

BRACO AND GREENLOANING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

COMMUNITY VIEWS HOUSEHOLD SURVEY REPORT

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1. INTRODUCTION

Background

This survey was carried out to gather residents views about the future of Braco and Greenloaning. In particular we wanted to find out what people thought was important to do to improve the area and make it a better place to live in work in and visit.

The survey was designed and analysed by the STAR Development Group and carried out with the help of Ardoch Development Trust and the Braco and Greenloaning CAP Steering Group. The household survey distribution and collection was organised by Bridie Grant from ADT and carried out by a team of local volunteers.

STAR are working with the community to prepare a Community Action Plan which will identify the priorities for the community over the next 5 years. The results of this survey and other community engagement work will help shape the Action Plan.

Survey Responses

A total of 368 responses were received from around 450 households. This is a very high return rate – and a testimony both to the great survey team of local volunteers and to the many local residents that took the time to share their views about the community. A further 50 responses came from the pupils at Braco Primary School and the results of that survey are provided in a separate report.

Age range of respondees

359 people provided information about their age.

Age Band	Number of respondees	Percentage of responses
5-11	10	3%
12-17	13	4%
18-24	17	5%
25-44	56	16%
45-59	84	23%
60-69	84	23%
70+	95	26%

The results of the survey are shown in the rest of this report.

2. WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BRACO and GREENLOANING?

Like	% of Responses
Community Spirit	53%
Environment – forest, walks, rivers/streams/wildlife, countryside	47%
The place – peaceful, quiet, safe, good for families, mix of ages and housing	39%
Location – rural/semi-rural; close to cities/rest of Scotland; near A9	37%
Community facilities, group, activities and events	26%
Local services and amenities	24%
Heritage and History – Roman Fort	3%
Nothing	1%

2.1 Community Spirit

There is a very strong affinity for Braco and Greenloaning and its people and community spirit. It is seen as friendly, neighbourly, supportive, and welcoming.

Sample Quotes

It's a caring and friendly community

A nice community that is supportive, welcoming and friendly

Love the friendly atmosphere

The community spirit is very strong

I like the community spirit and I feel there is a younger generation of active people who are keen to support the development of the community

I love the community feel that Greenloaning has – friendly neighbours always looking out for each other

2.2 Environment and Outdoor Recreation

Almost half of all responses mentioned that they liked the environment and countryside. The comments highlighted the walks, scenery, work of Ardoch in Bloom, wildlife, forests and rivers.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Walks	47%
Views and Scenery	22%
Keeping the area beautiful	8%
Wildlife	7%
Fresh air/clean	6%
River/Forest	5%
Cycling	5%
<u>Sample quotes</u>	

*A beautiful village with stunning scenery and landscapes
 Trails that are perfect for biking and running
 Green space – access to the countryside, good walks and cycling
 The rural setting and the many walks on our doorstep
 Ardoch in Bloom has maintained the area to a high standard
 The people in Ardoch in Bloom do a great job in keeping the place looking lovely
 Community efforts re flowers, planting near cemetery and rebuilding walls is great
 The surrounding countryside is glorious
 The walks, the nature, wildlife, walking, cycling
 Nice wildlife along the river and in the woods
 the park, the river, access to fields for dog walks
 I like being close to nature and think its great that you can see ducks and pheasants
 walking down the street and no-one bats an eyelid!
 Being able to sit and watch red squirrels from the dining table*

2.3 Character of the place

Many responses found Braco and Greenloaning to be a great size of place, peaceful, quiet, and safe and a good place to bring up a family. Some noted that they liked the mix of houses and ages.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Quiet and peaceful	61%
Safe/good for families	19%
Good size/small	13%
Mix of ages and housing	7%

Sample quotes

*The village feels quiet and safe
 It feels like a safe place to live
 The peace and quiet of village life
 It's a small village so you can walk to friends' houses, and you know most people
 A safe community spanning all age groups
 Plenty families and young people moving into the village.*

2.4 Location

The mix of being close to the motorway and access to other places while still being in the countryside was greatly appreciated. We have never heard so many people mention 'semi-rural' as part of their 'location' response!

