



DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Duston Parish Council
Duston Community Centre
Pendle Road
Duston
Northampton
NN5 6DT

Community Services Committee

Clr Maitland, Clr Enright-King, Clr Golby, Clr Roper, Clr Ennis-Clark

3rd November 2023

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held at Duston Community Centre on Thursday 9th November 2023 commencing at 7pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Issued by:

Gary Youens
Parish Clerk, Duston Parish Council

AGENDA

CSC33/23. To receive apologies for absence

CSC34/23. To receive and approve the minutes of the Community Services Committee on 30th August 2023 (APPENDIX A)

CSC35/23. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda (*Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed*)

and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business).

CSC36/23. Public Participation Session (*Persons wishing to address the committee on an agenda item may register their intention to do so by telephone or email by 12 noon on the day of the meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes).*

CSC37/23. Community Service Committee Working Parties

- To receive reports back on the following working parties
 - Good Neighbours: Cllr Golby (Chair), Enright-King
 - Promotion & Marketing: Cllrs Ennis-Clark & Enright-King
 - Youth: Cllr Roper (Chair), Maitland, Golby & Ennis-Clark
 - Limehurst Shopping Centre: Cllr Maitland

CSC38/23. The Grow Together Allotment Report

- To receive a report on the recent activities of The Grow Together Allotment

CSC39/23. Duston Resident setting up a Charity

- To receive a presentation from a local resident in setting up a charity

CSC40/23. DPC Health & Wellbeing Strategy

- To discuss next steps in devising and putting together a Health & Wellbeing Strategy as agreed at Full Council on 2nd November 2023 (APPENDIX B)

CSC41/23. Limehurst Square Resurface

- To discuss doing an official relaunch of Limehurst Square following the resurfacing.
Proposed by Cllr Maitland

CSC42/23. Lamp post Hanging Baskets

- To discuss and agree the proposal of purchasing hanging baskets on lampposts.
 - a) Four Limehurst Square / Pendle Road area
 - b) Four around the shops at Weggs Farm Road
 - c) To be funded from CIL. No more than £1000 in total (excluding VAT)

CSC43/23. DPC Four Year Plan

- To discuss and review the relevant parts of the DPC Four Year Plan.
(APPENDIX C)

CSC44/23. Youth Provision

- a) To receive an update from the Clerk
- b) The Clerk to agree the Service Level Agreement in consultation with two nominated councillors

CSC45/23. Successful Grant Application Report

- To receive a report on successful grant applications (APPENDIX D)

CSC46/23. Local Dog Parks

- Discuss the idea of “Dog Parks” in Duston.
Proposed by Cllr Maitland

CSC47/23. Parish Council Noticeboards

- To agree the noticeboards are currently adequate and no change needed.



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Community Services Committee Minutes
Thursday 30th August 2023 7pm

CLr Maitland, CLr Enright-King, CLr Roper, CLr Ennis-Clark

Chair: CLr S Maitland

Councillors Present: Ennis-Clark, Enright-King, Golby, Roper.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary Youens – Clerk

Ryan Ikavnieks – Assistant Clerk

Alison Grantham – Business and Community Development Officer

CSC21/23. To receive apologies for absence

- **RESOLVED:** Apologies were received from CLr Golby.

CSC22/23. To receive and approve the minutes of the Community Services Committee on 12th July 2023

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CSC23/23. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda

- Members were reminded of the need to declare any interests in the items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. There were no interests declared.

CSC31/23. Parish Council Noticeboards

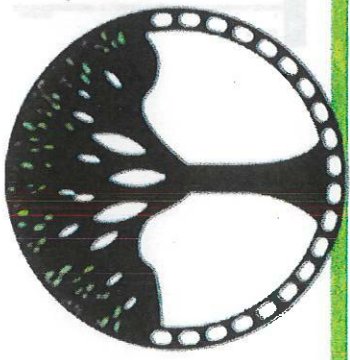
- **RESOLVED:** That the item is deferred until the next ordinary Community Services Committee (Thursday 9th November 2023)

CSC32/23. Christmas Events

- Committee was advised staff are already working on events in the run up to Christmas. Staff said it was a good suggestion and something that can be considered for 2024. However, the Chair of the Committee said that there was staff capacity and resources to do the event this year.
- **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk present a report to the next Council meeting.

Meeting finished at 8:26pm

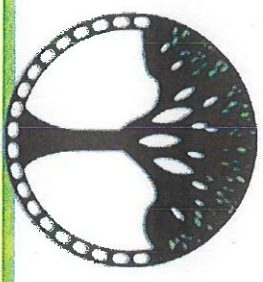
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Health & Wellbeing Strategy Proposal





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Health & Wellbeing Strategy Proposal



- So much great work happening
- Free advice and guidance
- Moulton Parish example
- Align our strategy with wider system
- Benefit of our residents



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West Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Improving Mental Health and Wellbeing

**Sally Burns, Director of Public
Health**




Health and Wellbeing in West Northamptonshire, August 2022

Start Well

-  4,647 babies were born in 2021.
-  12.3% of mothers smoked at the time of birth in 2020/21. This is worse than the England average.
-  The population of West Northamptonshire was 425,700 in 2021.
-  72% of children achieved a good level of development at the end of reception class in 2019.
-  14% of children aged under 16 lived-in low-income families in 2020/21. This is better than the England average.
-  21% of children in reception class were overweight or obese in 2019/20. This is better than the England average.*
-  30% of children in Year 6 were overweight or obese in 2019/20. This is better than the England average.*
-  73% of young people gained a standard pass (4) in English and Maths GCSEs in 2021.
-  The Chlamydia detection rate was 1,417 per 100,000 in 15- to 24-year-olds in 2020. This is below the national target range.
-  There were 10 pregnancies in females aged under 18 per 1,000 girls aged 15 to 17, in 2020. This is lower than the England average.

