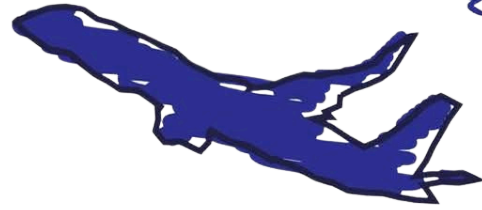
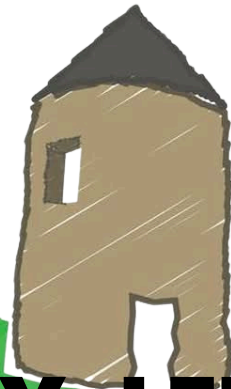


MONKTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL



**MONKTON
COMMUNITY-LED
ACTION PLAN
2025 - 2030**



Monkton's Consultation



Monkton Community Council

Monkton as a community has expanded over the last few years, being an attractive place for people of all ages and circumstances to live.

The younger generation are vital to the future of the community and they are an important part in ensuring that Monkton thrives.

The increase in population is not without challenges, and the provision of community amenities has failed to keep pace with the growth of the community.

This Community-Led Action Plan has been created to help meet these challenges and create a bright future for the village.

The publication of the Monkton Community-Led Action Plan has been long coming, as consultation had started in April 2019 with a leaflet drop. A series of meetings were then held on the 31st of January 2021, the 29th of August 2022 and the 1st of September 2022. Data analyses and actions were developed throughout 2024, with this publication in early 2025.

Feedback was also sought from sessions with primary school pupils, Gala Day attendees and other events. The aim was to get the entire village approached for their views.

A GREAT WEE VILLAGE



Our Values

~Let's keep Monkton thriving!

<p>Safe & Healthy</p>	<p>Inclusive & Friendly</p>	<p>Pride in Our Community</p>	<p>A Thriving Community</p>
<p>Our Routes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safe pavements & roads 2. Places to walk & rest 3. Safe traffic levels & control 4. Healthy community fitness groups (dance; line dancing; football; table tennis). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gala days 2. Cosy spaces 3. Tea dance group 4. Community nights 5. Comedy 6. Musical theatre 7. Cinema 8. Developing outdoor meeting areas. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summer flower displays 2. Litter picking 3. Outdoor meeting spaces 4. Kirkyard preservation 5. Clean & safe spaces. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local business engagement 2. Pro-active support to planning applications 3. Support to new and existing businesses 4. Community engagement through MCC meetings, social media & notice boards.



What
WE LIKE*

What we
DON'T
LIKE*



*Responses from the engagement outcomes June 2022, Place Standard Tool - SAC

Monkton's Timeline



Saint Cuthbert's Church established



Macrae Monument built



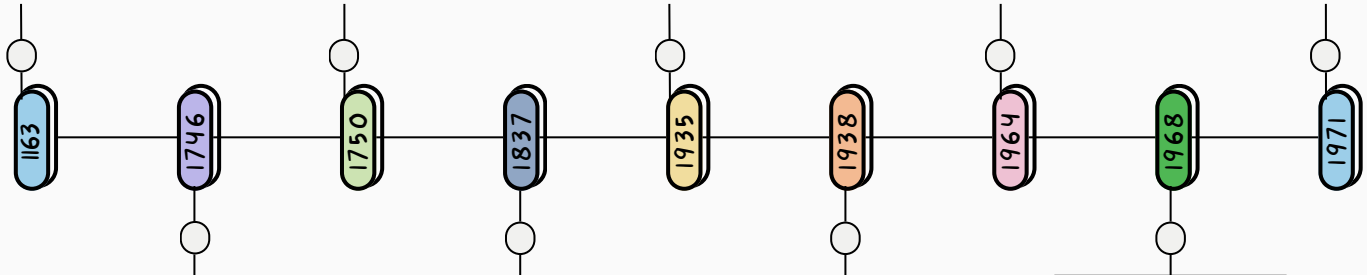
Scottish Aviation formed



Current Prestwick terminal



HMS Gannet established



Wheatsheaf Inn built



New St Cuthbert's church established, now New Life Church (Prestwick)



Prestwick Airport opened to passenger transport



War memorial was situated at the Cross since 1920, it was then moved to its current position in 1968

01 Priority

Spaces and Places

1. Action needed:

Monkton has limited space for cycling, wheeling or walking, provisions have to be taken to connect Monkton to other nearby villages/towns other than by car.

