# **Owning Our Future:** a project using graphics to encourage debate about the future

*an initiative of Community Land Scotland*

- *applied to the settlement of Peebles*
- *facilitated / animated by the creative practitioner Jess Parker*

# IMAGINING THE FUTURE

Ideas for a better Peebles

**A glimpse of what young people would like to see to help strengthen the community today and further into the future.**

This map is the result of many conversations and creative engagement with the people of Peebles at the end of 2020. Look closely and you'll see there are more opportunities to socialise outdoors, grow food, increase wildlife, and engage young people in the community. These are all brilliant ideas to help support and sustain people, our surroundings, and the wider environment.

We hope this map sparks some interesting conversations. If you'd like to be involved and bring one of these ideas to life please get in touch with the Peebles Community Trust.

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**Imagining the future offers fresh ideas**
By Jess Parker

Some bright and imaginative people stepped forward to participate in a project called Owning Our Futures towards the end of 2020.

The project sought to find out the role of community-ownership during the Coronavirus pandemic and help people imagine the future of Peebles. This was done through interviews and activity packs which were distributed to interested participants. In their own time, participants walked through the town and used specially designed cards provided in the pack, to think of ways the community could be strengthened post-pandemic. The imagining exercise brought forth a range of ideas such as a meeting place for new mothers, a boardgame cafe, and more street art and murals. It also revealed concerns for the wellbeing of residents with more initiatives to encourage neighbourhood friendliness, as well as drug addiction support.

The project has shown that there is interest in Peebles to support and sustain people, look after their surroundings, and protect the wider environment. These insights have been passed on to Community Land Scotland and will feed into the Town Action Plan. And a unique illustrated map has been made to continue community engagement. It will be displayed at future PCT events and available to download on their website.

Thanks to everyone who offered up their time to be interviewed, the Tweeddale Youth Action club, and the people who took part in imagining the future of Peebles.

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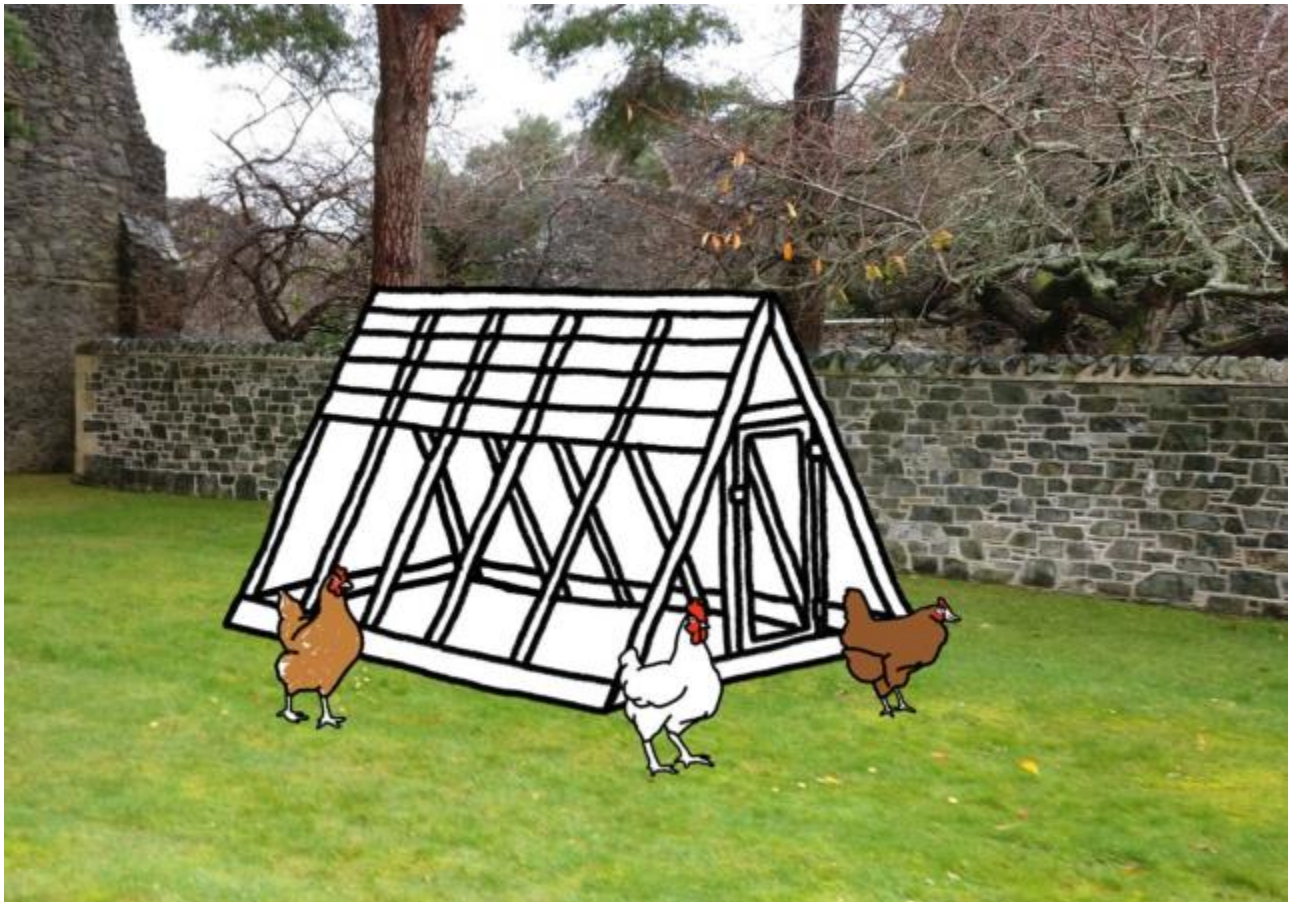

