

### *Community Council: Crieff*

A total of 7 responses were received for Crieff Community Council. Four were collated during a Logos Futures event, with a further three produced through the online survey.

#### *Place Standard Scores*

*Due to the limited number of responses, a Place Standard Wheel has not been produced for Crieff Community Council.*

### Moving Around

Positive comments point at a good quality walking and cycling environment in parts of Crieff, and in walks in the nearby areas. The path connecting Crieff with Comrie was also perceived positively.

There were also negative comments on the quality of the infrastructure for people walking and cycling. Feedback point at some locations with substandard footways, and occurrences of waste bins obstructing the footway and forcing people to walk on the main carriageway. These were raised as safety concerns, as well as deterrents for people to uptake active travel choices. Other negative comments highlight how unpaved paths throughout Crieff discourage their use in certain conditions.

Suggested improvements include the completion of the cycle path between Muthill and Crieff, and the development of a wider network of segregated paths for people walking and cycling off the main road. There were also comments regarding the difference in quality of parks and paths between the east and west of Crieff, with the latter enjoying better facilities. Lastly, a comment suggested the installation of mechanical assistance to support people walking and cycling in some of the steeper streets within the village.

### Public Transport

Several positive comments were received about the public transport network in Crieff. These focus on the ease of use and the quality of the provision, specifically in the case of the local bus service.

Negative feedback highlights a lack of options connecting Crieff with other locations. Comments pointed at difficulties to travel to Perth and Stirling, with unreliable services that make any journeys that rely on the connection with rail services hard to plan. These routes connecting Crieff with other settlements were thought not to be frequent or reliable enough to provide a suitable connection.

With regards to train services, it was suggested that Crieff reopens its rail station to enhance connectivity. One negative comment pointed at the low frequency of trains from Gleneagles station, which is the closest in distance for people travelling from Crieff.

### Traffic & Parking

The majority of the feedback received on this topic was negative. Responses highlight road safety concerns regarding vehicle speeding through key locations within Crieff, and issues regarding parked cars obstructing traffic. Comments pointed at how the large number of vehicles parked on the High Street difficult the circulation of heavy vehicles through the town centre. Other comments raise safety concerns at the 'five roads' crossing, located near educational premises.

Suggested improvements include the introduction of 20mph speed limits, and a more comprehensive enforcement of parking restrictions. There were also comments addressing specific locations, suggesting the implementation of one-way systems or the use of resident parking schemes.

### Streets, Squares & Buildings

Most of the comments regarding streets, squares and buildings were negative. Several issues were raised around the quality of street space, including pavements in poor condition, a lack of drop-down kerbs, and an excess of street clutter that difficult pedestrian movement. Other negative feedback raised issues with key locations within the town centre. Historic buildings in disrepair and a high number of vacant units were quoted as main concerns.

Suggestions for improvement include the possibility of pedestrianising Crieff Square, the renovation of key heritage buildings and improvements to green areas both in terms of maintenance and provision of street furniture.

### Natural Spaces

Positive comments on this topic praised the quality of some of the existing natural assets. Facilities such as Lady Mary's Walk and the Knock were highlighted as valuable for the community. There were also negative comments, raising concerns about the lack of walking facilities in the eastern part of Crieff, or the need to provide suitable greenspace near new housing developments.

Suggested improvements included the increase of tree planting and the provision of suitable paths in the outskirts of the town. One comment stated a preference for the creation of green spaces instead of new housing in Crieff.

### Play & Recreation

The majority of feedback on this topic was positive, with an overall appreciation for the variety and quality of facilities available in Crieff. Premises such as MacRosty Park, Crieff Leisure Centre and Morrisons Academy were highlighted as positive assets for the community. The presence of the Compass Card was also seen as valuable.

Suggested improvements focused around maintenance and upkeep for specific locations.

### Facilities & Services

Positive comments on this topic highlighted the presence of a good variety of options. These include leisure uses and general convenience. Recent upgrades to the water treatment infrastructure were also seen as a positive for the community.

Negative feedback highlighted some difficulties to access specific services. This was raised from a variety of angles. Barriers were quoted as a geographical challenge, with significant distance to further education; as capacity issues, with difficulties to access dentistry services; and restriction in operating hours, with Crieff Community Hospital no longer offering out of hours cover. Other negative comments point at a lack of shopping options in the town, and a need for more EV chargers to be available.

Several suggestions for improvements were received. These include the creation of an herb garden, a banking hub and an upgraded Post Office in the High Street. It was also suggested that more supermarket options would be welcome in the town, and the possibility of improving the public toilets at Crieff Square and MacRosty Park.

### Work & Local Economy

Some positive comments about work and local economy were received. The coworking space was raised as a positive. Feedback also highlighted opportunities to access employment at local hotels and volunteering at charity shops. However, one comment considered options were currently limited to hospitality and construction jobs.

### Housing & Community

Feedback on this topic was varied. While community aspects were praised, with a variety of events available, there was also a feeling that it could be further enhanced, with an increase in diversity and representation, as well as the addition of more events.

Comments on the local housing stock were negative, with a feeling that, despite having a good number of new houses in the town, these were unappealing, indistinctive and unaffordable.

### Social Interaction

Positive comments regarding social interaction in Crieff evolve around the availability of suitable spaces to meet. Specific locations such as cafes, Crieff Square or the Logos Youth Project were highlighted as positive additions to the community.

There were also several negative comments. Some highlighted a lack of opportunities to engage in collective activities and events. Schools used to be actively engaged in organising, but this didn't seem to be the case at the moment. There was also feedback pointing at the lack of inclusiveness within the local community, with difficulties for minorities to feel welcome in the area. Other comments criticised the shortage of spaces for activities and informal gatherings, with premises having closed in recent years, and a lack of premises for young people.

### Identity & Belonging

Feedback on this topic showed an appreciation for the history and environment in Crieff. Some of the suggested improvements focused on the addition of a museum, enhancements to the attractiveness of the High Street, and efforts to make the local community a more welcoming and inclusive space.

### Feeling Safe

The overall perception is that Crieff is a safe place, with positive comments highlighting this. However, some negative feedback highlights issues with vandalism and antisocial behaviour that impacts the perception of safety, particularly in the evening.

### Care & Maintenance

The majority of comments received on this topic were negative, with concerns raised around the condition of buildings and public spaces. Feedback pointed at the poor upkeep of the town centre, with litter and broken glass present. Other issues raised were the lack of maintenance of the community garden, and the large number of bins permanently stored on pavements damaging the perception of the town.

Several comments also pointed at potential improvements, particularly related to the condition of specific buildings. These responses went from the unpleasant appearance of the building to a perceived safety risk associated with a lack of maintenance.

### Influence & Sense of Control

Positive feedback on this topic pointed at a few opportunities for residents to engage with the local community. This included groups around specific activities and interests, as well as organisations supporting young people in the area.

Negative comments raised concerns about a lack of opportunities for individuals to participate outside of groups of interests. Feedback also highlighted a perceived inconsistency in the level of engagement across different parts of Crieff, with more affluent areas being given more opportunities to engage.

One response made a suggestion for improvement, pointing at the need to establish mechanisms to deliver change beyond the initial discussion.