



HENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**HENFIELD
COMMUNITY
ACTION PLAN
2015 - 2019**

HENFIELD
Community
PARTNERSHIP

The logo for Henfield Community Partnership features the word 'Community' in a large, red, sans-serif font. The 'i' in 'Community' is replaced by a blue silhouette of a person. To the right of the 'Community' text is a blue silhouette of a person with their arm raised. Below the 'Community' text, the word 'PARTNERSHIP' is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font.

THE LAST 10 YEARS



Henfield Parish Design Statement
Supplementary Planning Document – December 2008



THE NEXT 10 YEARS



7. Crime and Road Safety

AIM

ACTION

Work with the police and local councils in order to promote a safe and crime free environment.

Maintain liaison with PCSOs as needed.

Enforcement of speed limits.

Work with the Police & WSCC to minimise the impact of speeding traffic through and around the village.

Lobby for the introduction of more speed advice displays to encourage traffic to slow down.

Enforcement of parking restrictions.

Work with the police and local councils to keep the roads free from illegal parking

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

AfOP	Action for Older People Group (part of HCP)
CIC	Community Interest Company
FHMPT	Friends of Henfield Medical Practice Trust
HCP	Henfield Community Partnership
HDC	Horsham District Council
HPC	Henfield Parish Council
IT	Information Technology
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
TFN	Think Family Neighbourhood
WSCC	West Sussex County Council

INTRODUCTION

One of the many advantages of living in Henfield is the opportunity to participate in a wide range of voluntary activities which help to create a friendly and supportive community spirit.

A key relationship within the village is between Henfield Parish Council (HPC) and Henfield Community Partnership (HCP). The 2015/19 Action Plan has been prepared jointly by these two bodies as well as through consultation with local residents. It has been designed as a means of further enhancing Henfield and the surrounding area.

The previous version of the plan (covering 2011/15) resulted in many improvements to the community, including the creation and ongoing management of the Henfield Hub which provides a digital service for residents, businesses and visitors in and around Henfield.

Other notable achievements include improvements to play areas, close involvement in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, the erection of Queen’s Diamond Jubilee signposts, the setting up of a computer club to help residents get on line and the speed warning sign installed in London Road. In addition to the above car park surveys are now an annual fixture together with regular economic reports on the health of our High Street.

This latest plan includes some of the aims previously identified as being of importance to the village but which have not yet been brought fully to fruition. New aims have been added to reflect changing circumstances. For the plan to be successful, local volunteers, businesses and other organisations will need to participate to help achieve these aims. We hope you agree and trust we can count on your support and any help you are able to give to enable Henfield to continue to be a friendly, safe and vibrant community.

Ray Osgood,
Chairman,

Carol Eastwood,
HPC Chairman, HCP

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1. Better Communications and Information

AIM	ACTION
Continue to develop the Henfield Hub (our community website) and other means of local information provision.	Organise publicity campaign to promote use of the Henfield Hub and encourage more volunteer editors.
Improve understanding of what can be achieved by local government.	Publicise Council news & actions through HPC website & Henfield Hub
Liaise with surrounding communities in order to develop closer links and address common needs.	Set up meetings with neighbouring communities and determine shared issues/concerns.
Support better availability and speed of communication services.	Lobby to get fibre cable broadband connections installed to all homes and for availability of 3G/4G mobile phone signal throughout the area.
Ensure all areas of the community are adequately serviced with post boxes.	Undertake a survey and lobby for additional post boxes where there is currently inadequate provision

