

Halberton Parish Vision Day

10am - 4pm
Saturday 12th April 2003
at
Halberton Village Hall

*“Helping to plan the
future of our parish”*

What is the Vision Day ?

Halberton's Vision Day is the first step in planning the future for the parish of Halberton for the next 5, 10 or even 20 years.

Rural communities are being encouraged to draw up and undertake a **Parish Plan**, which will create a view of the needs and aspirations of the community, an assessment of the assets that we have now, and how they can best be managed by us in the future.

A Parish Plan for the Community

Halberton Parish Council is initiating the Vision Day and the idea of a **Parish Plan**. This won't be a stuffy report, but more a starting point for further action.

After the Vision Day, the next step will be to form a **Steering Group** for the Plan, that will be comprised of people representing a broad cross-section and as inclusive a mix of the community as possible. They will have the opportunity to draw up the plan for the community, receiving strong support from the Parish and local Councils, and financial assistance from the Countryside Agency and other sources.



Have your say at the Vision Day !

Whether you live in one of the villages, or live in one of the more remoter areas in the Parish, we encourage you all to come to the Vision Day on Saturday 12th April 2003 and make your contribution.

You will be able to view examples of projects that other parishes have undertaken, and tell us what you believe the Parish needs for the future of your community.



Who can contribute ?

Anyone and everyone in Halberton Parish is welcome and being encouraged to contribute in many different ways –

- by joining us at the Vision Day
- by completing a survey questionnaire
- by joining the Steering Group.

We all have our own ideas of what we would like to see improved in our community – communicating these ideas to the Steering Group is the way that most of us will be able to contribute.

Does this affect me ?

It most certainly does ! If you are aged between 1 and 101 and live within **Halberton Parish**

- and that takes in Ash Thomas, Brithem Bottom, Five Bridges, Burrow Corner, Shutehanger, Selgar's and Bridwell - this Vision Day affects you.

Our parish is very large and diverse and there are many different areas of concern. For you and your family the main issues may be:

- **Transport and traffic** - would better roads or more buses improve your life ?
- **Shops** - do we need better facilities, particularly for the elderly, or delivery services for remote parts of the parish ?
- **School** - is the school really big enough for the growing number of children ?
- **Housing and planning** - more affordable homes or no more housing development at all ? Can local people afford to stay ?
- **Employment** - do we need more local businesses, and how do we help them ?
- **Communications and Services** - do we want broadband and better mobile phone services - or no more mobile masts at all ?
- **Tourism** - can we make better use of the Grand Western Canal ?



We are not alone

Communities all over the country are producing Parish Plans of their own. Grants are often available for local schemes and preparing a Parish Plan will improve our chances of getting financial support to fund the local projects in the Plan.

A significant amount of expert help and support can be made available from the District and County Councils, Government agencies and other organisations.

A number of successful Plans have already been written and implemented by parishes in Devon, and examples of these will be on display at the Vision Day.



Contact details and information

For more information about the parish plan and the Vision Day, you can contact :

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or visit the Halberton website - www.halberton.org

For more information about other parish plans, you can visit :

www.countryside.gov.uk

www.parishplan.org.uk

*Halberton Parish Plan is an initiative of
Halberton Parish Council.*

*Any comments or questions for the Parish
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