



# Your Town Audit: Thornliebank

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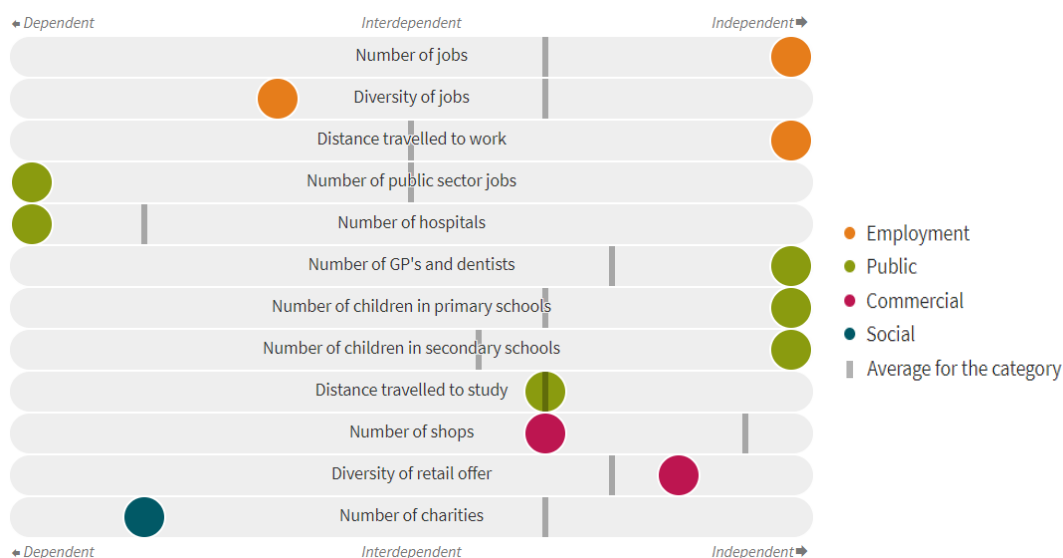
# 1. Understanding Scottish Places Summary

This report presents a summary of the Your Town Audit (YTA) for Thornliebank, conducted by Scotland's Towns Partnership and EKOS, and comprises an update on the previous Thornliebank YTA conducted in 2016. The detailed YTA Framework and Data Workbook are provided under separate cover.

The YTA was developed to provide a framework to measure and monitor the performance of Scotland's towns and town centres using a series of Key Performance Indicators. It provides a comprehensive audit of Thornliebank with data on up to 180 KPIs across seven themes – Locality, Accessibility, Local Services, Activities + Events, Development Capacity, Tourism, and Place + Quality Impressions.

The [Understanding Scottish Places](#) (USP) data platform provides a summary analysis for Thornliebank and identifies 9 comparator towns that have similar characteristics, with the most similar being Callander, Anstruther, Dalbeattie and Inverkeithing<sup>1</sup>. The USP platform – [www.usp.scot](http://www.usp.scot) – describes Thornliebank as an interdependent to independent town.

## Inter-relationships



The coloured circles represent Thornliebank's relative position for key indicators across key themes compared to 9 other similar towns (average marked by the grey line).

<sup>1</sup> The other comparator towns are identified as Dunoon, West Calder, Lanark, Nairn and Kirriemuir.

Comparing Thornliebank to towns with similar USP typology and interrelationships shows similarities in the distances residents travel to study, and in the diversity of retail offer. Thornliebank has a greater number of children in both Primary and Secondary schools and a greater number of jobs, although less job diversity. The greatest difference is reflected in the lower number of public sector jobs in Thornliebank compared to similar towns.

In summary, the USP platform describes Thornliebank in following general terms:

**Thornliebank’s Interrelationships:** Thornliebank is an *‘interdependent to dependent town’*, which means it has a good number of assets in relation to its population. There is some diversity of jobs; and residents largely travel shorter distances to work and study, although some travel longer distances. These towns attract people from neighbouring towns to access some of their assets and jobs.

**Thornliebank’s Typology:** This type of medium-sized town is extremely mixed in terms of demographics. There are a particularly wide range of people, housing and activities. The number of older couples with no children is higher than average. There is a mix of professional and non-professional jobs, and part-time and self-employment are both important for a significant proportion of residents. Socioeconomic status is higher here than in other kinds of towns and there is a mix of professionals and non-professionals, as well as those with higher and lower educational attainment.

### Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) measures relative levels of deprivation across Scotland’s communities (statistically referred to as Data Zones) based on seven indicators: income, employment, education, health, housing, crime and geographic access.

None of the Data Zones that comprise the town of Thornliebank fall within the top 15% most deprived areas of Scotland when considering all indicators in aggregate. However, when considering the crime indicator on its own, one of the Thornliebank Data Zones<sup>2</sup> falls within this top 15% most deprived group (i.e. experiences relatively high levels of crime). The table over presents the overall SIMD rank and percentile for each of the Thornliebank Data Zones.

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<sup>2</sup> 2011 Data Zone: S01008409. See Map 1 in the appendix.

### Thornliebank SIMD Ranking by Data Zone

2011 Intermediate Zone	2011 Data Zone	Overall SIMD20 Rank <sup>3</sup>	Percentile
North Giffnock and North Thornliebank	S01008406	4,392	63 <sup>rd</sup>
	S01008407	3,861	55 <sup>th</sup>
	S01008408	6,780	97 <sup>th</sup>
	S01008409	3,315	48 <sup>th</sup>
	S01008410	5,059	73 <sup>rd</sup>
South Thornliebank and Woodfarm	S01008411	5,878	84 <sup>th</sup>
	S01008412	5,511	79 <sup>th</sup>
	S01008413	3,807	55 <sup>th</sup>
	S01008414	5,961	85 <sup>th</sup>
	S01008415	4,648	67 <sup>th</sup>
	S01008416	1,937	28 <sup>th</sup>

Source: Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020

For all ranks (percentiles): 1(1<sup>st</sup>) is most deprived, 6,976 (100<sup>th</sup>) is least deprived. The two most deprived areas, ranked within the 28<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> percentile respectively, form the core town centre area. The remaining Data Zones have comparatively low rankings, including one that is amongst the least deprived in all of Scotland (97<sup>th</sup> percentile). However, it is important to note that while these highly ranked Data Zones partly lie within Thornliebank, they mostly fall within the neighbouring town of Giffnock. There is also a sense in the area that even within these Data Zones there is some divergence in socio-economic characteristics, suggesting that Thornliebank could be more diverse than the SIMD rankings indicate.

