

# BENARTY

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2014 - 2019

*... the sleeping giant in Fife ...*



COALFIELDS  
COMMUNITY  
FUTURES

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# INTRODUCTION



**227** COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY FORMS WERE RETURNED FROM A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF **800** HOUSEHOLDS AROUND **50** PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN **20** MEETINGS HELD WITH LOCAL GROUPS OVER **300** PEOPLE ATTENDED THE COMMUNITY FUTURES EVENT

The plan will be our guide for what we - as a community - try to make happen over the next 5 years.

## BENARTY COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

This Community Action Plan summarises community views about:

- Benarty - the community now
- the vision for the future of Benarty
- the issues that matter most to the community
- our priorities for projects and action

## THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART

– It's a really good response and gives weight to the priorities identified in this community action plan

## BENARTY COMMUNITY FUTURES STEERING GROUP

The preparation of this Action Plan has been guided by a local steering group. The steering group brings together members of Benarty Community Forum, Benarty Community Council, Benarty Elderly Forum, Benarty Centre Management Committee, Benarty Environment Group, Benarty Heritage Preservation Society, Benarty Credit Union, Councillor Willie Clarke and other local volunteers. This Action Plan will provide a guide for all community organisations over the next 5 years.

## LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE THEIR SAY

The Action Plan has been informed by extensive community engagement carried out over a five month period from September 2013 to January 2014.

The process involved:

- carrying out a community views survey which was delivered to all households
- stakeholder interviews and meetings with different groups and individuals representing all aspects of the community
- preparing a community profile detailing facts and figures about the community
- holding a Community Futures event to prioritise the actions and projects

We welcome continued involvement from the whole community in taking forward this Community Action Plan

# OUR COMMUNITY NOW

BRAG  
CROSSHILL  
BUSINESS CENTRE

We have summarised below some of the main facts and figures from the Community Profile - a report produced by the Steering Group to give a picture of Benarty as it is now.

## BENARTY COMMUNITY PROFILE SUMMARY

### LOCATION

The area now known as Benarty comprises villages – Glenraig, Crosshill, Lochore & Ballingry – and has a strong coal mining heritage. It lies north of Lochgelly near the boundary with Perth & Kinross. To the north is Benarty Hill and Navitie Hill, and further north is Loch Leven. To the south is Lochore Meadows Country Park and the Lomond Hills are to the east.

### POPULATION

The population of the area has decreased from 5,980 in 2002 to 5,711 in 2011 while the population in Fife and Scotland has increased over the same period.

The percentage of children has declined over the period 2002 – 2011, in line with the trend in Fife and Scotland. However there is still a higher percentage of children than the Fife or Scottish figures. The percentage of working age population in the area has stayed around the same over the last 10 years, which is slightly lower than both Fife and Scotland. The percentage of people of pensionable age in Benarty has risen in the last 10 years.

Until the latter part of the twentieth century the major source of employment was deep-pit mining. There is little industry in the area itself, with main centres of employment being Dunfermline and Rosyth.

The largest employer in the area is Bayne's Bakers, a national company, which has its factory based in Lochore, employing around 150 people.

Benarty Regeneration Action Group (BRAG) started 25 years ago to provide training, employment and business development in the area following

decline of mining. The old school in Crosshill was redeveloped as workspace and created employment and re-training for ex miners. There are currently 18 businesses operating from the workspace.

Unemployment is around 9% in Benarty, approximately double the Scottish rate. Long term unemployment and the percentage of those who have never worked is higher here than the rates for Fife and Scotland. The rate of long term sick or disabled is also around double the rate for Fife and Scotland.

### HOUSING

There is a high percentage of Council rented property in Benarty, and a lower percentage of owner occupied.

### EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Two primary schools - Benarty Primary and St Kenneth's. Both have nursery classes. Dunmore Nursery is a stand alone nursery in the area. The school roll has fallen steadily over the last 10 years.

Secondary schools – Lochgelly High, Beath High (in Cowdenbeath), St Columba's High in Dunfermline, St Andrew's in Kirkcaldy.

There is a Creche for ages 6 weeks to 4 years at the Benarty Centre, operating four mornings a week. There is also an after school club, Kids Come First.





## HEALTH & CARE

There is one medical practice in Lochore with 4 Doctors and a Practice Manager, as well as a range of medical services on offer. The Rosewell Clinic health centre in Lochore has health visitors, district nurses, a dentist and a podiatrist. The nearest optician is in Lochgelly. There are two pharmacies.

