

Heptonstall Parish Community-led Plan 2011



Introduction

Roger Greenwood – Clerk, Heptonstall Parish Council

I'm glad you have picked up this important booklet and welcome you to its contents. Do read and digest all that lies within - a lot of time and effort has gone into its production!

Aren't we the lucky ones? Living in and enjoying such a special, scenic and historic community. No wonder so many visitors come and appreciate its beauty. But it is so easy to take things for granted and not bother to lift up the rug and see what lurks beneath.

For that reason a Parish Plan was developed in 2004 to

identify the need for improvements. Heptonstall Parish Council formed a new community group, Heptonstall Forward, to undertake this task and to review and develop the plan over the years. This has been done in a most dedicated fashion for the past seven years. But now it is time for a fresh start. A community 'showcase event' was held in May 2010 - a well attended, fun-filled weekend - to stimulate early interest in what was to come. Over 35 groups and organisations were involved.

Working towards the new plan has been a community effort.





The hard-working members of Heptonstall Forward have been funded by Heptonstall Parish Council and Rural Action Yorkshire. They designed and delivered questionnaires which had a response of 30% of households. Thanks to all of you who responded and, particularly to the 85 of you who offered help in driving the results forward. The Plan is a living document intended to bring about continuous and beneficial improvements - a conveyor-belt of our lives, I suppose.

It was a surprise and privilege to be asked to launch the first plan, and is now doubly so as I put these words together. Having introduced the purpose

behind this document I want to close with two clear messages:

**Thank you to all who have contributed in any way to the creation of this Plan.
Do please help in whatever way you can to drive it forward.**

Membership of Heptonstall Forward is open to all. Get involved. Go to a Heptonstall Forward meeting, they are advertised on various notice boards throughout the Parish, or contact the Secretary on

hepforward2000@talktalk.net.

Be proud of your community and don't leave everything to others.

Calderdale Council are drawing up a new plan for the district called the Local Development Framework (LDF). This plan will set the scene for development across the district including housing, employment, open space, leisure, renewable energy and transport. The results from the consultation upon the Heptonstall Parish Community-led Plan will help inform the LDF but it is equally important that you let Calderdale know your views on the future planning of Heptonstall Parish. You can find out more and register your details at: <http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/environment/planning/development-framework/index.html>

Alternatively contact the Development Strategy Team at the Council on 01422 392206, 392380, 392381 or email spatial.planning@calderdale.gov.uk.



Nothing ever stays the same...

In the last seven years we have witnessed, amongst other things, the closure of sheltered accommodation at Valley View and with it the loss of a base for the WI. The launderette, garage and a joiner's workshop have all closed and we have seen the demise of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the Tenants and Residents Association after the sad loss of its organiser and driving force.

Residents from Eaves have suffered the loss of their bus service, as have those at Midgehole.

But we have gained, for example, affordable housing, a new tearoom and deli, a new joiner's business, a new builder's business and an equestrian B&B at Colden. Furthermore, the internet and internet retailing have afforded many the opportunities for home working.

The community continues to develop more areas of interest with yet more new groups being formed.





Heptonstall School is being extended and work has been carried out to make safe St Thomas's churchyard and the ruined church. In addition, the Hebden Bridge Local History Society is compiling a data base of the monuments and there is a new visitor information board within the grounds.

Hardcastle Craggs has been developed and enhanced.

The rural bus service has been replaced by an extended route to include Widdop Reservoir

and the National Trust car park at Midgehole.

Heptonstall Methodist Church is still exploring the possible development of the Sunday School. St Thomas's Church has also raised awareness of issues around the future of the Church, has sought community support and is drawing up plans for developing the building.

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Achievements

Communications

- ✔ Published a quarterly Parish Newsletter.
- ✔ Organised an event in May 2010 to which all residents were invited. Over 35 groups and organisations in the Parish showcased their activities.
- ✔ Consulted all households in the Parish with regard to the new community-led plan.

Environment

- ✔ Organised more bins and signs in relation to dog litter.
- ✔ Established annual Parish clean-up days.
- ✔ Liaised with Pennine Housing resulting in improved upkeep of Hepton Drive park.
- ✔ Organised annual bulb planting throughout the Parish, including the very successful 'Adopt a Patch' initiative.

