

Culture

The community area has a rich cultural heritage, with the Abbey being a tourist attraction for many visitors. Over 60,000 people visit the Abbey and the Abbey House gardens each year. There is an active Civic Trust and central Malmesbury has been designated as an 'outstanding' Conservation Area.

Headline Issues

Village facilities, a strong sense of community, importance of village halls

Six a Side Football Tournament, Oaksey Fun Day 2004



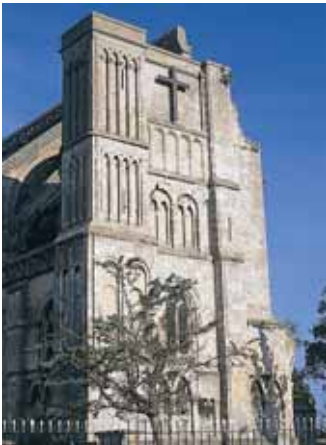
Concerns and priorities	What is currently happening	The next steps	Targets and milestones
Village facilities	Amenities in Brinkworth	To maintain and enhance safe playground and sporting facilities for younger residents	To provide an accessible focal point for village events where accommodation, recreation land and parking are all together by 2012
	Village facilities in Charlton . Considerable updating is required to the village hall to comply with the Disabilities Discrimination Act (DDA) legislation. Of particular note is the provision of a toilet adapted for disabled users, the implementation of a hearing loop and changes to the car parking area. Much of the equipment in the playground requires replacing and also needs to comply with DDA legislation	The Village Hall Committee has begun this process by commissioning a surveyor to draw up plans for some of these changes and the aim is to continue this process and seek funding for the changes in 2005. We are setting up a Playground Committee, inviting views and support from those who currently use the playground and will attempt to raise funding to make these changes in 2005	Seek funding in 2005
	Great Somerford wishes to update playground facilities and maintain these through volunteer support and to ensure the continued provision of village amenities by encouraging the use of the shop, pub etc. Great Somerford youth erected a skateboard arena, but this was taken down when deemed unsafe	Ensure that future transport facilities take account of the needs of young persons. Find an appropriate venue for, and construct a village hall in Great Somerford	With the involvement of young villagers provide a skateboard/BMX park for the community

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<p>When consulted on this plan, the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust commented that open spaces play an important role in the community and these areas can be improved for wildlife with the help of the community. Perhaps this could be integrated with the conservation targets. We are keen to see sustainability issues, which includes environmental sustainability, running as a thread throughout the community area plan.</p>	<p>Little Somerford values highly its village hall, public house and play areas and excellent village shop and post office in Great Somerford</p>	Continue to seek a solution to the car parking problem at the public house	Ongoing
	<p>Need youth facilities and access for young people in Great and Little Somerford and St Paul Malmesbury Without</p>	Finance for the skateboard park in Malmesbury approved by Area Committee. Need to provide access from Great and Little Somerford and St Paul Malmesbury Without (and other villages) to Malmesbury's youth facilities, especially the skateboard park	Ongoing
	<p>Amenities for youth in Crudwell</p>	To provide an accessible focal point for the youth of the village; to maintain and enhance safe playground and sporting facilities for younger residents; to foster the village primary school	Upgraded play area for use by everyone in the community
	<p>Playground equipment in Dauntsey. Playground equipment needs upgrading. ROSPA express concerns about the slide and little provision for special needs children and carers. Brook at end of grass area needs basic fencing for safety</p>	Fund raise for new equipment. Funding towards community facilities at the new school hall will prove invaluable and help create community cohesion in our geographically split parish	Ongoing
<p>Young People Comment</p> <p>When developing community facilities, ensure young people are involved in the whole process to gain ownership</p>	<p>Loss of the village hall in Hullavington following a fire. 97% of respondents to a recent survey want a new hall to be built, where they would like to be able to take part in eg badminton, dance, photography, table tennis, birds and nature, skittles, quizzes, history and archaeology, music, amateur dramatics.</p>	59% of respondents thought the new hall should be financed through using the money from the insurance and seeking additional funds through the Public Works Loan Board	Ongoing
	<p>Sports amenities in Lea and Cleverton</p>	Maintain and improve the Jubilee playing field for the benefit of parishioners of all ages and abilities and to encourage active sports participation	Ongoing

