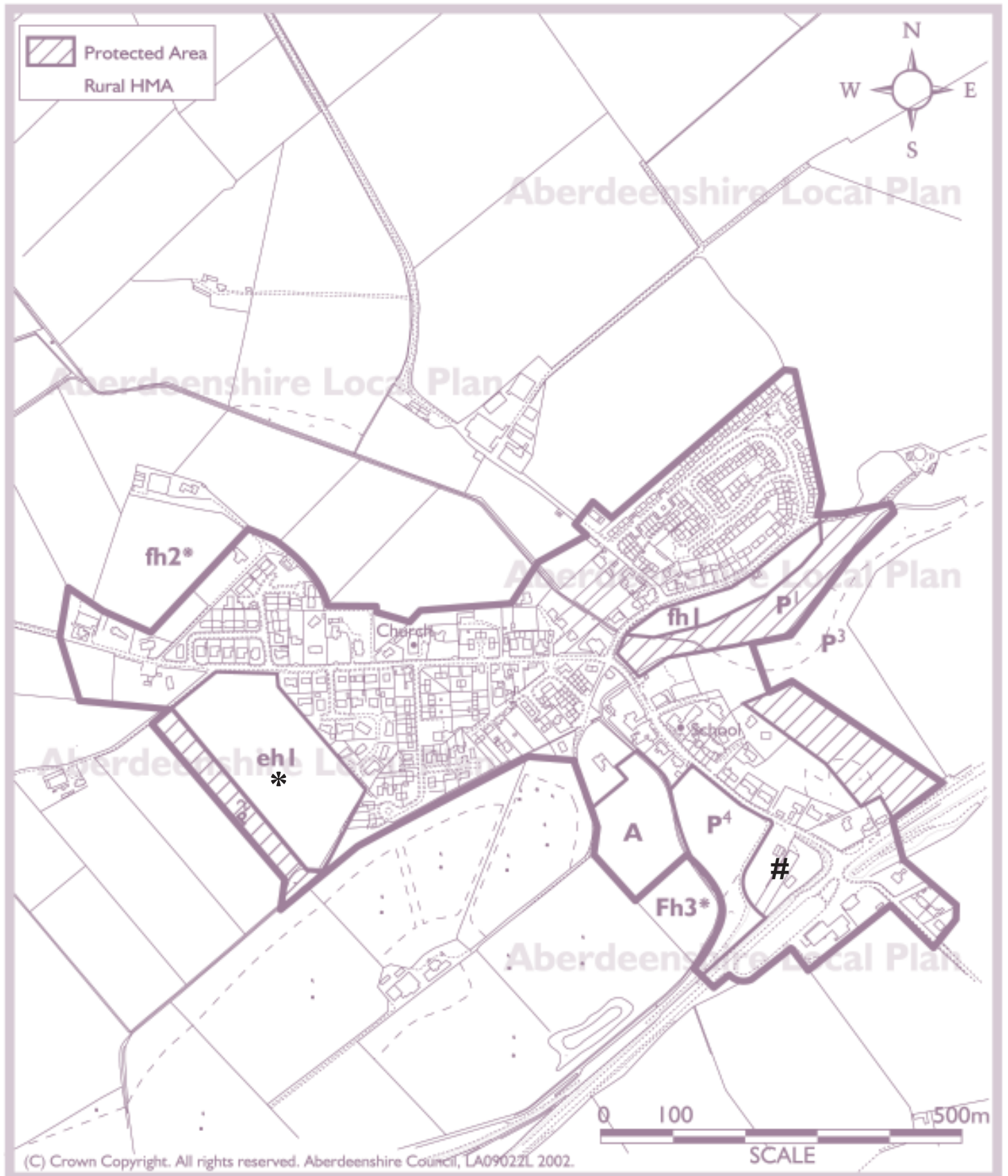




Hatton Community Action Plan



This is the 2002 Area Local Plan for Hatton. The Area Plan is currently under review and the new plan showing future housing land for Hatton is due to be approved towards the end of 2010.

* **eh1** - has been developed. **Fh1**, **Fh2** and **Fh3** - proposed future housing. **P¹**, **P³**, **P⁴** - protected land.
A - housing land that is against the structure plan provision for 2000 - 2005. **#** - this area is currently being developed.

