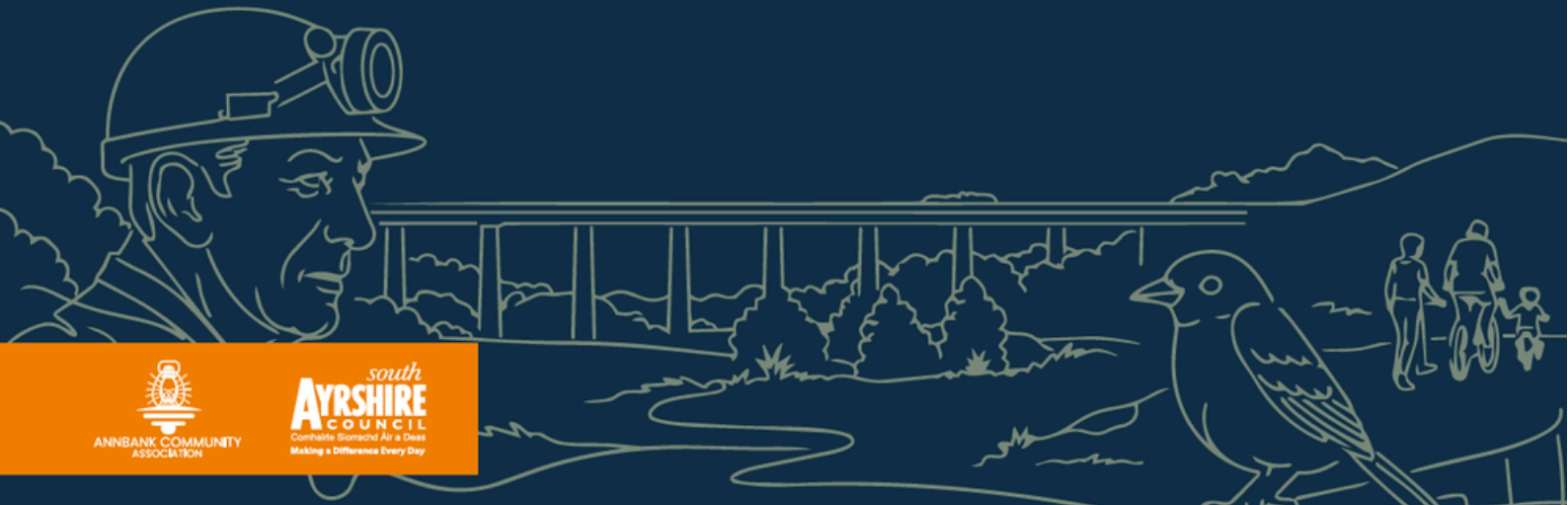

ANNBANK COMMUNITY-LED ACTION PLAN

2026-2030



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WELCOME

This Community Action Plan (CAP) outlines a strategic roadmap for the sustainable development of Annbank over the next five years. Developed by the Annbank Community Association (ACA) in consultation with residents and supported by the South Ayrshire Council, this plan is aware of the village's unique transition from a historic coal-mining hub to a vital, well-connected community.

