Welcome to Symington Community Action Plan
This Community Action Plan lays out the community’s priorities for the development of Symington over the next 5 years. These priorities have been established through a process of community engagement and consultation carried out during 2013.

This plan has been developed with the community through the Ayrshire 21 project which has been funded by Ayrshire Leader.
Symington Community Action Plan 2014 - 2019

This Community Action Plan is for people who live or work in Symington and who want to plan for its future. The contents provide the results, conclusions and recommendations from the survey which took place in Symington during the summer of 2013. The Action Plan is a statement about the type of place the community wants Symington to be and what needs to be done.

The Action Plan provides:
- An outline of our community profile
- A summary of our community's views
- A vision for the future; where the issues that matter most are priorities for action to be taken.

The Action Plan will be our guide for what we as a community want to try to make happen over the next five years, laying the foundations for change over the longer term.

This plan contains:
- Community Profile
- Strengths and Weaknesses
- Who's Who and What's going on
- Community Vision
- Themes and Actions
- How to stay informed and involved

Equalities

During the course of the consultation and engagement with this community, the consultants and other partners have been mindful to consider all equality issues and carry out all of the activities inclusively to ensure that throughout the community, all ages, genders and themes have been considered and represented in a positive manner.

Symington Community & the Ayrshire 21 Project

Our Community has worked with the Ayrshire 21 team, to undertake community consultations to gather the views and interests of local people about their community.

The consultation work has used a variety of methods including a householder survey to find out the opinions of local people about a range of topics. Various meetings have also taken place with community groups in Symington to ascertain their wants and needs. This process has fed into the action plan to clearly identify our needs and wants, things that need to be improved or changed, and our aspirations for the future of Symington.

The result of this work is an Action Plan with a list of recommendations for the future of the area. This project has been part-financed by the Scottish Government and by the European Community Ayrshire LEADER 2007-2013 Programme, along with volunteer work within the community.

Representatives from our Community have guided the consultation process and the development of this final report and action plan. Without the help and support of members of the community in responding to the consultation process, this report and action plan would not have been possible.
Householder information:
A sample of 50 Symington households were asked to complete a short questionnaire about living in Symington.

Overwhelmingly, respondents mentioned that Symington must retain it’s village identity and voiced concerns over the new builds within the village. They feel that these developments will not only have a large impact on housing but will also have an additional impact on the school capacity.

Many also reflected on the state of the local park and the much needed attention to this area including the tennis courts.

Householder Survey Summary and comments:
- 86% commented on concerns over housing, new builds, village expanding and concerns over losing village status.
- 22% were concerned over housing costs being too high and that young villagers could not afford them and this makes them migrate away from the village.
- 34% stated that there are insufficient transport links to and from the village.
- 54% highlighted that the village is a safe place to live however more is required for teenagers to do.
- 37% felt the local environment could be improved through roads and pavement repairs, litter and dog fouling campaigns.
- 36% felt that the community needed improved sports facilities.

“Housing issues, short supply of one bedroom houses. Not enough village people given affordable houses.”

“Parks and tennis courts require attention, better sports facilities.”
Where we came from:

Symington is a conservation village in South Ayrshire, mainly a farming community, it lies close to the A77 road from Ayr to Glasgow. There are two other villages in Scotland name Symington: one in South Lanarkshire and one in the Scottish Borders. The village’s church was built in 1160 and is one of the finest examples of Norman churches in Scotland. It is also one of the oldest functioning churches in Ayrshire.

Throughout the village we have various historic buildings that have served the community in different capacities over the years. These include:

- **The Wheatsheaf Inn**, an 18th Century vernacular building, has been a hostelry since its early days and was a staging post en route to Ayr during the days of stage coaches.

- **Broadmeadows House** in the Arts & Craft style, which was embellished in gargoyles, inscriptions and other ornamental additions and is now the residential centre known as Hansel Village.

- **Coodham Country House** after lying derelict, was fully restored and is the site of a further housing development within the village.

