

Community Plan for Pucklechurch, Shortwood, Parkfield & Lyde Green

Action plan: How do we get there?

1 Place

Our community exists within a defined place – the parish of Pucklechurch, including Shortwood, Parkfield and Lyde Green. Within this area, there are places that have an impact on community spirit. Much of what was captured in the survey results identifies people's views on these places – the buildings and facilities within the community that provide spaces for people to interact with other members of the community. For these reasons, our action plan addresses issues of place. The appendix to this action plan lists many of the venues in which people meet within the Community Plan Area.

There are many opportunities and places for people in the community to meet. Reasons for meeting are many and various. Some of the places where people come together are designed for that purpose, such as the community centre in Pucklechurch, the scout hut, the pubs and social clubs and the church and other places of worship. Other venues happen to be meeting places, such as the doctor's surgery, bus stops, shops and the Post Office. The results of the survey identify the improvements respondents feel strongly about.

The following plan sets down a set of actions to meet a defined aim arising from the findings of the Community Plan Steering Group. During the implementation phase of the plan actual tasks and time frames may differ.

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Aim	Actions	Estimated Cost & Timescale	Partners
<p>Key finding: Q26 – Almost half of all respondents feel the Community Centre is adequate. Of those who feel it is not, many comment on it being a ‘blot on the landscape’ and the need for it to be made more accessible to the whole community.</p>			
<p>Make the Community Centre (Village Hall) in Pucklechurch one that the community can be proud of and which enhances community spirit</p>	<p>Support the project team working to identify improvements to the Community Centre, using survey results to assist in lobbying for funds, if appropriate</p>	<p>Year 1 and ongoing. Cost expected to be very significant and require grant funding</p>	<p>Village Hall Makeover Project Team PCA Committee Parish Council</p>
<p>Engage Community Centre users in the planned improvements to the Community Centre</p>	<p>Communicate plans and funding requirements to all Community Centre users</p>	<p>Year 1 Minimal cost</p>	<p>Village Hall Makeover Project Team PCA which represents Community Centre Users and User Groups</p>
	<p>Encourage the PCA and Makeover Project Team to consult widely on planned improvements</p>	<p>Year 1 No central cost</p>	
	<p>Engage the community in supporting the role of the Community Centre in village life</p>		

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Key finding: Q27 – <i>There is a significant desire for a village hall in Shortwood among Shortwood respondents</i>			
Establish the feasibility of providing a community centre in Shortwood	Encourage the formation of a project team from interested Shortwood residents	Year 1 and ongoing.	Parish Council Pucklechurch News
	Learn from the work of the Makeover Project Team on the community centre in Pucklechurch	Cost likely to be significant	Village Hall Makeover Project Team PCA
	Consult South Gloucestershire Council on viable processes for creating new community centres		South Glos
Key findings: Q28			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>57% of respondents from Pucklechurch and 46% from Shortwood feel there are insufficient facilities for Young People. This is a much higher figure than those for any other category in this question</i> - <i>Of those under the age of 25 responding, 65% feel there are insufficient facilities for young people. In this age group, only 21% feel facilities are sufficient</i> 			
Establish new facilities for young people – those of secondary school age - either using existing buildings or creating new, purpose-made facilities	Encourage the formation of a project team to involve young people in the planning process	Year 1	Pucklechurch Website Pucklechurch News Pucklechurch School Mangotsfield School
	Identify requirements and work with Parish Council and South Glos to establish a project plan	Cost unknown. Grant funding may be available.	
	Engage a professional Youth Worker to provide a youth club	Year 2	

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	Consult young people in the community through Pucklechurch Website and Pucklechurch News on all the above actions		Parish Council South Glos Children's and Young People Service
	Through consultation, identify gaps and activities that bridge gaps between those facilities for young people and those for adults		
Key findings: Q28 – 25% feel the facilities for people with disabilities are insufficient. 2001 census data showed there were 408 people, or 15% of population with a 'limiting long-term illness' in the Community Plan Area.			
Make specific locations more accessible for the disabled and for pushchairs	Seek comments in specific locations to establish what problems are caused for these groups and how they might be addressed; use comments forms and ask community groups to consult members	Year 2	Pucklechurch Website Pucklechurch News Community groups Parish Council South Glos
	Feasibility/cost study for alterations to specific venues, pavements and footpaths to address issues identified through consultation	Year 2 Cost and number of modifications required is unknown. Grant funding may be available.	Parish Council South Glos Disability Community Action

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	Involve Playgroups, Minors and Mums and school parents in a windscreen flyer campaign to target vehicles parked on pavements	Year 2 Minimal cost	Pucklechurch School Pucklechurch Playgroup Tower Playgroup Minors and Mums
Note: Good Neighbour Scheme	Actions already taking place to address needs of local residents for help with accessing hospitals, doctors, dentists, etc.		

