

Killearn Community Action Plan - Resident Survey -

2014-15



Location Setting Peace
Health-Centre Shops
Countryside Live Open Community Access
Scenery Amenities Spaces Friendliness
Local Green Glen Village People
Safety Friendly Environment Place
Quiet Safe Park School
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Welcome to the Killearn Resident Survey Report. This report sets out the results of a survey that was distributed to every house in Killearn during October 2014. Over 430 completed surveys were returned – some using an online form and others using paper copies. From these forms, we received over 4000 individual comments that we have sorted, categorised and analysed.

- To everyone who took the time to return a completed survey – **thank you!**

This information will provide an up to date picture of what is important to people, what people value in Killearn at present and where people would wish to see improvements. Most immediately it will be used to inform the **Killearn Community Action Plan**, which will be prepared later this year.



How the Survey was organised:

A ‘get together’ meeting on 22 May 2014 attracted over 120 local residents. The views expressed helped us to identify the themes that were most important to people, which in turn helped us to design the survey questionnaire. A report of the 22 May event can be found on the KCFC Action Plan website at www.kcfc.co.uk/cap.html.

A small group of volunteers, led by Killearn Community Futures Company, then prepared a survey questionnaire with the help of Stirling Council. This was issued to all households in Killearn during October 2014, with the results being gathered and analysed during December and January.



The Survey questions:

There were 5 main survey questions:

- What is most important to you? (selecting 6 from a possible list of 11 themes)
- What are your three favourite things about our community?
- What three things would you change in our community?
- What would make our community a better place to:
 - Live in?
 - Work in?
 - Visit?
- What special projects would you like to see developed in Killearn over the next 5 years?

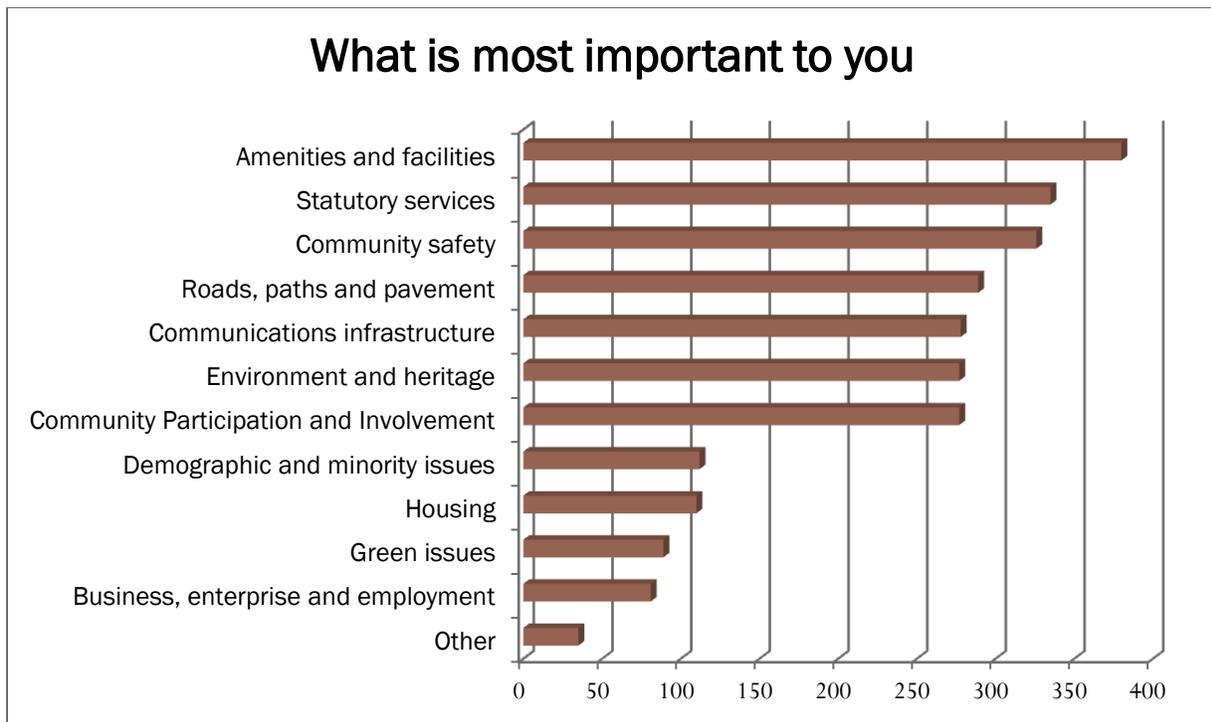
We also asked for respondents to select their age group and to provide their email contact details, if they wished to receive a copy of this report.



