

THEME 1- STREETS & SPACES

Galloway Arms Hotel is dangerous	4
No street maintenance	8
Many privately owned buildings in poor state	9
Town centre frontage could be improved	2
Absentee landlords	5
Town centre a disgrace	
When issues are raised nothing get's done	
Rats visible in Victoria Lane	
Very little civic pride	
Don't feel I belong	
A visitor would think dismal	
Clock tower	
Town seems to be dying	

THEME 2- SAFETY

Anti social behaviour is worrying	5
Police presence needed	2
Generally feel very safe	6
More CCTV cameras needed	
Community need to help	2

Don't go out of the house when schools come out as lot's of cars parked on double yellows, don't feel safe

Vandalism 2

Criminal damage

Littering

Low crime rates compared to other towns in area

THEME 3-IDENTITY

Community feels very friendly	
Could develop a stronger identity	3
Make space for young people to hang out	
Smaller towns have better sense of connection/identity but feel improving in NS	
Identity there but potential to build up Galloway as a brand	3
Much more than a retired town	
Focus on opportunities for young folks	
Enjoy being part of Newton Stewart Men's Shed	
Lot's of events to attend- positive	
NS a strong advocate for LGBTQ in D&G- positive to build on	
Welcoming incomers to the town	
Not using Gateway to the Galloway Hills brand effectively	
This can be improved, disabled people need to be included	
People are getting more involved in volunteering	

THEME 4- MOVING AROUND

Can we ban A Frames from the pavement	
Poor access from top of town to main street	
Needs to be access for wheelchair users everywhere	

The build out areas at the clock and Carousel Road which cause major traffic problems ie have to drive on the wrong side of the road to turn

Street lights obscured by trees leaving dark area

Hedges overgrowing pavements meaning you have to walk on road uneven/unmade paths (Station Road)

Needs crossing at square 5

Need railways in 21st century

Hole in road outside dog charity shop

Seats and tables not well maintained

Lack of town map and tourist infromation

Road surfaces can be very bad 2

Corsble Road busy at school pick up but only one side of road has pavement

Walking and cycling excellent

Little buses great

Bins on pavements

Thoughtless parking

Local public transport is rubbish 5

THEME 5- TRAFFIC & PARKING

Walking & Cycling very good	
Too many vehicles parking on main street for whole day	6
Need more parking spaces	1
Parking on pavements	4
Parking good and should stay free with no limits	2
Cyclists on pavements	
bins on pavements	
Disabled parking not in great spaces	
Need traffic wardens to raise money for the council	
Traffic calming station road would be welcome	

THEME 6-PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus link should be made with Barrhill Station	
What public transport?	
Awful public transport	7
Nearest college is over 40 miles away	
Buses need to be accessible	
Good to have electric car charging but more would be good at Riverside car park	
Buses run late too many times	
Poor coordination between transport services	2
Need ways for tourists to come	
Last bus from Dumfries is so early. Gives no opportunity for coming home from travel or an evening out	
Would like a railway station for locals and tourists	2
insufficient and too expensive	
Toilets should be available at Dashwood Square	
A75 needs to be expanded	
Pedestrians tend to be ignored by motorists	

THEME 7- CARE & MAINTENANCE

Looks like a rust belt town	4
Derelict buildings should be sold- Grapes and Galloway Arms	6
Main street needs a facelift	2
Grapes Hotel needs to be bought by the council	
Speed up the planning consent process	
Move seating in Albert Street Gardens above rockery	
Accountability of owners to maintain look and safety of buildings on main street	
Bins on pavement after emptying	
Compulsory refurbishment should be made	
Dog waste in school playgrounds and surrounding streets	
Grapes Hotel-hindering investment in Victoria Street	
Galloway Arms dangerous and hindering investment opportunities	

THEME 8- NATURAL SPACES

Very good natural spaces	3
Litter can be an issue	3
Not a great deal of seated areas in our lovely surroundings	
Very good because I am fit and have a car	
Celebrate Sparling informationboard. Use our assets	
No problem. Natural spaces all around us	
more visible walking trails	
Would be good to have forest schools back	
Peace garden not particularly accessible for disabled people	
Lack of seating	
Riverside is overgrown with long grass and brambles	
Dog Mess	3

THEME 9-PLAY & RECREATION

Look good	
Community cinema is wonderful	3
Lots of spaces for hill walkers	
Very little for teenagers	
Plenty of opportunity for play and out of doors	2
Repurpose 3G pitch at Minnigaff	
More play things for older folk, exercise equipment	
Limited take up on the opportunities for play/recreation	
Only place I know is gym at high school, more info needed	
Wonderful open spaces	2
Road side litter a disgrace	
Douglas Park is fantastic	2

