

Bridging Template - Parish Plan to Local Development Framework Core Strategy

BUXTED PARISH

This template is to help draw priorities from Parish Plans into a format that can provide evidence for the Wealden Local Development Framework Core Strategy.

Completed form returned to Wealden District Council by the Parish Council – see the [Wealden Local Strategic Partnership website](#) for more details.

Theme : Environment / Green space	
Three key priorities for PARISH: BUXTED	
1.	Footpaths: 1) alleviate obstruction of footpaths by rampant undergrowth and ensure that draining issues on some footpaths are improved to facilitate use by walkers 2) address the non existence of footpaths along some roadsides
2.	Press for the implementation of the WDC 'Crown Scheme' on recyclable waste
3.	Work with other agencies to discourage inappropriate and inconsiderate 'on street' parking, and illegal parking on public land

Theme : Housing	
Three key priorities for PARISH: BUXTED	
1.	Continue to engage with Wealden District Council in the LDF process to achieve appropriate sustainable and contained development led by the community to meet community needs and to ensure that any further developments include appropriate contributions to community initiatives as set out by the Parish Council.
2.	Limit expansion of development boundary to maintain village identities
3.	Support developments for affordable homes that young families can buy and suitable housing for residents wishing to downsize

Theme : Transport and Access	
Three key priorities for PARISH: BUXTED	
1.	Support Uckfield and Crowborough as local market towns to provide suitable and appropriate amounts of commuter parking at stations and overcome the local issue of villages like Buxted being forced to become a magnet for commuters leading to non-sustainable pressures and affecting the environmental aspects and well-being of villagers
2.	Support initiatives to provide enhanced local community bus services, specifically including improved transport links for young people
3.	Introduction of a quiet lane scheme throughout the County to reduce the 'rat running' and dangerous driving and allow priority and safe use by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders in a rural environment

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Theme : Prosperity / Employment / Economy	
Three key priorities for PARISH: BUXTED	
1.	Encourage cottage and home working to replace loss of farming and work to encourage the engagement of the community in appropriate ventures.
2.	Support appropriate development of small scale business units (retail/office/workshop/community farm) that sit well with local needs and aspirations and make good neighbours.
3.	Encourage Wealden District Council to simplify and speed up the process of applying for planning applications and licenses for proposed and existing local businesses.

Theme : Health and Social Care	
Three key priorities for PARISH: BUXTED	
1.	Take lead in providing a new central Parish community centre
2.	Work with partners to provide an improved doctors surgery in Buxted
3.	Support the development and the maintaining of suitable local care facilities for elderly residents e.g. Beechwood Ward at Uckfield Community Hospital

Theme : Learning / Education / Training	
Three key priorities for PARISH: BUXTED	
1.	Encourage cross-generational learning and education by supporting initiatives e.g. using school computer equipment and pupils, outside of school hours and terms, to teach older generations how to use word wide web
2.	Achieve Quality Parish Council status for benefit of community and to provide training for Councillors to allow them to operate effectively and to fully utilize the Power of Well Being.
3.	Request that as a matter of routine East Sussex County Council ensure they collect developer contributions for education (alongside other infrastructure contributions) from all developments to overcome the current 'first come first served basis', given that in this way developers know this is the policy and that they have to comply with it. In this way County can overcome the current issue whereby despite supposed planning within the NSLP period Uckfield Community college is full in some years with no funding from sites such as Grampian to allow for any expansion and so children are being bussed out to schools elsewhere in Sussex including Burgess Hill.

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Theme : Community Safety

Three key priorities for PARISH: BUXTED
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1.	Enforcement of speed limits by Police and support and maintain SpeedWatch initiative
2.	Reduced speed limit outside of schools particularly Buxted (currently 60mph) and reduced limits alongside a county wide safe lanes focussed initiative
3.	Maintain effective relationships with Police at all levels and support Neighbourhood Watch

Theme : Culture / Sport / Leisure / Play

Three key priorities for PARISH: BUXTED
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1.	Ensure provision of leisure facilities suitable for all age ranges in new Parish Community Centre
2.	Support the introduction of more parish activities for young people
3.	Continue to provide funding to support local activities