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Pittenweem Community Survey Detailed Full Report August 2022





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“Pittenweem Community Council is excited to see the results of the survey and look forward to engaging with the community on the issues that are important to you.

We will use your answers to explore your ideas in more detail at community events throughout the rest of the year.”

David Stutchfield, Pittenweem Community Council.

“The folks doing the flowers
are doing a fantastic job
making the village look fab”

“I like the space to walk and
admire the sea views”



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1. OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

This report details the evidence base gathered in summer 2022 from the community of Pittenweem in Fife, Scotland. The Survey was commissioned and developed by Pittenweem Community Council (PCC) with support from [Planning Aid Scotland](#) (PAS) and funding from [Fife Council](#).

The Survey is intended as an initial step in an ongoing process to understand the needs and desires of the community in Pittenweem, with a view to developing a full Community Action Plan in the next season.

The three questions asked in the survey were:

- What three things do you value most about Pittenweem?
- What three things concern you most about Pittenweem?
- What changes would you like to see in Pittenweem? Include any events, activities, or infrastructure improvements that you'd like to see happen.

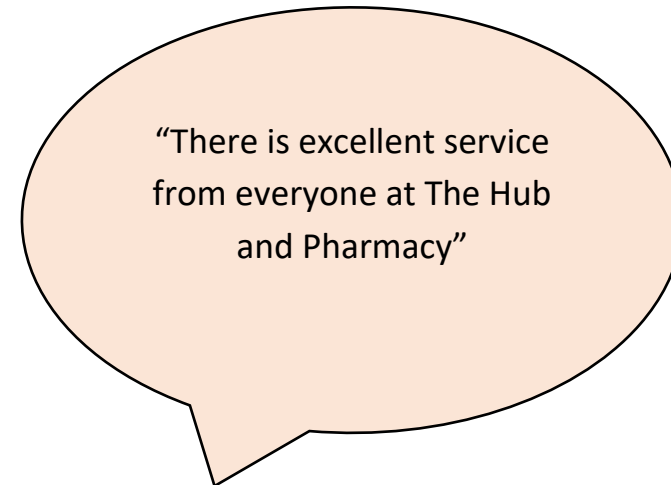
Every household received a paper copy with the option to fill out online.

Pittenweem Community Council is delighted with the strength of response to the survey (closed 13th June 2022). 174 responses were received, half online and half by paper.

The pie charts on the following page break down the characteristics of respondents, by age and residency.

The full list of action areas (15), priorities (60) and initial ideas for action (161) shared by the community can be found in Section 4, under the following topic headings: Moving Around; Public transport; Traffic and parking; Streets and spaces; Natural space; Play and recreation; Facilities and amenities; Work and local economy; Housing and community; Social contact; Identity and belonging; Feeling safe; Care and maintenance; Influence and sense of control; and Other comments.

If you'd like to know more about the Pittenweem Community Council, please visit our [web page](#). If you would like to be informed about future events, please email secretary.pittenweem.cc@outlook.com or phone (01333) 311751.





Who replied to the survey?

Age Range of Participants

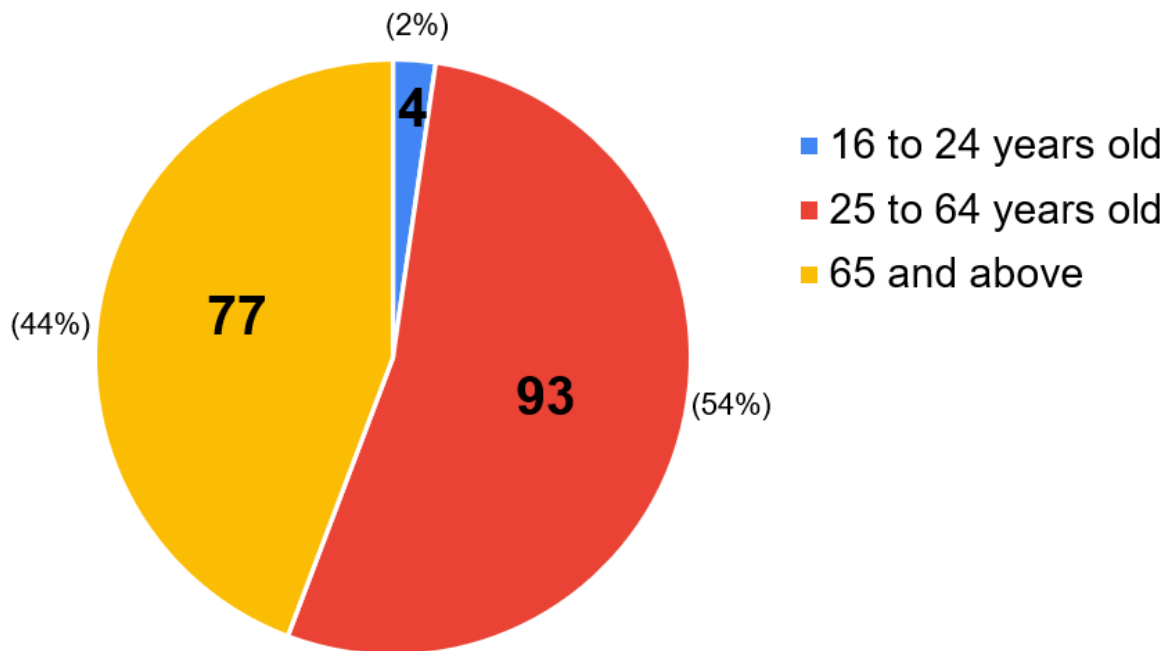


Figure 1: Age

Connection to Pittenweem

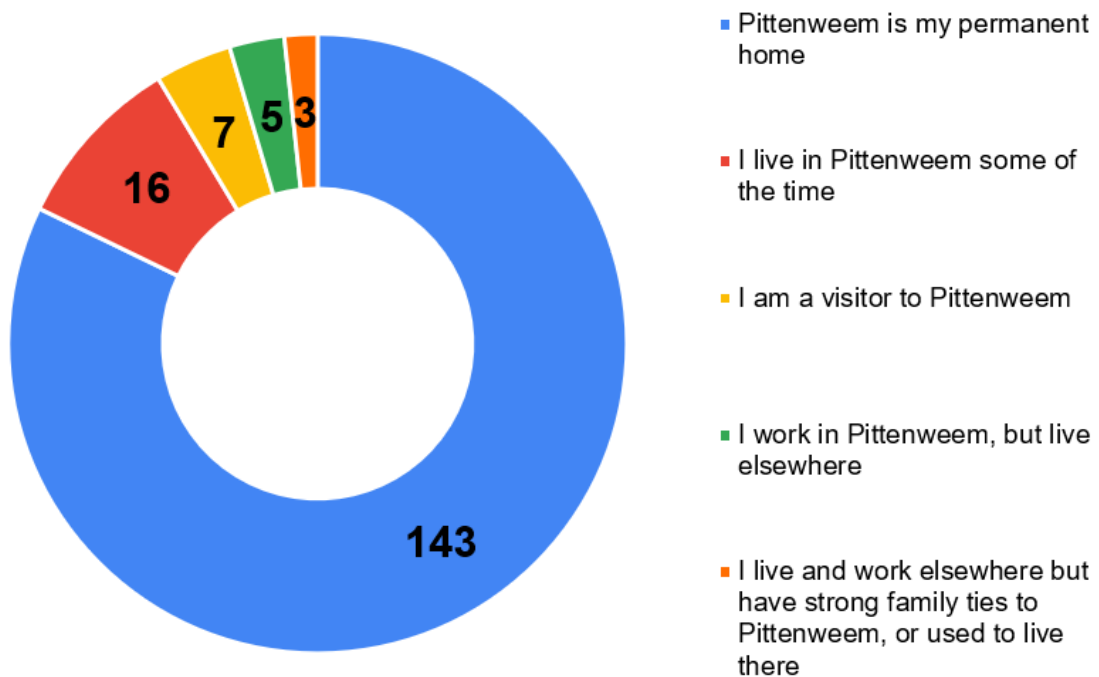


Figure 2: Residency



Summary of responses

Likes

Most significant of all, 43% of respondents value Pittenweem's strong sense of community.

Also seen as important (by around 25% of respondents each) are:

- the town's history and beauty as a historic burgh
- its tranquillity and slow pace of life
- its friendliness and welcoming atmosphere.

Not far behind (at around 17% of responses each) are:

- the rural and coastal location and scenery
- the number and diversity of great places to eat for a small town
- the fact that the working harbour and its fishing remains at its heart.

The range and accessibility of local facilities including the Hub, library, GP surgery and local shops are also highly valued.

Concerns

Increasing numbers of properties being used for short-term lets and purchased as second homes generated most comment (43% of respondents), particularly the perception that this is impacting the local housing market and access to affordable housing (18%).

The lack of parking spaces (for both residents and visitors) and associated impacts especially during the summer figured highly (21%), as did the upkeep of roads, pavements and wynds, particularly regarding potholes and weeds (19%) and dog fouling and litter (15%). Speeding on the main road (12%) was also a real concern.

Concern about the potential closure of shops and amenities in future were highlighted (11%).

Just two respondents mentioned future concerns around climate change and resilience.



Changes

Suggestions for change included:

- addressing road maintenance issues (11%)
- increasing the availability of affordable housing (10%)
- implementing and expanding access to multi-use paths between the East Neuk villages (9%)
- repairing and upgrading playparks for kids (8%).

Concerns that Pittenweem might lose the community spirit that people so value (5%) could be partly addressed by foregrounding events aimed at the whole community (11%), influenced by the recent Jubilee celebrations. This was supported by suggestions for a positive review of how impacts of the annual Pittenweem Arts Festival could be addressed, exploring how it could integrate with wider community events and celebrations such as activities for families and kids or a street market (6%). A return of the fireworks display was also called for (5%).



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Key ideas for Change Proposed

The following table summarises the twelve ideas for action that were suggested by the greatest numbers of respondents. They cover 7 of the 14 Action Areas. The complete table of proposed changes can be found in Section 4: Understanding the Issues.

Priority	Action Code	The 12 Ideas for Action with the highest response rate	Count	Percentage of respondents proposing the action
MOVING AROUND				
Active Travel Routes	MA5	Develop multi-use paths between the East Neuk villages (explore option for lighting as well).	16	9%
TRAFFIC AND PARKING				
Parking	TP1	Improve parking availability and signage, for residents and visitors.	10	6%
Speeding	TP15	Extend 20 mph limit along main road (A917), plus enforcement.	14	8%
PLAY AND RECREATION				
Playparks	PR4	Repair and upgrade kids' playparks (West Braes, park behind school).	14	8%
FACILITIES AND AMENITIES				
Shops	FA21	Increase number of shops generally esp. on High Street (e.g. a deli, community shop where local art / crafts can be sold, longer opening hours).	11	6%
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY				
Affordable Housing	HC1	Develop more affordable homes for local people (inc. long-term rental).	18	10%
Holiday Homes	HC4	Implement policy mechanism to limit second home ownership and holiday lets.	14	8%
SOCIAL CONTACT				
Festivals & Arts	SC10	Bring back events for whole community e.g. Pittenweem Gala Day/Children's Gala (build on Jubilee, bring in local businesses, ideas: Seafood Festival inc. fishing heritage, food festivals, ceilidhs, a summer fete, BBQs, concerts, Strawberry Fayre).	20	11%
Pittenweem Arts Festival	SC13	Implement a review of how the Arts Festival contributes to the village (Arts Festival as inclusive community event, provide more for families, local Festival feeling has been lost, bring in local businesses, include a street market during the event, kids' activities).	11	6%
	SC14	Reinstate the Arts Festival Fireworks and procession (also possibly Bonfire at start).	9	5%
CARE AND MAINTENANCE				
Greenery	CM1	Ensure Fife Council takes better care of public/open spaces (e.g. grass cut more regularly & cuttings removed, weed clearance, care for flower beds).	10	6%
Road Maintenance	CM8	Ensure better road and pavement maintenance inc. potholes (e.g. roads: A917, Abbey Wall Road, James Street to school, near church, High Street; pavements: West Shore, near the church).	25	14%

Table 1: The 12 Ideas for Action with the highest response rate.



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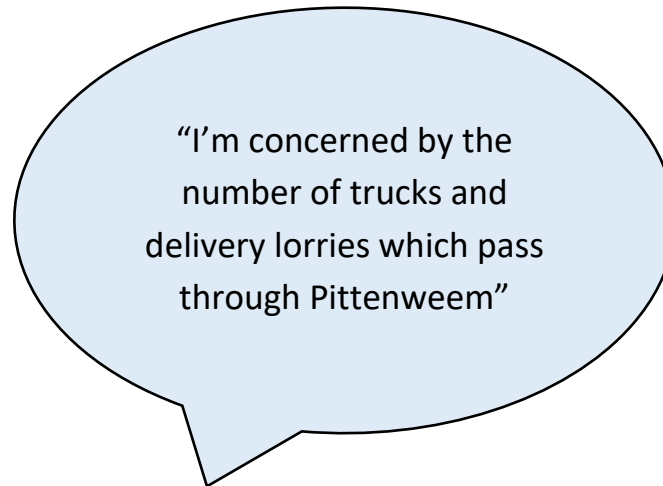
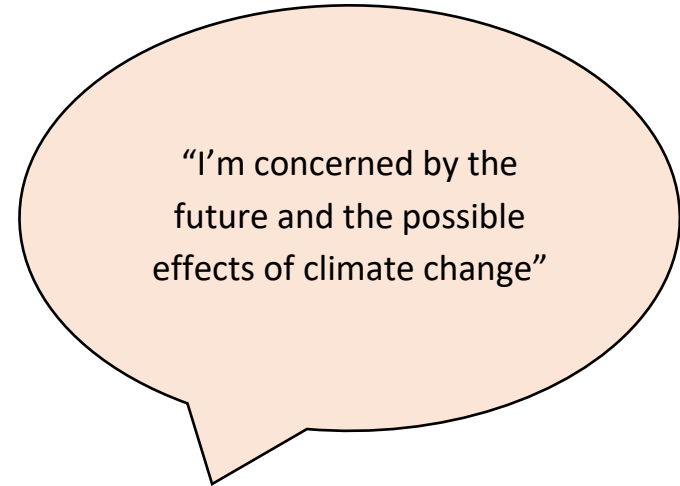


Steering Group

The sub-committee of the PCC entrusted with developing and running the survey were Margaret Wardlaw; Duncan Lucas; Jim Wood; David Stutchfield, Linda Lauder; Peter Mills; Evelyn Boyd and Cllr. Alycia Hayes, supported by Heather Whyte (Fife Council Community Education) and Paul Ede (PAS).

What next?

1. An initial launch of this full report will be accompanied by a drop-in session hosted by local volunteers at the New Town Hall to connect with local people interested to find out more. People can drop into the Hall at any time between 3pm and 7pm on Tuesday 23rd August 2022.
2. Dialogue will also begin with Fife Council over issues raised.
3. The steering group will consider how to continue to engage the community moving forward.
4. Pittenweem Community Council have already applied for funding to expand the consultation process. As and when the consultation progresses this document will be used as a foundation for shaping the process and carrying the conversation forward.





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2. CONTEXT

Pittenweem

2.1 Pittenweem is located on the coast of the Firth of Forth in the East Neuk of Fife between St Monans to the west and Anstruther to the east. It is situated approximately 10 miles south of St Andrews, 15 miles south-east of Cupar and 12 miles east of Leven. It has a current population of around 1420 people¹ (approx. 966 properties)², down from a population of 1,746 in 2001. Originally founded as a fishing port which formed part of the historic Siller ('silver') Ports of the East Neuk, Pittenweem continues to host an active fishing fleet and has become known for its annual Arts Festival. Like the other coastal towns and villages of the East Neuk, Pittenweem offers an attractive and historic built environment, which is also constrained for the purposes of modern traffic use by their inherited, traditional urban form.

2.2 The recent re-opening of the West Braes Sea Bathing pool is a particular source of local pride. Pittenweem was previously named as one of the top 50 places to live in the UK in the Sunday Times Best Places to Live guide.

2.3 Opposite is a map of the boundaries of the Community Council Area.

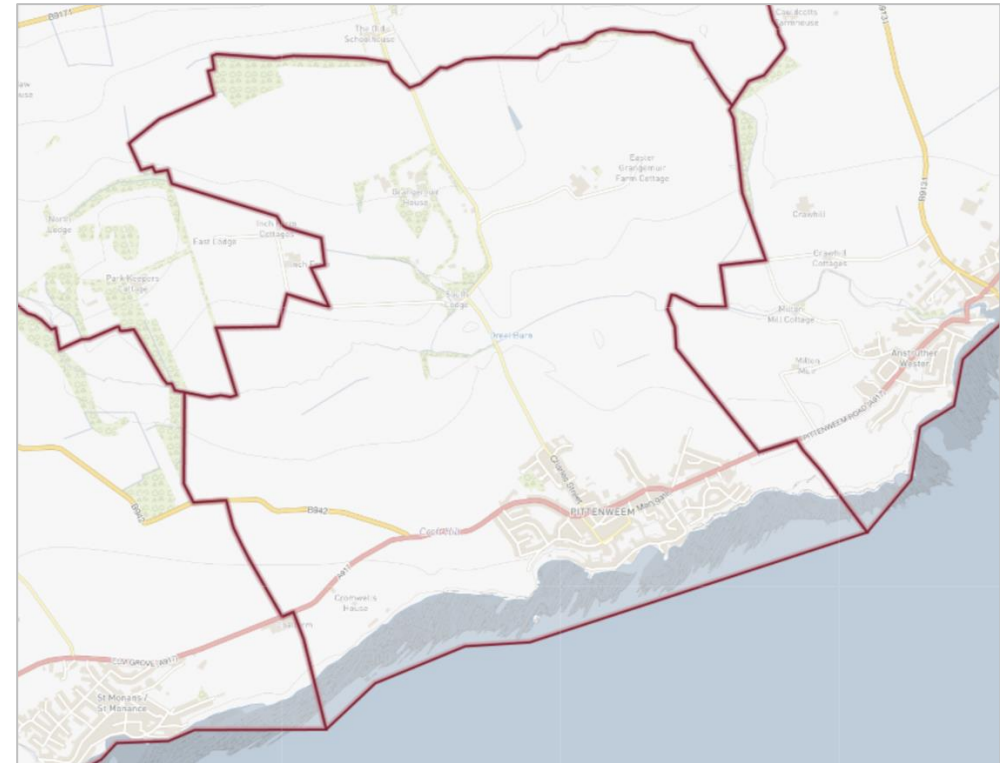


Figure 3: Boundary of the Royal Burgh of Pittenweem Community Council

¹ Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation figures (2020).

² Fife Council Housing Services figures (2021).



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Pittenweem in the context of similar towns across Scotland

2.4 Helpful data about Pittenweem can be found through the [Know Fife portal](#) and the [Understanding Scotland's Places \(USP\)](#) website.

2.5 Understanding Scotland's Places (USP) describes Pittenweem as a "type of small town [that] is extremely mixed in terms of demographics. There are particularly wide ranges of people, housing and activities. The number of older couples with no children is higher than average. There is a mix of professional and non-professional jobs, and part-time and self-employment are both important for a significant proportion of residents."

2.6 The USP website describes how Pittenweem compares to thirteen other similar towns across Scotland. Towns most similar to Pittenweem include Strathpeffer, Ballater, Portsoy, and Danderhall, based on a comparison of twelve different factors. Overall, however, its socioeconomic status is higher than similar towns. Pittenweem is described as an interdependent town. Interdependent towns have a medium number of assets in relation to their population; average diversity of jobs; and residents travel a mix of short and long distances to travel to work and study. They are described as interdependent towns because they are both attractors of people from neighbouring towns who come to access some assets and jobs, but they are also reliant on neighbouring towns for other assets and jobs.

2.7 To help put Pittenweem in Scottish context, a simple comparative graphic is shown on the following page. Compared to thirteen similar towns across Scotland, it can generally be said that in Pittenweem:

1. there is a lower number of jobs held, but that those jobs are more diverse and there is a significantly higher number of public sector jobs.
2. residents must commute significantly further for their work.
3. there is slightly lower access to local hospitals (which for all towns of this size is generally low).
4. there is greater than average access to GP and dentist services.
5. there are significantly lower numbers of children in primary school, and slightly lower numbers of children in secondary schools. And these must travel further to be able to study.
6. there are comparatively higher numbers of shops with a comparatively higher diversity.
7. there are slightly fewer charities in operation.

Pittenweem is most dependent on other towns for employment, hospital access and its future demographic (it has fewer younger people).

Pittenweem is more independent than similar sized communities regarding its GP and dentist services and the number of its shops.