Hospital services are accessed in Dunfermline or Kirkcaldy.

## TRANSPORT

There are good bus services from Ballingry to Kirkcaldy, Dunfermline, Glenrothes and Rosyth. Park and Ride at Halbeath and Inverkeithing provide bus connections to Edinburgh.

Lochgelly train station is close by and trains run on the Fife Circular line linking users to Inverkeithing, Dunfermline and Edinburgh.

## SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

The Benarty Centre is a new facility built and staffed by Fife Council and operated by a local management committee. It has a range of meeting rooms, a gym, multigym, cafe, library, crèche, Out of School group and housing office.

Lochore Miners Welfare Club is run by a management committee.

There are a wide range of groups and activities that are run in these facilities, for all ages. Annual events include the Benarty Gala, the Christmas Fayre and Santa Parade.

Benarty Forum exists to bring together different groups and interests in the community.

## LEISURE AND RECREATION

There is a children's play area at Lochore Meadows which has been improved in recent years, and another at the King George V Park in Crosshill has also been upgraded with funding raised by the

Benarty Forum. A skatepark and multi use games area is currently being developed beside the new Benarty Community Centre.

## ENVIRONMENT AND ACCESS

The Benarty Environment Group has undertaken a lot of work to develop and improve the local environment especially the Mineworkers Memorial Garden at Ballingry, and continue to develop this.

There is good access to the surrounding countryside, including Benarty Hill, "the sleeping giant of Fife", and Loch Leven beyond.

Lochore Meadows Country Park attracts around 500,000 visitors a year, many from the local area. It covers an area of 1200 hectares, with Loch Ore at its heart, and offers many varied recreational opportunities including golf, fishing, walking, cycling and watersports. Fife Coast & Countryside Trust are taking over running the facilities on a 2 year trial period from April 2014.

## HERITAGE

Until the late 19th century the population of Ballingry was no more than 400 people. When mining developments began at the Mary and Glenraig Pits a workforce was required and new houses were built in Glenraig, Crosshill, Lochore and finally, Ballingry.

The local mines closed in July 1966. All that remains of the 'Mary' is a monument in the shape of winding gear. The ruins of Lochore Castle, built in 1160 by Duncan de Lochore, are situated near the entrance to Lochore Meadows Country Park. Benarty Heritage Preservation Group researches and records local history.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

The Westfield Windfarm Development by Infinis has been operational since March 2013 with 4 turbines. Community benefit funding of £20,000/year is shared by the communities of Benarty, Bowhill and Kinglassie.

# OUR COMMUNITY NOW

## LIKES



### COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY

Community Spirit	59%
Environment & Outdoor Recreation	38%
Community Facilities & Activities	15%
Access to services	11%
Village appearance	7%
Shops & amenities	7%
Nature of the community	7%
Location	6%

### What people said:

The majority of people are hard working and friendly

Good community – a lot of long standing families related to pit community

The friendliness of the people and strong sense of community

Beautiful scenery on your doorstep

The Meedies is the star attraction for locals and visitors to the area

Access to the surrounding countryside especially Meadows Country Park and areas around Loch Leven

The scenery around Benarty Hill and the walks all around

The community centre is an excellent asset

The Community Centre with everything under one roof

New play park at Crosshill

Good bus links throughout the Fife Area

Hospital bus is very handy

Easy access to health services (GP, clinic and dentist)

It's a nice place for my kids to go to school

Churches working together for the community

The lovely gardens across from the Auld Shank – mining monument

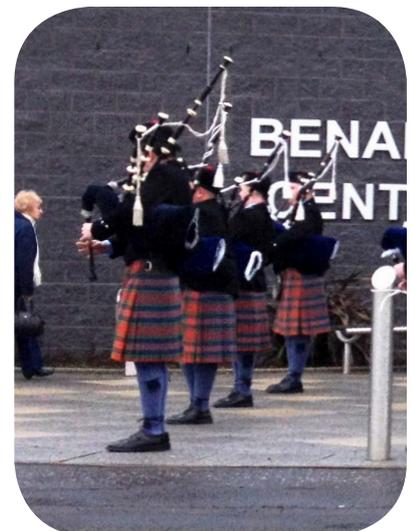
The flower displays in summer, and the Christmas lights

Despite problems, Benarty is a relatively safe place to live

Easy travel to Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy and Glenrothes for shops and entertainment

It's easy to commute to any of the big towns

**227 responses were made by local residents in our Community Views Survey. Here is what people said they like about the community now ...**





## DISLIKES

### COMMUNITY VIEWS SURVEY

Community safety & anti social behaviour	40%
Village appearance	34%
Nothing for young people	21%
Roads, pavements & parking	10%
Economy	9%
Open spaces/recreation	8%
Lack of community spirit	4%

... and what they were  
not so keen on!

