Willington Parish Council Action Plan 2026-27 - Projects - updated September 2026

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / COMMUNICATION :						
To update the newsletter format into Canva and assess the extent to which the newsletter is 'opened'. Assess requirement for a newsletter.	To effectively communicate with and to engage with the local community	Lead required following the resignation of Janet Smethurst from the PC.	May 2025 newsletter	2025-26 Subscriptions budget for basic Mailchimp subscription	**04/26** April 2026 newsletter issue 1.5.2026 **01/26** Dec 2025 newsletter produced in Canva **10/25** SI attended basic Canva course; December 2025 newsletter will be published w/b 15th December. **07/25** Analytics reviewed at July 2025 meeting. 'Revisits' data requested. **03/25** New format version issued via MailChimp in February 2025. **02/25** Residents issued with flyers requesting preference for delivery channel.	we can close this as it is BAU now.
TASK FORCE :						
Procure and install a 'Produce Exchange' on the Green	Provide a managed facility for residents to exchange produce and other items	Councillor John Lindsay	April 2025	2024-25 Projects Budget	**09/25** Well used during the summer. A success. **05/25** Installed and in use **03/25** Awaiting installation	Complete
Procure and install a bench at the top of Little Switzerland	Provide a rest place for walkers on Little Switzerland	Councillor John Lindsay	July 2025	2025-26 Projects Budget & Members Budgets	**08/26** - no evidence of anti-social behaviour around the bench has been seen. The PC meeting on 28th July agreed to mark this project as complete. **01/26** - 'No Litter' sign installed. Now need to monitor litter and other issues around the bench **11/25** Bench installed. Good feedback from residents. 'No Litter' sign ordered. Delivery expected mid December **09/25** Groundworks complete. Installation process agreed; to be completed in September. The PC agreed that: 1) - a 'no litter sign' will be installed. 2) - the bench will be installed as planned but noise, litter and nuisance will be monitored, and the bench removed if there are serious issues. **07/25** Members budget funding received. Bench ordered and received. Installation plan drafted, target end of August 2025. **05/25** Members budget applied for (£300 x 2). Kelsall PC will not fund. Bench ordered from Amberol @ circa £750.00 for July delivery. Site surveyed. **03/25** Partly funded by Kelsall PC? No!	Complete
Provision of Grit Bin on Tirley Lane	Provide nearby residents with access to salt/grit to spread at the 90 degree bend on Tirley lane by Dial house.	Councillor Stuart Ingram	Autumn 2025	2025-26 Projects budget	**01/26** - bin refilled mid January with rocksalt donated by a Councillor. **11/25** - the bin has been installed (as agreed with Dial House resident) and filled with 75kg of grit. Cllr Lindsay has grit he can provide in the future. **09/25** - The clerk will arrange for a grit delivery and the bin to be filled. **07/25** - 200 litre yellow bin purchased from Roadware @ £114.95 plus VAT. Stored at Dial House.	Complete
ROAD SAFETY :						
Deliver New 20mph Speed Limit Chapel Lane, Rough Low Gooseberry Lane	Improve community safety	Councillor Andrew Nicholas	Await CWaC timescales	2025-26 (?) Projects Budget	**08/26** - SB confirmed that the Chapel Lane 20 MPH limit is on the list to progress and will hopefully be operational within this financial year. Consultation planned for November 2026. **08/26** - chased Stuart Bateman at CWaC Highways for an update. **11/25** - CWaC Highways confirmed with Borough Councillor Tom Cooper that '*....Chapel Lane will not be progressed through the (speed restriction change) process until the 26-27 financial year*'. **09/25** - Cllr Tom Cooper will request details of the implementation plan from CWaC Highways **03/25** - likely to be 2026 before any work started. **03/25** - CWaC have agreed to implement the revised speed restrictions. Await update from CWaC Highways.	In progress
Support Tarvin PC attaining reduction of speed limits on Willington Road 50 mph & 40 mph	Improve community safety	The Clerk	Await CWaC timescales	tbc	**08/26** - asked Cllr Ted Lush for an update. He confirmed that no progress has been made because there is a hold on current speed limit assessments as CWaC continues to consider its community-led speed limit policy options. **02/26** - Cllr Lindsay was unable to attend the Tarvin PC meeting in December. The Clerk will contact Tarvin PC and Cllr Lush. Tarvin PC minutes 15.11.25 said '*...a further update had been received from Highways apologising for the delay and confirming that the new policy was still on hold whilst costs to third parties were confirmed'. Tarvin PC will consider a report prepared by Councillor Lush as soon as the new Highways policy is available.*' **11/25** - the speed on Willington Road will be discussed at Tarvin PC on 15th Dec; Cllr Lindsay will attend. The	In progress but unlikely to succeed.