- **Dankeith Country House**, which was once in the hands of the Black Friars of Ayr, was restored after fire damage in 1932 and was used for WW2 planning meetings for the likes of the D-Day Invasion, and then was used as a retreat and is now a caravan park that hosts approximately 90 owner-occupied caravan holiday homes and leisure facilities.

- **Townend House** is an 18th Century Building with a Victorian Italianate Wing and a walled garden. The old stables were converted in the 1960’s into a small dwelling.

- **Townend Cottage** was built in 1810 and was the former dower house of the village and in recent times it has functioned as a nursing home.

- **Previously within the village iron arrow-heads and horn combs** have been discovered during some removal work.

- **The Slough Of Despond** is a deep bog area that boundaries Symington and Dundonald and is an area rich in wildlife. The Scots equivalent spelling is Sleugh, meaning a marsh or quagmire. It is not known how the name 'Slough of Despond' came about but has been recorded since the mid 19th century and could be associated to the nearby limekiln ruins that in their day reportedly gave out an acrid 'hell-like' smoke when burning.
Where we are now:

- There are over 400 houses within the village which is rapidly growing, with the new developments around the village.
- There are 2 planned housing developments that would increase households by a significant number.
- The most recent population figures show 2,372, with 899 postal addresses within Symington.
- Upgraded road and flyover into the village from the A77 will improve safety and access to and from the village.
- Our facilities within the village range from convenience store, post office, library, tea room / gallery, community hall, pavilion, church, Inn, hotel, Primary Health Care Facility, Pharmacy, garden centre and holiday caravan centre.
- There are 5 key groups within the community all reliant on volunteers to commit time to projects and running the groups regular activities and fund raising events.
- A varied programme of activities is available within the community hall. However, there is limited provision for the younger generation.
- There is education and childcare provision throughout all age ranges from Mother & Toddlers, Nursery, School and After School Care. However, there are concerns about capacity due to the number of developments within the area.
- The village tennis courts are in need of upgrade and repair and this has been taken on by the SPARK Project. This project will be delivered in various phases that will enhance and upgrade the tennis courts and the park area.
- Application has been made to a Big Lottery Fund for finance to enable this to be taken forward—this will be pursued during 2014.
Strengths:
- Strong Community Council
- Active SPARK Group (Sub Group of Community Council)
- Symington Community Projects Ltd.
- Strong Community Support
- Community Hall—Community Building
- New Symington & Bogend Toll Project

Weaknesses:
- Transport Issues
- Affordable housing
- Positioning of the shop within the village
- Physical state of roads and pavements

Opportunities:
- SPARK project
- Community Transport Operators
- Community Garden Area
- Growth of youth groups
- Community Empowerment Bill and Implications for Communities.
- Training and capacity building for new volunteers

Threats:
- Housing Developments will loose village identity
- Economic down turn
- Lack of volunteers threatens Gala Committee

Where we want to go to:
Work within our community to create sustainable partnerships between Symington and relevant organisations to move projects forward. All our present volunteers work hard within the community but also have busy lives, we need to build on the volunteer data base to help us develop actions.

To build on the positives identified within the Symington questionnaire responses.
- Community Spirit and People’s support
- Safe Environment
- Healthy Community
- Location and beautiful countryside
Quick Hits:

- Litter Control & Dog Fouling, anti litter campaign throughout village, increase number of litter and dog fouling bins.
- Planters installed to create a community supported planting area and reduce nuisance behaviour within that location.
- To have a Volunteer recruitment drive to increase support to groups and projects.

“I think Symington is a great place to live”

“Highlight our assets for visitors as we have many historical buildings and local history to be shared”

Where we want to go:

Address any negatives identified within the Symington questionnaire responses.