2. Action needed:

Accessibility in Monkton

1.1 Short term ~ The MCC (Monkton Community Council) will strive to lobby for more active travel promotion and connections by being part of South Ayrshire CAG (Community Advisory Group) and/or similar bodies.

1.2 Medium term ~ **1.2.1** Request footpath at Station Road to be resurfaced and to include a shared space for pedestrians and cyclists. ~ **1.2.2** Liaise with Scottish Enterprise to discuss the possibility of having footpaths officially set at the woods in the aerospace park.

1.3 Long term ~ Push for the improvement of Kilmarnock Road to include a cycle lane/footpath to connect Monkton to Adamton Estate, Symington, Kilmarnock and Troon, with safe crossing for pedestrians and cyclists over the dual carriage ways.

2.1 Short term ~ Set up contacts with third sector groups such as the South Ayrshire Access Panel and the RNIB, to evaluate and monitor mobility and/or accessibility in Monkton.

2.2 Medium Term ~ **2.2.1** Audit the pavements to check accessibility (level surfacing; dropped kerbs; pavements width; etc.).

~ **2.2.2** Link in with ARA (Ayrshire Roads Alliance) to promote their website/services to report faults and/or apply for services.

01 Priority

Spaces and Places

3. Action needed:

Ensure Monkton is a thriving community with an active village core.

4. Action needed:

Monkton seeks to maintain and improve current assets.

3.1 Short term ~ Link with SAC (South Ayrshire Council) to:

3.1.1 Maintain and increase benches around the village.

3.1.2 Ensure grass on council ground is regularly mowed, hedgerows maintained to ensure pedestrian safety and paths deweeded.

3.1.3 Contact the SAC Community Safety team regularly for anti-dog fouling campaigns and green wardens to detect offenders.

3.1.4 Contact the South Ayrshire Ranger Service to discuss opportunities related to sustainability, environment, wellbeing and education to develop projects for the community.

3.2 Medium term ~ The Monkton Lodge pub and restaurant is not in the village core: request lighting and a wider, well-maintained path on the road to the Dutch House at Kilmarnock Road (Dutch House roundabout and the village).

4.1 Short term ~ Link in with Grounds Maintenance, Waste Management and other teams within SAC, to ensure that:

4.1.1 The indoor and outdoor of the village hall is well kept.

4.1.2 Ensure completion of sound & audio equipment project in hall.

4.1.3 All social and historical spaces are maintained.

4.1.4 Waste bins are emptied and uncollected waste bins reported.

4.1.5 Other assets mentioned as other actions in this action plan (play parks, pavements, etc.) to be monitored and maintained.

01 Priority

Spaces and Places

5. Action needed:
Maintain surrounding fields around Monkton.

5.1 Short term ~ 5.1.1 Seek funds to develop a feasibility study and design plans for a nature trail in between the football field, through the woods and looping back to the village. ~ **5.1.2** Enable and develop the Monkton Allotment Group by facilitating the group to become a constituted group and/or raising funds to pursue available ground for the allotment ground and a community garden.

5.2 Medium term ~ 5.2.1 Areas have been identified (Fairfield Walled garden and a field by the airport, owned by the co-operative), MCC is looking at ways how to lease the areas with the intention to develop and maintain a community garden and/or allotment. Other available areas could be considered if the above cannot be leased.

~ **5.2.2** Seek possibilities for the Raith Reservoir, to develop the area as a fishing area, or more diverse use such as paddle boarding, kayaking, etc. The space should be kept at its natural state and any structures should be natural i.e. use of tree trunks etc. to deter vandalism.

5.3 Long term ~ Increase the facilities and accessibility to outdoor spaces to improve mental and physical health of the village. Projects might include but not restricted to nature trails, cycling paths, sensory gardens, seating areas, water features, flower bedding & planters, etc.

01 Priority

Spaces and Places

6. Action needed:

Limited parking within the village remains an issue.

7. Action

needed: Keep Monkton, a community with residents of all ages seeking ways to relax and enjoy themselves within their own village.

6.1 Short term ~ 6.1.1 Engage with ARA and other stakeholders to improve parking facilities and management.

~ **6.1.2** Identify and mark disabled parking bays at the Main Street carpark.

