetings

**How did we choose stakeholders to talk with?** A list of key people and organisations to meet with was prepared by the **Alyth CAP Steering Group**. The Steering Group comprises representatives from Alyth Development Trust, Alyth Community Support Group, and other community groups and interested residents. An open invitation to the Steering Group was created at the beginning of the CAP process. In order to be inclusive, residents of outlying villages (e.g. Ruthven) were also invited as Alyth is the closest hub for many facilities and services.

Interviews were carried out by Laura Rodger, Community Connector, and Bruce Houston, a member of the Steering Group, with a total of around 60 people attending meetings held with:

- A Carer
- A Community Volunteer
- A New Resident
- A Long-Term Resident
- Alyth Amateur Football Club
- Alyth Community Police Officer
- Alyth Community Support Group
- Alyth Cycles
- Alyth Development Trust
- Alyth Garage
- Alyth Golf Course
- Alyth Hill Users Group
- Alyth Film Society
- Alyth Fish and Chip Shop
- Alyth in Bloom
- Alyth Musical Society
- Alyth Parish Church (Church of Scotland)
- Alyth Primary School
- Alyth Voice
- Alyth Youth Partnership (Leader)
- Alyth Youth Partnership (Young People)
- Arts and Crafts Guild
- Café in the Squar
- CO-OP
- Ecomuseum
- Food For Thought
- Game Square
- Groundworks
- Highland Boundary Spirits
- JRTs
- Munchn

- Pitcrocknie Coffees
- Plumber
- Pollywallydoodle
- Scotmid
- Strathmore Tots
- The Barony Café
- The Explorer Scouts
- The Scouts
- The Scout Leaders
- Thrifty One

This report summarises the findings of these meetings.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> This list does not include those who were invited to participate in an interview but could not do so. Some businesses did not have time as they focused on getting back on their feet post-COVID. Additionally, health services such as the Health Centre, Chemist and Dentist were also unable to participate due to their focus on delivering health care during an unprecedented time.

## **Vision for Alyth Tomorrow**

### **Stakeholders' main aspirations for the future:**

#### **Post-lockdown and the Impact of COVID-19**

Across the board, stakeholders emphasised that their current aspiration for the future is to get back on their feet as we adjust to a life living with COVID-19. It is likely that the ramifications of the last 18 months will be far reaching and long-lasting. It is going to take time for businesses, organisations and community groups to build back up to the way things were pre-2020. It is hoped that the community spirit of our town can be harnessed to rally together and help the town recover. For many, getting back to the way things were is understandably the main aspiration. Once this has been achieved and there is more stability, it will be easier to look ahead. Whilst this is undoubtedly the main point which was put across, it is still hoped that positive changes can be made for the future of Alyth.

#### **Young People**

There is a strong sentiment in the town that we need to do more for young people. While some stakeholders highlighted the need for a greater variety of activities for young people, others looked further ahead. Alyth has an ageing population and young people are not staying here. In the future, it would be beneficial to have more affordable housing and employment opportunities so the young people of Alyth can stay here should they wish to do so. We have a wide variety of community groups and initiatives. It is important that we can pass this legacy down through the generations in order to ensure the longevity of our community groups.

**Tourism**

Alyth is reliant upon visitors. We need to better capitalise on this by doing more to promote what we have to offer. Advertising and having a visitor information centre could really drive this forward. We are a gateway to the Cairngorms and we're surrounded by beautiful scenery and golf courses, but people need to know that we're here and why they should visit. It is too easy to completely bypass Alyth.

**Becoming a Greener Community**

Alyth needs to take the lead when it comes to tackling climate change. As a small town, we can be setting the example for how any community can take steps to tackle climate change and have a greener community. Recycling and renewable energy sources are paramount. However, there are other things which the town could do such as growing our own food in a community garden.