- Improvement of park and tennis court areas
- Need for more activities for young people
- Dog fouling and litter
- Pavement maintenance
- Garden maintenance
Community Planning Partnership (CPP)

The South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership was set up in 2001. It tries to improve the quality of life in South Ayrshire by bringing together the Council and other providers of public services, such as the National Health Service, with private business and community organisations, such as the Association of Community Councils and Voluntary Action South Ayrshire.

Our Vision:
‘to establish South Ayrshire as the most dynamic, inclusive and sustainable community in Scotland’.

Our Strategic Outcomes:
- Economic recovery and growth
- Supporting our Children and Families
- Health Inequalities and Physical Activity
- Caring for Older People
- Safer and Stronger Communities
- Protecting and Enhancing our Environment

What We Want To Achieve In 10 Years:
- South Ayrshire has an enterprising and sustainable economy
- People in South Ayrshire are skilled, confident and successful in accessing employment
- Our children and young people in South Ayrshire have the best possible life chances
- People in South Ayrshire enjoy the best possible health and inequalities are reduced
- Older people in South Ayrshire enjoy full and positive lives within their own communities
- Communities in South Ayrshire are stronger and safer
- South Ayrshire is clean, attractive and delivering a sustainable low carbon future

Key Contacts within South Ayrshire Council

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Gus Collins  01292 612128  email: gus.collins@south-ayrshire.gov.uk
Community Safety Co-ordinator
Linda Warwick  01292 559403  email: linda.warwick@south-ayrshire.gov.uk
Community Planning Partnership
Valerie Stewart  01292 612134  email: valerie.stewart@south-ayrshire.gov.uk
### SOA in The Context Of The National Performance Framework

We have worked to ensure that the SOA reflects the six key priorities identified by Scottish Government. The following table illustrates how our local outcomes and priorities will contribute to the delivery of the National Outcomes for Scotland.

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<th>Our 10 Year Visionary Outcomes for South Ayrshire</th>
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<td>We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe.</td>
<td>South Ayrshire has an entering and sustainable economy</td>
<td>We have a more diverse and sustainable economy</td>
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<td>We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people.</td>
<td>People in South Ayrshire are skilled, confident and successful in accessing employment</td>
<td>South Ayrshire is an attractive place in which to live, work, visit and invest</td>
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<td>We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation.</td>
<td>Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.</td>
<td>People have the skills and opportunities to access employment</td>
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<td>Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.</td>
<td>Our children and young people in South Ayrshire have the best possible life chances</td>
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<td>Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed.</td>
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<td>The wellbeing of our babies, children and families is improved and inequalities reduced</td>
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<td>We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk.</td>
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<td>Our children and young people are confident and successful learners who have the skills for learning, work and life</td>
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<td>We live longer, healthier lives.</td>
<td>People in South Ayrshire enjoy the best possible health and inequalities are reduced</td>
<td>More people are living in good health for longer and health inequalities are reduced</td>
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<td>We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society.</td>
<td>Communities in South Ayrshire are stronger and safer</td>
<td>People are able to access and benefit from sport and active leisure</td>
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<td>We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger.</td>
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<td>Communities are more confident and empowered to address the issues that matter to them</td>
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<td>We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.</td>
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<td>People are safer as a result of reduced levels of violence, antisocial behaviour and other crime</td>
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<td>We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger.</td>
<td>Older people in South Ayrshire enjoy full and positive lives within their own communities</td>
<td>People are safer as a result of a reduction in fires and road traffic casualties</td>
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<td>We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity.</td>
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<td>Our local population is able to build on its strengths to reduce alcohol and drug misuse to the benefit of individuals, families and communities'</td>
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<td>Our people are able to maintain their independence as they get older and are able to access appropriate support when they need.</td>
<td>People with disabilities, long term conditions or who become frail are supported to live as safely and independently as possible in the community</td>
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<td>We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need.</td>
<td>People using health, social care and support services are safe-guarded from harm and have their dignity and human rights respected</td>
<td>Our impact on the environment is enhanced, due to lower carbon emissions</td>
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<td>We reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production.</td>
<td>South Ayrshire is clean, attractive and delivering a sustainable low carbon future</td>
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| Infrastructure / Transport / Roads | • New Flyover to give safer access to/ from A77  
• Road and Pavement repairs / Widening Coats Corner / Bowling Club Car Park  
• Transport issues  
• Bus turning terminal  
• Affordable Housing Issues / New Builds Affordable Housing |
| Community Facilities, Events & Activities | • SPARK - multi Sports Area (Tennis, basketball, netball, football)  
• All weather pitches for football  
• Floodlighting  
• Pavilion upgrade  
• Scout Hall—Disabled Access |
| People and Community Spirit | • Harness our local community spirit and expand our volunteer network  
• Provide training and encouragement to new volunteers |
| Activities and People | • Provide more activities for all age ranges of young people and teenagers within the community  
• Publish and advertise lists of activities and groups on websites and other local media |
WHO WILL WORK ON THIS?

