

HORSHAM TOWN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

ACTION PLAN
2011-2016



Let's Make Horsham Even Better.....

Horsham is a delightful historic town and is regarded as a thriving, supportive community that appeals to both residents and visitors. Over the centuries Horsham has evolved from ancient Saxon settlement, through Victorian expansion and now into a beautiful town with good road, rail and air links. There is a population of around 50,000 and yet the town retains many aspects of its market town past, has been carefully renovated and developed to provide excellent shopping and cultural opportunities. Horsham District is regarded to be one of the top 10 places to live in England

As winner of South East and the Britain in Bloom National Competition, the Town is a blooming delight from Spring to Autumn.

Local employers include large companies such as RSA and the RSPCA who together with many smaller firms provide a sound commercial base. Shopping is well served by the Swan Walk Retail Centre, and a large number of boutiques supply something a little different. The new restaurant quarter offers a gastro treat. Horsham has 3 conservation areas and many listed buildings. The Carfax is the hub of the town complete with Victorian Band Stand and War Memorial.



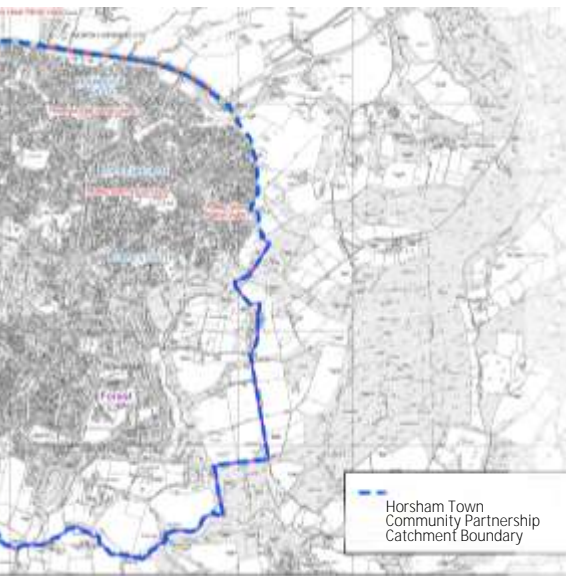
The Causeway is especially attractive and leads to the 12th Century **St Mary's Parish Church**.

The green jewel is Horsham Park with its many attractions. Other features include Warnham Nature Reserve, Denne Park, St Leonards Forest and Chesworth Farm much of which is included in the High Weald area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and South Downs National Park.

What is Horsham Town Community Partnership?

The Horsham Town Community Partnership was formed in 2010 and is an umbrella core group comprised of members of Denne, Forest and Trafalgar Neighbourhood Councils, Horsham Society and Horsham in Bloom as well as other interested individuals standing in their own right.

The purpose of the Partnership is to represent the aspirations of local organisations and residents, and through this, work on projects or issues affecting the town and its residents. The Partnership is registered as a company limited by guarantee and as such can apply for funds i.e. grant funding for which other organisations like Horsham District Council or Neighbourhood/Parish Councils are not eligible.



The objects are to benefit the built-up area of Horsham town and its community by working on issues and projects of interest and concern to the area.

The Community Partnership is action orientated through volunteers. Any action worked on by the Community Partnership are actions that have been highlighted through consultation and views expressed by local people.

The two most important resources for HTCP projects are people and funding.

It is for the Community Partnership, backed by local community opinion, to decide the priority of any actions undertaken and to find the resources to work on projects. Through this all inclusive public consultation a 5 year initial Action Plan has been drawn up.

A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE (HOUSING, PUBLIC SPACE, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE)

WHAT	HOW
Clear River Arun, Boldings Brook, Red River and Riverside Walk of debris.	HTCP to co-ordinate existing groups together effectively and encourage them to join in.
Encourage and help more business recycling especially for small businesses.	Monitor HDC activity on their website addresses this. HTCP help with this new service.
Extend cycle routes.	HTCP to work with organisations to make better and joined up cycle routes.
Promote awareness of public transport and promote its greater usage.	More accessible publicity for public transport and co-ordination.
Encourage renewable energy in business and residential premises.	HTCP to work with Greening the City and other groups on environmental issues.
Promote the use of open space, keep community space in community use.	HTCP to consult with organisations on community open space.

