

## Community Council: Blair Atholl and Struan

The Blair Atholl and Struan Community Council area is a largely rural area to the north of Pitlochry, with connections via the A9 trunk road and the Highland railway line. The area includes the popular tourist village of Blair Atholl as well as outlying villages and hamlets including Trinafour, Calvine and Struan. It is important to note that most of the Community Council area, including Blair Atholl, falls within the Cairngorms National Park where the National Park Authority lead on development planning matters. A Community Action Plan (2023) has been prepared for the Blair Atholl area.

One online survey response was received as well a comment made during the Pitlochry High School place standard session.

### 1. Moving Around (-)

Comment highlighting moving around is difficult due to rural nature of the area, with the suggestion for improvements to public transport would make access easier.

### 2. Public Transport (-)

Comment highlighting, they did not use public transport, which is not possible without driving 7+ miles first. Improving public transport suggested.

### 3. Traffic & Parking (-)

Lack of publicly available parking highlighted, with a suggestion to improve the provision within the area.

### 4. Streets, Squares & Buildings (-)

Area dominated by private, rural houses. Suggested improvement for better public transport.

### 5. Natural Spaces (-)

Access to nature highlighted as very good.

### 6. Play & Recreation (-)

Plenty of outdoor spaces but indoor spaces limited to private homes. Suggested to improve public transport to enable better access to opportunities for play and recreation.

### 7. Facilities & Services (-)

Services and amenities accessible if you have a car and can drive. Suggested to improve public transport to enable better access to services and amenities.

### 8. Work & Local Economy (-)

Jobs mainly dominated by the hospitality sector. Comment also noting that there are very limited jobs available for those who are neurodiverse or disabled, where workplace adaptations would be needed. A suggestion is to provide a fair opportunity for all to access work.

### 9. Housing & Community (-)

It is noted that housing is available in the local area.

### 10. Social Interaction (-)

Social interaction mainly takes place outdoors or at neighbours' homes. Access to public transport highlighted as a way to improve the opportunities for social interaction.

#### 11. Identity & Belonging (-)

One comment highlighting they are very proud to stay in the area however improved public transport service would help others enjoy the outdoors.

#### 12. Feeling Safe (-)

Generally feel very safe in the local area. A comment within the under 18 age group highlighted security issues at Blair Atholl Hotel, where visitors sometimes enter without permission.

#### 13. Care & Maintenance (-)

Suggestion is made to potentially do something with Struan Primary School, possibly community use.

#### 14. Influence & Sense of Control (-)

It is noted that it is easy to have a say but not always listened to.