- Transport Scotland
- Symington Community Council
- Local Contractors / Business owners
- Local building Owners
- Amey
- Symington SPARK Group
- Community Council
- Local Primary School
- Community / Scout Group
- SAC
- Symington Community Projects Ltd.
- Symington Caledonian Football Club
- Community Groups in Symington
- South Ayrshire Council—Community Safety Team
- Volunteer Centre Ayr (VASA)

RESOURCES & TIMESCALE

- Presently working on this safer access flyover, Completion 2014
- Funding
- Signage
- Marketing Activities
- Ongoing
- Funding Applications / Events
- Plan Submission SAC October 2013
- Stage 2 Big Lottery Application December 2013
- Explore additional Funding
- Training & Support to allow projects to happen
- Ongoing
- Meeting time / venue
- Training Programmes for Volunteers
- Ongoing
- Equipment such as mobile skate park, climbing wall etc
- Volunteer time to promote and update social media
- Ongoing
HANSEL ALLIANCE

Hansel is a leading social care provider, based in the West of Scotland, offering a range of services to people living with disabilities.

Since its beginnings 50 years ago Hansel has been at the forefront of innovation in developing supports for adults with learning disabilities. The organisation continues to grow and evolve with the active participation of the people it works for and the partnership who shares the same commitment to providing the best services possible.

The vision and drive for Hansel’s beginnings were provided by Isobel and Tom Murdoch. Their daughter, Lindy, had Down’s Syndrome and they were, naturally, concerned for her future, especially in the longer term.

They were inspired by the work of Professor Tizard who, in the late 1950s, had demonstrated that children with learning disabilities realised their potential better in a more natural, domestic environment than in the hospital environment which was prevalent at the time. When the Broadmeadows Estate came on the market they seized the opportunity to establish this model of care in Scotland. The estate was bought in 1962 and in early 1963 Hansel Village was established as a Scottish Charity.

The nature of Hansel changed over the years in response to changes in society as a whole and changes in the aspirations and expectations of people living with learning disabilities and their families.

The number of residential places reduced, as people increasingly chose to live in their own homes outwith the Village, and community based services increased.

Hansel has developed and evolved in tandem with these changes and grown into a major Scottish Charity, recognised as a leader in learning disability service provision.

SYMINGTON SPARK

Symington Community Council was awarded a development grant by the Big Lottery Fund in March 2012 to put together a Stage 2 Big Lottery Fund application for funding to upgrade the tennis court area in Shaw Park. A sub-group, SPark (Symington Shaw Park or Symington’s Park), was formed by Symington Community Council and other volunteers to explore the views of the community, and to work with an appointed landscape architect (Mike Hyatt) to draw up plans for development of the courts. The final plans include a separate dedicated tennis court, with the remaining area available for multi-use - initially with facilities for football, basketball and netball. Floodlighting is proposed for the area ‘on demand’ until 10pm. These plans were approved by South Ayrshire Planning Committee in January 2013 with minor conditions. The Big Lottery Fund application was submitted in December 2012 and the outcome is expected by March 2013. Meantime, SPark members and Symington Primary School have been actively fund-raising to ensure that the community can fulfil its requirement to contribute 5% of the project’s costs.