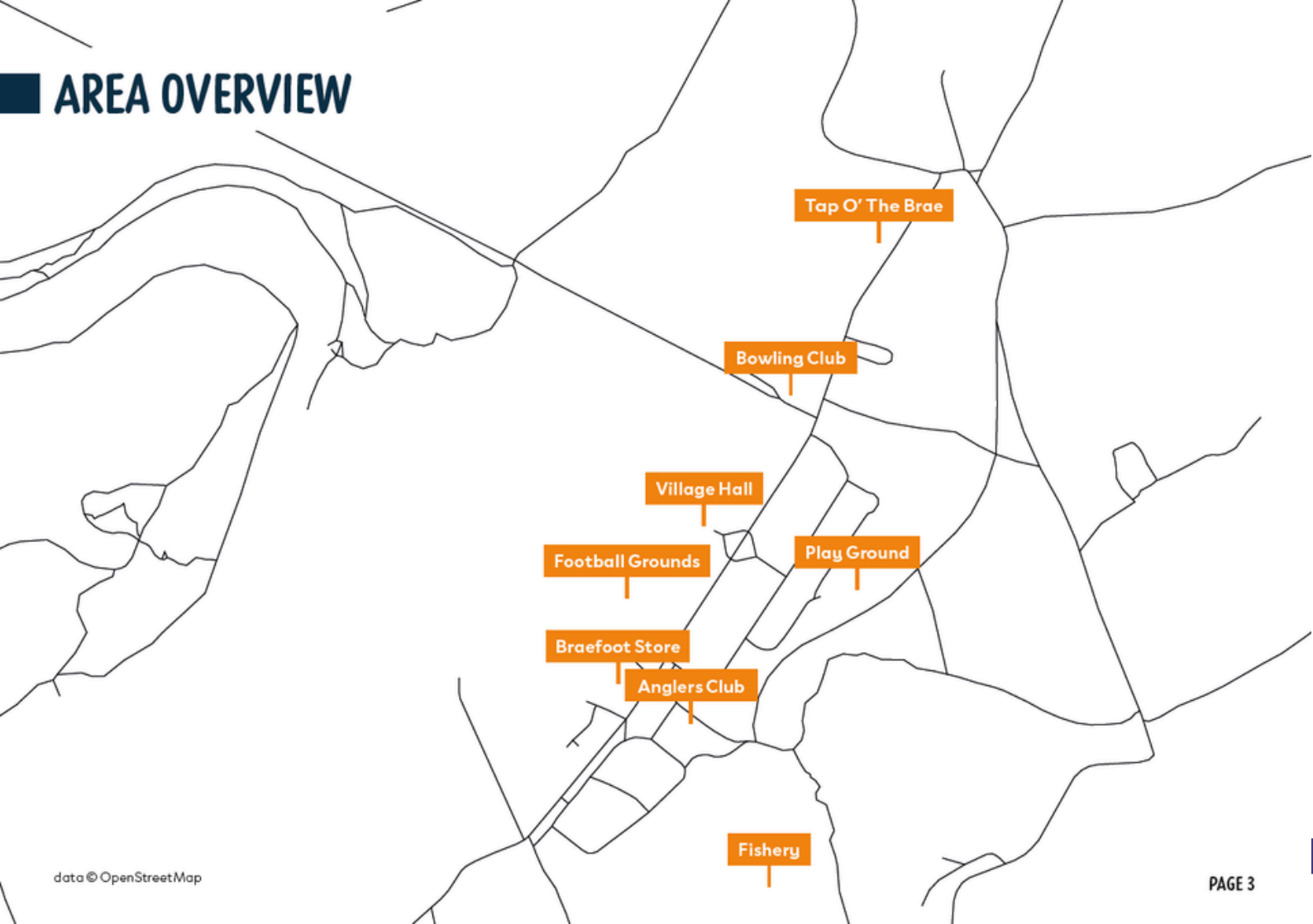
Our vision for Annbank is centred on strengthening the village as a resilient, well connected rural community where residents can access essential services, opportunities, and community spaces within a short and convenient 20 minute journey, whether on foot, by bicycle, mobility aid, or public transport.

Built upon four pillars of resilience—infrastructure and connectivity; economic and digital growth; community wellbeing and resilience; and heritage and tourism—this vision ensures Annbank grows as more than simply a place to travel from. Instead, Annbank will contribute actively to the wider region through its community facilities, green spaces, local initiatives, and volunteer led projects.

By championing community ownership and supporting initiatives such as the Night Before Christmas Campaign, the village will strengthen its identity, deepen community pride, and build a sustainable future as a vibrant, self sufficient settlement within South Ayrshire.

Annbank Community Association

AREA OVERVIEW

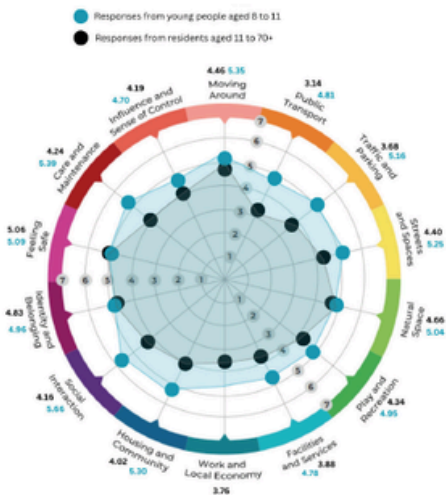


HOW WE CONSULTED

In May 2024, we launched a comprehensive community survey. While we recognise it was detailed and demanding of your time, the depth of your input has allowed us to produce a robust, evidence-based plan that we can all be proud of. We extend our sincere thanks to the seventy-seven adult residents and thirty-six children (P4-P7) from Annbank Primary, residing in Annbank who shared their views. These 113 unique perspectives have directly shaped the priorities within this document.

The survey was developed using the Place Standard Tool (PST), as recommended by the Scottish Government. This framework allowed us to evaluate fourteen key themes - ranging from physical infrastructure like traffic management and parking to the 'softer' social aspects of village life, such as community safety and our collective sense of belonging.

By benchmarking these results against our 2022 Community Conversations, we have identified where Annbank is thriving and where urgent improvements are needed. This data has enabled us to categorise our goals into clear Short, Medium, and long-term actions that will guide our village through to 2031



4.17
Avg. 2022
Result

4.20
Avg. 2024
Result

PURPOSE OF THE ACTION PLAN

Without a formal Community-led Action Plan, Annbank risks a significant gap in the strategic development process. In the absence of a community-led roadmap, public bodies and statutory agencies are often left to draw their own conclusions regarding our village's requirements. This plan ensures that the residents' voice remains the primary driver for local decision-making.

