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BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT AND TOURISM

THE ISSUES	BACKGROUND	ACTION	TIMESCALE	PARTNERS
Lack of promotion of Kingsclere as a place to visit and shop in	<p>Kingsclere does not feature in regional, county or district promotional material and potential customers are unaware of our community.</p> <p>Signage and visitor information is poor especially in the Conservation Area and the AONB</p>	<p>Campaign for better coverage.</p> <p>Produce own leaflets</p> <p>Plan improved signage and interpretation boards</p> <p>Improve our media coverage making best use of the internet</p>	<p>End 2006</p> <p>End 2006</p> <p>Mar 2007</p> <p>Mar 2007</p>	<p>Retailers Forum</p> <p>Southern Tourism</p> <p>HCC</p> <p>B&DBC</p> <p>Heritage Assn</p> <p>Parish Council</p>
Need for active support for businesses in the rural area.	<p>Rural Post Offices are under threat from government initiatives and other change</p> <p>Many of our farms have capital tied up in redundant buildings following the collapse of the dairying industry</p> <p>There is no comprehensive list of businesses in the Kingsclere area.</p> <p>Some businesses are unaware of the potential use of IT to assist them</p>	<p>Promote active support for our post office</p> <p>Work with the borough on their policy for farm diversification</p> <p>Create a comprehensive list of businesses</p> <p>Publicise details of training and other opportunities.</p>	<p>Oct 2006</p> <p>End 2006</p> <p>May 2007</p> <p>May 2007</p>	<p>Retailers Forum</p> <p>HAPTC</p> <p>B&DBC</p> <p>Basingstoke College of Technology</p> <p>Parish Council</p> <p>LSP</p>

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CHARACTER AND ENVIRONMENT

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<p>The gap between the settlement policy boundary and the AONB is vulnerable to pressure from developers</p>	<p>Although the AONB boundary touches the village at Fox's Farm to the west and at Yew Tree Farm to the east there is still a gap between these two points and development in this area would intrude into the AONB whereas the village is currently effectively hidden. There is a concern about the potential effects of the SE Regional Spatial Strategy and the current review by DCLG</p>	<p>Work with the Council of Partners to extend the AONB to the southern boundary of the SPB.</p>	<p>Dec 2007</p>	<p>Council of Partners of the AONB B&DBC Parish Council CPRE</p>
<p>The quality of the Gailey Brook</p>	<p>High extraction rates have lowered the water table and all wells in the centre of the village are empty. The Brook is becoming increasingly blocked by silt</p>	<p>Work with other authorities to find ways of improving the Brook</p>	<p>Dec 2007</p>	<p>Southern Water English Nature B&DBC Parish Council Environment Agency</p>
<p>Improvements to the centre of the village</p>	<p>There are some public areas which have deteriorated and require sensitive improvements. They are not accessible to disabled people.</p>	<p>Agree with the Borough for the Parish Council to take over the management of the Malt House Open Space Create wheel chair access to the Lake</p>	<p>Oct 2006 Dec 2006</p>	<p>B&DBC HCC Countryside Parish Council</p>

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<p>Recycling is low compared with the national average</p>	<p>The village has a large recycling facility at the Fieldgate Centre and a green bin collection service. There is a 'charged for' green waste collection</p> <p>Household Waste Recycling Centres are only accessible by car.</p> <p>The green bins only accept a limited range of recyclable materials</p>	<p>Publicise the existing recycling facilities through the Tower and the Village Guide.</p> <p>Work through BDAPTC to campaign for an expansion of recycling</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>End 2007</p>	<p>Tower BDAPTC B&DBC HCC Parish Council</p>
<p>There are houses of historic or local interest which are not recorded</p>	<p>The 1969 listing process did not include some parts of the village where there are dwellings which may have been worthy of inclusion - eg the Dell. The Borough now has a policy on local listing</p>	<p>Work with the Borough to identify and record eligible buildings</p>	<p>Oct 2006</p>	<p>B&DBC Parish Council Heritage Association</p>