2 Other actions aimed at addressing issues flagged up by the survey and relating to Community Spirit

Key finding: Q32 – <i>Opinions are divided over the issue of police coverage, with half the respondents believing it to be poor.</i>			
Publicise the activities of the local police	Provide regular updates on the work of the local police, crime statistics for the Community Plan Area, etc. through the Pucklechurch Website and Pucklechurch News	Year 1 Minimal cost	Community Police Team Pucklechurch Website Pucklechurch News Parish Council
	Involve the local police in Revel	Year 2	Community Police Team Pucklechurch School Play Groups
	Involve the local police in activities at the School and with young people in the community	Minimal cost	Youth Club Safer Stronger Community Group Revel Committee
Key findings: Q33			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Of Pucklechurch respondents, 40% are involved in one or more local groups and 22% of Shortwood respondents, likewise.</i> - <i>The two perceptions that could be influenced by the action plan are that there is 'no suitable group available' and that there is 'poor publicity'.</i> 			

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Publicise and celebrate the variety of local activity groups, clubs and other social organisations	Publish a listing and membership numbers for the groups that are organised within the Community Plan Area in the village directory	Year 1 Minimal cost	Local activity groups, clubs and social organisations
	Provide publicity in Pucklechurch News for local groups and advise how to contact them, how to join, where they meet, need for new members, waiting lists, etc.		
	Encourage groups to publicise their activities and need for new members	Year 1 Minimal cost	Pucklechurch News Pucklechurch Website Directory Pucklechurch Revel Committee
	Run an open morning at Revel for all groups to have the opportunity to publicise their activities and need for new members		
Consider alternative venues to the Community Centre, which is at capacity	Year 1	PCA	
Key finding: Q34 - <i>A third of those responding to this question (or 31% of all survey respondents) would like adult education classes.</i>			
Offer adult education classes	Identify education providers who would come and provide classes on the topics identified in the Community Plan questionnaire responses and provide sessions at the Community Centre, at Brandon Trust on the Trading Estate, and at the School.	Year 2 Minimal cost	Parish Council (for subsidy) Pucklechurch News Pucklechurch Website Local education providers Brandon Trust Pucklechurch School PCA

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	Advertise those classes that already exist in the Community Plan Area or nearby	Year 2 Minimal cost	Pucklechurch News Pucklechurch Website Local education providers
Key finding: Q40 - <i>Pucklechurch Revel and Shortwood Village Fete are important to the community spirit of the area and well supported by those living here.</i>			
Advertise for volunteers to be involved with Pucklechurch Revel	Identify specific roles/tasks and publicise the need for volunteers to become involved	Year 1 No cost	Revel Committee Pucklechurch News Pucklechurch Website Post Office Local school Doctor's surgery
Advertise for volunteers to be involved with Shortwood Fete	Identify specific roles/tasks and publicise the need for volunteers to become involved	Year 1 No cost	Shortwood Village Fete Committee Pucklechurch News Pucklechurch Website Post Office Local school Doctor's surgery
Key finding: Q37 & Q38 - <i>74% of respondents say they are either 'informed' or 'well informed' about what is going on in their community. The most popular vehicle for sharing information is Pucklechurch News, with word of mouth and shop windows also proving popular.</i>			
Reinforce the importance of Pucklechurch News as a communication vehicle	Use the survey results to reinforce this message	Year 1	Pucklechurch News Parish Council Pucklechurch Community Website
	Encourage local groups to use Pucklechurch News to publicise local events	No cost	

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	Promote the website and its interconnection with the paper version of Pucklechurch News in Pucklechurch News		
The Parish Noticeboard to be regarded as an important communication vehicle	Identify a suitable new location or refurbish it in its existing location to give it more impact and publicise its existence and the role it plays	Year 2 £200	Parish Council Post Office
Publicise the community website	Use Pucklechurch News to draw attention to the service offered by the community website	Year 1 No cost	Pucklechurch Website Pucklechurch News
Key finding: Q42 - <i>There is work to be done informing the Parishioners of what the Parish Council's responsibilities are, particularly for Shortwood</i>			
Publicise the role and activities of the Parish Council	Produce a leaflet as an insert to Pucklechurch News which explains the role and activities of the Parish Council, its achievements during the past 3 years and its intentions. Link this into the website and make regular updates	Year 1 £200	Parish Council Pucklechurch News
Educate the children at primary school about 'community spirit'	Identify opportunities to inform and educate children at the local school about what is meant by community and how to engender community spirit. Build on appropriate aspects of the curriculum to include this topic	Year 2 £200	Pucklechurch Primary School Parish Council
	Identify opportunities for community groups to be involved in school activities and tell the children about their own activities		
Support local businesses	Identify promotions that would be appropriate to Pucklechurch News	None	Local businesses Pucklechurch News

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	Encourage local businesses to use the community website to promote their goods, services and events		
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Appendix to Community Spirit Action Plan Venues in the Community Plan Area in which people meet.

Community Centre
Scout Hut
Royal and Ancient Order of Buffalos Hut
Homefield Centre
Dennisworth Centre

Recreation field
Neighbourhood greens
Bus stops

PCA Social Club
Pucklechurch Village Sports and Social Club

Bridge Inn
Fleur de Lys
Rose and Crown
Star Inn

St Thomas a Becket Church and Church Room (Playgroup)

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Shortwood Chapel

Pucklechurch School

Coach House Café

Post Office

Village Store

Walkers News

The Bakery

Farm Shop

Hero's Hairdressers.