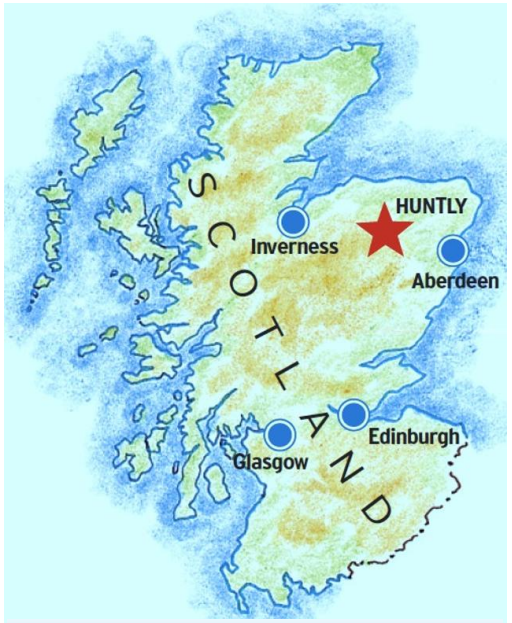
People Creating Lasting Impact - Huntly

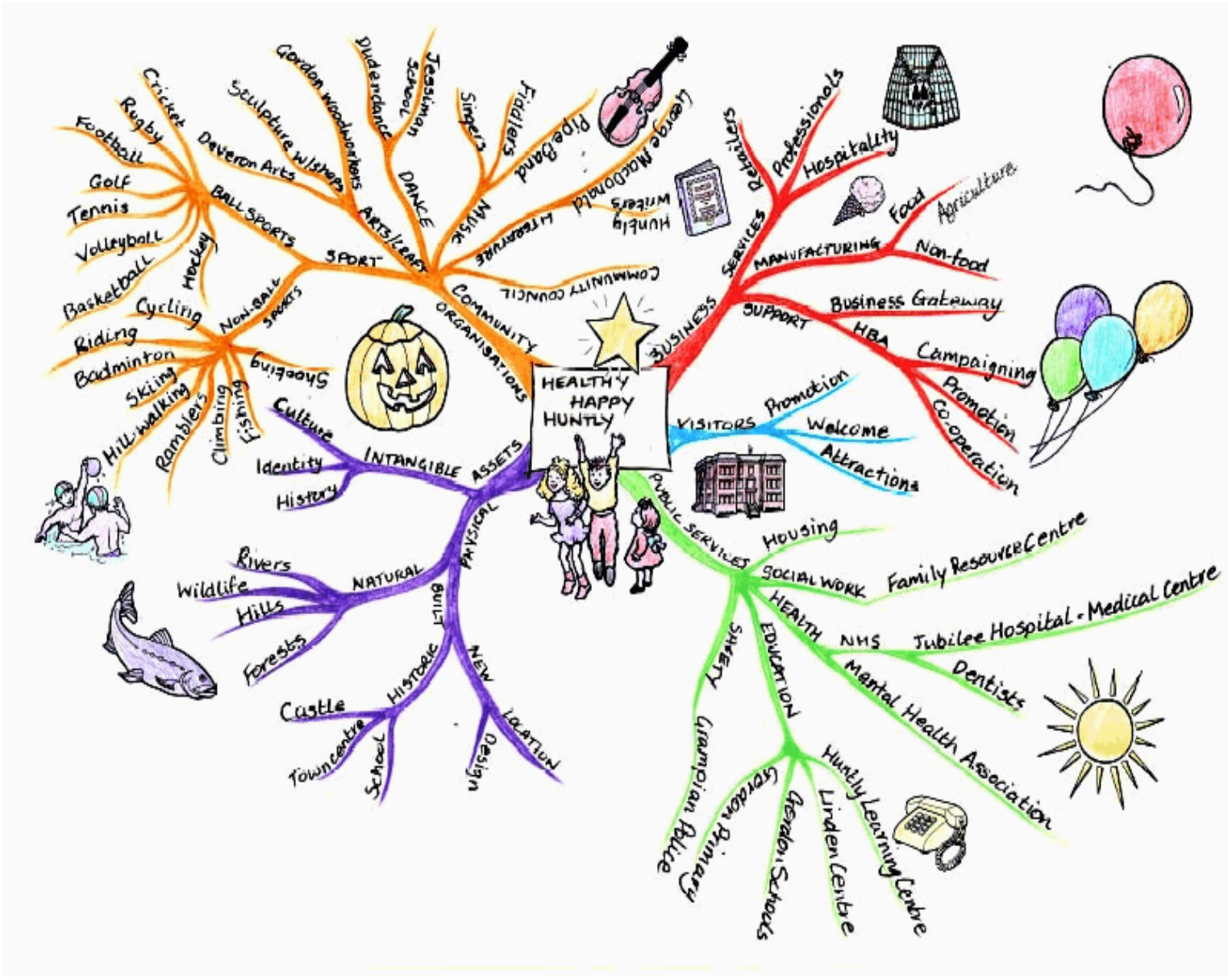
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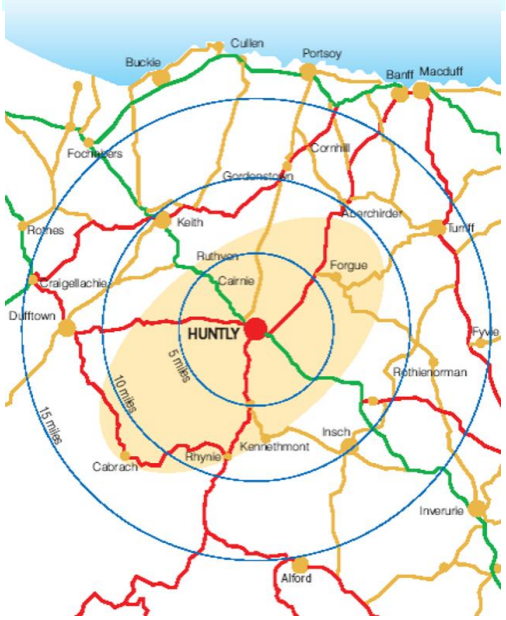
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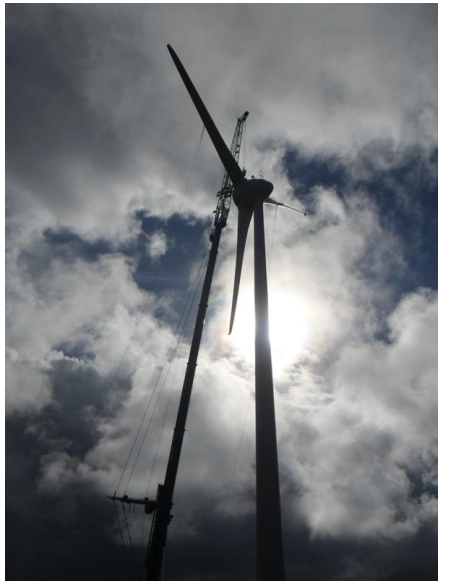
"Working with others to build a resilient, inclusive, enterprising community capable of dealing with ongoing change."