Live Well

-  A 2018 based projection estimated there were 170,103 households in West Northamptonshire in 2021.
-  The average salary (persons) in 2020 was £32,467. This was an increase of 2% compared to 2019.
-  78% of adults were employed in 2020/21. This is similar to the England average.
-  9% of households experienced fuel poverty in 2018.
-  There were 374 new sexually transmitted infections per 100,000 population in 2020. This is lower than the England average.
-  63% of adults were physically active in 2020/21. This is worse than the England average.
-  52% of the population aged 16+ ate their "5-a-day" in 2019/20. This is worse than the England average.
-  69% of adults were overweight or obese in 2020/21. This is worse than the England average.
-  There were 467 alcohol related hospital admissions per 100,000 population in 2020/21. This is similar to the England average.
-  15% of adults smoked in 2019. This is similar to the England average.
-  There were 8 suicides per 100,000 population in 2018-2020. This is lower than the England average.



There were 297 hospital admissions for self-harm per 100,000 population in 2020/21. This is worse than the England average.



There were 3 deaths from drug misuse per 100,000 population in 2018-2020. This is lower than the England average.



42 people were killed or seriously injured on roads per 100,000 population in the 2016-2018. This is similar to the England average.



There were 26 deaths from preventable cardiovascular diseases per 100,000 population in 2017-2019. This is similar to the England average.






There were 20 deaths in under 75s from preventable respiratory diseases per 100,000 population in 2017-2019. This is similar to the England average.



There were 54 deaths from preventable cancers per 100,000 population in 2017-2019. This is similar to the England average.

Age Well

-  There were 2,727 hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65+ per 100,000 65+ population in 2020/21. This is worse than the England average.
-  The average male life expectancy was 79.8 in 2018-2020. This is better than the England average.
-  The average female life expectancy was 82.8 in 2018-2020. This is worse than the England average.

* Please note that figures on childhood excess weight should be interpreted with caution due to low 2019/20 NCFP participation.

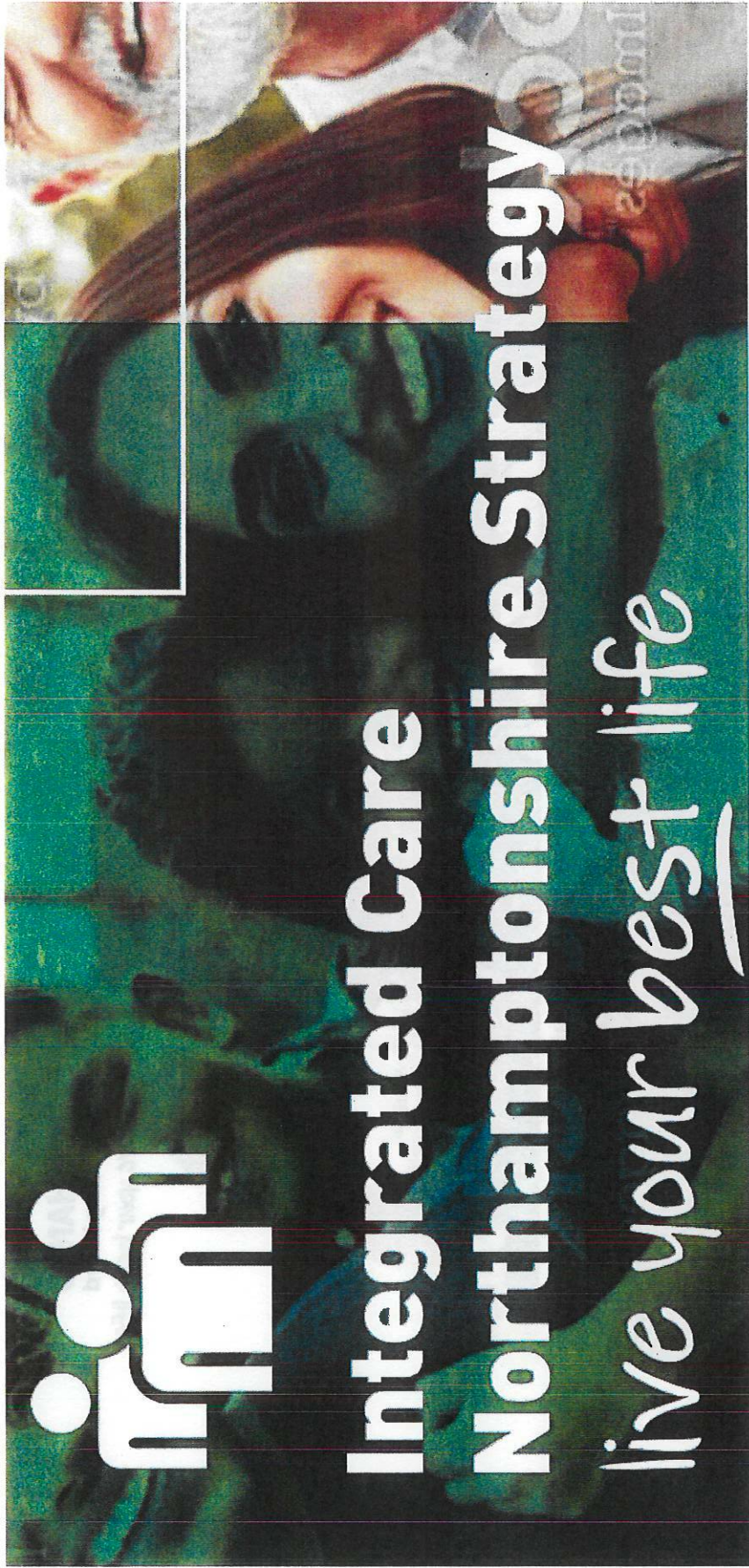
Health & Wellbeing Strategy

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Integrated Care Northamptonshire Strategy

