WANLOCKHEAD COMMUNITY TRUST
PROPOSED WANLOCKHEAD COMMUNITY LAND BUYOUT

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT

STAGE 1: ESTABLISHING A VISION AND OBJECTIVES

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1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is to identify aspirations of the village, areas of estate land in and around the village upon which residents have an interest to bring under village control, and land assets that can potentially provide benefit to the village.

This report is the result of a four-month long community consultation effort in which local residents were asked to express their views, needs and priorities for the future of the village. It should be noted that this is not a plan of action. It is a record of potential ideas which could be used for the development of a future feasibility study and/or planning purposes should a community buyout be successful.

The feedback contained in this community consultation report will be incorporated into a formal buyout proposal and business plan which will be presented in early 2017 to the village for a vote of whether to approve it and proceed, or not.
2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Wanlockhead community land buyout proposal was a consequence of a long-standing view in the village that there needed to be a more proactive approach to management of Wanlockhead’s assets to improve villagers’ quality of life and promote a more sustainable community.

This report represents research compiled over a four-month consultation time-period by Wanlockhead residents regarding a potential buyout of Buccleuch Estate property in and around our community.

Within it are highlighted locals’ initial aspirations and visions for the village and its surrounding landscape. Again, it should be highlighted that this is not a plan of action. It is a record of potential ideas which could be used for the development of a future feasibility study and/or planning purposes should a community buyout be successful.

The consultation activities and comments recorded within highlighted a number of similar themes which can be grouped into five discrete and overlapping categories:

1) tourism development
2) village and community services/amenities
3) sustainable energy
4) farming
5) forestry and conservation

Seven specific landscape areas in and around the village were mentioned by local residents during the consultation process to be included as part of a potential community land buyout:

1) Wanlockhead village (including Wanlock Dod)
2) Mennock Pass
3) Lowther Hill
4) Duntercleuch
5) Cogshead
6) Glendyne
7) Glenim

These specific landscape areas would be part of a larger general community buyout zone that stretches all around the village. These would not be landscape pockets in isolation.

The Wanlockhead Community Trust was formed in 2016 for the purpose of looking into potential community land ownership options for the village. The objective of the Trust is to investigate these buyout options and produce a formal buyout proposal in the form of a Feasibility Study and Business Plan which will be presented to the village by the beginning of 2017 to decide in a ballot if community landownership is the way forward for Wanlockhead.
3. BACKGROUND

In a public meeting on January 16, 2016 at Wanlockhead’s Community Centre, nearly 50 people met to discuss potential community control of the village and surrounding areas currently owned and managed by Buccleuch Estate. There were also several well attended community consultation meetings in the spring that were held to further explore just what a community-owned Wanlockhead would look like.

This community buyout proposal was a consequence of a long-standing view that there needed to be a more proactive approach to management of Wanlockhead’s assets to improve villagers’ quality of life and promote a more sustainable community. To this end, it was agreed that there needed to be carefully planned and creative business development in the area, development that would provide local jobs without compromising the peace and rural quality of life that villagers currently enjoy. While Wanlockhead is blessed with healthy natural resources and scenery, a varied historic and cultural heritage, and many recreational opportunities, because of the ownership of estate land in and around the community, it has not been possible to promote positive, sustained change that will benefit our local economy and environment.

At the time of producing this report, an initial local support of over 30% of the village was obtained at the 16th January 2016 meeting and through forms of support during subsequent months. The support demonstrated by villagers passes the 10% minimum threshold required to explore a potential community buyout according to existing legislation under the Land Reform Bill (Scotland) 2016 and to form a community body, the Wanlockhead Community Trust, to look into potential community ownership options for the village.

The Wanlockhead Community Trust was therefore formed for the purpose of looking into potential community land ownership options for the village. Volunteer members of the Trust asked for feedback from the village and compiled their research results in this Community Consultation Report. The Trust's volunteers will draft a formal buyout proposal which will be presented to the village by the beginning of 2017, and organise a ballot for local residents to decide if community landownership is the way forward for Wanlockhead.

In Scotland, community land ownership is a Government-sponsored, cross-party policy supported by all political parties in the Scottish Parliament. Current Scottish Government policy is to achieve 1 million acres of community land ownership by 2020. As part of the Scottish Government’s effort to see more community land ownership in Scotland, the potential Wanlockhead buyout is receiving ongoing advice and support by a wide range of Scottish Government agencies such as the Scottish Land Fund and the Community Right to Buy department. Wanlockhead was also the only community buyout to be mentioned by Scottish Minister for Land Reform in her speech to Community Land Scotland conference in May 2016 as she said the Government would be with the community “All the way” (www.wanlockheadcommunitytrust.org/13-community-update-26-june-2016)
4. CONSULTATION PROCESS

To collect locals’ views and specific data regarding a potential buyout process for this Wanlockhead Community Consultation Report, a January 2016 public meeting was organised. Subsequently, two public workshops were held in April 2016 in which comments were sought from local residents regarding their visions for a future Wanlockhead.

Stage 1 – Public Meeting – January 2016

On 16th January 2016 a Public Meeting was organised in Wanlockhead Community Centre to put forward the idea of a potential community land buyout for the village. The Public Meeting was advertised since late November of 2015 and all households in the village were left an invitation postcard to the meeting. The Public Meeting was attended by over fifty members of the public and community leaders including representatives from Community Land Scotland, Scotland’s premier community landowners organisation, who gave a presentation to the village of what community ownership entails and what benefits it can bring. The meeting was also attended by Scottish Government agency representatives from the Scottish Land Fund, the agency which provides the funding to buyouts, the Scottish Government’s Right to Buy Department, which provides legal advice to buyout communities, and South of Scotland MSP Claudia Beamish who spoke about the cross-party support for the Scottish Government’s policy to support and increase community land ownership across Scotland. At this early meeting members of the public were given the opportunity to ask about aspects of community ownership and express their initial opinions.