### YTA Reporting

Building on the USP and SIMD data, this report presents the results of our detailed analysis of Thornliebank based around the Scottish Government's [Town Centre Toolkit](#) – an online resource available via the USP website which provides advice, guidance and case studies across three thematic areas: accessible, active and attractive towns.

In total 40 YTA audits have been prepared for towns across Scotland providing consistent data across a range of KPIs. Where appropriate, this report provides comparisons for Thornliebank against the YTA town average<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> Rank out of 6976 Scottish Data Zones.

<sup>4</sup> It has not been possible to collect full KPI data for all towns – the number of YTA comparator towns therefore differs across this report.

## 2. Accessible Town Centre

Thornliebank is a relatively small town in East Renfrewshire approximately 5 miles south of Glasgow city centre (on the boundary between the two local authority areas), with a population of around 7,900 people. The core retail area of Thornliebank is situated on Main Street, a B-class road leading into Thornliebank from Giffnock and Shawlands, with other retailers and service providers being distributed around the main town centre area.

There are two railway stations near, but not within, Thornliebank town centre; Thornliebank Rail Station which is located on Thornliebank Road, and Kennishead Station which is located on Boydstone Road, in Carnwadric, a neighbouring settlement. Neither stations have park and ride facilities, however, they do have bicycle parking stands and some shelters. Journeys into the centre of Glasgow take roughly 15 minutes from both stations. Services from these stations also help to connect the town to other settlements in East Renfrewshire, with journey times from Kennishead to Barrhead taking roughly 15 minutes, and 15-20 minutes from Thornliebank station to Clarkston and Busby.

15 mile radius around Thornliebank

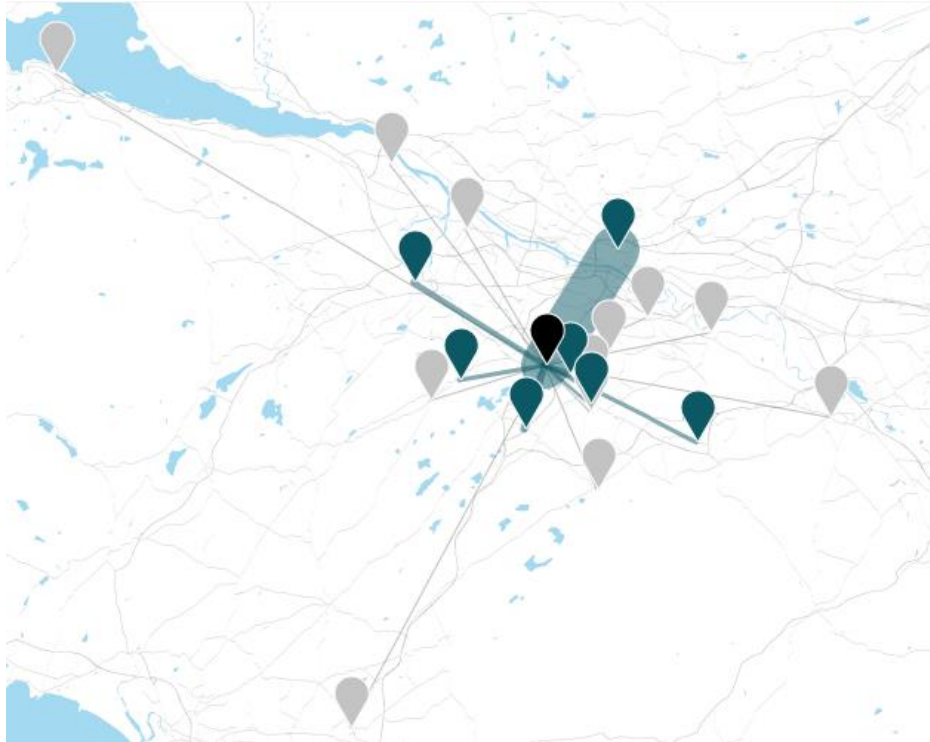


There are seven bus stops located throughout the town centre of Thornliebank, providing direct bus connections to/ from Glasgow which take around 30-40 minutes. Bus services also connect the town with other settlements across East Renfrewshire including Clarkston, Busby and Newton Mearns with journey times of roughly 25-30 minutes, and to Eaglesham with a journey time of 35 minutes direct or 45 minutes if the service changes in Clarkston.

The M77 Motorway is just over one mile west of the town<sup>5</sup> and is easily accessible by road. This provides fast access to Ayrshire and beyond, as well as an alternative route into the centre of Glasgow.

<sup>5</sup> From Junction of Kennishead Road and Main Street to the M77 at its junction with Nitshill Road (A727). Source: Map Data © Google 2019.

### Thornliebank Commuter Flows



Source: [Understanding Scotland's Places](#) download January 2020

The map above shows the inbound and outbound flow of commuters from and to Thornliebank:

- coloured lines/pins show the main flows that exceed 2% of the town's population or 2,000 people;
- grey lines/pins show smaller flows that still exceed 0.5% of the town's population or 500 people;
- the thickness of each line is proportional to the size of the flow (both inbound and outbound); and
- flows representing less than 10 people in total are not shown.

The largest flow of commuters is between Thornliebank and Glasgow, where just over 1,000 people from Thornliebank commute to for work. However, 800 Glasgow residents travel into Thornliebank for work. For a small town, it might be expected that the net outflow to a city as large as Glasgow would be greater.