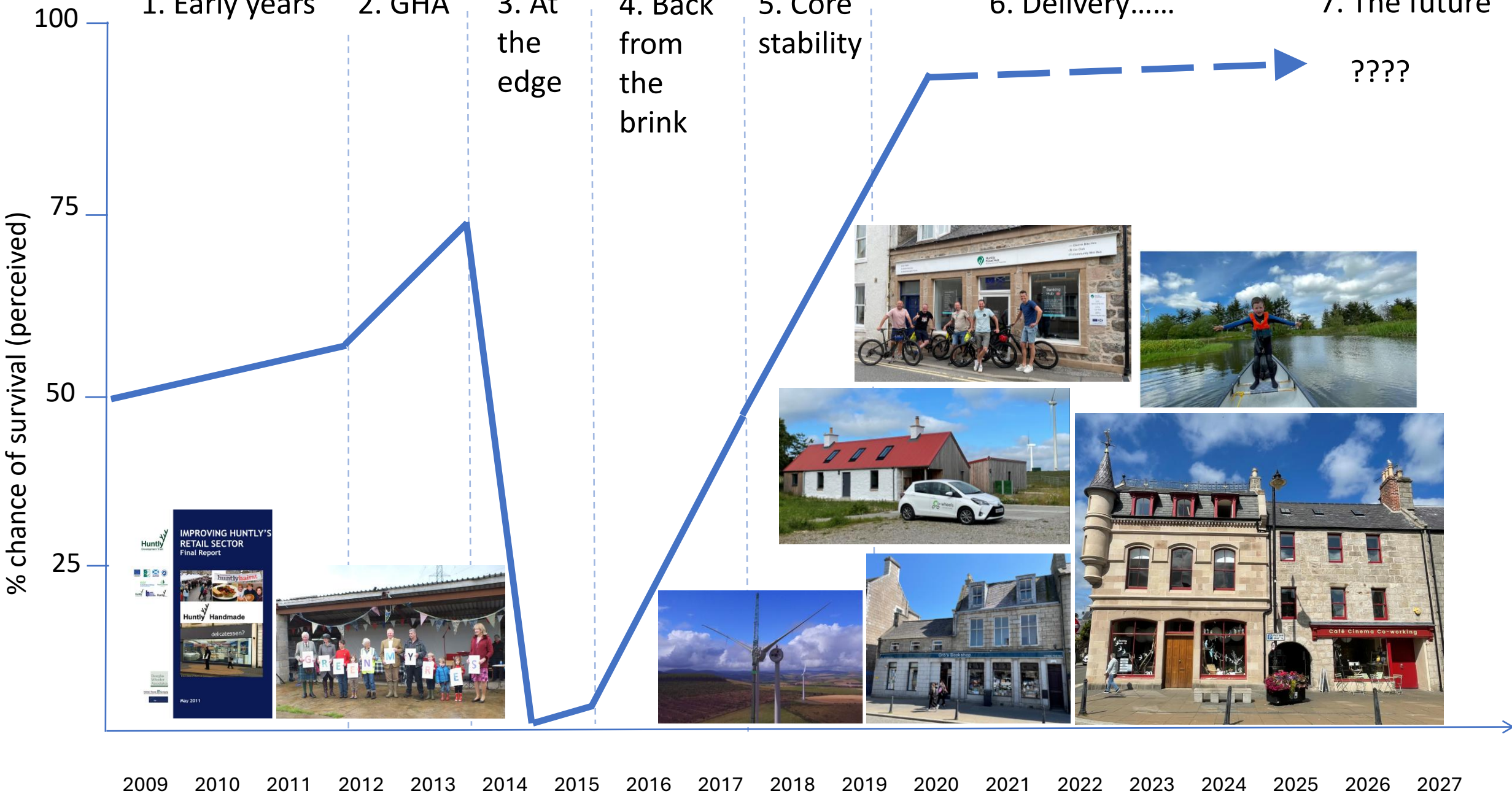











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2. GHA
3. At the edge
4. Back from the brink
5. Core stability
6. Delivery……
7. The future
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IMPROVING HUNTLY'S RETAIL SECTOR
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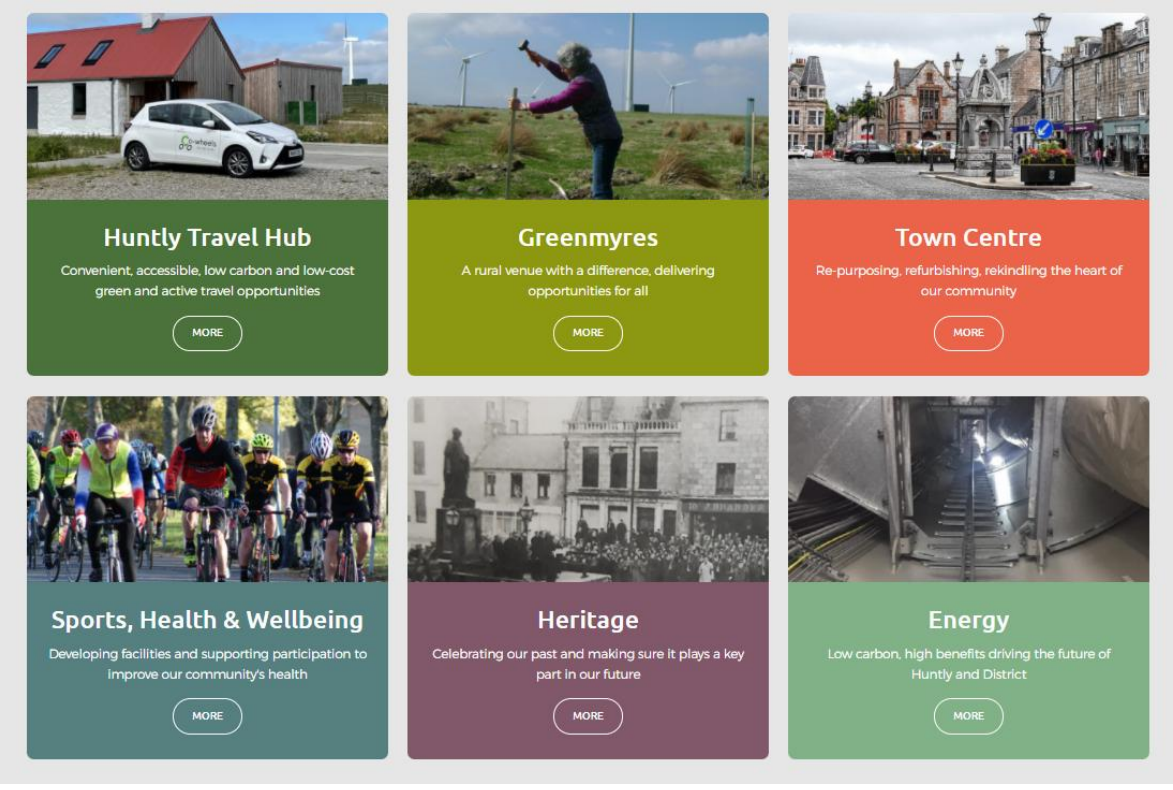
Lasting impacts…

Tangible

- Greenmyres 63-acre farm/outdoor centre
- Wholly-owned Greenmyres wind turbine
- Revenue streams from Cairnborrow & Wheedlemont wind farms
