



Macduff
Community
Action Plan

Recent and current projects:

<p>Aberdeenshire Council and other agencies Tourism</p>	<p>Identified as an economic driver. Town guide published and website (www.banff-macduff.com) developed. Improvements to signage and erection of community information boards planned.</p>
<p>Agencies In Partnership with Community Historic walking route</p> <p>Water safety awareness projects and encouraging the creation of neighbourhood watch groups.</p>	<p>Sponsored by the Aberdeenshire Towns Partnership and developed with the co-operation of the Banff Preservation & Heritage Society.</p> <p>Community Safety Group</p>
<p>Community groups independently Floral arrangements throughout the town and environmental landscape strategy commissioned</p> <p>Beach clean</p> <p>Banff & Macduff Christmas Lights Association</p> <p>Scottish Model Boat Championships at Tarlair – twice in recent years</p> <p>Banff-Stavanger Yacht Race, based on Macduff Harbour, has been revived</p> <p>Banffshire Maritime Heritage Exhibition</p> <p>Yawl Project to teach young people traditional wooden boat building and fishing skills</p> <p>Farmers' Market</p> <p>Supporting Macduff Marine Aquarium</p>	<p>Community Council</p> <p>Community Council</p> <p>Provision of festive lights</p> <p>Macduff Model Boat Club</p> <p>North Sea Race Committee</p> <p>Banffshire Maritime Heritage Committee</p> <p>Banff & Macduff Youth Development Project</p> <p>Deveron Producers Direct</p> <p>Friends of Macduff Aquarium</p>



Banff - Stavanger Yacht Race.



Banffshire Maritime & Heritage Exhibition.

Four Top Priorities in Macduff

The priorities outlined in this document are those identified by members of the public during extensive Planning for Real consultations in Macduff in summer 2005.

The top four to emerge were:

Projects which would involve the community in partnership

Local shops (Theme : Community Facilities & Activity)

There is concern at the decline of small shops, particularly at the foot of the town. A strategy (including business training) is needed to preserve and expand the selection of viable local shops to operate alongside supermarkets. This could involve the business community in partnership with various agencies currently operating in the town. However the community at large would also have to play a part by supporting small shops. [BMESSG,ATP, BMDBA]

Projects which would require action by an outside agency

Traffic flow (Theme :Traffic & Transportation)

There is a wish to see measures, including traffic lights, one way streets and roundabouts, to improve traffic flow on the main streets in the town. Traffic lights were also proposed by several people for the Macduff side of Banff Bridge. [T&I]

Slow traffic down (Theme : Traffic & Transportation)

Measures are wanted to slow traffic down in a wide variety of locations - both main streets and side streets - and there is support for 20 mph zones in residential areas. [T&I]

Sports facilities (Theme : Community Facilities & Activity)

There is a general demand for more sports facilities, including an Astroturf pitch, in Macduff, which people perceive as being underprovided compared to Banff. Myrus is most commonly mentioned as a location but there is also a need for some provision in the lower part of town eg the Knowes. [T&I, E&R]



Farmer's Market.



Lighthouse, Macduff Harbour.

Local Environment

This theme produced the third largest number of comments.

Projects which would involve the community in partnership

Dog mess

This is far and away the biggest environmental issue for members of the public. Solutions proposed include applying the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 effectively, which would depend on Aberdeenshire Council employing many more dog wardens; creating dog free zones; and providing more poop bins and signage; educating irresponsible dog owners and encouraging members of the public to report those who do not clean up after their dogs.

[P&ES, CSP, general public]

Tidying up

A range of locations, mainly open areas, are identified as needing to be tidied up. Many are grass areas maintained by Aberdeenshire Council - as is the Tarlair complex - but some, such as the Harbour area and Palmer Cove, are privately owned and offer an opportunity for the community to become involved either as individuals or collectively. *[T&I, BMCC, private owners]*

Health

No issues were mentioned by a significant number of people during consultations – not even the shortage of NHS dental provision.



Tarlair swimming pool.



Canker's Knowe War Memorial.

Crime & Community Safety

This theme came fourth in order of number of comments.

Projects which would involve the community in partnership

Police foot patrols

As in all communities there is a wish to see more foot patrols, which can involve the Community Beat Officer and Special Constables. *[GP, CSP]*

Drug dealing

A hard line by police on searching and charging is wanted, but their intelligence based approach depends on information provided by the public either through the Crimestoppers system or direct. *[GP, general public]*

Vandalism

As with drug dealing, this is a problem best tackled by the Police with cooperation from the public. A reduction in levels might be achieved by reducing boredom levels among young people by providing things to do and places to do them. *[GP, E&R, community groups, general public]*

Projects which would require action by an outside agency

Drug taking

A short term strategy is wanted to educate young people, delivered by the Positive Lifestyles partnership. A rehab facility should be provided in the longer term. *[E&R, GP]*

Noise and rowdiness at night

There is concern at disruption, mainly late at night at weekends, in some locations. *[GP, H&SW]*

Improved lighting

This was thought to be needed in a few locations in the town and could be addressed using sensor-operated lights on properties or brighter street lighting as appropriate. *[H&SW, T&I, GP]*



Macduff Lifeboat Station.



Shore Street.

6. Traffic & Transportation		Stop inappropriate parking outside Primary School [T&I, GP, CSP, E&R, parents]	Traffic flow [T&I] Slow traffic down [T&I] Parking spaces [T&I] Cycle lanes [T&I, cycling organisations] Bus shelters [T&I]
7. Crime & Community Safety		Police foot patrols [GP, CSP] Drug dealing [GP, general public] Vandalism [GP, E&R, community groups, general public]	Drug taking [E&R, GP] Noise and rowdiness at night [GP, H&SW] Improved lighting [H&SW, T&I, GP]

Partner codes

Aberdeenshire Council services:

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E&R Education & Recreation
H&SW Housing & Social Work
L&A Law & Administration
P&ES Planning & Environmental Services
T&I Transportation & Infrastructure

Others:

BMCC Banff & Macduff Community Council
= BMDBA Banff, Macduff & District Business Association

Other agencies:

ATP Aberdeenshire Towns Partnership
BMESSG Banff & Macduff Economic Strategy Steering Group
CSP Community Safety Partnership
GP Grampian Police
NHS NHS Grampian