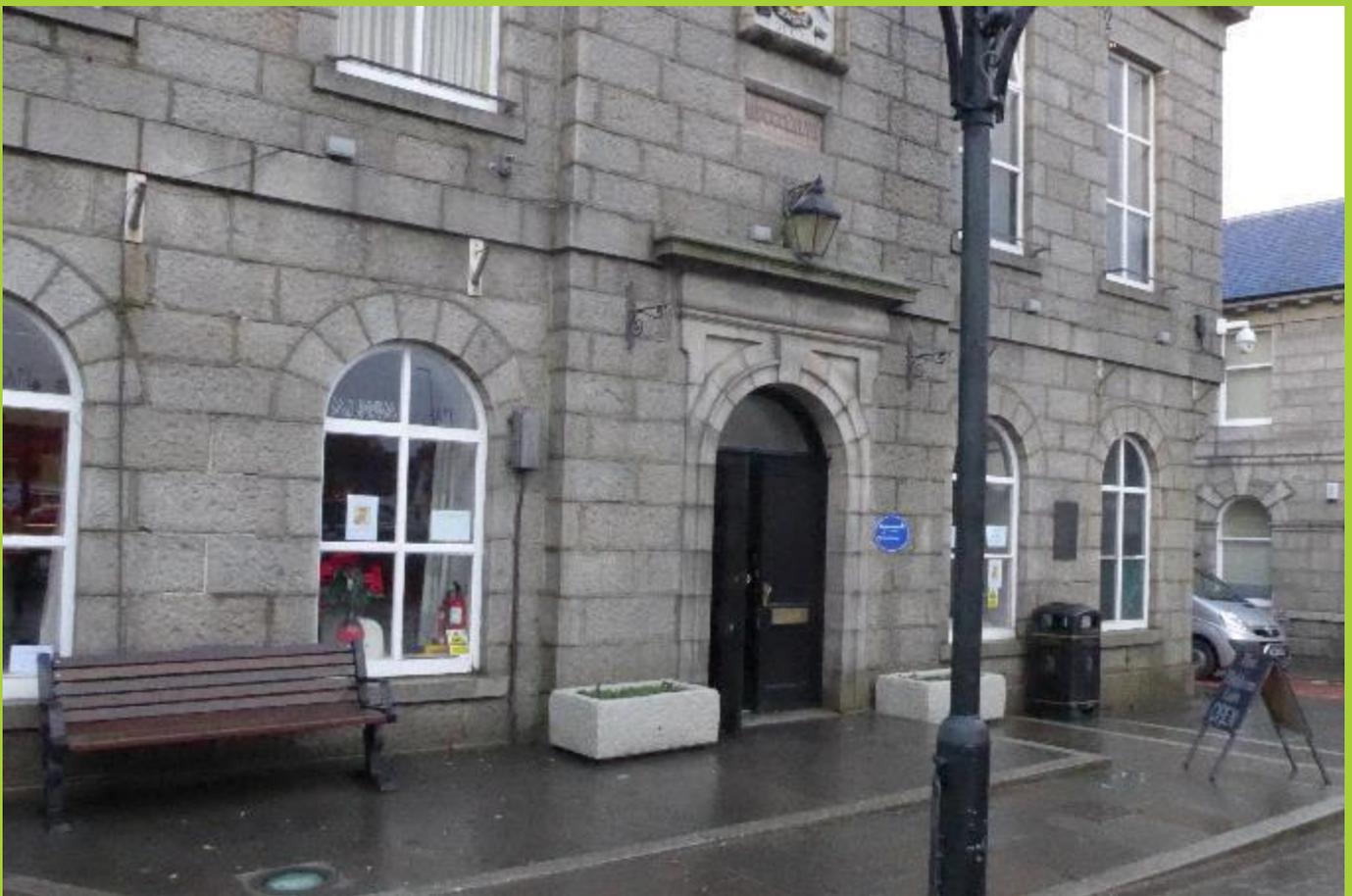


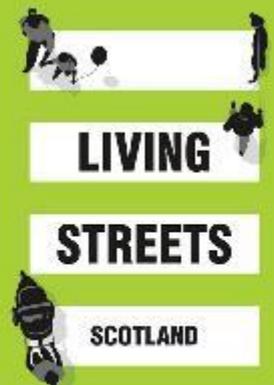
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Community Street Audit Report

Oldmeldrum
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Executive Summary

We are Living Streets Scotland, (LSS), a part of the UK charity for everyday walking. We are working with Aberdeenshire Council Transport team, to help develop the Integrated Travel Town Masterplan, (ITTM), specifically looking at walking. We have previously worked with residents, groups and organisations in Inverurie. This year we have been working in Banchory as part of a larger suite of work taking in Stonehaven, Banff, Macduff, Oldmeldrum and Westhill.