*What people said:*

Don't like the crime that goes on in the area

*A lot of drugs and alcohol related problems*

I don't like the way that dumping rubbish and dog fouling is left unpunished

*Looks a bit dilapidated at times*

The area around Lochore Community Centre needs cleaned up

*The run down bits especially old petrol station and the Institute – need a new paint job and general maintenance*

Lack of community services for young people

*There is nothing for young teenagers so they hang about in groups in the streets*

There are no decent play parks or other outdoor activities for the children who live in Lochore/Ballingry

*Speeding traffic especially entering and leaving the villages*

A week's wages won't last long when the best you have is THREE Co-ops

*Lack of opportunities for the unemployed*

Lack of people willing to help with community things

*The negativity from people that all is not right, but they will not get off their bottoms to help!*



# BENARTY

## OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

*This statement has been prepared from aspirations expressed in the Community Views Survey and from Stakeholder Interviews*



**A community that works together, and has a great sense of pride and heritage ...**

**With jobs, businesses, services and housing for the next generation ...**

**Drug free, with safe streets and low crime ...**

**Inspiring opportunities for our young people ...**

**Safe and caring for our older folk ...**

**Looking after and making the most of our environmental & heritage assets – especially Lochore Meadows – our special place!**





*These are the main strategies and priorities the community will work towards achieving in partnership with public agencies and other supporters*

### THEME 1: YOUTH & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

With a high percentage of children, it is important that we focus on providing family oriented services, and to have a range of activities for children and young people. This was the highest priority in the consultation. The elderly population is also increasing, so it is important that they are considered and supported within the community.

The new Benarty Centre is a good focal point for many of these activities, and also the Lochore Institute which is in need of improvement.

There was also a strong feeling that the success of the Gala day could be built on, and that there could be other events that bring the community together.

Main priorities:

- Activities for children and young people
- Activities and support for elderly people
- Improve Lochore Institute
- Develop more community events



### THEME 2: RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES

Improving recreational and sports facilities, and making the most of Lochore Meadows Country Park are very high priorities for the community. There was an Astroturf pitch at the old community centre which was lost when the new Centre was built, and should be replaced. The other key sports facility is the King George V Park which has the potential to be used more widely but needs a new pavilion.

Lochore Meadows Country Park offers a range of outdoor activities, and is much valued. Fife Coast and Countryside Trust are managing the Park on a 2 year trial period from April 2014. Part of their remit will be looking at how to refurbish or replace the existing park centre. Fife Council has earmarked £1million for 2015/16 for this purpose and FCCT are keen to work with the local community to come up with an acceptable solution. Paths and bike trails also need attention.

With the exception of Lochore Meadows and King George V Park, play areas are small and poorly equipped, and could provide more exciting outdoor recreation for children.

Main Priorities:

- All weather sports & recreation facility
- King George V Park & Pavilion
- Lochore Meadows – infrastructure, paths & bike trails
- Play areas

# MAIN STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES

## THEME 3: JOBS, BUSINESSES & HOUSING

High rates of unemployment and long term unemployment are real issues for Benarty. BRAG continues to play a key role in supporting business development and offering training and support. It is important that BRAG continues to have a focus on the local economy as well as income generation, and there was a lot of support at the community event for their proposed project to set up a community cinema.

Alongside jobs and business development, the need for affordable housing for young people and families was prioritized for the future sustainability of the community.

Main Priorities:

- Attract more businesses and jobs to the area
- Support BRAG to set up a community cinema
- Improve availability of affordable housing

## THEME 4: COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

People are very concerned about the perceived increase in crime and anti social behaviour. There were many comments that people are genuinely afraid not only to go out at night, but also in their homes. This is seen to be a result of drug and alcohol related issues, and a reduction of police presence on the streets. We recognise however, that it is possibly fear of crime, rather than actual crime itself, that is the problem.

Dog fouling is also an issue that needs to be taken under control, and there is concern that the deteriorating condition of roads and pavements could be a safety issue.

