



Responding to community needs

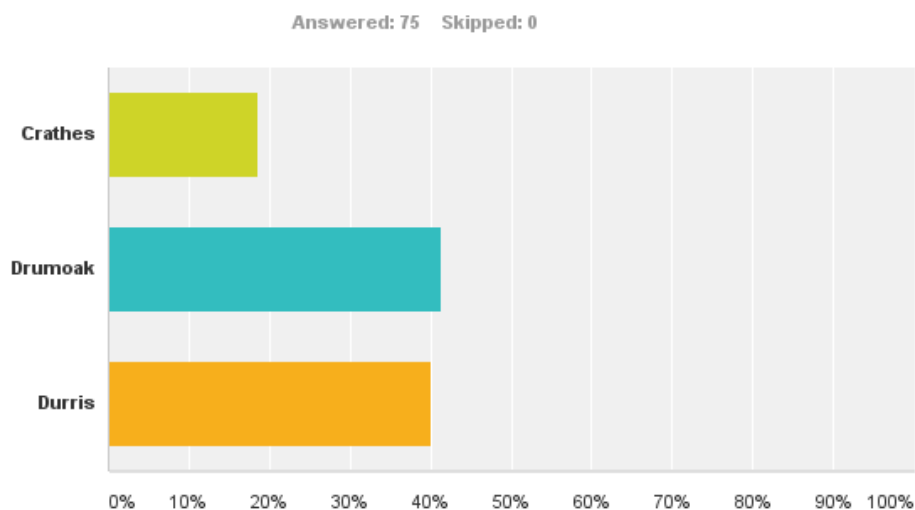
CRATHES, DRUMAOK & DURRIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL - ROAD SAFETY SURVEY RESULTS

75 responses in total.

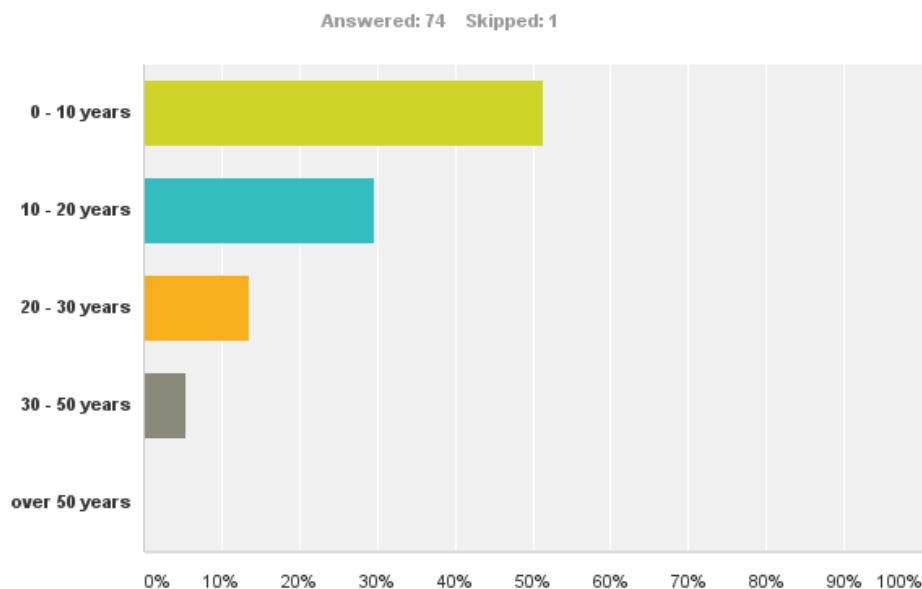
Q1. Post Codes of Individuals Who Took Part in the Survey

