

## **REVIEW OF COMMUNITY ACTIONS IN BUDLEIGH SALTERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2017-2031**

H1) Maintain contact with EDDC to ensure that they appreciate the values and opinions expressed by the local community. Responsibility: BSTC

*This council works to ensure that EDDC are made aware of the views of residents eg. a joint consultation producing a policy on re-wilding The Green following comments from residents.*

B1) Encourage the adjacent parish of Otterton to maintain the iconic view of the trees east of the Otterhead. Responsibility: BSTC

*We will continue to work with Otterton Parish Council, CDE and OVA to monitor this action.*

B2) Upgrade the overall character of the built environment of the town and seafront by maintaining and improving the street furniture and encouraging good maintenance of buildings on the High Street and Fore Street. EDDC should be encouraged to adopt the submitted local heritage assets list. Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC

*New bollards have been erected in the High St and existing gas lighting bollards have been re-painted. A programme of re-painting the seafront benches has been started. EDDC have accepted the principle of a local Heritage assets list but have yet to approve it.*

B3) Extension of the Conservation Area will be explored and encouraged to continue to enhance the unique character of Budleigh Salterton. Responsibility: Otter Valley Association, EDDC

*This action is ongoing and all relevant parties are monitoring the situation.*

B4) Review the nationally listed buildings assets list See Appendix C Responsibility: EDDC

*This CA is ongoing*

NE1 The Town Council will produce a strategy for the planting and regeneration of trees. Responsibility: BSTC

*BSTC have been working with EDDC to maximise tree planting in appropriate locations. The establishment of a Climate Change Working Group by BSTC will ensure that this action is progressed.*

NE2) Designate a green network along the railway amenity line, with the creation of a green corridor. OS Ref SY 064824-067826 Responsibility: EDDC

*BSTC have been working successfully with EDDC to ensure that this green corridor is not encroached upon by adjacent developments.*

NE3) Manage this corridor to enhance the wildlife. Responsibility: BSTC to lobby EDDC

*This CA is ongoing.*

NE4) The value of the allotments to sections of the community are such for BS Town Council to seek a nomination for inclusion on EDDC's Assets of Community Value, subject to criteria being met.  
Responsibility: BSTC

*No action taken on this as yet.*

EC1) When Business Rate collection is devolved to EDDC the Neighbourhood Plan will support the reduction of Business Rates by councillors and will encourage re-investment in local businesses and the implementation of initiatives and incentives to promote business development in the town.  
Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC, DCC, Chamber of Commerce

*EDDC still collect on behalf of the government and retain a small percentage -something like 10%. the rest goes to County. So no action on this CA.*

EC2) The Neighbourhood Plan will support initiatives to formulate and establish an integrated promotional plan encompassing the town's location on the unique World Heritage coastline and in the East Devon AONB, its Leisure activities and walks, beach, festivals, retail, accommodation and dining facilities. To facilitate this the Plan will encourage business groups in the town to work together with BSTC to formulate a future Town management plan. Responsibility: BSTC, Chamber of Commerce, EDDC, AONB, Natural England

*No progress on this action as yet*

EC3) The Neighbourhood Plan vigorously supports all actions to keep the last remaining bank in Budleigh Salterton. The Plan will support all actions necessary to maintain Post Office services at their current level. Responsibility: BSTC, Lloyds Bank, Post Office, Chamber of Commerce

*The town has lost its last remaining bank, however the council strongly support all actions to keep the Lloyds Bank and Nat West mobile facilities which still visits the town. Post Office services remain at the 2017 level.*

EC4) BSTC will encourage shop owners and landlords to maintain their shop frontages in good decorative order, improve the environment and overall appearance of the High Street and its environs. BSTC will encourage good design and refurbishment in keeping with the environment when considering planning applications in the High Street. See also Community Action TT3.  
Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC (Local Authority Business Growth Incentives LABGI), Chamber of Commerce

*While many shops have well designed frontages and are kept in good decorative order, the signage of some shop frontages could well be deemed to be inappropriate and not in keeping with the overall appearance of the High St. Unfortunately, appropriate planning legislation is not in place to enable us change the current situation.*

EC5) The Neighbourhood Plan would encourage and support the implementation of signage at key junction locations in East Devon detailing the highlights of the town and its locality.  
Responsibility: BSTC, DCC, BS Chamber of Commerce, BS Traffic group

*The erection of additional signage in East Devon AONB is difficult to implement due to conservation and relate planning conditions. Consequently, no progress has been taken on this action.*

CLW1) The Neighbourhood Plan supports initiatives to explore opportunities to use existing swimming pool facilities at St Peter's School for the public within the town. Responsibility: BSTC, St Peter's School, Swimtime

