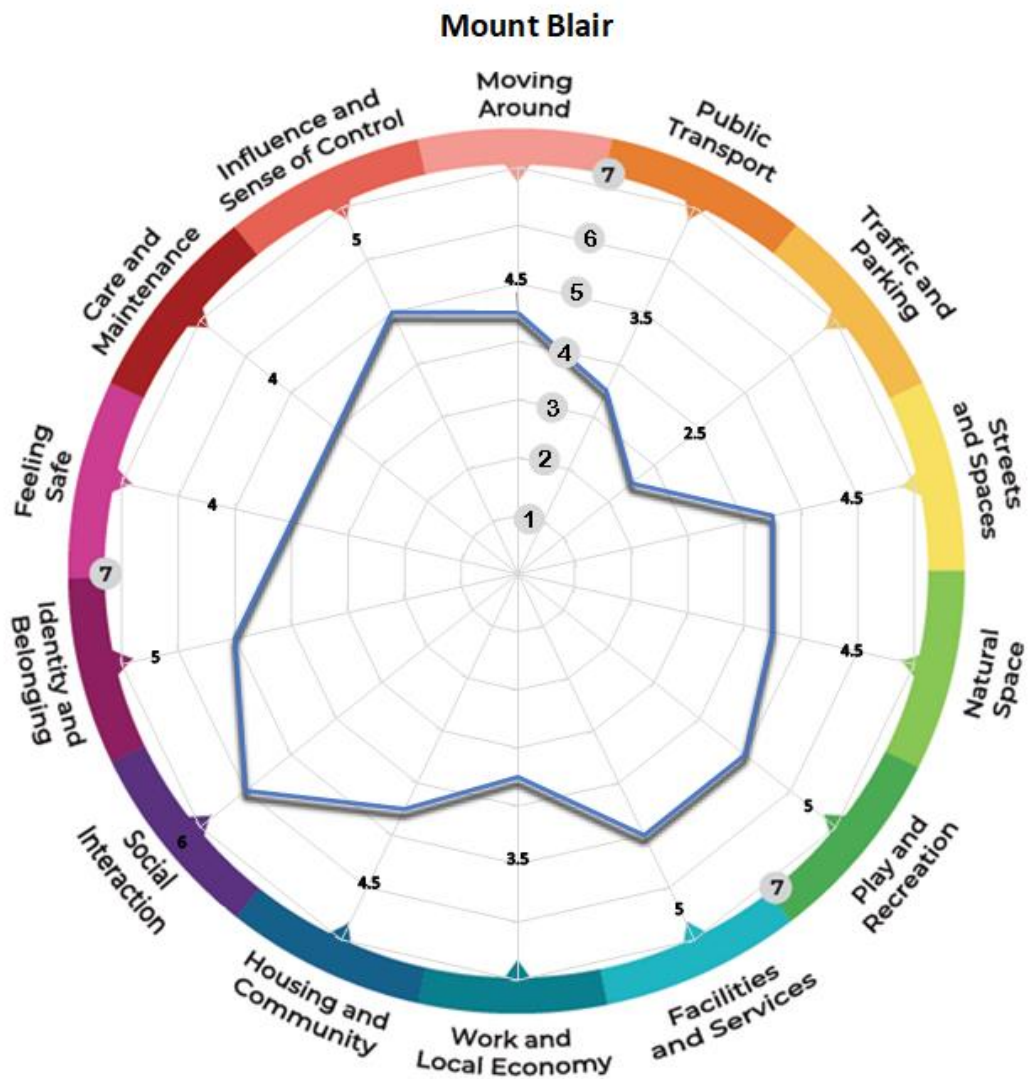


### Community Council: Mount Blair

Mount Blair is a large rural area that expands north from Blairgowrie into the Highlands. This community council area forms the northeast corner of Perth and Kinross, bordering both the Cairngorms National Park and Angus Council. There are only two designated settlements in the Local Development Plan: Kirkmichael and Bridge of Cally.

[Mount Blair Community Action Plan 2013-2018](#) is outdated but should be read for further detail on the area and local priorities.

There was one event held with 20 children at Kirkmichael Primary School and this was the only feedback received from the area. There were no respondents from Mount Blair that participated in other events or completed the online survey. It is therefore important to note that the feedback summarised here is from the perspective of children.



