

OXTON VILLAGE PLAN – INITIAL ACTION PLAN – OCTOBER 2011

This action plan was started in October 2009 and is a snapshot of where we are two years later in October 2011. It will be evolving all the time and will be updated on the village website and through the Dover Beck with copies printed for posting at key places in the village. We are grateful to all the people who have already given their time to developing it thus far and to those who have volunteered to lead the various projects that have been identified by the community. Some projects have been started already; some have been finished and now need to be maintained. Some projects will be run as trials to see if they are popular enough to be continued; others will take longer to start as leaders have still to be identified. *The Village Planning Group*

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OXTON VILLAGE INITIAL ACTION PLAN (October 2011)

ENVIRONMENT ACTION PLANS

Initial oversight: Val Ponder

Background

50% questionnaire respondents would like to have more circular walks available

137 people take part in local walks at least once a month

73 people interested in a local walking group

NCC	Nottinghamshire County Council
NSDC	Newark and Sherwood District Council
PC	Oxton Parish Council
OCF	Oxton Community Fund-raisers
ORG	Parish Council Recreation Group
WI	Women's Institute
Tbc	to be confirmed
Short Term	6 – 12 months
Medium Term	1 – 2 years
Long Term	3 – 10 years

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 1a Walks/ Village Trail <i>Link with Project 19 (website group) for maps</i> <i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities)</i>	Some walks in place Walk leaflet available provided by Parish Council Annual treading of current footpaths to keep them in use Concern Dog worms contaminating land leading to loss of sheep	Lack of circular walks No bridle ways Too much dangerous/road walking Existing walks not well sign posted Update needed for walk leaflet	Research potential footpaths & bridle ways Join up existing pathways to avoid road walking Liaise with landowners Guidance for dog owners Explore possibility of more dog litter bins Put walk maps on to the Oxton website Start to plan nature trail Research signage options	Needed for: signs Updating walk leaflet Dog litter bins and notices	Walks Working Group Ashley Bell - Lead Partners Parish Council NCC Notts Ramblers Assoc Oxton Estate Village Plan Conservation Group	Medium term Autumn 2012 and ongoing
Project 1b Walking Group <i>Link with Project 19 (website group) for maps</i>	Earlier walking group no longer running	Interest in establishing new group	Set up programmes, dates, times and frequency of walks Showing new residents footpath routes Organising walks further afield	None	Walking Group Ashley Bell – Lead Partners As above	Short term Spring 2012 and ongoing

ENVIRONMENT ACTION PLANS CONTINUED

Background

89% questionnaire respondents wish to conserve green spaces in the village

44% supported the establishment of a village green

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 2a Village Green/ Communal Outdoor Area <i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities)</i>	Bench on grass corner of Elmcroft	Response from questionnaire	Research village interest, use, features and siting for green Explore children's idea for Village Garden	Needed for seating/shelter/other features	Village Green/Sign Working Group Lyndsey Turner - Whitby - Lead Partners Parish Council NCC Oxton Estate	Long term by Autumn 2015
Project 2b Village Sign <i>Link with Project 12 (traffic planning group)</i>	Signposts	Sign desired to demonstrate character/feature/history of the village Could link with careful driving/traffic	Research village interest, local craftsmen, other villages Explore possible siting	Needed for sign	Lead and partners as above and traffic planning group	Long term by Autumn 2015

ENVIRONMENT ACTION PLANS CONTINUED

Background

94- 96% questionnaire respondents indicated conservation issues were important. This included protecting green spaces in the village, Windmill Hill, Iron-age Fort, Water Lane and the toads. Request for an environmental project run by children.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 3 Village Conservation Group <i>Link with Project 1a (nature trail and walking group) and Project 29 (children's ideas and activities)</i>	No formal group Individual projects undertaken e.g. closing the roads for toads crossing	To enable discussion on existing and other potential conservation and environmental issues Lack of information board near iron age fort Conservation of toads	Meeting of the conservation group Explore ideas for potential conservation projects in Oxtan including environmental project run by children. Contact Oxtan Estate with ideas for potential projects Link with nature trail group and walking group	Needed for information board Road closure for toads To support new conservation projects	Conservation Working Group Karen Fowler - Lead Partners Parish Council NCC Notts Wildlife Trust Oxtan Estate? Local MP	Ongoing from Autumn 2011