To bridge this gap, the ACA, in collaboration with SAC, facilitated an extensive community consultation between May and November 2024. By capturing the authentic needs and aspirations of our people, we have developed targeted actions, prioritised by the community, to guide investment and policy through to 2031. This document serves as our formal mandate to champion Annbank's interests and support our future.

OUR VILLAGE HISTORY



THE VILLAGE IN 1930 WITH THE
NEW HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION
IN THE BACKGROUND

Annbank grew from its coal-mining roots in the nineteenth century, developing as a planned village for a growing workforce. Early housing was modest and living conditions were tough, but the community quickly invested in shared facilities. A reading room, a library of around 3,000 books, and a school serving 300 pupils became the heart of village life, reflecting a strong tradition of learning, resilience, and community spirit that continues today.



INDUSTRIAL ROOTS AND SOCIAL
CHANGE

Annbank's mining heritage shaped village life well into the twentieth century, with harsh working conditions and significant social inequalities, including child labour until legal reforms in 1911. Alongside this industrial past, the village developed a strong social and cultural life. The construction of a permanent church in 1903 marked growing stability, while a proud sporting tradition, particularly in football, fostered lasting local pride and community identity.



INDUSTRY, POWER AND HARDSHIP

Annbank's economy was shaped by coal mining, with local life strongly influenced by employer control. A company store operated under the "Truck system", requiring miners' families to buy goods from their employer rather than receiving full wages. Although the system was outlawed in 1831, loopholes allowed it to persist, prolonging hardship and highlighting the economic inequalities faced by the community.

From Pit to Palace: The life story of the Right Hon. James Brown, M.P., Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland Unknown Binding – January 1, 1931
by Alexander Gammie (Author) James Clarke & Co (publisher).

MR. AND MRS. BROWN'S COTTAGE AT ANNBANK
(on right of picture marked X)



Priority 1

SPACES AND PLACES

OUTCOME**ACTIONS**

1. Enhancing our village environment, stewardship and improving accessibility.

Short Term

1.1 Annbank is a low-crime area with a considerate and respectful community. The ACA aims to ensure these values are preserved and passed on to future generations/ To further enhance the village, **the community** will:

1.1.1 Sustain active engagement and volunteering with local groups.

1.1.2 Maintain a regular schedule of community litter-picking events.

1.1.3 Collaborate with partners, such as South Ayrshire Ranger Service - SAC, to ensure wildflower meadows at Goodwin Drive and Whitehill Crescent are preserved; Brown's Crescent will also be explored as a potential site for rewilding.

1.1.4 Encourage residents to use both general and dog waste bins to keep Annbank clean; residents are reminded that general bins may also be used for the disposal of bagged dog waste.

1.2 **Residents** are encouraged to report any dog fouling issues to Environmental Health (SAC) team (contact details at the back of the booklet).

1.3 **ACA** will engage with partners (Environmental Health, local schools, and groups) to support and promote anti-dog fouling campaigns.

1.4 ACA is committed to ensuring that all public spaces are accessible to everyone. **The Association** will establish contact with third-sector groups, such as the South Ayrshire Access Panel (SAAP), to evaluate and monitor mobility and accessibility throughout the village.

Medium Term

1.5 ACA will work to establish the River Ayr as a premier natural asset for the village. **The Association** will collaborate with the Ayrshire Rivers Trust (ART) and other relevant partners to:

1.5.1 Implement strategic control of invasive non-native species

1.5.2 Enhance educational opportunities by facilitating local school projects.

1.5.3 Restore and stabilise riverbanks using green engineering techniques.

1.5.4 Promote biodiversity and conservation.

1.6 **ACA** will consult with the South Ayrshire Ranger Service to identify and develop community projects that integrate sustainability and environment; health and wellbeing; education and skills.

1.7 Following the completion of the accessibility audit, **ACA** will submit the finding to Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) to advocate for necessary infrastructure improvements, including resurfacing, installation of dropped kerbs, and widening of pavements.

1.8 **ACA** will consult with ARA and SAC to address specific infrastructure safety concerns:

1.8.1 Confirm the legal status of the Braefoot/Weston Avenue corner to determine whether it is an adopted road maintained by the Council or under private ownership.

OUTCOME	ACTIONS
1. Enhancing our village environment, stewardship and improving accessibility.	Long Term
	1.9 The ACA will work to expand facilities and improve the accessibility of outdoor spaces to bolster the mental and physical wellbeing of the village. The Association will explore and implement projects including but not limited to active travel and discovery (nature trails, cycling paths); inclusive amenities (seating areas, sensory gardens); village aesthetics (flower bedding and planters); blue-green infrastructure.
2. Housing: meeting the needs of all generations	Ongoing
	1.10 The ACA encourages residents to use the ARA digital services to report local infrastructure issues such as potholes, street lighting failures, and blocked drains (contact details at the back of the booklet)
	Short Term
	2.1 ACA will seek external funding and professional expertise to commission a feasibility study of the village core. This survey will identify potential sites suitable for: sheltered and assisted living; accessible housing and community-led development
	Medium Term
2.2 ACA will engage in strategic discussions with relevant partners (Housing, SAC, Registered Social Landlords (RSLs)) to advocate for a diverse range of housing options.	
Long Term	
2.3 ACA to consult with SAC to influence the Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3) and planning requirements to advocate for a diverse housing mix (starter homes, social and private) tailored for rural settlements.	