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Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

2023-2028



Health & Wellbeing Strategy

Our shared vision

We want to work better together to create a place where people are active, confident and enjoy good health and wellbeing. A West Northamptonshire where people can see and feel a bright future for quality support and services when they need help.

Across the life course we are committed to



Starting Well



Living Well



Ageing Well

Our approach

1. Prevention as a priority
2. Tackling health and wellbeing inequalities
3. The importance of 'Place' and delivery through our Local Area Partnerships and Local Area Forums
4. An evidence-based and community insight led approach
5. Co-production

Our approach to promoting positive mental wellbeing

10 Keys to Happier Living

 Giving Do kind things for others	 Relating	 Exercising Use core of your body	 Awareness Be aware of your feelings	 Trying Out Keep learning new things
 Direction	 Resilience Find ways to bounce back	 Emotions Know what you're feeling	 Acceptance Be comfortable with who you are	 Meaning

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Live Your Best Life Ambitions

Best Start in Life

Access to the best available education and learning

Opportunity to be fit, well and independent

Employment that keeps them and their families out of poverty

Housing that is affordable, safe, and sustainable in places which are clean and green

To feel safe in their homes and when out and about

Connected to their families and friends

The chance for a fresh start when things go wrong

Access to health and social care when they need it

To be accepted and valued simply for who they are

West Northamptonshire Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy

- Statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Outlines the priority areas and how we would like to work together to improve people's health and reduce health inequalities that exist in West Northamptonshire
- Must takes into account local people's needs – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Extensive Engagement
- Outcomes Framework Agreed
- Aligns to Corporate Strategy and wider strategic boards etc
- Final version to be presented to Health and Wellbeing Board September 2023



Ambition 3 – Opportunities to be Fit, Well and Independent

We will statement	High Level Objective	Key actions and Dates	RAG Action In Progress	Indicator	System Outcome Measure	Oversight Board
<p>Through the Mental Health and Learning Disability Collaborative, and the Mental Health Prevention Action Plan, we are working together across the system to promote emotional wellbeing and mental health.</p>	<p>Deliver the Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action 2022-2025</p>			<p>Reduction in lives lost to suicide</p>	<p>Adolescent self-reported wellbeing (SHEU)</p>	<p>Suicide Prevention Steering Group</p>
	<p>Implement the MH and SP training framework for the community, frontline staff across the system & local businesses April 2024</p>	<p>Develop and implement mental health and suicide prevention training for Primary Care staff April 2024</p>		<p>Number of People trained</p>		
	<p>Deliver Annual Health Checks to >80% of QOF SMI Register</p>	<p>Outreach locations agreed and checks delivered in community reaching most vulnerable April 2024</p> <p>Develop pathways for those people on the QOF SMI register who receive an annual health check to be referred to for appropriate support April 2024</p>		<p>% people receiving SMI HCs</p>		<p>MHLDA</p>
<p>We will enhance opportunities for active travel through the development and implementation of the Council's new Local Transport Plan, due for adoption in 2024/25. Additionally, through the development of Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans across West Northamptonshire.</p>	<p>Ensure the Local Transport Plan responds to health needs and inequalities</p>	<p>Support HIA of Local Transport Plan</p>		<p>Numbers using public transport</p>		<p>Transport Plan Board</p>
	<p>Implement LCWIPs across Northampton, Towcester and Daventry that increase active travel opportunities</p>	<p>Development of Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans across West Northamptonshire in response to need</p>		<p>Increased use of active travel methods</p>		

Scorecard & Reporting

Proposed early development of a Health & Wellbeing Board Scorecard – example for Ambition 2

Live Your Best Life Outcome Framework

Metric	Current Data		Previous Data		Comparator		Local Area Partnership Data (based on person home postcode)									
	Period	Outcome	Period	Outcome	Period	Regional	North East	North South	North West	North Central	North North	Rural North	Rural West	Rural South	Rural East	
Average attainment % score of all pupils	2021-22	48.2	2020-21	-	2021-22	47.7	48.8									
Proportion of pupils achieving English & Maths 5+	2021-22	48.3%	2020-21	-	2021-22	47.5%	49.8%									
Proportion of SEND children (those on EHCIP) who are actively home educated	Aug 23	1.19%	Aug 22	1.01%	2021-22	0.66	0.67	0.09	0.08	0.11	0.07	0.05	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.03
Rate of permanent exclusions (per 100 pupils)	2021-22	0.06	2020-21	0.05	2021-22	0.67	6.1	5.39	7.60	6.53	12.84	8.91	3.46	2.13	2.62	4.02
Rate of suspensions (per 100 pupils)	2021-22	6.51	2020-21	3.69	2021-22	7.5%	7.9%									
Overall Absence - Proportion of Season's Pupil	2021-22	7.3%	2020-21	4.0%	2021-22	95.9%	95.6%									
Proportion of those aged 16-17 in Education, Employment or Training	Jun 23	95.9%	Jun 22	95.8%	2021-22	95.9%	95.6%									