*St Peter's School and Swimtime are working together to facilitate this action*

CLW2) The Town should ensure that the seafront and beach area remain an attractive, clean and safe environment for leisure. Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC, DCC, Environment Agency, East Devon AONB, OVA

*The Budleigh Salterton Lions and representatives of the Maritime Conservation Agency regularly carry out beach cleans. EDDC Streetscene work tirelessly to ensure bins are emptied, toilets cleaned and appropriate signage is in place. An ongoing programme of bench re-staining and maintenance is taking place. While weed clearance has been an issue, BSTC have employed an operative to clear weeds and leaves in public areas.*

CLW3) The Town should provide support and provision for greater use of the seafront and beach for non-motorised water sport activities eg. kayaking, paddle-boarding and fishing, while retaining the overall character of the town and beach. It should be emphasised that this Community Action relates solely to the seafront and beach area as the River Otter has a SSSI designation which discourages its use for such activities (except fishing). Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC and local clubs and societies

*Budleigh Salterton seafront is being more widely used for water sports. EDDC have granted a licence to a company hiring paddleboards and kayaks during the peak summer season.*

CLW4) The Neighbourhood Plan recognises and supports the contribution to the wellbeing of the community from the diverse range of: • quality festivals spanning a wide range of interests • clubs; groups; societies and cultural activities • youth clubs (inc. cubs, brownies and guide groups)  
Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC, DCC, Festival Committees, Club and Society Committees

*BSTC acknowledges the contribution made by all the above and supports them whenever requests are made.*

CLW5) The Neighbourhood Plan supports initiatives to redevelop Budleigh Salterton Library on its present site. Should this option not prove feasible the Plan supports proposals to relocate the library should a suitable site and adequate funding become available. Any redevelopment should ideally consider provision of desk space, wi-fi facilities and casual meeting rooms for business use.  
Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC, DCC, Friends of BS Library. Chamber of Commerce

*Budleigh Salterton Library is thriving and has group of 'Friends' which raises funds to improve facilities and help with maintenance.*

CLW6) The Neighbourhood Plan recognises the need for the children at St Peter's C of E Primary school to have classrooms that are modern, inspiring and fit for purpose. Responsibility: Central government, DCC, Diocese of Exeter

*All relevant organisations are working to progress this CA.*

CLW7) The Neighbourhood Plan recognises the need to provide adequate accommodation at the school to meet the demand for school places. Responsibility: DCC, Central government, School governors, Diocese of Exeter

*This CA is ongoing*

CLW8) The Neighbourhood Plan recognises the need to provide the town and the school with a large multi-purpose sports hall to meet the needs of the community. Responsibility: Central government, DCC, Diocese of Exeter

*No progress on this CA*

CLW9) The Neighbourhood Plan supports the provision of a MUGA (multi-use-games-area) to allow for all year outside sports access. Responsibility: Central government, DCC, Diocese of Exeter, BSTC and residents

*This CA is complete*

CLW10) The Town should have sufficient child care and wrap around care including holiday provision to meet the needs of the town. Responsibility: EDDC, DCC, BSTC, Private Sector

*The town has wrap around care at the school, a children nursery at Seachange and a childminders business all of which are seeing an increase in growth.*

CLW11) The Town should ensure that there is available provision for an integrated Health & Social Care facility on a central site within the community which should be easily accessible. Responsibility: NHS, New Devon CCG, DCC

*Seachange and the Medical Centre fulfil this requirement*

CLW12) The Town will support the continued provision of good quality, safe and accessible health and social care from the Medical Centre, the Budleigh Community Hospital Hub and local care providers to meet the future needs of all age groups. Responsibility: Budleigh Salterton Medical Centre, Care Providers, DCC, NHS

*This CA is ongoing*

CLW13) It should be noted that the East Devon Local Plan Strategy 36 relating to Budleigh Salterton identifies that Budleigh Salterton requires a minimum additional 10 care/extra care home bed spaces, with potentially up to 50 care /extra care home bed spaces over the next few years given the high elderly population and that consideration should be given to finding a suitable location for them with close access to a GP Surgery. The town will strive to become a dementia friendly community and raise awareness within the town. Responsibility: DCC, EDDC, BSTC, NHS, Private Sector and Business Community

*No action taken as yet. Consideration should be given to monitoring the ongoing requirement.*

CLW14) The Town should encourage and support community values and engagement. The town will look to support fundraising events and encourage the voluntary sector in partnership with local businesses and professionals to work together on community-based projects on an ongoing basis. Responsibility: BSTC, Voluntary Sector, Chamber of Commerce, Budleigh in Business