7.1 Short term ~ 7.1.1 Continue to liaise with SAC and estate factors to ensure that play parks are maintained and well kept. ~ **7.1.2** Continue to link in with schools, youth sports clubs and youth social groups to engage young people in healthy life choices and participation in the community. Simultaneously promote, facilitate and support groups attracting groups of all age groups.

7.2 Medium term ~ 7.2.1 Add equipment to the Carvick Webster village hall and the Monkton football park to support groups using the local facilities. List might include but is not exhaustive to, sport equipment.

~ **7.2.2** Request lighting to be added to the playing field to extend the use and security of the area. ~ **7.2.3** Promote the use of football park with football clubs and other groups to gauge interest before further development.

7.3 Long term Increase and develop assets within the village ~ **7.3.1** Develop football park with storage/changing and parking facilities. ~

7.3.2 Develop further the concept of 'dementia friendly village'.

Did You Know?



Did you know that the Orangefield House was first named Monkton Castle, then Monkton House? In 1919, Harry Carvick Webster purchased the Orangefield House and converted it to a hotel. In 1943, a control tower was built on the roof. In 1966, it was demolished to make room for the new runway.



Did you know that Macrae was born to a poor washerwoman in 1677? He went to sea at a young age and then progressed to become a sea captain. Between 1725 and 1780, he became governor of Madras. In 1781, he returned home to Scotland and bought estates in England, Renfrewshire, Ochiltree and Monkton. He bought Monkton House and renamed it Orangefield House. He gave it to his adopted daughter as a wedding gift, her son James was a patron of Robert Burns.

Selected pictures taken from 'Old Monkton' by Alex Young, 2019, Stenlake Publishing Ltd (available to purchase from shop).

What the people of Monkton said*...

"Traffic issues are a major problem with Monkton used as a commuter rat-run. Lack of off street parking compounded by recent ineffectual traffic calming measures makes Monkton difficult and dangerous to negotiate as a cyclist or pedestrian at peak times."

"There is one large play area in the village (next to the school) but at least 2 small privately owned/maintained play areas which are located within 2 of the newer housing estates. There is also access to a large field at the rear of the school so I feel there is very good provision for children. There are also a few groups which operate from the Carvick Webster and the Church Hall."

"There is a lack of facilities and amenities at the moment which will be made worse with all the new housing."

"Amazing school, good local nursery fabulous hall, church hall available if needed.."

"Very little mixing as many people work and socialise elsewhere."

"The recent introduction of 20mph and traffic calming is helping reduce problems of speeding in the village and will hopefully deter drivers from using the village as a 'rat run'. The roundabouts are difficult to negotiate to get out of the village at peak times."

"Lots of park and outdoor spaces to meet with people."

*Examples of responses from the Place Standard Tool community engagement sessions followed by the Engagement Outcomes Paper, published June 2022 (South Ayrshire Council)



1928
CARWICK WEBSTER
MEMORIAL HALL

COMMUNITY NEWS

CARWICK
WEBSTER
MALL

02 Priority

Live, Work and Learn

8. Action needed:

Monkton is a community with limited facilities and services which the community council strives to increase and improve.

9. Action needed:

Traffic calming measures have been set in place with proven lack of success, the MCC would like to look at other alternatives.

8.1 Short term ~ 8.1.1 Promote visibility of mobile library services by updating the village noticeboards and sharing online when the mobile library is scheduled to be in Monkton.

~ **8.1.2** Request and/or source funding for new notice boards around the village supplied by electricity or solar energy.

8.2 Medium term ~ Although not all located in the village core, Monkton has a convenience store, post office, a fast food outlet, a child nursery, a M&S outlet, a fuel station, a static caravan park, two hotels and three restaurants. The MCC will continue to support new and current commercial businesses and ventures.

9.1 Short term ~ Continue constructive discussions with ARA and head of roads to:

- monitor traffic calming measures;
- discuss consequences of heavy transport on roads such as uneven/sunken surfaces;
- audit pavement widths and accessibility;
- monitor infrastructure damage of existing houses.

9.2 Medium term ~ Install and monitor the use of speed cameras along the main access roads to the village.

02 Priority

Live, Work and Learn

10. Action needed: The village needs to remain a well connected village.

10.1 Short term ~ Liaise with SPT (Strathclyde Partnership for Transport) to request electronic display boards for bus stops.

10.2 Medium term ~ The village has recently benefited from the X77 passing through the village. Liaise with relevant partners that the route is maintained as present.

11. Action needed: Ensure the balance between green spaces and developed areas is safeguarded.

11.1 Short term ~ Scrutinise planning applications, which is a regular item in the MCC monthly meetings agenda. MCC commits to be present at planning application hearings at SAC cabinet.

11.2 Long term ~ The proximity to the main roads (A77; A78; A79) is attractive to housing developments. The MCC recognises that development may benefit the local economy, however, local infrastructure has to be improved (sewage system, roads, drainage system, etc.) The MCC has to make sure that the community benefit percentage at planning application stages is substantial to the development costings and it is used within the community.



BURNSIDE ROAD

Fly High

Did You Know?



Did you know that in 1872 the school had 142 pupils in just two class rooms but had the capacity for 80 in each? The school still stands as a commercial property. The new school was built in 2008.

Did you know that what is now a child nursery was originally a pub? The Wheatsheaf Inn was built in 1746 and in 1855 it was described as a thatched roof inn. Fast forward to the 21st century, it was Polly's Tearoom in 2014 and then converted to the Fly High nursery in 2019.

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What the people of Monkton said*...

"I love living in Monkton because it's friendly and welcoming. Local groups are always in touch about what's going on in the village. I think people are given the opportunity to feel part of the village and encouraged to take part in village events."

"A very strong community ...I love it!"

"I don't think there is space for new start-up businesses."

"Monkton has a lot of history which I believe most of the newcomers in the village know nothing about."

"MCC meetings are attended by local councillors but many people do not feel listened to especially in relation to planning and developments, although this is improving. MCC have facilitated more attractive spaces with donations from local industry for flowers in the village and Christmas lights. I think a place plan will help people feel more involved in decision making and will support residents to prioritise important things. We see the importance of building better relationships and collaboration with stakeholders with interest in the village and have been working with the community to understand our needs."

"There is very little crime reported which is a great thing and I find it safe to walk around at night."

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03 Priority

Civic & Community Pride

12. Action

needed: Keep the village hall at the core of the community.

12.1 Short term ~ **12.1.1** Maintain and expand support to current activities appealing to all members of the community. ~ **12.1.2** Continue to support the cosy spaces, one morning a week. ~ **12.1.3** Post 'What's On' board at the Carvick Webster Hall to inform people of what is happening at the hall daily/weekly.

12.2 Medium term ~ **12.2.1** Encourage and support links between the school and the community. MCC to champion activities e.g. facilitate activities with the kids; parent council association activities/events, etc. ~ **12.2.2** Liaise with Church of Scotland about development of the Monkton North Church, Pioneer Café and community hall. This space could be used/leased to encourage villagers to meet, socialise and organise activities.

12.3 Long term ~ Maintain and support good rapport with the local primary school, Fly High nursery, commercial enterprises, senior citizens and other village groups..

13. Action

needed: We need to ensure people are kept safe.

13.1 Short term ~ Monkton is continuously expanding in property development and in population. Liaise with Police Scotland to build and improve relationship between MCC and Police Scotland. ~ **13.1.1** Ensure a regular police report for MCC's monthly meetings. ~ **13.1.2** Inquire the possibility of re-introducing a community officer and/or possibility of having more police patrols in the area at different times.

03 Priority

Civic & Community Pride

14. Action needed:

Monkton has a strong history which requires promotion.

14.1 Short term ~ Request and/or apply for funds to create an information board at the Macrae's monument to point at the different surroundings high points and landmarks, whilst promoting access.

14.2 Medium term ~ Statistically the MCC website is not financially viable. The MCC will focus on social media platforms to:

- Engage with posts
- Promote activities and events
- Increase number of followers

14.3 Long term ~ Develop a historical event week with film screenings, plays at the school, walking tours around the village, historical visual interpretations with the use of costumes, etc.

15. Action needed:

Engage greater participation in monthly meetings, with a wide representation of community members.

15.1 Short term ~ **15.1.1** Increase the diversity of the community council members to include different demographic cohorts.

~ **15.1.2** Advertise meetings in shops, post office, notice boards, by word of mouth, etc.

~ **15.1.3** Post banners in prime locations to inform community about the MCC meetings.

15.2 Medium term ~ Seek funding to promote various projects and events which are beneficial to the community.



Markkan Primary School
Main Entrance

Did You Know?



Did you know that the village hall was originally a free church? The hall served as a church up to 1874, but then it was too small for congregation. It was then bought by John G.A. Baird in 1854 and used as a public hall. In 1915 it was part bought by Troon Co-operative as a shop till 1925. In 1929, Mr & Mrs Harry Carvick Webster who resided in Orangefield House bought and refurbished the hall as a memorial to their two sons who lost their lives in war and donated it to the community.



Did you know that the old Kirk is a late 12th century church? In 1830, Thomas Burns, nephew of Robert Burns was the minister. He was responsible for a new Saint Cuthbert's being built in 1837, to serve both Monkton and Prestwick. In 1847, Thomas Burns sailed to New Zealand and formed a church in Dunedin. Burns then became the first chancellor of Otago University in 1848.

Local Groups & Activities

MON

Step123dance
Adult ballroom and Latin
dance class
Alex 07754454925
step.123@live.co.uk
7pm - 8pm
Carvick Webster Hall

Youth Theatre
01292 473456
Musical theatre 6pm - 7:30pm
Primary School
Acting 7:30pm - 9pm
Primary School

Sound Bath
Lynne Dove
07729743726
7pm - 8pm
Church Hall

TUES

Meta Fit
Jeanette Philips
07968573483 5:30pm
(Time can vary
depending on attendees)
Church Hall

West Coast Country Liners
Wendy Allen
07361382033
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Carvick Webster Hall

WED

**Senior Citizens
Keep Fit**
11:30am - 12:30pm
Church Hall

**Sports Pop Up
Primary 1—7**
01292 473456
4:15pm - 5:15pm
Primary School

Creative Worship
Last Wednesday
of the month 7pm
Irene MacBain
07500 498450
Pioneer Cafe

West Coast Country Liners
Wendy Allen
07361382033
7pm - 8:00pm
Carvick Webster Hall

THUR

Baby and Toddler group
monktonbabyandtoddlers
@outlook.com
10am—12noon
£1 per child £5 one off
joining fee **Church Hall**

Cosy Spaces
Free Drop in
11am - 1pm
**Carvick
Webster
Hall**

Meta Fit
Jeanette Philips
07968573483
Time varies around
6:30pm
Church Hall

**Monkton
Community Council**
07983133596
MCC Facebook page
monthly meeting 3rd Thurs
7pm - 9pm
Carvick Webster Hall

FRI

SAT

Meta Fit
Jeanette Philips
07968573483
9am
Church Hall

South Ayrshire Tea Dance
Douglas and Tina Dickens
areyoudancing.com
1pm - 3pm
Carvick Webster Hall

SUN

Kyle Karate Club
Jim Brady
07745741792
7:30pm - 9:30pm
Carvick Webster Hall

**IN ANY
EMERGENCY**



DEFRIBRILLATOR
near Carvick
Webster Hall
notice board

Useful contact details

Ayrshire Roads Alliance
www.ayrshireroadsalliance.org
01563 503 160 enquiries@ayrshireroadsalliance.org

Ayrshire Housing 01292 880 120

Crime Stoppers 0800555111

Floodline (24h information service operated by
SEPA) **0345 988 1188**

Home Energy Scotland 0808 808 2282

NHS 24 for all non-emergency medical queries **111**

Police Scotland
Emergencies **999**
Non-emergencies **101** or **0300 426 0101**
Text Relay **18001101**

Samaritans (24/7) Freephone **116 123**

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 027 1234

Scottish Power Power cuts emergency number **105**

South Ayrshire Connect 0800 432 0510
enquiries@connectsa.scot

South Ayrshire Council
www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk
All queries **0300 123 0900**

- **Adult Support and Protection**
(Out of hours response service):
0800 328 7758
- **Council emergency services** for emergency response team, housing repairs, social work standby service, road and lighting faults, noise helpline (out of office hours) **0300 123 0900**
- **Emergency Homeless** (out of hours)
0808 100 3151
- **Information and Advice Hub**
01292 123 0900
- **South Ayrshire Child Protection Committee**
Social Work 01292 267 675
(out of hours) **0800 328 7758**

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