Looking at the maps from a hundred years ago on the Addiewell and Loganlea Heritage website it cannot escape your attention that Addiewell and Loganlea has a rich industrial past. Multiple railway lines and other transport infrastructure crisscrossed the whole community and it is hard to imagine now the bustling community that provided coal and shale to service a global empire.

This community was built on a much older landscape though, that dates back 350 million years in what is known as the Lower Carboniferous era. A time before the dinosaurs when Scotland was much closer to the equator and Addiewell and Loganlea were a coastal environment where rich swamp like forests were laying down the wood to form the shale and coal that the much later human settlers would exploit to heat the homes of the people of Scotland and to run the steam engines that would later generate electricity.

This was a time when the first animals, our ancestors, were leaving the water for a terrestrial life and examples of the marine fossils can be found all over west Lothian including Skolie Burn that is the burn that geologically divides our two villages. No sooner had the mining industry reached its peak in the early part of the 20th century than it started to go into decline as other, more efficient sources of energy, gradually replaced coal and shale so that by the end of the century mining for these resources came to an end.

Loganlea once boasted a small high street, but now only the sub Post Office and Kings Curry remain open, but both run by enthusiastic and very friendly and helpful owners. The miners club that overlooks the Skolie Valley and the bridge is the sole social venue in the village which it is hoped will be more widely used with the regeneration of the settlement.

Today coal has been replaced by wind turbines that have sprung up from the fields and open countryside to the west and the prevailing winds that cut through the village turns them to provide our power. Much of what was industrial has now been landscaped and green fields and scrub now surround the villages. This greenery supports an abundance of wildlife and the meadow that forms the glen, carved out by Skolie Burn, has been designated as a place of special scientific interest for its flower rich grassland.

Whilst it does not actually look much at the moment, there is growing local and national support to remove the waste that has been thoughtlessly dumped and restore it to its former splendour. Even though work has hardly begun Skolie Burn meadow still holds a rare Orchid amongst more than 70 species of flowers, a large colony of butterflies and insects and a large crop of birds.

Foxes and deer are regularly seen passing through and the birds sing in the spring. Once completed, Skolie Burn will provide a soul refreshing walk through the centre of the settlements. It is hoped that eventually it will be linked to the Addiewell Bings nature reserve, providing enough local support is offered.

It is encouraging that many of the projects that are being supported locally for regeneration are environmentally natured including a community garden. This creates an opportunity for both projects to work together sharing resources and materials.

In the future we can look to a much cared for and colourful village that has been lifted from its mining days, building on that resilient spirit, creating a place that people will enjoy living and attracting visitors too.
INTRODUCTION

Coalfields Community Futures

The Coalfields Community Futures Programme is an approach to local community planning and sustainable community development that aims to encourage active citizenship and build local democracy. It enables communities to devise a community action plan which makes a case for the things that the community thinks are important and wishes to make happen.

The process consists of a community wide paper survey delivered to residents and online Survey Monkey option to identify local needs and priorities. We then work with local residents and groups to develop a common sense of purpose and assist them to produce a deliverable community action plan.

To support the action planning process the community receive a Participatory Budget of almost £23,000 which is available to local constituted community or voluntary groups for soon, seen and successful projects.

This budget enables the community to fund small projects that are identified by the community through the results of the household surveys, stakeholder interviews and the community voting event.

Community Involvement

The plan summarises community views and information about:

- Our community now
- Our shared Vision for Addiewell & Loganlea
- Priority themes and actions
- Making the links to Community Planning

The Steering Group brought together representatives from the local community, Addiewell & Loganlea Community Council, the Joint Primary Schools’ Campus, Loganlea Miner’s Welfare and West Lothian Council.

Thank you to everyone who took part in helping Addiewell & Loganlea plan for a bright future!
OUR COMMUNITY NOW

Location and History
Addiewell and Loganlea are former mining villages in the Scottish council area of West Lothian. Situated in the Breich Valley in West Lothian the settlements began as farmland dating back to 1762. Addiewell was a shale village but Loganlea was a coal village and the boundary between the two was always the Skolie Burn.

