



Action Plan C1


Improving activities for young people

	action completed
	ongoing action / activity required
	activity incomplete / action still required

Background

The results from the Great Village Voice Questionnaire Survey show that, whilst 28% of respondents feel that social activities, events, clubs and societies for young children (up to age 11) are excellent or good, the equivalent figure for the 12-16 age group is only 8% (with no-one considering it to be excellent). Almost half the respondents (47%) feel that activities for the 12-16 age group are bad or in need of improvement.

A range of suggestions for potential activities or facilities was provided in the survey and in the House Parties and workshops.


Activities	Completion Target	Who	Notes	Status / progress
Initiative 1: Some trial 'organised evenings' Contact HCC Youth Service to get ideas / contact names from other villages who might be willing to run some trial evenings	June 2008	Parish Council		
Trial four sessions of organised events for young people during the next year (perhaps Friday evenings: 6-8pm and 8-10pm for different age groups)	June 2009	Parish Council	Village Hall Committee to be asked to let the Hall be used free of charge for these 4 trial evenings	
Initiative 2: Film Shows Ensure that Film Shows being arranged under Action Plan C3 cater for youth age groups during the course of the year	June 2009	Buriton Village Association		
Initiative 3: new activities, facilities & clubs Ideas for new activities, facilities, clubs and events (+ changes to existing ones, etc) which have been provided in the Village Voice Questionnaire, House Parties and Workshops to be collated and passed to the Parish Council for further consideration and development.	June 2008	Village Voice Group		
Parish Council to consider (and develop a Plan for Action if appropriate)	Sept 2008	Parish Council		

Action Plan C2

Improving knowledge of ‘what’s on’

Background

The results from the Great VillageVoice Questionnaire Survey show that only about half the respondents (49%) feel that they normally know what is going on in the parish. Whilst only 3% of respondents stated that they “never seem to know about what is going on”, some 48% answered “only sometimes”. A range of suggestions for how information about what is going on could be improved was provided in the survey and in the House Parties and workshops.

Activities	Target for Completion	Who	Notes	Status / Progress
Provide one new Noticeboard outside the entrance to the Village Hall	June 2008	Village Hall Committee	VHC could be asked to fund the provision and installation of a new noticeboard as a community gesture	
Improve the location of the Noticeboard in the village High Street	June 2008	Parish Council		
Introduce a regularly updated <i>Diary of Forthcoming Events</i> on the Parish Council website [and print out hardcopies each month for Noticeboards to help those without internet access]	June 2008	Parish Council		
Offer regular (monthly?) email ‘Alerts’ from the Parish Website to all those who are interested in this service and who provide their email addresses	June 2008	Parish Council		
Retain / improve the <i>Diary of Forthcoming Events</i> part of the Parish Magazine	June 2008	Parish Magazine Editor		

Action Plan C3

Film Shows in the Village Hall

Background

The most popular new facility or amenity which respondents to the Great Village Voice Questionnaire Survey said that they would use was 'occasional film shows'. This answer was provided by 57% of respondents and the suggestion occurred, unprompted, elsewhere in the survey as well as in House Parties and workshops.

Activities	Target for Completion	Who	Notes	Status / Progress
Arrange occasional Film Shows (4 per year) in the Village Hall [via appropriate companies / organisations that provide this service]	September 2009	Buriton Village Association to organise trial events	Aim to break-even over a year – any profits to local good causes. Trial events held in Autumn 2009	
	2010	New group to continue after trial events		

Action Plan C4

Directory of 'Who does what' (talents, skills and services)

Background

One of the most popular new facilities or amenities which respondents to the Great Village Voice Questionnaire Survey said that they would use was a 'directory of 'who does what' (talents and skills)'. This answer was provided by 50% of respondents and it occurred, unprompted, elsewhere in the survey as well as in House Parties and workshops. It was suggested that such a 'Directory' could draw upon the County

Council's Trading Standards 'Buy with confidence' directory and could also usefully include details of services and entitlements which are available to assist in improving the quality of life of residents.

Activities	Target for Completion	Who	Notes	Status / Progress
Produce (and update twice per year) a Directory of 'Who does what' (talents, skills and services) and issue with Parish Magazine and on Parish Website	March 2008 (first edition)	Parish Magazine Editor	Tried to attract contributions but very poor uptake	
Produce and maintain a summary of services, grants and entitlements which are available to assist in improving the quality of life of residents (particularly older people) and issue with Parish Magazine and on Parish Website	July 2008	Village Voice Group Parish Magazine Editor		

Action Plan C5

Assisting local businesses

Background

The Village Voice exercise has consulted local businesses in the parish and people who work from home. A range of suggestions for how to assist local businesses (and those who work from home) was provided in the survey and in the House Parties and workshops.

Activities	Target for Completion	Who	Notes	Status / Progress
List all the ideas provided in the Village Voice Questionnaire, House Parties and Workshops	March 2008	Village Voice Group		
Arrange an event for local businesses so that they can meet each other, discuss any needs or ideas and plan their own 'solutions'	September 2008	Village Voice Group		



Action Plan C6

Reducing the fear of criminal and anti-social behaviour

Background

The results from the Great Village Voice Questionnaire Survey reveal that there are worries about a number of crime and safety issues in the parish even though actual crime levels and instances of other anti-social behaviour are relatively low. Over half the respondents to the survey said that they were either very worried or slightly worried about vandalism (66%), about other anti-social behaviour (62%), about

crime in general (56%), about the safety of children (55%) and about the safety of the elderly (51%).