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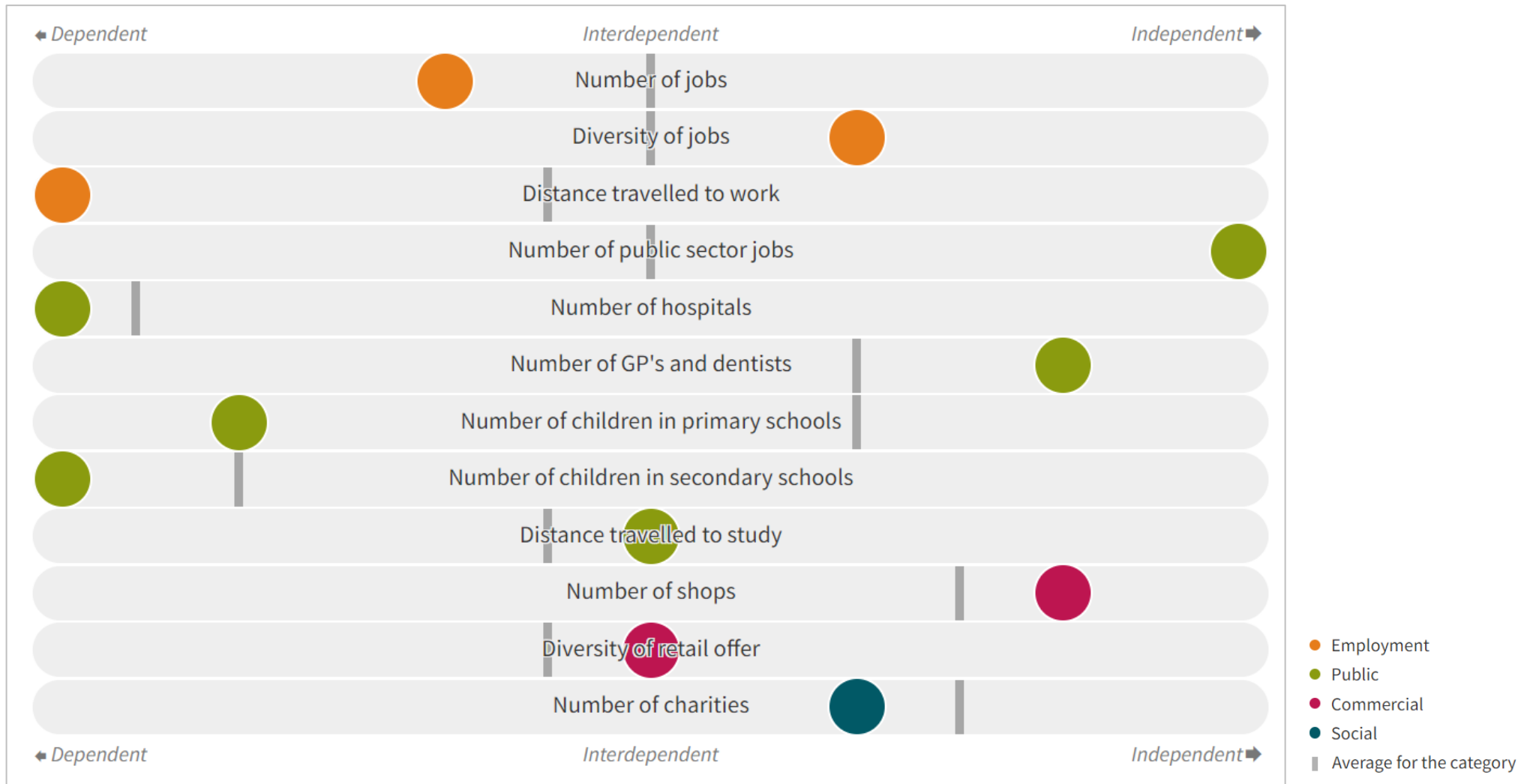


Figure 4: Snapshot of data for Pittenweem, as compared with similar towns across Scotland. This data has not yet been updated with the 2022 census data. See the [Understanding Scottish Places website \(USP\)](#) for detailed insights.



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Pittenweem in the context of North-East Fife

2.8 The graphic on this page locates Pittenweem in its context in North-East Fife, indicating the location of important nearby services and towns.

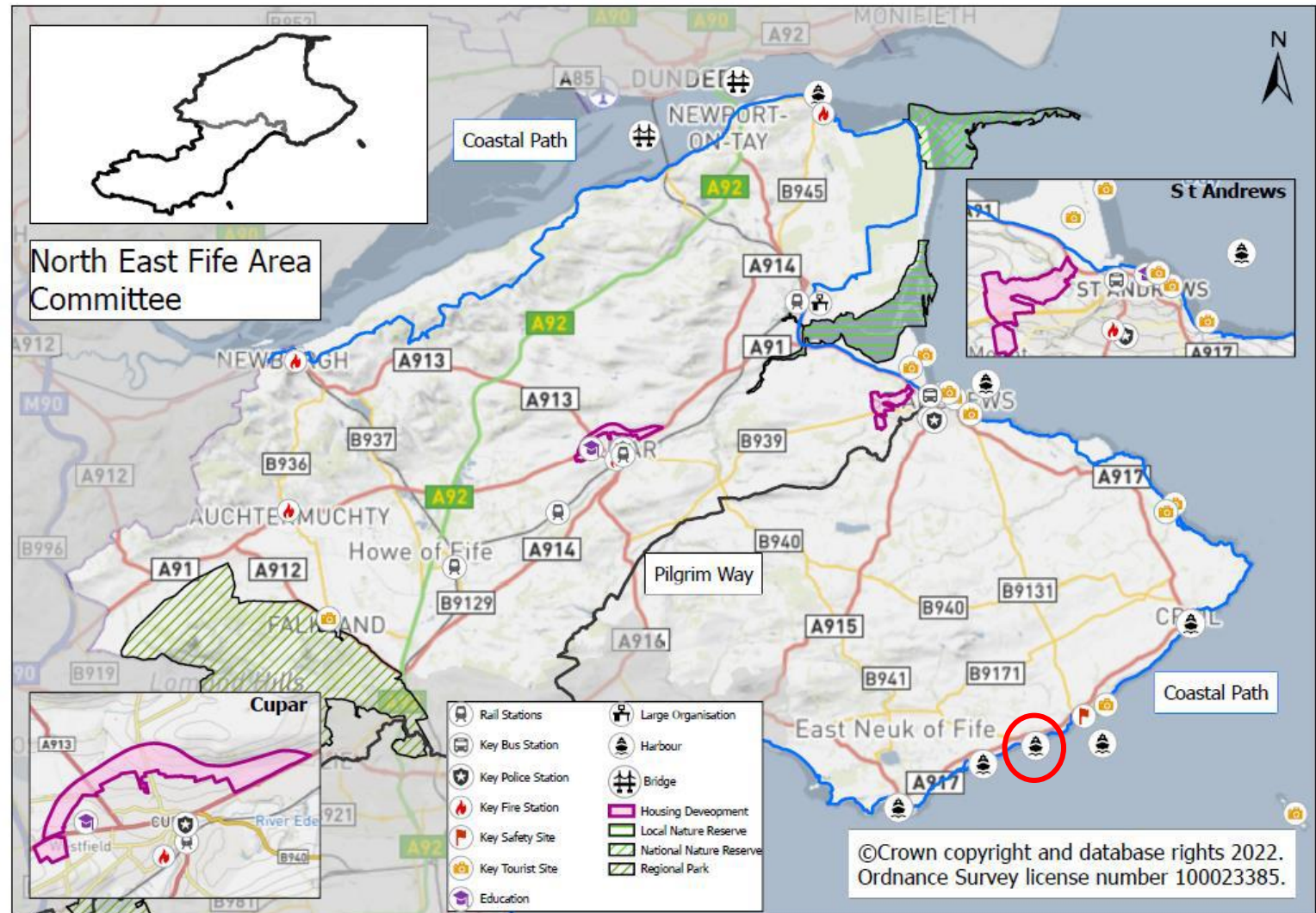


Figure 5: Pittenweem in the Context of North-East Fife from the Local Strategic Assessment 2022 (circled in red)

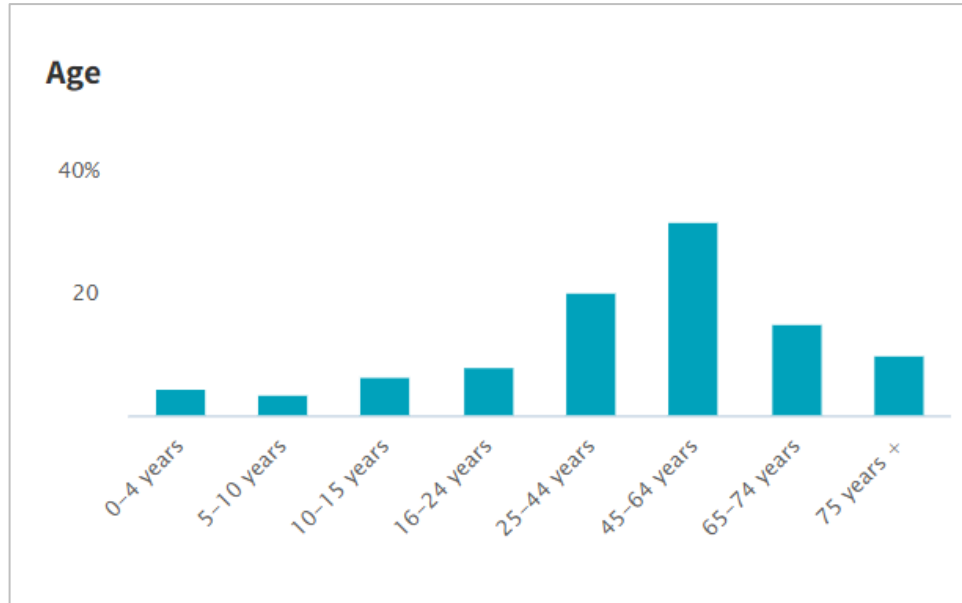


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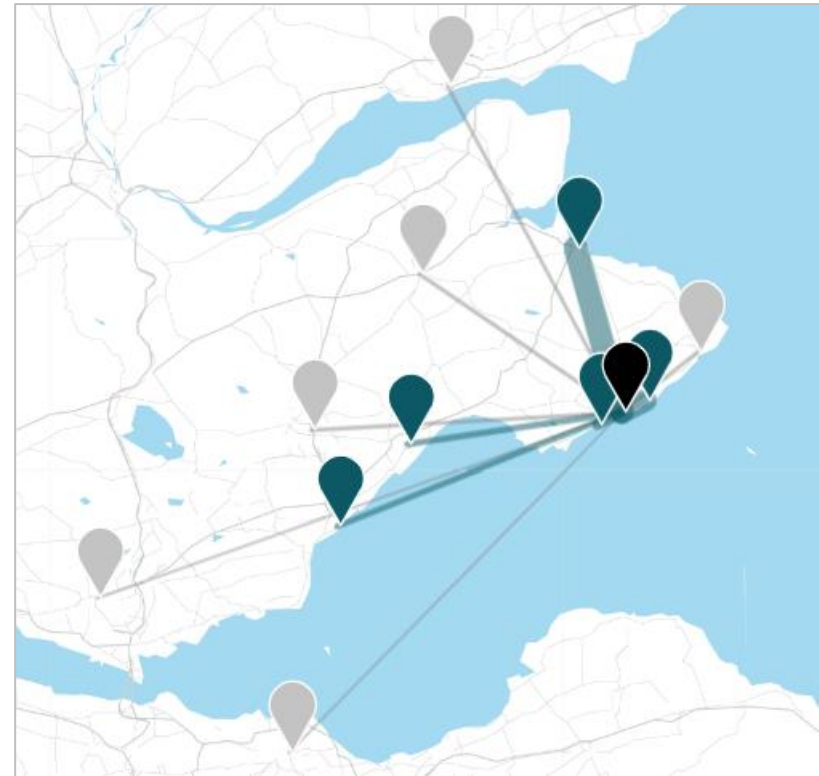
Demographics and Commuting

2.9 *Figure 6* shows the demographic profile of Pittenweem indicating a high proportion of middle-aged and older residents (data sourced from the USP website, based on 2011 Census Data):



2.10 The Plan for North-East Fife states that overall, the population in this area is predicted to decrease 9% by 2036. In the same period, the number of older people is set to increase by 27% (see Section 3).

2.11 *Figure 7* shows the pattern of commuter flows from Pittenweem (data sourced from USP website):



Coloured lines/pins show the main flows that exceed 2% of this town's population. Grey lines/pins show smaller flows that still exceed 0.5% of this town's population.



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Economy and Tourism

2.12 Employment Data for Pittenweem shows that accommodation and education are the largest employment sectors in the community.

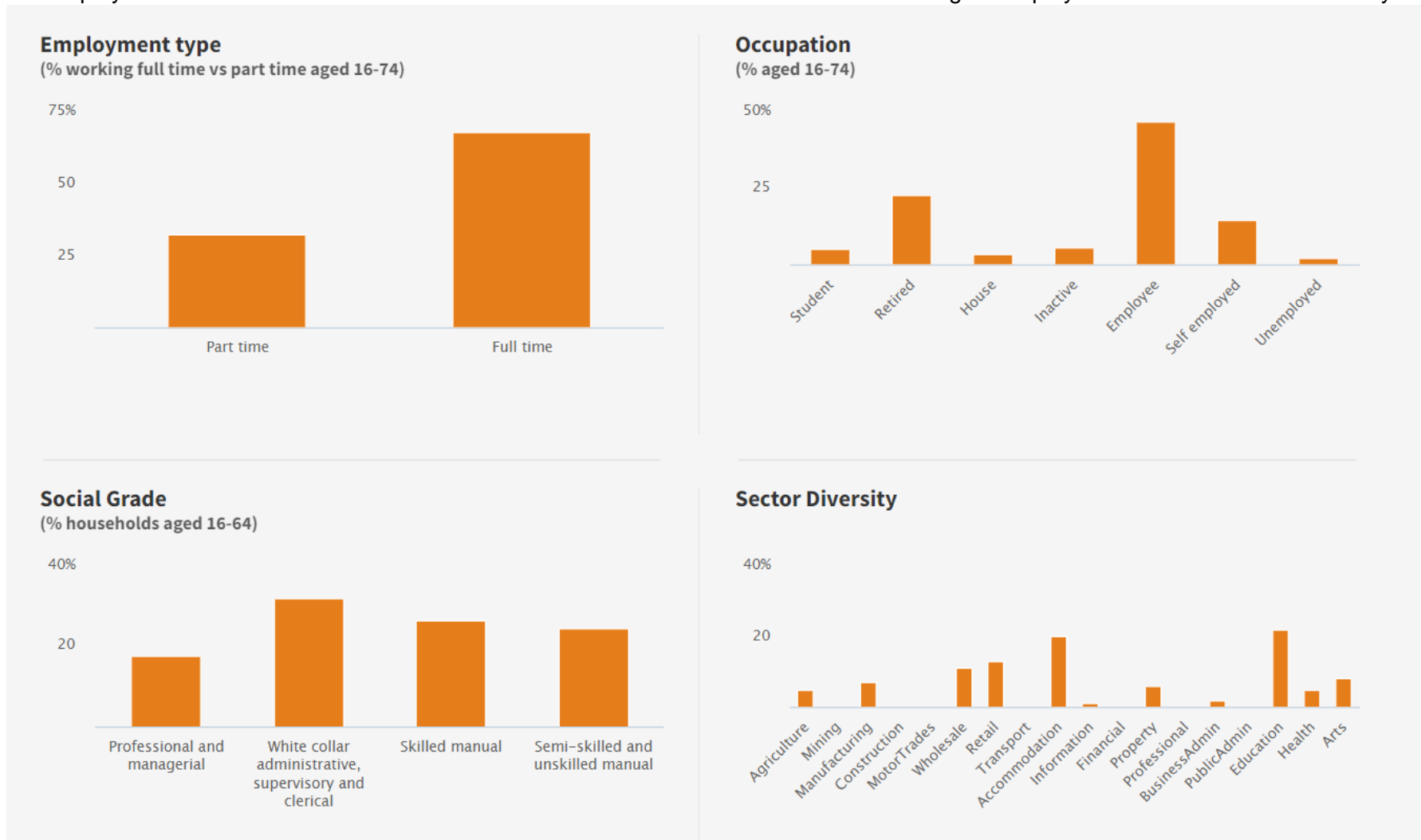


Figure 8: Employment data for Pittenweem from the USP website



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2.13 Economic and Tourism data for North-East Fife (2020-21)

The Fife Local Economic Profile data for North-East Fife identifies the following general economic challenges in the wider area:

- Ageing population.
- Low workplace earnings.
- Fall in the number of registered enterprises and jobs.
- Rising town centre vacancy rates in St Andrews and Anstruther.
- High dependence on tourism and hospitality, sectors worst affected by the pandemic.
- The low overall benefit claimant rate masks local variations.

Accommodation provision is the second highest employment sector in Pittenweem. There are signs of tourism spend rebounding from the lowest levels during the pandemic, however.

Across Fife, the largest increases in visitor days in 2021 were amongst people staying in non-serviced accommodation (+70.6%).

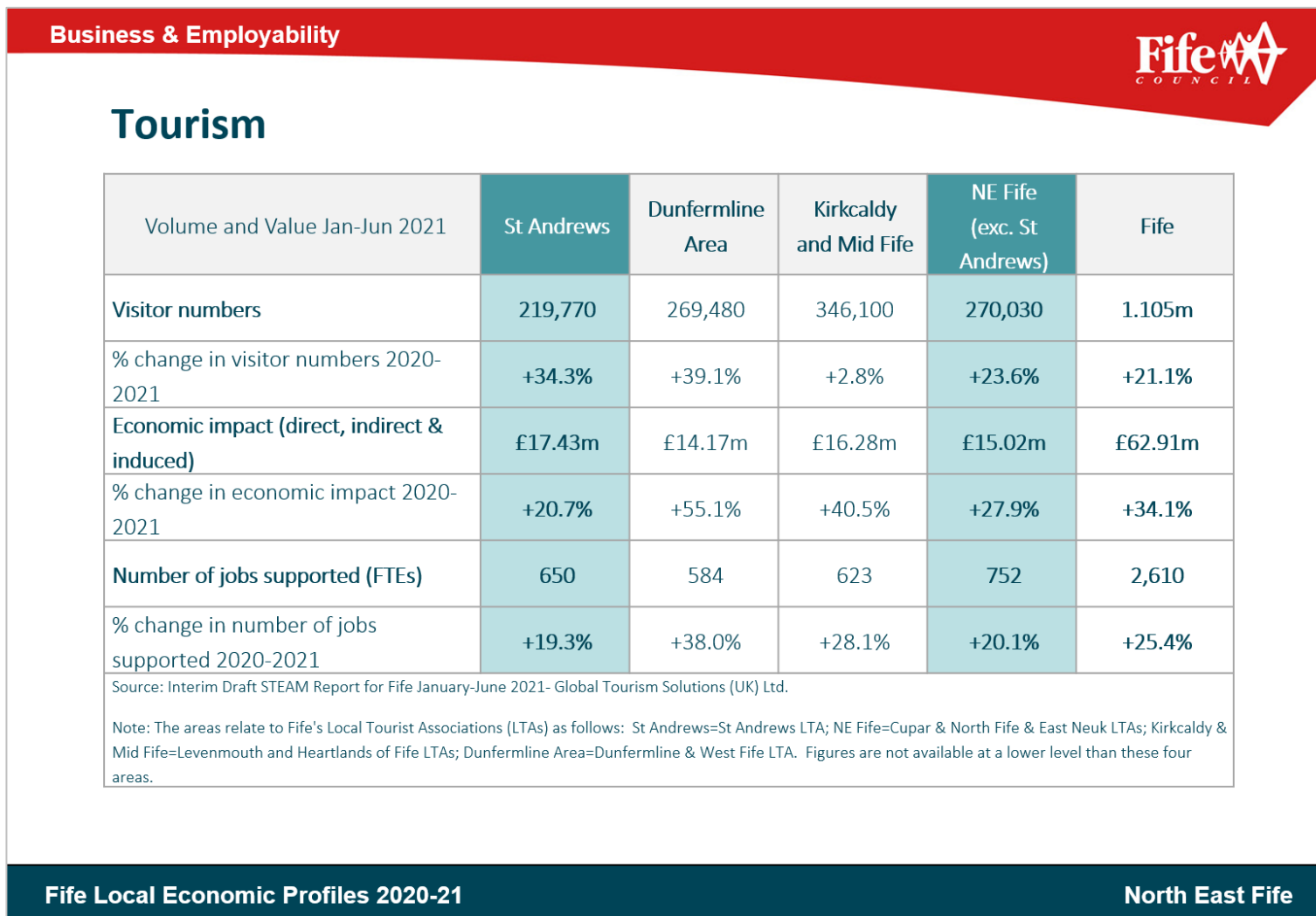


Figure 9: Tourism data for first half of 2021 for North-East Fife (excluding St Andrews). Available from Know Fife



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Housing

2.14 House Ownership and Tenure

The following details the most up-to-date available data on tenure in the East Neuk from Fife Council Housing Services (March 2021). Pittenweem in yellow.