Population
The total population of Addiewell & Loganlea is 1,875 with a working population of 1,285, with 265 over 65’s and 325 young people aged between 0-15 years of age.
(Source: Mid-Year Estimates (ONS) 2018)

Housing
Addiewell & Loganlea has a range of different housing including detached, semi-detached, terraced and flats/apartments. 40.5% of housing is owner occupied with 59.5% being council/housing association tenants or private rentals, according to the 2011 census. The total number of home units is approximately around 917.

Health & Care
The nearest doctors is Main Street in West Calder and the nearest hospital is St Johns in Livingston. At the time of the last Census, 22.4% of all people in Addiewell & Loganlea were living with a limiting long-term illness. The figure for Scotland as a whole is lower at 19.6%.
(Source: Census 2011)

Local Economy, Shops and Services
Loganlea has a Minimarket with a Post Office service. There is also an Indian Takeaway with several other shops that are currently closed down. At the time of the last Census, 49.8% of people aged 16-74 were economically active with 28.9% of people in full time employment. This is significantly lower than Scotland as a whole at 69%.
(Source: Census 2011)

Education and Childcare
Addiewell & Loganlea has a combined school, comprising St Thomas’ RC and Addiewell Primary with an Early Years Centre that offers morning and afternoon places for nursery age children. It includes a large safe outdoor area, a parents room, a social policy playroom and a nursery room. There is an onsite community centre, constructed to complement the schools and provide a function hall for all local groups. The Primary Schools are supported by parent led groups including, Parent Teacher Association / Parent Association and Parent Council. The West Calder Ranger Service also delivers outdoor learning in partnership with the school.

Local High Schools include West Calder High and St Kentigerns Academy.

Community Activities and Facilities
The Addiewell Community Centre facilities include a Main Hall, two meeting rooms, computer suite and an outdoor multi-purpose play area.

It currently has a number of regular activities that include several dog clubs, Fairplay ASC and Taekwondo.

The Loganlea Miners Club hosts regular social events and is home to the Pit Stop which used to host a children’s play area and community café.

There is a Loganlea Football Club and there is an Astroturf pitch which is due for upgrading. There are also several dance classes available in the village.

Addiewell hosts an annual Gala Day that brings the community together.
Environment
Our local area is rich in biodiversity and is even home to a rare orchid. Also to be found are woodland walks and the Addiewell Bing Nature Reserve from which you can walk through to the Five Sisters. Addiewell Bing was once a derelict industrial site created by shale mining soil. Years of planting have stabilised its slopes leaving diverse woodlands, naturally regenerating scrub and lots of wildlife. There are a number of greenspaces and parks which have been identified as in need of improvement which is now underway. There is a growing interest in the environment with a growing number of locals taking part in the Skolie Burn Meadow restoration project. The project is being led by a relatively new environmental group called Skolie Burn Community Meadow and Woodland SCIO.

The Skolie Burn is a tributary of the Breich Water. It contains the best section of rocks from about 325 million years ago and is rich in fossils.

Traffic & Transport
At time of publication there is work being carried out to replace the Skolie Burn Bridge which when it is complete will restore full access between Addiewell and Loganlea and will give two lane access with no weight restriction.

One of the biggest traffic issues is the parking congestion at the joint campus primary schools during drop off and pick up times.

Lothian Buses and First Group provide bus service to Edinburgh and there is a Train Station in Addiewell. It is located on the Shotts Line from Glasgow Central to Edinburgh Waverley via Shotts. Addiewell Station trains normally operate an hourly service, Monday through Saturday, calling at most intermediate stations. In the evenings and on Sundays, trains run every two hours in both directions. One service a day runs to and from Motherwell.

Community Action Plan: Key Considerations
West Lothian Community Planning Partnership and West Lothian Council has identified Addiewell & Loganlea through SIMD data as an area for a locality regeneration plan and it’s is recognised that the Regeneration Team will work with and support the community to deliver aspects of the plan that the community have prioritised.