Stage 2 – Public Meetings/Group Workshops – 2nd April 2016 and 5th April 2016

The first public meeting/group workshop held as part of the official community consultation process was at the Wanlockhead Community Centre on Saturday, April 2nd 2016 between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. The meeting was advertised with a newsletter which was distributed to every household in the village over a week prior to the event. The newsletter was also extensively advertised in social media, posted on the Trust’s website, and placed on community notice boards and at the Wanlockhead Inn. It was attended by 21 local residents including several members from the buyout steering group to help engage the public and to field questions concerning general buyout processes. A creche was organised to help families with children to attend the meeting. The children were also asked to provide their ideas on what they would like to see on a community owned village Members of the community who made a contribution were asked to place coloured sticky notes with their ideas of what they liked about the village, what they liked to change or improve, what was their vision for the village and things they would like to see in the village in the future. A map of Wanlockhead and the surrounding areas was displayed and people were asked to write on post-it notes what they thought were land assets for the village and stick the post-its on the relevant locations. See Appendix B for a transcription of the comments received.
The second official public community consultation meeting took place at the Wanlockhead Inn on Tuesday, 5th April 2016 from 7:30 PM till 9:30 PM. The meeting was also advertised over a week in advance with a newsletter which was distributed to every household in the village and advertised in the social media, on the Trust's website, on local community boards and at the pub. It was attended by 14 local residents including several representatives from the buyout steering group who sought to help engage the public and to field questions concerning general buyout processes. The meeting was also attended by the Scottish Land Fund manager for the south of Scotland in her capacity as an observer.

Members of the community were asked to place coloured sticky notes with their ideas of what they liked about the village, what they desired to change or improve in the village, what their vision was for the village and what things they would like to see in the community in the future. A map of Wanlockhead and the surrounding areas was displayed and people were asked to write on post-it notes what they thought were land assets for the village while sticking the post-its on the relevant locations. See Appendix B for a transcription of the comments received.

Stage 3 – Consultation Questionnaire Form – April 2016 to June 2016

A newsletter was posted on the Wanlockhead Community Trust’s website on March 10 and distributed to every household in the village during that same week. It announced the forthcoming production of a community consultation report for Wanlockhead. A further newsletter was distributed to every household in April of 2016 containing a questionnaire for those who did not or could not attend either of the two workshops in the Wanlockhead Community Centre and Wanlockhead Inn.

This questionnaire was set up to provide an additional method for residents to make comments. In it they were asked to convey their ideas of what they liked about the village and what they liked to change or improve. They were also asked what their vision was for the village and were asked to list the amenities they would like to see in Wanlockhead in the future. Emails and phone numbers of the members of the steering group were added to the questionnaire for those who wanted additional information on the buyout proposal. The questionnaires could be returned either to the Wanlockhead Inn or to any of the members of the steering group whose name was listed on the newsletter. Ten questionnaires were received. See Appendix C for a transcription of the comments received.

Stage 4 – Consultation to local community groups – April 2016 to June 2016

Wanlockhead is a village with a very active community life and is home to several community groups. Members of the buyout steering group approached these local organisations and businesses to make them aware of the consultation process, ensuring that their valuable input would also be considered.

Some stakeholders were concerned that their feedback could be interpreted by the landowner or members of the public as a potential support to the buyout process and preferred not to provide formal comments at this initial stage. A summary of the responses from the Wanlockhead groups and business that were received are included in Appendix D.
5. RESULTS FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING GROUP
WORKSHOPS

Two formal workshops were held as part of the community consultation process, one in Wanlockhead Community Centre on 2 April, 2016 and another at The Wanlockhead Inn on 5 April 2016. They were attended by over thirty Wanlockhead residents. Each workshop included a brief presentation about the proposed community land buyout for Wanlockhead, the opportunities it offers, and an invitation to the attendees to express their vision for the village and things they liked about the community and area in general. They were also asked what they would like to improve in the community, and what they would like to see in Wanlockhead and the greater surrounding landscape in the future. Post-it notes with ideas and comments were collected and put on a map of Wanlockhead as a way to identify the relevant locations and assets to the ideas expressed.

Workshop participants were highly creative. Approximately ninety items were underscored by locals as possibilities to consider in a potential buyout plan. (See Appendix B for a transcription of the comments received.) That said, five discrete and at times overlapping themes were highlighted in people's comments:
1. Tourism Development (63 comments)
2. Village and Community Services/ Amenities (35 comments)
3. Sustainable Energy (11 comments)
4. Agriculture and Farming (8 comments)
5. Forestry and Conservation (5 comments)

The following summaries are not comprehensive accounts of all items listed by the public. (See appendix and the existing spreadsheet for those.) However these summaries do highlight a few possibilities for consideration, based on general popularity.

Tourism Development

Clearly over the last few decades tourism has been the main employer in this area. By the dozens of comments received regarding tourism development, it is also clear that locals see this as a resource that could and should be further tapped. Residents saw the need to more greatly capitalise on the presence of the Southern Upland Way and the Mennock Pass, through the development of campsites, bed and breakfasts, holiday lets and local businesses, including the development of some available spaces for these services.

The area's mining background and its numerous educational and historical assets appeal to many of our visitors and should be emphasised further in interpretive efforts and local marketing and business development. However, while Wanlockhead has clearly benefited from the presence of the Lead Mining Museum, several residents believed that the village would benefit from a more comprehensive visitor centre besides the museum. Such a visitor centre would not only emphasise the area's mining background but also more comprehensively highlight the area's nature, scenery, history, recreational resources, agriculture and geology while providing a venue for the sale of local goods. In addition, several residents also believed that we needed to work further with the local railroad on future endeavours in addition to expanding the area's network of hiking paths, biking trails and facilities for winter sports opportunities. Many also felt that more could be done to improve the overall
appearance of the community, making the area more appealing to tourists and to locals. This could be done by way of expanding our community gardens, painting existing building facades and repairing roads and existing infrastructure.

Village and Community Services/Amenities

There were many recommendations on how to improve village and community services in Wanlockhead. It is apparent that residents feel like there should be more resources here for children and young people. The playpark needs to be overhauled and such facilities as an indoor soft playpark, football pitch, youth centre and sport centre considered in future development plans. Additionally old areas used in the past for curling and bowls could be brought back into use.

Sustainable Energy

Locals feel like there is the possibility for locally owned and managed sustainable energy development in this area. Future energy development plans could include a few small and very carefully positioned wind turbines to generate electricity for local homes and businesses. Additionally, other renewable energy schemes could include: development of hydropower (as the miners before us did) and biofuel, the latter scheme linked to future reforestation efforts in the area.

Agriculture and Farming

Agriculture and farming are integral parts of Wanlockhead’s past. Some of the proposals advanced included: 1) further development of community vegetable gardens and polytunnels and 2) the creation of mushroom farms. Additionally there was support for the sale of community owned livestock as well as the idea of more agricultural products and services being offered to visitors and locals, including: meat products, wool products, spinning classes and butchering.

Forestry and Conservation

Several residents emphasised how important it was to reforest riparian areas in the area. Such reforestation could improve fisheries, biodiversity and water quality while also improving the area in the long run for recreation and camping. Reforestation in some areas could be linked to either biomass heat development or providing wood to local home-owners.

