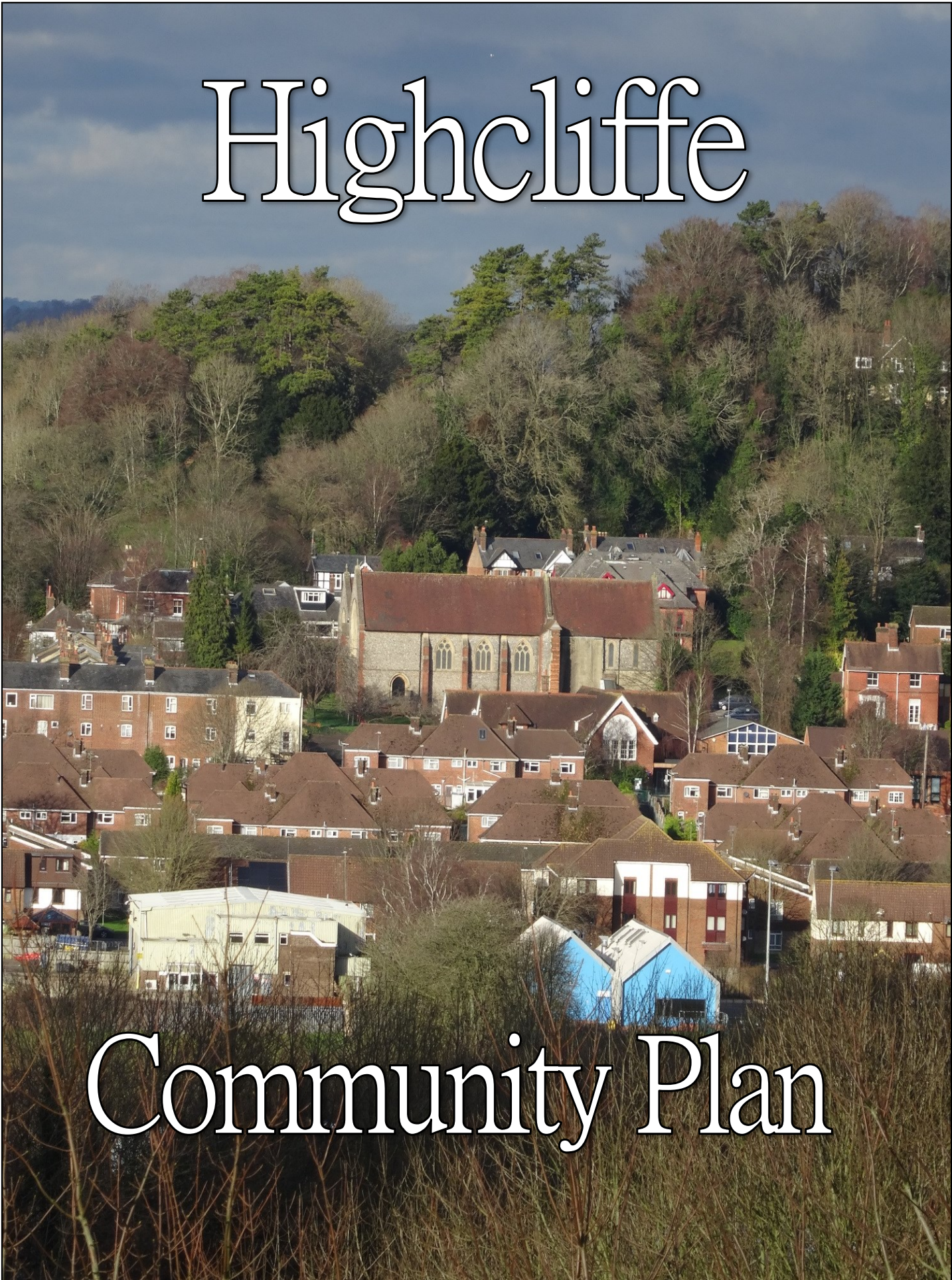


Highcliffe

Community Plan



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Introduction

This report represents three years of work to find out from the residents of Highcliffe what makes Highcliffe such a good place to live and ways in which it could be made even better.

The information in this report was gathered through questionnaires, surveys and consultations. Though concerns and improvements were mentioned, the results showed how much people appreciated Highcliffe and what it has to offer.

- The children at school identified: **'Being able to look at the hills'** as one of the things that makes living in Highcliffe special.
- The summary of the Love It/Hate It Survey states that:
' Highcliffe residents think that the area is a great place to live, that the people are friendly and there is a great sense of community.'
- One resident commented: **'It's a happy place to live'**

Areas for improvement highlighted in the community plan around local environment, parking, the bus service and the desire for more activities and facilities will be tackled through the 22 Actions identified as a result of the community plan process.