## Themes and Priorities

### **THEME 1: Community and Culture of Alyth**

- Support and co-ordination of existing groups to continue with good work.
- Continued support for socially isolated/mental health beyond COVID.
- Activities that bring community together e.g. Gala, activities in the Den, markets etc.
- Football/sports groups for all e.g. women's and children's football clubs.
- Improve collaboration between existing community groups.
- More allotments so people in the community can grow their own food.
- Initiatives to teach children how to grow/cook their own food.
- Initiative to encourage young people to join community groups such as Alyth in Bloom – ensure longevity of the group.
- An Alyth Volunteer Hub for casual volunteering (not everyone can commit to a group, but are willing to help out when they have the time to do so).
- Community up-skilling workshops.
- Community storage space for community groups.
- Greater outreach so community groups know what funding is available to them.
- Create a hang-out space for teenagers.
- Local children's classes for sports (e.g. gymnastics) – the waitlist for Blairgowrie is long and children in Alyth don't have priority.
- Hot-desking space.
- Support for businesses and community groups as we come out of lockdown – help to get back on our feet!

- Befriending initiative to combat social isolation, particularly among the elderly and/or vulnerable.

## **THEME 2: Local Economy and Tourism**

- Potential for local energy schemes.
- Re-instate regular market in the square.
- More signage and promotion of what we have to offer (e.g. community orchard).
- Signposted walking routes.
- Website directory of facilities and activities for visitors (and residents).
- Regular activities such as scavenger hunts, environmental or heritage tours.
- Promote community businesses more:
  - we're reliant on tourists/visitors.
  - initiative to encourage residents to shop local.
- More local employment opportunities.
- Make more of being gateway to the Cairngorms to draw in tourism.
- Public toilets (near Den/Hill/town centre) to encourage more groups to visit.
- Visitor Information Centre.

## **THEME 3: Heritage, Parks and Recreation**

- Path and lights at the Jubilee Park to make it more accessible for all.
- All-weather pitch.
- Rehearsal space for dance classes.
- Better access and use of the Community Wing at the school.

- Ease financial barriers to using community spaces (e.g. Town Hall).
- Better, more inclusive play parks:
  - equipment that children in wheelchairs can use;
  - things for younger children to do at Jubilee Park;
  - things for older children to do at Mill Street Park.
- Build a skatepark.
- Bike-track extension.
- Tennis courts.
- Reopen the Library **with** activities for children, not possible to always travel to Blairgowrie Library.
- Heritage plaques and trail.

#### **THEME 4: Nature and Local Environment**

- Make more of proximity to Cairngorms and the National Park.
- More bins, less litter and dog-fouling.
- More wildflower areas to help the ecosystem.
- More recycle points needed – if you're outside in the town, there are only bins.
- Eco-friendly activities (build a birdhouse, build a bottle greenhouse).
- Car-sharing/carpool scheme .
- Proactive climate-change response rather than reactive.
- Start a nuttery and foraging hedge (creates more habitats)

#### **THEME 5: Built Environment**

- Improve parking (e.g. two-hour limit in main square, build a new car park, encourage more to leave their cars and walk).
- Repurpose derelict sites (e.g. old Sawmill could be a gateway to the Den).
- Improve flood resilience (more visible response needed, heightened awareness campaign to let residents know what is being done).
- Improve safety on Meigle Road (pavement disappears, potholes, flooding).
- Encourage walking/cycling to school, discourage cars (road unsafe during school run).
- Railway link to Dundee.
- Build more affordable homes to help young people stay in our community.
- Build a wall down the other side of the burn.
- Make shop frontage more attractive.

#### **THEME 6: Services and accessibility**

- Improved wi-fi connections.
- Enable services like Citizens Advice to work with local groups.
- Improve bus service to/from Dundee and Perth (especially on Sundays).
- Add bus links to Forfar and Dunkeld.
- Provide a community bus e.g. Alyth to Blairgowrie (help people maintain their independence by enabling them to do their own shopping. Also provide a direct link to a swimming pool, making exercise more accessible).
- Greater accessibility on buses for those with buggies/wheelchairs.
- A community accessible tandem bike.

- Pathway in Jubilee Park (wheelchairs and buggies).
- More lowered pavements (particularly at café side of square), make it easier for those with wheelchairs/buggies/scooters to travel safely in the town.

### **Community Event and Conclusion**

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, a community event was held in the Market Square for the Community Action Plan. At this, there were tables for the six main themes that have come out during the engagement process. Alongside this, many community groups also had stalls and a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan was also held.