Main priorities:

- Increased police presence
- Improving roads and pavements
- Tackling drug & alcohol related issues
- Tackling dog fouling

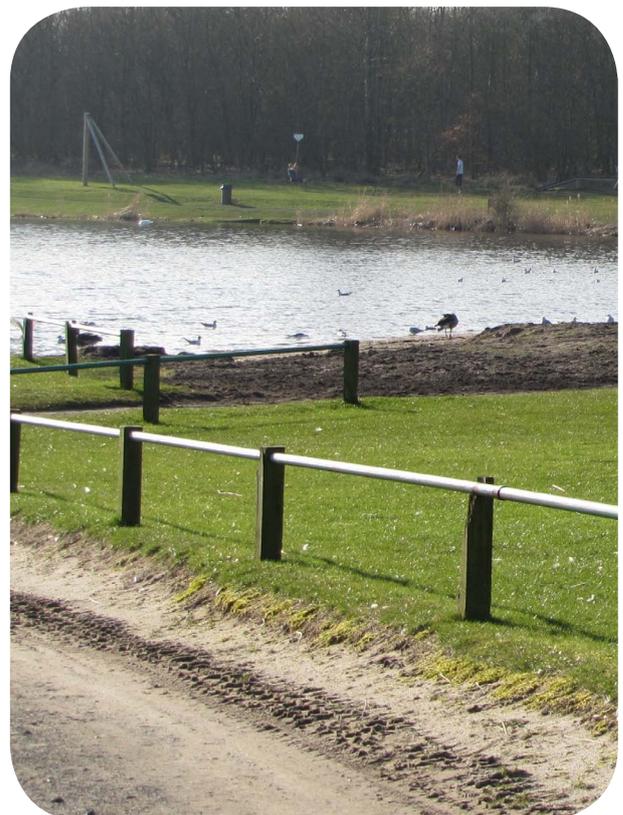
## THEME 5: IMPROVING APPEARANCE & COMMUNITY PRIDE

The look of the area is blighted by a number of derelict buildings, empty sites and unkempt areas of land. There needs to be increased pressure by Fife Council on owners and developers to improve these areas.

Alongside this effort by Fife Council, community groups can make a difference to the appearance of the area through environmental improvements. Generating an interest in the heritage of the Benarty area will also lead to increased community pride.

Main Priorities:

- Improve built environment
- General clear up of litter, weeds etc
- Set up a community gardening project
- Renovate the area around Lochore Castle
- Promote local history





*These are the first actions the community will take to work towards achieving the priorities in partnership with public agencies and other supporters.*

**THEME 1: LOCAL ECONOMY & HERITAGE**

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Kids Come First and Benarty Creche to provide affordable, wrap around childcare</li> <li>• More activities for young children and families</li> <li>• Involve young people in deciding what activities they would like</li> <li>• Raise funds and get support from Fife Council to develop these activities</li> <li>• Promote and encourage young people to join in these activities through schools and outreach</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Kids Come First, Benarty Creche, Fife Council, Community Learning &amp; Development , Benarty Centre Management Committee, young people, schools</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued support for the Benarty Elderly forum</li> <li>• Men's Shed Project – support and promote this new project being established by the Ecology Centre at BRAG</li> <li>• Look into developing an intergenerational project – contact Generations Working Together for support</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Benarty Elderly Forum, Benarty Community Forum Group (BCFG), Ecology Centre, Fife Council Community Learning &amp; Development</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<p><b>IMPROVE LOCHORE INSTITUTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal and external renovations</li> <li>• Promote as a social venue for the whole community</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Lochore Miners Charitable Association</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<p><b>DEVELOP MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS &amp; INFORMATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop the annual Gala and make it even better!</li> <li>• Hold the first Benarty Pipe Band Competition in 2014</li> <li>• Develop Events Calendar to co-ordinate and promote events</li> <li>• Community noticeboards – decide where they should go, look at examples elsewhere, and apply for funding</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Benarty Community Council(BCC) , BCFG, Benarty Events Group, Living Lomonds</i>

**EARLY ACTION:**

Coalfields Regeneration Trust has helped to fund:

- Benarty Elderly Forum
- Lochore Institute refurbishment
- Lochgelly High Pipe Band equipment
- Kids Come First outreach project
- St Serf's Messy Church equipment
  - Y Respect Youth project
  - Benarty Events Group