THEME 10- INFLUENCE AND SENSE OF CONTROL

Not everyone listens to disabled people	
Local people need more listening to by statutory bodies	5
Meeting Cottage Hospital, didn't feel listened to by health board	
Barrier- lot's of people don't have access to internet	
We need louder voices	
Community council has no power and no resources. Regional council doesn't listen	
Need to feel welcomed and views valued within the town groups	
CVCC not encouraging of any group or person. Out of touch with the community	
CVCC should be more transparent in what they are doing	
NS hospital is missed- no info from open meeting held before Xmas	
CVCC are quite aggressive to non member input. Don't listen to the people they represent	5
Local hospital is perfect case of where our wishes are ignored	2
So many community surveys producing glossy reports that all deliver nothing	

Generally excellent but occasional intolerance of people who moved here

Incentivise younger folks to join community council and inject some oomph

THEME 11-SOCIAL INTERACTION

Sports centre needs uplift and more classes.	
Nothing to do in the evenings	3
Lack of leisure facilities	
Difficult to know of groups in the town	
A regular local monthly market would be a great attraction	
Lack of community centre	
Lack of affordable meeting spaces	
Need more people to help organise meet ups and gatherings	
Cinnamon Café would be a great community centre	
No public noticeboard in centre of town	
More needed for youth groups	3
Lack of evening classes	2
Good	
Wasting money on gaelic signs	
Find out what's going on through I Love Newton Stewart FB group	
Men's Shed helps with mental health	
Lot's of facilities available for teenagers	
Vaults is a great example of urban rejuvenation	
Interested in community spaces and resources	
Development of Old Print Works	
Lot's of info on FB, not everyone on Facebook	3

THEME 12- HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

Shortage of housing for the young.	
Lot's of rental properties in town now	
Lack of large family renting accomodation	
many old buildings need to be more energy efficient	
Lack of housing and poor quality housing stock	5
No investment from housing association	
Too many holiday/second homes/Air BNB	2
Schools may need to think of future proofing for capacity	
Flooding prevention scheme very important	
Great community spirit but little encouragement	
Cleaning edges of roads/bushes	

THEME 13- WORK AND LOCAL ECONOMY

The hospital to be reopened	7
Not enough people coming forward to volunteer	
Business association seems to have disappeared	
Need a joined up plan for all local groups which local plan will hopefully achieve	
Too many businesses closing	
Plenty of tradesmen but few that seem to want to commit to jobs- are they overstretching themselves?	
Lack of childcare	2
Poor maintenance of infrastructure discourages investment	

Absentee owners of premises have no apparent interest in the town

Loads of volunteering but insufficient work opportunities unless in care

Plenty of opportunities for volunteering

Volunteers not always valued and supported

Could do with central list of groups who need volunteers

After school care is very poor	2
Health and safety has killed volunteering & businesses taking in school placements	
Need face to face information for visitors	

Lack of industry to make jobs other than farming and service industries

THEME 14- ANY OTHER VIEWS?

GP services are good	
Closure of minor injuries unit leaves population very vulnerable	
Lack of child care provision holding women back	2
No community growing space	
Clubs that existed before lockdown haven't come back	
Library is a real plus	
More bins	
NHS dental provision needs to be increased	
Some small groups struggle to continue to offer a meeting place as cost of renting a room is too high	

Clock tower could be a community asset/information. Please paint it

Shortage of shops

IDEAS

Lick of paint on shop fronts

Setting up a community maintenance support network for traders and owners

IDEAS

Build up Galloway as a brand based on Belted Galloway cattle

Create heritage trail

More working together on events

Need a group to drive plans and keep everyone informed

Promotion of the town

IDEAS

Turn old railway from Whithorn to Newton Stewart into multi user walking/cycling path. Would open up Machars area and bring in money

Free bike use or low charge bike rental scheme

IDEAS

Insert seats and boulevard street look

IDEAS

Murals on blank walls

Wild flowers or planters beside central pub

Set up a litter initiative encouraging everyone to pick up especially school students

Have a cherry blossom spring festival

Extend the planting along the river and celebrate the Cree

Place a greater emphasis on the River Cree as an asset.

Walking up to Challoch and back

IDEAS

More play things for older folk

Running route at Blairmount

Sell all the amazing things we have to locals and tourists

Allow pop up enterprises, rate free in empty premises

IDEAS

Free newsheet advertising what's on locally

Use the Vaults as a case study or how to do for other businesses

IDEAS

Reinvent the business association & combine with community council

Join up all local groups- who does what?

Put wind turbine on Blairmount Hill and all profit will go to town directly for xmas lights etc

Can new businesses have a 12 month holiday rate?