

Community Strategy Action Plans Summary of Achievements to June 2005

Accessible Services

Output sought	Progress made by Project Group or others	
District wide audit of access to services.	☺	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Devon Public Access Survey. * 4 Town & Hinterland Plans. * 31 Parish Plans / Appraisals completed or in progress * Cluster Group consultations. * Agency partners own consultation activity.
District wide audit of access to transport.	☺	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Devon Local Transport Plan. * Town & Parish Plans. * Transport Research & Development Officer has completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Persons Transport Survey • Parish Transport Surveys * Specific project research.
District wide audit of access to buildings.	☹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Remit too wide for working group. * Some details contained in Town & Parish Plans.
<p>Identify district wide or area specific priorities in attaining equality of access to:</p> <p>a) services - develop <i>single point of contact</i> venues based in each market town with suitable transport links.</p> <p>b) buildings – encourage/assist with Disability Discrimination Act compliance;</p> <p>c) develop a <i>quality</i> venue in each market town.</p>	<p>☺</p> <p>☹</p> <p>☺</p> <p>☹</p>	<p>South Hams District Council new website and Customer Service Unit.</p> <p>Key buildings / projects have been identified in community-based planning.</p> <p>Rural transport surveys in progress.</p> <p>Support through Community Grant Fund and Loan Scheme and officer assistance. CCD offer advice & guidance on Village Halls.</p> <p>Key buildings / projects have been identified in community-based planning.</p> <p>Potential to expand to rural areas, e.g. making use of village halls /community buildings.</p>

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Identify district wide or area specific transport priorities.	☺	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Young Peoples Needs Assessment. * Shopmobility & Leisuremobility feasibility study. * Transport Research & Development Officer post. * Town & Parish Plans. * Development of Demand Responsive Transport underway.
Carry out a needs assessment of transport for young people.	☺	<p>On-going progress by Devon Rural Transport Partnership. New project ideas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity card scheme • Access to evening transport • Wheels to Work Steering Group established • Bantham Bus Service & review • Transport to post-16 education research
Carry out a feasibility study into Shopmobility and Leisuremobility.	☺	Shopmobility Steering Group established. Business Plan drafted and funding sources being investigated.
Employ a Transport Research and Development Officer to coordinate and promote transport in the South Hams.	☺	The Transport Research and Development Officer post partially meets this output, though it does not cover the whole of the South Hams. The area that is covered has benefited from in-depth research work and support for existing projects.
<p>Clear guidance to communities on sources of assistance for:</p> <p>a) developing and funding transport projects.</p> <p>b) benchmark standards for improving accessibility of buildings and services.</p>	<p>☺</p> <p>☺</p>	<p>Newsletter planned by the Transport Research and Development Officer. Contacts list available.</p> <p>Beyond remit of working group.</p>
Programme of support to parishes in producing local transport leaflets.	☺	Initial leaflets produced for Ivybridge. No further resource support currently available to progress.

Supporting Active and Caring Communities

Output sought	Progress made by Project Group or others	
Raise awareness of the community planning toolkit.	☺	2 half day seminars and follow-up surgeries. Community-based planning well underway.
Produce the following supporting information: * <i>'Understanding the role of agencies and partners'</i> leaflet. * Community protocol template. * SHSP local contacts list.	☺ ☺ ☺	'Who can help us' contact list. Further information contained within the toolkit Protocol and Terms of Reference produced June 03 As above
Review of communication methods between agency partners and communities.	☺	Devon Improvement Programme LSP review in progress.
Agency partners to establish and define the role of <i>lead contact</i> to ensure communities receive effective and appropriate assistance.	☺	Contact list produced and up-dated. New 'guide' to community based planning and agencies responses in progress.
Explore how to improve access to Credit Union services.	☺	Adoption of Devon Lane Credit Union as Action Learning Project, designing and supporting the production of marketing plan aimed at widening access and securing the sustainable future of the Credit Union.
Explore use of community enterprise in delivering services.	☺	* Some details contained within Town & Parish Plans. * Training courses now being offered locally.
Offer a range of capacity building training.	☺	On-going delivery through various voluntary and community sector (VCS) infrastructure support agencies.
Examine the opportunity for funding agencies to develop a single application form.	☹	Not pursued.

Affordable Housing

Output sought	Progress made by Project Group or others	
Raise awareness of the definition of 'Affordable Housing'.	☺	<p>'housing (irrespective of tenure or ownership) that will be available to people who cannot afford to rent or buy houses generally available on the open market because of the relationship between housing costs and income'</p> <p>Definition adopted from Housing Needs Survey and now used in Supplementary Planning Guidance.</p>
Raise awareness of single homeless peoples' housing needs.	☺	<p>Research project completed.</p> <p>Housing schemes now running in Kingsbridge (Westville) and Ivybridge (Highland Villa)</p>
Carry out a Housing Needs survey.	☺	Completed. More detailed Housing Market Assessment to be undertaken in 2005.
Examine the opportunity for utilising empty and underused accommodation.	☺	<p>Completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingsbridge & District Affordability Group assessment; • Private Sector Landlord Forum; • Tenant's Incentive Scheme.
<p>Multi-discipline conference on Housing, Care and support needs.</p> <p>Supporting People Locality Statement</p>	<p>☺</p> <p>☺</p>	<p>'Older Persons' event held in Summer 2003.</p> <p>Completed.</p>
Planning requirement for Affordable Housing to be contained within the new LDF	☺	Links to Housing Strategy, Section 106 agreements. Supplementary Planning Guidance adopted in 2004 includes tough new targets. Suitable sites being brought forward.
Employ a Rural Housing Enabler	☺	Completed.

Project: Employment and Skills

Output sought	Progress made by Project Group or others	
Improve awareness of employment land, development, site opportunities and infrastructure through central resource.	☺	Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business section of SHDC website • Business Information Guide • Needs Assessment Jan 05 • Broadband provision and take-up
Greater awareness of training opportunities to attain basic and key skills, and how to access them	☹	Beyond remit of working group. Consider inviting the Learning & Skills Council / Learning Partnership to join the Community Partnership Forum
Improved financial and business skills	☹	As above
Post 16 quality employment and training opportunities	☹	As above
Increase in GDP per head of population by 1.5% by April 2005. Increase average gross weekly earnings by 5% by April 2005.	☺ ☹	Monitoring of GDP is done externally and can only be reported irregularly. 2002: £291.20 (75.7% UK) 2003: £294.35 (74.9% UK) 2004: no figures available, but general trends show no significant improvement.
Confident communities that have identified their own priorities for economic regeneration and with a clear plan of action to secure their objectives	☺	A range of community-based planning activity producing a number of Town & Parish Plans. These contain priorities for economic regeneration and have identified key projects. 'Brokering' now in progress.