



**LOCAL PLACE PLAN** 

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This Local Place Plan (LPP) is presented by Gargunnock Community Council and the Gargunnock Community Trust, on behalf of the people of Gargunnock, to Stirling Council for the purpose of informing the new Local Development Plan (LDP).



Figure 1: Collage of Gargunnock Buildings

This Local Place Plan covers Gargunnock village and its surrounding area as shown in Figure 2 below.

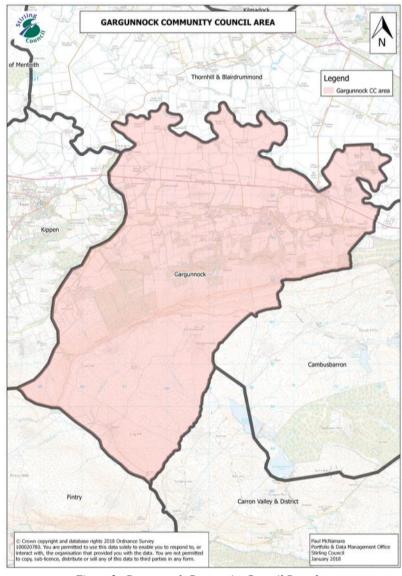


Figure 2: Gargunnock Community Council Boundary



A more detailed overview of Gargunnock Village, it's amenities and possible areas for development are shown in Figure 3 below. <u>PLEASE NOTE</u> – areas identified for potential development are suggested areas only and would require agreement from land owners and planning consent.

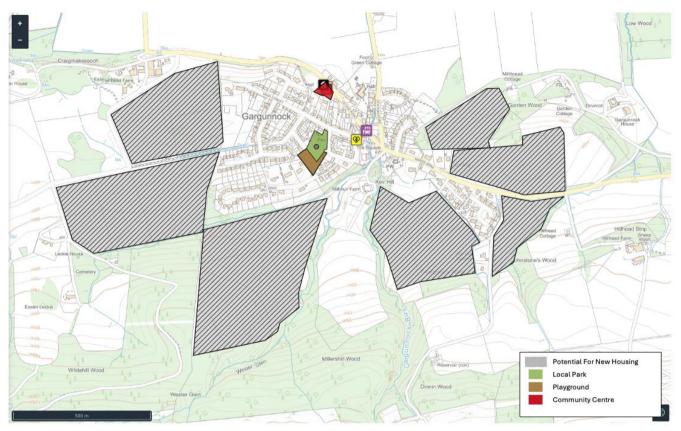


Figure 3: Gargunnock Map

The village of Gargunnock is located approximately 6 miles west of Stirling and Stirling Castle. The village has two historic streets, Manse Brae and the Main Street, which run east to west from the Square. These streets have several 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century houses and buildings of historical note, including, Dinning House, Gargunnock Kirk, the White House, Trelawney Cottage and Gargunnock Inn. The Main Street itself is set out as terraced houses on the north side, with traditional feus running behind. Craigard, adjacent to the Inn, probably has the most complete feu running back to Leckie Road

The village has a rich history extending back beyond the initial settlement of the village in the 1700s starting back to the year 50 AD with the construction of a dwelling on Keir Hill and the Leckie Broch constructed in 80 AD. In 1296 AD, William Wallace is said to have stormed the Peel of Gargunnock near the junction of the Gargunnock Burn and River Forth and in 1745 Bonnie Prince Charlie travelled through the village on his way to the Boquhan and Leckie estates.

The village first started to take shape in the early 1700s to accommodate workers supporting the increase in farming in the surrounding area, following the draining of the Carse. To allow the village to develop further, the Laird of Gargunnock, Sir James Campbell, made available strips of land on either side of what is now the Main Street (or "King's Highway").

This development helped to establish the current shape of the modern village along the two inclines east and west of Gargunnock burn. As public sewerage came into effect in the 1950s and redevelopment was carried out by the local authority, the village began to grow.



There was an increase in council housing and other new houses either individually or as private schemes on land essentially released by Miss Stirling of Gargunnock Estate, or on the Glebe by the Church of Scotland.