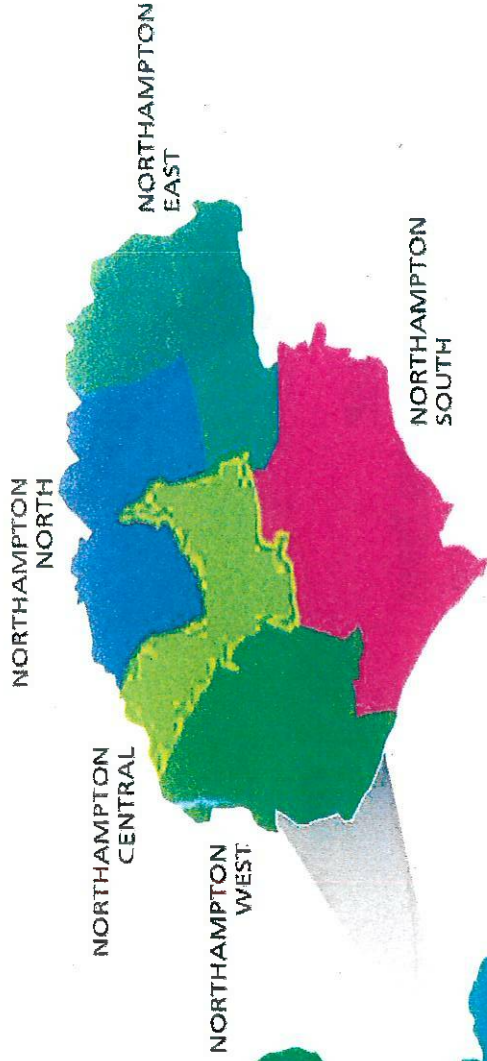
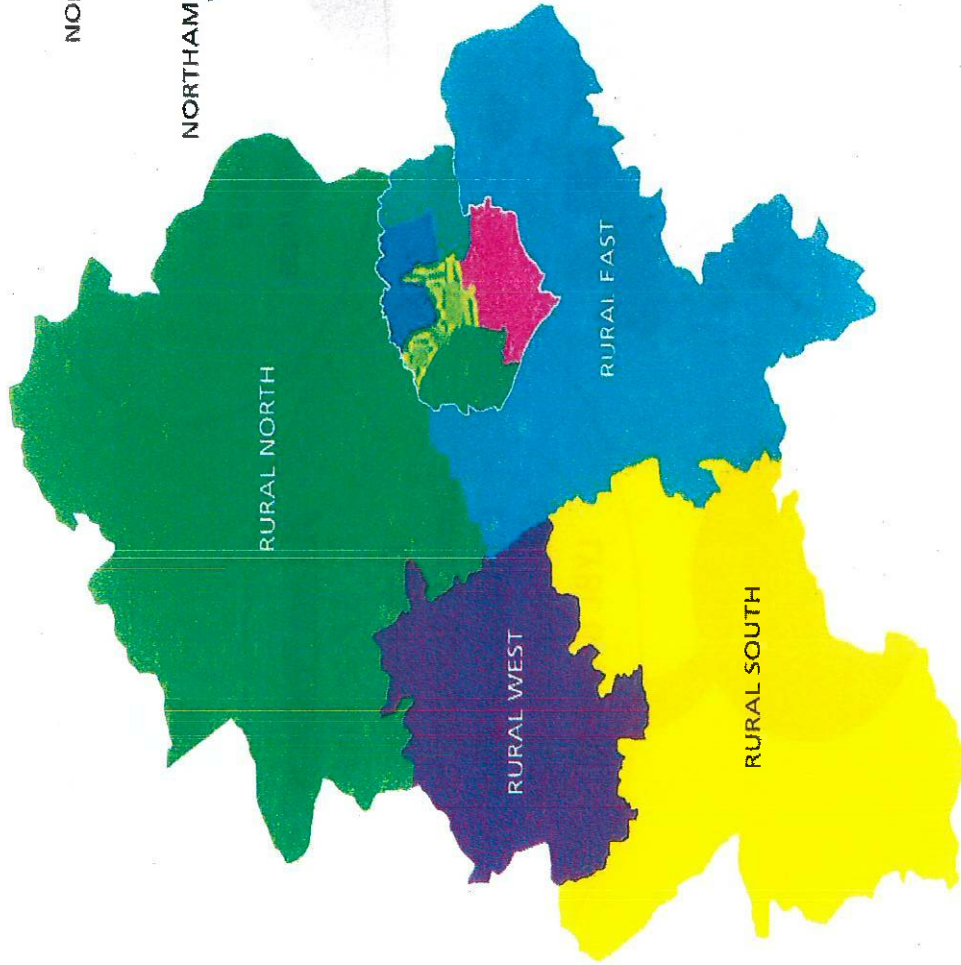
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Similar to West Northants

