

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Local Partnership - The Villages

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 04 February 2021	18:00	Remotely by MS teams,

Councillor Natalie Don
Chair

Membership

John Anderson (Howwood Sports and Hobbies): Anne-Marie Balfour (Elderslie Community Council): Councillor Derek Bibby: Councillor Bill Binks: Councillor Jacqueline Cameron: Sandy Clark (Bridge of Weir Community Council): Brenda Whitelaw (Howwood Community Council): Councillor Andy Doig: Councillor Audrey Doig: Councillor Alison Jean Dowling: Margaret Dundas (Brookfield Community Council): James Fletcher (Brookfield Bowling Club): representative (Lochwinnoch Community Council): Meg Gilzean (Bridge of Weir Tenants and Residents Association): Councillor John Hood: Councillor Scott Kerr: Councillor Alistair Mackay: Councillor Colin McCulloch: Nigel Hobbs (Houston Community Council): Stirling McGee (Renfrewshire Youth Voice): Councillor James MacLaren: Rev. Gary Noonan (Houston and Killellan Kirk): Linda O'Malley (Rays of Hope): Councillor Emma Rodden: Councillor James Sheridan: Councillor Andy Steel: Fiona Stewart (Kilbarchan Community Council): Neil Thomson (Brighter Bridge of Weir):

Councillor Natalie Don (Chair): David Blair (Renfrewshire District Scouts) (Vice-chair)

Recording of Meeting

<https://youtu.be/6EXk7Kie5Rg>

Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - The Villages

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 17 September 2020	18:00	Remotely by MS teams,

Present

Ross Anderson (Lochwinnoch Community Council); Anne-Marie Balfour (Elderslie Community Council); Councillor Derek Bibby; Councillor Bill Binks; David Blair (Renfrewshire District Scouts); Councillor Jacqueline Cameron; Sandy Clark (Bridge of Weir Community Council); Councillor Andy Doig; Councillor Audrey Doig; Councillor Natalie Don; Councillor Alison Jean Dowling; Margaret Dundas (Brookfield Community Council); Meg Gilzean (Bridge of Weir Tenants' and Residents' Association); Nigel Hobbs (Houston Community Council); Councillor John Hood; Councillor Alistair Mackay; Councillor James MacLaren; Councillor Colin McCulloch; Stirling McGee (Renfrewshire Youth Voice); Linda O'Malley (Rays of Hope); Councillor Emma Rodden; Councillor Andy Steel; and Brenda Whitelaw (Howwood Community Council).

Chair

Councillor Natalie Don, Chair, presided.

In Attendance

O Reid, Head of Communities and Public Protection (Lead Officer); S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager and C Tollan, Senior Policy & Development Officer (both Chief Executive's); and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer and T Slater, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

Community Planning Partners

A McNiven, Chief Executive (Engage Renfrewshire); Sergeant McGee (Police Scotland); and R Agnew (Renfrewshire Leisure Limited).

Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair intimated that this meeting of the Local Partnership would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on the Council's website.

Apologies

Heather Cunningham (Renfrewshire HSCP); James Fletcher (Brookfield Bowling Club); and Fiona Stewart (Kilbarchan Community Council).

Declarations of Interest

Linda O'Malley (Rays of Hope) declared an interest in item 2 – Applications for The Villages Local Partnership Funding in 2020/21 - FR1137 – as she was a member of the organisation and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

David Blair (Renfrewshire District Scouts) declared an interest in item 2 – Applications for The Villages Local Partnership Funding in 2020/21 - FR1110 – as he was a member of the organisation and FR1187 - as he was the Treasurer of the organization until the end of March 2020 and indicated that he would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

Anne-Marie Balfour (Elderslie Community Council) declared an interest in item 2 – Applications for The Villages Local Partnership Funding in 2020/21 - FR1193, FR1194, FR1196, FR1197, FR1198, FR1199 and FR1200– as she was a member of the organisation and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

1 Minute

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 13 November 2019.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 Applications for The Villages Local Partnership Funding 2020/21

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to applications for funding from The Villages Local Partnership in 2020/21.

The report intimated that applications for funding from the Local Partnership had been invited to reflect the Local Partnership's priorities of connectivity and transport; environment and parks; access to services, facilities and assets; and village identity and character. The available allocation for the Local Partnership was £51,191. The sum of £50 per community representative required to be ringfenced for potential claims for administrative expenses, which left a balance of £50,441 for allocation.

The report advised that the Youth Challenge Fund component of the Local Partnership's funding, now known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, was £23,609. This would be allocated by young people through a participatory budgeting process, which was currently underway.

The Chair proposed a method for considering the applications, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Chair's proposal be amended to award application FR1189 – 1st Elderslie Girls Brigade 70% of the amount requested.

Following consideration, the Local Partnership agreed that the undernoted applications be determined as follows:-

Applications with direct reference to The Villages local priorities

FR1057 – Greenside Carers - awarded £70
FR1070 – Calder Drama Club – awarded £490
FR1072 – Lochwinnoch Arts Festival – awarded £5,013.40
FR1095 – Renfrewshire Walking Network – awarded £350

Declaration of Interest

David Blair having declared an interest in application FR1110, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1110 – 1st Bridge of Weir Scout Group – awarded £5,699.40
FR1111 – The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion – awarded £420
FR1114 – Lochwinnoch Choral Society – awarded £1,158.50
FR1116 – Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP) – awarded £4,021.15
FR1122 – Friends of Howwood Park - £1,357.08
FR1126 – Home-start Renfrewshire & Inverclyde – awarded £337.92
FR1128 – Renfrewshire Christmas Toy Bank – awarded £850.50
FR1135 – The Kilbarchan Singers – awarded £1,053.50
FR1136 – Bridge of Weir Elderly Forum – awarded £700

Declaration of Interest

Linda O'Malley having declared an interest in application FR1137, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1137 – Rays of Hope – awarded £6,850
FR1160 – Houston Community Council – awarded £2,555
FR1172 – Renfrewshire Access Panel – awarded £1,567.52
FR1175 – Lamont Farm Project – awarded £2,800
FR1186 – Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group - £1,228.50

Declaration of Interest

David Blair having declared an interest in application FR1187, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1187 – Kilbarchan Improvement Projects – awarded £2,849
FR1189 - 1st Elderslie Girls Brigade – awarded £377.30

FR1190 – 1st Elderslie Girls Brigade – awarded £350

Declaration of Interest

Anne-Marie Balfour having declared an interest in applications FR1194 and FR1196, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1194 – Elderslie Community Council – awarded £770

FR1196 – Elderslie Community Council – awarded £490

FR1206 – Bridge of Weir Senior Citizens Association – awarded £1,050

FR1207 – Lochwinnoch SWI – awarded £210

FR1210 – Lochwinnoch Art Group – awarded £315

FR1212 – Shop Mobility Paisley & District – awarded £949.90

FR1216 – Johnstone Dementia Friendly Community Group – awarded £992.95

FR1217 – Lochwinnoch Christmas lights switch-on – awarded £1,750

Applications relevant to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

FR1163 – Lochwinnoch Primary School Parent Council – declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

Declaration of Interest

Anne-Marie Balfour having declared an interest in applications FR1193, FR1197, FR1198 and FR1200, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1193 – Elderslie Community Council - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

FR1197 – Elderslie Community Council - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

FR1198 – Elderslie Community Council - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

FR1200 – Elderslie Community Council - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

Applications with partial or no reference to The Villages local priorities

FR1043 – Eat Up – declined

FR1068 – Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation – declined

FR 1073 – Rainbow Turtle – declined

FR1074 – Ferguslie Cricket Club – declined

FR1089 – Paisley Sea Cadets – declined

FR1102 – Howwood Primary School – declined

FR1191 – Paisley YMCA – declined

Declaration of Interest

Anne-Marie Balfour having declared an interest in application FR1199, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1199 – Elderslie Community Council – withdrawn

