

THE BESTWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNITY LED ACTION PLAN

2012-2022



Prepared by Village Vision with support from
Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire

Introduction

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This document has been produced following consultation with the residents of Bestwood Village during Spring/Summer of 2011.

The consultation was conducted by the Village Vision Steering Group supported by Bestwood and St Albans Parish Council, Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire and Gedling Borough Council.

In 2011 a questionnaire was distributed to all households in Bestwood Village and returned by 323 households. In addition young people and children were consulted. On September 24th 2011 approximately 40 residents attended an action planning event to take forward the findings of the consultations.

The following action plan is an outcome of the above activities.



The Action Plan Layout

This document lists the issues raised by the village consultation. The actions to be taken and the responsibility for these are laid out in the following way:

Aim	Action needed	Who	Timescales	Achievements
Issues identified by consultation and research	Description of action required	Responsibility and Partners	Date or month to complete or review the aim	What has happened so far

The Issues and Actions are listed under the following headings:

- Services
- Social & Leisure
- Transport
- Our Surroundings
- Communication

Jargon Key

Abbreviations may be used for organisations at times as we put this plan into action.

Listed below are the main organisations involved and their role:

PC	Parish Council	NCC	Nottinghamshire County Council
GBC	Gedling Borough Council	RCAN	Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire
GCVS	Gedling Community & Voluntary Service		

Services

Aim	Action needed	Who	Timescales	Achievements
To explore possibilities for adult education classes in the village	Contact possible venues; Social Club, School, Church, Dynamo house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Vision • Sure Start • New College Nottingham • Social Club 	2012/13	Discussions have been held between the Trustees of the Social club and a provider of adult education classes
To improve access to health care	<p>Contact the Primary Care Trust to explore ways in which health services can be brought into the village</p> <p>Contact and consult with GPs identifying the lack of health services and provision in the village</p> <p>Contact and consult with local Dental Surgeries informing them of the lack of dental provision in the village</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Vision • Sure Start • Bestwood St Albans Parish Council • Gedling Community & Voluntary Service 	<p>2017</p> <p>2012/3</p> <p>2012/3</p>	

Services

Aim	Action needed	Who	Timescales	Achievements
To increase the range of, and access to shops in the village	Investigate retail opportunities to bring to the village. For example a veg van, farmers market etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Vision• Bestwood St Albans Parish Council• Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce	2015	
To explore the possibility of a pub/restaurant in the village being established	Liaise with the Social Club and offer support to design a menu for lunch and evening food to extend the services they offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Vision• Bestwood Village Social Club	2014	The social club exploring the possibility of providing food

Social & Leisure

Aim	Action needed	Who	Timescales	Achievements
To explore the possibility of a Coffee shop in the village	Work with RCAN and the Plunket foundation to further develop a funding application to Village SOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Vision • RCAN • Social Club 	2013	Further consultation was undertaken at the school Christmas Fayre and the Christmas Tree light switch on
To promote and support efforts to improve facilities within the Country Park, in particular to restore toilet facilities and provide a refreshment facility	Work with the newly formed County led Development Group in order to improve facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nottinghamshire County, Gedling, Ashfield and Parish Councils • Friends of Bestwood Country Park 	2017	Our Chair, Jack Ashworth has been elected to be part of the new Development Group. Specification for new toilet block currently being drawn up
To provide a better play facility for children and young people	Apply for Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme funding	Contact Sue Jaques	2013	Application made in September 2012 to Local Improvement Scheme for £50,000

Social & Leisure

Aim	Action needed	Who	Timescales	Achievements
To pursue the previously agreed funding for a Multi Use Games Area on Wimpey development	Speak to the Parish Council and ask them to contact Gedling Borough Council's Planning Officer - Bev Pearson to discuss the installation of a play park on the Wimpey site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bestwood St Albans Parish Council • Village Vision • Local Councillors 	2012/3	
To investigate the installation of dog mess/litter bins in Bestwood Country Park and Mill Lakes	Write to Gedling Borough Council's Direct Services department and Ashfield District Council who are responsible for emptying the bins (Andy Fell, Environmental Supervisor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gedling Borough Council Direct Services • Friends of Bestwood Country Park • Ashfield District Council • Nottinghamshire County Council for funding 	2012/3	At the Action Planning Event it was suggested to apply to Ashfield District council for a grant for Mill Lakes. Kevin Rostance or Mick Murphy may be able to support through their Elected Members pot