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Rural or semi-rural	40%
Close to cities/rest of Scotland	34%
Near to A9	27%

Sample quotes

*Rural yet close enough to major cities
 We like that it is rural but close to amenities*

One mile from the A9 great connections to Stirling/Perth and beyond and yet really rural – wonderful.

The rural location with good access to the rest of the world (via the A9)

Semi-rural location but still centrally located

The location proximity to Perth, Stirling, good motorway access

Close enough but far away enough!

Central location with good access to local towns and further afield

Easy access to the A9 and Stirling, Glasgow and Edinburgh

Rural location and access to highlands and walking.

2.5 Community facilities groups and activities facilities

The good facilities – including the school – and all the activities were much appreciated.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Community groups and activities	25%
The school	24%
Park and MUGA	16%
Church and Hub	13%
Community Events	9%
Village Hall	6%
Agricultural Show	5%
Community Council/ADT	1%

Sample Quotes

Welcoming school, MUGA, community activities (beer festival, fundraisers, Ardoch in Bloom)

Plays, pantomime, dances in the Village Hall

The community council, school and church and other organisations make it a vibrant place to live in

Village Hall, Bingo nights, Santa Dash and other events

Events at the village hall especially the ones that bring the whole community together

Braco Primary School and having a village hall, MUGA.

The play park and Lodge Park are great for the kids to play

The Agricultural Show is a great event.

Church outreach programme and the MUGA

Church Thursday Hub is very beneficial to the community

The Church provides community lunches once a month

Pins and Needles and the Art Class are good activities held in the Church

The Rural and Guild and the Burns Club

2.6 Local Services and amenities

People were delighted to have such a good coffee shop and village shop and often saw them as essential for the community. Public transport (especially the Ember service), and the mobile van services like the post office, library and fish van were also mentioned, as was the local garage.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Braco Coffee	46%
Village Shop and Raj!	42%
Bus and train services	5%
Mobile facilities (PO, Library, fish van)	5%
Garage	2%

Sample Quotes

Braco Shop and Café both have a community purpose and spirit

Raj and the village shop and Braco Coffee

Great to have the local shop and coffee shop

Braco Coffee is an important resource

Having a fish van deliver fresh fish on Thursdays is a real treat

The Ember Bus has greatly improved transport links in the area

Braco garage provides a great, easy to access service

2.7 Heritage and history

Several responses liked the local heritage and history and especially mentioned the Roman heritage and fort.

Sample Quotes

Local history such as the Ardoch Fort

Fascinating Roman History

3. WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT BRACO AND GREENLOANING

Dislike	% of Responses
Traffic, Roads, Parking	52%
Local amenities	32%
Transport and access to services	28%
Village appearance	27%
Community facilities and activities	26%
Environment and Countryside	25%
Nothing	8%

3.1 Traffic and Roads

There is real concern about speeding traffic through Greenloaning and Braco as well as other related issues like the condition of the roads and the lack of a safe foot/cycle path between the villages.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Speeding traffic	52%
Condition of roads	31%
Lack of safe foot/cycle path between villages	9%
Parking facilities	8%
Lack of gritting/snow clearing	7%
Speed bumps	3%
Road noise/pollution from A9	2%
A9 crossing not safe	2%

Sample Quotes

Traffic speed on side roads and through village
Traffic speed through Greenloaning on the main A822
Motorists drive way to fast, and unsafely between Greeloaning and the cemetery
Speed of vehicles on Front Street and all along A822
Heavy traffic/lorries speeding on Feddal Road
Traffic travelling too fast on Feddal Road by the bridge
Lack of traffic calming at the Bridge many accidents reported and nothing done about it
Traffic that speeds through making children and the elderly feel anxious

Poor road surfaces – Carse View and Front Street – makes it dangerous for rood users
State of Millhill Road and exit onto the A9 north.