Addiewell is in a strong position going forward due to the fact that not only has the community been able to come together to create a five year action plan but there has been a significant amount of additional funding made available from the combined contributions from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust Participatory Budget and West Lothian Council’s Town Centre Funding.

The combined funding is supporting the creation of a community garden, benches and noticeboards organised through the Community Council, refurbishment to the interior of the Miners Club as well as a number of youth activities led by West Lothian Youth Action Project, outdoor learning for the primary pupils led by West Lothian Rangers and environmental improvements through the Skolie Burn Community Meadow and Woodland SCIO.

This real boost of resources and voluntary activity can be a real catalyst for getting this action plan off to a flying start to make a really positive impact on people’s lives.

With the new Skolie Burn Bridge near to completion and creating open access to the villages and its greenspace there is a great opportunity to harness the energy that’s been building from all ages toward creating a more sustainable community. Creating habitats for wildlife, restoring the greenbelt, growing local food and taking responsibility for ourselves through good neighbourliness are all tangible ways that we can contribute to a stronger community spirit and a more resilient Addiewell and Loganlea.

The actions in this action plan were identified before the Covid19 virus struck and the plan was completed during the national Lock Down. This period spurred a lot of community led action with volunteers supporting those most in need locally. Although it is difficult to identify at this time just how much the Covid 19 crisis will effect the outcomes identified in this plan over the long term, what this virus has shown us, is just how much kindness and goodwill there is within people, manifesting as acts of kindness and caring. We need to build on this ‘can do’ spirit of concern for others as we go forward to deliver this 5 year action plan.
A SHARED VISION FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Addiewell and Loganlea will:

- Be a learning place, where children can develop life skills that will help them thrive as they move on in life.
- Be a place where no one’s bored and there is plenty to do with facilities to suit the needs of everyone, supporting what we have and making things better for everyone.
- Be a community the respects and cares for its senior citizens and providing activities and support for those who are in most need.
- Be a community that communicates freely and works together with local people involved in and creating activities especially for children and young people.
- Be a clean and safe place to live, with people who are responsible, tolerant, liberal and supportive of incentives to help tackle major issues.
- Be a friendly place, welcoming to others and well connected to the surrounding areas.
- Be a growing place, with excellent parkland and greenspace and rich in nature.
- Be a green place that looks after its environment, encourages wildlife and works to reduce waste.
- Be a community with local shopping and parking that meet people’s needs.
- Be a community which looks to the future, without forgetting its heritage and culture.
OUR LIKES

Quotes taken from the survey:
“generations of history”
“great school, lovely community spirit”
“friendly village close to countryside”
“peace and quiet”
“local combined schools-integration of community”
“it feels safe and welcoming”
“it’s easy access to Livingston, Glasgow and Edinburgh while still being quiet”

The results from the community survey show us what the people of Addiewell and Loganlea like.

What do you like about your community?

17% ACCESS TO AMENITIES
61% COMMUNITY SPIRIT
22% SAFE
17% SEMI RURAL
4% WELL LOCATED
17% QUIET AND PEACEFUL
13% FAMILY LINKS
13% SCHOOL
### OUR DISLIKES

*Quotes taken from the survey:*

- “lack of facilities, only one shop”
- “an impression of it being a bit run down”
- “little to do for kids, small park, nothing for teenagers”
- “rubbish dumped in the burn”
- “path alongside the railway line from main road to the station is not lit at night”
- “speeding cars”
- “more and more cars are being badly parked”

The results from the community survey show us what the people of Addiewell and Loganlea dislike.

**What do you not like about your community?**

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FROM OUR KIDS PERSPECTIVE

Pupils from Addiewell PS and St Thomas PS made their contribution to the Addiewell & Loganlea Coalfields Community Action Plan by completing their own questionnaire which asked pupils the following questions:

- What things do you like to do most of all? What hobbies do you have?
- Are you a member of a club? What do you like about living here?
- What do you dislike most about living here?
- What would you like to see happen here in the future?

