

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 residents)	Actions being progressed and agreed or expected outcomes	Funding	Leads or Partners	2025 Update
1	Moving Around	Canal towpath is too damaged	People wanted to see the canal towpath updated and resurfaced.	The Canal towpath has 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 Cowlersley) was completed in 2022
2	Feeling Safe, Traffic and Parking, Moving Around	Speeding Traffic	Specifically on Manchester Road, Cowlersley Lane, Gilroyd Lane and	Speed Indicator devices have been installed on key roads in Cowlersley (and across Golcar Ward) to encourage behaviour	Golcar Ward Budget - £2,880	Golcar Ward Councillors and Kirklees Highways	Speed Indicator Devices have been installed across the Golcar Ward since 2023. You may see

			Blackmoorfoot Road	change and record data to lobby for a speed camera if data shows one is needed			them in different places across the Ward in addition to Cowlersley because they are rotated every 3 months. In addition to this, the Golcar Ward Cllrs have made arrangements with West Yorkshire Police to fund an increased police presence across Golcar Ward (including Cowlersley) in an effort to tackle Anti-social Behaviour, speeding and general unsafe use of the highways. This has cost £2,623 for 1 years worth of increased presence.
3	Care and Maintenance	Disposing of glass in	People commented that the closest bottle bins are too	Kirklees Environment Service is investigating additional recycling	Kirklees Council	Kirklees Waste Service	

		Linthwaite can be difficult	far away for some people and as there is no longer door step glass collections recycling or disposing of glass can be difficult	facilities in Kirklees, including doorstep glass collection.			
4	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 Cowlersley. Find out more and stay up to date here: www.cityfibre.com/home		Kirklees Council, CityFibre	CityFibre have installed Fibre Optic cabling in Cowlersley.
5	Care and Maintenance	There aren't enough litter bins around Cowlersley	People wanted to see more street litter bins	Pride in Linthwaite and Golcar Ward Councillors have installed more litter bins along the collection route		Golcar Ward Councillors, Pride In Linthwaite and Kirklees Waste Services	Pride In Linthwaite and Golcar Ward Councillors installed more bins across Cowlersley on the bin collection route in 2022
6	Public Transport	Poor public transport option in Cowlersley	People shared that whilst busses along Manchester road are regular enough they are too unreliable, expensive, uncomfortable and	Councillors to continue to raise need for improved public transport in appropriate settings such as the West Yorkshire Transport Committee		Pride in Linthwaite	Golcar Ward Councillors continue to raise need for improved public transport

			untidy, and they don't serve the area of Cowlersley at the top of the Hill (Cowlersley Lane leading on to Gilroyd Lane) regularly enough				
7	Feeling Safe, Play and Recreation	Nerves around ASB from Young people / Tackling local ASB in Linthwaite from Teenagers	Many people shared that they can occasionally feel intimidated by groups of young people congregating	Create a local activity taster scheme for young people to encourage them to 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.	Thornton and Ross Fund - £3600 (funded until April 2024)	Pride In Linthwaite	The taster scheme was delivered between April 2023 – 2024 You can follow more about how Pride In Linthwaite support local youth activity here: Youth Engagement - Pride in Linthwaite
8	Moving Around, Traffic and	Speeding cars around schools	People suggested speed bumps and one way systems as	As a result of the findings from the recently commissioned Speed Limit Review, Kirklees		Kirklees Highways	

	Parking, Feeling Safe		well as 20 mph zones	Highways have bid for funding to undertake a review of road safety outside all schools in Kirklees. This will include Woodside Green school. 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			
9	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 a professional development of a 'what's on page', 'opportunities page' and a local business page (promote childcare and dog walkers locally etc) on	Cost for Website: £3000 Cost for billboard: £1400 Cost for design: £100 (to be designed by local student)	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

				<p>Pride In Linthwaite website</p> <p>Also hire billboard space to promote and signpost to the new website and include printed out information in local notice boards.</p>	<p>Total: £4500</p> <p>50% from Golcar Ward Place Standard Investment Fund = £2250</p> <p>Other 50% from Colne Valley Ward Place Standard Investment Fund</p>		<p>Golcar Ward Councillors will provide a further £554 to Storth House to support further promotion of local community activity in Cowlersley. Storth House plan to use this additional funding to pay for social media advertising and a local banner/flyer campaign.</p>
10	Play and Recreation, Feeling Safe	People felt that there wasn't enough youth activities in Cowlersley	There is an existing youth club at Cowlersley Community Out of School Club.	<p>Promote and support existing youth provision at Cowlersley community out of school club (CCOOSC). CCOOSC need more games, music equipment, craft resources and staffing support.</p>	<p>Advertising in part addressed through Pride In Linthwaite Website (action 7)</p> <p>Games - £60</p>	Cowlersley Community Out of School Club	<p>Cowlersley Community Out of School Club / Storth House have continued to run a local Youth Club with the funding provided and have secured continuation funding for 2 years</p>