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THE ISSUES	BACKGROUND	ACTION	TIMESCALE	PARTNERS
<p>Respondents to the questionnaire considered that facilities for the 12 - 19 age group were 'appalling'</p>	<p>Twenty years ago the village had thriving youth organisations and a wooden hall which housed many of them. Many of the youth organisations have wholly or partially ceased operating. The hall has recently been destroyed by fire. The only remaining youth facility is the Scout Hut in Strokins Road.</p>	<p>Form a consortium of youth organisations.</p> <p>Form a project group to promote the need for a new youth hall and to manage the rebuilding.</p> <p>Rebuild the youth hall</p> <p>Create a management team to run the new youth hall and the Holding Field youth sports activities.</p> <p>Involve the target population in the project</p>	<p>Jul 2006</p> <p>Jul 2006</p> <p>May 2007</p> <p>Jan 2007</p> <p>Nov 2006</p>	<p>Youth Club Trustees</p> <p>Scouts</p> <p>Guides</p> <p>Wessex Rangers</p> <p>Youth Football Club</p> <p>Crusaders</p> <p>HCC Youth Service</p> <p>B&DBC</p> <p>Parish Council</p> <p>Charity Commissioners</p> <p>LSP</p>
<p>The shortage of Youth Leaders</p>	<p>The Kingsclere Youth Club collapsed as an organisation because of the lack of active leaders. A similar situation exists in other youth organisations where there is a shortage of resident adults who are willing to volunteer as leaders.</p> <p>There is an alienated group of young people in the village.</p>	<p>Negotiate with B&DBC to reallocate funding for a Kingsclere Warden to a youth leader.</p> <p>Hold a recruitment fair.</p> <p>Deploy an outreach worker to work with them</p>	<p>May 2007</p> <p>Dec 2006</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>B&DBC</p> <p>HCC Youth Service</p> <p>Youth organisations [see above]</p> <p>Parish Council</p> <p>LSP</p>

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<p>Children and Young People have no way of making their views heard</p>	<p>Their is a culture in the village of doing things at them instead of with them. Some influential adults sincerely believe that the young do not know what they want and feel that any attempt to give them a say is unproductive.</p>	<p>Create a forum for young people to work with the Parish Council www.kingsclere.info to be allocated to a youth team.</p> <p>Primary School to undertake play area modernisation as a project.</p> <p>Work with schools on planning for youth</p>	<p>Dec 2006</p> <p>Dec 2006</p> <p>Summer 2007</p> <p>Dec 2007</p>	<p>Parish Council Kingsclere Primary School Clere School LSP</p>
<p>Development of new pre-school services</p>	<p>The Busy Bees Pre-school offers mother and toddler to pre-school facilities and is OFSTED recognised. There are two small groups for babies and toddlers and the Clere Homestart organisation offering facilities for parents with small children.</p> <p>Other services for which there are identified needs from a survey undertaken by the Busy Bees are as yet unprovided..</p>	<p>Prepare a business plan to provide a comprehensive pre-school service to the community</p>	<p>Dec 2006</p>	<p>Busy Bees Pre-school Village Bunnies Bumps and Babes Clere Homestart Parish Council LSP</p>

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COMMUNICATIONS

THE ISSUES	BACKGROUND	ACTION	TIMESCALE	PARTNERS
<p>Surveys undertaken for the Village Plan indicate a significant knowledge gap about the facilities and activities available in the village.</p>	<p>The Tower is the principal vehicle but is not universally read; it is printed using old technology and is dependant upon a large volunteer team to produce it.</p> <p>The Parish Council web site is informative but not attractive.</p> <p>Both media are not friendly to people with limited reading capacity.</p> <p>The Village Guide is limited in capacity and out-of-date.</p> <p>Many organisations lack promotional skills.</p> <p>The Welcome Pack has fallen out of use.</p>	<p>Produce a revised and attractive new Village Guide.</p> <p>Revive the Welcome Pack</p> <p>Promote a reprographics course for organisations.</p> <p>Promote a PR and marketing course for organisations.</p> <p>Consider support for the introduction of new technology for production of the Tower</p>	<p>Dec 2006</p> <p>Dec 2006</p> <p>Mar 2007</p> <p>Mar 2007</p> <p>Dec 2007</p>	<p>The Tower</p> <p>Kingsclere Care Group</p> <p>Village Club</p> <p>Parish Council</p>

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HEALTH, WELFARE AND HOUSING

THE ISSUES	BACKGROUND	ACTION	TIMESCALE	PARTNERS
Promoting Health Centre Services	<p>The Health Centre is a modern, well equipped and staffed facility. It provides a range of additional services such as the no-smoking clinic. This range is not comprehensive and some services such as physiotherapy have been lost in recent years.</p> <p>There is a knowledge gap as to the availability of services and administrative matters affecting the centre.</p>	<p>Provide a newsletter on health matters to all households</p> <p>Start a patients' forum to debate patients' needs and forward plans</p>	<p>Dec 2006</p> <p>May 2007</p>	<p>Health Centre Care Group Parish Council LSP</p>
Dental Services	<p>There is a dental clinic occupying part of the health centre which offers NHS and private dental services. There are concerns over the cost of dentistry and the lack of continuity in patient care as the dentist in attendance changes frequently</p>	<p>Clarify Kingsclere dental services with the partnership and make information available via the Guide and the Tower</p>	<p>Dec 2006</p>	<p>Dental Clinic Care Group Parish Council LSP</p>
Access to Health Service Facilities	<p>Car parking is limited at the Health Centre but there is space for expansion</p> <p>There are no disabled spaces close to the entrance.</p> <p>Travel by bus to Basingstoke and Newbury Hospitals is difficult and the Care Scheme Car Service is dependant upon volunteer drivers.</p>	<p>Work with the Business and Traffic groups to expand the car park and improved disabled access.</p> <p>Negotiate transfer tickets to the hospitals</p> <p>Recruit more drivers</p>	<p>Dec 2007</p> <p>May 2007</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Health Centre Parish Council B&DBC LSP</p>

