

The Ormlie Home Zone has made an enormous impact on the built environment of Ormlie and the residents living within the High Ormlie area. It is a delight to walk around the estate and see flowers, trees, shrubs and colour. We are very grateful to the following funders who supported the project:

- Scottish Executive Safer Routes to Schools Initiative
- Rural Partnership Fund
- Fresh Futures — Transforming Your Space
- Community Environmental Renewal Scheme
- The Highland Council



Diane Holmes, OCA Volunteer, Charlotte Lowe, OCA Director and Lorna Simpson, OCA Manager are invited to speak at the Scottish Home Zone Network Conference

The Ormlie Home Zone is 'lethal'.
Comment from young female adult

We call the new wall '*the great wall of Ormlie*' but some people just say it's '*the wavy wall*'.

Comment from young male aged 11 years

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Ormlie Home Zone

Home Zones are residential streets where people come before cars. Streets where you can enjoy taking time to stop and chat with your friends and neighbours. Streets where even young children can play without the threat of traffic. Streets where cars are allowed, but the car driver is a guest. The key to creating a home zone is that the street design makes drivers feel it is normal to drive slowly and carefully. Home Zones turn the street into a valued public space and create attractive urban environments.

So what happened in Ormlie!

Residents were so concerned about the speed of traffic coming into the estate that they decided a Home Zone could reduce speed and also improve the whole streetscape of High Ormlie. Sarah Boyack, MSP visited Ormlie in 2000 and designated the area as one of the four pilot Home Zone projects in Scotland. Although the area was a pilot project there was no dedicated funding for the initiative from the Scottish Executive. After many years of consultation, numerous design initiatives and funding applications, construction work began at the end of November 2003. Gateway features, a large raised table, and a 20 mph limit was introduced to reduce speed. During 2004 further funding applications were completed, to a wide range of potential funders and eventually £270K was raised to complete the project. The road design was changed, new lighting installed, a number of Caithness drystone features constructed and landscaping introduced. Ormlie is also the proud owner of a new bus shelter and the residents are delighted with the new fencing. Children and young people have been integral to the Ormlie Home Zone project and have been involved in the planning and design stage. The new 'wavy wall' was based on designs made by the young people using modelling clay. They also designed features for the 'magic circle' area. There is still more work to be undertaken within Ormlie but it is now an area where people are proud to live and bring up children.



Old Ormlie



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