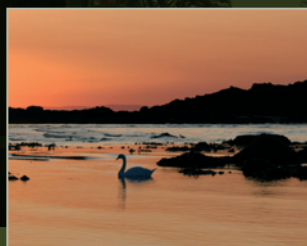


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KIRKOSWALD | MAIDENS | TURNBERRY



Development Programme
2021-24



ROBERT THE BRUCE

Born on July 11th, 1274 at Turnberry Castle

*Celebrating the 750th Anniversary in
Kirkoswald, Maidens & Turnberry 2024*

Kirkoswald, Maidens & Turnberry – The Heart of Carrick

Our 3 Villages are joined in a single Community Council. Each has its own history and character: Kirkoswald with its Old Kirk, home to the baptismal font of Robert the Bruce; strong connections to Robert Burns; and prestigious shops, restaurant and whisky experience; Maidens, now a popular visitor destination with a number of static and touring caravan sites; scenic harbour; excellent restaurants; and situated two miles north of the ruins of Turnberry Castle, ancient seat of the Earls of Carrick and birthplace of Robert the Bruce; and Turnberry most famous for its Ailsa golf course which has hosted the Open and other major tournaments, and the Turnberry Hotel, opened by the Glasgow and South Western Railway in 1906.

Vision

By 2024 the community of Kirkoswald, Maidens and Turnberry will be known as a popular place to visit for its attractive setting, beautiful landscape, and facilities and resources that are accessible for all. It will be a good place to live for its strong community spirit and varied things to do.

The Kirkoswald, Maidens & Turnberry Action Plan 2019-24

In 2019, with support from North Carrick Community Benefit Company (NCCBC), we consulted our local community and produced an Action Plan for 2019-24.

You can view the full Action Plan here: <https://nccbc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Kirkoswald-Community-Plan-Aug-19-WEB.pdf>

The plan's priorities for 2019-24 are:

- More activities for families and young people and more community initiatives and events
- Better marketing of the area and its businesses
- Protect and enhance the natural environment with a focus on wildlife, habitats and scenic views
- Disabled access improvements, increased traffic safety, road and public space improvements
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The Point of this Development Programme

We know from previous experience that having an Action Plan is a good first step. But it's only a first step. This 4-year Programme is a crucial next step and other steps will include securing the resources that will turn plans into realities. To get those resources we'll have to apply for grants and secure other types of financing. So, we have been working in the "KM&T Working Group" to drive forward a series of Projects that we can design in detail and put forward for funding from Charitable Trusts, the National Lottery, North Carrick Community Benefit Company, and others. Those projects will all contribute to our Priorities and that will help to ensure that the Action Plan is actually implemented and that we move towards our vision for our area.

Our theme for this Development Programme is to build towards welcoming visitors into our community to celebrate the 750th Anniversary of the birth of Robert the Bruce in Turnberry Castle. So, all of our Projects are meant to benefit our local community AND to prepare the ground for some major celebrations focussed on July the 11th 2024 – the anniversary date. We know that this is an ambitious Programme, and it will not be implemented easily. But we know where we are, and we know where we want to get to. Implementing each of the projects outlined in our programme will be a step along the way to achieving our vision.

Individual residents along with representatives of the Community Council and Community Groups including Maidens Harbour Trust, Carrick Coastal Rowing Club, and the Bowling Club make up the Working Group and it is advised by the NCCBC Development Officer.

Each year, we will report to the Community on the progress that we've made on each of the projects in this Development Programme. Each year we will ask about what projects people want to see implemented in future and we will update and revise the Programme to keep it relevant to changing circumstances. Overall, we will be able to see which Action Plan priorities are being addressed and we will be able to report on how much progress we are making towards implementing the KM&T Action Plan.

The Theme for the Programme

2024 will see the 750th anniversary of the birth of King Robert the Bruce in Turnberry Castle and this Development Programme includes a proposal to build up towards our community being able to organise a series of events in 2024. This Bruce Festival will spread beyond our villages and will commemorate our connection with Robert the Bruce and other Earls of Carrick through the ages, right up to Prince Charles, the current Earl.



We will source funding for a Heritage Officer who will assist in organising annual events during 2021 to 2023, culminating in the 2024 Bruce Festival.