The Survey results:

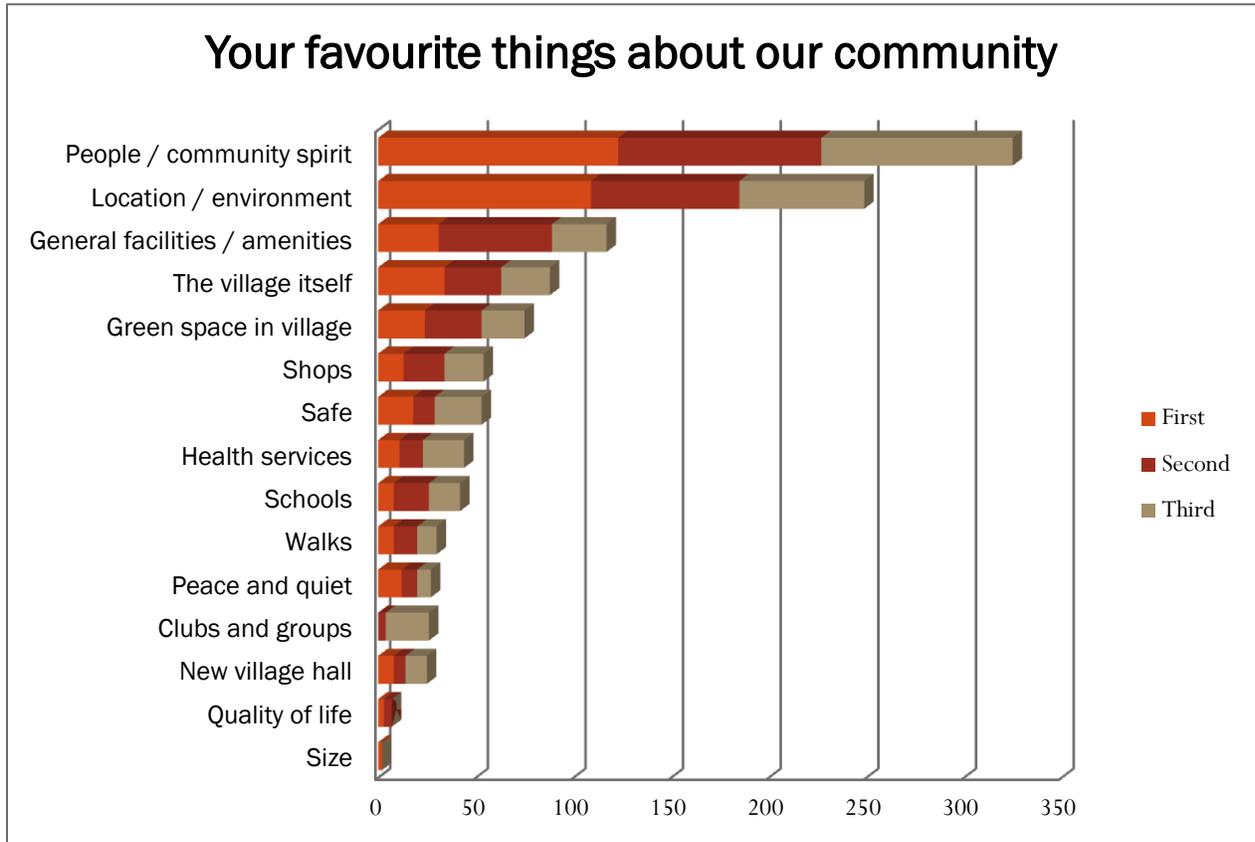
The responses for each question were grouped and categorised and then ranked according to how popular those responses were. For each question, a chart illustrates the ranking of what was most important for people. Some further information is provided that helps to illustrate the main issues behind the most popular categories.