- Total net value of this wind income over 20 years £7,000,000+
- 3 community-owned and redeveloped town centre buildings
- 16 e-bikes, community minibus, 2 vehicle car club
- Huntly Express archive in community hands
- 26 staff (14 FTE), 30 volunteers, 8 strong Board, 645 members
- Total assets ca £1,900,000

Intangible

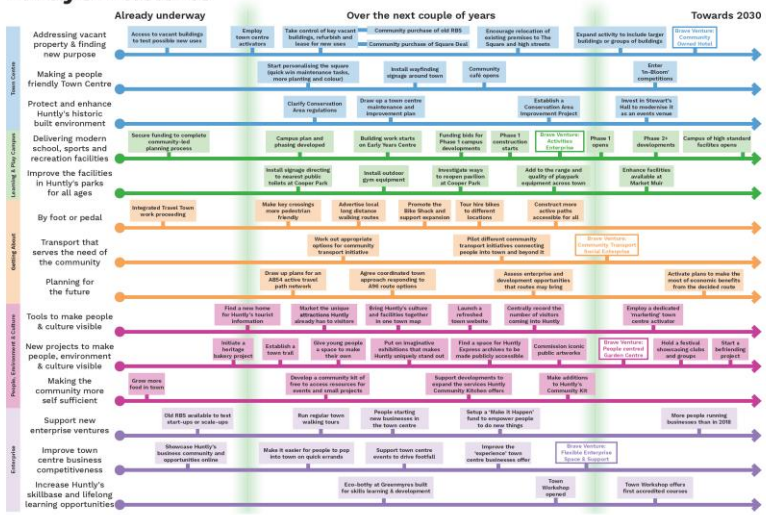
- Partnerships/relationships
- Increased faith/hope in the town/area's future
- Confidence and capacity to tackle big projects