Gargunnock is now a village of 917 residents spread across 410 households. The population of Gargunnock, like many of the surrounding communities is dominated by older residents (*Section 2 Community Data*). Local residents work in a wide range of occupations across the public and private sectors, with many working from home or enjoying a hybrid working pattern. There are several businesses which provide employment and operate from the village.

Houses in Gargunnock, do not come up for sale very often and there has been a lack of new housing in the village. Several major housing developments have taken place in the early part of the last four decades, whilst much of the previous council stock is now in private hands. New Drummond Place was developed as a significant extension to Old Drummond Place, McLaren's Park and the Glebe were developed, as was the extension of Charles' Street. The last major development being the Cala Homes development at Millbrae of 19 new houses in 2002. Since 2002, only a few houses have been built in infill sites.

The village is served by several active community and volunteer led groups.

Community Group	Descriptor	Link
Gargunnock Community Council	A voluntary organisation set up by statute by the Local Authority and run by local residents to act on behalf of its area.	https://www.gargunnock .org/the-trust- community-council
Gargunnock Community Trust	Established in 2005 to serve the residents of the Gargunnock Community Council area. It acts as a vehicle for fundraising and managing charitable projects that benefit the village. A recent major project was the refurbishment of the Beeches Way, which provided easy access to a well-used walk from the village enabling pram and wheelchair access.	https://www.gargunnock .org/the-trust- community-council
Gargunnock Windfarm Fund	The financial income awarded to the community from Kingsburn Windfarm Energy Ltd, managed by Falck Renewables and overseen by Foundation Scotland. Administered by the Gargunnock Community Trust who have set up an independent Windfarm Fund Panel consisting of individuals who represent a diverse range of stakeholders in the village.	https://www.gargunnock .org/wind-farm- applications
Gargunnock Community Shop	To restore the community shop, the Gargunnock Community Council formed a Community Benefit Society (CBS) named Gargunnock Community Shop Ltd. This society operates under a volunteer Management Committee currently engaged in an 18-month project to transform the premises, aiming to reopen the shop in December 2024. The Management committee will oversee the tenancy of the shop and help ensure its long-term viability.	https://www.gargunnock .org/about-5



The Community also has a small selection of amenities and assets that include:

- Gargunnock Community Centre and Hall
- Rentable Office Facilities
- Playgroup at Community Centre
- After School Club at Community Centre
- Gargunnock Primary School
- Gargunnock Inn
- Community Shop
- Provost Park (Pitch, Playpark, Changing Rooms)
- Various mapped walking routes
- 3 Defibrillators

- Gargunnock Kirk, Cemetery and Rest Garden
- 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Points
- Ultra-Fast Fibre Broadband
- Short Term Rental Accommodation
- Mobile Post Office
- Mobile Library
- X10 Bus Service to Glasgow and Stirling
- Gargunnock House, Grounds, Walled Garden
- Glebe Park, Ponds, Wildflower Meadow
- Dedicated Wind Farm Fund

The village does not have a medical Centre or pharmacy – the nearest is Kippen Health Centre which also has a pharmacy attached to it. Many residents travel to medical practices and pharmacies in Stirling and Cambusbarron.

The village has been served by a shop until 2020 when it was closed and put on the market by the then owner. Gargunnock Community Council and Gargunnock Community Trust carried out a community survey and commissioned a consultant to analyze the viability of a revitalized shop in the existing premises. Following the positive survey response and consultant report, a Community Benefit Society (CBS) was set up to raise funds, purchase and refurbish the shop.

The CBS was successful at raising funds from the Scottish Land Fund and Community Ownership Fund to purchase and refurbish the shop. Residents of the community were offered to purchase shares in the shop which was well subscribed with over £64,000 raised. The shop officially opens in December 2024 and will hopefully be re-established as a major asset, meeting place and focal point in the center of the village. The closure of the shop was widely seen as a major loss to the village.