	OWNER / OCCUPIER	FIFE COUNCIL	RSL	PRIVATE LANDLORD	SECOND HOME	UNKNOWN / OTHER	TOTAL	% PRIVATE LANDLORD	% SECOND HOME	% PL+ SECOND HOME	
ABERCROMBIE	*	*	*	*	*	*	17	*	*	*	ABERCROMBIE
ANSTRUTHER	732	196	56	132	35	53	1204	11.0%	2.9%	13.9%	ANSTRUTHER
ARNCROACH	35	*	*	*	*	*	53	*	*	*	ARNCROACH
CARNBEE	34	*	*	*	*	*	49	*	*	*	CARNBEE
CELLARDYKE	631	95	89	75	52	48	990	7.6%	5.3%	12.8%	CELLARDYKE
COLINSBURGH	139	33	*	70	*	*	265	26.4%	*	26.4%	COLINSBURGH
CRAIL	747	64	59	161	134	52	1217	13.2%	11.0%	24.2%	CRAIL
DUNINO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	DUNINO
EARLSFERRY	81	*	*	*	126	*	229	*	55.0%	55.0%	EARLSFERRY
ELIE	310	*	34	*	198	32	618	*	32.0%	32.0%	ELIE
KENNOWAY	33	*	*	*	*	*	45	*	*	*	KENNOWAY
KILCONQUHAR	84	*	*	*	*	*	146	*	*	*	KILCONQUHAR
KILRENNY	87	*	*	*	*	*	117	*	*	*	KILRENNY
KINGSBARNES	154	*	*	52	*	*	278	18.7%	*	18.7%	KINGSBARNES
LARGOWARD	108	*	33	*	*	*	187	*	*	*	LARGOWARD
LEVEN	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	LEVEN
LOWER LARGO	323	35	*	36	47	*	475	7.6%	9.9%	17.5%	LOWER LARGO
LUNDIN LINKS	584	*	*	62	35	33	720	8.6%	4.9%	13.5%	LUNDIN LINKS
NEW GILSTON	64	*	*	*	*	*	78	*	*	*	NEW GILSTON
OVENSTONE	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	OVENSTONE
PEAT INN	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	PEAT INN
PITTENWEEM	608	116	*	90	69	56	966	9.3%	7.1%	16.5%	PITTENWEEM
ST MONANS	430	156	37	53	54	33	763	6.9%	7.1%	14.0%	ST MONANS
UPPER LARGO	215	*	*	35	*	*	316	11.1%	0.0%	11.1%	UPPER LARGO
Grand Total	5437	803	385	900	810	452	8787	10.2%	9.2%	19.5%	Grand Total

Table 2: House Ownership or Tenure in East Neuk of Fife (March 2021).

Where numbers are under 30 second homes in a settlement, they have been withheld, and shown with an asterisk.

(NB The percentage of private landlord properties used for short-term lets is not available in this dataset).



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2.15 In March 2021, 810 of 8787 residences across the East Neuk were able to be identified as second homes (9%), and 900 run as lets by private landlords (10%). *(NB The percentage of private landlord properties used for short-term lets is not available in this dataset).*

2.16 In Pittenweem, 69 of 966 residences were able to be identified as second homes (7%) and 90 run as lets by private landlords (9%).

2.17 Table 3 opposite consolidates the percentage data on second home and private landlord properties from Table 2, removing communities too small for public data to be displayed. For ease of comparison, it also ranks the larger East Neuk communities from highest to lowest according to the percentage of known properties which are let privately or are second homes.

2.18 Less than a third of residential properties in Pittenweem are in use as second homes or private lets compared to Earlsferry, and less than a half compared to Elie. It has 3% fewer properties in these categories than the percentage overall for the East Neuk, but a higher percentage than its immediate neighbouring towns of St. Monans and Anstruther.

2.19 An assessment of changes over time should be possible using similar data from previous years held by Fife Council Housing Services. This would enable an assessment of whether the overall percentage of properties in these categories is increasing in Pittenweem, and by what rate.

2.20 It should be noted that across Fife, the largest increases in visitor days in 2021 were amongst people staying in non-serviced accommodation (+70.6%). *Source: Fife Local Economic Profile data for North-East Fife 2020-21.*

2.21 From 1 April 2023 [all short-term let properties will require a licence](#) to ensure they are safe and the people providing them are suitable, under legislation approved by the Scottish Parliament. Local authorities are required to establish a short-term lets licensing scheme by 1 October 2022, and existing hosts and operators will have until 1 April 2023 to apply for a licence.

2.22 Legislation enabling planning departments to establish [short-term let control areas](#) has come into force. Edinburgh Council has recently established such a control area and Fife Council may follow suit.

% PRIVATE LANDLORD	% SECOND HOME	% PL+ SECOND HOME	
*	55.0%	55.0%	EARLSFERRY
*	32.0%	32.0%	ELIE
26.4%	*	26.4%	COLINSBURGH
13.2%	11.0%	24.2%	CRAIL
18.7%	*	18.7%	KINGSBARN
7.6%	9.9%	17.5%	LOWER LARGO
9.3%	7.1%	16.5%	PITTENWEEM
6.9%	7.1%	14.0%	ST MONANS
11.0%	2.9%	13.9%	ANSTRUTHER
8.6%	4.9%	13.5%	LUNDIN LINKS
7.6%	5.3%	12.8%	CELLARDYKE
11.1%	0.0%	11.1%	UPPER LARGO
10.2%	9.2%	19.5%	EAST NEUK


Table 3: Percentage of residential properties in larger East Neuk towns used as second homes and let by private landlords (March 2021).



Deprivation

- 2.23 The graphic on the next page details Pittenweem's relative deprivation in comparison to other areas of Scotland, measured in 2020.
- 2.24 The [Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation](#) is a relative measure of deprivation across 6,976 small areas (called data zones). The population size of a data zone varies but is usually between about 600 and 1000 people. If an area is identified as 'deprived', this can relate to people having a low income but it can also mean fewer resources or opportunities. SIMD looks at the extent to which an area is deprived across seven domains: income, employment, education, health, access to services, crime and housing.
- 2.25 The SIMD is the Scottish Government's standard approach to identify areas of multiple deprivation in Scotland. It can help improve understanding about the outcomes and circumstances of people living in the most deprived areas in Scotland. It can also allow effective targeting of policies and funding where the aim is to wholly or partly tackle or take account of area concentrations of multiple deprivation.
- 2.26 SIMD ranks data zones from most deprived (ranked 1) to least deprived (ranked 6,976). People using SIMD will often focus on the data zones below a certain rank, for example, the 5%, 10%, 15% or 20% most deprived data zones in Scotland.
- 2.27 SIMD is an area-based measure of relative deprivation: not every person in a highly deprived area will themselves be experiencing high levels of deprivation. By the same token individual people can experience deprivation even in areas defined as less deprived.

- 2.28 It is possible to access the core data used to rank a data zone against all seven categories by going online and searching the SIMD website.
- 2.29 The following graphic colour codes Pittenweem's two data zones according to their relative overall deprivation. The colours displayed show what overall decile (level of 10% increments) a data zone's deprivation is ranked at relative to the overall national picture.
- 2.30 The data zone covering the west part of Pittenweem (841 people) is ranked 5388th in Scotland (7th decile), and the data zone covering the east part of Pittenweem (579 people) is ranked 3985th (6th decile). This means that overall, Pittenweem finds itself in the *top half* of relative deprivation in Scotland (blue colouration).
- 2.31 The data indicates that St Monans and parts of central Anstruther are considered more relatively deprived, being ranked in the 4th decile.



“Bring back the firework display during the Arts Festival!”



2.32 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation rankings for Pittenweem

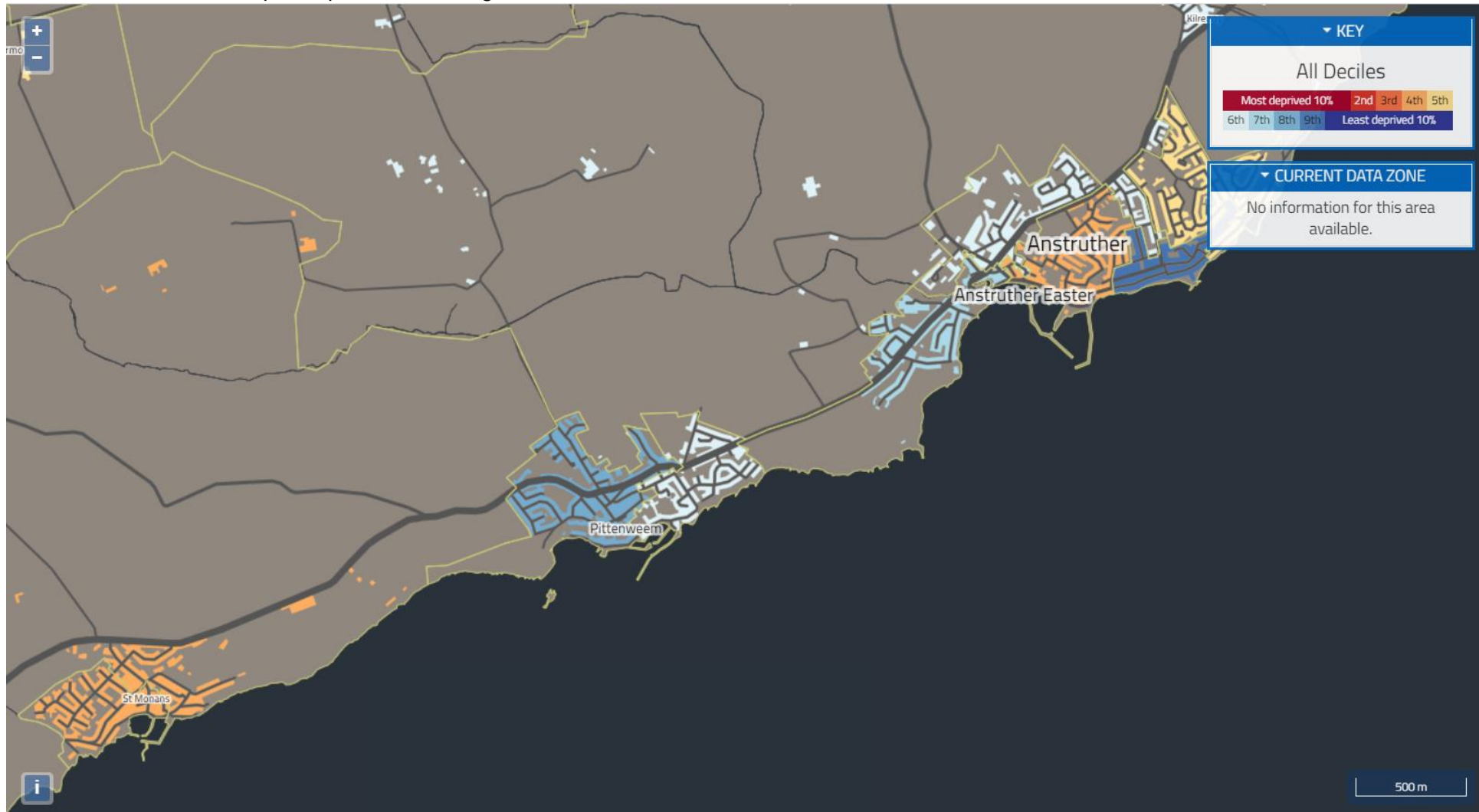


Figure 10: Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation results for Pittenweem, in comparison to Anstruther and St Monans



2.33 Comparative ranking of Pittenweem’s two data zones.

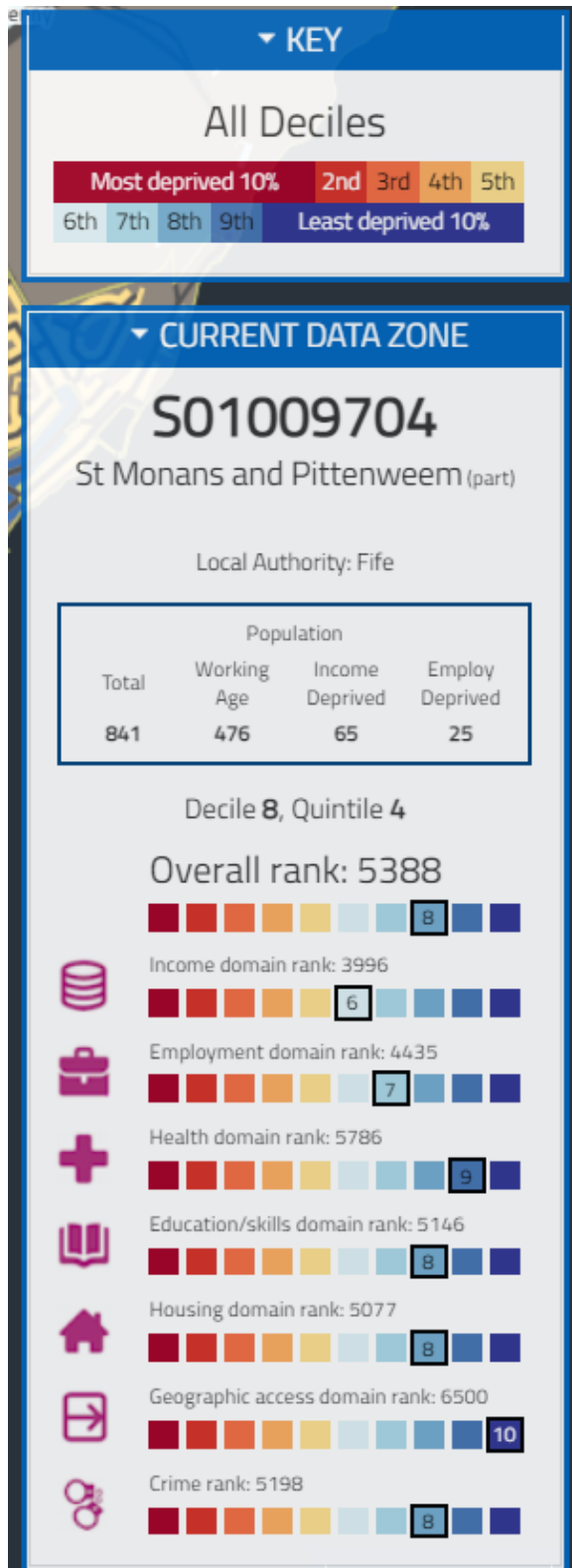


Figure 11: Comparative ranking of west Pittenweem

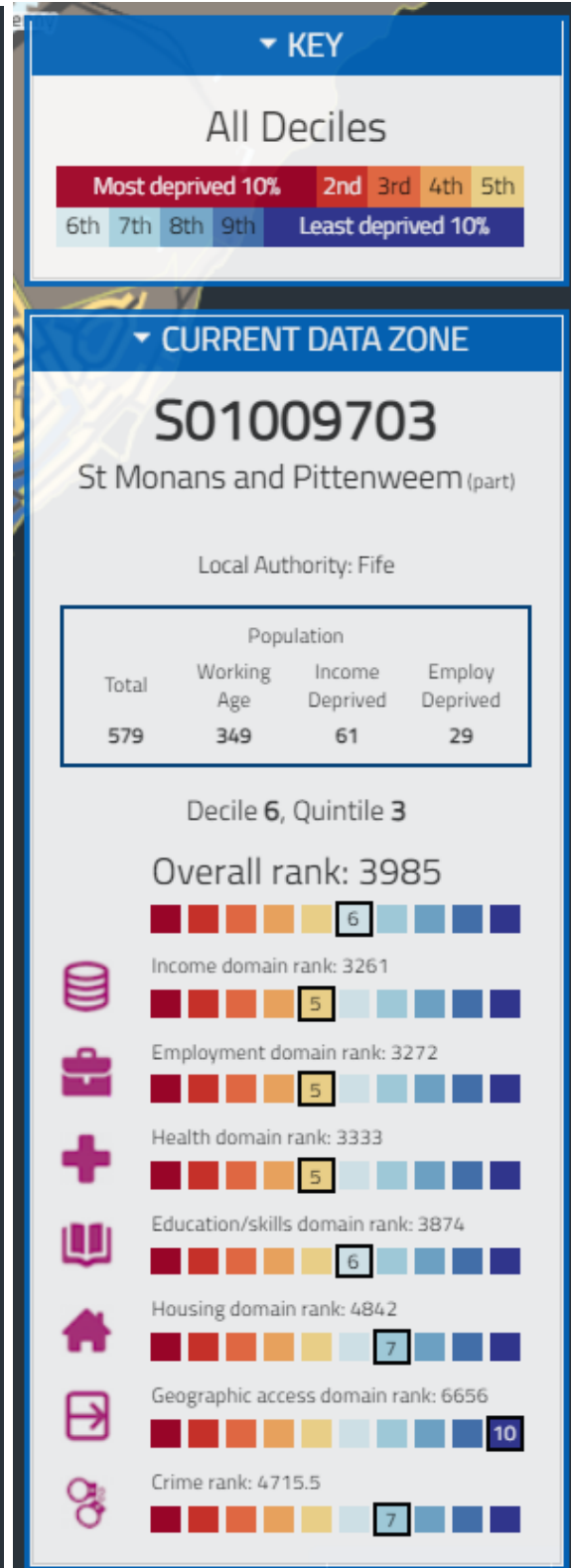


Figure 12: Comparative ranking of east Pittenweem



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- 2.34 The overview statistics on the previous page indicate that 126 of 1420 people are considered income deprived in Pittenweem, and 54 people are considered employment deprived.
- 2.35 While Pittenweem overall can be said to be higher than average in all seven domains (income, employment, education, health, access to services, crime and housing), it can be said overall that Pittenweem ranks comparatively higher than most communities in its health, educational attainment and housing.
- 2.36 Pittenweem is ranked in the highest decile with regards to its overall ease of access to services and facilities, compared with other communities across Scotland.
- 2.37 The latest Local Strategic Assessment for North-East Fife notes that St Monans and Pittenweem are among the neighbourhoods with the poorest outcomes in the North-East Fife Area (see section 3).
- 2.38 To put this in context, as a whole North-East Fife hosts just 1% of Fife's most deprived data zones according to the 2020 SIMD:

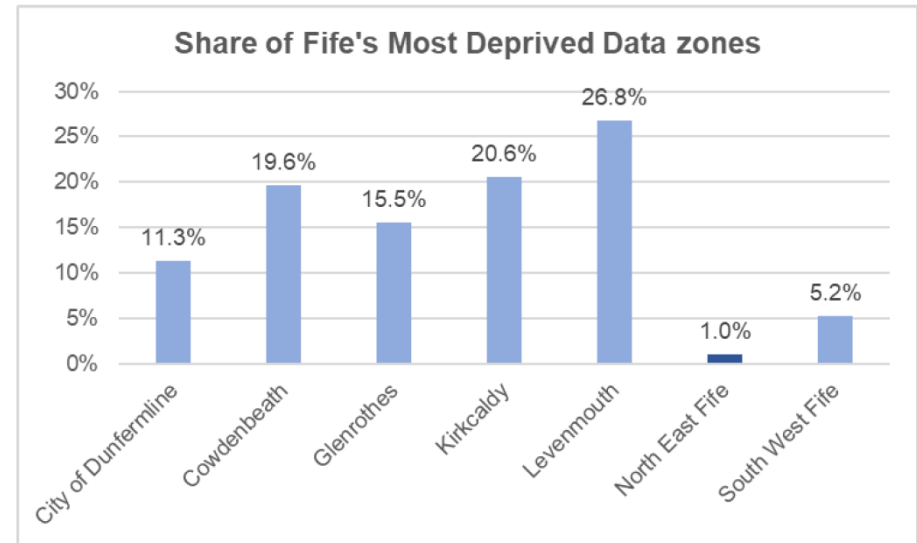


Figure 13: Share of Fife's most deprived data zones by area from the Local Strategic Assessment for North-East Fife 2022

"We need more housing for locals and more houses to rent long term."



Climate Change

2.39 Climate change means that all areas of the world will experience increasing extremes of weather and temperature with a wide range of effects in both summer and winter.

2.40 The Climate Change and Zero-Waste team at Fife Council have prioritised the climate issues facing North-East Fife as follows:

Climate Fife Theme	Classification
Adaptation	Critical
Energy Consumption	Critical
Transport Consumption	Critical
SIMD	Low
Community priorities	High

Table 4 – Climate priorities for North-East Fife.

2.41 The [Local Strategic Assessment for North-East Fife 2022](#) outlines the issues facing North-East Fife with regards to climate change and national Net Zero targets. In summary:

- the area’s built assets are not resilient or easily adapted to increased surface water, rainfall or storm surges.
- parts of the North-East may suffer from poor performing drainage systems and sewer infrastructure.
- there is very limited electricity grid capacity to enable renewables or decarbonisation through electricity, but there is an opportunity for energy storage.
- North-East Fife is well placed to take advantage of more renewable energy generation in the form of solar farms.

