



# The Village Action Plan 2016

## Introduction

In 2012, the residents of Quendon and Rickling were asked to complete a Community Questionnaire. From the information and statistics gathered in response to this, a group of volunteers published The Quendon & Rickling Village Plan in the summer of 2015. This document not only provides a snapshot of life in the community, but also highlights recommendations for further actions that should be taken to address the issues raised by residents.

This Action Plan is the next step in achieving the initial objectives of this process: taking stock of local infrastructure and services, identifying the needs of the community and preserving what is good in our villages. This is a working document and will be under constant review. It not only prioritises the proposed actions, but also identifies which agencies may be involved in working towards the suggested targets. It may not be possible to act upon every recommendation in the short term, but each will be fully investigated and closely monitored.

The current Action Group will oversee this process, but more volunteers will be needed to form small working groups who will work together on various areas of The Plan over the coming months. If you would like to volunteer, then please contact a member of the Action Group listed below:

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*Abbreviations used:*

*ECC – Essex County Council,*

*PC – Parish Council*

*PCC – Parochial Church Council*

*UDC – Uttlesford District Council*

## ENVIRONMENT

Page	Topic	Recommended Actions	Partners	Timescales	Priority
13	Dog Waste - 1	Place notices at each entrance to the woods reminding owners to clear up after their dogs.	PC & UDC	1-2 years	2
13	Dog Waste - 2	An additional dog waste bin sited at the Brick Kiln Lane entrance to the woods.	PC & UDC Dog Owners	1-2 years	2
13	Environment **	Establish a team of volunteers to work with landowners and agencies to maintain areas for the community and wildlife.	The Community Landowners Essex Wildlife UDC & Highways	1-2 years	1
13	Footpaths	Set up a regular 'Village Footpath Survey' to inspect each footpath and report any problems to local landowners and relevant agencies.	The Community Landowners PC & Highways	1 year	1
13	Litter Picking and General Upkeep **	Establish a team of volunteers to act as working parties throughout the village to carry out remedial work.	The Community Landowners PC & UDC Highways	1 year	1

## Transport and Road Safety

15	Public Transport**	Monitor local feedback and pass comments on to the bus operators. Monitor current 'Essex Bus' consultation.	Bus Operators ECC	Ongoing	3
15	Belchams Lane - 1	Extend 30mph speed limit to junction with B1383.	PC & UDC ECC & Highways	1 year	1

\*\* Also covered in Transport & Road Safety section.

\*\* Also covered in Recreation, Leisure and The Community.

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15	Belchams Lane - 2	Regular clearance of verges	PC & UDC ECC & Highways	Ongoing	1
15	Belchams Lane - 3	Review junction with B1383 with appropriate authorities. Determine status of the informal tarmacadam area currently used for turning and parking.	PC & UDC ECC & Highways	3 years	1
16	Rickling Green Rd - 1	Continue to notify both local residents and other road users of the need to park 'with consideration'.	Local Residents PC Local Police	1 year	1
16	Rickling Green Rd - 2	Liaise with the School and Public House management on means to alleviate parking problems at peak times.	The School Cricketers Arms PC ECC & Highways	1 year	1
16	Rickling Green Rd - 3	Investigate means of enforcing the speed limit along this road and within the villages generally.	PC Local Police ECC & Highways	2 years	1
16	Rickling Green Rd - 4	Lobby local authorities to impose double yellow lines at the junction with B1383.	PC Local Police ECC & Highways	2 years	2
16	Pavements and Footpaths - 1 **	Ensure that areas under the control of local authorities are cleared of overgrown vegetation that obstructs the public rights of way. Encourage householders and landowners to maintain their boundaries; cutting back all vegetation that encroaches upon public rights of way.	ECC & Highways PC & UDC Residents Landowners	1 year	1
16	Pavements and Footpaths - 2	Create a dual-purpose cycle-way and pavement from Stansted to Newport. Ultimately, along the entire length of the B1383	Adjoining PCs UDC ECC & Highways	Ongoing	4

\*\* Also mentioned in Environment section.

