

West Rainton & Leamside Parish Plan

Action Plan

July 2021

Environment & Housing

Required outcome	The Action	Lead organisation	Partners/ Dependencies	Progress to date
1. Parks and green spaces are improved and retained.	A) The School Avenue Play Area is updated and enhanced to provide a safe play area for younger children (Aged 2-9 yrs.).	West Rainton Play Scheme Community Group	Durham County Council / West Rainton Parish Council	Potential Improvements - More seating/Picnic Bench (s)
	B) The Village Green and the area known as the "Rec" is improved with bulbs / flowers / planters.	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council / WRLVP	March 2018 Complete Bulbs planted Oct 17.Potential further improvements to be considered
	C) Improve safety and maintenance of Adventure Play Park Area to increase usage of this much-needed facility by taking steps to reduce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • antisocial behaviour i.e. bullying, underage drinking, drugs, vandalism and the resultant damage to the environment • reduce litter and dog fouling • improve street signage to raise awareness of facility Work closely with Police Community Support Team to increase police presence Improve lighting and install CCTV Camera; More regular site inspections by Neighbourhood Wardens/Park Officers; Recruit local volunteers to carry out regular inspections and report any concerns to appropriate officers.	West Rainton Parish Council Durham County Council West Rainton Parish Council / Durham County Council Durham County Council Durham County Council	Durham County Council / Police / West Rainton Parish Council	Partially complete PACT meetings now held regularly Residents made aware of who to contact and are encouraged to raise concerns direct as this increases the frequency of inspection and visits A Parish Councillor carries out inspections and reports concerns. Street Signage, Improved lighting and CCVT yet to be considered. Potential Improvements – Outside GYM equipment More seating
1. Parks and green spaces are improved and retained. continued	D) Consider potential sites and costs for provision of additional play areas or spaces for young people in other areas of the parish	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council	Not yet considered Potential Improvement –
	E) Work with the Doctors Surgery to improve the maintenance of their green areas e.g. shrubs, flowers beds and litter problems.	West Rainton Parish Council	Doctors Surgery Management/DCC	In progress Potential Improvement Install Waste Bin Re landscape Project – S106 Monies

	F) Improve public footpath to Middle Rainton Picnic Area	Green Group	Durham County Council	Complete
	G) Further improve Middle Rainton Picnic Area by reducing litter and fouling around lay-by on A690 (used regularly by heavy goods vehicles) and adjacent path within the Picnic Area	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council /Sunderland City Council	Complete - Waste bin installed and emptied by Sunderland CC
	H) Consider longer term options to Improve the overall appearance/usage of the site. If a picnic area to be promoted, picnic tables needed	West Rainton Parish Council / Green Group	Durham County Council /Sunderland City Council	Not yet started Potential Improvement Clearance area – install picnic benches Plant Orchard – Green Group Project?
	I) Consider the proposal to reduce the use of herbicides in public open spaces and around the large blocks of stone that surround these areas	Green Group	Durham County Council	Partial Pilot area of none spraying agreed with DCC but not yet action Some boulders removed by DCC DCC considering further action re removal of boulders from the rec and replace with hedging PC looking at replacing boulders on the old Sunderland Road with metal fencing Tree stump removal under consideration by PC and Green Group
2. Litter, fly tipping and dog fouling is reduced	A) Recruit volunteers to identify where additional dog bins and litter bins are most needed to determine priority for installation.	West Rainton Parish Council	Green Group	Complete 8 general waste bins provided
	B) Install additional bins	Durham County Council	West Rainton Parish Council	Complete – see above Potential Improvements More general Waste Bins - Church Yard – South Street Entrance - Doctors Surgery - Marks Lane - Entrance to

				<p>path 21 (leading to Rainton Meadows) - School Avenue Park</p>
	Carry out a publicity campaign to raise awareness of the extent of the problem of dog fouling, the health risks etc. and the new Public Space Protection Order which comes into effect 1/6/2017. More Pick-Up Notices, stickers, signs etc. throughout the village, regular coverage in Village News, use of social media etc.	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council	<p>Partial</p> <p>Stickers and Posters provided by DCC displayed re Public Space Protection Order</p> <p>More notice and signs planned - Bag & Bin it campaign May 2021</p>
	C) Promote the valuable work undertaken by Green Group Volunteers regarding litter picks/fly tipping and attempt to recruit more volunteers to support additional/ more frequent clean ups.	West Rainton Parish Council	Green Group	<p>Complete</p> <p>Green groups advised they have sufficient volunteers.</p> <p>Work of the Green Group highlighted in Village News</p>

