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Parish Plan 2006
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Probus Parish is situated in the centre of mid Cornwall, with the City of Truro 5 miles to the west, St. Austell and the China Clay area 10 miles to the east, Newquay and the surfing communities 12 miles to the North and the beautiful Roseland Peninsular immediately to the south. At the heart of the Parish is the large and vibrant village of Probus with over 900 households and plans for more housing development. The village, originally built along the main road (A39) between St. Austell and Truro, now has a by-pass to alleviate the impact of the traffic.

Historically, there has been a settlement at Probus since at least 643 AD when the first church structure was built. Originally based around four farms, the community grew with development of housing but the parish itself is still surrounded by agricultural land. The settlement now serves as a commuter village with most residents working in the surrounding towns or travelling to school/college outside the community. Employment in the village relates to service industry such as shops, post office, restaurant and garages, farming, a Doctor’s surgery which is expanding to be able to carry out minor surgery and a Primary School which has a fine record of achievements.

Probus is also home to the parish’s sports facilities including tennis courts, an outdoor bowling pitch and clubhouse managed by an active Club, football pitch and clubhouse with adult and youth teams which currently play in the local leagues. Managed by the Playing Fields Committee, there is a wish to improve the football facilities in particular which are in a poor condition, so as to enable and encourage a greater number of people to participate in the sport.

Whilst the village of Probus has many facilities other villages lack, it is also a growing settlement which needs to ensure that the quality and stretch of its infrastructure and facilities grows to match the residents needs and those who visit the village from the rural out-lying areas. Through a genuine public consultation process, led by the residents and groups in the parish, it is hoped that the needs of the community and the opportunities which are both present in the parish and likely to develop can be understood and harnessed to enable the people themselves to work together with statutory authorities, developers, private enterprise and service providers to plan for a sustainable future for the community.
Probus Parish Plan is a document that outlines how the community sees itself developing over the next few years. Its aim is to identify the hopes, needs and concerns of the community and draw residents and businesses together to form a strategy that will help shape the future of the the parish. The plan can also give support to local organisations seeking grants and funding as it demonstrates evidence of local need.

Three questionnaires were prepared by the Parish Plan Steering Group - one for households, one for businesses and one for young people in the parish. The household questionnaire covered a range of topics including housing & development, employment, community facilities, health, traffic & transport, leisure & recreation, employment and the environment. This questionnaire was distributed in May 2005 with a return due date of the 31st May 2005. 207 questionnaires were returned, a response rate of 23%. Youth questionnaires were included with all household questionnaires. 19 questionnaires were returned. Business questionnaires, that focused on specific business issues in the parish, were circulated by the steering group. 11 completed questionnaires were returned.

A Planning Event for local school children was held on Wednesday 25th May 2005 at Probus CP School. A 3D map of the parish of Probus, produced by children from the school, took centre stage in one of the school rooms, giving everyone a bird’s eye view of their neighbourhood. Displayed alongside the model were sets of pictorial suggestion cards, and blank cards for the children’s own ideas. All the children were asked to browse through these cards, select those that covered the issues that were important to them and place them on the map in the appropriate locations.

A Prioritisation Event was then held at Probus Village Hall on Saturday 17th September. The reasons for having this event were:

- To feedback information to the community on issues that had arisen from the consultation.
- To reaffirm these priorities.
- To seek further comments.
- To look at future actions that could be taken, the partners that need to be involved and the possible time-frames in which projects could take place.
The consultation data has been used as a basis for writing this parish plan. The plan is split up into two main sections – The thematic section, which covers a number of topics (eg. housing, better access, young people etc.) and the action plan, which aims to provide an easy-to-use guide to help tackle specific issues identified, focusing on actions that need to be taken, who else needs to be involved when tackling the issues (the partners) and the time scale in which each issue could be dealt with.

Key strategies, policies, principles and case studies are highlighted throughout the plan, with the aim of providing ideas on how to tackle issues, as well as helping to ensure that proposed actions are achievable and realistic. This information may be on a local, regional or national level depending on the issue.

One key initiative is the Cornwall Local Strategic Partnership/Community Strategy, which offers a joint approach on a county level when dealing with community needs, aiming to improve quality of life and helping to ensure that services are delivered as economically and efficiently as possible.

The Community Strategy for Carrick, created through consultation with residents in 2000, takes this forward on a more local level, enabling local communities to be involved in coordinating the actions of local authorities and of the various public, voluntary, community and private sector organisations that will be working together to deliver the Strategy. The aim is to avoid duplication of effort and challenge existing methods of operation. The Strategy is responsible for seeking involvement and commitment from public, private and voluntary partnerships and organisations in order to deliver agreed actions and helping attract investment into the Carrick area.

Carrick District Council is also currently in the process of formulating a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which outlines how and when the community can get involved in the planning system. The document sets out how Carrick District Council will involve communities in preparing and shaping the different parts of the new Local Development Framework and how residents can get involved in significant planning applications, both before and during submission. The Statement of Community Involvement forms part of the Local Development Framework. Carrick District Council states that once the statement is finalised, all subsequent planning documents and consideration of all planning applications will be required to adhere to it.

Sustainability needs to underpin any actions suggested within the plan. The concept of sustainability encompasses environmental, social and economic issues, and is often defined as ‘Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs’. Although it is a global issue the principles of sustainability are applicable on a local community level and need to be borne in mind when looking at a whole range of issues including the longevity of community projects, transportation patterns and impacts of future development.

Links between issues need also to be noted to ensure that actions within the plan are taken forward in a cohesive and holistic way. For example, if looking at providing youth activities, other issues such as public transport and accessibility would need to be considered. For this reason, each of the theme sections signposts to any related issues within the action plan.
61% of residents attending the prioritisation event felt that affordable housing was a priority. Many residents also stressed the importance of houses being available for local families, the young and the elderly. Concerns were raised by residents as to how affordable housing could be provided and, once built, how such housing would remain affordable. Carrick District Council can use a number of methods to enable the delivery of affordable housing schemes, including: supporting bids by Housing Associations for Government subsidy funding relating to specific affordable schemes for social rented, shared equity and low cost dwellings, providing some financial support including the allocation of specific contributions from related developments, and incorporating strong and reasonable policies/guidance within new Local Development Framework documents as well as those within existing Local Plans. The Council is also seeking to progress plans to allocate land within the framework documents with a requirement to deliver affordable housing for the local need of rural village communities.

Probus itself has been identified in the Rural Housing Allocations document as one of the larger villages in the district in terms of population size, service levels and community facilities, where there could be the opportunity to provide affordable housing in a more sustainable manner to meet an established level of local housing need. One of the popular potential option sites for housing is the land currently occupied by the St. Merryn Meat Factory on St. Austell Road, which has now closed. The site obtained 94 responses in favour of housing development in the household questionnaire. Consultation is currently taking place in regard to the possibility of allocating this land for housing. If this land is allocated the majority of residents would like to see these homes being affordable for local people. There were also requests for the development of extra community facilities, such as a new community centre, to be built along such development.

Issues were raised by residents as to the visual and environmental impact such housing could have on the parish. Carrick District Council argues that the benefit of the St. Merryn Meat site is that, as there are existing buildings on the main part of the site, any new development should not have a significant impact on the landscape. It is also stated in the concept plan that appropriate development could even enhance the character of the village.

Another site being considered through the Rural Housing Allocation process is the land adjoining the Doctors Surgery on Tregony Road. The scheme has the potential to be integrated with an extension and upgrading of the adjoining surgery. It is noted that issues of access in relation to the surgery and also pedestrian access through to the centre of the village will need careful consideration. Carrick states that ‘whilst a number of other

‘This village is seriously lacking in affordable housing for first time buyers, young families/single parent families.’ Resident’s Comment
61% of residents attending the prioritisation event felt that affordable housing should be of precedence if there was future housing in the parish.