Overall, Thornliebank has a net inflow of commuters with many of the surrounding towns including Giffnock, Newton Mearns, East Kilbride, Paisley, Clarkston and Barrhead. This is likely due to the two large business parks, as noted earlier.

There are a large number of on-street parking spaces in the town centre (along Main Street), and others can be found in residential streets. There is also one off street car park adjacent to Thorntree Hall with space for approximately 10 cars.



The town centre provides access to some local services which, alongside a mix of retailers, includes a health centre, dentist, library, and a community hall. There is also 3G and 4G throughout the town and, although there is no town-wide WiFi, superfast broadband is available.

There is a TSB Bank located in the town centre on Main Street which operates on reduced opening hours (three days per week). The retail banking industry has seen wide scale branch closure in recent years with more closures expected, including TSB which aims to close 86 branches over the next year<sup>6</sup>. TSB held an engagement with the local community on 29 July 2019 regarding the reduced opening hours at the Main Street Branch<sup>7</sup>. While the Thornliebank branch is not set to close there remains the possibility for a future closure if these industry trends continue.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2019/nov/25/tsb-close-branches-jobs-bank-it-meltdown>

<sup>7</sup> A summary of the event can be accessed here: <https://www.tsb.co.uk/our-branches/> by clicking the 2019 tab under "More detail on branch opening hours changes" heading and clicking the Thornliebank branch link within the Greater Glasgow area.



There are also ATMs located outside of the bank, Post Office, and Spar convenience store – all of which provide free access to cash.

There are two petrol filling stations on either edge of town (one to the north, one to the south) and two retail parks nearby. One is located in Darnley and includes Sainsbury's, B&Q, Carphone Warehouse and several chain food/ drink takeaways. An hourly bus service (Service 395), running along the southern edge of town following Rouken Glen Road provides access to the retail park. Auldhouse Retail Park to the north of Thornliebank in Pollokshaws includes an Aldi, Home Bargains and Homebase, with good bus connectivity (Service 57, operating between two and five times per hour) from Thornliebank town centre to the Auldhouse Retail Park.

There are two Churches serving the community: the St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church and the Thornliebank Parish Church of Scotland. The South Glasgow Church (evangelical alliance) also holds weekly Sunday services at Thorntree Hall.

While there is no mosque in the area, the Woodfarm Community Centre is managed by an Educational Trust, with the facility serving the education, religious, cultural and social needs of East Renfrewshire's Muslim community.

### 3. Active Town Centre

#### 3.1 Population and Housing

In 2019, just under 1,800 people lived within the town centre area in Thornliebank, almost one quarter (23%) of the total settlement population. The population of the town centre has slightly decreased by 2% in the decade towards 2019. Most of the YTA audited towns have seen an increase in town centre living, averaging around 12%. Thornliebank is, however, a relatively small town centre within a much larger settlement.



In 2019, the population of the whole settlement was almost 7,900, which represents a 2% increase since 2009. This compares with increases of 6% for East Renfrewshire overall and 4% increase in Scotland over this ten year period.

**Table 3.1. Population change in Thornliebank and Town Centre**

	2009	2019	Change	% Change
Thornliebank	7,760	7,887	127	2%
Town centre	1,824	1,790	-34	-2%

Source: National Records of Scotland (2019)

Housing in the town centre<sup>8</sup> is a mix of flats (49%) and semi-detached/detached properties (38%), typically with three or four bedrooms. Over half of properties (54%) are in council tax bands A, B and C.

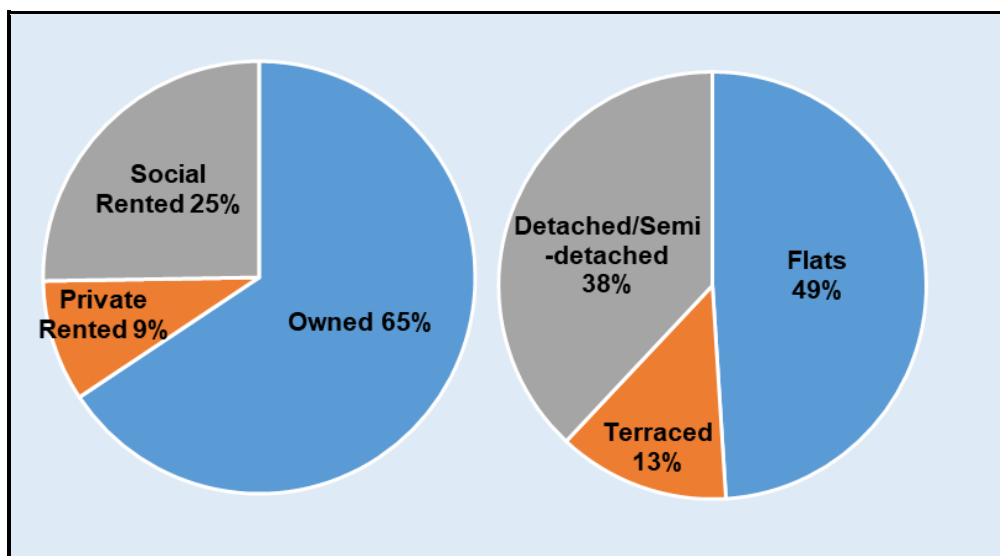


<sup>8</sup> For ease of accessing the most up to date data, this is datazones (2001) S01001773 and S01001780

The streets surrounding Thornliebank town centre are almost wholly residential – a mix of older and newer detached/ semi-detached properties and flats – this provides the town's retail and service businesses with a relatively large catchment population.