Select, procure and install a Speed Indicator Device (SID/VAS)	Improve community safety	The Clerk	30th April 2025. Place order for device by 1st March 2025	Borough Councillors budget and 2024-25 Projects line.	**11/25** - deployments continue. PCSO to get tru-cam codes for 2 new locations in the village. **09/25** - multiple deployments completed. Data gathering and reporting is in place. Tarvin may wish to see what we have done. **07/25** - SID built and configured. It has been deployed in 2 locations and 3 directions. **05/25** - ordered from Elan City. Received 23.5.25. Stored in Cllr Abbott's garage for now. **03/25** - supplier ceased trading. Working with new supplier (Elan City); not very responsive.	Complete
CLIMATE AND NATURE						
Identify and communicate climate change actions	Aiming to reduce individual impact	Councillor Matt Bloxham	Ongoing	Nil Cost	**09/2026** - Climate Emergency Briefing film to be screened at Willingon Hall on Weds 18th Nov 2026. **07/2026** - link to SLCC toolkit provided to Councillors **04/2025** - Willington Climate and Nature Event postponed. Other events planned. **11/25** - CAN will hold a Willington Climate and Nature Event for village residents (and anyone else!) at the Boot Inn on Sunday 17th May 2026. **09/25** - meeting planned for Thurs 2nd October First two meetings of working party held.	In progress
Declare a Climate Emergency	Improve awareness of Climate Change	All Councillors	By ?????	Nil Cost	**03/25** - to be covered by CAN working party. Nothing done.	Complete
Install bat and bird boxes in the village	Biodiversity	Councillor John Lindsay	?????	2025-26 budget	**09/25** - 12 boxes installed. Re-run the initiative in the early Spring or Autumn 2026? **07/25** - new 'installer' identified. WhatsApp group of interested residents set up; box options presented **05/25** - publicised in newsletter	Complete.
Build a Bee Hotel on The Green	Biodiversity	?	?????	????	**09/25** - CAN working party have put this on hold. **05/25** - Open Gardens will not build a Bee Hotel for the Green; they will help attendees build their own. **03/25** - Open Gardens 2025 plan to build a Bee Hotel	Will not proceed
Raise awareness of the impact of the use of pesticides & herbicides and publicise alternatives.	Biodiversity	Councillor James Abbott	None	None	**03/25** - to be covered by CAN working party.	In progress
Investigate the installation of a EVC point on Willington Corner	Potential revenue	Councillor Andrew Nicholas	Unknown	Reserves/Grant?	**07/25** PC agreed to not progress this. **05/25** Nothing done recently. Option for CWaC Funding?	Will not proceed
INVESTIGATE TAKING OWNERSHIP OF THE GREEN AT WILLINGTON CORNER	To preserve and maintain this asset	Councillor Andrew Nicholas	Unknown	Unknown	**07/25** PC agreed to not progress this. The Green is registered as a 'green, open space' with DEFRA. Ongoing.	Will not proceed
ACQUIRE FAST FIBRE BROADBAND FOR WILLNGTON	Improve internet speed and reliability	Councillor Stuart Ingram	By ?????	Cost ????	**09/26** - update from OpenReach received...'Having reviewed our plans for CW6 0NB and the surrounding area, we can confirm that this location remains within scope of our commercial Full Fibre build programme. Our teams have confirmed that the project is currently in its early stages and remains on track within our programme. Based on current forecasts, we expect Full Fibre services to become available in this area by the end of 2027. **07/26** - no progress made in June & July	Disappointing slippage from 2026.

