Crieff needs some love – feedback form

Please give us your feedback.

In principle, do you think it would be a good idea for a community development trust to be created in Crieff?

- Yes: 94.5% (n=86)
- No: 0.0% (n=0)
- Not sure: 5.5% (n=5)
- Skipped question: n=3

Please tell us how you would like us to keep in touch with you.

(Note that people could tick more than one option. Thus the percentages do not total 100%.)

	% respondents who ticked this box	No. of respondents who ticked this box
I'd like to be kept informed about further developments in this area.	98.9%	92
If a development trust were formed in Crieff, I would like to be a member. (Membership would be free.)	73.1%	68
If a development trust were formed, I would be willing to get involved in helping to take forward its work (for example, by serving as a Board member, or getting involved in a working group).	50.5%	47
If a development trust were formed, I would be able to offer skills / advice related to: (see list on page 2).	33.3%	31

List of skills / advice offered by respondents

The following is a list of skills / advice written in by respondents in reply to the fourth option above.

- Various -- government forms, project mgt, financials, market research, etc.
- Admin and legal advice.
- Programme and project planning + management.
- Education.
- Graphic / web / design + illustration.
- [Left blank]
- Community groups in Crieff.
- Architecture.
- Environmental / footpaths and access / general estate skills.
- Selling(???) / negotiating / budgeting.
- Administrative / secretarial support.
- Building refurbishment, retail planning, regeneration.
- Community environmental projects / raising awareness and getting people involved (not technical).
- All areas.
- Planning meetings, links to other DTs, community plans, support, chat, etc.
- Retailing in Crieff.
- Dealing with PKC and other bodies (Gannochy, etc.).
- Repointing pre-1914 stone buildings with natural lime mortar, stone surface repair with lime-based material.
- Project management -- is this any use?
- Community development.
- All things retail that could improve the High Street.
- Project management, coordination, fund-raising, negotiation, engineering / technical consultation, HSE / risk assessment.
- Arts & crafts -- possibly in a working group but time very restricted.
- Fundraising / marketing / PR
- [Left blank]
- Publicity / media / promotion. I have worked as a volunteer for tourism projects. By trade, I am a writer, food-related, self-employed.
- Project management / engineering (civil)
- Retailer on the High Street needs to be involved. Specialist shop fronts.
- [Left blank]
- Horticulture / education

If a development trust were established, what types of projects would you like to see it take on? What would you see as the priorities for a development trust?

ID	Comments
1	• Derelict buildings should be tidied up by the people who own them or taken over by the Council to demolish. • The Square could be made more welcoming to visitors.
5	• Make the Campus (especially the Library) more accessible to the older members of the community, e.g. more frequent bus service.
8	• Crieff needs a public hall urgently • Haldane's site.
9	• Improve parking, child safety (under 6 yrs), bus access, and entrance access to the Strathearn Community Campus. • Set up youth centres, sporting activities for young people – therefore training for leaders. • Developments in Town Centre to attract visitors.
10	• Derelict buildings • Cleanliness of town • Traffic concerns: proper bus service for the whole town • Could we not have a Town Manager, to oversee Crieff and its requirements?
11	• Derelict buildings • Empty business premises
12	• Ideally, do something about derelict buildings (e.g. Drummond Arms, etc). • Get a community hall. • More realistically – street cleaning, anti-social behaviour, parking (at town centre and community campus)
13	• I would like to see priority given to utilising the empty buildings.
14	• Create a focal point for the community ***in*** the town along the lines of the Birnham Institute (Arts Centre). Drummond Arms must be a priority as in the centre of town.
16	• Renovation of derelict buildings in the town and ensuring they have new uses that secure their long-term futures.
17	• Creation of an arts venue in a central location – for exhibitions / museum / performance / information / community use • Improvement of parking in town centre to encourage tourism / visitors • Go for a more 'heritage' feel in the town centre and develop its unique character further.
19	• Empty buildings.
20	• Derelict properties cleaned up.
25	• Ways to draw in the residents of our care homes for older people, as well as older residents, ???(illegible) and acknowledgement of them

