

# Beaminster and Villages Local Area Partnership

## Action Plan 2015-2018



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Beaminster and Villages Local Area Partnership (known as BAVLAP) is one of five local partnerships within West Dorset. The partnership links into the West Dorset Partnership (made up of public, private, community and voluntary sector organisations) which works to improve the local quality of life in the area through the deliver of the West Dorset Community Plan – more information can be found at: [www.dorsetforyou.com/communityplan/west](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/communityplan/west).

BAVLAP is made up of a range of partners including the local authorities (both county and district), local parish and town councils, Dorset Police, Partnership for Older People Programme (POPP), DA21, Public Health, Home Start West Dorset, Magna Housing, Volunteer Centre Dorset, Yarn Barton, and Beaminster Children's Centre. A map of the BAVLAP area can be found on the back page. The Partnership aims to support local actions within the community to support local people as well as lobbying for maintained or improved services for the public sector. BAVLAP produces a three-year action plan which provides evidence of local needs and aspirations for the community.

BAVLAP have now developed a revised action plan for 2015-18 based on issues raised in parish plans, service providers and community groups. As of June 2014 parish plans had been produced in: Beaminster\*; Broadwindsor\*; Corscombe\*; Evershot, Parrett and Axe, Halstock; and Upper Marshwood Vale\* (\* published or reviewed since the previous BAVLAP action plan was adopted). The BAVLAP action plan does not aim to duplicate these plans but to add value by giving additional weight to the concerns and highlight issues that may be common to the wider BAVLAP area.

The action plan is divided into seven themes:

- Housing
- Transport & Accessibility
- Our Environment
- Local Prosperity
- Safer Communities
- Health & Wellbeing
- Activities and Opportunities for the Community

This revised action plan adopted by the partnership in November 2014.

More information on the partnership can be found at: [www.dorsetforyou.com/communityplan/west/beaminster](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/communityplan/west/beaminster) or contact via 01305 216409, [bavlap@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:bavlap@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk) or by post to BAVLAP, c/o Beaminster Town Council, 8 Fleet Street Beaminster, Dorset, DT8 3EF.

## Housing

Aim	Evidence	Specific Actions (SMART)	Target	Timescale	Lead Partner	Key Partners	Partnership Role
1. To increase the supply of housing for local need in the area	Parish / Town Plans	1.1 Encourage parishes that have not yet done so to undertake housing needs surveys	1 housing needs survey per year	Ongoing to 2017	WDDC	Parish Councils	Support
		1.2 Promote development of affordable and innovative housing in Beaminster & the surrounding villages	1 affordable housing scheme developed	2017	WDDC	Housing Associations	Support
		1.3 Support community led initiatives to develop Community Land Trusts	Promotional event held. 2 CLTs formed	2014 2017	Wessex Community Land Trust Project	WDDC Housing Associations	Action Support
		1.4 Encourage the bringing back of redundant buildings into use (not holiday cottages)	2 empty homes brought back into use a year	2017	WDDC	Parish and Town Councils	Support
2. To improve the conditions in which people live	Parish / Town Plans	2.1 Encourage the uptake of the variety of grants/loans and home improvement schemes available		2017	Wessex Home Improvement Loans	WDDC Dorset Energy Advice Centre	Support

## Transport & Accessibility

Aim	Evidence	Specific Actions (SMART)	Target	Timescale	Lead Partner	Key Partners	Partnership Role
3. Retain existing transport to various facilities from Beaminster & from surrounding villages into Beaminster e.g. community transport, voluntary car schemes, rural car clubs	Parish Town / Plans	3.1 Actively promote existing bus services and the range of community transport schemes	Number of people taking the PSV licence to enable mini bus driving capabilities	2015	DCC	WATAG	Promote
		3.2 Lobby to retain existing bus services	1 new scheme developed	Ongoing		DCC / Bus Companies	Lobby
		3.3 Support existing and new voluntary car schemes and other community transport schemes	Regular updates from BAVLAP rep to the partnership	2016	POPP	Car Clubs	Support
		3.4 Continue to have a BAVLAP representative on WATAG	1 initiative a year	Ongoing	WATAG		Action
		3.5 Support community initiatives to promote alternative environmentally friendly transport, including walking and cycling		2017	DCC	Sustrans Parish and Town Councils	Support