FR1209 – Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club – declined

Applications where activity date has passed

FR1141 – PACE Theatre Limited – declined

Following discussion, it was proposed that officers investigate whether there was any flexibility that would allow groups awarded funding last year carrying forward unspent balances as a result of events not taking place as planned and who had not made application for funding this year as a result of holding a balance of funds; that officers investigate whether funding awarded for Christmas lights switch-on events this year, which did not take place as a result of restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic, could be rolled-over to next financial year and awarded to the relevant applicants for similar events in 2021; and that officers provide assistance to organisations in their attempts to source other funding and also those organisations who were referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

- (a) That it be agreed to award the grant applications as noted above;
- (b) That officers investigate whether there was any flexibility that would allow groups awarded funding last year carrying forward unspent balances as a result of events not taking place as planned and who had not made application for funding this year as a result of holding a balance of funds;
- (c) That officers investigate whether funding awarded for Christmas lights switch-on events this year, which did not take place as a result of restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic, could be rolled-over to next financial year and awarded to the relevant applicants for similar events in 2021; and
- (d) That officers provide assistance to organisations in their attempts to source other funding and also those organisations who were referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund.



To: The Villages Local Partnership

On: 4 February 2021

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
The Villages Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Villages Local Partnership provides funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding is allocated from the General Grant Fund and, through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund.
- 1.2 A table setting out the funds allocated by The Villages Local Partnership at its meeting on 17 September 2020 is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 1.3 Following the awards made in September 2020, requests to use the award for an alternative purpose from the original application were received. These are noted in the table below.

Reference	Community Group	Amount Awarded	Request For Variance
FR1186	Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group	£1,228.50	Requested to use award for rental for alternative forms of activity for group to stay in contact
FR1194	Elderslie Community Council	£1,000	Requested reallocation of £700 out of the £1,000 awarded for Elderslie Christmas Light Switch On and Fair. The purpose was to create an alternative Christmas event (creation of a sleigh and purchase of bells for children to ring).

- 1.4 The outcome of the Celebrating Renfrewshire exercise for The Villages Local Partnership is also attached. The purpose of the Youth Challenge Fund is to fund projects to benefit young people aged 12-25. The Youth Challenge Fund was renamed as “Celebrating Renfrewshire: By young people, for young people” by the youth steering group, and has a value of £23,609 in The Villages Local Partnership area.
- 1.5 The Celebrating Renfrewshire exercise was carried out in a virtual format in 2020, as a result of coronavirus pandemic.
- 1.6 The project was co-produced by young people, supported by Renfrewshire Youth Voice, Renfrewshire Council, Active Schools and Young Scot.
- 1.7 Voting took place between 12 October and 6 November 2020 with the award announcement taking place in an online event on Friday 13 November.
- 1.8 249 young people voted in The Villages area, casting three votes each for different projects, resulting in 747 votes in total. Five projects were funded to a total value of £9,386. Engagement is taking place with young people to allocate the remaining sum to relevant projects.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring report and allocation of Celebrating Renfrewshire funding be noted.

				Funds	
ORGANISATION	Grant Ref	Budget	Funds Applied For	Awarded	Over / Under Cttd
		£	£	£	£
<u>General Fund</u>					
<u>Budget 20-21</u>		£51,191.00			
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Expenses 15 Mmbers				£750.00	
Greensyde Carers	FR1057		£100	£70.00	
Calder Drama Club	FR1070		£700	£490.00	
Lochwinnoch Arts Festival	FR1072		£7,162	£5,013.40	
Renfrewshire Walking Network	FR1095		£500	£350.00	

1st Bridge of Weir Scout Group	FR1110		£8,142	£5,699.40	
Boys Brigade, Paisley and District	FR1111		£600	£420.00	
Lochwinnoch Choral Society	FR1114		£1,655	£1,158.50	
Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP)	FR1116		£5,744.50	£4,021.15	
Friends of Howwood Park	FR1122		£1,938.69	£1,357.08	
Home-start Renfrewshire & Inverclyde	FR1126		£482.75	£337.92	
Renfrewshire Christmas Toy Bank	FR1128		£1,215	£850.50	
The Kilbarchan Singers	FR1135		£1,505	£1,053.50	
Bridge of Weir Elderly Forum	FR1136		£1,000	£700.00	
Rays of Hope	FR1137		£9,400	£6,580.00	
Houston Community Council	FR1160		£3,650	£2,555.00	
Renfrewshire Access Panel	FR1172		£2,239.32	£1,567.52	
Lamont Farm Project	FR1175		£4,000	£2,800.00	
Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group	FR1186		£1,755	£1,228.50	
Kilbarchan Improvement Projects	FR1187		£4,070	£2,849.00	
1st Elderslie Girls Brigade	FR1190		£500	£350.00	
Elderslie Community Council	FR1194		£1,100	£770.00	
Elderslie Community Council	FR1196		£700	£490.00	
Bridge of Weir Senior Citizens Association	FR1206		£1,500	£1,050.00	
Lochwinnoch SWI	FR1207		£300	£210.00	
Lochwinnoch Art Group	FR1210		£450	£315.00	
Shop Mobility Paisley & District	FR1212		£1,357	£949.90	
Johnstone Dementia Friendly Community Group	FR1216		£1,418.50	£992.95	
Lochwinnoch Christmas lights switch on	FR1217		£2,500	£1,750.00	
1st Elderslie Girls Brigade	FR1189		£539	£377.30	
Lochwinnoch PS Parent Council	FR1163	Refer to Villages/Greenspaces	£9,932		
Elderslie Community Council	FR1193	Refer to Villages/Greenspaces	£1,400		
Elderslie Community Council	FR1197	Refer to Villages/Greenspaces	£6,756		

Elderslie Community Council	FR1198	Refer to Villages /Greenspaces	£1,145		
Elderslie Community Council	FR1200	Refer to Villages /Greenspaces	£235		
TOTAL		£51,191.00	£85,691.76	£47,106.62	£4,084.38
				Funds	
ORGANISATION	Grant Ref	Budget	Funds Applied For	Awarded	Over/Under
		£	£	£	£
<u>Celebrating Renfrewshire Budget 20-21</u>		£23,609.00			
Johnstone Burgh football Team Friends of Howwood Park	CE1007			£2,000.00	
Gryffe High School Finding Your Angel	CE1020			£1,500.00	
Lamont Farm Project	CE1024			£2,000.00	
Renfrewshire Carers Young boys carer group	CE1041			£1,886.00	
1St Lochwinnoch Boys Brigade	CE1049			£2,000.00	
TOTAL		£23,609.00	£0.00	£9,386.00	£14,223.00



Celebrating Renfrewshire Participatory Budgeting Results October 2020



Introduction

Renfrewshire Council commissioned Young Scot to manage an online vote for a participatory budgeting exercise taking place in October 2020. This was branded as the 'Celebrating Renfrewshire' event.

Young Scot Supported the vote in two ways. Firstly, a campaign was created at the Young Scot website, young.scot. This campaign allowed young people to check out the projects before the vote went live and also allowed the projects themselves to check the information that they had supplied. After the vote is complete we will change the campaign page to reflect the winning projects.

Secondly, voting took place online using the Young Scot online voting platform. Young people were able to vote using a valid Young Scot card issued in Renfrewshire or by using one of 50,000 temporary numbers that were issued to Renfrewshire Council staff. The vote was open to all young people aged 12-25 in the area. We know that the vast majority of young people in the area have been issued with a Young Scot card. Renfrewshire Council staff handled the issuing of temporary numbers with a robust process to ensure that young people were not issued with more than one number.