## Local Services

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17	Service Providers - 1	PC to continue monitoring state of the drainage, reporting any incidents to Anglian Water. Liaison between Anglian Water and community essential to ensure minimum disturbance when maintenance work is carried out	PC Anglian Water	1	2
17	Service Providers – 2	Establish a network of volunteers to supplement services such as transport to hospital or local surgeries.	PC, PCC, <i>The Link</i> Webmaster, Facebook	1-2 years	1
17	Service Providers - 3	Monitor the quality of Emergency Services	<i>The Link</i> Webmaster, Facebook	2-3 years	3
17	Crime - 1	Appointment of a new Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator	PC & Uttlesford Neighbourhood- Watch	1-2 years	2
17	Crime - 2	Promote a greater awareness of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and find ways of encouraging a wider readership of The Observer.	<i>The Link</i>	1 year	1
17	Crime - 3	Encourage more engagement with the Local Constabulary to enable a better understanding of local policing.	Local Police PC	1-2 years	2
18	Communications - 1	More work is needed to identify which TV service people are using to be able to form a clear plan of action.	The Community Service Providers	2-3 years	3
18	Communications - 2	Further discussion and lobbying Essex Superfast Broadband to ensure that we are included in the 87% fibre-optic coverage. Likewise other service providers regarding upgrades to their services and equipment.	Essex Superfast Broadband, BT PC & UDC	1 year	1

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19	Communications -3**	Encourage people to use the existing information platforms in the village: <i>The Link</i> , Village Website and 3 notice boards. A supplement in <i>The Link</i> for younger members of the community.	<i>The Link</i> , Facebook Twitter	1-2 years	3
19	Communications - 4**	As the demographics of the village change, explore the use of social media and mobile services to keep in touch with residents. It is crucial to get more residents actively involved in generating and improving communications networks within the village.	Webmaster, Facebook Twitter & <i>The Link</i>	1-2 years	2
19	Communication - 5	Consider using Google Groups Forum, as used by a neighbouring village, to air residents' views on topics of local interest.	PC Grt. Chesterford PC Facebook	1-2 years	2
19	Street Lighting	Monitor the Parish Council's proposed investigation to assess the need and possible cost of improvement to the village lighting.	PC ECC & Highways AJ Lighting Lighting Companies	1-2 years	2

\*\* Also covered in Young People's section.

### Local Government and Planning

20	Local Government - 1	A page in <i>The Link</i> devoted to important contact numbers, e.g. emergency numbers for Utility Services, Dial-A-Ride, Neighbourhood Watch, Citizens Advice etc.	<i>The Link</i>	1 year	1
20	Local Government - 2	Use <i>The Link</i> and the website to explain the role of local government in the community.	<i>The Link</i> Webmaster	1 year	2

## Recreation, Leisure and The Community

Page	Topic	Recommended Actions	Partners	Timescale	Priority
20	Clubs and Activities**	Encourage local clubs and groups to make better use of <i>The Link</i> and Village Website. Include details of activities in neighbouring villages.	Village Hall Committee <i>The Link</i> Webmaster Local villages	1-2 years	3
23	Foxley House Playground**	Discuss/Explore options for the design of the playground and play equipment.	PC Developers Parents Suppliers of Play Equipment	1-2 years	1
24	Quality of life in the community	The Parish Council and Parochial Church Council should be asked to consider ways in which they could work together to address community issues as they arise.	PC PCC	1 year	1
24	Facilities for The Future - 1**	Consult ECC and local bus operators to establish future plans for local bus services.	PC & ECC Local Bus Operators	1-2 years	3
24	Facilities for The Future - 2	Further investigation into a Community Shopping Scheme.	Local Shops The Community	2-3 years	3
25	Changes residents would like to see in Q & R	The Parish needs to take a decision on which of these should be pursued and notice should be taken of the weight of responses elsewhere in the questionnaire.	The Community PC	Ongoing and subject to review	3

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## Young People

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27	Play Areas**	Liase with local planners and developers to ensure there is adequate play areas for young children.	PC & UDC Developers	1-3 years	1
27	Youth Club	Set up a Youth Group where young people can meet to arrange events etc.	Young People Parents Youth workers PC	1-2 years	1
27	Youth Groups	Organise a 'taster' session where local youth groups and sports clubs could provide information about what is available in the area.	Youth Groups Sports Clubs Residents UDC	1 year	1
27	Communications**	Use Facebook, Twitter, the Village Website and <i>The Link</i> as a forum for Young People; to be monitored by an adult, but any input should be from the young people themselves.	The Community Parents Young People <i>The Link</i>	1	2

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## Business and Trade

28	Liaison with Local Businesses	Align the thoughts of local business people with those of the village residents.	The Community Local Businesses	1 year	1
28	Business Forum	Discuss the need for this with local businesses.	All local-based businesses	1-2 years	2