Housing

- ✔ Worked with Pennine Housing on the provision of affordable housing at Valley View.
- ✔ Supported residents' views on planning issues which impact on the community/environment.

Recreation

- ✔ Updated and improved Heptonstall Playing Field.
- ✔ Established a youth club, which ran successfully until its demise due to lack of adult volunteers.



Parking

- ✓ Improved signage for visitor car parking at the Heptonstall Social & Bowling Club.
- ✓ Encouraged events organisers to promote responsible visitor parking.
- ✓ Organised an in-depth household consultation on parking issues throughout the Parish.

Traffic Management

- ✓ Lobbied for the reduction of the speed limit at Knowl Top, Colden and through Heptonstall village, with the inclusion of traffic calming measures.
- ✓ Published contact details for the police and departments dealing with road safety/ traffic issues.



Achievements

Ongoing....

- Improvement of visitor information.
- Further improvement of play facilities for older children at Heptonstall Playing Field.
- Active involvement with CMBC to improve parking provision and traffic management in Heptonstall village.

We didn't manage to....

- Develop a Parish website.
- Attract any adult education classes or any provision for the elderly.
- Improve the junction at Heptonstall Road and Cross Lanes and were unsuccessful in lobbying CMBC for this.
- Extend the 20 mph speed limit to include Lily Hall. We were unsuccessful in lobbying CMBC.
- Obtain a designated pedestrian area outside Heptonstall School. We have attempted, but not succeeded.
- Despite no further progress, full consultation and preparatory work for funding has taken place with Heptonstall Social & Bowling Club in relation to the development of a community room.



Consultation for the Development of the 2011 Community-led Plan

Commissioned by Heptonstall Parish Council to produce a community-led plan, Heptonstall Forward followed up on the Consultation weekend held in May 2010, distributing consultation packages to every household in the Parish in February 2011.

Out of the 616 households consulted, 176 questionnaires were returned on time, a 30% response, with 10 questionnaires received too late to be included in the final analysis but which, nonetheless, have been read for their comments.

Furthermore, 85 individuals also chose to complete an additional 'volunteering form', expressing their willingness to act as volunteers across a variety of potential initiatives.

What follows is a very brief synopsis of the final analysis carried out on the behalf of Heptonstall Forward by Rural Action Yorkshire. All figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number. A full report and /or specific information can be obtained on request by contacting Heptonstall Parish Council via the Parish Clerk

(email: rmghpc@hotmail.com or tel: 01422 844283).



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Community Focus

Despite the Parish being geographically well spread out, 79% of all respondents felt themselves to be a part of the Parish.

A small number, however, expressed an understandable affinity with bordering communities.

With many venues such as the churches, chapels, pubs and clubs available, 63% of all respondents felt there was no need, at this time, for any additional community space.

However, 11 volunteers expressed an interest in taking forward such a proposal.

As regards an annual community event, this idea was supported by 58% of all respondents, with over 30 volunteers registering an interest in helping to achieve such an event. At this time there is no consensus as to the type of event this should be.



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Environmental

So what do people enjoy about living in the Parish? A sense of community, good local facilities such as schools, a post office, pubs, clubs and shops were cited as being important.

An overwhelming 88% valued the open landscape, with tranquillity and access to good walking rated by over 77% of all respondents. Over 58% of all respondents valued the easy access to nearby towns. The historic and heritage aspect of the Parish appealed to 67%. Although only 42% of all respondents regarded a safe play area for children as of interest to them, it is an aspect

of community life which remains of great importance.

In terms of how community life could be improved, over 61% of respondents cited dog fouling as a major problem. Despite this concern, less than 15% of respondents indicated that they had contacted the dog warden about the issue. An overall 71% of respondents supported the idea of a Parish clean-up day, with support being highest in the Colden area, where 91% of respondents expressed support for such an initiative.

A total of 23 volunteers showed an interest in initiatives focusing on cleaning up the environment.



Extending the annual bulb planting event to include other community floral displays was supported by 67% of all respondents, with support for the initiative being highest from respondents in the Slack area (77%).

