



AKCH

PROUDLY PRESENTS

AVICH & KILCHRENAN

5 YEAR COMMUNITY
ACTION PLAN



WELCOME,

The Avich and Kilchrenan Community Action Plan (CAP) has been developed by the residents of Dalavich, Kilchrenan, Inverinan, and surrounding areas, during 2024 -2025. It is a living plan and will evolve over time, as we learn more.


It sets out a shared vision for our community over the next five years and outlines the actions needed to help bring that vision to life. It will set out how actions will be delivered in a collaborative manner with other organisations.

This document highlights the key themes, priorities, and aspirations identified by residents and summarises how we worked together to create the vision for a more resilient, and vibrant community. The plan is intended to be dynamic, not exclusive, with regular updates as circumstances change. It will set out how actions will be delivered in a collaborative manner with other organisations.

For the full Plan and background information, please visit: www.akcheritable.org.uk

SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER


Since October 2024, our community has come together to help shape the future of Avich & Kilchrenan — and here's what we've achieved together:

109  residents responded to our Community Survey.

143 people joined one of our 8 drop-in sessions.

>70 members have joined AKCH.

114 voted in The Big Vote. 

6  newsletters were created and delivered to local households.

>8k hits on the AKCH website or Facebook page

Thanks to everyone who's taken part— your voice will shape our future together. **Dalavich** specific projects are included in the **DIG Community Action Plan**.

COMMUNITY VISION

Cares for our environment by protecting landscapes, forests, lochs and wildlife.



Has a resilient economy backing businesses, remote work, sustainable tourism and local jobs.



Is welcoming, inclusive and well-connected with strong community spirit and communication.

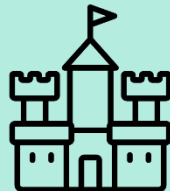
Has affordable housing for families, key workers and young people to live and work locally.



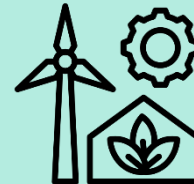
Supports all ages, with activities, learning and services from early years to older age.



Preserves our rich heritage to inspire and unite future generations.



Is prepared for challenges, with strong infrastructure & community networks.





VISION

ACTION AREAS

Although, some ideas may evolve over time and others weren't thought of when this was put together in 2024. The community identified the following key areas for action.

ACTION AREAS

1



TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Improved public transport links to nearby towns.
- Safer roads, better signage, and road maintenance.
- Development of local EV charging infrastructure.

ACTION AREAS

2



HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

- Creation of affordable and sustainable housing for residents and key workers and other people..
- Exploration of community-led housing projects.

ACTION AREAS

3



COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ENGAGEMENT

Engage with village halls to:

- Enhanced use of village halls with improved amenities.
- Creation of a sports and recreation hub.
- More activities and events for all age groups.

ACTION AREAS

4



ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, & DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

- Support for local enterprises and artisan businesses.
- Promotion of tourism that respects and sustains the environment.
- Expansion of broadband and mobile connectivity.

ACTION AREAS

5



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

- Protection and restoration of local forests and lochs.
- Improved visitor management to preserve the landscape.

ACTION AREAS

6



COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

- Emergency response plans and communication networks.
- Local energy projects, such as micro-hydro and renewables.

ACTION AREAS

7



HEALTH, WELLBEING, & SOCIAL CARE

- Mobile and community-based healthcare services.
- Activities to reduce isolation, especially for the elderly.

ACTION AREAS

8



HERITAGE & OUTDOOR RESOURCES

- Protection of historic buildings like Kilchrenan and Dalavich Churches.
- Development of nature trails, loch access points, and educational facilities.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

While the Action Plan covers many ideas,
several high-priority projects have emerged:



1ST YEAR
(JUN 25 - JUN 26)

IMMEDIATE IMPACT



Community Website

Your go-to hub for all things Avich & Kilchrenan



Local History & Archaeology Group

Explore and share our rich past.



