

Harden Village Council



Action Plan

The Village Council has produced an Action Plan of activities we hope to deliver in 2020/21.

The planned activities may well change over the year and are likely to increase as we progress key topics, including the Gardens & Allotments Project and the Neighbourhood Plan Project.

ACTIVITIES	ACTION(S)	BUDGET
Neighbourhood Planning	<p>To progress the Neighbourhood Planning process in Harden by: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publishing a finalised Design Code and a Housing Needs Assessment for Harden• Conducting a survey on Design and Heritage• Commissioning assessment of local heritage assets and publication of a detailed booklet• Setting out and delivering a structured plan for local communications and engagement, towards a referendum being held at the earliest opportunity (likely May 2021)	<p>Budget of £5,000 has been allocated towards the project to offset costs including consultancy, printing and engagement.</p> <p>The Village Council has applied to The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for a grant to cover all of the costs associated with developing a Design Code and fully funded Technical Support was provided to undertake the Housing Needs Assessment.</p>

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Gardens & Allotments	<p>Following petition by residents, and an allotments survey indicating strong demand for allotments in Harden, the Village Council proposes to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Allotments Project Team • Work with Bradford Council to identify suitable land • Progress the project in line with high level project plan • Consult with Friends of St Ives and other community groups as relevant to consider how a site might provide for both biodiversity and community food growing and/or traditional allotment sites. 	A budget allocation of £1,500 has been made to assist the Council to take forward an ecological allotments gardening project.
Traffic and Transport	<p>Consider the results of our commissioned report into traffic and speeding in Harden, making recommendations on schemes of improvement that could be considered in the future.</p> <p>Communicate the results of the report to Bradford MDC and the PCC and follow-up appropriately to progress towards our agreed recommendations to manage speed, improve road safety, and improve active and sustainable travel.</p> <p>Engage proactively with neighbouring local councils to explore opportunities to work together on these issues.</p>	<p>A budget of £5,000 has been made towards this project.</p> <p>Capital works will be financed by Bradford Council or through other funding streams identified.</p>
Christmas Lights	<p>To provide Christmas lights in the village. To arrange inspection, annual switch on and village event.</p> <p>To commission and install additional Christmas Lights in the village.</p>	A budget of £5,850 has been allocated to the repair and servicing of existing lights and the purchase and installation of some additional fixtures.

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Benches	Maintenance and phased replacement of benches in the village, many of which are in urgent need of repair and maintenance.	<p>A budget allocation of £1,000 has been made towards costs.</p> <p>Grant application(s) may be made to the Community Chest for further financial assistance.</p> <p>An approach may be made to the WI to jointly fund replacement of 'shared' benches.</p>
Telephone Kiosk	<p>To complete renovation and re-paint the telephone kiosk.</p> <p>Launch a book exchange scheme – the most frequently suggested use by residents in a recent survey.</p>	A budget allocation of £500 has been made towards costs.
Assets	<p>To explore protecting key assets including the St Ives Estate, by registering as assets of community value.</p> <p>Progress initial exploratory discussions with Bradford Council's Estates Officer.</p>	
Local Service Delivery	<p>To explore collaboration with Bradford MDC to procure additional resource within Harden to undertake environmental improvements and maintenance works e.g. extra litter picking, grounds maintenance, road sign cleaning etc.</p> <p>To consider the potential for coordinated local volunteering. This can have considerable benefits for health, wellbeing, social inclusion and tackling isolation. Develop stronger links with existing local groups and volunteers e.g. Friends of St Ives.</p>	A budget of £2,500 has been allocated to this project.

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Communications	<p>To improve website accessibility, in line with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.</p> <p>Continue to develop the website and encourage residents to subscribe to updates.</p> <p>Develop further pages and add new content including phase 2 of the Harden at War Archive Project.</p> <p>Ensure regular and consistent messaging going out across our main channels, i.e. website, noticeboards, newsletter, Tittle Tattle, e-bulletins and the local Facebook group.</p>	<p>No additional cost for ongoing development, usage and promotion.</p> <p>Additional budget of £350 added for Harden at War archive.</p>
Defibrillator	To maintain the community public access defibrillator and arrange the annual health check inspection and maintenance.	A budget allocation of £175 has been made towards health check and maintenance costs.
Horticulture	<p>Maintain planting schemes in the raised beds and around the memorial.</p> <p>Plant out and maintain barrier baskets either side of the Long Lane crossing.</p>	A budget allocation of £750 has been made towards costs.
Trees	To inspect trees along key roadside locations and liaise with Bradford Council over replacements as required.	Bradford Council expected to fund most replacements. The Parish Councils horticulture budget, of £750, may be used to make a supporting donation as required.
Small Grants	To make funding available to assist community groups through a small grants scheme.	A budget allocation of £1,000 has been made towards costs.

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Climate Emergency	<p>Ongoing work to publicise and bring to life our climate emergency declaration, including: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering regular communications through our main channels (as above) to promote involvement in the steps below and individual actions • Continuing discussions with Bradford MDC/other partners to improve walking, cycling and public transport as alternatives to driving for villagers and visitors (as above) • Engaging with relevant campaigns and initiatives to reduce waste and plastic and encouraging local residents and businesses to do so • Considering tree/hedge planting and biodiversity opportunities and setting up events/initiatives as appropriate 	
Emergency Planning	<p>Develop a local emergency plan.</p> <p>Consider actions to assist Harden recover following the Covid-19 crisis.</p>	