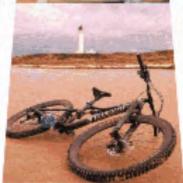


LOSSIEMOUTH

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN
2022 - 2027



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- Doctors Surgery
- Dentist
- Chemist
- Parking
- Cash point
- Museum
- Viewpoint
- Bus Stop
- Electric Charging Point
- Fuel
- Church
- School
- Paddle sports
- Swimming
- Surfing
- Bike Hire and Service
- Tennis Courts
- Football Ground
- Play Area
- Brewery
- Dining
- Main Shopping/Carling area
- National Cycle Route
- Walking Routes

- 1 Remsey Macdonald Viewpoint
- 2 East Beach Car Park
- 3 Seaton
- 4 Bridge (disused)
- 5 Old Railway Line
- 6 Estuary Car Park
- 7 Woodland Walks
- 8 Esplanade
- 9 Station Park
- 10 Fisheries Museum
- 11 Marina
- 12 James Square
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LOSSIEMOUTH AT A GLANCE

Location & History

Settlements in the area can be traced back as far as 1,000 years ago. The town as we know it grew around its harbours. The first harbour was established in the late 17th century when a German man, Peter Brauss, constructed a port at the mouth of the river Lossie. A new harbour was built from the rocks at Stotfield Point between 1837 and 1839.

By 1852 the railway had reached the town, serving its three districts of Branderburgh, Seatown and Stotfield and their combined population of 2,497. The coming of the railway brought the first tourists to Lossiemouth. The Old Harbour Commission built the first bridge linking the East Beach and Seatown in 1908. The bridge was subsequently moved upstream in 1918. The East Beach, together with the West Beach with its familiar landmark of the Covesea Lighthouse, continue to bring visitors to Lossiemouth.

Fishing was the mainstay of the local economy from the 18th century. On Christmas Day 1806 all three 'Skaffie' boats were lost from Stotfield with a loss of 25 men, leaving 17 widows and 47 orphaned children. The Stotfield Disaster Memorial was erected in 2006, looking out over the town's West Beach.

William Campbell of Lossiemouth designed the immensely popular Zulu fishing boat in 1879, a mainstay of the herring fishing industry until the introduction of the steam drifter.



Famous Residents

Lossiemouth's most famous resident was Ramsay MacDonald the first Labour Prime Minister (1924, 1929-1935). Meg Farquhar, also of the town, was the first female professional golfer in Britain (1910-1988). Stewart Imlach, a professional footballer (1932-2001).

The Fleet Air Arm and the RAF have had a presence in Lossiemouth since 1939. Today RAF Lossiemouth is one of the RAF's biggest bases and the only operational RAF base in Scotland.

Population & Housing

Lossiemouth has a population of 7,705 (2011 Census), showing an increase of 11% from the 2001 Census. The area has relatively fewer pensioners and more people of working age than other areas of Moray, mainly due to the presence of the main employer, RAF Lossiemouth. There are 3,087 households in Lossiemouth. 62.2% own their properties, 13.4% rent a property from Moray Council, 6.8% rent from another social landlord and 16.5% live in private rented accommodation. 1.1% live in rent free accommodation (all 2011 census).

Transport & Road Links

Lossiemouth is six miles from Elgin and is served by a Stagecoach bus service seven days a week (there is no longer a rail link to Lossiemouth). There are several local taxi firms.

Education & Schools

Pre-school provision includes two local authority nurseries, a private nursery and an RAF nursery. There are also some locally run parent and toddler groups. Lossiemouth High School serves the town and the neighbouring communities of Burghead, Duffus, Cummingston, Hopeman, Muirton, Salterhill, Covesea and Roseisle. In 2021 the school benefitted from a new £43 million building that is also used as a Community Centre and public swimming pool. There are two primary schools in Lossiemouth, Hythehill, and St. Gerardines.

Health & Care Services

Lossiemouth has two pharmacies and a dental practice. The new Moray Coast Health Centre, providing GP and nursing services to Lossiemouth and surrounding coastal areas, was built in partnership with the RAF and has eight doctors, four nurses and a nursing practitioner.



Recreational & Social Facilities

Lossiemouth has a library, town hall, museum, community centre with a swimming pool and four churches with halls.