### Thornliebank Town Centre Housing Mix

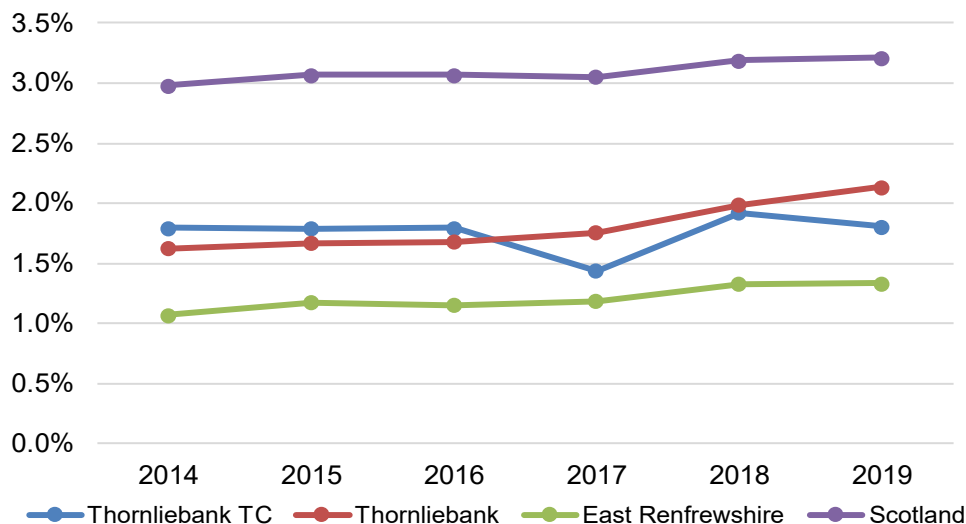


House prices in Thornliebank are relatively similar to those of other settlements in East Renfrewshire. The average purchase price of a town centre dwelling (£187,647) is lower than that of the town as a whole (£198,363)<sup>9</sup>. Prices in the town centre increased by 42% in the decade to 2018<sup>10</sup>, and by 6% in the wider settlement. The housing stock in the town is largely privately owned (65% in the town centre; 76% in the wider town).

<sup>9</sup> Scottish Statistics, 2018

<sup>10</sup> Though nearly all of this growth occurred from 2017 to 2018. From 2008 to 2017, town centre house prices increased just 0.3%.

### Residential Vacancy Rate (2014-2019)



Source: Scottish Government Statistics

In 2019 the residential vacancy rate was 1.9% for the town centre and 2.0% for Thornliebank as a whole. This is slightly above the East Renfrewshire average of 1.3%, but well below the national average of 3.2%.

## 3.2 Employment and Business

Just over half (53%) of the 4,500 jobs in Thornliebank are located in the town centre Data Zones – although it should be noted that Spiersbridge Business Park is located within the TC zones. Further, just to the southwest of the town is the Thornliebank Industrial Estate.

Both locations provide employment opportunities to the area. While the exact number of jobs at the two sites is not known, the relatively large number of jobs located in the town and inflow of commuters into Thornliebank from surrounding localities (see over) suggest that the business parks support a significant number of jobs. The inflow of commuters are also potentially visiting the shops and using the local services in the town centre.

National statistics recorded 310 businesses in the settlement.

**Table 3.1: Split in Uses of Thornliebank Town Centre Units (2016-2020)**

	2020	2016	Change
Retail	19	19	0
Other non-retail	4	4	0
Leisure services	15	13	+2
Business & property services	1	1	0
Financial services	1	1	0
Vacant	2	1	+1
Total number of units	42	39	+3

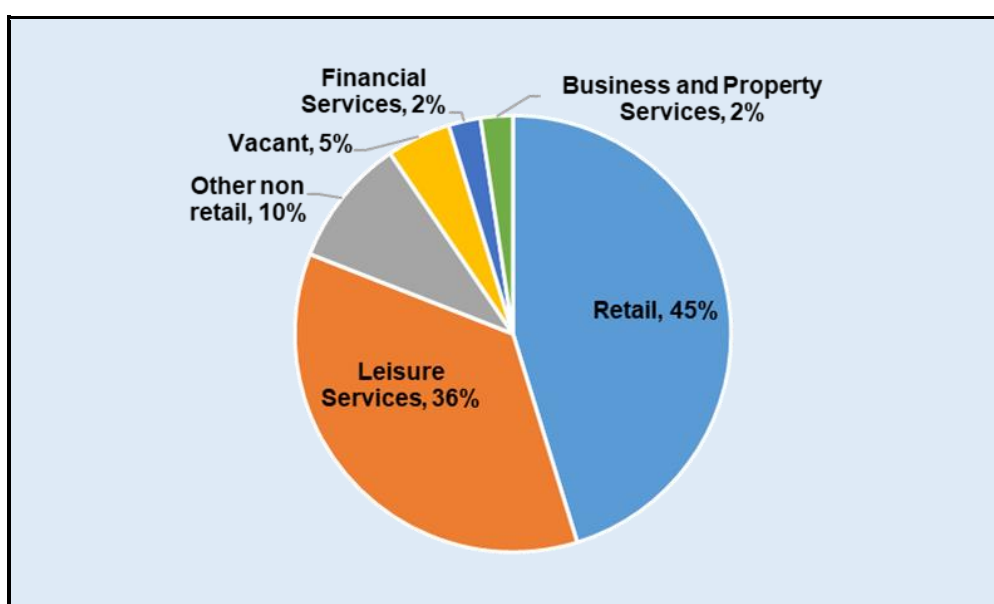
Source: YTA Audit Visits

The YTA street audit located 41 (42 when accounting for the split of the unit at 57 Main Street) units in use within Thornliebank town centre – this is two additional units relative to the UPRN data provided by East Renfrewshire Council prior to the 2016 audit<sup>11</sup>. Of these, 19 are retail businesses as discussed in the following section.

### 3.3 Retail

For a relatively small town centre, Thornliebank has a good range of shops and retail services. Most of the shops are located in a parade on Main Street, with others on Kennishead Road, both of these streets are located to the north of the town. As Thornliebank is a relatively small town, these retail units are within walking distance for most of the surrounding residents.

#### Town Centre Unit Mix



<sup>11</sup> Emre Barbers at 10-12 Main Street and Shanti Continental Foods at 2 Main Street.