You can see that the Action Plan has been divided into 4 areas of concern with 'What' needs to be done, 'How' it's to be done and by 'Who'.

HTCP is run by a volunteer Management Committee and a team of Directors. Minutes of their meetings can be seen on the HTCP website.

Major projects such as the Riverside Walk project are run by a separate volunteer team under a Project Manager.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT, CYCLING, (PAGE)

	WHO
groups to work	Local groups such as Green Gym,
encourage new groups	Tritar, Hills Farm Lane Conservation group
	Environment Agency, WSCC, HDC, Youth Groups,
	YMCA.
or new service that	HTCP, WSCC, and HDC.
with publicity regarding	
ons to help facilitate	HTCP, Horsham Cycling Forum, HDC,
utes.	WSCC.
travel information	HTCP to work with all transport providers
	HDC, WSCC and local press.
Horsham Campaign	HTCP, Greening Horsham Campaign,
mental issues.	Environmental Agency, HDC Sustainability Team.
ations involved with	HTCP, Green Gym, HDC Health Walks,
	Horsham Society, HDC.



North Street, Horsham

OPPORTUNITY FOR (ECONOMY, EDUCATION, AMENITIES, TOURISM)

WHAT	HOW
Upgrade the Drill Hall for wider community use with possible transfer of asset to the community	HTCP to pursue this issue and in term future of the Drill Hall and agreement.
Support Christmas lights and encourage all relevant parties to support them financially	Further upgrading of Christmas town traders to help with this fin
Establish need for Post Office services and seek alternative ways to provide them as necessary	Find out what is required and wh provide a better more accessib
Set up a late night internet cafe for local residents	Pursue places that already exist late night internet cafe within th
Support local producers	Pursue the feasibility of a local p could provide a facility for the sa arts and crafts produce made wi of Horsham.
Encourage arts events in the Town	Research what is already availab demanded.
Encourage and facilitate more concerts in Horsham Park	Research what is wanted.

Workshops have been held with HDC Officers, Town and County Councillors, Parish and Neighbourhood Councils, Police Representatives, Representatives from Town Voluntary Groups, Head teachers of Town Schools, Youth Group Workers, Ethnic Group Leaders and Representations from District Community Partnerships and Volunteers. These workshops helped prioritise the issues raised by the consultations and looked at ways that they could be addressed. Liaising with these groups ensured that actions were not duplicated and that groups could work together to best advantage.

ON AND SKILLS, FACILITIES AND

	WHO
investigate the long viability of the lease	HTCP working with HDC.
rights, liaising with financially.	Horsham Unlimited, HDC.
what is missing to the system.	HTCP to consult with Post Office Services and local groups.
that could provide a venue for their premises.	HTCP to liaise with late opening venues in the Town.
produce venue that can accommodate the sale and display of goods within a 10 mile radius	HTCP to work with other organisations.
le, and what is	HTCP liaising with other arts organisations.
	HTCP to work with Arts and Events organisations



Drill Hall, Horsham

BETTER HEALTH FOR ALL (GENERAL HEALTH, TRANSPORT, OLDER PEOPLE, CHILDREN, FAMILIES)

WHAT	HOW
Bookable transport for care homes that do not have their own transport.	Pursue the co-ordination of what is the training of volunteer drivers and information to liaise with existing schemes to provide a more co-ordinated service.
Improve transport to East Surrey Hospital.	Help in publicity and better access already available.
Encourage more holiday play schemes (under 13) and re-establish lost ones.	Research on what is available and Liaise with HDC.
Expand and improve local Community Car scheme.	Co-ordinate what is available and what is available.
Youth incentive scheme to encourage young people to get involved in local issues and take "ownership" of their facilities.	Research what is needed and what got for recompense.
More ways to help teenagers find info on holiday jobs, etc.	Research what is needed and what available.

