

Ideas and actions

Following the initial engagement in 2019 and the subsequent re-engagement in 2022, Pride In Linthwaite have analysed the feedback offered by people in Linthwaite identifying actions that are both deliverable and beneficial to the local community. Some actions have already been taken, others are ongoing, and some will be long term aims. Pride in Linthwaite will keep the community updated on progress through their website and social media accounts.

This update published in Spring 2025 adds an '2025 Update' column and shares information about which projects have been delivered since 2023. If you would like to get involved in helping to deliver this action plan, please contact Pride in Linthwaite through prideinlinthwaite@outlook.com

Action plan

Completed - **Ongoing**

| Action | Theme | Concern | Details/ suggestions (made by respondents) | Actions being progressed and agreed or expected outcomes | Funding | Leads or Partners | 2025 Update |
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| 1 | Play and Recreation | Lack of good quality playable spaces for young people in Linthwaite. | People specifically mentioned outdated equipment, graffiti, unsafe equipment. | Causeway Crescent Park has been updated through the Kirklees Playable Spaces programme | £86,250 Kirklees Council Playable Spaces + £10,719.00 Colne Valley Ward Budget | Colne Valley Ward Councillors and Pride In Linthwaite to work with the local | Causeway Crescent park was invested in and improved in 2023. You can find out more about the park and its improvement here: Causeway Crescent Park – shaped by people in Linthwaite – How good is our place? |

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| 2 | Play and Recreation, Moving Around | Not enough disabled access to local parks | There are not enough parks locally that have disabled access | Disabled access has been improved at Spa Park and Causeway Crescent Park | £86,250 Kirklees Council Playable Spaces + £10,719.00 Members local project fund Spa Park - £3,100 from Colne Valley Ward Budget | Colne Valley Ward Councillors and Pride In Linthwaite worked with the local schools, Friends of Spa Park and Kirklees Parks Team | Access improvements at both Causeway Crescent Park and Spa Park were completed in 2023. |
| 3 | Moving Around | Canal towpath is too damaged | People wanted to see the canal towpath updated and resurfaced. | Canal towpath has now been resurfaced from Huddersfield to Slaithwaite | Funded by WYCA and Canal and River Trust | Canal and River Trust | To Canal Towpath resurfacing from Huddersfield to Slaithwaite (thus including Linthwaite) was completed in 2022 |
| 4 | Feeling Safe, Traffic and Parking, Moving Around | Speeding Traffic | Specifically on Manchester Road, Cowlersley | Speed Indicator devices have been installed on key roads across the Colne Valley to encourage | £5760 from Colne Valley Ward Budget | Colne Valley Ward Councillors | Speed Indicator Devices have been installed across the Colne Valley Ward since 2023. You may see them in different places across the |

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| | | | Lane, Gilroyd Lane and Blackmoorfoot Road | behaviour change and record data to lobby for a speed camera if data shows one is needed | | and Kirklees Highways | Ward in additional to Linthwaite because they are rotated every 3 months. Manchester Road, Cowlersley Lane, Gilroyd Lane and Blackmoorfoot Road all benefit from a Speed Indicator Device throughout the year |
| 5 | Care and Maintenance | Disposing of glass in Linthwaite can be difficult | People commented that the closest bottle bins are too far away for some people and as there is no longer door step glass collections recycling or disposing of glass can be difficult | Kirklees Environment Service is investigating additional recycling facilities in Kirklees, including doorstep glass collection. | Kirklees Council | Kirklees Waste Service | |
| 6 | Public Transport | Lack of bus shelter at Heights | Some comments requested a bus shelter | There is a Bus Shelter at Heights | | WYCA/First | This bus shelter was installed prior to 2023 |

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| | | | and seating at Heights | | | | |
| 7 | Work and Local Economy | Poor internet connection in Linthwaite and Cowlersley | This effected peoples ability to run successful businesses from the area | City Fibre are installing Fibre Optic cabling in Linthwaite. Keep up to date on their progress here: www.cityfibre.com/home | | Kirklees Council, CityFibre | CityFibre have installed Fibre Optic cabling in Linthwaite. |
| 8 | Identity and Sense of Belonging | People commented that they wanted some welcome to Linthwaite signs | People commented that they wanted some welcome to Linthwaite signs | Whilst there are some "Welcome To Linthwaite" road signs, they do not exist on every entrance to Linthwaite (missing from Manchester Road, Kiln Hill, Hazel Grove, Heights, Felks Stile Road & High House Edge). Pride In Linthwaite would like any new signs to be the more aesthetically pleasing green signage seen elsewhere in Kirklees. | Roughly £6,000 per sign = £36,000 for 6 new signs. | Colne Valley Ward Councillors, Kirklees Highways | Whilst there are some "Welcome To Linthwaite" road signs, they do not exist on every entrance to Linthwaite (missing from Manchester Road, Kiln Hill, Hazel Grove, Heights, Felks Stile Road & High House Edge). Pride In Linthwaite would like any new signs to be the more aesthetically pleasing green signage seen elsewhere in Kirklees. |
| 9 | Care and Maintenance | There aren't enough litter bins around Linthwaite | People wanted to see more | Pride In Linthwaite and Colne Valley Ward Councillors have installed more bins | | Colne Valley Ward Councillors, | Pride In Linthwaite and Colne Valley Ward Councillors have installed more bins across |