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<p>Village facilities</p>	<p>In consultation with other parishes, St Paul Malmesbury Without will provide and maintain the recreation areas that it already has ie skate parks and look into the future not just tomorrow</p> <p>Present village hall in Sherston is proving to be inadequate in size due to increased use and growth of population. Ensure ownership of old school field to rear of village hall in Sherston is obtained by the village hall. Anticipated sale by Wiltshire County Council and the Bristol Diocese in 2005. Village hall seeking finance from local trust for purchase</p> <p>Fundraising and grants have enabled a small committee to finance new play equipment in Oaksey. Oaksey Playing Field Trust, with support from the Parish Council, provides football and cricket pitches</p> <p>Minety's youth would like somewhere to hang out, somewhere to skateboard and the ability to go places independently. Youth action initiatives have provided youth club, youth shelter, discos and band nights</p>	<p>St Paul Malmesbury Without: lack of youth facilities. More facilities for young people independent of parents needed and at a cost young people can afford</p> <p>Obtain funding for a feasibility study for an extension and, if positive, seek full finance and planning permission. Lobby for field to be retained for community use by village hall and oppose any possible residential development</p> <p>Construction of play equipment to be completed by March 2005</p> <p>Future activities include the development of a cinema, trips to places of interest and sports</p>	<p>No targets at present</p> <p>Obtain feasibility study by end of 2006. If positive, obtain funding and planning permission by 2009 with extension in place by 2011. Obtain field for village hall in 2006</p> <p>The Trust should investigate possibilities of providing extra facilities such as tennis courts and the need for improved drainage of the field</p> <p>No targets at present</p>
<p>Young People Comment</p> <p>Consultation with young people shows that they would like a cinema and better park. People aged between 14 to 18 years particularly wanted skate parks.</p>	<p>Amenities in Luckington and Alderton</p>	<p>To maintain and enhance safe playground and sporting facilities for younger residents. To ensure that the needs of older members of the community are met and that clubs continue and that the Luckington village hall is sustained as a good gathering place</p>	<p>To improve Alderton village hall so that it can also be used as a community amenity</p>

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Village Facilities	<p>Lack of village hall in Easton Grey</p> <p>More youth and sports facilities required.</p>	<p>Investigate need and demand for village hall</p> <p>Worthey Sports Association (WSA) investigating viability of providing rugby, cricket and netball clubs, plus a skateboard park</p>	<p>No targets at present</p> <p>Acquire land by 2006/07</p>
Town Facilities	<p>Preserve Malmesbury Town Hall. Many local residents consider that the Town Hall provides a centre for Malmesbury's cultural, educational and social life. Groups such as yoga, several dance classes, Malmesbury Bridge Group, Karate, Diet and Exercise classes, WRVS Luncheon Club and Malmesbury Walkers Club currently use the Town Hall and may not be able to find other accessible and affordable premises to hold their activities. There is also the tourist information centre, the museum, the theatre group space and the pre-school</p>	<p>District Council considering options for future use of the Town Hall including the Athelstan Museum. A suggestion has been made that perhaps the Filands site could be considered for planning future community, recreational, civic and cultural needs</p>	<p>No targets present</p>
<p>Sense of community</p> 	<p>Communications and sense of community in Brokenborough</p>	<p>Develop a village event eg a fete; circulate a regular newsletter; establish a central meeting place for the local community eg a village shop/hall</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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Rural arts	<p>Promote culture eg rural arts in villages, maintain village halls in community. Rural Arts funding has enabled events in village halls. Library holds performance events such as the annual poetry event.</p> <p>Minety Nites promotes events in the village: music, theatre, poetry and comedy</p>	<p>Funding sought to increase number, frequency and variety of events. Approach Malmesbury School - special status 'performing arts' regarding community events</p>	<p>To hold 2 new events per annum</p>
Citizenship and participation	<p>Promote citizenship and community identity in Malmesbury through the 'Tomorrow's Voices' panel and the Youth forum. Malmesbury school currently represented at the North Wiltshire Young People's Council</p>	<p>Engage more youth in democratic process through schools and youth centre.</p>	<p>Active participation by youth in Local Democracy Week</p>
Communications	<p>Keep local people informed about what is happening</p> <p>Maintain the newsletter as a means of communication with all villagers in Hankerton</p>	<p>Provide notice boards to publicise public events and better information about how resources are really spent and how budgets are appropriated</p> <p>Continue to maintain and improve the newsletter</p>	<p>Investigate opportunities for a project led by young people through the Young People's Council</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

We would like to thank everyone across the community area for expressing their views in order that they can be captured in this Plan. A unique feature of developing the Plan has been the representation from the town and all 18 parishes; many of who have made up the Malmesbury & Villages Community Core Group. This group have been key to parish involvement in this process and we look forward to developing this further.

The Community Plan spans the coming 10 years, although it is accepted that throughout that period there will be a need to keep it updated to ensure that it continues to reflect the community aspirations and development.

The next steps will be to develop the Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership, a larger group of enthusiastic people who are keen to tackle some of the issues and work with others to seek satisfactory solutions. Many of the issues identified are rarely the sole responsibility of any one group or statutory agency to address, rather it will be essential to work together if we want to turn aspirations into action and to seek funding to do this.

We will identify the issues and schemes to be tackled over the coming 18 months and we need your support and involvement to ensure we can do this. This way we plan to continue to secure a healthy and vibrant sense of community.

We would welcome your views on the Plan and your willingness to join us to help make things happen.

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