

Our Bleadon Parish Plan 2008

our shared future

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First Draft of the Background Report

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Introduction

This is our draft plan for making Bleadon an excellent place to live and work. This draft Parish Plan is about how the parish council, together with residents proposes to develop a safe, sustainable and attractive community.

It sets out what has been done since the Parish Plan process was started and what remains to be done.

The parish council cannot work alone in making it right for residents in Bleadon. It requires action in partnership with North Somerset Council, Somerset County Council, Sedgemoor District Council, the Police, NHS, other agencies and residents.

The process

The Bleadon Parish Plan started in late 2004 when all households in the parish were invited to a public meeting to launch the process.

The leaflet that invited residents and businesses to the launch meeting in January 2005 was deliberately contentious. The intention was to stimulate debate and raise issues that would have to be faced in the future. It included a pictorial vision of how our community might be in years to come.

A packed house

Nearly 200 people packed the Coronation Hall on 15 January to hear about the parish plan. It was standing room only for many villagers at this inaugural event. For a while it looked like some would be locked out because of lack of space. But on a tide of community self-help tables were passed head-over-head to create more space.

The plan explained

A 20 minute on-screen presentation explained the reason for having a village plan. We heard how it could shape our future, what it might include and how the whole community could help in the production of the plan.

The government wants local communities to take more control of their own lives. Through Village Plans it is giving us the right to say what we want doing in our neighbourhood and the ability to engage with the powers that can help get it done.

Our Bleadon plan will help us deliver what our community needs in the future.

Feedback

At the launch event there was plenty of feedback on what **you most value** and most **want to improve** in the parish. We had hundreds of suggestions from those that attended.

See Appendix 1- Bleadon values

You also told us what you disliked and had concerns about.

See Appendix 2 - Bleadon dislikes.

You also told us what ideas you liked and disliked on the village plan leaflet.

Now that we had a good idea about your local concerns and aspirations we could focus our research.

Four themes for action

To help decide what this community needs in the future, four volunteer action groups were set up to work on the key themes of the plan. We were very fortunate to get around 24 volunteers at the event to help with the action groups.

The four themes are:

Economy and prosperity, whose key priorities are:

- to increase local job opportunities and reduce the need to commute out of the area
- secure the prosperity of residents
- encourage local enterprise

Well-being and safety, whose key priorities are:

- improve road safety
- reduce crime and fear of crime
- reduce anti-social behaviour
- maximise opportunities for older people to live full and independent lives in the community
- improve access and choice of housing for all
- promote healthy and active lifestyles

Learning and leisure throughout life, whose key priorities are:

- develop and promote enjoyment of our environment
- improve opportunities for play
- promote healthy and active lifestyles
- promote effective social inclusion
- widen participation in learning
- improve existing and create new community learning facilities

Environment, whose main priorities are:

- protect and improve the quality of our natural and built environment
- improve traffic management
- improve footpaths and access to our countryside
- ensure that future building development is in character and sustainable
- meeting future housing needs

The big questionnaire

Before any Plan could be drawn up the Action Groups and the Steering Committee needed to gain a wider picture of what Bleadon residents thought of their parish. A comprehensive survey was required of all households and businesses.

From the action teams came suggestions for questions that should be included in the survey.

In September 2005 the survey forms were distributed and collected by the 20 volunteers. An impressive 60% of residents responded with completed questionnaires. With the feedback you gave us we were able to establish some key themes. These mirrored many of the themes addressed in the North Somerset Council's Community Strategy.

Key themes linked to the North Somerset's Community Strategy

All statistics quoted here are the result of the household survey that was delivered to 475 Bleadon households in September 2005.

265 households responded, so it is a fair representation of the parish as a whole.

Where we say that we've already achieved something it is not necessarily the parish council that has done this. Often this success is down to individuals and community groups, as well as other local authorities.