The household questionnaire revealed:

- 244 were in favour of affordable homes for local people.
- 179 thought the parish needed homes for young people.
- 133 thought the parish needed more small family homes.
- 128 highlighted the need for housing for older people and those with disabilities.

Key Policy: Rural Housing Allocations Development Plan Document, Consultation Draft, April 2005
Carrick District Council's Development Plan Document (DPD) aims to promote the delivery of a range of housing and in particular a significant level of affordable units to meet local needs in the most sustainable manner across the rural areas of the district. The aim is to support rural communities through well integrated and sustainable housing development with site specific allocations adjoining the existing larger village settlements across the district. These villages are defined in the Council’s Core Strategy within the District Local Development Framework. The site specific allocations of this plan have been identified through a comparative assessment of individual sustainability criteria, the landscape setting, consultation with infrastructure stakeholders and in relation to the identified local housing need statistics from the Council’s Housing Strategy update of 2003.

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sites have been suggested for the village, key concerns have been remoteness and proximity to the main facilities, encroachment into the landscape areas that are critical to the village setting and sites being too extensive and out of scale with the needs of the community.

Comments were also made by a number of residents about the need for development to be limited to preserve greenfield sites and ensure that Probus remains a village. Infrastructure concerns have also been highlighted by residents and these will need careful consideration if proposals for extra housing go ahead.

Key Points:
- There is a need to supply an adequate amount of affordable homes for a range of people within the community, including local residents in housing need, first time buyers, young people and elderly people.
- Infill/brownfield sites should be utilised for housing development wherever possible.
- The need for low cost housing of all tenures should be monitored via the district and local needs housing surveys.
- Parish Council will need to continue to work with Carrick District Council to ensure the number of new properties are limited and in keeping with the area.
- Infrastructure will need to be considered if housing development is to proceed e.g. sewage system, local facilities, parking and access.
Work travel patterns in Probus reveal that the majority of people travel to work by car on a daily basis, with Truro being the main destination. 4 respondents sometimes use the bus, while 3 regularly use it. Truro is the only work destination that a number of respondents travelled to using the bus service. 21 residents stated that they have difficulty in getting to work either on a regular basis or in the summer months when the roads are busier. Times of travel indicate that there could be scope for car sharing. Such a scheme could be set up on a local basis, allowing drivers to sign up to a database stating when they were willing to share lifts. This would not only help decrease congestion on the busy roads to Truro but also save residents’ petrol and parking money as the costs would be shared. Travel patterns for other activities such as leisure, sport and shopping revealed that many people used their cars on a weekly basis to access them. Times of travel here varied considerably.

Public transport links from Probus to Truro are good, although only a small minority of residents use the service regularly. Residents stated a more frequent, reliable and cheaper service as key ways in which to improve the service. 193 people thought public transport was easy to find out about, while others commented that advertising bus times in places such as the parish magazine would help increase awareness of services. Integrated ticketing between bus operators may also be an option that should be pursued. The Rural Transport Partnership tries to encourage each parish council to appoint a Local Transport Representative (LTP) who can act as a local champion, feed back on issues like bus reliability and other issues, and play a role in improving information. Around 75% of parishes in West Cornwall have now appointed a representative. At present there is not an LTP for Probus, and appointing one should be a priority.

Community transport is currently used by 12 respondents, while 80 respondents said they would use the service if it was extended. Extending the service however, relies on gaining enough volunteers to be able to put on the services required. There are presently plans to try and get a community bus going in the area. Such a bus might be able to help, amongst other things, with the issue of organising trips for young people and improving their access to facilities outside the village.

‘More needs to be done to encourage people to use public transport. Why not have integrated ticketing between bus operators.’

Resident’s Comment
Statistics....

73% of respondents to the questionnaire stated that heavy goods vehicles should be banned from Probus village.

Residents’ views on improving public transport:

- 134 residents would like to see a more frequent service.
- 113 residents stated cheaper fares would encourage them to use the bus.
- 109 residents required a more reliable service.
- 60 residents wanted better information.

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Road Safety was another key issue to be highlighted. Areas of concern were Fore Street, Tregony Road, St. Austell Road and near the School. Parking problems were also highlighted through the consultation, with cars being parked in inappropriate places hindering accessibility within the village as well as being a safety hazard. This issue needs to be dealt with carefully. Although the rural nature of Cornwall means that people rely heavily on cars to get around, providing additional parking and providing for the private car can undermine the efforts to encourage people to use alternative means of transport. Ultimately, this can lead to more cars on the road and greater congestion problems in the future. The majority of residents also thought that heavy goods vehicles should be banned from driving through the village. These issues are discussed further in the ‘Crime & Safety’ section.

Key Points:

- There could be scope to improve access in Probus through the Parish Council working with Cornwall County Council and West Cornwall Rural Transport Partnership Officer (WCRTP) to improve public and community transport systems, as well as the possibility of instigating a car sharing scheme.
- Road safety issues, including traffic speeds and heavy goods vehicles in residential areas, need further investigation, with the view of setting up a working group to monitor levels of road use and propose possible actions to improve access and safety.
- Problems of congestion on main roads and the safety implications of illegal and inconvenient parking are other key priorities to be addressed.
The Post Office was rated the most important local facility, being cited by 94 respondents. Other facilities also considered of key importance were the village hall, the doctors surgery, the shops and public toilets. The majority of residents did not have difficulty accessing existing facilities, although comments were made regarding parking difficulties making access to the post office difficult and problems with public toilets being closed. The majority of respondents stated that they would be prepared to see a proportion of their council tax spent on maintaining and improving community facilities. Young people also stated they would like to see more shops and facilities in the village, including an internet cafe.

Probus Village Hall was given high priority at the prioritisation event, with respondents voicing opinions that there was an urgent need to upgrade the facility. The first steps here would be to conduct an audit of community facilities and consider the costs involved to repair, improve and equip the current hall. Once this has been done the next stage would be to investigate possible sources of funding (see info box opposite).

Residents were invited to comment on how they would like to see two key sites in Probus redeveloped: the St. Merryn Meat site and Probus Demonstration Gardens. Among the suggestions were requests for new community facilities to be developed which could include sports facilities, computing suites and educational rooms. It is important that if such facilities are considered in the future, that they do not rival or undermine existing facilities. For community facilities to be successful it is vital that committees of halls, playing field and school, work in partnership to identify which venues are most appropriate for specific activities and work on ways in which the facilities can compliment each other.

Hobbies and pastimes that are favoured by residents include gardening club, computing, arts/crafts, cinema, concerts, ballroom dancing and languages. Further investigation would need to take place to determine which of the interests could be catered for in the parish and which venue would provide a suitable location. It is important also to promote existing activities and groups to parishioners. This could be done through advertising in the parish magazine, local notice boards and on the parish website. Many residents, including young people, also favoured additional community activities in Probus such as an annual carnival/parade in the village. A working group could be set up to research the feasibility of such an activity, looking into funding, insurance costs, health & safety and entertainment laws.

‘A multi-use community hall could be built on the St. Merryn Meat site.’

Resident’s Comment
Statistics....

72% of residents attending the prioritisation event stated the village hall was an issue that needed to be tackled either ‘Now’ or ‘Soon’.

Facilities most important to residents:
- 94 voted for the Post Office
- 92 voted for the village hall
- 87 voted for the surgery
- 70 voted for the shops
- 60 voted for the public toilets

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Key Contacts: Funding
When looking into possible sources of funding for community activities and facilities, a good starting point would be to contact a regeneration officer at Carrick District Council for advice. Cornwall Rural Community Council also publishes ‘Money Matters’ which provides up-to-date information on possible funders for projects. Visit the Cornwall Money Matters website at www.cornwallmoneymatters.org.uk.