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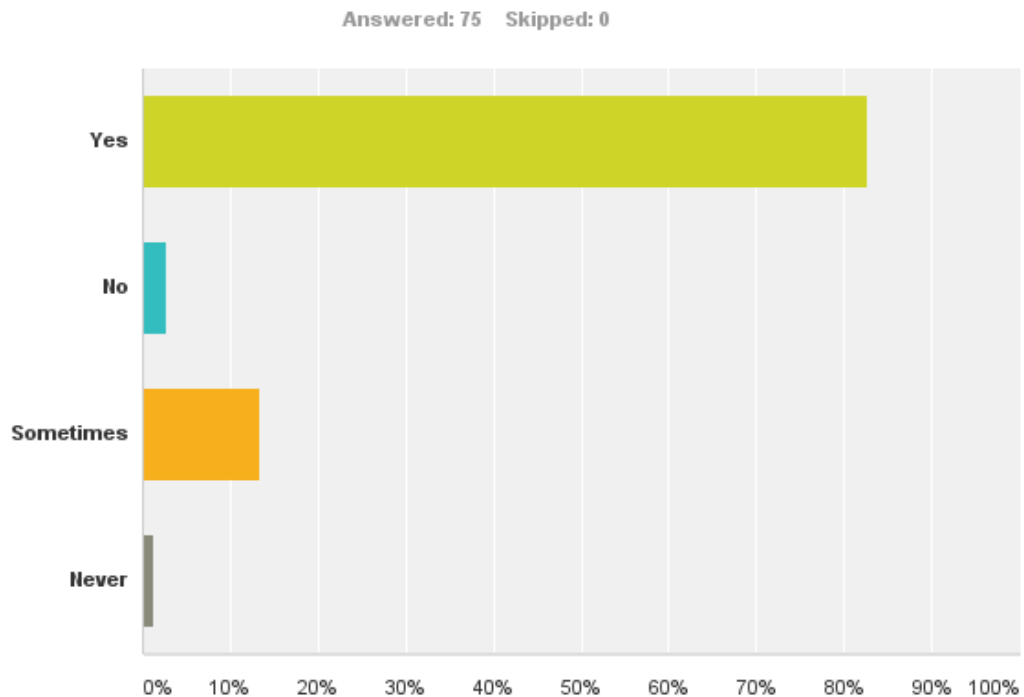
Q2. Areas Lived In



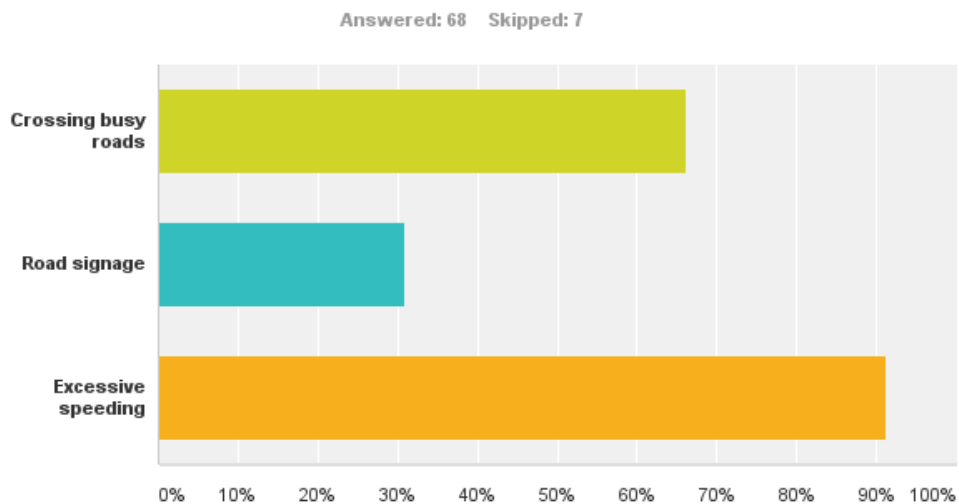
Q3. How Long Lived in Area



Q4. Do You Have Concerns About Road Safety in Your Area?



Q5. If Answered Yes to Q4, Concerns Are



Q6. Crossing Busy Roads

It seems the biggest concern for busy crossings are for children going to and from school in:

- i) Sunnyside Drive, especially around school run. It is a very busy road and cars don't slow down. Once the new school is finished there will not be any pavements all the way up the west side of Sunnyside Drive, children will have to cross the road twice. At least one zebra crossing is required.

- ii) No pavements or safe places to cross road in Kirkton of Durris for people to get on/off buses - including school buses.
- iii) From Woodlands of Durris School to the forest, high speed motorists during rush hours and no pavement or access to forest.
- iv) Children getting off the bus outside the Mains of Drum Garden Centre after School, drivers speed excessively down the Drum Straight and the road is not safe to cross.
- v) Crossing Woodlands Park to Durris Primary School, at least 7 children use this, and no signage or crossing at all.