Voting took place from Midday on 12th October 2020 until 17:00 on the 6th November 2020. This was during the global COVID-19 pandemic, which meant that all promotion of the vote was online rather than face to face

One vote was held with seven geographic areas as constituencies. Young people logged into the system using their Young Scot card number or a temporary number issued by Renfrewshire Council staff. Young people then had to choose one of the seven geographic constituencies based on the Local Partnership Boundaries within Renfrewshire. Each card number or temporary number allowed that young person to vote in any one, but only one constituency. Young people were then presented with between 5 and 24 projects to choose from. Voters had to use 3 equal votes, with only one vote being allocated to any one project. This gave a first past the post result.

Voting could be carried out using a computer, phone or other internet device. Renfrewshire Youth Services promoted the vote by visiting schools and youth groups around the area.

Voting summary:

1721 individual young people voted in total

5163 choices were made in total – (exactly 3 choices per person)

There were **43** spoiled votes*

Results

The results of the seven areas are as follows:

Paisley North, West and Central

421 valid votes, with **1263** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Requested	Rank	votes	Awarded
Pachedu	2,000	1	171	2000
Paisley YMCA	1,500	2	164	1500
Loud n Proud	2,000	3	163	2000
Twist and Hit Cheerleaders	1,686	4	110	1685.82
Own Yer Bike	1,982	5	80	1982.28
Darkwood Crew - Helping Ferguslie FlourishVillage Green Mural Projec	2,000	6	64	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2,000	7	62	2000
Cameron Dance Group	1,000	8	54	1000
Pals of the privies (SCIO)	2,000	9	48	2000
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1,886	10	46	1886
I Am Me Scotland	2,000	11	40	2000
Right2dance	1,980	12	39	1078.9
Blue Triangle Housing Association Covid 19 and Mental Health	384	13	31	0
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2,000	14	30	0
Kelburne Hockey Club	1,500	15	27	0
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	16	24	0
Paisley Barbell	2,000	17	22	0
CREATE Paisley	1,905	18	17	0
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	18	17	0
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2,000	20	16	0
CREATE Paisley The Event Team-	2,000	21	11	0
Renfrew Rocks	2,000	22	10	0
CREATE Paisley	2,000	23	9	0
Afroscots United Fc	2,000	24	8	0
Totals	43,823		1,263	21,133

341 valid votes, with **1023** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Renfrew YMCA SCIO	1800	1	199	1800
St Mirren Youth Football Club	2000	2	134	2000
Renfrew High Sports Leaders	2000	3	121	2000
Trinity High School	850	4	113	850
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	5	64	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	6	63	2000
Rainbow Turtle	750	7	49	750
Always included	2000	8	48	2000
Loud n Proud	2000	9	47	2000
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2000	10	46	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2000	11	42	1371
I Am Me Scotland	2000	12	38	0
Renfrew Rocks	2000	13	34	0
Afroscots United Fc	2000	14	25	0
Totals	25286		1023	18657

Johnstone and Linwood

251 valid votes, with **753** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Pachedu	2000	1	127	2000
Paisley YMCA	1500	2	114	1500
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1886	3	79	1886
YOUTH INTERVENTIONS SC046578	2000	4	75	2000
Active Communities	2000	5	65	2000
Own Yer Bike	1982.28	6	50	1982.28
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2000	7	43	2000
Sandyflats tenants and residents association	2000	8	42	2000
Always included	2000	9	31	2000
Fordbank Scout Group	2000	10	29	2000
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2000	11	23	1164.36
Afroscots United Fc	2000	11	23	1164.36
CREATE Paisley Event Team-Amplified	2000	14	20	0
CREATE Paisley CREATE Mentoring	2000	15	11	0
Spoiled votes*			21	
totals	27368.28		753	21697

The villages

249 valid votes, with **747** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Gryffe High School	1500	1	230	1500
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	2	179	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	3	175	2000
Johnstone Burgh 2007's Football Team	2000	4	82	2000
1st Lochwinnoch Boy's Brigade	2000	5	81	2000
Totals	9386		747	9386

Paisley East

246 valid votes, with **738**
candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Loud n Proud	2,000	1	125	2000
Paisley YMCA	1,500	2	123	1500
Pachedu	2,000	3	114	2000
St Andrews Academy	2,000	3	114	2000
Kelburne Hockey Club	1,500	5	67	1500
Paisley Barbell Powerlifting Club	2,000	6	52	2000
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	7	38	2000
Own Yer Bike	1,982	8	24	1982.28
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	8	24	2000
Who Cares? Scotland	1,736	10	23	1736
CREATE Paisley	2,000	11	16	2000
I Am Me Scotland	2,000	12	13	2000
Outspoken Arts Scotland Limited	2,000	13	5	1376.72
Totals	24,718		738	24,095

Gleniffer

146 valid votes, with **438** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Gleniffer High School	2,000	1	117	2000
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1,886	2	94	1886
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2,000	3	58	2000
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	4	47	2000
RAMH	2,000	5	45	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2,000	6	39	2000
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	7	38	2000
Totals	13,886		438	13886

Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank

67 valid votes, with **201** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Trinity High School (will be applying on behalf of the Sports Leaders group)	850	1	39	850
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	2	37	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	3	27	2000
Erskine Youth Council	1997	4	26	1997
Always included	2000	5	23	2000
St Mirren Youth Football Club	2000	7	14	2000
Renfrew Rocks	2000	8	13	2000
Spoiled votes*			22	
Totals	12733		201	12733

Conclusions

The celebrating Renfrewshire vote was a success with a total of 1721 voting young people. This represents a great achievement from young people and the staff of Renfrewshire, particularly during the time of the global COVID-19 pandemic and Young Scot hope to be able to support similar votes in the future.

*Votes spoiled due to project not meeting the requirements of the fund

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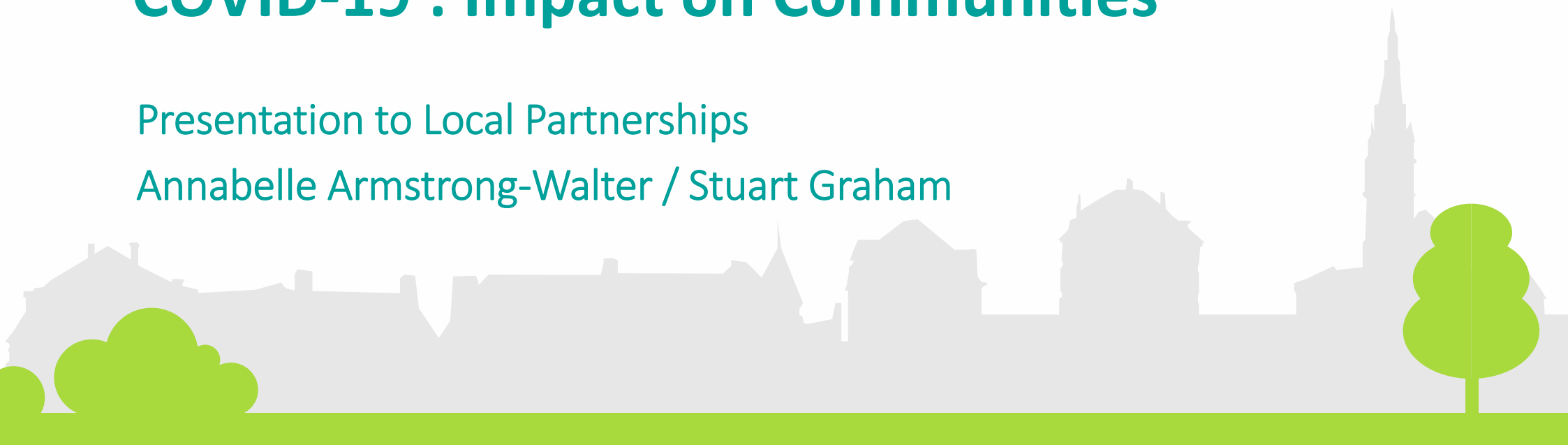
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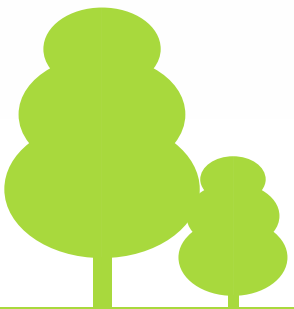
Presentation to Local Partnerships

