

BRACO AND GREENLOANING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

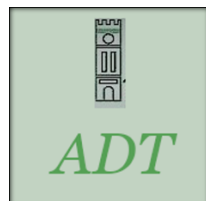
BRACO PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS' VIEWS

SURVEY REPORT

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1. INTRODUCTION

Background

This survey was carried out to gather Braco Primary School pupils views about the future of Braco and Greenloaning. In particular we wanted to find out what you thought was important to do to improve the area and make it a better place to live in work in and visit.

The survey was designed and analysed by the STAR Development Group and carried out with the help of Braco Primary School and Ardoch Development Trust. STAR are working with the community to prepare a Community Action Plan which will identify the priorities for the community over the next 5 years. The results of this survey and other community engagement work will help shape the Action Plan.

Survey Responses

A total of 51 responses were received. There are 62 pupils in the Primary School and Nursery.

The results of the survey are shown in the rest of this report.

FANTASTIC RESPONSE * GREAT IDEAS * WELL DONE ALL

2. WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BRACO and GREENLOANING?

Like	% of Responses
Play Parks	64%
Environment – forest, walks, rivers/streams/wildlife, countryside	58%
People - friends	28%
The place – peaceful, quiet, beautiful, small, location	28%
School and other facilities and activities	24%
Shops	12%

2.1 Play Park

The top responses to this question were all about liking the existing play areas and facilities.

Quotes

'The park is a nice little park to play in'

'I like that you can play football whenever you like in the park'

'The MUGA' 'Swings'

'The park in Greenloaning'

2.2 Environment and Outdoor Recreation

Over half of the pupils mentioned that they liked the environment and countryside. The main comments featured the forests, walks, wildlife and the countryside.

Quotes

'I like the forest' 'I like the woodlands'

'It has lots of wild live – foxes, squirrels, stag'

'Good walks' 'The River Knaik walk'

'The wildlife, rivers, park and forests' 'Birds, streams'

'Nice area and countryside' 'Braco and Greenloaning is outdoors'

'Can ride scooters and bikes'

2.3 People and friends

Many pupils found Braco and Greenloaning a friendly and kind place.

Quotes

'Lots of people are friendly' 'Friendly community'

'All my good friends'

2.4 The Nature of the place

Pupils appreciated that the community was not too big and that was peaceful, beautiful and in a good location.

Quotes

'It's quiet but not spooky quiet – a peaceful quiet'

'It's a small village so you can walk to places like the Braco Shop and the hall, also the school and park'

'It's not a city and it's a fun little village'

'Two nice villages'

'Walkable distance to school'

'It's a beautiful, and calm and peaceful village'

2.5 School and other facilities and activities

The good facilities – including the school – and all the activities were much appreciated.

Quotes

'The School, Hall, The Church'

'The church, school the hall and the playground'

'Good pantomime in November'

'Lots of afternoon teas organised'

2.6 The Shops

Quotes

'The nice little shop'

'The coffee shop'

3. WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE ABOUT BRACO AND GREENLOANING?

Dislike	% of Responses
Not enough play facilities	42%
Speeding traffic	30%
Environment – litter etc.	26%
Lack of shops	16%
Lack of facilities and activities	10%
Nothing	8%
School – too long, homework!	6%
Other things! – public transport, teenagers, old village, cheese, sweets and chocolate, rain, ice skating...	6%

3.1 Not enough play facilities

The focus was on the need for more play equipment for older kids ...from P4 upwards.

Quotes

'The park has lots of things for younger kids and not much for older kids'

'There is no swings – only baby swings – at Braco Park'

'No big kid swings' 'No monkey bars'

'The park – the swings are for baby's/toddlers'

'No swings for children over 5 years of age'

'The park needs stuff for big kids not just for little kids'

'The park in Greenloaning is pretty boring'

'We don't have a waterpark'

3.2 Traffic

Pupils were concerned about speeding traffic through the villages and a lack of enough traffic calming.

Quotes

'People speeding through the main street'

'Cars are too fast'

'The roads are unsafe'

'I do not like the cars speeding'

'I think the cars go to fast'

'People go to fast on the roundabout'

'Lacking of crossing on the main road'

'Need zebra crossing at the front street'

'not enough cycle paths'

3.3 Environment – Litter

There was a strong dislike of litter and dog poo, and well as the need for more to encourage wildlife

Quotes

'I don't like that it has got lots of litter'

'The amount of dog poo on the pavements'

'Stop people letting the dogs poo and not picking it up'

'Need more wildlife ponds'

3.4 Shops and Services

Some pupils thought there was a lack of shops – and an absence of fairtrade shops....

Quotes

'There is not enough shops – you have to go to Perth or Crieff'

'There is only one shop'

'There is very little essentials at the shop'

The Coffee Shop is very expensive'

'Need more fair trade and the climate shops'

'No shop in Greenloaning'
'No petrol station'
'Not much public transport'

3.5 Lack of facilities and activities

Some pupils saw the need for more after school clubs and missed not having an indoor sports hall.