49 pupils took part and the results give an insight to the thoughts and feelings of our young residents.

Their key concerns about the village include;

- Poor condition of the park
- Loss of natural habitat
- Lack of activities

What they like most about living in the village include;

- Having a park
- The natural surroundings
- Their friends and family

Out of the pupils surveyed, 70% of the young people are involved in a group or club.

Looking to the future the three most important issues for our young people are;

- Improving amenities
- More activities
- Increased biodiversity

OUR LIKES

"small football pitches & trees to climb"
"the park at the Post Office"
"lots of trees and it is fun playing in the woods. Not too many cars"
"Peace"
"I enjoy the peace and being with friends"

OUR DISLIKES

"the parks are too babyish there are not much things to do"
"parks have hardly anything to play on"
"the roadworks"
"the work men chopping down the trees"
"there is only one shop"
THEME 1: FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

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

Building social capital is a key aspect of creating strong, resilient communities. Good quality facilities that are fit for purpose with regular opportunities for people to meet and share in activities and conversation, this is the glue that binds communities together. We want to encourage people to use what we have and work together to develop our existing facilities to offer something for everyone.

**Make the most of the Miners Welfare Hall**
- Improve the internal furnishing to make the venue more attractive.
- Use the space to host a variety of community activities that suit all ages.
- Promote the venue for use as private hire for celebration events as well as for funerals.

**Activities and support for young people**
- Promote and support existing activities.
- Work with partners to identify gaps in youth provision.
- Secure funding to deliver identified youth projects.

**Build more volunteer support for local groups and activities**
- Host a volunteer event that celebrates and promotes local volunteering opportunities.
- Create a volunteer award which celebrates the valuable work carried out by local volunteers and use this to bring the community together.

**Create Life Long Learning opportunities for all ages**
- Engage local people to find out what they would like to learn about and work with partners to explore opportunities for delivering classes that meet people’s needs.
- Bring together young and old to share learning opportunities e.g. community gardening.

**Potential partners**
THEME 2: LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Our local area is rich in biodiversity and is even home to a rare orchid. There is a strong desire within the local residents, especially the children, to protect and care for the local natural environment.

Improving the built environment with floral enhancements, growing spaces and good quality play parks for our youngsters is vital for our health and wellbeing. We want to encourage people to be responsible when enjoying the outdoors and get involved in improving our local environment.

Make the village more attractive
- Build on the good work and volunteering that is already happening and develop a coordinated approach to improve the look of the community.
- Encourage local businesses, groups and residents to get involved in floral enhancements throughout the villages.

Improve the parks to fit the needs of all ages
- Engage all ages of the community to identify what people would like to have available in the parks to suit the needs of everyone.
- Work with West Lothian Council to take this forward.

Enhance the natural environment and protect it
- Support the Skolie Burn Community Meadow and Woodland group with volunteering opportunities.
- Increase biodiversity with appropriate planting and habitat creation.

No Fly tipping
- Work with West Lothian Council to ensure a rapid response to dealing with fly tipping. Community can report online at https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/32089/Report-Illegal-Fly-Tipping

Deal with dog fouling
- Work with West Lothian Council and other agencies on a joint approach in addressing the issue of dog fouling. eg signage and awareness campaigns. www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/32093/Tackling-Dog-Fouling-Paws-for-Thought
- Explore opportunities for accessing free dog litter bags to dog owners.
- Work with West Lothian Council to ensure the bins are emptied regularly. www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/32090/Dog-Fouling

Potential Partners
THEME 3: ROADS AND TRANSPORT

Safe roads, adequate parking and efficient transport services are key priorities for local residents and over the term of this action plan we will work hard to address these issues in partnership with public service providers.

Improve road safety
- Identify priority areas and work with the Local Authority to investigate traffic calming measures that, where appropriate, are fit for purpose.

Address parking issues
- Explore ‘walking bus’ idea to help reduce number of cars at school start and finish times.
- Work with Local Authority to look at suitable options to address this key issue.

