

Action Plan

The booklet, Cropwell Bishop Village Plan 2009, expresses the ambitions of residents: this document is a plan of action for achieving them.

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Abbreviations used below: CBPC: Cropwell Bishop Parish Council
Notts CC: Notts County Council

1. Our Surroundings

Outcome	How we will achieve it	Priority	When	Responsibility	Resources	Monitor
The Pinfold is an attractive and popular public area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Plant: spring bulbs, flowers and shrubs b) Erect Xmas tree with lights c) Research and develop History Board of Cropwell Bishop and Pinfold d) Research and design ornamental Village Sign to be positioned on Pinfold 	High	Start planting Autumn 2008 and review annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Gardening Club, school children and W.I b) Jointly with Council c) Heritage Group members d) Advice from other councils. Work with Heritage Group. 	Possible local sponsorship	Garden Club Committee
A welcoming Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and design a 'Village Entrance Sign' that reflects the character of the village 	Medium	2012	Notts CC CBPC	Possible local Sponsorship.	
Village people more able to rest and enjoy their local environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have benches and seats throughout the Village • Replace seat on village green beyond St.Giles Way • Replace or add one new seat per year as necessary 	Medium	December 2009 and annually thereafter	CBPC	CBPC Individual Donations.	CBPC
Attractive displays of plants and flowers throughout the Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide where, what and how to plant • Approach sponsors • Source bulbs and plants 	High	Spring 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening Club • Village Ranger • School and W.I. 	County grants. Sponsorship. CBPC	Garden Club
A permanent celebration of the heritage of the Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore the Parish Room as a Heritage Centre • Encourage active membership of Heritage Group • Maintain the interest and support of villagers 	High	Apply for grant by 10-08. Finish work by mid 2009.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead by Heritage Committee and membership • The Lottery Fund 	Lottery Fund. Members of Heritage Group.	
A sense of pride in the appearance of the Village and a desire to improve its attractiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research criteria for entering the 'Best Kept Village' competition • Work towards achieving criteria • Enter competition 	Medium	2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden Club • Whole village • Advice from Rushcliffe B.C and R.H.S 	Sponsorship CBPC	Garden Club
The Grantham Canal looking as attractive here as elsewhere along its route. Increase in the biodiversity of the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore the water level of the Canal. • Lobby British Waterways to repair leaks • Support Grantham Canal Partnership and Grantham Canal Society in their efforts. 	High	As soon as possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantham Canal Society • Grantham Canal Partnership • British Waterways 	External funding for support organisations.	

2. Getting Together

Outcome	How we will achieve it	Priority	When	Responsibility	Resources	Monitor
Local Adult education classes to satisfy the needs of villagers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise the existing classes on offer • Establish self-interest groups for topics in demand • Invite local education providers to organise new courses 	Medium	Advertise and have a meeting before Sept 2009. Proposals for new courses, and estimated take-up, by Jan 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested villagers • Local colleges • CBPC 	Cost of organising consultation meetings. Classes themselves to be self-funding.	Villagers. CBPC Local colleges.
Villagers enjoying a range of sporting and leisure activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage like-minded individuals to form clubs. 	High	January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club members • CBPC 	Suitable facilities and accommodation. Self-funding. Sponsor.	Clubs. CBPC
Excellent provision from local shops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage villagers to use and support local businesses. • Encourage local shopkeepers to coordinate their business marketing 	High	March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop keepers • CBPC • Customers 	No direct cost to customers	Shop keepers
A thriving Post Office and Doctors Surgery with dispensary	Should either ever be threatened with closure, liaise with the Parish Council and outside agencies to oppose it	N/A	Immediately any threat should arise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Master/Doctors • CBPC • Residents 	None at present	CBPC Villagers
Local pubs providing good beer and food in a pleasant environment	Customers giving feedback to publicans on the service they provide	Medium	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breweries • Licensees 	No direct cost to customers	Customers
Community Halls with popular support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Council's plans to purchase the 'Old School' and refurbish it as a Community Hall with facilities for a variety of user groups • Use feedback from Villagers (in the Questionnaire) to help the Memorial Hall Committee to develop an Action Plan for it's future use 	High	Memorial Hall Action Plan by March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Hall Committee • CBPC 	High investment cost. Possible outside funding. Local taxation.	CBPC Memorial Hall Committee
Allotments for people who want them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Cropwell Bishop Allotment Association (CBAA) • Join National Association of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners • Parish Council obtain suitable land for CBAA • Obtain funding for water, fencing, gate, shed, etc 	High	Spring 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBPC • Cropwell Bishop Allotment Association 	Land rent covered by CBAA members. Cost of establishing site has to be covered by outside funding.	CBPC CBAA committee