Geographical Areas of Potential Interest

The following areas in and around Wanlockhead were highlighted during the workshops as assets or areas where village projects could be developed and which could be part of the potential community land buyout:

- Wanlockhead village (including Wanlock Dod)
- Mennock Pass
- Lowther Hill
- Cogshead
- Duntercleuch
- Glendyne
- Glenim
6. RESULTS FROM THE CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE FORM

A newsletter was distributed to every household in the village in April 2016 containing a questionnaire for those who did not or could not attend either of the two meetings. The newsletter was a useful tool for those who may not be comfortable stating their views for the buyout in public. The questionnaire was set up to provide additional means to make comments and to convey their ideas of what they liked about the village, what they wanted to change or improve, what their vision was for the village and what things they would like to see in the community in the future. See Appendix C for a transcription of all the forms received.

The 11 questionnaires received can be grouped in five categories which relate to the following issues as found in the forms:
1. Tourism Development
2. Village and Community Services/Amenities
3. Sustainable Energy
4. Agriculture and Farming
5. Forestry and Conservation

The comments and ideas found on the questionnaire forms are similar to the ones obtained during the public meeting group workshops. The majority of the comments on the forms relate to tourism development, mainly the potential of the area for outdoor recreational activities and the value of the mining heritage of the village.

Geographical Areas of Potential Interest

The following areas in and around Wanlockhead were mentioned in the questionnaire forms as part of a potential community land buyout:

› Wanlockhead village (including Wanlock Dod)
› Mennock Pass
› Lowther Hill
› Cogshead
› Duntercleuch
7. RESULTS FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS AND BUSINESSES

Further to the public meetings, newsletters, and consultation forms which were sent around the village in the past four months, community groups and business in Wanlockhead were approached by members of the steering group to make them aware of the consultation process and to ensure that their valuable input would also be considered. A summary of the responses from the Wanlockhead groups and business that were received are included in Appendix D.

Formal communications regarding the community consultation process and buyout were received from the Lowthers Railway Society, Lowther Heritage and the Lowther Hills Ski Club. Most of these groups highlighted areas of interest on the landscape that were important to their activities and aspirations. For instance, the Lowthers Railway Society asserted that it would benefit from an extension of the railway “to a point near to the site of the former Wanlockhead Railway Station” through a lease agreement. The Lowther Hills Ski Club indicated an interest in Lowther Hill, Whiteside and Stake Hill for alpine skiing, if these areas were made available through a buyout. Additionally, the group drew special attention to the slopes of Mossy Burn, Whiteside and East Mount Lowther for Nordic Skiing. Lowther Heritage indicated its desire to see the former mining and smelting areas considered in a potential buyout due to their historical prominence.
8. ONGOING CONSULTATION

The Wanlockhead Community Trust is keen to maintain and build up community awareness that a buyout proposal is being prepared for the village. In order to maintain ongoing awareness and increase community involvement, additional open public meetings for residents will continue to take place in the village once a month. These public meetings will be used to inform people about ongoing progress of the proposal and to discuss any issues surrounding the potential community buyout.

Thanks to the support of Community Land Scotland, which facilitated a funding by the Community Learning Exchange programme, two community visits have been organised to the community-owned Mull of Galloway Trust and North Harris. These two visits, open to all village residents, give villagers the opportunity to see how life is in community-owned villages and gives them the chance to ask questions to those directly involved in the running of successful communities which manage the local land for the benefit of their respective communities.

Finally, regular newsletter updates will continue to be published and posted to all households of the village over the next months until the buyout proposal is finalised and put forward to the village in 2017. A final and updated Community Consultation Report will be published before the proposal is presented to the village, and will incorporate any feedback sent to the group in the course of the year 2016.
9. CONCLUSION: AN INITIAL VISION FOR A COMMUNITY-OWNED WANLOCKHEAD

The Consultation activities highlighted a number of similar themes and comments which can be grouped in five categories:

1. **Village and Community Services**

Respondents highlighted the need to improve the overall village appearance. Poor landscaping, unsightly fencing, land subsidence and the untidy appearance of some buildings were the main issues mentioned by the respondents. Comments were received to provide the village with services such as a shop, better roads, and faster broadband.

2. **Tourism Development**

The vision emerging from the workshops and questionnaire forms is of a village which is aware of the potential to benefit from further tourism development based around its surrounding natural environment and its historical heritage, which in turn is expected to provide local employment opportunities for residents.

A number of responses echoed the potential in outdoor recreational opportunities which have put the village in the spotlight particularly in the past two years with the operations of the Ski Club. Mountain resort activities such as curling, mountain biking, zip-lining and dry slope skiing emerged in the consultation responses.

The Southern Upland Way was also repeatedly mentioned as an asset to the village whose presence needs to be further capitalised on during the coming years. The community could do this by developing more hillwalking trails and bothies in the area in addition to improving other ecotourism opportunities such as wildlife watching and fishing.

The management of the Mennock Pass is a long-going concern for the village. Many asserted in their comments that this area should be owned and managed by the village, and that a proper campsite with rubbish bins and carefully designed, eco-friendly facilities be developed. This would help to keep the area tidy, provide onside sanitation and litter management and ensure a positive experience to campers, all the while providing income for the village.

The long-standing project to bring the Railway to Wanlockhead, which over the last 20 years was pending of permission from the landowner, was also mentioned by some of the respondents.

Regarding assets of educational and historical importance, there is a clear will to do more to interpret, protect and celebrate the village’s rich mining history. There are also untapped opportunities to promote the geology and biology potential of the area. Some residents suggested to look into the potential for dark sky status as currently developed in Galloway Forest Park.

3. **Forestry and Conservation**

Many residents mentioned that they want a more diverse landscape around the village and believe
that areas of woodland would bring more value to the landscape. Reforestation efforts would provide fairly measurable ecological benefits to the region while also providing commercial forestry and biomass opportunities. Highlighted also were the potential for wildlife tourism which would bloom in a well-managed and balanced natural environment.

4. Agriculture and Farming

Many would like to see a more diverse management of the landscape beyond the promotion of the existing monocultures of grouse and sheep. There were several comments regarding potential farming opportunities such as mushroom farms or polytunnels to grow vegetables for the village. Some comments were received that called for a more balanced use of sheep within a more varied landscape, including the funding and creation of a “Scottish Sheep Centre” with potential activities such as spinning, weaving courses and local product promotion.

5. Sustainable Energy

There was a great deal of support regarding the idea of community-owned and sustainable self-sufficient energy systems including: heat exchange systems, ground heat, hydro opportunities and small carefully sited and locally controlled wind turbines.

Assets and Geographical Areas of Potential Interest

The respondents identified an interest in the following areas and assets in and around Wanlockhead for the potential development of the before mentioned projects:

1. Wanlockhead village (including Wanlock Dod)
   Respondents felt that community ownership/control over the land in the village could help to improve the appearance of Wanlockhead and allow the development of services/amenities for the community.

