

H. East Neuk: St. Monans, Pittenweem, Anstruther, Kilrenny

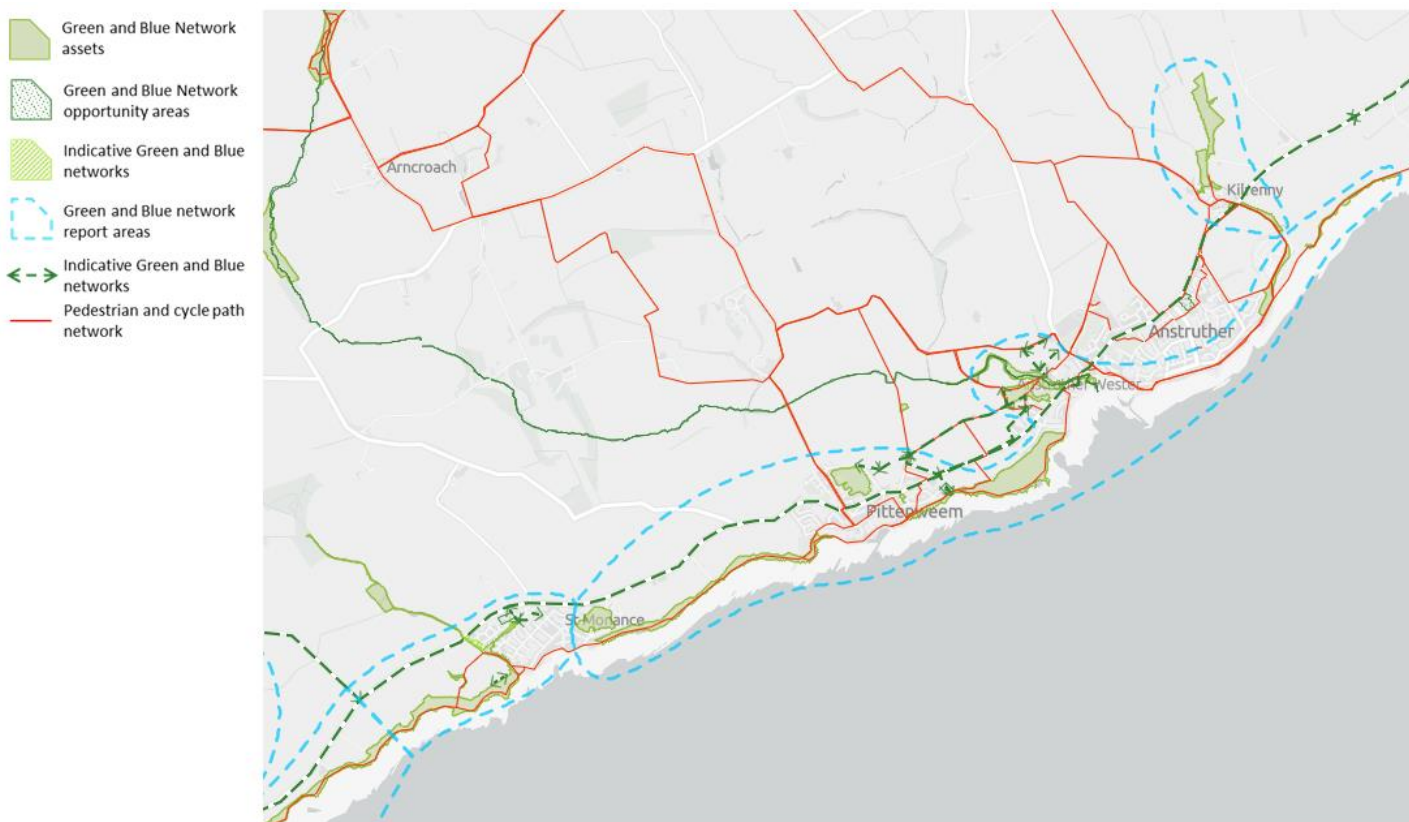
3 Green and Blue Networks were identified for St. Monans, Pittenweem, Anstruther and Kilrenny.

STMGN01: St. Monans West Green and Blue Network

ANSGN01: Anstruther – Pittenweem – St. Monans Coast Green and Blue Network

KILGN01: Kilrenny Green and Blue Network

A short description summarising their key features, functions and opportunities is provided on the following pages.¹



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STMGN01: St. Monans West Green and Blue Network

Centring on the Inverie Burn corridor, the St. Monans West Green and Blue Network defines the edge of the town and incorporates the coastal assets to the west.

Key Features:

- Part of the longer Fife Coastal Path route. The Green and Blue Network incorporates a number of core paths which connect to the coast down the west side of St. Monans.
- Includes the Inverie Burn and its associated riparian habitat. Other habitat assets include the coastal grasslands.
- The Dynamic Coast mapping identifies some predicted coastal erosion between St monans and Elie.
- Currently no cycleway provision, but there is a proposed cycle route which runs along the A917 and will form part of the East Neuk 50.

Opportunities for Enhancement:

- Part of a proposed cycle route linking to Kirkcaldy, St Andrews and Dundee (East Neuk 50) – would be a 3m wide active travel route with associated SUDS and potential for biodiversity and landscape enhancements to be delivered as part of the route development. There is the potential for any developments along this route to deliver sections of it. .
- Allotments proposed to the north west of St Monans.

