

Martock Community Plan 2007



Summary of Progress Community Survey



An opportunity to give your views
on the future of Martock

Martock Community
Partnership



Martock's Vision

To work together to build a safe, vibrant, fully inclusive and thriving community in which we are all proud to live and work

This booklet shows you how your 2007 Local Community Plan is progressing. It sets out the achievements over the past three years and those areas where success has not yet been achieved.

It is now time to refresh the plan and bring it right up to date and to do this we need your assistance. Please help us by completing the short survey inside this leaflet (one per household within the parishes of Martock, Ash, Kingsbury Episcopi and Long Load) and then drop it into one of the collection boxes listed on the back page by 17th December. Additional copies are available at the Market House Information Centre should you wish to complete further copies in your household.

This is your opportunity to influence our Community Plan. There will be further opportunities during future focus groups between January and May 2011. We need your help in mapping the future for Martock. Your views really do matter!

Christopher Price
Chairman, Making the Most of
Martock Community Partnership
October 2010



Foreword

In 2007 we published a revised 5 year Community Plan, which set out our strategy for the delivery of the Martock Vision until 2012. The Community Plan is a rolling action plan for the Parish of Martock. That is why we are beginning the consultation process now with the residents of Martock, neighbouring parishes and many outside organisations with a view to publishing a revised Plan in June 2011, which will take us towards 2016.

The current Plan covers 5 key themes: *Community Safety, Culture and the Environment, Connecting Martock, Youth Provision and Living and Learning Livelihoods*. Under these headings the Plan sets out the projects which are being taken forward.

So what have we done so far?

Over the past 3 years we have made significant progress on a range of projects:

- Precinct car park improvements
- Precinct pedestrian area enhancements
- Traditional lighting in Church Street
- Recreation ground developments including play area and perimeter track
- Installation of hamstone village gateways
- Refurbishment of the Market House and staffing by volunteers
- Refurbishment of Youth Centre including computer suites
- Appointment of full time Youth Development Officer
- Setting up of Youth Parish Council
- Establishment of Martock Primary School as a Community School

On the following pages we have set out under each theme where we stand on the various projects set out in the 2007 Plan. The status of each project is colour coded:



Project not yet initiated



Project initiated but not yet fully funded or complete



Project fully funded and on track or complete

What else needs doing?

There are a number of areas which may require further work such as: developing local businesses, caring for older people, building affordable housing, managing health and social issues, improving transport links, roads and traffic and taking forward environmental issues. Work is under way in some of these areas. You may have other ideas; if so please tell us in the survey.

Community Safety

Vision

Martock will be a safe place in which to live and work by day and night in which:

- There is adequate policing and detection of crime
- Local prevention measures ensure that crime, vandalism and anti-social behaviour are kept as low a level as possible
- The community recognises its responsibility for reducing crime



PROJECT 1 Policing contract

Formal policing contract not drawn up, but very strong relationship established with neighbourhood policing team at Somerton under the auspices of the Martock Local Action Group.



PROJECT 2 Relocate and staff Police post

Police Post function to move to the Information Centre at the Market House in January 2011. A number of volunteers will be trained as Police Volunteers.



PROJECT 3 CCTV

Three deployable cameras purchased by Market Town Investment Group for use by Avon and Somerset Police in 10 market towns. Have been used in Martock.



PROJECT 4 Extend and enhance neighbourhood watch

Coordinators meeting held in Nov 09. Next step is to produce a map of active areas and plan to extend.



Culture and Environment



PROJECT 1

Parish Hall extension (Parish/Gospel Hall Community Centre)

Project being reconsidered following demise of the Multi Use Community Facility. Martock Christian Fellowship considering various options.



PROJECT 2

Town Centre improvements

Phase 1 (car park) complete.

Phase 2 (architectural enhancements) ongoing.

Phase 3 (lighting) awaiting South Somerset District Council.

Phase 4 (shop front improvements) under discussion.



PROJECT 3

Traditional lampposts in Church Street

Installed. Further phase planned in Water Street.



PROJECT 4

Enlargement and improvement of the recreation ground

Enlargement completed, new sports pitches and tennis courts (with floodlights) created and perimeter track 75% complete. A refurbished and extended play area. Ongoing enhancements. Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) extension planned. Cricket pavilions now in place by cricket pitch.



PROJECT 5

Environmental group, landscaping and shrub planting

Martock Environmental Group (MEG) not yet formed.



PROJECT 6

Village gateways

Carved hamstone blocks in place at entrances to Martock donated by Castle Reclamation and installed by South Somerset District Council.



PROJECT 7

Rights of way infrastructure

Footpath map and 2 circular walks' leaflets available in the Community Office plus South Somerset District Council material.



PROJECT 8

Access to mobile cinema

Not yet achieved.

Vision

Martock will be a distinctive, attractive and interesting place to visit and live where:

- Community involvement is supported by adequate facilities for clubs, groups, societies, associations and cultural events
- The community is proud of its heritage and works to preserve it
- Continuous improvement is sought in the sustainment of resources and in the state of the rural and urban landscape



Connecting Martock

Vision

Martock will recognise its status as a Market Town in which:

- A village atmosphere is retained
- There are available and accessible connections to local services and to local towns and villages
- First class communication networks to keep residents informed and advised, to meet family, social, business and leisure needs



PROJECT 1 Community Office

Market House conversion and refurbishment completed. Community Office opened in April 09 and staffed by volunteers.



PROJECT 2 Use of the website

Current website (Martock on Line) awaiting re-design. Due January 2011.



PROJECT 3 Welcome pack

Candidate list of information created. Rationalisation with other leaflets needed.



