

## **Bradninch Parish Plan 2010**

### **Incorporating Hele**

Our Parish Plan, which is now complete, has been prepared for the community by the community and is designed to provide a framework for the future of our town based on our current knowledge, needs and aspirations. The Plan is not set in stone but is a starting point and a 'road map'. Our needs are constantly changing and our Plan has to be flexible to accommodate these changes.

Why should we have a Parish Plan? Well, the Plan aims to provide a 'snapshot' of life in the Parish today that will become part of the historical record for the future. It provides an opportunity to consult the community to identify what people value and want to preserve in the Parish and also what they would like to change. It enables us to find ways to improve the Parish and the lives of those who live and work in it, and to turn those ideas into an Action Plan. Finally, the Plan will provide a useful guide for local projects, a point of reference when seeking funds or assistance from outside agencies and will help to advise statutory bodies, such as Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) and Devon County Council (DCC), when making decisions that affect the Parish.

From the various consultations you identified the following Key Issues, which are not in order of importance as this varies between individuals. They include:

- The Environment – waste, recycling, community projects
- Infrastructure – transport, parking, roads, road safety, footpaths
- Amenities & Leisure – playgrounds, sports and clubs, public buildings
- Young People – play areas, schools, clubs and sports facilities
- Housing, Planning and Land Use
- Communication – both internal & external, and with public bodies
- Businesses – employment, wealth creation
- Public Services – doctors, library, churches, post office, etc

After studying all of the responses received, an extensive Action Plan was generated, in the form of a table, to identify the aims in real terms for each issue, what action is required, with whom, with what priority and within what timescale.

The Plan was prepared from numerous previous reports and surveys, together with both public and external consultations, all as part of a structured process over a period of some 2½ years, leading to what we hope will be approval of the Plan at this year's Annual Parish Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April. Please go along and vote. The Plan in full can be obtained in advance from Bradninch Town Council (in paper form or by e-mail) or visit [www.bradninch-tc.gov.uk](http://www.bradninch-tc.gov.uk)  
The Meeting will be at 7.30pm in the Guildhall.

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