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4. Improve access to centre of Beaminster for people with reduced mobility	Beaminster Town Plan	4.1 Support Beaminster Town Plan's proposals on this issue	Community Consultation held	2014	Beaminster Future DCC	Beaminster Town Council	Support
		4.2 Lobby for public premises such as shops and local services to be made as accessible as possible	Audit of accessibility of shops of services	2016	DCA	Shops / local facilities	Action Lobby
5. Improve the parking situation throughout the area	Parish / Town Plans	5.1 Support Town and Parish Councils in their efforts to find solutions to the parking problems in their local area			DCC WDDC	Parish / Town Councils	Support

## Our Environment

Aim	Evidence	Specific Actions (SMART)	Target	Timescale	Lead Partner	Key Partners	Partnership Role
6. Raise awareness and develop actions for a more sustainable lifestyle	Parish / Town Plans National Policy	6.1 Promote the principle of “reduce, re-use, recycle” throughout the area	Local campaign held	2015	Dorset Waste Partnership		Support
		6.2 Support future initiatives for forms of renewable energy generation	1 new scheme	2017		DCC DA21	Support
		6.3 Support local actions for the conservation of nature and biodiversity	1 new scheme a year	2017	DWT	Dorset AONB	Support
7. Improve the general appearance of the local area	Parish / Town Plans	7. 1 Encourage parishes to enter the Best Village competition	At least 5 parishes to enter a year	Ongoing	DCA	Parish / Town Councils	Support
		7.2 Organise litter picks and other educational campaigns	At least 5 litter picks in the area	Annually	Parish / Town Councils	Dorset Waste Partnership	Support
		7.3 Lobby for improved maintenance of roads, paths, verges, play areas and other open spaces				DCC Parish / Town Councils	Lobby

## Local Prosperity

Aim	Evidence	Specific Actions (SMART)	Target	Timescale	Lead Partner	Key Partners	Partnership Role
8. Greater range of local employment opportunities	Parish / Town Plans	8.1 Support local initiatives to develop skills and improve employment prospects such as the job clubs & the Children's Centre volunteer scheme	4 number of volunteers per year	Ongoing	Job Club Children's Centre	Chamber of Trade	Support
		8.2 Encourage local people to volunteer and improve confidence as a way back into employment		Ongoing	Volunteer Centre Dorset	Chamber of Trade	Support
9. Keeping village shops, Post offices & local traders	Parish / Town Plans	9.1 Continue to support the Chamber of Commerce	Revised directory published	Ongoing	Chamber of Trade	DCA Rural Shops Alliance	Support
		9.2 Promote and update the local business directory		2016	BAVLAP		Action
		9.3 Support and encourage existing community shops (Broadwindsor, Halstock) and any new initiatives		Ongoing	Local community Shops		Support

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		<p>9.4 Support Yarn Barton as a business hub and a TIC</p> <p>9.5 Promote and use local websites such as:  <a href="http://www.beaminster.net">www.beaminster.net</a>  <a href="http://www.broadwindsor.com">www.broadwindsor.com</a>  <a href="http://www.drimpton.org.uk">www.drimpton.org.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.corscombe.org">www.corscombe.org</a>  <a href="http://www.halstock.org">www.halstock.org</a></p>		Ongoing	Yarn Barton	<p>WDDC</p> <p>Chamber of Trade</p> <p>Local Shops / Businesses</p>	<p>Support</p> <p>Support</p>
10. Improved financial services and a reduction in people going into debt	Parish / Town Plans Current economic climate	10.1 Support the First Dorset Credit Union running in Yarn Barton	Increased number of local members	Ongoing	First Dorset Credit Union	Yarn Barton Volunteers	Support
11. Improved broadband and mobile phone services to enable businesses to thrive in the rural area as well as fighting social inclusion	Consultation	11.1 Support the inclusive roll out of superfast broadband in the BAVLAP area.	100% of BAVLAP area to have superfast broadband coverage	2017	DCC BT	Parish / Town Councils Businesses	Support



