# WHAT IS A COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN?

A Community Action Plan gives people a real opportunity to say what's important to them and what needs to happen to make sure that their communities are better places to live for everyone. This plan sets out the priorities and aspirations of Plains residents and identifies ways of making these things happen.



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## **PLAINS**

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# COMMUNITY

We received 174 survey responses from the community. The most popular 12 actions from the survey were:

Activities for Young People
Address Fly Tipping
More Bins Around Village
Improve Outdoor Spaces
Address Derelict Sites in Village
Improve Access to Health Services
Better Access to Sports Facilities
Traffic Calming Measures
Community Clean Up
Activities for Older People
Better Communication of Local Activities
More Community Involvement

#### **PRIORITIES**

The main priorities for the community were: to provide more activities and opportunities for young people; to maintain the local environment, in particular fly tipping and littering; to see see derelict and vacant sites transformed into new amenities; to better involve local people in community life and activities; to improve the availability of public transport in and around Plains; to reduce speeding on local roads, Main Street in particular; to provide more recreation opportunities for people of all ages living in Plains.

These priorities were identified in the community survey and through conversations with local residents at the follow up community drop in event.



## **PROJECTS**

#### **Youth Activities**

Employ a youth worker for the local area who could engage young people and set up a youth steering group in Plains. The group would develop new activities in Plains which cater to the interests and priorities of young people; the group could also lead on projects and wider issues which are important to young people. The youth group will also help young people to be more involved in the decision making process in Plains

#### **Upgrade Facilities at Plains Park**

General upgrade of the existing play equipment at Plains Park, including the MUGA, to make it more useful and safer for the community. The play park will provide a variety of modern equipment for young people of all ages; ensuring there is adequate and suitable provision to meet the needs of all local young people.

### **Volunteer Project**

Create opportunities and provide support for local people to take up volunteering roles within their community. This could work as a Time Bank style project whereby the community could 'bank' volunteer time. This approach would also allow people to commit their time on a shorter term, infrequent basis without being committed to offering their time every week or long term.

#### **More Community Activities**

Potentially be best facilitated by a development worker to create a wider range of community events and activities for all ages throughout the year with a particular focus on activities and events which bring people of all ages and backgrounds together. Engaging with the community to identify popular activities that people would like to try, developing a programme of taster sessions to be delivered in the village