| | | | street litter bins | across Linthwaite on the bin collection route | | Pride In Linthwaite and Kirklees Waste Services | Linthwaite on the bin collection route |
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| 10 | Influence and Sense of Control | Its hard to find out what's going on | Particularly if people struggle to access the internet. | Community notice boards have been installed at the top of Linthwaite (on Gilroyd Lane) and at the bottom of Linthwaite (on Manchester Road) | | Colne Valley Ward Councillors and Pride In Linthwaite | If you want access to these notice boards, please contact Pride in Linthwaite prideinlinthwaite@outlook.com |
| 11 | Natural Space, Facilities and Amenities | Lack of access to fresh fruit and veg in Linthwaite | People also commented that they wanted to see more trees being planted | Pride In Linthwaite are creating a community Orchard at Fieldshead Park, Upper Clough Road, Linthwaite. | Costs - Materials: £388.98 Fruit Trees and Bark Chips: £669 Funded by - Ward Budgets: £528.98 Donations from Woodland Trust & NCS: £529 | Pride in Linthwaite and KC Parks Volunteer Coordinator | You can visit this Orchard at Fieldhead Park, Upper Clough Road, Linthwaite |

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| 12 | Public Transport | Poor public transport option in Linthwaite | People shared that whilst busses along Manchester road are regular enough they are too unreliable, expensive, uncomfortable and untidy, and they don't serve the area of Linthwaite at the top of the Hill (Gilroyd, the Heights and Cowlersley Lane) regularly enough | Colne Valley Ward Councillors to continue to raise need for improved public transport in appropriate settings such as the West Yorkshire Transport Committee | | Colne Valley Ward Councillors | Colne Valley Ward Councillors continue to raise need for improved public transport |
| 13 | Feeling Safe, Play and Recreation | Nerves around ASB from Young people / Tackling local | Many people shared that they can occasionally feel | Pride In Linthwaite have created a local activity taster scheme for young people to encourage them to | Thornton and Ross Fund - £3600 (lasts until April 2024) | Pride In Linthwaite | The taster scheme was delivered between April 2023 – 2024 You can follow more about how Pride In Linthwaite |

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| | | ASB in Linthwaite from Teenagers | intimidated by groups of young people congregating | spend their time in alternative ways and show case local recreational businesses. Including, hiring a portable 'games unit' for young people in Linthwaite and Cowlersley to provide engagement opportunity for WY Police to meet and speak to local young people, whilst also giving young people positive experiences. To find out more please contact Pride in Linthwaite | | | support local youth activity here: Youth Engagement - Pride in Linthwaite |
| 14 | Moving Around, Traffic and Parking, Feeling Safe | Speeding cars around schools | People suggested speed bumps and one way systems as well as 20 mph zones | As a result of the findings from the recently commissioned Speed Limit Review, Kirklees Highways have bid for funding to undertake a review of road safety outside all schools in Kirklees. This will include Ardron and Clough schools. | | Kirklees Highways | |

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| | | | | Consideration of the appropriateness of implementing all measures, including a 20mph zone, School Streets, physical traffic calming measures such as speed bumps, will all form part of that assessment | | | |
| 15 | Play and Recreation, Feeling Safe, Facilities and Amenities, Social Contact, Identity and Belonging, Housing and Community, | Lack of Linthwaite based youth club. Lack of community space in Linthwaite. Lack of Library in Linthwaite. Lack of local parent and toddler group. Desire for a local art Hub. Create some publicly accessible | A lot of people in Linthwaite shared feedback around the lack of community benefit space within Linthwaite that could be used for a range of activities such as parent toddler groups, baby weigh clinics, | Fund the running costs for a community centre in Linthwaite, inc. rent, management, utility bills etc, for 1 year. During which time the committee would be expected to make the community centre self-sustaining in normal circumstances. | Accommodation Rent: £14,000 Management Service: £15,000 Equipment: £ Weekly Youth Club: £10,640.00 Initial advertising: £ Total: £39,640 | Pride In Linthwaite to work with Anchor Network and TSL to support a committee to step forward to manage the facility. Pride In Linthwaite to find Volunteers, TSL, Anchors and | Due to a lack of available or willing buildings in Linthwaite, the creation of a local community centre has not been possible. As such Pride In Linthwaite has sought to utilise this budget in an alternative way. £15,000 on a detached youth work offer in Linthwaite to engage with and support local young people in to positive activities and avoid anti-social behaviour. £10,000 as a contribution toward a further park improvement in Linthwaite so that local young people |