2. Lowther Hill
   There are year-round outdoor recreation opportunities on Lowther Hill. The skiing facilities, the only ski centre in the south of Scotland, are a unique asset for the area. Besides the Southern Upland Way, Lowther Hill has a potential for more hillwalking trails, including mountain biking. At Mossy Burn Reservoir, there is great potential for increased watersports and fishing. Lowther Hill was also mentioned as a site for possible environmental improvement.

3. Mennock Pass
   Local residents have repeatedly highlighted the need for increased management of uncontrolled camping and litter. There is the potential here for environmental improvement work as well as the development of more hillwalking trails leading to the village.

4. Cogshead
   Village control of this section of the Southern Upland Way could improve visitors’ experience of this area. There is potential here for the construction of bothies, the development of some environmental restoration projects and the placement of interpretive displays regarding covenanter history.

5. Duntercleuch
   Village control over the Southern Upland Way could enhance visitors’ experience of place here.
Bothies could be constructed and environmental improvement projects undertaken.

6. Glendyne
This area has great potential for more hillwalking and biking trails, environmental improvement projects and wildlife tourism projects.

7. Glenim
This area has potential for more hillwalking and biking trails as well as environmental improvement.
APPENDIX A.
Wanlockhead Community Consultation Newsletters

(All Newsletters and additional news articles are online at the Wanlockhead Community Trust website, www.wanlockheadcommunity.org)

Newsletter November 2015

Have you ever wondered how Wanlockhead could benefit if the land in and around the village was owned by the community?

You are cordially invited to attend an exceptional village meeting to discuss a potential new vision for Wanlockhead

VILLAGE MEETING OPEN TO ALL
WANLOCKHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE
SATURDAY, 16th JANUARY 2016, 2.30pm

OUR VILLAGE CAN FOLLOW THE INCREASING TREND
OF COMMUNITY LAND OWNERSHIP IN SCOTLAND

For more information or answers to your questions, visit www.wanlockheadbuyout.blog.com
We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 16th January
Have you ever wondered how Wanlockhead could benefit if the land in and around the village was owned by the community?

PROGRAMME

2.30pm – Meeting starts
2.40pm – What is community land ownership?
Lorne Macleod, chair of Community Land Scotland, the umbrella organisation of community-owned Estates, will explain what community land ownership is.
3.00pm - Talks by residents in Wanlockhead
A few possible visions of how buyout could benefit the community and the future of the village.
3.30pm – What's next if the community decides to buy the land?
The legislative framework: Claudia Beamish MSP will explain the cross-party, Scottish Parliament's policy of supporting community-land ownership.
The legalities of the process: Representatives of the Scottish Government's Community Right to Buy will tell how they provide practical guidance to communities wishing to own their land.
Financing buyouts: Catherine Francis of the Scottish Land Fund will tell how her department provides assistance and funding to communities wishing to own their land.
From 4pm - Tea & Coffee. Questions & Answers Session
Dear Resident,

On the 16th of January a successful Public Meeting was held at the Community Centre, introducing the idea of our community registering our interest in a community buyout of Land around Wanlockhead presently owned by Buccleuch Estates.

Over 40 people attended one of the largest village meetings held in Wanlockhead in recent years. During this meeting key speakers including Lorne McLeod (Community Land Scotland), Claudia Beamish MSP, Stuart Hartil (Scottish Government’s Right to Buy Office) and Catherine Francis (Scottish Land Fund) explained the community buyout process including, sources of support and funding; benefits of registering an expression of interest; and the journey from initial interest to full ownership.

Local speakers presented some "blue-sky" thinking to promote discussion in the community on what they would like to happen on community owned land.

So far over 30 forms of support have been signed by local residents meaning we have over the 10% community support required, at this stage, to proceed with registering an interest in purchasing local land from the present land owner.

According to community right-to-buy legislation our next step is to form a Community body which will be used to register an interest in the land at present owned by Buccleuch Estates.

We are looking for members of the community who are interested in taking the project forward.

We invite you to get involved and attend our first open meeting on the 6th February.

We will elect a steering group and start the process of forming the Community body which has the remit of registering an interest in a community buyout initiative according to current legislation.

It is important that everybody keeps informed with an opportunity to become involved. So this newsletter is a beginning.

For further information, please email androullarichford@gmail.com, lincoln.richford@btinternet.com, isobelgibb@hotmail.com or come along to the meeting on Saturday 6th February at the Wanlockhead Inn at 2pm.
Wanlockhead Community buyout potential

Following a public meeting in the community centre on 16th January, significant resident support was shown to explore the potential for community ownership of Wanlockhead.

Many rural communities around Scotland have purchased private estate land and assets and now manage the land with community interests at the heart.

Importantly, a buyout of Wanlockhead is only desirable if the vast majority of residents wish this. All our opinions are equally valuable and a Wanlockhead Community Trust is being established as an open and inclusive body in which all interested villagers can be part of. Regular open meetings are held every third Sunday of the month at the Wanlockhead Inn (7:30pm).

What does a community owned area look like? How does it work? What types of things can you do? What are the benefits to local communities?

All these are legitimate questions that villagers may have, and the Wanlockhead Community Trust will run a number of funded trips to communities who have purchased land and manage it for the benefit of residents.

These opportunities will be advertised and available to all villagers. Links to over 60 community owned land projects can be viewed at the following website: http://www.communitylandscotland.org.uk/members/

How would you use the land?

Some ideas have already been floated, but what would you do?

Two events will be held to explore potential ideas on the following dates:
+ Saturday 2nd April (2 – 4pm, Community Centre)
+ Tuesday 5th April (7:30 – 9:30pm, Wanlockhead Inn)

These will be interactive events where you use post-it notes to pin ideas to themed boards. This will be a fun, engaging activity at which everybody’s views are important. Bring the bairns, we will have a special painting space where they can draw their ideas for the land and village.

Examples of ideas:
+ Business units for start-ups, craft workshops, gallery for displaying and selling local work.
+ Ecological restoration to enhance biodiversity, slow/ reduce flooding (property, mines, etc.), resource for sustainable energy and job creation.
+ Supporting existing and new projects that will put Wanlockhead on the map as the outdoor capital of the south of Scotland, providing income for the village.
+ Expanding and developing the heritage attraction of this historically important village bring more visitors and
more potential jobs.
+ Establishing Mountain Biking circuits. Accommodation for bikers and walkers.