The event was marketed as an opportunity for residents to come along and find out the main themes, subthemes and project ideas and to have their say on what would be the top priorities moving forward. Strong numbers turned out to attend the event, with 250-400 people attending. Each person received three tokens to vote with.

**Below is an abstract from the Community Event Report which summarises the outcome.<sup>4</sup>**

It is important that the results of the Community Event are contextualised. Parks, Recreation & Heritage was by far the most popular theme. Various project ideas fall under this category. However, by far the most talked about project has been the need for the town to have a skate park. This is something which the community has been trying to get in place for over a decade. Young people and adults alike visited this table to vote for this reason. As such, it is necessary that this project is one of the keynotes of the Community Action Plan.

The second most voted for theme was that of Built Environment. There are many projects within this theme that are of keen interest to many. However, the most prominently discussed idea is that of repurposing or repairing derelict sites. As such, it is paramount that it features in the finalised Community Action Plan. The issue of roads and parking has also come up several times across all avenues of the engagement process. Considering that Built Environment is now the second top theme voted for by the community, it is crucial that the community looks for ways to address this over the course of the next five years.

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<sup>4</sup> <When the reports are live, there should be a footnote here which links to the Community Event Report>

The third most voted for theme was Services & Accessibility. Coming just 0.5% behind in the results was Nature & Environment. As such, it is clear that despite placing fourth on the priority list, Nature & Environment is also of key importance to the community. The voting results were exceptionally close between the two. It is important to note that whilst Services & Accessibility came out with the most votes, Nature & Environment had a greater number of individual votes. That is to say that the vast majority of those who voted at the Services & Accessibility table placed all of their tokens into the box. This could be argued to have skewed the outcome of the vote. However, it is pivotal that voter background is taken into account in this instance. The majority of those voting at the Services & Accessibility table had a variety of different accessibility needs or were related to someone who did. The fact that they voted for only this and discounted all others illustrates that the issue of accessibility is something which Alyth as a community needs to address.

Finally, Local Economy & Tourism and Community & Culture placed fifth and sixth during the voting process. This is surprising as both themes were highlighted to be of great importance to the community in all engagement prior to this. Thus, it is important to highlight once more that while the voting process informs the Community Action Plan, it does not mean that those with less votes are not taken into consideration. The voting gives a strong indication of what the community would like to see addressed first, creating an order in which we should tackle the priorities that have come out of the engagement process.

Taking all of the above points into consideration, it is clear that the community has truly engaged with this process and that there will be strong backing for the projects which are taken forward in the Community Action Plan.

### **Concluding Statement**

The Stakeholder Report and the Community Event are both useful for informing the Community Action Planning process. Many of the ideas put forward by Stakeholders were also echoed during other engagement activities. It is important that the voices of both Stakeholders and residents are represented during this process. By inviting the community

to vote, this gives the essential balance which is needed as it shows that the priorities have been determined by the community as a whole. This does not mean that themes and projects that were not voted for are taken out of consideration. Rather, it will be the top three themes which are prioritised first.

## Appendix

### ***Alyth Now and How it is Changing***

This section reflects the views and perceptions expressed by the Stakeholders in relation to the area now, and how it has changed over the years. It also reports information held as “local knowledge” rather than statistical facts and figures. These points were made during the interview process to give further contextualisation of the town. In some instances, this underpins the priorities.

#### **Population**

It was highlighted by various stakeholders that:

- Alyth itself has a population of around 2500 people. Official statistics as of 2019 have estimated the population of the Alyth locality<sup>5</sup> to be 3039.
- Alyth has an ageing population.
- More families are moving into the area.
- School-leavers are not staying in Alyth (going to university, no jobs, lack of affordable housing).

