

Community Development

Putting the plan into action

Supporting communities in rural Oxfordshire since 1920

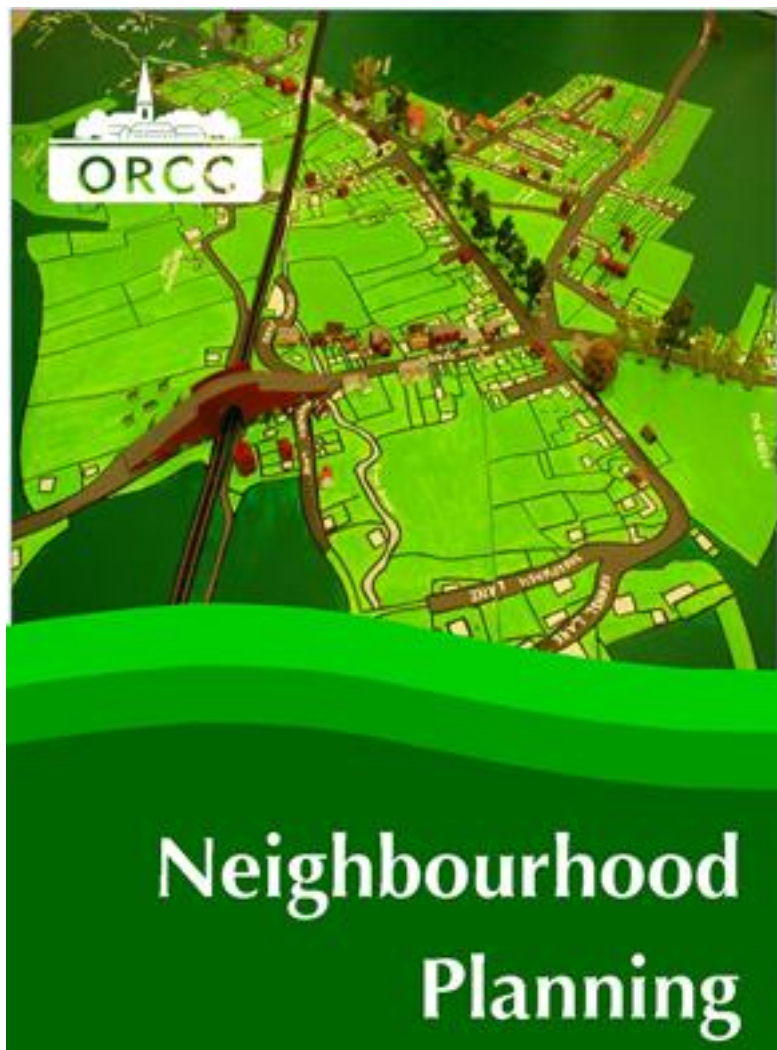
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ORCC's Mission Statement

ORCC aims to improve the quality of life for those who live or work in rural Oxfordshire. Equality of opportunity is central to all our activities.

Want to know more about Neighbourhood Planning?

Don't forget ORCC can help.



We can provide you with a package of professional support to enable you to create a Neighbourhood Plan for your community - www.oxonrcc.org.uk/what-we-do/neighbourhood-planning. We even have an online forum so you can keep up to date with what other communities are doing in Oxfordshire.

There is also a new programme of funding available to help communities produce a neighbourhood plan. Visit mycommunityrights.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning/ for more information.

If you would like us to meet with you to discuss the options and the type of support we can give you, please contact Anton Nath on 01865 883488 or at anton.nath@oxonrcc.org.uk for further information.

Rural Community Broadband Fund is open for 9 weeks only

The third round for the RCBF is now open between 22 March and 24 May 2013.



Full details of how to apply to the third round can be found in the Applicant's handbook.

- Applicant's Handbook
- Expression of Interest Form

To apply to the third round, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest Form by **17:00 on 24 May 2013**. Should your Expression of Interest be approved, you will be invited to submit a detailed full application, providing specifics of your proposed solution, and how it will be established and managed.