Background

Farmers wish to increase the understanding between farmers and Oxtan residents.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 4 Residents/farmers working group <i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities)</i>	A lack of understanding between residents and farmers	A wish to increase understanding of farming issues Dog worms contaminating soil leading to loss of income from sheep	Produce guidance, notices and litter bins for dog owners Organise lambing visit for Oxtan children		Residents/farmers Working Group Val Ponder – Lead Partners Oxtan Estate Local farmers/shepherd	Ongoing from Autumn 2011

ENTERTAINMENT ACTION PLANS

Initial oversight: Ian Buchan

Background

136 people said that they would attend film nights if they were available

15 people volunteered to help organise

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
<p>Project 5 Film Nights</p> <p><i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities)</i></p>	<p>Previous research</p> <p>A film night has been successfully run before</p>	<p>Enthusiasm for film nights</p>	<p>Pilot event – hire equipment</p> <p>Research linked sales – books, promotional items related to the film and what other villages do</p> <p>Provide snacks</p> <p>Advertising</p> <p>Children's films</p> <p>Confirm lead person</p>	<p>Needed to hire film etc</p> <p>Self funding?</p> <p>Charging for event</p>	<p>Film Nights Working Group</p> <p>Lead tbc</p> <p>Ian Buchan chaired first meeting on 15/08/11. Another meeting is planned for 3/10/11</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Oxton Social Committee</p> <p>Village Hall Committee</p> <p>NCC</p>	<p>Ongoing from Autumn 2011</p> <p>1st planning meeting for pilot event held already; date for pilot 26th November; minutes on the website and advertised in the Dover Beck</p>

ENTERTAINMENT ACTION PLANS CONTINUED

Background

Fete/ summer festival/ street-village party/BBQ/picnic/fun fair were the most popular ideas for new events that villagers would support. Children requested discos.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 6a Festival events	Duck Race, Church Fete, WI Fete, Open Gardens, Church Festivals, Burns Night	Interest expressed in beer festival, dog competition, arts festival, fete, car boot sale, camping, bouncy castle, air display, plants/tombola	Research, plan and organise:- dates, venue, participant interest, volunteers, costs, sponsorship, Ideas discussed by Social Committee Confirm lead person	Self funding Charging for event	Ian Buchan chaired first meeting on 28/08/11 Partners Oxton Social Committee Village Hall Committee NCC PC	Ongoing annually 1st planning meeting held 28th August. Ideas to be discussed by social committee
Project 6b Arts Festival <i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities)</i>	Nothing similar at present	Interest expressed Children interested in craft activities	Research and plan Dates, materials, venue, participant interest, volunteers, costs, sponsorship, liaise with Social Committee	Needed for tutors/materials Possibly self funding by charging for events	Judy Meats - Lead Partners Oxton Social Committee Village Hall Committee Church NCC PC	Short term Summer 2012
Project 6c Children's Discos <i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities)</i>	Nothing currently organised by the Social Committee	Children requested special (e.g. Halloween) or monthly discos	Put suggestion to Social Committee for consideration	Self funding	Lead Social committee? tbc Partners Oxton Social Committee Village Hall Committee	Short term

SPORT AND EXERCISE ACTION PLANS

Initial oversight: Roy Walker

Background

246 (69%) people in favour of improving play space facilities for a wider range of children

210 (59%) people in favour of improving sports area on recreation field

124 people would use a gym if it was available

94 people interested in exercise classes, 9 people interested in organising them

33 people interested in a football group, 8 people potential organisers

Children responded that they would like to play field games on the recreation grounds (rounders, basketball etc)

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 7 Better Playspace Facilities for wider age range of children.	Toddler play area in need of renovation	Renovation and review of play facilities provision for increasing number of children in Oxton.	Extensive community consultation to identify vision Build new combined area of adventure trail area for teenagers and upgraded toddler area adjacent to each other	Recreation Group Oxton Community Fundraisers Village fundraising WREN NSDC NCC Parish Council County Councillor	ORG personnel – Lead Partners ORG OCF Village fundraising WREN NSDC NCC Parish Council County Councillor RCAN	Completed July 2011 Upkeep the ongoing responsibility of Parish Council Playspace Carer weekly rota set up by ORG – community volunteers

