

What Matters to You in the Pewsey Community Area? Final Priority Project Ideas

PRIORITY	IDEAS
Discussion Theme: Children and Young People	
<p>Priority 1 - To improve affordable transport links to the campus for families and young people to access services day and evening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire out School Mini-buses at competitive rate • Youth Service MPV • Consult Bus Companies – route planning? Why do buses not go around 1 way system to Campus • Why can't public use School buses along with the children?? (secondary children) • Voluntary car share scheme • Leisure Credits – (From cards) – funding issue • Young Advisors be involved decision planning (from cards) • Wheels to work scheme (16+) – Community First Options – funding issues • Buses from outlying rural villages/areas • Service similar to 'link' (voluntary payment) to take Young People as well as adults • Representation to link committee to explain issues. • Driver to volunteer and be credited with offering service. • Facilitate workshop and provide childcare. • Coordination of provision of services with transport times Eg Adult Literacy course starts in Devizes at 9.15am and transport arrives at 10.00 am
Discussion Theme: Community Safety	
<p>Priority 1 - Issues with canal users - ASB, drugs, criminal damage, threatening behaviour, waste.- 42%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community rangers for the canal run by parishes that are situated along the canal • Felt that the 'bad neighbours' on the canal are attracted there because it is low cost living. Councils or the CRT should be able to apply an equivalent council tax as services are used. CRT should enforce the powers they currently have but don't seem to (e.g. licences). • Look into what other canal trusts and canal

	parishes do about this issue elsewhere in the country.
<p>Priority 2 - More measures needed to reduce rural crime – 35%</p> <p>Priority 3 - Under identification of people who need fire safety advice and equipment - process/criteria for risk assessment not widely known – 23%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make it easier to reduce vehicular access to appropriate byways – they are often used as escape routes or by hare coursers/other rural vandals. • Fire service to improve dissemination of fire service information to the parishes for local communications/newsletters/websites
Discussion Theme: Culture and The Arts	
<p>Priority 1 - Attracting cultural tourism through the creation of a visitor guide to Pewsey that could include heritage and arts trails. 48%</p> <p>Priority 2 - Funding of cultural activities to encourage participation of all ages.39%</p> <p>Priority 3 - Development of a cultural network group to support communication, partnerships and collaborations.13%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise a cultural meeting (invite Visit Wiltshire, Cultural partners etc) • Identify existing trails and opportunities for trails and linked events • Identify content and images • Where will they be held? Website? Should they be printed?
Discussion Theme : Economy	
<p>Priority 1 – Identify employment specialisms to reinforce and attract inward investments</p> <p>Priority 2 – Communal marketing of Pewsey Vale to National audience</p> <p>Priority 3 – Improve visitor footfall in the area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To advertise Pewsey as a journey Start Point in locations such as Paddington, Reading, Exeter, Penzance, • Become a Tourist destination for Walking, Cycling, Canal, Equestrian & Sport Activities, • Out of Working Hours Local produce supply, • Empty shops Start-Ups with Rent & Rate free periods, • Tweet Week (covering all of the above).
Discussion Theme: Environment	
<p>Priority 1 - Tackling climate change by raising awareness and understanding and tackling poor energy efficiency of existing buildings and minimal local energy generation (43%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kennet Community Energy are looking for groups to work with and will provide money. • Could consider also industrial estates • BIG Pledge – Individuals to reduce their own carbon footprint • Can a climate strategy be produced to overcome the big barriers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can Pewsey become a transition village? • Can WC commit to renewable local energy for all new homes? • Good Communication • More local say over new builds. Even safe space for bikes for example
Priority 2 - Working with the farming community to reverse the decline in species and habitats (34%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt a verge and not cut grass as much
Priority 3 - Tackle Flooding (23%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to tackle immediate problem but it is everyone's responsibility to play their part in helping tackle this issue. Linked to climate change for example.
Discussion Theme: Health and Wellbeing	
Priority 1 - In co-operation with GPs improve the availability of NHS healthchecks and target the take up particularly by men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All GP practices need the requisite facilities and staff • Advertise through parish councils, pubs, sports clubs, sports centre, schools, The Messenger • Out of hours surgeries to be available outside normal working hours • CCG and Health Watch to put pressure on GPs to improve services • Ad hoc health checks through mobile facilities at fetes, fairs, livestock farmers markets • Health Fair at Bouverie Hall • Flu jab promotion • Leaflets, noticeboards, advert in Gazette and Herald • Improve access to acute mental health services. • Staffing is too low • Facilities are poor • Neighbourhood nursing team to include mental health specialists • Stress related illnesses impact disproportionately • GPs do not recognise mental health issues sufficiently well • Befriending schemes help combat rural isolation, use churches