## Safer Communities

Aim	Evidence	Specific Actions (SMART)	Target	Timescale	Lead Partner	Key Partners	Partnership Role
12. Reduce crime & the fear of crime in the area	Parish / Town Plans	12.1 Campaign for more visible police presence such as patrols and regular surgeries in rural areas	Maintain visibility of local police officers and closer liaison with Safer Neighbourhood Teams.	Ongoing	Dorset Police	PCC	Support
		12.2 Encouragement for Homewatch / Farmwatch / community messaging / use of social media schemes			Dorset Police	Homewatch Farmwatch	Support
		12.3 Ensure adequate publicity for community crime prevention advice			Dorset Police	Crime Prevention Panels	Support
13. Improve road safety in rural areas	Parish / Town Plans	13.1 Enforce speed limits in Beaminster & surrounding villages by use of SIDs and road safety initiatives such as driver awareness campaigns	1 local awareness campaign a year	Ongoing	Dorset Camera Safety Partnership	Dorset Police Parish / Town Councils	Support
		13.2 Encourage parishes to set up community speed watches	At least 4 parishes to set up speed watch schemes.	2017	Dorset Police	Parish / Town Councils	Support

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		13.3 Campaign for pedestrian crossings and pavements, where needed	Feasibility Study undertaken	2017	DCC	Parish / Town Councils	Support
		13.4 Investigate measures such as "Quiet Lanes" to improve road users' behaviour		2017	DCC	Parish / Town Councils	Support
		13.5 Lobby for traffic management and the maintenance of rural roads and verges to improve road safety.		2017	DCC	Parish / Town Councils	Lobby
14. Enable a community response to life-threatening situations	Parish / Town Plans	14.1 To secure existing First Responders / Co responders schemes  14.2 To provide Public Access Defibrillators in suitable designated locations		Ongoing	Parish / Town Councils  Parish / Town Councils	SW Ambulance Trust Dorset Fire & Rescue	Support  Support
15. Support the production and updating of Community Resilience Plans	Parish / Town Plans	15.1 Community Resilience Plans produced or updated for Beaminster and surrounding parishes	3 plans produced or updated.	2017	Parish / Town Councils	WDDC DCC	Support

## Health & Well-Being

Aim	Evidence	Specific Actions (SMART)	Target	Timescale	Lead Partner	Key Partners	Partnership Role
16. Improve access to primary health care and hospital services to all sections of society	Parish / Town Plans	16.1 Lobby the CCG to develop outreach health services		2016	BAVLAP	Barton House Surgery Dorset CCG	Action
		16.2 Ensure the continuation of toenail cutting services in the local area			Dorset CCG	Lobby	
		16.3 Promote awareness of the role of Healthwatch and encourage people to participate		Ongoing	Healthwatch	Dorset CCG	Support
17. Ensure home carers receive adequate support and respite	Parish / Town Plans	17.1 Lobby Adult Social Care / CCG for adequate provision of community support and respite services		2014	BAVLAP	Dorset CCG DCC	Lobby

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18. Support child and families' health and well being	Dorset Joint Strategic Needs Assessment; Dorset Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy; Parish / Town Plans	<p>18.1 Encourage communities to support services and initiatives such as the food bank, the credit union, lunch clubs etc.</p> <p>18.2 Promote awareness of, and access to, local services and agencies.</p> <p>18.3 Support partnership working &amp; service integration.</p> <p>18.4 Encourage community input to local service design &amp; delivery.</p>	Increased equality in health and wellbeing, and opportunities.	Ongoing	Children's Centre BAVLAP	Yarn Barton First Dorset Credit Union; Youth Club; schools; PPG's & GP surgeries; Community Health Services & CMHT; CCG; DCC	Support Promote Engage
19. Reduce sense of rural isolation	Parish / Town Plans	19.1 Promote advocacy and signposting services to the community			Dorset Age Partnership CMHT	POPP	Support