The ease and speed with which these can be achieved will vary widely. However, the existence of this plan will help to speed the process up, as it provides an evidence base and the proof that action is needed. New opportunities may present themselves and require incorporation into this plan and may help in the delivery of these actions .

The Highcliffe Community Forum for Action will be responsible for taking the action plan forward on behalf of the community. To effectively represent as many sections of the community as possible the group would benefit from enthusiastic newcomers who value and wish to contribute to community life. As a living document the Action Plan Schedule will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis to reflect changes in circumstances and to meet future needs whilst still satisfying the desired outcomes.

Relocation of the Leisure Centre?

Since this process was carried out it has emerged that, an area adjacent to the Winchester Sports Stadium has been identified by Winchester City Council as its preferred site for a new sports and leisure centre complex for Winchester. Any further progress on this will be reflected in the action plan schedule and any decisions will need to make adequate reference to this report.

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Highcliffe Community Plan Steering Group

Section 1

The Highcliffe Community Plan Process

A Community Plan is a way of setting out what local people would like for their area, making sure that those who live and work there can enjoy a good quality of life, now and in the future. It sets out:

- The views of all sections of the community
- Local needs and opportunities
- How people want their community to change and get better, now and in the future
- Things about the local area that people value
- An action plan to achieve this

Highcliffe Community Forum for Action (HCFA) is a well-established local forum where residents, councillors and neighbourhood service officers discuss local issues and decide on action to address these issues.

A Pilot Survey was carried out by HCFA at the Church summer fete in June 2013 to see whether the idea of a community plan would be popular in Highcliffe.

The Highcliffe Community Plan Steering Group (HCPSG) made up of residents and supported by local councillors and Winchester City Council Officers, was set up by HCFA to take the project forward.

The steering group quickly set to work, producing a community profile and carrying out several surveys

The Love It / Hate It Survey was the first of these in October 2013. There were 151 responses collected. The results not only identified the main areas of concern for local residents, but also the things that they really like and want to protect in Highcliffe.

The results of this survey are set out below:

- Likes** • Sense of community • Proximity to city • Proximity to countryside • Good road links
- Dislikes** • Dog fouling and litter • Anti – social behaviour • Limited bus services • Parking issues
- Changes** • Improvements to local facilities • Dog fouling and litter • Return of local shop • Improved bus service • Reduced traffic speeds and parking

The Love It / Hate It Survey also identified four main themes from the responses:

1. **Crime and Community Safety**
2. **Travel and Transport**
3. **Local Living Environment**
4. **Community Amenities**

A Detailed Household Survey was carried out in July 2014 based on the four themes identified from the Love It/ Hate It Survey. There were 131 responses collected.

Three Themed Meetings followed on from the detailed household survey in the winter of 2014:

- Transport and Parking
- The Local Living Environment
- Community Facilities

These provided a further opportunity to express any concerns, share ideas on how these might be resolved, and to engage with representatives from key organisations such as the council and the bus company.

22 Actions were drawn up to address the issues that were raised. These were presented to the community at the church fete in June 2015, where residents were also given the opportunity to prioritise actions in each theme in order of importance.

Section 2



Highcliffe

Context and Boundary

Highcliffe currently forms part of the St Johns & All Saints Ward on the eastern side of the City of Winchester. It has a population of over 1500 people, comprising over 830 households, 40% of which are identified as Council housing. For the purposes of this Community Plan the geographical area of Highcliffe is contained within the ward boundary and its boundary is marked on the detailed location map.

The northern boundary of Highcliffe is formed by Petersfield Road and Chalk Ridge, which separates it from the neighbouring community of St. Giles Hill. Its western boundary is formed by Bar End Road, which separates it from the housing, small light industrial area and the Barfield Park and Ride facility on the western side of Bar End Road. The Phase 1 St. Catherine's Park and Ride, the County Arts Museum Service site and a wedge of set aside land, form the southern most limit of the area. The M3 forms its eastern boundary. At this point the motorway also defines the extent of the South Downs National Park, which lies to the east of Winchester.