Key Principle: Sustainability
Sustainability is becoming an increasingly common theme that needs consideration when applying for funding for community projects. Many funders now require evidence to prove that the project seeking funding is ‘sustainable’. This means that careful thought needs to be given to how a project will continue to run once the initial funding has been spent. The development of existing/new community hall facility provides a good example of a project where such principles are fundamental. Some halls have been built without enough consideration as to how they will be maintained and whether they will be used sufficiently, and consequently, they have struggled to stay open. There are ways, however, to enhance the sustainability of a building. For example, employing energy efficiency measures when improving/building new community facilities, will not only mean that the facilities are environmentally friendly, but also that they are more economical to run (ie, cheaper heating costs) and therefore more sustainable. For more information on how to get advice on such projects see the section on Community Energy Plus on page 21.

‘The Demonstration Gardens could be re-developed as a new village hall sports complex. Not everyone wishes, or has the transport, to travel to St. Austell and Truro.’ Resident’s Comment

Key Points:
- The continued use/development of village hall facilities needs to be ensured through conducting an audit of facilities and consideration of the costs involved to repair, improve & equip the hall.
- Village Hall, Playing Field Committee and School need to work in partnership, seeking advice from CRCC, to develop community facilities as requested by residents through on going consultation, avoiding duplication of work and competition.
- Existing facilities in neighbouring parishes should also be investigated.
- A working group could be set up to look into the feasibility of community activities such as an annual carnival/parade in the parish.
Probus CP School educates local children aged 4-11 and has been noted by residents as being a great asset to the community. Probus is part of the Roseland Learning Community Schools Network. An audit of schools current provision and needs has just been carried out and a meeting of the Heads is due to take place on 27th January 2006. It is anticipated that Probus will be joining with Laddock, Grampound and Grampound Road Schools to provide services. The School is also part of the ‘Community ICT Across Cornwall’ project. This scheme offers a network of community-based Outreach Centres where adults can learn computer skills. Courses offered include word-processing, desk-top publishing, spreadsheets, databases and website design.

While there were mixed feeling as to whether children should be able to access the library out of school hours, the majority of residents felt that children should be able to use school computers outside of school hours to complete work. There is also call for a floodlit football/tennis court at the school. Such provision should be looked at in conjunction with any other possible plans for sports facilities in the parish to ensure that usage of proposed facilities can be maximised and ensure that facilities are not in competition. A number of additional comments were also made regarding Probus CP School, including access and parking issues and the need for more children to walk/cycle to school.

The questionnaire revealed that 356 respondents were aware the Parish Council existed, while 8 did not. Most residents were either very or fairly satisfied with the service it provide. Many comments, however, were made by respondents as to how the Parish Council could be improved. Many of these related to the need to get more people interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and the need to consult and involve younger people. 18 respondents stated they would be prepared to stand for election. The majority of residents have never attended a parish council meeting. Those who have attended suggested that meetings could be improved through increasing the time for public consultation, better publicising the meetings and displaying the meeting agenda more prominently.

Child Care facilities are currently used by 29 respondents. Most respondents who use childcare services outside of Probus do so because there are no places available in Probus. There is currently one pre-school in Probus providing 42 sessional places in the village hall. There is also another pre-school in Laddock Road, but that is a few minutes drive away (ie. not within ‘pram pushing distance’). There are 2 childminders in Probus. Full day care provision in the village is therefore through childminders. The majority of full day care can be accessed in the towns outside Probus. The most popular suggestion for improving childcare in the parish was to expand the services.

‘Probus School is continually improving, striving to be at the heart of the community. It provides great opportunities for our children.’

Resident’s Comment
Statistics....
Where respondents work:
- 15 work from home
- 21 work in Probus village
- 17 work under 5 miles away
- 83 work 6-10 miles away
- 49 work 11-30 miles away
- 12 work over 30 miles away

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Employment questions within the household questionnaire revealed that 15 respondents work from home while a further 21 respondents work in the village. The most common distance travelled to work was 6-10 miles, being stated by 83 respondents. Of the respondents who do not currently work in the parish, 60 said they would like to, with a mix of responses requesting either fulltime or part time work. The business questionnaire revealed that there were a small number of businesses within Probus that required training. These included IT, fire safety and tourism support. Favoured locations were either at their own premises or at a training centre/college. 4 businesses responding to the questionnaire stated they were looking to expand, while only one business was possibly looking to move to new premises within the parish.

The Parish Magazine is read by 370 respondents and the vast majority of readers rate the publication as excellent. Comments for improving the magazine included encouraging more residents and local groups to contribute, publishing more information (eg. bus timetables), sending the magazine to outlying rural areas and including more articles for young people. The parish also has a website that provides a range of information including news, facts and figures, information on clubs, groups and services, photos and contact details. The questionnaire revealed that 258 respondents were aware of the site, and of these 121 had visited it. Suggestions for improving the website included the need for it to be more regularly updated and for it to include more information on clubs and sports. Such improvements of course rely on residents contributing to the website. The Probus website can be visited at www.probusvillage.com

Key Points:
- Investigate the possibilities of providing local learning/training facilities. Church hall, village hall or school facilities should be utilised for local classes.
- Further consult local businesses in regard to training opportunities, promoting existing business and the possibility of a local chamber of commerce type organisation specifically for businesses in Probus.
- Explore training/learning needs and identify access to these if they cannot be provided locally.
- Parish Council and Cornwall County Council Adult Education Department should work in partnership, looking at ways to best provide training opportunities for local residents.

Key Partner: ProHelp
A key partner that could provide support when under-taking a community initiative is Pro-Help. This initiative consists of a network of firms that give free professional support to voluntary and community groups in Cornwall, on a one-off basis. ProHelp is run by Business in the Community, a national charitable organisation which helps businesses ‘give something back’ to their local communities. Members of ProHelp include surveyors, architects, accountants, solicitors, public relations and marketing specialists, engineers, and designers. Examples of ProHelp work include solicitors giving advice on charitable status, helping with lease negotiations and drawing up legal contracts; accountants helping with the writing of business plans and financial planning; and surveyors conducting property and construction surveys and offering health and safety advice.

Resident’s Comment
‘The Parish Magazine is excellent. I use it as my first port of call to locate a trades person and have used several local companies.’
Youth consultation revealed that the key things young people liked about living in Probus revolved around the friends they have in the village and the activities they undertake, while things they dislike centred on the anti-social behaviour that took place at night and the need for more things for young people to do within the parish. Many older respondents also recognised this need, with suggestions being made from both young people and adults that a meeting place and more clubs to attend were needed. At present there is an out of school club (Probus Kids Club) at the Primary School, together with a holiday scheme. Popular suggestions for additional activities included pool, organised trips out and discos. Leisure and sport issues also featured highly in the youth consultation, with 205 suggestions being made at the planning event and many comments being made in the youth and household questionnaire. The majority of young people aged 11-16 felt the park was currently inadequate. Suggestions for improving it included providing more for older children to do and providing toilet facilities. The park was also the most popular location for lighting to be installed to enable young people to congregate after dark.

The most popular suggestions made by the 4-11 age group related to the provision of a skateboarding/roller blade facility, followed by the need for an arts and craft club, cricket facilities and an astro-turf area. The King George field and the school were the two most popular locations for such facilities. Skate facilities were also popular with the 11-16 age group, with the playing field being cited as the most popular location. The first steps in looking into issues such as skate provision would be to contact Carrick Leisure Trust, which can assist community sports and activity projects to develop and look for funding. Further consultation will also be required to further determine the kind of facilities required by young people in the parish. There are a number of different options that need to be looked into. If skate facilities

‘Young people in the village need their ‘own space’. Measures to stop them congregating in the village centre does not solve the problem.’