#### **Observations from stakeholders:**

- *“Alyth has an ageing population and is in danger of becoming a retirement village”.*
- *“If the population of Alyth continues to grow, the existing infrastructure will be unable to support it.”*
- *“Alyth has the perfect amount of people.”*

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<sup>5</sup> ie, the Community Council area, which includes outlying hamlets and farmsteads

- *“Alyth is a tight-knit community. Everyone knows and looks out for each other. We can afford some more growth, but if the population increases greatly, this quality will diminish.”*

## **Housing & Development**

It was highlighted by various stakeholders that:

- There are around 300 new homes which are currently being built in Alyth.
- There is concern that the existing infrastructure (roads and parking) will not be able to support the usage increase. A one-way system may be able to help ease congestion.
- Some questioned whether the School would have enough capacity as the number of local children increases.
- The new houses are being built at Pitcrocknie, by the school and behind the Lands of Loyal.
- More houses means that more people will be moving to the area. This should increase footfall for local businesses.
- Housing developers are able to help the local community (e.g. Pitcrocknie are going to provide labour/materials for a construction of a path at Jubilee Park).
- It would be good to see derelict land repurposed.
- Not enough being done to build more affordable homes.

## **Observations from stakeholders:**

- *“New homes equal more people which equals greater footfall in the town.”*

- *“More people moving to the Alyth are will benefit the local businesses.”*
- *“As housing increases, so will traffic. If there are more cars on the road, Alyth will need to implement a one-way system.”*
- *“The Old Sawmill could be turned into a great entrance to the Den!”*
- *“The School was recently done up and should be able to support more children, however, more housing could lead to demand outstripping the number of school places.”*

## **Local Economy**

Positives highlighted by various stakeholders:

- There are a good number of independent businesses in Alyth. (e.g. hairdressers, hardware store, butcher, cafes)
- Between the Co-op, Scotmid, Premier and Lunan's, you can get most groceries/household supplies that you need without having to travel to a big supermarket.
- The Post Office moving into the Scotmid means that it is open longer and more accessible.
- We have a good number of cafes and take-aways.
- There is a variety of accommodation options for tourists (hotels, Airbnb, caravans).
- The banking van is useful for those who cannot travel to Blairgowrie to visit a branch.
- Classic Restorations are the biggest employer here in Alyth and are vital to the community.

- We have a good number of trades here in Alyth (e.g. joinery, mechanics, garages). Most problems can therefore be addressed locally.
- Local businesses show great community spirit.
- It is great that we have our own chemists, other communities such as Meigle or Newtyle do not have this.

**Observations from stakeholders:**

- *"It is great to have so many independent businesses here in Alyth!"*
- *"The RBS van must be ring-fenced. Not everyone can travel to the bank in Blairgowrie or bank online."*
- *"It's great that businesses get involved in the community. Wheatley's Electricians take responsibility for the Christmas lights. Thrifty One make £300 donations to different community causes each month."*
- *"All of the necessities can be purchased here in Alyth."*

**Concerns highlighted by stakeholders:**

- We no longer have a bank here in Alyth outside of the post office. The bank van does not come often enough. This causes difficulties for people who can't travel or get online.
- The Post Office is more limited now that it is combined with the Scotmid.
- Empty business premises are not good for the town.

- We need greater variety of businesses. We have multiple cafes and hairdressers. It would be nice to have something more unique, like an independent bakery.
- Restaurants, cafes and takeaways are heavily reliant upon tourists to get by. There is not always a lot of local footfall, particularly outside of the main square.
- We do not have a visitor information centre.
- There needs to be more promotion of what is available in Alyth, many people just drive by us.
- With there being a greater focus on outdoor meet-ups/events/seating, the lack of public toilets has become a bigger issue than it was previously.
- It would be good to have a casual dining option in the evening that is not takeaway.
- The food shops that we have are great, but they can be too expensive.
- The short and long-term impacts of COVID-19 are a concern amongst all stakeholders.

#### **Observations from stakeholders:**

- *“Losing the post office and the bank was a blow to Alyth, particularly for the elderly and those who can't travel further afield.”*
- *“Businesses are dependent on the summer for tourist trade. If you don't have a good summer, it is hard to survive the winter.”*
- *“Public toilets would make it easier to have more outdoor events which could bring more people to our town.”*
- *“Support is needed to help the town recover as we come out of the pandemic.”*

- *“Local footfall is centralised in the main square. The further away from the square you are the greater this issue becomes.”*
- *“Alyth needs advertisement. Potential visitors do not know we’re here.”*
- *“With all the walking trails, biking routes and the Ecomuseum, it would be fantastic to have a Visitor Information Centre.”*