Annabelle Armstrong-Walter / Stuart Graham



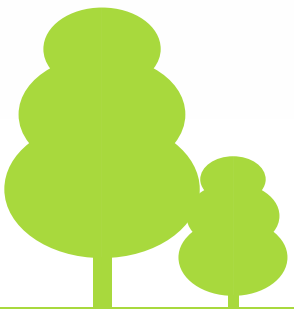
- COVID has disproportionately impacted people across Renfrewshire
- Evidence that pandemic has exacerbated existing inequalities
- Short vs medium to long term impact
- Ongoing restrictions continue to be felt – tension between response and recovery
- Community Impact Assessment launched in August 2020
- Aim to gain deeper understanding of key issues / impact

“listening and learning to inform response and to fundamentally address existing inequalities going forward”



In this presentation:

- Update Local Partnership members on Community Impact Assessment work done to date
- Share data from Public Services Panel relevant to this Local Partnership
- Discussion on Local Partnership members experience of how COVID has impacted their community



Data + research – key points

COVID cases

- 7,381 positive cases in Renfrewshire / 512 deaths to date

Employment / Support for businesses

- 80% increase in universal credit claimants between March and October
- At its peak in August 2020, 28,300 people were registered with the UK-wide furlough scheme – 8,800 people at the end of October 2020.
- Grant support in excess of £28.5m being paid out for more than 2,500 businesses



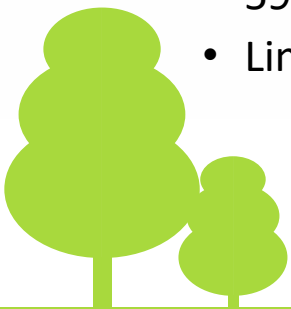
Data + research – key points

- Increase in crisis grants March – October – up 1,030 from same period last year to 6225.
- 4,000 contacts to Advice Works over same period (70% from recognised priority groups for child poverty)
- Increasing concerns re fuel poverty – community organisations increasingly focusing on distribution of fuel vouchers
- Renfrewshire Foodbank has provided food support to 3,148 adults and 1,200 children to date (broadly in line with previous years due to community food)
- Community food – hundreds of food parcels every week e.g. 350 visits to STAR food pantry in 2019/20 - 6,700 supports to date in 2020




Data + research – key points

- Neighbourhood Hubs – almost 700 referrals, 56 of which in the Villages LP area
- 1,250 digital devices/connectivity being distributed in Renfrewshire through the Connecting Scotland Programme through the hubs and partners
- Health and wellbeing
 - Ongoing impact on delivery of health and care services e.g. service waiting times
 - National surveys indicate 25-28% of people would not contact a GP at this time about a non-COVID related medical concern
 - In Scotland-wide Ipsos MORI surveys carried out between May and July 2020 between 53-59% felt lonely some/most/almost all or all of the time.
 - Link to alcohol and drug use





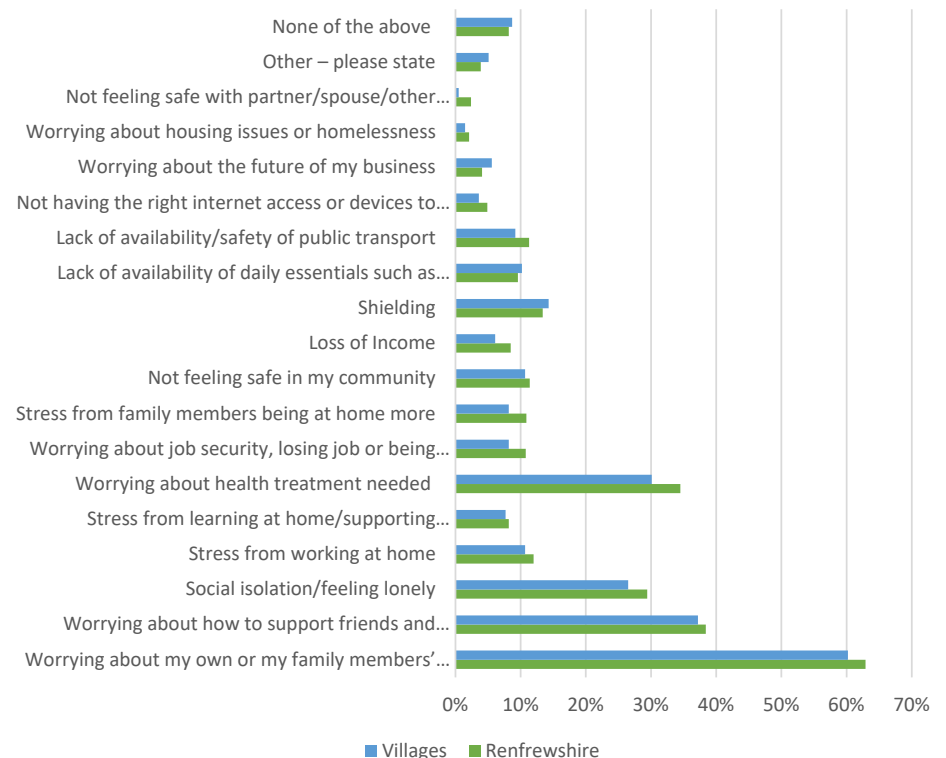
Public Services Panel

- Issued recently to 1,500 local people by post/email
 - Survey of behaviours / attitudes in light of COVID
 - Focus on : - financial and income worries, family issues, mental health and wellbeing, access to support, access to information, digital inclusion etc
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What has affected you most during the coronavirus pandemic?

People reported being most affected by:

- worrying about their own or their families future (63%)
- worrying about how to support family and friends who need help (38%)
- worrying about health treatment needed (35%)
- social isolation/feeling lonely (29%)



Which of the following things, are major worries for you ...

Major worries at the moment include:

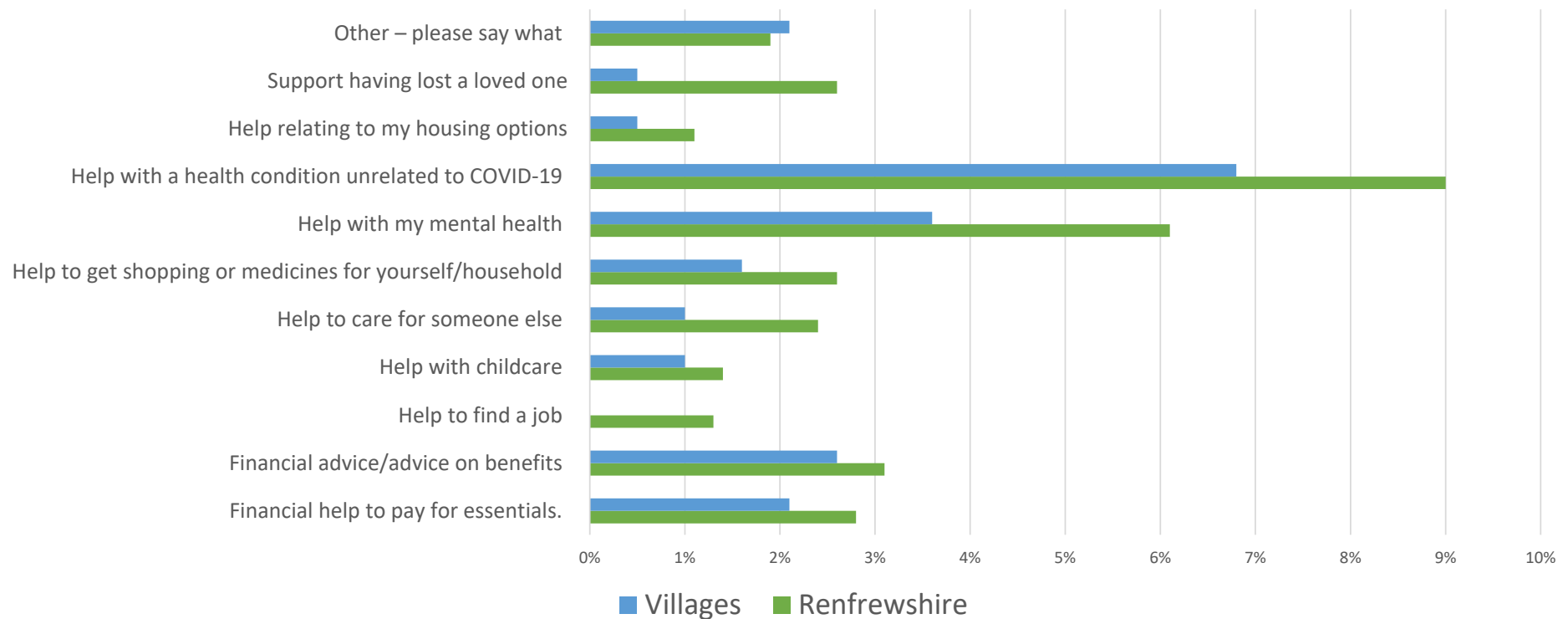
- friends or family becoming seriously ill with COVID (73%)
- becoming seriously ill themselves with COVID (49%)
- a family member or friends mental health (28%)
- their own mental health (22%)
- their financial situation/losing their job (11.2%)

How is your household managing financially?

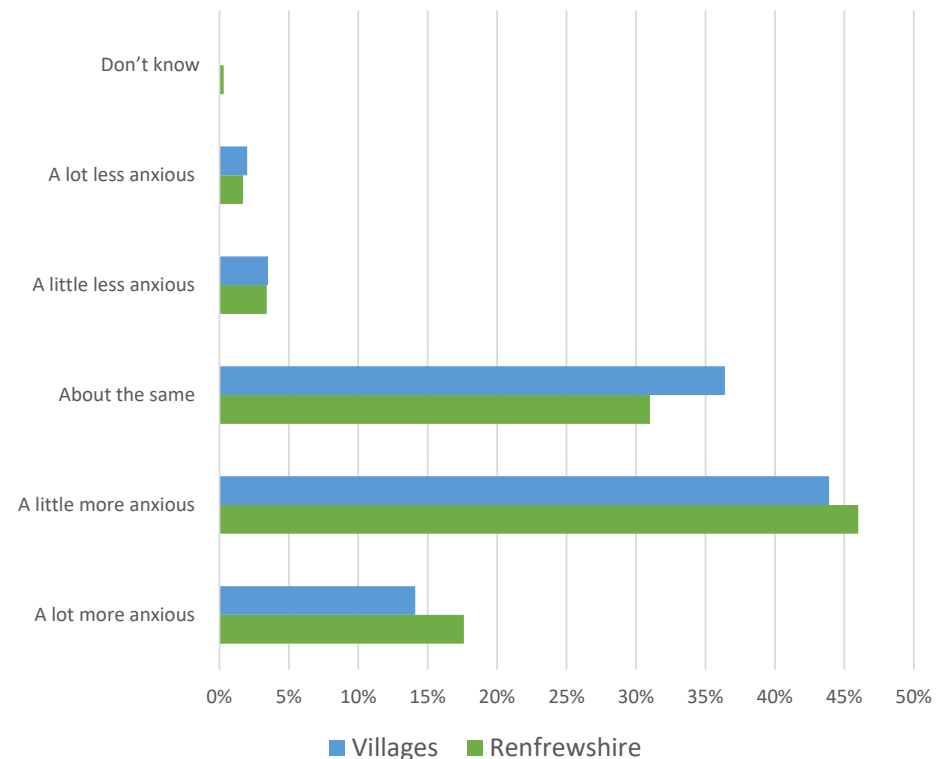
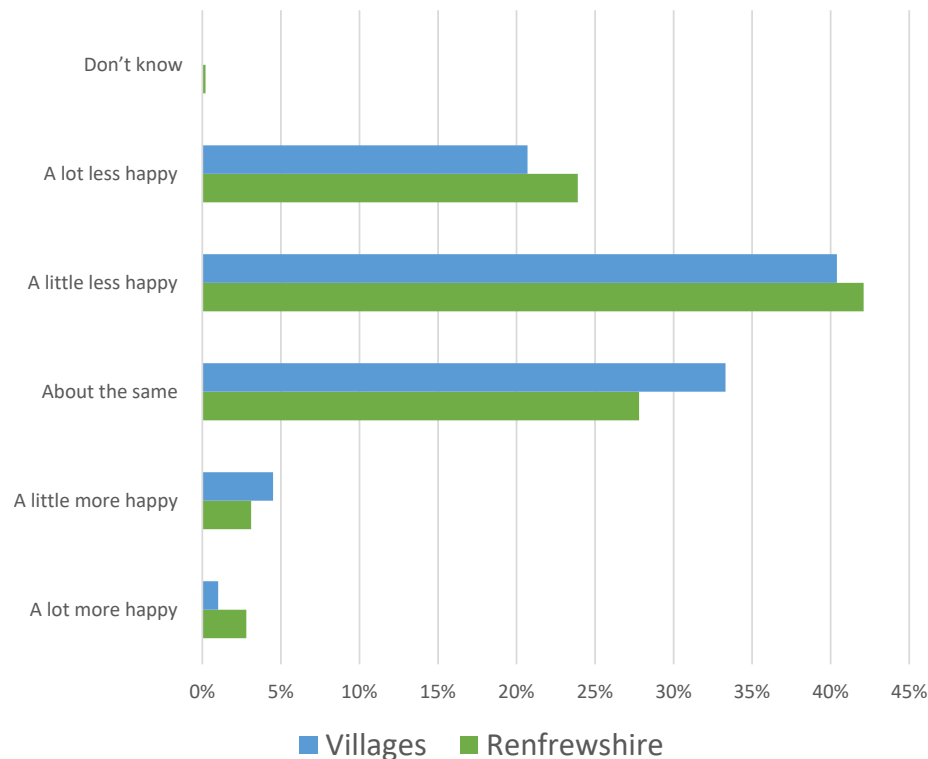
Q8a	Again, thinking back to the start of March this year, before the coronavirus lockdown, which of the following best describes how you and your household were managing financially?	
408 (47.6%)	Manage very well	
269 (31.4%)	Manage quite well	
150 (17.5%)	Get by alright	
9 (1.0%)	Don't manage very well	
18 (2.1%)	Have some financial difficulties	
4 (0.5%)	Experiencing serious financial difficulties	

Q8b	And thinking about now, which of the following best describes how you and your household are managing financially?	
353 (41.1%)	Manage very well	
256 (29.8%)	Manage quite well	
191 (22.3%)	Get by alright	
20 (2.3%)	Don't manage very well	
31 (3.6%)	Have some financial difficulties	
7 (0.8%)	Experiencing serious financial difficulties	

Is there help that you feel you currently need but you are not receiving?