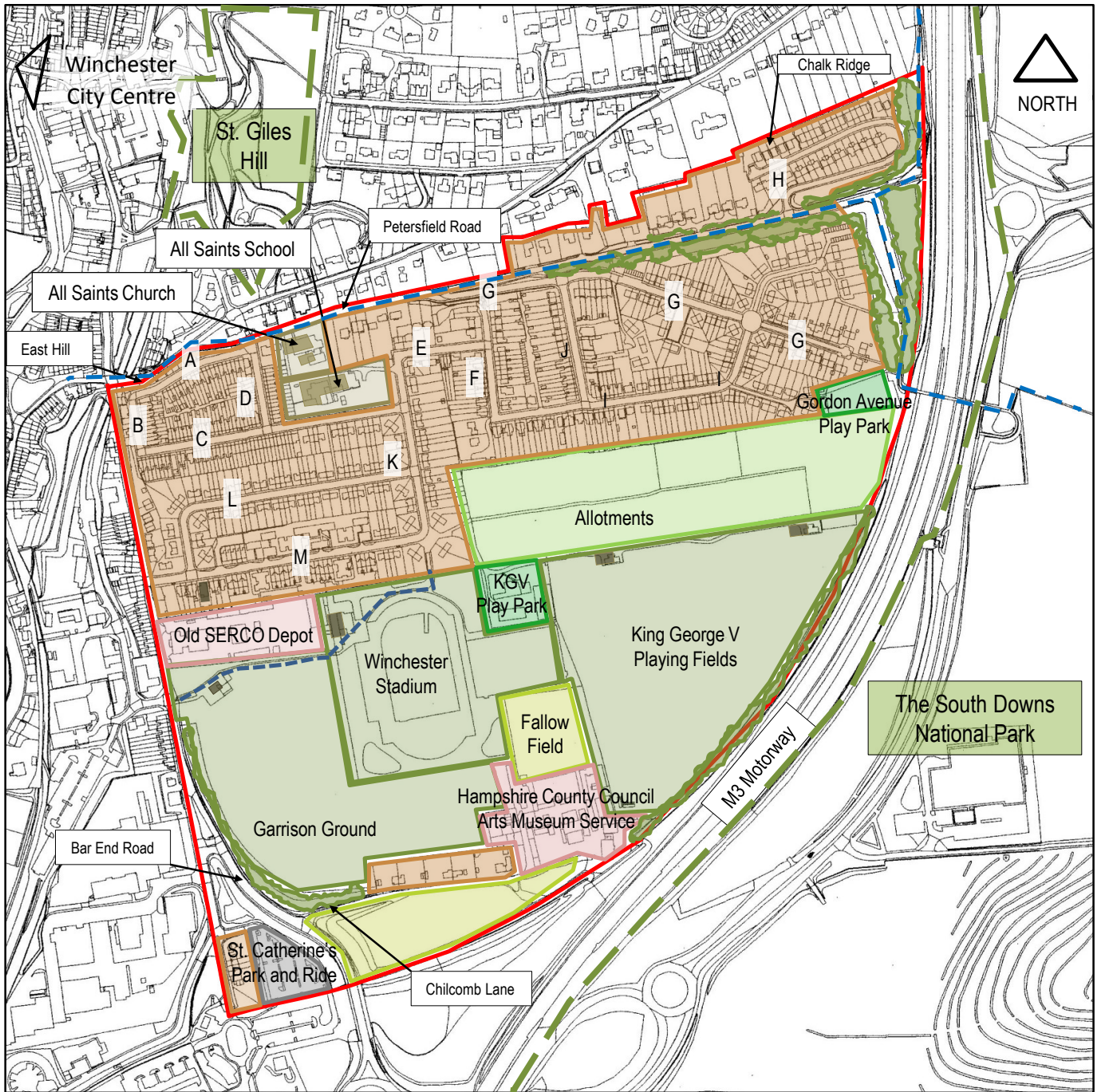
History

Much of the area occupies a section of a south facing slope on a downland ridge running east to west, which would originally have looked very like the continuing chalk grassland slopes of the nature reserves to the east of the motorway. It would have been unfenced and grazed by sheep. The wool trade was very important in Winchester's growth as a market town, with the St. Giles Fair being one of the most important in the country. Later the area was divided into fields and owned by several farms.

The lack of space within the city for house building in the latter half of the 19th century, along with the building of the Chesil Street station on a newly planned railway line, led to the development of 'Old Highcliffe' on the eastern side of the city, in 1888. Building of the church followed in 1891 and the school in 1893. The Evangelical Church was built in 1930 but began as a Mission Hall in the 1880s. The majority of Highcliffe Park council estate falls into two distinct areas of council housing built between the First and the Second World War, with a small proportion constructed shortly after. The remaining areas are a mixture of all age housing infill, carried out throughout the last century.

This has made for a reasonably varied and organic streetscape but with the sloping topography leading to a more restricted urban layout, broken up by pockets of vegetation cover to steeply sloping boundary areas. A substantial number of very mature, predominantly beech trees, occupy the steepest slopes on the sides of St Giles Hill and much of the length of the slope directly below the ridge on both sides of the Petersfield Road. These provide an attractive and significant backdrop and structure to the area. The allotments running east to west at the rear of Gordon Avenue provide a transition between the built up and open space areas either side and add to the varied nature of the landscape of the area.