There are numerous community groups and other organisations (in addition to those in the diagram overleaf), including Guides, Scouts and Boys Brigade, Flower Show Society, Covesea Lighthouse Community Company, Bowling Club, School Parent Partnerships, Art Group, Water Sports Association, Sailing Club, Action Marine Park, Lossiemouth Youth Cafe, Childminding Group, Logan's Fund (a charity in memory of a local boy), Outfit Moray (an outdoor activities charity), Moray Golf Club, Moray Firth Watersports Association, and Lossiemouth Coastal Rowing Club.

Other facilities include a bowling green, marina, cycle paths and a number of parks, play areas and open spaces.

Tourism & Environment

To the west of the town are the West Beach, golf links and the Royal Air Force. Lossie Forest is a large pine forest that starts on the town's south-east boundary that the river splits it into two sections. The south side of the town is joined by the fertile plains of the Laich o' Moray.

The East Beach is a large strip of dunes separated from the rest of the town by the River Lossie, creating a useful sheltered expanse of water. The town looks down onto this natural harbour with a plain promenade street. A new bridge that connects the East Beach to the town will be opened in Spring 2022.

Visitors to Lossiemouth also enjoy the Moray Coastal Trail, two caravan parks, forest walks, dolphin watching, surfing, plane-spotting, bird-watching, boat and sea-angling trips, Covesea Lighthouse and several bed & breakfasts, hotels and restaurants, cafes and takeaways. Walking and cycling are popular with visitors.

There are a range of local community events and festivals which help draw visitors to Lossiemouth, including The Moray Open Golf Championships in July and Seafest - a celebration of Lossiemouth's fishing heritage and local seafood - and The Raft Race, in collaboration with RAF Lossiemouth, both in August.

Lossiemouth has 26 listed buildings.



LOSSIEMOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Lossiemouth Community Development Trust was formed to represent and promote plans for residents and tourism in Lossiemouth by adopting a joint community approach towards improving facilities for the benefit of everyone in the community.

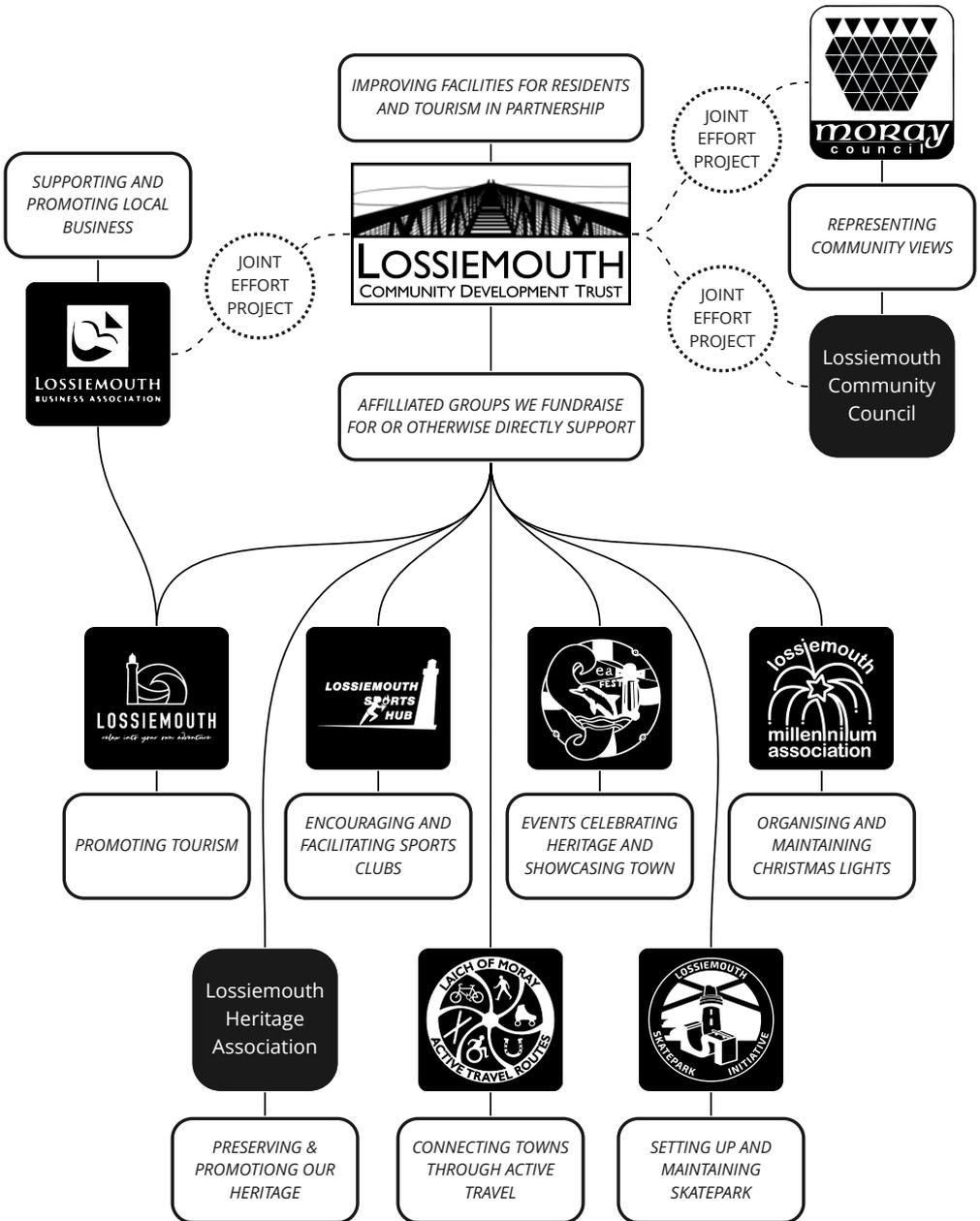
The objects of the Trust are:

- To consult with, inform and represent the interests of, the whole community throughout the lifetime of the Trust
- To investigate the opportunity and viability of various community-led initiatives
- To report back to the wider community as appropriate
- To establish whether or not the community wishes to pursue the proposed initiatives
- To form a community company, if appropriate, to progress and implement the initiatives.
- To liaise with agencies, statutory bodies and landowners or their representatives as appropriate.
- To secure funding from appropriate bodies to enable the appointment of various professionals and consultants to assist the work of the group.



We work with a range of internal and external partners in carrying these out. The diagram gives a good idea of who we work with and how we work with them.

HOW WE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP



ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FIRST 5 YEAR PLAN FOR LOSSIEMOUTH

Looking back on the short, and long-term goals for Lossiemouth that came out of the consultation in 2015, there is much to celebrate, not only for the Trust but for other Groups that took on projects.

Goals taken forward by the Trust:

- **East Beach Bridge** replaced in 2022 after a successful project which overcame many significant legal, financial, engineering and ownership issues spanning a number of years. This is the subject of the Trust `s most recent video.
- **Seafest** began in 2014 as a weekend event and has progressed to a weeklong annual event enjoyed by locals and tourists.
- **Development Officer** was employed by LCDT, Huw Williams was appointed in 2018 succeeded by Fiona Birse in 2020.
- **Active Travel Route** from Lossiemouth to Hopeman, has moved forward significantly but still has hurdles to cross.
- **Skate Park** project involved a successful Community Asset Transfer exercise, and is about to choose a preferred builder, and the next level of fundraising is about to start.
- **Station Park** currently looking at a Community Asset Transfer.

Goals taken forward by other Groups:

- **Marine Park** built a new Pavilion opened in 2021.
- **Community Council** organised beach clean ups, more dog bins and litter bins, kept Station Park toilets open. As well as supporting the community to get crossings at the school and supporting the town in a variety of ways.
- **Heritage Association** set up Heritage trails around the town.

Covid 19 hit in March 2020 and the Lossiemouth Community pulled together to support the needs of the people. The Trust through their Development Officer successfully applied for grants of over £130,000 which was handed over to the Community Council and 2-3 group who with the support of the churches, the LBA, businesses, and many volunteers distributed food, PPE, help with utility bills, cooked meals etc, to those in need. An amazing joint effort.

Achieving the goals set out in our New 5 Year Plan (and answering the wider needs highlighted by the 2021 town survey) will require groups working in continued partnership for the benefit of all.