OUTCOME**ACTIONS**

3. Connecting our community safely and sustainably

Short Term

3.1 **ACA** will maintain an active dialogue with the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and local operators to address transport concerns raised by residents.

3.1.1 Addressing misaligned public transport schedules to ensure better connectivity between bus arrivals and onward travel.

3.1.2 Advocating for the restoration or enhancement of routes.

3.1.3 Monitoring the impact of service changes on vulnerable residents and lobbying for socially necessary services where commercial routes are no longer viable

3.2 **ACA** will establish a dedicated Transport Project Group to evaluate the connectivity needs of the area. The **Transport Project Group** will be responsible for:

3.2.1 Conducting community-wide surveys to establish current demand, identify peak travel times, and understand resident priorities.

3.2.2 Developing a comprehensive service matrix for Annbank and the neighbouring villages.

Medium Term

3.3 **ACA** will explore the feasibility of establishing a bespoke community-led transport network to complement existing services. This vision includes:

3.3.1 Designing a network that links local villages with frequent, synchronised connections to major transport hubs in Ayr and Kilmarnock

3.3.2 Acquiring a fleet of fully accessible vehicles and implementing a robust digital booking system. While open to the whole community, the scheme will prioritise vulnerable residents for essential journeys, such as medical and hospital appointments.

3.3.3 Recruiting and training a team of volunteer drivers. All volunteers will undergo rigorous safety protocols, including PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) checks, driving competency assessments, and insurance verification.

3.3.4 Securing capital and revenue funding (Scottish Government's Community Transport Fund) to cover vehicle procurement, long-term maintenance, and the administration of the dispatch system.

3.3.5 Prioritising the acquisition of Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEVs), such as electric minibuses, to align with Scotland's Net Zero targets

OUTCOME

ACTIONS

4. Traffic management and parking provisions

Short Term

- 4.1 **ACA** to consult with ARA and SAC to survey the village core for potential new parking areas e.g. designated bays instead of concreted area (Whitehill Crescent).
- 4.2 **ACA** to collaborate with the ARA to
- 4.2.1 Assess and install vehicle activated signs (VAS) outside the village hall and enhance 30mph limit visibility in the vicinity of the local shop.
 - 4.2.2 **ACA** and **ARA** will monitor national guidance regarding the transition from 30mph to 20mph zones. Action 4.2.1 may be revised to implement a 20mph limit if it aligns with upcoming government safety recommendations.
 - 4.2.3 Identify and implement traffic calming measured on Weston Avenue.

Long Term


- 4.3 **ACA** proposes the development of dedicated parking at Brocklehill Avenue, opposite the Bowling Club, to provide essential infrastructure for local residents and to promote the River Ayr (Annbank) walking route.

DID YOU KNOW?

Around 1900, Annbank was a thriving coal mining village in South Ayrshire, and its local events and developments were shaped almost entirely by the mining industry, population pressures, and the living conditions of the miners' rows. The village contained 236 houses, almost all occupied by miners and their families. Rows of brick-built houses faced each other along the main road, with closings every 8-10 houses accessing washhouses and closets. Population stood at over 1,284 by 1891, showing rapid growth due to industrial expansion.

Reports from the era describe the harsh living conditions in miners' rows. One room and two room homes were often modified over time as families grew. Families shared dry closets, coal houses, and communal washhouses, with unpaved, muddy paths throughout the village. Water sourced from either Loch Bradan or a village pump, with many locals preferring the pump. These conditions were typical of industrial mining villages of the time and set the backdrop for local social challenges.





"The spaces in our area such as the park/picnic area and village hall are maintained and cared for by local volunteers. Without the hard work and community spirit of our volunteers Annbank Village Hall would have been closed and abandoned. The burden of maintaining is unfairly placed on the shoulders of the community."