Figure 4: Gargunnock Community Shop (Prior to Renovation)



The village benefits from some open green spaces, predominantly the Provost Park in the Centre of the village, the Community Field and Glebe Park near the School. Provost Park boasts a football pitch which is used extensively by locals and the local football club, Gargunnock FC. The pitch is unfortunately on a slight gradient and the changing rooms have fallen into disrepair, but are still in use, albeit in a restricted way.



Figure 5: Gargunnock FC - Cup Winners

The provision of play equipment in the village for children is generally poor. Some of the play equipment in Provost Park was in dangerous disrepair and has recently been replaced by Stirling Council. However, some of the equipment, much of the underlying surface below the play equipment and the general environs around this area, require to be upgraded.

Glebe Park (owned by Gargunnock Community Trust) has a selection of native trees, small ponds and windflower meadows which improve the biodiversity in the village and are used as an education space for the Primary School, as well as dog walkers and nature enthusiasts. There are also bee hives which volunteers look after and produce local honey.



Figure 6: Volunteers Working at Glebe Park



Gargunnock Trust is very active in the village providing support to a wide variety of projects, with some of the funding coming from the Windfarm Fund.

One of the Trust's recent projects was the refurbishment of the Beeches path to the West of the village, making this path more accessible for a variety of different users.



Figure 7: Volunteers and Trust Members at Beeches Path

### **BEFORE**





## **AFTER**





Unfortunately, there is little provision of support or activities for older children in the village, a point which was highlighted several times in the community survey. This has historically been due to lack of volunteers but there is also a lack of infrastructure or amenities for older children to utilize.



Regular communications and updates are provided to the village in various forms. There is a website gargunnock.org which provides access to the Community Centre booking system, information about Gargunnock Community Council, Gargunnock Community Benefit Society and Gargunnock Community Trust. The recently established Community Benefit Society which owns the shop, routinely reports on the shop's progress and development through the village facebook. The village facebook is itself well used as a communication platform by local residents and beyond, and also promote events and news.

A village magazine, the Bugle, is circulated four times a year and is issued free to all households. There is a large Notice Board opposite the Community Shop, and there are additional noticeboards in Gargunnock Inn and outside the village kirk. Occasionally letter box drops are used to share important information with residents.

The Gargunnock Community Centre (formerly the primary school) is owned by the Gargunnock Community Trust. It is regularly used as a village venue for a wide variety of community events from election voting, playgroup, yoga etc., occasional private parties, the village Gala, Bite and Blether, the Women's Institute and the Flower Show.



Figure 8: Gargunnock Flower Show Committee



Figure 9: Bite and Blether



The village benefits from income from a nearby windfarm which is managed by a Windfarm trust on behalf of Gargunnock Community Trust. Residents can apply for funding for a wide variety of community activities and events.

The Gargunnock Agricultural show happens in June and is popular and very well attended by communities beyond Gargunnock. It has been taking place on the same site since 1794. The Gargunnock Village Gala is held once a year in June at the Community Centre offering a parade on closed roads and activities for residents of all ages through the whole day.