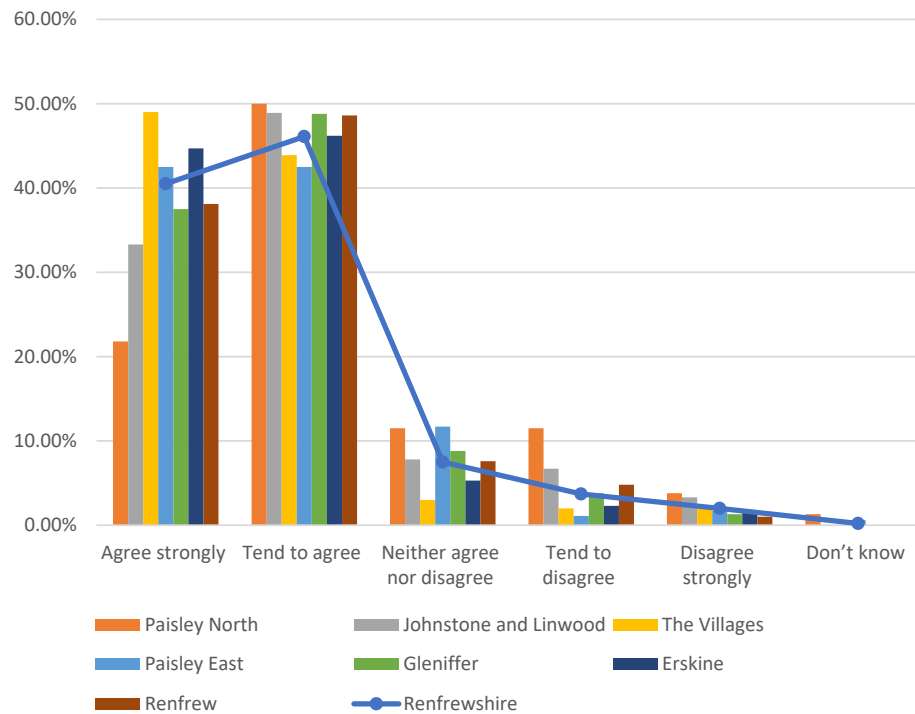


Compared with how you felt on a typical day before the start of March, would you say you felt....