Worse than West Northants

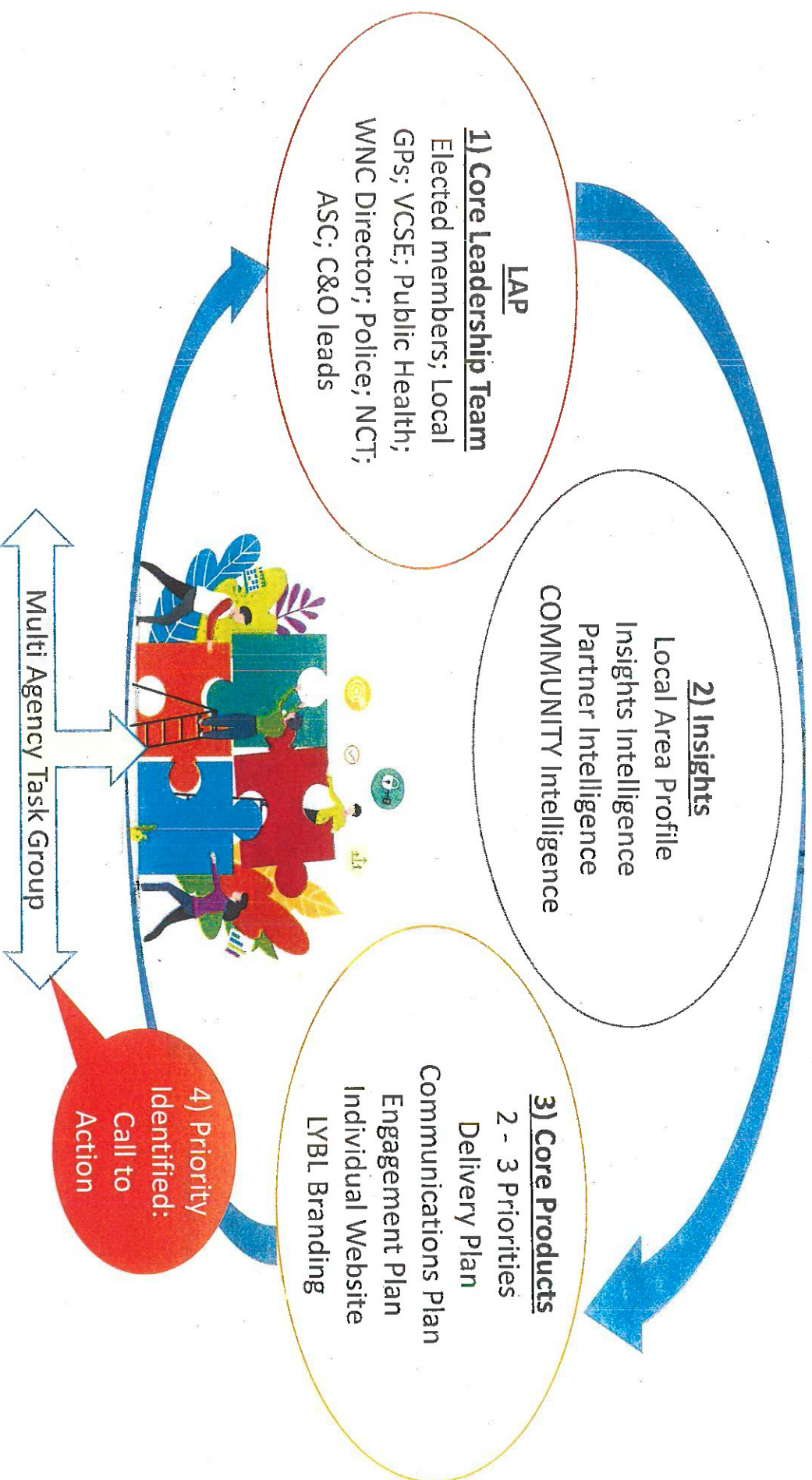
Local Area Partnership Data (based on person home postcode)