					<p>Portable speaker - £40</p> <p>Game system - £150</p> <p>Guitars - £60</p> <p>Microphone stand £20</p> <p>Craft resources £100</p> <p>Community worker 5hrs a week for 12 months - £3,510</p> <p>Half a laptop for community worker - £100</p> <p>Total: £4,040 from Golcar Place Standard</p>	<p>following their own fundraising efforts.</p>
--	--	--	--	--	--	---

					Investment Fund		
11	Work and Local Economy, Facilities and Amenities	People commented that Cowlersley can be a difficult place to purchase fresh food and to support local SMEs	Cowlersley Community Out of School Club have recently launched a 'Bread and Butter Thing' hub and were already running a community food fair share scheme	Support the developing 'Bread and Butter Thing' scheme to be run from Cowlersley Community Out of School Club. And support the existing community food share programme. Cowlersley Community Out of School club said they need 5hrs a week community support worker help for these and they need some equipment	Sack cart or trolley - £60 2 folding tables - £60 Outdoor pantry store - £150 Community worker 5hrs a week for 12 months - £3,510 Half a laptop for community worker - £100 Total from Golcar Ward Place Standard Investment Fund = £3,880	Cowlersley Community Out of School club	Cowlersley Community Out of School club / Storth House have continued to run their food support scheme, supported by the funding provided.

12	Care and Maintenance	Dog fouling	There is too much dog fouling in Cowlersley	<p>Run an awareness raising campaign, giving out branded Pride In Linthwaite dog poo bag holders to dog owners across Linthwaite and Cowlersley.</p> <p>Run a dog owner event in Linthwaite and one in Cowlersley to raise awareness around responsible dog ownership.</p> <p>Also do a call out for local street ambassadors who might be willing to look after and maintain bag dispensers on their street.</p>	<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% Golcar Ward Place Standard Investment Fund = £2,017.56</p> <p>Other 50% from Colne Valley Ward Place Standard Investment Fund</p>	Pride In Linthwaite	This scheme has been very effective in Linthwaite with Pride In Linthwaite needing to top up bag dispensers regularly. There is still £265.21 remaining in the budget for Pride IN Linthwaite to utilise in purchasing more dog poo bags for Cowlersley.
----	----------------------	-------------	---	---	---	---------------------	--

13	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 up to 4 child shaped anti-speeding road bollards to raise awareness.	Golcar Place Standard Investment Fund - £2,264.48	Pride In Linthwaite, Woodside Green Primary School	Due to the original idea around this not being progressed. Golcar Cllrs are using the funding remaining action this action to improve road safety measures through purchasing increased police presence in the area through Operation Trimburg. For one year this scheme costs £2,623.00 As such Golcar Cllrs will supplement the Place Standard funding with their ward funding to deliver this scheme.
14	Work and Local Economy, Facilities and Amenities	People commented that Cowlersley can be a	Some people suggested a monthly farmers market could host fresh produce and	Plan to set up a local monthly pop up market between Linthwaite and Cowlersley.	Council Sourced Contractor: £1920	Pride In Linthwaite	This project is not being pursued and the funding allocated (£1,123) has been re-

		difficult place to purchase fresh food and to support local SMEs	support local sole traders and SMEs	<p>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.</p> <p>Success of the scheme will be determined by the ability of the market to become largely self sufficient.</p> <p>Stall holders will need to pay for a space that the contractors then take as a wage for organising going forward.</p>	<p>License: £126</p> <p>Marketing: £200</p> <p>Total = £2,246</p> <p>50% from Golcar Ward Place Standard Investment Fund = £1,123</p> <p>Other 50% from Colne Valley Ward Place Standard Investment Fund</p>		<p>purposed toward providing further financial support to Storth House in their food share project. Storth House intend to use this funding to buy a new Larder Freezer, more shelving and pay for some staff time.</p>
15	Care and Maintenance, Streets and Spaces, Natural Space	There is too much litter around Cowlersley	There is too much litter for people to enjoy the streets and natural spaces around Cowlersley	<p>Pride In Linthwaite plan to organise a local litter picking scheme.</p> <p>Purchase branded bin bags and litter pickers that members of the public can borrow to do</p>	<p>Litter pickers – £500</p> <p>Branded Bin Bags - £219.50</p>	Pride In Linthwaite, Golcar Ward Councillors and Kirklees Waste Team	Pride In Linthwaite have been running a litter picking scheme since before 2023 in some capacity in both Linthwaite