More information is available on the SPark facebook page (www.facebook/symingtonspark) and website (www.Symingtonspark.org.uk) or e-mail: symingtonspark@gmail.com
Community Empowerment Bill—what it means to communities:

The Scottish Government believes that its' people are its greatest asset, and best placed to make decisions about their future. The proposed Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill aims to make the most of the talents that exist in our communities; deliver high quality and improving public services; and support strong local democracy and local decision-making. It will be community organisations and volunteers, working to deliver first class public services or innovating in the private sector, who will deliver a more successful future for Scotland.

It is likely that this bill will include:

- New opportunities for communities to become owners of land and buildings from the public sector, along with new legislation pertaining to the rural community right to buy
- New and greater opportunities for communities to be more involved in shaping and delivering better outcomes locally
- Strengthened Community planning, with public sector partners working better together to deliver better outcomes for communities
- New powers and legislation on rate relief schemes, allotments, defective and dangerous buildings

Community empowerment is about communities taking their own decisions about their futures. It’s about communities choosing to grow and become stronger, and to improve things for their families, friends and neighbours through their own actions.

Through the proposed bill, communities will be enabled to develop their local economies, environments and actions.

The proposed bill is under consultation at the point of going to press. The bill will be finalised in 2014 and any responses to the consultation need to be submitted by 24th January 2014.

Further information can be sought through [http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0043/00437584.pdf](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0043/00437584.pdf)
Making it Happen

This action plan is reliant on all partners working together to make these priorities happen.

We have identified the following partners who have agreed to work with the community of Symington, to ensure this action plan moves forward:

South Ayrshire’s Community Planning Partnership:

- South Ayrshire Council
- NHS Ayrshire and Arran
- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
- Skills Development Scotland
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Scottish Enterprise
- Ayrshire College
- Jobcentre Plus
- Voluntary Action South Ayrshire

The South Ayrshire Community Planning Board also has two community representatives – one for the Kyle area and one for the Carrick area – and a representative from the South Ayrshire Youth Forum.

Other partners include:

- Symington Community Council
- SPARK Group
- Caledonian Football Club
- Symington Bowling Club
- Symington Community Groups
- Ailsa Horizons
- Transport Scotland
- Amey Highways

This Community Action Plan for 2014-19 has been informed by many other engagement activities, consultations and strategic activities within the local area. It provides a robust context for the community to determine priority actions with realistic timeframes.

Training and capacity building will be needed to help our community to achieve its aims. The community will work with Partners to address those needs so that we are enabled to carry out the actions within this plan.

Ailsa Horizons will work with the community to develop a year one delivery plan which sets out: an agreed list of specific tasks, actions and projects that will be taken forward over the coming year as starting projects from this plan.

Some of themes and priorities are currently aspirational in nature without necessarily spelling out the fine detail of what could be achieved. This is inevitable given how reliant the community is on volunteers and the need to build up relationships with funding and other delivery partners. We will review the plan regularly to monitor progress and develop the fine detail of other actions.

Training and capacity building will be needed to help our community to achieve its aims. The community will work with Partners to address those needs so that we are enabled to carry out the actions within this plan.
"How many times has a casual conversation contained the line “I wish someone would do something about that”? The truth is, nobody can do it on their own but with a large part of the community involved, things can change for the better and leave a lasting legacy for our children. This series of action plans are the first steps in a process which involve communities in having a direct say in making those communities better places for the future”.

“I endorse the Ayrshire 21 Village Action Planning process as it provides communities with an evidence of need and a mandate to start to address priority actions within the community.