- many homes are not resilient to high temperatures, with measures to reduce excessive heat difficult or costly to install.
- high numbers of older properties and listed buildings make energy efficiency improvements expensive.
- there is likely to be significant increase in fuel poverty due to increasing energy prices in the short-term.
- the long coastline is vulnerable to coastal flooding and erosion, particularly for flooding impacts on agriculture.
- it is a high energy and transport carbon area with low-density of population and services which increases the challenge to decarbonise transport, including private and public methods.
- increasing options and facilities for walking and cycling will be needed.

2.42 Regarding rainfall, climate change means that Scotland will experience warmer, wetter winters, with more intense rainfall events. By 2050 under a low emissions scenario, average winters are projected to be around 8% wetter and 1 degree warmer. By 2080 under a high emissions scenario average winters are projected to be around 19% wetter and 2.7 degrees warmer.

2.43 Scotland will also experience hotter, drier summers, with greater extremes. By 2050 under a low emissions scenario, average summers are projected to be around 1.2 degrees warmer and 7% drier. By 2080 under a high emissions scenario average summers are projected to be around 3 degrees warmer and 18% drier.³

³ Source: [Historic Environment Scotland](#).



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2.44 In terms of coastal impacts, Fife Council is planning for [a 0.8m sea level rise by 2080](#). The [Climate Central](#) mapping resource indicates that a water level of 0.8 meters above the high tide line could impact the areas of Pittenweem shaded in red below, impacted by combinations of sea level rise, tides, and storm surge.

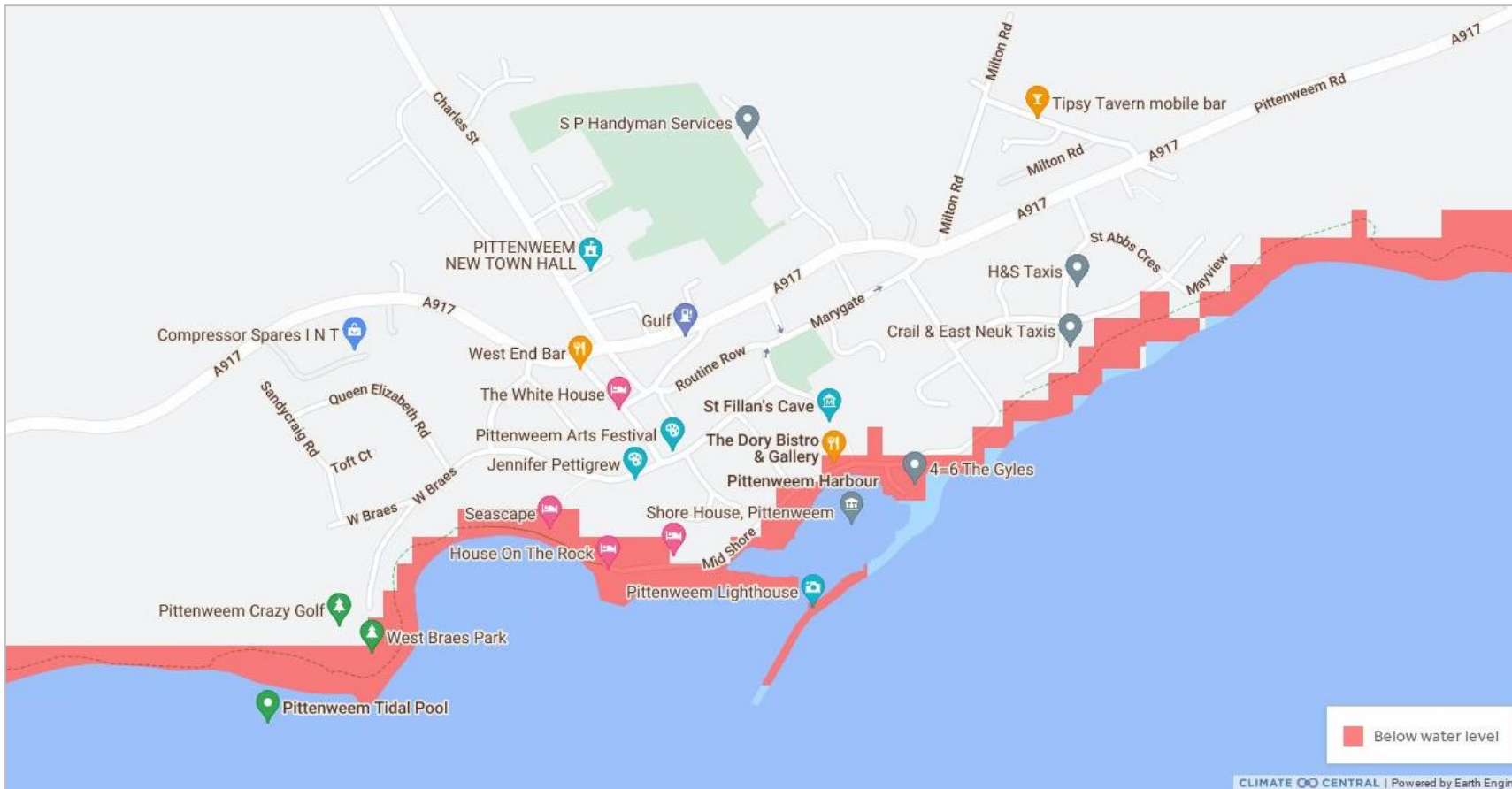


Figure 14: Potential areas of Pittenweem potentially affected by Fife Council's projected 0.8m sea level rise by 2080.



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2.45 Measuring Heat Island effects are a way of seeing how areas close to each other, like neighbouring postcodes, streets or buildings, can experience different levels of heat. A [recent BBC data article](#) maps these potential effects by postcode using heat hazard scores.

2.46 The higher an area's heat hazard score, the more likely it is that it will experience high temperatures during hot weather, when compared with other areas in the neighbourhood.

2.47 In Fife a heatwave is defined when temperatures hit 25°C or higher for three consecutive days. It is anticipated that Pittenweem will experience greater extremes of heat in coming years.

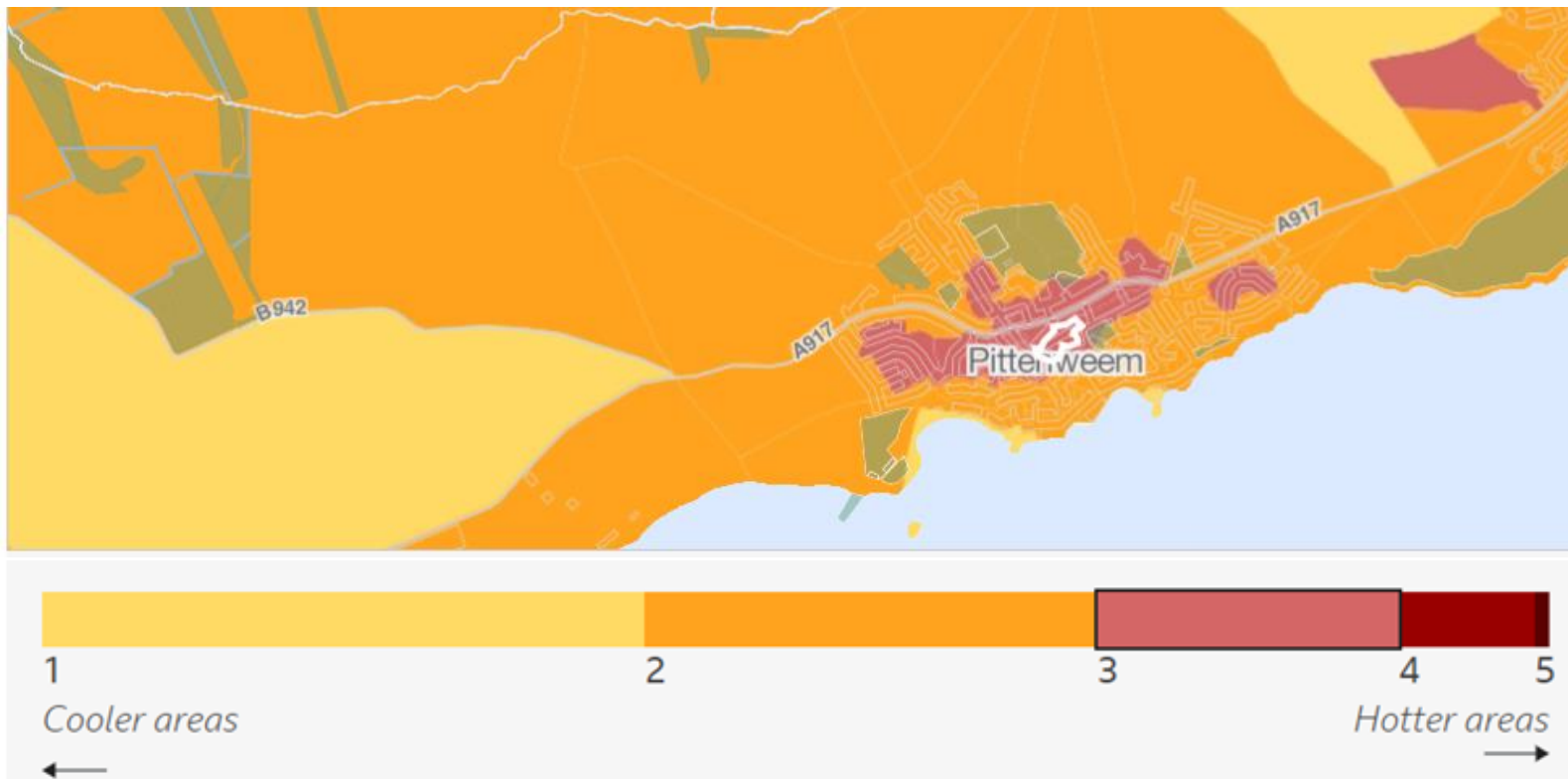


Figure 15: Potential heat island effects in areas of Pittenweem



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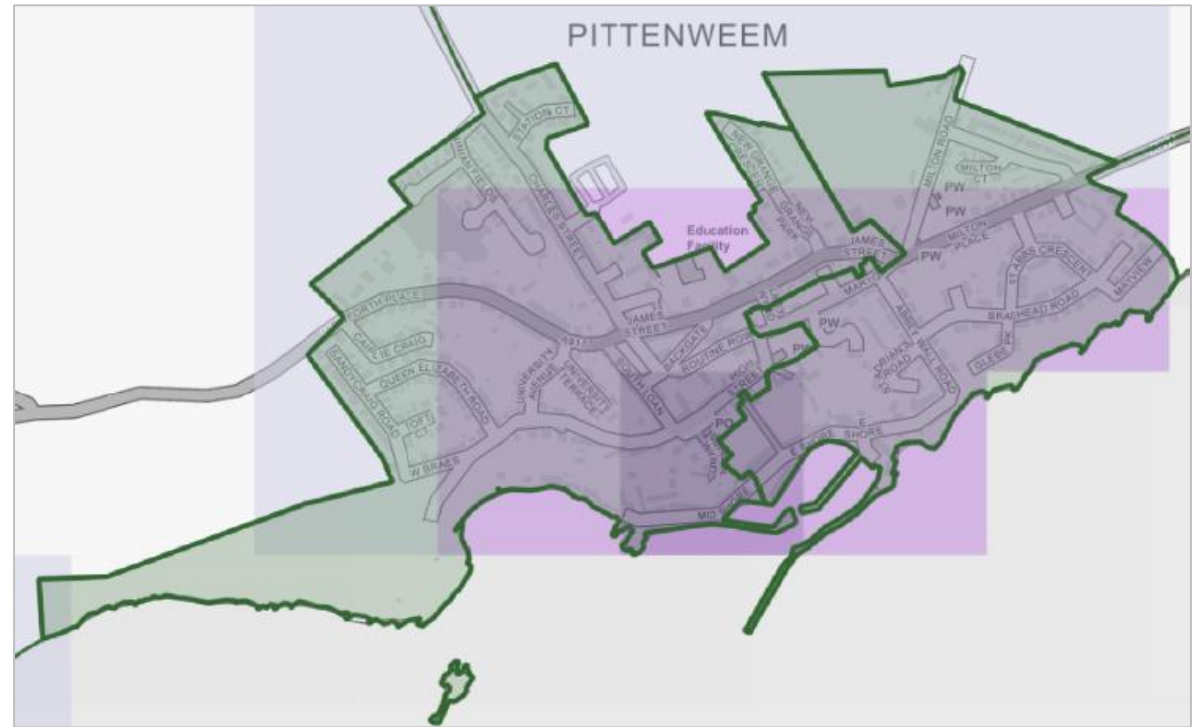
Energy

2.48 This year has seen energy prices soar, fuelling a cost-of-living crisis. Understanding Pittenweem’s existing energy consumption provides a starting point for exploring local energy generation solutions for the area.

2.49 The three key areas that require energy in Scotland are heating, transportation and other uses of electricity. Progress has been made on the latter in terms of decarbonisation, with significant domestic electricity demand now being met from renewable sources.

2.50 However, decarbonising domestic heating presents a greater challenge. Heat demand statistics for Pittenweem, available from the Scottish Government, indicate that Pittenweem uses around 16.76 GWh/yr.

2.51 Fife’s Climate Strategy notes that North-East Fife is well placed to take advantage of more renewable energy generation in the form of solar farms. Reducing this demand through retrofitting, insulation and enabling alternative sources of renewable energy will be required.



Heat Demand Report				
	Area	Energy supplies	Public-sector heat demand	Heat demand density/ total
S01009703 Pittenweem East	0.2 km ²	0	6.62 MWh/yr	30.1 KWh/yr/m ² 5.88 GWh/yr
S01009704 Pittenweem West	0.34 km ²	0	211.48 MWh/yr	31.94 KWh/yr/m ² 10.88 GWh/yr
	0.54 km ²	0	218.1 MWh/yr	31.27 KWh/yr/m ² 16.76 GWh/yr

Figure 16: Heat demand report for Pittenweem’s two SIMD data zones



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Local Assets

2.52 The [About Pittenweem website](#) is a central online resource for the community. There is also a [Facebook group for Pittenweem](#).

2.53 The following community groups, businesses and facilities have been identified so far, but please contact us to be added to these lists.

Community groups

2.54 The following community groups currently operate in Pittenweem:

- Pittenweem Community Council
- Coastline Community Church, Church of Scotland and Episcopal Church
- Pittenweem Community Library & Information Centre
- Pittenweem Arts Festival
- Playground Committee
- Pittenweem in Bloom
- Pittenweem Rowing Club
- Pittenweem AFC and Youth Football Club
- Pittenweem Tennis Club
- Pittenweem Bowling Club
- Pittenweem Primary School Parent Council
- Pittenweem Gymkhana
- Pittenweem Babies and Toddlers
- Pittenweem Beavers / Cubs / Scouts
- Pittenweem Knitting Group
- West Braes Project (including Sea Bathing Pool)
- East Neuk Model Railway Club
- East Neuk Art Club

Shops and Food

2.55 The following shops, cafes, restaurants and pubs are found in Pittenweem:

- Pittenweem Hub
- Barnetts Bakers
- The Clock Tower
- Pittenweem Fish and Chip Bar
- Cocoa Tree Cafe
- The Dory Bistro and Gallery
- The Woolly Brew
- Weem Gallery and Framer
- Funky Scottish
- Robert Adamson Hair Design
- The PoP In
- The F.M.A. shop
- The Coach House
- West End Bar & Gantry Restaurant
- The Larachmhor Tavern
- Nicholson Sweets & Ice Cream Shop
- Pittenweem Fish House Ltd
- One Market Place
- Kellie Castle, Pittenweem
- Pathhead Nursery
- Art@47, Pittenweem Arts Festival

Facilities

2.56 The following core facilities are found in Pittenweem:

- Coast Health - Doctor's Surgery
- East Neuk Estates
- The Harbour



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- Petrol Station
- New Town Hall Association
- The Old Men's Club (Gyles Community Centre)
- Pittenweem Scout Hall
- Fife Council Harbourmaster
- Pittenweem Primary School

Heritage

2.57 Pittenweem is a centuries-old Royal Burgh founded on the prosperity of the Augustinian Priory and its fishing wealth but founded further back in history as the location of the Cave of St Fillan indicates. As a Siller ('silver') port it was one of the wealthy harbour towns that caused James V to describe the Kingdom Fife in his day as a "beggars mantlet fringed with gold," with the gold being her coastal waters, towns and fishing industry.

2.58 A large section of the older part of town and the harbour is designated as a Conservation Area. Pittenweem also hosts around 211 listed buildings, as the map opposite from [Historic Scotland's Pastmap website](#) indicates.

2.59 Key buildings and structures include:

- The Harbour
- Gyles House
- The Mercat Cross
- Kellie Lodging
- The Cave of St Fillan on Cove Wynd
- The Tolbooth

- The Parish Churches
- Cottages on Cove Wynd

2.60 Map of Pittenweem's heritage designations:

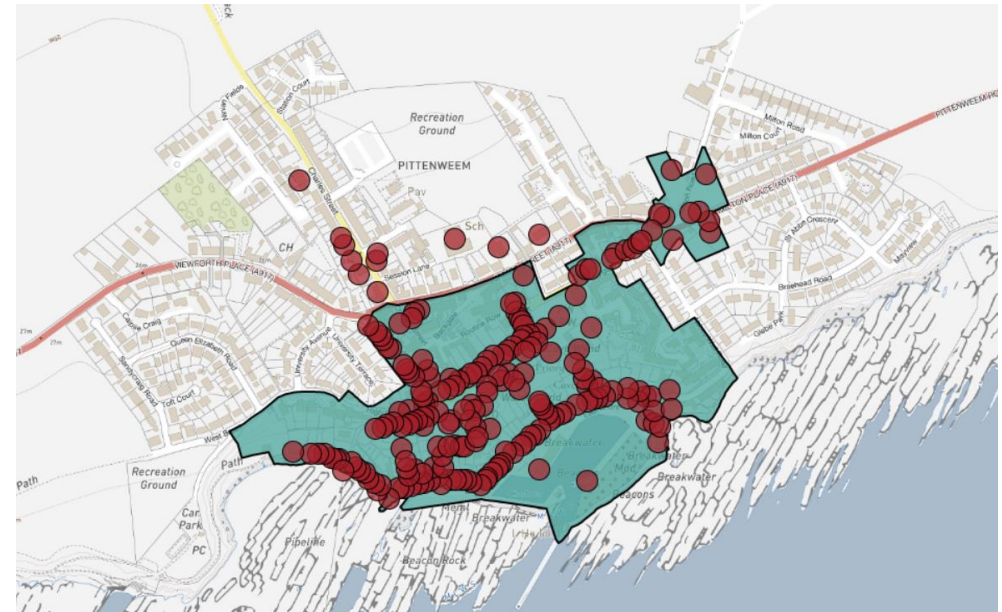


Figure 17: Detail from Pastmap showing the Conservation Area and Listed Buildings of Pittenweem.

3. REGIONAL POLICY CONTEXT

Climate Fife: Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (2020-2030)

3.1 Fife declared a climate emergency for Fife on 26th September 2019. This is a public commitment to decarbonise as rapidly as possible. Fife Council has committed to set a target for net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 at the latest. This will require a huge transformation in Fife's communities, including Pittenweem.

3.2 [Fife's Climate Action Plan](#) states that we need to reduce emissions by 7.6% each year to limit warming to less than 1.5°C.

3.3 The plan's vision is for a Fife that for it to be:

- Climate friendly, transforming how Fife lives to become carbon neutral;
- Climate ready, helping Fife communities and the economy minimise any impacts from unavoidable climate change; and
- Climate just, making sure all Fifers and their environment benefit from this transition.

3.4 The plan aims to achieve the required targets according to eight themes, as illustrated opposite.

3.5 The plan states that behind the vision there are three core areas of climate action, all of which must be undertaken if runaway warming is to be avoided:

- Cutting emissions/decarbonisation - also called climate change mitigation;
- Adapting to the physical changes of climate change - climate change adaptation; and

- Actively removing greenhouse gas emissions from the atmosphere (such as by tree-planting or direct capture of flue gases) - carbon sequestration.

