
Our Strategy = Our Future

People are already working hard to improve things for us all - from the playground committee raising funds for new equipment to the Church raising funds for a new village space or the historians preserving our past. From people supporting the new pub tenant to residents planning a village clear up in April. There are unsung heroes around every corner, who deliver magazines, clear the leaves, staff the shop or Club. This is a village that cares.

What could we achieve if we all worked together?

By thinking about the future now, we give ourselves the chance to shape our own destiny.

- **What do we have now that we *really* want to keep?**
- **How can we make sure the village is sustainable?**
- **What challenges do we need to prepare for?**
- **If money and resources were no problem, what would we do?**

Whatever matters to the people of East Harptree, we want to hear about it. We will organise events and carry out surveys so that your views can be made known.

Here are some of the topics we expect you will want to cover:

Environment and Wildlife - Arts and Leisure - Funding - Journeys - Learning and skills - Homes - Jobs - Utilities - Health and care - Businesses

Here are some of the people we hope to hear from:

Young families - retired families - people on their own - children and teenagers - young adults - people who live here - people who work here - people who would have stayed if they could

If you have 1- 5 hours to spare over the next two months we need:

People who have lived here all their lives
People who have just moved here
New families
Retired families
People who work from home
Business owners and contractors
Experts in everything from farming to roads to planning
Good communicators
Cake bakers
Washer uppers
People with ideas, thoughts and opinions
Children
Artists, musicians and poets
Researchers
Archivists and historians
People who like organising parties
Busy people as well as people with time on their hands
Facebookers and Twitterati
Good listeners
Articulate speakers
Number crunchers
People who care about the wildlife around us

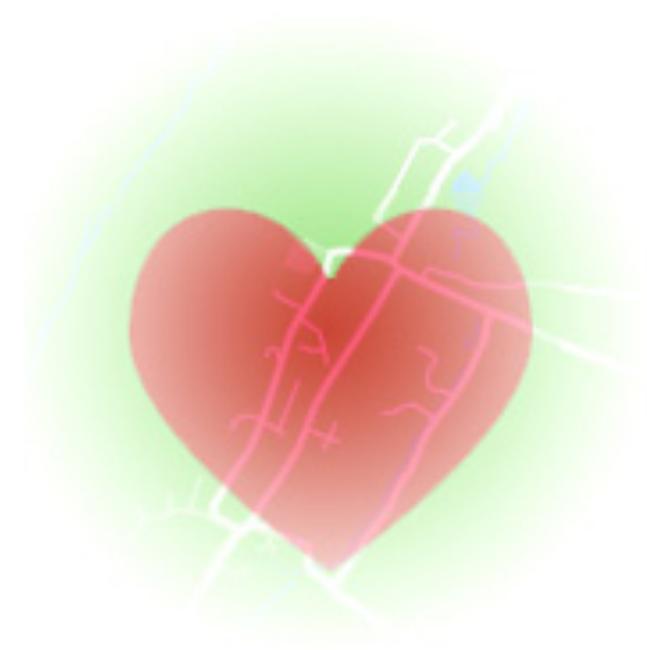
Everyone else!

So far nearly 30 people have offered to help. Whatever we do, no matter how small, will contribute to a more enjoyable process and a better outcome. We won't waste your time, because this is important. Please do get involved.

For more information see www.eastharptree.org

OUR VILLAGE: OUR FUTURE

Taking a fresh look at how we work, play and live together in East Harptree



Together, we are the people of East Harptree.

What happens here matters to us.

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Is this just for East Harptree residents?

No. It's for anyone who lives, works or plays in East Harptree, Coley, Proud Cross, Shrowle, Smithams Hill and Townsend.

Isn't it a waste of time?

We hope not! Unlike local council driven plans and policies, our plans will be ours and in our own hands. Something we can believe in and share.



This is the right time to take stock

Several attempts have been made to determine what the village needs, from the Neighbourhood Plan to the Local Plan. But none of them start from here.

This isn't a plan driven by the council, doesn't involve any other village, isn't about how to spend council tax most effectively.

Instead, this is a plan driven by the people who live, work and play here. We all have a vested interest in the success of our village in the future and what happens between now and then.

Now is the right time to think about what that future should be.

I'm too busy!

Yes. We all are. That's why we will be careful with your time. If you can come to an event or fill out a survey form, please do. Even one hour helps.



It's not for me!

This is for everyone. If you live here or work here, and care what happens - it's for you. Please trust us with your thoughts - we take this very seriously.

What will the outcome be?

At its most basic, a document that informs the Parish Council of the outcome of our research. But more than that, we hope that this project will help to bring:

- a sense of joint endeavour - doing things together
- better understanding and communication
- projects we can take forward ourselves
- some fun along the way
- a feeling of being in control of our own destiny

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