## THEME 2: RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>ALL WEATHER SPORTS &amp; RECREATION FACILITY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress plans for all weather sports pitch &amp; skatepark at Benarty Centre</li> <li>• Work with Fife Council to raise funding and implement proposals</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>BCFG, Benarty Skatepark Project, Fife Council</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>KING GEORGE V PARK &amp; PAVILION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All sports clubs to work with Fife Council to draw up design for new pavilion</li> <li>• In short term, Fife Council to lease current pavilion to football teams to allow them to make improvements and use as changing facility</li> <li>• Consult community and draw up plans for future improvements to King George V Park</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Football teams, BCFG, Fife Council</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>LOCHORE MEADOWS COUNTRY PARK – INFRASTRUCTURE, PATHS &amp; BIKE TRAILS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Fife Coast &amp; Countryside Trust (FCCT) &amp; Fife Council to establish a community liaison group, possibly as a "Friends of the Meedies" group</li> <li>• Work with FCCT to raise funds and implement a programme of improvements including visitor centre, toilets, café, opening hours, promotion</li> <li>• Maintain cycle paths and develop mountain bike trail</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>BCFG, Fife Coast &amp; Countryside Trust, Benarty Bike Club</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>PLAY AREAS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up an action group to take this forward – involve Benarty Creche, Kids Come First, Parent Councils, school children</li> <li>• Make a list of all play areas, equipment and condition</li> <li>• Agree priorities for improvement &amp; draw up a programme of work</li> <li>• Raise funding for improvements</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Kids Come First, Benarty Creche, Parent Councils, school children, BCFG, Fife Council</i>

### EARLY ACTION:

Coalfields Regeneration Trust has helped to fund:

- Benarty Astros Football Club floodlights
- Benarty Bike club - Community Cycling project
  - Benarty Skate Park project





### THEME 3: JOBS, BUSINESSES & HOUSING

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>ATTRACT MORE BUSINESSES, JOBS &amp; TRAINING TO THE AREA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise an open day with local employers &amp; training providers e.g. Baynes, Babcock, Carnegie College, Sky</li> <li>• Promote opportunities for business units and support at BRAG and Ore Valley Housing in Lochgelly</li> <li>• Promote the Rural Skills Training programme as part of the Living Lomonds Programme</li> <li>• Work with Living Solutions in Cowdenbeath to promote apprenticeships and training opportunities</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Benarty Community Forum Group, BRAG, Ore Valley Housing, Living Lomonds</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMUNITY CINEMA PROJECT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BRAG to take the lead on this project</li> <li>• Support from community groups as required</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>BRAG Enterprise</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>IMPROVE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaise with Fife Council and Ore Valley Housing Association to find out how to create more affordable homes for young people &amp; families</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Benarty Community Council, BCFG</i>

### THEME 4: ENVIRONMENT & ACCESS

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>INCREASED POLICE PRESENCE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaise with Police Scotland &amp; Fife Council Community Wardens to raise issues of concern</li> <li>• Publicise how to get in touch with the police, within the community</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Benarty Community Council, Police Scotland</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>IMPROVING ROADS &amp; PAVEMENTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify priority road &amp; pavement repairs and liaise with Fife Council to have them carried out</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Benarty Community Council, Fife Council</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>TACKLING DRUG &amp; ALCOHOL RELATED ISSUES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaise with Health Centre to find out who is delivering drug and alcohol support currently</li> <li>• Agree the best way forward to promote these support services</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Benarty Community Forum Group</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>TACKLING DOG FOULING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaise with Fife Council Dog Warden service for support</li> <li>• Identify worst areas, and where more bins are needed</li> <li>• Provide free "poop bags" in Benarty Centre &amp; at Lochore Meadows</li> <li>• Start a campaign to raise awareness</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Benarty Community Council, BCFG</i>