ANONYMOUS SURVEY PARTICIPANT



Priority 2

LIVE, WORK AND LEARN

OUTCOME	ACTIONS
5. Strengthening community connection.	<p>Short Term</p> <p>5.1 ACA to identify and secure funding for a Community Development Officer (full or part-time) to design and deliver intergenerational programmes. Key initiatives for the Community Development Officer to include:</p> <p>5.1.1 Seasonal programmes: Delivery of the 'Three Villages' summer and winter activity schedules.</p> <p>5.1.2 Intergenerational Day Trips: Organised excursions for all ages to destinations such as Blackpool, Millport, and seasonal markets.</p> <p>5.1.3 Targeted Social Activities: Implementation of youth-focused events (e.g. 'Messy Play' and park days) alongside senior-focused initiatives like dementia friendly cafes and an intergenerational community seed-swapping club.</p>
6. Wheeling for commuting, health, and sport.	<p>Short Term</p> <p>6.1 ACA to liaise with SAC and ARA to address the critical lack of safe walking, wheeling, and cycling infrastructure connecting Annbank to neighbouring villages and town. Prioritising the development of a dedicated safe route to school between Annbank Village and Annbank Primary School in Mossblown.</p> <p>6.2 ACA to consult with SAC and ARA to conduct a feasibility study for Annbank-to-Ayr route. This proposal seeks to link Mossblown Toll, Auchincruive, and Whitletts to the National Cycle Network, ensuring existing intermittent paths are upgraded, cleared, and maintained for year-round use.</p> <p>Medium Term</p> <p>6.3 ACA to consult with SAC to assess the feasibility of adapting the River Ayr Way corridor between Auchincruive and Annbank for technical off-riding. This includes exploring the potential for extreme or technical trail segments for sport and recreation.</p>
7. Enhancing local play and leisure spaces.	<p>Short Term</p> <p>7.1 ACA proposes that Annbank formally adopts the Play Scotland Play Charter. This commitment will ensure that all local children and young people have their right to play protected and prioritised in future village developments.</p> <p>7.2 Encourage residents to report any issues at Goodwin Drive children's playpark to SAC Grounds Maintenance team.</p> <p>7.3 ACA to secure funding to upgrade the equipment at Annbank Village Hall. Key requirements include:</p> <p>7.3.1 Sports Equipment: To facilitate local clubs and health initiatives.</p> <p>7.3.2 Integrated AV systems: High-quality audio and visual tech for presentations, cinema nights, and meetings.</p> <p>7.3.3 Events and Play Resources: Dedicated entertainment and play equipment to support ACA events and youth initiatives.</p> <p>7.3.4 Outdoor Garden Enhancements: Garden furniture and equipment to maintain, and improve outdoor seating area.</p>

OUTCOME	ACTIONS
7. Enhancing local play and leisure spaces.	<p>Medium Term</p> <p>7.4 ACA to liaise with SAC to obtain and update on the Play Sufficiency Assessment (PSA). This ensures the village's recreational needs are recorded in the Local Development Plan 3 as recommended by the Scottish Government</p> <p>7.5 ACA to partner with SAC Thriving Communities to audit youth services for 10-16-year-olds. We aim to identify service gaps and ensure that council resources are effectively deployed to meet the specific interests and activity requirements of Annbank's young people.</p>
	<p>Short Term</p> <p>8.1 In conjunction with Actions 9.8 and 10.4, ACA will facilitate local employment opportunities by supporting start-ups and new business ventures. We will bridge between entrepreneurs and Business Gateway Ayrshire to encourage the growth of small-scale enterprises within the villages</p> <p>8.2 ACA acknowledged the steady increase in home-based employment within the village. ACA will lobby for better internet fibre infrastructure.</p>
8. Economic development, employment, and connectivity.	<p>Medium Term</p> <p>8.3 Following extensive consultation regarding residential retrofitting, ACA recommends the installation of three EV charging points at Annbank Village Hall: one dedicated unit for hall operations and two payable units for public use.¹</p>

¹ Scottish Government's ChargePlace Scotland or Energy Saving Trust funding streams

DID YOU KNOW?

Historically a coal mining hub, Annbank's economy has transitioned from heavy industry to one shaped by local estates, agriculture, and its connections to nearby towns. While many residents travel to surrounding employment centres (within and outwith South Ayrshire), the village is increasingly striving to function as a more self-sustaining rural community rather than simply a place to commute from. To support this shift, there is a growing need to strengthen local access to essential services and to improve public transport options, ensuring that residents can reach work, education, shops, health services, and community facilities within a convenient 20 minute journey by foot, bicycle, mobility aid, or public transport. Enhancing these connections will help Annbank reduce reliance on car use, support local livelihoods, and contribute to wider environmental goals.





"There is no facility for the community to access to free computers for the kids and older residents, especially those who might need tuition on their use. The internet in the village has improved over the past few years but there is still a lot of room for improvement."

