

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

What is it?

A Neighbourhood Plan will set out where new developments will go, what kind of development it will be and what sort of social and leisure facilities are needed to make our parish a better place to live and work. The alternative to preparing and adopting a Neighbourhood Plan is to live with continued inappropriate development pressure; to be forced into a reactive approach as we are now, responding to each planning application as it is made. Loggerheads Parish Council took the first step in the neighbourhood planning process in April when it decided it was time to apply to the Borough Council for assistance.



First Step: Successful. The application to Newcastle Borough Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area was approved in September 2015. The area covers the whole parish.

Second step: Sorted A Neighbourhood Working Group met for the first time in October and agreed a plan of action to turn an idea into reality. The Group is made up of councillors from each of the 4 wards in the parish; Ashley, Loggerheads, Mucklestone and Tyrley. Residents have also volunteered their time and skills to make it happen. They are keen for more residents to join them so please watch the website for updates.

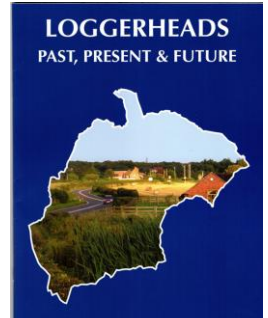
What happens next? Two main activities will go on in the coming months until the summer next year. An important part of the process is local consultation which will start in January with a survey delivered to every home in the parish. This will be a chance to have your views taken on board on issues such as housing, facilities, transport and the local environment. It will be used to identify key themes and issues that will be used to develop the vision and aims for the plan. At the same time the team will be gathering evidence from other sources such as the borough and county councils and national census statistics. In summer next year, a draft Neighbourhood Plan will be prepared and you will again be given the opportunity to have a say on its content.

How to get involved?

If you would like to get involved in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, then contact the Clerk. Help will be needed in a variety of ways, including organising workshops for residents, attending workshops to share your views on housing, local services, the local environment and distributing leaflets throughout the area.

What did you say in 2008?

The last time a parish wide survey was conducted was in 2008 when a Parish Plan was prepared. Almost half of the adult population of the parish completed the survey then and identified the issues that were affecting them. You will recognise most of the issues: not enough recreation and leisure facilities in Loggerheads; inadequate play facilities; not enough for young people to do; speeding traffic on the roads; concern about loss of rural character and over-development of the area.



The good news is there are now children's play areas in each village; the two primary schools are thriving; roads are safer; and active voluntary groups have been set up to help with transport, social isolation and parish appearance such as the volunteer car scheme, Befrienders, Loggerheads pickers n' planters and Bloom'in Ashley.

What do young people want?

[@LoggerheadsY](https://twitter.com/LoggerheadsY)



Cameron Forrest

On Friday 30th October **Loggerheads Youth Action Partnership** relaunched its youth forum at the Community Fire Station. The evening showcased local musician Cameron Forrest with his live guitar music while the fire station crew displayed fire safety skills and provided the opportunity for the young people to try out some of their equipment. Soft drinks and pizza was also provided. **Keep up to date** with future events and activities, by following [@LoggerheadsY](https://twitter.com/LoggerheadsY) on Twitter or friend us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/loggerheadsyouthaction/

A list of activities for young people has been compiled by members of the committee, local group leaders and the young people who attended the youth forum. These include ice skating, sports, pamper evening, cookery & lots more. We will be arranging some of these during the coming months. But what would you like to see? Send your suggestions to loggerheadsassist@gmail.com. The next evening will be on **Friday November 27th at 7pm** at the fire station so if you are in School year 8, 9 or 10 please come along.