2. Litter, fly tipping and dog fouling is reduced continued	D) Hold a big "Community Clean Up" or Pride in the Village Day	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council / Green Group / WRLVP / Local Businesses	<p>Complete</p> <p>Pride in Our Village Day held in October 2017</p>
	E) Install covert cameras in identified blackspot(s), to be monitored by volunteers and incidents reported to Durham County Council to take enforcement action.	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council	<p>DCC have already taken some action</p> <p>To be discussed further with DCC</p>
	F) Work with local businesses to gain support for helping to deal with litter or mess arising outside their business premises e.g. take away packages, cigarette butts, chewing gum, vomit etc.	West Rainton Parish Council	Local Businesses	<p>Not Yet Started</p>

	G) Put up notices/signs to encourage people to use bins provided or take their litter home.	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council	Not yet Started
	H) Provide more information to residents about how they can dispose of unwanted items e.g. Durham County Council Recycling Facilities and Collection Service/Free Cycle/Charities	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council	Partial Some links on PC website but needs further development
3. Improve footpaths/ and paving	A) Identify priorities for urgent repairs or improving access/mobility of pedestrians, e.g. areas where dropped curbs are required.	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council Bernicia	Not Yet Started
	B) Identify/Map all public footpaths and right of way from DCC definite map. Report any residents concerns e.g overgrown, blocked, fly tipping to the DCC Public Rights of Way Officer	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council	In progress
4. Housing development concerns addressed and Mason's Arms demolished.	A) Continue to lobby Durham County Council to ensure planned demolition of Mason's Arms by owner proceeds as quickly as possible.	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council Ward Councillors	Complete Now demolished
	B) Improve communications with residents about planned demolition and proposed use of site. Planning approval has already been given for Town Houses to be built.	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council / Ward Councillors/ Planning Officers	Complete Regular updates on planning developments in village news and Annual Report
	C) Improve communications with residents as the approved Station Road Housing Development progresses.	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council Ward Councillors / Planning Officers	Complete Regular updates on planning developments in village news and Annual Report Follow up current position

Social and Community

Required outcome	The Action	Lead organisation	Partners/ Dependencies	Progress to date
5. Reduce the level of anti-social behaviour and crime	A) Raise awareness of local PACT meetings (Police and Communities Together) to provide an opportunity for residents to raise concerns directly with the Neighbourhood Policing Team	West Rainton Parish Council	Neighbourhood Policing Team	Complete
	B) Improve communications with Police and Community Support Officer (PCSO) to discuss residents' concerns and consider/agree necessary actions.	West Rainton Parish Council	Neighbourhood Policing Team	Complete
	C) Request Community PACT meetings to be held in West Rainton on rotation with other villages to improve access for residents and increase Police Presence	West Rainton Parish Council	Neighbourhood Policing Team	Complete
6. Improve awareness of community groups, facilities, events and what's happening in the parish.	<p>A) Improve publicity and promotion of existing facilities, community events, groups and activities via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of West Rainton Parish Council's website as a Community Website with Community Diary, more information about community groups, activities and developments and links to other websites. • Develop use of Social Media across community groups and West Rainton Parish Council including potential use of Hootsuite. • Better use of Village News letter • Village News Editions available on West Rainton Parish Council Website • Produce Electronic Version of West Rainton Community Partnership Welcome Pack and provide link via West Rainton Parish Council Website 	West Rainton Parish Council / WRLVP	WRLVP / Young Volunteer with Social Media background linked to Partnership	<p>Partial</p> <p>Village Partnership website and facebook page now live and acting as the community website with links to others groups and vice versa</p> <p>On going development of VP and Council Website – any ideas for improving always welcomed</p>
7) Enhance community facilities and activities	A) Improve the kerb appeal of Jubilee Hall to make it more externally visibly welcoming – e.g. additional/better stocked hanging baskets, planters, painting of entrance doors (pending implementation of West Rainton and Leamside Community Association proposals to carry out major works to frontage of building).	West Rainton and Leamside Community Association	West Rainton Parish Council	<p>Entrance Door Planted by CA</p> <p>New Planters Provided by PC</p> <p>Local Resident Provided some small hanging baskets</p> <p>CCTV Installed as part of defibrillator installation by VP</p>