	• Youth work – providing ways for young people to be involved in projects in a meaningful way. (Connections made with the schools that tick their boxes for citizenship and honing CVs of older students and Curriculum for Excellence) – some kind of volunteering scheme that they can sign up to and is acknowledged by certificate of service.
26	• Small matters – regular clean up teams throughout the town. • Development of paths for cycling. • Shuttle bus round town from Visitor Centre through town and out to Grouse Experience.
27	• Make town centre smarter and cleaner.
28	• Tidy up buildings and make town centre more appealing to visit. • Increase opportunities for youths of the town • Better advertising for existing activities for the young • Agree with wish list whole heartedly.
29	• New ambulance depot – old garage on King Street near hospital grounds. Could it be utilised? • Cinema, youth projects, meeting rooms, etc – Drummond Hotel in the Square?
30	• Small projects which are achievable to help build confidence and support for a D.T.
33	• Get more local people involved – around, or less than 200 people attended, but we need more local people on board to convince them that this is a worthwhile thing to do for Crieff. • Instant conservation change with new signs / street signs • Twinning with another town / school has links with Malawi? • Raise the profile of Crieff like Perth having its 800 years, etc. What could Crieff offer local / holiday makers to raise profile. Build on "the holiday town"? • Make Crieff safer for cyclists. Cycle paths Crieff to Perth or Crieff to Comrie. • No more eateries!
34	• Traffic flow • Town centre improvement focussing activities in the centre, i.e. accessible to all age groups • Stopping points for passing tourists • Improving empty buildings • Library access, campus access and parking
37	• Fix the derelict buildings
39	• Derelict buildings • Shop fronts • Vandalism • Litter / dog fouling • Speeding cars • Support existing local groups needing extra support, e.g. Music Society, Drama Group, choral group, etc.

40	• Derelict buildings • Parking (free) • Sunday opening
41	• Economic regeneration of High Street • Address empty buildings • Additional education / sport / leisure facilities for under 18s • Parking
42	• Improvements of derelict hotels in town centre (make into flats / run as community projects) • Old town hall re-generated.
43	• For youth – I'd help if asked. • We desperately need a decent source of food – i.e. a proper supermarket
45	• Developing derelict buildings for use as community space with proper storage facilities and rooms for yoga, dance, etc.
46	• Street furniture – town centre • Centre shop frontage improvement • Shop opening – Sunday (the impact on the tourist market) • Street cleaning / litter campaign • Marketing re: restaurants and quality deli outlets, etc.
47	• Shop frontage (drains need unblocked) • Cleaning the streets up • Parking / congestion • Drummond Arms isn't on the wish list, but we should have powers to enforce the building's repair.
48	• I think you would require a survey to identify community priorities • If possible, use the 80/20 rule to achieve an early "win".
50	• Maintenance of High Street – needs to be busy and well-used especially with the threat of supermarket coming.
51	• Disused buildings on High Street • Disused churches
52	• A "Birnam" centre.
53	• Town centre regeneration • Cultural centre – arts and crafts / music / etc. ? South Church • Tackling anti-social behaviour • Crieff already has a lot to offer in certain areas, i.e. arts & crafts – we should be building on this and making more of our positives. Will help generate care + ?? for our negatives!
55	• High Street regeneration • Improvement of vacant buildings • Provide / upgrade buildings to be used for the community and / or small business start-ups.