The Transport team are working to produce an ITTM and LSS is supporting this work by looking at barriers and assets to walking, especially for the more vulnerable pedestrian. We have considered routes to key local trip generators within a town including amenities such as shops, schools, post office and GP. We considered the ease of access to public transport links on foot, e.g. bus stops and Rail stations where applicable.

Background to Oldmeldrum audit

The Community Street Audit in Oldmeldrum followed on from a workshop with representatives from Aberdeenshire Roads team, a local Councillor, representatives from the Access Panel and Community Council. The workshop attendees identified assets and barriers to walking around Oldmeldrum and their top priorities for change. This information was used to identify an audit route which included Market Square, South Road, Urquhart Rd, Distillery Road and Cowgate.

Barriers to walking on this route include:

- Narrow and missing footways for pedestrians in many places in Oldmeldrum
- Narrow or missing pavements on Urquhart Rd, Distillery Road and Cowgate.
- Lack of Dropped kerbs on South Road at Mill Road and at the top of Cowgate near Commercial Road.
- Poor footway surfaces on Urquhart Road and Albert Road.
- Wheelie bins blocking footways.

Recommendations for improvements include:

- Installing dropped kerbs at Mill Road and Wyverie Court
- Repair footway surfaces on Urquhart Road and Albert Road
- Install footway along distillery Road

Living Streets Scotland

We are Living Streets Scotland, part of the UK charity for everyday walking. We want to create a walking nation, free from congested roads and pollution, reducing the risk of preventable illness and social isolation and making walking the natural choice. We believe that a walking nation means progress for everyone. Our ambition is to enable people of all generations to enjoy the benefits that this simple act brings and to ensure all our streets are fit for walking.

Introduction

Living Streets Scotland, LSS, was initially asked to speak to local communities in Aberdeenshire to gather evidence for their Integrated Travel Town Masterplan. The Masterplan considers different aspects of active travel and public transport across Aberdeenshire.

The Masterplan considers different aspects of active travel and public transport across Aberdeenshire, identifying actions to improve access to these travel choices and ensure they are better integrated, with the aim of encouraging fewer local journeys by car and an increase in journeys undertaken sustainably. Walking is the most popular active travel mode, and is always a stage in any journey undertaken by public transport. For this reason, Aberdeenshire Council asked LSS to take forward a small number of Community Street Audits examining barriers and assets for walking journeys on key routes in each community. Ensuring all members of a community are able to walk on local streets is a priority for both LSS and Aberdeenshire Council, and as such we focused much of our activity on engaging more vulnerable groups the elderly, the young and those with physical and/or sensory impairments.

The workshop was carried out on 12th January 2018, with 7 people in attendance. These included representatives from the Roads team, Councillor, Aberdeenshire Access Panel and Community Council. Assets and barriers were identified and priorities were discussed. A circular route from the Market Square to Albert Road, past the Distillery and back to the Square via Cowgate was identified to audit.

The Community Street Audit was conducted on February 2nd 2018. There were 5 people in attendance for the full length of the route;

- 2 members of the Access Panel
- 1 local resident that uses a mobility scooter
- 1 local Councillor
- 1 representative from LSS

Oldmeldrum & Area profile

Oldmeldrum is approximately 19 miles north west of Aberdeen, it has a population of about 3200. Oldmeldrum has grown quite rapidly, seeing a 60% increase in population between 2001 and 2011. Unlike most Aberdeenshire towns, Oldmeldrum has a high percentage of younger residents and only 13% are aged over 65.

Oldmeldrum has a small town centre with a mixture of shops, a bank and the Town Hall. There is also a Primary School, Academy with community facilities and a Health Centre. Oldmeldrum is the home to one of Scotland's oldest working distilleries, Glen Garioch. This is a draw for tourism in the town, but brings a number of large HGVs through the town.

The town is medieval and has narrow streets with narrow or missing footways. This can make it difficult for pedestrians with poor mobility to access the town centre and local amenities.