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| | | toilets in Linthwaite. Organise a food support scheme for Linthwaite. | food support, youth clubs or a library etc. | | To be funded by the Place Standard Investment Fund | Kirklees 3 rd Sector Team to help group set up. | have enjoyable, safe place to meet and socialise. |
| 16 | Play and Recreation. Work and Local Economy. | Lack of local knowledge of local groups, activities, job opportunities and child care providers | People said that they are sure there is lots going on, they just don't know about it | Create/improve publicity of local groups, events and activities through Pride In Linthwaite website. Support local businesses to advertise openings locally. Fund professional development of a 'what's on page', 'opportunities page' and a local business page (promote childcare and dog walkers locally etc) on Pride In Linthwaite website Also hire billboard space to promote and signpost to the new website as well as add information to local notice boards. | Cost for Website: £3000 Cost for billboard: £1400 Cost for design: £100 (to be designed by local student) Total: £4500 50% from Colne Valley Ward Place Standard Investment Fund = £2250 | Pride In Linthwaite | This website is now up and running complete with an events page, a projects page, a local business directory etc. Find out more and take a look at the website here: About - Pride in Linthwaite Colne Valley Councillor will provide a further £554 to continue to pay for website running costs. |

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| | | | | | Other 50% from Golcar Ward Place Standard Investment Fund | | |
| 17 | Care and Maintenance | Dog fouling | There is too much dog fouling in Linthwaite | Run an awareness raising campaign, giving out branded Pride In Linthwaite dog poo bag holders to dog owners across Linthwaite and Cowlersley. Run a dog owner event in Linthwaite and one in Cowlersley to raise awareness around responsible dog ownership. Also do a call out for local street ambassadors who might be willing to look after and maintain bag dispensers on their street. | <p>Poo bags and holders: £172.61</p> <p>The events: £1,974</p> <p>20 Dispensers and bags: £1500 + £388.50 = £1888.50</p> <p>Total: £4,035.12</p> <p>50% Colne Valley Ward Place Standard Investment Fund = £2,017.56</p> <p>Other 50% from Golcar Ward Place Standard</p> | Pride In Linthwaite | <p>This scheme has been very effective in Linthwaite with Pride In Linthwaite needing to top up bag dispensers regularly. As such Further funding has been allocated to this action of £1,200 to pay for a further years worth of dog waste bags.</p> |

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| 18 | Moving Around, Traffic and Parking, Feeling Safe | Speeding cars around schools | People suggested speed bumps and one way systems as well as 20 mph zones | Purchase some child shaped anti-speeding road bollards for schools to use to raise awareness of motorists. (4 bollards for each school) | Colne Valley Place Standard Investment Fund - £4,338.96 | Pride In Linthwaite, Linthwaite Clough, Linthwaite Ardon. | As an alternative to this project, the Colne Valley Ward Cllrs and Pride In Linthwaite have made arrangements with West Yorkshire Police to fund an increased police presence in Linthwaite in an effort to tackle Anti-social Behaviour, speeding and general unsafe use of the highways in Linthwaite. This has cost £4,400 for 1 years worth of increased presence. |
| 19 | Work and Local Economy, Facilities and Amenities | People commented that Linthwaite can be a difficult place to purchase fresh food and to support local SMEs | Some people suggested a monthly farmers market could host fresh produce and support local sole traders and SMEs | Plan to set up a local monthly pop up market between Linthwaite and Cowlersley. Work with Kirklees Parks Team to identify a potential in each village, commission a contractor to organise each market day on an annual basis, and promote each market. | Council Sourced Contractor: £1920 License: £126 Marketing: £200 Total = £2,246 50% from Colne Valley Ward Place | Pride In Linthwaite | This project is not being pursued and the funding allocated has been re-purposed toward other projects within this plan. |