Lack of safe travel routes between Braco and Greenloaning
Pavements over the bridges are far too narrow impossible to walk safely on the pavements especially with pram or pushchair
Children can't safely walk/cycle to school
No zebra crossing from Front Street to Gentle Croft and the speeding through the village scares me

Missing footpath on Feddal Road

Lack of parking facilities

Lack of parking outside church and village hall

No main parking area in the village

Lack of grit lorries when roads are bad particularly the B8033

Lack of care from PKC on road maintenance and snow clearing

Snow ploughs don't come near Ardoch Way we are left out

Speed bump area outside Greenhaugh Way is not working

Proximity to A9 pollution

3.2 Local amenities

The lack of a pub or hotel was the major concern and dislike for many. Other than that people felt there was little choice and a lack of other shops and having to travel elsewhere.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
No pub/hotel/restaurant	64%
Lack of shops/choice of shops	27%
Loss of Post Office	6%
Inadequate recycling	2%
No cash machine	1%

Sample Quotes

Really miss not having a family friendly pub or restaurant

Lack of facilities namely a local hotel where people can meet

Difficult to get to know other villagers without a pub/restaurant

No pub/evening place to meet/restaurant (evening)

Limited facilities with no hotel/pub

Lack of amenities shops, pub, restaurant, takeaways

Not enough amenities – loss of post office, pub

Lack of retail, catering choices

Lack of a nice shop selling things other than groceries.

No shop or pub in Greenloaning

3.3 Transport and access to services

The main concern was the poor transport service with gaps in the existing services and a lack of any service for the B8033, and the lack of a local railway station. Others noted the poor broadband and difficulties accessing medical services. A few comments suggested there was a lack of prioritising of the area by Perth and Kinross Council.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Bus service – lack of/unreliability/costly	59%
No rail service	15%
Poor broadband	9%
Lack of service from PKC	9%
No medical services	5%
No mains gas	3%

Sample Quotes

Poor bus service times

Poor bus service to Dunblane, Stirling for Post Office, Doctor, Dentist.

No bus service on B8033 No bus service for Feddal Road

Public transport is rather infrequent

Trains don't stop!

Poor wifi in Greenloaning

Very poor Broadband speed less than 2MB

Lack of fast internet inhibits remote working and business

On the fringes of Perth and Kinross so not a priority

Forgotten about as last place/first place in PKC

Not enough emptying of recycling depot

Lack of medical services (so difficult to get to Crieff or Dunblane without any transport)

Lack of mains gas supply

3.4 Village appearance

Respondents didn't like that the community was being let down by its physical appearance and identified the empty hotel and Sweeneys specifically but also noted that Front Street in general could do with a facelift.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Empty hotel building	55%
Sweeney's Garage	21%
Front Street – run down look	11%
Village Shop Front	7%
Empty houses/properties	3%
Wall between villages	3%

Sample Quotes

First impression is bad - garage is a junkyard the hotel derelict and a disgrace

The unsightly image of the old hotel on Front Street left empty

The old hotel lets the village down its an eyesore

The unfinished renovation of the old hotel

*Sweeney's Garage is an eyesore – an embarrassment to Braco
 Front Street could be smarter and tidier it doesn't look very inviting
 Front Street! Generally messy dirty – sad looking hotel building and shop front.
 Empty neglected houses (and their gardens)*

3.5 Community facilities and activities

Around a third of comments mentioned the primary school buildings – both existing and proposed. Other comments highlighted that the playpark in Braco was lacking equipment for older children. Some mentioned the lack of activities in general and for teenagers. There was mention of the condition of the village hall, lack of childcare and a need to ensure that both villages could access facilities.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Primary Schools – building	31%
Playparks	17%
Lack of activities for young people	16%
Lack of things to do	13%
Village hall needs improving	9%
Not enough information/s/what's on	6%
Two villages not joined up	5%
Lack of childcare	3%

