



HEANOR AND LOSCOE TOWN COUNCIL

ACTION PLAN 2022-23



Introduction

Heanor and Loscoe Town Council is one of the smallest areas of civil administration in England and provides the statutory tier of local government closest to the people. Town and Parish Councils are an essential part of the structure of local democracy and have a vital role in acting on behalf of the communities they represent.

They:-

- give views, on behalf of the parish, on planning applications and other proposals that affect the parish
- undertake projects and schemes to benefit local residents
- work in partnership with other bodies to achieve benefits for the Town/Parish
- alert relevant authorities to problems that arise or work that needs to be undertaken within the Town/Parish area
- help the other tiers of local government stay connected with their local communities

Town/Parish Councils have a wide range of powers which essentially relate to local matters, such as looking after community buildings, open spaces, allotments, play areas, etc. They also have the power to raise money through taxation, the precept, which is the Town/Parish Council's share of the council tax.

During lockdown the Town Council continued to have its offices open to allow access to its staff in line with government guidelines, unlike many other third tier authorities. It also enabled The Wilmot Street Centre to be utilised by the NHS to provide Covid testing.

In order to ensure that the action plan is appropriate post pandemic it is necessary to update the actions. The Town Council has put together an Action Plan which details the key objectives and related actions that we aim to achieve during 2022/2023, in addition to its fulfilment of our normal overall responsibilities.

Heanor and Loscoe Town Council is responsible for:-

- Heanor Town Hall
- The Old Fire Station
- The Wilmot Street Centre
- Red River Local Nature Reserve - Loscoe
- Winding Wheels - High St, Loscoe and Church Street, Heanor
- Allotment Sites - Glue Lane, Woodend and Roper Avenue
- Outdoor Gym Equipment
- Parish signs, summer planting
- Christmas Lights Scheme
- Christmas Light Switch On Event

NB: Please note this list is not exhaustive but fluid and may change with the visions of the Council.

Aims/objective	Action	By	Timescale/Review
To hold monthly/regular Town Council/committee meetings in order to receive information, address matters arising and action (where necessary) on all aspects of council business	Calendar set at ATCM	H&LTC	Annually at ATCM
To utilise the Council's website and noticeboards to provide timely and accurate information to residents	Regular review/update of contents	Town Council staff	Ongoing
To be an active participant in the Planning Consultation process	Respond to planning applications	H&LTC	On receipt of planning application
To provide allotment sites, to maintain a good working relationship with each Allotment Association	Liaise with Allotment Associations	Town Clerk	Quarterly
To maintain Foundation Level of the Local Council Awards Scheme	Monitor requirements for the Foundation Award	H&LTC Town Clerk	Ongoing
To improve the Red River Local Nature Reserve site for the benefit of the community by ensuring public access and to manage, maintain and develop the site to improve habitats and encourage bio-diversity of species	Fund a Service Level Agreement with Groundwork	H&LTC	2022-2027

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To maintain the high quality and range of function rooms available to the public	Maintenance Programme	Town Clerk	Ongoing
To provide financial support through funding to local community groups	Advertise availability of funding and invite applications	H<C	Bi Annually
To support regular events to reach a diverse audience, accessible to all	Support funded/part funded calendar of events	H<C	Annually
	Look at having another 'Dino Day' event	H<C	Spring 2023
To work with Charles Hill CIO to provide a community-based sports facility on Charles Hill Playing Fields, Loscoe	Appoint a representative on Charles Hill CIO	H<C	Ongoing
To work with Amber Valley Borough Council to look at ways to provide funding for the Charles Hill scheme	Look at utilising PWLB to help fund and negotiate a lease with Amber Valley Borough Council	H<C	On going
To work with Amber Valley Borough Council to deliver/monitor FHSF – and deliver redevelopment of former Heanor Grammar School Site	Look at utilising PWLB to help fund Government funding shortfall	H<C	May 2024
To work with Amber Valley Borough Council to help deliver the re development of Heanor Market Place as part of the Future High Street Fund	Appoint a representative to the Project Board for the FHSF	H<C	March 2024
Look to be more proactive in advertising Town Council support for events	Look to provide information boards/banners at Town Council sponsored events Look to provide Boards at Hands Road and Lockton Avenue playing facilities acknowledging financial contribution by Town Council Review conditions of funding	H<C	March 2023

To facilitate free advice from Citizens Advice on a wide range of issues, i.e.: Money advice, energy advice, debt options, pension guidance	Hold a Service Level Agreement with Derbyshire Districts Citizens Advice to enable them to be based in Heanor Town Hall and monitor usage	H<C	2022-2025
To facilitate free, independent and confidential advice on all aspects of benefit and credit entitlements from Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre	Provide a free room from which advisors can be based in Heanor Town Hall and monitor usage	H<C	Annually
To address anti-social behaviour issues and provide diversionary activities and professional support services for the young people of our area	Fund the provision of Youth focus sessions at Lockton Playing Fields for Derby County Community Trust in conjunction with Blend Youth Project to provide sport base sessions with support services and monitor usage Support other ASB initiatives Provide support for 20 local children aged 11-13 to attend Belper Sports Festival and evaluate success	H<C HLTC	Annually August 2022
Continue to provide Christmas lights and firework 'switch on' event	Expand provision of lights over a four year period to other parts of the Town. Continue to review provision of Christmas lights contract and achieve value for money	H<C	Ongoing
Continue to provide flower displays	Continue to seek sponsorship of the flower displays and expand where possible	H<C	Ongoing
Look to provide a public work of art in the Memorial park in commemoration of WW1 Commemorative benches already provided	Continue to liaise with Amber Valley and the artist to deliver the project	H<C	Ongoing
Continue to allow the former fire station to be used for Phlebotomy services	Review Service Level Agreement and monitor usage	H<C	Ongoing
Attend, where appropriate, local initiatives to improve the community	Support joint ASB and Collaboration meetings	H<C	Ongoing

Celebrating Queens Platinum Jubilee	Provide financial support to local groups celebrating the event Issue pin badges to all local schools Bunting on High Street	H&LTC	June 2022
Support European funded 'Welcome Back Fund'	Work with Amber Valley Borough Council to Arrange 'Dino Day' Event Provide 'Sit and Chat seat' Town warden pilot Graffiti removal	H&LTC	March 2022
Support School Football events	Continue to sponsor Gregg Cup tournament in partnership with Heanor Town Football Club	H&LTC	Annually
Look to introduce 'Henry Garnett Firework Festival'	Work with Heanor Town Football Club to deliver event	H&LTC	Annually
Continue to provide historic street name plates where appropriate	Add short explanation of why certain streets have the names they do	H&LTC	Ongoing
Develop publication honouring those residents who died during conflicts	Work with Heanor History Society to produce publication	H&LTC	Ongoing
Improve Town Centre in partnership with Amber Valley Borough Council	Work with Amber Valley Borough Council around initiatives to improve Town Centre Enhanced 'deep clean' Enhanced street cleaning Improve shop fronts Any other appropriate improvements	H&LTC	March 2023
Continue to provide Newsletter		H&LTC	Four editions per annum
To carry out an environmental audit	To establish a programme to address environmental audit findings	H&LTC	Ongoing
To support small business and other initiatives	To promote and advertise Small Business Saturday	H&LTC	Annually

Review current long-term vision as set out in 'Profile of Heanor and Loscoe', in line with changing circumstances and updated information	To follow the 'summary, opportunities and recommendations' document within the text of 'Profile of Heanor and Loscoe' and based around those areas which are covered by the 2011 census and update following release of more detailed data from 2021 census	H&LTC	Ongoing
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