Transport

Facts

- Only 8% of Bleadon households don't have a car
- 53% of households have two or more cars
- 89% use car as main means of transport
- only 6% use the bus service which is financially supported by North Somerset Council
- Even travelling to local village facilities 50% use their car
- 70% wouldn't want to share their car

We have already

- fought to retain the local bus service
- encouraged the provision of a faster more direct bus service
- introduced Dial-a-Ride in the village
- provided cycle parking racks in the car park

We want to

- provide a bus shelter at Purn Way
- improve facilities for bus parking at Purn Way
- encourage a more frequent bus service to the Veale
- encourage the provision of more safe cycle routes
- improve the provision of off-road car parking
- improve the availability and use of home to school transport

We must

- promote and encourage use of the bus service
- promote and encourage use of the Dial-a-Ride service
- work to retain a regular bus service, particularly the connections to the hospital and Weston
- reduce use of private cars
- encourage car sharing
- look at providing better and safer vehicle access to the village from the A370

Environment

Facts

- 97% want to safeguard the green belt between Bleadon and Weston-super-Mare.
- Tranquility and openness within the parish are very highly valued
- Noise pollution, particularly from road traffic and increasingly from air traffic is considered significant
- Many are concerned about localised flooding at times of heavy rainfall
- Dog fouling is anti-social and dangerous to human health
- Litter is anti-social, unsightly and a danger to wildlife

We have already

- employed a parish ranger
- have a regular weekly litter clean-up
- installed dog bins
- had seasonal village plant-ups
- fought to conserve the space around the village cross
- resurfaced the church footpath
- worked to improve access to footpath gateways
- surfaced the Whitegate Farm footpath
- argued to limit development of the Whitegate paddock

We want to

- limit noise pollution around the parish
- install energy efficient lighting in all our community buildings
- reduce light pollution through more appropriate lighting
- promote energy efficiency and reduce our carbon footprint
- enter the Britain in Bloom competition

We must

- retain the green space between Weston and Bleadon
- conserve the rural character of the parish
- protect and improve the tranquil nature of the parish
- improve drainage
- conserve and encourage wildlife
- conserve and encourage woodland
- protect our historic buildings
- minimise the impact of development on our environment
- maintain good access to footpaths and work with the responsible authorities to keep them maintained

Communities and people

Facts

- the population of Bleadon is 1068 (2001 census)
- there are 874 registered electors
- people live in Bleadon because they love village life, want to be with family or close to work
- 90% of you disagree with having a travellers' site in the parish
- 38% are retired
- 32% go to church once a year
- 50% do not attend a church at all
- 50% use the Coronation Hall and 10% the church meeting room
- only 18% occasionally use the mobile library
- the NHS says it wants to deliver services more locally

We have already

- Supported the establishment of a new village PO, shop and café
- Installed a community computer with free internet access in the village café
- Installed three parish & community notice-boards around the village
- a very successful monthly village market in the Coronation Hall
- supported the Contactus community welcome group
- provided financial support for youth activities in the parish
- worked with NSC to install dropped kerbs in key locations to aid access for all
- published a village calendar

We want to

- improve the welcome pack for new residents
- encourage public participation at parish council meetings
- continue to support the various community groups
- build a network of mutual support for people in our community
- provide a memorial woodland / cemetery
- continue providing public toilets in the village
- work with the health authorities to provide more local health services from our community facilities
- help make it easier for people with long-term ill-health or disabilities to live in their own homes
- help the monthly village market to thrive

We must

- retain an accessible community multi-functional building in the heart of the village
- retain the church and promote its use by the community
- improve the parish website and encourage public participation
- encourage young and new residents to join village organisations and become active members of our community
- support the Baby & Toddler Welfare Clinic
- provide support and care for the infirm in our community
- work with the health services to ensure that the best possible service is provided
- help and encourage residents to be active and healthy
- improve our communications with our community