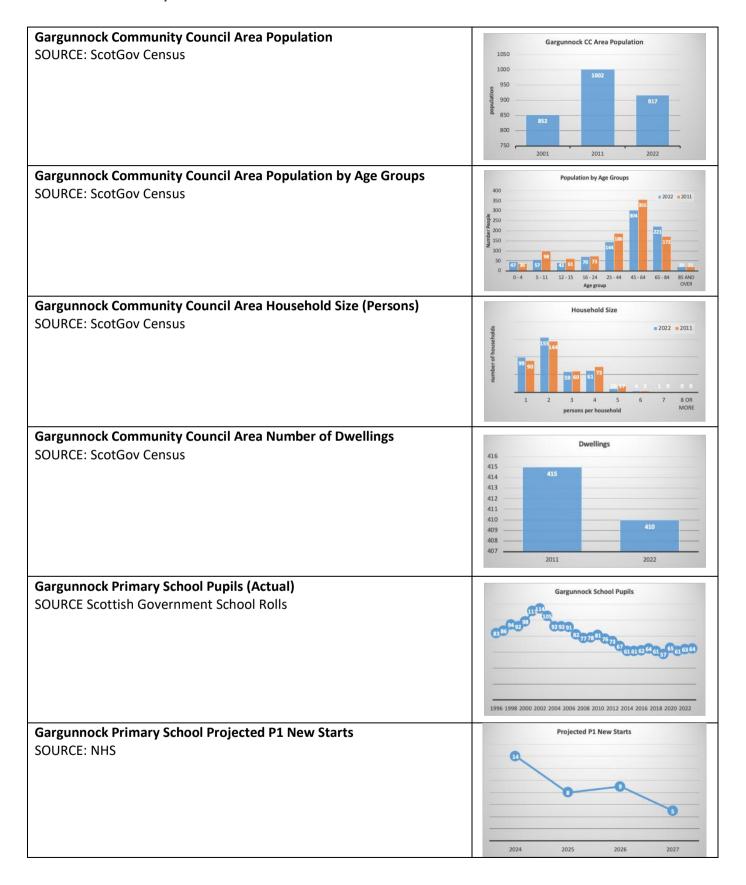
Figure 10: Gargunnock Agricultural Show



Figure 11: Gargunnock Gala Parade



# 2. Community Data





# 3. Plan Development Process

The Local Place Plan development process followed the guidance provided by Stirling City Council this included the following steps:



# 3.1. Initial Survey

In April 2024 an initial survey was offered to everyone in the village, hardcopies were posted into every household and a digital version was available online. The survey was promoted across Facebook, the village noticeboard and within the Gargunnock Inn.

The survey introduced the process for developing the Local Place Plan and asked the villagers for input on three key areas:

- 1. What do you like about living in Gargunnock?
- 2. What do you not like about living in Gargunnock?
- 3. What Improvements would you like to see?





The following themes were shared with the community to help them develop their input to the survey.

PATHS & TRAILS	<b>%</b>	<b>FACILITIES &amp; AMENITIES</b>	
PUBLIC TRANSPORT		WORK & LOCAL ECONOMY	□ <b>J</b>
TRAFFIC & PARKING	<b>A</b>	HOUSING & COMMUNITY	
VILLAGE REALM	66	SOCIAL CONTACT	ಕ್ಕಿ ಕಿ ಕಿ <sup>©</sup> ಕಿ
NATURAL SPACE	·	IDENTITY & BELONGING	66
CLIMATE & NET ZERO		SAFETY	P
PLAY & RECREATION.	Ŷ	CARE & MAINTENANCE	鑑

# 3.2. Initial Survey Results

There was a total of 42 response to the initial survey and the summary of the results is shown below





#### Things People Don't Like

- Poor public transport unreliable
- No Shop
- · No safe cycle/ walking path into Cambusbarron/ Stirling ·
- · Some residents don't understand village life/ culture
- Speeding in village
- · Lack of activities for teenagers
- Loss of activities for kids Cubs, Brownies etc.
- Dangerous junction Station Rd / A811
- · Lack of equipment at the park kids, outdoor exercise
- · Limited of affordable, mid range housing
- Roads in poor condition
- · Litter around village more bins perhaps?
- · No food bank
- · Poor maintenance of village garden areas, fountain
- Lack of regular updates on activities GCC, GCT
- · Football changing rooms in poor condition
- No multi purpose pitches
- · No tennis courts

- Too much reliance on Facebook for updates, interaction
- Lack of signs for walks and paths
- Pub doesn't change its menu very often
- · Pub not open Mon & Tue
- · Continued dog fouling around village
- Too many parked cars more double yellow for safety
- Parking at school during pick up cars cause obstruction
- Telephone Exchange area overgrown
- Community Centre not being properly maintained
- Caravan left on Leckie Road blocking view
- Some paths need upgrading like Beeches
- · Back Road too narrow widened, better passing places
- Limited info on village heritage info boards etc.
- No map of walks, paths

#### **Things People Like**

- Beautiful countryside
- EV charging points
- Dedicated path and walks (Beeches)
- Good cycle routes
- · Available dog waste bins
- Community feel very "Wavey Village"
- · Safe environment
- Quiet
- Large park
- · Wide range of resident ages
- Good facilities for kids (playpark, playgroup, school etc.)
- Lots of active groups to get involved with
- No large housing development planned
- Great local pub
- Bus service to Stirling and Glasgow
- Access to mobile Post Office
- Mobile library

