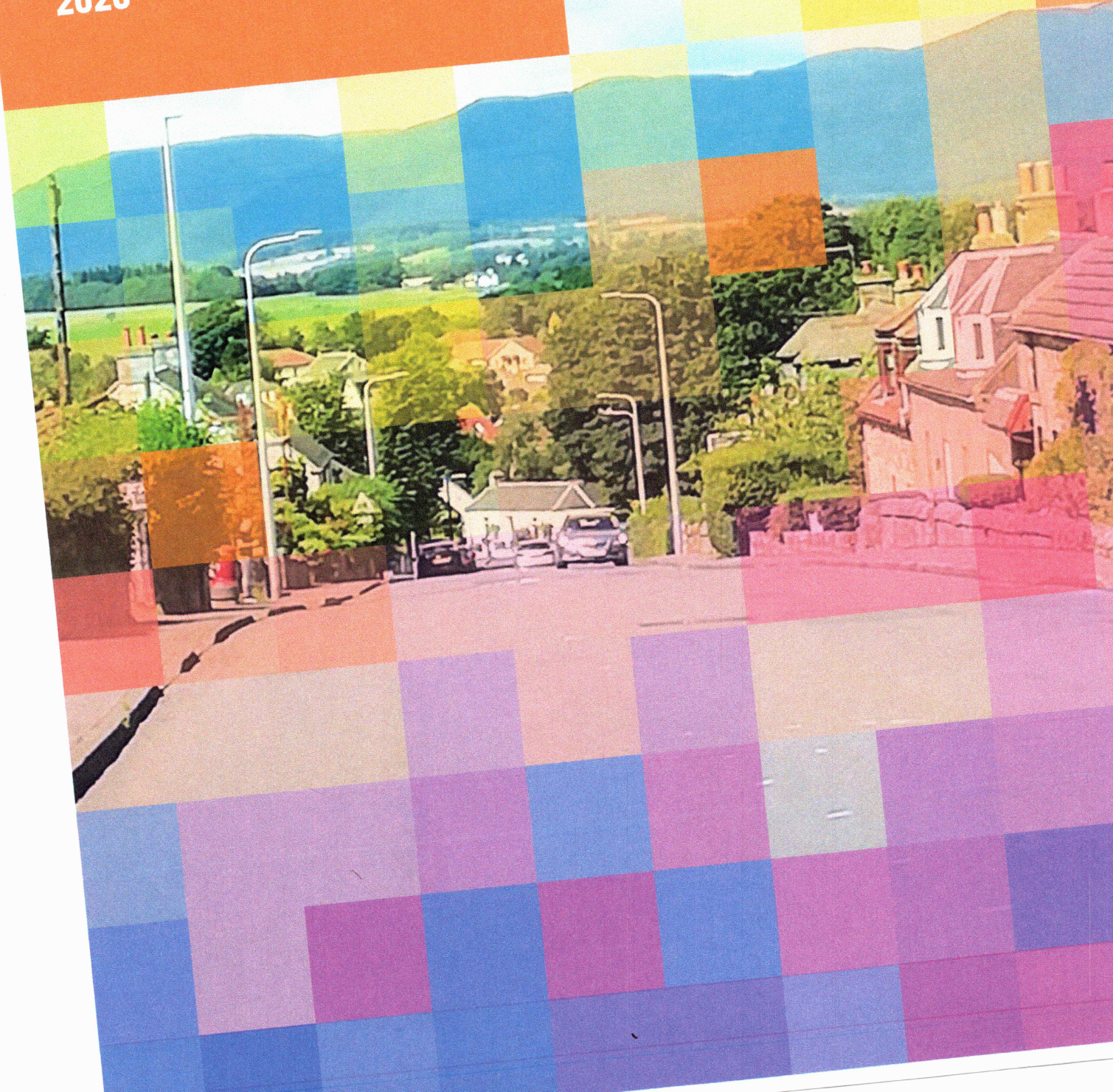




SALINE & STEELEND COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2020



CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN SALINE AND STEELEND

In 2011, with funding support from Coalfields Regeneration Trust, members of the Saline and Steelend community came together and formed a steering group which worked together to create a 5 year Community Action Plan. This was done through an extensive process of community engagement carried out by the community for the community. Since then a lot has been achieved from the original plan, some priorities are still being worked on and some new priorities have been identified.