ANONYMOUS SURVEY PARTICIPANT



Priority 3

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY PRIDE

OUTCOME	ACTIONS
9. A collaborative community identity.	<p>Short Term</p> <p>9.1 In collaboration with the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Ayr South and Villages Locality Planning Partnership (LPP) ACA will maintain a resilience team for Annbank, Mossblown, and Tarbolton. Our objective is to transition from reactive crisis support to long-term, financially sustainable projects.</p> <p>9.2 ACA to secure funding for acquisition and installation of a backup generator for Annbank Village Hall. This upgrade will allow the facility to function as a designated Emergency Resilience Hub, providing a safe, heated environment with food preparation capabilities during power outages or inclement weather.</p> <p>9.3 In line with 9.2 equip the Annbank Village Hall, ACA is to secure funding for a dedicated emergency resource cache. This stock will include essential provisions such as water, non-perishable food, advanced first-aid kits, lighting, batteries, and thermal blankets to support residents during a crisis.</p> <p>9.4 Enhance community engagement through the regular publication of the 'Oor Villages' newsletter. By partnering with local businesses for distribution, Three Villages Forum will provide a vital offline information source for residents using a social enterprise model (via sales or donations) to offset production and printing costs.</p> <p>9.5 Conscious of our environmental footprint, ACA will work for a circular economy by establishing a collaborative 'Library of Things' to store and share (e.g. gazebos, PA systems, and festive decor). This resource will be managed via an online reservation catalogue.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>9.8 While Annbank is deeply interconnected and interdependent with Mossblown and Tarbolton, ACA is committed to preserving Annbank's unique heritage and individual identity. We will ensure that collaborative 'Three Villages' initiatives such as the 'Oor Villages' newsletter reinforce the distinct character and community spirit of our village.</p> <p>9.9 Annbank takes immense pride in its diverse range of social, commercial, and natural assets. We are mindful of the vital role played by our community-led spaces: the Village Hall, Community Garden and Church; our recreational hubs: The ` bowling Club, Tap o' the Brae, the Fishery and the Annbank United Community Football Club; our private sector and social enterprise partners: the local shop, River Garden, the Enterkine, Auchincruive, and Gadgirth Estates. ACA will work to strengthen these relationships to ensure the village remains a vibrant place to live, work, and visit.</p>
10. Sustaining the volunteer network.	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>10.1 ACA and NBCC are immensely grateful to the local and visiting volunteers who dedicate countless hours to this cause. To ensure a high-quality experience, we strictly adhere to the Volunteer Charter, protecting the rights and wellbeing of all short, medium, and long-term volunteers.</p>

OUTCOME**ACTIONS**

11. Securing community assets for future generations.

Short Term

11.1 **ACA** to continue negotiations and legal processes to complete the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of Annbank Village Hall and its ground from SAC. Achieving full community ownership will allow the ACA to fortify the hall's future and facilitate the long-term upgrades outlined in this plan.

11.1.1 Following a successful CAT, ACA will ensure the village hall is formally held in trust as a permanent community-owned asset. This legal structure will secure the building's status, ensuring it remains under local control and is managed solely for the benefit of the residents of Annbank and the geographical communities of NBCC.

11.1.2 Community ownership of the village hall will unlock eligibility for specialised capital grants - such as the Scottish Land Fund and Community Ownership Fund, which are unavailable to local authorities. These funds are essential to underwrite and facilitate the ambitious infrastructure actions detailed throughout this community-led action plan.

Long Term

11.2 **ACA** to identify and secure funding for a comprehensive low-carbon retrofit of the Annbank Village Hall. This initiative includes the installation of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) panels, Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP), battery storage systems, and high-efficiency thermal cylinders (calorifiers) to ensure the facility meets national Net-Zero sustainability standards.

11.3 **ACA** to identify funding to commission a professional feasibility study for a sustainable modular expansion of the Annbank Village Hall and its grounds. This project aims to transform the facility into a Multipurpose Community Hub, serving as a catalyst for economic regeneration and community wealth building. flexible spaces for enterprise, tourism, and local services could include:

11.3.1 Hospitality and tourism links: Establish catering facilities to service hall events and a dedicated Village Cafe. Positioned on the River Ayr Way, this facility will function as a strategic 'walkers' stop', capturing tourism spend to support hall running costs.

11.3.2 Enterprise and wellbeing suites: Create flexible 'pop-up' units for local micro-businesses and health practitioners (e.g. health/beauty, podiatry, physiotherapy). This facilitates local service delivery and provides affordable space for start-up entrepreneurs.

11.3.3 Skills and digital inclusion hub: Develop multi-use spaces equipped for IT training, first aid certification, and professional development. This space will also serve as the production office for the 'Oor Villages' newsletter, bolstering the technical skills of volunteers.

11.3.4 Circular economy infrastructure: Implement a community-owned wood and tool store. This initiative will promote sustainability by recycling surplus building materials and providing shared access to tools, reinforcing a culture of repair and reuse.

11.3.5 Climate resistance and food security: Address local food security by establishing community allotments and shared growing spaces. This work-stream will focus on sustainable horticulture and the creation of a community orchard.

OUTCOME**ACTIONS**

12. Destination Annbank: cultivating pride and visitor engagement.

Short Term

12.1 **ACA** will collaborate with SAC Destination South Ayrshire (DSA) and other partners to enhance the village's profile as a key visitor destination. We seek to support our local tourism offering by:

12.1.1 Interpretive Signage: Installing high-quality information boards in the community garden to share the village's story.

12.1.2 River Ayr Trail Enhancements: Improving the accessibility, maintenance, and signage of the River Ayr Way corridor. This will focus on its unique biodiversity (otters, badgers, herons) and its deep historical links to William Wallace and the Covenanters.

