

A Parish Plan is important because...

It identifies areas of concern within the community and highlights what needs to be improved or conserved

It gives everyone an equal chance of being heard, not just those who speak up at local meetings

It helps bring groups and individuals in the community together to work towards a common goal

It equips communities with the skills and knowledge they need to improve quality of life in the parish

It enables future projects to be planned with the knowledge that they have community support

It improves success in funding applications by providing evidence of community involvement in local projects

it enables local priorities to be fed into the community planning process and to become part of the Community Strategy

It contributes to securing a thriving and viable future for the community

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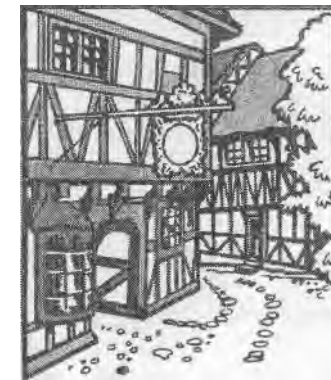
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What is a Parish Plan?

A Parish Plan is a document that sets out a vision for the future of the parish and outlines how that future will be achieved in an Action Plan. The document may also include proposals and guidelines for future development that could inform the Local Development Framework.

The Parish Plan will be based on factual information together with the findings of appraisals and surveys undertaken by local people:

A Village Appraisal - a household questionnaire to assess need and aspirations of local people. A separate youth questionnaire is recommended.

Participatory Appraisals - hands on interactive workshops.

Business Surveys and Character Assessments

Why do a Parish Plan?

A Parish Plan enables a community to be proactively involved in determining the nature of services and facilities it receives.

It helps to shape a future that the community wants to see, rather than the one it could have avoided.

What help is available?

Your Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) field officer can provide direct support by attending meetings, advising on funding and how to involve everyone in the project. An Information Pack is available to guide you through the appraisal and parish plan process. Your field officer can also put you in touch with other communities who have completed Parish Plans and can provide examples from around the region.

Literature Request Form

Request from:

- Parish Council
- Individual
- Village organization a (please specify).....

Has your village or town worked with RCCE?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

What literature do you require?

- An Information Pack
- More copies of this leaflet
- Examples from other communities

Would you like to speak to an RCCE officer?

- Yes, please call me
- No, not at the moment
- Already made contact

Comments / Project idea:

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