## Activities and opportunities for the community

Aim	Evidence	Specific Actions (SMART)	Target	Timescale	Lead Partner	Key Partners	Partnership Role
20. Better facilities for young people in the area	Youth Forum notes, LDF consultation, Town & Parish Plans	20.1 Support Beaminster & West Dorset Youth Forum to progress plans for facilities for young people	Feasibility study	Ongoing	Beaminster & West Dorset Youth Forum	DYA	Support
		20.2 Support the retention of Beaminster youth and children's services		Ongoing	Children's Centre Youth Centre	DCC	Support
		20.3 Investigate options for providing access for young people across the area to access social activities		2015	Youth groups		Support
		20.4 Support all voluntary youth groups in the area		Ongoing			Support
			Continuation of all existing youth groups Use of the mobile skate park Continuation of youth only library sessions.				

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21. Ensure community use of the new sports pavilion and explore further community uses of the playing fields	Parish / Town Plans	21.1 Support the efforts of the Community Centre Partnership and other sports hubs in the area to maintain and develop community centre	Community centre well used	Ongoing	Community Centre Partnership B Fit	WDDC Parish / Town Councils	Support
		21.2 Work with local organisation such as B Fit to find options to enable affordable access for local residents		Ongoing	B Fit	WDDC Parish / Town Councils	Support
22. Maintain & improve Village / Community Halls in surrounding parishes & Public Hall in Beaminster	Parish / Town Plans	22.1 Improve the sustainability of village halls by promoting hire costs – including on <a href="http://www.Beaminster.net">www.Beaminster.net</a>	Letter to Minister for Climate Change	2014	Beaminster.net	Village Hall Committees	Support
		22.2 Lobby central government for grants for energy efficiency grants for community halls			BAVLAP	Dorset Energy Advice Centre	Lobby
23. Improve number and state of play areas in Beaminster & surrounding parishes	Parish / Town Plans	23.1 Support Town & Parish councils & other voluntary groups who wish to maintain / upgrade / create play areas	Web-based database of village hall details & other community spaces	Ongoing	Parish / Town Councils		Support