The other most popular concerns were:

- Crossroads over South Deeside Road from Stable Brae in Durris across to the Park Bridge. The visibility is poor, the road markings allow overtaking.
- Deeside Way crossing the A957 should be a proper crossing, not just traffic islands in the middle of the road. For families on bikes, traffic islands are of no use. It should be something like a zebra crossing, which would also help to slow down the traffic.
- Emerging onto the crossing over the South Deeside Road from the road leading down to Durris church, can be an issue at any time but particularly with morning and late afternoon commuter traffic.
- Park Crossroads at any time of day. The visibility at the junction is extremely poor, vehicles on the South Deeside road are often travelling at speed.
- Drumoak - crossing A93 at Reidford Gardens footpath. At the top of the path, it is necessary to go very close to the road edge to observe traffic coming from the East, due to the hedge on the Eastern end of Reidford Gardens blocking the view. This is of particular concern between 9 am and 5 pm. The road is busy most days and at weekends. Although there is a barrier at the top of the path, it is not possible to see from there and it is necessary to go right to the road edge.
- A concern that the community was not consulted about the revised position of the new crossing which has been installed on the Slug Road. When crossing from west to east the sight line looking southwards is poor compared with what it would have been in the position originally proposed, i.e. at the sign for the Deeside Way. Not only that, but traffic going southwards is still dangerously overtaking once past the new crossing and while passing the two junctions to the quarry.

Q7. Road Signage

The most common answer to question 6 was that residents would like to see the speed limit reduced to 30 mph in various different locations, as motorists don't seem to obey the road signage speed limits. Even better if it would be possible to automatically set the speed limit to 30 mph where there are house. The locations where speed limit signs are not being adhered to are:

- Bridge on the south side of Crathes.
- West side of the Milton turning.
- Drumoak from Banchory.
- The Park.
- Entrance to Clune woods heading to Woodlands of Durris.

Other signage concerns were:

- Road users don't see or choose to ignore the Road signage leading into the Kirkton.

- Interactive signs, although popular are often on the blink and therefore a maintenance burden. However, some thought that Kirkton should have one of these signs.
- Overgrown foliage; South Deeside Road/Park Bridge junction/Denside of Durris/Durris/North Deesdie Way near Reidford Gardens.
- Cats eyes in poor condition Crathes - Banchory & South Deeside Road.
- Poorly located signs at Park Crossroads.
- No signs for school children.
- Countdown markers when approaching both Park and Drumoak.
- Verges not cut.

Q8. Excessive Speeding

The most common example of excessive speeding seems to be motorbikes and “boy racers with loud exhausts”. Some motor bikes being recorded by Police monitors in excess of 150 mph. Cars and a lot of motorbikes going past Pinewood at 60+ mph approaching Park/Drumoak from Banchory and do not drive accordingly. Speed of motorbikes again on the B9077 just east of Kirkton of Durris, ignoring the 50 mph sign and blatantly accelerating through Crathes once past the Slug Road junction.

Cooper’s road is a big issue almost any time of the day for excessive speeding. There are always cars/motorbikes speeding through the 30 mph zone in Drumoak and also Clune Woods heading to Woodlands of Durris. This is just an accident waiting to happen for school children and individuals on forest walks. The other popular speeding straight is Drum straight, again an accident waiting to happen.

The limited time afforded by speeding commuter traffic while emerging onto the South Deeside Road particularly from the road leading down to Durris church because of limited line of site along the north verge towards Aberdeen but mainly the very limited line of site westwards due to the blind bend towards Banchory. Pulling out from Myrebird road onto A93 can be gamble at times as the line of sight is limited and often drivers ignore the sign to reduce speed, on occasions the driver has continued at the excessive speed and overtakes or has to brake heavily if a car is seen coming in the opposite direction.

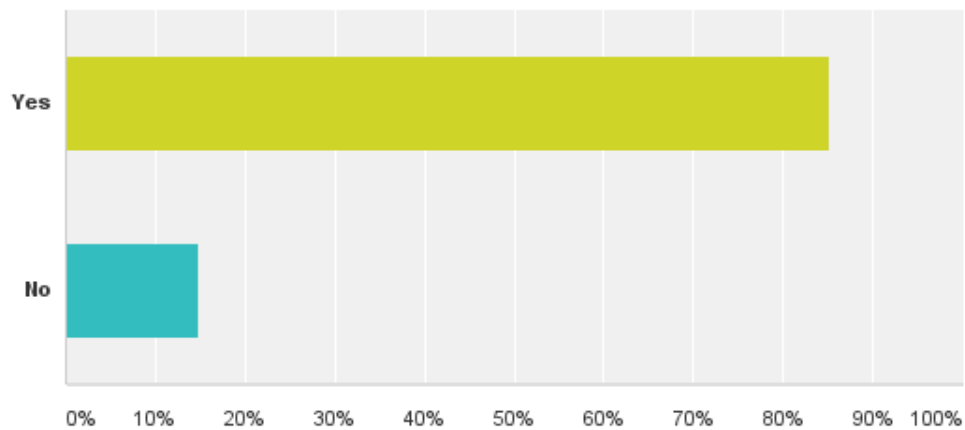
Stable Brae past Warren Park has lost its width in many places due to erosion or damage therefore it is not wide enough for 2 cars to pass, which causes problems when some cars are travelling too fast to be able to stop in time.