Resident’s Comment
Statistics....

69% of respondents aged 11-16 feel that the park is inadequate.

11 - 16 year olds interest in activities:
- 16 favoured pool
- 15 favoured organised trips out
- 12 favoured discos
- 12 favoured darts
- 9 favoured a cinema club
- 7 favoured bowling

Key Partner: Cornwall County Council Youth Service
In terms of youth development issues, Cornwall County Council Youth Service are a good point of contact. The service provides personal development opportunities for young people, predominantly in the 13-19 age range, assisting them in developing into mature and responsible adults. The service offers planned learning experiences, usually for groups of young people, often through social and recreational activity.

Case Study: Youth activities
A project has been set up in Feock and Kea in Carrick that helps young people access sports facilities. The scheme was started by the local Neighbourhood Beat Manager, with funds being acquired to hire a bus and provide supervision to take the young people to Truro Leisure Centre, where they take part in sporting activities with qualified coaching staff. The project is now to be extended to include music, dance and film making. The project provides a good example of possible alternatives to having to provide facilities within the parish.

are favoured, it needs to be established whether permanent or mobile facilities are more appropriate for the parish. If mobile facilities are deemed more appropriate then discussions should be held with Carrick District Council in regard to the possibility of such facilities being supplied by the Council. Other parishes in the area with similar needs should also be contacted with the possibilities of working in partnership, making the likelihood of such provision more viable. If permanent facilities are favoured there are many issues such as location, design considerations, management issues and funding opportunities that need to be looked into. Although it may not be sustainable for a small community, such as Probus, to provide facilities for more advanced skaters, facilities on a scale to suit younger/entry level skaters, who are likely to be more restricted in the distance they are allowed to travel from home, could be a more realistic option. It is also important to bear in mind that helping young people access facilities outside the parish may sometimes be a more realistic solution than trying to provide them all within the parish (see case study above).

Key Points:
- Assess feasibility of a range of youth activities/sports in the parish (i.e. tennis, archery, basketball, swimming pool, rugby club, arts & crafts club and discos) researching costs & funding, venue, likely numbers of attendance and format (different age group sessions etc.).
- A community based group should be set up consisting of potential users, volunteers and the Parish Council.
- Enter into discussions with Carrick District Council regarding the need for skate facilities, and the development of a district wide skateboard strategy (as in Penwith & Caradon districts).
- Advice is available from CCC Youth Service on how to set up and run a youth club, in terms of legislation/responsibilities etc.
- Young people should be consulted and involved in all stages of a youth project.
- It is important to bear in mind the changing needs and interests of young people as they get older.

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Health facilities in Probus are generally considered good. The majority of respondents stated they were very satisfied with the GP/Family Doctor service in the parish. Only 10 people stated they were not satisfied with the service. Reasons for these people finding the service unsatisfactory were mainly concerned with having difficulty making an appointment. Many respondents stated they would like to see the surgery offer additional services such as complementary and alternative medicine.

Dentist facilities were the most common health service residents had difficulty accessing, with 55 respondents stating it as a problem. Only 36 respondents travel less than 5 miles to access facilities, while the vast majority have to go further afield. 303 residents stated they would use dental facilities based in Probus if they were available.

Health education seminars held within the parish were favoured by 98 respondents, while the majority stated they would not be interested in attending. However, 255 respondents did feel that there should be health education and awareness services for young people in Probus. There was also a lot of support for separate non-smoking areas in public buildings throughout the parish, with 115 respondents stating that they would visit these buildings more, while only 10 stated they would visit less. There was also great support for a ban on drinking alcohol in the streets.

Footpaths are currently used by 232 respondents. However, just over half of respondents stated they did not know where most of the local footpaths were. Feelings were mixed as to the quality of the footpaths in terms of signposting, maintenance, routes and ease of access, some residents rating them as good while others stating they were unsatisfactory. 296 respondents were in favour of information being produced describing local walks, giving details on length of walk, flora and fauna, and sites of historical interest. The majority of respondents however, did not feel that there was need to create new footpaths in the parish. 62 respondents stated they would like to become actively involved in a footpath society to help clear and maintain paths in the parish.

Sports facilities, such as a multi-gym and tennis courts, were popular requests made by respondents in terms of facilities that they would like to see available in the parish. Comments were made by residents that the provision of these facilities is even more essential if there is going to be further development. The need for sports facilities was also a key issue to come out of the youth consultation with the provision of tennis courts again being a popular request (for more information see ‘Young People’ section).

‘The parish needs more provision for recreation facilities, both indoor and outdoor, before anymore housing is built.’

Resident’s Comment
‘Sports facilities are inadequate. We need a larger area.’
Resident’s Comment

Case Study: Dental Provision - Liskeard Dental Centre, Caradon
Liskeard has recently benefited from the building of a new dental centre. The project has been made possible by way of a section 106 planning agreement. The agreement is part of a new housing development in Liskeard that required the developer to allocate funds for a new community scheme. As the need for dental provision was so high in the area it was agreed that a dental centre would be the ideal development. The building also features new energy saving technologies which means it is more environmentally friendly, as well as being cheaper to run.

Key Partner: The Cornwall & Isle of Scilly Healthy Living Initiative
The Cornwall & Isle of Scilly Healthy Living Initiative is a good point of contact for information and advice when undertaking health related projects. The initiative also offers training courses on a number of community and health related subjects.

Access issues also need to be considered. For example, at present there are problems with elderly people getting to the Village Hall for exercise classes. The class is designed specifically for them, but as Probus is a linear village, elderly people living at each end are put off walking to the village hall. Access issues regarding facilities for young people also need consideration (See ‘Young People’ section).

Statistics....

80% of residents would like to see separate non-smoking areas in public buildings in the parish.

Most popular sports facilities

67 favoured outdoor tennis
58 favoured a multi-gym
43 favoured indoor tennis
26 favoured table tennis
26 favoured badminton
23 favoured aerobics

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Key Points:

- A working group should be set-up to refer to report data and identify level of sports requirements within the parish such as tennis, badminton, bowling, cricket, aerobics and a gym.
- It is of key importance to promote existing facilities/activities within the parish (e.g. Bowling Club).
- Further investigation should take place into what existing facilities are available in or near the parish (e.g. Truro, St. Austell). Consideration needs to be given to whether it is more feasible to access these existing facilities through looking at transport solutions.
- Discussions need to take place with young people in the parish to further refine the sports clubs and teams they would like in the community (e.g. rugby team, basketball team, cricket team, tennis club, running club etc.)
- Discussions need to take place with both the Parish Council and District Council to determine possible sites, facilities and funding opportunities.
- Parents, residents and young people need to be involved in projects and there is a need to encourage volunteers to help train teams and run clubs.
The majority of residents in the parish feel Probus is a relatively safe and crime free area. However, vandalism was rated as a significant/very significant problem by 167 respondents and 77% of residents attending the prioritisation event stated that it was an issue that needed immediate attention. Areas of specific concern included around the church yard, at bus shelters and bus stops, at the park and playing field and in the square. Residents were invited to comment on how the problem should be dealt with. The majority of these comments related to having more police presence/action, fines/enforcement, punishment, education and parental action. Comments were also made that there needed to be more facilities for young people to give them an alternative to hanging around on the street. Excessive noise was considered less of a problem, with the majority of residents citing it as either no problem or a small problem. The most common source of noise disturbance cited was from traffic.