The action plans will be used to develop projects as well as evidence for funding applications, partnership working and a starting point for community action. It also

It is potentially a good project but to be effective it has to have funding behind any good ideas that emerge
## Activities in the Community Hall

### Activity / Times / Contact

- **Yoga (New) Thurs.** 10.30–11.30am—A Hughes: 07814546260
- **Pilates Wed.** 9.30-10.30am D Higgins: 01292 474100
- **Age Concern Tues.** 2-4pm/7-9pm on the First Tuesday of the month—Belle Nimmo: 830597
- **Guild Tues.** 2-4pm Last Tues. of the Month—E Gault: 830401
- **WRI Wed.** 7.30-9.30pm 2nd Wed. of the Month—V Harrison: 830094
- **Drama Club Thurs.** 7.30-9.30pm—M Davidson: 830032
- **Sunday Club Sun.** 10.15-11.30am—D Brown: 830919
- **Mothers & Toddlers Tues.** 9.15-11.15am—J Henderson: 831110
- **A5er School Club Mon.-Fri.** 2.15-6pm—I Porte: 01292612029
- **Indoor Bowling** Mon. 7.15—9pm—M Davidson: 830032

If you are interested in starting an activity group in the Community Hall, and would like further information on availability, times, and costs, please contact Jenney Tierney: Hall Lets manager: e-mail symingtonhall@gmail.com or telephone 01563 830746
## Symington Contacts:

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<td>Glenda Keating</td>
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<td><strong>Symington Bowling Club, Symington Road</strong></td>
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<td><strong>66th Ayrshire Scouts</strong></td>
<td>Iain Henderson</td>
<td>Tuesday 7pm Scout Hall, Brewlands Road</td>
<td>[<a href="mailto:66thsymingtoncubs@googlemail.com">66thsymingtoncubs@googlemail.com</a>]</td>
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# Funding Sources

When considering grant aid, the following table lists some potential sources of funding under which applications may have some probability of success. As with all aspects of grant aid there can be no guarantees.