SPORT AND EXERCISE ACTION PLANS CONTINUED

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
<p>Project 8 Establish a regime of exercise classes for all ages in Oxtton</p> <p><i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities)</i></p>	<p>Pilates, Zumba, Badminton, Rosemary Connelly classes exist. Previously chair exercise classes have been held.</p>	<p>Interest expressed</p>	<p>Confirm demand including outside village Leaders to run sessions and their charges Other costs</p> <p>Also research interest amongst Oxtton children and young people to see if an exercise club/circuit training would be popular and feasible</p> <p>RW on training course to lead chair-based exercise classes</p> <p>RW on first aid course</p>	<p>Funding from class charges</p> <p>Possible funding from PC</p> <p>Support from OCF</p> <p>Sport England small grants</p>	<p>Exercise Working Group Roy Walker – Lead</p> <p>Partners Calverton/ Southwell health centres Local GPs/Physiotherapists to advise PC ORG OCF Oxtton Church</p>	<p>Short to medium term</p> <p>RW has investigated free exercise classes & has spoken to Broxtowe and NSDC about chair-based exercise. RW has enrolled on a free leaders training course in January to enable him to lead these classes in the village hall. RW is also looking at undertaking a First Aid course.</p>

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
<p>Project 9 Gymnasium</p> <p><i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities)</i></p>	<p>Nothing</p>	<p>Interest expressed by adults and for a gym club by children</p>	<p>Confirm demand, Research feasibility e.g. suitable location, range of equipment needed, source equipment, safety requirements, installation and maintenance costs. Learning from elsewhere – Selston, Valley Road Map where other gyms are.</p>	<p>Research needed for possible funding streams e.g. lottery, NCC Village SOS Support from OCF Sport England small grants</p>	<p>Gymnasium Michael Lees – Lead</p> <p>Partners ORG OCF PC Village Hall</p>	<p>Long term - up to 10 years</p>

SPORT AND EXERCISE ACTION PLANS CONTINUED

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
<p>Project 10a Try to create a level grassed sports playing area for football, short tennis, rounders, netball etc on the recreation field</p> <p><i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities)</i></p>	Initial discussion by ORG	Interest expressed	Confirm demand PC approval Establish range of sports Installation and maintenance costs including mole control Lead needs to be established	Parish Council Grants Sport England	Lead – ORG personnel Partners Parish Council NCC Sport England OCF and ORG Farmers Oxton Estate Mole-catcher Parents	Short term - 12 months
<p>Project 10b Scope feasibility for building an all weather multi-purpose sports games area</p>	Initial discussion ORG	Interest expressed	Confirm demand – including outside of village See what other villages have done e.g. Epperstone PC approval Establish range of sports to be included Lighting? Installation and maintenance costs Lead needs to be established	Parish Council Grants Free use or for hire? Support from OCF Sport England	Sports Working Group - Lead – ORG personnel Partners Parish Council NCC Sport England OCF and ORG Parents	Long term

TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT & CRIME ACTION PLANS

Initial oversight: Lynda Hallett

Local Transport

Background

General dissatisfaction with Public transport that serves Oxton expressed in questionnaire. Few people use it (84% never use it either for shopping or for social reasons) 93-95% never for work, medical/hospital and other reasons).

If available, 153 people would use a commuter/limited stop bus to Nottingham but 132 would not use a bus service at all.

If available 110 people would use a more frequent service to Southwell and 109 a shuttle service to Calverton.

Services to Newark and to Arnold would be used by 58 and 54 people respectively

40 people said they would be prepared to join a car sharing scheme.

Children want more regular (hourly) buses to Calverton, Lowdham and Southwell in particular.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
<p>Project 11 Local transport</p> <p><i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities)</i></p>	<p>No 5 CC sponsored Premier Travel bus round villages to Nottingham (45 minutes) Bartons to Nottingham 6.50 a.m. and 7.20 a.m. returning 18.50 p.m.</p>	<p>Dissatisfaction with current bus services to and from Oxton.</p> <p>Particular need for young people and for the elderly.</p> <p>Need for reliable service/s</p> <p>Need for connection to Calverton e.g. for Dr/dentist/pharmacy</p>	<p>Transport group to meet.</p> <p>Research into current services.</p> <p>Identify and research potential routes and viability.</p> <p>Test out take up for any possible future service/s.</p> <p>Identify providers. Liaise with County Council.</p> <p>Look into people giving lifts/car sharing</p>	<p>To be identified once decisions made about possible future services.</p> <p>County Council Newark and District Council Parish Council RCAN</p>	<p>Oxton Transport Working Group Paul Hallett – Lead</p> <p>Partners NCC Highways</p> <p>Service providers</p> <p>Villagers (lifts and car-sharing)</p>	<p>Short-term and then ongoing</p>

TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT & CRIME ACTION PLANS CONTINUED

Traffic

Background

The Forest Road/bypass A6097 junction is deemed the most dangerous junction in need of improvement by 72 people, followed by Blind Lane/Main St./Forest Rd (48 people) and New Rd/Main St (37 people).