				<p>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 the normal collection route? Similar to the Litter Heroes scheme run by Leeds Council?</p>	<p>Total = £719.50</p> <p>50% from Golcar Ward Place Standard Investment Fund = £359.75</p> <p>Other 50% from Colne Valley Ward Place Standard Investment Fund</p>		<p>and Cowlersley. 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>
16	Play and Recreation	There aren't enough natural play spaces in Cowlersley	People said they would like to see more or improved natural play spaces in Cowlersley	Golcar Councillors to identify a park in Cowlersley (either Kinder Ave or Jubilee Park) for Playable Spaces improvement at the next opportunity, contribute from Place Standard Investment Fund to improve scheme, including disabled access,	roughly £80,000 Kirklees Council Playable Spaces (TBC dependent on design) + £20,000 Golcar Ward Place	Golcar Ward Councillors and Kirklees Parks	Golcar Ward Councillors are investigating opportunities to make this investment as effective as possible.

				natural play, benches/youth shelter.	Standard Investment Fund contribution for improved scheme		
17	Social Contact	Some people felt there was no community space in Cowlersley	There is the Cowlersley community Out of School Club who operate as a community space	Promote and support Cowlersley Community Out of School Club through social media and website	Addressed through improving the Pride in Linthwaite website (Action 7)	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
18	Identity and Sense of Belonging	Some people said they would like to see some 'Welcome to Cowlersley' Signs (similar to Linthwaite) be installed	This could also address the previously incorrectly installed 'Birthplace of Harold Wilson Signage' to add to Cowlersley's identity and sense of belonging.	Investigate options around installing Welcome To Cowlersley Road Signs that are the same theme as the Welcome to Linthwaite signs.	TBC	Golcar Ward Councillors and Kirklees Highways	

19	Traffic and Parking	Road safety on Manse and Warneford Drive	People shared that there is insufficient parking on Manse and Warneford Drive which leads to pavement parking and unsafe roads. Some people suggested installing more car parking, others suggested a one way system or 20mph zone. Another suggested a mirror for joining Cowlersley Lane was needed	Golcar Ward Councillors to engage with Kirklees Highways around options to improve road safety on Manse and Warneford Drive	tbc	Golcar Councillors	
20	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.	Golcar Councillors to engage with Kirklees Transportation Team to investigate options and possibilities around reducing air and noise pollution on Manchester Road.	Tbc	Golcar Councillors	
21	Moving Around	There aren't enough		Tbc	Tbc	Tbc	

		cycling routes in Cowlersley					
22	Moving around	There aren't enough traffic protected walking routes in Cowlersley		Fund the creation of a local history trail with 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.	50% from Colne Valley Ward Place Standard Investment Fund 50% from Golcar Ward Place Standard Investment Fund	Pride In Linthwaite to work with local residents interested in History and potentially groups like the Huddersfield History Society	
23	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	£0	Pride In Linthwaite, Safer Kirklees & West Yorkshire Police	

24	Feeling Safe, Play and Recreation	Nerves around ASB from Young people / Tackling local ASB in Linthwaite from Teenagers	Many people shared that they can occasionally feel intimidated by groups of young people congregating	Create a local activity taster scheme for young people to encourage them to 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.	£3600 total for a year 2024 – 2025 50% CV Place Standard Investment Fund - £1800 50% Golcar Place Standard Investment Fund - £1800	Pride In Linthwaite	Storth House/Cowlersley Community Out of School Club will be invited to utilise this £1,800 to run an additional nights youth club due to take place on a Monday evening.
25	Feeling Safe	Concerns around theft from homes and vehicles		Run a home safety and vehicle safety campaign		Pride In Linthwaite, Safer Kirklees and WY Police	
26	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		Pride In Linthwaite	

27	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	
28	Work and Local Economy	Some comments highlighted that there is no business network in Cowlersley		Develop a stronger relationship and support the Colne Valley Business Network more – promoting the CVBN through social media and website		Pride In Linthwaite	
29	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	Pride In Linthwaite	

					Investment Fund		
30	Public Transport, Moving Around	Connectivity within Cowlersley and across the Valley can be difficult. Some people also shared that the hills make cycling in the area difficult	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 50% from Golcar Ward Place Standard Investment Fund	Pride In Linthwaite	
31	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		Pride In Linthwaite and Kirklees Parks Team	
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 or the FibreOptic Cabling)					£17,950.85		£40,886.94 (plus match funding for a Cowlersley park to be confirmed)

Get involved

To get involved or find out more, please contact:

Key contact name: Nicola Booth and Malcom Cotton

Key contact organisation: Pride In Linthwaite

Email: prideinlinthwaite@outlook.com

Website: www.prideinlinthwaite.com

This document and more information is available online at:

www.HowGoodIsOurPlace.org.uk