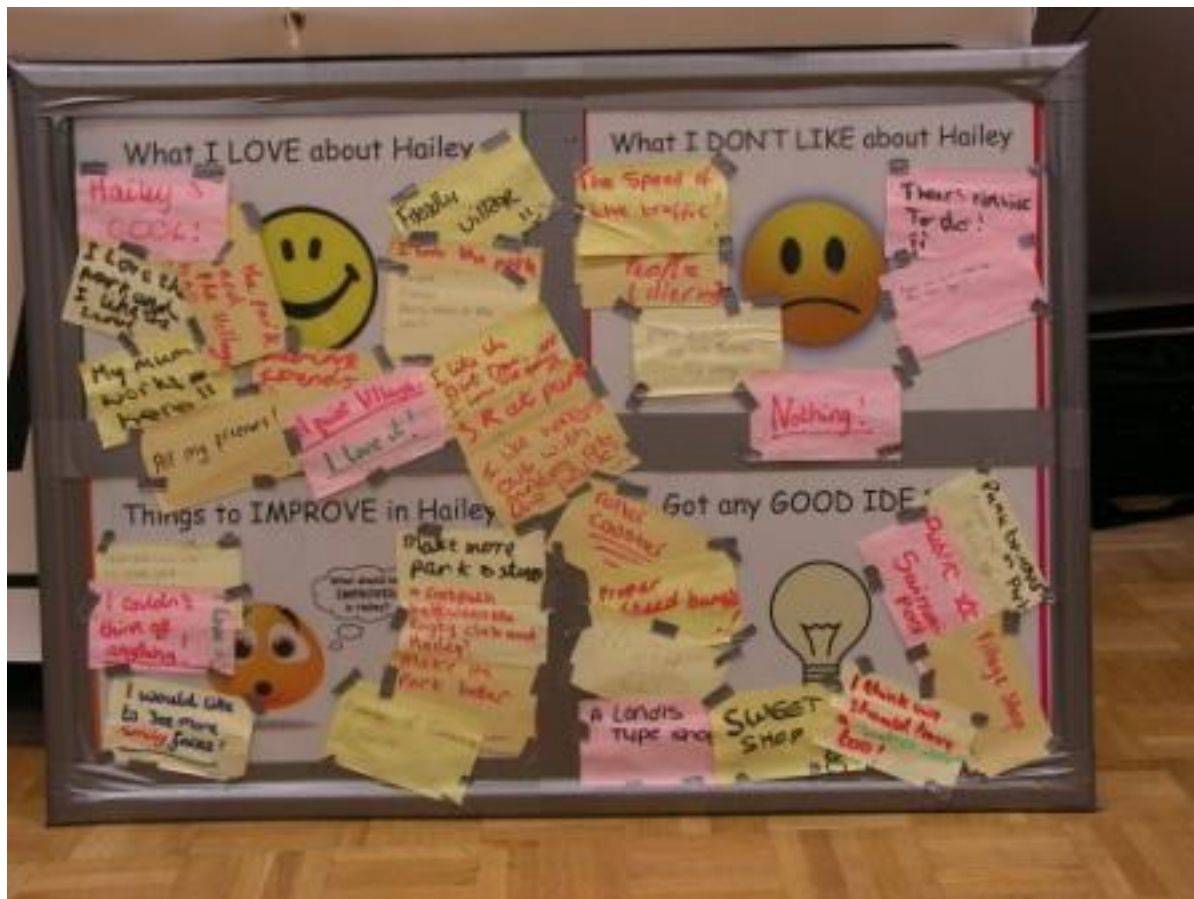
To see if your village is able to apply you will need to contact Oxfordshire County Council's Broadband team at broadband@oxfordshire.gov.uk. They will also be able to provide support for completing the Expression of Interest Form.

Workshop explores raised expectations

22 delegates joined the latest Community Led Planning workshop in March at Kirtlington for a lively debate on community expectation as part of the CLP process.

As well as exploring consultation techniques, it was useful to have Robert Spencer from the Kirtlington Community Led Plan to give some first-hand experience.