There were only two vacant units recorded during the audit of the town centre, the former Arden Bar<sup>12</sup> and former Vanilla Joe's coffee shop. This is an increase of one vacant unit compared to 2016.

**416 residents per town centre retail outlet**

**19 town centre retail units in use**

**2 vacant town centre units**

Most of the shops in Thornliebank town centre operate standard opening hours of around 9am to 5.30pm/6pm. However the Farmfoods supermarket is open earlier and later (8am-8pm during the week and 9am-6pm on weekends), as is the One O One convenience store (9/10am-10pm), and the Spar convenience store (6am-10pm during the week and 7/8am-10pm on weekends). Livingstone's Newsagents opens early (5:45am), serving early morning workers and commuters. All of these businesses are located on Main Street.

In line with other audited towns, retail forms the largest single town centre unit use and, at 45%, is comparable with the average across YTA audited towns (average 46%, 39 towns). The level of retail is also on par with Neilston (45%) and Barrhead (46%).



<sup>12</sup> Note that the unit formerly occupied by the Arden Bar, 57 Main Street, has been split into two units, with Pepe's Piri Piri now occupying one of the units.

The YTA analysis is based on the following retail definitions:

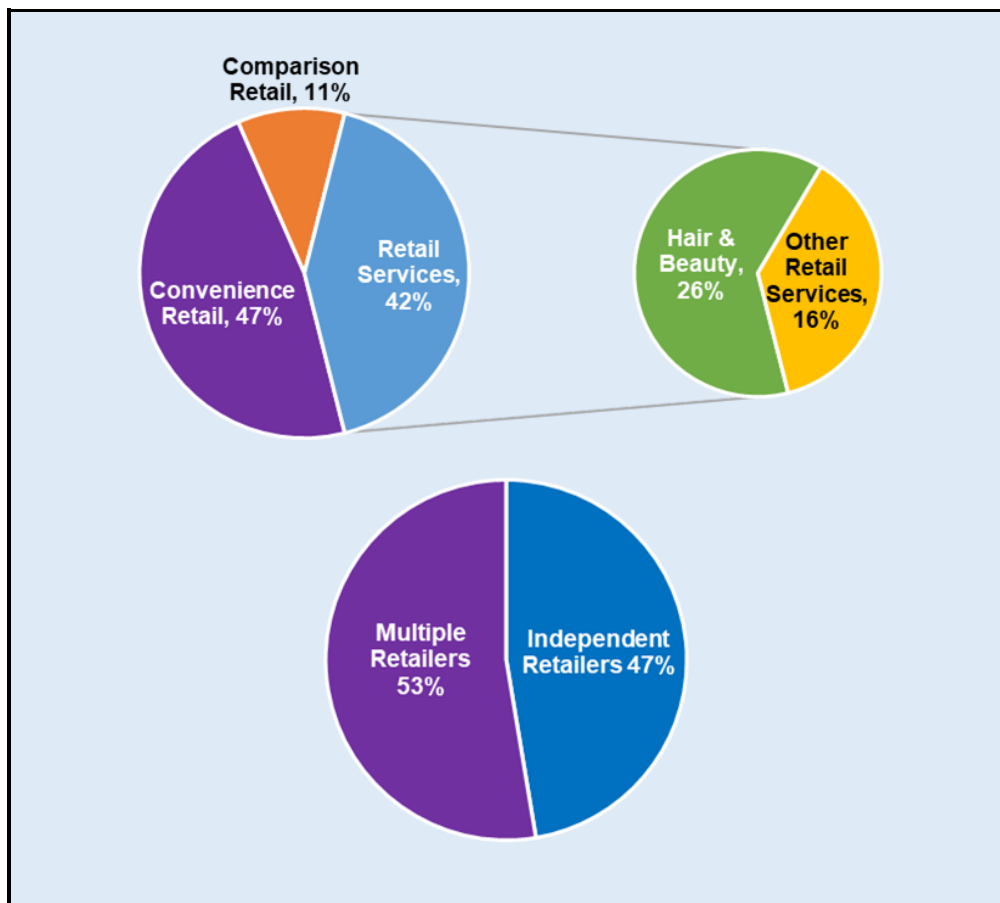
- Convenience Retail:** primarily low cost goods that are typically bought out of habit or on impulse i.e. food, drink (alcohol and non-alcohol), news, tobacco, etc. – *9 convenience retailers were identified in Thornliebank town centre. This represents no change from 2016, however, the 2019 YTA includes an additional retail unit not captured in the 2016 YTA;*
- Comparison Retail:** all other retail purchases comprising goods bought at infrequent intervals where consumers will compare and contrast products and prices – *2 comparison retailers were identified in Thornliebank town centre. This represents a one unit decrease from 2016; and*
- Retail Services:** services that consumers would expect to find in a town centre including hairdresser, beauty salon, repair of goods, hire of specialist clothing, health clinics, post office, travel agent, etc. – *8 retail service operators were identified in Thornliebank town centre. This represents a one unit increase from 2016, however, this is due to the inclusion of an additional unit that was not captured in the 2016 YTA.*



Just under half (47%) of retailers in Thornliebank are independent – this is one of the lower proportion scores of towns audited to date, between Newton Mearns (36%) and Clydebank (49%). However, it should be noted that the scores in these towns were affected by presence of large shopping centres, which is not the case for Thornliebank.

In comparison some of the other towns in East Renfrewshire have independent retail figures of 91% for Neilston, 87% Eaglesham and 57% for Clarkston. One option to consider to help increase independent retail is mixed tenancy, including multiple retailers sharing a unit to reduce costs or a “rent-a-shelf” type model for local makers.