Youth consultation revealed that crime and safety was the third most important issue for young people in the parish aged 4-11, gaining 164 responses. 23 of these responses highlighted where young people felt safe, the place to get the most votes being the school. A number of problems were highlighted in the parish including drug dealing, graffiti, the need for security lights and the need for a police footpatrol.

Traffic and safety was given third priority at the Prioritisation Event, with 60% of people attending stating it as an issue that needed to be dealt with immediately, with a further 8% saying it should be dealt with soon. Speeding was rated as a very serious problem by 100 respondents and a moderate problem by 146 respondents. Key areas of concern were Fore Street, Tregony Road, St. Austell Road and near Probus CP School. The most popular suggested solution to this problem was the installation of a flashing speed limit sign, which was requested by 171 respondents. Other favoured methods of reducing traffic speed included speed limit reminders on the road, more speed warning signs, lower speed limits, speed cameras and ‘children at play’ signs. 150 respondents also felt that Heavy Goods Vehicles should be banned from the village.

Parking was stated as a very serious problem in the village by 111 respondents. 122 respondents considered it to be a moderate problem, while 56 classed it is a minor problem and 38 did not feel that it was a problem at all. 109 people cited the square as the main location where double parking was a problem. Carn View Road, College Close and outside the fish and chip shop were cited as the areas of concern for dangerous parking. 74 respondents stated that parking in the cycle lane on Fore Street

‘Young people need more facilities to keep them from hanging out on the street.’ Resident’s Comment
Statistics....

77% of residents attending the prioritisation event stated vandalism as a key issue to be dealt with immediately.

How safe resident’s feel outside after dark:

- 124 residents feel very safe.
- 143 residents feel fairly safe.
- 60 residents feel not very safe.
- 39 residents feel unsafe.

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- Policing p.35
- Vandalism p.35
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Key Strategy: Carrick Community Safety Partnership

The Carrick Community Safety Partnership incorporates a number of organisations including Carrick District Council, Cornwall County Council, Devon & Cornwall Police Constabulary, Cornwall Fire Authority, Central Primary Care Trust, Cornwall I.O.S. Drug and Alcohol Action Team and the Probation Service. Carrick District Council state that Community Safety is a ‘co-ordinated approach to tackling crime and disorder which takes into consideration what causes people to get involved in crime, as well as how victims of crime can be made less vulnerable’.

Key Points:

- Discussions should take place with Devon & Cornwall Constabulary Neighbourhood Beat Manager to develop a community crime action plan, as well as to establish a relationship with the community officers.
- As police provision is based on crime statistics, residents should be urged to report all crime.
- Community initiatives (e.g. Neighbourhood Watch) should be strengthened, with the aim of reducing petty crime.
- Identify funding requirements to implement security lights in specific locations identified.
- A Working Group should be formed to establish what activities/facilities are lacking for young people in the parish, seeking necessary funding for projects.

There is no point in having speed cushions if cars park on or near them. They force cars to swerve out and the priority signs are being ignored.’ Resident’s Comment
Litter was cited to be a problem in areas such as the Cobbles, around bus shelters, in the village hall carpark, in the church yard and in the playing field. The village is litterpicked / swept approximately every 6 weeks. However, if Carrick’s Monitoring Officer visits the area and sees it needs extra cleaning or if the Waste Management Team receive complaints, then they can carry out additional cleaning within 24/48 hours. Residents suggestions for dealing with litter included educating people to be more responsible for their waste, voluntary litter picks and employing a street cleaner. 79% of respondents think that there are not enough litter bins in the parish and many stated they also needed to be emptied more frequently. Suggestions for sites for new bins included areas by bus stops, in the car park, by the churchyard, outside facilities and in the main street. Carrick District Council, however, argue that presently there are enough bins in the area and that they are emptied frequently. They do however state that if bins become full they will be able to empty them within 24 hours if notified. It should also be noted that some of the locations sited by residents for more bins do not fall into the Council’s remit (ie. the churchyard and playingfield). There was also call for street waste bins to support recycling, this is also however unlikely as Carrick District Council are presently putting their resources into kerbside recycling.

Kerbside Recycling in Carrick has proved to be very successful and the District is now recycling 32% of its household waste, which is the highest rate in the County. In addition, the Waste Management Service has been advised that the service is a finalist in the national recycling awards. In Probus, the majority of residents use the scheme, with only 3 respondents stating they never use it. 106 respondents stated they thought the service could be improved. One suggestion was to increase the range of plastics recycled. The Council state that there are, at present, no companies that take the other kinds of plastics for processing, but if an outlet was to be found they would extend the range of waste that is collected. By 2008, steps will be taken to make recycling weekly, which will certainly help in being able to recycle more easily. Ensuring that litter is not left in the street after collection was another suggestion made by residents. Carrick state that if litter is left in the street due to the collectors not taking care in emptying the recyclate into the vehicles then residents should phone or e-mail the council and they will arrange for the litter to be cleared up. A number of residents also require a lid for their bumper box. These at present are not provided free, but can be purchased from the Council.

Dog fouling was considered a very significant problem by 138 respondents, and a fairly significant problem by a further 77. 69% of residents attending the prioritisation event stated dog fouling as a key issue to be dealt with immediately. Areas of particular concern include Fore Street, the path between the

‘Too much rubbish is blown around before the recycling lorry arrives. Lids on boxes would help.’

Resident’s Comment
Key Partner: Community Energy Plus

Community Energy Plus (CEP) is a registered charity dedicated to reducing the carbon dioxide emissions that contribute to climate change (global warming). Specific aims of the organisation are sustainable reduction in domestic and small business energy consumption, the eradication of fuel poverty and health problems associated with it and the promotion of sustainable energy, new build and renovation practices. CEP has a dedicated team who work with Cornwall’s communities at a local level.

For more information visit www.cep.org.uk

Statistics....
69% of residents attending the prioritisation event stated dog fouling as a key issue to be dealt with immediately.

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Youth Consultation revealed that the environment was the second most important issues for young people of age 4-11. Popular suggestions were the planting of more trees and cleaning up specific areas around the parish. The most popular location for this was below Treviglas Rise. With regards to educating children about recycling etc, there are plans for a Education Centre to be created down at Carrick District Council’s ‘Bulking Up Facility (BUF)’, where all the recycling materials go prior to processing. As soon as this is completed schools will be invited to visit the BUF and see what happens to the materials, along with presentations so that they can learn about recycling and all other waste management issues.

Many comments were made by residents as to the need to protect both the built environment (eg. historic buildings) and the natural environment from unnecessary development. At the same time many residents recognised the need for future development to ensure that adequate accommodation and facilities were available for future generations.

Key Points:
- Stopping the pollution of paths and roads by dog faeces needs to be a key priority.
- Locations should be identified where more trees, shrubs and flowers can be planted.
- The Parish Council should seek to ensure that hedges and verges are maintained satisfactorily.
- Involve local school children in the planting and maintaining of green areas (environment/educational project).
- Further investigation should take place in regard to the Parish Council employing its own street cleaner.
- Any future development in the parish must be sympathetic to the environment, with the aim of improving the village without losing its character and community spirit.
- Historic/old buildings should be protected.
As Chair of the Probus Parish Plan Committee I would like to acknowledge and thank the funding bodies which have enabled this process to take place: Cornwall Rural Partnership (Key Fund), West Cornwall Rural Transport Partnership, Carrick District Council and Probus Parish Council.

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Thank You!

Maud Hepworth

Taking the plan forward...