Sample Quotes

*I don't think the current primary and nursery is fit for purpose
 Poor 'suitability' of the school Poor condition of school
 The ongoing saga with primary school location
 Greenloaning Primary not used as potential local facility
 Greenloaning School going to waste could be a fantastic community resource.
 A perfectly good school is being left to rot*

*Park only has swings for little kids no bigger swings
 Not enough play for big kids
 No tennis nets up in the MUGA past two summers
 NO 11-side goals where the old ones used to be in Lodge Park
 Playpark falling apart in Greenloaning*

*Lack of facilities for teens
 Not much choice of activities or venues for teenagers
 Nothing for kids once they leave primary
 Not enough amenities for the population at least indoors.
 Lack of things to do weekends and evenings.*

*Hall not suitable for most sports
 Lack of good village hall – needs to be modernised*

*Disconnect between the two villages
 Communities seem disjointed they are not well tied
 No childcare before or after school
 Lack of wrap around childcare*

3.6 Environment and Heritage

There was a general dislike of littering and dog fouling. In addition to that there was concern that some access to paths was being discouraged and that some paths were not maintained as well as they might.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Dog fouling	46%
Restrictions to access	23%
Litter and fly tipping	22%
Condition of paths and cycleways	6%
Not making enough of historic sites	2%
Poor Biodiversity	1%

Sample Quotes

Dog fouling in the fields between the villages
The rubbish and dog waste on the nice walks
People not cleaning up their dog mess

Locked gates for access to walking and unfriendly on Ardoch Estate
Ardoch Estate being shut as it reduces variations of walks
Accessing Blackford Farms land can be unpleasant
Private land on Grinnan Hill has signs meant to scare people off
Surrounding estate land often unwelcoming
Lack of engagement with landowners

The river path between Braco and Greenloaning being so overgrown in summer
Walking cycling routes could be better
Not having cycle tracks or cycle lanes nearby.

Litter which is a constant source of annoyance
Litter along the A9 and Braco to Greenloaning Road.

Not enough focus on investment in the amazing historical sites
Not enough signage of the Roman Fort.

Poor biodiversity surrounding river, local farmland, and woodland – not enough native species

4. WHAT WOULD MAKE BRACO AND GREENLOANING A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK OR VISIT?

Improvement	% of Responses
Local amenities and village enhancement	55%
Community facilities and activities	31%
Road and Traffic	26%
Transport and connectivity	22%
Environment, paths and access	22%
Heritage and visitor attractions	11%

4.1 Local amenities and village enhancement

The largest demand by far from the survey is for a local hotel/pub/restaurant. In terms of numbers of responses to this question it stood over 100 more than any other suggestion for improving the community. Other suggestions within this theme are shown in the sub themes below. They include a need for village enhancement to make the place more attractive – as well as an extension of the shops and services on offer.

Subheadings	Percentage of comments
A hotel/pub/restaurant	62%
Improved shopping choice	16%
Villages enhancement/ Tidy up Front Street	10%
Farm shop/Farmers Market	4%
Coffee shop open longer	2%
Job opportunities	2%
Public toilets	2%
Better Post Office service	1%
Library/Doctors Surgery/ATM	1%
Doctors Surgery	0.5%
ATM	0.5%

Sample Quotes

- Our local and only pub/hotel to be re-opened*
- If there were a decent restaurant/pub at the heart of the community*
- A family orientated pub or somewhere to go in the evenings would be fantastic – we have nowhere to meet family and friends for a drink or bite to eat.*
- A pub which is considered the hub of the community but would also attract visitors*
- Braco Hotel re-opening as a restaurant, café, pub, shop, meeting place.*
- Finish the hotel restoration so it can be used by locals and visitors*
- Reopen or repurpose the pub*
- Make the redundant hotel a multi-use building (charity shop, craft/gift shop, exercise classes, book swaps – or indeed encourage a restaurant to be re-opened.*