Culture, leisure and recreation

Facts

- 78% think the Coronation Hall facilities are good or adequate
- 38% favour developing a recreation space adjacent to Bridge Road in conjunction with housing
- 22% use the play area
- over 19 activity/social groups use the Coronation Hall monthly

We have already

- seen the development of a croquet field at Purn Way
- replaced the children's slide with a multi-use climber and slide
- leased and improved the public space beside the youth club
- opened up and improved the public area around the youth club with seating and planters
- landscaped and planted the area between the Coronation/Jubilee Halls and the car park
- started landscaping the rear of the Jubilee Hall

We want to

- open negotiations with the landowners to progress the development of recreation and community facilities alongside Bridge Road
- develop an Axe river trail through to Loxton
- see the completion of the Tidal Trail from Uphill to Berrow
- have safer pedestrian/equestrian crossings on the A370 – particularly where the Mendip Walk crosses it
- encourage guided walks around our parish trails
- create a wheelchair-friendly public route from Roman Road lay-by to summit of Hellenge Hill
- see the continued success of performing arts in the village
- install interpretation boards around the parish that explain our history, environment and recreation opportunities

We must

- improve access and disabled facilities in the Coronation Halls and Youth Club
- support the mobile library service or develop alternatives
- provide safe play equipment in the Play Area that will fulfil the developing needs of children and young people
- provide a safe environment for our children that encourages them to play and learn
- provide social interaction facilities throughout the parish to encourage people of all ages to meet and talk

Community safety

Fact

- 87% consider there are traffic danger spots within the parish
- Locations of perceived danger are Shiplate Road, the junction by the Queens Arms, the junctions onto the A370 at Bridge Garage and the Anchor Inn
- The bend on Bleadon Road at junction with Purn Way experiences the most traffic accidents
- 74% think that speeding traffic is a problem in the parish, with Shiplate Road and Bleadon Road registering most concern (22% each)
- the majority of speeding drivers caught on police radar are local residents
- 33% of residents indicate that they have been victims of crime within the parish (mainly burglary and theft)
- our parish has one of the lowest reported crime figures in North Somerset
- people are fairly evenly split between wanting, not wanting or not caring about house numbering
- 75% think that current street lighting is adequate

We have already

- worked with North Somerset Council to improve road surfacing and markings at Purn Way/Bleadon Road junction
- worked with NSC to improve road safety and traffic management at the Anchor junction on the A370
- worked with NSC to provide safe pedestrian access to the bus stop opposite Purn Farm on the A370
- worked with the police to instigate periodic speed checks on the troublesome routes
- installed CCTV around the Coronation car park and play area
- improved lighting around the car park, Coronation Hall and youth club
- introduced dog bins to reduce dog fouling
- encouraged the retention of regular police drop-in surgeries

We want to

- further improve the junction of Purn Way and Bleadon Road for traffic and pedestrians
- work with NSC and Somerset County Council to reduce traffic speeds on the A370
- improve pedestrian safety, particularly in the areas of Bridge Road and Bleadon Road / Purn Way
- improve pedestrian access to the Coronation Halls site

We must

- continue work with NSC to improve traffic management and safety at the junctions with the A370 at Bridge Road and the Anchor Inn
- work to keep traffic speeds safe throughout the parish
- promote Neighbourhood Watch throughout the parish
- allay fear of crime and safety by communicating the real facts
- promote self/community-help actions to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
- create an environment that discourages crime

Learning and skills

Facts

- 20% would like adult education classes in the village
- the most common request was for personal computer classes
- 26% would like a village school if numbers permit
- we have a flourishing youth club with over 40 young members
- we have at least 19 local community groups regularly using the Coronation Hall

We have already

- established a Local History Group
- supported the continuation of the watercolour painting classes
- worked towards wirelessly linking the Coronation Hall to the youth club computer for internet access
- sought to clarify the position on school admissions and obtained reassurances from NSC and Somerset CC
- seen the re-establishment of the Guides group
- provided a community computer and free internet access