- Excellent Primary school
- Rural feel but just 10 minutes from Stirling
- · Beautiful old Church with active community
- Good sized Community Centre with lots of activities
- · Care and maintenance around village
- Access to local milk and produce (Leckie)
- · Community Council working hard to improve village
- New Christmas lights were great
- New Ponds are fantastic
- · Wind Farm Trust is enabling so many things for village
- · Bite & Blether is great
- · Good mix of housing in good state of repair
- Access to medical Centre in Kippen
- Agriculture Show and Gala each year
- Free Bugle magazine



#### **Suggested Improvements**



#### **PATHS & TRAILS**

- 1. Improvement to paths (Beeches is great)
- 2. Better signs for walks
- 3. Map of local walks
- 4. Cycle/ walking path into Kippen/ Cambusbarron/Stirling



#### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- More reliable bus service
- 2. Better links to Edinburgh
- Independent local bus service



#### 🚘 TRAFFIC & PARKING

- Less parked cars on road
- More double yellow lines safety
- Signs on entrance roads Walking/ cycling
- Larger car park at school



#### **NATURAL SPACE**

Paths and signage for places of interest



#### FACILITIES & AMENITIES

- Upgraded shop with local produce
- Upgraded school buildings
- 3. Better opening hours for pub
- 4. Morning rolls, coffee point (Shop?)
- 5. Upgraded internet connection
- 6. GP back at Community Centre



#### WORK & LOCAL ECONOMY

- 1. Premises for business office, industrial units.
- Visibility of local jobs



#### HOUSING & COMMUNITY

Better mix of affordable housing



#### IDENTITY, BELONGING, HERITAGE

- Better, regular updates from GCC / GCT
- Bring back Old Folks Vouchers
- Info boards around village history, walks
- 4. Improve Keir Hill area and access



#### VILLAGE REALM

- 1. Better care and maintenance of garden areas.
- Clean up of Telephone Exchange.



#### **CLIMATE & NET ZERO**

- 1. Flooding defense for Station Road
- 2. More EV charging points
- Harvest hydro power from burn



#### **PLAY & RECREATION**

- 1. Bike/ Skate park field next to CC
- 2. Park needs better equipment kids and adults
- Access to tennis court
- 4. Sports Hall at Community Centre
- Upgrade football changing rooms
- Activities for teenagers youth club, arcade
- 7. More kids' activities Beavers, Cubs, Brownies
- 8. Fix wooden Bridge near Reservoir



#### SOCIAL CONTACT

- Activities for teenagers sports hall, youth club, arcade
- 2. Better activities for kids Beavers, Cubs, Brownies



#### **SAFETY**

- Measures to address speeding
- Improvement to Station Road / A811 junc
- 3. Better passing places Back Road
- 4. Dedicated walkway on Leckie Road
- Better access to assistance food banks etc.
- Dog warden to visit more regularly



#### **CARE & MAINTENANCE**

- 1. Tidy up Square Fountain, garden area
- 2. Tidy up Telephone Exchange area
- 3. Road surface improvements
- 4. Community Centre tarmac needs replaced
- 5. Drains need improved, unblocked (Manse Brae)
- 6. Tall tree maintenance



## 3.1. Community Priorities

In June 2024, two community drop-in sessions were set up at the Community Centre to present the findings of the initial survey, showcase existing projects already underway and promote the projects suggested in the survey.

A total of 37 people attended the drop-in session on day one and another 28 on day two.

Attendees were introduced to the survey results and some of the projects already in progress. Each person was then given five sticker dots to vote for their favourite of the possible new projects which helped with the prioritisation of the projects for this plan.

Attendees also had the opportunity to make other suggestions, provide comments and help indicate where any new housing scheme or rural business units could be located.