To make all this happen Project Groups are set up with volunteers who wish to take that project forward. Most project groups will come together for a particular project until it is completed.

Overall control is vested in HTCP, who manage and oversee the projects.

HEALTH, HOSPITAL, COMMUNITY YOUNG PEOPLE AND

	WHO
What is available,	HTCP liaising with community transport
and collate this	schemes, HDC, WSCC, local press.
g transport	
rdinated service.	
ssibility of what is	HTCP to liaise with transport groups.
nd required.	HTCP, HDC and other groups such as Horsham
	Matters, Senior Schools, school PTAs
nd help in publicity for	HTCP, Community Car Scheme Groups,
	HACVS, Charities, local press.
hat incentives can be	HTCP, YMCA, HYPER and other youth groups.
	local schools, NCs and NH PC, Churches
	Together.
hat is already	HTCP, Connexions, YMCA, HYPER,
	Horsham Children Can Do, (Horsham Matters) Horsham 100
	Matters), Horsham 100 (Tanbridge School)
	local schools and colleges.

Y Centre, Albion Way,
Horsham



STAYING AND FEELING SAFE (CRIME & DISORDER, RESPECT, ROAD SAFETY)


WHAT	HOW
Better lighting in public places at night, eg Horsham Park and North St subway	Consultation on Park routes required, need better lighting in the Town
Additional Police Community Support Officer for the Town.	Re-allocation of Police Offices and Centre at crucial times, extra recruitment, volunteer specials.
Promote care and respect for the Town and its inhabitants and greater public involvement	Launch a respect campaign.
Encourage Community Watch Schemes and re-establish lost ones	Research what ones are active and lost, and where new ones could be
Secure cycle storage in the Town	Research cycling storage provision, where secure cycle storage could be
More safe road crossings.	Review the existing crossing points and identify accident black spots, a particular need.
Promote safe driving and cycling	Research where there are problems with driving and cycling, and ask WSC to monitor the problem with electronic analysis.

What next? The information in this plan is very much a work in progress. Some proposals will be readily achievable and some will take more planning before they can be implemented. The Plan is therefore a living document subject to ongoing review.

SORDER, FEAR OF CRIME,

	WHO
quired, and areas that	HTCP liaising with HDC, WSCC and British Rail.
and PCSOs in Town recruitment of	HTCP liaising with Police and HDC.
	HTCP liaising with Social Services and Youth Groups, YMCA, HYPER, local schools and colleges, Horsham Matters.
and which have been be instigated.	HTCP liaising with Police, new housing schemes, local insurance companies (Royal Sun Alliance)
on in the Town, and d be provided.	HTCP liaising with Horsham Cycling Forum, Cycling Proficiency groups, Aviva, HDC and WSCC.
nts in the Town, s or where there is	HTCP giving review findings to WSCC.
ems with unsafe C Highways to ronic equipment for	HTCP to liaise with Police, Horsham Cycling Forum and WSCC.

You Can Help. To progress the actions, volunteers are always needed. If you are interested in finding out more please visit our website: www.horshamtowncommunitypartnership.btck.co.uk



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Abbreviations used:

HTCP—Horsham Town Community Partnership

HDC—Horsham District Council

WSCC—West Sussex County Council

AiRS—Action in Rural Sussex

PTA—Parent Teacher Association

HACVS—Horsham Area Council for Voluntary Service

YMCA— **Young Men's Christian Association**

NC—Neighbourhood Council

NHPC—North Horsham Parish Council

HYPER— Horsham Young Peoples Elected Representatives (Horsham Youth Council)

PCSO—Police Community Support Officer

TRITAR—Tanbridge Park River Clearance Group