Question 1: What is most important to you? (selecting 6 from a possible list of 11 themes)



Respondents were asked to select the 6 most important factors for them in their community.

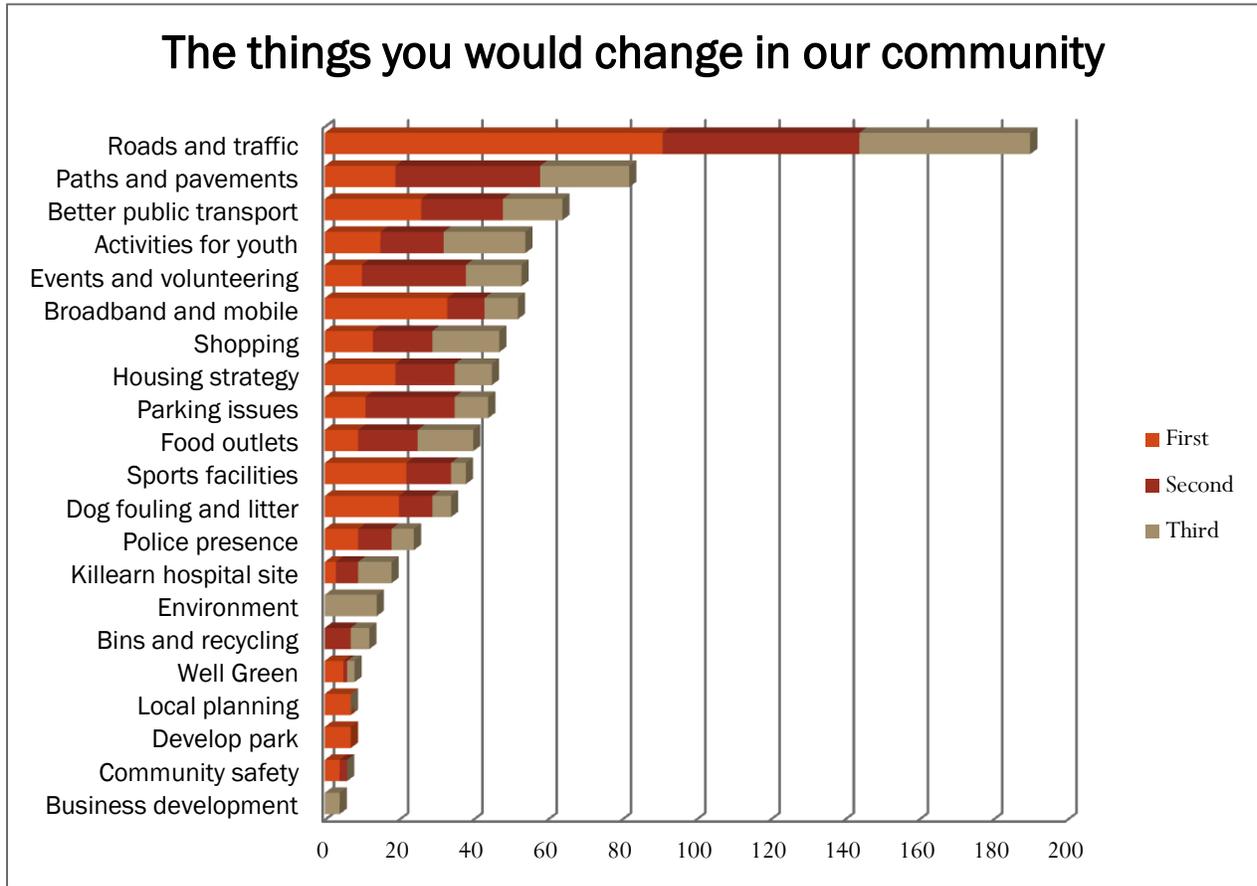
Question 2: What are your three favourite things about our community?