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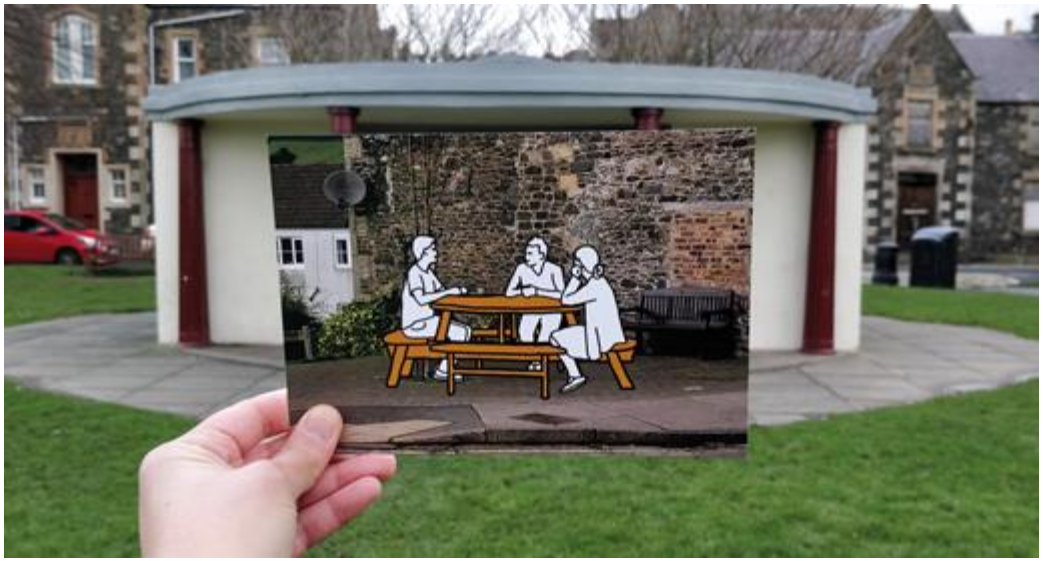

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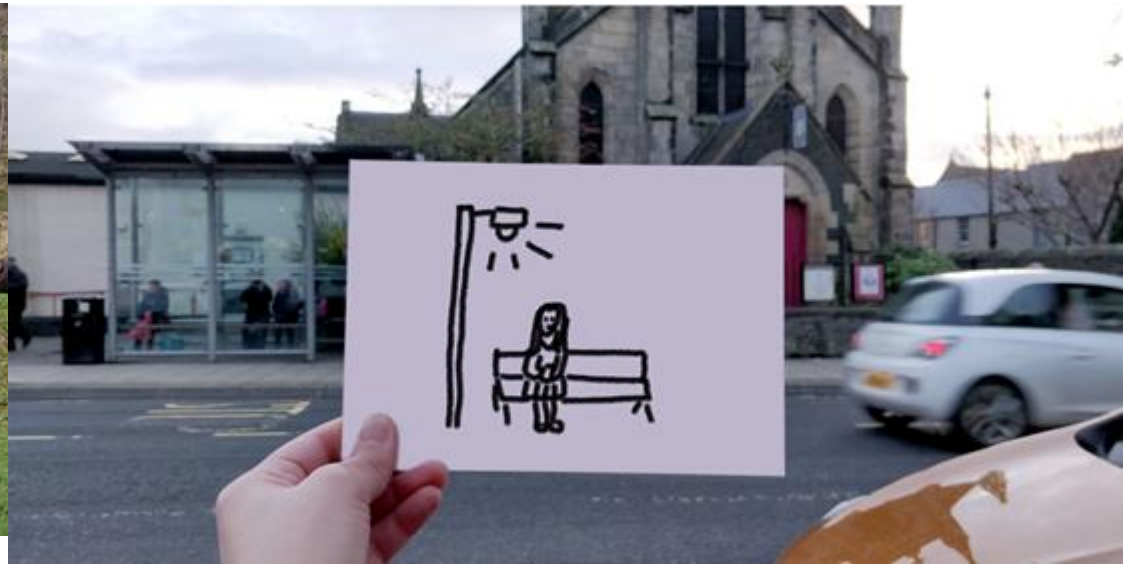

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