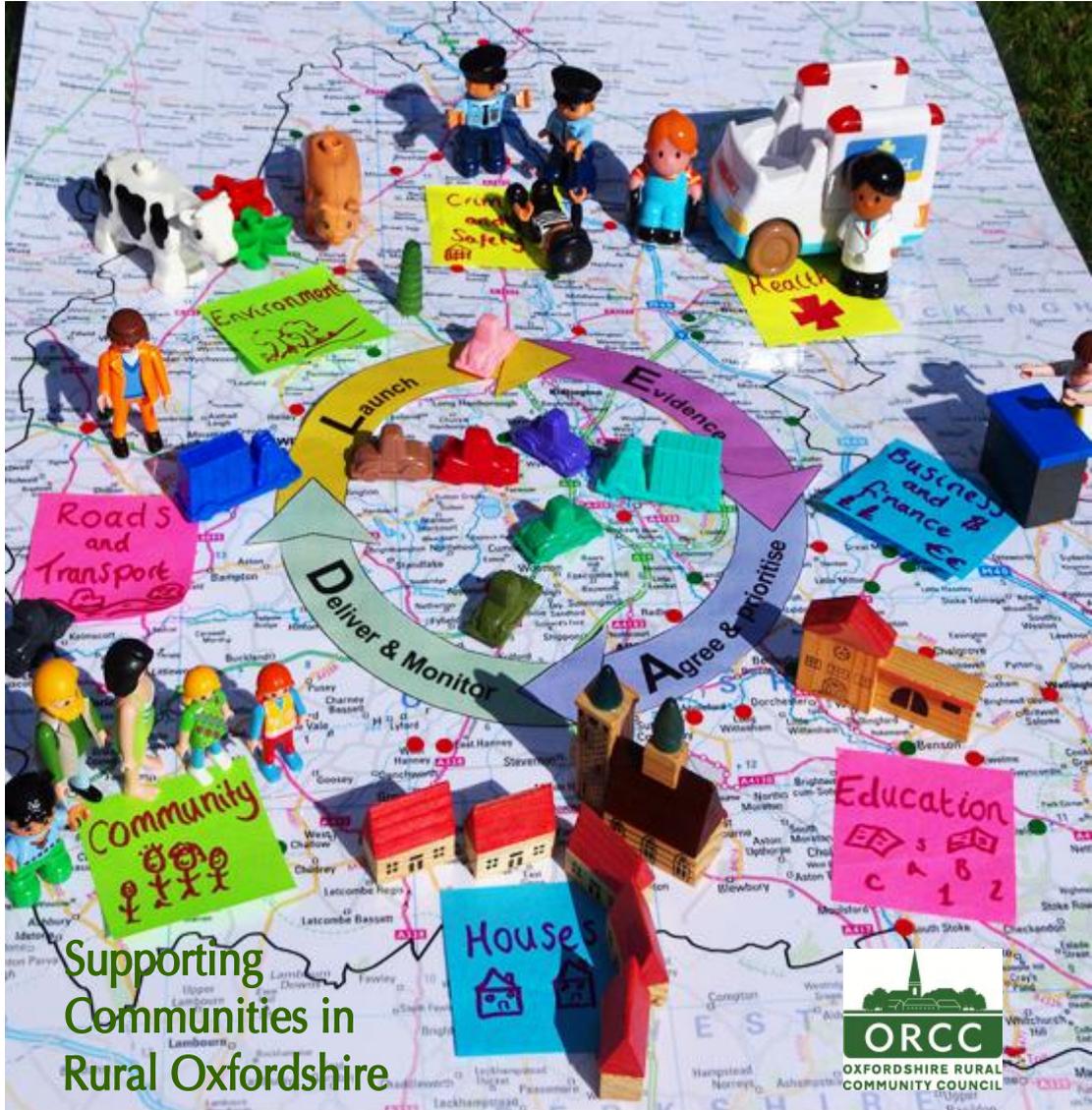


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Community led planning guide

OXFORDSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Supporting
Communities in
Rural Oxfordshire



Your community has a future...



