

### By Coal and by Sail “Carbone Carbasoque”



Buckhaven Links! charretteplus® is a series of community workshops where people can get together to discuss and share ideas for the future of Buckhaven. It is a collaborative project

by CLEAR Buckhaven, Fife Council and PAS. It aims to gather the views of the public to share ideas, set priorities and create a shared vision for the shore and town centre. This will lead to a Masterplan and Community Action Plan for the future of Buckhaven’s Foreshore and town centre.

#### Pre-event Activities

Discussions have already taken place with local charities and groups, businesses, churches, CLEAR and the council. A community survey was also carried out with over 100 respondents. Workshops were held with Buckhaven Primary, Denbeath Primary and Hyndhead School. The results of these workshops, including the primary school pupils’ proposals, were on display at our first open day and evening workshop yesterday. You can see them again over the next dates!

#### Issues Raised in Pre-Event Activities

**Town Centre:** A sense of the town centre not being well defined, tired and quiet. A need for more shops. A desire for a central civic space which is a thriving commercial hub with quality public art.

**Foreshore:** A desire to restore the beach, make the best of the Braes, enable more connections to the sea, increase amenities and take advantage of the excellent views over the Forth.

**Connections:** A need to improve links between the foreshore and the town. An upgrade to Erskine Street steps, a better established path along the front and linking into the path to Wemyss would be welcomed. Another suggestion was proper steps rather than just a path at the Braes.

#### Opening Day

During the day pupils from Denbeath and Buckhaven Primary schools came in to see their work presented on specially-designed display boards, and to add

more thoughts about the future of their town. A steady stream of local folks dropped by to give their opinions. In the evening a workshop explored ways of assessing the general character of the town.

There was discussion about Buckhaven being, on the one hand, out on a limb - but also in the heart of a great deal of activity and potential transport connectivity. It’s in the middle of a wider stretch of urbanised coastal communities (Levenmouth) but punching below its weight. And it has a strong local identity that has been somewhat lost by being swallowed up into the wider Levenmouth area.

There was a sense that taking more ownership and control could happen by connecting local greenspaces. Helping diversify the number of small businesses is important for future economic sustainability. And in terms of facilities there are currently good opportunities for community interaction, but less so for one-on-one connections - possibly suggesting a need for more cafes / meeting areas.



#### Come and see us:

**Date:** Drop-in-and-chat, Buckhaven Community Centre, **Weds 15<sup>th</sup> March 2-8pm.**  
Workshop about Buckhaven Foreshore, **6.30-8pm.**

**Date:** Drop-in-and-chat, Buckhaven Community Centre, **Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2-8pm.**  
Workshop about Buckhaven Town Centre, Community Centre, **6.30-8pm.**

**Date:** Exhibition as part of CLEAR’s Spring Fling, Buckhaven Community Centre, **Sat 25 March 10-1pm.**

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