				<p>Further potential action</p> <p>Larger Hanging Baskets to be provided by PC</p> <p>Better maintenance of the Village Green outside entrance by the PC</p>
	B) Develop initiatives to resolve CA debt position to help secure external capital funding for major improvements planned to Jubilee Hall	West Rainton and Leamside Community Association	West Rainton Parish Council / Durham County Council Local Ward Councillors / WRLVP	<p>Partial PC review of the CA/DCC proposal that the PC purchase the Hall complete. This option was rejected as business case was not viable</p> <p>Discussions on going with CA/DCC regarding other potential options</p>
	C) Improve the promotion of existing activities/facilities of Jubilee Hall including via CA Website and Social Media and links on West Rainton Parish Council Website	West Rainton and Leamside Community Association	West Rainton Parish Council/vp	On going
	D) Review the current activities/usage and options for improving or providing additional activities for all ages	West Rainton and Leamside Community Association	West Rainton Parish Council	Ongoing
8. Improved Community Spirit	<p>A) Develop and implement a programme of community wide events/activities, to be held at various locations across the parish e.g.</p> <p>Charity Football Match</p> <p>Community Choir(S)</p> <p>Community Litter Pick/Pride in Our Village Day</p> <p>Community Indoor Olympics (e.g. Darts, Dominoes, Cards etc.)</p> <p>West Rainton's Got Talent Night</p> <p>Regular Social Club/Music/Open Mike night</p>	West Rainton Parish Council / WRLVP	<p>Durham County Council / West Rainton and Leamside Community Association</p> <p>Durham City Homes/Arden House</p>	<p>On - going</p> <p>Community Choir</p> <p>Pride in Our Village Day – Community Bulb planting</p> <p>Big Lunch,</p> <p>Carols round the Christmas Tree,</p> <p>Village show</p> <p>Dementia Friendly</p> <p>Steering Group</p> <p>Miners Banner</p>



Transport and Traffic

Required outcome	The Action	Lead organisation	Partners/ Dependencies	Progress to Date
9. Improved Road Safety	A) March 2017 will see implementation of school safety 20 miles an hour zone and safe crossing.	Durham County Council	No other dependencies. Work is in progress	Complete
	B) Explore potential of additional traffic calming measures around school, Station Road and Old Sunderland (High) Road.	West Rainton Parish Council / Durham County Council Ward Councillors	Durham County Council Highway Officers and Police Traffic Officers	Partial Police speeding stats confirmed concerns. DCC Traffic Officer to apply for £3000 AAP grant funding for more slow signs on road on Old Sunderland Road. Station road still under consideration by DCC
	C) Arrange for speed checks to be undertaken in high risk areas of South Street/North Street, Pit House Lane, Station Road, Old Sunderland Road	Police Traffic Officers and Community Volunteers	Durham County Council Highway Officers	Complete Some checks undertaken. Details of volunteers provided to Police to co-ordinate future checks.
	D) Explore options for making the A690 safer for cars and pedestrians	Durham County Council Highways Team	West Rainton Parish Council	Complete Planning condition associated with Station Road Housing Development
	E) Ensure signage is not overgrown in summer.	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council	Ongoing
9. Improved Road Safety continued	F) Volunteers to monitor and report concerns to Durham County Council	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council Highways	On going PC report any residents concerns rasied
	G) Recruit volunteers to monitor salt levels, report any concerns to Durham County Council and disperse if needed.	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council	Parish Councillor allocated to act as volunteer Linked to new Durham Project Initiative "Snow Angels"
	H) Ensure residents know locations of Salt bins and to whom any concerns should be referred.	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council	In Progress

	I) Hall Lane and middle junction onto A690 should be on gritting routes.	Durham County Council	West Rainton Parish Council	Not yet determined
10. More parking space in village.	A) Design a village parking scheme, with associated costs and develop affordable delivery plan	Durham County Council	Local Ward Councillors / Durham City Homes/ West Rainton Parish Council	In progress DCC Parking Officer requested to undertake parking survey
11. Better use of Bus Services available	A) Promote awareness of the Link2 Scheme operated by Durham County Council. (This a pre-bookable bus service for people making journeys up to 5 miles where there is no other suitable bus).	West Rainton Parish Council	WRLVP	Complete Promoted on Council and Village Partnership website and in village news

Your Village

Required outcome	The Action	Lead organisation	Partners/ Dependencies	Target Timescales
12. Meet the need for more social activities.	A) Current activities need to be better advertised. (See 6A)	West Rainton Parish Council / WRLVP	WRLVP / Young Volunteer with Social Media background linked to Partnership	On going Village Partnership website/ facebook Page
	B) Explore the potential for access to facilities at Moor House Scout Centres and / or the establishment of a Scout Group in the village.	West Rainton Parish Council / WRLVP		Complete Youth Group now using facilities at Moor House
	C) Communication needs improving (See 6A)	West Rainton Parish Council / WRLVP	WRLVP / Young Volunteer with Social Media background linked to Partnership	Ongoing On going development of website/facebook and PC website's
13. Increase the level of community spirit.	A) Village Clean up (See 2E on volunteering support for fly-tipping removal/litter picking)	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council / Green Group / WRLVP / Local Businesses	Complete Pride in our village day – October 17 Regular litter picks by green group

14. Improve the road signage.	A) The Adventure Park could be signposted from more than just one place. B) Ensure signage is not overgrown in summer (see 9E).	West Rainton Parish Council	Durham County Council	Not yet started Ongoing
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