### 3.2. Draft Plan Review

The final draft of the LPP was circulated to the whole community in hardcopy in November 2024 and a follow-on public engagement session was held at the Community Centre at the end of November to gather final comments and inputs before the LPP was finalised for submission to Stirling City Council.



# 4. Guiding Principles and Themes

Based on the community input received at the various engagement opportunities, a set of Guiding Principles and Improvement Themes have been developed that form the backbone of this Local Place Plan and the core structure of our Community Improvement Plan.

## 4.1. Guiding Principles:

#### 1. Make Gargunnock a safe, enjoyable and attractive place to live, work and visit.

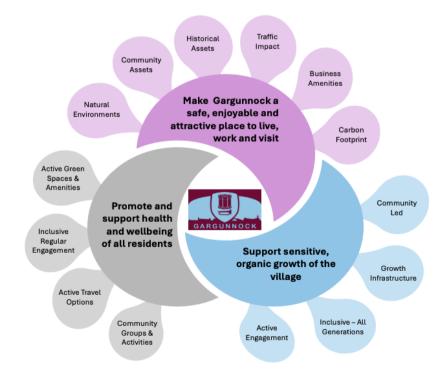
- i) Protect and enhance our natural environments within and around the village.
- ii) Protect and enhance our community assets.
- iii) Protect and enhance our historic assets.
- iv) Reduce the impact of traffic and develop safe access and egress.
- v) Support and grow local businesses and amenities.
- vi) Reduce our carbon footprint

#### 2. Support sensitive, organic growth of the village.

- i) Community led strategy on meeting various housing needs in a sustainable way.
- ii) Provision of adequate infrastructure to support organic growth.
- iii) Community led strategy on housing for older residents.
- iv) Continued active engagement and consultation with community.

#### 3. Promote and support health and wellbeing of all residents.

- i) Provide active, green spaces and amenities [football pavilion, pump track etc] for all ages.
- ii) Provide regular engagement opportunities for all ages.
- iii) Develop and enhance active travel routes to and from the community.
- iv) Maintain and develop community groups and activities.



# GUIDING PRINCIPLES



# 4.2. Community Improvement Themes

Our Community Improvement Plan is shaped by our Guiding Principles and by our community residents. It is not locked in stone and will be an evergreen process, continually added to and improved as opportunities emerge and delivered projects are completed.

The Community Improvement Plan will always align to our Guiding Principles and contains five themes:

- 1. Inclusive Health & Wellbeing
- 2. Safety In and Around
- 3. Our Assets Community, Natural & Historical
- 4. Thriving Local Economy
- 5. Organic Growth

# 4.2.1. Inclusive Health & Wellbeing

According to Rural Scotland Data Dashboard published by the Scottish Government, both life expectancy and healthy life expectancy are higher in rural Scotland than in urban areas. We want to build on this healthy foundation of rural living in Gargunnock and ensure all our residents have access to active green spaces, amenities and social interaction for a health happy life.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

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- 2. Provide regular engagement opportunities for all ages.
- 3. Develop and enhance active travel routes to and from the community.
- 4. Maintain and develop community groups and activities.

- 1. Update children's play equipment at Provost Park.
- 2. Install outdoor exercise equipment at Provost Park.
- 3. Maintain and develop local paths network.
- 4. Resume development work for King's Highway cycle path into Stirling.
- 5. Create a Pump Track in unused green space e.g. field next to Community Centre.
- 6. Continue to promote social activities in community Bite & Blether.
- 7. Prescription collection services via Local Community Shop.
- 8. Creation of Warm Spaces in winter.



# 4.2.2. Safety In and Around

Gargunnock is a safe village, with minimal reports of historical anti-social behaviour. One of the main risks faced by residents is that of speeding traffic within the village's 20 mph zone throughout and the 40 mph connecting roads to the A811.