We want to

- see the provision of a local primary school should the number of children in the parish justify it
- encourage the development of holiday and after-school clubs
- develop a computer literate and internet active community
- help develop more opportunities for young people
- have clear guidelines and assurances for Bleadon parents on the school admissions policies of North Somerset and Somerset councils
- encourage the development of adult learning in the community

We must

- help develop more adult learning opportunities
- strive to retain a flourishing youth club
- strive to retain the Brownies and Guides and see them flourish
- provide community based learning facilities
- continue to support the wide range of local community groups

Economy and employment

Facts

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We have already

- Held an open “get to know” evening with local businesses
- Supported the development of new commercial units at Purn House Farm
- Supported the improvement of commercial units at Purn Farm
- Supported the development of the village shop, post office and café
- Talked to Marshalls about the possible future development of the quarry site

We want to

- encourage local businesses to take on local youngsters for work experience
- encourage local businesses to take on more local employees
- support the growth and success of existing local business
- work to retain existing business
- encourage enterprise and creative business thinking in the parish
- see new business opportunities develop to replace the quarry
- see the development of high quality business premises
- see the development of thriving and sustainable tourism in the area
- encourage diversity in agriculture

We must

- support local employment for local people
- encourage diverse opportunities in employment
- support local business with local custom
- encourage successful new business start-ups
- encourage environmentally acceptable and sustainable business development
- encourage a thriving village shop
- retain the village post office
- retain our agricultural heritage

Housing

Facts

- 25% have lived here less than six years
- 90% are owner occupiers
- over 75% live in 3 or 4 bedroom properties
- 50% want no new housing
- any new housing is preferred as infill within the current village 'development fence'
- Weston-super-Mare is set by the Government to grow by 20,000 houses within 10 years

We have already

- seen increasing loss of garden space to housing infill

We want to

- keep all housing development within the village settlement boundary

We must

- encourage the provision of affordable housing for local people
- ensure that developments retain our small village character and scale
- discourage over-development of infill land and loss of garden space
- retain the village development boundary
- oppose development of Greenfield sites

What next?

This draft plan addresses some of the issues that will face our community in the foreseeable future. It doesn't provide all the answers. How we achieve all of what is required of us is yet to be addressed.

The parish council will work with all the outside agencies to provide you with the best possible services.

The parish council can lead on many actions, but it will be down to all of you to contribute towards the solutions.

If you have something to say about this draft plan and wish to contribute towards its success please contact:

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Once the plan is agreed by the Steering Committee it will be taken to the Bleadon Parish Council for formal endorsement. The parish council will act as champions for the plan with the knowledge that it reflects the wishes of the wider community not just the parish council

Appendix 1 - Bleadon Values

This list summarises the written comments that came from the public meeting held in January 2005 to launch the Bleadon Parish Plan process.

Rural aspect/environment open aspect to village
Proximity to town and hospital
Good social atmosphere
Friendliness of the community
Mobile library service
Good wildlife and fauna
No coaches allowed through the village
Well kept footpaths in parts
Access to motorway
Its history
Being separate from Weston but handy for hospital etc
Size of the village
Peaceful and safe to live in
Beauty of area
No linear development between A370 Bridge Garage – Anchor Inn)
Village shop
Open green fields – gateway
Village Hall and Playschool
Reasonably crime free
Children's play park
Quietness of environment
Church as focal point of the village
Recreational for children
Keeping open spaces
Good transport
Support for the elderly in the community
Bus service
Size of village just right
Public conveniences
Good area for school catchment
Feelings of safety
Queens Arms
Lack of crime
Close to friends and family
The Park
The comradeship of the groups using the Village Halls
The wonderful view from the Hill from the back of the village

Appendix 2 - Bleadon dislikes

This list summarises the written concerns that came from the public meeting held in January 2005 to launch the Bleadon Parish Plan process.