Area findings

What Works Well

Oldmeldrum town centre is served by a variety of shops and businesses in a compact space. The Market Square has recently been upgraded and is a pleasing space to visit. It has new paving, a wide pedestrian area in front of the Town Hall, and bins and benches. There are amenities close to hand such as the bus interchange and public toilets. There is a wide footway on one side of Urquhart Road and a signalised crossing on Albert Road.



Town Hall in Market Square



Public toilets and bus stop



Bus stop



Bike stands

What Doesn't Work So Well

1 – Road layout and space allocation

The road layout at the Commercial Road car park and top of Cowgate is a confusing area for pedestrians and road users. The main issues are detailed below.

- There is a car park with 2 exits, this space is defined by a raised pavement to the west. One exit leads on to Commercial Road. It is set back and partially obscured by the Clydesdale Bank building. This makes it difficult for pedestrians crossing Commercial Road. The other exit leads to Cowgate, at the junction with Commercial Road. There is a lack of footways for pedestrians and cars approaching from 3 directions.
- There are 2 junctions off Commercial Road, near the car park. One to the Cowgate and the other to Market Square via Rosebank. This adds to the traffic moving in the area and danger for pedestrians that don't have a footway to walk on at the Cowgate junction.
- There is a zebra crossing that has poor visibility of oncoming traffic. Although Commercial Road is narrowed at the crossing to make it easier to cross, the sight line to the west is partially obscured by the Clydesdale bank building and by the corner to the east. The auditors were looking at the usage of the zebra crossing and saw several people crossing Commercial Road but none used the crossing.
- The Cowgate and area around car park has a lack of footways and dropped kerbs. This makes it difficult for pedestrians navigating the space, especially for residents and staff from the care home trying to access the shops and town centre.
- There is a lack of dropped kerbs on Commercial Road, heading from the Market Square westward towards Meldrum Primary School. This will make it difficult for pedestrians using wheelchairs and walking aids to get to and from the Market Square along the pavement.



Junction to Commercial Rd opposite Cowgate Looking east along Commercial Rd towards Market Square



Car park beside Clydesdale Bank

Footways along Cowgate at the Union Place end are discontinuous and pedestrians are forced to cross from side to side to avoid walking along the road. Near to the Care home on Lower Cowgate, there are a lot of parked cars, which auditors said were staff from the care home as well as local residents' cars. These cars further narrow the road and can make it difficult for pedestrians to access the footway. Many pedestrians will choose to walk down the carriageway rather than keep crossing sides.

At the Commercial Road end of the Cowgate there is a narrow footway that disappears towards the junction with Commercial Road. This footway is too narrow for wheelchairs or pushchairs.



Cowgate, heading towards Commercial Road



Cowgate near Webster Court

As you head along distillery road, from Albert Road towards the distillery buildings, the footway disappears. The Distillery is the main tourist attraction in Oldmeldrum and it feels like it is tucked out of the way on a back road, with limited on street signage or information for pedestrians. The lack of footway means that pedestrians have to walk on the carriageway. There are no road markings or signage to warn drivers to expect pedestrians on the road. Although the road is quite narrow there are a number of large vehicles going to and from the Distillery, as these pass very close to pedestrians it can feel quite intimidating.



Footway stops on Distillery Road



No footway on Distillery Road

The footway on one side of Urquhart road is very narrow. Urquhart Road forms part of the main route to and from the primary school. A school crossing on Albert Road, between Urquhart Road and Albert Terrace, directs children to the narrow footway side of Urquhart Road. This reduces the feeling of safety for children and parents walking to school. In order to access the wider footway, they are forced to cross the road, and then cross back again towards the Square. It would benefit pedestrians if the footway was widened for its length to allow children and parents to walk safely along Urquhart road.



Narrow footway on Urquhart Road

2 – Crossing points and desire lines

At the corner of Market Square, South Road and Major Lane there are no road markings. This area also has two bus stops, the public toilets and pharmacy. The auditors raised concerns that at times this junction was very busy and that as a pedestrian it was difficult to cross due to volume of traffic and confusion over who has priority at the junction, both for cars and pedestrians.

At the corner of Market Square crossing South Road towards Kirk Street, the dropped kerb is beside a drain, and on the Kirk Street side the footway is very narrow. For pedestrians using a wheelchair, mobility aid, or pushchair and going from the Market Square along South Road eastwards, access is extremely difficult.