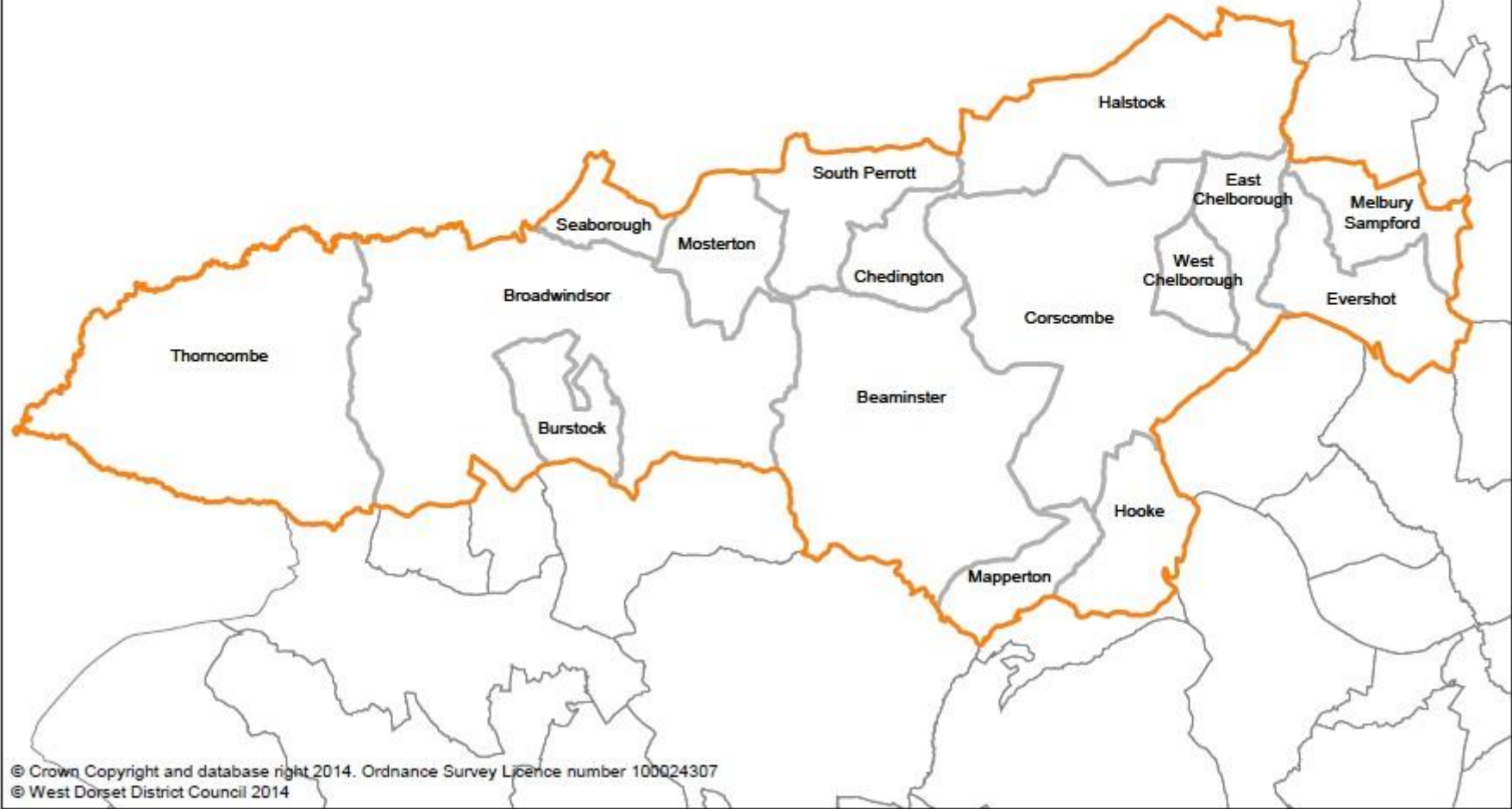
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24. Improved information & facilities for older people	Parish / Town Plans Older People's consultation	24.1 Support improved provision and representation of older people's infrastructure and services (linked to housing, transport and social care)		Ongoing	POPP	Age UK	Support
25. Maintain existing facilities and enhance community opportunities within the area	Parish / Town Plans	25.1 Support community facilities including swimming pool, Museum, youth and children's centre, shops, play areas, police station and lobby for their retention should these become under threat	Campaign to retain service / facilities as needed	As necessary	BAVLAP	Community facilities Partners	Support / Lobby
		25.2 Campaign for maintenance of current library hours / service for Beaminster and for mobile library	Campaign held	2014	BAVLAP	DCC	Support
		25.3 Support events in the BAVLAP area which stimulate community spirit and social cohesion including intergenerational events.		Ongoing	Parish Councils / Village Hall Committees	Community Groups	Support

## Glossary

BAVLAP	Beaminster and Villages Local Area Partnership
CMHT	Community Mental Health Team
DA21	Dorset Agenda 21
DCA	Dorset Community Action
DCC	Dorset County Council
Dorset AONB	Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Dorset NHS CCG	Dorset NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (which replaces the Primary Care Trust)
Dorset PCC	Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner
DWT	Dorset Wildlife Trust
DYA	Dorset Youth Association
POPP	Partnership for Older People's Programme
SID	Speed Indicator Device
TIC	Tourist Information Centre
WATAG	Western Area Transport Action Group
WDDC	West Dorset District Council



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