Success stories for Saline and Steelend

- The Saline and Steelend Development Trust has been created to work in partnership with the Community Council in order to strengthen the voice of the community and increase funding opportunities for the benefit of the community as a whole.
- A local history exhibition space in the Session House has been created, with local talks as part of a monthly programme.
- A Friends + Neighbours project was successfully carried out with additional funding from Coalfields Regeneration Trust.
- The Saline and District Heritage Society was set up and several leaflets have been produced with heritage and access information including local points of interest.
- The Saline and Steelend Playpark Group have been successful with completing both North Road and Steelend playpark projects.
- A village newsletter 'The Bulletin' is now produced monthly by the Community Council and delivered free to residents.
- Two noticeboards have been installed to give better provision of information about facilities and events.
- A lot has been done to maintain and develop paths through the Glen.
- On the priority of more affordable housing, 55 units have been built by Kingdom Homes and 17 affordable homes by Alanwater Developments. This has led to the Primary and Nursery schools becoming much busier.
- Road repairs and maintenance have recently been carried out along the Main Street and parking bays have been marked up.
- The Saline Environment Group is working hard to improve the look of the area with village litter picks and woodland clean ups. They are also seeking a community growing space.
- The Saline and Steelend Community Development Trust are actively looking at ways of connecting the school to the farmland to improve access for parents and school children. In addition, they are in partnership with West Fife Woodlands to improve the path network between the West Fife Villages.

Saline Primary 'Our Community' Art Exhibition



A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

We want this Saline and Steelend Community Action Plan to raise awareness of the problems and difficulties affecting the lives of people and families in the area and seek a partnership approach to resolving them. Working together as a community, alongside appropriate agencies and service providers, we see many benefits to this approach:

- It brings together local people and service providers to agree on projects and activities that will improve the services delivered locally.
- It informs the decision-makers in Fife of the priorities and action needed in Saline & Steelend as identified by local people.
- It influences the spend of decision-makers in Fife to financially support the priorities, projects and activities, identified in the Saline & Steelend Community Action Plan.
- It builds on the strong community spirit in the area and the development work already undertaken by Saline & Steelend Community Futures.
- By hosting community focus groups at the Saline Golf Club. Facilitated discussions reviewed the various themes from the community action plan and identified what actions had been completed, which are still in progress and what's new.
- Using the Place Standard tool we identified strengths and weaknesses over a series of workshops.
- By engaging with local young people. Working with Saline Primary, we hosted a Place Standard workshop to gather community views of the P5/6 and 6/7 pupils with an opportunity to rate their community as well as take part in an art competition.
- A community wide event was hosted at the Saline Community Centre inviting local residents to review survey results, identify priorities and rate their community using the Place Standard.
- Building on the original Saline & Steelend Community Action Plan 2011 - 2016 and based on the results of the recent community engagement carried out, we have established the key priorities we want to focus on going forward.
- We decided to place our priorities under the four key themes in Fife's Community Plan to ease the ability to work in partnership, helping to improve services and funding opportunities.

How did we develop this community action plan?

- The Saline and Steelend Community Council invited members of the original steering group as well as identifying new members from local groups including the Saline and Steelend Development Trust. This group took forward the community engagement process with the support of Coalfields Regeneration Trust Community Action Team.
- Using Survey Monkey to reach out to the local community via social media platforms and using paper surveys, giving people an opportunity to rate progress and make comment on current issues.



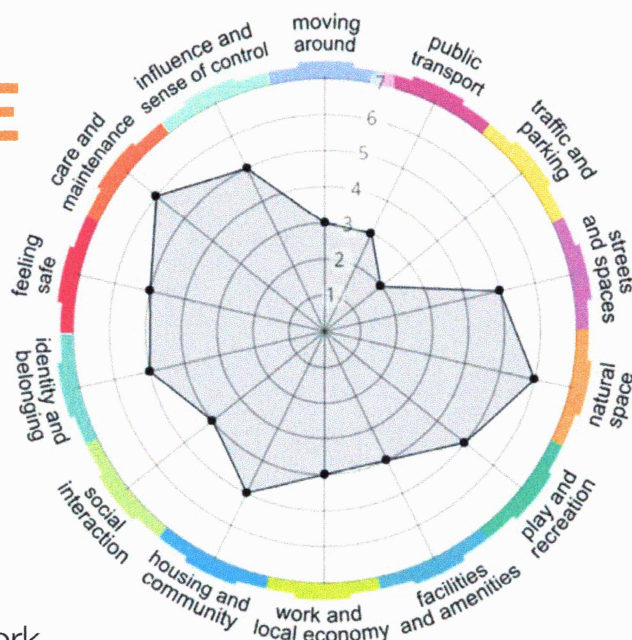
USING 'THE PLACE STANDARD' TO RATE OUR COMMUNITY

As part of the community engagement process we used a nationally recognised process that explores all aspects of what makes a community work well. The Place Standard asks fourteen questions about the physical and social elements of a place.