Least support came from the Colden area where 38% of respondents were opposed to extending the planting and similarly with Heptonstall village where 24% opposed it.

However, 29 volunteers wanted to become active in or contribute towards potential projects relating to community floral displays in their area and 37 wanted to become similarly involved in the bulb planting

scheme itself, possibly contributing towards the costs.

Where there was support for upgrading the festive lights it was mainly from respondents living in Heptonstall village itself, with 59% of those being in favour, and 13 residents expressing an interest in contributing towards improved festive displays. Support did not, however, extend Parish-wide with overall support for an upgrading of the lights amounting to only 49%.

Visitor numbers continue to increase and where there are problems with signage these are more noticeable in Heptonstall village itself, where signage for the restricted zones is considered to be unclear. 63% of all respondents considered signage for the



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visitor car park to be adequate and over 64% stated there is no need for any further signs directing visitors to places of interest within the village. However, over 53% went on to identify a need for visitor interpretation or information boards, which could be strategically but discretely located. A total of 14 volunteers indicated a willingness to help with any potential development of visitor boards within the Parish.

Whilst it is a recognised fact that many visitors are walkers, there was a lack of support for any

initiative that could improve the marking of public footpaths in the Parish, as over 70% of all respondents considered footpaths to be sufficiently marked.

The once cobbled side streets of Heptonstall village are undoubtedly charming but Parish-wide there was very little support for the idea of extending the cobbled areas. However, those respondents living along these side streets understandably showed a greater degree of support for such an initiative, with 18 volunteers expressing an interest in any such potential scheme.

“ Visitor numbers continue to increase ”





Housing

Almost 70% of all respondents agree that there is no need for additional housing within the Parish. It has already been stated that 88% of respondents value the open landscape, 77% the tranquillity and 67% the historical and heritage aspects of the area. They do not wish to see the integrity of the area destroyed.

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Community Enterprise & the Local Economy

Support exists for potential initiatives around local food growing, community supported agriculture, community composting and renewable energy. Many respondents expressed a keen interest in areas as diverse as community beekeeping and mini hydro projects.

As regards other types of possible enterprise in the Parish, support exists for initiatives such as farmers'/local produce markets and smallholdings rather than office or tourism related enterprises.

It is difficult to quantify levels of interest in terms of percentages as the areas of specific interest are diverse. What does emerge is the common idea of a 'green' lifestyle, the level of support for which is seen in the number of interested volunteers – for example: 38 are interested in community food growing, 36 in renewable energy schemes and 30 are interested in community composting. There appears to be a large number of individuals with a common vision.

“38 are interested in community food growing”

Local Facilities & Services

Although some dissatisfaction had been expressed, and noted, over the refuse and recycling collections, predominantly from residents of the Eaves area, the majority of respondents across the Parish felt 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with the level of service they receive.

As already mentioned in the 'Environment' section, the shops, pubs, clubs and post office are of huge importance to the community with, for example, 67% of respondents using the post office on a regular basis. The churches and chapels are of importance to 73% of respondents although, it must be said, predominantly as historic buildings and local resources rather than places in which they worship. However,

respondents stated they particularly valued these buildings for occasional and special use such as weddings, baptisms and funerals. Generously, 19 respondents expressed a willingness to contribute towards the costs of maintaining local historic buildings.

There appears to be little support for any further sports/clubs/activities in addition to those already existing. Only 26% of all respondents supported the idea of any further initiatives. However, as there was no general consensus as regards the types of initiatives, the ideas are not viable.

Only 7% of all respondents reported using the mobile library service. As these are mainly in Heptonstall village and Slack, it may indicate a need to review the route and better advertise the service.



Hepton



The Parish Newsletter is well supported with over 79% of all respondents reading it and over 71% finding it informative and useful. Availability is easier in Heptonstall village where there are several outlets, but it is noted that Colden, Eaves and other outlying areas suffer from a lack of distribution points. Suggestions to aid distribution included making the newsletter available via e-mail.

A community-owned website would doubtless improve not only distribution of the newsletter but communications generally within the Parish. The development of such a website is supported by over 52% of all respondents, with eight

volunteers willing to help establish, develop and/or maintain a community-owned website.