Highcliffe Location Map



KEY

- Boundary of Highcliffe (defined for this report)
- Residential Areas
- Significant buildings
- Commercial Properties
- Car Parks
- Significant tree/shrub planting
- Formal open space (public access /limited public access)
- Informal open space (No public access)
- Other significant open space (no public access)
- Local play parks (children/young people)
- Significant adjacent open space/designated countryside
- Footpaths

Roads in the Area

- | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|-----------------|
| A | Highcliffe Road | G | Fivefields Road |
| B | Cathedral View | H | Chalk Ridge |
| C | St. Catherine's Road | I | Gordon Avenue |
| D | Canute Road | J | Nelson Road |
| E | Dell Road | K | Vale Road |
| F | St. Leonards Road | L | Portal Road |
| | | M | Milland Road |

Section 3

Analysis and Detailed Survey

Introduction

This section of the report draws together all the information gathered during the Community Plan Process, and presents the ambitions, aspirations and expectations of local residents. It lays the foundations on which organisations can work with the community to improve their lives and the enjoyment of their neighbourhood.

When taking decisions or suggesting proposals that will affect the community it is expected that organisations, groups and agencies will have consulted this document, and that any proposals are informed by this report and support the completion of the action plan.

The 22 Actions are listed appropriately under the Four Main Themes of Community Safety, Travel and Transport, Local Living Environment and Community Amenities.

Outcomes have been listed for each of the stated themes. The outcome is the change, benefit or other effect that happens as a result of work undertaken or actions that are implemented.

- **Community Safety** : To provide a safe environment for residents and to reduce fear of crime and anti-social behaviour to a minimum.
- **Travel and Transport** : Our community benefits from a good public transport system, with safe walking and cycling routes and sufficient parking to meet the needs of local residents.
- **Local Living Environment** : Our public realm and open spaces are of a high quality and accessible to all and issues of littering and dog fouling are rare.
- **Community Amenities**: Our local amenities offer access to a wide range of activities and services that meet the needs of the community

Each theme also includes a snapshot profile, of the current situation in Highcliffe, together with a list of actions, to help achieve the outcomes. Each action has been labelled • low • medium • high according to the priority given to it by the community. The reason for each action is given using evidence from the consultations. Some of the actions also have suggestions, proposed during the course of the themed meetings and surveys, about ways in which they could be achieved. The 22 actions to achieve the four outcomes which follow this explanation are presented in the format set out below:

Description of Action	Community Priority	Linked Action
1a-f 2a-f 3a-e 4a-f	H = High M = Medium L = Low	1a/2d

The results of all the surveys can be viewed on the HCFA website at: <https://highcliffeforum.wordpress.com>



1. Community Safety

Outcome - to provide a safe environment for residents and to reduce fear of crime and anti social behaviour to a minimum.

Snapshot Profile

Crime

Highcliffe is considered to be a low crime area according to police reports. There have been no recent crime trends within the area. The area has had problems with anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in the past.

Organisations working with the community

The Police and Community Together Organisation (PACT) works with Winchester City residents on crime safety matters and their current focus is on anti - social behaviour.

The Neighbourhood Services Team has an officer working part-time within the Highcliffe community.

A community safety booklet was compiled in 2010 listing the main agencies who had influence in the area and their contact details.

In the past, a handful of roads were covered by Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and this situation is currently being reviewed. Updates for the Neighbourhood Watch and PACT meetings for the whole of Highcliffe are regularly included in the parish and community magazine.

Road safety provision in the area

At present there are two zebra crossings on Bar End and Chesil Street to help access the town centre. A footbridge/ cycleway gives access to the countryside over the motorway.

The area has a 20mph speed restriction (see Traffic and Transport Section).

Traffic calming measures in the form of narrowed road crossing points, are in place outside the school and church.

There is also a 5 mile per hour restriction on entering the KGV playing fields.

There are restrictions on vehicular access to the Winchester Sports Stadium via Milland Road.

Lighting

Hampshire County Council, working in partnership with Southern and Scottish Energy, embarked on a replacement programme for all street lighting in Hampshire between 2010-2015. As a result of this overall light levels in the area are much improved.

Safety Education within the Community

Over 80% of respondents in the household survey felt that Highcliffe was very safe or fairly safe area after dark. However, in the household survey, 67% of respondents thought that a more visible police presence would be likely or very likely to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the area. With more intervention from support agencies adding further benefits.

At the Community Safety Consultation Evening suggestions for improving safety in the area were:

- The promotion of closer links between local residents and the crime prevention agencies.
- Highlighting the importance of local residents contributions..

1d. Hold a one off community safety event.

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1c/e

A Community Safety Booklet

In the household survey the level of crime was seen as the most important factor in making somewhere a good place to live, out of a list of twenty-two priorities.

A publication was produced for Highcliffe, in 2010. This outlined details of the main agencies involved with community safety :

- The Police
- The Neighbourhood Services Team
- The Police Community Safety Organisation

At the themed meetings it was suggested that this booklet be updated.

1e. Update Community Safety Booklet.