We extend our thanks and appreciation for their efforts to all Trustees previous and current, particularly to those who did so much to establish the Trust and those who took on Office Bearers positions during the past 8 years.

Signed

Donna Milne, _____ Chairperson 2014 – 2018

Alan MacDonald, _____ Chairperson from 2019

BEACH ACCESS SECURED

One of the key actions highlighted by the Trust's original 5 year plan was to improve or upgrade the Seatown bridge which once provided a crucial connection to the East Beach. The Trust researched and worked for over five years to achieve full funding from the Scottish Government and ensure access for future generations.



“The Trust’s hard work on behalf of the community and close working with the Scottish Government and other partners has led to the significant investment in the new Lossie footbridge that is going to provide a massive boost locally and support local economic development.”
Richard Lothead
MSP for Moray

Establishing Ownership

With the demise of the Harbour Board, ownership of the bridge was assumed to have been handed over to the follow-on agencies of the Grampian region Moray District and Moray Councils. Following further investigation, it was confirmed that the Crown had accepted ownership of the bridge – though they subsequently stated that they had no intention or obligation to do any work to the bridge. The Crown was keen to see transfer of ownership to anybody that could maintain the bridge in a suitable manner. On completion of the New Bridge the Crown will hand over ownership of the bridge to The Moray Council.



Surveying

The Trust commissioned two reports from Fairhurst, Elgin, which highlighted the poor condition of the bridge and some repair options. These reports however didn't cover the condition of the wooden support structure below the water line, the condition of which was crucial for long term use. Further funding was secured for a full structural survey and options appraisal report, funded by the Beatrice Fund and local donations, which confirmed the need for a new bridge.

Fundraising

The final fundraising hurdle was to secure the finance to replace the bridge. This was achieved in 2021, when the Scottish Government stepped in to guarantee the project.

SEAFEST ESTABLISHED

The first Seafest took place in 2014 over the 4th & 5th of July with the aim of celebrating our fishing heritage. Establishing Seafest as an annual event was key goal within our 5 year plan.

With the support of the Trust, and its committee of friendly volunteers, Seafest has become one of Moray's summer highlights. It continues to create visibility for local organisations, businesses and communities as well as creating an annual focal point for both locals and tourists.

Now a week long celebration, Seafest works with a range of partners to offer events for all ages, including a craft fayre (with over 40 stalls), an art competition (with Moray Art Centre), and biking (with Outfit Moray). Traditional favourites like our family Sandcastle Competition mix with forays into the future (like our upcoming digital heritage trail) as the festival acts to move with the times while connecting us to our past. Over and above all, Seafest aims to celebrate and make visible the identity of our unique seaside home.

Seafest made a brave return in 2021 following a 2019 pandemic lockdown. The Trust supported the committee in putting together a programme of outdoor and socially distanced events to allow the festival to go ahead despite ongoing restrictions.



SKATEPARK SECURED



Another of the key actions highlighted by the Trust's original 5 year plan was to support the creation of a skatepark facility within Lossiemouth. This action was led by our associated partners, the Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative, who successfully secured funding to have a professional feasibility study conducted. The study concluded in 2018 and revealed overwhelming community support for the provision of a skatepark at Coularbank Playing Fields.

In spring 2021, Moray Council approved the Community Asset Transfer application for land at Coularbank Playing Fields where the skatepark will be situated. Feb 2022 will secure a contractor to design and build the park.

COVID RESPONSE

When COVID hit in 2019, the community came together to formulate a strategy in support of people in Lossiemouth. The Trust fundraised over £140,000 through donations and grants. The Community Council, the 2-3 Group, churches and many volunteers worked to distribute aid parcels to the many residents who needed support throughout the pandemic. The aid packages included electricity vouchers, fuel vouchers, food, toiletries and hot meals. At Christmas we did hampers with toys.

