

Reach your goal...

- 200 young people are getting involved in an exciting project which will see them through an intensive personal development programme over the next two years.
- The Community Transformation programme will encourage young people to take on further training and courses so they can identify and achieve their personal aspirations.
- Working closely with local practitioners, adults and volunteers, the 200 young people will get trained up for the right job or further education course giving them a better chance at reaching their goals in the future.
- Reducing anti-social behaviour, youth offending and increasing activities in the community for 7 – 14 years olds is also a key priority in your Neighbourhood Plan. With the help of our Children and Young People's Sub-Group we will be working closely with the community to support young people and enable them to develop a strong voice in their community.

Have your say

- Please let us know if you have any new ideas or issues which you would like to raise come along to -
- Parkside Voice Stakeholder Group – a local tenants and residents group meets the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm St Vincent's Social Club off Hammersmith Gardens, Parkside.
- To find out more take a look at: www.parksidevoice.org.uk
- The Tithe Farm Tenants and Residents Association also meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Tithe Farm Neighbourhood Centre, Tithe Farm Road at 3.15 pm.

Getting involved!

Comments from the consultation....

- **“Encourage residents to have their say”**
- **“Need more fun – a garage sale and community activities”**
- **“Regular residents meetings”**

If you agree with any of these comments and would like help to make sure things like this take place, we need to hear from you!

Contact:

Annette Wilson,
Community Development Officer (Parkside)
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Hazel Simmons,
Community Development Officer (Tithe Farm)
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Copies of the full Neighbourhood Plan are available to view at the Neighbourhood Centres, Houghton Regis Town Council and the Library.

For further information or to receive a copy of the Plan and/or the feedback we received from the community, contact:

Ann Halkyard,
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Your Plan!

Parkside & Tithe Farm Neighbourhood Plan



You may remember taking part in the Plan consultation. Over the last few months your comments have been considered and the Plan finalised.

The Neighbourhood Plan is all about improving your local community, making it safer and stronger and providing better services.

Read on to learn about the good work already underway in your neighbourhood...



All the fun at the park!

- Children in the area have now got brand new play areas thanks to Houghton Regis Town Council.
- Two new play areas were installed at Parkside Recreation Ground and one at Orchard Close Recreation Ground.
- With the help from local schools and youth groups the sites were designed to cater for a mix of ages and abilities.
- Skaters can now enjoy using a brand new skate park at Tithe Farm Recreation Ground
- Already the park is proving very popular and attracts lots of young people

What you told us...

Based on what you told us we've identified four key areas of improvement:

- **Supporting children and young people**
- **Building strong and safe communities, including:**
 - > *Community Safety*
 - > *Community Strength*
 - > *Housing, Environment and Transport*
- **Developing the economy and providing training**
- **Improving health and well being**

We look forward to working with you to take action on these key areas getting the best out of everyone so that we all prosper and enjoy our community life.

Making the grade

- Some residents from Tithe Farm and Parkside have attended the Voluntary and Community Action course successfully gaining their Level 2 Qualification.



- Candidates on the course were helped in developing and enhancing their personal skills and confidence, some have won awards for their volunteer work.

Better jobs

- £1.1 million is being invested into Central Bedfordshire to support a range of enterprise, employment and skills activities for local residents.
- Further activities will help to place people in jobs and apply for apprentice schemes, as well as helping people to start up their own business.

Better information

- The first of four new notice boards have been put up at Hillborough Road shops. If you want to put up an advert please ring:

Mick Jackson on **01582 868156**, or
Ron Lester on **01582 865335**, from the
Tithe Farm Tenants and Residents Association.

- Three further notice boards are due to go up soon in Bedford Square and two in Parkside.

Getting healthy

- Your feedback from the consultation highlighted concerns about the cost of healthy eating and keeping fit.
- To find out more about getting healthy, support and advice on giving up smoking and eating healthily on a budget, pop along to your two local Neighbourhood Centre's attached to Tithe Farm Lower School and Hawthorn Lower School.