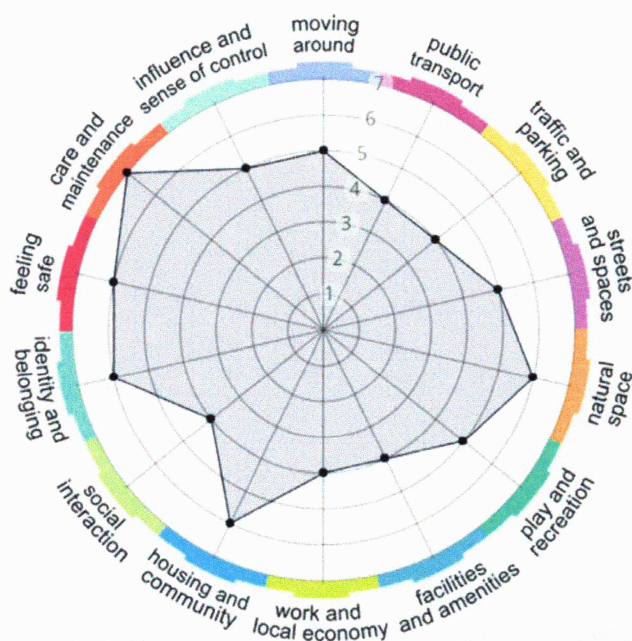
Questions relate to themes, which can be seen around the outer rim of the diagram below. Participants answer by scoring from 1 to 7, where 1 means there is a lot of room for improvement and 7 means there is very little room for improvement. Results are plotted on the diagram: points closer to the centre represent those areas most in need of improvement while those towards the edge are strengths.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in completing the Place Standard including: the Saline and Steelend Steering Group, participants attending the Community Open Event and pupils from Saline Primary from P5/6 and P6/7.

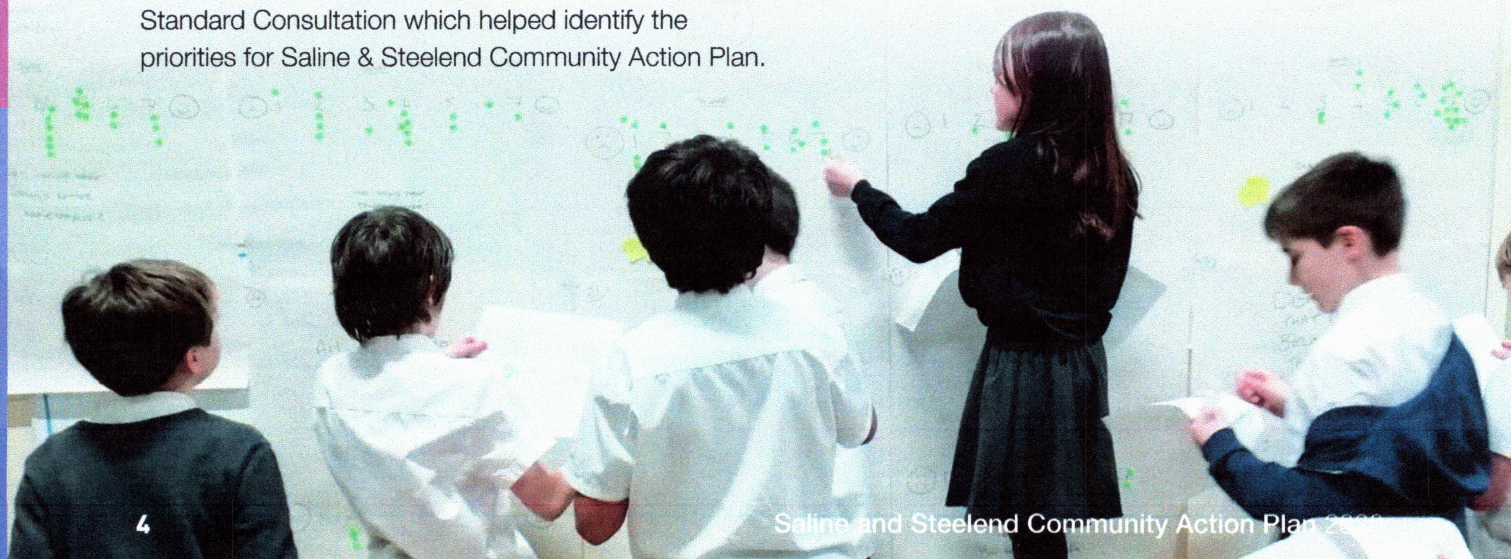
The diagrams opposite show the results of the Place Standard Consultation which helped identify the priorities for Saline & Steelend Community Action Plan.



Result of adult engagement



Result of Saline Primary Pupils P6 and P7



MAIN STRATEGIES & PRIORITIES

These are the main strategies and priorities the community has identified and will work towards achieving in partnership with public agencies and other supporters.

THEME: 1 OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Develop and support community led initiatives and events that bring people together

- Continue to support and develop activities for our older residents
- Develop youth activities that are accessible and affordable Eg a football team, bike racing track
- Continue to support annual events such as the Fireworks Display

Create a community growing space

- Carry out community engagement to gauge the level of support for a community growing space
- Identify the best location and likely set up costs. Secure funding to cover set up costs. Visit other existing projects and learn from their experience

Develop and improve play areas for children of ages and abilities

- Build on the existing good work done to improve the local play areas
- Encourage and support further community involvement in working to improve this type of public amenity

Develop housing that meets everyone's needs eg. starter/sheltered

- Work with Fife Council and other agencies/ organisations to explore what the opportunities are for housing development that fulfils the needs of local residents

Potential Partners

- Fife Council, Saline and Steelend Community Council. Saline and Steelend Development Trust, Saline Golf and Social Club, Steelend Miners Club, local residents, local Churches