Some Questions: What about…

Will this cost me money, how will we pay for the buyout?
The answer is NO it will not cost villagers anything. Funding will be provided by the Scottish Government.
Will we have to pay the money back?
There will be nothing to pay back, this is funding not a loan.
What will happen to the services provided by the council, such as rubbish collection, lighting and road repair?
There will be NO change to these services, they will continue exactly as before. Sadly, you will still pay your council tax!
What about public liability or a disaster?
Like the current land owner, this would be covered through insurance.
Could this stop the current land owner developing a large-scale wind farm?
NO, because the community does not own the land! If the community did own the land it could decide what development was appropriate.
Got any other questions?
Please come along to any of advertised meetings or contact any of people below:
Isobel Gibb (74629), Mac Blewer (74225), Androulla & Lincoln Richford, James Murray, Steven Gillespie, Anjo Abelaira, James McKelvey, Tiffany Ireland, Nathan Kennedy.
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
YOU ARE INVITED TO AN IMPORTANT MEETING
ON THE PROPOSED WANLOCKHEAD COMMUNITY BUYOUT
BRING YOUR CHILDREN! EVERYONE’S OPINION MATTERS

WHEN
Saturday, April 2nd (2:00 PM until 4:00 PM)

WHERE
Wanlockhead Community Centre
Alternatively

WHEN
Tuesday, April 5th (7.30 PM UNTIL 9.30 PM)

WHERE
Wanlockhead Inn

WHAT
Wanlockhead Community Buyout Meetings

WHY?
Many rural communities around Scotland have purchased private estate land and assets and now manage the land with community interests in mind. The Scottish Government continues to ask communities interested in buying back adjacent properties and lands to put together proposals for consideration.

Following a public meeting in the Wanlockhead community centre on January 16th, significant resident support was shown to explore the potential for community ownership of our village. Now we have the opportunity to put together our own proposal regarding a property buyout.

How can our village benefit from a government-sponsored buyout? What is your vision for Wanlockhead in ten years? Twenty years? Fifty years? What would you like such a community-owned area to look like? What do you want the surrounding landscape to look like? Should it be managed for hillwalking, biking or hunting? For historic heritage, agriculture and/or conservation? What areas of the land would you like to include in such a buyout?

Please come to one of these meetings and help us chart a vision for our home. Bring your family, especially children (there will be a playroom set aside for kids, although it would be great to get them to share their ideas as well!) Your opinion is important for this process to be successful. For more information, please go to the Wanlockhead Community Trust’s website at http://www.wanlockheadcommunitytrust.org/ or contact one of the Trustees on the website. Thank you!
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION UPDATE

WANLOCKHEAD COMMUNITY BUYOUT

Following a public meeting in the Community Centre on 16th January, significant resident support was shown to explore the potential for community ownership of Wanlockhead.

In order to draft the most comprehensive buyout proposal possible, the Buyout steering group is currently consulting residents regarding what our village needs in terms of services, businesses, initiatives and amenities.

Many residents came to the two community consultation public meetings that were held on the 2nd and 5th April, where residents were asked to outline their visions for the sustainable future of the village.

Approximately ninety items were underscored by those who attended the public meetings as possibilities to consider in a draft buyout plan.

These ideas could be categorised within five main themes: 1) village amenities, 2) tourism, 3) agriculture, 4) renewable energy, and 5) environmental regeneration.

The geographical areas which were identified as worth for the village to have control over include: 1) Wanlockhead village, 2) Mennock Pass, 3) Lowther Hill, 4) Duntercleuch, 5) Cogshead, and 6) Glendyne.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN A COMMUNITY-OWNED WANLOCKHEAD?

Please find attached a Consultation Form where you can tell your ideas for an economically viable future for our home. Your ideas will be included in a Community Consultation Report which will be presented to residents in June 2016. The report will include a final accounting of all ideas advanced as well as a draft proposal regarding a potential community buyout.

MORE INFO? WANT TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE?

You can attend one of our Sunday evening meetings; we meet every third Sunday night of the month at 7:30 PM at the Wanlockhead Inn. You can also get in touch with one of the steering group members if you would like to have a one to one chat about the proposal.

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ROUTE PLAN

PROPOSED WANLOCKHEAD LAND BUYOUT

January 2016
PUBLIC MEETING - STEERING GROUP FORMED
April - May 2016
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

June 2016
PUBLIC MEETING TO PRESENT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT AND DRAFT COMMUNITY BUYOUT PROPOSAL

July 2016
MEETING WITH BUCCLEUCH
TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL COMMUNITY BUYOUT SCENARIOS

July - August 2016
VILLAGE VISITS TO OTHER COMMUNITIES WHO MANAGE THEIR LAND -- OPEN TO ALL -- MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

December 2016
FEASIBILITY STUDY OF A COMMUNITY-OWNED WANLOCKHEAD TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VILLAGE

January 2017
YOU DECIDE: COMMUNITY BALLOT ON PROPOSED BUYOUT:

If the village votes NO:
End of project, no community purchase of land will be taken forward.

If the village votes YES and Buccleuch is willing to sell:
Village to proceed to buyout after final ballot on terms and conditions.

If the village votes YES and Buccleuch is not willing to sell:
A case will be presented to the Scottish Government under terms of the new Land Reform legislation.
Wanlockhead Community Buyout Update
June 2016

Community Consultation Update

Following the previous newsletter update in April 2016, the Buyout steering group is currently putting together all of the Consultation responses which local residents have been submitting over the past two months. We expect a Community Consultation Report will be made available before the end of June, which will include a final accounting of all ideas advanced as well as a draft proposal regarding a potential community buyout. A further update will follow shortly to let you know when the report has been finished and where you can get a copy of it.

Scottish Government Support

The Scottish Land Fund has met again with the Wanlockhead buyout group as part of this Government agency's remit to provide ongoing advice and support to communities wishing to purchase land and assets. Topics of advice included the many areas of work that are still ahead of us in terms of feasibility studies, land valuation, and so on, which are part of every buyout route that needs to be completed before a final proposal is put forward to the village.

Scotland's new Land Reform Minister Roseanna Cunningham mentioned Wanlockhead in her recent address to the nation's community landowners in Stornoway in May. Talking about a potential buyout in our community, the Minister encouraged the village to progress the potential buyout proposal and made clear she would be with the village "Every step of the way". Community Land Scotland, Scotland's community landowners organisation, has also been providing us with great support.

WANT TO SEE WHAT LIFE IS LIKE AFTER A COMMUNITY BUYOUT?

Free community visit to the Mull of Galloway’s “Smugglers Weekend” Event, 9th July

Open to All - Book now!

In 2013 the Mull of Galloway Trust carried out a community buyout of the Mull of Galloway lighthouse museum, three letting cottages, and the adjacent coastal heathland and cliffs. It is now a carefully managed and award-winning tourist destination in the southwest of Scotland.

