



Christleton Community Plan

Summary

A vision for the future

2012



1. Parish Plans were introduced in the November 2000 'Rural White Paper' which set out the Government's plans for the countryside. They were suggested as a way for rural communities to come together and decide how they wanted to develop. Christleton Parish Council began to raise interest in parish planning in late 2009 and by August 2010 a number of villagers had volunteered to form Christleton Community Plan Steering Group and were ready to begin work.

2. Over the next two years, extensive consultations with residents, businesses, clubs, groups and societies within the village were undertaken. The consultation comprised open meetings, presentations, stands at public events together with pilot and detailed questionnaires. The return rate for the residential and business surveys were 37% and 73% respectively.

3. A clear picture has emerged of what residents and the wider community liked and disliked about the village in which they live or work and where changes could be made.

4. Key Actions in the Christleton Community Plan are

- a review of communications within the village to include web sites, paper information and social media options.
- the production of a comprehensive village guide
- the investigation of traffic calming proposals including village gateways, introduction of 20mph speed limit, chicanes and changing the priorities etc at the High School cross roads
- the development of a Neighbourhood Plan
- the development of a strategy to encourage greater level of social responsibility
- the development of a strategy to minimise dog fouling and litter

5. The Action Plan sets out all the significant issues that emerged, who should lead the process of addressing them and the timescales involved. Implementing the actions will need the further support of villagers, groups and various organisations within Christleton. Reviews at 12 to 18 month intervals will monitor progress and take account of changing priorities.

6. This document, which is being distributed to all households and businesses in Christleton, is a very short summary of the findings together with the Action Plan.

7. Copies of the full report "Christleton Community Plan, A Vision for the Future" can be obtained through the Parish Council. This comprehensive document includes a full description of the findings, the results of all the surveys and other relevant information.

8. The full report can also be viewed and downloaded at either the village website (www.christleton.org.uk) or the parish council website (Christleton-pc.gov.uk) due to be online late October 2012.

9. So the village needs you! For further information contact any of the following:

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Action Plan

The following table is a summary of the actions emerging from the Community Plan. Some actions occur in several parts of the plan and others are combined before they appear in the table; numbers are assigned for clarity. Timescales are dependent on funding and support but, for example, it is expected that a 'High' priority and 'Short' timescale action would take about 6 to 12 months to complete. Priorities and timescales may also change as further feedback is received and additional information becomes available. Progress will be reviewed every 12 to 18 months.



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No	Action	Priority	Time-scale	Key partners
Amenities, Events and Activities				
1	Establish with service providers what plans there are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase broadband speed and capacity • Improve the coverage of mobile phone reception 	High	Medium	CWaC, fixed, mobile phone providers
2	Survey parents of primary school age children within the village to determine whether there is sufficient demand for additional facilities, activity groups, clubs and sporting activities for this age group. If demand is identified, develop a plan for the provision of appropriate facilities with their support.	Low	Medium	PC, CPS
3	Survey teenagers to determine whether there is sufficient demand for sport and other facilities, activity groups or clubs. If demand is identified, develop a plan for the provision of appropriate facilities with their support.	Medium	Medium	PC, CHS
4	Provide a forum for young people to contribute to decisions that affect them in the village.	Medium	Medium	PC, CHS
5	Explore the need for facilities and activities for those over 65 (social club, cafe, outings etc) through survey and consultation. If there is a demand, examine the options to meet it.	Low	Medium	PC
6	Publish a comprehensive guide to improve awareness of services, amenities and activities that are available within the village to include for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile library timetable; pharmacy delivery services for prescriptions; availability of sporting activities - swimming, bowling, football, cricket etc.; location plan of all public green spaces, footpaths, permissive paths and bridleways Ensure that existing and new residents have access to a copy.	High	Short	PC
7	Explore with the Post Office the feasibility of providing some counter services within the village.	High	Short	Post Office
8	Investigate the feasibility of installing a cash machine within the centre of the village.	High	Short	ATM providers
9	Explore with educational establishments the options for using their facilities for educational, vocational and leisure activities for the benefit of the wider community.	Low	Medium	PC, College of Law, CPS, CHS
10	Parish Council to review how it communicates with, and listens to, the concerns of residents within the village. Consideration to be given to 'surgeries' and other open meetings.	High	Short	PC
11	Parish Council to explore the needs of those living near parish boundaries and determine whether these should be met by boundary rationalisation.	Medium	Medium	PC
12	Establish a working group to improve communications within the village, (to include use of newsletters, notice boards, social media and web sites) and take into account the requirements of clubs and groups.	High	Short	PC
Our Village Environment				
13	Prepare strategies to minimise dog fouling and litter.	High	Short	PC
14	Consider the future of Capesthorpe Road Play Area.	Medium	Medium	PC
15	Investigate possible extensions to the public and permissive footpath network.	Medium	Medium	PC



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16	Increase the number of seats around the village and along the canal.	Medium	Medium	PC
17	Investigate options to mitigate noise (including any statutory noise insulation) to reduce the impact of road traffic noise within the parish boundaries.	High	Short	PC, CWaC
18	Develop a strategy to encourage a greater level of social responsibility through a good neighbourhood support scheme.	High	Short	PC,
19	Establish working groups to determine how suggested environmental initiatives (e.g. proposed wildlife corridors, protected area around the Pit) could be taken forward.	Medium	Medium	PC
20	Establish working groups under the Parish Council, involving a cross section of village residents, to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. The plan should include, amongst other planning matters, housing need, retention of the green belt, possible extension to the conservation area, the area of green spaces and woodland and designated wildlife corridors as part of the Green Network.	High	Short	PC, CWaC
21	Support the continued development of the Home Watch Scheme in the village and ensure that all residents are aware of their local Home Watch Co-ordinator.	High	Short	Home Watch Co-ordinator, Police
22	Establish whether the village could become a “no cold calling” area.	High	Short	Police
23	Investigate areas where existing street lighting could be improved (removing vegetation etc.) and where additional lighting could be provided without causing excessive light pollution. Report conclusions to Cheshire West and Chester (CWaC).	Medium	Medium	PC, CWaC
Traffic and Transport				
24	Examine the feasibility of improving bus services, shelters and stops.	Medium	Medium	PC
25	Develop an action plan for the improvement and maintenance of pavements and footpaths in the village and along the canal, taking account of the needs of those with impaired mobility as part of an overall strategy for roads and traffic management.	Medium	Medium	PC, CWaC, Canal & River Trust
26	Provide feedback to CWaC on roads and pavements that are in need of maintenance and establish a mechanism for routine reporting.	High	Medium	CWaC, PC
27	Investigate traffic calming proposals including village gateways, introduction of 20mph speed limit, chicanes and changing priorities etc at the Christleton High School junction.	High	Short	PC, CWaC
28	Establish a working group, including representatives of all interested parties, to develop an integrated strategy covering roads, traffic management, parking and pavements across the whole village.	High	Long	PC
29	Explore with the Bridge Club ways to reduce car parking, such as avoiding afternoon sessions in term time.	High	Short	Bridge Club, PC
Business				
30	Ensure that the needs of the business community are explored with regards to parking, broadband speeds, etc.	Medium	Medium	PC, local businesses
31	Examine the potential for a business directory and a business forum.	Medium	Medium	PC, local businesses