The idea of a 'Good Neighbour Scheme' is highly supported with 68% of all respondents agreeing such a scheme would be a good idea in their area. The interest in the scheme is reflected in the number of volunteers it has attracted, 45 in total, from across the Parish. If this is coupled with the voluntary driver scheme, which attracted 18 volunteers, it forms a comprehensive group of individuals who have expressed their interest in an active commitment to the community.



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Children & Young People

The majority of respondents to this section indicated a general level of satisfaction with current activities and play provision for the under 10s in the Parish, at the same time indicating that these could be further added to. They also pointed out the lack of adequate facilities for those young people aged 11 to 18. Enthusiastic comments were noted and if any relevant

projects or initiatives were to arise then the young people's input would be invaluable, especially at the planning and development stages.

Little interest was expressed in establishing a parent/ carer support group, with only 2 volunteers expressing an interest in exploring such a scheme.

A photograph of a person walking a black dog on a leash along a snow-covered path. The path is bordered by snow-covered bushes on the left and a road with parked cars in the background. The scene is winter, with snow on the ground and trees.

“ any potential 'Good Neighbour Scheme' could offer a degree of support to the elderly and disabled ”

Elderly & Disabled People

Whilst the majority of elderly and disabled respondents felt they were adequately supported and experienced no difficulties in accessing services, the small minority who did express a specific need or raised a particular issue can be assured that their comments have been noted and will be passed on to the relevant agencies.

As mentioned in the 'Local Facilities & Services' section, 18 volunteers have shown an interest in a voluntary driver

scheme which could potentially help local elderly or disabled residents access health appointments etc. A further 11 volunteers were interested in becoming involved in any possible new schemes specifically aimed at this group. Similarly, any potential 'Good Neighbour Scheme' could offer a degree of support to the elderly and disabled.

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Travel & Transport

Levels of concern around road safety issues varied across the Parish and overall almost 55% expressed a concern.

The highest level came from those living in the Widdop Road area, with 75% of respondents expressing concern. Similarly, 62% of Slack respondents agreed there were issues around road safety. Where respondents were specific in identifying problem areas, these have been noted.

Specific comments were also made concerning pedestrians, drivers and cyclists. These have been noted and will be included, where relevant, in proposed actions and

initiatives relating to traffic/transport/road safety.

Almost 82% of all respondents supported the idea of a blanket 20mph speed limit throughout Heptonstall village and other built up areas in the Parish, with a blanket 40mph elsewhere. Existing traffic calming measures were viewed as ineffective. (If the 20mph speed limit were to be implemented throughout the village, it would, as a secondary effect, reduce the plethora of road signage which many find both annoying and confusing.)

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Traffic, speeding, pedestrian, driver and cyclist safety and general transport issues exist alongside car parking issues creating many implications not only for road safety but also for the bus services throughout the Parish. Recognising this, 14 volunteers have offered to help take forward any proposals, initiatives or agreed actions that evolve from the community consultation with respect to these issues.

As regards public transport links, the E bus and the 591 service have a significant level of use. Where concerns exist they focussed on frequency of services and links to train

timetables. Generally, respondents wish the E and 591 services to be maintained, whilst respondents specifically from the Eaves area would wish their service to be re-introduced.

Despite a limited amount of interest being expressed across the Parish in both the Calder Valley Car Share Scheme and in 'journey sharing', the idea of such schemes was supported by 15 volunteers.

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Car parking continues to be a major problem in Heptonstall Village

Almost 77% of all respondents were satisfied with the treatment of roads in icy/snowy weather. However, suggestions to improve gritting in the village car park and for the restoration of grit boxes were made.

Car parking continues to be a major problem in Heptonstall village but much less so in the rest of the Parish.

74% of village residents think that on-street parking causes problems and 40% have difficulty in finding a convenient parking space, particularly when special events are on, at night-time and during the day at week-ends.

Obstruction of buses and service/emergency vehicles, traffic congestion and road

safety hazards, especially in winter conditions, are the major problems caused by on-street parking.