The Wanlockhead buyout group has booked a 16 seater-bus for those village residents keen to visit the Mull of Galloway and learn about their buyout and how it has improved opportunities for the area.

The trip will happen on the 9th of July during the Mull of Galloway Trust’s “Smugglers Weekend” event. The bus journey to the Mull of Galloway will be free of charge.

We will be boarding the bus at 7:00 AM at the car park of the Wanlockhead Inn. At the Mull of Galloway we will meet with representatives of the Mull of Galloway Trust and speak with them about their buyout experience.
The rest of the day you will be free to enjoy the entertainment and activities of the Smugglers Weekend which include a talk about a history of smuggling in the area, local arts and crafts market, a RSPB treasure trail, and a guided tour of the "Smugglers' Cove (the guided tour costs £7.50).

Go to the following links for more information on the Mull of Galloway's Smugglers Weekend: www.facebook.com/events/514116978750391/ and www.mull-of-galloway.co.uk/2016-events/

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Mac Blewer by July 1st at macblewer@gmail.com or 74225 to reserve a spot.

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WANLOCKHEAD COMMUNITY BUYOUT UPDATE
- - - Community Consultation Report now available - - -

PUBLIC MEETING
WANLOCKHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE
SUNDAY 17th JULY - 3pm to 5pm

Following the previous newsletter update in June 2016, the Buyout group has compiled all the feedback that local residents have submitted over the past three months within a Community Consultation Report.

The Community Consultation Report is also available online at www.wanlockheadcommunitytrust.org/15-community-consultation-report-july-2016

If you don't have access to the internet, a copy has been left at the Wanlockhead Inn. You can also contact one of the steering group members who will be pleased to give you a hard copy of the report.

- - - Life in other community buyouts: Mull of Galloway - - -

On Saturday 9th July, nine Wanlockhead residents travelled to community-owned Mull of Galloway to see first hand how the buyout had changed the area since the community took over the land in 2013. Like Wanlockhead, theirs is also a rural remote area that suffered a lack of local opportunities. Three years later, the activities generated by the buyout have created 20 new jobs in the area as well as an invigorating feeling that the future of the area belongs to them. Read the full report at www.wanlockheadcommunitytrust.org/14-mull-of-galloway-community-visit

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Feedback from Public Meeting Group Workshops

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<td>Capitalise on Southern Upland Way: Camping, Cafe, Restaurant, etc</td>
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APPENDIX C.
C. Feedback from Consultation Questionnaire Forms

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FORM
PROPOSED WANLOCKHEAD LAND BUYOUT

If Wanlockhead was to carry out a successful buyout of Buccleuch Estate land: How would you use the land in and around Wanlockhead? What is your vision for Wanlockhead in ten, twenty, fifty years? What would you like such a community-owned area to look like? What do you want the surrounding landscape to look like?

Help us chart a vision for our home:

1) MANAGING THE LAND / AREAS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
How would you like to see the land of a community-owned Wanlockhead managed? Farming, heritage, tourism, outdoors, energy generation? What would you like to see in the future that is not happening at present?

2) SPECIFIC PROJECTS / IDEAS FOR A COMMUNITY-OWNED WANLOCKHEAD
What village amenities and/or businesses would you like to see flourishing in a community-owned Wanlockhead?

3) AREAS IN AND AROUND WANLOCKHEAD
What areas of Buccleuch Estate land in/or around Wanlockhead would you like to see under village control?

DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE THIS COMMENTS AS:
I prefer to remain anonymous --- or ---- My name and contact details are:

Please return this form before the 10th May to any of the members of the steering group as below. Your ideas will be included in an interim Community Consultation Report which will be presented to Wanlockhead residents in June 2016. This report will include a final accounting of all ideas advanced by locals as well as a draft proposal regarding a potential community buyout.

YOU CAN RETURN THIS FORM TO:
James McKelvie, Wanlockhead Inn, 74535, wanlockheadinn@hotmail.co.uk | Androulla and Lincoln Richford, 4 New Row, 74435, androullarichford@gmail.com | Nathan Kennedy, Glencrieff Cottage, 74472, copland24@googlemail.com | Anjo Abelaira, Millennium Cottage, 74374, anjo@lowtherhills.com | Mac Blewer, 2 Long Row, 74225, macblewer@gmail.com
Questionnaire Forms responses as of 12 July 2016:

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Respondent#1 - I would like to see development of the heritage and winter sports potential. Reforestation of the hills around the village and exclusion of the sheep.

Respondent#2 - I would like to see development opportunities for tourism as well as benefiting the local population. We could consider a few turbines, or hydro, energy generation. "Community Energy" should mean just that. Providing energy for the locals as well as income.

Respondent#3 - Energy sustainability and tourism in the form of outdoor activities. All year winter sport of skiing and artificial slope.

Respondent#4 - Microgeneration of energy.

Respondent#5 - More focus on tourism, upgrading of existing "attractions" ie old lead mining buildings and areas. Own energy generation for village use.

Respondent#6 - A land use that has benefits to everyone. A mixture of different land-uses would make a more resilient community. A return to a more natural vegetation and landscape (change from heather dominated to higher plants) would provide benefits aesthetically, ecologically and economically.

Respondent#7 - Encourage the natural environment, develop tourism / build on heritage.

Respondent#8 - More trees + woodland! More walkways & paths. Management and planting to encourage biodiversity. More controlled sheep areas! Separate areas for sheep to stop garden invasions and keep them off the roads.

Respondent#9 - Tourism (mountain-related activities, but also heritage and history).

Respondent#10 - The area should be managed for more economic activities other than the current monoculture of grouse & sheep. I would like to see a firm commitment to develop sustainable tourism and diversified farming / agriculture activities. There is a potential to have small scale, carefully placed renewable energy developments.

Respondent#11 - I would like to see effort to encourage tourists to stay in the village. Also some tree planting to absorb the rainfall and stop the topography of the landscape changing.

Respondent#12 - Job creation.

Respondent#13 - Forestry, natural woodland (enchanted) to encourage tourism, starter farms with produce being sold locally.

Respondent#14 - Closer ties to landowner, able to move projects on without waiting months/years for decision.

Respondent#15 - I would like to see it managed by the local community.

Respondent#16 - Jobs for local people all year round: farming, shooting and tourism. Estate managed as a benefit to community and run to its full potential: shooting (gamekeepers), fishing, walking and encouraging tourists.