West Northants LAPs

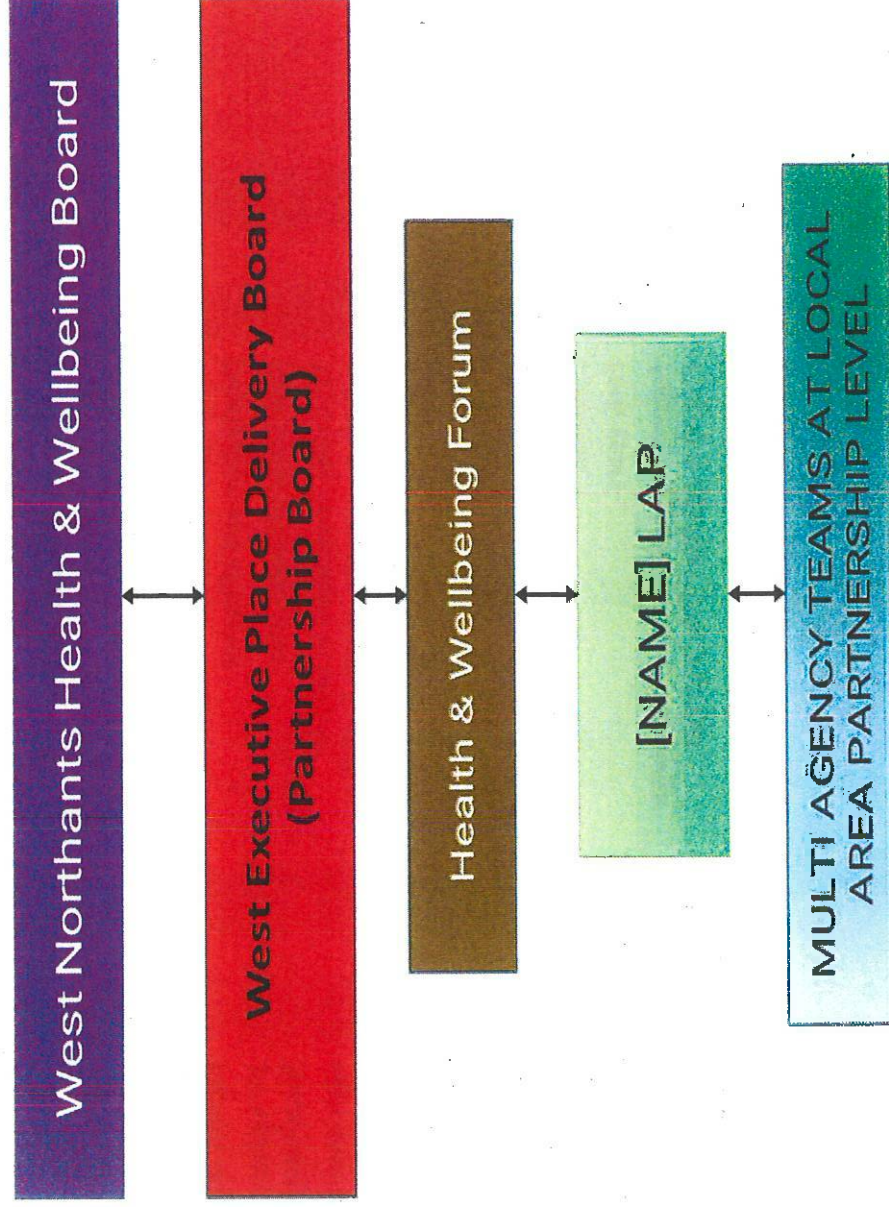


New LAP Project Leads	
Emilie Vavasour	Northampton Central
Justine Horrocks	Rural North
Rachael Byrne	Rural South
Michelle Grimwood	Northampton West
Chris Serbyn	Northampton East
	Rural West
	Rural East
	Northampton North
	Northampton South

Function of the Local Area Partnerships



LAP Governance Structure



Northampton East (N1)
Billing & Rectory Farm,
Riverside Park and Talavera

Evidence
High levels of deprivation
High levels of crime
Poor levels of connection

Priorities
Community safety
Anti-poverty & cost of living
Youth provision

Northampton South (N2)
Delapre & Rushmere, East
Hunsbury, Nene Valley and
Shelfleys

Evidence
Deprivation and affluence
Poor levels of connection
12.10 (8%) Households in the LAP
contain no one who speaks English as
their main language (WNC 6.6% England
5.0%).

Priorities
Early years
Supporting pupils and families where
English is not their first language
Active travel
CYP Mental Health

Northampton West (N3)
Duston East, Duston West
& St Crispin and Sixfields

Evidence
Highest number of Children under 16
2nd highest Pupil Exclusions &
Suspensions
High level of lone parent households
Hotspots High levels of crime
Poor levels of connection

Priorities
Youth provision
Multi-agency education team
Digital information

Northampton West (N3) Local Area Partnership

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Duston East, Duston West & St. Crispin and Sixfields

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 AMBITION

Best Start in Life
 Opportunity to be fit, well and independent

Access to the best available education and learning

Feel safe in your home and when out and about
 Connected to family and friends

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 Youth Provision

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 Multi-Agency Education Team

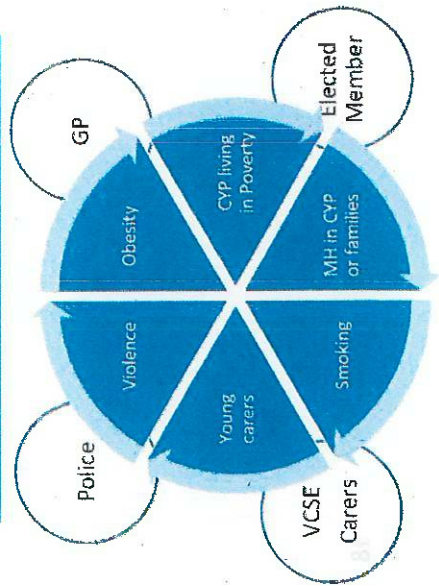
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 Digital Information (Safeguarding Referrals)

The locality has the second highest proportion of children aged 0-16 amongst the LAP areas, 22.8% of the population are under 17 years of age. Of these 7.1% aged 15 yrs. are regular smokers, higher than England average (5.5%). Nearly a third (32.2%) of children are overweight or obese in year 6 and 55 children aged 5-15 provide some level of unpaid care each week. There is a higher-than-average levels of people who seek help for depression in the locality and more UC claimants from single parent households.

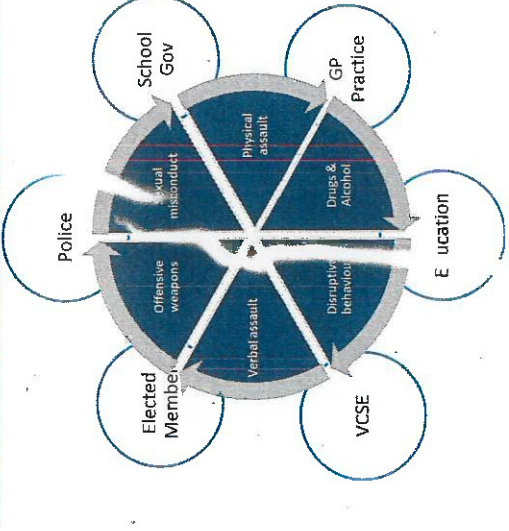
The suspension rate in Northampton West is now the second highest in West Northamptonshire. The rate has increased from 2.3% (n=296) in 2020/21 to 3.8% (n=679) in 2021/22. There has been a seven-fold increase in exclusions relating to drugs and alcohol. Nearly four times more exclusions due to disruptive behaviour, nearly twice as many exclusions for use/threat of offensive weapon, for verbal assault and sexual misconduct.

