

ACTION PLAN v 5, FEBRUARY 2016 (Updated July 2016)

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Items in blue are suggested for immediate attention

	Action	Priority (H, M, L)	Timescale (S, M, L)	PROGRESS SO FAR
THEME 1: Getting Around and Parking				
1.1	Recruit volunteers to maintain footpaths in sound condition, and ensure access; to apply both to green spaces and countryside rights of way. Could be done by local volunteers, or with Community Service volunteers.	H	S	
1.2	Improve walking and cycling access between Presteigne, Norton and satellite settlements.	M	L	
1.3	Campaign to restore and supplement local bus services and their links with train services at Leominster, Hereford and Knighton. Investigate the current situation and inform the public.	M	L	
1.4	Extend the current transport service to supports all residents to include services for the general public who do not have access to other transport, and also for residents who wish to use their cars less. This could include regular trips to supermarkets, Leominster, Hereford, and Llandrindod. Also publicise what is already available. Investigate the possibilities for a carshare scheme.	M	L	
1.5	Improve paving and surfacing in town centre, including more dropped kerbs.	H	L	
1.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate future plans of PCC for parking in the town centre Produce a detailed report for the community Investigate the possibilities of free parking Research possible benefits to trade 	H	M-L	

THEME 2: The Town Centre				
2.1	Provide a notice board in the town centre for the general public, to avoid fly posting.	H	S	New one installed at Memorial Hall; more on the way.
2.2	Create additional seating in town, possibly as memorial benches provided by members of the public.	M	S	Ongoing

2.3	Provide additional bicycle parking, ideally under cover in the town centre. This would require grant funding, possibly through the Arwain scheme, especially if part of a larger project to attract more cyclists to visit and stay. Investigate suitable locations.	M	M
2.4	Close off High Street more often for public use. Inform public of £330 per time cost.	M	M
2.5	Look into the possibility of making High Street Shared Use : surface one level, remove kerbs but keep pavement delineation. Pedestrians have priority. Restricted delivery times.	H	L
2.6	Look at the opportunities for opening a Community Information Hub.	H	M-L
2.7	Investigate longer opening times for shops and petrol station; and especially places for visitors to go, and refresh themselves, out of hours.	M	L
2.8	Approach owners of empty shops to see if until the shops are rented they may be willing for them to be used for non-competitive pop-ups, incl. spaces for local artists to display their work; spaces for public consultation and information.	M	M
2.9	Build on historic nature of town; make our own Blue Plaques?	M	M
2.10	Working with the existing Farmers Market organisers, investigate the possibility and viability of introducing a monthly street/carpark market, on alternate Saturdays from the Farmers' Market.	M	M

THEME 3: Green Spaces

3.1	Increase access to green spaces. Promote them using existing walks and updated leaflets, develop a promotional strategy aimed at local people and visitors.	M	S	Tourism Project Team
3.2	Investigate possibilities of improving the appearance of grassed verges and roundabouts with wildflowers and trees. Maintenance regimes need to be included in this investigation.	M	S	Green & Clean Project Team
3.3	Provide dog mess bins at additional locations to be identified. Could be grant aided and support offered through groups such as Keep Wales Tidy. Inform the public of free bags from Library and that once bagged it can go in any bin.	M	M	
3.4	Research the possibilities of developing a Community Market Garden (see also Theme 8, Employment)	M	L	
3.5	Recruit volunteers to research and create a plan for recording and increasing the bio-diversity of all green spaces.	M	M-L	

THEME 4: Waste, Recycling, Energy				
4.1	Investigate the possibilities of having a Big-Items collection, and/or a 'Bring and Take' session at the Memorial Hall. Publicise the service offered by Freegle. Look at opportunities for Reusing and Upcycling and promoting it to the public.	H	S	Recycling project Team
4.2	Investigate the possibility of moving the recycling site to a less visually intrusive location, and investigate screening existing site	H	S	
4.3	There were many positive comments regarding Zero Waste Scheme. Communicate with community why Zero Waste and Cwm Harry cannot be reinstated.	H	S	
4.4	Improve and extend the recycling site in terms of the facilities on offer, access to them and the visual impact of the site. Consider a household collection of green waste for those without a car, this could be linked to the development of a community composting site. Managed by CoT now with profits being returned to the community.	H	M-L	Recycling project Team
4.5	Research the benefits of a community energy scheme, through a newly established community energy group. Present these to the community for approval and go-ahead, or scrapping. Investigate opportunities for insulation schemes for residences.	H	L	Recycling project Team

THEME 5: Public Services				
5.1	Clarify with PNTC the progress with the land next to the existing cemetery for use as a cemetery extension.	M	S	PNTC have identified land, obtained planning permission obtained, funding being sought
5.2	Look into improving street cleaning. Organise litter picks	H	S	Ongoing
5.3	Clarify which services are under threat and assets which are available for transfer to the community. Investigate community's wishes regarding them. Report back to TC. Action to be determined by results.	H	M-L	See Mayor's talk at Open Days, attached
5.4	Work to keep key services running through alternative means, including volunteers, if threatened with cuts/closure.	H	M-L	PNTC working on this

THEME 6: Children and Young People

6.1	Canvas public for those who are willing to run workshops for young people sharing their skills on a wide variety of topics, incl. the arts and manual skills. Organise and publicise workshops, and encourage young people to sign up. To be undertaken in conjunction with 6.4.	M	S
6.2	Provide additional and /or improved children's play facilities at the existing town play areas. Seek to establish new children's play areas nearer to existing housing to the east of town. Investigate potential areas, set up community group to fundraise and manage the area.	M	M-L
6.3	Investigate more facilities for young people, following a consultation with them.	M	M
6.4	Much more Children-and-Young-People-only consultation.	H	M-VL

PNTC have applied for grant funding for some new equipment. Playgroup Project Team also involved.