Controlling the volume and speed of traffic through the village was considered important but rated poorly.

Considerable support was expressed for flashing speed indicators (219 people), local access only signs (207 people), 20mph signs (174 people) and warning signs (124 people).

Some support was expressed for speed humps (86 people), chicanes and one-way restrictions (each 66 people) but 29 people did not want any of these.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 12 Traffic <i>Link with Project 2a (Environment – Village Green Sign working group re flashing speed control)</i>	Accident black spot identified at Forest Rd/A6097 junction. Proposal for restricted access to Sandy Rd/New Rd pending with NSDC	Concerns expressed in questionnaire Concerns expressed by residents of Sandy Lane, New Road and Water Lane. Concern about need to slow to turn left southbound off A6097 on de-restricted stretch of bypass Concern about danger of Forest Rd / A6097 junction Concern about traffic speed in the village	Consult with PC re current developments including Outcome of NCC Highways decision re restricted access. Comprehensive consultation with villagers and with NCC Highways on alternative whole-village traffic schemes/speeding controls. Investigate possible re-use of stretch of old road to serve as slip- road southbound off A6097	Notts. CC Still to be determined Still to be determined	Traffic Interest Group David Calloway – Lead with PC Partners Notts CC NSDC PC	Short-term and Ongoing Lynda Hallett led first meeting on 20 th September – notes published on village website

TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT & CRIME ACTION PLANS CONTINUED

**Oxton Flyer
Background**

97 people would use the Oxton Flyer monthly minibus service if its destination were Nottingham

50 people would use the Oxton Flyer monthly minibus service if its destination were Calverton

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 13 Oxton Flyer	Flyer started c 1993 but reducing numbers. Planned for July – Sept. incl.	To establish current need/demand and viability To ensure support for elderly people/people without transport	Research/confirm current and potential village users Explore different destinations – could now be to existing scheduled destinations. Identify other drivers/organisers Approach supermarkets to identify existing/ potential free/concessionary bus services through Oxton Explore other local systems e.g. Ravenshead, for possible joint use. e.g. Starburst?	Originally by Notts CC but now PC - to be reviewed in December Other/future costs need to be identified	Oxton transport/flyer group Margaret Cooper – Lead Lynda Hallett to set up first meeting. Partners PC Ravenshead minibus? Supermarkets?	Short-term for December 2011 but with longer term implications New destinations being tried, Autumn 2011.

TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT & CRIME ACTION PLANS CONTINUED

Crime Action Plan

Background

26 people reported 45 experiences of crime in Oxtou in the last 12 months (mainly burglary and theft 10 each, vandalism 9)

Resident of outskirts of Oxtou reports issues of theft from static diesel fuel tanks and related environmental problem

Support from Farm Crime Watch (based in Bassetlaw) and the Police less than helpful.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 14 Crime Prevention	Village Neighbourhood Watch scheme Post Watch (Is this still in operation?) Ring Master (Worksop) Email alert scheme for criminal issues	As above	Contact Ian Kilpatrick to clarify current village and local scheme/s Widen Ring Master contact list Revitalise neighbourhood watch scheme Advice and support/alert elderly or vulnerable re. not letting anyone into their homes Security lighting in key vulnerable areas e.g. School Gardens	To be identified	Crime working group Lead – Ian Kilpatrick Partners NCC PC Local Police	Short term and ongoing

VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE ACTION PLAN

Initial oversight: Tom Heinersdorff

Mobile telephone reception

Background

43% of the village experience mobile reception problems although 52% have no problems

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 15 Improving mobile telephone reception in Oxton	Existing masts serving Oxton leave village in a shadow.	Because of the problems experienced by some of the village.	Explore possible options/solutions e.g.: Identify best performing networks and locations to enable best fit choice of network; Publicise questionnaire information regarding performance according to postcode; New survey to identify current network usage; Identify reception holes in village/trees blocking reception etc.; Neighbourhood signal repeaters; Vodafone Sure Signal femtocells for up to 32 users; Write report	Signal repeaters £250-500 each for individual homes; £1250-6500 for areas up to 5000m ² (70mx70m) Femtocells (£50) or free	Infrastructure group Lead – Peter Robertson	Short-medium term ALREADY DONE AND REPORT ON THE WEBSITE

VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE ACTION PLANS CONTINUED

Broadband download speed

Background

Oxton is experiencing rates varying from 1Mbps to over 3Mbps.

Downloading large files (e.g. Films or large photos or technical documents) takes a long time and streaming HD video is not possible. Uploading is usually around 300Mbps, which makes sending large documents a long task.

The March 2011 survey showed no geographic pattern to dissatisfaction with broadband speed in Oxton, probably because homes are served by various different cables.

Optical fibre does not yet pass Oxton. It would come from Calverton (“Woodborough”) exchange and is scheduled to reach there in 2012 (BT information dated 16.9.2011).

Cable is available in Calverton, but will not be extended to Oxton in the foreseeable future.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 16 Improving Broadband Speed in Oxton	Several copper cables serve the village from the box opposite the Bridge Inn. Some are thought to be slower than others. BT imposes restrictions on the line bandwidth, which reduce the speed of service. Individual pressure has raised line speed to 4Mbps in Manor Close, until BT re-impose restrictions.	Because of the slow speeds experienced by some of the village.	Disseminate information on costs of optical fibre. Encourage residents to register interest for BT Infinity connection in order to obtain an optical fibre line to the village, soon after installation to the exchange scheduled for 2012. Put pressure on BT to remove restrictions on line bandwidth; Assist households with wiring/micro-filters/siting access points to improve performance; Provide Information on Broadband accelerators PR to email findings to VS	Depending on action – mainly costs to individual or groups of households	Infrastructure group Lead – Vince Smith	Short-medium term

VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE ACTION PLANS CONTINUED

Flooding

Background

Considerable concern expressed by respondents to March 2011 questionnaire whether in the flooding area (72%) or not (18%). Respondents suggested better more regular maintenance of drains and ditches.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
<p>Project 17 Preventing and Mitigating Flooding in Oxtou</p> <p><i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities re Dover Beck)</i></p>	<p>Floods in 2007 exposed flaws in Oxtou's flood prevention systems PC started some work on flooding issues.</p>	<p>Because of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the problems experienced by some of the village and concerns expressed by many. - lack of information on plans, reasons, priorities, options and progress towards improvement. 	<p>Reassure village/villagers concerned by villager working with PC team and reporting back to village on whether PC actions meet needs; whether effort is correctly prioritised; whether maintenance plan is in place and followed.</p>	<p>PC funds as appropriate</p>	<p>Infrastructure group</p> <p>Lead – Jeff Swindin</p> <p>Partners PC and PC flooding team Deputed villager NCC NSDC Oxtou Estate</p>	<p>Short-term by end 2011</p> <p>Initial meeting held with PC flooding lead and notes published on village website</p>

VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE ACTION PLANS CONTINUED

Wind Turbines

Background

66 residents of Oxton stated in the March 2011 Survey that they would like to see a Wind Turbine in the village, as an “Environmental Feature”.

The question was not asked as to whether respondents would favour/be opposed to such a structure.

The possibility exists of wind turbines subsidising electricity bills /delivering an income.

New schemes and technologies are also now available for the more cost-effective installation of Photo-Voltaic panels to generate electricity for the home, or on a larger scale, whose visual impact and cost may be preferred to those of a wind turbine.

The evolution of technologies and commercial and government policies makes it hard for the village to be up-to-date and to make informed choices or give an informed opinion.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 18 Alternative electricity generation for Oxton	Nothing	Response to questionnaire and further research, consultation and discussion needed.	Identify facts: Opportunities, costs, benefits and risks. Inform village of the above Resolve question of how village addresses environmental impact of the generation of the electricity it consumes through survey and/or meeting/s	No yet known. Government grants?	Infrastructure group Lead – Mike Newell Partners PC NCC	Short-term start and on-going to long-term

VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE ACTION PLANS CONTINUED

The Oxton community website

Background

www.myoxton.org.uk has been operating for some 4 months. Most of the work in setting it up has been done by 2 people, who cannot spend as much time on it in the future as hitherto, and neither of whom have special design skills.

The March 2011 Village Questionnaire showed that 80% of the village would use the website and each of the topic areas would be used by more than 20%.

This also provided clear inputs as to what areas of the website are regarded as the most useful and so should be prioritised for development.

More recent residents of Oxton find much of the information more useful than the longest resident.

The most useful area is regarded as What's on (events and activities), and this is already being actively maintained.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 19 Creating and maintaining the Oxton Village Website <i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities)</i>	See background information above.	<p>To improve communications in and about Oxton</p> <p>To provide e-communication for and information about Oxton</p> <p>Most of the work in setting it up has been done by 2 people, who cannot spend as much time on it in the future as hitherto, and neither of whom have special design skills.</p>	<p>Develop existing under-developed key areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maps of local walks - Village history and photos - Church information <p>Improve design appearance of site;</p> <p>Develop local directory with possible charges for businesses and attention to confidentiality and security</p> <p>Develop alert systems to inform site visitors of changes</p> <p>Develop children's page</p>	<p>To be defined</p> <p>Grant possibilities?</p>	<p>Infrastructure group</p> <p>Lead – Tom Heinersdorff</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Website already up and running</p>

VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE ACTION PLANS CONTINUED

Affordable Housing

Background

Lack of affordable housing was reported by 6 households as leading to a member of their family having to leave the village in the last 5 years.

Opinions are divided between those that want the total number of houses to remain the same (178 = 50%) and those that want some increase (134 = 37%).

Of those that saw a need for some development, conversion of existing buildings was the most acceptable option (212 people)

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 20 Ensuring that housing stock meets village needs without destroying Oxton	Data from responses to March 2011 questionnaire	No action suggested at present	Only if need arises	None at present	Housing Lead – PC if it becomes an issue.	-

VILLAGE FACILITIES ACTION PLAN

Initial oversight: Katherine Soanes

Picnic Table Group

Background

132 questionnaire respondents stated they would use picnic tables if they were available on the recreation ground.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 21 2 – 3 Picnic tables on the recreation ground	Benches on the toddler play area. Initial research on design.	Interest expressed. No seating on recreation ground. Evidence that parents/families are picnicking when children are on the Playspace and Toddler play area and would use picnic tables if they were there. Playspace users have been actively requesting picnic tables be provided	Check with other villages how they sorted their picnic benches out and sourced, secured and maintained them. Further research into picnic table design and securing them to the ground. Quotes will be required from 3 potential suppliers – so an agreed specification will need drawing up. Picnic tables which allow wheelchair/buggy access need to be considered.	ORG OCF Parish Council Proposal to ORG and to OCF by October 2011 and next to Parish Council by November 2011	Picnic Tables Julia Stirland – Lead Partners ORG OCF PC	Short term – Spring 2012

VILLAGE FACILITIES ACTION PLAN CONTINUED

Planter Group

Background

53% of questionnaire respondents stated they would like more planters and flowers in the village.

The recent results of the best kept village mention that the planters are nice a one end of the village.

Children have suggested that a village garden be created with a gardening club so they can help to look after it.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
<p>Project 22a More planters in the village</p> <p><i>Link with Project 2a (Village outdoor communal area)</i></p>	<p>Planters along Main Street, paid for by the Parish Council, planted and maintained by volunteers.</p> <p>Planted tyre in Forest Road</p>	<p>Interest expressed. Improve look of village.</p>	<p>Discuss what is viable and what can be maintained</p> <p>Decide how many new planters there should be and where they should be sited.</p> <p>Agree design of new planters.</p> <p>Establish team of volunteers to plant, maintain and water planters.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>	<p>Planters Katherine Soanes – Lead</p> <p>Partners Parish Council</p>	<p>Short term – Spring 2012</p> <p>Notice on website</p>
<p>Project 22b Village garden and gardening club</p> <p><i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities)</i></p>	<p>Nothing</p>	<p>Children expressed an interest in having a village garden and a club to teach them how to look after it.</p>	<p>Find person/people to lead</p> <p>Discuss viability and whether there is a suitable site</p> <p>Discuss the possibility of a gardening club and research interest of adults and children in village</p> <p>Consider specific gardening activities for children</p>		<p>Garden and Gardening Club Lead – tbc</p> <p>Partners PC OCF ORG Allotment holders</p>	<p>Short to medium term</p>

VILLAGE FACILITIES ACTION PLAN CONTINUED

Tea Room Group

Background

165 questionnaire respondents stated that they would use a tea room if it was available.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
<p>Project 23 Village tea rooms</p> <p><i>Link with Project 28 (Keeping in Touch)</i></p>	<p>Coffee available at pubs Church has provided tea/cakes in the past but there was little take up. September 2011 Update Once a month, from October the Women's Institute are hosting Afternoon Tea in the village hall starting Tuesday 4th October 2-4pm.</p>	<p>Interest expressed.</p>	<p>Confirm target audience as villagers of all ages, ramblers, cyclists and play area attendees Publicise trial openings (2hrs, 2 afternoons per week) in Sylvia Bell room in the Village Hall and advertise dates in Dover Beck and on Website Establish team of volunteers</p>	<p>Self funding and/or PC Village SOS Awards for all</p>	<p>Tea Rooms Jill Jones – Lead</p> <p>Partners Village Hall Parish Council Volunteers</p>	<p>Short term and potentially ongoing</p>

Lending Library/ Book Exchange Group

Background

61 questionnaire respondents stated they would use a lending library/ book exchange.

14 questionnaire respondents stated they would be willing to help organise the above.

Children said they would like a village library “in a trolley” with a good section for 9-13 year olds

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
<p>Project 24 Lending library/ book exchange</p> <p><i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas & activities)</i></p>	<p>Nearest library Southwell.</p> <p>September 2011 update Mobile library van visiting Oxton once a month</p>	<p>Interest expressed.</p> <p>It was noted at meeting on 13.07.11 that the mobile library no longer called into the Village Hall car park and hadn't been used when it had.</p> <p>Children would like a 9-13 section</p>	<p>Research other villages that have an honesty scheme e.g. Woodborough uses a telephone box</p> <p>Research structure that could house books, siting etc</p> <p>Look at possibility of using village hall</p> <p>Need volunteers to run it</p>	<p>Funding required for set up and running.</p> <p>Put call out to village for second hand books. OCF</p> <p>Parish Council</p>	<p>Library Roy Walker - Lead</p> <p>Parish Council</p> <p>NCC Libraries</p>	<p>Medium to long term</p>

VILLAGE FACILITIES ACTION PLAN CONTINUED

Village Shop/ Post Office Group

Background

91% of questionnaire respondents stated that the Post Office is important to them and 53% stated they use it.

90% of questionnaire respondents stated that the shop is important to them and 53% stated they use it.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 25a Researching the future/alternative places for village shop	Village shop and post office	35% of questionnaire respondents stated that they would like the shop to stock a wider range of items. The shop space and storage for stock is however very limited. . Current shop owner plans to retire next year and has put business up for sale Need to ensure shop/PO in Oxtou	Bigger shop premises would mean Post Office could have existing space. Research use of other spaces such as the Green Dragon Look into possibility of Community shop if village shop business folds	Plunkett Foundation (helps community shops). Village SOS	Village shop and PO Lead tbc Parish Council NSDC? RCAN? Might be combined with group looking at Green Dragon	Medium to long term

Green Dragon Group

Background

47% of questionnaire respondents stated that The Green Dragon is important to them and 20% stated they use it.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 25b Green Dragon to be a more used building	Green Dragon exists as a pub. New tenants from holding company currently running it. September 2011 update Current tenants informed us that the brewery is spending a substantial sum on refurbishing the pub.	Frequent change of tenants running pub. Low usage by villagers.	Talk to villagers about Green Dragon as 21 st Century environment. Research other uses of building - village shop, tea room, lending library area, gymnasium etc. Contact with Marston brewery to establish their view on future of pub and any change of use.	Plunkett Foundation (helps community shops). Village SOS	Green Dragon Lead tbc Partners Parish Council NCC Might be combined with group looking at Village Shop	Medium to long term

CARING OXTON GROUP

Welcome Pack

Background: During the consultations, many people said that it was difficult to get to know people in the village and to find out local information and what is happening.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 26 Creating a Welcome Pack <i>Link with Project 28 (Keeping in Touch)</i>	Work already begun on a similar church project Information on the Website Periodic information in the Dover Beck Informal personal welcome to newcomers	Nothing formalised existing at present	Adapt the church project initiative to become the Oxtton Village Welcome Pack Identify and welcome new arrivals to Oxtton Add welcome pack to the village website as a pdf Invite newcomers to coffee mornings/social evenings		Welcome Pack Tracey Akehurst – Lead Partners Caring Oxtton Group Church of St. Peter and St. Paul	Short term

Carer respite

Background: 4 people said that they would appreciate some respite in order to have a break

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
Project 27 Carers' Respite	Nothing organised	Respite would be appreciated by 4 carers in the village	Identify carers in need of respite Check what support is needed Check what is needed regarding criminal record checks Find possible volunteers	PC NCC social services	Carer respite Joan Arnold – Lead Partners Caring Oxtton Group NCC social services	Short – medium term

CARING OXTON GROUP CONTINUED

Keeping in Touch

Background: The questionnaire revealed that some (elderly) people are lonely and would like to be able to meet for lunch or tea.

165 people said they would use a tea room if there was one in the village. 94 would use the shop as a place to meet and have coffee.

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
<p>Project 28 Keeping in touch activities (particularly but not exclusively for the elderly).</p> <p><i>Link with Project 29 (children's ideas and activities)</i></p> <p><i>Link with Project 26 (Welcome Pack)</i></p>	<p>Some attempts (not necessarily particularly for the elderly) in the past have petered out.</p>	<p>A need identified as expressed in questionnaire responses</p> <p>Known elderly people living alone who might appreciate more contact with villagers</p> <p>Helping newcomers to the village make contacts and friends</p>	<p>Coordinate and add to what activities are already organised and planned e.g. Tea room, WI teas, lunch events & Church events</p> <p>Look into running e.g.: soup and sandwich event</p> <p>Christmas event for the elderly involving children (cooking, serving and entertaining)</p> <p>Games nights</p> <p>Taking an elderly friend for a drive followed by tea</p> <p>Enlist volunteer support</p> <p>Discuss transport for elderly if needed</p>	<p>Godfrey Trust</p>	<p>Keeping in Touch Pauline Hansler & Anne Hedley</p> <p>Caring Oxton Group The Church of St Peter and St Paul Oxton Social committee</p>	<p>Short term Start in September</p>

CHILDREN'S IDEAS & ACTIVITIES

Background: Children's responses to the questionnaire revealed that there is interest in a cookery club, art and crafts activities, drama, field sports and games, games nights and scout/guide type clubs.

Children and young people would like more activities organised in the village.

Children provided numerous ideas for activities in which they would like to participate and ways in which they could contribute to Oxton village life at a consultation event in September 2011

What's planned?	What exists?	Why planned?	Next Steps	Funding	Responsibility/Partners	By when?
<p>Project 29 Children's Activities</p> <p><i>Link with Project 28 (Keeping in Touch)</i></p>	Need to establish what is already done	Interest and enthusiasm expressed by children	<p>Work on ideas provided by children (see below)</p> <p>Link children's ideas into the main action plan as appropriate</p> <p>Set up new working group to organise new activities for children</p> <p>Enlist parents/volunteers to help</p> <p>Set up environmental project to be run by children</p>	<p>OCF</p> <p>Awards for All</p> <p>Some self-funding</p>	<p>Children's Activities Group</p> <p>Val Ponder - Lead</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Parents and other villagers</p> <p>PC</p> <p>ORG</p> <p>OCF</p>	<p>Short term and ongoing</p> <p>Consultation with children held on 1st October 2011</p>

Children's ideas:

Environment:	A garden for everyone Gardening club	Link with Project 22b
	Clear out Dover Beck regularly Nature trail with marked paths and information signs Environmental project run by children including litter picking	Link with Projects 1, 2 & 3
Entertainments	Organise the Duck race more frequently	(Oxton Social Committee)
	Organise Pathfinders run more frequently	(Church of St Peter and St Paul)
	Special and/or monthly discos for children	Link with project 6c
	Films for children	Link with Project 5
	Music shows put on for/by children Clubs: 7-13; gardening; eco; pet/animal training; science/inventing; cookery; film making; fashion 9-14; camping; craft activities	Link with Project 29
Sport and Exercise	Football Teams for boys and girls of different ages	Link with project 29
	Exercise clubs/circuit training	Link with Project 8
Transport	More regular buses to Calverton/Southwell & other villages Local cab company to provide a "dial-a-cab" service for children – CRB checked/special rates	Link with Project 11
Infrastructure	Web page to include: weekly competitions; pictures of pets; spotter sheets for walkers; message board for notices; message service for schools; information about Pathfinders; information about local scouts/guides/brownies; contributions page for what should be included on the children's page and website Website to have suggestions entry point on the site; password control for children	Link with project 19
Village Facilities	Children help with the village tea room (cooking and serving)	Link with Project 23
	Have a good camp site	(Parish Council and ORG)
	Section in village library for 9-13 year olds	Link with Project 24
Caring Oxton	Visiting and helping the elderly Entertaining the elderly and helping with community activities.	Link with Project 28