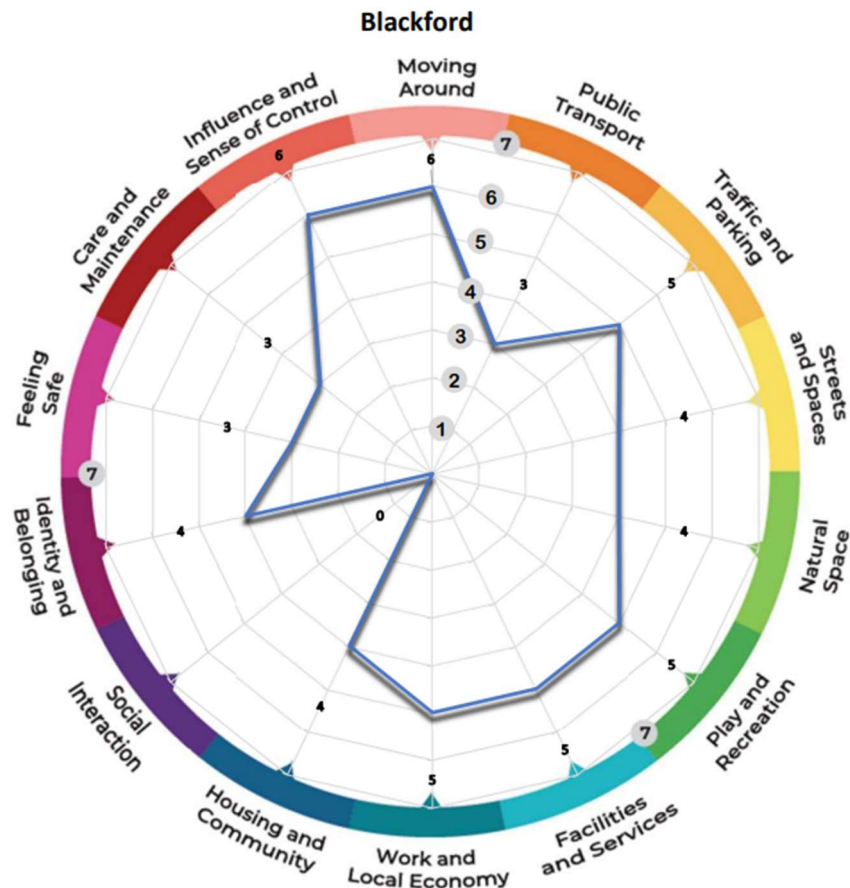


Community Council: Blackford

A total of 10 responses received for Blackford Community Council, all from primary school pupils.

Place Standard Scores

Note that due to the tailored nature of conversations not all participants completed scores, this includes drop in events. Note that place standard scores are out of 7. Seven is where the least improvement is needed, and 1 the most.



Moving Around (6)

Positive comments on this topic point at the good environment for people cycling, with paths and streets that feel adequate. Negative feedback focus on the walk from the village to the Old Castle being fenced off.

Suggested improvements include the creation of a cycle park and skate park, and some enhancements to the Moray Institute.

Public Transport (3)

Positive feedback considered the number of bus stops available in the village to be sufficient. However, negative comments criticised the frequency of bus services, with only two buses connecting the village with Perth every hour.

Suggested improvements received focus on the strengthening of public transport service. It was suggested that trains stop at Blackford on the way to Stirling, and that bus routes serve secondary streets within the village, instead of just covering Moray Street.

Traffic & Parking (5)

The majority of feedback on this topic was to raise safety concerns. These include the presence of blind spots along Moray Street, the high volume and speed of heavy vehicles on the village streets, and the shortage of crossing points for people walking. Suggested improvements point at the possibility of installing zebra crossings to enhance safety.

Streets, Squares & Buildings (4)

Low number of comments on this topic, pointing at the need to upgrade footways along Stirling Street.

Natural Spaces (4)

Several positive comments were received on this topic, mentioning the available of high quality natural spaces in the area. These include the outdoor walk at Gleneagles, the forest at Blackford and local fields within the village.

Suggested improvements focus on improvements to specific locations, such as the path connecting the rail level crossing and the forest school, the crossing over the stream behind Blackford Primary or the road between Stirling Street and Beltone. Other concerns point at the upkeep of existing facilities, such as the removal of barbed wire in a local field.

Play & Recreation (5)

A variety of comments were received, with negative feedback highlighting the poor quality of some local grounds, and the presence of snapped trees near play areas. Positive responses show an appreciation for the quality of some local facilities, and praise the fact that children can sometimes play on the street.

Suggested improvements focus on the upkeep of the existing play park, with equipment needing maintenance. The addition of bins was also suggested.

Facilities & Services (5)

Positive comments regarding facilities and amenities highlight the value of the local shop, providing a good service for the village. The library that serves Blackford, while based in Auchterarder, was also appreciated.

Suggested improvements include the addition of more shops, social and sporting venues. The possibility of opening a library to replace the mobile van was also raised.

Work & Local Economy (5)

Low number of comments on this topic, with a positive perception of local work opportunities. The possibility of doing volunteer work at the local church was also praised.

Housing & Community (4)

Low number of comments regarding housing and community, with positive feedback on recent housing developments in the village. Suggested improvements pointed at the need to improve the condition of public areas and buildings in Blackford.

Social Interaction (-)

Low number of comments on this topic, with positive feedback regarding the availability of attractive spaces for social interaction.

Identity & Belonging (4)

Low number of comments regarding identity and belonging, mostly commenting on the overall sense of pride that locals have towards the village and Scotland in general.

Feeling Safe (3)

Positive comments received point at consistent police presence in the village. Negative feedback highlight issues of antisocial behaviour and littering. Other comments include repairs to the local church to address perceived risks, and the potential safety concerns related to quietness in the village after dark.

Care & Maintenance (3)

Positive feedback on this topic highlights the community litter picks improving the attractiveness of the village, but commented on some areas not being included. Negative responses raised issues with smells occasionally produced by the whisky factory.

Suggested improvements include removing litter in the area near the Highland Spring factory, and the need to repair footways and drains on Moray Street.

Influence & Sense of Control (6)

Low number of comments on this topic, with an appreciation for opportunities for the local community to participate in engagement exercises.