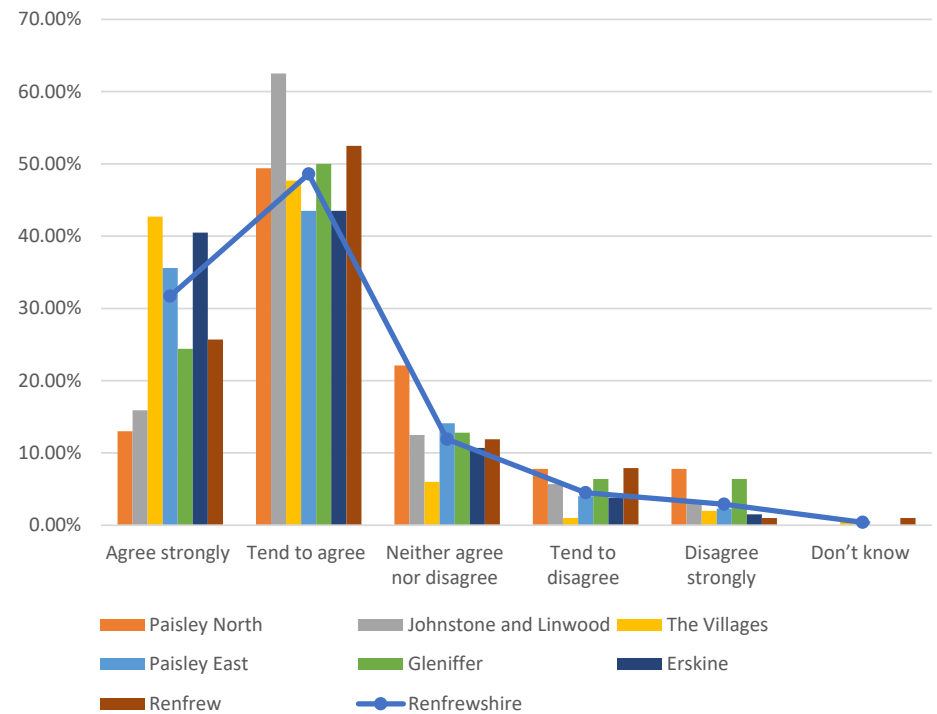


Public Services Panel responses

I am satisfied with my neighbourhood as a place to live

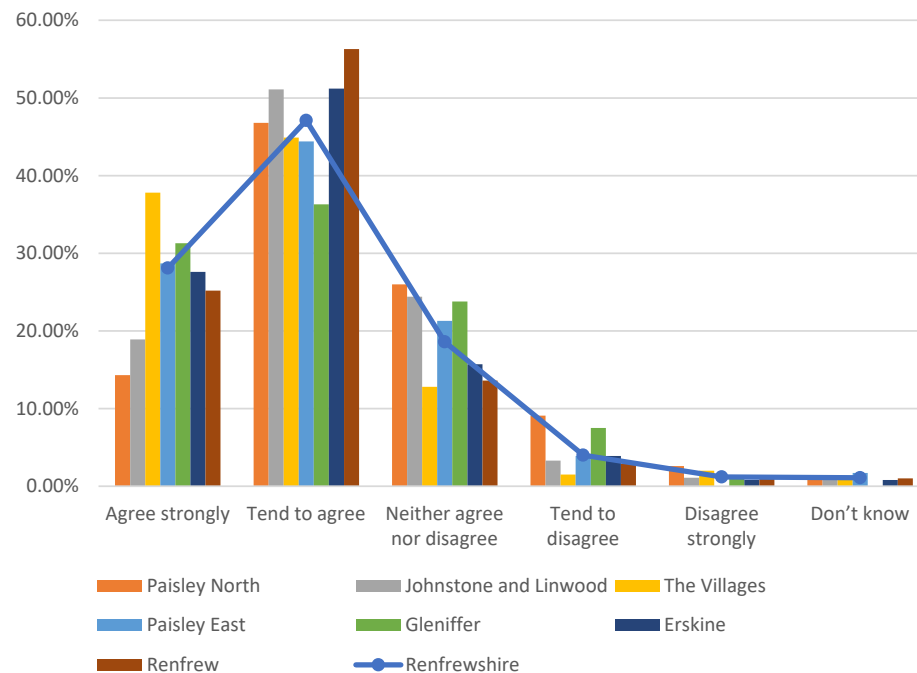


My local area is a safe place to live

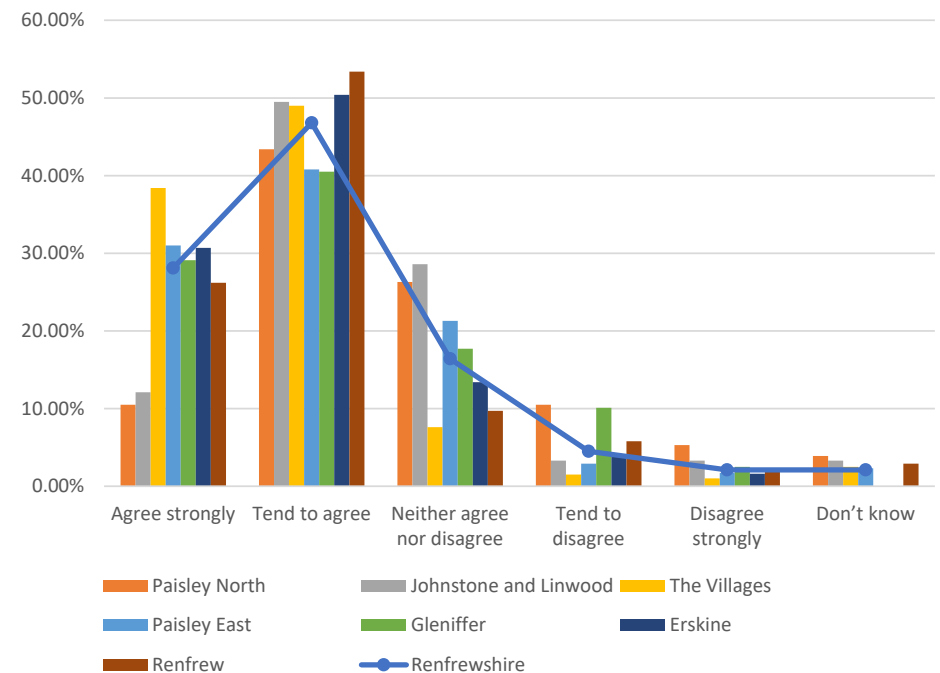


Public Services Panel responses

This is a neighbourhood where people are kind to each other

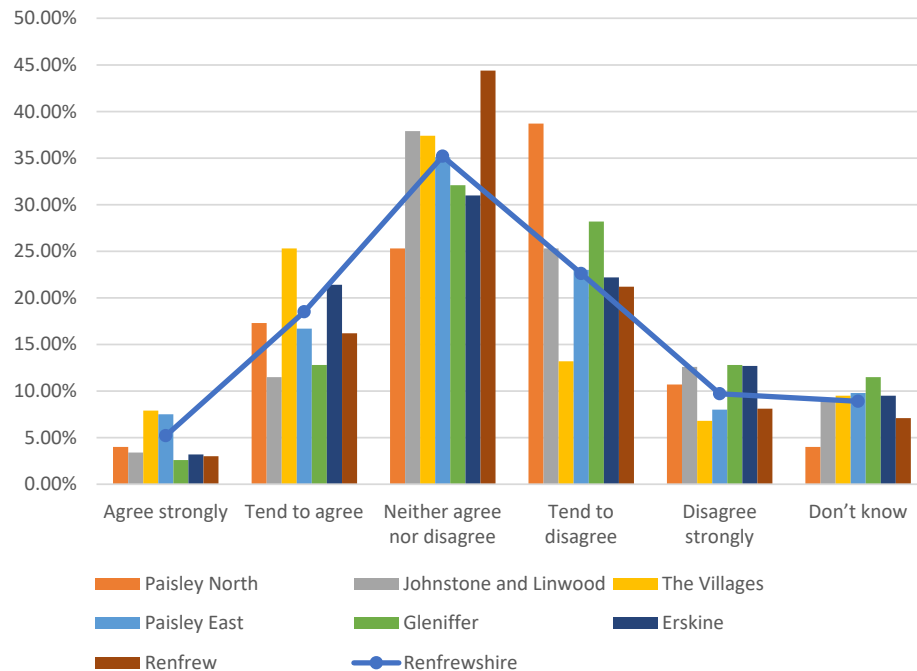


This is a neighbourhood where most people can be trusted

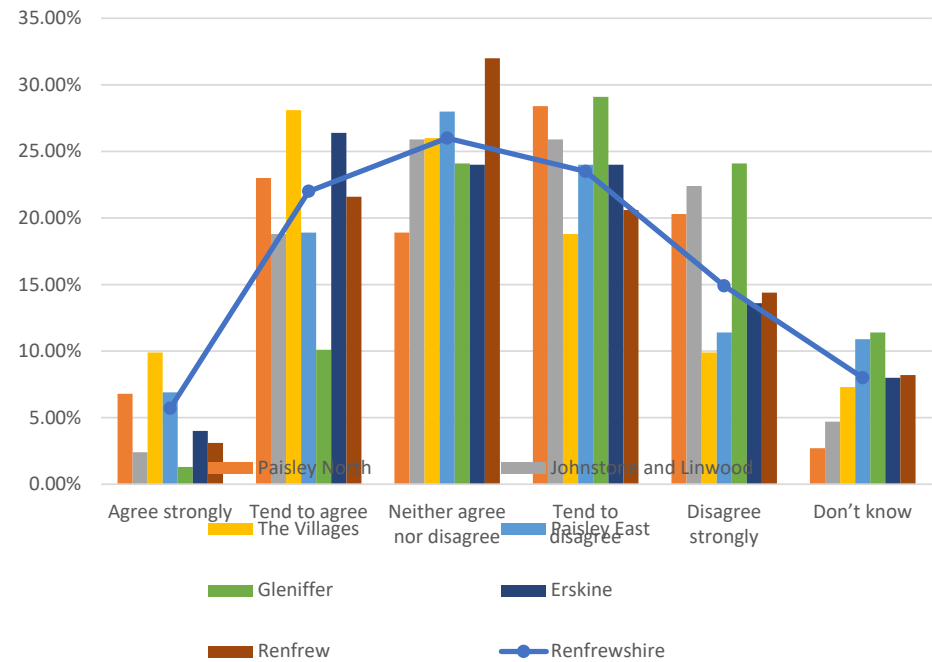


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There are welcoming places and opportunities to meet new people