## **Education and Childcare**

It was highlighted by various stakeholders that:

- Alyth has a primary school, one public nursery and one private nursery.
- Alyth Primary School has 159 children currently enrolled.
- There is only one option for children under 3 – Strathmore Tots.
- High-school-aged children must travel to high school (Webster’s, Blairgowrie, Perth, Dundee, etc) via bus or car.
- Limited childcare options. Alyth has a breakfast club and an after-school club, but this is only useful during term-time. There are few options for children under five.
- Parents unable to go back to work until children are in full-time education.
- Not everyone has family available to babysit.
- Both nurseries are very good (Alyth Nursery and Just4Kidz)
- Great to have a local primary school.

## **Observations from stakeholders:**

- *“It would be nice for Alyth to have a high school again.”*

- *"It would be beneficial if the Primary School was more involved in our community."*
- *"It's great that we have Strathmore Tots so our baby can interact with other babies his own age."*

## **Health and Care**

It was highlighted by various stakeholders that:

- We have one health centre and one dentist.
- Closest hospital is Blairgowrie Cottage Hospital.
- Over 4000 registered at Health Centre.
- Main hospitals (Perth and Dundee) are at least two buses away – four-hour round trip.

## **Observations from stakeholders**

- *"Alyth has an ageing population, greater accessibility to the main hospitals is needed."*
- *"All of the GPs at Alyth Health Centre are very friendly."*
- *"The Health Centre is brilliant. I can always get an appointment when I need one."*

## **Sports & recreation**

It was highlighted by various stakeholders that:

- Alyth Amateur Football Club is well supported.
- We have a bowling green and badminton/tennis courts.

- It would be good to have more sports activities available for children outside school (e.g. basketball, junior football team).
- There is a good number of play-parks (Den, Mill Street, Jubilee Park and New Alyth).
- The parks need to have better equipment to suit all age ranges.
- Alyth needs a skatepark.

### **Observations from stakeholders:**

- *"Alyth is lacking in sports activities. We need to travel to Blairgowrie."*
- *"The big park and the wee park are well used in Alyth."*
- *"There needs to be more in the parks for the kids. Older children can't use the wee park. Young kids can't use the big."*
- *"Great for the community that we have our own football team!"*
- *"Kids have been asking for a skatepark for decades, Alyth needs a skatepark!"*

### **Community Facilities Activities and Groups**

It was highlighted by various stakeholders that:

- There are a variety of different spaces which the community can utilise.
  - the Town Hall, Airlie St Hall, the Community Wing, the Ogilvie Rooms, Alyth Bowling Club, the Scout Hall, the Guide Hut.
- There are sometimes issues accessing the above spaces, particularly the Community Wing.
- Venue hire can be very expensive.

- We have a large number of community groups which do amazing work in our community. Groups mentioned include: Alyth Community Support Group, Alyth Development Trust, Alyth in Bloom, Alyth Youth Partnership, the Scouts, Alyth Community Council, Game Square, Alyth Amateur Football Club, Alyth Musical Society.
- Food For Thought carry out vital work in our community.
- There are a lot of activities which are available in our community. However, these activities require more promotion. Not everyone reads the Alyth Voice.
- The Alyth Youth Partnership is of paramount importance to the young people in our community.
- Alyth in Bloom have really improved the appearance of the town; however, they are stretched too thin. Perth and Kinross Council should be doing more to help. Upkeep of the town can't just fall to volunteers.
- It would be great to have a wider variety of activities for young people and adults to participate in within our community. There are a lot of groups for improving the town, but it would be great to have more recreational activities without having to travel.
- There has been particular emphasis upon the need for more recreational activities for adults. Not everyone wants to socialise at the pub.
- If Alyth cannot offer activities (e.g. swimming) it would be good to have a community bus so residents can access them in neighbouring towns.