To hear about the future events and keep in touch with Community Led Planning, follow us on Twitter @OxonRuralBuzz and find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/OxonRCC.



Funding for Community Led Plans

Does this sound like you? "Stronger communities - with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems."

If so, then the Big Lottery Awards for All Fund may be for you. Community Led Planning groups in the South East can apply to this fund to help with CLP costs. For more information, see www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/apply.html and for more funding guidance contact OCVA www.oxnet.org.uk/funding.

Community Food - a recipe for success

Preparing and sharing food is a great way to bring together people from different walks of life within your community, so ORCC has produced a 'toolkit' guide to give you the information and inspiration to do just that!



If you are thinking of setting up a lunch group, a community café or market, our guide will give you the basic steps to getting your project up and running and includes a selection of case studies for you to see what others have done in their community. The toolkit can be viewed here : *Community Food Toolkit*

The toolkit was produced by community development workers at ORCC as part of a one year joint project between ORCC and OCVA (Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action) to support communities in Oxfordshire to take action and develop a more effective voice.

Good Neighbour Schemes

Help is on hand from Volunteer Link Up for those who want to know more about Good Neighbour Schemes.

Volunteer Link Up can help you find out what's involved and what other schemes in Oxfordshire are doing. They also have a Good Neighbour Scheme Handbook to help guide you through what's needed. Contact Volunteer Link Up for more information at office@vlu.org.uk , 01993 776277 or visit the website www.vlu.org.uk.

ACRE topic sheets

Topic sheets from Emergency Planning guidance to Community Food Growing are available from ACRE (Action for Communities in Rural England).

See the ACRE website for the full range available:

www.acre.org.uk/our-work/community-led-planning/Resources/Community+Led+Planning+Toolkit/Topic+Sheets.

ORCC help South Stoke set up Oxfordshire's 20th Community Shop

South Stoke has recently celebrated a double success - a brand new village shop and new playground equipment.

The shop is housed in a tailor-made portacabin which is both owned and run by members of the community. It is situated on the village's recreation grounds which has been freshly refurbished with lots of new play equipment to keep the children of the village happy.

The projects have been supported by the South Oxfordshire District Council's Community Investment Fund and the Oxfordshire County Council's Big Society Fund as well as fundraising from within the community itself. Advice and support to the community throughout the shop project has come from ORCC's Village Shops Development Worker, Jane Barker.

Whilst the shop may be on the small side, it is packed full of produce including groceries, bread, fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, drinks and household goods. It also serves hot drinks and a selection of hot food to take away. There are 45 volunteers from within the community who will help to run the business, alongside the two employed managers.

For information on how to set up a community shop, please contact Jane Barker
jane.barker@oxonrcc.org.uk



Royal Horticultural Society offer Free Support for Greening your Local Area

Would you like help to involve your community in greening or cleaning up your local area?

The Royal Horticultural Society's It's Your Neighbourhood Scheme is part of the wider RHS Britain in Bloom initiative.

Once you have registered your group you can access free support for your initiative – see more on the website: www.rhs.org.uk/Gardening/Community-gardening/It-s-Your-Neighbourhood.

Free Resources from Keep Britain Tidy

Planning a tidy up or litter pick in your community or want to know more about keeping your community clean?

Don't forget Keep Britain Tidy can help promote your activity with their free resources. They can also help you organise your own event and send you a free tidy up kit containing tabards, refuse sacks, posters, stickers, badges and a full guide to carrying out your tidy up safely www.keepbritaintidy.org/OrderMaterials/Default.aspx.

Are you Fir Real? Free Trees for Communities!

The Woodland Trust has 4000 free tree packs to give away to school, community and youth groups this autumn.

Bring your community together to do something good for your neighbourhood by applying before 13 September 2013 for the chance to receive a free tree pack to plant in November 2013. See their website for more information and don't forget to get in touch with Aimee from ORCC if you'd like ideas for how to get people involved.

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/moretreesmoregood/free-trees/Pages/free-tree-packs.aspx



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