Origins and Development

According to Rev John B Pratt's Buchan (published in 1858), the settlement of Hatton of Cruden was originally known as the "Free Kirkton of Cruden" and was scarcely a village until the Disruption of the Church of Scotland in 1843. During this time many ministers from the Church of Scotland broke away to form the Free Church. In 1844 a Free Church was established near the Mill of Hatton which was followed by the opening of a new Church in 1885. A school and school house were built and the village began expanding. Hatton Mill was built in 1849 and is now a Public House.

In 1888, Forbes Simmers took over a bakery in the village with £60 and a borrowed horse. Over the years, Simmers biscuits became a very well known brand and the bakery was bought over by Mcvities. More recently the bakery was sold to local company Murdoch Allan. Some of the original Simmers lines are still manufactured by a company in Edinburgh.

In 1897 the Great North of Scotland Railway opened the line from Boddam to Ellon with Hatton being one of the stations on the route. This line closed in 1945 but parts of the line are still visible and the Station Hotel is still open today.

Hatton today has a population of

836 (2001 census). Services include a Doctor's Surgery, Convenience Store with Post Office, Bakery, Hotel, Public House, Hairdresser and Photographic Studio.

Community Activities

Community activities are centred around the Primary School and Public Hall. Activities include yoga, WRI, senior citizens, a daily pre-school facility, indoor bowls, knitting and craft group, mother and toddlers, belly dancing, Rainbows and Brownies. For the Millennium, the Hall Committee successfully raised funding to build two all weather pitches adjacent to the Hall for community use.

HARA, the local Tenants and Residents Association hold regular open meetings for residents. They produce a quarterly newsletter which is delivered to every house in the village and they run a Tool Library for the community. Members of the library can borrow a whole range of domestic and horticultural equipment. In March 2009 Hatton Area Residents Association conducted a Planning for Real[®] exercise. The outcomes of this, together with the results of an inter-agency workshop held in September 2009 looking at the main issues have been used to create this prioritised Action Plan to help the community to focus and develop their future goals.



The Burn.

Things we like about Hatton

(as given by various members of the community of different ages)

"Good community to live in, friendly people, Post Office"
"safe secure and trusting place to live"

"it is good because there is a good school"

"the various community organisations all co-operate"

What we don't like

"traffic too fast"

"too much litter"

"dog fouling"



All weather pitches.



Skatepark.



Planting out summer bedding.

Hatton: Buchan Community Plan 2008-2012

The Buchan Local Community Plan brings together the key actions and projects of a number of public agencies under five headings – Community Wellbeing, Developing Our Partnership, Sustainable Environment, Jobs and the Economy and Lifelong Learning. It also includes actions based on

consultation with the local communities and local community groups. The plan can be accessed on www.ouraberdeenshire.gov.uk/buchan.

The latest version includes actions specifically for Hatton and there are several general intentions in all categories within the plan which might affect Hatton.

Specific Actions

Heading/Lead Service	Action/Project (with reference in LCP)
Lifelong Learning EL&L	C8 Halls and Recreational Facilities To work with active community groups to investigate funding and develop a schedule of works for the upgrading of Council and community halls. Hatton Hall is named as a priority.
Jobs and the Economy T&I/BEAR Scotland	B2 A90 Trunk Road To improve safety and access in and out of Buchan – to continue to pursue the provision of warning signs – Hatton Junction is mentioned as a priority

General Intentions

Heading/Lead Service	Action/Project
Community Wellbeing Grampian Police NHS Grampian Buchan Community Safety Group	Police local priorities A10 Joint Health Improvement Plan A28 Community Safety Agreements A13
Jobs and the Economy	B1 Energetica Energy Corridor Project Hatton is well placed geographically to benefit from the Aberdeen City and Shire Energetica concept. This concept will build on the energy industry in Aberdeenshire to retain and develop the region's position as energy leader.
Lifelong Learning Learning/NHS Grampian EL&L	Community Schools Network C1 Young People C2 Adult Support C3
Sustainable Environment P&ES	Household Waste and Recycling D5 Increasing Awareness of waste reduction, reuse and recycling D6 Access D8 Environmental Improvements D12
Developing Our Partnership LCPG	Increasing Community Involvement E3 Community Profiles E6

Key to Lead Services

P&ES – Planning and Environmental Services
EL&L – Education Learning and Leisure

BCSG – Buchan Community Safety Group
LCPG – Local Community Planning Group

The top four priorities to emerge from the review are outlined below

Road Safety Issues (*Speeding Traffic - theme traffic*)

Traffic speed in several locations throughout the village was identified as a problem in the consultation. (Main Street, Hatton Farm Gardens and on the A90). While traffic calming measures cannot be installed in a through route such as Main Street, the community would like to explore other measures to reduce traffic speed and to improve safety for pedestrians, particularly around the School.