The overall goal of this plan is to help facilitate a future where quality of life in Probus is preserved and enhanced for everyone in the parish. This entails enabling everyone in the community to have a voice in how their parish should develop and involving them in the development of the parish as much as possible. The publication of the parish plan should be seen as a starting point for the implementation of the action proposed within. Monitoring, reviewing and updating the contents of the plan should be ongoing to ensure that the plan moves with the changing parish and reflects the views of the parish community.
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<td>Affordable Housing</td>
<td>Provide an adequate supply of affordable homes for a range of people within the community (e.g. local residents in housing need, first time buyers, young people, elderly people). Infill/brownfield sites to be utilised for housing development wherever possible.</td>
<td>Monitor the need for low cost housing of all tenures via the district and local needs housing surveys. Set up working party to investigate potential sites and form working relationships with housing providers. Parish Council to work with District Council to ensure number of new properties are limited and in keeping with area. Infrastructure will need to be considered if housing development is to proceed including sewage system, local facilities (e.g. school) and parking.</td>
<td>St. Merryn Meat fields Probus Demonstration Garden Site Land at the bottom of Treviglas Lane Brown field sites in the parish</td>
<td>Carrick District Council: Housing Enabling and Planning Departments Housing Corporation Parish Council Working group Local Landowners Housing Providers: Housing Associations, Private Developers Local Residents</td>
<td>HIGH PRIORITY Plans for new housing are already underway. Work with District Council/ Housing providers will need to be on going.</td>
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<td>Public Transport</td>
<td>An efficient, viable public and community transport system.</td>
<td>Parish Council to elect a Rural Transport Representative. Working group, led by Rural Transport Representative, to identify transport needs (using consultation data as an initial basis) not currently met by existing public and community transport. Working group, with CCC and West Cornwall Rural Transport Partnership Officer (WCRTP) and Parish Council, to look at realistic improvements identified by residents, such as improving bus service information and investigating community transport options. Research whether any existing bus services could be extended to meet some of the parish’s needs. If necessary lobby CCC’s Passenger Transport Unit for bus service improvements. Investigate transport needs for young people within the parish (e.g. accessing facilities). Advertise bus times in the parish magazine and other locations (e.g. PO, shops, garage etc.) to help increase awareness of services. Lobby bus operators for an integrated ticketing scheme.</td>
<td>Throughout the parish Also work with neighbouring parishes to identify joint needs to add more weight</td>
<td>Parish Council Working Group Cornwall County Council – Passenger Transport Unit West Cornwall Rural Transport Partnership Officer Local Residents Age Concern Young People Cornwall Centre For Volunteers Bus Operators</td>
<td>MEDIUM PRIORITY Liaisons can begin with WCRTP in the near future. Results may be achieved in the medium to long term.</td>
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<td>Traffic &amp; Safety</td>
<td>Parish roads as safe as possible for all users.</td>
<td>Set up working group to explore various traffic management solutions, locations for pedestrian crossings and law enforcement issues. Liaise and work with Parish Council, Cornwall County Council Highways and Road Safety Departments, as well as Devon &amp; Cornwall Police on options and help available. Contact County Councillor, as councillors also hold a budget for small local improvements. Using consultation data, and further research if necessary, identify locations and times where speeding traffic is a major concern. Consult residents and school to identify the type of crossings required.</td>
<td>Fore Street&lt;br&gt;Tregony Road&lt;br&gt;St. Austell Road&lt;br&gt;School&lt;br&gt;Various other locations throughout the Parish</td>
<td>Parish Council&lt;br&gt;Working Group&lt;br&gt;County Council – Highways &amp; Road Safety Departments&lt;br&gt;Devon &amp; Cornwall Police&lt;br&gt;Carrick District Council&lt;br&gt;Local Residents&lt;br&gt;Local Businesses&lt;br&gt;Local School</td>
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<td>Accessibility</td>
<td>To ensure adequate parking whilst alleviating parking congestion on main roads. Ease problem of dangerous, illegal and inconvenient parking. To reduce heavy goods vehicles through residential areas.</td>
<td>Carry out further parish consultation on whether residents are in favour of car park provision to alleviate congestion on village roads. If in favour, set up a working group to work with partners to look at feasibility (including funding) of securing additional land to ease the parking problems in the parish. Disabled parking needs to be considered in any project plans. Once project outline is produced feedback to the community for approval. In conjunction, liaise with Devon and Cornwall Police on how to tackle the issue of illegal parking e.g. double parking, blocking of drives, parking on corners and in cycle lanes etc. Set up working group to monitor levels of road use, and investigate alternative routes for heavy goods vehicles. Seek advice and help from appropriate authorities</td>
<td>The Square&lt;br&gt;Fore Street&lt;br&gt;Near shops, Post Office and Church&lt;br&gt;Carne View Road&lt;br&gt;Chapel Street</td>
<td>Parish Council&lt;br&gt;Working Group&lt;br&gt;County Council – Highways&lt;br&gt;Devon &amp; Cornwall Police&lt;br&gt;Carrick District Council&lt;br&gt;Landowners&lt;br&gt;Local Residents&lt;br&gt;Local Businesses</td>
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<td>Public Open Spaces</td>
<td>Enhanced and improved open spaces.</td>
<td>Investigate which body is responsible for upkeep of public toilets and work to re-open them. Research funding opportunities for provision of street furniture i.e. public benches, litter bins. Publicise improvement plans in Parish Magazine and inform residents and businesses of opportunities to sponsor such improvements (eg. seating etc). Liaise with Church Council, looking at ways to improve the churchyard.</td>
<td>Public toilets</td>
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<td>Community organisations</td>
<td>A variety of community based organisations for the benefit of residents.</td>
<td>Enhanced promotion of existing facilities and organisations. Research funding opportunities and feasibility for the provision of a permanent library, Citizen’s Advice Bureau and MP Surgery. At present there is mobile library service. Liaise with the Parish Council, District Council and residents to determine suitable locations (ie. existing community facilities). Identify volunteers to help arrange and be involved in organisations. Continued advertising of local events and organisations through parish magazine.</td>
<td>Within the parish Possible locations include Village Hall.</td>
<td>Parish Council Cornwall Rural Community Council Working Group Cornwall County Council Carrick District Council Citizen’s Advice Advisory &amp; Funding Bodies Parochial Church Council Friends of Probus Church</td>
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<td>Village Halls</td>
<td>Ensure the continued use of improvements to village hall facilities.</td>
<td>Conduct an audit of community facilities and consider the costs involved to repair, improve &amp; equip the current hall. Research into possibilities of a new community centre. Village Hall and Playing Field Committee to work in partnership to develop community facilities as requested by residents through on going consultation, avoiding duplication of work and competition. Consider what other services could be offered in existing/new facilities (using data from event) to make it more sustainable. Seek funding &amp; advice. Enlist help of possible partners who might provide the services required.</td>
<td>Village Hall, Football field Pavilion, Church, School</td>
<td>Parish Council, Cornwall Rural Community Council, Working Group, Cornwall County Council, Early Years Department, Carrick District Council, Playing Field and Village Hall Committees, Local Clubs, School, Pre-school/Playgroup, Integrated Area Plan – Objective 1, Advisory &amp; Funding Bodies, Parochial Church Council/ Friends of Probus Church, Possible Partners: Health Authority &amp; PCT, Employment Service, Adult Education, Surestart, Banks etc. Other Groups To Be Identified</td>
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<td>Outdoor Sports</td>
<td>Residents to have access to outdoor sports facilities and activities.</td>
<td>Set up working group to refer to report data and identify level of sports requirements within the parish for sports such as tennis, bowling, cricket and football. Investigate what existing facilities are available in or near the parish – e.g. Truro, St. Austell. Consider if it is more feasible and realistic to access existing facilities – transport solutions will be an important aspect of this. Promote existing facilities/activities within the parish e.g. Bowling Club, Football Clubs. Consult parish residents to identify which sports activities they want and would use, e.g. tennis courts, bowling green, cricket pitch and football pitch. Investigate possible funding, venues, and partners. Identify improvements required to increase uptake from residents.</td>