ADDITONAL IDEAS						
Planter located on the Green					**09/25** -PC agreed not to progress this due to the lack of clarity regarding ownership of the Green **07/25** - maybe cancel this due to ownership of the Green.	Will not proceed
Electric 13 amp socket, Meter and power supply to the Green						Will not proceed
Improve street lighting at the bottom of Chapel Lane		Councillor Stuart Ingram				Will not proceed
Manage the trees on the Green	To reduce the number of trees and branches on the Green to improve the light to the grass, reduce risk of falling branches, make the Green more usable	?	?	Projects. CWaC unlikely to fund.	**07/26 -** At the PC meeting on 28th Juy 2026, Cllr Abbott agreed to commission a report from a suirable arboreal consultant for discussion at September's meeting. **04/26 -** Cllrs Lindsay & Bloxham will review the village trees for inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order list. **03/26** - annual allowance for tree maintenance was included in 2026-27 budget. Clerk will ask Borough Cllrs if funding could be provided from the Members Budgets for the initial works. **02/26 -** CWaC have completed the agreed remedial works on two trees. Cllrs Abbott and Ingram will work with a tree specialist to develop a proposal for a medium term action plan. **01/26** - Clerk asked the CWaC Tree Officer what the next steps and timescales are. **11/25 -** CWaC Tree Officer visited the Green; two trees require attention, others should be monitored. CWaC will fund the remedial works. £2000 included in the draft 2026-27 budget for other work on the trees. **09/25** - Clerk contacted CWaC Tree Officer (Ruth Tothill) on 3rd September. A tree officer will inspect the trees with regard to safety. No funding is available for fixing other issues e.g. shading of grassy areas. **07/25** - Cllr Tom Cooper provided contacts in CWaC (Tree Officers). Clerk to contact them about a visit to the Green.	In progress

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / COMMUNICATION :					
To issue at least 2 newsletters (Contributions from The Clerk, all Councillors and the local community)	To communicate with and to engage with the local community	All individual Councillors & the Clerk / Editor	Half Yearly:- May & November Quarterly:- Feb, May, August, November	Budget	4 x editions published in 2025. Next one scheduled for April 2026
Encourage delivery of newsletters via email	Reduce cost and deliver enhanced content.	All Councillors	Ongoing	Nil Cost	35 paper newsletters issued in December 2025. MailChimp stats available.
EVENTS :					
VE-Day Commemorations (Fish & Chip Supper)	Village Event	Events Team	8th May 2025	Budget for 2024-25 and 2025-26	Complete
Picnic on The Green - VE Day Themed	Village Event	Events Team	11th May 2025	Budget for 2024-25 and 2025-26	Complete
Open Gardens 2025	Village Event	Events Team	8th June 2025	Budget for 2024-25 and 2025-26	Complete
Christmas Lights / Carols on The Green	Family Event	Councillor Andrew Nicholas	December 2025	Budget for 2025-26	07/2026 - are rental, solaar trees an option? Cllr Abbott to progress. 02/2026 - Lights taken down by Task Force and returned to Rob M. Xmas Tree was beyond repair. Need to consider an alternative for Xmas 2026 - Cllr Abbott will progress. 01/2026 Complete for 2025. But Xmas tree is broken and lights are still on the Green
AED MANAGEMENT :					
Manage and Report Status of AED's & Replace Batteries / Pads	Community Safety	Councillor Andrew Nicholas	Monthly	Budget	08/2026 - AED training course arranged for 1st October 2026 at Willington Hall 07/2026 - new pads and 2x batteries ordered and supplied (for The Boot and Willington Hall) Ongoing. New Pads ordered for the AED at The Boot 18.1.2026.
TASK FORCE :					
Manage the 'Task Force' volunteers and to organise work parties	Maintain the Village Green and the assets. To keep them in a tidy and in clean condition	???	Twice yearly and / or as needed	Budget	07/2026 - initial working party completed. Revised risk process adopted. 02/2026 John Jeffries has taken over a Task Force leader folllowing John Grimshaw resignation. 01/2026 Task Force now seems to largely be one resident. We need to think about the leadership and members. Many works complete including produce exchange, car park spaces,
Manage Village litter picks	To keep the Parish free of litter	????	Ongoing	Budget	07/2026 - litter picking 'day' to be arranged on Satueday 3rd October. 5/2026 - to be raised at AVM on 20.5.26 Not being actively managed.
Ensure our footpaths and Public Rights of Way are kept and maintained to a good and safe standard	For the betterment of the local environment	???	Ongoing	Budget	08/20265 - Clerk met with CWaC Footpaths Officer on 10th August - he will arrange for the repairs to be progressed.07/2026 07/2026 - path erosion and worn steps at top of Little Switzerland need attending to. 04/2026 - work completed. 03/2026 - Mike Goan has raised the Little Switzerland retainng wall