Quotes

"more clubs after school"
'I wish there was a sports hall'

3.6 Nothing

There is nothing some pupils don't like!

Quotes

'Nothing!'

3.7 School

Only one or two found the school not to their liking!

Quotes

'I wish there was a bigger school'
'School is so long about 6 hours'
'Boring homework'

4. WHAT WOULD MAKE BRACO AND GREENLOANING A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK OR VISIT?

Improvement	% of Responses
Improve play parks	68%
Litter picks and less litter	45%
More activities	30%
More shops and hotel	24%
Improved environment – paths, community garden, wildlife, water fountain	22%
Traffic – reduce speeding/safer roads	18%
Better public transport	2%
Nothing	2%

4.1 Improve play parks

The focus of comments was on making the Braco play area more suitable for older children – swings and other equipment like monkey bars – and there was also a desire to have a skate park/bike park/trampoline bike. There was also mention of the need to repair the climbing wall in the playground, new goal posts in the Park and for there to be things in Greenloaning.

Quotes

'Older kids things in the park'

'Big swings and monkey bars'

'Bigger climbing frame at the park'

'Skatepark in the park' 'Skateboard Park'

'Skate Park – it should go where the big hill is at the side of the road in Greenloaning'

'A bike park'

'Fun things in the playground like fix the climbing wall'

'New goal posts'

'Trampoline in Park' 'A zip line from Braco to Greenloaning!'

4.2 Litter picks and less litter

Litter was seen as a problem and the pupils thought that doing more to address this would improve the villages. Some thought that local action like a 'litter pick club' would be a good idea.

Quotes

'Litter pick club' 'No more littering'

'I think we need more bins or to do litter picks'.

'Try to get people to pick up dog poo'

4.3 More activities and facilities

More after school clubs was the main suggestion – but there was also a few pupils looking for more events, a sports hall and even an outdoor pool.

Quotes

'More After School Clubs'

'More clubs and activities'

'Clubs (Art Club, Gymnastics, Gardening)'

'ADT or School could run more clubs'

'Soft play'

'I think we could do more events'

'I wish there was a sports hall'

'An outdoor pool'

4.4 More shops and hotel

Opening the Hotel and having a restaurant or other places to buy food were the main comments here.

Quotes

'The Hotel working'

'A Restaurant or hotel/inn'

Ice cream van

'A sweetie shop. 'A jewel shop'

'More shops and stuff in Greenloaning'

4.5 Improved environment – paths, community garden, wildlife

Quotes

'Cycle Path'

'Community Garden' 'Community Garden Space' 'A big garden'

'More stuff to help the wildlife'

'Water fountains'

4.6 Traffic – reduce speeding/safer roads

Quotes

'Cars slowing down' 'Speed Cameras'

'Lower the speed to 10mph'

Lolly pop man

4.7 Better public transport

Quotes

'Local public transport system'

5. WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Better play areas – particularly for older children, building the new school, and doing more to reduce litter were the clear priorities.

Theme & Priorities – big and small	Number of times mentioned
Better play areas – especially for older kids	21
New School	11
Litter Picks – reduce litter	11
Open hotel - restaurant	3
Cycle paths/bike tracks	2
Footbridge over River Knaik/River Allan rail bridge	1
Reduce speeding	1
ATM	1
More shops	1
More houses	1

6. OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF BRACO AND GREENLOANING

We asked school pupils what long lasting benefits they would like to see for the future of Braco and Greenloaning. Here is what you would like to see:

- ❖ A new school and sports hall

- ❖ Better parks and play equipment and more activities for young people

- ❖ A greener place - better paths and cycle tracks, community garden and orchard, cleaner, more recycling and bins

- ❖ More shops, a hotel/restaurant and more houses

- ❖ Better services – library, public transport/train station

7. WHAT WOULD MAKE BRACO AND GREENLOANING GREENER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE?

The focus of replies and top ideas were:

- To develop a community garden/orchard/allotments/ and to do more planting of flowers and trees
- To do more to make the community litter free – to organise more litter picks
- To reduce the carbon footprint (EV chargers, renewables, reducing plastic, less traffic, encouraging cycling and walking, using local produce)
- To look after animals – including reducing dog poo problems!

YOUR IDEAS	Number of times mentioned
Community Garden/orchard/allotment/planting club/bees/wildflower meadow	13
Bins/recycling/composting	12
Litter Picks – reduce litter	11
Plant more trees and flowers	8
Electric vehicle charging points	7
Reduce dog poo – encourage better behaviour with dogs (dogs on lead)	5
Shops – including with local produce/local meat/farm shop	4
Renewables – solar, less gas use, hydrogen	4
Reduce plastic – wooden playparks, wooden toys, less plastic, paper bags in shops	4
Take care of animals (sheep, cattle, dogs, birds, insect hotel)	4
Less traffic/encourage cycling/cycle lanes/walking to school	4
Electric buses	2