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<td>Investing in Ideas</td>
<td>£500—£10,000 for development of feasibility planning and testing ideas</td>
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<td>Awards for All Communities and Families</td>
<td>£500—£10,000—General support for all activities</td>
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<td><strong>2014 Communities</strong></td>
<td>Up to £2,000 to encourage new participants in physical activity</td>
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<td>Young Start</td>
<td>£10,000—£50,000 towards helping young people (8-24) become more healthy, connected, confident, enterprising. Could be used to support marketing, organising, assisting in civic events. Also potential to host specific aspects of sports development for young people.</td>
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<td><strong>Celebrate</strong></td>
<td>£500 - £10,000</td>
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<td>Support for events/activities celebrating the Commonwealth Games. Could be linked to the development of new activities</td>
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<td><strong>The Scottish Land Fund</strong></td>
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<td>The Scottish Land Fund is aimed at supporting rural communities to become more resilient and sustainable through the ownership and management of land and land assets. It will provide practical support and funding to enable local people to work together to develop their ideas and aspirations, put in place effective structures and plan and complete viable land and land asset acquisition projects.</td>
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<td>All projects must address outcome 1 where rural communities achieve increased sustainable economic, social and environmental development through the experience of acquiring, owning and managing land and land assets;</td>
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<td>Funding is available to eligible projects for up to 95% from £10,000 to £750,000.</td>
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<td><strong>Investing in Communities</strong></td>
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<td>Supporting 21st Century Life</td>
<td>£10,000 - £1,000,000</td>
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<td>Life Transitions</td>
<td>£10,000 - £1,000,000</td>
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<td>Growing Community Assets</td>
<td>£10,000 - £1,000,000</td>
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<td>Support and Connect</td>
<td>Improve local support for people experiencing hardship. Supports:</td>
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<td><strong>Other Funds:</strong></td>
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<td>Sportscotland</td>
<td>The National Agency for Sport has a number of capital and revenue funding streams available in relation to sports facility provision and redevelopment</td>
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<td><strong>Sportscotland Legacy 2014 Active Places Fund</strong></td>
<td>£10,000 to £100,000 Improvement to physical infrastructure to support more people taking part in sport. This could be used to support developments in the games hall and the gym, e.g. construction of an indoor climbing wall</td>
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<td>Creative Scotland</td>
<td>Various grant strands up to £150,000 Development of civic performances and events, involvement of young people and development of sustainable arts programmes.</td>
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<td>Voluntary Action Fund</td>
<td>Up to £10,000 per group or £30,000 per Cluster Creating new volunteer projects, increasing diversity of volunteers. Men’s Shed development may be suitable project or marketing initiatives</td>
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<td>Historic Scotland</td>
<td>Historic Scotland provides a number of grant and funding schemes to support bodies and individuals in the protection, education and promotion of the historic environment. Decisions on grants are made on information gained from extensive public consultation, and are also influenced by the extent to which projects deliver benefits for communities, promote quality, develop knowledge and skills and build capacity for local heritage management. Grants are offered across 9 different categories.</td>
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<td>Keep Scotland Beautiful</td>
<td>The Climate Challenge Fund is being supported by an alliance of partners from key organisations and networks throughout Scotland, who bring expertise and experience of community-level interventions. Applicants must own their facilities and local authorities cannot apply. £150,000 per project till March 2016 Development Grants £750 for disadvantaged communities</td>
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<td>Ayrshire LEADER 2014-2020</td>
<td>Up to 50% funding covering all rural Ayrshire. Examples of what can be funded: feasibility studies, business plans, options appraisals, environmental improvements, visitor/tourist facilities, promotion and marketing, materials and equipment, events, training and professional fees.</td>
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<td>South Ayrshire Community Development Fund</td>
<td>Funding for training, bid preparation or professional assistance, to help improve communities. Developing feasibility studies, action plans, engaging with local communities, professional assistance to prepare funding bids.</td>
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<td>Heritage Lottery Fund</td>
<td>Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) offers grants to sustain and transform heritage sites and related projects. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions HLF invest in every part of Britain’s diverse heritage. HLF offer a range of grant programmes, awarding grants upwards of £3,000. They want to support innovative as well as tried-and-tested approaches, and welcome proposals that are pioneering in concept and delivery.</td>
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<td>Robertson Trust</td>
<td>Up to 10% of capital costs and up to 3 years funding of salaries and running costs Revenue funding to allow activities to be developed in a more sustainable fashion.</td>
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<td>Wind Farm Community Benefit Funds</td>
<td>Available mainly in South Carrick</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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Various small grant bodies, e.g. Tesco Community Fund, Coop Community Fund, Lloyds TSB Foundation, etc.
Acknowledgements:
We would like to thank the community of Symington and some of Symington’s Community groups for their help in putting together this action plan. All age ranges of the community have had the opportunity to feed into this process and have their views reflected within this plan.

- Symington Community
- SPARK Group
- Symington Community Council
- Caledonian Football Club

Implementation and Feedback

This Community Action Plan represents the end of one process, (capturing the views of the community and compiling recommendations) and the start of another—the implementation phase.

Our first step in the implementation phase will be to produce a 1-year Delivery Plan to detail the actions and project that we will implement in the coming year. Ailsa Horizons will be available to work with us on this and we will monitor progress and update plans on a regular basis.

The recommendations within this plan need to be acted upon to realise the improvements to the quality of life that we have identified. It is your community that will drive these actions forward, supported by partners and other agencies. The main community groups that have fed in to this action plan with ideas and actions will be able to draw on expertise of regeneration, community development, and economic development specialists within South Ayrshire Council, VASA, and Ailsa Horizons to further develop and carry out their plans.

The local residents within Symington who have been directly involved in the Action Planning process now invite other residents to review these results and conclusions. Through this Action Plan, you are sure to gain a better understanding of the issues of concern to your community and we would welcome your comments on the analysis and any new insights.

If you wish any further information on this action plan or the contents, please feel free to contact any of the groups listed in the Action List or Symington Community Council. Further information on how this action plan was put together can be found through Ailsa Horizons on 01465 710628.