A Community Led Plan sets out a **VISION** of how your community wants to develop and identifies the **ACTION** needed for you to achieve it.



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The National 9 Step CLP Process

ORCC has helped to develop a nationally recognised

“Community Led Planning Toolkit”

The toolkit explains the 9 step process in detail and where to find support.

The toolkit is available when you register your interest in doing a community led plan by visiting our Community Led Planning Website:

www.clp-se.org.uk

You can also explore other plans in the South East on this website and see what actions other communities have done.

1 Get people interested, gather support

2 Set up a group to lead the process that represents your community

3 Work out what you will do over the next 12-18 months

4 Use fun and exciting ways to involve people and collect their ideas

5 Form groups to develop actions

6 Share your first draft with the community and others

7 Celebrate publishing your plan

8 Use your plan to influence others and take action

9 Regularly review, update & feedback

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What Makes a Good Community Led Plan?

ORCC has found that the most inclusive and successful plans are:

- Endorsed by the Parish Council, but led by a representative, independent group
- Supported by ORCC & both District and County Council throughout the process
- Those who spread and extend their work across sub committees or topic groups
- Those using a variety of consultation methods to reach the widest range of people in their community



Successful plans follow the 9 steps

- Those who hand deliver and collect their questionnaire at the end of the consultation process
- Those who follow the 9 step process throughout the 12-18 months it takes to create their plan

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Benefits of a Community Led Plan

Community Led plans can:

- ☑ Enable the whole community to contribute
- ☑ Help access funding
- ☑ Inform policy makers and give a local perspective
- ☑ Identify opportunities for new projects
- ☑ Highlight issues of concern
- ☑ Build community spirit



Chalgrove celebrate their plan

Chalgrove had 600 new volunteers come forward to help with the actions identified in their village plan.

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How ORCC can help

ORCC can help you throughout the CLP process.

We can help you every step of the way over the next 12-18 months.

- ☺ Attending your meetings to explain more about the process.
- ☺ Facilitating your CLP launch event
- ☺ Guidance through the different stages of a Community Led Plan
- ☺ Ideas for consulting and involving your community
- ☺ Sharing ideas from other Plan groups



- ☺ Giving funding information and small grants to help you involve everyone

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What communities have said ...

Lower Heyford

'The provision of guidance and information at the start of the project provided by ORCC gave us a great start. They provided help with contacts at the County and District Councils, have provided assistance with displays and exhibitions to get the messages across to the community. Their enthusiasm and continued encouragement was fantastic.'

*Parish plan group member
Lower Heyford*

nine step process, the formation of Hailey PACT and ORCC's help in facilitating the process. (Community Led Planning)...has brought people in the community closer together.

It has improved communication [and] given residents of Hailey the opportunity to say what they wanted the parishes future to look like, not what anyone else thinks they may want it to look like.'

Hailey PACT project lead

Hailey

'Hailey PACT (Parish Action Consultation Team) identified a number of activity streams they wanted to make a difference in.... However there was no vehicle to drive many of them forward together and it looked like a heavy workload. This was resolved by ORCC's



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What communities have achieved...

Appleton

Broadband – an action group was formed to collect hard evidence of the problems, exploring alternative methods of providing broadband services and lobbying British Telecom and the main Internet Service Providers to upgrade the infrastructure.

Upton

The plan has generated ongoing change in the awareness and enthusiasm of the everyone for their village that in turn has brought about some very positive changes. People not previously involved in village administration activities have got together to organise a senior citizens' tea party and more recently another group organised a picnic with young people. Further events are being planned.

Ewelme

As a result of their Parish Plan, Ewelme now has a community shop in the village.

Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

The benefits to the village have been immediate and ongoing. Our Rural Affordable housing Scheme, the creation of a website and the shared investment in a Mobile Skate Park have been very tangible benefits. Things have happened more quickly and positively as the whole community has had a chance to be involved.



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What communities have achieved...