Transport

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<p>To improve the frequency of the bus services to provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A more frequent daily service; 2. A night bus service; and 3. A Sunday service; 	<p>Speak to the bus operators to discuss the frequency of the timetable and whether other services can be diverted through the village</p> <p>Request change of time for allowing over 60s to travel with bus passes from 9am rather than 9.30am – this may increase occupancy</p> <p>Speak to NET (trams) with regards to tying in the free travel pass times to those of the free travel pass times for buses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bestwood St Albans Parish Council • Village Vision • Local Bus Operators • Gedling Borough Council • Ashfield District Council • Nottinghamshire County Council • NET 	2017	
<p>To improve the standard and condition of roads and pavements in the village particularly where major sub-surface works have been undertaken</p>	<p>Speak to Gedling Borough and Ashfield District Councils and Nottinghamshire County Council to remind them of their obligations in respect of road and pavement maintenance</p> <p>Remove overgrowth & weeds from hedgerows onto pavements to ensure a clear pathway</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bestwood St Albans Parish Council • Village Vision • Gedling Borough Council • Ashfield District Council • Nottinghamshire County Council 	2017	

Transport

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<p>To explore alternative traffic calming measures to address the villagers, concerns in respect of the inadequacy/ inappropriateness of the existing speed humps</p>	<p>Write to Nottinghamshire County Council to investigate options</p> <p>Write to local Councillors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Vision • Bestwood St Albans Parish Council • Nottinghamshire County Council • Gedling Borough Council • Ashfield District Council 	<p>2017</p>	
<p>To address village concerns in relation to parking generally within the village but particularly on Moor Road & Park Road</p> <p>To resolve parking issues on School Walk and Church Road during school drop off and pick up times</p>	<p>Consult with local councils and Police</p> <p>Write to all parents to ensure they are aware of the school travel plan which allows parents to park at the Social Club and walk to the school.</p> <p>Investigate one way travel on Church Road & School Walk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bestwood St Albans Parish Council • Nottinghamshire County Council • School Social Club 	<p>2015</p> <p>Annually</p>	

Our Surroundings

Aim	Action needed	Who	Timescales	Achievements
To reduce criminal damage	<p>Actively promote villagers to report crime. This may lead to a higher Police presence if crime statistics go up</p> <p>Provide activities and facilities for younger people</p> <p>Contact "Safer Neighbourhoods Committee" Hucknall East to gain support in tackling crime.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Villagers • Village Vision • Gedling Borough Council • Village Vision 	<p>2012/3</p> <p>2015</p> <p>2012/3</p>	
To tidy up grass, hedges and dog mess around the village	<p>Organise litter pick</p> <p>Raise pride in the Village through events and competitions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Vision • Village Vision alongside other Village groups • Youth Offending Team Probation Service 	<p>Annually</p> <p>Annually</p>	Community litter pick undertaken in May 2011, well attended and enjoyed by all involved

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To reduce the amount of dog mess around the village	<p>Campaign to promote responsible dog ownership</p> <p>Report regular fouling so the dog warden can set an ambush and catch the owner brown handed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Vision • Gedling Borough Council • Ashfield District Council • Village Vision • Gedling Borough Council • Ashfield District Council • Police Community Support Officers 	<p>Annually</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
Encourage closer links between Gedling Borough Council, Bestwood St Albans Parish Council, Ashfield District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council	<p>Contact all Councils to establish common issues and suggest a meeting to join forces and work together</p> <p>Create a map of who owns/is responsible for which parts of the village</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Vision • Bestwood St Albans Parish Council • Ashfield District Council • Gedling Borough Council • Nottinghamshire County Council • Village Vision 	<p>2014</p> <p>2014</p>	

Communication

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To make information about what is happening in the local community easily/readily available/accessible to all residents	Create Village Vision page to feature on the Parish Council website	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteer interested in creating a web page	2013	Facebook page up and running for Village Vision
To develop and publish a village newspaper or magazine	Contact the individual who expressed an interest in co-ordinating the village newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Vision• Volunteer interested in writing/publishing	2013	

Useful Contacts for Bestwood Village Residents

Parish Council Clerk Mary Hall – bestwood.pc@btinternet.com

Gedling BC 0115 9013901 www.gedling.gov.uk webenquiries@gedling.gov.uk

Gedling BC Flytip Hotline 0800 0681233

Gedling BC Emergency out-of-hours number 0800 0960306

Gedling Homes 0115 9051515

Ashfield DC 01623-450000 www.ashfield-dc.gov.uk

Nottingham City Council 0115 9155555 www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Notts County Council 08449 808080 www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Notts County Council Benefits Help + Advice- 0115 9774018 welfare.rights@nottsc.gov.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau-local info www.nottinghamshirecab.org.uk

Nottinghamshire Police 0115-9400999 ext 3470 newsteadvillagesnt@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Arnold Police Station 01159670555 extension 4161

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Notes:







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