On the north side of South Road, the footway narrows opposite the Spice Cottage. On the south side of the road there is a lack of dropped kerb at the junction with Mill Road. Pedestrians using a mobility aid need to either travel along the road or navigate the bins and raised kerbs to take a back route via Kirk Street.



Crossing South Rd at Meldrum Motors



Crossing South Rd, towards Kirk Street



Mill Road junction with South Road



Mill Road junction with South Road

Crossing Wyverie Court is difficult for less mobile pedestrians as there is no dropped kerb or tactile paving. Provision of an appropriate and accessible crossing facility is essential at this location as there is sheltered housing on Wyverie Court. Sheltered housing residents can be expected to be older; potentially to be living with a variety of health conditions; and to likely experience some degree of sensory or mobility impairment.



Crossing Wyverie Court

A zebra Crossing on Commercial Road at the entrance to Market Square is across a narrowed, raised part of the road.

Auditors noted that the crossing can feel unsafe as pedestrian views of traffic coming from the west are poor and cars can feel like they are travelling too fast. Although pedestrians have priority at zebra crossings, more vulnerable pedestrians may feel that they don't want to step on to it until they are sure drivers are going to stop.



Zebra crossing on Commercial Road

Crossing Distillery Road is difficult for visually impaired or less able pedestrians as there is no tactile paving at the dropped kerbs and the carriageway is in a poor state of repair.



Crossing Distillery Rd



Crossing Distillery Rd

3 – Footway surfaces and obstructions

Bins and raised kerbs at entrance to Kirk Street obstruct the footway for pedestrians in wheelchairs or pushchair users. This would be a shortcut along South Road, missing out the narrowed footways and missing dropped kerbs, but is often blocked.



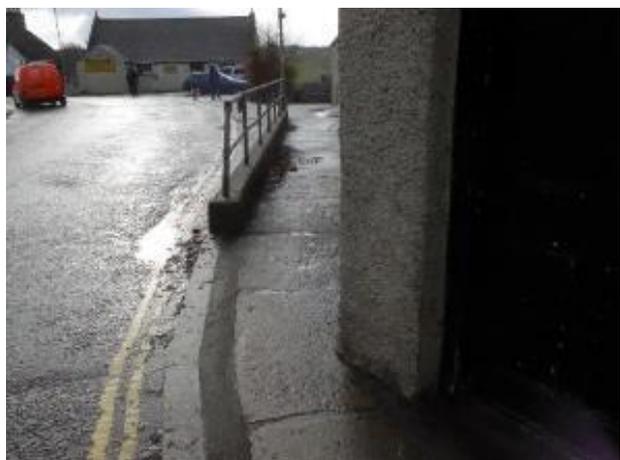
Wheelie bins obstructing Kirk Street

There are metal barriers at Kirk Street at the path at South Road. Pedestrians taking this route to head eastward along South Road are sometimes blocked from passing through the barriers by parked vehicles, especially if they use a wheelchair or pushchair.



Metal barriers at end of Kirk St

The railings and footway surface at Market Square corner with South Road make it difficult to pass if using a wheelchair or pushchair. The footway surface is poorly maintained and litter gathers against the barriers edge.



Railings and path on South Rd beside Meldrum Arms

There are several places along Urquhart Road where the footway surface is poor and narrowed. This makes it difficult for wheelchair users to progress along the street without crossing back and forth across the road. Frailer pedestrians are at risk of tripping on the uneven surface.

Urquhart road footway surfaces.



Albert Road footway between Urquhart Road and Wyverie Court, there are areas where the surface is in need of repair.



Albert Road footway surfaces

4 – Maintenance and enforcement

The newly upgraded Market Square footway outside Meldrum Motors has been damaged by vehicles parking illegally on the footway.



Market Square footway in front of Meldrum Motors

There was considerable flooding at recycling point in Baker Street car park. This made recycling bins inaccessible unless people were wearing wellington boots, as water was several inches high in places.



Flooding at the recycling bins in Baker Street car park

Auditors stated that there is often pavement parking on Distillery Road, even where driveways were empty. This forces pedestrians on to the road, which may be problematic if they use a wheelchair, walking aid or pushchair as they may have to back track to find a suitable dropped kerb.



Pavement parking on Distillery Road

5 – Traffic

Although the traffic around the audit route was travelling fairly slowly, it felt much faster and more dangerous due to the lack of pavements along roads or the narrow width of pavements.

