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# **Re-Create Scalloway**

Re-Create Scalloway is a community-led initiative to steer future growth and change in the village of Scalloway, through community ideas and input. The consultation began in 2018 and was led by the Scalloway Community Council, with support from officers of the Shetland Islands Council.

# What Has Happened So Far?

After various rounds of consultation with the community, a range of priority projects were identified, and a variety of other community issues were highlighted. Almost right away, action was taken to enable better access on Main Street for members of the community with mobility issues and pushchair users.

Next came some of the bigger aspirational projects. Scalloway Community Council, Scalloway Youth Centre and Malakoff Ltd were successful in securing funding from the Scottish Government's Town Centre Fund to carry out improvements that the public had asked for, including the top overall priority, to remove the old Youth Centre building. Also near completion is a heritage trail with information boards on Scalloway's historic buildings and amenities. The Waterfront car park has also been transformed, as asked for by the community, and also now provides better access to the Scalloway Youth and Community Centre.

## **Re-Create Projects Achieved**

- The demolition of the old youth centre
- Improved signage and way-finding
- Public realm & parking improvements



Waterfront Car Park Recreated



Old Youth Centre Removed



# What next?

In November 2020 Scalloway Community Development Company (SCDC) were secured a second round of Town Centre funding for projects from Re-Create Scalloway. Aiming for improvements to the Civic Centre, Berry Road bus stop, Fishermans Garden and external areas around Scalloway Village Hall. SCDC have secured planning permission for a potential camp site at Asta and have been successful in securing funding from the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund and the Crown Estate Fund which will go some way to helping fund the project.









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Another major priority arising from the consultation was redevelopment of the waterfront area and the need for better parking in and around Main Street. SCDC have secured funding from the Crown Estate Fund in order to undertake a feasibility study as to what could be developed along the waterfront.

The Re Create Scalloway Action plan was recently reviewed and of the top 18 priorities identified, 3 have been delivered on with a further 5 currently under way so things are looking good for Scalloway.

Copies of the Re Create Scalloway Documents can be found here https://www.shetland.gov.uk/downloads/ download/152/scalloway-pdf-documents

## Get Involved

Good progress has already been made towards delivering on the priorities in the action plan. There is still a lot of work to do including; paths around Scalloway, a safe crossing at the school, improvements at Fraser Park, developing a nature garden/growing space, promoting the use of appropriate housing sites, exploring the development of tourism and encouraging the development of industry.

## **Scalloway Community Development** Company

SCDC was formed to pursue projects in Scalloway. It recently became a charitable company limited by guarantee. It will play a key role in the delivery of the Vision and Action Plan. It currently has 5 directors; John Hunter, Davie Sandison, Mark Burgess, Andrew Blackadder and John Mackenzie and is actively looking for members.

If you are interested in joining SCDC or contributing in any way to the delivery of the priorities for Scalloway, please get in touch. Contact:

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## What Else Has Happened?

Many of the outcomes from Re-Create Scalloway are practical projects. The results from the consultation will feed into the planning process for future developments in the village area. This aspect is called a Place Plan. The Scalloway Local Place Plan was created from the Re-Create Scalloway consultation outcomes.

## What is a Local Place Plan?

Local Place Plans are a new way of involving communities in planning, giving folk the opportunity to identify priorities for development and use of land in the place they live. Scalloway Community Council has worked with Shetland Islands Council to prepare the Local Place Plan, one of only a handful produced in Scotland so far. Scalloway's Place Plan and the other Re-Create Scalloway evidence puts our community in a prime position to access funding and pursue developments that the community want. You can find the Scalloway Place Plan, as well as the Re-Create Scalloway Spatial Vision and Action Plan, online here: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/6a2652f 8e4424ad5a1e229e3b58e1110