# ACTION



## THEME 5: IMPROVING APPEARANCE & COMMUNITY PRIDE

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<p><b>IMPROVE BUILT ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work with Fife Council to find solution to the derelict buildings</li> <li>• Find out if there is any support for local shop owners to improve their properties</li> <li>• Enhancement of entrance to Lochore Meadows including signage</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Benarty Community Council, BCFG, businesses, Fife Coast &amp; Countryside Trust</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<p><b>GENERAL CLEAR UP OF LITTER, WEEDS ETC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draw up a priority list of areas that need to be tackled</li> <li>• Find out if Community Payback can assist</li> <li>• Organise a Clean Up Benarty event</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Environment Group, BCFG, schools</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<p><b>SET UP A COMMUNITY GARDENING PROJECT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore if the Environment Group would like to take this forward</li> <li>• Work with BRAG &amp; Fife Council to identify suitable areas to create community garden or allotments</li> <li>• Encourage volunteers and schools to get involved</li> <li>• Raise funds or sponsorship</li> <li>• Start growing!</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Environment Group, Fife Council, BRAG, volunteers, schools</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<p><b>RENOVATE THE AREA AROUND LOCHORE CASTLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cut back bushes and trees to make it more accessible</li> <li>• Work through the Living Lomonds project to research and promote the history of the Castle</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Benarty Heritage Preservation Society, Living Lomonds Project staff</i>
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<p><b>PROMOTE LOCAL HISTORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide information, involving groups and schools, for series of interpretation panels to be installed</li> <li>• Explore funding for digitization of old newspapers as a community resource</li> <li>• Continue to promote the opportunity for all groups/individuals to get involved and find out more about our heritage</li> <li>• Re-site War Memorial, with names of all the fallen in both world wars</li> </ul>
<i>Action by</i>	<i>Benarty Heritage Preservation Society, Benarty Community Council</i>

**EARLY ACTION:**  
 Coalfields Regeneration Trust has helped to fund:

- Benarty Environment Group maintenance equipment





# MAKING IT HAPPEN

*This Action Plan is for the whole community and we hope that the whole community will get involved in making it happen.*

To assist this partnership working we show below how the themes in this action plan relate to the main outcomes identified by Fife Community Planning.

Fife Community Plan Outcomes	Benarty Community Action Plan Priorities
REDUCING INEQUALITIES	
Making Fife's communities safer	Theme 4: Community Safety
Meeting the need for suitable housing	Theme 3: Jobs, Business & Housing
Increasing capability of Fifers to take action	Theme 1: Community Facilities & Activities
Strengthening communities	Theme 5: Appearance & Community Pride
Improving health of Fifers	Theme 2: Sport & Recreation
Improving health & wellbeing of older people	Theme 1: Community Facilities & Activities
INCREASING EMPLOYMENT	Theme 3: Jobs, Business & Housing
TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE	Theme 5: Appearance & Community Pride

**BENARTY COMMUNITY FORUM GROUP**

The Community Action Plan and its priorities will become the focus of the Benarty Community Forum Group – the umbrella group that brings together the different organisations and interests in Benarty to see the area developed and improved for the benefit of the local people. They will take the lead in implementing this Action Plan on behalf of the community, and keeping the priorities under review.

**WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP**

The projects listed here will need to be progressed with the support of a wide range of partners including Fife Council, Fife Coast & Countryside Trust, BRAG Enterprise, the Ecology Centre, Police Scotland, Ore Valley Housing Association.

**HOW TO GET INVOLVED AND CONTACT INFORMATION**  
*Come and join the Benarty Community Forum Group!*

As a practical way of taking things forward we will be setting up a number of small Action Groups to lead on each aspect of this Plan. This means that people only need to get involved in the projects that are closest to their heart. If you are interested and want to be involved please contact:

Benarty Community Forum Group:  
 email us at [BCF@benarty.org.uk](mailto:BCF@benarty.org.uk)

Website: [www.benartycf.org.uk/](http://www.benartycf.org.uk/)



# BENARTY

## COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

### 2014 - 2019

**This Community Action Plan sets out the priorities for the improvement of Benarty over the next 5 years as determined by the community through an extensive process of community engagement carried out during 2013/14.**

The Plan contains

- A summary of our Community Profile
- Our main likes and dislikes as identified in our Community Views Survey
- Our Vision Statement for the future of Benarty
- The main themes and priorities for action
- Information on how you can stay in touch and get involved.

The Plan is for the whole community and is jointly owned by all the organisations and individuals that took part in its preparation. We will be working together to ensure its implementation over the next 5 years.

Thanks to all those who took their time to share their views and take part, to all who gave their time voluntarily to participate in the Steering Group, to the **Small Town and Rural Development Group** for their community development guidance and support, and to the **Coalfields Regeneration Trust** for funding the work and providing the **Participatory Budget** which has allowed us to initiate some of our priority projects.



the coalfields  
regeneration trust



**STAR**  
DEVELOPMENT  
GROUP



We are grateful to Fife Council for funding and support in the preparation of the Action Plan.

For more information on the Coalfields Community Futures Programme contact:  
Coalfields Regeneration Trust or the Small Town and Rural Development Group

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[www.stardevelopmentgroup.org](http://www.stardevelopmentgroup.org)