Respondent#17 - Gala days + special events - railway and museum - bird watching events? Farming, heritage + tourism, no energy generation. Perhaps we could get someone to run a photographic workshop for landscape photography etc? Maybe 3 weeks a year. The same with painting
Respondent#18 - More outdoor activities for people to come and experience. Promote hillwalking, snowsports, quad biking, mountain biking, horse riding, etc

Respondent#19 - I would like Wanlockhead to have a truly sustainable economy. Ideally we can have some planned economic development without compromising the peace and rural "experience of place" here. heritage tourism, outdoor recreation and carefully planned / locally managed energy development are essential to our future.

Respondent#20 - All of the above need to be represented.

### 2) SPECIFIC PROJECTS / IDEAS FOR A COMMUNITY-OWNED WANLOCKHEAD

What village amenities and/or businesses would you like to see flourishing in a community-owned Wanlockhead?

Respondent#1 - More facilities for walkers / campers / mountain bikes, perhaps 2 or 3 community owned wind turbines to generate income.


Respondent#3 - Wigwams for accommodation, shower block, good restaurant. Tea room, social housing in keeping with the village environment.

Respondent#4 - Polytunnels / allotments.

Respondent#5 - More cottage industries (arts + crafts), B+B’s, extension of the Leadhills Railway to come into village as far as possible, improvements to ski club. Mountain biking. Reclaim Bowling Green and hut.

Respondent#6 - Restoration projects to enhance ecological functions - long term this would be the foundation of a potential ecotourism/nature-based tourism industry. Craft/trade/workshop building allowing locals to display/sell work. Outdoor centre/field centre to bring in income and promote the village as a 'destination'.

Respondent#7 - Business units that could be used by local artists, etc, encourage cottage industries. Shared facilities that could be used by all villagers, e.g, sports/outdoor equipment (could be rented to visitors, free for locals).

Respondent#8 - Play area (something similar perhaps to Leadhills MUGA). Youth club/café for older teens, football pitch. Indoor play facilities eg. soft play etc. Craft shops (for the many hidden talented people!). All trade businesses, tree top adventure, gym, rock climbing, absiling, outdoor activities.

Respondent#9 - Aesthetics of the village, eg. through community-owned buildings & spaces. Improving the cleanliness and looks of the village, eg. hidden satellite dishes, hidden wheelie bins, stricter rules reg. use of properties as 'garages', etc. With improved aesthetics, the village's potential for tourism increases. Focus on our strengths: skiing, mountain activities, yoga treats, etc. Eco-potential, local food production, local history promotion.

Respondent#10 - We should as a village focus on SMEs, sustainable businesses that are locally owned and managed. The Community Trust does not need to do everything by itself. It is about allowing good proposals to happen in the village. Good land stewardship. Many will be willing to invest in Wanlockhead and make things happen if there was a better landowner in the village. I have
personally been unsuccessful in my dealings with Buccleuch, but I feel a community-owned Estate would have listened and supported my ideas for outdoor tourism in Wanlockhead.

Respondent#11 - I would encourage young school leavers to start up their own businesses in the village. This would help to re-generate the area/ E.g. community shop, small market garden. Outward bound pursuits, e.g. grass sledging, dry ski slope, zip wire, assault course.

Respondent#12 - Local housing to rent.

Respondent#13 - Bed & Breakfast, shop -not in competition with Leadhills but selling products required for outdoor activities. Increased social housing.

Respondent#14 - Retail units to let for people interested in starting own business.

Respondent#15 - All of them; pub, museum, hostel, community centre, etc.

Respondent#16 - All local businesses present and future need the community's support. This includes the museum, the pub, the ski club and any 'cottage industry' businesses. No business should feel excluded from the community.

Respondent#17 - Community run general store with food + hardware maybe open 3 days a week manned by volunteers? An all year round thing to look into is mine exploration. There are few thousand people who do nothing but go in mines a site on web mine explorer UK? I understand Cornish tin mining villages have a good income from this - map needed of tunnels and mines which are open?

Respondent#18 - I would like the opportunity to buy land in order to extend my business and make it a viable contender within its market as I believe I have a unique selling point (Scotland's Highest Village). Land available for people to build decent, affordable homes.

Respondent#19 - We need many things, but the amenities and businesses that come to mind include: a youth / young people's centre, and improved playpark, a visitor centre (not the museum's centre), more spaces available for local businesses and a local store / petrol station run by the community. We could not only capitalise on the area's mining past but also on the area's agricultural past and present. A Scottish Sheep Centre which showcases Scottish breeds and local wares? Outdoor recreation is another area we should capitalise on - skiing, hiking, biking, curling, bowls, etc... We should increase our capacity for these activities. Heritage tourism is another essential avenue which highlights our history and scenery. There is a great need to restore some of the area's overgrazed habitats, especially our riparian areas. We should reforest and fence off some areas from sheep, truly actively managing the landscape. Some areas should be managed for conservation / biodiversity and others for recreation, heritage tourism etc... Renewable energy could be another avenue we should explore. We can do this by exploring hydropower options and the development of very carefully planned and locally managed wind turbines. Locally produced power could benefit our entire community and the proceeds could stay here. In the long run, biomass heating is another option we could explore, perhaps harvesting our own trees for this endeavour.


3) AREAS IN AND AROUND WANLOCKHEAD
What areas of Buccleuch Estate land in/or around Wanlockhead would you like to see under village control?

Respondent#1 - North to Duntercleuch, West to the Cattle Grid in the Mennock Pass, East to the border with Leadhills, and South to the Radar.

Respondent#2 - North towards Duntercleuch, up to the border with Leadhills and up to the Radar.
| Respondent#3  | Bowling green, Curling pond, Football field, for a start. |
| Respondent#4  | The village only, I don't think there is the experience to manage the land round about, much as I'd like to see more biodiversity. |
| Respondent#5  | All central areas inside side roads. The Mennock Pass - ie management of camping / caravaning facility. |
| Respondent#6  | As large an area required to make ownership viable. If restoration is a goal then this requires connectivity over large areas, the village land is largely polluted and not worth having. |
| Respondent#7  | A large enough area that would allow the development of leisure activities, etc. Bike trail, skiing, etc. |
| Respondent#8  | Mennock Pass and all areas that attract campers. Management/control over mess left behind. |
| Respondent#9  | Wanlockhead and areas around the Mennock pass in order to control the camping and littering. |
| Respondent#10 | I would like to see under village control all the land that can be seen from the village. This includes all the glen from Lowther Hill to Duntercleuch. It is vital to have control over the management of the Mennock Pass, which is the first thing many visitors see as they approach Wanlockhead. Also have full control over the Southern Upland Way between Sanquhar and Wanlockhead. |
| Respondent#11 | The whole area bordering Hopetoun Estate down to the cattle grid in the Mennock Pass - Approx 12 to 15,000 acres. |
| Respondent#12 | Better use of land to stop the monoculture. Wildlife tours. |
| Respondent#13 | All of Wanlockhead with sufficient area to allow for mountain bike trail, forestry, etc. |
| Respondent#14 | (Blank) |
| Respondent#15 | As much as possible. |
| Respondent#16 | All of Wanlockhead Estate. |
| Respondent#17 | Unable to comment - new to village, but I would think all land within 1,000 yards of village, maybe even 1 mile. |
| Respondent#18 | As much as possible so the village can utilise as many of its assets as possible. |
| Respondent#19 | Mennock Pass, Wanlockhead, Wanlock Dod, Lowther Hill - I think that there should be a substantial buffer zone, a ring of property around the village. |
| Respondent#20 | Mennock Pass - and all around the village - so that the whose village is self-governing. |
Hello Anjo

I write as Company Secretary of Lowthers Railway Society Limited (“Lowthers”) to you in your capacity as a member of the steering group of the Wanlockhead Community Trust.