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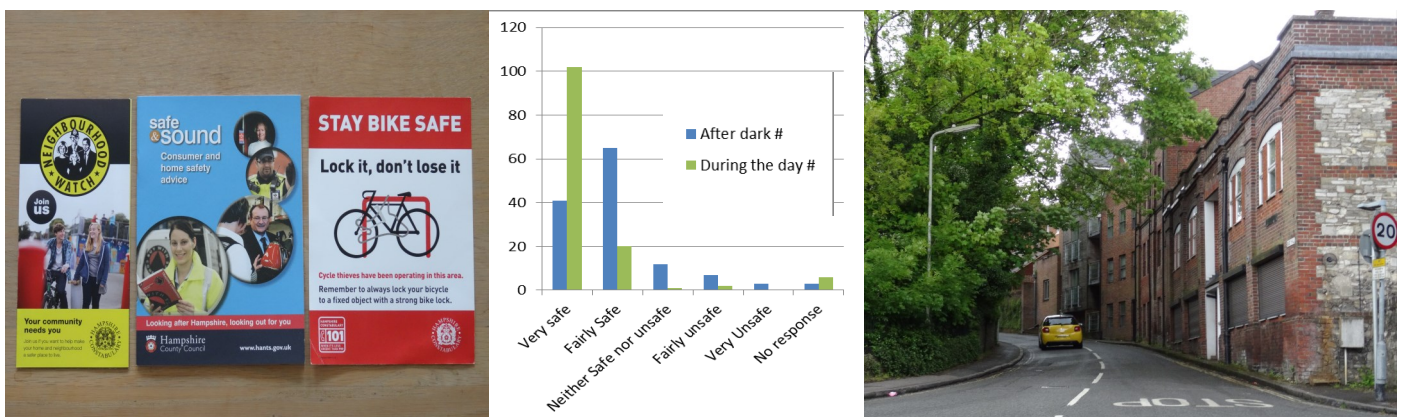
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Lighting

When the recent lighting scheme was implemented, new lighting columns were not necessarily placed in the same locations as the previous ones. Some initial, mainly individual concerns were dealt with during HCFA meetings . There have been subsequent requests to review particular areas, which it is felt lack sufficient lighting. One example being the alley way between St Catherine's Road and Portal Road highlighted in the pilot survey.

1f. Assess the impact of street lighting and the need for further improvements.

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Children's Safety

As part of the primary school consultation, the children were asked about what changes they would like to see in Highcliffe that would make them feel safer. Their responses included:

- slower traffic
- bicycle lanes
- more signs about unsafe areas and private property
- a greater presence of wardens on our streets
- better road safety for crossing roads
- CCTV in parks and separate parks for younger children

1a. Investigate ways to make children feel safer in Highcliffe.

H

1b/d/e/f 2c/d/f

Traffic and Transport

In the household survey these emerged as one of the top four priorities that most need improving in Highcliffe, out of a list of twenty-two. Approximately 45% of the household respondents felt that speeding traffic was either a very big or a fairly big problem.

One of the concerns highlighted by the consultation with the school children called for better road safety.

At the community safety themed meeting, concern was expressed over road safety at key crossing points :

- East Hill/ Quarry Road Junction
- Canute Road/Petersfield Road Junction
- Outside All Saints Church
- Outside All Saints School
- The Junction of Milland Road , St George V Playing Fields and The Winchester Sports Stadium.

About 78% of the household survey respondents indicated that they always or sometimes travel from Highcliffe to the city centre on foot.

1b. Improve crossing safety at key points in Highcliffe.

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1a/2d

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

In the household survey the level of crime was considered to be the most important factor out of a list of twenty-two priorities which make somewhere a good place to live.

55% of household survey respondents thought that the presence of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes would be one of the factors very likely or likely to reduce levels of crime and anti-social behaviour.

1c. Develop Neighbourhood Watch Schemes for the area.

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2. Travel & Transport

Outcome - Our community benefits from a good public transport system, with safe walking and cycling routes and sufficient parking to meet the needs of the community.

Snapshot Profile

Parking

Within Highcliffe there are permit parking zones in the following Roads:

- Canute Road
- Cathedral View
- Highcliffe Road
- St. Catherine's Road
- Dell Road (a section)
- Vale Road
- Milland Road
- Portal Road
- Petersfield Road (a section)

In the past this area was most affected as it was nearest the city centre. The remainder of the area has no parking restrictions other than a white and yellow line scheme to alleviate problem parking.

Public Transport

Currently there is a well used, limited bus service through Highcliffe. The No. 4 service runs hourly between 7.48am and 17.18pm every day except Sundays, when it runs hourly from 9.48am until 16.48pm. Recent council funding cuts have meant services had to be reduced.

