



## HEANOR AND LOSCOE TOWN COUNCIL - ACTION PLAN 2023/27



### Introduction

Heanor and Loscoe Town Council is part of 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.

The Town Council has put together an Action Plan which details the key objectives and related actions that we aim to achieve during the next four years 2023/2027. These are in addition to the 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
- Fallen Art work-Heanor Memorial Park
- WW1 commemorative benches at Red River Nature Reserve and Heanor Memorial Park
- Sit and Chat Bench Ilkeston Road
- Allotment Sites - Glue Lane, Woodend, and Roper Avenue
- Parish signs, summer planting

<b>Aims/objective</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Timeline/Review</b>
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 improve the Council website and noticeboards to provide timely and accurate information to residents.	Regular review/update of contents. Look at options of changing website support to another provider and possible online booking system	H&LTC	2023-2024 (Year 1)
To be an active participant in the Planning Consultation process.	Respond to planning applications.	H&LTC/Planning Committee	On receipt of planning application
To provide allotment sites, to maintain a good working relationship with each Allotment Association.	Liaise with Allotment Associations	H&LTC/Town Clerk	For the duration of this plan.
To maintain Foundation Level of the Local Council Awards Scheme.	To monitor requirements for the Foundation Award	H&LTC/ Town Clerk	For the duration of this plan.
To improve the Red River Local Nature Reserve site for the benefit of the community by ensuring public access, to manage, maintain and develop the site to improve habitats and encourage biodiversity of species.	To fund a Service Level Agreement with Groundwork	H&LTC/ Groundwork GN/ Friends of Red River	Annually

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To maintain the high quality and range of function rooms available to the public. Maintenance/improvement/review Function Rooms	Regular building inspections	HLTC/Executive Committee	For the duration of this plan.
To provide financial support through funding to local community groups	Advertise availability of funding and invite applications  Increase our funding for local Third Sector /community groups to improve the lives of residents	H&LTC	Consider applications quarterly  Annually during budget setting
To support regular events to reach a diverse audience, accessible to all.	Support funded/part funded calendar of events across the Township  Events Committee to review schedule of events	H&LTC- Events Committee  H&LTC-Events Committee	For the duration of this plan.  Annually
To work with Charles Hill CIO to provide a community-based sports facility on Charles Hill Playing Fields, Loscoe	To appoint a representative on Charles Hill CIO	H&LTC	Annually - ATCM
To work with Amber Valley Borough Council to look at ways of support the development of Charles Hill Community Hub	Look at options of taking Lease or freehold of the site and develop an SLA with a CIO.	H&LTC/AVBC	2023/2024 (Year 1) 2024/2025 (Year 2)

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<p>Work with AVBC to deliver/monitor FHSF – and deliver redevelopment of Heanor Market Place and former Heanor Grammar school site.</p> <p>Work closely with AVBC to remove the science block on the former Heanor Grammar school site and ensure that the site achieves its full potential for the whole community</p>	<p>To appoint a representative to the Project Board for the FHSF</p> <p>Liaise with relevant AVBC officers and Cabinet members on options</p>	<p>H&amp;LTC/AVBC</p> <p>H&amp;LTC/AVBC</p>	<p>2023/2024 (Year 1) 2024/2025 (Year 2)</p> <p>2023/2024 (Year 1) 2024/2025 (Year 2)</p>
<p>Look to be more proactive in advertising Town Council support for events</p>	<p>Look to provide information boards/banners at Town Council sponsored events</p> <p>Look to provide Boards at Hands Road and Lockton Avenue playing facilities informing about Council financial support.</p> <p>Promote history of H&amp;LTC</p> <p>Look at improving branding for HLTC</p>	<p>H&amp;LTC</p> <p>H&amp;LTC/AVBC</p> <p>Executive Committee</p>	<p>For the duration of this plan.</p> <p>2023/2024 (Year 1)</p> <p>2024-2025 (Year 2)</p>
<p>To facilitate free advice from Citizens Advice on a wide range of issues, i.e.: Money advice, energy advice, debt options, pension guidance</p>	<p>To hold a Service Level Agreement with Derbyshire Districts Citizens Advice to enable them to be based in Heanor Town Hall and monitor usage</p>	<p>H&amp;LTC</p>	<p>2024-2025 (Year 2)</p>
<p>To facilitate free, independent, and confidential advice on all aspects of benefit and credit entitlements.</p>	<p>To provide a free room from which Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre can be based in Heanor Town Hall and monitor usage</p>	<p>H&amp;LTC</p>	<p>Annually</p>

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To address ASB issues and provide diversionary activities and professional support services for the young people of our area.	<p>To support the provision of Youth focused 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</p> <p>Support ASB initiatives with other organisations including the Police</p> <p>Work with Sporting Communities to develop Sports leadership programme</p>	<p>H&amp;LTC/Executive Committee</p> <p>H&amp;LTC/Executive Committee</p> <p>H&amp;LTC/Executive Committee</p>	<p>Annually</p> <p>For the duration of this plan</p> <p>For the duration of this plan</p>
Provide Christmas Lights Scheme	<p>Expand provision of lights over the duration of this plan to other parts of the Town</p> <p>Continue to review provision of Christmas lights contract and achieve value for money</p>	H&LTC/ Events Committee	For the duration of this plan
Provide a Christmas Light 'Switch On' event	Look at the possibility of a weekend event	H&LTC/Events Committee	2024/2025 (Year 2)
Provide flower displays	Seek sponsorship of the flower displays and expand where possible	H&LTC	For the duration of this plan
Continue to allow the former fire station to be used for Phlebotomy services	Review Service Level Agreement and monitor usage	H&LTC	2025-2026 (Year 3)
Provide a Remembrance Day Event	Liaise with Royal British Legion and St Lawrence's Church	Events Committee	2023-2024 (Year 1)

