



Community

This is the fourth in a series of papers covering how we are approaching the production of our new Community Led Plan – and it's the one that binds the others together.

Being able to identify as a 'community' and demonstrate how we work collectively to support each other, across generations and between social and other groups all adds to the strength of our voice when seeking new services or expressing views on development or similar issues.

We not only need to capture what this looks like now, but show how it helps us shape our village over the next ten years.

For instance: the provision for youth, education and leisure services can impact on how healthy we are (which in turn impacts the sort of GP and other services we need); they can also impact on levels community safety (shared activities, more for young people to do, more residents out and about); similarly – what do the streets look like (hard landscaping/lighting/soft landscaping/pedestrian areas and so on)?

Should there be an automatic assumption that the Council will meet every need? Or should we as a community take some responsibility through voluntary effort, combining our own resources (not just money)? Social care is a big issue now, but what could we do to help support fellow residents to remain (affordably) in their own homes and community as they age? Good neighbours schemes, micro enterprises, events at the churches and elsewhere, healthy eating initiatives etc could all make big contributions and say a lot about us and the sustainability of our community.

Improving services and how we live now can have a big impact on our ability to remain so in later life (and also impact the need for statutory and other services).

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