Youth Club building not attractive
No medical centre
Roads not keeping up with traffic volume/traffic management
No school without lots more housing
Absence of recreational facilities/sportsfield
Inadequate transport service/ better needed
Some footpaths (South Hill) neglected
Dog fouling
All roads not swept
Road drainage/risk of flooding
Conflict between older and younger generation
Lack of facilities for those due to age or disability to get to Weston
The need of a café
Insular attitude to change
Encroaching housing on rural areas – housing should be on brown field sites
Lorries on Bridge Road
Lack of locally produced foods on sale
Lack of support for local shop and village market
Speeding traffic
Poor road surfacing
Amount of through traffic
No more new housing
Lack of litter/dog bins
Not good spread of age groups
Rat run (needs traffic management)
Removal of Post Office from village centre
Lack of medical facilities
Exit onto A370 is dangerous
Parking problems re Community events (use field opp Coronation Hall)
Not enough shops
No more industry
High council tax
Quarry Concrete works
Change to landscape behind Purnhouse Farm
Inadequate sports facilities
Entrance from Quarry to Bridge road (large vehicles) dangerous
Security (lack of Police presence)
No Village Green
No Evening bus service
Signposting of dangerous corner A370
Youth Club (should be open at weekends and evenings)
Very little wrong
Noise on A370
The high Parish precept
Drainage and flood issues
Better control of Yob culture

Lack of housing for local people (affordable)
Need to use bus service more or lose it
Too much street furniture (telephone posts and signs)
Posters on lamps and telephone poles
Catherine's Inn
State of Paddock in Bleadon Road
Quarry dust and pollution
Too many executive homes
Unsympathetic restoration of buildings
Need for a Hall with rooms that can be separated
Lack of sufficient burial ground
Main post box being out of the centre of the village
Village Youth Club not used by village children
Cost of doing the village plan
Lack of different shops
Inadequate street lighting/pavements
Lack of public open space
Lack of affordable housing
Lack of house numbering
Highest council tax in north somerset
More facilities for young people
Rubbish thrown from cars from Weston (i.e. McDonald's etc)
The large amount of dead Elms still around
Motorbike speed tracks below Roman Road
Shopping for food difficult since Sanders Supermarket gone
Too many retired people not enough families
Hedges overhanging pavements and verges
Poor social life in village
Thoughtless parking throughout village
People who commute from village and do not contribute to village life
No sheltered housing for the elderly – long term residents have to leave the village
No more planning on Roman Road
The water pressure is very low in some parts of the village (have the pumps on all the time not just at night)
Lack of notification of events in the village
Aircraft flights path from airports and helicopters
Vandalism at night
Poor sewerage system
The uncertainty of where housing will come and when

WELL-BEING, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Objective	Action	Target	Resource	Lead
Improve facilities and increase use of bus services in the parish	Provide a bus shelter and bus layby at Purn Way	By 2010	Funding of £6000+	BPC + NSC
	Increase frequency of bus services to the Veale	By 2009	NSC funding	BPC + NSC
Increase use of Dial-a-Ride bus services	Maintain clean and welcoming bus shelters throughout parish	Ongoing	Parish Ranger	BPC
	Secure the bus links with the hospital	Ongoing	NSC funding	NSC + BPC
	Provide raised curbs at bus stops to enable access	By 2011	Funding	NSC + BPC
	Promote the bus service with clear timetables	Increase use by 1% pa	Some print + web Village News	BPC + NSC
Increase use of home-to-school community transport	Promote and support the service	Increase use by 2% pa	Some print + web Village News	Weston Dial-a-Ride + BPC
	Promote and support the school bus service	Increase use by 5% pa	Village News + web + community networking	BPC + NSC
Encourage use of car sharing	Create a network/directory of participants	Increase use by 5% pa	Village News + web + community networking	BPC
	Promote the social benefits of car-sharing	Increase awareness and participation	Village News + web + community networking	BPC
Improve cycle use	work with NSC to provide dedicated cycle route to Weston	By 2013		BPC + NSC
	Provide cycle parking at key locations in village	By 2010	Funding	BPC
Reduce the amount of on-road vehicle parking	Promote cycling through articles in Village News			BPC
	Increase parking availability for users of Coronation Halls at peak times	By 2013		BPC
Encourage responsible parking around Queens Arms public house				BPC/NSC/ Butcombe
	Encourage responsible parking around Queens Arms public house	By 2010		BPC/NSC/ Butcombe