West Northamptonshire experiences high levels of (inappropriate) safeguarding referrals to the MASH. Northampton West LAP has agreed to trial a new Digital approach to referrals in the LAP area. We will work better together across social care and safeguarding teams to improve the customer experience and enhance team efficiencies.

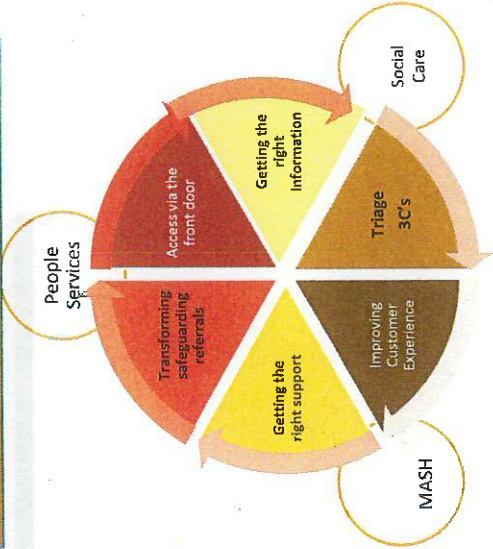
Youth Provision Task group



Multi-agency Education Task group



Digital Information Task Group



HOW



Health & Wellbeing Strategy Proposal?

DELIVERING FOR DUSTON

FOUR YEAR ACTION PLAN

1st April 2022 – 31st March 2026

Introduction

This year marked the 30 year anniversary of Duston Parish Council (DPC). Over this time the Parish Council has gradually taken on more of a role in making Duston a better place to live and work. There are notable things that happened in that first decade or so that are still here benefitting residents today. In 2001 the Parish Council installed Triumph Gardens play area and the path linking it to Aquitaine Close. In 1998 DPC installed the commemorative bench on Bants Lane to mark the passing of Princess Diana funeral cortege. The work continued in the next decade as well such as putting in a path around the perimeter of the Quarry Park and then installing the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) at Errington Park.

The Parish Council has also played a role in more difficult times. Following the closure of the British Timken site the Parish Council, despite being a relatively small organisation at the time, worked hard with the developers to try and get the best deal for residents. It secured the future of the Sports Club and Field and ensured this much valued asset stayed in local control and could be safeguarded for future generations.

In the first half of 2000s Northamptonshire County Council took the decision to restructure schools in Northampton and bring it in line with the rest of the county and most of the country. Northampton went from Lower, Middle and Upper Schools to Primary and Secondary. This meant a surplus of school sites and many, such as the Ryeland Middle School, were sold for housing. A strong campaign helped secure the future of St Lukes Lower School and Field as a community facility which DPC now proudly maintains for local residents.

Duston Parish Council has now for some time put on an annual community festival. Not always in the same location or with the same name. Presently it is held at St Luke's Field with the name "Duston Fun Day". This annual community event has become a key event in the local calendar. In recent years there has been a change in the nature of local government across the country.

Both Northampton Borough Council and Northamptonshire County Council began to focus more on their core statutory services. This has meant DPC has taken on yet more of a role in the community to fill a void. Most notably it has taken on the freehold and running of the Community Centre at Pendle Road and installed more play and gym equipment. These are the kind of things that principal authorities once did.

Duston has always had a strong sense of community and identity. After the demise of the previous Duston Parish Council in 1965 when the village was incorporated into the Borough of Northampton the community picked up the pieces. The previous Duston Parish Council (1895 – 1965) had an Old Peoples Welfare Committee and after 1965 this became Duston Old Peoples Welfare Association (DOPWA). DOPWA have carried forward the work in helping the older residents. Duston Community Association (DCA) coordinated a huge range of volunteer activities over many years such as running Duston Community Centre and teaching young children to swim at the local swimming pool.

Where we are

Duston Parish Council now finds itself amongst change. The village has gone from being one out of ten parishes in Northampton to one out of 165 parishes in West Northamptonshire. West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) is one of the larger local authorities in England. Many principle authorities will be focusing on issues like social services, infrastructure projects, schools places and strategic housing growth. Duston Parish Council now has a simple choice. It can either be a talking shop and just administer itself or it can choose to take on a bigger enhanced role and actually deliver for residents. Duston Parish Council can fill some of the space left by the now defunct Northampton Borough Council. We will look favourably with West Northamptonshire Council about devolving services locally to Duston Parish Council.

Our surroundings are continuing to change as well. Until very recently Duston was on the edge of Northampton surrounded by countryside to the east. Large scale housing development is now taking place in Dallington Grange, Upton Lodge and in Harlestone/Harpole. Despite this change the Parish Council is determined to keep Duston's character and identity.

The Purpose

The core purpose of Duston Parish Council will be to make the Parish a great place to live and work and the guiding overarching principles will be -

1. To protect and enhance both the history and identity of Duston. This will help preserve and enhance the sense of community pride in Duston.
2. To improve the environment and public open spaces in the Parish.
3. To provide cost effective services that meet local needs and aspirations.
4. To keep our local amenities such as shops and restaurants that help to bring the community together and provide for local employment.
5. Provide Community Leadership. The Parish Council alone can't make our locality a great place to live and work. So Duston Parish Council will work in partnership with West Northamptonshire and other stakeholders. We will work alongside all sections of community including young people.

Our Aims

To be implemented by both Councillors and Staff.