Activities	Target for Completion	Who	Notes	Status / Progress
Pass all the relevant results from the Village Voice Questionnaire, House Parties and Workshops to the Neighbourhood Watch Committee and to the Parish Council for consideration and action	June 2008	Village Voice Group		
Neighbourhood Watch Committee to host a Public Meeting 'for all those worried about crime & anti-social behaviour' with our local PC as the main speaker (explaining how low our crime levels are and what everyone can / should do to keep crime levels low...). Local Neighbourhood Watch representatives could be 'introduced' at the meeting. Perception may be worse than reality, hence such a public meeting / 'communication' may be an answer. The meeting may also lead to other Plans for Action by Police, Neighbourhood Watch Committee, Parish Council or others	Sept 2008	Neighbourhood Watch Committee, Local Police	see below	
Alternative action adopted: Regular reassurance via – Parish magazine – Presence at Village Show	Ongoing	Neighbourhood Watch Committee Local police		



Action Plan C7

Reducing the fear of the safety of the electrified railway line

Background

The results of the Great Village Voice Questionnaire Survey show that there are worries about the safety of the electrified railway line. Whilst less than half the respondents were worried about this issue (56% saying that they were 'not worried' or 'not worried at all'), 21% were 'very worried' and 23% 'slightly worried'. Concerns about the safety of the crossing point on the footpath between the

Recreation Ground and the woods had been raised in Village Voice House Parties and workshops.

Activities	Target for Completion	Who	Notes	Status / Progress
Pass all the relevant results from the Village Voice Questionnaire, House Parties and Workshops to the Parish Council for consideration and action	September 2007	Village Voice Group		
Parish Council to take appropriate actions to explore improvements with Network Rail	December 2007	Parish Council	Gates now installed	

Action Plan C8

Publicising the Parish Council's business

Background

The results of the Great Village Voice Questionnaire Survey show that there are mixed views about how well the Parish Council publicises its activities and decisions. Only 5% of respondents feel that this is done 'very well', 46% said that they felt that it was done 'reasonably well' and 37% felt that it was done 'badly' (11% recorded 'no opinion' on this matter). A range of views (and ideas) on this matter had also been provided in Village Voice House Parties and workshops.



Activities	Target for Completion	Who	Notes	Status / Progress
Parish Council to establish a new website with information about recent and forthcoming business	June 2008	Parish Council		
Offer monthly email 'Alerts' from the Parish Website to all those who are interested in this service and who provide their email addresses. Minutes could be available swiftly after each meeting and Agenda papers circulated in advance	June 2008	Parish Council		
Parish Council to continue to contribute reports to every issue of Parish Magazine	ongoing	Parish Council		

Action Plan C9

Retaining a Post Office in the village

Background

The results of the Great Village Voice Questionnaire Survey show that there was strong support for the village shop and Post Office: 85% of respondents said that the Post Office was an important amenity for the community with only 5% saying that it was not (10% had no opinion). But, since the survey, the shop and Post Office has been closed and a national review of the whole of the rural Post Office network has commenced.

Activities	Target for Completion	Who	Notes	Status / Progress
Pass all the relevant results from the Great Village Voice Questionnaire Survey to the Village Shop Association and Parish Council so that they can lobby the national Post Office authorities in advance of their review of rural branch closures, expressing local determination to retain some form of Post Office in the village	August 2007	Village Voice Group		
Village Shop Association to formulate a plan of action to retain some form of Post Office in the village – with support, as necessary, from the Parish Council	September 2007 and ongoing	Village Shop Association, Parish Council	New Post Office facility opened in church on 3 April 2009	


Action Plan C10

Ideas for improvements to the Village Hall and other community buildings

Background

Comments made at House Parties, workshops and in the Great Village Voice Questionnaire Survey show that the Village Hall facility is a very valuable amenity, offering the opportunity for a wide range of community activities and events. Comments at House Parties in particular paid tribute to the people who had organised the provision of such a new and valuable asset (in 1996/97) and to the Committee that has managed the facility since then. A number of comments for potential improvements were also made. One in five households (20% of respondents) said that “improving the times that residents can use the Village Hall”

should be investigated and 14% of respondents said that “allowing wider usage of the Recreation Ground changing rooms” should be investigated. Other ideas included: providing baby change facilities; offering the Hall to organisers of adult education activities so as to attract daytime (or evening) classes to the village; and making the Hall more of a social facility for older people in the parish (available for drop-in cups of tea at certain times etc). And there may be scope, too, to make better use of other community buildings (including the school, church and Seward Room) and to improve cooperation / coordination between them (eg. a diary of availability).

Activities	Target for Completion	Who	Notes	Status / Progress
Pass all the relevant results and information to the Village Hall Committee for consideration and attention	February 2008	Village Voice Group		
Consider each of the ideas and suggestions over the next year and take actions as necessary	February 2009	Village Hall Committee	Suggestions considered. Baby change facilities introduced	
Explore the scope for making greater community use of school facilities – as has been successfully done in other rural communities (eg. use for adult education activities such as small language classes or ‘silver surfers’)	September 2008	School Governors & LEA		
Explore the scope for making greater community use of church facilities – as has been successfully done in other rural communities	September 2008	PCC		