Sunnyside Road, Drumoak, all along that road cars going way too fast. Often 40/50/60 mph. This is a school road with young children. Young mums with pushchairs and also the elderly. Even parents who drive to collect their child(ren) speed. Sunnyside Drive: people regularly speed going up towards the church/school and down towards North Deeside Road. Cars, motorbikes and vans will go over 50 mph during the day and late in the evening. There is a danger not only for the public but for animals to, i.e. cats.

South Deeside Road and A957 to Stonehaven is a race circuit on spring - summer evenings and week-ends for loud bikes and cars.

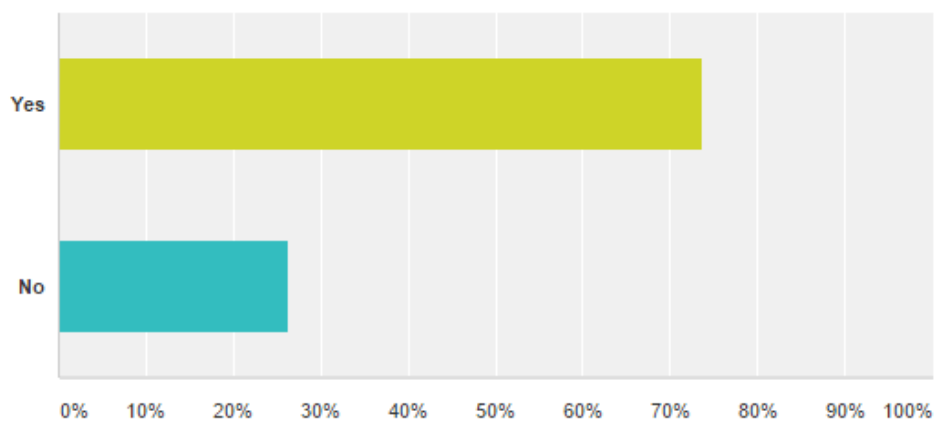
Q9. If you responded on the excessive speeding concern, if your Community Council could obtain permission for a Community Roadwatch, would you support this?

Answered: 67 Skipped: 8

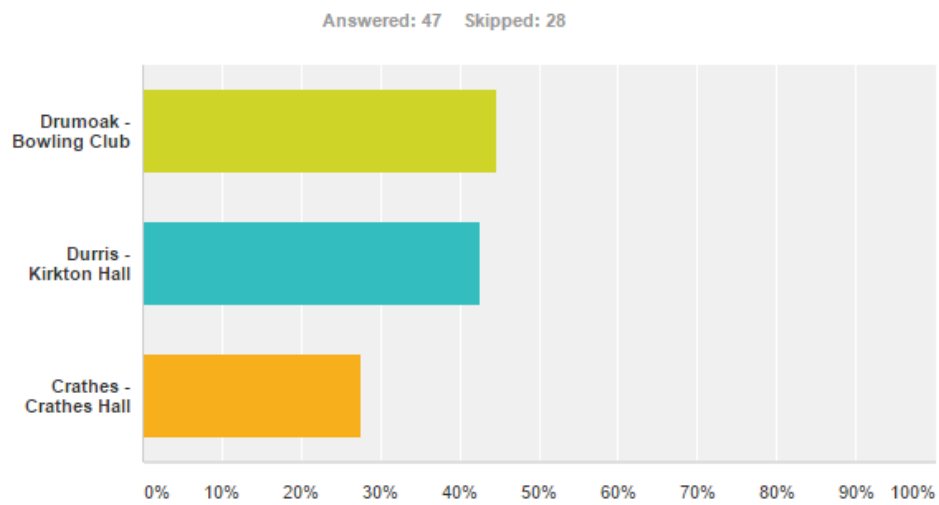


Q10. If you confirmed you would support your Community Council to obtain permission for a Community Roadwatch, would you be prepared to volunteer approximately 2 hours of your time to the Roadwatch team?