**Observations from stakeholders:**

- *“The work that the Alyth Youth Partnership has done in our community has really improved the lives of young people.”*
- *“Alyth is exceptionally lucky to have Alyth in Bloom, they have done wonders for the appearance of our town.”*
- *“Our existing groups and activities need more promotion. Few people know what Alyth has to offer.”*
- *“If you conduct a Google search for things to do in Alyth, not much comes up. This is a problem for tourism, but it is also a problem for the wider community.”*
- *“There are significant financial barriers to utilising community spaces. More needs to be done to make them more accessible.”*
- *“Food For Thought offer a crucial lifeline for vulnerable people. It is important that they continue to receive support.”*

## **Heritage**

It was highlighted by various stakeholders that:

- Alyth's heritage needs to be promoted more.
- We have the Alyth Museum and the EcoMuseum
- Alyth Museum is only open part of the year, but there is little in the way of promotion. More should be done to attract tourists.
- Our monuments require maintenance.
- Outdoor plaques, like the MRI machine, could create a heritage trail.
- Alyth is historically a market town, this should be celebrated accordingly.

**Observations from stakeholders:**

- *“History is important, local history even more so. More needs to be done to tell our story and state who we are.”*
- *“Alyth has many walking and bike trails. Why not a heritage trail?”*

**Nature & Local Environment**

It was highlighted by various stakeholders that:

- We are a gateway to the Cairngorms
- Alyth is now a flood zone, we need to be proactive about this to prevent further damage.
- The burn is a key feature of Alyth. It should be dredged more frequently.
- Alyth could be more environmentally friendly by: reducing dog-fouling, more litter-picks, growing more wild flowers and having more recycling points.
- Eco-friendly projects could benefit the whole community, e.g.: building birdhouses, bottle greenhouses, car-sharing/carpool schemes, starting a nuttery and foraging hedge.
- The Den should be protected and maintained – it is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest.

**Observations from stakeholders:**

- *“Flooding is a real issue in Alyth. People live in fear for their businesses and homes during heavy rainfall.”*

- *“Alyth may be small, but it could really lead the way on how to tackle climate change at a community level.”*
- *“The Den o 'Alyth and The Burn are beautiful features of our town.”*

### **Roads, Traffic and Parking**

It was highlighted by various stakeholders that:

- Alyth needs more parking spaces.
- Roads are hazardous around the school at pick-up and drop-off times.
- Meigle Road has become dangerous (potholes, disappearing pavement, blind spots, speeding).
- A one-way system through the town is now necessary, particularly with the new homes being built.
- More should be done to encourage people to travel on foot or by bike.

### **Observations from stakeholders:**

- *“It is difficult to park in the main square. We require a new parking lot or timed parking.”*
- *“Roads by the School become crowded and dangerous, it is an accident waiting to happen.”*
- *“A one-way system would help ease difficulties, particularly at the bottom of Toutie Street.”*

## Public Transport

It was highlighted by various stakeholders that:

- Our town has decent public transport connections to Blairgowrie, Dundee and Perth, Monday to Saturday.
- The Sunday timetable makes travelling by public transport difficult.
- The last bus home from Dundee and Perth is too early – taxis or hotels are necessary if you wish to go out at the weekend.
- Great that we have a link to Kirriemuir.
- Direct links to Forfar, Dunkeld and Perth/Dundee hospitals would be useful. It is currently a four-hour round trip to visit these nearby places by public transport.

## Observations from stakeholders:

- *“The Sunday timetable for Alyth is useless, it gives the impression that Alyth is closed on a Sunday.”*
- *“It is alarming that we don't have a direct, accessible route to a hospital considering that we have an ageing population, many of whom will no longer be able to drive.”*
- *“The links to Blairgowrie, Dundee and Perth allow Alyth the opportunity to be a commuter town.*
- *“Public transport can get a bit expensive, but I like that it's easy to get to Perth or Dundee.”*
- *“Our public transport options are great for a town this size!”*

## Accessibility

It was highlighted by various stakeholders that:

- More needs to be done to make Alyth accessible to those in wheelchairs/scooters and parents with buggies. For example: more dropped kerbs to make it easier to cross roads, pathway in Jubilee park and stopping cars from parking on pavements.

## Observations from stakeholders:

- *“There needs to be greater awareness in our community when it comes to accessibility.”*
- *“Wheelchairs, scooters and people with buggies keep having to use the road to get around parked cars, it’s not safe.”*