6 – Aesthetics

There is a statue of a fisherman which is a point of interest in Oldmeldrum. It is situated near the Market Square at the car park for the Spice Cottage. There is more that could be made of this space to make it inviting for visitors.



Fisherman statue

Conclusion

Managing speeds and traffic volumes, as well as better parking enforcement could help to make the town centre feel less 'vehicle heavy' and improve the experience of

pedestrians in the shorter term. This is especially important as pedestrians often have no choice but to walk on the road due to narrow or otherwise inadequate footways.

Longer term, changes to road layout and including widening pavements and providing kerb build outs where possible; removing obstacles such as bins from pedestrian space; and considering shared use designs for town centre streets where pedestrian movement is clearly prioritised has the potential to improve pedestrian feelings of safety on town centre streets.

Recommendations

Quick win – to be completed this financial year, Medium term – to be completed next financial year, Long term – awaiting funding source before action can be taken

| Area/Issue | Recommended Action | Level of Action Quick Win/ long Term | Responsibility/ Involvement |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 – Road layout and space allocation | 1 – Install footway along Distillery Road 2 – Install footway along Cowgate 3 – Look at introducing parking restrictions on Cowgate and Lower Cowgate in the vicinity of West Bank House Care Home 4 – Repair and widen footways along the west side of Urquhart Rd 5 – Add ‘warning pedestrians on the road’ signs along Distillery Road 6 – Look into options for adding footway and dropped kerbs around the carpark near the Clydesdale Bank | 1 – Long term 2 – Long term 3 – Medium term 4 – Long term 5 – Medium term 6 – Long term | Aberdeenshire Council |
| 2 – Crossing Points and desire lines | 1 – Investigate options to aid pedestrians crossing at the Market Square end of Urquhart Road, between bus stops | 1 – Long term | Aberdeenshire Council |
| 3 – Footway Surfaces and obstructions | 1 – Install dropped kerbs crossing Mill Road at junction with South Road 2 – Install dropped kerbs crossing Wyverie Court at junction with Albert Road 3 – Install tactile paving crossing Distillery Road at junction with Albert Road 4 – Repair the carriageway on Distillery Road at junction with Albert Road 5 – Work to find a solution to trade bins blocking Kirk Street near South Road 6 – Repair footway surface at corner of Meldrum Motors and South Road, near barriers 7 – Repair footway surfaces on Urquhart Road 8 – Repair footway surfaces on Albert Road, between Urquhart Road and Wyverie Court 9 – Repair the footway surface in Market Square in front of Meldrum Motors opposite the car park | 1 – Medium term 2 – Medium term 3 – Medium term 4 – Medium term 5 – Quick win 6 – Quick win 7 – Quick win 8 – Quick win 9 – Quick win | Aberdeenshire Council |

| Area/Issue | Recommended Action | Level of Action Quick Win/ long Term | Responsibility/ Involvement |
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| 4 – Maintenance and enforcement | 1 – Look at introducing parking restriction in front of the house nearest the metal barriers opposite Mill Road 2 – Clear/unblock the drains at the recycling point in the Baker Street car park 3 – Enforce parking restrictions in the town, especially double yellow parking in the Market Square and pavement parking | 1 – Medium term 2 – Quick win 3 – Quick win | Aberdeenshire Council, Police Scotland |
| 5 – Traffic | 1 – Investigate making town centre 20mph speed limit | 1 – Long Term | Aberdeenshire Council |
| 6 – Aesthetics | 1 – Tidy the area around the Fisherman statue on South Road | 1 – Medium term | Aberdeenshire Council, community council and business owners |

Action Plan

| Action | Responsibility | Timescale |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| Install footway along Distillery Road | Aberdeenshire Council roads team, Distillery owners, Home owners | Awaiting funding source |
| Look at introducing parking restrictions on Cowgate and Lower Cowgate in the vicinity of West Bank House Care Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consult with Care home staff, management and visitors - Consult with home owners - Consult with community council | Aberdeenshire Council roads team. | Next financial year |
| Investigate options to aid pedestrians crossing at the Market Square end of Urquhart Road, between bus stops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consult with local residents and community council | Aberdeenshire Council roads team, local community council | This financial year |
| Install signs warning of pedestrians in the road, on Distillery Road | Aberdeenshire Council roads team | Next financial year |
| Investigate making Oldmeldrum town centre a 20mph speed limit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consult with local residents and community council - Consult with local business owners | Aberdeenshire Council roads team | Next financial year |
| Install dropped kerbs crossing Mill Road at junction with South Road | Aberdeenshire Council roads team. | Next financial year |