An online bus and transport survey was carried out at the end of 2015 coordinated by the HCFA and Winchester Sport Art and Leisure Trust (Winchester SALT). Results are still being collated and will be included in the list of future actions.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

The main pedestrian access routes to the city are along Bar End Road and Chesil Street or Petersfield Road and East Hill. There are a number of small 'cut through' routes which provide shorter, more direct and safer access through and around the area . They include:

- The passage which links Quarry Road with Petersfield Road and subsequently links to the footpath route around St.Giles Hill.
- The passage which links Portal Rd with St. Catherine's Road
- The steep steps that link St. Leonards Road and Fivefields Road
- The 'Black Path' which links the redundant section of Petersfield Road with the motorway footbridge and Alresford Road continuing to run along the back of the Winnall area as far as the Tesco superstore. The former section is part of the South Downs Way.

There are no designated cycle routes in the area but adjacent areas have various routes that link to the Viaduct Way which is part of a National Cycle Route.

Parking

58% of household survey respondents identified parking as a big or fairly big problem.

Commuter parking between 7.30am and 6pm is causing serious road safety and some environmental damage concerns for local residents. Cars and large commercial vans are parking irresponsibly at junctions, on verges and narrowing main access roads, on bus routes by parking on both sides. According to the household survey responses the worst affected roads are

- Fivefields Road
- Nelson Road
- Petersfield Road.

The degrading of unprotected grass verges due to inconsiderate parking was another significant issue highlighted in the themed meetings.

Following a consultation meeting held last year by HCFA on the issue of parking, Winchester City Council drew up a plan, approved by the residents, to put in place a yellow lines scheme. This does not include extending the permit parking zone to the remaining area, since household survey respondents were not in favour of this measure.

2a. Monitor illegal and irresponsible parking to inform the case for further parking restrictions, including extended residents parking.

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1c/2d

Parking Restrictions

27% of household survey respondents did not wish to see any change in parking restrictions,

30% were in favour of restrictions between 8am and 10pm from Monday to Saturday.

31% were in favour of restrictions between 10am and 4pm from Monday to Friday, with a two hour restriction for general parking.

17% were in favour of double yellow lines on bends and at junctions. and 10% gave no response.

This situation will be reviewed once the effectiveness of the new yellow lines scheme has been assessed. If the impact of commuter parking shows no sign of improvement or has moved to adjacent unrestricted areas, it may be necessary to conduct a further community consultation. The situation may also change due to new restrictions in other parts of the city.

2b. Undertake a community consultation to determine support for a proposal to introduce further parking restrictions if required in the future. Review on a yearly basis.

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2a

Public Transport

In the household survey public transport came out as the third highest priority out of a list of twenty-two priorities that most needed improvement.

29% of household survey respondents indicated that they would use the bus service regularly and 28% occasionally if it was more frequent. Requests were made for operating a half hourly service, extending operating hours, including evenings and improved bus stops.

Comments from Love It/ Hate It and Pilot Survey were :

- "Buses not frequent enough"
- "Better bus services for young families and elderly"
- " Buses!! Always late only one an hour "
- "More buses that run later hours"

2c. Lobby for an improved bus service.

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Pedestrians and Cyclists

75% of household survey respondents stated that they always or sometimes accessed the town centre on foot and 17% by bicycle.

75% of respondents will always or sometimes travel into the city centre on foot rather than bicycle, car or bus.

Evidence from the primary school consultation suggested that they would like to have :

“Bicycle lanes to make it safer to cycle round our streets with long lanes for safe riding.”

In the themed meetings people were of the opinion that certain road crossing points in the area were very hazardous. These included :

- East Hill and Quarry Road Junction
- East Hill and Chesil Street Junction
- The junction of Milland Road with the entrances of the Winchester Stadium, King George V Playing Fields and the Allotments

Comments from the household survey included:

“East Hill has a narrow pavement, overhanging branches and no room for pushchairs to pass”

“Safe, more visible crossing at East Hill”

The 75% of the household survey respondents who walk into the city centre will have to negotiate some of these dangerous crossing points.

2d. Investigate opportunities for improved pedestrian and cycle routes through Highcliffe.

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1a/b/2f

Traffic

Speeding vehicles were identified by 45% of the household survey respondents as a very big or fairly big problem.

The Community Speed Watch Programme is co-ordinated by the Town Forum but run by trained volunteers from the participating six town wards. Monitoring of vehicles takes place outside their own community and gathered information will be used by the police in follow up work. This initiative will continue to be promoted in order to encourage local residents to volunteer their assistance in its successful implementation.

2e. Promote a Community Speed Watch Programme.

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1a/2b

There is a 20mph speed limit throughout the area but there are clearly still concerns, illustrated by comments like this from the primary school consultation:

“We would like to have slower traffic. Some cars, motorbikes and lorries race around our streets.”

Statistics from the household survey indicated that the following roads were most affected by speeding:

- 25% of respondents highlighted Milland Road
- 8% of respondents highlighted Fivefields Road/Close
- 20% of respondents highlighted Petersfield Road

2f. Address traffic speeding through education.

