

## **AUGUST ISSUE:**



### **Do you want to have a say in how developments are shaped in the future?**

The Town Council, in cooperation with neighbouring Parishes, believes it will be beneficial to the local area to create a Neighbourhood Plan. This has to be a community-led process; therefore we want to hear from you if you are interested in leading or just taking part in this project. By creating a Neighbourhood Plan we, as a community together, will be able to influence for example, that all new housing developments in Blandford Forum and the local area must be able to prove that it can sustain growing families, or that the design should be unique and interesting or in keeping with the developments that surround it. These are, of course, broad statements and anything that we want included in the plan will have to be supported with good community-based evidence. The community-led Neighbourhood Plan Group will report to Blandford + (Blandford Forum Town Council, Bryanston Parish Council, Blandford St Mary Parish Council and the DT11 Community Partnership). It is anticipated that a representative from Blandford + will support the community-led Neighbourhood Plan Group in each area of interest. So far, Blandford + has identified that the plan should include Blandford Forum, Blandford St Mary and Bryanston as a whole as developments in this area affect these three parishes together. It has also proposed that it should meet/address the following:

**Visions and Aims** of the community

**Planning Policies** to be used in any future planning decisions

**Site Allocations** which have already been identified in the Draft Core Strategy

**Community Proposals** which the community can show would improve the local area

**Community Needs** which the community can show that it needs to lead a fulfilled life locally

**Infrastructure Requirements** that are needed to sustain new developments planned for the area

If you are interested in being involved, whether you can provide many or just a few hours of your time for your community's future, then please contact Blandford Forum Town Council for more information.