

Slyne with Hest Action Plan

Introduction

In September 2005 the Parish Plan Steering Group held a working meeting in the village, to finalise the Parish Plan process. Officers from Lancaster City Council, Lancashire County Council and local voluntary organisations were invited and a number of key residents also attended. The aim of the session was to prioritise the main findings of the Parish Plan and produce an Action Plan.

Firstly, the participants were divided into groups and asked to arrange the actions in the Issues Report into short, medium and long term priorities. Following this the majority of the prioritised points were developed into a simple Action Plan. Participants were asked to fill in a chart “who, what, why, when and how much.” The specific knowledge, advice and opinion was sought from expert participants to prepare an achievable plan. In this way some agreement was reached about the way forward for each point and links made with other initiatives. Due to time constraints a number of action points were not discussed.

The following Action Plan is the results of the event and is divided into the four main themes of the research; environment, transport, social & community and economy. Together they form a comprehensive plan for the parish of Slyne with Hest for all agencies to follow over the next ten years.

Appendix F lists the people and agencies involved in producing the Action Plan. We thank everyone for their involvement and look forward to working with them in the future.

Priorities for Action - Environment

Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
1. Replace and protect trees and ancient hedgerows	5. Restrict commercial cockling; protect the botany of the shoreline and beach	7. Protect the existing Green Belt
2. Reclaim village roads for walkers, cyclists and horse riders	6. Ensure all new building (including extensions) are; in keeping with locality, of appropriate scale & design	
3. Safeguard existing footpaths & bridleways		
4. Extend activities of lengths man		

Priorities for Action - Transport

Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
1. Reduce speed and create more crossing points on Coastal Road/Marine Drive	3. Residents aware of the proposed M6 - Heysham Link Road	5. Investigate the reopening of Hest Bank Railway Station

2. Reclaim roads for walkers, riders & cyclists & support School Traffic Group proposals	4. Promote awareness of existing public transport & increase usage	6. Reduce dangerous and inconsiderate parking in the village
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Priorities for Action - Economy

<i>Short Term</i>	<i>Medium Term</i>	<i>Long Term</i>
1. Prepare a directory of businesses and voluntary groups	Parish Council and others to maintain a supply of suitable business premises especially for shops <i>(not developed into an action plan)</i>	3. Encourage the creation of local businesses in the service sectors <i>(not developed into an action plan)</i>

Priorities for Action - Social & Community

<i>Short Term</i>	<i>Medium Term</i>	<i>Long Term</i>
1. Prevent nuisance & encourage tolerance	3. Create a new village event	6. Investigate affordable housing <i>(not developed into an action plan)</i>
2. Improve the Recreation Ground	4. Pilot a voluntary organisations coffee morning	
	5. Support to improve the Memorial Hall including access to the Library	

Environment Action 1: Replace and protect trees and ancient hedgerows

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifts of endemic trees to residents • Promote awareness of local tree wardens • Continue maintenance of trees/hedgerows (2006 - Lower Bank Wood Hedge) • Enforcing T.P.O's • New wildlife area (with trees) on Recreation Area 	<p>Tree Wardens</p> <p>Parish Council</p> <p>District Council Parish Council</p>	<p>Gift of trees</p> <p>Parish web site & newsletter</p> <p>Green Partnership Grant</p> <p>Parish Council</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>2006</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>2006</p>	<p>Replanting & preservation of trees & hedgerows</p> <p>Increased awareness of value of trees & work of wardens</p>

Environment Action 2: Reclaim village roads for walkers, cyclists and horse riders

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education reasons for calming traffic Install signposts warning of other road users Purchase land to make pavements e.g. Hest Bank Lane 	Parish Council Voluntary group School Travel Group	Parish Council Lancashire County Council	In tandem with LCC works Medium term Long term	Residents are aware of their driving habits and create a culture of driving with care & consideration

Environment Action 3: Safeguard existing footpaths & bridleways

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey all footpaths & photograph them Pass infringements to enforcement officer, Rights of Way Dept. Lobby for new shared user path from Hest bank to Torrisholme adjacent to Hasty Brow Lane 	Volunteers & sub committee of Parish Council Lancashire County Council North Lancs. Bridleways Society	Small cost LCC Grant	Survey twice in year complete by Sept. 2006	A log of the condition of all footpaths to provide evidence if infringed New path created

Environment Action 4: *Extend activities of the lengths man*

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ second lengths man • Establish task force to carry out bulb planting, gardening, clean ups 	Parish Council Volunteers	Precept	Complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue in 2007 • More volunteers 	Cleaner environment

Environment Action 5: *Restrict commercial cockling; protect the botany of the shoreline and beach*

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby MP for the continued restriction on the commercial extraction of shellfish • Restrict the amount of heavy vehicles • Continue beach cleans • Promote the beaches special designations via a new sign, redesignate area as an Open Space and contain parking to designated areas 	<p>MP</p> <p>Highways Authority</p> <p>Morecambe Bay Partnership Parish Council</p>	<p>Minimal</p> <p>Sponsorship</p> <p>Parish Council</p>	<p>During 2006</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Happening now Within next 6 months</p>	<p>Limit commercial cockling</p> <p>Clean, litter free beach</p> <p>Increased flora on shoreline</p>
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Environment Action 6: *Ensure all new building (including extensions) is in keeping with locality, of appropriate scale & design.*

