

Three Rivers Community Partnership

Community Action Plan 2010

Vision:

Influence and, in collaboration with partner organisations, manage the development of our community in order to maximise the quality of life and well-being of residents.

Key M.O.

Establish local alliances with towns and parishes to create a sustainable base for finding solutions and delivery mechanisms.

Economic Generation

Goal: *A thriving, sustainable local economy.*

Action:

1. Support initiatives and projects which enhance the local skill base and generate training opportunities through RiversMeet.
2. Support Sowing Seeds and encourage local groups to take advantage of the opportunities it offers.
3. Through actions within the other five themes, contribute to ensuring that the Gillingham area can attract new businesses able to recruit and retain suitably qualified employees.

Transport

Goal: *Improvements in local transport to better meet the needs of local residents.*

Action:

1. Further develop the network of footpaths and cycleways.
2. Support the Gillingham Area Voluntary Car Link Scheme.
3. Work with other towns to bring coherence to how local residents can access the services they offer.
4. Work with DCC and bus operators to ensure appropriate access to RiversMeet.

Culture, Arts & Sport

Goal: *High quality, accessible facilities to enable participation in cultural, artistic and sporting activities.*

Action:

1. Develop and manage sustainable community and leisure facilities on behalf of Gillingham and surrounding communities.
2. Work with Sports and Arts organisations in North Dorset to improve provision, promotion and participation and develop a coherent and sustainable strategy for the area.
3. Set up an Arts & Culture Forum with the remit to develop the potential of RiversMeet as a Performing Arts venue.

Environment

Goal: *Sustainable and managed built and natural environment.*

Actions:

1. Support the production of a formal Design Statement for Gillingham Town.
2. Support neighbouring parishes in their development of complementary Design Statements in order to achieve a coherent vision for the Gillingham area.
3. Contribute to the Core Strategy of the emerging Local Development Framework
4. Implement the recommendations in the Three Rivers Partnership Open Spaces report (2005)

Social Well-being

Goal: *A flourishing, safe, healthy and responsible community.*

Action:

1. Exploit the new Community Hub as a point of access into statutory and voluntary support organisations.
2. Gather evidence to establish the benefits of regular exercise and demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of investment in activities and facilities which promote a healthy life-style.
3. Use the new facilities to implement healthy living strategies, particularly targeting young people, older residents, the disabled and the traditionally hard to reach groups.
4. Work with Gillingham Town Council to produce a Town Plan for Gillingham which acknowledges and integrates with Parish Plans produced by surrounding communities.
5. Work constructively with the Community Planning Team to ensure that community organisations have access to timely and appropriate information, advice and practical support.
6. Develop the Three Rivers Community Lottery to provide a source of funding for local organisations, initiatives and projects.

Community, Rationality, Integrity