| Action | Responsibility | Timescale |
|--|---|---------------------|
| Install dropped kerbs crossing Wyverie Court at junction with Albert Road | Aberdeenshire Council roads team. | Next financial year |
| Install tactile paving crossing Distillery Road at junction with Albert Road | Aberdeenshire Council roads team. | Next financial year |
| Repair the carriageway on Distillery Road at junction with Albert Road | Aberdeenshire Council roads team. | Next financial year |
| Work to find a solution to trade bins blocking Kirk Street near South Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educate the refuse team and business owners on access issues for disabled pedestrians | Aberdeenshire Council roads team and refuse team, local business owners | This financial year |
| Repair footway surface at corner of Meldrum Motors and South Road, near Barriers | Aberdeenshire Council roads team. | Next financial year |
| Repair footway surfaces on Urquhart Road | Aberdeenshire Council roads team. | Next financial year |
| Repair footway surfaces on Albert Road, between Urquhart Road and Wyverie Court | Aberdeenshire Council roads team. | Next financial year |
| Repair the footway surface in Market Square in front of Meldrum Motors opposite the car park | Aberdeenshire Council roads team. | Next financial year |

| Action | Responsibility | Timescale |
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| Look at introducing parking restriction in front of the house nearest the metal barriers opposite Mill Road | Aberdeenshire Council roads team, homeowners | This financial year |
| Clear/unblock the drains at the recycling point in the Baker Street car park | Aberdeenshire Council roads team. | This financial year |
| Enforce parking restrictions in the town, especially double yellow parking in the Market Square and pavement parking | Aberdeenshire Council roads team. | This financial year |
| Tidy/upgrade the area around the Fisherman statue on South Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with local businesses and community council to clear area - Add signage to give information for visitors | Aberdeenshire Council roads team. | Next financial year |



Contacts

This report is being submitted to:

- Aberdeenshire Council Transport team
- Local Councillors and workshop participants

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Appendix

Workshop Feedback not included in audit

- **King Street between the Distillery and the Bypass**
This road is not adopted and has fallen into bad repair. There are no pavements on this road. Distillery lorries sometimes attempt to use it and this degrades the surface further.
- **Junction with Albert Road and Kirk Brae**
There is no crossing here but children cross this busy road to get to school.
- **Street light on Kirk Brae too dark**
Residents have complained that the new LED lights are too dark and they don't feel safe.
- **Lack of signage for visitors**
Auditors felt there was a lack of signage to local attractions for visitors.
- **Map of accessible routes**
As many of the streets have very narrow footways it would be useful to have a map of accessible routes around the town for people with mobility issues and sensory impairment.
- **South Road**
scope for Bus stop bay to be built as a traffic calming measure. Currently 20mph limit
- **Car Park off Baker Street**
Commuters use this free car park all day, blocking spaces for local short time users. Hopefully this will improve when the bus hub is built.

Community Street Audit Findings

| Map Ref | Location | Findings | Effect on walking | Heading |
|--|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|  | Outside Morris's Hotel to the Market Square | Tactile paving on one side, narrow footway, flush to carriageway on the corner on the other side. | Hard to see approaches from Morris's Hotel side. | Crossing points and desire lines |
|  | Rosebank up to the Square | Raised carriageway makes crossing road easy in wheelchair | Encourages walking to/from square | Footway surfaces and obstructions |
|  | Car Park on Market Square | Recently upgraded, good space but parking on DYL on access road. | Is a good space but new access footway in front of Meldrum Motors broken due to pavement parking. Cars leaving car park have had minor accidents with DYL parked cars. | Maintenance and enforcement |

| Map Ref | Location | Findings | Effect on walking | Heading |
|--|---|---|--|----------------------------------|
|  | Town Hall on the Market Square | Good space, recently upgraded. | Encourages pedestrians as a destination. | Aesthetics |
|  | Footway in front of Meldrum Motors | Pavement parking has broken the newly laid footway. | Maintenance of footway makes for a trip hazard for pedestrians | Maintenance and enforcement. |
|  | Crossing point from Market Square to Kirk Street. | Tactile paving is near drain cover, could be hazardous for wheelchair users as they may get stuck. Footway on far side is to a narrow footway at the corner of a building. This is a busy main road (A920) with corner and junctions. | Intimidating place to cross the road | Crossing points and desire lines |