Discussion Theme: Housing	
<p>Priority 1 - Ratify the proposal for 40% affordable housing as outlined in the Core Strategy & NDP as soon as possible and offer to local people first</p> <p>Priority 2 - Ensure a variety of Social Housing to allow for UP and DOWN sizing to suitable accommodation</p> <p>Priority 3 - Highlight and maintain key retail and business sites to avoid conversion to inappropriate residential accommodation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby local MP to influence Government policy. • Despite examiner's view, support Wiltshire Council policy for 40% affordable housing for 5 houses or more. • Allow "localism" to work and listen to local opinion • Offer new, 2 bedroom houses recently approved to local people who wish to downsize, thus freeing up larger houses for those who need them. • Reduce business rates to new and existing businesses for a period
Discussion Theme: Leisure	
<p>Priority 1 - Address the issue of rural transport in order to enable people to use leisure and sports facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share available community transport • Do a survey across the Pewsey CA to find out how many minibuses/community transport available – and their usage – and make better use of them. • Approach schools to share community transport with schools (Pewsey Vale)
<p>Priority 2 - Increase joined up working between sports clubs and facilities available and hours open</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share shed – creating a shared sports equipment storage – sharing equipment like mowers – need to get sports clubs linking up to work together and apply for funding • Carry out survey of sports and leisure clubs and facilities to feed into Active Wiltshire online directory
<p>Priority 3 - Increase use of leisure centre by increasing activities available and hours open</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding Pewsey Xtreme (alternative sports club) so something for everyone – eg free running • Make more of canal as outdoor leisure facility – maps of walks and facilities and places of interest • Have a go sports taster/refreshers sessions

Discussion Theme: Transport

Priority 1 - Retain and improve the level of Bus Services providing essential connections to the rural community area to essential facilities, shops, surgeries, hospitals etc

- Explore obtaining funding from the Army Rebasing and additional families to the area to bridge the WC planned funding reduction. Currently the planned funding cuts would impact the bookable element of the service and the late night bus. The late night bus is essential to youths to use the current facilities and future campus facility. A timed service replacing the bookable capability would be an impact if the service did not maintain its timing as a lot of the pick up points are not at staged bus stops.

Discussion Theme: Stronger Communities

- **Priority 1** -Promoting and improving affordable, reliable public and community transport to enable access to health, services and jobs (39%)
- **Priority 2** - Encouraging more community participation, neighbourliness and volunteering within the local area (36%)
- **Priority 3** - Supporting local information and communication using existing medium to local households (eg Church/Parish newsletters) (25%)

- Bringing people together, information and socialising
- Volunteering and linking this to opportunities
- Community mapping: walks; big lunch idea; and walks around parish
- Neighbourliness: community volunteers & doing things for others (e.g. shopping, etc)
- Blogging and writing for the community sharing ideas and stories (can be shared with parish newsletters)
- Bike project to get old bikes used and enable access to services, local facilities and cycling to bus stops!
- School gate café / community hub providing coffee shop / facilities for the community in the community and staffed by volunteers
Action groups – local churches or community leaders bring together members to sponsor, initiate, fund or support local community projects