<td>Within the parish</td>
<td>Working Group&lt;br&gt; Cornwall County Council&lt;br&gt; Carrick Leisure Trust- Sports Officer&lt;br&gt; Parish Council&lt;br&gt; Playing Field Committee&lt;br&gt; School&lt;br&gt; Land Owners&lt;br&gt; Sports Alliance&lt;br&gt; Sport England&lt;br&gt; Cornwall Community Foundation&lt;br&gt; Local Network Fund/Sports Relief Grant&lt;br&gt; Local Clubs (eg. Bowling, Football)&lt;br&gt; Other Sports Groups/Clubs Locally</td>
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<td>Indoor Sports Facilities</td>
<td>Residents to have access to indoor sports facilities and activities.</td>
<td>Set up working group to refer to report data and identify level of sports requirements within the parish such as, a gym, indoor tennis, badminton, aerobics etc.</td>
<td>Within the parish</td>
<td>Working Group Cornwall County Council Carrick District Council - Sports Officer Parish Council School Sports Alliance Sport England Local Sports Clubs Cornwall Community Foundation - Local Network Fund/Sports Relief Grant Village Hall Committee</td>
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<td>Consider if it is more feasible and realistic to access existing facilities – transport solutions will be an important aspect of this.</td>
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<td>Consult parish residents to identify which sports activities they want and would use (e.g. indoor-tennis courts, badminton courts and aerobics facilities).</td>
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<td>Investigate possible funding, venues, and partners.</td>
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<td>Annual Carnival/Parade</td>
<td>A carnival/parade event that will include the whole of the community.</td>
<td>A working group set up to look into the feasibility of an Annual Carnival/Parade in the parish, funding, insurance costs, health &amp; safety and entertainment laws.</td>
<td>Within the parish</td>
<td>Sports &amp; Fun Week Committee Parish Council Young People Local Residents School Working Group Cornwall County Council – Youth Service Carrick District Council Clubs/Organisations Local Community Buildings Volunteers Local Businesses</td>
<td>MEDIUM PRIORITY A popular suggestion, but not seen as an immediate priority.</td>
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<td>Involve the children, possibly through the school, with fund raising events (eg. competitions, sports tournaments, plays, sponsored run and bike rides).</td>
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<td>Hobbies Interests &amp; Education</td>
<td>Residents to have access to a wide range of activities throughout the parish. Create an appropriate avenue to promote and advertise all recreational facilities offered within the parish.</td>
<td>Form a working group to identify the recreational and educational needs of the parish. Investigate what existing facilities are available in or near the parish – e.g. Truro, St. Austell. Consider if it is more feasible and realistic to access existing facilities – transport solutions will be an important aspect of this. Consult parish residents to further identify what hobbies and educational activities they are interested in (e.g. gardening club, computing, arts/crafts, cinema, concerts, ballroom dancing and languages). Investigate the possibility of promoting existing activities and groups (e.g. through advertising in the parish magazine, on the parish website and through posters in shops, Post Office and garage). Investigate possible funding, venues and partners.</td>
<td>Within the parish</td>
<td>Working Group Local Residents Cornwall County Council - Adult Education, Arts and Libraries Carrick District Council Parish Council School Cornwall Community Foundation Local Network Fund Parish Magazine &amp; Website Shops, Post Office &amp; Garage etc. Village Hall Committee Mobile Library Service</td>
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<td>Probus Primary School</td>
<td>To ensure that children have access to a range of facilities provided by Probus Primary School both during and out of school hours</td>
<td>Work with School, parents and local authority to investigate the feasibility of providing access to the school library and computers out of school hours. Discuss possibility of local residents/parents volunteering their time to staff the library out of school hours. Liaise with PTA and school’s Board of Governors on feasibility of obtaining funding for floodlit football/tennis court at Probus School.</td>
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<td>Learning Opportunities For Adults</td>
<td>Provision of appropriate adult education facilities within the parish.</td>
<td>Investigate the possibilities of providing local learning facilities—working with the partners identified. Explore training/learning needs and identify access to these if they cannot be provided locally. Utilise church hall/school or village hall facilities for local classes. Work with training providers. Further exploration required to identify barriers to learning opportunities i.e. transport, childcare.</td>
<td>To be decided</td>
<td>Cornwall County Council – Education, Arts &amp; Libraries, Adult Education Parish Council / Working Group Carrick District Council Truro College School Family Learning Local Residents Surestart West Cornwall Rural Transport Partnership Workers Educational Association (WEA) Employment Service</td>
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| Youth Activities    | Appropriate youth activities and facilities in the parish.          | Check feasibility of a wide range of youth activities/sports in the parish (tennis, archery, basketball, swimming pool, rugby club, arts & crafts club and discos etc). | King George Field  
School  
Field behind Parkengear Farm  
Field near Pondo  
Fields on left of Fore Street  
Fields below West End Bungalow  
Parkengear Vean  
Fields behind Fernleigh  
Fields near Nursery  
Fore Street | Parish Council  
Young People  
Working Party  
Cornwall County Council  
– Youth Service  
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Village Hall  
Volunteers  
Local Businesses  
Cornwall Rural Community Council: Social Inclusion Worker & Funding Advice  
Community Foundation re: set up funding  
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Family Services | HIGH PRIORITY  
A key priority to be started on in the near future. |
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<td>Park Facilities</td>
<td>A clean and tidy playing field offering a wide range of equipment and facilities for children of all ages.</td>
<td>Research costs and funding on:</td>
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<td>a) Providing improved play equipment, astro-turf, new nets for football field, 6 – 12 years adventure playground: roundabout, see-saw, fireman’s pole, log climber, swing, special needs play area.</td>
<td>Tresowgar Lane fields</td>
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<td>b) Improved facilities at playing fields eg. showers, changing rooms, toilets etc.</td>
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<td>Obtain youth input and encourage involvement at the very earliest stage of any project.</td>
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<td>Skate Facilities</td>
<td>Skateboard facilities to meet the needs of the parish.</td>
<td>Set up community based group with potential users, volunteers and Parish Council.</td>
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<td>Lobby District Council in respect of need for facilities and a district wide skateboard strategy (as in Penwith &amp; Caradon districts).</td>
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<td>Site identification/ feasibility/ funding to be researched as well as insurance cover and health &amp; safety assessment.</td>
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<td>Obtain youth &amp; parental input.</td>
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While of interest to many young people and rated a fair priority further consultation and research is needed and results may only be achieved in the medium to long term.
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| Team Sports           | A variety of team sports available to all children in the parish.   | Liaise with parish children to identify the sports clubs and teams they would like in the community e.g. rugby team, basketball team, cricket team, tennis club, running club etc.  
Liaise with Parish and District Council on possible sites, facilities, funding.  
Involve the children at all stages.  
Work with parents, residents and young people in the hope to encourage volunteers to help train teams and run clubs. | Throughout the parish                                                                 | Community Group  
Young People/ Potential Users and Parents  
Parish Council  
Carrick District Council - Sports Officer  
Local Business Sponsorship  
Community Police Officer  
Existing Clubs  
School  
Local Residents  
Cornwall Rural Community Council: Social Inclusion Worker & Funding Advice | MEDIUM PRIORITY |
| Youth Facilities      | A youth centre, with appropriate facilities.  
A safe and secure outside lighted area for young people.                   | Children and young people to have a say and be involved in the setting up of new facilities within the parish, e.g. Internet Café, more shops, more litter bins, etc, their opinions to be taken into account.  
Check feasibility of a youth centre in the parish – costs & funding, venue, likely numbers of attendance, format (different age group sessions) etc. Identify possible location, liaise with children at all stages, perhaps encourage their help to create their outside area.  
