

Community Council: Kettins

Kettins Community Council area is located southeast of Coupar Angus and forms part of the eastern border of Perth and Kinross. Kettins is the only designated settlement in the Local Development Plan. There is currently no Community Action Plan for the area.

There were only two respondents from the area during the Big Place Conversation, therefore no scoring against the Place Standard topics has been provided.

Moving Around

Active travel around the village and to neighbouring settlements is difficult due to a lack of pavements and safety hazards due to sharing the road with vehicles. This can be addressed by improving and increasing active travel routes within the village and linking with other settlements.

Public Transport

Feedback was negative due to poor provision of bus stops and insufficient timetabling. There are only a few bus stops in Kettins, and some residents are required to walk a long distance to catch a bus. Public transport is not always feasible from Kettins due to poor co-ordination of the bus timetable with school and work times. The timetable also restricts residents from enjoying evenings in Dundee. A later evening service would likely increase the use of public transport.

Traffic & Parking

Speeding is an issue in and around Kettins, with vehicles commonly going over the 10mph limit. HGVs regularly drive through the village and respondents suggest these should be redirected around the A923. More traffic calming measures was also suggested as a priority for the area.

Parking is also an issue, particularly at the church where the lack of provision leads to parking on greenspace and causes damage.

Streets, Squares & Buildings

No responses.

Natural Spaces

While the community is fortunate to have easy access to Hallyburton Estate for getting out in nature, concerns have been raised around their wildlife management practices and the impact it is having on biodiversity in the wider area. It has been suggested that despite being in the countryside, the surrounding area has been subject to extensive agriculture, pesticide use, and removal of trees and hedges. Enhancing biodiversity through ecological corridors is important for the area and should possible nature networks connections should be considered.

Existing greenspaces, such as the “green lungs” in the centre and community garden as you come into the village, are important to the community. These give the village character, as well as multi-functional spaces that provide benefits for nature and residents.

Play & Recreation

Opportunities for play and recreation in Kettins are limited to the play park and football pitch. There is a gap in provision for teenagers, particularly those who don't play football, and this requires youth to travel to access other opportunities. Combined with the public transport issues raised, this disadvantages local teenagers and can lead to them being less active. It has

been noted that the new Hub by the football pitch is well used and has developed into an asset for the community.

Respondents suggest recreational walking around the village and in the surrounding countryside would be encouraged if there were better quality, sign posted, routes.

Facilities & Services

There are limited facilities and services around Kettins, with most travelling to Coupar Angus for essentials. Consideration should be given to growing Coupar Angus as a rural hub and improving linkages (e.g. public transport and active travel) to surrounding villages.

Work & Local Economy

There are limited work and volunteering opportunities available to the community, with only a few employers in agriculture or hospitality.

Housing & Community

There is a reasonable mix of housing in the community. No issues have been raised concerning housing.

Social Interaction

No responses.

Identity & Belonging

Residents think Kettins is a nice place to live and a “picture postcard place”.

Feeling Safe

Kettins is a peaceful village with little or no reported crime.

Care & Maintenance

General upkeep is an issue in Kettins, with issues raised around the maintenance of public spaces i.e. streets, pavements and greenspaces. Action is required by both PKC and the local community to maintain the quality of the village.

Influence & Sense of Control

No responses.