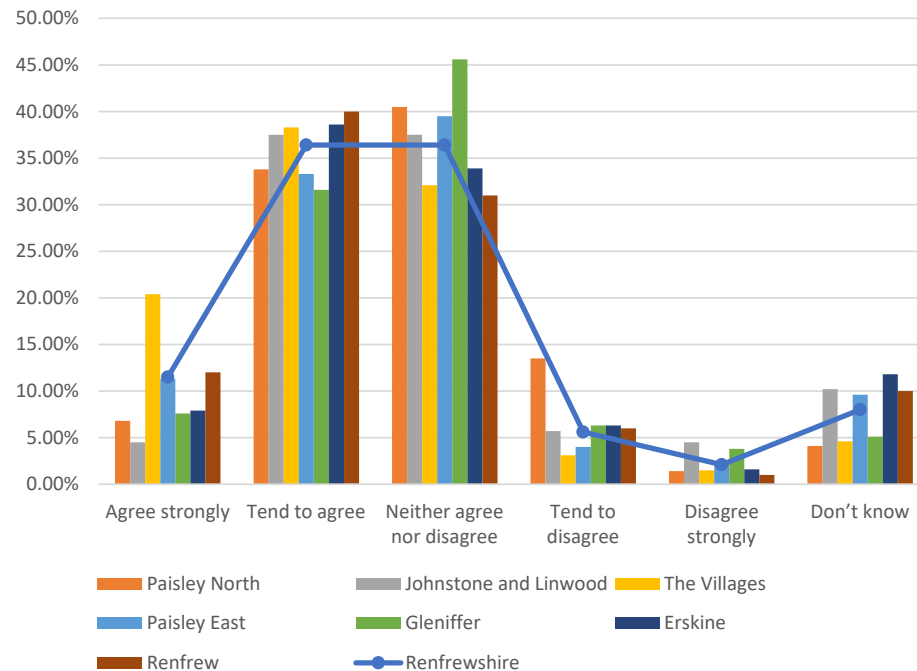


There are places where people can meet up and socialise

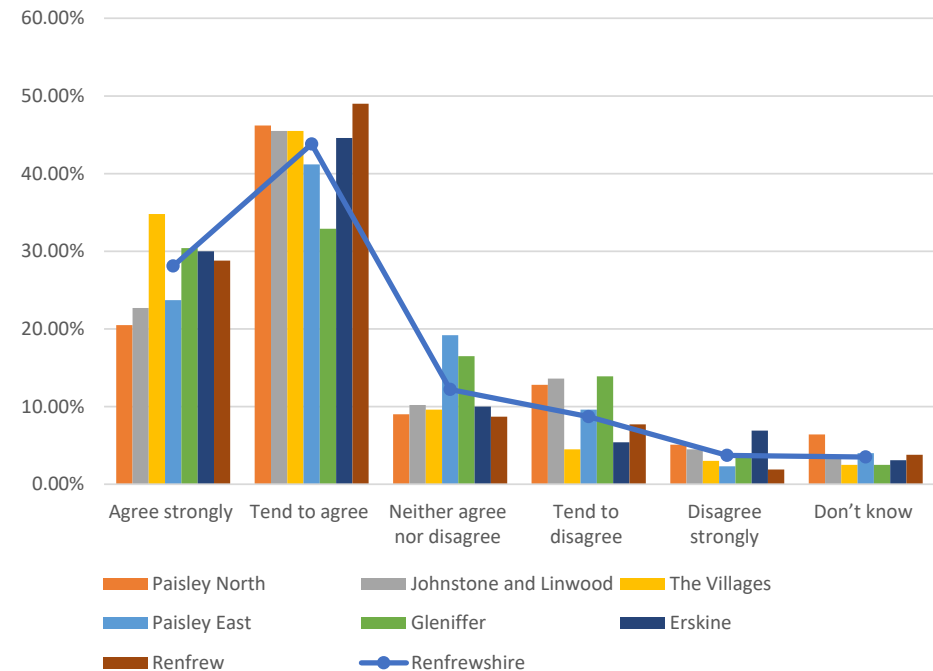


Public Services Panel responses

This is a neighbourhood where people from different backgrounds get on well together

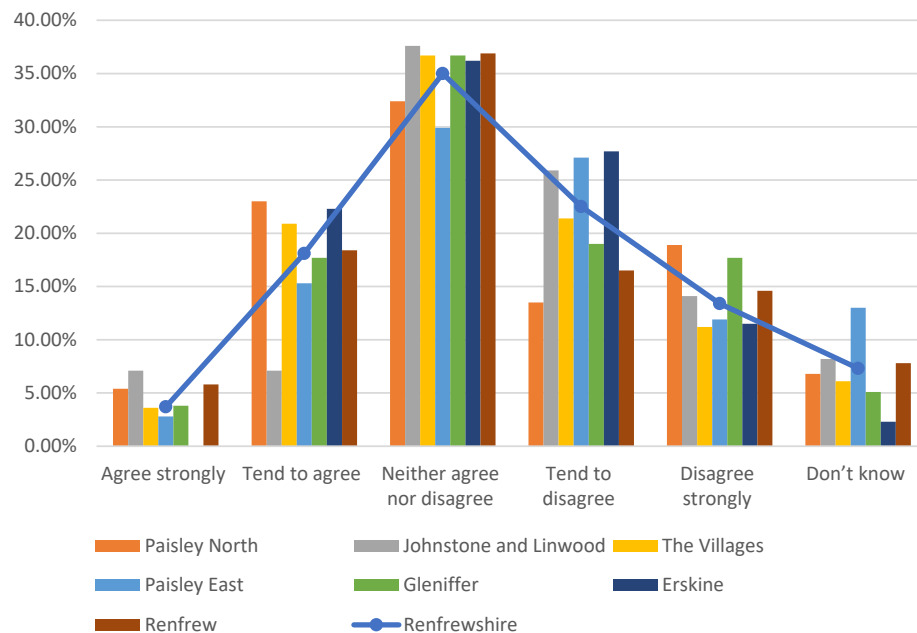


If I was alone and needed help, I could rely on someone in this neighbourhood to help me

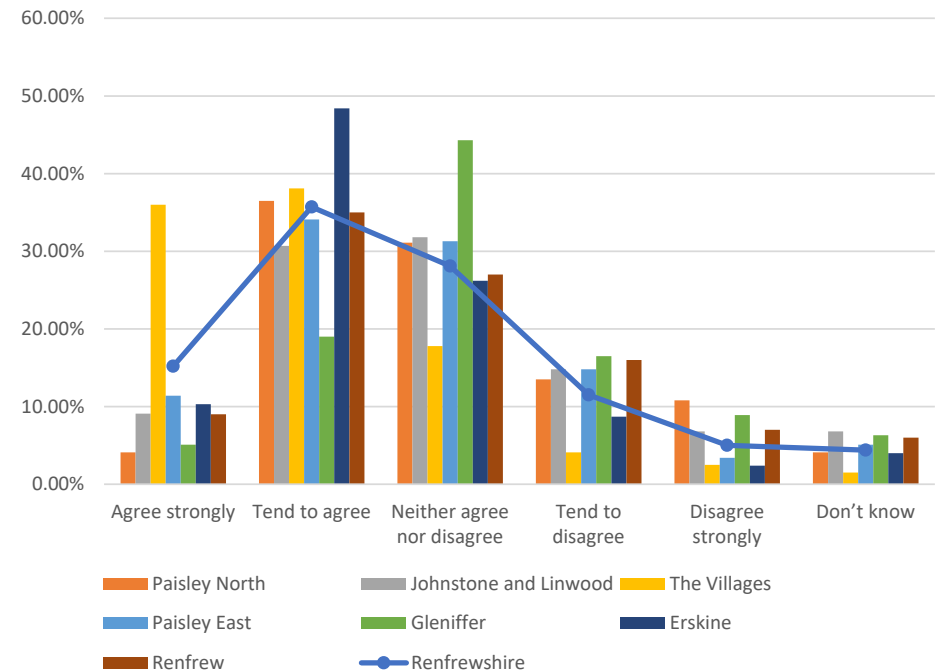


Public Services Panel responses

To what extent do you agree you can influence decisions about public services and other issues of public interest



This is a neighbourhood where local people take action to help improve the neighbourhood



An illustration featuring two stylized male figures on either side of a large white rectangular sign. The figure on the left is an older man with grey hair and a beard, wearing a dark blue jacket and a red scarf. The figure on the right is a younger man with dark hair, wearing an orange t-shirt and blue trousers. They are both holding the sign. The background consists of a light blue sky with stylized clouds and a green ground area.

Listening events

- Programme of Listening Events held over winter 2020/21, facilitated by Engage Renfrewshire
- Targeted engagement is being prioritised going forward, i.e. with Diversity and Equality Alliance Renfrewshire and local women's groups
- Discussions with Local Partnerships also important part of this!

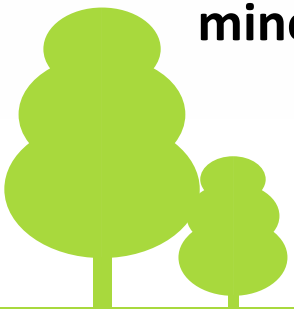
Listening events - key points to date

- The impact of the pandemic on people with **low incomes or who are in more insecure employment** is increasingly apparent to community groups and support organisations across Renfrewshire
- **Food insecurity and fuel poverty** are seen as being particular issues, with high ongoing demand for community based supports.
- Partners and Neighbourhood Hubs seeing increasing **complexity in needs** and demand – people with COVID / multiple needs / not always in contact with services or have any other support networks.



Listening events - key points to date

- **Digital exclusion** is a key issue – engagement indicates online provision had worked well in some instances, but that significant issues remained in terms of access and engagement through online means.
- There are particular concerns with the ongoing nature of restrictions and the health and wellbeing of local people, particularly in relation to **loneliness and isolation** and the impact that this can have on **mental health and wellbeing**. Young people were a particular area of concern.
- Engagement indicates that some specific groups are also experiencing potentially greater impact as a result of the pandemic, including those from **black and minority ethnic communities, women, and carers**.



An illustration featuring two men standing on a green field under a blue sky with stylized clouds. The man on the left is older, with grey hair and a beard, wearing a dark jacket and a red scarf. The man on the right is younger, with dark hair, wearing an orange t-shirt and blue jeans. They are both holding a large white rectangular sign that contains the title 'Discussion' and two bullet points. The sign is held up by a small red hand at the top right corner.

Discussion

- What have been the impacts of COVID-19 in your communities?
- Does this influence the Local Priorities previously identified by this Local Partnership?