56	• Develop a community profile to identify the needs of the local community • Identify particular projects that would meet priority needs and develop a momentum(?) for the Crieff community • Development of a central information facility for the town where people can advertise events, etc., and act as an administrative centre for local groups.
57	• Drawing all present groups together – difficult in a town the size of Crieff – but small steps and a positive outlook is a priority in getting DT off the ground.
58	• Upgrading the High Street • "History" centre • Youth centre
59	• Establish a use for the old buildings – preferably sustainable use • Raise funding
70	• Planning for environmental sustainability • Community-owned renewable energy
71	• Stop the supermarket • Improve public transport links • Shopfront facelift, e.g. Valentines • Improve the lanes and vennels(?) (illegible) • Haldanes?
72	• Improve buildings in the High Street area • Fundraise for youth-based projects • Fighting off Tesco store in Crieff • Support for local shopkeepers • Traffic management – i.e. double yellow parking
73	• Shop front projects • Derelict building projects • Enhancing the "visitor to Crieff" experience
74	• Like idea of something like Birnham Institute gallery / museum / crafts courses, etc. • Something in town centre, not on periphery.
76	• Buildings such as Drummond changed to community use. Gallery, etc.
77	• Derelict buildings on High Street • Any visitors coming to Crieff on a Sunday find the majority of shops closed, which doesn't encourage them to stay.
80	• Sort out the derelict buildings problem • Anti-social behaviour needs addressed
81	• Poor appearance of the town centre • Large empty and derelict buildings • Investment in town by local authority and Scottish Government
82	• Improvement of buildings around the town

	• Encouraging development of new business • Increasing opportunities for young people (youths) in town • Provide free car parking – encourage people into town, e.g. Arbroath, Auchterarder.
85	• Strathearn Hotel • Drummond Hotel • Empty shops • Petrol station • Tower Hotel area
86	• Derelict buildings • Skills centre / training centre for young people, e.g. catering skills, clerical skills, plumbing, electricians, etc. • Cleaning up the streets, litter.
87	• Community-based arts centre in big disused church would be fantastic!! • Improve carbuncle buildings and put some of them to use for the community (i.e. arts centre + town hall) • Cycle / footpath to Muthill and or Comrie through to St Fillans and beyond • Improve the look of High Street and the town generally.
88	• Shops and their frontage / nature of shops • Derelict buildings • Encourage Sunday openings • Reinstatement and protection of Victorian feel of town without being kitsch or atavistic.
89	• Preservation / improvement / possibly community use for some of major empty / derelict buildings in town • Cycle path development / Youth provision – both might assist anti-social behaviour issue • Allotment provision (Perth Council already approached about this by requisite number of people – no response yet) or possibly land share scheme • Recycling / litter removal projects – improvement in civic pride.
90	• Regeneration of derelict buildings • Town theming
91	• I completed the consultation questionnaire – enough priorities from that already!
92	• Derelict buildings re-established
93	• Improve the town – buildings, roads, etc. • Preserve traditional tourism and increase bus parties, etc, by promoting the town and having suitable venues • Improve access to facilities / venues / events
94	• We need a community hall, with adequate parking – somewhere in the **centre** of Crieff

Do you have any ideas about "small projects" (i.e. things that might involve just a handful of enthusiastic volunteers) that could make a real difference in improving the town?

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2	• Something for the youth to do – admittedly many are so easily disenchanted. It's difficult to suggest anything positive for that part who can't do, won't do.
10	• Carrington Terrace railway cutting (trees etc.) • Landscape area – as viewing pot(?) (potential??)
11	• Incentive schemes to attract tour operators to include Crieff town on more of their tours. • Hanging baskets (floral)
12	• See "realistically" above (street cleaning, anti-social behaviour, parking (at town centre and community campus)
13	• Some way of removing dog dirt from pavements and pioneer project to remind (dog?) owners of their responsibilities.
14	• Let's do something about all the dog mess on the town's pavements.
17	• Cleaning out overgrown areas or litter picking.
18	• As stated at the meeting, most of the "attractions" in Crieff are on the periphery of the town. We have (a) no. 45 bus which services Crieff town centre and (b) Bertie bus. Can we envisage utilising these as a means of transporting visitors around the various attractions including the centre of the town in much the same way the Edinburgh Tour Buses operate with a drop off and on at any of the venues by either incorporating the local transport (above) or look for funding to provide transport.
20	• The pavement at the side of the post office, King Street.
25	• The borrowing / sharing of gardens that one of the speakers (Stanley, I think) spoke of sounded good. • To build on the success of the Drovers' Tryst and link this to the identity of Crieff (i.e. cow statues and a drover built life size in town centre; town signs of Highland coo; drovers' museum (interactive and like Crannog centre) offering crafts to try out / people dressed up to show year round). • Bus needs to circle around Crieff for more frequent picking up and dropping off close to nooks and crannies, nursing homes, etc.
27	• Look after old people's gardens and generally help them.
28	• Encourage some youth groups to be involved in improving their town to encourage them to appreciate what they have.
29	• Better sign posting to car parks at Leadenflower to ease congestion in High Street.
30	• Having blocked street drains unblocked to help the street flooding. • More information boards around the town.
34	• Enterprise activity to create youth employment / opportunities
40	• Crieff as a "day out" – coffee, shopping, walk, distillery, restaurant, etc. One package, more targeted marketing.