Kirtlington

Kirtlington has already been successful in setting up a youth club before the Parish Plan has been completed. Oxfordshire Association for Young People has assisted Kirtlington in setting up the club and a grant has helped pay for the running of it. They already have 25 members 'signed up' after opening recently.

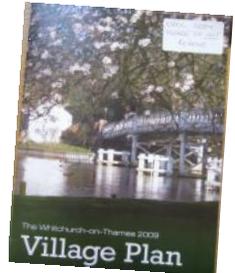
Long Wittenham

'When asked who would be part of a group to improve the village appearance, almost half of respondents (175) said that they would. It is really encouraging to see this sort of enthusiasm and support from right across the village, as we can make a big difference to the future of the village by working together.'

Wittenham Vision – Summary of responses to questionnaire 2010

Whitchurch-on-Thames

It's definitely worth the effort of following the 9 step process and creating a village plan. The team effort was really important for the community as now we have no trouble in getting things done.



Steeple Aston

The Parish Plan identified a keep fit class as a future action for the village and after consulting with residents through the Parish Magazine and working with Cherwell District Council's Go Active co-ordinator, exercise classes for over 65s and pilates for over 60s are about to start in the village.

A film club is also starting up and the Worker's Educational Association has been helping source a tutor for a local history class.

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Neighbourhood Planning and Community Led Plans

Everyone is talking about Neighbourhood Plans; what does it all mean?

Almost anything that uses land and needs planning permission can go into a Neighbourhood Plan.

You don't have to be a planning expert to create one; it could simply be a few pieces of paper containing maps and lists.

In addition to specifying locations for housing, they can include practical things that will make a difference to people's lives in the future, like:

- ◆ new pedestrian walkways
- ◆ affordable housing for young people
- ◆ a new cycleway
- ◆ the site of a new school
- ◆ a new park or play area
- ◆ where new allotments go
- ◆ wildlife and landscape areas

Neighbourhood plans can NOT be used to stop or prevent future development in your parish.

How does this fit in with Community Led Plans?

Starting with a comprehensive Community Led Plan can help your community think about all aspects of community life as well as the planning-related elements.

A Neighbourhood Plan can then explore in more depth the planning aspects you identified.

A thorough Community Led Plan can also build support in advance of the referendum for a Neighbourhood Plan.

How can ORCC help with a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Plans and a Community Led Plans both need to involve the local community.

ORCC can help with ideas for consultation and the best ways of getting people involved in your plan.

We can help put you in touch with other communities and experts who can help.

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Neighbourhood Planning and Community Led Plans

Which plan is right for your community?	Community Led Plan	Neighbourhood Plan
Has Statutory Status	X No - but they are encouraged and supported by your council	✓ YES - but only once all conditions are met
Can include land use planning Issues	✓ YES	✓ YES
Can include anything your community needs or wants	✓ YES	X NO - it can only include things that require planning permission
Can only be prepared and written by people who live or work in your community	✓ YES	X NO - but it can be if your parish or town council chooses to do so
Can challenge or influence your councils plans or policies	✓ YES	X NO - but you can increase the amount of housing you're allocated
Is supported by your local district and county council	✓ YES	✓ YES
Includes actions that the whole community has had a say on in a questionnaire	✓ YES	X NO - but you do get to say if you agree with the whole plan in a referendum

About ORCC...



Oxfordshire Rural Community Council works to enable rural communities across Oxfordshire to be more socially, economically and environmentally sustainable. Equality of opportunity is central to all our activities. ORCC is an independent charity founded in 1920 and is registered as a non-profit company limited by guarantee.

We can...

- ◆ Provide you with free advice on a wide range of rural issues.
- ◆ Keep you informed on the problems facing rural communities.
- ◆ Send you details of ORCC events and a copy of our news and information sheets.

ORCC Website

www.oxonrcc.org.uk

Find out who we are and what we do by visiting our website for news and events, publications, funding information and links to other useful organisations. If you would like to support the work of ORCC, you can join our membership scheme

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