

Appendix 4: Community Actions

An overview

The work undertaken as part of the Community Led Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan has highlighted a number of action points that fall outside the scope of a planning policy via a Neighbourhood Plan. This chapter provides an up-to-date list of these community actions to be led or sponsored by the Parish Council. This list supersedes the items included in the Community Led Plan. Many of these community actions are referred to in this document under applicable policy headings. See Chapter 5 for an overview of how the Neighbourhood Plan vision, objectives, planning policies and community actions relate to one another.

Community Actions

Community Action 1: Liaise with landowners and other stakeholders to ensure hedgerows along identified Important Countryside Frontages are maintained.

Community Action 2: Through negotiation with relevant landowners and potential local fundraising secure early repair and restoration of the visually important walls along the north and south boundaries of Heydon Lane as this enters Heydon from the eastern village gateway.

Community Action 3: Secure review and explore extension of the existing Heydon Conservation Area (1979) boundary to incorporate land to the east of the church which includes the site of the former moated structure known as Earles/Earlesbury, land to the east of Chishill Road including the former Wood Green Animal Shelter site and land to the north of Chishill Road opposite Miss Long's Cottage and the former Wood Green Animal Shelter.

Community Action 4: Encourage and facilitate collective sustainability initiatives on energy provision and recycling.

Community Action 5: Work with CCC to secure a 6 port EV charging facility for the village in a practical and appropriate location.

Community Action 6: Support and facilitate a process of registering potential candidate trees with Ancient Tree Inventory hosted by the Woodland Trust.

Community Action 7: Develop with relevant authorities and landowners, appropriate management policies for identified open spaces and features within the village e.g. the Bran Ditch triangle on Fowlmere Road, village green, Church Field/Earlesbury, Spring Pond, churchyard and pond and road verges.

Community Action 8: The Parish Council will encourage wide participation within the community in initiatives to preserve, enhance and maintain biodiversity and wildlife corridors.

Community Action 9: Support and facilitate, where appropriate, a process for particularly notable trees and groups of trees to be given Tree Preservation Order designation via the local planning authority.

Community Action 10: Work with landowners and relevant authorities to restore and strengthen the network of existing hedgerows and verges in the Parish.

Community Action 11: Identify a potential location, for example the church, for a village meeting space within the village and subject to s106 and other funds being available pursue negotiation and secure such a facility for long term use of the community.

Community Action 12: Identify and secure a site for a safe community recreation/play area within the parish subject to available funding.

Community Action 13: Work towards the provision of safe pedestrian access to Heydon Chalk Pit through formal landowner negotiation to secure, for example, permissive footpath access.

Community Action 14: Work with landowners to improve the network and stewardship of existing footpaths and seek negotiated access to areas such as Heydon Valley, Valley Plantation and Chishill Down through, for example, permissive footpaths to create more circular routes.

Community Action 15: Develop a strategy to better manage speeding vehicles in the village.

Community Action 16: Work with landowners and others to develop a strategy to manage increasing heavy goods traffic in the parish.

Community Action 17: The Parish Council will work with suppliers and relevant authorities to secure provision of high-speed fibre broadband to the village.