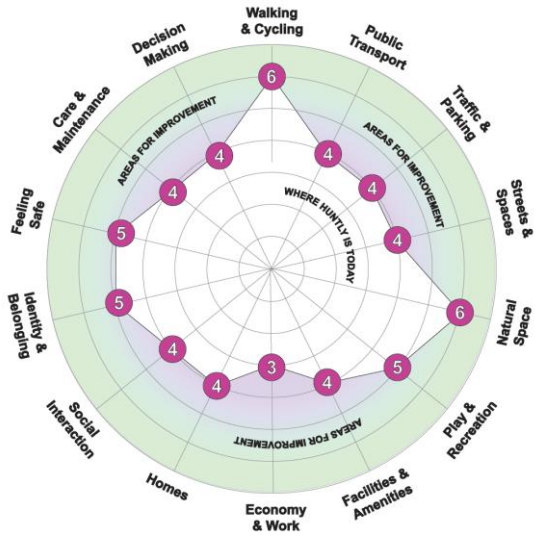
Huntly Room to Thrive

A town centre that belongs to us,
With a campus for learning and play.
A rural place with transport that works for us,
Where the focus is people, environment and culture,
And real opportunities exist for enterprise.

Huntly's Milestones



'How's Huntly?' results





Major town centre project:

Community-Owned Hotel

A town centre that belongs to us...



A campus for learning and play...



Summary of issues, developments and



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Creating Opportunities for Huntly and District

Thank You!

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AHF Transforming Heritage

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VATTENFALL

Funded by UK Government

Aberdeenshire LocalActionGroup

Scottish Land Fund
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Our Power? Follow the money...out

	Commercial Development	Year	Output (MW)	Turbines	Community payment	£/MW	£/turbine	Owner	Country	
1	Glens of Foudland	2006	26	20	40,404	1,554	2,020	RES	UK	
2	Dummuies	2007	12.25	7	12,250	1,000	1,750	IKEA	Sweden	
3	Cairnmore	2010	2.55	3	-	-	-	Greenspan	Scotland	
4	Kildrummy	2013	18.4	8	94,052	5,112	11,757	Greencoat UK	UK	
5	Clashindarroch I	2014	37	18	288,000	7,784	16,000	Vattenfall	Sweden	
6	Cairnborrow	2016	10.25	5	70,507	6,879	14,101	Engie	France	
7	Clashindarroch II	2028	63	14	315,000	5,000	22,500	Vattenfall	Sweden	
8	Hill of Stoneyfield	2030+	14.4	3	72,000	5,000	24,000	Wind 2	UK	
9	Dunscroft	2030+	49.9	13	249,500	5,000	19,192	Low Carbon	UK	
10	Hill of Foudland	2030+	64.8	9	324,000	5,000	36,000	Koehler	Germany	
11	Correen Hills	2030+	72	10	360,000	5,000	36,000	Force 9/EDF	UK/France	
			370.55	**110**	**1,825,713**	**4,303**	**16,665**			
	Local & community									
12	Wheedlemont	2016	0.5	1	48,750	97,500	48,750	Cnoc Cailliche	Scotland	
13	Greenmyres	2016	0.5	1	240,000	480,000	240,000	Huntly Dev Trust	Scotland	
14	Wind's Eye	2030+	16	3	1,000,000	62,500	333,333	Huntly Dev Trust	Scotland	
			5.67	**5**	**1,240,000**	**213,333**	**207,361**			
	Community v commercial		**1.5%**	**4.5%**	**67.9%**	**49.6**	**12.4**			
	Operational				Consented, not built			In Development		

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