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
Produce a Village Design Statement to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quantify local character • influence extensions control new build & prevent excessive infill • protect shoreline 	Volunteers Planning Consultant Lancaster City Council	Consultant & printing costs	2005 - 2007	Planning Authorities take village design into consideration

Environment Action 7: *Protect the existing Green Belt from development*

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
Lobby to protect green belt as buffer between Lancaster & surrounding villages	Lancaster City Council Lancashire County Council	Unknown	Review in 2011	Green Belt maintained at current size

Transport Action 1: Reduce speed & create more crossings on Coastal Road/Marine Drive

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
<p>New refuges & hatching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal Road at Whitendale • Marine Drive at the footpath to Teal Bay <p>Lobby for crossings on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shady Lane • Hest Bank Lane at Prospect Drive Junction • Hanging Green Lane near Memorial Hall 	<p>Lancashire County Council</p> <p>Police</p> <p>School Travel Group</p>	<p>LCC</p> <p>Parish Council</p>	<p>2006 PC to request 2nd refuge in LCC proposal</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Reduction in casualties - R.T.A's</p> <p>Ease of crossing road for walkers</p>

Transport Action 2: Reclaim roads for walkers, riders & cyclists & support School Traffic Group proposals

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby for the introduction of 20 mph areas on Hest Bank Lane, Hanging Green Lane Quantify features e.g. tight blind bends, lack of pavements, canal bridges Install barriers where needed e.g. chicanes, pinch points, sympathetic in design 	Voluntary group Police Lancs. CC (Nina Carter) School Travel Group	List of incidents from web site Funds from Lancashire County Council	To start 2006 Submit initial proposals by mid October	More people walking Less car use within village Fewer rats runs through village

Transport Action 3: Promote awareness of existing public transport & increase use

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide information to residents Investigate “real time information” system Quality Bus Routes 	Stagecoach Lancashire County Council Parish Council	Parish Magazine Unknown	Medium term	More residents aware of and using buses

Transport Action 4: *Residents aware of the proposed M6 - Heysham Link Road*

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
Publicity campaign regarding facts & implications of new road	LCC Transport Solutions for Lancaster & Morecambe	Parish magazine Exhibition	Dec. 2006 onwards	Residents aware of facts & contribute to debate

Transport Action 5: *Investigate the reopening of Hest Bank Railway Station*

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
Parish Plan transport group to contact Richard Watts LCC regarding likelihood of reopening station & publicise results	Railtrack(?) LCC	Unknown	Long term	Residents aware of chances of reopening station

Economy Action 1: Prepare a directory of businesses and voluntary groups

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write to all businesses & vol. Orgs • Form PP sub group • Investigate costs & sponsorship • Talk to CF re similar projects • Circulation 	Lancaster City Council Economic Dev Parish Council CVS Chamber of Commerce	Cost of letters Cost of directory Updates Sponsorship	Research completed by June 2006 Directory out Xmas 2006	Residents aware of local businesses and voluntary orgs Businesses & vol. orgs report increase interest

Social & Community Action 1: Prevent nuisance, encourage tolerance

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversionary activities for youth • Raise parental awareness • Invite young people to community events • Encourage reporting • Efforts to combat adult nuisance (litter, dog fouling, noise) 	<p>LCC Youth & Community Service</p> <p>All Councils</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Voluntary Holiday Youth Clubs</p> <p>Parents</p>	<p>Volunteers</p> <p>Sports facilities</p> <p>Parish council</p> <p>Parents</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Fewer complaints and less dissatisfaction from all sides</p>

Social & Community Action 2: Improve the Recreation Ground

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve drainage • Improve paths (disabled access) • Create new wildlife area • Provide new seating. litter bins • Provide new play equipment, cricket square 	Parish Council Access Officer Groundwork Trust Countryside Service	Parish precept Grant advice from Community Futures	Complete Planned Planned Long term Long term	More people using recreation ground

Social & Community Action 3: Create a new village Event

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
Get committee together to discuss ideas - Beat the Bounds, kite festival, Family Coat of Arms	Villagers	Parish Council	Summer 2006	New event

Social & Community Action 4: *Pilot a voluntary organisations coffee morning*

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact all district & local voluntary organisations re. Idea Hold pilot between 3 groups & evaluate 	Voluntary organisations	Self financing	2006	1 st coffee morning Residents meet and vol. groups raise money

Social & Community Action 5: *Support to improve Memorial Hall including improvements to access to the Library*

How it will be tackled	Partners	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilets, décor, kitchen improved Friends of Memorial Hall Library, new build/extend requires a long term holistic plan 	Parish Council Memorial Hall Committee Community Futures Library Services	Lottery & other funding General Fund raising Precept	Completed 2006 Long term	Happy users Resources to fund improvements Whole village agrees on way forward

Appendix F