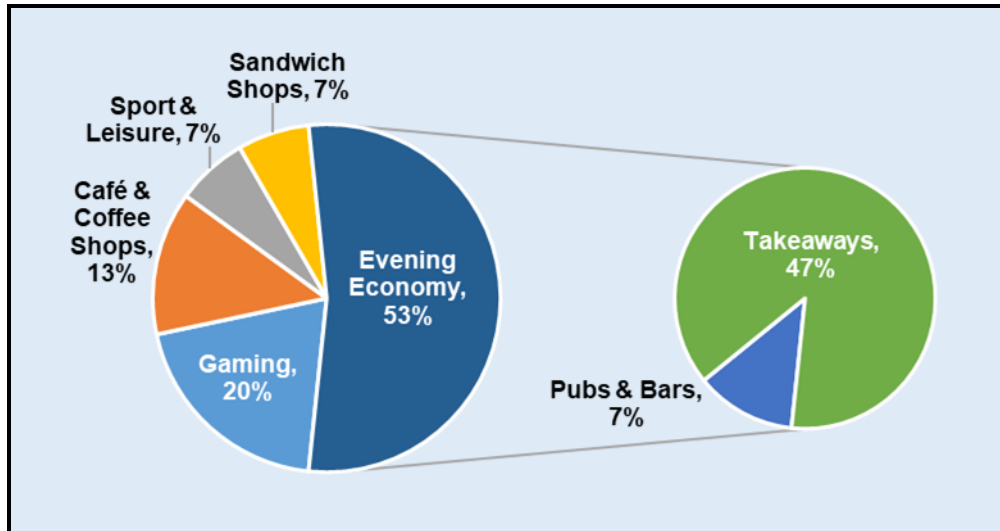
**Retail Mix**





## 4. Attractive Town Centre

### 4.1 Leisure Mix



Evening Economy breakdown does not equal 53% due to rounding.

In Thornliebank town centre, the evening economy accounts for over half (53%) of all leisure service units.

The evening economy in the town is comprised of one pub and seven takeaway food establishments. This is one more takeaway unit compared to 2016. The pub in Thornliebank is the Rowallan Bar on Main Street, and some of the takeaways include: Cafe India (an Indian takeaway), Peking House (a Chinese takeaway) both of which are located in Main Street, and Peters Fish and Chicken Bar which is located on Carnwadic Road.



## 4.2 Leisure Facilities and Attractions

Leisure facilities located in Thornliebank include the Rouken Glen Golf Centre, and Eastwood Park Theatre and Leisure Centre. At Rouken Glen Golf Centre there is an 18-hole course as well as other facilities which include: a driving range, putting green, and catering facilities. The Eastwood Park Theatre is in the same building as the Leisure Centre, which has a 25 metre swimming pool, gym, sauna and steam room. As well as the 330 seat theatre there is a café and conference/ event space.

Within the town centre area of Thornliebank is the Bowling Club.

A popular nearby attraction to Thornliebank is Rouken Glen Park, which is a 143 acre park. The park dates back to around 1530 and was gifted to the people of Glasgow in 1906, for use it as a place of leisure. Rouken Glen Park is open 24 hours a day, with the Pavilion Visitor Centre open from 9am-5pm in the summer months and 10am-4pm in winter, and the Walled Garden open Mon-Thurs 10am-6.45pm, Fri-Sun 10am-4.30pm in the summer and 10am-3pm in the winter.

Other facilities in the park include: a car park, disabled parking, 5-a-side football pitches and a recreation area with a skate park, basketball court, and outdoor gym. Entry to the park is free of charge for all visitors. There is also a garden centre with café and shop.

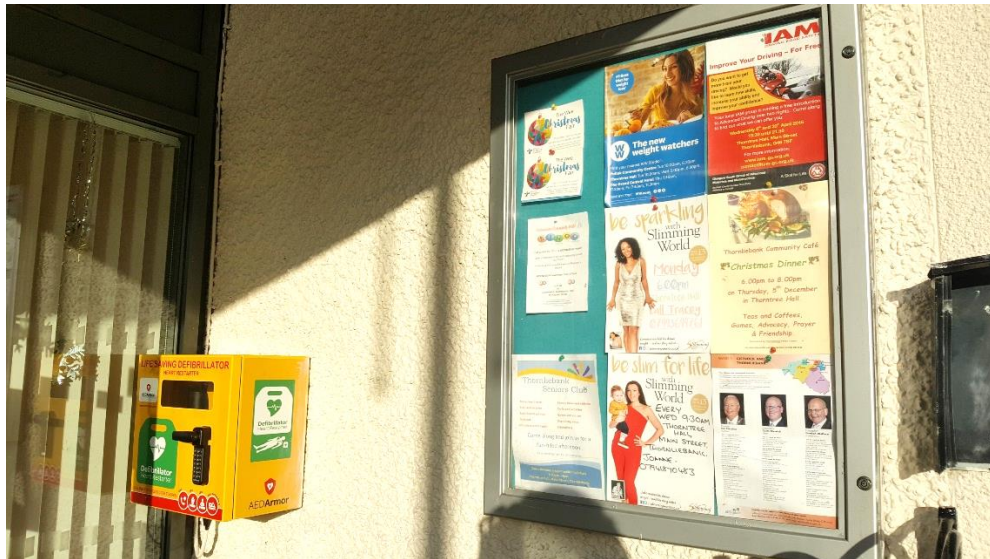
## 4.3 Community Events

We identified a limited number of community events being run in Thornliebank, this is unlike most other towns audited to date, including those within city conurbations. There is the Christmas Fayre at the Thornliebank Resource Centre and other holiday-based events in nearby Rouken Glen Park including a Spooky Halloween Party and Festive Wreath Workshops. However, it is not clear whether these are annual or one-off events and seem to be small in scale.

Also of note are a local history group and a fishing club, although both of these activities receive participatory budgeting funds which are fixed-term and therefore not guaranteed to continue in the future.

Prior to COVID-19 pandemic, Thorntree Hall hosted a schedule of weekly events which included fitness and exercise classes, support groups (e.g. Alcoholics Anonymous), and hobbyist clubs (e.g. motorists, knitting, beekeeping), community groups (community council, councillor's surgery, tenants and residents group) and a

South Glasgow Church Sunday service. It is also available to hire for social functions.