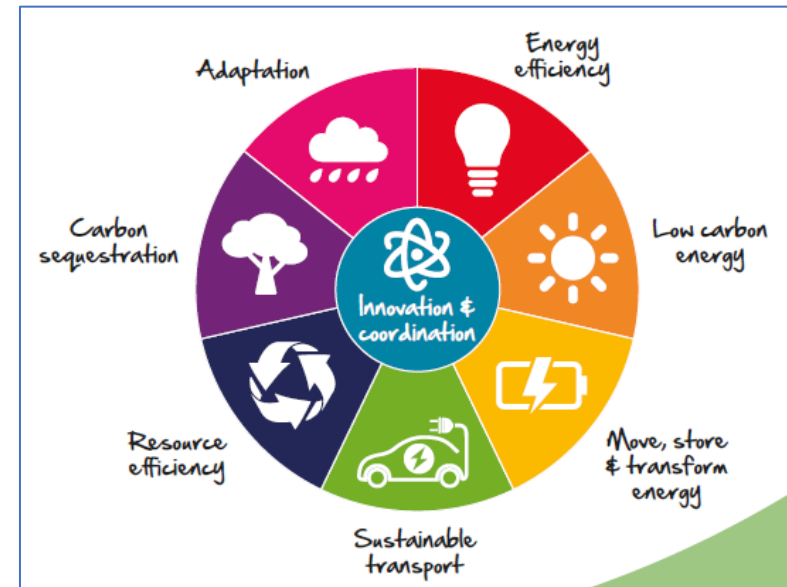


Figure 18: Themes of the Fife Climate Action Plan



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Plan for Fife (2017-2026)

3.6 The [Plan for Fife \(2017-2027\)](#) is the current Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) for the Fife region. It represents one Plan for the future of public services in the region and provides a vision for Fife for the next five years.

3.7 The Plan has a strong focus on addressing inequalities and *four key themes* to direct the work of services across Fife:

3.8 *Opportunities for All* is about ensuring that no-one is left behind. The aim is to ensure that everyone can access opportunities in education, training, jobs and wider society, and have equal access to the support and advice they might need to support a fulfilling and decent life.

3.9 *Thriving Places* are safe, well designed and maintained places that promote wellbeing, where people are proud to be, and where they have access to the services and facilities they need at different stages of their lives.

3.10 *Inclusive Growth and Jobs* in the local economy should benefit everyone and shouldn't pass people and places by. There will therefore be focus on improving investment, growth and participation by businesses, people and communities, particularly in the Mid-Fife area. We aim to support businesses to grow and to make sure that communities benefit from new business investment.

3.11 *Community-Led Services* means putting communities and service users at the heart of how we design services and building on the strengths and assets we have in our workforce and in our communities in order to deliver valued services.

3.12 The forthcoming revised Plan4Fife also has the *Climate Emergency* as one of its main themes.



Plan for North-East Fife Local Community Plan (2019-2022)

3.13 Pittenweem lies in North East Fife and is therefore covered by its area-specific Local Community Plan connected to the LOIP, known as the [Plan for North East Fife](#).

3.14 The plan states that North-East Fife should be a place where all residents enjoy a good quality of life, tourists are keen to visit, and opportunity exists for all. Communities should be joined-up, providing opportunities for all age groups and building on the vibrant community spirit that exists. Promotion and increased access to Fife's assets and facilities, including its natural heritage and renowned tourist attractions are a priority, with the resulting benefits spread across the area.



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3.15 It states that in North-East Fife, 27.5% of households are in fuel poverty; 5.7% are unemployed; 10.6% of children live in poverty; and there will be a 27% increase in older people by 2036.

3.16 It goes on to note that the marked increase forecast in the elderly population raises concerns about support networks, particularly for those living in rural areas with little family support. There are concerns that accessing health care could be difficult with potential changes to public transport. Connectivity – mobile, broadband and physical transport networks are viewed as limited and tourism spend could be spread more broadly in the area.

3.17 The plan notes the following assets and opportunities to build on:

- North-East Fife is a key tourist destination.
- The area has a rich heritage and its coastal and rural villages are key assets, as are the communities who reside in them.
- The natural heritage of North-East Fife: the coastal path is a huge draw that could spur local spending.
- There is much social capital in the area, with many examples of community led services. It is important that they are given appropriate support from the council and community planning partners.
- Local food and drink.

3.18 And the following challenges:

- Poverty – both rural and hidden. While North-East Fife is often portrayed as a more affluent area, poverty is not always visible – including fuel poverty, and the high cost of living.

- ICT connectivity remains an issue, with many rural areas particularly at risk from lack of fast internet connections and good mobile phone coverage.
- Accessing services is a growing challenge – both for old people and other sections of the community. The cost of public transport, closure of local offices and people's ability to access online services all increase the difficulty in providing universal provision.
- The geographical makeup of North-East Fife poses specific difficulties for the care sector for providing home care for the elderly.
- Crime is increasingly moving from outdoors to indoors, with cyber-crime and bogus crime emerging as areas of key concern.

Among others, key areas of focus for North-East Fife include:

- Improving access to health services including mental health and care at home.
- Developing and promoting an affordable and connected travel plan for bus and cycle routes.
- Establishing the demand and demographics for affordable homes at ward level to inform further action.
- Working with communities to ensure there is high speed internet connections available for those out of scope of the R100 broadband programme.
- Increasing employability opportunities for Community Job Club participants and other targeted groups.
- Developing a pathway to raise awareness of opportunities in tourism and hospitality and the skills required to succeed.
- Empowering Community Councils and Community Development Trusts to address identified local needs.
- Increasing the number of communities in North-East Fife which have developed a Community Action Plan and increase participation in the People's Panel.

FIFEplan Local Development Plan (2017)

3.19 The Local Development Plan (LDP) that covers Fife Region is [FIFEplan \(2017\)](#), currently in process of being updated. FIFEplan includes an overarching spatial strategy to define how the region can and should grow and develop, a series of policies designed to control development across the region, and specific settlement and countryside plans. Settlement Plans are prepared for each town and village that have proposals within the Local Plan area. A Settlement Plan sets out in detail the range, type and scale of development the Council will support. Therefore, Settlement Plans are useful documents for local communities and developers as they highlight the future development potential of an area.

3.20 The Settlement Plan for Pittenweem includes policy proposals to implement a 3m wide active travel route between Anstruther and Pittenweem for NCN76 linking to Kirkcaldy and St Andrews.

3.21 The Settlement plan for Pittenweem (see right) is [viewable online](#), of note are the areas of defined greenspace at the West Braes and the Recreation Ground and the large Conservation Area covering the historic section of the town (outlined in blue).

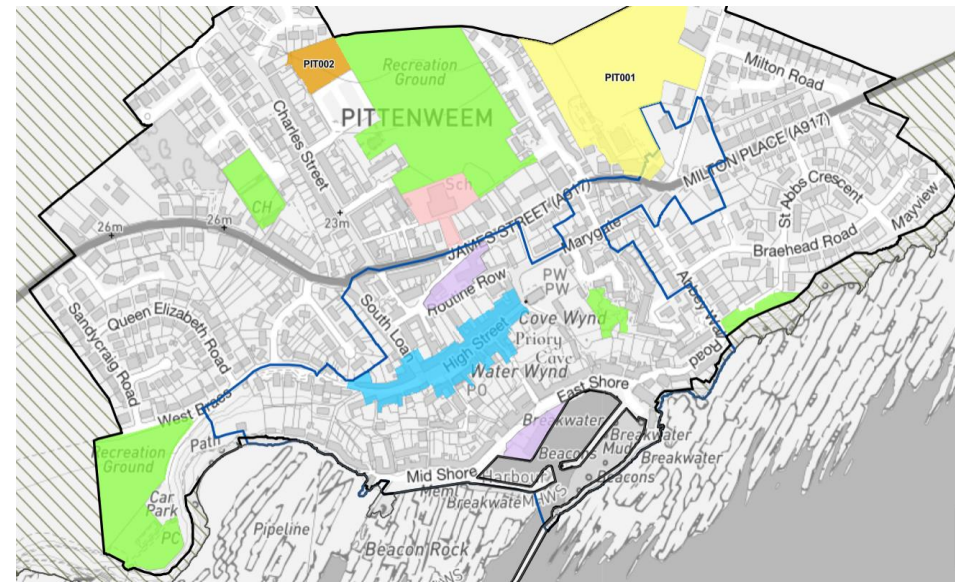


Figure 19: Settlement Plan for Pittenweem

3.22 The one site allocated in the LDP for housing is at St Margaret's Farm (yellow shaded area PIT001 on the map opposite). This 2.8 ha site has been allocated for 70 homes for private sector development. The LDP notes that the layout of site and internal roads must allow for future development to the north; that St Margaret's Farm buildings themselves are category C Listed by Historic Scotland and should be retained; that development should deliver access links to connect to the recreation ground to the west and to the core path route to the east, which has been discussed as a safe route to school; that a high quality landscape edge should be provided to the north of the site; and that there is potential for the site to deliver an upgrade to the existing recreational ground.



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Current proposed development in the area

- 3.23 Two housing proposals for Pittenweem are currently at different stages of development:
- 3.24 First, an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) screening opinion request was lodged in 2021 by Waverley Tweed SA Ltd at the St Margaret's Farm site. The proposed application was for the erection of 33 dwellinghouses, formation of access and associated landscaping works (demolition of agricultural outbuildings and garages) and change of use from Category C Listed farm building (Ref: 21/03533/SCR). The conclusion was that an EIA was not required. No further application for full planning permission has yet been lodged, although a pre-application consultation has taken place with the community.
- 3.25 Second, a pre-application consultation was held in June 2022 by Campion Homes for an as-yet unspecified number of affordable homes on an unallocated site to the east of Station Court (just north of the Recreation Ground). An application for planning permission is yet to come forward.
- 3.26 The development of a [multiuse path between Anstruther and Pittenweem](#) is in process. A consultation in November 2021 received over 400 responses, with 92% in support of a route between Anstruther and Pittenweem. Two route options were explored. The outcome was that representatives of the Royal Burghs of Kilrenny, Anstruther and Cellardyke and Pittenweem and District Community Councils have agreed to work together to respond to issues identified by the survey so that there can be two routes serving different areas of Pittenweem and Anstruther, as well as a future connection to St Monans. These will be designed to avoid unnecessary tarmacking of the countryside whilst serving the needs of our communities. The Pittenweem to Anstruther

section of the path is slated for a summer 2022 site start (subject to land access agreement and funding confirmation).

- 3.27 Recently, a tree planting initiative at the north end of the Pittenweem play park was undertaken as part of the Queen's canopy for her Jubilee. Fife Council manage this land, which is also understood to be Common Good Land.





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Local Transport Strategy for Fife (2006 – 2026)

3.28 The [Local Transport Strategy for Fife \(2006 – 2026\)](#) details six transport themes and four travel choices, and lays out policy goals for all of these. The existing Local Transport Strategy is currently being reviewed, with a view to a new draft strategy being published in late 2022. It is envisaged that the new strategy will take into account how climate change, COVID-19 and new technologies, like electric vehicles, are changing how people and goods move about.

3.29 In terms of this existing strategy, regional policies applicable to Pittenweem include:

Walking and Cycling

- WCP3 - Provide more routes and encourage more walking and cycling, particularly in urban areas, for functional short trips.
- WCP4 - Provide segregated routes where practicable, to give priority to cycling and walking, particularly within major towns.
- WCP6 - Promote secure cycle parking at bus and railway stations, schools, major employers, town centre car parks, leisure and tourist facilities.

Cars, Motorcycles and Parking

- CMP5 - Promote Park and Ride/Walk facilities and locations, particularly for long stay, commuter parking.
- CMP6 - Provide suitable access for disabled people and service vehicles at appropriate times in town centres, in accordance with Fife's Parking Strategy.

Passenger Transport

- PTT1 - Increase bus travel in Fife in line with national increases.
- PTP1 - Investigate the feasibility of expanding Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) services Fife-wide.

- PTP10 - Improve access to passenger transport information through the implementation of the Fife Bus Passenger Information Strategy.

Travel Safety

- A commitment to further reduce traffic accidents with further implementation of traffic calming, 20 mph zones, improved walking and cycling facilities, and targeted measures at identified accident sites (including mobile speed cameras).





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Local Strategic Assessment for North-East Fife (2022) - Draft

3.30 A [Local Strategic Assessment for North-East Fife](#) has been published as a draft for discussion by the Fife Council Research Team (May 2022). It collates and updates a wide range of information to give key input for the refresh of Local Community Plans and is intended to inform and support local conversations about the issues that need to be addressed in the area, in terms of both people and place.

3.31 Important issues identified in the report include:

- A study to explore the impact of COVID-19 for residents, including vulnerable and disadvantaged people, found that food and fuel poverty were particular issues for the North-East Fife Area.
- Cost of living has replaced NHS/Hospitals/Healthcare as the main issue facing all areas of Fife. Access to suitable housing, and funding for public services are also seen as main issues for North-East Fife.
- The majority of local people in the North-East Fife area would like more involvement in decisions that the Council makes that affect their local area. 55% report that they provide some kind of unpaid (voluntary) help to a group or organisation.
- The neighbourhoods with the poorest outcomes in the North-East Fife Area are Cupar Central, St Monans and Pittenweem, and Tayport.
- The extent of uncertainty that Fife's communities will need to face in the coming years is unprecedented. The impact of wider events (i.e. pandemic, Brexit) will continue to be felt at a very local level.
- Reductions in healthy life expectancy are expected to impact on people's quality of life.

- Rising living costs are adding to the pressures felt by individual households. It is unclear when this situation will stabilise, and how this will impact on widening inequalities within Fife's communities. There is a need to anticipate and plan for the more pressing implications of climate change and how it will affect peoples' lives.

3.32 With regard to research conducted in the North-East using the [Place Standard Tool](#), the following trends were noted:

- The North-East Fife area continues to be generally rated highly for aspects of social wellbeing including Social Contact, and Identity and Belonging.
- Getting around remains an area that requires improvement within North-East Fife area. The same can also be said of Housing and Community, Influence and Sense of Control, and Work and Local Economy, as people have to travel outwith the area for jobs/employment.

Recent Community-Led Plans and Initiatives

3.33 There are no existing Community Action Plans or Local Place Plans covering Pittenweem.

3.34 A [Community Survey](#) was undertaken for Pittenweem in 2012, which is available on the About Pittenweem website. This received 147 surveys from a community of approximately 830 households at the time: a 17.7% response rate. The report notes that not all households answered every question.

3.35 Like the current survey, it asked about people's likes, dislikes and ideas for change. It also covered the importance of community events, shopping, local control of community assets, a proposal for a Pittenweem Community Development Trust, facilities respondents



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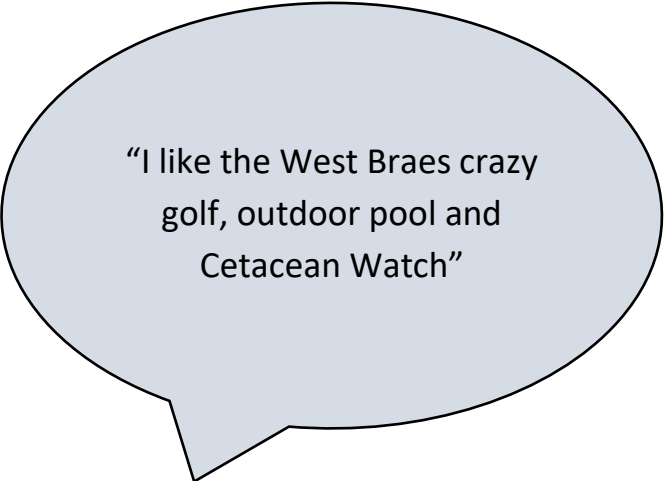
wanted for Pittenweem, and ideas for a Weem Witch memorial, Citizen award, Commuting and car sharing and Armistice day wreath laying.

3.36 Following the results of this survey the Pittenweem Community Trust (PiCT) was created to fulfil some of the community requirements. In 2014 PiCT did a supplementary survey in Pittenweem and produced a summary report.

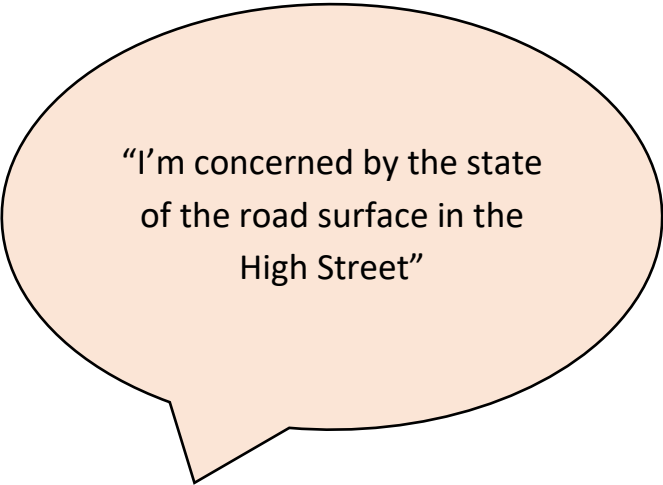
3.37 Two main projects emerged from PiCT before it wound up in 2019 after trustees had moved to the other groups:

3.38 The [West Braes Project](#) - a charity which revolves around The West Braes Park in Pittenweem: regenerating community assets, involving the local community, renovating the 19th century tidal pool, and creating a sensory garden.

3.39 The [Pittenweem Community Library and Information Centre](#) is a charity managed and run by volunteers who committed to maintaining a library service in Pittenweem after it was closed by Fife Council in February 2017.



“I like the West Braes crazy golf, outdoor pool and Cetacean Watch”



“I’m concerned by the state of the road surface in the High Street”



4. UNDERSTANDING THE ISSUES

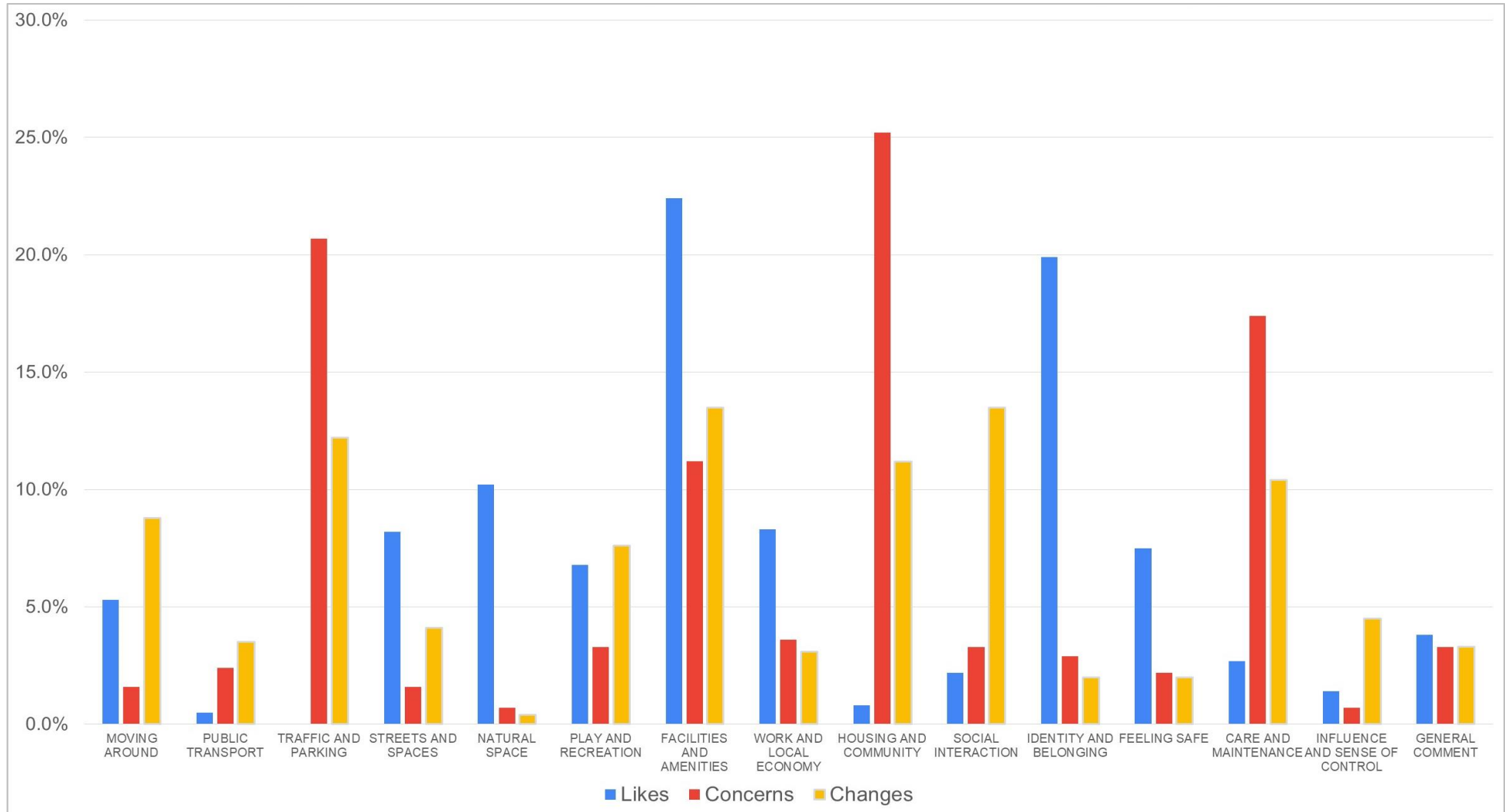
Overview of survey responses

- 4.1 The thematic framework of the [Place Standard](#) was used as the basis for analysing and making sense of the information received through the survey. The Place Standard is a commonly used tool, commissioned by the Scottish Government, designed to help communities and stakeholders have conversations about how to change and improve their places. It enables thinking about the physical elements of a place (for example its buildings, spaces, and transport links) as well as its social aspects (for example whether people feel they have a say in decision making).
- 4.2 The 14 thematic categories of the Place Standard are Moving Around; Public Transport; Traffic and Parking; Streets and Spaces; Natural Space; Play and Recreation; Facilities and Amenities; Work and Local Economy; Housing and Community; Social Contact; Identity and Belonging; Feeling Safe; Care and Maintenance; Influence and sense of control. With the addition of a General Comment section, these have been used as the headline Action Areas against which to organise the responses.
- 4.3 Using an established framework to make the initial categorisation ensures a methodical approach to the analysis (this is known as a *deductive* approach to analysis). It makes it easier for funders and stakeholders to understand what is being said because the tool is well-known across Scotland. It links the information to an established widely used research vocabulary. For example, Fife Council's own recent Local Strategic Assessment for North-East Fife references Place Standard categories that they have used for their own research (2022).
- 4.4 Further sub-categories have been established within these Action Areas defining key priorities that emerged from the data. These priorities were carefully chosen to make sense of the data as it presented itself (this is known as an *inductive* method of analysis).
- 4.5 Overall, an *inductive-deductive* approach has been taken to analysing the data, to enable greatest coherence and flexibility.
- 4.6 No further feedback or deeper definition of the ideas for action have yet been attempted. Further work will therefore be required to:
- define whether actions are quick wins, or designed for short, medium or long-term delivery.
 - explore who the delivery partners and key stakeholders need to be.
 - think about what first steps might be required to get the ball rolling.
- 4.7 Furthermore, collaborative prioritisation of which actions are most important has not yet occurred.
- 4.8 On the following page, a graph is displayed that compares the percentage of responses that have been received according to the Place Standard categories, for each of the three key questions used in the survey. This is designed to make an initial diagnosis as to what the community sees are the most critical issues facing Pittenweem. An initial analysis of these results follows after the chart.



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4.9 Figure 20: Percentage of total statements made by Action Area for each of the three community survey questions:



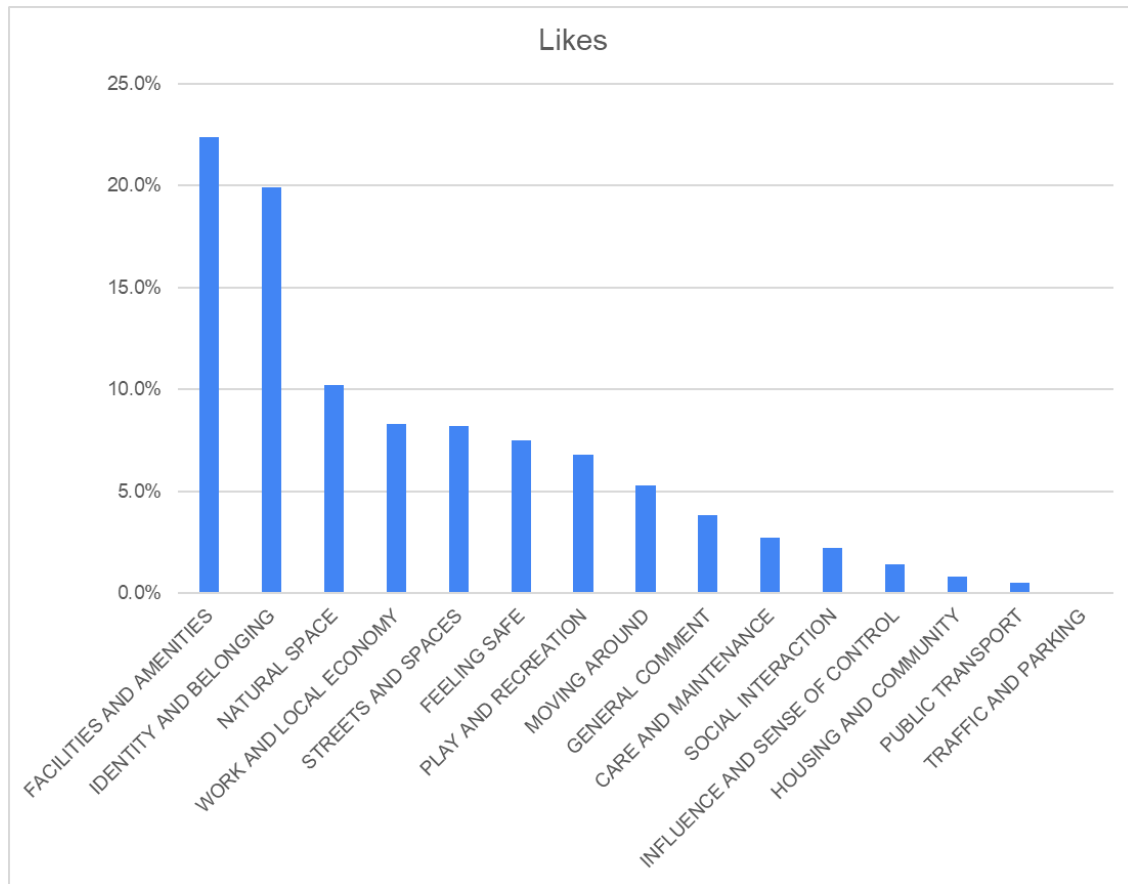


Figure 21: Likes

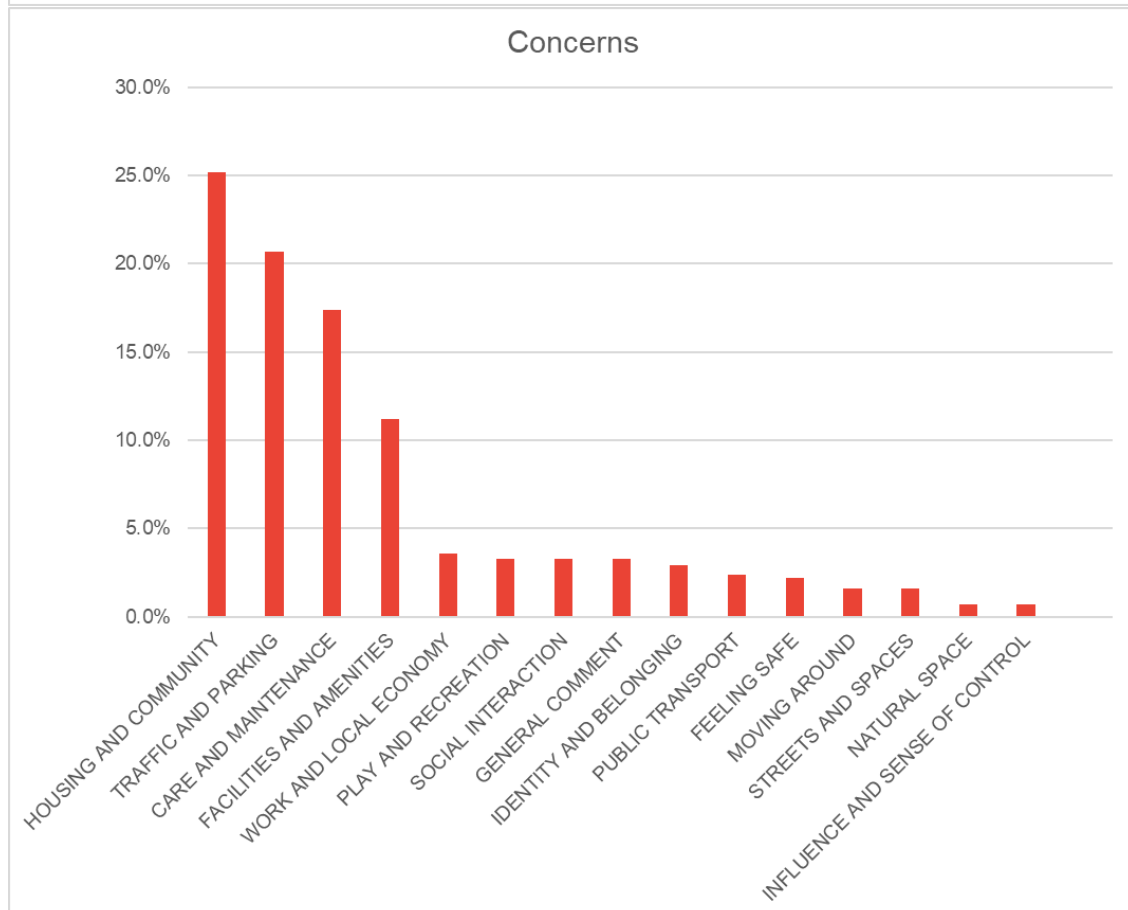


Figure 22: Concerns

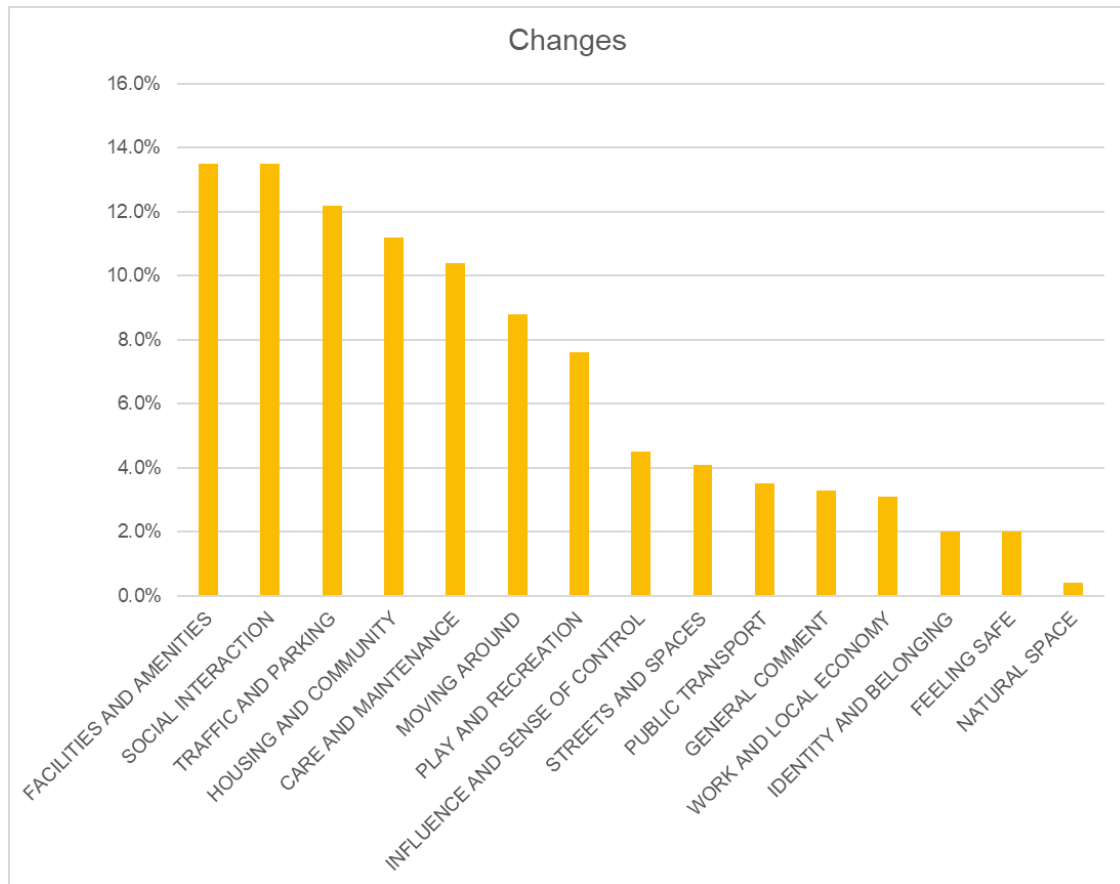


Figure 23:
Changes



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4.10 The following conclusions can be drawn from figures 20-23:

- Likes
 - The action areas where *least likes* have been expressed are: Public Transport, Traffic and Parking, Housing and Community, Social Contact, Care and Maintenance and Influence and Sense of Control.
 - The areas of Pittenweem life that are *most appreciated* are Natural Space, Facilities and Amenities, Identity and Belonging and Feeling Safe.
- Concerns
 - The action areas that raised *most concern* were Traffic and Parking, Facilities and Amenities, Housing and Community, and Care and Maintenance.
 - The action areas that raised *least concern* were Streets & Spaces, Natural Space and Influence & Sense of Control.
- Changes
 - The areas that generated *most suggestions for change* were Traffic & Parking, Facilities & Amenities, Housing & Community, Social Contact and Care and Maintenance.
 - The action areas that generated *fewest suggestions for change* were Natural Space, Identity and Belonging and Feeling Safe.

4.11 Observations:

- The available facilities and amenities in the village are well liked but also generated significant concern and ideas for change. This seems to point to an underlying fear that the existing situation may degrade, and an aspiration that more facilities, shops and restaurants would be desirable. It is interesting to note that the SIMD (section 2) currently considers Pittenweem one of the communities in Scotland with the best access to local amenities.

- Pittenweem's coastal and rural location, as well as its built heritage, are massively appreciated by survey respondents and form a stand-out contribution to Pittenweem's quality of life. While some concerns have been expressed about crime, it is generally appreciated as a safe and tranquil community, which has a strong sense of community spirit and belonging.
- Public Transport is seen relatively neutrally by the community as a whole and compared to other issues there are not strong calls for change (at least from this sample of the community). This may reflect a prevailing culture of car-use.
- Appetite for change seems to be comparatively stronger around Pittenweem's walking, wheeling and cycling opportunities, also in terms of connection with surrounding villages and towns. This connects with the increasing regional and national emphasis on change around active travel.
- Traffic & Parking and road maintenance are particular priorities.
- There is a hunger for greater connectivity and relationships (Social Contact), with a significant number of ideas for change.
- The future housing needs of the community are of the utmost concern, generating a high number of ideas for change. Concern around second home and private landlord ownership should be assessed in light of the comparative housing statistics for North-East Fife (see Section 2) and the increasing desire among tourists for short-term lets. Concern about the impact of future housing development such as the Champion Homes proposal for affordable housing east of Station Court (see Section 3) needs to be weighed up against the very strong expressed need for more affordable housing for local people.
- Considering the declared national and regional climate change emergency, there was a significant and surprising lack of expressed concern in this regard. It is not clear what the cause of



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this is: lack of awareness, concrete opposition, or uncertainty as to how to begin to address these issues locally.

Survey Responses

4.12 The following tables present the detailed responses for each question. For ease of interpretation, response rates have been categorised as Low (1 response), Medium (2-3 responses), High (4-7 responses) and Very High (8 + responses).

4.13 A high or very high "suggestion rate" clearly indicates that a lot of people think these issues are important. However, just because a response has a low rate does not necessarily mean it is unimportant: it could represent an important 'minority report' of particular insight, or focus in detail on a specific rather than broad issue.

4.14 For example, while 'developing multi use paths' is very high, more specific (but potentially important) aspects of these paths (like the need for them to be segregated) are not necessarily unimportant because they otherwise have a low response rate.

Likes

4.15 The following table shows elements of Pittenweem life liked by 4 or more people (a high or very high response rate). Likes expressed by between 1 and 3 people (low and medium response rate) are presented in a table in Appendix 2.

Theme	Like	Response rate
MOVING AROUND		
Active Travel Routes	The Fife Coastal Path.	Very High
	Walking in the area (esp. beautiful walking routes e.g. rural routes, harbour to Braes, around village).	Very High
Connectivity	Proximity to other East Neuk villages and towns with different qualities and benefits, providing a good quality of life.	High
STREETS AND SPACES		
Heritage	Its history and beauty as a historic burgh (e.g. architecture, wynds, priory, tolbooth, fishing history, views, conservation buildings, church, cave, houses).	Very High
Village size	Appreciation for the small size of the town.	High
NATURAL SPACE		
Countryside	The rural scenery and location (beautiful countryside, easy access).	Very High
Sea & Coast	The coastal scenery and location (beaches, coastline, views, setting on water's edge, West Braes).	Very High
PLAY AND RECREATION		
Greenspace	Greenspace (esp. because dog friendly).	High
Recreation	Tidal Pool at West Braes.	Very High
	The West Braes itself.	High
FACILITIES AND AMENITIES		
Local Produce	Availability of local produce (Bowhouse, Scotland the Bread, Market Garden, Ardross, Road End etc. sustainable farming projects, micro-breweries, seafood).	High
Restaurants & Pubs	Great places to eat (e.g. Dory restaurant, pubs, West End Pub, High St eateries like Clocktower Cafe & Cocoa Tree, Woolly Brew, Chip Shop, Larachmore).	Very High
Shops	Local shopping facilities (e.g. bakery, card shop etc).	Very High
Services	Access to wide range of excellent amenities for a small town (education, sport, culture and entertainment).	Very High
	The library (inc. talks and events, providing activities for both younger and older residents, visitor information, a series of evening talks as well as an extremely well stocked book lending service).	Very High
	The GP Surgery.	Very High



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	The Hub (esp. refilling section, heart of the village, friendly staff).	Very High
	The Pharmacy.	High
	The Primary School.	High
	The Post Office.	High
WORK AND LOCAL ECONOMY		
Fishing	The fact it's a working fishing village.	Very High
Harbour	The working harbour itself.	Very High
SOCIAL INTERACTION		
Festivals & Arts	A haven for the arts.	High
	The Pittenweem Arts Festival.	High
IDENTITY AND BELONGING		
Community Spirit	The strong sense of community (e.g. Jubilee, involvement in West Braes project and Library).	Very High
Citizenship	The active community and innovative community projects – e.g. West Braes, library, tennis club, locals support local businesses, community council.	Very High
Welcoming	It's a welcoming and friendly community.	Very High
FEELING SAFE		
Atmosphere	It's a peaceful and safe village with a slow pace of life (ideal for raising children).	Very High
CARE AND MAINTENANCE		
Clean Air	The clean air.	High
Street Cleaning	The clean streets.	High
INFLUENCE AND SENSE OF CONTROL		
Community Voice	This consultation exercise (indeed, it should take place on a regular basis).	High

Table 5 – Likes

4.16 Most significant of all, 43% of respondents value Pittenweem's strong sense of community. The following were seen as particularly important (each by around 25% of respondents): the town's history and beauty as a historic burgh; its tranquillity and slow pace of life, and its friendliness and welcoming atmosphere. Not far behind at around 17% of responses each were the rural and coastal location and scenery; the number and diversity of great places to eat for a small town, and the fact that the working harbour and its fishing remains at its heart. The range and accessibility of local facilities including the Hub, library, GP surgery and local shops are also highly valued. *Figures refer to percentage of the 174 respondents who made the statement.*



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Concerns

4.17 The following table shows the elements of Pittenweem life of most concern to the community, as expressed by 4 or more people (a high or very high response rate). Concerns expressed by between 1 and 3 people (low and medium response rate) are presented in a table in Appendix 2.

Theme	Concern	Response rate
PUBLIC TRANSPORT		
Bus	Lack of good, regular, affordable public transport, concern about cutbacks.	High
TRAFFIC AND PARKING		
Parking	Lack of car parking spaces around village for residents and visitors (High Street, Marygate, South Loan, Priory Court, Charles Street, Session Street, James Street mentioned; concern for impact on businesses, lack of spaces for fishing industry at harbour and the elderly, exacerbated during Festival and in summer).	Very High
	Impacts of congestion caused by on-street parking in village exacerbated by visitor requirements (additional traffic congestion, emergency vehicle access, esp. High Street).	High
Road Crossings	Insufficient safe places to cross main road (e.g. at West End).	High
Speeding	Speeding on main road, particularly from March to October (James Street, Charles Street, Milton Road also mentioned).	Very High
	Lack of speed bumps on the main road.	High
	Concern to reduce speed limit on the main road to 20 mph. Concern that reducing speed limits through residential areas from 30mph would cause frustration, affect local economy and business, and has no evidence base.	High
Traffic	Volume of traffic, esp. peak season (impact on village and environment, esp. Milton Road and main road through village).	Very High
STREETS AND SPACES		
Heritage	Concern about upkeep of built environment (e.g. exterior maintenance of some listed properties, High Street and Blacks Fish premises mentioned, loss of character/charm).	High

Theme	Concern	Response rate
PLAY AND RECREATION		
Recreation	Loss of skatepark for teenagers.	High
Young People	Lack of facilities and activities for children and teenagers (and lack of upgrades of existing facilities).	High
FACILITIES AND AMENITIES		
Services	Concern about changes at Pittenweem primary school (e.g. falling school roll, need to attract families to the area).	High
	Increase in population stretching local services and facilities (e.g. doctors, sewerage, parking).	High
	Places closing down if they're not used (e.g. loss of the Gyles (Old Men's' Club) for community use, or FMA closing down).	High
	Potential loss of parish church.	High
Shops	Limited recycling centre opening hours / days.	High
	Loss of/lack of local shops (e.g. the Corner Shop, clothes, deli, shoes, flowers, butcher, grocers, bank, fish shops).	Very High
WORK AND LOCAL ECONOMY		
Employment	Closure of local business/sustainability.	High
Fishing	The decline in the fishing fleet.	High
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY		
Affordable Housing	Availability of affordable housing for first time buyers/families/locals.	Very High
	Availability of social housing for locals/families.	High
Holiday Homes	Increasing number of holiday homes / second homes - need to limit these.	Very High
Housing Development	Housing development plans - danger of overdevelopment (e.g. impact on views, traffic, impact on character of village, ensuring houses developed for locals).	Very High
People Mix	Concern about the failure of newcomers and longer standing residents to integrate more successfully - responsibility on both sides to work well together.	Very High
SOCIAL CONTACT		
Pittenweem Arts Festival	Negative impacts/disruption caused by Arts Festival on local community (e.g. traffic, lack of local community involvement/benefit, lack of activities for local families, perception of poor liaison between Festival and community, lack of torch light procession, firework display, outdoor music).	Very High



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Theme	Concern	Response rate
IDENTITY AND BELONGING		
Community Spirit	Danger of loss of sense of community spirit - need for locals and relocators alike to take ownership.	Very High
FEELING SAFE		
Anti-social behaviour	Anti-social behaviour.	High
CARE AND MAINTENANCE		
Greenery	Weeds in streets, wynds, grassy areas.	Very High
Litter & Dog Mess	Dog fouling and litter.	Very High
Public Toilets	Need to maintain public toilets, not open all year round.	High
Road Maintenance	Condition of roads, pavements and wynds including main road and High Street - potholes, weeds.	Very High
Street Cleaning	Lack of street cleaning.	High

Table 6 – Concerns

4.18 Concern around increasing numbers of properties being used for short-term lets and purchased as second homes generated most comment (43% of respondents), particularly the perception that this is impacting the local housing market and access to affordable housing (18%). The lack of parking spaces (for both residents and visitors) and associated impacts especially during the summer figured highly (21%), as did the upkeep of roads, pavements and wynds, particularly regarding potholes and weeds (19%) and dog fouling and litter (15%). Speeding on the main road (12%) was also a real concern. Concerns about the potential closure of shops and amenities in future were highlighted (11%). Just two respondents mentioned future concerns around climate change and resilience. *Figures refer to percentage of the 174 respondents who made the statement.*



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Ideas for Change

5 *Table 7 – Ideas for Change.* The following table displays the ideas for change put forward by the community.

Response rate: Low = 1 respondent; Medium = 2-3 respondents; High = 4-8 respondents; Very High = 9+ respondents

Priority	Action Code	Initial ideas for action	Response rate
MOVING AROUND			
Accessibility	MA1	Improvements and better access to paths/pavements safe for walking, wheeling, prams and mobility scooters (e.g. more lowered kerbs, assessment required by a qualified disability officer).	Medium
Active Travel Routes	MA2	Promote and develop Fife Coastal Path (e.g. resurfacing of West Shore walkway / upgrade coastal path, explore options for segregating cyclists and walkers).	High
	MA3	Develop inland walking routes away from the coast.	Medium
	MA4	Segregate footpath and cycle path between Pittenweem and Anstruther.	Low
	MA5	Develop multi-use paths between the East Neuk villages (explore option for lighting as well).	Very High
	MA6	Develop multi-use in town (also to help reduce parking issues).	High
	MA7	Increase community organisation and advocacy around developing multi-use paths.	Low
	Behaviour Change	MA8	Promote safe cycling (e.g. cycle proficiency).
Cycling infrastructure	MA9	Increase facilities for active travel (e.g. bike hire).	Medium
	MA10	Place less emphasis on cyclists - a perception they tend to spend very little locally.	Low
Wayfinding	MA11	Wayfinding in town: develop better signage / access to town centre and harbour and between them (e.g. to amenities such as toilets, cafés, galleries, shops (including the FMA shop), churches and the library).	High
	MA12	Wayfinding in countryside: develop better signage.	Low
PUBLIC TRANSPORT			
Bus	PT1	Develop better public transport to cities (St Andrews, Edinburgh, Dundee, Kirkcaldy, Glasgow).	High
	PT2	Increase frequency of coastal bus route (e.g. from every hour to every half hour, or instead of 95, X60 following each other they are 30 mins apart),	High
	PT3	Bus service improvements required (general comment).	Medium
	PT4	Improve Sunday bus services (e.g. introduce a Sunday X60 service).	Medium
	PT5	Ensure quality bus links to the new Levenmouth rail.	Low
	PT6	Reduce fares to encourage public transport use.	Low
	PT7	Introduce shuttle bus from lower to upper village and/or to Anstruther to connect with main service routes.	Low
Community Transport	PT8	Organise community shopping bus to Aldi / Lidl in Cupar / Leven / St Andrews.	Low



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Priority	Action Code	Initial ideas for action	Response rate
TRAFFIC AND PARKING			
Parking	TP1	Improve parking availability and signage, for residents and visitors.	Very High
	TP2	Improve West Braes parking: (e.g. resurface, charges for use, enforce restrictions on overnight parking at West Braes).	High
	TP3	Introduce out of town parking facilities for visitors (with EV parking).	High
Parking Enforcement	TP4	Address impact of Arts Festival on residents' parking (e.g. volunteers who check residents' cards could appear earlier than mid-morning).	Medium
	TP5	Introduce parking permit scheme (eg on High Street, focus on residents).	Medium
	TP6	Enforce restrictions on overnight campervan parking in public spaces (e.g. at West Braes).	Medium
	TP7	Address issue of increased volume of parked vehicles in Session Street.	Low
	TP8	Increase presence of parking enforcement officers.	Low
Road Crossings	TP9	Establish safe road crossings (e.g. request crossing at West End).	Medium
Road Layout	TP10	Construct bypass.	Medium
	TP11	Improve traffic signs and road markings (e.g. Marygate 1-way system).	Medium
	TP12	Construct an access road connecting the West Braes park directly to the Main Rd.	Low
	TP13	Make High Street a pedestrian zone.	Low
	TP14	Remove one-way system to allow access through Marygate.	Low
Speeding	TP15	Extend 20 mph limit along main road (A917), plus enforcement.	Very High
	TP16	Install traffic calming measures on main road and Charles St (e.g. traffic light turning red on vehicles approaching the village).	High
	TP17	Restrict speed to 30 miles/hour from Anstruther to Pittenweem.	Low
	TP18	Install traffic calming at Viewforth Place - Milton Place.	Low
Traffic/Congestion	TP19	Encourage use of smaller delivery vans to service local shops.	Low
Transport Strategy	TP20	Develop an effective and comprehensive transport strategy for East Fife.	Low



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Priority	Action Code	Initial ideas for action	Response rate
STREETS AND SPACES			
Charging Points	SS1	Install more EV charging points in village (e.g. Mid and East Shore).	High
Heritage	SS2	Establish permanent exhibition/museum showcasing history of village.	Medium
	SS3	Publicise history of village more (e.g - self guided walks).	Low
Street Furniture	SS4	Install large, well-maintained flower/shrub planters at each end of Pittenweem with a welcome sign.	Medium
	SS5	Display more hanging baskets, flower displays in spring, summer. Display more Xmas lights in winter.	Low
	SS6	Install interpretation boards about the history of the village.	Low
	SS7	Recruit shops to take responsibility for flower planters near their premises (planting and watering i.e. 'ownership').	Low
Vacant Property	SS8	Increase focus on bringing disused properties back into use (e.g. for local businesses and start-ups or community use, encourage visitor spend).	High
NATURAL SPACE			
Tree Planting/ Biodiversity	NS1	Support community planting projects (esp. Abbey Wall Road).	Low
	NS2	West Braes: keep grass long in certain areas to improve biodiversity, save costs. Plant trees at the playground.	Low
PLAY AND RECREATION			
Allotments	PR1	Establish an allotment (help teach kids and young people about growing and cooking food).	Low
Greenspace	PR2	Establish a community garden (inc. sensory garden).	Medium
	PR3	Improve local parks (general comment).	Low
Playparks	PR4	Repair and upgrade kids' playparks (West Braes, park behind school).	Very High
Recreation	PR5	Reinstate skatepark.	High
	PR6	Improve local sports facilities (e.g. a MUGA, basketball court, a new multi-use, floodlight facility in Pittenweem Park, outdoor gym at West Braes). School, village and sports groups to collaborate.	High
Young People	PR7	Expand activities available for teenagers and kids (e.g. a youth club, sporting events, clubs).	High
	PR8	Develop more amenities for young people.	Medium



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Priority	Action Code	Initial ideas for action	Response rate
FACILITIES AND AMENITIES			
Facilities	FA1	Install changing facilities at the tidal pool.	Medium
	FA2	Enable greater community use of Art@47 venue.	Medium
	FA3	Ensure community assets remain for the benefit of the community and not sold off.	Low
	FA4	Retain Scout Hall.	Low
	FA5	If closing, covert Parish Kirk into a Pittenweem town museum.	Low
Infrastructure	FA6	Enable access to a 24hr cash machine locally.	High
	FA7	Improve the sewage system and drains (e.g. treat not just screen, remove sewage pipe on West Shore beach).	High
Local Produce	FA8	Encourage greater support for local food products (e.g. fish outlet at harbour, cereals, fruit, vegetables, drinks).	Medium
Restaurants, Cafés & Pubs	FA9	Incentivise the establishment of more local eating places (restaurants and cafes).	High
	FA10	Establish a cafe at West Braes.	Low
	FA11	Restore Pittenweem Inn.	Low
	FA12	Restrict takeaway use for restaurants and on-street alcohol sales.	Low
Services	FA13	Improve service at the recycling centre (e.g. better opening times and more assistance from staff).	High
	FA14	Install compartmentalised rubbish bins that also allow for recycling of plastic and food waste.	Medium
	FA15	Instigate a mobile bank service.	Medium
	FA16	Encourage more Sunday opening - there is a lack of facilities/amenities/shops on a Sunday.	Medium
	FA17	Restore in-person GP appointments.	Medium
	FA18	Enable greater access to local community police.	Low
	FA19	Establish better childcare provision especially wraparound school care.	Low
	FA20	Cancel the council library bus (community runs the library brilliantly!)	Low
Shops	FA21	Increase number of shops generally esp. on High Street (eg a deli, community shop where local art / crafts can be sold, longer opening hours).	Very High
	FA22	Establish a regular market (weekly, monthly?) for local food / clothing etc (at Market Square?)	High
	FA23	Encourage farm shops with family play areas.	Low
	FA24	Open a shop at Pittenweem fuel station - 24hr.	Low
Wifi/Phone coverage	FA25	Improve Wifi and mobile phone coverage generally and especially at harbour level.	Low



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WORK & LOCAL ECONOMY			
Business Accommodation	WL1	Develop a commercial property in the high street purchased and let out at low rates for short periods of time as a pop up venue for people in the area who want to start new businesses.	Low
	WL2	Identify areas for commercial development.	Low
Employment	WL3	Encourage and support local trade and businesses.	High
	WL4	Support new start-up businesses.	Low
Energy	WL5	Offer community renewables and energy efficiency advice across village (e.g. solar panels).	Medium
Fishing	WL6	Set-up a charter boat for sea fishing.	Low
	WL7	Support for the fishing industry by Fife Council.	Low
Harbour	WL8	Improve harbour area (jetty for small boats to visit.)	Medium
Tourism	WL9	Develop a tourism website to fully exploit the Fife Coastal Path.	Low
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY			
Affordable/Housing	HC1	Develop more affordable homes for local people (inc long-term rental).	Very High
	HC2	Implement policy mechanism to retain housing in permanent ownership of local residents (e.g. new developments - those who buy new property have to live in it a minimum of 5 years).	High
	HC3	More social housing for local people.	Low
Holiday Homes	HC4	Implement policy mechanism to limit second home ownership and holiday lets.	Very High
	HC5	Reduce numbers of holiday homes.	High
	HC6	Instigate a tourist tax that second homeowners pay with the funds going to community ventures.	Medium
	HC7	Force rental properties to pay increased business rates and tax.	Medium
	HC8	Develop a register of holiday lets to keep the balance right.	Low
Housing Development	HC9	Prevent any more former commercial premises being turned into holiday houses.	Low
	HC10	Prevent overdevelopment.	Medium
People Mix	HC11	Construct bigger/more homes but ensure adequate infrastructure.	Medium
	HC12	Retain balance of locals and visitors.	Low



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Priority	Action Code	Initial ideas for action	Response rate
SOCIAL CONTACT			
Clubs	SC1	Establish a cinema club.	Low
	SC2	Establish more activities and events in the evening - plays / music or workshops during the day.	Low
	SC3	Establish more Intergenerational activities.	Low
	SC4	Establish more walking groups, running groups, activities outside of normal working hours.	Low
	SC5	Establish swimming lessons.	Low
Communication	SC6	Ensure better communication of community events (e.g. monthly community newsletter not just Facebook, like Crail Matters.)	High
	SC7	Create a community directory identifying all the local activities, organisations and activities.	Low
	SC8	Create a leaflet and map with short history of what is available and where, for holiday homes and visitors.	Low
	SC9	PCC should help market and promote activities (initiatives, groups, courses, etc.) that could be open to both residents and people from outside, and post more often.	Low
Festivals & Arts	SC10	Bring back events for whole community e.g. Pittenweem Gala Day/Children's Gala (build on Jubilee, bring in local businesses, ideas: Seafood Festival inc. fishing heritage, food festivals, ceilidhs, a summer fete, BBQs, concerts, Strawberry Fayre).	Very High
	SC11	Hold more music and art related events (e.g. arts and crafts workshops - one day courses e.g. stained glass / painting / arts classes).	Medium
	SC12	Establish more events in the High Street.	Low
Pittenweem Arts Festival	SC13	Implement a review of how the Arts Festival contributes to the village (Arts Festival as inclusive community event, provide more for families, local festival feeling has been lost, bring in local businesses. a street market during the event, kids' activities, keep the festival but move it outside school holidays to prevent disruption).	Very High
	SC14	Reinstate the Arts Festival Fireworks and procession (poss. bonfire at start.)	Very High
	SC15	Reduce size of Arts Festival (e.g. smaller or fewer venues, one weekend only, make it biannual.)	Medium
Winter Events	SC16	Establish an event for Christmas lights/Christmas tree switch on, Christmas advent windows in the village or other winter event.	Medium
	SC17	Establish evening events in winter: film / music / theatre as in Crail / Anstruther etc.	Medium



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Priority	Action Code	Initial ideas for action	Response rate
IDENTITY AND BELONGING			
Community Spirit	IB1	Continue to work on building up community spirit - the town is such a good size for this.	High
	IB2	Ensure positivity when new things are suggested or happening rather than immediately thinking change is bad.	Medium
	IB3	Encourage better interaction on Facebook - less complaining.	Low
Welcoming	IB4	Be more welcoming to visitors.	Low
FEELING SAFE			
Anti-social behaviour	FS1	Advocate that Fife Council tackle anti-social behaviour.	Low
Crime	FS2	Improve visibility/accessibility of Police Scotland or Safer Communities officers.	High
	FS3	Form residents associations to advocate for changes re anti-social behaviour.	Low
	FS4	Tackle local drugs and crime (e.g. drug dealing on West Braes parking lot at nights).	Low
Lighting	FS5	Install additional lighting on Session Street and in vennels.	Medium
CARE AND MAINTENANCE			
Greenery	CM1	Ensure council takes better care of public / open spaces (e.g. grass cut more regularly & cuttings removed, weed clearance, care for flower beds).	Very High
	CM2	Encourage people to look after their gardens and perhaps even have volunteer help for those who need it. Our village can look even nicer!	Low
	CM3	Create a programme to eradicate giant hogweed (eg. along the Dreel burn, edges of some fields).	Low
	CM4	Ensure cemetery better kept.	Low
Litter & Dog Mess	CM5	Action on dog mess (e.g. more poo bins in village and at Grange Park).	High
	CM6	Install more bins (e.g. at the harbour / shore area. Recycling bins would be great).	High
	CM7	Improve litter collection services.	Low
Road Maintenance	CM8	Ensure better road and pavement maintenance inc potholes (e.g. <i>roads</i> : A917, Abbey Wall Road, James Street to school, near church, Market Place, High Street; <i>pavements</i> : West Shore near the church).	Very High
	CM9	Implement maintenance on coastal path to repair/ prevent areas of erosion.	Low
Street Cleaning	CM10	Implement better street cleaning (e.g. village warden, clear out old unused rusty items near harbour).	Medium



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Priority	Action Code	Initial ideas for action	Response rate
INFLUENCE AND SENSE OF CONTROL			
Community Voice	ISC1	Bring back local town councillors.	Low
	ISC2	Encourage Fife Council to listen to and support local communities and devolve more power locally.	Low
	ISC3	Introduce a good ideas box for residents/visitors.	Low
	ISC4	Help the Community Council become a more representative voice for Pittenweem and broaden its appeal, Community Council membership should come as a result of a more representative process (as opposed to co-option). Participation in Community Council proceedings should also become accessible online through people being able to join in teleconference (to also accommodate those who require more flexibility as well as younger cohorts).	Low
	ISC5	Ask the Community Council to push Fife Council to implement suggestions in the survey.	Low
Local Collaboration	ISC6	Draw up a community plan with agreement and buy-in across the community - everything from high level vision/infrastructure changes down to agreeing which areas of grass are to be mown and which to be left. Encouraging a community wide debate to analyse, determine priorities and progress ideas generated by this questionnaire could be a useful exercise. A revised strategic plan for the village to identify how it can be fit for the future, accommodating all generations' needs and supporting the growth and strengthening of the community. Current thinking is too short term and not ambitious enough.	Medium
	ISC7	Encourage the town and its groups to work together for the greater good. More help for people who organise community events.	Medium
	ISC8	Encourage younger folks to take on responsibility for running local events.	Medium
	ISC9	Encourage more support for our local library.	Medium
	ISC10	Establish an organised beach clean.	Medium
	ISC11	Re-establish a community development trust (e.g. Crail).	Low
	ISC12	Recruit new members for Pittenweem Community Council.	Low
Support and Funding	ISC13	Advocate for Fife Council to support community initiatives (e.g. such as the West Braes project, the annual Pittenweem Arts Festival, the Community Library and Information Centre etc. They attract visitors and bring money into the area).	Medium
	ISC14	Ask Pittenweem Community Council to encourage facilities and activities (both private and public) to set-up and operate in Pittenweem. It should help market and promote such facilities (e.g. cafes, restaurants, music venues, etc.).	Low



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Priority	Action Code	Initial ideas for action	Response rate
OTHER COMMENTS			
General Comment	OC1	Encourage all shops and businesses to use Fair Trade and eco-friendly items so as to promote Pittenweem as a sustainable town (the Hub has already started this so it would be good to see it built on and become widespread throughout the town).	Low
	OC2	Ensure greater value for money for all services we pay for.	Low
	OC3	Encourage more "civic" pride to be shown by the Council.	Low
	OC4	Retain the Fisher Lass.	Low
	OC5	Remind Fife Council that there is life after St Andrews and Leven, we have always been a forgotten part of their world - let them spend money on the East Neuk as they do elsewhere.	Low
	OC6	Set the Clocktower clock to the correct time.	Low
	OC7	Install signs telling dog owners to keep dogs on leads.	Low

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Survey Process

The Survey was commissioned and developed by Pittenweem Community Council (PCC) with support from Planning Aid Scotland (PAS) and funding from Fife Council.

The Survey is intended as an initial step in an ongoing process to understand the needs and desires of the community in Pittenweem, with a view to developing a full Community Action Plan in the next season.

The three questions asked in the survey were:

- What three things do you value most about Pittenweem?
- What three things concern you most about Pittenweem?
- What changes would you like to see in Pittenweem? Include any events, activities, or infrastructure improvements that you'd like to see happen.

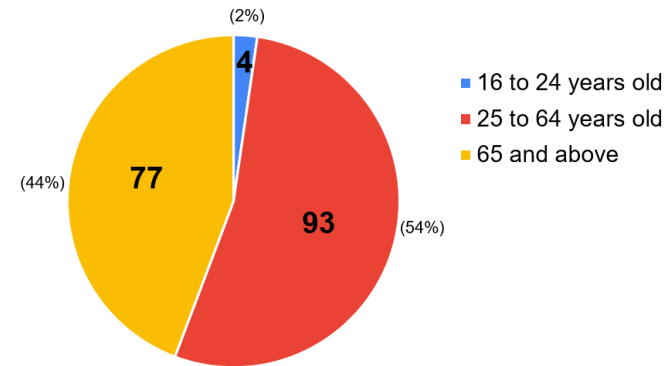
Between May and June 2022, every household in Pittenweem received a paper copy with the option to fill out online.

174 responses were received, half online and half by paper. These results are therefore a snapshot of the opinions of those particular households, and do not claim to be representative of the community as a whole.

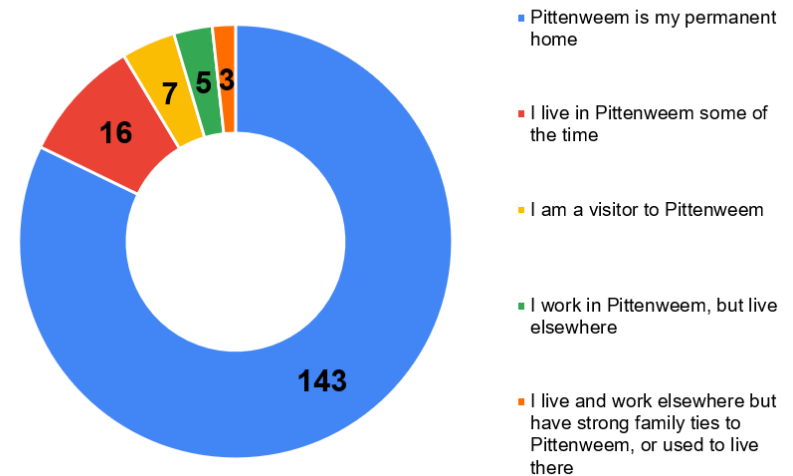
A copy of the questionnaire has been included in Appendix 4.

The pie charts opposite break down the characteristics of respondents, by age and residency.

Age Range of Participants



Connection to Pittenweem





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Appendix 2 – Likes and Concerns (Lower Response Rates)

Low = 1 response, Medium = 2-3 responses

Theme	Likes	Response rate
MOVING AROUND		
Accessibility	Wheelchairs and prams able to stay on pavements.	Low
Active Travel Routes	Cycling in area (esp. access to quiet inland roads).	Medium
Connectivity	Proximity to larger towns like St Andrews / Dundee / Edinburgh / Kirkcaldy.	Medium
PUBLIC TRANSPORT		
Bus	Reliable public transport links.	Medium
STREETS AND SPACES		
Street Furniture	The flowers and bike installations: Pittenweem in bloom are doing a fantastic job making the village look fab.	Low
NATURAL SPACE		
Wildlife	Birdlife & wildlife.	Medium
PLAY AND RECREATION		
Playparks	The play parks for children.	Medium
Recreation	Community skiff.	Low
	Beach.	Low
	Cetacean Watch (whale and dolphin conservation group).	Medium
	Crazy Golf.	Medium
Tree Planting	The recent tree planting programme behind the New Town Hall.	Medium
FACILITIES AND AMENITIES		
Services	Parish churches.	Low
	Coastline Community Church.	Medium
	Town hall (e.g. for exercise classes, now being utilised to its full potential with a multifarious range of community activities being well run and organised to cater for all ages and interests.)	Medium
	Proximity of key services & shops to most residential areas, smallish village with just enough shops, I love having a chemist, a baker's, a hairdresser, a chocolate shop and a post office all within walking distance.	Medium
	The waste disposal and recycling centre at the Dreeil Burn.	Low

	Plenty of local venues available for community use/events.	Low
	We have found all officials (Council and Comm Council) helpful.	Low
	Fuel station.	Low
	FMA	Low
Shops	Great service from all local shops.	Low
WORK AND LOCAL ECONOMY		
Employment	Working village full of lots of different people and occupations.	Low
	Small independent businesses.	Medium
	Local trade.s	Low
	The farming industry in the hinterland.	Low
Tourism	Attractiveness to tourists for holidays.	Medium
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY		
Holiday Homes	Not (yet) too many holiday homes.	Medium
People Mix	A mix of residents, working families with children, retired people.	Medium
	Balance between local residents and visitors.	Low
SOCIAL CONTACT		
Clubs	A wide variety of activities available locally.	Low
Communication	Good well-funded community website with news, events, tide times, opening times, etc.	Low
FEELING SAFE		
Crime	It's a low crime area.	Medium
CARE AND MAINTENANCE		
Greenery	Weeds cleared from side of road, Grass cut, bushes trimmed.	Medium
Litter	Very little litter.	Low
Street Cleaning	The keenness of the locals to maintain a high standard of maintenance and upkeep of their properties.	Low
Vandalism	Very little vandalism.	Low
INFLUENCE AND SENSE OF CONTROL		
Community Voice	This questionnaire is a really good idea.	Low



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Theme	Like	Response rate
GENERAL COMMENT		
General Comment	Not over-populated area.	Low
	Fantastic little village that brings nothing but joy and happiness to a lot of people.	Low
	Grown up in the village so I take it for granted.	Low
	It's a nice place to live.	Low
	It's a very pleasant place to live and much appreciated.	Low
	Its location.	Low
	Love it here and the improvements above would make it even better!	Low
	My birthplace and home.	Low
	Never thought about leaving Pittenweem.	Low
	Pittenweem is a lovely village, I think we're going in the right direction to keep it the way it is.	Low
	Plenty to do and see.	Low
	The fantastic location.	Low
	Uniqueness.	Low
	Will return (love the place).	Low
	Pleased that businesses have (mostly) survived Covid.	Low
	Having lived in the town for over 50 years, the family being involved in most activities, I would like to think all the various activities will continue to be supported through the next 50!!	Low
	We like Pittenweem as it is.	Low
The generosity to charitable causes.	Low	

Theme	Concern	Response rate
MOVING AROUND		
Accessibility	Lack of dropped kerbs for disabled.	Medium
	Impact of uneven pavements on disabled.	Medium
Active Travel Routes	Lack of safe footpaths/bike paths to adjoining villages (cyclists forced onto pavements esp. A917).	Medium
	Concern about proposed path directly behind houses in Milton Road.	Low
Wayfinding	Signage required from High Street to harbour.	Low
PUBLIC TRANSPORT		
Bus	Bus service timings (sometimes very late).	Medium
	Concern about X60 service (often late, frequently replacement double and single-deckers, lack of service on a Sunday, X60 should not detour via Anstruther harbour: should remain an express service).	Medium
	Lack of fast and reliable transport links to larger conurbations. In particular, road links to both southwest and central Fife (Kirkcaldy and Glenrothes, via Leven), and from there to Edinburgh, and north-westwards (Dundee, via St Andrews) impacted by too long journey times.	Medium
Train	Lack of (faster and more direct) rail link to other larger towns and Edinburgh, new Leven station will not significantly reduce travel times	Medium
TRAFFIC AND PARKING		
Parking	West Braes car park needs upgrading of surface for disabled people.	Low
	Parking at the West Braes: concern about use of gated dog park for overflow parking.	Medium
	Overnight mobile home parking in restricted area (e.g. Mid Shore).	Low
	Visitors not using the public carpark near the cemetery (David St).	Low
	More disabled car parks and room for carers.	Low
	No clear plan for visitors and residents parking. We need both.	Low
Parking Enforcement	Residents attempting to keep their parking space is not helping.	Low
	Two bus stops on blind bends on increasingly busy main road.	Low
	Charles Street with blind summit at one end and dangerous junction at the main road.	Low



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Road Layout	Lack of traffic calming measures (eg lack of zebra crossing between main road and Charles Street).	Medium
	The one-way system in the High Street	Medium
	Why is traffic directed off the main road on to Marygate to get to the harbour? Why can't the harbour traffic go straight down Abbey Wall Road? Marygate is residential.	Low
	Would like a one-way system, e.g. University Avenue.	Low
	Narrow pavements.	Medium
Traffic/Congestion	HGV vehicles on streets not suitable for them.	Medium
	Too many cars and multiple vehicles per household.	Low
	Impact of new development on congestion.	Low
STREETS AND SPACES		
Public Art	No permanent civic art left by Festival.	Low
Street Furniture	Loss of planting tubs or areas (previously done by Pittenweem in Bloom).	Medium
Vacant Property	Vacant buildings that are eyesores (e.g. Pittenweem Inn).	Low
NATURAL SPACE		
Countryside	Lack of access to woodland/wild spaces.	Low
Tree Planting	Pittenweem has been negatively impacted by wilderness area / tree planting.	Low
Sea & Coast	Coastal erosion, particularly on parts of coastal path which is promoted for walkers and a popular long-distance path.	Low
	Electric and magnetic fields (EMFs) from cables damaging the seabed.	Low
PLAY AND RECREATION		
Greenspace	Make better use of space at Braes.	Low
	The upkeep and modernisation of the parks.	Medium
Playparks	Need for additional playpark facilities.	Medium
Recreation	Lack of leisure facilities for sports, e.g. floodlit games area, putting green.	Low
FACILITIES AND AMENITIES		
Health	Access to doctors, esp. if new housing built.	Medium
	Ambulance waiting time.	Low
Services	Reliable access to fuel.	Medium
	Lack of help from Fife Council for facilities at the harbour.	Low
	No ATM availability after 5pm or Sunday.	Medium
	Sewerage issues, including sea discharge.	Medium

	Sustaining facilities for permanent residents e.g. Post Office.	Medium
Restaurants & Pubs	Greater range of restaurants/pubs/coffee shops.	Medium
Shops	Irregular opening times/ lack of Sunday opening (eg Hub).	Medium
Wifi/Phone coverage	Lack of proper internet / phone signals (+ 4G/5G by harbour)	Medium
WORK AND LOCAL ECONOMY		
Business Accommodation	No industrial park for small business.	Low
Cost of living	Expense of living here.	Medium
Employment	Lack of job opportunities.	Medium
Tourism	Resistance to Pittenweem becoming a 'holiday town'.	Low
	Small town attitude towards visitors.	Medium
	I am concerned we end up like a ghost town when visitors leave.	Low
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY		
Affordable Housing	Allocation of social housing to others before locals.	Medium
Housing Development	Are new developments (e.g. the planned new houses) going to be built with sustainability in mind?	Low
People Mix	Population imbalance in relation to age distribution of permanent residents. How attractive is the village to prospective full time younger residents?	Low
	The decline in permanent residents in the village.	Medium
SOCIAL CONTACT		
Communication	No local directory, poor communication of events and services, poor promotion of tourist events.	Medium
Festivals & Arts	Lack of a gala day or annual celebration to bring community together.	Medium
Pittenweem Arts Festival	Would like to see the Arts Festival re-start.	Medium
Winter Events	Lack of winter activities/events.	Low
IDENTITY AND BELONGING		
Citizenship	Disenfranchisement: need to get more people involved to support the village now and in the future.	Medium
	Better use of local facilities to benefit the community.	Low
	Reliance on volunteers to replace the council's responsibilities.	Low
Reputation	Protecting the unique identity of Pittenweem.	Medium



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FEELING SAFE		
Lighting	No lighting between towns at night.	Low
CARE AND MAINTENANCE		
Climate Resilience	Power cuts/storm resilience.	Low
	The future - possible effects of climate change.	Low
Greenery	General maintenance of grassed areas.	Medium
	The over-run state of the vegetation at West Braes path down to West Shore (Bindweed, Alexanders etc.)	Low
	Coastal Path weeds, especially giant hogweed, ground elder.	Medium
	The state of the cemetery.	Low
	Wild flowers lost to make roadside grass borders. Other councils are leaving them alone and saving nature and also saving money!	Low
Litter & Dog Mess	Fishing for Litter campaign from the FMA did not get off the ground.	Low
Road Maintenance	The high bank on the side of Abbey Wall Road is a collapse waiting to happen.	Low
Vandalism	Vandalism.	Medium
INFLUENCE AND SENSE OF CONTROL		
Local Collaboration	Community Council could refocus on strategic ambition for future generations in Pittenweem.	Low
	Resistance to accepting change.	Medium
Support and Funding	Support for local business (if no support available).	Low
GENERAL COMMENT		Low
General Comment	I hope the Community Council get results from the survey.	Low
	Although a nice, picturesque village, Pittenweem is not a practical place to live all year round.	Low
	Back road in Session Street.	Low
	Barking dogs.	Low
	Fife Council should put more money into the village as we have a lot of tourists at times, but village looks a bit unkempt.	Low
	Lack of investment in this village.	Low
	Lack of investment in town compared to other areas.	Low
	Lost its buzz a bit post pandemic.	Low
	Management of existing areas.	Low
None.	Low	

General Comment	Nothing concerned us about your beautiful little village.	Low
	Planning.	Low
	Threat to dark skies.	Low
	What are you going to do about it?	Low
	Wind farm cables.	Low
	Bus services that follow each other.	Low
	The only good thing about these unofficial traffic calming measures is that they slow the cars that otherwise ignore the speed limit	Low
	There are more dogs than locals.	Low
	Village looks neglected in places because of poor maintenance of garages (some bought / rented from council).	Low
	We need a much better service from Fife Council, which doesn't meet the needs of the local community - examples are the threat to head teachers across East Neuk schools, poor maintenance of public buildings.	Low
	Why does Anstruther have a full-time road sweeper and council flowers planting?	Low
	Why don't we threaten to reduce our rates payments unless we get a fairer and better service?	Low
	Parking - we need more movement during the day.	Low
	Education it's a great wee school but we need to give our kids a great start in life.	Low



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Appendix 3 - Proposals for further research and engagement

Survey responses indicate that members of the community have a vision for a wider consultation process. The following comments are amalgamated from three individual responses:

“There is a need for a community plan to be drawn up with agreement and buy-in across the community - everything from high level vision / infrastructure changes down to agreeing which areas of grass are to be mown and which to be left. This would encourage a community wide debate to analyse, determine priorities and progress ideas generated by this questionnaire, could be a useful exercise. It could produce a revised strategic plan for the village to identify how it can be fit for the future, accommodating all generations’ needs and supporting the growth and strengthening of the community. Our current thinking is too short term and not ambitious enough.

The current North-East Fife Local Community Plan (2019-2022) has identified the following as two key areas for action:

- Increasing the number of communities in North-East Fife which have developed a Community Action Plan and increasing participation in the People’s Panel.
- Empowering Community Councils and Community Development Trusts to address identified local needs.

Many of the other communities in the East Neuk have already had an opportunity to develop [their own local plans](#).

At the beginning of August PAS ran a training session at the New Town Hall for 12 attendees, including two Fife Council staff, two councillors and several local residents and community council members. The training focused on how to use the Place Standard tool as a structured framework of questions, alongside training in basic facilitation skills. The goal was to

begin a learning journey in which local community facilitators could grow in confidence to run engagement sessions with their own communities.

The Community Council has made an application for funding for a full Community Action and Local Place Plan to the [Investing in Communities Fund](#), as well as seeking to secure funding for participatory budgeting as a follow on. The result of this application will be notified in the new year (2023).

Next steps

1. An initial launch of this full report will be accompanied by a drop-in session hosted by local volunteers at the New Town Hall to connect with local people interested to find out more. People can drop into the Hall at any time between 3pm and 7pm on Tuesday 23rd August 2022.
2. Dialogue will also begin with Fife Council over issues raised.
3. The steering group will consider how to continue to engage the community moving forward.

Further steps

Further research and engagement could therefore cover:

1. The creation of a full Community Action Plan, Local Place Plan, or both
 - a. Given the low response rate from younger age groups to this survey, there will be a need to ensure that Pittenweem’s younger population is fully involved.
 - b. There will also be a need to ensure that as wide a variety of local people have opportunities to share in environments that they feel comfortable in, not just through meetings where people are expected to attend a public event.
 - c. This process could include deeper shared conversations about the issues raised in this questionnaire, a process to



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prioritise which key issues should be tackled first by the community, stakeholder conversations, and conversations to explore timescales, first steps and partners that should be included once priorities for action have been discerned.

2. It would be interesting to research further why there has been a population drop between 2011 and 2021.
3. It would be helpful to secure data over the long term regarding the change in home ownership in Pittenweem, to assess the nature of the speed and quantity of change to second homes ownership and private letting.
4. Once the new licensing regime has been introduced, it would be interesting to assess exactly how many properties in Pittenweem are being used for short-term letting.



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Appendix 4 – Soft Launch Bulletin and Place Standard Training Flyer

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Figures below refer to percentage of the 174 respondents who made the statement.

Likes

- Pittenweem's strong sense of community (43%).
- Tranquillity and slow pace of life (26%).
- The town's history and beauty as a historic burgh (25%).
- Friendliness and welcoming atmosphere (25%).
- Rural and coastal location and scenery (18%).
- Number and diversity of great places to eat for a small town (17%).
- The fact the working harbour and its fishing remains at its heart (17%).

Concerns

- Concern about increasing numbers of properties being used for short-term lets and purchased as second homes (43%).
- Perception that the above is impacting the local housing market and access to affordable housing (18%).
- Lack of parking spaces (both for residents and visitors) and associated impacts especially during the summer (21%).
- Upkeep of roads, pavements and wynds, particularly potholes and weeds (19%).

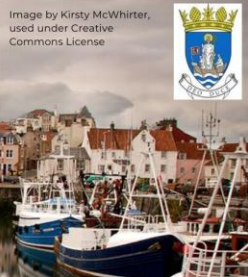
- Dog fouling and littering (15%).
- Speeding on the main road (12%).
- Potential closure of shops and entities (11%).
- Climate change and resilience was mentioned by just 2 people.

Changes

Suggestions for change included addressing road maintenance issues (11%); increasing the availability of affordable housing (10%); implementing and expanding access to multi-use paths between the East Neuk villages (9%); and repairing and upgrading kids playparks (8%).

Concerns that Pittenweem might lose the community spirit that people so value (5%) could be partly addressed by foregrounding events aimed at the whole community (11%), influenced by the recent Jubilee celebrations. This was supported by suggestions for a positive review of how impacts of the annual Pittenweem Arts Festival could be addressed, and exploring how it could integrate with wider community events and celebrations such as activities for families and kids or a street market (6%). A return of the fireworks display was mentioned (5%).

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TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 174

Pittenweem Community Council (PCC) is delighted with the strength of response for the recent survey (closed 13th June). Every household received a paper copy. Half of responses were paper and half online. Thanks so much to all who responded.

We wanted to provide an initial update of comment with the highest count, and let you know what will be happening next and when.

What happens next?

- The full report on the community survey will be available in electronic format by mid-August.
- We will host a launch drop-in at the New Town Hall for people to view hardcopies and share their thoughts with us on 23rd August from 3pm-7pm.
- The PCC have applied for funding to expand the consultation process.
- Dialogue will begin with Fife Council over issues raised.

Drop-in for the launch of the full report:
New Town Hall, 23rd August (3pm-7pm)

Do you want to have a role in helping develop a vision for the future of Pittenweem?

Are you passionate about making positive changes happen alongside your neighbours?



Training



Topics covered include:

- What is the Place Standard and why use it.
- Pros and cons of the tool.
- How to use it well – tips and tricks.
- Practice sessions using the tool.
- Facilitation skills.
- Different ways to run a workshop.
- Developing a strategy to engage with your community.

Interested? Contact David Stutchfield for more information - d@stutch.co.uk

Thanks for the excellent training sessions. They were really well thought out and have provided us with a lot of useful advice, tips and strategies to manage our engagement process.

PAS is an educational charity and social enterprise. Our vision is a society in which communities are at the heart of decision-making about their places.

PAS (Planning Aid Scotland) in conjunction with Pittenweem Community Council (PCC) are delivering a workshop designed to grow confidence in leading group conversations about the future of Pittenweem, using the Place Standard Tool. It's designed to support the ongoing Community Survey work.

**Tuesday 2nd August,
10.00-12.30
New Town Hall,
Pittenweem
No charge, max 15 places**

The Place Standard is a simple tool to structure a conversation about a place. It helps people to think about both the physical and social aspects of places, and the important relationship between them. It has 14 themes, each with a main question and further prompts to support conversations, inform the assessment and identify issues for improvement.



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Appendix 5 – Bibliography and Websites

Key Local Policy Documents

- [Climate Fife: Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan \(2020-2030\)](#)
- [Plan for Fife \(2017-2027\)](#)
- [Plan for North-East Fife \(2019-2022\)](#)
- [FIFEPlan Local Development Plan](#)
- [Local Transport Strategy for Fife \(2006 – 2026\)](#)
- [Local Strategic Assessment for North-East Fife 2022](#)
- [Pittenweem Community Survey \(2012\)](#)

Websites

- [About Pittenweem](#)
- [BBC data article on Heat Island Effects](#)
- [Climate Central](#)
- [Facebook group for Pittenweem](#)
- [Historic Scotland's Pastmap website](#)
- [Know Fife portal](#)
- [Multiuse path between Anstruther and Pittenweem](#)
- [Pittenweem Community Library and Information Centre](#)
- [Place Standard Tool](#)
- [Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation](#)
- [Scottish Government Heat Map data](#)
- [Understanding Scotland's Places](#)
- [West Braes Project](#)