



Why do a Community-led Plan?

Community-led plans can:

- help to shape a future that the community wants to see, rather than the one it could have avoided;
- influence decision making bodies to work with your community on taking positive actions forward;
- Above all, help to bring groups and individuals in the community together to work towards a common goal.

How can RCCE help your local community?

RCCE is here to empower your community to influence its own future.

If you wish to arrange a meeting, request an Information Pack to guide you through the process of your community-led plan, or find out more about Parish Plans and Village Design Statements, contact your local RCCE Field Officer or visit our website.

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Community-led Planning

Giving local people a voice to make decisions for the future

At RCCE, we believe that communities have the power to influence change. We work with local communities to plan for their future, by supporting parish councils and community groups in the production of community-led plans.

Our dedicated team of Field Officers can provide direct support by attending meetings, advising on funding and how to involve everyone in the project. We can also put you in touch with other communities who have completed community-led plans and shaped their own future.



What are Community-led Plans?

Parish Plans (or Town Plans) and Village Design Statements are both types of community-led planning. The characteristics of community-led plans are:

- **They are produced by the community at a very local level, thereby representing the parish as a whole**
- **They enable local community groups to become actively involved in the decision making process affecting the future of their parish**

The process of producing a community-led plan establishes local needs and aspirations, highlights issues and priorities, and develops a vision for the future of the community.



What is a Parish Plan?

A Parish Plan determines the future of where you live and how it can change for the better. It is a document that sets out a vision for the future of the parish and outlines how that can be achieved in an Action Plan.

The Parish Plan process may include:

- **A Village Appraisal - a household questionnaire to assess needs and aspirations of local people**
- **Participatory Appraisals - hands-on interactive workshops**
- **Business Surveys**
- **Creation of an Action Plan**

What is a Village Design Statement?

A Village Design Statement provides an opportunity for your community to describe how they feel the physical character of the parish can be enhanced.

It is a document that identifies what is special, unique and distinctive about the character of the parish.

It provides design guidance to influence change and improve the physical qualities of the area.