3. Getting Around

Outcome	How we will achieve it	Priority	When	Responsibility	Resources	Monito
Traffic at safe speeds on Village roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support steps to evaluate the effectiveness of the current speed restrictions. Support the Speed Watch scheme. Encourage consideration of a lower speed limit, enlarging the 30mph region or introducing a 40mph stretch beyond it. Installation of electronic speed signs to discourage speeding . Support the consideration of traffic calming . 	High	2010	Notts CC CBPC		CBPC
Safe and responsible on-street parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate the possibility of converting some of the grassy areas into parking bays on Hoe View Road Encourage residents to be more considerate of the needs of pedestrians and other road users when they park 	High	Survey by Sept 2009. Publicity campaign June 2009	Notts CC CBPC		CBPC
Pavements and roads in a good state of repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and advertise a simple method for reporting defects. Monitor progress and set up a simple system for reporting delays. 	Medium	September 2009	Notts CC CBPC Residents		CBPC
Pedestrian and cycle facilities along Nottm Road, up to Creamery and then beyond A46.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the Parish Council in their efforts to make the provision of paths and cycle tracks a reality 	Medium	2010	Notts CC CBPC		CBPC
No contraventions of the existing restrictions on HGV lorries in village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish simple method of recognising and reporting contraventions Support ways of preventing HGVs entering the village 	High	May 2009	CBPC		CBPC
Commuters have direct, efficient access to Nottm	Support Parish Councillors in their efforts to improve the present bus service	High	December 2009	CBPC Notts CC	Better use of existing funding.	CBPC
A public transport service to Nottingham in the evenings	Support Parish Councillors in their efforts to establish a service	Medium	December 2009	CBPC	Better use of existing funding.	CBPC
Evening bus service to Bingham	Explore options for a viable public service to Bingham	Medium	December 2009	CBPC	Subsidy costs	CBPC
More people using buses	Publicise and promote the existing bus services and timetables	Medium				
Ground level dualling of A46 at Stragglethorpe junction	Support the Parish Council in its efforts to gain acceptance of alternative suggestions for reducing noise and visual impact at the Stragglethorpe junction	High	Awaiting report following public inquiry	CBPC	No extra financial costs	CBPC

4. Keeping in Touch

Outcome	How we will achieve it	Priority	When	Responsibility	Resources	Monitor
A Village notice board that is easily accessible for reading notices and posting them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore possibility of utilising existing available notice boards. If not, have one made. Decide on best location. Agree on 'rules' for use, e.g. no 'for sale' notices, max. size, etc Identify person or team to maintain it (remove old notices etc) 	Medium	March 2009: get quotes. June 2009: make. August 2009: installed and use.	CBPC Village groups who would use it.	Possibility of a local business providing one or sponsoring one. CBPC	CBPC
A 'Letters to the Editor' in 'Cropwell Bishop News'.	Include 'Letters to the Editor' page.	Medium	February 2009	CBPC	Person(s) to reply to letters.	CBPC
A website of news for Cropwell Bishop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Questionnaire responses to decide on content. Purchase a web name, design web site and put on-line. Maintain the site on a regular basis and advertise it. Encourage contributions by villagers. 	High	February 2009	Tony Jarrow – initially.	Person to maintain the site	Already on-line and maintained.
Faster connection to the Internet for residents and businesses of Cropwell Bishop.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an 'interest group', compare speed with other comparable communities and identify limiting factors. Campaign for a better connection. Investigate possibility of Community facilities (internet café) Advertise training that is available for users. 	Medium	Sept 2009	Internet interest group	Self funding	Internet interest group
Greater involvement in Parish Council issues by residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage attendance via articles in 'Cropwell Bishop News'. Publicise photographs of Councillors – via notice board and 'Cropwell Bishop News'. Recruit resident to report on meetings using plain language. 	Low	6 months	CBPC	No additional funding required	CBPC

5. Young People

Outcome	How we will achieve it	Priority	When	Responsibility	Resources	Monitor
A place where young people can meet and socialise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the Old School provides suitable accommodation for social activities including musical performances Set up a Youth Club and encourage adults to help. Enable adults to be trained for the task Encourage young people to use facilities once they are available Ensure that it is a safe, welcoming place for young people 	High	December 2009	Interested Parties CBPC Young People of Cropwell Bishop.		CBPC
Wide range of facilities on the Playing Field	Support the Parish Council in its continual provision of facilities on the Memorial Hall Playing Field	Medium	Ongoing	CBPC Young People. Mem. Hall Committee		CBPC Mem. Hall Committee
Meeting places (with seating) where young people can congregate and talk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify what provision is wanted Consider possible sites 	High	December 2009	CBPC Memorial Hall Committee Young People		CBPC Mem. Hall Committee