## Moving Around

General opinion of this topic was positive, with walking and cycling being considered easy. Some negative comments were received with regards to a lack of safe crossing points, the perceived danger of cycling on the carriageway, and lack of footways in busy parts of the road network.

Suggestions included the provision of raised pavements to allow for people cycling to be fully segregated from road vehicles. Advisory cycle lanes were seen as less desirable, with preference for fully off-road alternatives for active travel.

## Public Transport

Positive comments received highlighted good level of usage by school pupils. Negative observations were also raised regarding the need for better bus services in support of older people, and for more regular provision of bus services.

Lack of access to train services was also mentioned.

## Traffic & Parking

Positive comments included the availability of EV charge points.

A series of negative comments were also raised. These include the volume of large and heavy vehicles on the local road network, both for industrial and tourism purposes, and the limitations of carriageway width to accommodate. Comments also highlighted vehicle speeds near school premises, and the perceived danger for people walking next to motor vehicles on the narrow bridge.

## Streets, Squares & Buildings

The majority of comments received for this topic were positive, with an appreciation for the design and appearance of the built environment. There were also positive comments on the availability of greenery near Whitfield.

Some negative comments were also raised, mostly concerning the estate of repair of certain buildings such as the village hall and the former church, and the attractiveness of specific streets.

## Natural Spaces

Positive features included the availability of opportunities to enjoy nature and biodiversity, both within the built environment and in the countryside. Comments also highlighted the provision of public furniture in natural spaces.

Negative comments were also received, including concerns about user behaviour such as fly tipping and dog owners not removing excrements. The presence of sewage in key locations was also raised. Within forest areas, comments focused on trees being fell but not cleared. Suggestions were also received surrounding play areas, with comments

requesting an increase in the available area and the use of grass instead of the existing wood chipping.

### Play & Recreation

Comments received for this topic were generally positive, with an appreciation for the variety of opportunities to engage in different play and sporting activities. Responses also highlighted the availability of different spaces, including the riverbanks, the path network and the school playground during the weekend.

Suggested improvements included the delivery of more infrastructure, including bike tracks, football pitches and a venue for club activities. Other comments suggested enhancements to the facilities within the park, introducing a wider range of play options.

### Facilities & Services

Positive features included the availability of various options to access everyday goods and services. These include local premises and house delivery services, with some residents travelling to larger nearby settlements such as Blairgowrie and Pitlochry.

Negative comments highlighted poor access to healthcare and dental facilities, and a lack of choice for local grocery stores.

### Work & Local Economy

Contrasting comments were received on this topic. Positive comments pointed at employment opportunities available locally, including farming and hospitality. It was also highlighted that the local shop gets involved in upskilling young people.

Negative comments included the need for residents to commute to work, raising the lack of local options to access employment opportunities.

### Housing & Community

Positive features included a housing stock with a good variety, warm and comfortable. Suggestions were received around the opportunity to provide financial support for the replacement of doors and windows.

Negative comments highlighted issues related to the high number of holiday homes in the area. It was also raised that it is difficult to get homes, with a lack of a suitable mix. Comments were also received about the poor heating and insulation conditions of older housing stock.

### Social Interaction

Positive comments focused on the different opportunities to socialise. These include school premises, the public park and private facilities such as the village shop.

Negative comments highlighted a lack of choices in cold weather conditions.

### Identity & Belonging

The only comment received on this topic highlighted the opportunity to learn about the history of the area.

No negative comments were received.

### Feeling Safe

Negative comments received highlighted issues with antisocial behaviour, including bullying from older pupils and damage to property. The riverside walk was raised as a concern, with insufficient lighting impacting perceived safety.

Suggestions were received regarding road safety, with traffic calming measures seen as potential improvements for people walking and cycling.

### Care & Maintenance

Comments received on this topic were predominantly negative. These included concerns about the upkeep and cleanliness of parks, streets and school grounds. Comments also highlighted poor condition of road signage and a need for improved gritting in winter.

Suggestions received included the possibility of providing a space for public art instead of antisocial graffiti.

### Influence & Sense of Control

Positive comments received included several opportunities for children and young people, and the wider local community, to participate in decision-making. These include community meetings and school surveys.

There were also negative comments regarding the potential for children and young people to influence local decisions. These comments called for more opportunities to engage, including digital platforms.