

Annex 1: Delivering the vision – community actions

INTRODUCTION

As part of the process of developing the plan, a number of areas were identified by the local community which cannot be addressed through the planning system. These have been identified as ‘community actions’ – they do however relate to one or more of the policy areas.

These community actions are supported by the parish council. However, many of them will be delivered by, or in conjunction with, other bodies such as the Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust, or other community groups, some of which might need to be set up specifically in order to take forward an action identified in the plan.

The community actions are grouped under the 7 plan objectives.

The parish council want these projects to be taken forward. This will only happen if there is enough community support, including (but not only) hands on support. It is your chance to get involved and make things happen. A separate response form has been prepared to capture expressions of interest in helping to deliver the community actions. This is available on our website, where you can either complete it online or download the form and email or post it back to us. Alternatively, you can pick up a paper copy of the community actions response form from and drop the completed form back to Claire’s Newsagents

KEY: DT = Haydon Bridge Development Trust; HBNZ = Haydon Bridge Net Zero – the Parish Energy Group; PC = Parish Council; NPG = The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

‘Short term’ = <12 months; ‘Longer term’ = >12months

	Community action	Short term	Longer term	Who?
Objective 1: Sustainability and climate change				
1a	Secure funding for initial overall feasibility of community-led renewable energy options for the parish Go on to Secure funding for detailed feasibility and development of community scale renewable heat and power initiatives			DT, HBNZ
1b	Provide advice and support for individual household initiatives to move from carbon to renewable energy heating and power			HBNZ, PC
1c	Work with the Environment Agency, Northumberland County Council, and Northumbria Water on flood prevention initiatives to reduce the risk of flooding			PC/flood group
1d	Explore and take forward other projects linked to carbon reduction and fuel poverty			DT, HBNZ, Rural Design Centre
Objective 2: Built and historic environment				
2a	Update the 2008 Village Design Statement			NPG
2b	Work with NCC to update the conservation area character appraisal			NPG/PC

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Objective 3: Natural environment				
3a	Set up community tree planting initiative and community orchard			NPG/PC
3b	Set up group to undertake regular village enhancement work (e.g. planting/weeding/clean up/other improvements)			NPG
3c	Explore the interest and potential for smallholding development to sell produce locally			NPG/ Tynedale West Food Network
3d	Develop community spaces and habitat creation projects – e.g. wildlife ponds and enhancing wildlife corridors			NPG
3e	Work with farmers to promote regenerative farming and selling direct to consumers			NPG
Objective 4: Housing				
4a	Provide information for the community about how the NCC Homefinder system works for social housing lettings			NPG/PC
4b	Develop a Local Lettings Policy			NPG/PC
4c	Develop Community led social housing, and agree the development, ownership and management mechanisms to make this happen			DT supported by PC
Objective 5: Vibrant and thriving communities				
5a	Undertake feasibility for community or commercial café/coffee shop/social area/internet links for home workers (possibly with a bakery)			DT/NPG or private sector opportunity
5b	Secure access to the High School facilities outside school hours (e.g. tennis courts; sports hall and secure funding for equipment to develop a community gym in the hall)			PC
5c	Identify which community facilities should be registered with NCC under community right to buy (in addition to the Library building)			NPG/PC
5d	Explore options to develop additional services for older people			NPG
5e	Explore ideas to develop services for young people			PC/NPG
5f	Secure funding to provide outside gym equipment in one or more locations in the Parish			NPG/DT/PC
5g	Work with the county council to secure additional community learning opportunities and classes based within the parish			NPG
5h	Undertake a feasibility for setting up a Saturday market			NPG
5i	Work with We fibre to promote high speed broadband for households and businesses in the parish (links to 6a)			PC/DT/NPG

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Objective 6: Local economy				
6a	Assess support for a Business Forum or other options for businesses to share ideas and support			NPG/DT
6b	Assess support for the development of a business hub			NPG
6c	Develop further initiatives to promote Haydon Parish as a tourist destination and gateway			DT & Tourism businesses
Objective 7: Accessibility and transport				
7a	Support feasibility work with NCC, sustrans and other partners about developing a cycle route from Haydon Bridge to Hexham (or potentially Wylam to Haltwhistle)	Feasibility	Do it	HBNZ
7b	Undertake feasibility to establish 2-4 public electric car charging points in the village			HBNZ
7c	Secure funding to install secure cycle racks at key points in the village – e.g. train station			DT/NPG
7d	Undertake footpath initiatives including: work on making footpaths more accessible; and setting up an ‘adopt a footpath’ scheme			HBNZ
7e	Complete work with NCC and landowners about improving parking and accessibility			PC
7f	Explore opportunities to enhance travel links N and S of the Parish linked to tourism			PC/HBNZ
7g	Investigate the level of interest in setting up a car sharing club and take forward if interest is shown			DT/HBNZ