Greenspace (*Theme - Environment*)

There were many requests for a community garden/landscaped park area in the village. The most popular location for this was the field below Park View. The community would have to work in partnership with the landowner to progress this potential project.

Community Activities/ Facilities (*Theme - Community*)

There were requests for new activities in the village – most popular being the provision of a multi-gym, youth club and internet cafe. The Public Hall was identified as being an essential hub for existing community activities. Plans for extending the Hall have been passed and include changing

facilities for the all weather pitches and internet cafe, however extenuating circumstances have meant that this project has been delayed. In the meantime, the Hall Committee have carried out improvements – new heating system and double glazing .

Littering and Dog fouling (*Theme - Environment*)

The issue of littering and dog fouling was of concern to many. The car park area around the Public Hall was also highlighted as an area that needed tidied up.

Other issues

Many other suggestions received support and these are listed on pages 6 - 9. A summarised Action Plan can be found on pages 10 and 11.



Field below Park View.



School Lane.



Public Hall.



Car Park outside Public Hall.

Community Facilities & Activity

This theme produced one of the top four priorities (see page 5). The comments in this category were wide and varied.

The Public Hall is an essential facility for community activities and its maintenance is an ongoing priority.

Other key issues which arose in the consultation were:-

- After School Club – there was a call for some sort of after school club in the village. To progress this a survey needs to be carried out to determine demand. There is a service at Cruden Bay and there could be scope for joint working particularly in the school holidays.
- Youth Club – Youth activities for teenagers have been arranged from time to time through the Ythan Centre Youth Programme which is delivered from Ellon Academy with outreach sessions in surrounding rural villages including Hatton.



Youth shelter.



West Church.

- Library – it was recognised that while it was unlikely that there would be funding for a permanent library there were possible options to explore eg book exchange, establish a drop off point for books from the Mobile Library for those unable to access the service.
- Classes in the Hall - there were suggestions for different classes to be held in the Public Hall from sporting to IT. The community need to first ascertain the demand for courses with a view to approaching the colleges (Banff and Buchan and Aberdeen) to see if they could help progress this initiative.
- Use of West Church – this building was closed as it is structurally unsound. The general feeling was that community activities should be based in the Public Hall
- Council Buildings on Manse Road – this area was considered to be an eyesore and in need of tidying up.

Local Environment

This theme provoked the greatest response in the consultation and produced two top priorities (see page 5). Other comments in this category centred on keeping the village tidy for residents and the provision of pathways for walking.

- Dog Mess – this is seen as an ongoing problem in the village. The location of dog bins is to be reviewed and the Dog Warden is to be asked to continue working with the community, including the school, to improve the situation. Dog owners who do not clean up after their pets will continue to be reminded that they are liable to be fined. HARA has made “pooper scoopers” available free of charge in the local shop and Tool Library.
- Litter - there were comments that more bins were required in the village and this is to be looked at along with the provision and the positioning of dog bins.
- Village Orderly – the village is allocated village orderly time during the summer and the community would like to liaise with Aberdeenshire Council to ensure that the best use is made of this initiative every year.

- Paths – there was a call for footpaths for walking; in particular along the track of the old railway line from the Station Yard (currently a building site) south to Bogbrae near the Nook Garage. This was highlighted as one that the community would like to retain and there was concern that this route was only an aspirational one on the current draft of the Core Paths Plan.
- Old Tennis Courts – This is currently an area where young people hang about and the community would like to see the site developed in some way to benefit the village.
- Community Composting Scheme – there was some interest in establishing a community composting scheme. There are other schemes running in Aberdeenshire for the community to look at and a working group would need to be established to progress this issue.
- Improve play facilities - several locations were mentioned - Playing Field, Northfield Gardens, Quarry Road and Manse Road. To progress this issue, a sub group of interested members of the community could be formed to work with the Council to plan and fundraise for the project.



Old station yard.



Old tennis courts.



Play Area at Quarry Road.



Junction at Hatton Mill.



A90.



View down Main Street towards the village.

Traffic and Transport

This theme produced one top priority (see page 5) in addition to the proposals below. In most cases the actions can only be put into effect through partnership working - mainly with Aberdeenshire Council.