These are particularly acute on Hepton Drive, at the upper end of Heptonstall Road and around Longfield and Southfield, but are also significant on Towngate through Smithwell Lane to Lane Head and past Heptonstall School. Outside the village, parking is not seen as a significant issue, excepting in Colden, Eaves and, to a lesser extent, Widdop Road, where some residents have difficulty in finding a convenient parking space and where on-street parking problems similar to those in the village are reported. It is worth noting that 28% of those living outside the village reported sometimes having difficulty in parking in the village.

Respondents generally appear to be satisfied with the provision of disabled parking spaces throughout the Parish. Residents favour a mixed approach to solving Heptonstall village parking problems but are largely reluctant to pay out additional monies to finance a solution.

The main components of any solution are seen to be new car parks (identified by 47% of village residents), a residents' parking permit scheme (40%) and the judicious use of double yellow lines (33%).

However, fewer than half of those currently parking on the street or in the village car park are prepared to pay for a permit and fewer than half of these would pay more than £30 per annum. Looking at the broader village community, again fewer than half would be agreeable to an increase in the Parish Precept (a small increase in Council Tax) to help fund a solution.

Outside the village, where parking problems are much less acute, similar views are held but with a much smaller proportion of householders offering opinions. Only 8% are prepared to accept an increase in the Parish Precept to fund improved parking provision. There is little support for a pay-and-display scheme in Heptonstall village from either village or non-village residents (36% and 20% of respondents in favour respectively).

It is clear that the analysis suggests possible areas for further action or development as well as areas where no action is needed or desired. Any potential initiative will only succeed if there are enough willing volunteers to drive it forward.



HEPTONSTALL PARISH COMMUNITY-LED PLAN 2011

| SECTION | WHAT |
|---|--|
| COMMUNITY FOCUS | To establish an annual Parish event |
| Carried forward from 2004-11 Parish Plan | To actively encourage wider membership of Heptonstall Forward |
| Carried forward from 2004-11 Parish Plan | To review and renew the Community-led Plan |
| ENVIRONMENT | To improve the physical environment, including dog fouling and annual clean up |
| | To add to the visual enhancement of the Parish e.g. bulb planting, floral displays and festive decorations |
| | To provide visitor information boards |
| | To cobble unmade streets |
| Carried forward from 2004-11 Parish Plan | To protect the interests of the community in relation to planning issues |
| HOUSING | To reflect the expressed views: 70% of respondents feel that additional housing is not needed, 88% value the landscape, 77% value tranquillity |
| LOCAL FACILITIES & SERVICES | To support the preservation of important historic buildings |
| | To produce a quarterly newsletter and explore new and additional means of distribution including access on-line and delivery by e-mail |
| | To establish a community website |
| | To establish a Good Neighbour Scheme |

| WHO | TIMESCALE | EVIDENCE Volunteer numbers in brackets |
|---|--|---|
| Community Volunteer Group | Starting 2012 | 58% (32) |
| Heptonstall Forward | Continuing | Ongoing need |
| Heptonstall Forward with support of Parish Council | Annually at AGM beginning June 2012 | Ongoing need |
| Community Volunteer Group | Start asap & continuing | 71% Clean up 61% dog fouling (23) |
| Community Volunteer Group | Start asap & continuing | 67% Bulb planting & floral displays (37 & 29) & festive decorations in village 59% (13) |
| Parish Council, Community Volunteer Group | In progress & continuing | 53% (14) |
| Community Volunteer Group | Start asap & ongoing | 51% (18) |
| Parish Council, Heptonstall Forward and others | Continuing | Ongoing need as and when it arises |
| Parish Council, Heptonstall Forward and others | Ongoing | 70% 88% & 77% |
| Church, Chapels, CMBC, Heptonstall Forward, Parish Council (including representation on Heptonstall Heritage Initiative), and the local community | Continuing | 73% (19 potential contributors) |
| Heptonstall Forward, Community Volunteer Group | Continuing:-Jan, April, July & October | Ongoing need |
| Community Volunteer Group | Start asap & continuing | 52% (8) |
| Community Volunteer Group | Start asap & continuing | 68% (45) |