| Map Ref | Location | Findings | Effect on walking | Heading |
|--|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
|  | Entrance to Kirk St from South Rd near Sqaire | Narrow footways and double level footway/carriageway | Difficult to access Kirk Street in wheelchair or mobility scooter | Footway surfaces and obstructions |
|  | Entrance to Kirk Street from South Road at the Square | Bins obstruct footway access | Difficult to access for wheelchair and pushchair users. | Footway surfaces and obstructions |
|  | South Road heading away from the Square. | Narrow footway at corner with barrier/railing. Badly maintained footway | Difficult to access in wheelchair or with buggy | Footway surfaces and obstructions |

| Map Ref | Location | Findings | Effect on walking | Heading |
|---|---|--|--|--|
|  | <p>South Road heading away from the Square.</p> | <p>Narrow footway at corner with barrier/railing. Badly maintained footway</p> | <p>Difficult to access in wheelchair or with buggy</p> | <p>Footway surfaces and obstructions</p> |
|  | <p>Entrance to Kirk Street opposite Mill Road</p> | <p>There are railings at the exit to South Road, these are often blocked by parked vehicles, making wheelchair/pushchair access difficult or impossible. The Footway at the corner of the House is reduced in width making wheelchair access impossible.</p> | <p>It is difficult to access South Road from the square on either side. One side the footway is too narrow to pass in wheelchair. The other side is narrowed and only passable in some wheelchairs/scooters. Access via Kirk street is often obstructed either by bins at one end or vehicles in front of the barriers at the other.</p> | <p>Footway surfaces and obstructions</p> |
|  | <p>South Road, fisherman statue</p> | <p>Statue is a tourist destination</p> | <p>Not placed in an accessible place and not very appealing surroundings – car park for restaurant on corner.</p> | <p>Aesthetics</p> |

| Map Ref | Location | Findings | Effect on walking | Heading |
|--|------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
|  | Mill Road junction with South Road | No dropped kerb on one side of the road. | Wheelchair users would have difficulty accessing South Road. | Crossing points and desire lines |
|  | South Road, past Mill Rod | Traffic calming parking spaces on South Road. | The traffic calming only works when there are actually cars parked along the side of South Road (A920). | Road layout and space allocation |
|  | Bus Stop on Urquhart Road | Good bus stop and transport links | Access to public transport, near the market square. | Facilities and signage |

| Map Ref | Location | Findings | Effect on walking | Heading |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
|  | Bus stop at Urquhart Road | Dropped kerb crossing to/from bus stop | Dropped kerbs on both sides. Busy road with no defined priority, difficult to cross. | Facilities and signage |
|  | Urquhart Road and King Road junction | Narrow footway on one side of Urquhart Road, wider on the other side. Crossing of Albert Road leads school pupils down to the narrow side of Urquhart Road. | Pedestrians either walk down narrow footway or cross main road. Wheelchair and pushchair users would have to cross to wide footway. | Road layout and space allocation |
|  | Urquhart Road | Poorly maintained footway surface | Maintenance of footway makes for a trip hazard for pedestrians | Maintenance and enforcement. |

| Map Ref | Location | Findings | Effect on walking | Heading |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|
|  | Public toilets on Urquhart Road | Bus stop outside toilets could obstruct the footway if people waiting for bus. | Good facility but entrance could be obstructed by people waiting for bus. | Facilities and signage |
|  | Urquhart Road | Poorly maintained footway on the road. | Makes it difficult for pedestrians with reduced mobility. | Maintenance and enforcement |
|  | Bike stand in Urquhart Road car park | Covered bike stand | Useful cycle storage to support local active travel by bike. | Facilities and signage |

| Map Ref | Location | Findings | Effect on walking | Heading |
|--|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|
|  | Urquhart Road car park | Disabled parking spaces | Good access to parking near the market square | Facilities and signage |
|  | Urquhart Road car park recycling facility | This whole area is flooded making it impossible to access on foot. | Difficult to access recycling | Footway surfaces and obstructions |
|  | Crossing Urquhart Road at the junction with Albert Road | There are 2 crossing points with dropped kerbs. This one is furthest away from Albert Road, with poor sightlines on to Albert Road | Pedestrians may cross here as they feel traffic would be slower, although poor junction visibility. | Crossing points and desire lines |