43	• Bringing young people together to work on their own ideas • Wildlife protection • Crieff Hydro – how can it help Crieff?! • Some terrible planning decisions – e.g. ugly houses, need to look after Crieff's heritage.
45	• Crieff in Leaf already do things like litter picks, cultivating waste ground areas, etc. as well as providing hanging baskets, etc.
51	• More youth groups → less anti-social behaviour • Funds to schools re: Duke of Edinburgh, esp. for qualified instructors
53	• Arts + crafts trail – huge amount of local talent / resources. Harness this + make feature of it. • Shetland recently produced an information leaflet re: above which has proven to be *very* successful! (I can show copy!) • Internet café / drop-in centre • CCTV in town centre – helps with antisocial behaviour which is rife!
54	• I would like to think more about this and submit thoughts through email … if this is possible?
56	• Work with Mamas / Crieff Drama Group to develop regular arts events (Muthill Acoustic Music Group) • Community art project for town centre • "Green" group – gardens, etc. • Etc, etc.
57	• How can the Square become a more valued space to the benefit of the town? • I've moved back to the area because I liked Crieff 25 years ago and would like to help it regenerate itself into a 2000-type town.
58	• Establishment of allotments • Increase cycle ways.
59	• A lot of it is already being done.
70	• I think there is a lack of community growing space. It would be great to have allotments / community orchard, garden. • There is also a lack of planning for environmental resilience in the community. What will life after oil in Crieff look like? Where will our energy come from? Where will our food and resources come from?
71	• Keeping Macrosty Park "policed" to keep it in a good and safe condition, esp. the play areas for younger children.
72	• Shop fronts (liked the adopt-a-hanging-basket idea) links to Crieff in Bloom • Get the buy-in from community companies with "cloot" – e.g. Hydro, Edrington Group, independent schools. • Utilise the Haldanes site as a regenerated bus station for coach income.
74	• Town footpath leaflet or Heritage Buildings trail
76	• More local businesses with hanging baskets from Crieff in Leaf

	• Litter collection in Macrosty Park.
81	• Fundraising for good causes – Crieff has no monies for even small projects.
82	• Involving youth groups / children in town improvement and decisions about town improvement. • Improvement of community 'spirit'
88	• "Small" space for cinema, concerts, etc. in centre of town • Tidying up High Street • Linking regeneration of Macrosty with town and shops → park town walks or similar
92	• I want to restore the Strathearn Hotel • I would need the CDT to purchase the building. I have a business plan and research and feel I could involve the community greatly and they / we would benefit from all the services I wish to offer. I would be looking for a partnership with the CDT.
93	• Lots – too many for here.
94	• Need to deal with **litter**. If somehow, owners of adjoining properties could keep "their" pavements clear of litter, by picking up and dealing with cans, bottles, etc.

Do you have any concerns about creating a development trust in Crieff?