The development and delivery of community activities and events is a primary focus for most towns to celebrate local culture, build community spirit and support local businesses. Events are typically reliant on either a small group of local volunteers and activists and/or a BID type structure.

East Renfrewshire Council (ERC) is developing a Locality Plan for Thornliebank including the preparation of a Neighbourhood Centre Strategy and Action Programme Policy as part of its refreshed Local Development Plan<sup>13</sup>. This offers the chance for the community to come together and work in partnership with ERC to build capacity and deliver new activities.

It should, however, be noted that the nearby Rouken Glen Park is continuing its efforts to attract more events such as music concerts, cultural events and outdoor theatre. In order to do so they have created a dedicated 'events area' in the park. One event which they hosted in the past was the 2013 Highland Games which attracted over 10,000 visitors. More recently, the Playground Festival, a privately run music festival, was held at the park in summer 2019. Amidst the context of a global pandemic, the festival was postponed in 2020, however is scheduled to return in July 2021 with an expanded food festival element and headliners including Kraftwerk, Underworld and Nile Rodgers & Chic.

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/ldp2>

#### 4.4 Thornliebank Community Council

As of January 2021, Thornliebank Community Council has not been re-established due to a lack of nominations at recent elections<sup>14</sup>. This includes unsuccessful efforts during elections in August 2019 and February 2020.

#### 4.5 Attractiveness Review

The YTA includes an independent (and subjective) review of place and quality impressions, with Thornliebank scoring in line with the averages concluded from other towns audited to date.

Individual unit fronts and shop window displays were graded out of ten during the on-street audit, with a town centre average score of 7 for the condition of unit fronts in Thornliebank and 7 for quality of window display. This is marginally higher than the YTA average of 6.9 for both indicators.

Business confidence in the town centre was gauged from a small sample of interviews undertaken with five independent traders. While representing only five businesses, none were particularly worried about the future or their business in Thornliebank town centre, though one reported that there had been a small decline in trade over the past year.

At the time of the audit it was noted that the streets were relatively clear with little litter to be found, and not many weeds present. The streets appeared to be in good condition, with no major pot holes evident. Throughout the town centre area, there are hanging baskets and flower boxes with colourful flowers which help to brighten up the area.

2019 marked the first year when Christmas lights were switched on along Main Street. The Library also featured Christmas lights.

There are also plenty of bins along Main Street for litter and a number of sodium street lighting with traditional columns.



<sup>14</sup> <https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/thornliebankcommunitycouncil>

## 5. YTA Summary and Key Points

The following are offered as final comments on the Your Town Audit of Thornliebank, within the framework of the Scottish Government's Town Centre Toolkit.

### 5.1 Accessible Town Centre

- Thornliebank is well connected with transport links and a range of services – although car ownership in the area is high, public transport links are good with regular bus services taking about 30 minutes into the centre of Glasgow;
- there are some gaps in public transport links to other part of East Renfrewshire – in particular, it can be challenging to get to Barrhead where many public and health services are located;
- there are two train stations near the town centre: Thornliebank Rail Station and Kennishead Station;
- key public services including the primary school, health centre, and library are all easily accessible from the town centre and will add footfall;
- the town centre has one bank and 3 ATMs providing easy and free access to cash;
- however, it is noted that TSB has announced 86 branch closures for 2020 which the Thornliebank branch is not included, though opening hours are reduced. The bank has, “confirmed that there are no current plans for further changes to our branch network, but that for the branch to be viable in the long-term, we will need to see customers choosing to bank there”;
- parking in Thornliebank town centre appears – at least during the time when the audit was undertaken, a midweek daytime – to be adequate and is free of charge;
- there seems to be a lack of cycling infrastructure as there are no cycle facilities within the town centre, and anecdotal feedback is that the existing cycle route is considered to be dangerous;
- there is no free town WiFi, and notably, Thorntree Hall does not offer free WiFi – there is free WiFi available at Thornliebank Library, although opening hours are limited to morning and afternoons on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and Saturday mornings; and

- Thornliebank has good 4G mobile coverage and access to superfast broadband.

## 5.2 Active Town Centre

- Thornliebank has a low level of independent retail businesses, and at 47% is one of the lower scores from towns audited to date – average across 39 YTAs is 71%;
- there were two vacant units found during the time of the audit, whilst low this is an increase from one in 2016 – the site of the former Vanilla Joe's only recently closed, just prior to the YTA visit in October 2019;
- we identified a limited number of community events – there may be an opportunity to develop an annual event to bring the community together;
- the combination of low independent traders, two vacant units and lack of community activities might present an opportunity to encourage new activity – there is only one charity shop in Thornliebank, other towns have re-purposed vacant units to accommodate a range of community-led activities, events and outlets;
- the new Locality Plan for Thornliebank (including the preparation of a Neighbourhood Centre Strategy and Action Programme Policy as part of its refreshed Local Development Plan) could be an opportunity for the community to come together and work in partnership with ERC to build capacity and deliver new activities; and
- the community council failed to get re-elected as a result of a lack of nominees in February 2020 which may signal a lack of interest in the community and as of January 2021, there is still no community council in place.