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	increase parking available at Queens Arms	By 2013		BPC/NSC/ Butcombe
	Discourage irresponsible and anti-social parking	On-going		Police + BPC
	Ensure that all new development has sufficient parking	On-going		BPC + NSC
	Ensure the provision of adequate parking at the village shop for customers	By 2010		BPC + NSC
Improve traffic management and safety at junction of Purn Way and Bleadon Road	Install better road markings and road signs. Consider installation of a mini roundabout	By 2013	Funding	BPC + NSC
Improve pedestrian safety on A370 at Purn Farm bus stop	Install pedestrian walkway	By 2009	Funding	NSC
Improve traffic management and safety at junction of Accommodation Road + A370	Install traffic management device	By 2009 and review	Funding	NSC + BPC
Reduce traffic speeds on A370 junctions	Reduce mandatory speed limit	By 2009 and review		NSC
Improve vehicle access onto A370	Improve traffic management by creating a new access road or a one way traffic flow to and from the A370	By 2015	Funding	BPC + NSC
Improve pedestrian safety on Bridge Road	Create pedestrian footpath in conjunction with better vehicle traffic management	By 2015	Funding	BPC + NSC
Improve pedestrian safety on Purn Way and Bleadon Road for access to bus and shop	Create pedestrian footpath in conjunction with better vehicle traffic management	By 2013	Funding	BPC

Improve pedestrian and vehicle accesses to Coronation Halls site	Better footpaths and pedestrian crossing/traffic calming	By 2015	Funding	BPC
Reduce traffic speed throughout parish	Promote safer driving. Prosecute offenders. Reactivate Community Speedwatch if Police endorse.		Police support	A&S Police
Reduce crime and fear of crime	Promote the expansion of Neighbourhood Watch schemes Educate residents and businesses to use best possible practices to reduce crime Use CCTV and Neighbourhood Watch to identify wrong-doers Design anti-crime features into all new building developments Provide appropriate lighting in public areas Create an environment that discourages crime Act quickly to report crime to appropriate authorities. Ensure appropriate action is taken to Regularly publish the real facts about crime in the parish	All developed areas covered by 2010 All residents to be aware of risks and solutions Zero crime and anti-social behaviour in public areas Minimise crime in new build areas Maintain public lighting in good order Zero crime and anti-social behaviour in public areas Reported within 24 hours	Community volunteers Village News + web + community networking	BPC + Police BPC + Police BPC + Police NSC + Police BPC BPC BPC + NSC + Police BPC + Police
Reduce incidents of dog fouling	Provide dog bins where practical and appropriate Educate dog owners and prosecute where appropriate	Ongoing installation and maintenance where practical Zero dog fouling in public areas		BPC BPC
Increase the number of houses with a number	Seek a majority consensus from individual streets not currently carrying house numbers	All houses in the urban area to be numbered		BPC + NSC