Engagement & Wellbeing	
Annual Magazine. DPC "Annual Report" Highlighting local business, community groups and events.	Dec-22
Set Up from Friends of Park Groups.	Dec-23
Quartley Councillor Surgeries	Ongoing
Suck up grass cuttings left by Veolia / Idverde	Dec-24
Engage with Limehurst Square Shops	Ongoing
Christmas Carols at Limeshurst	Ongoing
A resident survey to all domestic properties in Duston	Dec-22
A feasibility study & consultation into a band stand in Errington Park	Feb-23
Be proactive at opportunities in adopting Public Open Space so it doesn't go to management companies	Ongoing
Now Duston is no longer part of the Borough of Northampton the Parish Council will need to become the leader of local civic events.	Ongoing
Re-surface Limhurst Square but keep trees and bins. An improved design.	Dec-25
Continue to run our usual calendar of events.	Ongoing
Develop links with PPG & Mind. Both mental and physical wellbeing is vital to our residents.	Ongoing
Build up a volunteer base that is willing to help and support Parish Council initiatives.	Ongoing
Divide Parish into 12 areas for each councillor to monitor	Ongoing

Environment	
Replace the small noticeboards with double noticeboards in approx same location	By December 2022
Use non-toxic spray to help wildlife	Once Veolia contract expires
To obtain to Public Open Space from West Northants & put it in Parish Council ownership	Ongoing
To obtain ownership of both Bants Lane Allotments & Berrywood Road Allotments	Ongoing
To see how we can enhance both Duston Cemetery & St Luke's Churchyard	Ongoing
Employ an additional "Community Ranger" so DPC has two out in the Parish	By December 2022
A litter bin near Quarry Road shops	Sep-22
Install "Welcome to Duston" signs at Weggs Farm Road, Chiltern Avenue & Cotsworld Avenue	Jun-22
To install finger directional signs around parish	Feb-24
Install "a trim trail" somewhere in Duston in an appropriate location like Mendip Park or Sports Field	Dec-24
Adopt a biodiversity policy. We will look to have some rewilding to support wildlife.	Dec-22
Install more new play equipment at Melbourne Lane, the Quarry and Haydown Green aimed for the younger children.	Jun-22
Do a public consultation on putting in a gateway between Timken Estate & Mendip Park	Dec-25
Keep all four of our defibrillators for the next four years.	Ongoing
Identify Areas for Rewilding to help wildlife	Ongoing
Look to install planters & hanging baskets in each shopping area	Dec-23
Village green status for each park we own and maybe also St Luke's Field	Dec-23
Tree Planting	Ongoing

Consider funding a PCSO for Duston	Ongoing
Install a bench by Bus Stop opposite Timken Way North	Aug-22
Paving outside Duston Library	October 2022
Clerk to bring to Council a tree Policy	Feb-22
To ensure we provide an effective youth provision	Ongoing
Get an additional Vehicle Speed Sign	Dec-23
Commerative bench on verge opposite Timken Gates	Apr-23
Look to improve the entrances to DPC owned parks	Ongoing
Refurbish equipment MUGA at Errington Park, Mendip Park & Grafton Way	Ongoing

Planning	
To revise and update the Neighbourhood Plan	Complete within 2 years
To look at all unregistered land in the Parish	Ongoing
Install 2 – 3 public information boards explaining the history of the parish and its various buildings.	Complete within 2 years
Establish a working party to see how we can enhance Rosevilla Hut & Timken Gates	Dec-26
Get installed electric charging points in appropriate location	Dec-26
Establish a working party to make recommendations to council on CIL / S106 can be spent	Ongoing

Duston Together & Wellbeing

Duston is made up of various estates. Residents do not always know the groups out there that can help. Therefore Duston Parish Council will help bring this all together as we are about “connecting the community”. It should be easy to sign post what organisations are out there

that can meet particular needs of our residents. Knowing what local organisations are out there will improve community wellbeing and satisfaction.

Our Amenities

Shops, restaurants, café and pubs play both a vital economic and community function. Keeping these facilities are vital in making Duston a great place to live. Having our basic amenities nearby, in a reasonable walking distance, helps to reduce car travel and thus pollution. We will look to support each of our shopping areas in the ways that we can.

Concluding Remarks

It is a key role of Duston Parish Council to provide community leadership and take things forward. To make Duston a great place to live and work we need vibrant communities. Duston Parish Council is ambitious for the future. Our aim is for the Parish Council to be responsive and delivering for residents. *To be the best parish to live in West Northamptonshire.*

Report Back on Successful Grant Applications

Duston Library Report

Thanks to the support of Duston Parish Council, Duston Library was able to welcome almost fifty children on Saturday for an end of Summer celebration to mark their completion of the Summer Reading Challenge. DPC paid for the entertainment, Steve the Magician, who not only delighted and amused the children (and parents) throughout but also ensured that every child left with a balloon animal of their choosing. We dangled the celebration as a carrot to encourage children to finish the challenge at our pre-challenge assemblies, mentioning that DPC had arranged for Steve to appear, and Steve himself added his thanks to those present during the show. As a result of our efforts this Summer, we've signed up almost 800 children (a little over a quarter of those attending local schools) and we could only do this with the support of our brilliant partners.

St Luke's Churchyard Grass Cutting

See photos attached.

Duston Village Hall

Have used the money for grass and ground maintenance directly around the village hall such as trimming back the hedge on Ashwood Road. The grant has been used. The village hall is looking much better as it approaches its 100th birthday. Thank you.

The freshly cut hedge no longer overhanging the public footpath:

