

V1: Parish Action Plan 2023/24: Community Engagement Committee

- Liaison with community topics and local groups
- Allocation of grants
- Maintain and monitor emergency plan
- Supervise Council's communications – website, noticeboards, newsletter, social media
- Develop and deliver agreed outputs from Parish Action Plan
- Manage in year committee budget within programme and delegation
- Identify and justify committee budget for future year

Objective	Planned Action	By When	Status	Last Updated	Budget & Code if applicable	Resources	Notes
1.Continue to improve communications with residents and organisations in the parish.	Improve Annual Parish Meeting with the aim of increasing participation.	On-going	Networking meeting planned for January 2023	November 2022	5600 £3,920	Revenue	An EWG meeting will be scheduled for October 22 to start planning for May 23.
	A communication strategy meeting will be held once a year to review progress and actions needed.	On-going	A meeting was held in October 2022	November 2022			Min Ref: CE22/23.025.1

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2.Young People, promote increased opportunities and support for local young people.	Chair/Vice Chair to continue to attend Mid-Sussex Health and Wellbeing Network to develop relationships with agencies/charities.	2020 – On-going	Chair attending virtual events. Chair attending events.	August 2022			
	Continue to encourage/enable sexual health and mental health teams to use Court Bushes Community Hub.	On-going	The Assistant Clerk tried to reconnect with the contacts made before covid but unfortunately a lot of staff members had left, or the groups no longer existed. The Chair will continue to build up new contacts.	November 2022			
	Promote/develop youth activities at Court Bushes.	On-going	Youth offer meetings are being organised by the PC to ensure the future of the youth club and other activities. The Chair is involved in groups looking at developing Hurstpierpoint including a pump track, football pitches etc... The Plan for promoting youth facilities at Court Bushes is dependent on MSDC agreeing a master plan layout for the site.	November 2022			
2. Young People, promote increased opportunities and support for local young people.	Encourage involvement of young people in developing and enacting council 'environmental policy'.	On-going	The Chair is working on a draft environmental policy following the APM held in May 2021. The Chair of CE and Dr Georgina Judd attended a walk with St Lawrence students in Hurst Meadows. The Chair has invited the head teacher/student at St Lawrence school to be involved in the APM in May 2022.	August 2022			Min Ref: CE22/23.024.8
			One of the Hurst Meadows volunteers is a student at Sussex University and is completing her thesis on the impact on dog waste on the Countryside. Work experience is now offered by the Parish Council and two students from Downlands School participated in July 2022.	August 2022			The Chair will include ideas from St Lawrence School & Downlands School regarding environmental issues affecting our parish which were discussed in the APM in 2021.

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3 .Inform residents of, and support opportunities for older people.	Develop and regularly review Dementia Awareness Project.	2016 Onwards	Meeting with Hurstpierpoint Fire Brigade to help connect them with the older community. On hold but will be revisited	March 2023			Training was held on 20 th October which 50 people attended. Organisations involved include the Library, Health Centre, Sayers Common Shop, Parish Office, Sussex Osteopath and Charlotte Grace Casuals. The committee would like to develop stronger links with Lloyd's pharmacy and investigate whether our buildings are dementia friendly.
4.Support important Parish Events.	Improve PC presence at Key Parish Events.	On-going	The PC has had ongoing meetings with the Traders including discussions on an event to mark the Platinum Jubilee. The PC was represented at the July 2022 Fair with an attractive and informative stall and positive engagement was made. The festival has been awarded a further £2,500 for the September 2022 Super Sunday event. The Remembrance Sunday event will be supported by the PC on 13 November 2022.	August 2022	5630 £2,500	Revenue	High Street Reps working closely with the traders to ensure they produce a 'shopping list' to gain the MSDC grant. The Parish Council banners put up in the Village Garden on Super Sunday Sept 2022.

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5.To improve the health and wellbeing of residents (including temporary residents such as refugees) especially those who are vulnerable.	Improve access for residents to support/health services and groups through:	On-going			5640 & 5650 £2,000		
	Publicising and signposting to local services.	On-going	Food Bank Meeting in October 2022	November 2022			Information regularly being shared in Hurst Life articles and the PC Facebook and website page. Min Ref: CE22/23.024.10
	Encouraging/facilitating groups/services to use our facilities.	On-going	The Melting Pot is now being used by other agencies such as Age UK.	November 2022			
	Approaching services where we have gaps.	On-going	Chair speaking to groups at the Health & wellbeing network events.	November 2021			
	Building links with existing services e.g., Mid Sussex Health Care (health centre)/library/Church.	On-going	A grant was awarded to the YMCA (Downlands School) to increase counselling to their students.	August 2022			
	Supporting/initiating events that support wellbeing e.g., Hurst Meadows walks.	On-going	Hurst Meadows walks were organised by Dr Georgina Judd in July 2022 and there was a good turn out especially as people were still unsure about Covid. The Chair is temporarily managing the HM Volunteers. Grants Awarded to Befriended, Hurstpierpoint Gymnastic Club and Age UK.	November 2022 November 2022			Min Ref: CE22/23.023.1

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6. Work closely with local businesses to make Hurstpierpoint a more attractive place to visit and shop.	High Street reps to work with traders to help to boost the High Street.	On-going	The sustainable bags and maps were produced and issued at the APM and St Lawrence Fair.	August 2022			
7. Options will be explored to provide adequate public transport facilities in the parts of the Parish currently under-served.	Continue to press for better public transport links when opportunities present themselves. Publicise where transport does exist e.g., to Pauline Shaw Centre, Hassocks.	2016 Onwards On-going	The 'SUSBUS' bus service portal welcomed feedback and there was some useful content on there following its promotion by the PC. Invited the Comm Transport Officer to the next CE Meeting.	August 2022 November 2022			The Chair would like to explore more about the Community Transport Services.