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| | | | | Success of the scheme will be determined by the ability of the market to become largely self sufficient. Stall holders will need to pay for a space that the contractors then take as a wage for organising going forward. | Standard Investment Fund = £1,123 Other 50% from Golcar Ward Place Standard Investment Fund | | |
| 20 | Care and Maintenance, Streets and Spaces, Natural Space | There is too much litter around Linthwaite | There is too much litter for people to enjoy the streets and natural spaces around Linthwaite | Pride In Linthwaite plan to organise a local litter picking scheme. Purchase branded bin bags and litter pickers that members of the public can borrow to do their own litter picks. Plan to speak to Kirklees Waste Team about options around collection. To avoid needing to arrange collection each time and thus take officer time, could branded bin bags be collected from next to litter bins on the street as part of | Litter pickers – £500 Branded Bin Bags - £219.50 Total = £719.50 50% from Colne Valley Ward Place Standard Investment Fund = £359.75 Other 50% from Golcar | Pride In Linthwaite, Colne Valley Ward Councillors and Kirklees Waste Team | <p>Pride In Linthwaite have been running a litter picking scheme since before 2023 in some capacity. Find out how to get involved here: Keeping Linthwaite Tidy - Pride in Linthwaite</p> <p>Further financial support of £257.25 to be transferred from Kirklees Council to Pride In Linthwaite to help fund the cost of litter picking bin bags and other necessary equipment.</p> |

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| | | | | the normal collection route? Similar to the Litter Heroes scheme run by Leeds Council? | Ward Place Standard Investment Fund | | |
| 21 | Influence and Sense of Control | Many people shared that they didn't know how to get involved in local community action or make change | | Organise and host a Colne Valley Ward Community Partnership meeting that brings together active citizens and community groups to share ideals, projects, learning and to encourage partnerships across the community | £0 | Colne Valley Ward Councillors and Kirklees Democracy Service | |
| 22 | Care and Maintenance, Work and Local Economy | Appearance of Linthwaite Highstreet | A lot of people felt that the appearance of the Highstreet in Linthwaite is unpleasant, which drives away new businesses and makes Linthwaite a | Engage with local shop owners about the potential to develop a uniform shop front scheme that Pride In Linthwaite encourage shop owners to buy in to. Pride In Linthwaite would work with a designer to create a scheme that the shop owners are on board with and the use Place | 50% Colne Valley Place Standard Investment Fund 50% investment from individual shops hopefully | Pride In Linthwaite | Due to regular changes in shop ownership on Manchester Road in Linthwaite there has not been an opportunity to pursue this conversation with local shop owners. If anyone would like to support the delivery of this project/action please contact Pride In Linthwaite through Pride in Linthwaite |

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| | | | less pleasant place to spend time. | Standard Investment Fund to fund half of costs for refurbishment of shop fronts, with the shops themselves funding the other half of costs. | | | prideinlinthwaite@outlook.com |
| 23 | Moving Around, Traffic and Parking | Noise and Air pollution on Manchester Road | Cars on Manchester Road are too noisy and cause air pollution. Suggestions made are around installing moss on the walls on Manchester road to improve air quality. | Colne Valley Ward Councillors to engage with Kirklees Transportation Team to investigate options and possibilities around reducing air and noise pollution on Manchester Road. | Tbc | Colne Valley Ward Councillors | |
| 24 | Moving Around | There aren't enough cycling routes in Linthwaite | | TBC | TBC | TBC | |
| 25 | Moving around | There aren't enough | | Fund the creation of a local history trail with | 50% from Colne Valley | Pride In Linthwaite | As an alternative to creating a local History Trail, £500 |

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| | | traffic protected walking routes in Linthwaite | | accompanying walkers are welcome style leaflet that will guide people around historic sites in Linthwaite and Cowlersley, utilising off road paths wherever possible, also highlighting local cafes and pubs along the route to support businesses. Leaflet to be accessed from local shops and Pride In Linthwaite. | Ward Place Standard Investment Fund 50% from Golcar Ward Place Standard Investment Fund | to work with local residents interested in History and potentially groups like the Huddersfield History Society | was donated to the creation of a local history book celebrating local Suffragettes. |
| 26 | Feeling Safe | Concerns raised about ASB in the evening and opportunistic crime, as well as reference to violent crime in the area | | Support the creation of a local neighbourhood watch scheme(s) | | Pride in Linthwaite, Safer Kirklees & West Yorkshire Police | |
| 27 | Feeling Safe, Play and Recreation | Nerves around ASB from Young people / Tackling local | Many people shared that they can occasionally feel | Create a local activity taster scheme for young people to encourage them to spend their time in | £3600 total for a year 2024 – 2025 | Pride In Linthwaite | |