A little shop that's not down in Braco.
 A shop or school in Greenloaning
 Would be nice to have more shops
 Better retail/catering facilities
 A well-stocked shop with local produce and longer opening hours
 A market garden with fresh fruit and vegetables
 Farmers market every second Sunday in the month

Front Street to have a revamp and smarten up
 Development of Braco main street to form a centre for local shopping and socialising
 Tidy up frontages in Braco (Garage, Braco Hotel)
 Sweeney's garage forecourt tidied up
 Tidy up the villages we are on a tourist route
 Help shop owner to refurbish shop
 Help for our only shop to be refurbished
 Some sort of focal point in Greenloaning – there doesn't seem to be a heart to the village

To encourage more visitors and offer local work a community owned pub would be a great addition.
 To live visit and work – a pub!
 Could do with more workshops to let and more crafts/market
 Creative community space for makers to create and share ideas.

Improve the Post Office service from the current one hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Doctor surgery at either school.

4.2 Community facilities and activities

There was a desire to see the existing play areas improved – particularly by making them more suitable for older children. This also included lights for the MUGA, and the Lodge Park Goals.

In general, there was a desire for more activities for young people and for all ages. There was a desire to sort out the future of the primary schools – with a sense that the community could benefit by creating a hub in Braco and doing something creative with Greenloaning School. There was also mention of improving communication – website, newsletters, noticeboards; having Christmas Lights; and developing Out of School Care.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Improve outdoor play areas	19%
More community activities and events	19%
More for young people	13%
Gym/sports facility/classes	11%
Do something with Greenloaning School	11%
Bettter communication/information	10%

Decide future of Braco School and Hall	9%
Christmas Lights	6%
Out of School Care	3%

Sample Quotes

More facilities at swing park e.g., another picnic table, older age group swings and a shelter for changeable weather

Floodlights at MUGA

Return full size football pitch at Lodge Park

More goal posts at Lodge Park recreational groups so older children can go and play football

Better play parks for children in Greenloaning

More recreational opportunities for young people e.g., skate park, bike park, multi-use building, climbing wall.

A covered area for older children – not having to use the school playground.

Larger play area/picnic area so young families can congregate

Utilising the village hall for more activities for all age groups

Community Centre activities for all age groups.

Upgrading of present hall and offering more variety of classes to bring people together in a nicer environment

Continue to subsidise Warm Space Hub as a social service

A social club that meets the needs of the elder/lonely members of the community

Improve ease of booking the village hall

More things for 13–17-year-olds A Youth Club

Something/someplace/more activities especially for teenagers

Gymnastic clubs and other sports clubs

More activities – sports classes run at hall

A sports space – yoga, pilates, small gym

I would really enjoy some fitness classes – Zumba, badminton yoga dance.

A small community centre in Greenloaning would be amazing.

If Greenloaning School is not to be re-opened please allow residents to use the building as a community centre. The heart of the village was lost when the school was closed. Needs revived and soon.

Turn the Greenloaning School into a community resource e.g., meeting place, commercial space.

More community events such as bonfire and fireworks and/or ceilidh bring and by sale

More community event would bring all ages together – Summer Fete would be good.

More events would bring community together

A new school that's been promised for years to come to fruition

New Primary School with parking for Church and Hall

Decision on school redevelopment and improvements to village hall -and subsequent use of old school buildings?

A new school and combined village hub.