Walking & Cycle Path Guide

Easy guide to local accessible routes



Walking Group

Regular rambles for all levels



Awesome Gang

Monthly youth-led events & action on litter and road safety



Rainforest/ Woodland Group

Caring for our trees & woodlands

**5YR PROJECT PLAN
- BASED ON TOP 13 IDEAS VOTED
BY COMMUNITY**

Community Housing & Transport Plan

Detailed action plan



Kilchrenan Cafe & Shop

A 1-month trial to attract a future owner & location



Kirk Heritage Hubs

Open for wider community use with essential facilities installed



Kilchrenan Play Area & Wildlife Garden

A new space to explore and enjoy



Expanded Walking & Cycle Paths

Better access, new routes & maps



2ND YEAR
(JUN 26 - JUN 27)

BIG IDEAS COME TO LIFE

YEAR 3+

(JUN 27 - JUN 30)

OUR VISION FULLY REALISED



Kilchrenan Cafe & Shop

Up and running with local produce



Kirk Heritage Hubs
Fully open



Community Transport
on the roads



Community Housing
Building starts



Lochside Recreation Area
Plan established

OTHER 21 IDEAS REMAIN VALUED - AWAITING CHAMPIONS TO BRING THEM TO LIFE

ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, & DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY



CREATE A
BUSINESS HUB



CREATE
JOBS



YEAR-ROUND
ATTRACTIONS



ECO-SAFARI'S

HERITAGE & OUTDOOR RESOURCES



BOAT & BIKE
ADVENTURE



COMMUNITY
GARDEN



COMMUNITY
COOK-UP

COMMUNITY FACILITIES & ENGAGEMENT



COLLECTIVE
SHOPPING
& SERVICES



VARIETY OF
ACTIVITIES



ART & CRAFT
WORKSHOPS

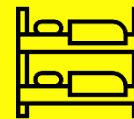


AWESOME
EVENTS

HOUSING



HOSTEL
ACCOMMODATION



BUNK HOUSE
ACCOMODATION

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY



WHATSAPP
GROUP



LOCAL PRODUCE
MARKET

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION



LOCH AWE
IMPROVEMENT
GROUP



AVICH & KILCHRENAN
RANGERS

TRANSPORT



VOLUNTRY CAR
SCHEME



LOCH AWE
WATER TAXI

HEALTH, WELLBEING, & SOCIAL CARE



HEALTH
& WELLBEING
ACTIVITIES



COLLECTIVE
HEALTH SERVICES

**The Kilchrenan Primary School will be integrated into the plan if/when it becomes available.*

HOW THE PLAN WILL BE USED

THIS 5 –YEAR CAP WILL

- Guide funding applications and project planning by local groups.
- Support collaboration between community organisations, local authorities, and partners.
 - Lead into the development of a Local Place Plan.
 - Help prioritise efforts and track progress over time.
- Be reviewed and updated periodically to ensure it remains relevant.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME,

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you would like to get involved in any of the projects or learn more, please visit www.akcheritables.org.uk or contact Rhona Knox via rhona.knox@akcheritables.co.uk.

Together, we can make Avich and Kilchrenan an even better place to live, work, and visit.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Join community projects from eco-restoration and garden maintenance to events and cultural programming.



JOIN OUR VOLUNTEERING DAYS

Take part in hands-on days that bring people together to make a visible difference. Open to individuals, families, and organisations.

CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

AKCH supports corporate volunteering programmes. We help you track social impact and report CSR outcomes.



**The beautiful photos used in this document are from the winners of the 2024 AKCH photography competition.*



ABOUT AKCH

Avich and Kilchrenan Community Heritables

is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our community through local development and heritage initiatives.

Our mission is to protect and develop both historical and natural landmarks, ensuring they remain vibrant and beneficial for everyone in Dalavich, Inverinan and Kilchrenan.

We aim to create spaces that serve as cultural and social hubs, fostering a strong sense of community and preserving our rich heritage for future generations. Together, we can make our area an even better place to live, work, and visit.

BECOME A MEMBER— IT IS FREE. Visit www.akcheritables.org.uk or contact Rhona Knox via rhona.knox@akcheritables.co.uk.