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Other Health Services	<p>The Village has its own chemist who is dependent upon his non-NHS business to remain viable.</p> <p>There is a need for other services such as a visiting optician</p>	<p>Promote the need to support the chemist.</p> <p>Initiate a direct surgery to chemist prescription service</p> <p>Discuss increasing the range of peripatetic services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>May 2007</p> <p>Dec2006</p>	<p>Health Centre Care Group Chemist Parish Council LSP</p>
Shortage of affordable and social housing	<p>The Rural Housing Enabler has identified a need for about 70 dwellings, mainly one and two bedroomed. The Sentinel Housing Association has some land within the SPB</p>	<p>Build nine one and two bedroomed dwellings.</p> <p>Plan for further tranches of development</p>	<p>Dec 2007</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>B&DBC Sen tinel Housing Assn Community Action (Hampshire) Parish Council LSP</p>

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LEISURE

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Village Club	The Village Club main hall is too small for many of the activities which now take place there. Enlargement of the hall would improve safety. The roof needs replacement as do the toilets	Carry out the necessary works	Dec 2007	DEFRA HCC B&DBC Village Club Trustees
Information on leisure activities and organisations	The surveys have shown a considerable lack of knowledge about leisure opportunities and there is nothing immediately available to new arrivals	Promote them in the Village Guide	Dec 2006	Parish Council Tower
	There are frequent clashes of events in the village.	Encourage the use of a village diary via the Parish Council web site	Ongoing	

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SAFETY AND SECURITY, EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Police coverage of the community	<p>There is a common feeling that despite our having a Beat Officer and a resident Special Constable, Kingsclere is inadequately policed. This is a perception rather than the reality and is as much a PR as a policing issue.</p> <p>People are reluctant to report incidents and do not understand the modern control system in Hampshire.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour is a problem but relatively low key compared with some other communities.</p>	<p>Beat Officer's regular report in the Tower.</p> <p>Regular meeting between the Rural Police Inspector and our neighbouring parishes.</p> <p>Promote the 101 telephone reporting number and ensure that residents understand the system for handling non emergency incident reports</p> <p>Support the campaign to recruit more special constables.</p> <p>Discuss the use of other resources such as Community Support Officers</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Nov 2006</p> <p>Dec 2006</p>	<p>Hampshire Constabulary Neighbouring Parish Councils Parish Council B&DBC LSP</p>
Security systems	<p>The village has a basic CCTV system covering the Square but has blind spots, especially into the Churchyard in summer. It is clear that the system is not fully embedded into police control systems.</p> <p>Security systems have led to some displacement of activity from the village centre to other places</p>	<p>Complete limited enhancement to the system</p> <p>Agree management protocol with police control</p> <p>Review Designation Zone after twelve months operation</p>	<p>Dec 2006</p> <p>Dec 2006</p> <p>Apl 2007</p>	<p>Hampshire Constabulary B&DBC ADTLtd Parish Council</p>

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<p>Watch systems have collapsed</p>	<p>Kingsclere had a Pub Watch and several parts of the village had their own Neighbourhood Watch. The departure of individual coordinators has resulted in the collapse of all watches.</p>	<p>Promote a new Pub Watch with the Retailers' Forum Hold a public meeting to promote Neighbourhood Watch</p>	<p>Dec 2006 Oct 2006</p>	<p>Hampshire Constabulary B&DBC Parish Council Retailers' Forum</p>
<p>Inadequate street lighting</p>	<p>There are pockets of poor street lighting which give some concern for personal safety. Against this, other residents do not wish to have high level lighting</p>	<p>Review street lighting as part of the HCC street lighting modernisation review</p>	<p>May 2008</p>	<p>Hampshire Highways Parish Council</p>
<p>Fire and Rescue</p>	<p>Kingsclere has its own Fire Station but cover is limited by the availability of crew members, particularly HGV drivers</p>	<p>Promote the recruitment of additional crew</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Parish Council</p>
<p>Ambulance Service</p>	<p>There have been occasions when service has been delayed due to lack of detailed knowledge of the village by the attending crew. This may be exacerbated when four county services are merged with a single control room</p>	<p>Discuss problems with the Ambulance Service</p>	<p>May 2007</p>	<p>Ambulance Service Parish Council Health Centre</p>