I am sorry that I missed the public consultation on 2 and 5 April. In fact I was at Leadhills on the 2nd but fully engaged in running trains.

I have to state that Lowthers have decided that they want, following the handing back by Mr. Telfer of his lease, and a series of meetings between myself and representatives of Buccleuch, to extend the railway to a point up to but not including the N.A.T.S. road. This extension was held up by Telfer for around EIGHTEEN (18) years.

Buccleuch have promised Lowthers a 25 years lease of the land with only a nominal rental payable, and a draft lease is currently with the Buccleuch solicitors.

Lowthers have long-term aspirations to extend the railway to a point near to the site of the former Wanlockhead Railway Station. However Buccleuch will not release the land. Buccleuch know of our aspirations.

The land needed for the extension to N.A.T.S. road is mainly through a cutting and personally I find it difficult to see how it can be of much if any use to the people of Wanlockhead acting through a Community Development or Buyout Company. If I am wrong and steps are taken, following the consultation, to acquire any part of the track bed (and at that time the lease from Buccleuch has not been legally granted) then it follows Lowthers have a reasonable expectation that a 25 years lease from the Community Development or Buyout Company would be granted to them by on the terms, including rental and duration, that Lowthers would have obtained from Buccleuch.

It would however be less complicated if the Community Development or Buyout Company were to draw up plans which EXCLUDED the land needed for the extension.

Can you confirm please that you will advise (or have advised) the Steering Group of the views expressed in this message?

Thank you

Wishing the Community and the Steering Group all the best as regards their own aspirations.

Harvie

HARVIE PATERSON
FOR LOWTHERS RAILWAY SOCIETY LIMITED
Dear Mac,

Following your request for Lowther Hills Ski Club to provide feedback on the Community Consultation Report which is currently being carried out by the Wanlockhead Community Trust, please find below the following comments for your consideration:

+ Lowther Hills Ski Club Community Interest Company is a community-owned group dedicated to the promotion and development of outdoor recreational facilities in the Lowther Hills.
+ It is Wanlockhead and Leadhills' largest community group with almost 100 local paying members.
+ With nearly 1,000 skier days in 2015/16 and an estimated 3,000 skier days for 2016/17, it is the area's most popular tourist attraction during winter months.

Further details about Lowther Hills Ski Club and its relevance to our local area can be found at:

Lowther Hills Ski Club's comments refer to the potential of the Lowther Hills for outdoor recreation:

+ The slopes of Lowther Hill, Whiteside and Stake Hill are suitable for winter sports. Alpine skiing has taken place in those areas since as far back as the 1920s. Lowther Hills Ski Club has facilities on Whiteside and Lowther Hills and therefore has an interest in that area.

+ Of all the 9 curling ponds remaining in Wanlockhead and Leadhills, the curling pond by the old Wanlockhead railway station is in relatively good condition and would be the easiest of them all to be reinstated.

+ There is a potential to create Nordic skiing tracks on the slopes of Mossy Burn, Whiteside and East Mount Lowther. There are currently no Nordic skiing facilities in the south of Scotland, the only existing Nordic tracks being all in the Highlands.

+ The area has an extraordinary potential for Mountain Biking. Besides the existing network of tracks which were created for gamekeeping on the hills west of the village between Duntercleuch and Glenim, any potential Nordic tracks on Lowther Hill could also be used as Mountain Biking tracks during summer.

+ Hillwalking is an asset for the area that has long been underutilised. Besides the Southern Upland Way, south of Scotland's coast to coast long distance route, there is a comprehensive network of public and historical paths in the area that could be waymarked to make visitors come and stay in the area.

Kind regards,

Anjo Abelaira
Chairman, On behalf of Lowther Hills Ski Club

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Lowther Heritage

Wanlockhead

13th July 2016  Wanlockhead Community Trust

Mac Blewer – Secretary.

Dear Mac Blewer,

Lowther Heritage would like to express it’s support for the proposed community buyout of the surrounds of Wanlockhead.

The industrial remains found in and around Wanlockhead testify to the important role played by the village in The Industrial Revolution. The Queensbury Smelter and it's
revolutionary extended flue system, later copied all over the world, and the site of William Symington’s first steam engine, the inventor of the world's first powered steam boat, are just two of the many important parts of the history of mining in the village.

Much could be done to increase tourism and create jobs by presenting these industrial remains to a wider public. We feel a community buyout could best serve this aspiration, we therefore have no hesitation in giving our support to The Wanlockhead Community Trust in their efforts to achieve this goal.

Yours Sincerely

Lowther Heritage Executive Committee
APPENDIX E.
Proposed Wanlockhead Community Land Buyout Timeline

ROUTE PLAN
PROPOSED WANLOCKHEAD LAND BUYOUT

January 2016
PUBLIC MEETING - STEERING GROUP FORMED

April - May 2016
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

June 2016
PUBLIC MEETING TO PRESENT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT AND DRAFT COMMUNITY BUYOUT PROPOSAL

July 2016
MEETING WITH BUCCLEUCH TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL COMMUNITY BUYOUT SCENARIOS

July - August 2016
VILLAGE VISITS TO OTHER COMMUNITIES WHO MANAGE THEIR LAND -- OPEN TO ALL -- MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

December 2016
FEASIBILITY STUDY OF A COMMUNITY-OWNED WANLOCKHEAD TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VILLAGE

January 2017
YOU DECIDE: COMMUNITY BALLOT ON PROPOSED BUYOUT:

If the village votes NO:
End of project, no community purchase of land will be taken forward.

If the village votes YES and Buccleuch is willing to sell:
Village to proceed to buyout after final ballot on terms and conditions.

If the village votes YES and Buccleuch is not willing to sell:
A case will be presented to the Scottish Government under terms of the new Land Reform legislation.