

Visions for Helensburgh



A community-centred event to help shape Helensburgh’s future.

12th March, 11am - 6pm

13th March, 11am - 4pm

Victoria Halls, Helensburgh

We all have a stake in the future of Helensburgh. We need your voice to make sure that the future benefits everyone who lives and visits our town. Creating a vision for Helensburgh is a task for the whole community, and we want you to have your say on how the town is shaped for its people and its visitors for subsequent generations.

In 2019, Helensburgh Community Council created a working group, [Vision for Helensburgh](#). The working group was created to gather community and visitor information on how residents and visitors see Helensburgh and how they would like to see it flourish. The ultimate output would be to formulate a Local Place Plan. Local Place Plans are a tool for local communities to think about making their "place" better, agree on priorities, and take action (often working with others) to make change happen.

Since it began its task in 2019 Vision for Helensburgh has gathered 900 face-to-face and online feedbacks and circa 4000 comments from the community and visitors.

The feedback had an additional focus of collecting input from the whole of the community, the Royal Navy, and from those voices traditionally less heard within Helensburgh. We also listened to those visiting the area to see how others see us.

Finally, we combined these multiple viewpoints into our community's strengths to develop them and what was seen as Helensburgh's weaknesses to address them.

As part of our process, we need to ensure the validity of our findings by presenting them back to the Helensburgh community. We're well aware that the COVID pandemic may have shifted some priorities since the time of our initial questionnaire.

On the 12th and 13th March, we are holding an event at the Victoria Halls to share with the community the original and updated Vision for Helensburgh findings and gather community feedback on that. We now want to confirm how the people of Helensburgh wish to see our community develop. **This is your chance to have your say on the priorities that VfH should focus on and get involved in the next stage of the VfH initiative.**

IMPORTANTLY, as well as the Vision for Helensburgh findings, we will be hosting approx. 20 **local community groups and organisations**, who have been extremely active in improving specific aspects of life in Helensburgh that you told us were important from your VfH survey feedback. These community groups are very keen to show their achievements and plans, collect feedback on their activities and recruit community support and expertise. We have arranged our groups into thematic zones within the exhibition for maximum impact and engagement! As of the 24th of Feb, the list of participants is below.

The themes and groups as of the 24th of Feb, are:

Our Environment: Access Trust; Cardross Climate Action Network; Friends of Duchess Woods; Helensburgh Community Woodlands Group; Helensburgh Tree Conservation Trust; Plastic Free Helensburgh.

Our New Development: Pool and Leisure Centre Development; Helensburgh Golf Course Development; Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club Development; Tower and Digital Arts Centre & Submarine Centre Development.

Our Health & Wellbeing: Ardencaple Football Club; G84 Netball Club; Grey Matters; Jean's Bothy; Helensburgh Bowling Club; Helensburgh Community Hub; Helensburgh Hockey Club; Helensburgh Lawn Tennis Club.

Our Royal Navy: Helensburgh Branch of the Royal British Legion; The Royal Navy; Garelochhead Station Trust (Veterans).

Our Argyll & Bute Council

Our newly opened Community Assets: The Community Hub, Destination Helensburgh.

Vision For Helensburgh Related Groups: Architecture & Design Helensburgh – A Waterfront Strategy; Helensburgh Pier – Outline for Regeneration.

Visions For Helensburgh, your one stop shop on what's going on in the specific areas of life in Helensburgh you told us were important in your VfH survey feedback!

Join us in the Main Hall of Victoria Halls, Sinclair Street, Helensburgh on the 12th and 13th of March to review the questionnaire results, give us your feedback and see the depth of community groups that are doing such good work in the specific areas that you told us were important from your VfH feedback.