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1a/b/d/e

3. Local Living Environment

Outcome - Our public realm and open spaces are of high quality and accessible to all, where issues of dog fouling and littering are rare.

Snapshot profile

Landscape and Open Space

Highcliffe is fortunate to have good access to extensive areas of open space within and adjacent to its boundary. The 'Felds in Trust' Charity gives protection to the 7.39 hectare Winchester City Council managed King George V Playing Fields for use by the public in perpetuity. Local residents have informal access to this and The Garrison Ground playing fields and they are both used extensively for formal sports by various city clubs.

The adjacent St.Giles' Hill, is well used by local residents on the east side of the city and is a key viewing point on the city centre self guided trails. In the South Downs National Park to the east and south are the nationally designated nature sites of St.Catherines Hill and Magdalen Down. Highcliffe is very well served by footpath links to these sites and to the village of Chilcomb.

Play Facilities

The King George V play facilities are primarily for the use of local children and young people. These play facilities are an essential part of the areas play provision as Highcliffe only has one other small play area on its eastern edge. The Winchester District Local Plan Part 2 - Open Space Strategy for St John's and All Saints' Ward highlighted a shortfall in equipped children's play space and informal green space. The strategy is to seek to protect what there is from development pressure and make improvements to the quality and accessibility of facilities."

Allotments

The Allotments are privately owned collectively by the Winchester and District Allotment Holders Society. They were leased to the society in 1911 under covenant and later purchased in the 1920's to be used by the local community as allotments and small holdings for growing their own produce and rearing livestock. Currently on site there are goats, chickens, turkeys, sheep and pigs. It is 253 sqms of a mixture of nominal 10 rod plots and grazing land.

Community Involvement

'**Walkabouts**' were a long established initiative involving residents, council officials, neighbourhood services officers, councillors and any other relevant representatives, set up to encourage a dialogue with the community. They were replaced by the **Street Meet Initiative** for council tenants organised by the **Tenant Involvement Team**. These take place once a year and are a chance to address tenants concerns and discuss the impact of any initiatives in the pipeline or recently completed. Such issues have included :

- fencing
- street cleaning
- untidy areas
- parking problems

Recent attempts have been made to revitalise these events by including all Highcliffe residents but this has not proved very effective.

With the support of **Winchester Litter Pickers**, HCFA have initiated regular once a month litter sorties targeting streets in rotation. A small **Pride Outside Initiative** was also trialled, which involved other activities like hedge and shrub cutting and pavement cleaning.



Landscape and Public Open Space

50 % of household survey respondents indicated that some of the members of their household used King George V Playing Fields.

Access to Countryside was considered the fourth highest factor out of a list of twenty-two priorities, in making somewhere an attractive place to live.

In the themed meetings a number of residents expressed a desire to improve the wildlife value and the attractiveness of open spaces by planting and changing the way they are managed. Suggestions from the household survey were for rougher more natural green spaces, involving community participation in their shaping and management.

There exists fragments of under utilised land on the fringes of Highcliffe , overgrown or undermanaged, often on steep sloping land , which has no allocated land use but which could be improved for wildlife or brought into use for the benefit of the community.

3a. Undertake an audit of available land ,that could provide opportunities for landscaping, to improve the visual or ecological value of local spaces.

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Street Cleaning

29% of household survey respondents had complaints or concerns related to street cleaning and maintenance. These included :

- litter left behind after dustbin collections
- lack of street cleaning
- overgrown hedges
- step repairs
- blocked road drains

The pilot survey comments included slippery pavements and observations like overhanging hedges and vegetation.

3b. Review maintenance of public areas and improve street cleaning and hedge maintenance. Establish and promote effective reporting mechanisms.

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3d



Dog Fouling

33% of household survey respondents identified dog fouling as a very big problem in Highcliffe.

The Winchester City Council Animal Welfare Team were invited to assess the area but they concluded that the issue was not severe enough to warrant any special measures or campaigns by the authorities.

A community self help strategy could be developed comprising of various suggestions made at the themed meetings:

- Investigate whether more bins would enable residents to clean up after their dogs
- Educate dog owners on their ownership responsibilities.
- Put up reminder notices/posters around the estate and get local school children involved in this.

3c. Organise an anti-dog fouling campaign.

H

Litter

35% of household survey respondents indicated that this was a fairly big problem.

Some areas were highlighted in the Love It / Hate It Survey, one of these being the alleyway between St. Catherine's Road and Portal Road.

3d. Promote and develop litter picking sorties.

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3b/e

35% of household survey respondents thought that the local environment could be further improved by addressing litter issues.

Clean streets were identified in the household survey as the second highest out of a list of twenty-two priorities that most need improvement in Highcliffe. They were also the third most important factor out of a list of twenty-two, in making an area an attractive place to live.