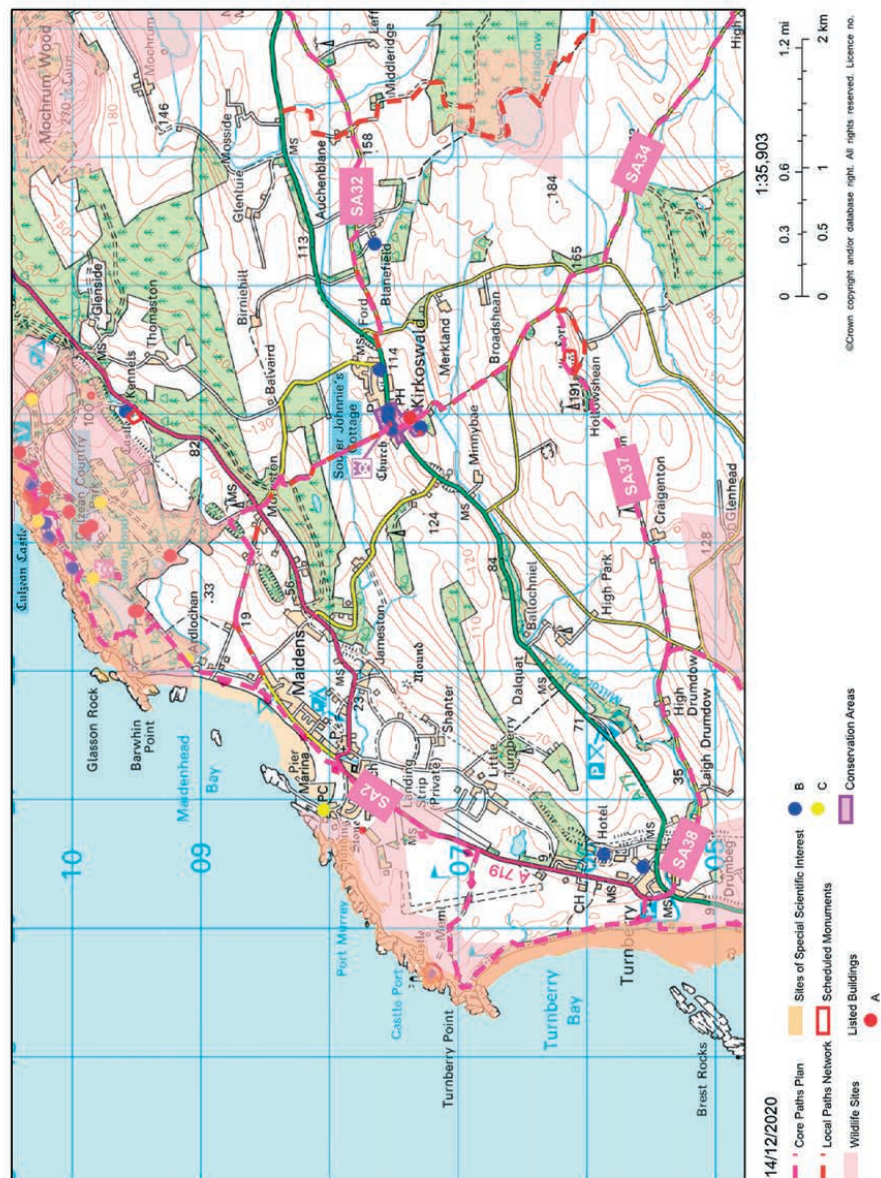
KIRKOSWALD, MAIDENS & TURNBERRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2021 TO 2024 – SUMMARY, DECEMBER 2020

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Immediate Projects	Indicative Cost	Timescale	Potential Funding Sources	Partners (incl lead partner).	Action Plan Priorities
1. Develop Maidens Bowling Club as community hub					
1.1 Engage with potential users, produce Facility Development Plan	£4,800	Apr '21	Coastal Communities Fund	CLUB COMMITTEE	
1.2 Secure funding and install all-weather playing surface (cost is rough estimate at this point)	£100,000	Oct '21	Sport for All, National Lottery, Charitable Trusts		1,3,5
1.3 Secure funding and complete extensions and alterations to Clubhouse (cost is rough estimate at this point)	£200,000	Jun '22	Sport for All, National Lottery, Charitable Trusts (e.g. Robertson Trust)		1,3,5
2. Develop Maidens Harbour for Fishing, Leisure and Tourism uses					
2.1 Install ramp to pontoons	£17,500	Apr '21	Harbour Trust, Awards for All, NCCBC	HARBOUR TRUST	4,5
2.2 Produce in-house report on development plans	£0	May '21	N/A		1,2,3,4,5
2.3 Secure funding and complete developments (cost is rough estimate at this point)	£350,000	Mar '23	Charitable Trusts, Visit Scotland, NCCBC, etc.		1,2,3,4,5
3. Establish 'Maidens Festival' as an annual event					
3.1 Secure funding (£20,000/annum '21, '22, '23)	£60,000	Apr '21	Coastal Communities Fund, Awards for All, South Ayrshire Council, NCCBC	FESTIVAL GROUP (including Harbour Trust/Coastal Rowing, etc.)	
3.2 Plan and organise festivals based around "World Oceans Day" and Robert the Bruce	£0	Jun '21	National Lottery, Charitable Trusts, South Ayrshire Council, NCCBC		1,3
3.3 Appoint development workers for Robert the Bruce Festival 2024	£60,000	May '21	National Lottery Heritage Fund		1,3
3.4 Secure funding for Bruce 2024 Festival	£100,000	Jan '24	National Lottery Heritage Fund, etc		1,3
4. Reinstate public toilets in 3 villages (Ardlochan Road in Maidens, Car Park in Turnberry, East of Old Kirkyard in Kirkoswald)					
4.1 Consult with landowner(s)	£0	Jan '21	N/A	KM&T Community Council	
4.2 Design sites, secure planning approvals, raise funds and install toilets	£250,000	Jan '22	National Lottery, Charitable Trusts, South Ayrshire Council, NCCBC		4,5
5. Kirkoswald Projects					
5.1 Install notice board	£1,000	Feb '21	Agreed SAC/NCCBC funding	KM&T Community Council	3,5
5.2 Install outdoor exercise equipment	£12,000	Feb '21	Agreed SAC/NCCBC funding		1
5.3 Improve playpark/play equipment	£25,000	Apr '21	Agreed SAC/NCCBC funding		1,4,5
6. Maidens Projects					
6.1 Construct as much as possible of Shoreline Path, Maidens Harbour to Dunabie Caravan Park Road	£30,000	Jan '21	Agreed SAC/NCCBC funding	KM&T Community Council	1,2,5
6.2 Improve playpark/play equipment	£28,500	Apr '21	Agreed SAC/NCCBC funding	KM&T Community Council	1,4,5
6.3 Create wildfowl viewing point	£5,000	Jul '21	Awards for All or SNH	KM&T TRUST	2,3,5
6.4 Establish Community Garden	£10,000	Jul '21	Community Climate Asset Fund, NCCBC	Maidens Community Assoc.	1,2,5
7. Turnberry Project Install bus shelter opposite car park	£7,000	Mar '21	Agreed SAC/NCCBC funding	KM&T Community Council	4

TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME INDICATIVE COSTS

£1,260,800



Current Situation

Our villages have many assets – but like so many other seaside and rural communities our circumstances have been declining because of the reduction in fishing and loss of tourism. We are proud of the attractive seaside, harbour, golf courses and restaurants, rich biodiversity and clean unpolluted countryside, and the fact that people like to visit our area.

But we need to become better connected and more accessible with greater community spirit, and better activities for young people and families. We have several community organisations working hard to provide activities and facilities. These include the Carrick Rowing Club, Maidens Bowling Club, Maidens Harbour Trust, and the newly formed Maidens Community Association (maidenscommunity@gmail.com) and the KMT Development Trust. There is strong interest in improving the harbour, establishing the bowling club as a hub for community activity, and protecting and enhancing our natural environment.

We are fortunate in having access to advice and limited financial support from North Carrick Community Benefit Company – the local wind farm community benefit funding distributor. Our Development Programme will be kick-started by a set of projects that are jointly funded by NCCBC and South Ayrshire Council. But this 4-year programme envisages spending at least £1.2m. So, we will need to raise large amounts of funding. We will carry on with local fundraising and with support from Charitable Trusts, National Lottery, and others we believe we can rebuild and reconnect our communities post pandemic. With their support we will innovate, commit, and re-engage with each other to become the resilient community that we must be.

Potential for a New Major Tourist Attraction

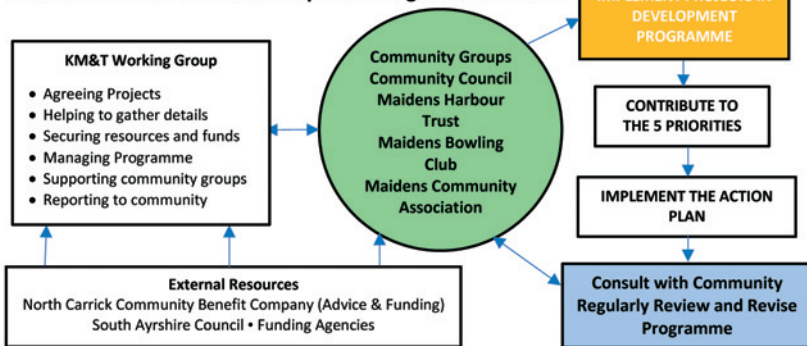
The 2024 anniversary will be a perfect time to raise the profile of Carrick by creating a large-scale National monument to honour Robert the Bruce and commemorate his birth here.

A local artist has proposed a design for the sculpture. “The Lion of Alba” would be contemporary in style, made of stainless-steel plates in the form of a Lion Rampant on top of the prow of a ship, and stand approximately 12 metres (40ft) high. Several communities in Carrick would have good claims to being the location for this statue but we will throw our hat in the ring. If an attraction of this scale can be achieved – and we know that is a BIG IF – it will bring with it pride for our community and many opportunities for new tourism related businesses.



A Schematic View of the Development Programme Process

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Our Commitments

Through this Kirkoswald, Maidens & Turnberry Development Programme we are committed to working together as a Community, across all age groups, to improve the quality of life for everyone and to make our area an enjoyable place for locals and visitors alike.

This Development Programme is not cast in stone. We will adapt it, develop existing projects in new directions if that is what is needed, adopt new projects if new needs or new opportunities appear. As we work through the projects that we have listed we will communicate with local people in our 3 villages to let you know what is happening and to ask for your thoughts, ideas, and action.

We will give occasional updates via social media and use the Autumn issue of the North Carrick News each year to report on progress.

**Contact us to find out more about what is happening
or to get involved in implementing some of these projects:**
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