PROJECT 4 Information boards

Installed throughout the village in December 2007.



PROJECT 5 Cartgate cycle link

The Waterlinks bid was unsuccessful. Further feasibility work required.



PROJECT 6 Facilities for cyclists

New bicycle racks installed in the precinct as part of Phase 2 precinct improvement plan.



Youth Provision



PROJECT 1

Youth Centre improvements and re-establish youth clubs

Refurbishment of Youth Centre completed 09. Open 5 nights a week from March 2008.



PROJECT 2

New Youth Centre

Project resurrected following demise of Multi-Use Community Facility. Project group formed and feasibility activities underway.



PROJECT 3

Drop-in centre/internet cafe

Computer suite included in refurbished Youth Centre. After school drop-in/homework sessions included in Youth Centre project.



PROJECT 4

Full-time youth worker

Full time Youth Development Officer appointed in October 2007.



PROJECT 5

Youth Parish Council (YPC)

Established and actively involved in a number of committees. New youth worker has adopted the support role for the YPC.



PROJECT 6

Bracey Road kick-about and area youth shelter

Youth shelter included in South Somerset District Council Bracey Road play area improvements.



PROJECT 7

Increase Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) to full size

Specification completed and quotations received. Project to include flood lighting (also for skate park) and youth shelter.



PROJECT 8

Complete play area improvements

Enhanced play area on Recreation Ground opened in May 2007. Further equipment funded as outcome of S106 negotiations on Paull Court estate now installed, including skate park extension.

Vision

Martock will be a community which values, supports and cares for its young people in which:

- They are offered a voice in decision-making
- They are provided with a wide range of accessible formal and informal youth facilities
- Strong links are maintained with their local schools



Living, Learning and Livelihoods

Vision

Martock will develop a sustainable economy, within which there is:

- An active and engaged business community
- Adequate employment that supports a range of skills and needs
- Support for business initiatives
- Enough affordable housing
- An inviting environment for tourists and visitors



PROJECT 1 Martock business forum

Several meetings held in 2007. Contacts list being developed gradually to disseminate information. New Chairperson to be appointed. Business and Leisure Directory now part of website project.



PROJECT 2 Parrett Works heritage area

Waterlinks bid was unsuccessful. Potential Local Action in Rural Communities (LARC) application by South Somerset District Council for funding to produce a Conservation and Management Plan.



PROJECT 3 Workspace creation project

Additional locations for local employment opportunities. Project not yet started.



PROJECT 4 Martock design statement

Consultation with local business and Highways Agency (A303). Plans incorporated into South Somerset District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy.



PROJECT 5 Annual craft and trade fair

Street party held in Church Street in May 2010, which may become an annual event. Christmas craft fair at Treasurer's House.



PROJECT 6 Christmas lights competition

Commenced in 2006. Now an annual event.



PROJECT 7 Community school

Martock Primary School established as a Community school. Hosting Children's Centre outreach sessions. Now has a new pre-school building.



PROJECT 8 Local learning provision

Some outreach sessions already provided (eg IT training). Community Office to establish local learning information and provision network, including heritage learning programme.

Local Community Survey

Recent History

In August 2003, a comprehensive area survey was distributed to some 2,700 households within the Ward of Martock (comprising the Parishes of Martock, Ash and Long Load) and Kingsbury Episcopi. 661 usable responses were received from 1,227 people (equivalent to a 25% response rate).

The survey, the first of its kind by Martock, was designed to enable individuals within households to respond to 69 questions, all of which required a simple tick for a response, although there was space for comment. The results were then fed into a computer programme to produce a statistical analysis against which the 2004 Local Community Plan was developed.

Following the survey an independently facilitated workshop was held to prioritise projects and the action plan. The consolidated plan was then presented at a public meeting in November 2003, attended by approximately 200 people, at which it received unanimous support. Over 100 residents volunteered their help across the spectrum of needs identified.



The Local Community plan is a living document and to that end requires continuous updating and in 2007 the Plan was updated to take account of community needs and changing priorities. A copy of the 2007 Plan is on the Martock web site.

The 2010 survey is yet another opportunity to bring Martock's needs and priorities up to date. The results of the survey will be made available in February 2011. Following a workshop and a further public meeting in early 2011, the aim is to publish the new Local Community Plan in June 2011.

Market House

Information Centre

A key project in the 2007 Local Community Plan was the creation of a Community Office as a central information point within a restored and refurbished Market House.

Opening times:

10am to 1pm every weekday

Also open on Saturdays of the Producers Market in the precinct
(the second Saturday of each month)

The Information Centre is manned by a dedicated group of local volunteers. Here are some of things that you can come in and find out about:

- Martock, its history and its attractions
- Local events and services
- Schools, playgroups and childminders
- Tourist and visitor information
- Places to visit and what to do on a day out
- Maps and guides
- Walks and footpaths
- Places to stay and eat
- Bus and rail timetables
- Tennis court bookings
- Local Authority services
- Information packs for new residents



The information Centre also has a number of workstations with free internet access, so that you can browse the web for your own information, with help at hand.

From January 2011, a number of our volunteers will be trained as Police Volunteers, to act as a contact between the community and the Police Safer Stronger Neighbourhood Team. These volunteers will facilitate requests for contact with the policing team and be on hand offering general advice and some guidance on community safety issues.



Have you visited yet? You will get a warm welcome

Our aim is to answer any question that you may have, or if we can't we will get the answer.

Your Views Really Do Matter!

Where to send your survey

Please drop your completed survey into one of the collection boxes located in All Saints' Church, the Library, Martock News, the Co-op, Paull's, Martock Primary School, The Market House, Bower Hinton Stores.

The closing date is 17th December 2010.

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