

ECCLESFIELD VILLAGE PLAN

5th Edition

Following a European initiative, rural parishes across the country have been compiling parish action plans. Ecclesfield has been included in this process along with its neighbouring villages. Each individual village has produced a separate resident questionnaire, analysed the results and is now in the process of translating these into an action plan. An action plan is a simple way of defining a strategy to see something done about the issues that matter most to YOU. Full results of the questionnaire can be found at the Library and our webpage <http://plan.ecclesfield.googlepages.com> .

Ecclesfield Village Plan Group has been leading this process, and this document is the result.

The action plan has now been published and distributed to all Ecclesfield residents. Most importantly the Village Plan Group will be networking and working in partnership with Sheffield City Council and other key stakeholders in order to implement this action plan. This should mean access to new funding and tangible changes to Ecclesfield village. However, as we are a newly formed voluntary group please be patient.

The idea is that this will be a working document, and as progress is made projects can be ticked off and new ones begun! If you would like to get involved with the implementation of the village plan (or any other project) and have any further comments or suggestions please feel free to contact the Ecclesfield Village Plan Group at act.ecclesfield@gmail.com .

It is intended that a reviewing process will take place at regular intervals to report on the progress of the village plan projects, details will be given on our webpage and in the local press.

Ecclesfield Village Plan Group would like to extend their warmest thanks to:-

The residents and friends of Ecclesfield who attended the preliminary meetings;

all those who completed and returned the questionnaires;

Yorkshire Rural Community Council; Ecclesfield Parish Council; and Sheffield City Council – North Area Panel



PRIORITY 1: Crime and Anti Social Behaviour

Focus of Activity		Strategy for Implementation	How long will it take?	Who will be responsible?	Where will the money come from?
1	Tackle the level of vandalism / graffiti within the village	Work in partnership with Sheffield City Council (SCC), Ecclesfield Community Safety Forum and SY Police to tackle incidences of vandalism / graffiti	Ongoing	Ecclesfield Community Safety Forum	None Required
2	Work to reduce theft and burglary	Working in partnership with SY Police, Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) to increase the number of (and number of participants in) Neighbourhood Watch Schemes across Ecclesfield	Ongoing	Ecclesfield Community Safety Forum / Village Plan Group	None Required
3	Work with SY Police to reduce the public perception of crime and associated fear in the village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Advertise the contact details of Community Police Officers and contacts. ii. Through the community safety forum ensure good news stories on successes are widely promoted. 	Ongoing	SY Police / Ecclesfield Community Safety Forum / Village Plan Group	None Required

PRIORITY 2: Environment

Focus of Activity		Strategy for Implementation	How long will it take?	Who will be responsible?	Where will the money come from?
1	Increase the number of litter bins in and around the village	Request that Ecclesfield Parish Council / SCC purchase and site more litter bins, and increase the frequency they are emptied	1 year	SCC Street Force / Village Plan Group	Ecclesfield Parish Council / SCC / North Area Panel
2	Increase awareness of recycling facilities	Publicise local and area wide facilities	1 year	SCC / Village Plan Group	North Area Panel
3	Litter Picks	Publicise and organise	Annual	Village plan group / SCC Street Force	SCC Street Force

Environment - continued

4	Improving and preserving green open spaces and the environment	i. Working in partnership with SCC Parks and Woodlands to agree a plan for improving Ecclesfield Park.	2 year	SCC / Sheffield Futures / Village Plan Group and local resident	Apply to all appropriate sources of funding.
		ii. To work in partnership with SCC, Sheffield Futures and other local stakeholders to regenerate the Ecclesfield Park Pavilion.			
iii. Input to Sheffield Development Framework process to ensure that Green Belt land is retained.					
iv. Maximising the range of sports provision available in the village.					
v. At a suitable time, enter the "In Bloom" competition.					
vi. Conservation, restoration and preservation of the environment.	Ongoing	Village plan group / Conservation group			
5	Continue to develop and implement a road safety plan	Working in partnership with Highways to develop appropriate traffic calming measures	Ongoing	Highways	Highways

PRIORITY 3: Public Facilities

Focus of Activity		Strategy for Implementation	How long will it take?	Who will be responsible?	Where will the money come from?
1	Encourage the Parish Council to increase communication of its work and powers to villagers	i. Request that minutes, newsletter and other communications from the Parish Council are forwarded to all available public venues and all appropriate community groups in the village. ii. Recommend that a Parish Councillor holds a regular surgery / drop-in session at the library to canvas the opinions of Ecclesfield residents.	3 – 6 months	Ecclesfield Parish Council / Village Plan Group	None required
2	Erect appropriate information boards around Ecclesfield	Create an Ecclesfield Interpretive board to include:- i) Sketches by a local artist. ii) A map showing each site. iii) Brief historical notes.	2 Year	Village Plan Group / Conservation group	Local Heritage Lottery Fund

Public Facilities - continued

3	Establish links with the local Advice Centres	Ensure that Ecclesfield residents are aware of the facilities in surrounding areas that they can access	1 year	Village Plan Group	Local Heritage Lottery Fund
4	Advertise more widely local entertainment and events in the village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Contact local groups and entertainment organisers to increase awareness of free advertising space available:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. on notice boards around the village i.e. school, library, church, doctors, and dentist. b. Get events and entertainment organisers to advertise in the local magazine "Look Local". c. Tourist Information – SCC. 	3 – 6 months	Village Plan / event organisers	None required

PRIORITY 4: Young People

Focus of Activity		Strategy for Implementation	How long will it take?	Who will be responsible?	Where will the money come from?
1	Work to ensure more facilities for 13 to 17 year olds	Sheffield Futures to undertake further work into the proposal for a long-term, sustainable, youth outreach in the village	Ongoing	Sheffield Futures /North Area Panel / Village Plan Group	TBC

PRIORITY 5: Housing and Development

Focus of Activity		Strategy for Implementation	How long will it take?	Who will be responsible?	Where will the money come from?
1	To ensure that new buildings or alterations to old buildings are designed sympathetically	To pass on results of Ecclesfield Village Questionnaire to SCC planning and development control.	6 months	Village Plan Group / Conservation group / Ecclesfield Parish Council / SCC	No Cost implications

Links to the web pages belonging to many Ecclesfield community group web sites, as well as the YRCC, Ecclesfield Parish Council, SCC Northern Area Panel, Community Safety Forum, and Police can be found at ecclesfield.googlepages.com