More detail on the top 6 responses:

Theme	The Main Issues
People / community spirit	The friendliness of neighbours and villagers, the sense of community, the energy and commitment that people give to community events.
Location / environment	Proximity to the countryside, proximity to cities, rural environment, beauty and scenery.
General facilities / amenities	Good balance of facilities and amenities in the village.
The village itself	Many people simply commented on how much they value the attractiveness and bond with the village itself.
Green space in village	Many people specifically mentioned how much they value the park, the glen and other green space within the village.
Shops	In addition to the general facilities and amenities, many people value the shops we have in the village.

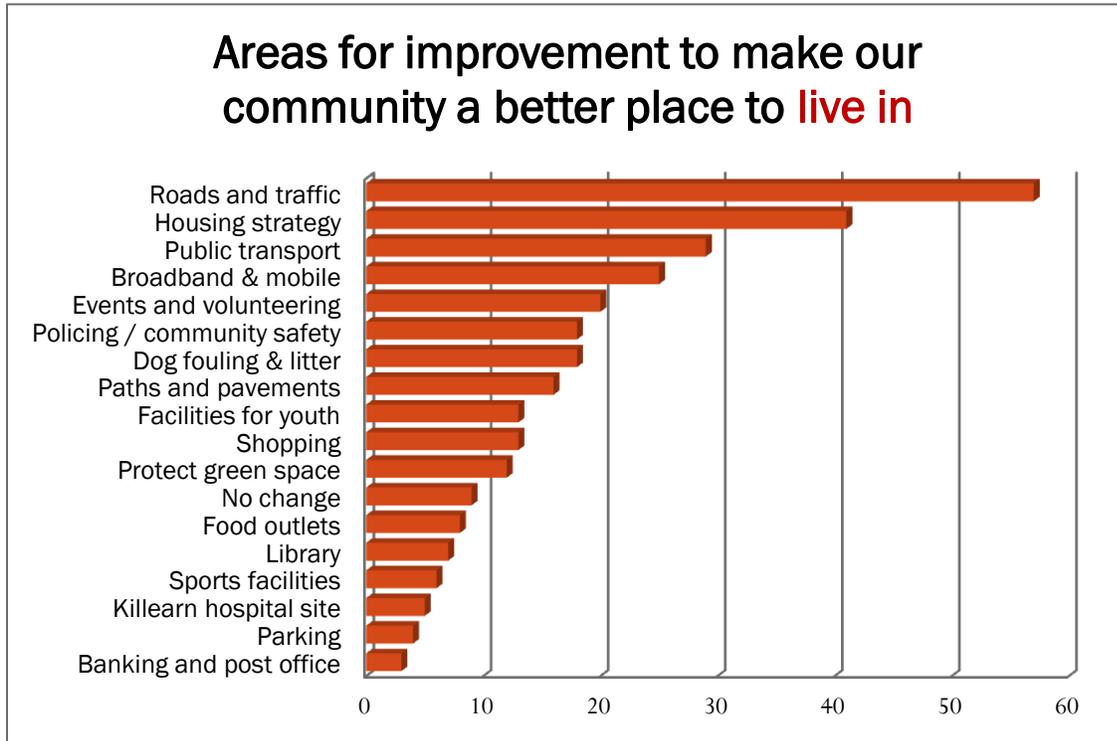
Question 3: What three things would you change in our community?



More detail on the top 6 responses:

Theme	The Main Issues
Roads and traffic	Road surfaces, roadwork planning, speeding, problematic traffic calming measures, volume of traffic.
Paths and pavements	Uneven poorly maintained pavements in places, more footpaths and cycle paths to link villages and with WHW.
Better public transport	Frequency, condition and cost of buses.
Activities for youth	More activities and facilities for young people
Events and volunteering	More community events, more volunteering and better signage and information on events / clubs and societies.
Broadband and mobile	Better quality / speed of broadband, more consistent mobile and digital radio signals

Question 4a: What would make our community a better place to live in?



More detail on the top 6 responses:

Theme	The Main Issues
Roads and traffic	Road surfaces, roadwork planning, speeding, problematic traffic calming measures, volume of traffic.
Housing strategy	Divided opinion: some people wanted more housing some wanted no more housing. However most wanted developments to be sensitively planned and that additional housing should be affordable.
Better public transport	Better frequency, condition and cost of buses.
Broadband and mobile	Better quality / speed of broadband, more consistent mobile and digital radio signals
Events and volunteering	More community events, more volunteering and better signage and information on events / clubs and societies.
Policing / community safety	Greater police presence

Question 4b: What would make our community a better place to work in?



More detail on the top 6 responses:

Theme	The Main Issues
Broadband and mobile	Better quality / speed of broadband, more consistent mobile and digital radio signals
Business development	More shops, establishment of business units and workshop space – perhaps on hospital site.
Job opportunities	Encourage local business development to generate more job opportunities.
Public transport	Better frequency, condition and cost of buses.
Roads and traffic	Road surfaces, roadwork planning, speeding, problematic traffic calming measures, volume of traffic.
Parking	More parking space within the village.

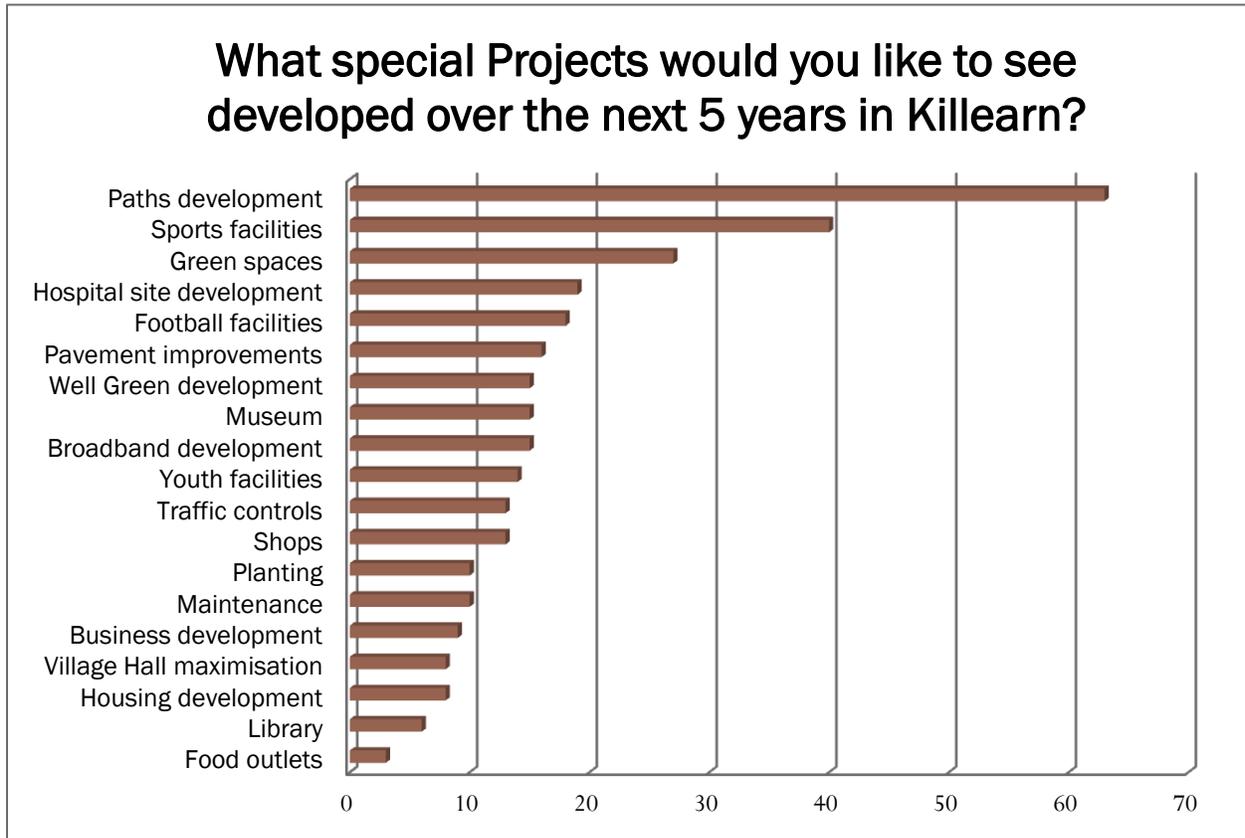
Question 4c: What would make our community a better place to visit?



More detail on the top 6 responses:

Theme	The Main Issues
Visitor information	Improved central information “hub” for visitors to access information on local attractions, walks, heritage and history, events, businesses, maps.
Visitor accommodation	Improved hotel, B&B and camping options.
Food outlets	Improved and increased eating options – restaurants, pubs, cafes, take-aways.
Paths and pavements	Uneven poorly maintained pavements in places, more footpaths and cycle paths to link villages and with WHW.
Roads and traffic	Road surfaces, roadwork planning, speeding, problematic traffic calming measures, volume of traffic.
Public transport	Better frequency, condition and cost of buses.

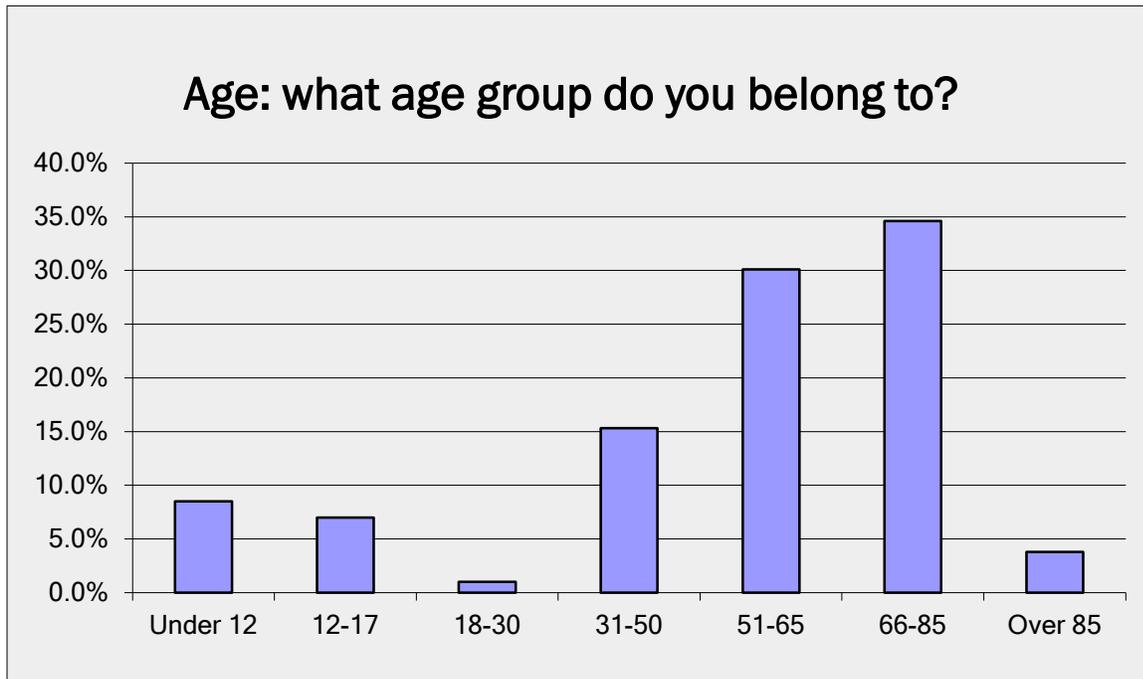
Question 5: What special projects would you like to see developed in Killearn over the next 5 years?



More detail on the top 6 responses:

Theme	The Main Issues
Paths development	Better and more walking and cycling paths linking Killearn to other villages, to the West Highland Way and within the village itself – e.g. between Beech Drive and the school.
Sports facilities	Including development of skatepark, BMX track, 3G artificial pitch, gym, bowling green.
Green spaces	Improvements and better maintenance of the park and glen, also development of “wee park” at the bottom of the school.
Hospital site development	Desire to see the site landscaped, used for business development and generally improved.
Football facilities	Development of changing rooms, provision of goal posts.
Pavement improvements	Improvement to width and surface of pavements which are particularly poor in certain areas.

Question 6: What age group do you belong to?



We were able to generate responses from across the age-ranges, with encouraging response numbers from children and young people. From 18-30, the response numbers were low, which may reflect the demographics in the village.



Next Steps:

Evidencing

Informing

Influencing

Improving

Killearn Community Action Plan

These survey results will provide the evidence of what is most important to local people. This evidence will be used to inform the content of the Killearn Community Action Plan, which sets out a vision for the future of the village over the next ten years and identifies the main issues that need to be addressed over that period. The Community Action Plan will also be used to influence decision-makers on what to preserve and how to improve the community, in line with local priorities.

What difference will it make?

The last Killearn Community Action Plan (2003) reflected the views and priorities of local people at that time. Much of it has been delivered through collaboration and partnership, including:

- ✓ *Glen & Woodlands:* *management plan put into operation*
- ✓ *Local environment:* *local footpaths improved & maintained*
map of local walks produced
- ✓ *Playpark:* *redesigned and installed*
- ✓ *Halls & Facilities:* *Village Hall fully refurbished & extended,*
& now operating
- ✓ *Traffic:* *speed cameras & some road alterations installed*
- ✓ *Colourful Killearn:* *supported*
- ✓ *Woodland Cemetery:* *installed*

How and when will the Killearn Community Action Plan be produced?

The Killearn Community Action Plan will be led by Killearn Community Futures Company (KCFC), which is a charitable company set up to involve the community of Killearn in making the village an even better place to live. It is run by volunteers and encourages community membership.

The Action Plan will be drafted during January to April 2015 and will be consulted upon in the Spring 2015. A final Action Plan should be ready in early Summer 2015.

Become involved!

We would encourage everyone in the village to join Killearn Community Futures Company. It costs only £1 a year, but a high community membership results in more success when we apply for grants to carry out the improvements we agree need to be done through the Action Plan. KCFC also needs volunteers to take forward these improvements.

Please visit the KCFC website at www.kcfc.co.uk or phone Company Secretary, Nancy Bailey on 550226 for more information.

Killearn Community Action Plan

The Strategic Priorities – Your Views

The Survey Report has provided a great deal of information to help us focus on the things that matter most to the people living in the parish of Killearn. They fall into three broad categories:

- to **preserve** what is valued;
- to **improve** what is not meeting aspirations; and
- to **introduce** new things to the community.

The Community Action Plan should seek to balance these categories. After looking over the survey results, the following subjects appear to matter most:



The working group is proposing that we develop the Killearn Community Action Plan around these Strategic Priorities, but we want to ensure we're reflecting the survey in a way that people support. So we're asking for your views. Once we develop the actions that flow from these priorities, we'll ask for your views on these too when we are at that stage. In the meantime, if you have any concerns about what we are proposing by way of the Strategic Priorities, please email us on: cap@kcfc.co.uk or fill in the tear-off sheet below and drop it into the postbox outside the main door of the Village Hall, by **10 April 2015**.



Killearn Community Action Plan – Proposed Strategic Priorities

Comments: -
