

# Making the links ~ Making it happen



## Taking actions forward

- Are you thinking of producing a Community-Led Plan?
- Are you in the process of producing a Community-Led Plan?
- Have you completed your Action Plan?
- What is your Number 1 Priority Action?
- Do you need help Making it happen?

## We can help!



## **Parish Plans and Village Design Statements**

Parish Plans and Village Design Statements are both unique types of community-led planning. The characteristics of community-led plans are (a) they are produced by the community at a very local level, thereby representing the community as a whole and (b) they empower local community groups to influence the decisions and actions that affect the future of their parish.

The process of producing a community-led plan identifies local needs and aspirations, highlights issues and priorities, and brings groups and individuals in the community together to work towards a common goal.

A Parish/Town Plan shapes the future of your community, and how it can change for the better. It is a document that sets out a vision for the future of the parish and outlines how that can be achieved in an Action Plan. A Village/Town Design Statement provides an opportunity for your community to describe how they feel the physical character of the parish can be enhanced. It is a document that identifies what is special, unique and distinctive about the character of the parish. It provides design guidance to influence change and improve the physical qualities of the area.





The RCCE are the dedicated leaders on parish plans and village design statements and work with communities and parish councils to help with the production of these community-led plans, and the resulting action plans.

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- One priority action per plan will be considered.
- Other sources of funding should be explored if more appropriate (we can advise).
- A minimum 20% financial commitment from the parish council precept will be required.

If you would like more information on the Making the **links** ~ Making it **happen** project, please contact **Michelle Gardiner**, Rural Community Council of Essex

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