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6. Health and Wellbeing

AIM	ACTION
Promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle for all Henfield residents.	Investigate the feasibility of running courses at the Leisure Centre or elsewhere to help improve the fitness of those involved.
Ensure the Patient Reference Group, surveyed occasionally by the Medical Centre to obtain feedback on its services, covers as broad a cross section of the community as possible.	Liaise with the Friends of Henfield Medical Practice Trust and the Medical Centre to maintain a watching brief.
Update Play & Recreational Equipment.	Investigate outdoor fitness units.
Make information available on the facilities available to older and/or disabled people to improve their ability to participate in the life of the village.	Revise and re-issue the Directory in both hard copy and on the Henfield Hub.
Seek to ensure the “Henfield Haven” (formerly Henfield Day Centre) operates successfully and sustainably after transfer to the local community.	Assist Henfield Social Enterprise CIC as required in linking with Impact Initiatives to deliver services that support living well in later years.
	Encourage local businesses to offer appropriate services to enhance the range of activities available.
	Help with fundraising activities to contribute to the ongoing development of the Haven
	Establish and develop a “Friends” organisation
Investigate the needs of vulnerable members of the community.	Meet with reps of churches, FHMPPT and other bodies to identify any vulnerable groups & determine what help is appropriate and available.

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5. Skills and Personal Development

AIM	ACTION
Make available information where local sources of training, support for finding work, skills and personal development can be found.	Create a 'contact point' offering information and support on skills development, training opportunities and employment. Work with the Henfield TFN group, Jobcentre Plus and other providers to support coordination and contribution of resources.
Increase the use of online services and information by the older population.	Investigate options to ensure ongoing sustainability of the Computer Club. Encourage IT literate volunteers to help others develop their IT skills.
Develop a coordinated approach to the involvement of the young in the parish.	Explore how other communities have engaged with young people to identify and adopt successful practice, such as the UpRising Leadership Programme.
Develop communication between the older and younger people to increase youth participation in the community.	Explore opportunities with local leisure, artistic and sports groups and look to extend Henfield's young people's involvement with Youth Councils.
Seek to ensure the ongoing success of the Youth Club.	Encourage support from local authority, individuals, other groups and businesses in fundraising and voluntary assistance.

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2. Access in and Around the Village

AIM	ACTION
Improve car parking availability to enable good access to local shops, services & businesses.	Monitor car parking by carrying out regular surveys and publishing findings. Continue to liaise with HDC & HPC on any proposals to change the current car parking arrangements.
Encourage cycling and the use of footpaths.	Investigate extending & enhancing cycle-ways. Review the provision of cycle racks/stands. Keep footpaths clear and accessible.
Review disability access in the High Street.	Survey High Street businesses and update previous survey. Liaise and collaborate with HDC and WSCC on disabled parking provision in High St.

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3. A Vibrant Place for Businesses, Residents and Visitors

AIM	ACTION
Further improve the appearance of the High Street.	Continue to seek ways to improve the appearance of the High Street, particularly in summer, to encourage visitors to stop and shop.
Provide information on the Henfield Hub about events, courses etc. of relevance to local businesses and start ups.	Encourage the use of the Henfield Hub as a source of information for local businesses.
Regularly monitor the local economic performance.	Continue to collect data on business activity, occupation of high street premises and unemployment locally to monitor trends and to help inform HDC economic policies
Support and encourage the development of the local economy.	Continue to encourage local businesses and traders to actively participate in growing the village economy.
Implement findings of the Henfield Tourism Strategy drawn up in consultation with Hidden Britain.	Publicise the strategy & engage with traders, local media and accommodation providers.
Focus on events which can be used to market Henfield to particular groups.	Draw up a list of potential events for which Henfield can be used as a centre (or is already being used) to attract visitors.
Ensure that the Henfield Christmas Evening continues.	Form a committee who will take this forward for 2015 and beyond.

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4. Maintaining and Improving our Surroundings

AIM	ACTION
Encourage the preservation and protection of the Natural Environment, Wildlife Habitats and Biodiversity in and around the village.	Identify areas of local green spaces and wildlife habitats to be retained.
Ensure the village continues to have public toilets.	Make sure any development proposals for the site incorporate their retention without the loss of car parking.
Promote the area in front of Barclays Bank as a Village Focal point.	Engage with local community to canvass opinion.
Ensure any new builds in and around the village blend in with their surroundings and enhance the existing architecture.	Adhere to relevant planning policies.
Seek to reduce Henfield's carbon footprint in a sustainable way.	Complete the University of Surrey student project to establish a baseline to measure the changes in Henfield's carbon footprint and identify improvement opportunities.
	Form a project team to act on findings of baseline survey especially investigate practical ways to reduce carbon footprint.