ENVIRONMENT

Retain green space between Weston and Bleadon	Through the Planning process vigorously question all development outside the Village Settlement	Zero development in the green space		BPC + NSC
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Conserve the rural character and Environmental policies	Protect and enhance bio-diversity and the rural landscape through the District Council's Planning and Environmental policies	Zero development in the green space, more trees and hedge-rows	BPC + NSC
Create a green welcome to the village	Plant trees along the A370	New trees planted by 2011	Funding and volunteers to plant BPC
Enhance wildlife and flora in the Comb Quarry	Plant native flowers in churchyard	Planted by Spring 2010	Funding and volunteers to plant BPC + PCC
Create welcoming gateways to the parish	Plant native flowers and provide nesting boxes	Installed by 2011	Funding and volunteers to plant BPC
Increase green access and understanding by all	Distinctive floral planting features around the village welcome signs	Installed by 2011	Funding + Ranger/ Volunteers BPC
Have a sustainable community	Promote use of footpaths through better signing and interpretation information at key access points	Installed by 2011	Funding + West Mendip Way warden BPC + WMW
	Built environment that encourages physical activity to improve health	On-going	BPC + NSC
	Ensure pedestrians and cyclists are given highest priority when developing or maintaining streets and roads	On-going	BPC + NSC
HOUSING			
Affordable housing for local people	Encourage the building of affordable housing in all developments of at least 0.5ha or 15 dwellings	30% of new build units to be affordable housing	BPC + NSC
Have a sustainable mix of housing types	Ensure that there is a mix of housing types to suit all members of our community		BPC + NSC
Retain the village Settlement Boundary	Ensure that all new development is within the village Settlement Boundary	No house building on greenfield sites	Planning process NSC + BPC
Retain village character	Ensure that new development reflects the scale and style of our Somerset village	Sympathetic design and scale	Planning process NSC + BPC

LEISURE, RECREATION AND CULTURE

Improve village centre play and recreation open space	Continue to develop and improve the existing Play Area and adjacent spaces	Increase use	Funding	BPC
Seek additional or alternative public recreation space	Open negotiations with landowners and developers	New recreation space must accompany any future major housing development	Developers and Section 106 funding	BPC + NSC
Improve the public access along the river Axe to Loxton	Open negotiations with landowners and local councils to develop footpath	Axe Trail footpath complete by 2015	Officer time and fFunding	BPC
See completion of Tidal Trail from Uphill to Berrow	Open negotiations with landowners and local councils to continue footpath	Tidal Trail footpath complete by 2015	Officer time and funding	NSC + BPC
Promote recreational use of footpaths	Create printed and web information for walkers	Publish first guides by 2012	Volunteer time and funding	BPC
	Create and erect interpretation panels at key locations	Install by 2011	Volunteer time and funding	BPC + WWW
	Create wheelchair/pushchair friendly access to routes wherever practical	Ongoing installation and maintenance where practical	Volunteer time and funding	BPC + WWW
Ensure continuation of a thriving community social centre	Support and promote the Coronation Halls	3% increase per annum in use of halls	Volunteer time and funding	BPC
	Continue to improve and broaden the range of facilities provided by the Coronation Halls	On-going	Volunteer time and funding	CHMC + BPC
	Support the continuation of successful monthly village markets	On-going	Volunteer time	CHMC
	Continue support of community social and activity groups	On-going	Volunteer time and some funding	CHMC + BPC
	Increase use of Coronation Halls through marketing and product development	Halls being used every day	Volunteer time and funding	CHMC
	seek alternative site for a purpose built community centre	Built by 2020	Funding and expertise	BPC

Create a historic record of the parish to ensure continued understanding of our heritage	Collect a written, audio and visual record of historical material	Dedicated section on website by 2010	Volunteer time and some funding	Historic Society
	Produce historical interpretation panel	Erect 2 panels by 2010	Volunteer time and funding	Historic Society and BPC
	Publish regular historical features in the Village News	Minimum two historical features per year	Village News	Historic Society and BPC
Maintain the library resource in the village	Support the mobile library or provide alternative resource	All members of our community to have access	Mobile library or local volunteers	NSC + BPC
Provide free public access to internet within village	Maintain and improve current facilities at village café and youth club	All members of our community to have access	Funding and expertise	BPC + NSC

COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE

Community cohesion and sense of belonging	Strong branding of the parish	All residents have clear sense of belonging		BPC
	Better communication with hard-to-reach residents	All residents aware of community activities	Volunteer time and some funding	BPC
Retain the village shop and PO	Continue to support the shop through everyday use	Shop stays open and thrives	Whole community	BPC
Provide free local internet access	Maintain at least one public access point in the village	At least one internet PC in a public building	Funding and public support	BPC
Provide support for people in our community	improve the welcome pack for new residents	Every new household receives a welcome information pack	Volunteer time, parish council support and some funding	BPC
	Continue with the welcome events for new residents	Every new resident has the opportunity to meet their community	Volunteer time, parish council support and some funding	Contactus + BPC

Encourage all residents to join village organisations and social groups	Every resident has the opportunity to socialise with their community	Village News, Welcome Pack and website	BPC + CHMC
Build a network of mutual community support	Every resident has the practical and accessible support of the community	Volunteer time, parish council support and some funding	Contactus + BPC + Church
Support the Baby & Toddler Group	Every new child and parent has access to local support	Venue provision, volunteer time and some funding	CHMC + BPC
work with the health services to provide local services	residents have access to local health services	Venue provision	NHS + BPC
encourage residents to exercise regularly	active and healthy residents	Village News, website, local groups and noticeboards	BPC + CHMC + NHS
Support and promote church activities	Stop the decline in church attendance	Venue provision, volunteer time and some funding	PCC + BPC
Broaden range of activities in the church	to encourage wider use by a greater range of people	Venue provision, volunteer time and some funding	PCC + BPC
Maintain fabric of the church in good order	A useful trouble-free building fit for purpose	Volunteer time and funding	PCC + BPC
Promote public participation at council meetings	Increase in number of public attending and participating	Village News, website, local groups and noticeboards	BPC
Encourage a wide cross-section of residents to become parish councillors	Broader age range of active councillors	Greater awareness of council activities and community involvement	BPC
improve communications with residents		Funding and expertise	BPC

LEARNING AND SKILLS

Provide local schools for local people	Encourage the Local Education Authorities to provide easily accessible schooling for local children	Local children go to the local school of their choice	School Admissions policies that do not prejudice Bleadon children	NSC and SCC
Home to school transport	Encourage the LEA and parents to maximise use of school transport	All Bleadon children are able to travel to school on a bus	By 2011	NSC and SCC
Maximise adult learning opportunities	Encourage education and skills providers to offer local development opportunities	Adults are able to easily access classes locally wherever practical	Ongoing	Local colleges, schools and other providers
	Promote and encourage continued learning and development	Increase the opportunities for all residents to learn and develop skills	Ongoing	Local colleges, schools and other providers
	Provide suitable facilities for learning locally	Wherever possible classes and activities are village based	Ongoing	Coronation Halls + BPC
Encourage our young people to learn and socially develop	Encourage the success of young groups such as Scouts, Guides and the Youth Club	Prospering groups in the village for all ages of young people	Ongoing	BPC + NSC + Youth Organisations
	Encourage the development of accessible after-school and holiday clubs	No local child can claim that "there's nothing to do"	Ongoing	NSC + local young people's organisations
PROSPERITY				
Support local employment for local people	Support the development of appropriate new business enterprise in the parish	A wide range of successful businesses in the parish	Ongoing	BPC + NSC + businesses
	Support local business with local custom	Bleadon business is the first choice for Bleadon residents	Ongoing	Businesses + Residents
	Encourage the development of an appropriately skilled workforce	Zero unemployment in the parish	Ongoing	All support agencies
	Develop improved networking between local businesses	A local business club providing support for its members	Establish by 2010	BPC and businesses

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Retain a thriving village shop	Increase use	Ongoing	Residents and BPC
Improve the quality of commercial premises to meet the needs of current and future business	100% occupancy	Ongoing	BPC + NSC + providers
Balance any new housing development with appropriate local job opportunities	Reduced commuting to work	Ongoing	NSC + BPC
All housing to offer facilities for home working	Reduced commuting to work	Ongoing	NSC + BPC