| Map Ref | Location | Findings | Effect on walking | Heading |
|--|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|
|  | Crossing Urquhart Road at the junction with Albert Road | There are 2 crossing points with dropped kerbs. This one is nearest to Albert Road, with better sightlines on to Albert Road | Pedestrians may cross here as there is good sightlines down Albert Road, but traffic may be faster at this point. | Crossing points and desire lines |
|  | Pedestrian crossing on Albert Road | This is a good crossing, although less mobile pedestrians may struggle to cross within given time. | Crossing takes pedestrians on to Urquhart Road on to the side with narrow footway. | Crossing points and desire lines |
|  | Albert Road between Urquhart Road and Wyverie Court | Poorly maintained footway | May cause trip hazard for less mobile pedestrians | Footway surfaces and obstructions |

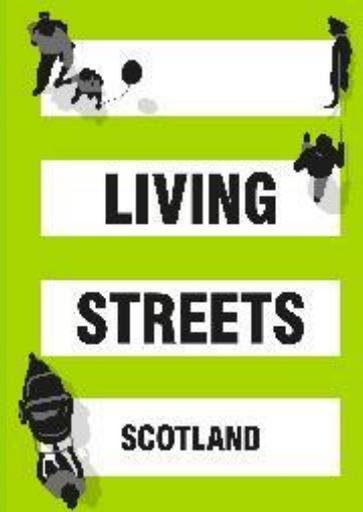
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|  | Crossing Wyverie Court | No dropped kerbs at junction, Wyverie Court has sheltered housing at on end. | Lack of dropped kerb may cause access issues for less mobile residents of the sheltered housing. Pedestrians have to use dropped kerbs for driveways | Crossing points and desire lines |
|  | Albert Road, past Wyverie Court | Poorly maintained footway | May cause trip hazard for less mobile pedestrians | Footway surfaces and obstructions |
|  | Distillery Road crossing | Dropped kerbs but no tactile paving. Poorly maintained carriageway | Difficult for visually impaired to cross | Footway surfaces and obstructions |

| Map Ref | Location | Findings | Effect on walking | Heading |
|--|--------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
|  | Distillery Road crossing | Dropped kerbs but no tactile paving. Poorly maintained carriageway | Difficult for visually impaired to cross | Footway surfaces and obstructions |
|  | Distillery Road | Poorly maintained carriageway | Difficult for pedestrians crossing | Maintenance and enforcement |
|  | Distillery Road | Footway stops halfway down | Pedestrians forced either on to carriageway or to cross to other footway | Footway surfaces and obstructions |

| Map Ref | Location | Findings | Effect on walking | Heading |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
|  | Distillery Road | Car parked on footway | Pedestrians forced on to the carriageway | Maintenance and enforcement |
|  | Distillery Road | Car park for distillery visitors | Parking allows access for disabled visitors | Facilities and en |
|  | Distillery Road | Lack of footway for pedestrians | Pedestrians are forced to walk on the road, this is a busy road in the tourist season | Road layout and space allocation |

| Map Ref | Location | Findings | Effect on walking | Heading |
|--|----------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|
|  | Care Home on Cowgate | Lack of parking for staff and visitors to the care home. They park on the surrounding streets | Parking obstructs pedestrians and cars. By narrowing the road | Road layout and space allocation |
|  | Cowgate | Narrow footway towards the top of the road | Narrow footway and parked cars may force pedestrians on to the carriageway. Wheelchairs and pushchairs have to go on the carriageway | Road layout and space allocation |
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| Map Ref | Location | Findings | Effect on walking | Heading |
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|  | Car Park on Commercial Road in front of the Legion | <p>This has 2 entrances/exits and raised footway/kerbs to define spaces. Nearby Cowgate junction and zebra crossing.</p> <p>The car park exit on to Commercial Road is set back from the corner of the building, making it difficult for motorists to see oncoming traffic and people crossing on the zebra. Pedestrians on the zebra crossing will not see cars emerging from the car park.</p> | Difficult to know which is the route a pedestrian should safely take to cross to zebra crossing or to cross Commercial St. Pavements are routinely ignored and pedestrians cross on the carriageway at the junction at the top of Cowgate. | Crossing points and desire lines. |
|  | Zebra crossing on Market Square | The Zebra crossing is very close to car park exit, with poor sight lines. | Pedestrians often ignore the zebra crossing and cross at the top of the Cowgate or further up towards the Urquhart Road junction. | Crossing points and desire lines. |



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