"I'd like to thank you for the wonderful contribution you have made to the people of Moray during the anxious and challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic."
Maj Gen The Hon Seymour
Monro CBE LVO
Lord Lieutenant of Moray

"The past two years were amongst the most challenging for communities everywhere. We were grateful to LCDT for committing the time and expertise of the wonderful Fiona Birse to us. Without Fiona we could not have done a fraction of the work we were able to do for families and individuals in our area. That work made a phenomenal difference to people's lives".
Carolle Ralph
Lossiemouth Community Council

We had never worked together so effectively or come together so completely, and the success of our joint COVID response really underlined how powerful we are when we work in partnership.



2021 SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

The 2021 Consultation, which has informed our new 5 year plan, was designed in collaboration with Moray Council and local groups including the Lossie 2-3 Group, the Lossiemouth Community Council and The Lossiemouth Business Association.

604 people participated in the survey out of around 7,730 total residents. The majority of respondents were female, indicating either that women were more likely to take part in a survey of this kind or that a large number of women were completing the survey on behalf of their household.

The results demonstrate the importance of the beaches to both local people and visitors, with improved beachside facilities being a top concern. Alongside improved facilities, improving or increasing the strength and frequency of events and activities was a recurring theme throughout. This included a demand for more market-type events and pop-ups.

The importance of encouraged access to outdoor activities was highlighted as key in supporting community wellbeing. Alongside this, there was support for a community hub as a focal point for wellbeing activities.

There was a distinct awareness among respondents of the need for local groups to work better together, signposting and supporting each other for the benefit of residents.

Rather than focusing solely on issues which fall within the objectives of the Trust, the survey included a broader range of questioning relating to three themes - economy, welfare & wellbeing, and place.

Favourite things about Lossiemouth

TOP 5

1. Beach
2. People/ community
3. Amenities
4. Area/ scenery
5. Walks/ outdoor spaces

ECONOMY THEME	
<p>PRIORITIES</p> <p>(number of respondents for whom this was a priority)</p> <p>Tourism (447)</p> <p>Support to existing businesses (435)</p> <p>Improved income levels (429)</p> <p>Business start-up support (426)</p> <p>Childcare (411)</p> <p>Other (62)</p>	<p>More support to businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Increase tourism; more advertising & promotion · Shop Local campaign · Support for new & struggling businesses · More pop-up shops <p>Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Increase parking through new car parks & improved marking <p>Tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · More events - cultural, crafts, music, galas & family events · Toilets - open more often/better quality · More/better accommodation <p>Beaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sports hire – more promotion of what's available · Improve access to, and facilities at, both beaches · Increase outdoor seating & tables, including sheltered areas · More & improved play areas/parks · More spaces/facilities for camper vans <p>Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Markets & pop-up food events · Improve restaurants · Discounts, deals & offers

WELFARE & WELLBEING THEME	
<p style="text-align: center;">PRIORITIES</p> <p>(number of respondents for whom this was a priority)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mental & physical health (387) Food & fuel poverty (384) Links between military (377) Community/social activities (377) Disability (372) Loneliness (371) Other (60)</p>	<p>More groups, clubs & activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · More promotion of what's available · More friendship & social clubs · More outdoor & crafting activities <p>More for youth, children & families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Youth clubs (with a café) · Inter-generational activities · Breakfast & after school clubs · Extra support for young people who need it · Police interaction with young folk · More family fun days <p>Community hub/drop-in/Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Free, accessible, with café facilities & for all ages · Giving access to advice & support services eg: money advice · Lunch club/day centre for older folk; social opportunities · Link in with transport assistance <p>Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Outdoor gym · Better playparks · Community garden/allotments · Men's shed <p>Sports & exercise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Community sporting events - free or affordable · More outdoor classes & equipment · More links between schools & sport eg: water-based activities · More promotion of what's available <p>Employment/training/education/recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · More/better business mentoring & apprentice opportunities · More help to get online/progress online · More access to employment on the RAF base · Increased recruitment of carers · More life training on finance, alcohol & drug awareness etc. · Volunteers & voluntary jobs list <p>More for elderly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · More befriending/buddy/neighbours schemes for the elderly · More social opportunities - lunch clubs, day groups, keep fit · More inter-generational projects and visits to the elderly