Improve paths
- Carry out a mapping exercise to identify where paths require improvement and prioritise work to be carried out.
- Investigate volunteer training for path creation and maintenance.

Better lighting
- Agree on where improvements need to be made.

A safe bridge crossing
- Work with partners to ensure the work is carried out timeously and the surrounding greenspace has suitable landscaping and appropriate planting.

Better bus services
- Work with the local transport providers to identify what improvements can be made to create a bus service that suits people’s needs.

Potential Partners
- West Lothian Council, Transport Providers, Addiewell and Loganlea Community Council, Addiewell Combined Schools, Loganlea, Skolie Burn Community Meadow and Woodland SCIO, Paths for All, Police Scotland, Local Residents.
THEME 4: COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELLBEING

Tackle drug and alcohol abuse
- Work with local Health Centre’s and other agencies to find out who is delivering drug and alcohol support in the local area.
- Agree the best way forward to promote the support services available to local people.

Tackle anti-social behaviour
- Work with Police Scotland to look at ways of improving local community policing and to explore ways to create a safer community for all ages.
- Investigate setting up a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Develop health and wellbeing projects in the community
- Create a community garden that can be enjoyed by everyone.
- Explore the reopening of the Pit Stop as a venue for hosting health and well being projects.
- Investigate projects that are designed to alleviate social isolation.

More partnership working
- Encourage a culture of partnership working through dialogue and by sharing information as well as asking for support when required.

Potential partners
**EARLY ACTIONS FUNDED THROUGH PARTICIPATORY BUDGET**

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MAKING THE LINKS TO WEST LOTHIAN COMMUNITY PLAN

The Community Plan sets out eight high level outcomes with each Community Planning Partner agreeing to work together to achieve these.

We see our community action plan as an opportunity to link in with these outcomes and help make action to achieve major improvements in the quality of life for the people of Addiewell & Loganlea.

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| Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed | Roads & Transport |
| We are better educated and have access to increased and better quality learning and employment opportunities | Community Safety & Wellbeing |
| Our economy is diverse and dynamic and West Lothian is an attractive place for doing business | |
| We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities | |
| People most at risk are protected and supported to achieve improved life chances | |
| Older people are able to live independently in the community with an improved quality of life | |
| We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities | |
| We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment | |

USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

For reporting safety issues:
www.westlothian.gov.uk
Call 01506 280000 or Police Scotland on 101

For information on bus and rail services:
www.bustimes.org/areas/141
www.scotrail.co.uk/plan-your-journey/stations-and-facilities/adw
MAKING IT HAPPEN

This report summarises the findings of the Community Consultations carried out in Addiewell & Loganlea from autumn 2019 through to spring 2020.

The survey was carried out as part of the Coalfields Community Futures participatory process that informed the preparation of this five year community action plan. The voting event, which took the form of a family fun day in January, allowed the local community to review the results of the survey, make further comment on community issues and vote on which priorities were most important to them. The Participatory Budget from Coalfields Regeneration Trust of £22,900 has been used to help take forward local projects which support the key themes found in this action plan.

The Community Action Plan contains

- A summary of Addiewell and Loganlea Community Profile
- Our main Likes and Dislikes expressed in the community survey
- Our Vision Statement for Our Community
- The main themes and priorities for taking action
- The Participatory Budget projects that are helping kick start the action plan
- Making the links between the Addiewell and Loganlea Community Action Plan outcomes and those of West Lothian Community Plan

Information on how to get involved or just be kept informed

The Addiewell & Loganlea Community Action Plan is not just for the few but for everyone, we hope you will read it, consider its content and help towards making it work by taking action where you are, in whatever way you can. If everyone did something positive for their community every day, then what a difference that would make!

Many thanks go to all those who took their time to share their views, to the volunteers and participants who made the Voting Day a great success.

Thanks go to members of the community who contributed the photographs in this community action plan.

To find out more information about Addiewell & Loganlea Community Action Plan or to volunteer with any projects please contact Addiewell & Loganlea Community Council addlogccsecretary@gmail.com