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| 28 | Feeling Safe | Concerns around theft from homes and vehicles | | Run a home safety and vehicle safety campaign | | | |
| 29 | Facilities and Amenities | There aren't enough disabled friendly toilets and changing spaces in Linthwaite | We could use the Wheelmate and Restrooms app | Promote Wheelmate and Restroom apps through Pride In Linthwaite website and social media | | | |
| 30 | Traffic and Parking | There isn't enough | This stops people using the local | Identify spaces to create a car park/ways of increasing available | TBC | Pride In Linthwaite, Colne | |

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| | | Parking in Linthwaite | shops, which in turns keeps the shops away from Linthwaite. | parking to then open conversations with Kirklees Council Highways and Transportation scheme depending on location. | | Valley Ward Councillors | |
| 31 | Traffic and Parking | Environmental damage caused by turning gardens in to parking spots | Due to the lack of parking new homes across Linthwaite, many people have to turn their gardens in to parking spaces which contributes to flooding and climate change | Promote nature friendly parking options through Pride In Linthwaite website and social media | | Pride In Linthwaite | |
| 32 | Traffic and Parking | There isn't enough disabled parking near the shops in Linthwaite | This makes it harder for disabled people to access the local shops | Colne Valley Ward Councillors to consider working with the Kirklees Highways team to design a scheme to address this issue and advertise a Traffic Regulation Order. This TRO and any objections or | Circa £10,000 in staff time, legal costs and road markings (dependent on number of bays). No guarantee that the TRO will be | Colne Valley Ward Councillors and Kirklees Highways | |

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| | | | | supporting statements expressed with then be considered. | approved but costs remain. | | |
| 33 | Work and Local Economy | Some comments highlighted that there is no business network in Linthwaite | | Develop a stronger relationship and support the Colne Valley Business Network more – promoting the CVBN through social media and website | | Pride In Linthwaite & Colne Valley Ward Councillors | |
| 34 | Natural Space | Lack of high quality outdoor space and seating | | Create a community garden and picnic area | Tbc | Pride In Linthwaite | |
| 35 | Influence and sense of Control | Many people shared that they didn't know how to get involved in local community action or make change | | Advertise Cllr surgeries in Linthwaite through the Pride In Linthwaite social media and website | | Pride In Linthwaite, Colne Valley Ward Councillors | |
| 36 | Influence and Sense of Control | Many people shared that they didn't know how to | | Make and install cllr suggestion boxes around the village for people to drop their | | | |

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| | | get involved in local community action or make change | | ideas and feedback in to | | | |
| 37 | Influence and Sense of Control | | | Hold another Place Standard Engagement in the future | | | |
| 38 | Public Transport | The bus service doesn't connect communities across the Colne Valley very well | Buses largely run in to Huddersfield and back out along Manchester Road, meaning that travelling from Linthwaite to Golcar or Outlane can be difficult | Investigate options around commissioning a local stopper bus to run a circular route connecting the Colne Valley and Golcar Wards. When this has been piloted in the past the service has not been sufficiently utilised to make it sustainable. So investigate alternatives too. | TBC 50% from Colne Valley Ward Place Standard Investment Fund 50% from Golcar Ward Place Standard Investment Fund | Pride In Linthwaite | |
| 39 | Public Transport, Moving Around | Connectivity within Linthwaite and across the Valley can be difficult. Some people | A suggestion was made to encourage the use of E-bikes | Investigate commissioning an organisation to run an E-Bike rental or free trail scheme for residents of Linthwaite and Cowlersley | TBC 50% from Colne Valley Ward Place Standard Investment Fund | | |

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| | | also shared that the hills make cycling in the area difficult | | | 50% from Golcar Ward Place Standard Investment Fund | | |
| 40 | Care and Maintenance, Moving around, Streets and Spaces | Access routes to the Canal are often overgrown and unusable | People wanted to be able to access the canal more but the access routes from Manchester road are often overgrown | Clear access routes to the Canal | Tbc | Pride In Linthwaite and KC Parks Volunteer Coordinator | |
| Total funded so far: (total value of projects delivered based on known costs*) (*This does not include costs associated to projects that have not yet happened or projects that haven't disclosed costs within this action plan such as the Tow Path Improvement, Increased Bin Numbers, The Bus Shelter at Heights, New Road Signs or the FibreOptic Cabling) | | | | | £120,222.27 | Total funding still be utilised: | £31,411.25 |

Get involved

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