Development Plan Priorities:

- Protect existing Green and Blue Network assets.
 - The green and blue network priorities below relate to proposals in Fifeplan (2017) these will be reviewed at the Proposed Plan stage of Fife's LDP2.
1. LDP proposals STM 001 and STM 003 (West of Manse) – priorities in developing this area should be to:
 - Provide a 3m wide section of the NCN76 route along the northern edge of the site and establish a high quality development edge on to this route – a development framework exists for the site.
 - Develop a new high quality landscape edge along the western boundary of the site, with the Inverie Burn to enhance this Green and Blue Network route. Create appropriate new habitat provision and incorporate access provision to connect to the core path routes south of the site.
 - Provide a high quality edge along the southern boundary of the site to enhance the setting and quality of the existing greenspaces and retain east-west connectivity.
 - Provide a north-south connection along the eastern boundary of the site.
 2. LDP proposal STM 002 (Netherton Industrial Estate) – priorities in developing this area should be to:
 - Provide an access link through the southern portion of the site to provide connectivity to Proposal STM 003.
 3. LDP proposal STM 004 (Cemetery) – priorities in developing this area should be to:
 - Provide habitat enhancements and high quality landscaping appropriate to the location along the coastal grasslands.

ANSGN01: Anstruther – Pittenweem – St. Monans Coast Green and Blue Network

The Anstruther – Pittenweem – St. Monans Coast Green and Blue Network stretches from East Shore in St. Monans all the way to the Braes in Anstruther, encompassing a large portion of the East Neuk settlements and their iconic and high quality coastline.

Key Features:

- Part of the longer Fife Coastal Path route and includes connections inland, including links to Kellie Castle and Arncroach.
- Includes high quality public realm through the settlements and along the waterfront and some associated smaller-scale greenspaces.
- Notable assets include the Common in St. Monans, West Braes and East Shore and the recreation ground in Pittenweem, and Dreel Meadow and Bankie Park and the waterfront in Anstruther.
- Important coastal habitat – intertidal strip, coastal grasslands and cliffs. Where agricultural land comes to the top of the coastal cliff the coastal grassland habitat is more fragmented.
- Includes part of the Dreel Burn, which runs through Anstruther and incorporates some riparian habitat.
- High quality landscape setting.
- Some coastal erosion. Coastal edge will be protected in villages, but over-topping of existing defences can still occur. The Dynamic Coast mapping identifies some predicted coastal erosion to the west and east of Anstruther.

Opportunities for Enhancement:

- Part of a proposed cycle route linking to Kirkcaldy, St Andrews and Dundee (East Neuk 50) – would be a 3m wide active travel route with associated SUDS and potential for biodiversity and landscape enhancements to be delivered as part of the route development.
- Action might be required subject to need/to protect the Fife Coastal Path route from the possible coastal erosion of the cliffs – possible that the path will have to retreat in land in the future; consider potential to provide additional coastal grassland habitat in association with any development or change to the coastal path.
- St. Monans Common – this is the main greenspace in the village. The park could be of wider benefit to the community if improvements were made such as: replacing/removing all weathered surface pitch, tree, shrub, flower planting, welcoming entrances.
- Pittenweem - Recreation Ground – investment required to improve multi-functionality. Potential also to improve contribution to landscape setting.
- Anstruther has a greenspace deficit. The quality and functionality of Bankie Park and the Braes could be enhanced. There is a small community woodland north of the settlement.
- There are proposals to upgrade part of the core path between Anstruther and Pittenweem to a multi use path but this does not extend as far as Waid Academy. There are small scale opportunities to enhance the landscape setting in association with any path works.
- There is a community aspiration for a more direct traffic-free link between the villages and on to Crail, a route is not identified beyond the coastal path.
- The Fife NHS Greenspace Strategy identifies opportunities for enhancing biodiversity in courtyards, rooftops, verges, and lawns; and the potential to create green corridors, pocket parks, and gardens and areas for food production within the grounds of Anstruther Medical Practice.
- Community led Dreel Burn project aims to improve and restore the Dreel Burn and surrounding environment, improving water quality; enhancing biodiversity; and creating improved greenspace for local residents.

Development Plan Priorities:

- Protect existing Green and Blue Network assets.

- The green and blue network priorities below relate to proposals in Fifeplan (2017) these will be reviewed at the Proposed Plan stage of Fife's LDP2.
1. LDP proposal ANS 05 (St Andrews Road extension) – priorities in developing this area should be to:
 - Establish a high quality development edge along the western boundary (and with the Dreeel Burn in the south west corner) which delivers landscape and habitat enhancements, alongside new north-south access provision.
 - Maintain and enhance the setting of the core path route that runs along the northern boundary of the site, through an appropriate boundary treatment and new planting.
 - Provide an east-west access connection through the site to provide a safe route to school and cycle route (and allow for potential future link to Pittenweem).
 2. LDP proposal PIT 01 (St Margaret's Farm) – priorities in developing this area should be to:
 - Deliver access links to connect to the recreation ground to the west and to the core path route to the east, which has been discussed as a safe route to school.
 - Provide a high quality landscape edge to the north of the site.
 - Potential for the site to deliver an upgrade to the existing recreational ground.

KILGN01: Kilrenny Green and Blue Network

The Kilrenny Green and Blue Network follows the course of the Kilrenny Burn through the centre of Kilrenny, providing a north-south connection between the village and the East Neuk coastline.

Key Features:

- Follows the course of the Kilrenny Burn. Culvert at Kilrenny recently replaced.
- Includes a cycleway and core path which connects Kilrenny to the Fife Coastal Path and Anstruther via the coast, through the caravan park at Cellardyke.
- The local park in Kilrenny is a good quality greenspace asset.

Opportunities for Enhancement:

- The existing cycleway and core path linking Kilrenny to the coast would benefit from upgrading in the longer-term.

Development Plan Priorities:

- Protect existing Green and Blue Network assets.