THEME 7: Housing

7.1	Recruit volunteers to investigate number of empty, and second homes, and offer support to those living in too-big houses who want to down-size.	L	S
7.2	Provide access to low cost housing for local people, this might include releasing small sites in and around the town for up to 5 self-build properties via a Community Land Trust. Consider large houses to be divided into bed-sitting flats for young people who want/need to move away from home. Investigate reed beds for waste treatment so that new building projects are not reliant on Welsh Water expanding existing treatment works.	H	L

THEME 8: Employment

8.1	Approach employers in the area to offer work experience for young people on an ongoing basis.	H	S
8.2	Set up group of mentors to help young and unemployed people with their job applications, interviews and CVs.	H	S
8.3	Look at other local towns to see how their tourism industry provides jobs in ways that we haven't yet tried.	M	M-L

Being done by Presteigne Baptist Church at Job Club

8.4	Expand live-work units opportunities, with particular attention to local empty shops, the original live-work unit.	M	M-L
8.5	<i>Look into making Presteigne the centre of a 'carbon-neutral valley' as in 'silicon valley' in the US. Invite R&D and light manufacturing companies in the field to move here, create diverse employment opportunities, develop expertise and train our youth for their future, our future. (Comment from survey)</i>	M	L
8.6	Research the possibilities of developing a Community Market Garden to offer jobs and training in horticulture (see also 3.4, 8.3, 10.9).	M	M-L

THEME 9: Culture and Heritage

9.1	Establish a group to work to protect and develop historic assets of the area (also relevant to Leisure & Tourism).	M	S	
9.2	Improve the signage around town to ensure it is consistent, this would include co-ordinating the signage for attractions.	M	M	
9.3	Start our own Blue Plaque scheme, or apply for more.	M	M	
9.4	Revive and develop the festivals we offer, spaced throughout the year. Investigate opportunities for more under a branding of 'Presteigne Invites You'. (NB. Not just the arts but science, technology and engineering too)	H	M-L	In progress
9.5	Exploit local legends and history (Also relevant to Leisure & Tourism)	M	M-L	
9.6	Ensure the retention of the library by supporting and expanding existing services, e.g. IT training, tourist information, town calendar, etc.	H	M-L	Independant Charitable Trust has been suggested to retain Assembly Rooms and Library
9.7	Ensure the retention of the Judge's Lodgings.	H	M-L	

THEME 10: Leisure and Tourism

10.1	Research the most effective way/s of providing a Town Calendar for the benefit of residents and visitors.	H	S	In progress
10.2	Work to provide more entertainment which appeals to a wider spread of residents and visitors, e.g. mainstream films, live streaming, concerts etc.	M	S	

10.3	Work with existing tourism committee to research examples from other similar towns and to promote tourism.	M	M-L
10.4	Exploit local legends and history (Also relevant to Culture & Heritage)	M	M-L
10.5	Explore possibilities and grants available to help shop-owners to give their frontages a makeover.	H	M-L
10.6	Investigate the possibilities for an all-weather pitch.	M	M-L
10.7	Develop Presteigne as a centre for Green technology (see also Theme 8: Employment). Run design competition to brand 'Green Presteigne'. Seek to involve shops and businesses that could lend themselves well to this theme.	M	M-L

THEME 11: Community, Collaboration and Communication

11.1	Provide a notice board for PACDG and TC (if agreed), initially inside the library, later a 'closed' construction on the outside wall. And a second community noticeboard for anyone to use (see also 2.1).	H	S
11.2	Run Community Groups Fair to which all local groups are invited to have a 'table' to explain what they do, gather more members, collect offers of support and help where necessary. Also provide space to the community to say what's missing.	H	S
11.3	Approach the Churches for their involvement and work to make more use of churches for community events and facilities.	M	S
11.4	Develop a skills and tool share system. Research other examples of this.	M	M
11.5	Investigate the future of mobile phone and broadband services in the area, and current 'black-spots'. Campaign to put pressure on providers, using MPs and AMs. Inform public of current situation.	H	M-L
11.6	Work with TC to develop more accessibility to their meetings and wider communication to reach the whole community.	H	M
11.7	Develop opportunities for garden/land-share scheme, especially for elderly who need help with their gardens (see Hugh Fernley-Whittingstall's Landshare Scheme)	L	L
11.8	Investigate ways to assist people with disabilities of all sorts e.g. Dementia-Friendly Town scheme, and dropped kerbs.	H	M-L
11.9	Work with existing Community Support to develop and extend what they offer to the broader community.	M	M
11.10	Keep an awareness of opportunities for community mixing and widening social circles at the heart of all projects in the Community Plan.	H	Ongoing

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