Another serious risk is the Station Road exit onto the A811 which continues to be a very dangerous junction due to the restricted views East and West when exiting. There have been serious accidents at this junction over the years and it continues to pose a significant threat to the residents and visitors. After several years pursing Stirling City Council to make improvements, the Gargunnock Community Council have recently (2024) managed to get commitment from Stirling City Council to make the necessary changes to the splays of the junction at each side in 2025/26.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

# Make Gargunnock a safe, enjoyable and attractive place to live, work and visit

- 1. Protect and enhance our natural environments within and around the village.
- 2. Protect and enhance our community assets.
- 3. Protect and enhance our historic assets.
- 4. Reduce the impact of traffic and develop safe access and egress.
- 5. Provision of safe cycling routes.
- 6. Support and grow local businesses and amenities.
- 7. Reduce our carbon footprint

- 1. Upgrades to Station Road/ A811 dangerous egress junction. (Scheduled 2025/26).
- 2. Resume development work for King's Highway cycle path into Stirling.
- 3. Speed monitoring with Police Scotland main access / egress routes.
- Updated speeding data sets for main access / egress routes – Stirling City Council.
- 5. Improved road markings School, and junctions within village.
- Safer walkways for pedestrians Leckie Road, Manse Brae.
- 7. Additional signage at access/ egress points Walker/ Pedestrian friendly.



# 4.2.3. Our Assets - Community, Natural & Historical

Gargunnock sits at the foot of the Gargunnock Hills with spectacular views across the carse and West towards the Trossachs. There are numerous walks from and around the village that are enjoyed by residents and visitors.

The area is steeped in history dating back to 50 AD with the establishment of a dwelling on Keir Hill and some well-preserved historical buildings and assets such as Gargunnock House – former family home of the Stirling Family, the old Manse (now Dinning House), the Gargunnock Kirk, the memorial fountain in The Square and the old School – now the Community Centre.

The community benefit from a range of assets including a thriving local pub and restaurant, The Gargunnock Inn – Winner of Best Gastro Pub in Scotland 2023, a Community Centre and hall, rentable office spaces, Local Community Shop (Opening December 2024) and ultra-fast fibre optic internet connection (complete September 2024).

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Make Gargunnock a safe, enjoyable and attractive place to live, work and visit

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- 5. Support and grow local businesses and amenities.
- 6. Reduce our carbon footprint.

#### HOW

- 1. Signage of local walks in and around village.
- Access to digital maps and routings of local walks
- 3. Showcasing local history and heritage Keir Hill.
- 4. Support launch and growth of new upgraded local shop opening December 2024.
- 5. Clean-up and improvements to historical Fountain and Square Garden area.
- 6.

# 4.2.4. Thriving Local Economy

The community benefits from a handful of local businesses such as the award winning Gargunnock Inn and the local shop (due to reopen December 2024). There are several businesses that are based in the village that serve locally, regionally and nationally. Many people leverage the fast broadband service to work from home as well as the rentable office space available at the Community Centre. We wish to build on this to help these existing businesses thrive as well as attract the establishment of new businesses in the community.

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- 6. Reduce our carbon footprint

- Creation of Rural Business Spaces office and work units.
- Promotion of community-based businesses and charities – Gargunnock Inn, Shop, Community Centre etc.
- 3. Upgraded Community website gargunnock.org
- 4. Promotion of active travel.



# 4.2.5. Organic Growth

There has not been any major housing development within Gargunnock since 2002 where 19 new homes were built by Cala on Millbrae. Approximately 10% of the housing in Gargunnock is Social Housing (44), however Gargunnock is served by an inefficient bus service (X10) that is frequently late or cancelled. This means most residents require a car if they need to commute to work, making Gargunnock less attractive to those seeking social housing and who do not have a car.

The Gargunnock Community is opposed to any large-scale development within the village, and there is a conservation area extending from the centre of the village. However, the community acknowledges the need for a mix of affordable housing that will allow existing residents to downsize, as well as enabling new residents to enter the community. Expanding the village in a sensitive and organic manner will protect the Gargunnock Primary school, which is showing predicted fall in P1 new starts over the next 5 years. Additional residents for the village will also protect and grow other local businesses such as Leckie Farm, Gargunnock Inn and the Local Community Shop.

The existing Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW), operated by Scottish Water, has capacity for another 26 houses.