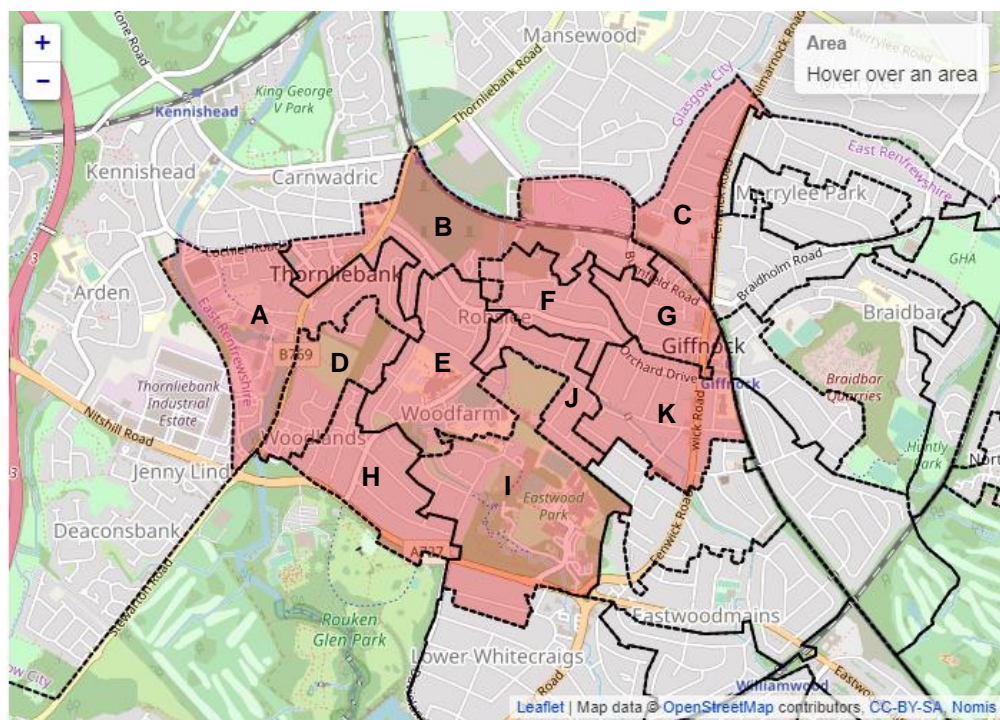
## 5.3 Attractive Town Centre

- Thornliebank is a small neighbourhood settlement and, as part of the Greater Glasgow conurbation with access to a wide range of facilities, it is an attractive place to live;
- 2019 marked the first year when Christmas lights were switched on along Main Street – the Library also featured Christmas lights;

- there are a number of leisure facilities near Thornliebank town centre including Rouken Glen Golf Centre, and the Eastwood Park Theatre and Leisure Centre;
- a popular nearby attraction is Rouken Glen Park, which is open 24 hours a day and has a number of facilities and attractions including: a recreation area, a visitors pavilion, garden centre and a walled garden; and
- although Thorntree Hall is used regularly by the local community for a range of activities and hired for private lets, consideration could be given to a BID/CID type structure, building on the successes achieved in other towns.

## Appendix

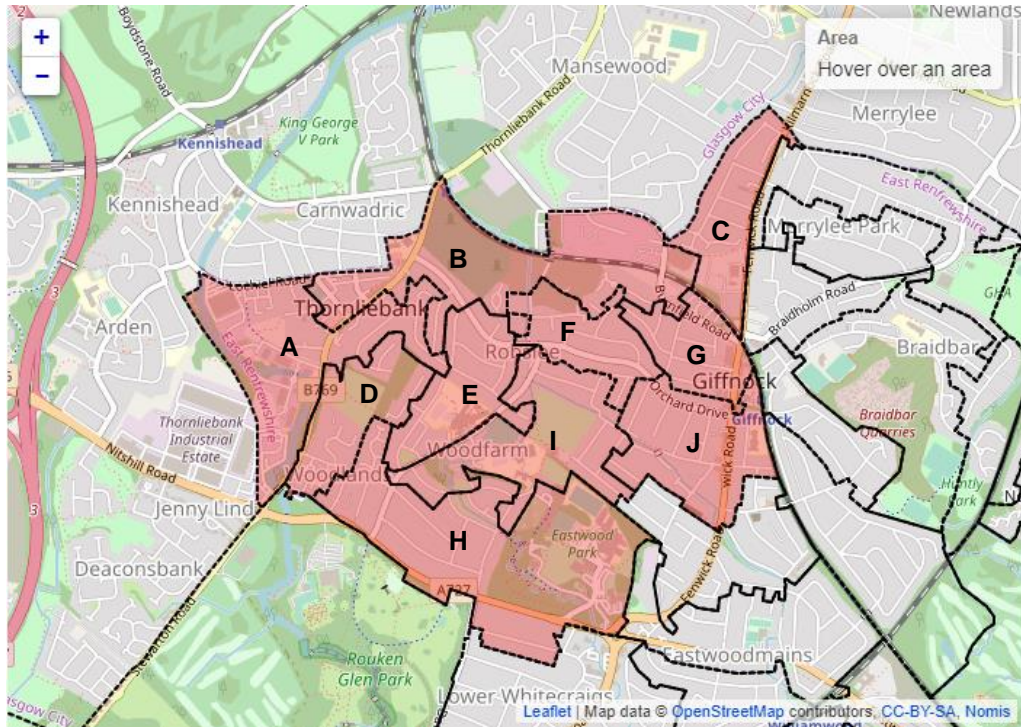
Map 1: 2011 Data Zones



Map Label	Data Zone Name	Data Zone Code
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B	North Giffnock and North Thornliebank - 04	S01008409
C	North Giffnock and North Thornliebank - 05	S01008410
D	South Thornliebank and Woodfarm - 01	S01008411
E	South Thornliebank and Woodfarm - 05	S01008415
F	North Giffnock and North Thornliebank - 03	S01008408
G	North Giffnock and North Thornliebank - 02	S01008407
H	South Thornliebank and Woodfarm - 02	S01008412
I	South Thornliebank and Woodfarm - 03	S01008413
J	South Thornliebank and Woodfarm - 04	S01008414
K	North Giffnock and North Thornliebank - 01	S01008406



**Map 2: 2001 Data Zones**



Map Label	Data Zone Code
A	S01001773
B	S01001780
C	S01001784
D	S01001768
E	S01001771
F	S01001774
G	S01001772
H	S01001755
I	S01001766
J	S01001762

**Map 3: 2011 and 2001 Intermediate Zones**

