

FUNDING

CONTACTS

Community-Led Planning in Herefordshire

Funding, other than the precept, may be available from a variety of sources including:

- Herefordshire Council's Community Projects Grant and Community Pride Grants
- Landfill Community Funds (www.sitatrust.org.uk)
- Naturesave Trust (www.naturesave.co.uk)
- Cargill Meats (Tel. 01432 362116)
- Local fundraising
- Sustainable Development Fund, within AONB areas (www.aonb.org.uk)
- Tree planting funding (www.treecouncil.org.uk)
- Community Spaces (www.community-spaces.org.uk)
- Community PayBack - West Mercia Probation Trust on Tel. 01432 272521

The Delegated Grants Team at Herefordshire Council will be able to advise you further on funding streams and provide support with completing funding bids (01432 260753 or delegatedgrants@herefordshire.gov.uk)

Parish Councils will be able to reclaim the VAT on any purchase providing they place the order, receive the goods (including an invoice in their name) and pay using their own funds (including any grant monies).

Parish Council and Steering Group members wishing to find out about Community-Led Plan implementation should contact Herefordshire Association of Local Councils on 01432 353492 or 01432 355701 or email the Community Action Plan Implementation Officer (CAPI) on mel@halchereford.gov.uk

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KEEPING YOUR PARISH TIDY AND ATTRACTIVE



Implementation support

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WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

Are residents dissatisfied with the appearance of the parish? Why? - litter, dog fouling, vandalism, graffiti, fly tipping
Although the problem may be on-going you can do something to help.

LITTER

Parish Councils can purchase litter bins and arrange emptying, possibly through FOCSA who tend to empty rural litter bins whilst collecting household rubbish. Otherwise an arrangement with Amey Herefordshire can be made. Waste Management -Tel. 01432 260051

A Village Spring clean or Annual litter pick is a great way of bringing the community together as well as improving the appearance of the parish. Your local Parish Council could arrange the litter pick and, provided they carry out relevant risk assessments, their Public Liability insurance will cover the event. Amey Herefordshire are happy to provide litter picks and bags.

Your local school, and groups such as the Guides/Scouts could also get involved. Perhaps the local WI would provide refreshments? The Big Tidy website has lots of tips on organising a litter pick.
www.theBigTidyup.org

The Campaign To Protect Rural England has links to several Litter Action groups in Herefordshire (www.cpre.org.uk).

DOG FOULING

This tends to be a problem whether your parish is rural or urban. If you have a problem with a particular area the Dog Warden at Herefordshire Council could come out and give warnings. If caught contravening byelaws, dog owners may be fined.

Dog bins are not needed for dog mess. Any rubbish bin, provided the waste is bagged, will do. A dog mess bag dispenser could be positioned near to affected sites or bags could be available in the local Post Office or shop. Several companies sell bio-degradable dog poo bags.

Some communities have taken the radical step of naming and shaming persistent offenders in the local parish magazine or website! Generally, however, it is better to encourage responsible behaviour rather than shame.

VANDALISM & GRAFFITI

Anti-social issues should be raised with your Local Policing Team. Think about who is causing these problems and why– Is there anything for teenagers to do in the parish? Would better lighting in the area help? Could a space for graffiti be provided somewhere?

The Community Protection Team (Tel. 01432 261761) at Herefordshire Council will remove graffiti from public property and street furniture but not private property. However, Amey will provide equipment and training to Parish Councils to allow their Lengthsman to remove graffiti from other areas.

VERGES AND OPEN SPACES

Herefordshire Council currently runs a scheme where a grant is paid to Parish Councils in order for a lengthsman to be engaged to complete minor highway work. This work includes verge strimming, litter picking and ditch clearing. Please contact the lengthsman co-ordinator at Amey (01432 845900) for further details.

In partnership with your Parish Council you could arrange a bulb planting day or a tree planting event. Flower beds and hanging baskets may give a focus to a village green or village entrance, although on-going maintenance and watering needs to be considered.

Several national charities operate Open Garden schemes, including British Red Cross and National Garden Scheme, through which individuals open their gardens with proceeds going to charity. Try and get the community involved to engender community pride.

Heart of England in Bloom run Neighbourhood awards which are aimed at small groups of residents who are just beginning to 'green up' their local area. Heart of England in Bloom - Tel. 07775930182 or email info@heartofenglandinbloom.co.uk

Why not investigate whether individuals on Community Payback could come and litter pick your village, clear neglected areas or even re-paint street furniture.

Problems with litter or overgrown verges can be reported to Screetscene 01432 261800 or streets@herefordshire.gov.uk