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| COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE & LOCAL ECONOMY | To establish a green & environmental action group to explore the potential to take forward some, or all of the possible projects described e.g. allotments, community food projects, composting , renewable energy & community enterprises etc |
| TRAFFIC, PARKING & ROAD SAFETY | To establish a blanket 20mph speed limit throughout Heptonstall village and in other built-up areas within the Parish |
| | To develop & implement solutions to the vehicle parking problems in Heptonstall village |
| | To identify, develop possible solutions for & seek rectification of, the road safety hazards in the Parish |
| | To investigate and, if proved feasible, introduce a blanket 40mph speed limit in areas of the Parish not subject to a 20mph limit |
| Carried forward from 2004-11 Parish Plan | To ensure that cultural and entertainment events organisers are aware of the need to identify appropriate parking in their promotions |
| CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE | Whilst the numbers are small and respondents expressed their satisfaction with current services, the views expressed are important and it is proposed to continue to develop additional recreational facilities for the over 11 age group |
| ELDERLY & DISABLED | Whilst numbers are small and respondents expressed their satisfaction with the current situation, the views expressed are important and it is proposed to explore a volunteer driver scheme |

| WHO | TIMESCALE | EVIDENCE Volunteer numbers in brackets |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Community Volunteer Group | Start asap & continuing | (30) to (38) in various groups |
| Parish Council & Community Volunteer Group working with CMBC | High priority, medium term | 82% |
| | High priority, medium to long term | 74% of Heptonstall village (& 28% of rest of Parish) |
| | Medium priority, long term. | 55% |
| | Low priority, long term. | 54% |
| Heptonstall Forward | Ongoing | Ongoing need |
| Parish Council, Heptonstall Forward & Community Volunteer Group | In progress & continuing | |
| Heptonstall Forward | Start asap | (18 volunteer drivers) |

Making it Happen!

Community Volunteers

Included in the consultation pack each household received was a 'volunteering form' which 85 individuals from across the Parish chose to complete and return, demonstrating their enthusiasm to work on a variety of potential initiatives which they believe could enhance community life.

The table opposite demonstrates levels of volunteering across the Parish and across the various potential projects. And the key word here is 'potential'.

A potential initiative will only start to become a reality when a team of volunteers is prepared to commit to it. Without an appropriate level of commitment a potential initiative will remain exactly that: a nice idea, an item on a wish-list.

Hopefully a number of these initiatives will be brought to fruition over the next few months and years.

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Volunteer Interests

| Activity | H'Stall Village | Colden | Slack | Widdop Road | Lee Wood | Eaves | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|-------------|----------|-------|-----------|
| Good Neighbour Scheme | 32 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Community food growing | 29 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 |
| Bulb planting | 26 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| Renewable energy schemes | 24 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| Community events | 21 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 32 |
| Community floral displays | 21 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| Community composting | 22 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| Dog fouling prevention | 18 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Cobbling side streets | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 18 |
| Maintaining local historic buildings | 16 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Voluntary Driver Scheme | 12 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 18 |
| Car Journey Sharing Scheme | 9 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 |
| Signage & visitor information boards | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 14 |
| Traffic & parking | 11 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Improved Christmas street decorations | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| New services for the over 65s | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 |
| Additional community rooms/spaces | 6 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Community website development | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Youth Panel | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Parent/carer support group | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

A number of groups could be formed within the Parish on both new and existing initiatives including:

Good Neighbour Scheme (incorporating Car Driver Scheme)

Green Community Enterprise

Traffic, Parking and Road Safety

Communications (website/newsletter)

Annual Parish Event

Clean-up Scheme (litter/dog fouling issues)

Floral and Light Displays

Information Boards and Signage

Cobbling side streets

Young People's initiatives

Co-ordination of the Community-led Parish Plan implementation activities (Heptonstall Forward)

Where appropriate, groups will work in co-operation with other relevant bodies.

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If You Want To Comment

Preparation of this Community-led Plan and the researching of public opinion, on which it is based, has been a lengthy in-depth process.

That research was extremely wide-ranging and as inclusive and accurate as possible, but if having read the Plan

you wish to comment on its contents, your views will be welcome. You can do so by e-mailing the Clerk to Heptonstall Parish Council:-
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Heptonstall Parish and boundary

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