12.1.3 Active Travel Literature: Formally defining local walking routes and producing professional maps and brochures to be integrated into the DSA digital platforms (website and mobile app).

Medium Term

12.2 **ACA** will commission a professional community heritage audit to formally document Annbank's historical significance. Being aware of the need for accuracy, this research will underpin the content for actions (12.1.1, 12.1.3, 13.2) focusing on the village's mining legacy, its role in the Covenanter movement, and its connections to William Wallace.

13. Coal mining heritage: honouring Annbank's industrial legacy.

Short Term

13.1 **ACA** will champion the 'Ancestry Detectives' initiative to keep our mining heritage alive. Through community-led research and picture exhibitions in local libraries, we aim to highlight the connection between Annbank's past and its current residents

13.2 **ACA** seeks to implement a comprehensive network of interpretive signage, historical information boards, and heritage maps throughout the village. These will detail Annbank's industrial evolution, locating former pit sites and key landmarks to provide an educational 'industrial trail' for residents and visitors.

Medium Term

13.3 **ACA** to inquire into the funding and training required to launch a community-led local guide programme. By offering guided walks of the Annbank circuit and neighbouring villages, we aim to champion our local history and boost Annbank's reputation as a premier destination for walkers and heritage enthusiasts.

OUTCOME**ACTIONS**

13. Coal mining heritage: honouring Annbank's industrial legacy.

Long Term

13.4 **ACA** will commission a comprehensive feasibility study to establish a permanent mining heritage and visitor centre - The Annbank Heritage and Visitor Centre. This project aims to integrate a museum-grade heritage display with visitor accommodation. The process will involve identifying suitable land or assets for acquisition (CAT or private purchase) to create a flagship destination for walkers and heritage enthusiasts.

13.4.1 Conduct a robust community engagement exercise to ensure the project meets local needs.

13.4.2 Establish a professional-standard exhibition to preserve and showcase Annbank's industrial legacy, curated using the findings from the heritage audit (12.2)

13.4.3 Integrate visitor accommodation (short-lets or B&B units) into the business model. Revenue generated will finance the museum's operational costs, and ensure the centre remains a self-sustaining asset.

13.4.4 Position the centre as a primary hub for the River Ayr Way, creating a strategic link between local history and the regional tourism economy.

13.4.5 Prioritise the acquisition and repurposing of existing local structures or "brownfield" sites which is more sustainable than new construction and aligns with national criteria for environmental preservation.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The primary former coal mining site directly associated with Annbank village was the Ayr Colliery, which had multiple pits. Ayr Colliery (Pits 1 & 2). These were also known locally as Enterkine 9 & 10 Pits. They were the main pits serving the area, operating from 1878 until 1960. The surviving Pit Head Bath House (built in 1944) was converted into a private dwelling and is a key landmark. Historical records indicate that earlier collieries, known as the "Annbank collieries" were operational under various owners even before the Ayr Colliery complex was fully established, with reports dating back to at least 1871. These earlier, smaller mine workings are harder to pinpoint without a detailed geological or historical survey. The 'Ancestry Detectives' group (action 10.1) would be the ideal resource for locating the precise historical boundaries of the earlier, less documented pits through oral history and archival research



ANNBANK, MOSSBLOWN & ST QUIVOX PRIMARY SCHOOL

Play and Recreation

- 44% walk or cycle to school
- 67% can use bikes after school
- 62% there are enough parks nearby
- 89% there are open spaces nearby
- 83% open spaces are easy to get to
- 78% like their play area
- 15% play areas cared for by volunteers
- 72% things to do in the area
- 57% can dance, swim, exercise nearby
- 44% prefer to play in own front/back garden
- 81% meet friends out of school hours
- 30% involved in a summer programme
- 79% meet friends online
- 30% think parents find extra curr expensive
- 55% have at least one activity per week
- 51% have more than one activity per week



Accessibility

- 16% pavements used by wheelchairs/scooters
- 9% aware of special parking permit
- 16% think parks are accessible
- 23% parks accessible for walking aids
- 53% parks accessible for prams/bikes



Neighbourhood

- 74% like their house
- 76% like their street
- 87% think it's safe
- 39% feel some streets are unsafe
- 68% litter is an issue
- 68% dog poo is an issue
- 33% derelict buildings are an issue
- 59% in favour of more wildflowers
- 36% aware of health provisions
- 21% aware of food banks
- 26% aware of childcare facilities
- 92% access internet
- 61% aware of solar panels



Transport

- 92% access to a vehicle
- 23% speeding vehicles
- 51% high volume of traffic
- 89% safe to cross roads
- 70% easy to get on bus
- 53% buses are efficient (schedule & destination)



Community

- 27% parents/guardians volunteer
- 81% neighbours are friendly
- 74% neighbours are also friends
- 62% proud of their community
- 56% neighbours help each other

Safety

- 80% know where to report
- 93% know the emergency number
- 20% unsafe experiences online



LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

GROUP	MEETING PLACE	CONTACT DETAILS
Acorn Adventures (Auchincruive Forest School)	Auchincruive Estate, KA6 5AE	acornadventures.org hello@little-acorns.org
Annbank Bowling Club	1 Brocklehill Avenue, Annbank	01292 520001 Find them on Facebook!
Annbank Community Association	Annbank Village Hall, Weston Ave, Annbank, KA6 5EE	Find us on Facebook! annbankcommunityassociation@gmail.com
Annbank Fishery	Privick Mill Road, Annbank	01292 521003 Find them on Facebook!
Annbank Over 60s	Mossblown Community Centre	01292 520448
Annbank Parish Church	57 Annbank Road, Mossblown	01292 541452 mralph@churchofscotland.org.uk
Annbank Primary School	Annbank Road, Mossblown	01292 612493 annbank.mall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk
Annbank Primary Parent Council	Annbank Primary School	01292 612493 Find them on Facebook!
Annbank UTD Community Football Club	New Pebble Park, Annbank	annbankunited.co.uk Find them on Facebook!
Annbank Village Hall	Weston Ave, Annbank, KA6 5EE	01292 520696
Ardtaralg Fine Foods	Riverslea, Tarholm, Annbank	01292 521000 Find them on Facebook!
Enterkine Country House Hotel	Enterkine Estate, Annbank	01292 520580 enterkine.com
Gadgirth Lodges	Gadgirth Estate, Annbank	enquiries@gadgirthestatelodges.co.uk
Mossblown (John Rodie) Library	39 Annbank Road, Mossblown	01292 520792 carnegle.library@south-ayrshire.gov.uk
Night Before Christmas Campaign	Annbank Village Hall	info@nightbeforechristmas.co.uk nightbeforechristmas.co.uk
Premier Braefoot Stores	1 Braefoot, Annbank	01292 520291 Find them on Facebook!
River Garden Auchincruive	The Bothy, Auchincruive, KA6 5AE	01292 521164 rivergarden.scot
Tap o' the Brae	1 Weston Brae, Annbank	01292 520266 Find them on Facebook!
Three Villages Forum	Annbank, Mossblown, and Tarbolton	hello@threevillagesforum.com 07944 525309 / 01292 254410



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GET INVOLVED: SUPPORT THE ANNBANK VISION

The success of this Community-led Action Plan depends on the shared energy of our residents, partners, and volunteers. Whether you have professional skills to offer, historical stories to share, or simply want to stay informed, there are several ways to support our 2026 goals.

VOLUNTEER

Join the Ancestry Detectives, help maintain our Community Garden, explore your creative side with the Oor Villages Newsletter team or support the Night Before Christmas Campaign

SHARE YOUR VOICE

Attend our quarterly Annbank Community Association (ACA) meetings at the Village Hall to discuss the progress of the Community Asset Transfer and the development of other actions.

PARTNER WITH US

We invite local businesses and estates to collaborate on our Village Ambassador and Heritage Trail initiatives.

Get in contact today to find out how you can help support Annbank's future.

annbankcommunityassociation@gmail.com
facebook.com/AnnbankCommunityAssociation

USEFUL CONTACTS

Ayrshire Roads Alliance	01563 503160 Report Potholes & Lighting Faults at ayrshireroadsalliance.org
Breathing Space	FREEPHONE 0800 83 85 87
Childline	FREEPHONE 0800 11 11 (24HR)
Connect South Ayrshire	connectsouthayrshire.org enquiries@connectsa.scot 0800 432 0510
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111 crimestoppers.org/give-information
Dental Helpline	NHS 24 on FREEPHONE 111
Emergencies (Police, Fire, Ambulance)	999
National Disability Information Hotline	0300 323 9961
Home Fire Safety Visit	FREEPHONE 0800 0731 999
Homeless Service	Contact your Local Housing Office (day) FREEPHONE 0808 100 3151 (out of hours)
NHS 24	111
Police Scotland Non-Emergency	FREEPHONE 101 (non-emergency)
National Power Cut Helpline	FREEPHONE 105 (24HR - No matter who you pay your bill to)
Rape Crisis Scotland	FREEPHONE 08088 01 03 02 (every day, 5pm - midnight)
Samaritans	FREEPHONE 116 123 samaritans.org
Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline	0800 027 1234
Scottish Water	FREEPHONE 0800 0788 778
Smell Gas? National Gas Helpline	FREEPHONE 0800 111 999
South Ayrshire Council	0300 123 0900
Neighbourhood Services/Grounds Maintenance	south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/25320/report-a-problem 0300 123 0900
Environmental Health/Trading Standards	environmental.health@south-ayrshire.gov.uk 0300 123 0900
SSPCA Animal Helpline	03000 999 999
Suicide Support & Prevention	nhsaaa.net/services/service-a-z/suicide-prevention
Taiglum Medical (Mossblown Centre)	01292 665 302 taiglummedical.co.uk
Victim Support Scotland	FREEPHONE 0800 160 1985

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