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SPORT

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Youth Sport	There is little spare capacity for youth sport at the Fieldgate Centre and young people would welcome their own facilities.	Youth Club to have changing and storage facilities for male and female players Convert the Holding Field Tennis Court to a mini-soccer court	May 2007 2008	HCC B&DBC Parish Council Youth Club Trustees Youth Football Club LSP
Adult Sports	The Fieldgate Centre has no facilities for women's field sports. A limited expansion in area could provide the space to move the tennis courts freeing space at the Holding Field for Youth Sport and the provision of a squash court and female changing facilities.	Commission a feasibility study into expanding the Fieldgate Centre facilities Negotiate the land ownership issues involved in expanding the Fieldgate lands. Phased extension of the Fieldgate Centre to provide the new facilities	Dec 2006 May 2007 May 2008	Community Association B&DBC Parish Council Hampshire Playing Fields Tennis Club LSP
Swimming	The nearest indoor swimming pools are at least seven miles away. Kingsclere Primary School has a small outdoor pool which is only used by the school.	Negotiate the use of the pool outside school hours	May 2007	HCC Parish Council Youth organisations Busy Bees Pre-school

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

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A339 Safety Measures	<p>Although it has been de-trunked, the A339 carries an increasing traffic load and is particularly congested at peak hours. There have been a number of deaths and serious injuries on this road and particularly at the B3051 crossing on the Kingsclere Bypass. New safety measures have been agreed with Hampshire Highways and some have been implemented.</p>	<p>Complete the planned implementation of speed limits from Headley to Pitt Hall.</p> <p>Review the need for a speed limit through Knowl Hill.</p>	<p>Mar 2006</p> <p>Mar 2006</p>	<p>Hampshire Highways Parish Council JAG B&DBC</p>
Pedestrians are at risk from other road users	<p>The Vulnerable Road Users project identified parts of the village where pedestrians were particularly at risk. Some have been adopted by Hampshire Highways but other problems remain unresolved. There are problems with some drivers speeding through the village.</p>	<p>Complete the agreed programme of improvements.</p> <p>Campaign for footways in Fox's Lane and Ecchinswell RD.</p> <p>Build a footbridge at Bear Hill</p> <p>Introduce a 20 mph limit through the village centre</p> <p>Form a Community Speed Watch Team</p>	<p>Mar 2006</p> <p>Dec 2007</p> <p>Dec 2007</p> <p>Mar 2007</p> <p>Mar 2007</p>	<p>Hampshire Highways B&DBC Parish Council Community Association</p>

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<p>Inadequate parking</p>	<p>Both on and off street car parking is under pressure both from increased visitors to our businesses and to the village and from residents with no parking available in their curtilages. The Borough has agreed some minor changes to parking places to improve road safety and to change the timed parking rules. There is no nett reduction in parking spaces.</p>	<p>Complete agreed changes Work with Health Centre to increase parking. Work with the Borough to release land at 24 Swan St for public parking. Identify unused garages in the village which could be rented by residents</p>	<p>Mar 2007 Dec 2007 Dec 2007 May 2007</p>	<p>B&DBC Parish Council Retailers' Forum Health Centre Land Registry</p>

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TRANSPORT

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Transport Information	<p>Information is available on the formal Basingstoke to Newbury bus route and train times can be found on the internet.</p> <p>There is no information on the informal routes and in particular links to important destinations such as Newbury hospital and on alternative train routes.</p>	<p>Provide information in the Village Guide to enhance the public information eg: use of Aldermaston and Over-ton Stations.</p> <p>Clarify the purpose of the Congo bus stop.</p>	<p>Dec 2006</p> <p>Dec 2006</p>	<p>HCC Parish Council LSP</p>
Inflexibility of Public transport	<p>Young people find that travel beyond the main bus station is expensive and are placed at a disadvantage over residents of Basingstoke who can use special tickets.</p> <p>Only half the buses travel to the Basingstoke Hospital and travelling into Basingstoke to use the frequent services to and from the centre is expensive</p>	<p>Negotiate transfer ticketing for young people travelling to specific destinations</p> <p>Negotiate a standard fare to the hospital regardless of route.</p>	<p>May 2007</p> <p>May 2007</p>	<p>HCC Stagecopach Newbury Bus B&DBC LSP</p>
Volunteer Transport	<p>Dial A Ride provides a very limited service but complains about lack of support. Basingstoke Community Service gives access to minibuses but requires volunteer drivers.</p>	<p>Improved Dial A Ride service</p> <p>Recruit BCT drivers</p>	<p>Dec 2006</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Dial A ride BCT Parish Council LSP</p>
Safe routes	<p>We do not have a Safe Routes programme</p>	<p>Agree a Safe Route to School Campaign for a Quiet Lanes cycle route link to Basingstoke and Newbury</p>	<p>May 2007</p> <p>Dec 2007</p>	<p>HCC Primary School Parish Council CPRE Sustrans</p>