A website for the village A Braco.co.uk website
 A community newsletter about activities, clubs, what's happening
 Better used and updated Community Noticeboards

Christmas Lights along main road. Christmas events...
 Christmas lights – at Christmas time!
 A Christmas Parade (Blackford do this)

Breakfast and after school care
 Better childcare e.g., pre and after school care

A School and Village Hall feeling like they are for the two villages (e.g., renamed Ardoch)

4.3 Roads and Traffic

Traffic calming was the second (next to the Pub) most demanded improvement in the responses. Most mentioned was calming at village entrances, Front Street and Feddal Road. Developing a safe walking/cycling route between the villages was also high up in the concerns about roads and traffic. Responses also included the need for improved parking, and improved maintenance and repair of roads and walls, as well as the need for improvements related to safety on the A9.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Traffic calming and speed control	45%
Safe walking/cycling routes in between villages	24%
Improve Parking provision	11%
Repair roads (potholes, gritting)	10%
A9 Safety – repairs/lighting	6%
Repair stone walls	4%

Sample Quotes

A more speed restricted road from entering Braco until the A9.
 Traffic calming on Main Street and Feddal Road – footpath along Feddal Road
 Things would be seriously improved if speed limits were reduced AND enforced.
 Braco and Greenloaning to become 30mph
 30mph on the Braco Road through Greenloaning instead of 40mph
 Campaign for 20mph in Greenloaning
 More speed bumps
 Zebra crossing at Front Street

A cycle/walking track between the villages
 A walking and cycling path between Braco and Greenloaning
 A multi-use path within and between Braco and Greenloaning
 A footpath between Braco and Greenloaning away from the main road.
 Cycle path to Dunblane
 The creation of a pavement between the end of Allanwater Crescent and the Bridge over the Allanwater. It is only a short distance but can be quite dangerous when walking to Braco and back.
 Safer access to Roman Camp instead of having to walk along the road.

Extend visitor car parking

More parking for people to stop and explore

Improve parking in village – more needed

Proper parking area for schoolteachers' cars and tarmac area at recycling centre.

Roads and pavement improvements would look better and be safer for all users.

Resurface main road – speed cushions on main street.

In the winter the roads being cleared of snow and gritted if icy

Lighting at Greenloaning turn off from A9

4.4. Transport and Connectivity

People would like to see a more frequent and reliable bus service, while some would like to see the train station opened again. There were also suggestions for community transport, car sharing and for volunteer drivers and a taxi service - to add to the public services on offer. Responses also noted the need to improve broadband speeds.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Improve bus service	52%
Reopen Greenloaning Station	20%
Improve Broadband	18%
Community Transport/car share	8%
Taxi Service	2%

Sample Quotes

Maintain public transport to Perth, Stirling and Crieff – not an attractive location if not mobile with a car.

Better public transport as we should be aiming for a greener future

A better bus service like we had –more frequent and consistent

Reinstating hourly bus service

Extend the Stirling – Kinbuck bus to Braco

More bus links to the Ember Bus (15a is limited)

Operational Railway Station

Open Greenloaning Train Station

Decent and reliable broadband connection

High speed broadband to all outlying properties

Community bus service could take kids and seniors trips.

A community bus that takes you shopping

Car Sharing Group

Local taxi service

4.5 Environment – paths and access

There is a desire to see the development of the walking and cycling routes in and around the area and as part of that to develop a better working relationship with landowners. Responses also included the development of community allotments/garden, further improvements to the look of the area (more flowers, trees and benches, less litter and dog fouling) and better recycling facilities.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Improved/more walking and cycle routes	31%
Less litter/dog fouling	21%
Community growing/allotments	20%
More flowers/trees/benches	14%
Improved access relationships	9%
Better recycling facility	6%

Sample Quotes

Better walking and cycling infrastructure

Cycle paths around the areas

Maps/guides of the walking routes would be great.

Improvements to some of the paths in the woods.

Better maintenance of local walks and trails

Improve footpath between Braco and Greenloaning

Proper path along the river between villages

A series of maintained mountain bike trails

Improve path network link to Dunblane and Auchterarder

Better signage for pathways with improvement of surfaces

Stairs up to the Fort for walking

A community garden along lines of the one in Dunkeld

Community Garden with edible orchard

Rewilding projects

More hanging baskets around the village

Tree planting to help with drainage

Plant trees at each corner of Greenhaugh Way

Benches for resting along the Knaik walk

More seating between two villages

Better communication/ties with local landowners

A better say in land use in the surrounding area

Visitors afforded a friendlier atmosphere around the Roman Fort

Ardoch Estate owners understanding the right to roam.

