

Theale's Future Action Plan

Objective	Actions	Status	Status Indicator (Plan delivery)	TF Rep
A Safer (e.g. Reducing anti-social behaviour, reducing speed on roads, emergency planning)				
A1. Reduce speeding and enhance traffic calming	Set up process for gathering speed data especially in high risk areas - schools, elderly, surgery, recreation ground. Find and recruit 2 or 3 volunteers, train them to use SID. Identify the main road areas to target, schedule gathering of the speed data and report it back	One Parish councillor was trained to use SID. The speeds recorded were not sufficient to take strong action but choke points were created at the pedestrian crossings in Church Street and in Englefield Road. 20/01/15 - Next steps to be defined. Were the above measures sufficient? Do villagers still find speeding to be a problem?	Underway	JB
A2. Get Theale Police Station re-opened and manned.	Explore possibility of re-instating Theale Police station and use of volunteers.	The building is used for storage. 20/01/15 - The building is being sold. Progress on this no longer possible. Closing this point.	Cancelled	RY
A3. Get pedestrian crossings outside the Co-op, Lloyds bank and the surgery	Explore viability with WBC Highways Dept	A pedestrian crossing was created outside the Co-op. In spite of representations to site one outside the medical centre, WBC created several choke points in Englefield Road that were intended to slow traffic and make crossing the road easier. 20/01/15 - Next steps to be defined. Were the above measures sufficient? Do villagers still find speeding to be a problem?	Completed	RY
A4. Increase take-up of Neighbourhood Watch schemes	Publish contact details for the Neighbourhood Watch in the newsletter, on the web site and in the directory	Details were published in numerous newsletters, and one new NWS has been created.	Completed	JB
B Prosperous (e.g. Supporting economy of villages, tourism, supporting employment in rural areas)				
B1. Develop a greater spirit of community: community events	Find out what level of interest really exists (further questionnaire?). If high, set up method of identifying events and proposing, encouraging, supporting and assisting those organising them. Also publicise them on website and in newsletters. Support the Village Hall, Theale Social Club and other local organisations in whatever ways we can.	Information about local activities are put up on the website and published in the newsletter if the information is provided to TF or if TF has time to find it. There have been large community events arranged by TPC and other groups (Christmas Lights, Olympics). The Jubilee celebration were a joint enterprise initiated by the local church and supported by TF and many other local organisations.	Objective met	Required
B2. Increase the purchase/awareness of local produce	Investigate the potential of a farmers market and/or of a local producers' market and <i>ad hoc</i> events that include local producers/produce	There have been several attempts to start a farmer's market but, so far, unsuccessfully. This is ongoing.	Underway	Required

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C Healthy (e.g. fostering a sense of place and belonging, improving health and well-being of local people and young people, promoting independence of vulnerable people)				
C1. Improve the performance of the sewerage and storm drainage in Theale. Investigate with partners the difficulty of storm drainage and sewage remedial work	Make community aware of the actions to take when the flooding / blockages occur. Publish details in newsletter and on the web site.	There has been no permanent solution to the drainage and sewerage problems but Thames Water have done work on the pumping station and also regularly pump out and remove stored waste water. 20/01/15 - Some remedial work has taken place, but has the problem been solved?	Underway	VP
C2. Develop a Good Neighbour scheme	Contact WB Volunteer Centre for guidance Find a base with a phone line and what the running costs are. Volunteers to answer the phone. Also advertise for Volunteers who are able to give help and support to those who need it in the Theale Community.	Following a successful befriending scheme in Wokingham, a scheme has been started in Theale ("Theale Friends") and volunteers trained. There was also an attempt by WBC to introduce the Village Agent scheme in Theale, but no volunteers were forthcoming.	Completed	PMcK
C3. Increase bicycle usage	Encourage the use of the bicycles by publicising events, promoting cycling and cycling routes. Arrange a 'cycle to work' day. Contact 'SPOKES' to see if they want to expand into Theale.	This is an ongoing activity to encourage bicycle use and initiate bicycle routes. The main project to set up a route between Theale and Pangbourne is delayed because of the possibility of flooding along part of the route. 20/01/15 - RJ was looking into a cycle route but hit an issue with part of the route being vulnerable to flooding. JB to check on the latest information.	Issues	Required
C4. Improve provision for young people	Produce a targetted questionnaire for the pupils of Theale Green Community School (TGCS) who live in Theale. Develop links with the TGCS council. Explore initiatives with TGCS, WBC, TPC and rest of community.	This activity never got anywhere. The meagre youth provision (a youth club in Theale) was closed by WBC. A shelter in the recreation ground was provided by the PC. 20/01/2015 - A skate park has been created. Does this topic need to continue? (Questionnaire)	Objective met	Required
C5. Reinstate Theale swimming pool	Find out if money raised previously is still available Contact Holybrook and other local parishes to see if we can join forces Lobby WBC to get an indoor pool built in Theale/Calcot area.	Site of the original pool was built on. Attempts had been made by various people have not been successful.	Cancelled	