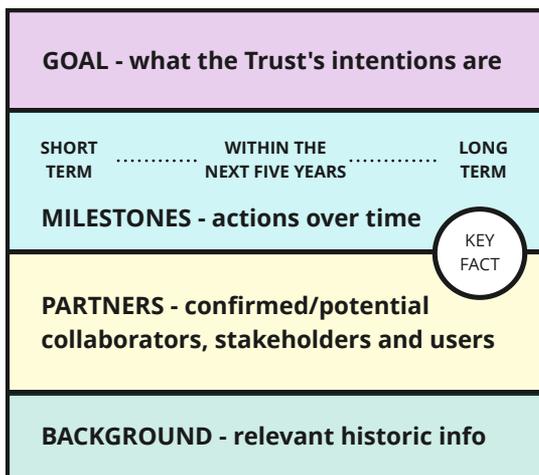
PLACE THEME	
<p style="text-align: center;">PRIORITIES</p> <p>(number of respondents for whom this was a priority)</p>	<p>Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Groups working together better · More support, resources & funding for groups · More promotion of groups & activities; more engagement · More community events and get-togethers <p>Cleaner Lossiemouth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Clean the streets and alleyways · Litter picks and beach/woodland cleans (rewarded) · Clean up & utilise empty buildings · More dog bins & fines <p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · More outdoor events like Seafest, Raft Race · Outdoor markets · More events for all ages

<p>Amenities (374) Green spaces (372) Roads, paths & transport (369) Buildings & land regeneration (367) Impact of climate change (361) Parking (358) Other (37)</p>	<p>Amenities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Better Post Office & banking facilities · More/ better public toilets · Better use of Town Hall & Station Park · Improve facilities at, & access to, both beaches · Community Hub · Better signage · Local music & art venues & events <p>Transport & Active Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Develop Lossiemouth to Hopeman cycle path · Develop & connect more cycle routes · Cheaper & better transport to Hopeman (direct) · Improve public transport, particularly at night <p>Shops & Businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Attract a larger range of shops & fill empty buildings · Better Post Office & banking facilities · Support to new/ small businesses · Reduce rates · Better eating facilities centrally <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Local apprenticeships · Support for better attainment (eg: after school clubs) · Education opportunities beyond classroom · Youth groups/clubs/café · More links between schools and local businesses
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NEW FIVE YEAR PLAN - OVERVIEW

Over the next few pages, you'll see our new 5 year plan laid out as separate goals.

Each goal is presented on its own double page spread using the layout diagrammed below:



GOAL

SEAFEST

MILESTONES

SHORT TERM

fundraise for shared personnel, equipment and facilities based in Station Park

WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.....

run Seafest 2022 with a festival-long presence in Station Park

PARTNERS



The Seafest Committee will oversee this goal and lead on narrowing down the ways in which it will be achieved

Heritage Association helping deliver Seafest aims of raising awareness of fishing heritage

Market stallholders will be important partners in possible enrichment or expansion of the annual Seafest Fayre day



BACKGROUND

The tradition of Gala Days is shared with other towns on the Moray coast

Gala Days cease

2014 first Seafest takes place on the 4th & 5th of July

TRUST'S INTENTIONS: Improve event facilities and bolster professional team to support regular activities.

.....WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

LONG TERM

→ expand events team and partnerships →

celebrate 10 years with a special 2024 Seafest



Sports group link-ups and taster sessions in collaboration with Outfit Moray, Action Marine Park and others

Moray Council environmental health and events personnel

Increased coverage from local press

Local police advise on event safety



→ **2020** Seafest cancelled due to COVID19 pandemic →

2021 Seafest returns with outdoor and socially distant programme after the Trust successfully secures funding from Event Scotland and others

→ **2022** Seafest will run 8th - 16th August, hopefully without restrictions

GOAL

BUILD SKATEPARK

MILESTONES

SHORT TERM

WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.....

awarding contract to build company

planning permissions secured

build

PARTNERS



Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative are heading up this project. youngsters, youth workers and adult skateboarders.

Skaters in the local area

Artists and/or arts engagement projects to add finishing touches and generate increased interest

LCDT have been supportive of the skatepark since day one. Becoming a sub group within the Trust allowed us to apply for funding (via LCDT) to procure our Feasibility Study and our recently successful CAT application would not have been possible without LCDT's input. Always willing to give advice and assist when required.
Magnus Malcolm

BACKGROUND

2014 Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative begun



2017 pop-up ramp day raising funds and awareness



2018 professional feasibility study conducted

TRUST'S INTENTION: Support the Skatepark Initiative group as they build and open a skatepark on the grounds secured for that purpose.

WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

built and open to public

The next 5 years will see a growing skateboard/bmx scene with kids benefitting from the free to use sports facility. Competitions and fundraising jams will hopefully be arranged, linking in with Seafest and other community events.



Sports Hub to support and promote activities once open



Moray council enabled the community asset transfer of the land

2019 crowdfunder to cover impact assessments

2021 community asset transfer completed

2021 tender for skatepark published on Scottish gov't public contracts service

GOAL

CYCLEPATH TO HOPEMAN

MILESTONES

SHORT TERM

WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

secured substantial funding from Sustrans for necessary works including preliminary designs



secure permissions from landowners along selected route



planning permissions secured

PARTNERS



Laich Of Moray Active Travel Routes are heading up this project. The group consists of representatives from Outfit Moray, Community Council, Lossie walking groups, the Hopeman Association, Gordonstoun, the RAF, the Tourism group and local cyclists.

Sustrans have already committed substantial funding to get us to where we are at with the project to date. They will provide future funding of up to 70% of design & build costs.

Local community participating in consultation.

Local press creating awareness.

BACKGROUND

2007 feasibility study by Moray Council with aim to connect coastal villages



2012 Burghead to Duffus route complete

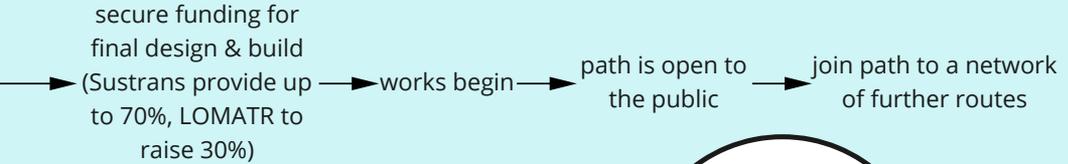


2014 Trust survey leads to Lossie - Hopeman connection emerging as a priority

TRUST'S INTENTION: Support Laich Of Moray Active Travel Routes group in their efforts to secure a cycle route between Lossiemouth and Hopeman.

...WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

LONG TERM



Pell Frischmann are the design and build co-ordinators for this project.

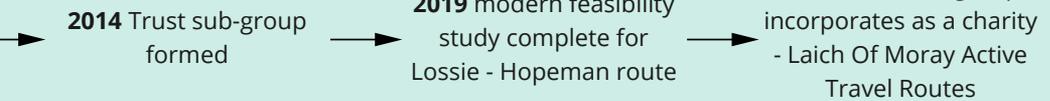
MSPs and MP advocating for the project.

Moray Council ran a 12 week consultation on their Active Travel Strategy starting Jan 2022

Local councillors lobbying various stakeholders.



Moray Council offers technical and planning support to this project.



GOAL

IMPROVE STATION PARK

MILESTONES

SHORT TERM

community asset transfer of land from Council to Trust

WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.....

→ establish Trust presence in park through on-site pop-up office

→ run public consultation on redevelopment plans →



Moray council have committed to making improvements to Station Park

The Gardening Group who tend to station park



PARTNERS



Station Park is an important event and storage location for Seafest



Business Association who may collaborate on regular use of market stalls on site



Seafest 2021

BACKGROUND

1852 railway reaches Lossiemouth

→ circa 1900 east beach reinforced with old carriages

TRUST'S INTENTION: Work with partners to explore possibility of making strategic improvements to Station Park in support of improved events, event/activity signposting, play facilities, business development and tourism.

.....WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

LONG TERM

secure planning permission

raise funds against agreed plans

major redevelopment of site

expansion of on-site activities

New and existing sports and leisure opportunities hosted and/or signposted at Station Park

Families who use the play facilities



The Tourism Sub-Group who have visitor improvement ideas and might benefit from a tourism information office on site

The Community Council who have been working on ideas for a seafront art trail and maintain toilets

The Heritage Association who might provide historic guidance



The Millennium Association who may wish to commission and install new lighting

the curved platform of the station remains

1964 line closed as part of the Beeching cuts

1988 original station buildings demolished

circa 1996 site tidied up into carpark and recreation space

GOAL

MENS SHED

MILESTONES

SHORT TERM

initial meeting to establish the need



WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.....

set up a steering committee



look for suitable premises



PARTNERS



Millennium Association require space and tools in order to maintain our Christmas lights

A place to learn traditional crafts?