Cleaner and bigger recycling

4.6 Heritage and Visitor attractions

There was a desire to make more of the local heritage and to offer more for visitors to see and do. Comments highlighted the significance of the Roman heritage and the Fort and that more should be done to provide information and activities. There were also some suggestions about setting up a creative arts and crafts space that could be a visitor attraction as well.

<u>Sub heading</u>	<u>Percentage of comments</u>
Make more of the Roman Fort	44%
More information and things for visitors	27%
Heritage walks/signage/leaflets	16%
Heritage information centre	9%
Creative space/arts and crafts	4%

Sample Quotes

Find ways to explore historic potential of the fort

Development of Roman Fort – a hidden gem

More visible signage re Roman Fort and Castle Gardens

A cultural building for Roman History for tourism and education

Roman education centre.

A Roman Museum with a café and activities to inspire locals and tourists alike

A small visitor centre like the one in Carsphairn

Turn the old school into a visitor attraction

Let's do some arranged history walks.

4.7 Other

Community Heating Initiative to reduce heating costs

Affordable local housing to enable people who want to live in the area

5. WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

LOCAL AMENITIES AND VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT	Number of times mentioned
Theme1: Local amenities & village environment	153
Open a pub/restaurant/hotel	90
Improve the hotel building	21
Tidy up/brighten Front Street	10
Clean up the Garage	8
Have a farmer's market/farm shop/crafts	8
Another shop/improve the shop	5
Braco Coffee open later	3
Public toilets	2
Clean up street signs	1
Post Box on Feddal Road	1
Affordable housing	1
Central area/focal point	1
Library	1
ATM	1

ROADS, TRAFFIC AND ACTIVE TRAVEL	Number of times mentioned
Theme2: Roads, traffic and active travel	150
Traffic calming/speed limits throughout	72
Road and pavement repairs	24
Safer pedestrian/cycle route between villages	20
Speed restrictions Feddal Road	8
Improve parking	7
Mend the wall along the road	5
Pedestrian crossing @ shop and river	5
Cycle path to Crieff	5
Cycle path to Dunblane	2
Improve A9 junction – lights, calming, repairs	2
Electric Car Charging	2
Notification of A9 closures	1

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES	Number of times mentioned
Theme3: Community facilities and activities	126
Make use of Greenloaning School	20
Make the new School at Braco happen	15
Upgrade playparks – equipment for older kids	15
Better community information	15
More community events	13
A new or improved Village Hall	10
More activities/places to meet for young people	8
More fitness/sports classes	7
A gym/outdoor gym equipment	5
Picnic benches at the Park	3
Pump track/skate park	3
Activities and support for elderly/isolated	3
Christmas Lights	2
Floodlights on the MUGA	2
Football/rugby goals	2
Out of school care	2
Tennis courts	1

ENVIRONMENT PATHS AND ACCESS	Number of times mentioned
Theme 4: Environment, paths and access	97
More dog poo bins/signs/bags	21
Community garden/allotment	14
Improved and more accessible paths	14
Tackle litter	10
Improve recycling	8
Resolve flooding issues	6
Benches on path and in village	6
Community owned renewable energy scheme	6
More flowers/tubs/baskets	5
Plant more trees	2
Solar lighting on paths	2
Red squirrel signs	1
Nesting boxes	1
Village composting facility	1

TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIVITY	Number of times mentioned
Theme 5: Transport and connectivity	50
Improve the bus service (more frequent, later more reliable)	20
Open Greenloaning Station	15
Improve fibre broadband	7
Taxi Service	3
A community bus	2
Improve bus stops/bus shelter at Greenloaning Farm	2
Car Sharing Scheme	1