ID	Comments
2	• How do we bring together existing organisations doing sterling work for the good of residents and tourists, e.g. Crieff in Leaf, Christmas Lights, Drovers' Tryst, Residents' Association, LOGOS, CUSP, Tourist Association, Pro-market Park, Highland Games, Rugby Clubs and Youth Training, Football clubs, Scouts, Guides + Junior ??[illegible] • OR, knowing something about Crieff, would it not be more advantageous to leave the above to operate on their own, though acknowledging that some people "wear more than one hat."
9	• The financial problems being currently faced by Comrie – people with accounting experience on board required.
12	• People pushing their own agenda and not giving due regard to wider "community" wishes.
20	• Financial liability
25	• In-fighting, divisions, entrenchment, such as has been played out with the Pro-market Park v. Highland Gathering Committee. It worries me that (if I understood correctly) Pro-market Park have come under the umbrella group of CUSP, but I didn't hear Highland Gathering Committee mentioned, or friends of Macrosty Park. Also upper town / lower town; state school / private school.
28	• No, I think it sounds like a great idea.
29	• No.
30	• Huge projects like the Drummond Arms, South Church, etc. are not necessarily a good starting point as the Trust beds in.

34	• Possible “talking shop” • Accountability to broader community
37	• No, do it.
41	• No
45	• Not with the proper committee
46	• No – all ??? [illegible]
47	• Not to create high salaries for people
48	• Becomes too much of a talking shop and does nothing.
50	• Main concern is that Crieff is too big + developing a “sense of community” is going to be difficult.
51	• Is Crieff too large of a community to pull together? I would like to think not. Can we get all the residents involved?
53	• Lots of people here tonight, but how many will take a ‘lead’ to keep momentum going? • Lots of positive comments about turnout yet less than 5% of population turned out. Sorry to be negative, but despite lots of publicity and prompting, same old faces turn up!
56	• How would it work in connection with existing organisations, i.e. Community Council / Residents’ Association? • Is the focus simply the buildings of the town in disrepair or is there a bigger picture? • How to create a trust which truly represents the different interest groups / residents of Crieff?
58	• None.
59	• No.
70	• No, I think we should go for it!
71	• Yes, vested interest groups which might skew the agenda.
72	• No – experiences shared by speakers all very positive. Question and answer session addressed issues raised, again positively.
73	• No. Based on the panel’s experiences, it can surely only be of benefit to a town which needs a “lift”.
74	• Hope not just older generation / Council members. Need young and energetic input.
80	• None.
81	• Yes!
82	• No.
86	• What is happening at Victor Marsh garage? • It appears that people are entering from the back door and drinking, drugs, etc. • These people were drinking and gathering under a tree in the grounds of the hospital. The security of our hospital is vital. • Where are the community police officers?

	• We need a new ambulance station. This (Victor Marsh Garage) would be ideal.
87	• Based on the experiences of other communities, no.
88	• Encourage wide participation from all parts of Crieff. Otherwise could become narrow in focus.
92	• Yes, too many good ideas and nothing getting done.
93	• It may take too long – let's hope not!
94	• It is very important that those on the 'Board' are of high calibre, and with a good knowledge of how to go about change.

Other comments

ID	Comments
12	• Person commented beside "If a development trust were formed, I would like to be a member" – Possibly, need more information.
22	• It seems to work in smaller communities. Would Crieff be too big?
25	• Person ticked "If a development trust were formed, I would like to be a member", then wrote: Although I have other commitments / wear other hats, so time would be limited! I am chair of Parent Council at [School] and can see a clear link / mutually beneficial.
43	• Person ticked "Yes" to the first question: "In principle, do you think it would be a good idea for a community development trust to be created in Crieff?" However, she then wrote: Was difficult to say from the uninspiring first presentation. Sorry, but none the wiser from that. The rest were very helpful and informative. • No windfarms in Crieff! Or anywhere!
45	• Person says she "would be willing to get involved in helping to take forward the work of a development trust" – depending on what was involved.
53	• Person says she would be willing to get more involved in helping – possibly in a working group but time very restricted.
54	• Person says he would be willing to get more involved in helping – but time limited.
56	• It might be good to ask if the aims of CRAG can be achieved through the existing Crieff organisations before establishing a trust.