

Devon Way Sports Park

Community Survey Report



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1 Introduction

This Survey was conducted as part of the widespread community engagement process undertaken to inform the plans to develop the Devon Way Sports Park.

The Survey was designed in consultation with representatives of Dollar Glen Football Club, Dollar Community Development Trust and other local volunteers.

The Survey was made available online and in paper copies promoted widely through:

- Social media
- Dollar CDT Website
- Street promotion
- Posters and fliers
- Distribution to all households

The Survey was independently analysed, and this report written by STAR Development Group.

Further community engagement and consultation in the process was undertaken through Street Engagement events, workshops with stakeholders, and a community drop in event on 5th/6th March.

STAR Development Group provide consultancy services in community development, regeneration, community and stakeholder engagement. STAR has been working in small towns, rural communities and urban neighbourhoods since 1999, enabling communities to develop their own plans, strengthen local organisations and deliver successful projects.

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2 Survey Responses

Respondents

There was a total of 416 responses to the survey. The survey closed on 16 March.

- 359 people responded online
- 57 people responded on paper surveys

Gender

Of those that gave their gender:

Gender	Percent	Number
Female	52%	156
Male	44%	133
Other	2%	5
Prefer not to say	2%	6
	100%	300

Age

Of those that gave age range:

Age range	Percent	Count
Under 18	20%	60
18 - 29	5%	14
30 - 44	30%	89
45 - 59	21.5%	65
60 - 74	15.5%	47
75+	8%	25
	100%	300

Disability Of those that said:

7% consider themselves to have a disability.

Ethnicity: Of those that identified their ethnicity:

92% identified as White British, White Scottish, British, Scottish or White

8% identified themselves as a non-white, British or Scottish ethnicity.

Which street do you live in? Of those that gave their street:

Allsop Place	Lawhill road
Argyll Street x 3	Lovers Loan
Ashley Avenue x 2	Lower Mains
Back Road x 4	Malcolm Court
Bogton Place	Manor House Road
Bridge Street x 4	Manse Road x 3
Bryanston Drive x2	McNabb Street x 3
Burnside x 4	Mitchell Street
Campbell Street	Moirs Well x 2
Castle Road	Muckhart
Chapel Place	Muckhart Road
Craiginnan Gardens x	Murray Place
Devon Road x 2	Park Place x 2
Dewar Street x 4	Princes Crescent x 3
Dollarbeg x 2	Sorleys Brae x 2
Dollarfield	Station Road x 4
Glenochil Farm Lane x2	Strachan Crescent x 4
Gowan Lea x 5	Strathdevon Place
Graham Place	Tarmangie Drive x 4
Harviestoun Road x 4	The Ness x 14
Hillview place	Walton Crescent x 3
High Street x2	West Burnside
Kellyburn Park	White Wisp Gardens x 5
Kirkstyle	

3 Do you support our Vision?

Our vision is that the Sports Park will provide a facility and opportunities:

- for everyone to take part in sport and activities
- that help people to enjoy better physical and mental health
- to enjoy the environment and bring the community together
- that help people to have better skills for life, learning and work

412 people responded to this question.

399 people (97%) said Yes - I fully support this Vision.

Example quotes:

"Dollar needs a dedicated community sports facility to support the growing younger population"

"A healthier Happier community"

"Encourage new activities and groups to meet up"

"good for adults and children in the village"

"We are sadly short of community facilities"

"I would like the young to have the opportunities to participate in sport as I did when young"

"Physical exercise and team sports have proven benefits to health and well-being"

"Helping to create a healthy and community-based ethos"

13 people (3%) said No - I do not support this Vision

Example quotes:

"Sustainability of proposed building - environmental and financial..."

"This Vision is driven by Dollar Glen Football Club, not the vision to provide sport facilities to the broader community"

"Concern over traffic, parking, noise and groups of youths hanging about"

4 Do you support the proposal for Dollar CDT to take on a long lease from the Council and community ownership of the Sports Park?

412 people answered this question

390 (95%) said Yes, they supported this proposal

“Having control will give freedom and flexibility “

“DCDT will do a better job than the Council”

“Keeps it in the community and lets everyone get involved”

“Council could run out of money for upkeep, or allocate elsewhere”

“We have a say over what happens”

“DCDT has proven to be a sustainable and accessible organisation that has the local community’s best interests at heart”

13 (3%) said No, they did not support the proposal or were unsure

“The playing fields are a Clackmannanshire Council Asset that already meet the true vision that the broader community shall have sport facilities “

“Ground maintenance is a huge cost”

“Not yet. Will all respect to everybody’s enthusiasm and good intentions, The Hive is also owned by the community (council) and is not used to its full potential”

9 (2%) said they would need further information

“Indication of where maintenance manning and upkeep funding upkeep finance would come from”

“I would need to know how DCDT plan to upkeep and associated costs”

5 What ideas do you have for how the Sports Park and surrounds could be used to achieve this Vision, particularly to be inclusive and encourage more people to take part in sport and physical recreation?

Main ideas, with number of times mentioned and example quotes.

Outdoor gym/trim trail (30)

Build an outdoor gym like at Cochrane Park

Outdoor exercise equipment for all ages and ability would be nice.

Some sort of robust fitness apparatus like in fitness parks

All weather pitches/MUGA/floodlights (25)

Well lit for running and training during wintertime

The biggest need is floodlighting and winter uability, there is no facility anywhere nearby that can be used after 4/5pm for several months of the year

A covered place for when it rains, especially in Scotland!

Football Astro please

Bikes, skating, cycling & climbing (22)

An area for skate boarding would be great even if it's small

A bike track for 5-11s, bike repair centre, tracks suitable for children's buggies and wheelchairs,

Surround the football field with a bmx track so kids can have somewhere safe to cycle fast

A pump track because loads of people ride bikes and I think this would bring more people to the town

Fully accessible changing facilities/toilets/lockers (18)

Changing and shower facilities and small kitchen to prepare hot and cold drinks for sports.

I think a safe place to change and store valuables would be a great start.

Needs easy access for those with mobility issues and facilities

Covered area/seating (18)

Open air shelters for spectators

A space for talking/viewing events built in – maybe with earthwork or wooden so it looks natural

It could also be used as a covered area to do outdoor activities such as yoga, arts and crafts, outdoor learning with kids

Infrastructure (access, fencing, parking, drainage, CCTV) (15)

Living close to the park it would need to be managed and monitored and traffic is a big concern

Moving the Hub north-west nearer to the existing path would separate motors and pedestrians

CCTV to prevent damage / vandalism

The state of the pitch is an ankle break waiting to happen - the pitch will need to be rabbit proofed

Indoor facilities (15)

Indoor racket sports, basketball etc not just outdoor sports

That there is a large high roofed hall that will allow badminton and tennis to be played

A hall that can be divided into smaller areas for table tennis, keep fit etc

Children's play area (14)

The playpark suggested needs to have disabled equipment

The park should have an activity play area for children of all ages

Running & walking track suitable for all abilities (14)

Running area/ track to provide safe running space

Explore the possibility of being a Parkrun location

There needs to be benches along the route for those of us with health issues

Running track with distance markers along the way to give targets. Track surface suitable for wheelchairs, buggies.

The long strip running north could be an uphill sprint training area

Café/bar/kitchen area (12)

A small kitchen to prepare hot and cold drinks for sports

A small cafe with coffee and cake to be used while your young person plays football

There needs to be a sizeable accessible café type area where family members can stay while kids play sport – this is missing at other facilities such as Firpark

Nature area/garden/peaceful space (12)

With a space for meditation/tai chi. Relaxation, meditation calm, peaceful area.

Landscaped surroundings including fruit trees and benches to watch sport but also wildlife

Better planned woodland to maximise biodiversity

Wildflower beds and birdboxes

Communication and information (9)

Signage, events, marketing

Advertise on notice boards around the town in the coop and at the gala

Other ideas – boules area, handball, clay pigeon shooting, maze, cricket pitch (6)

6 What Community Events could take place at the Sports Park which would help achieve the vision - particularly to bring the community together and improve health and well-being?

Main ideas, with number of times mentioned and example quotes

Community Sports Day/Highland Games (54)

Football and other sports tournaments (37)

A Gala/Fete/Fayre (33)

Taster Sports/come and try events (29)

Park run/running events (29)

Health and wellbeing/training/fitness activities (27)

Use by older age groups/and all abilities /accessible activities (27)

Children's clubs/holiday camps (26)

Festivals - music, food, film, craft etc. (22)

For clubs/groups in Dollar and wider Clackmannanshire area (16)

Cycling events (15)

Fundraising & charity events (12)

Farmers' market/food growing and cooking (7)

Community get togethers – BBQ/picnics/barn dance (7)

Dog training/pet show (3)

Example quotes

It could be a hub for the gala day as well as various family centred activities

Market stalls for farmers and growers to sell local produce

Dollar gala day having a more fitness focus element

Local sports teams/clubs hosting open training sessions to engage with local community

Community events and fundraisers

Could hold an annual mini highland Games of Family fun sports day

Fun runs for various ages and distances

Holiday camps for school holiday entertainment, visiting sports and challenges letting kids and families try something new

Outdoor yoga in the summer

Park runs starting and finishing here

Team events eg 5 or 7 aside or netball as a community round robin

Start a "Hillfoots Challenge" set of events open to all kids in the various villages

A family sports day bringing back races for grandparents and for toddlers

Local sports for children and young people but also for older members of community, walking football etc and activities for children or people with additional support needs

It would be good if there were some activities that people with disabilities could take part in

Cycle meets for physical and mental wellbeing

Monthly healthy food market?

Perhaps charity sports events for mental health charities

Dollar hill race focal point

Would be happy to volunteer to teach an outdoor yoga class in the summer

Outdoor theatre events

Bike meet ups and races and competitions

Walking sports - Adult social sports for men and women

7 Do you support the proposal to develop a Facilities Hub?

343 people answered this question.

Response	Percent	Count
Yes, I support the proposal	90%	305
No, I do not support the proposal	4%	13
Not sure/Other	6%	25
Totals	100%	301

Yes - example quotes

A facilities hub will make the area more useable

Access to toilets and a secure space to store items

Allows clubs to host other clubs. Supports inclusion for all

Be a great gathering point for youngsters in Dollar, however I think CCTV needs to be included

Changing facilities and shelter on location is a must

Dollar is short on community indoor space

Indoor sports and classes could be held there

It would be a great way to reduce isolation, also for older people

It's no use to have a sports park with no facilities, as no one would use it

Would allow local and competitors from other areas to use

Shared space where people can socialise

Seems that a modular approach is appropriate allowing for growth moving forward

Without it, inter-community competitions are a not starter

No - example quotes

Not the best place for all of Dollar

Sounds like a container park!

The Hive is near enough and should be used as the Hub

Unsure - example quotes

It depends how it will look- external wooden cladding as well as trees to make it in keeping with the area

Lack of consideration for traffic management and parking to support the Facilities Hub

Are facilities needed on site? Would they be utilised that much?

Units as described do not sound visually attractive.

8 What are your TOP 3 priorities to be provided within the Facilities Hub?

358 people responded to this question.

Priority	Percent	Count
Changing rooms for sports/recreational users	83%	298
Toilets for public/park users	81%	291
Indoor activity space	59%	210
Facility for catering	34%	121
Storage space	19%	68
Other – see below	7%	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Carbon neutral or negative</i> • <i>Catering to sell teas coffees etc on match days</i> • <i>Cemetery maintenance</i> • <i>Security//CCTV</i> • <i>Should include a Changing places toilet</i> • <i>Water fountain</i> • <i>Catering might not be essential, but electricity and potable water are a good idea.</i> • <i>Possibly an outdoor electrical socket</i> • <i>First Aid facility</i> • <i>Defibrillator</i> • <i>For young mothers a toddler space could be useful</i> 		

9 What are your TOP 3 priorities for facilities to be provided outside the Hub alongside the pitch?

360 people responded to this question.

Priority	Percent	Count
All weather surface	75%	270
External covered seating area	64%	230
An outdoor gym	53%	191
A children's play park	52%	187
A catering facility	27%	97
Other – see below	12%	43
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bike shelter/parking/shed for maintenance</i> • <i>CCTV</i> • <i>Fitness trail</i> • <i>Improved pedestrian access on existing path</i> • <i>Open air shelters</i> • <i>Seating</i> • <i>Skatepark</i> • <i>Basketball pitch</i> • <i>Running track</i> • <i>Litter bins</i> • <i>BBQ area</i> • <i>Parking</i> 		

10 Do you have any ideas or concerns about what the proposed Facilities hub would look like?

140 people responded to this question out of 416 total respondents

Concerns	Count
The industrial/stark/ugly look of the building	16
Planting/landscaping would soften the look	12
Needs cladding/wood/natural look	12
Security concerns re: covered area and access	9
Prefer an eco-design	5
Artwork would improve look	3
Pitch roof better	2
Lighting required – not floodlighting	2
Minimise maintenance	2
Other concerns – parking/fencing/access	3
No Concerns	Count
I have no concerns	55
It looks good/I like it	30
It's sensible/within budget	6
Ideas from other places	
Kings Park Pavilion, Stirling	
Linlithgow Municipal Football changing	
Denny football pitch hub	
Dundee Caird Park	
Sports pavilion at Donaldson Park, Milnathort	

11 Volunteering Opportunities

There are many opportunities for people to get involved in the Project, in a voluntary capacity. These include coaching, joining new groups, helping with the project (fundraising, publicity, IT).

Coaching

Eleven people volunteered to become coaches.

New groups

Around 40 people volunteered to join both Over 35s football and Walking football. Another 30 volunteered to join Women's football.

Volunteering

Over 90 people said they would volunteer or might be interested in volunteering to support the Devon Way Sports Park project directly.

12 Summary

There was a very good response to the Survey from 416 people out of a population of around 2,800. This represents around 15% of the population, which - for a survey of this type - is a good response rate.

The responses were very representative of the different age groups and genders in the community, and from across the community geographically. 7% of respondents considered that they had a disability, and we were delighted to have all these views.

There was overwhelming support for both the Vision (97%) and the proposal for Community Ownership (95%). 90% of respondents also supported the proposal for a Facilities Hub.

The Top priorities for facilities within the Hub were:

- Changing facilities
- Toilets
- Indoor activity space
- Facility for catering/cafe

The Top priorities for facilities outside the Hub were:

- All weather surfaces
- Covered seating area
- Outdoor gym/trim trail
- Biking/skating facilities

There were only 66 concerns raised about the proposed design of the Facilities Hub, with suggestions for improvements and ideas from facilities elsewhere.

A wide range of responses and suggestions were made for Activities and Events that the Sports Park could be a venue for. The top suggestions included:

- Community Sports Day/Highland Games
- Football and other sports tournaments
- A Gala/Fete/Fayre
- Taster Sports/come and try events
- Park run/running events

Some of these ideas will be trialled at a Community Activity Festival in May 2022.

There was a very positive response to the invitation for volunteers, with 11 people volunteering to become coaches, over 70 people interested in joining new groups, and over 90 interested in volunteering to support the Devon Way Sports Park project.