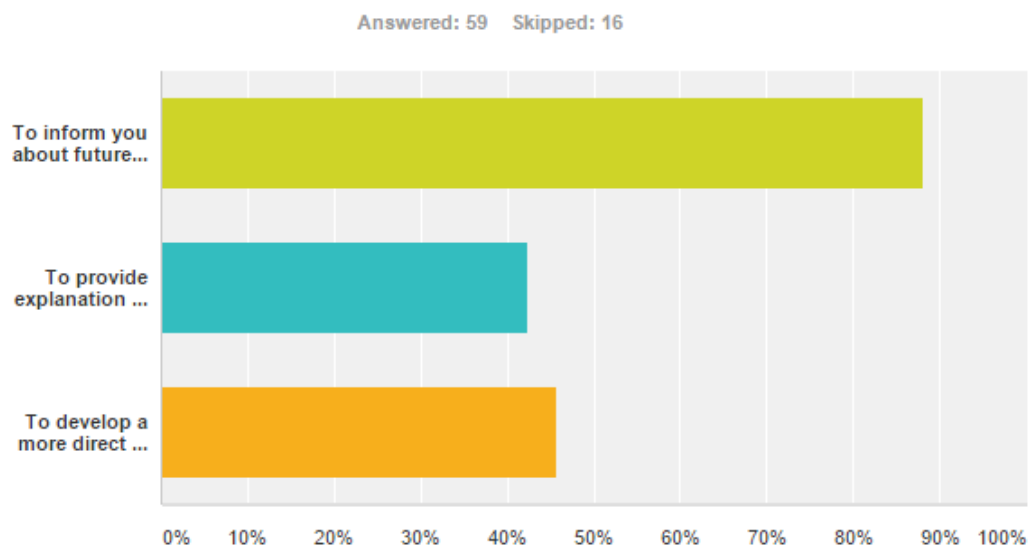
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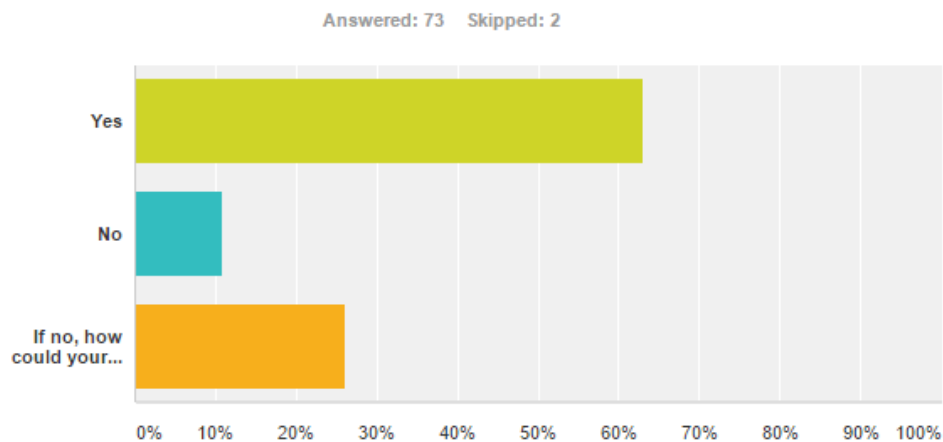
Q11. If you confirmed you would be prepared to volunteer approx. 2 hours of your time. Which area would you wish to volunteer in?



Q12. How do you want your Community Council to assist you?



Q13. Would you be interested to come along to a meeting to receive feedback about road issues?

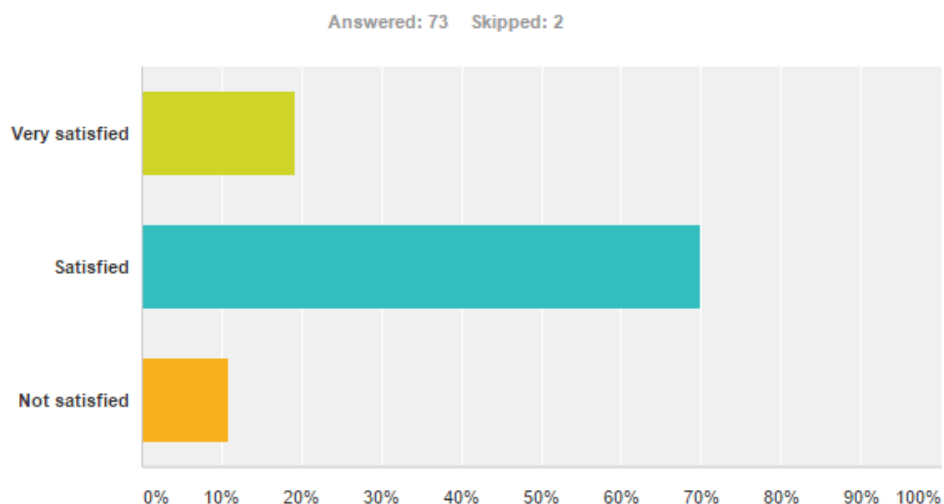


Email was the only other way participants would like to receive feedback.

Q14. If you stated you were interested to be informed and involved in this matter, please respond (in confidence, as your details will not be shared or given to anyone) with your details, below:

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Q15. How satisfied are you with your Community Council?



Q16. Please state any other area you would like your Community Council to provide support, information, or assistance to you? If none, please say so.

- Park is my main area of concern
- We have to do something about motor bikes. It is wholly unacceptable for these people to have a hobby which 1) breaks the law 2) is a serious safety concern 3)

presents a wholly unacceptable level of noise pollution which shatters the quality of life of those living close to or nearby the road.

- Planning applications in relation to unsuitability of roads to carry the increased traffic i.e. Woodlands housing development.
- I am very concerned regarding the impact on our roads from the new crematorium once it is commissioned. Is there any limit to the number of cremations being allowed per day? When is it scheduled to be commissioned?
- Planning
- Can communities contribute to costs of changing speed limit signs, e.g. reduce 50 to 40 Kirkton of Durris. Will this get results from Council?
- I would like the 30 mph limit to be extended to the other side of the bridge and to include the section of road across the river immediately west of the bridge where there are houses. There should be speed cameras or at least flashing signs to make people aware of their excessive speeding.
- Cycle routes other than Deeside way e.g. from Crathes crossroads to Crathes School.
- Consider emailing your minutes to those who contact you, and don't go to meetings.
- Future building developments planned for the area.
- Lack of High Speed Internet. Issues with sewerage.
- Support in planning issues, especially help in getting big developers to cater to the concerns of residents. Council Planners ignore residents in general.
- Improved cycle routes.
- I have been updated well by my local council at this time.
- How can we get "children playing" signs put up in our road (John Gregory Road)?
- Are they supporting the initiative to get the after school club in Drumoak?
- Better road surfaces. Less cavalier gritters in winter time.
- Raemoir junction and surrounding areas.
- Increase frequency of buses.
- Increase bus service between 5 and 6 pm.
- Low noise road surfacing on North Deeside Road.
- Extend 30 mph limit so it's not right in the edge of the village.
- Can't think right now would like to come along to a meeting tho.
- Pursue road maintenance commitments. I've written three detailed letters to the Roads Dept to highlight poor drain and surface maintenance and although they have committed to repairs, they have not taken place. Two years ago, there were 36 holes highlighted in yellow that were not repaired and the paint wore off. A few weeks ago, about 3/4 mile up from the South Deeside Road was again painted, but still has not been repaired. The top section of the road from AB31 6BD to the Paddock stables has not even been painted out so is likely to be missed if the potholing crew do turn up. The practice of filling ditches with rock is also short sighted as it prevents easy clearing. (Outside Anstac has completely silted up).
- House building plans. Most residents don't want further houses built in our village of Drumoak. Soon it will be a village anymore.
- More localised meetings so it is easier for residents to attend. Not so formal meetings, would be good to have some more open style meetings with fun/interesting activities.
- Maintenance of Park Bridge.
- Pavements in Kirkton of Durris.
- Planning concerns
- Community concerns
- I'd like to know more about what is involved in the community road watch please.

- A voice to express ideas on improvements to Parks e.g. Keith Muir and village amenities e.g. shops.
- Broadband internet Woodlands of Durris.
- Prevent excessive building.
- 20 mph speed limit through Woodlands of Durris, at school time, where our children cross from Woodlands Park.
- As Drumoak is growing I am keen to see the area developed and having these kinds of survey's are fantastic. Since moving I have been impressed how open the council are to listening to ideas so it would be good to know where to send more ideas and suggestions to.