It is suggested that over the next 10 years we should be aspiring to extend the village with a mix of affordable houses in various locations (Housing Association, Council and Private). These affordable new housing must be in keeping with the existing architecture, offer generous garden areas and be no higher than two stories.

These additional houses will attract new families into the village to support our existing businesses and help increase the projected new starts for Gargunnock primary school which is in current decline. A development of scale will require a significant upgrade to the existing WWTW which has a limited capacity and does not have a lot of space within its current footprint for expansion.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

#### Support sensitive, organic growth of the village.

- 1. Community led strategy on meeting housing needs in a sustainable way.
- 2. Provision of adequate infrastructure to support organic growth.
- 3. Community led strategy on housing for older residents.
- 4. Continued active engagement and consultation with community.
- 5. New houses must offer generous garden areas, be in keeping with existing architecture and not be above 2 stories high.

- 1. Identification of suitable areas for appropriate housing development affordable and suitable for aging population.
- 2. Balance the mix of housing types Housing Association, Council, aging population, private.
- 3. Engagement with Landowners to seek support for appropriate housing development.
- 4. Expand capacity at Gargunnock WWTW current capacity for 26 additional houses.



# 4.3. Prioritised Projects

GCC: Gargunnock Community Council GCT: Gargunnock Community Trust

ID	Theme	Proposed Project	Champion	Timeframe
	Inclusive Health & Wellbeing	Fully upgraded play equipment at Provost Park.	GCC / GCT	Short (1-3 yr)
	Inclusive Health & Wellbeing	Outdoor exercise equipment at Provost Park – for all ages.	GCC / GCT	Short (1-3 yr)
	Inclusive Health & Wellbeing	Creation of 'Pump Track' for bikes and scooters – accessible for all ages. Created in field to West of Community Centre.	GCC / GCT	Medium (4-6 yr)
	Inclusive Health & Wellbeing	Access to an all-weather tennis court – upgrading and access to existing facilities (e.g. Dinning House).	GCC / GCT	Medium (4-6 yr)
	Inclusive Health & Wellbeing	New football changing pavilion at Provost Park.	GCC / GCT	Medium (4-6 yr)
	Inclusive Health & Wellbeing	Creation of new Skate Park at Provost Park.	GCC / GCT	Medium (4-6 yr)
	Inclusive Health & Wellbeing	Creation of new multi-sport facility/ court.	GCC / GCT	Long (7-10 yr)
	Inclusive Health & Wellbeing	Creation of allotments for resident's use.	GCC / GCT	Short (1-3 yr)
	Safety In and Around	Upgraded junction at Station Road and A811. In planning phase with Stirling City Council.	GCC	Short (1-3 yr)
	Safety In and Around	Roads Maintenance Improvements – road conditions, signage, markings.	GCC	Short (1-3 yr)
	Safety In and Around	Shared Use signage for key entrance/ exit points to village.	GCC	Short (1-3 yr)
	Safety In and Around	Speed control measures – e.g. Vehicle Activated Signage.	GCC	Short (1-3 yr)
	Safety In and Around	Improved passing places on Back Road between Manse Brae and A811.	GCC	Medium (4-6 yr)
	Safety In and Around	Accelerate Kings Highway cycle path development.	GCC / GCT	Medium (4-6 yr)
	Our Assets - Community, Natural, Historical	Improved accessibility for paths users – e.g. removal of kissing gates for better access (prams, horses etc)	GCT	Short (1-3 yr)
	Our Assets - Community, Natural, Historical	Path development programme – enhance existing pathways and identify new ones.	GCT	Short (1-3 yr)
	Our Assets - Community, Natural, Historical	Signage and information boards at key locations – highlight walks and historical sites.	GCC / GCT	Medium (4-6 yr)
	Thriving Local Economy	Upgrading Gargunnock website to better promote community based, groups, businesses and charities.	GCC / GCT	Short (1-3 yr)
	Thriving Local Economy	Provision of rentable office space and rural industrial units close to the village.	GCC / GCT	Medium (4-6 yr)
	Organic Growth	Identification of suitable land for new affordable housing development.	GCC / GCT	Short (1-3 yr)