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Attend, where appropriate, local initiatives to improve the community	Support Collaboration meetings	H&LTC	For the duration of this plan
Support School Sporting events	Sponsor Gregg Cup tournament in partnership with Heanor Town Football Club	H&LTC/Events Committee	Annually
Continue to support the 'Henry Garnet Firework Festival'	Work with Heanor Town Football Club to deliver event	Heanor Town FC/ Events Committee	Annually
Continue to provide historic street name plates where appropriate	Add short explanation of why certain streets have the names they do	H&LTC	For the duration of this plan
Develop publication honouring those residents who died during conflicts	Work with Heanor History Society to produce publication	H&LTC	2025/2026 (Year 3)
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	HLTC/AVBC	2023/24 (Year 2)
Provide Newsletter	Look at a mechanism to deliver to every household in the Town	H&LTC	2023/2024 (Year 1)

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Work with partners to ensure Heanor Town Centre becomes a vibrant economic area and attract a new generation of entrepreneurs to put roots in the Town helping to build the Town as a future facing go-to destination for a new generation of visitors	Discuss with relevant Cabinet members at AVBC	HLTC/AVBC	2025/2026 (Year 3) 2026/2027 (Year 4)
Work with partners to establish a form of Community Bank/Hub/Credit Union	Research if other authorities have established such a facility Identify possible site i.e., vacant Cash office in Town Hall	AVBC/HLTC/Credit Unions/ National Banks	2024/2025 (Year 2)
Work with relevant organisations to support engagement with young people by setting up our own youth Council -which will report to the Town Council and build on the Council commissioned report on young people by Press Red	Discuss with neighbouring authorities who have already established such bodies. DALC, local youth organisations and Schools	HLTC	2025/2026) (Year 3)
Continue to retain Wilmot Street Centre for local Community groups	Ensure facility is well maintained and competitive	HLTC	For the duration of this plan
Establish an awards event to recognise the hard work by the Third sector in supporting our community	Identify relevant budget costs /Venue	HLTC/CVS	2025/2026) (Year 3)
Work with AVBC and local businesses on how to maximise the shop improvement funding and make our shops more attractive	Establish a subsidy scheme in liaison with AVBC which is compliant with Government Subsidy control rules	AVBC/HLTC	For the duration of this plan
Work with AVBC to ensure that the funding for the Skatepark development is used to deliver a safe , secure expansive youth provision	Meet with relevant Cabinet member and Borough Councillors	AVBC	For the duration of this plan

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Support young people to attend the Belper Youth Festival	Ensure funding is provided for in the budget.  Work with Blend to identify who qualify	H&LTC  Executive Committee/Blend	Annually
Look to establishment/Support 'Memory Cafes' within the Township	Work with relevant partners i.e.: Over 50 Group and Help the aged	HLTC/DCC Alzheimer's Society	2024/2025 (Year 2)
Look at supporting outdoor cinema event	Liaise community groups and AVBC	HLTC/Heanor Vision/AVBC	2023/2024 (Year 1)
Produce booklet to commemorate 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment of Town Council and continue to publicise our community's rich heritage	Update booklet for 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary and look to produce more booklet about our heritage	HLTC/History Society	2024/2025 (Year 2)
Produce Profile information on Town from data of 2021 census	Update current profile	HLTC	2026/2027 (Year 4)
Look to develop a Heanor and Loscoe Volunteering hub and volunteering policy	Look at existing services provided by neighbouring authorities	HLTC/DALC	2025/2026 (Year 3)
Look to help develop 'Community Champions' programme	Executive Committee to investigate and work with other agencies	CVS/AVBC/DCC	2026/2027 (Year 4)
Look at providing Critical Stab/Heavy Bleeding access	Utilise current Defibrillation facilities	HLTC	2024/2025 (Year 2)
Look at how to have community murals on buildings within the Township	Events Committee to investigate and work with other agencies	HLTC	2026/2027 (Year 3)



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Reduce Carbon Footprint of Council assets	Engage with appropriate consultant	H&LTC/Executive Committee	2026/2027 (Year 4)
Look to support provision of 'Repair Café' in the Town	Liaise with current providers	H&LTC	2024/2025 (Year 2)
Employ Professional Traffic management teams to manage Remembrance Day Parade and Xmas light Switch On	Events Committee to investigate and work with other agencies	HLTC Events Committee	2023/2024 (Year 1)
Look at how to support the establishment of a U3A in the Town	Engage with CVS	HLTC/CVS	2024/2025 (Year 2)
Look to establish a trail within the Town based on a local Celebrity/Event	Consult with History Society	HLTC Executive Committee	2026/2027 (Year 4)