- There were traffic issues around the Primary School with parents dropping off children and turning at the school gate on the access lane. There was also a problem with lorries using the access lane to turn when delivering goods to the bakery. This lane is not under the jurisdiction of the Roads Service so issue would have to be pursued through the School.
- Problem with school buses turning at the end of Hatton Farm Road/Parkview - this is an issue that the community can take up with the Public Transport Unit.
- Parking at Rowan Terrace – this is dependent on future housing development. Currently there are potential access problems for emergency vehicles which need to be resolved.
- Hobshill housing development – various problems around lack of pavements, road surface, drainage and street lighting. (This work is due to be completed by the developer.)
- Various specific road problems eg sunken manhole covers, water run-off from fields – these issues are to be reported to Aberdeenshire Council

Health and wellbeing

General: This is a category that attracted very few comments at the PFR[®] exercise.

- Chemist's Shop – there was interest in this some time ago but it was turned down as there are facilities at Cruden Bay. Other alternatives could be to liaise with the Surgery to improve the delivery service to the village.
- Blood Donor Service – there was interest in Hatton being visited by the Blood Donor Service. The community could approach the service in the first instance to see if they would be prepared to do this.

Jobs and the Economy

General: This was a category that attracted little comment. Unemployment in the area is low. Hatton is well situated to benefit from the Energetica initiative in the future.

Housing

There were comments about the future general housing needs for Hatton.

There are still a few private houses for sale at Hobshill – these are executive priced houses.

Undeveloped land is still allocated for housing through the old Local Plan and more areas are currently being considered for inclusion in the new Local Plan.

A Sheltered Housing Needs Survey was carried out some time ago and at that time there was no great need for sheltered housing.

A new, wider housing needs survey could be carried out to establish the current position – possibly led by HARA.

Crime and Community Safety

Issues were:

- There was a concern that young people were being a nuisance at times mainly in the Public Hall Car Park, behind the Primary School and at the old Tennis Courts – the Police are aware of the problem and are looking at introducing diversionary activities such as Street Football.
- Vandalism – this is a problem that crops up from time to time in the community. Any incidents should be reported to the Police and advice should be sought from the Police about persistent problem areas.
- Police Foot Patrols – there was a call for more Police foot patrols in the village. Police have introduced their Police on bikes initiative which is allowing better coverage within rural villages such as Hatton.



Youth shelter and skatepark.



Playing Field.



View of village.

Many of the key actions fall in to more than one category. For the purposes of this summary each action will only be mentioned under one category to avoid confusion.

	Independent	Partnership	Outside Agency
1. Community Facilities & Activity		After School Club Youth Club Public Hall improvements/extension Classes in the Public Hall Use of West Church	Library Tidy up Council Buildings on Manse Road
2. Health			Chemist's Shop Blood Donor Service
3. Local Environment		Creation of outdoor community "green space" Prevention of dog fouling – provision of extra bins and signage Litter prevention – provision of bins Village Orderly Maintain and create new footpaths Improve play facilities Future use of old tennis courts Community Composting Scheme	

4. Housing		Housing Needs Survey	
5. Traffic & Transportation			<p>Speeding traffic</p> <p>Safety at school</p> <p>Parking at Rowan Terrace</p> <p>Completion of pavements etc at Hobshill</p> <p>Various specific road issues</p>
6. Crime & Community Safety		<p>Vandalism</p> <p>Diversiory activities for young people</p>	Police Foot and Bike Patrols

Partners who may help to deliver the above

Aberdeenshire Council services:
 Education Learning and Leisure
 Housing and Social Work
 Law and Administration
 Planning and Environmental Services
 Transportation and Infrastructure

Private Investors

Other agencies:
 Buchan Community Safety Group
 Grampian Police
 Grampian Fire and Rescue Service
 NHS Grampian

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For most communities, the content of each community plan

is based on the results of Planning for Real® exercises carried out by the communities themselves, together with any other available reports. This process ensures that the plans are truly community-led.

This information can now guide the community and Community Planning Partners in drawing up detailed action plans to implement the top priorities as well as addressing the other issues which have been identified. For each priority or issue this will involve agreeing who should be involved, what resources will be needed and

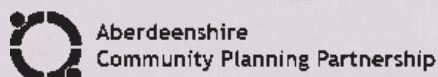
target dates for completion. It is hoped that this process will be driven by representatives of the community with support – moral, technical and financial – from the relevant partners.

It is important that this booklet is seen by all concerned as an account of the community's views at the time of the latest consultation, and that it will have to be regularly reviewed and updated. As some projects are completed, other issues will arise and take their place in future versions of the community plan.

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