The pilot survey comments included slippery pavements and observations like overhanging hedges and vegetation .

3e. Organise an anti-litter campaign.

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3b/d





4. Community Amenities

Outcome - Our local amenities offer access to a wide range of activities and services that meet the needs of the community.

Snapshot profile

Building Facilities in Highcliffe

All Saints Primary School -the local church school which is experiencing a rapid growth in pupil numbers.

All Saints Church and The Mancy Community Room - part of the East Winchester Benefice (which includes St.Johns and Chilcomb Churches)

All Saints Church Hall .

Highcliffe Evangelical Church.

The Pavillions at King George V Playing Fields (KGV Playing Fields), The Garrison Ground and Winchester Sports Stadium

Open Space Facilities

Winchester Sports Stadium is open from 9am –10pm on weekdays and 9 am-9pm at weekends. It offers restricted use of Athletics Track and an All Weather Football/Hockey Pitch to organisations and individuals in the Winchester district, with some specific local initiatives for the school and the younger community members. The facility is owned and managed by Winchester University.

The KGV Playing Fields is 7.39 hectares held by the 'Fields in Trust Charity' and protected in perpetuity for public use. It provides formal play facilities for the local children and consists of a skate park, a mini football/basketball court and a young children's play park. The larger sports fields contain football and cricket pitches for the Winchester district and dog walking access for local residents.

The Garrison Ground contains formal sports pitches for general hire and an informal kick about area for local children. It is owned by Tesco and currently leased to Winchester City Council.

The Allotments covering approximately 253sqm, are owned by the Winchester and District Allotment Holders Society which has some 100 members, which form a friendly, collaborative community.

The Gordon Avenue Pocket Play Park is for the children and young people in the local community. It is managed by Winchester City Council.

Organisations within the community

All Saints Church holds regular services at various times during the week and on special festival days throughout the year. Current church initiatives in the community include coffee mornings, afternoon teas and soup lunches.

All Saints Preschool are located in the Church Hall and run morning and afternoon sessions (term time only).

Brownies and Rainbows meet weekly in the Church Hall (term time only).

Winchester Basics Bank (a Churches Together in Winchester Initiative) operates a food bank twice weekly from Penton Place.

A Sparklers Group (an Action for Children Initiative) for families with preschool age children meets weekly in The Mancy Community Room at All Saints Church (term time only).

The Winchester Evangelical Church holds two Sundays services a week as well as other weekly activities.

The Winchester Amateur Boxing Club meets at the Garrison Ground Pavilion and runs various sessions throughout the week.

Other facilities

There are no shops, doctors or dentists in the area and the site of the 'Heart in Hand' pub was redeveloped into office and residential space There is a nearby BP garage shop for basic food provisions and a weekly visit from a mobile fish and chip catering van.



Hub /Shop

38% of household survey respondents indicated that they would regularly use a shop and 33% would volunteer to help run one.

Having a shopping facility was the highest priority out of a list of twenty-two factors that would most improve the area.

Comments in the themed meetings demonstrated that residents wanted greater opportunities for social activities in Highcliffe offering opportunities to meet their neighbours.

4a. Investigate the possibility of setting up a community run hub and shop.

H

4b/c/d/e

Facilities for children and young people

In the household survey activities for teenagers in Highcliffe was the fourth highest priority which needed improving out of a list of twenty-two. Suggestions for these included :

- Graffiti Wall
- Youth Club
- Scout and Guide Packs
- Holiday Childcare Club

It was highlighted in the themed meeting that better ways should be explored of signposting and accessing existing city wide activities and identifying gaps in need and the potential to fill these within the local area.

4b. Increase the range of activities for children and young people provided locally.

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Facilities for children and young people

Children and young people reported as part of the school consultation that they wanted :

- better play facilities
- a youth club
- a bigger skate park
- more play/fitness equipment for older children..

4c. Upgrade play facilities for children and young people.

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Additional Facilities

44% of household survey respondents requested more social and leisure activities provided locally. The majority of the responses suggested keep fit and/or sports activities followed by activities for children and young people.

Other suggestions of facilities and amenities for all ages were:

- Ballroom and keep fit dance classes
- Pilates and Yoga classes
- Karate
- Badminton and Tennis
- Running and cycling groups
- Swimming

4d. Increase opportunities for keep fit and a range of sports activities.

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4a/b/c/e

45% of household survey respondents said there were social and leisure activities they would like to see available locally. Suggestions from household survey respondents and in the themed meetings were:

- A social club for the older people
- Choirs or singing groups for all ages
- Art classes for all ages
- A Community Centre / community events like quizzes and craft sessions
- Greening/Environment Group
- More for teenagers
- Slimming clubs
- Street parties

4e. Promote and develop existing and new social and leisure activities for everyone in Highcliffe.

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