HERITAGE AND VISITOR ATTRACTIONS	Number of times mentioned
Theme 6 Heritage and visitor attractions	17
Promote the Roman Fort	6
Information centre/heritage centre	4
Visitor leaflets, guides	4
Village welcome signs	3

TOP 10 PRIORITIES – Medium to Large

- Open a pub/restaurant/hotel
- Traffic Calming/speed limits
- Road and pavement repairs
- Improve the hotel building
- Safe pedestrian and cycle route between villages
- Make use of Greenloaning School
- Improve the bus service
- Make new school at Braco happen
- Upgrade playparks
- Open Greenloaning Station

TOP 5 PRIORITIES - Small

- More dog poo bins etc.
- Better community information
- More community events
- More activities/places for young people to meet
- Improve recycling

6. VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF BRACO AND GREENLOANING
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THRIVING VILLAGE HUB(S)

new school * new/refurbished hall * church * pub/hotel * shops/café * park & recreation areas * community use of old schools * hub/centre in Greenloaning
*activities and events and classes for all

WELL-CONNECTED

safe roads * good paths and cycle routes * good public transport * villages well connected * safe & easy to move around in *good access into the countryside * good broadband *good for working as well as living

ATTRACTIVE AND ENJOYABLE

buildings * green spaces * public realm * heritage * walls * planting * flowers * trees *paths and cycle routes * rivers * gardens *benches *picnic areas

GREEN AND RESILIENT

community allotments * local produce * community renewable energy *energy efficiency * moved on from oil * electric vehicles * good public transport * recycling/repair/reuse * mindful of impacts of climate change
*biodiverse * sustainable and sensitive growth and development

A GOOD PLACE TO VISIT

roman heritage * arts & crafts * walks * cycling * gardens * events *café *pub
* information & guides * well laid out & attractive

STILL RURAL, FRIENDLY, WELCOMING, AND INCLUSIVE`

retained its small peaceful rural nature * not grown too much * providing for the young * caring for the elderly * good for young people and families to come to live *working together * sensitive and well-planned growth and development * affordable housing

7. WHAT WOULD MAKE BRACO AND GREENLOANING GREENER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE

TRANSPORT AND ACTIVE TRAVEL	Number of times mentioned
Theme 1: Transport and active travel	184
Improved bus service – reliable, better connections	77
Safe walking and cycling routes (Greenloaning - Braco as priority)	29
Community transport – electric bus, smaller, connect to Ember	20
Reopen Greenloaning Station	20
EV Charging Points	17
Car Sharing Scheme	12
E Bike Hire	3
Use Greenloaning school Taxi more	3
Eco street lighting	3

LOCAL PRODUCE AND GROWING	Number of times mentioned
Theme 2: Local produce and growing	171
Outlet for local produce – village market, farm shop, farmers market	64
Allotments/community garden/orchard/wildlife garden	56
Community Composting	15
Village Shop better stocked – local produce	13
Veg swap scheme	9
Improve biodiversity/rewilding	9
Plant more trees	5

RECYCLING, REUSE AND REPAIR	Number of times mentioned
Theme 3: Recycling, Reuse and Repair	96
Improve recycling facilities – empty more, more options	70
A reuse scheme/promote the existing Facebook one	9
Charity shop/jumble sales/car boot sales	9
Repair café/mens shed/tool library	8

RENEWABLE ENERGY/ENERGY EFFICIENCY	Number of times mentioned
Theme 4: Renewable energy/energy efficiency	76
Promote and support alternatives to oil heating	27
Community owned energy source (wind/hydro/solar)	18
Support/finance for installing solar/ground source heating	10
Energy efficient public buildings (school, hall, church	10
More info about what grants are available	9
Bring in mains gas	2

OTHER COMMENTS	Number of times mentioned
	9
Better faster fibre broadband	3
Shared business premises/hub for homeworkers	3
More group activities in hall/church	1
Roman Information Centre	1