

SURBITON NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY PLAN

Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make Surbiton a better place to live by having high levels of resident engagement in community-driven activities which benefit health and well-being.
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making community engagement and participation more effective and sustainable, based on the ideas submitted by residents to the Council during the plan's consultation. Encouraging local voluntary and community sector organisations, faith groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations to access Community Grants Funding and expand their capacity, and to align with local residents' feedback and objectives as set out within this plan. Ensuring the benefits of community engagement and community driven activities are clearly communicated to residents.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop, promote and enhance the neighbourhood's parks, streets and open spaces to encourage more outdoor-based activity. Identify and implement innovative local projects which benefit and attract residents and businesses into the local Surbiton area. Encourage the establishment of community hubs, "Friends of" groups, resident associations and community forums, and ensure the effective use of the Community Grants Programme, including the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding is fully utilised.

Introduction

The Surbiton Neighbourhood Plan has been developed to help inform local decision making, in particular, decisions relating to the award of the Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee's Community Grants Programme. The plan includes the most popular ideas submitted to the Council during a consultation undertaken in 2019/20. These ideas were subsequently reviewed and prioritised by local community volunteers in January 2020. The Co-Chairs of the Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee have used these ideas and priorities to develop the outcomes set out within this plan for the 20/21 and 21/22 municipal years. New ideas are always welcome and the plan will be reviewed annually by the Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee at the start of each municipal year. During this review, the Committee will be given an opportunity to amend existing plans as well propose new additions based on the feedback received during the previous year.

Objectives	2020/2021	2021/2022	Benefits
Develop, promote and enhance the neighbourhood's parks, streets and open spaces to encourage more outdoor-based activity.	<p>Promote and enhance Alexandra Recreation Ground, Victoria Recreation Ground and Claremont Gardens, and identify the parks' capabilities for each priority site.</p> <p>Work with local communities to look at creating distinct community areas within our parks and open spaces, including supporting tree planting and the installation of seating areas and benches.</p> <p>Work with community groups to identify and support green spaces for community gardens and allotments, where residents can grow flowers, fruit and vegetables.</p> <p>Encouraging on-going work on the Hogsmill and other biodiversity and wildlife areas.</p>	<p>Identify suitable locations across the neighbourhood for a community health and well-being garden and allotments for vegetable and fruit growing.</p> <p>Identifying other outdoor wildlife and biodiversity areas to be used for quiet contemplation and relaxation, as well as for educational and learning purposes.</p> <p>Working with the CirKT network and other local live music providers, to facilitate a live music event in one of our parks.</p> <p>Identifying other outdoor spaces/areas in parks to be used for recreational activity, such as bowling and yoga, with the installation of specialised surfaces and all weather capability.</p>	<p>The Parks Programme seeks to encourage direct community involvement in the preparation of project designs. This matches our strategic objective for Surbiton Neighbourhood.</p> <p>With a focus post-Covid on our parks and green spaces, and by supporting investment and future maintenance in these assets, we are looking at what public health and community and environmental benefits they may bring, including allowing residents to make use of them for quiet contemplation, relaxation, cultivation and education..</p> <p>Community hub areas within our open spaces act as a catalyst to encourage people of all ages to do more outdoor activities. They provide interest and focus on health and</p>

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	<p>Facilitate the CLF funding approval of the Six Acre Meadow site on the boundary of Alexandra, Berylands and New Malden Wards - works due to start in early 2021.</p>		<p>well-being, biodiversity and social interaction.</p> <p>We can draw on the legacy of the CirKT project for aspiring artists across the Borough. In hosting a live event, there is a great opportunity to bring together talent and demonstrate how we have benefitted from this programme.</p>
<p>Identify and implement innovative local projects which benefit and attract both residents and businesses into the local Surbiton area.</p>	<p>Encourage the setup of markets and ensure existing markets are able to restart allowing for Covid restrictions. To build on the Surbiton Farmers' Market model, for example, enabling additional stalls on other Saturdays, including a stall used to promote the work of the Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee and the Community Grants Programme.</p> <p>Work closely with local charities and organisations (such as The Community Brain and Surbiton Together); helping promote the high street as a community resource and supporting Surbiton's shops and businesses on behalf of the community.</p> <p>Work with local stakeholders, including local residents and the Surbiton business community to create community spaces, generate new ideas, new opportunities, new entrepreneurs, as well as supporting existing ones. One example is making Surbiton Station more welcoming, particularly for residents arriving on foot or by bike.</p> <p>Work with local groups to develop flexible, multi-purpose public spaces.</p> <p>Promote partnership working to see how we can reinvigorate the high streets and attract consumers and businesses into the local area.</p> <p>Help to identify and enhance community projects which promote art and culture. For example, supporting the development of outdoor space and working with artists on the art trail in Surbiton and the "Blue Wall".</p>	<p>To build on the Surbiton Farmers' Market model, for example, by enabling additional stalls on other Saturdays, including a SNC stall used to promote the work of the Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee and the Community Grants Programme, including the role of Public Health.</p> <p>Continued partnership working with officers and residents to create unique outdoor spaces and innovative concepts for regeneration. This includes looking at tree planting and the installation of seating areas and benches, both in parks and in communal areas across the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Continued partnership working with officers, local charities and other community organisations, to see how we can reinvigorate the high streets and attract consumers and businesses into the local area.</p>	<p>On-going partnership working and sharing of ideas and creativity.</p> <p>Residents are given the opportunity to think differently about their local area and shopping experience.</p> <p>Local groups are given a chance to help create spaces which are built around residents aspirations.</p> <p>Long-term growth and sustainability, as projects continue to develop as a community activity with a benefit to the local economy - with tangible health and well-being benefits.</p> <p>Long-term growth and sustainability, as projects continue to develop as a community activity with a benefit to the local economy - with tangible health and well-being benefits.</p>

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<p>Encourage the set up and maintenance of community hubs, "Friends of" groups, Resident Associations and community forums, and ensure the effective use of the Community Grants Programme, including the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding is fully utilised.</p>	<p>Encourage the establishment of "Friends of" and other community groups and help these groups to identify and develop community projects.</p> <p>Work with community and resident groups to identify community projects and potential grant applications, including lottery funding and other external grants.</p> <p>Help to identify, promote and enhance community hub spaces for local community groups and residents associations which can be used for both social gatherings and events.</p> <p>Work with the borough's Mental Health Champions and other stakeholders, including voluntary and community groups, to identify and promote opportunities and activities for residents experiencing mental health issues.</p> <p>Establish a bi-annual local community event which looks to bring together all the voluntary and community sector groups within the neighbourhood to celebrate and promote their work.</p>	<p>Continued working with officers and residents to establish "Friends of" and other community groups.</p> <p>Continued working with residents and other stakeholders to identify community projects and potential grant applications.</p> <p>Continued working with residents and other stakeholders to help identify, promote and enhance community hub spaces for local community groups wanting to host social gatherings, coffee mornings and events.</p>	<p>Increasing volunteering capacity and expanding membership base through the development of "Friends of" groups and other community groups and associations.</p> <p>Empowering communities, as they become more active in the decision-making process.</p> <p>Reducing social isolation and loneliness, by helping groups to find venues and equipment for community hubs so they can meet regularly.</p> <p>Providing groups with logistical and communications support so they can organise events and activities more easily.</p> <p>Makes the work of the Surbiton Neighbourhood Committee more relevant to the communities who have taken part in the process or who might be interested in applying</p>
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