Obtain youth input and encourage involvement at the very earliest stage of any project.  
Identify volunteers to help arrange and be involved in a youth club.  
Seek advice from CCC Youth Service on how to set up and run a youth club, in terms of legislation, responsibilities and training requirements. | Venues within parish to be identified.                                                                 | Parish Council  
Young People  
Local Residents  
Working Party  
Cornwall County Council – Youth Service  
Carrick District Council  
Clubs/ Organisations  
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Cornwall Rural Community Council: Social Inclusion Worker & Funding Advice | HIGH PRIORITY  
Work to begin addressing young peoples needs can begin in the short term |
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<td>Vandalism</td>
<td>A well-maintained, clean and tidy parish that the community can take pride in.</td>
<td>Liaise with Devon &amp; Cornwall Police Neighbourhood Beat Manager to develop a community crime action plan, and to establish a relationship with the community officers. Explore community initiatives (e.g. Neighbourhood Watch) with the aim of reducing petty crime. Identify funding requirements to implement security lights in specific locations identified. Working group to establish what activities/facilities are lacking for young people in the parish. Seek necessary funding for youth facilities and activities to reduce opportunities for vandalism.</td>
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<td>Policing</td>
<td>A safe and secure community with an appropriate level of police presence.</td>
<td>Liaise with residents, Crime Prevention Officer, Parish Council and District Council to improve existing Neighbourhood Watch Schemes - set up more in other locations and provide more information and publicity. Residents to communicate with Devon and Cornwall Constabulary on where they feel a police presence is required.</td>
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<td>Local Business</td>
<td>Support for existing local business and development of appropriate new businesses, creating job opportunities in the parish for local people.</td>
<td>Liaise with local businesses about: a) Training opportunities/needs. b) Promoting existing business. c) The possibility of a local chamber of commerce type organisation specifically for businesses in Probus. d) Expanding business or moving to new premises. Consult with residents and local businesses on training requirements within the parish. Parish Council and Cornwall County Council Adult Education Department to work in partnership, looking at ways to best provide training opportunities for local residents e.g. computer, IT skills. Identify sites where existing businesses can expand/move to, or where new businesses can be developed.</td>
<td>Within the parish</td>
<td>Local Businesses            Parish Council Cornwall County Council Adult Education Services Local Residents Advisory Bodies: Federation of Small Businesses/ VIRSA/Post Office Ltd/ Business Link/ RDA/Objective 1 Agricultural Dev. Team/ CCC – Cornwall Enterprise.</td>
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<td>Litter &amp; Waste Recycling</td>
<td>Adequate local recycling facilities appropriately located and publicised, and therefore well used by residents. Adequate and strategically placed litter bins. Improved and extended kerbside recycling service.</td>
<td>Investigate feasibility of: a) Improvement of existing facilities – in terms of extending range of items for recycling, regular maintenance (emptying) of current facilities and promotion of locations. b) Extending and improving the kerbside recycling service, increasing the waste products which can be collected. Identifying locations in the parish where litter is a problem and providing litter bins and/or instigating improved litter clearance. Liaise with school on educating children about recycling and keeping their environment litter free. Look into feasibility of employing a village cleaner and/or enlisting the help of volunteers.</td>
<td>The Cobbles Bus Shelters Church Yard Village Hall Car Park Playing Field Shop Forecourts</td>
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| Dental Facilities         | All residents able to access an NHS dentist.                         | Contact Central Cornwall Primary Care Trust to investigate whether there are options to improve the situation locally e.g. piloting a mobile NHS dental surgery (part time), utilising a local venue.  
Investigate access to facilities elsewhere.  
Contact the local MP for support and help in drawing attention to the continuing problem of NHS dental service availability. | Parish wide, as well as a district & county audit of facilities/services.                  | Parish Council  
Health Authority  
Dental Surgeries  
Central Cornwall Primary Care Trust  
Patient Liaison Service (PALS)  
Health Action Zone  
Health Promotion Service  
Existing Health Services  
Patient Forum                                                                                     | MEDIUM/LOW PRIORITY |
| Footpaths & Bridleways    | A network of accessible, well signposted and well-maintained footpaths and bridleways. | Public footpaths and bridleways to be identified and promoted to the community.  
Obtain information on Cornwall County Council Local Maintenance Partnership scheme and whether this would be of interest to Parish Council. Investigate this, and other ways in which paths could be maintained and improved.  
Working Group to determine need/opportunities for creating new footpaths and bridleways.  
Identify overgrown and neglected footpaths and seek necessary funding to restore to public use.  
Seek to ensure adequate disabled access to footpaths and bridleways.  
Research possibility of producing leaflets/guides for local footpaths and bridleways, looking into obtaining funding if necessary. | Throughout parish                                                                                     | Parish Council  
Carrick District Council  
Cornwall County Council – Environment Department  
Wildlife Trust  
Environment Agency  
Countryside Agency  
Working Group  
Local Residents  
Local Landowners  
Neighbouring Parishes                                                                 | HIGH/ MEDIUM PRIORITY |
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<td>Dog Fouling</td>
<td>To stop pollution of paths and roads by dog faeces and to stop bagged faeces being left in hedges.</td>
<td>Installation of suitable bins for the disposal of dog waste and need to ensure regular arrangement for emptying of bins. Promote public awareness of health risks to humans and livestock through contact with dog mess. Work with the local and District Council on enforcing dog fouling regulations. Research the possibility and funding of a local dog warden. Possible creation of dog walking area.</td>
<td>Various footpaths and locations throughout the parish. Possible dog walking area to be identified.</td>
<td>Parish Council Carrick District Council Cornwall County Council – Environment Department Local Residents Landowners</td>
<td>HIGH PRIORITY Result to be achieved in the short - medium term.</td>
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<td>Improving And Maintaining The Environment</td>
<td>An attractive and green environment with well maintained hedges and verges.</td>
<td>Set up working party. Identify locations where more trees, shrubs and flowers can be planted. Identify funding/sources of plants etc., as well who be responsible for undertaking the work, up-keep and maintenance. Seek to ensure that hedges and verges are maintained satisfactorily. Involve local school children in the planting and maintaining of green areas - environment/educational project.</td>
<td>Various locations around the parish, especially in the main part of the village. Local children suggested Parkengear Farm, Parkengear Vean, field near Pondo and below Treviglas Rise.</td>
<td>Carrick District Council Parish Council English Nature Cornwall Wildlife Trust Environment Agency Cornwall County Council – Countryside Officer Countryside Agency School Local Residents</td>
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<td>Development</td>
<td>Historic buildings protected for the use and enjoyment of residents.</td>
<td>Information to be obtained on historical buildings/sites within parish – i.e. listed buildings etc. Carry out mapping exercise and create database in order to set up a protection scheme. Dilapidated buildings to be identified and appropriate action taken (e.g. instigate discussion with owners/users, help owners/users to identify work needed and, if funding exists, to assist with meeting costs). Funding to be investigated. Set up working group to identify sites in need of redevelopment. Liaise with local residents, Parish Council and District Council to decide on appropriate use of redevelopment sites (e.g. affordable housing etc.) taking into consideration residents’ needs and the surrounding area. Working group and local residents to discuss plans for future development.</td>
<td>Old Methodist Chapel (Junk &amp; Disorderly) Village Hall St. Merryn Meat Site Probus Demonstration Garden Listed Properties throughout the parish</td>
<td>Parish Council Working Group Carrick District Council: Housing Enabling and Planning Departments English Nature BTCV Cornwall Wildlife Trust National Trust English Heritage Funders &amp; Advisory Bodies Local Businesses Local Residents &amp; Land Owners Housing Providers: Housing Association &amp; Private Developers</td>
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