Make St Gerardine lanterns for the annual procession?

BACKGROUND



TRUST'S INTENTIONS: To find a suitable location for, fundraise for and establish a Men's Shed (open to all genders and ages) in Lossiemouth with the aim of forging community connections, sharing skills and maintaining/improving community infrastructure (Christmas lights, planters etc).

.....WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS



Build and repair community boats, planters, etc?



Men's Sheds (or Sheds) are similar to garden sheds – a place to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practice skills and enjoy making and mending. The difference is that garden sheds and their activities are often solitary in nature while Men's Sheds are the opposite.
Men's Sheds Association

This is an entirely new suggestion, which has been made by a lot of respondents to our five year plan consultation.

GOAL

COMMUNITY GARDEN

MILESTONES

SHORT TERM

initial meeting to establish the need

WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

set up a steering committee (dedicated group)

look for suitable premises

The Gardening Group will be invited to the initial meeting



PARTNERS



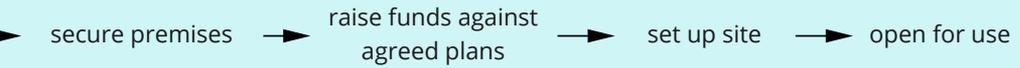
Moray Council have communicated an interest in supporting a community garden in Lossiemouth

BACKGROUND

This is a suggestion which has been made both in the original and the 2021 consultation.

TRUST'S INTENTIONS: To support a dedicated group in finding a suitable location for, fundraising for, and establishing a community garden in Lossiemouth where residents can grow produce for a mix of personal and communal use.

.....WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS



Excess produce might be sold at a future market in Station park



What produce should we grow?

Links with the Men's Shed?



TRUST'S INTENTIONS: **To support the provision of a set of toilets and shower facilities for the east beach side of town along the esplanade.**

WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

→ fundraise for renovation → renovate → employ cleaner → open to public

As a charity, the Trust will be exempted from payment of water rates.



Business Association Tourism Sub Group to ensure there are appropriate facilities for visitors to the town.



→ Taken over by Community Council Voluntarily

→ **2020** Council announced intent to close esplanade toilets

→ **2022** Date Moray Council state toilets are funded until

GET INVOLVED

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ACTION MARINE PARK

We elaborated previously on just some of the projects that came about as a result of the first consultation. Here Carol E Lennon tells us how the Action Marine Park group set out and achieved their goal. We hope that the second consultation, previously summarised, will help groups like AMP in the years to come. A fuller read of the 2021 consultation can be had on our website:

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The new Marine Park Pavilion, completed in December 2020, is the focal point in Marine Park, Stotfield Road Lossiemouth.

This new building is home to Action Marine Park, AMP, the community group managing the Marine Park area. Lossiemouth Tennis Club are at home in Marine Park also and the new pavilion provides good storage and accessible toilet facilities for all outdoor groups on the ground level. To maintain as much outdoor space as possible the building has an upper level providing a good studio space which has proved popular for use by many of the local community groups.

Fundraising and planning for the Pavilion was undertaken completely by the AMP group. The group are a registered charity and are a small committee of trustees with a larger group of members, dedicated to enhancing and improving Marine Park for the benefit of all of the local community.

AMP ran fundraising events in the park and around the town for many years whilst the Community Asset Transfer of the park area was pursued. Immediately on completion of this, which took over 5 years, large fund applications were applied for to build a Pavilion, to replace the one previously situated in the park.

The small group of AMP volunteer trustees worked extremely hard to bring the plans and finance together to finally deliver a building fit to service all park users. This was not without stumbling blocks, concerns and issues and took many, many volunteer hours to bring together. It was definitely a project of passion and determination and not for the feint hearted.

The trustees hope that work can now start on other areas in Marine Park that need defined and promoted for great outdoor use by the local community and visitors alike.

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