*This action is ongoing. Throughout Covid BSTC worked with all sections of the community to ensure an effective response to the pandemic.*

CLW15) The Town will actively promote healthy lifestyles and family values with Health, Care and Well-being at the heart of the community. Responsibility: Hospital Community Hub, BSTC, Budleigh Salterton Medical Centre, St Peter's Primary School, Churches, Youth Clubs

*BSTC liaises with all sections of the community to facilitate progress on this CA.*

CLW16) The town should continue to recognise the vital role played by the various churches in our community, and will support them as they seek to serve the community in different ways. Responsibility: Budleigh Churches' Partnership, individual churches, event organisers, Town Council, St Peter's Primary School, Voluntary Sector, Health and Wellbeing Hub

*This CA is ongoing*

TT1) The Neighbourhood Plan will support the improvement of footpath provision at locations around the town where there are no footpaths or present footpaths are inadequate. Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC, DCC, Highways Authority

*This CA has been challenging. The reluctance by developers of the Evans Field development to provide a footpath has led to an ongoing dispute with DCC. Discussions regarding footpath provision at other locations are regularly considered by BSTC Traffic Group, however no positive outcomes have been found.*

TT2) The Neighbourhood Plan will support and promote pedestrian safety measures in the High St and at other high-risk locations eg. St Peter's School on Barn Lane, Rhyll Lane and 19 Steps on Marine Parade and Pebble Lane on Fore Street. Responsibility: DCC, Highways Authority

*There is a need for the BSTC Traffic Group DCC and the Highways Authority to progress this action.*

TT3) The Neighbourhood Plan supports the appointment of an independent Town/Transport Planning Consultant to undertake a High Street Design Review. The aim will be to examine a broad range of low cost and deliverable options regarding traffic flow, parking and pedestrian safety in the High St, Fore St and immediate environs. See also Community Action EC4. Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC, DCC, BSTC Traffic Group, Chamber of Commerce)

*During the first Covid lockdown proposals to institute a one-way system in the High St were put forward. The response from High St traders and the Chamber of Commerce was universally negative and the social media response from the community was mixed. A survey commissioned by BSTC to assess the views of the community on this and other matters attracted a very poor response. The cost/benefit of appointing a T/T Planning Consultant needs to be ascertained before deciding whether or not to progress this CA.*

TT4) The Neighbourhood Plan will support and encourage the Town Council in its efforts to maintain the status of the free car parks adjacent to The Green in Station Rd and in Brook Rd. A review of parking charges in the town's other pay and display car parks and on street parking charges and restrictions on Marine Parade needs to be considered in conjunction with this action to encourage their greater utilisation and thus reduce on street free parking and the congestion this can cause. Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC, DCC, BSTC Traffic Group, Chamber of Commerce

*This CA is ongoing.*

TT5) BSTC will explore possible solutions to the problem of access for emergency vehicles in the Town's side streets in consultation with the residents directly affected and the Emergency Services. Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC, DCC, BSTC Traffic Group, Devon & Cornwall Police, Devon & Somerset Fire Service, South Western Ambulance Service, Residents

*This continues to be a matter of concern, but it has not been possible to progress this action.*

TT6) BSTC will explore the feasibility of creating more medium-term coach parking spaces in the town. Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC, DCC, BSTC Traffic Group

*No locations to progress this CA have been identified and BSTC has received no correspondence indicating it is necessary to take any action on this CA.*

TT7) BSTC will continue to support a review of traffic management issues at the junction of Knowle Village/Exmouth Road/Knowle Hill in order to assess the need and feasibility for any potential change. Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC, DCC, Highways Agency, BSTC Traffic Group

*This CA is ongoing.*

TT8) The Neighbourhood Plan will support and encourage Devon Public Transport consortium to maintain the bus service provision to the town at its current level. BSTC will work with Devon Public Transport to pursue improvements in timetable synergy between linking routes (including rail services to and from Exmouth) particularly outside peak hours. Responsibility: BSTC, DCC (Transport Co-ordination Service) Devon Public Transport consortium

*This CA is ongoing.*

TT9) The Neighbourhood Plan will support initiatives to integrate and improve the cycle routes and related signage in the town without conflicting with or compromising pedestrian safety. Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC, DCC

*This CA is ongoing*

TT10) The Neighbourhood Plan supports initiatives by the Local Authority to install Electric Vehicle Charging points in key locations in Budleigh Salterton. These could potentially be sited in Lime Kiln and Station Road car parks. Responsibility: BSTC, EDDC, Environment Agency

*BSTC has set up a Climate Change Working Group which will prioritise progressing this initiative.*