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D Greener (e.g reducing carbon footprint in the community, reducing waste and increasing recycling, encourage consumption of local produce, increasing diversity of local wildlife).				
D1. Reduce dog fouling	Educate dog walkers. Get new dog bins installed	This is an ongoing problem across the whole district. The steering group endeavoured to raise awareness of the problem with newsletter articles and a dedicated flyer. Also 2 additional dog foul bins were provided through TF. 20/01/15 - TPC has some spray paint and is spraying dog foul when seen. Is dog fouling still a problem?...	Objective met	Required
D2. Development of an environmental group	Liaise with Theale Green Community School and existing local groups, identify local environmental issues and encourage residents to join existing groups or assist in the formation of a new group(s). Promote local environmental events and the increased use of energy efficient devices via website and newsletters.	In spite of receiving about 50 expressions of interest during the questionnaire process, only 2 people came to the initial meeting and the group was not set up. Subsequent attempts to hold regular meetings in a pub were also disappointingly attended and were abandoned after about 2 years. 20/01/15 - A group was created and zero people were interested.	Cancelled	RJ
D3. Develop a Village Neighbourhood Plan	Gather together the information and material produced by the previous attempt to do this. Develop the contacts with WBC necessary to develop a Village Design Statement.	The development of a VDS was attempted a few years before the Parish Plan but, after the chairman moved away, it lost momentum and stopped. It has been kept as an activity so that, perhaps, sometime in the future, it can be continued to give an expression to the communities aspirations for building development in Theale. 20/01/15 - Village Design Statements have been replaced by Neighbourhood Plans. Objective updated.	Underway	JB
E Accessible (e.g. improving accessibility in the rural areas, using innovative ways for services to be accessed by local people).				
E1. Get a footbridge over A4 to link the village with Arlington Business Park	Lobby WBC. Identify land ownership and approach owners re use of land for a bridge. Encourage development of a viable scheme.	There was and is a strong feeling in the steering group that a safe method for pedestrians to cross the A4 needs to be provided in proximity to the junction of Hoad Way, the A4 and Waterside Drive. However, WBC have stated that there is not enough pedestrian demand and a bridge would be too expensive. 20/01/015 - Keep on the plan, but no immediate action given the current climate. If environment changes, this item may come back into play.	Paused	JB
E2. Develop Theale train station access	Identify station owners and work with them to develop access to the platforms (especially for disabled and buggy access). Identify land ownership of adjacent land and approach owners about use of land for a ramp/lift/escalator	After a lot of activity by Theale's Future, our MP and other local government bodies, and plans by the railway companies to upgrade their stations for disability access, the government has announced money for the development of a new ticket office, stairs and lifts at the eastern end of the station car park and platforms.	Underway	JB

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E3. Improve access from Theale to the farm shop at Wickcroft Farm,	Investigate the viability of a footpath to the farm shop at Wickcroft Farm,	There is a footpath by Englefield Road all the way to the A340 but none along the A340 to the farm shop. It is understood that planning permission for a new path inside the field boundary with the A340 has been granted but there is no information about when it will be implemented. 20/01/15 - Progress unknown	Underway	
E4. Keep Theale residents informed as to local facilities	Develop processes for the creation, maintenance and publication of a directory, a web site and newsletters. Keep information on local groups and organisations and events updated through the directory, website and newsletters	This activity is a permanently ongoing one which involved starting and maintaining a website, a newsletter, and directory of local organisations. In addition TF collaborated with the PC to upgrade the PC notice board and provide a separate TF noticeboard on the other side. The directory is irregularly maintained but the website is maintained, a TF e-mail address is available and newsletters are produced approximately quarterly. In addition special information flyers have been produced on IKEA and dog fouling. 20/01/15 - This is progressing (newsletter/website). Facebook page added and Twitter account exists. (What else can be done? Publicity officer? Seek input from community groups?)	Objective met	RY
E5. Improve availability of bus timetables	Put on Village Website. Encourage bus company to put up more timetables - also at train station	The bus companies have put up new bus stops with information about the times buses are due at the stop. The bus times are not yet available at the railway station. 20/01/15 - Bus companies have now added electronic timetables. Still need to check for bus times at the railway station.	Completed	RY