

2016 - 2026 Streatley Parish Plan

Action Plan Update April 2025

Date Plan Adopted: 2016

Themes	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Finish Date	Project Lead	Other Partners	Justification/comments	Status	Completed
Theme - Safer									
Village Defibrillators	Access defibrillators and set up training for volunteers. Ensure sufficient numbers and trained volunteers for the whole community. Link to the community responders scheme	M	Apr-16		SPC and responders		Key part of the village safety is provision of First Responders. This was not part of the survey questions but was reported in a number of feedback events.	Funding provided and additional defibrillators supplied to all local First Responders. Action complete.	2018
Cattle	Perceived danger from cattle - cows in fields accessed by walkers Guidance to be collated and disseminated (in partnership with landowners) as to how to walk safely through areas with farm animals.	M	Apr-16		Health Walk group		21 unprompted comments about being worried about/scared of the cows in response to question about whether anything hampers enjoyment of outdoor space.	Information gathered and included on website. Feb 25 - No accidents known. Action complete.	2019
Dog mess in public areas	Locate at least one extra dog bin in the village.	M	Apr-16		SPC	West Berkshire Council	12 unprompted comments about dog mess and/or need for dog bins, in response to question about outdoor space; 6 in response to question about improvements to facilities.	2017 - Additional dog bin provided on footpath near the Swan car park. Feb 25 - New dog bin on Thameside north of The Swan is little used. Consider transferring to Church lane, or add a new bin.	2025
Cycling	Create a long term vision for a cycle network. Develop a network of cycle paths - to connect different parts of the village and neighbouring communities	M	Apr-16		SPC	Cycling groups	A majority of people (58% of respondents) particularly younger age groups would use dedicated cycle tracks around Streatley. Some opposition to cyclists on roads.	2017, 2022 - General view is that roads are not sufficiently wide to allow for cycle lanes in roadway; not considered practical in immediate future. Feb 25 - Consider possible cycle route on east side of the Rac Ground to connect Church Lane to Cleve Court road	2025
Parking and traffic on High Street	To analyse traffic survey data to better understand issues of congestion and to suggest remedies that might improve traffic flow without disadvantaging those living on the High Street.	H	Apr-16		SPC	West Berkshire Council	Strong views expressed . Divided views on parking. For example, whether parking on High Street should be allowed: 50.5% agreed or strongly agreed, whilst 49.5% disagreed or strongly disagreed. This requires further investigation of future measures and acceptability.	After pressure from SPC, WBC extended yellow lines further down High Street to improve visibility. An ongoing issue without any obvious solution to satisfy all residents and road users. 2023/4 - Traffic survey performed and WBC removed parking bays at uphill end of High Street. Feb 25 - Flow considered to have improved due to better sightline downhill. Maintain observation	2025
Theme - Prosperous									
Annual Forum	An annual facilitated forum of local organisations to maintain a vibrant village.	H	Sep-16		SPC	Local organisations and stakeholders	Attendees at first forum requested this be made a regular event. Survey responses showed 56.5% support and a further 34% said it depends on a range of reasons: the topics, frequency, etc.	This event now takes place annually in October. 2020 - Action considered complete Feb 25 - No forum convened since Covid years. To be reinstated	2025
Extending usage of Parish Assembly	Use Parish Assembly as a key local forum and encourage broader engagement.	H	May-16		SPC		Feedback given at 2015 Parish Assembly, plus comments on questionnaires. (Links to Q42 of survey, 46.5% of respondents would like to know more about who to contact if they had some concern about life in Streatley.)	The revised format appears to be successful and better attended than before. Many local organisations invited to participate. 2020 - Action considered complete Feb 25 - Assemblies held in 23 & 24. Advertising now for May 25	2016
Healthy									
Create New walks in Streatley	New walks and an Historic Streatley Trail. One to include the Thames Path.	M	Apr-16		SPC	History society and Health Walk group	Most people regularly use the footpaths. A lot of support for creating a circular walk along the river and for a level walk for those unable to manage hills. Majority would use a historic trail (56%) and similarly nearly half (45.5%) would support opening up more paths.	Discussions about a circular walk have started but the lack of many locations of historical interest in the village have meant that there has been little progress on the Historic Trail. Feb 25 - Footpath 21 discussions with WBC continue. Bridges installed but path work needed Apr 25 - new official RoW path STRE 29 registered between Hill Gardens and STRE 1	2025
Create a "green" gym trail	Green gym trail to be formed for Streatley.	M	Sep-16		SPC	Health Walk Group and Friends of Streatley Rec	Majority use the outside spaces in Streatley. High support for Green gym as a new facility (54% of respondents) a further 32% supported the idea but would not necessarily use themselves.	Three items of fitness equipment purchased courtesy of a grant from WBC and installed in Streatley Rec. 2020 - Action complete. Feb 25 - Repairs and maintenance progressed in 20/25. Grant application submitted for further equipment installation	2019
Greener									
Street light usage	Reduce hours of usage of streetlights in appropriate areas of the village.	M	Sep-16		SPC		Majority (66.5%) felt streetlights should be turned off after 1am.	Feb 25 - WBC now introducing either lamp switch-off or dimming	2025
Use of bonfires in village centre	Collate and disseminate an appropriate bonfire guide for the village.	M	Apr-16		Goring Gap Sustainability Group		Strong views expressed: 61% would sign up to a voluntary bonfire code whilst 25% would not.	2020 - This would be difficult to enforce so no particular progress to report. Feb 25 - Extensive complaints not in evidence as to garden bonfire mis-use. Torchlight bonfire risk assessment and management considered acceptable (insurance company assessed) Action considered closed	2020
Stronger									
Streatley website	Ensure that it carries clear information on who to talk to with matters of concern, who is responsible for community facilities / events / activities. Make sure that it links with other stakeholder sites.	H	May-16		SPC		Majority of respondents (67%) would support the greater use and development of a Streatley website/Facebook page.	2020 - SPC website regularly updated with news, information and contacts. Action complete. Feb 25 - SPC website considered up-to-date with official notifications. Facebook and other social media introduction not supported hence no action. Goring media sites are considered sufficient for general expression of views	2018
Use of old phone box	Trial use of the old phone box as either a plant and book swap space.	M	Sep-16		Friends of Streatley Rec	Amenity Association	Opinion was divided on use of phone box: 30% would support a book/plant swap, 34% liked the idea but would not use and 36% disagreed - therefore, action point to trial new uses formulated.	2020 - Phone box now used as a book swap facility and has been well received. Action complete. Feb 25 - booth is maintained and books are stacked tidily. Presumed to still be an asset	2017
Buildings of community value	Ensure these are identified and added to the WBC list of community assets.	M	Apr-16		SPC	History Society	77 free text responses detailed the individual local community assets residents would most like to see recorded and protected. This included local public houses, the Morrell Rooms, meadows, towpath and public open space as key areas to preserve.	Ongoing Feb 25 - To be reviewed	2025

Provision of a pavilion /scout hut	Commission a feasibility study for pavilion/scout hut on the recreation ground.	H	Sep-16		SPC	Scout group, Friends of Streatley Rec, & Morrell Room Committee	51% in favour, 33% in support with some caveats Responses varied as to which facilities should be included.	2020 - A volunteer was found to pursue this idea but to date there has been no progress reported. Feb 25 - a proposal in 2023 collapsed due to lack of funding by the Scouts and SPC. No further consideration provided	2023
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