

Key Community Actions - A Project Agenda, Walton.

Deliver a more readily accessible focus on the heritage of the village.

A project which looks to consider and develop approaches towards making the heritage of Walton more prominent to the broader community and to visitors. There are a potential range of activities including, historical narrative boards at prominent places; readily available pamphlets describing the history of the village; speaker and presentation options around local groups; particular focus and celebration of key historic buildings....and more. *The aim, to strengthen and celebrate the significant history of the village.*

Create a children's play area.

A project which looks to develop approaches towards providing specific play facilities for young children in a safe and communal setting. The development will offer a focus for children and parents to enjoy a facility for a particular age range for which there is currently an under provision. *The aim, to fill a gap in the community facilities portfolio for the particular benefit of young parents and their children.*

Develop the role and use of the village hall.

A project which looks to develop approaches towards providing a more active village community use of the village hall. This will inevitably involve some revisiting the successes of the past with potential options around coffee mornings; regular village activities; a stronger marketing approach and the potential for an increased club use. *The aim, to provide a greater range of community activities – for all ages and for a wide set of interests. Additionally, to attract a broader interest in the hire and wider use which, in itself, will attract further village benefits.*

Deliver an improvement in traffic safety through all residential areas of Walton.

A project which looks develop approaches towards providing a safer community with the analysis and the careful consideration of traffic calming/controlling measures. Looking to address issues of speeding traffic, congestion bottlenecks and high risk traffic hotspots. *The aim, to ensure that Walton is a safe place to live and that traffic intrusion on community life is not unreasonable.*

Create more extensive path connectivity within Walton and with other villages and points of interest.

A project which looks to develop an improved network of paths and tracks around the village – but also to develop opportunities for path connections to all neighbouring villages. *The aim, to support those who value the opportunity to walk extensively and who would prefer to walk or cycle where such opportunities are available and reasonable.*

Deliver an improved public transport service.

A project which looks to develop improved direct public transport availability. To work with the transport companies in seeking to consider timings and routes of bus services with a view to seeking improvements, where reasonable, to the services for Walton. *The aim, to offer the best possible public transport service to the community of Walton and to increase the push the public transport agenda as the preferred method of local travel.*

Deliver a culture and practices that support home working, existing Walton businesses and the future of businesses at Thorp Arch Trading Estate.

A project which looks to develop a 'making it easy' for small businesses culture. Considerations could include improved IT developments (broadband etc.); a positive welcome for small businesses; a business forum and a stronger and more influential relationship with the Thorp Arch business community. *The aim, to maintain a business vibrancy and to encourage the diversity and potential commitments that come alongside a business interest.*

Consider the viability of a shop outlet within the village.

A project which looks to develop a potential shop offer. To explore what works in other villages; potential links to existing Walton businesses; a volunteer business; nature and remit of any such shop. *The aim, to provide a further community facility which has a clear and beneficial role but which also offers a village/community focus.*