

What changes would you like to see by 2030?

SOCIAL

- Make more of our community hubs: Village Hall, Wolftrax Centre, Church; as community resilience hubs with some winter evening activities and events
- Use Hall for Warm Space project for people badly affected by energy and cost of living crisis.
- A thriving village hall more used by locals, with updated facilities and a wide variety of regular events and leisure activities for all ages, to promote community well-being (summer village fair?). Like all things in a small community, it depends on locals to run these events, which needs a push for more volunteer support
- Village Hall has many overnight(s) lets from walkers, cyclists, army etc - opportunities for meal provision?
- Sustainable public transport solution, to connect Laggan with other parts of the strath. Community bus/taxi?
- Insulation and energy efficiency programme/support for local housing
- Affordable housing project to be accelerated
- Promote food larder/food exchange to help those in need and reduce waste
- More seating along road from shop towards hall, to encourage people to stop and chat and meet people within their community (especially elderly). That empty length of road tends to isolate one end of the village from the other. Bench seats could be built into the bank/bolted down and have a story associated with each one.
- Reduce holiday home ownership - community is slowly dying
- Make Laggan a *Disabled-Friendly Community*
- Signs to Playpark from road end to encourage people to use it
- Climbing wall at Wolftrax
- Sustainable model to support elderly care at home
- A local cycling group or rambling group (similar to Kingussie cycling group)

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ENVIRONMENTAL

- Deliver on active travel cycling and walking paths throughout the community area, including connection to Newtonmore off-road
- Ensure future of public toilets by bringing up to proper standard, including update to waste treatment
- Programme of insulation and energy efficiency inspections undertaken in all tenanted properties and community owned properties to reduce energy use and costs
- Improve village appearance with suitable planting, benches and litter picks
- Better facilities for visitors in caravans/campers/tents etc. including toilet waste facilities, general waste/recycling
- Develop Hall as a community resilience hub to cater for the increasing likelihood of power outages. Will require investment in a stand-by generator and necessary electrical works to hall, as well as ongoing running and maintenance costs
- Clean up pond area and woods to make into a fantastic area for wildlife
- Community garden and growing area (polytunnel)
- Dark Sky project with better street lamps
- Clear tree branches from street lights and where pavements are restricted, moss from Gergask pavements
- Community renewable energy scheme (Speyside dam)
- Wind turbine/s for Laggan: money to go into a bespoke pot to help insulate homes and reduce cost of electricity for local households
- Reinstate/improve visible East Highland Way from Laggan to Newtonmore & Feagour/Pattack to Laggan
- Plan future of community forest areas (with support from Trees for Life?)
- EV fast charging points in village/at Wolftrax

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- Re-introduction of annual dredging the Spey to stop flooding
- Improved network of signposted paths to enable walkers to get away from the road & enjoy the amazing scenery Laggan has to offer
- Encourage local landowners to increase biodiversity. Might include: a) planting of mixed native woodland on land not actively used for farming; b) working with conservation bodies eg RSPB to consider reintroduction of red kites to the area. Establish a Red Kite centre eg Tollie nr Dingwall <https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/tollie-red-kites/>

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ECONOMIC

- Campervan/motorhome facility at Wolftrax with electric hook-ups (sustainable income source for charity)
- Replace dated brown signs – more welcoming for visitors
- LFT to start a wood fuel business for local residents
- Explore place for small business unit development to help with regular employment in area
- Business Development & Marketing project to promote Laggan
- A community shop for basics, linked with the food shed (suggested location Wolftrax). To serve the needs of visitors and community and remove any stigma for those using the food shed
- Could/Should all community owned facilities be developed, organised and managed "as one"? This could provide local employment for a number of trade specialists
- Expansion of mountain bike facilities at Wolftrax. Working with Forestry & Land Scotland to expand current offering or to look again at possibility of expansion to Blackwood area. Building on the success of the mountain bike centre would encourage more people to the area thus helping support local business, as well as potentially increasing local job opportunities

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KEY INFRASTRUCTURE /ISSUES

- Better waste disposal options for visitors to prevent rubbish being dumped on road side, public toilet getting blocked and residents' private bins being filled with camping equipment, food waste etc. Issue won't go away and getting worse, creating bad feeling between residents and tourists who have nowhere to dispose of their waste
- Secure the future of the public toilets - and be connected to "mains" waste treatment works
- Energy efficient public transport stopping in Laggan & Dalwhinnie, connecting to Fort William
- Active travel: implement good and **safe** paths for cycling and walking between the various sections of the Laggan community eg Laggan to Strathmashie, Laggan to Catlodge, Laggan to Balgowan
- Subject to demand have a regular minibus service to Newtonmore & beyond
- Improve safety of A86 and A889: put pressure on Bear Scotland to bring roads up to standard / calm traffic
- Push for reduction of speed limits in ALL residential areas of the local community to 30 mph if not 20 mph including Laggan, Catlodge, Strathmashie, where residents may be walking or entering / exiting driveways etc. Especially important in residential areas where there is an absence of pavements
- More affordable housing for young people and families. Encourage local land owners to consider selling land to young local residents, so locals who wish to stay in the area can afford to buy land to build on (conditions could be attached to ensure prices do not get inflated by land purchase outside of community eg for second homes)
- Increase resilience of services to stormy weather effects/disruption
- Replace 'Welcome to Laggan' road signs
- Review street-lighting with a view to upgrading
- Measures &/or new equipment provisions to increase security of essential services ie mains water, electrical power supply and broadband service