




SLADE GREEN BIG LOCAL

Writing a Review

PLAN THE REVIEW

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SUMMARY OF THE YEAR

We have had a busy year, completing lots of hard work, we have broken the review into 5 sections, 4 sections that were included in the plan and then Health – this has become part of our work as it is a major part of life in Slade Green and a lot of our areas cover health as well.

In 2015 the partnership have ran or completed these projects:

- ▶ Open Spaces and the Environment
- ▶ Completed designs for Craydene Open Space and are working with the Council and Design by Nature to get permission.
- ▶ Completed designs for edible Slade Green Station and received permission from South Eastern Railway
- ▶ Formed a gardening Club for the edible Slade Green Station
- ▶ Working on getting permissions for Frobisher Road
- ▶ Ran activities on the open spaces including Markets, a farm day and a community activity day
- ▶ Started a farm feasibility study



Community Safety

- ▶ **Employed a Community Safety Engagement Officer**
- ▶ **Ran a successful course with Juvenile for justice**
- ▶ **Launch of the Neighbourhood watch**
- ▶ **Ran a successful Community Safety Day**
- ▶ **Ran an engagement day at Orchard House**
- ▶ **Designed and printed a Community safety booklet**
- ▶ **Ran a youth engagement event at Rodeo Close for Halloween to reduce number of young people on the streets**
- ▶ **Coffee mornings for families**
- ▶ **Drop in service at the Community Centre.**
- ▶ **Domestic Violence/Family Violence drop in Centre.**

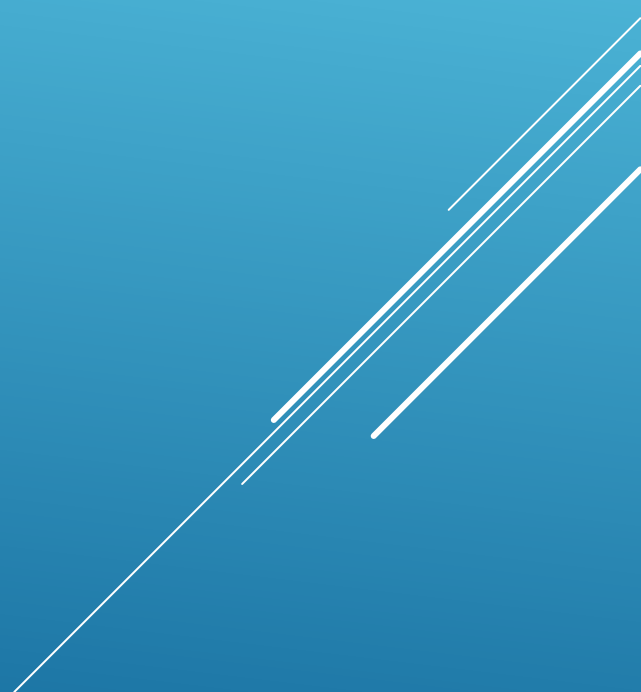
Community Facilities and Activities

- ▶ **Ran successful weekly coffee mornings**
- ▶ **6 Street Markets**
- ▶ **Community Annual Event**
- ▶ **Youth Forum event**
- ▶ **Pantomime Trip**
- ▶ **80's Disco**
- ▶ **Given out over 10 Community Chest grants which have allowed the community to run a pumpkin party, lego club, buy equipment for children, football courses, walks in the marshes, sewing class and lots more.**

▶ **Local Economy**

- ▶ **Training courses – including First Aid, Pediatric First Aid, Health and Safety, Book Keeping**
- ▶ **Researched into the Credit Union and especially into Kent Savers**
- ▶ **Carried out a consultation with local businesses and produced a local Economy Report.**
- ▶ **Appealed for Credit Union Volunteers**
- ▶ **Successfully bid for 1 years intensive work from Star People and working with several residents and the youth forum on this project.**
- ▶ **The partnership have also run several stakeholders meetings which has allowed partners to become more involved in Slade Green Big Local.**
- ▶ **Delivered leaflets to all households of the community to keep the work of the Big Local in the residents mind.**
- ▶ **All meetings have been open to all of the community and we are appealing for more residents to become involved.**
- ▶ **We also carried out work with Ruth Ponsford**
- ▶ **Health – We worked on a stop smoking project with the community and Bexley Council, a walk away from diabetes project, sex education project and are looking at how all our work will have an effect on health in the community especially mental health. We also attended the Building Bexley Health Partnership meetings.**


THEME GROUPS

- ▶ We split each theme group into sections:
 - ▶ Local Economy
 - ▶ Community Safety
 - ▶ Open Spaces and Activities
 - ▶ Community Facilities and Activities
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We asked the questions about what we wanted to achieve from our review and what the Local Trust would like to see.

The questions were

- ▶ Our Plan**
 - ▶ What we have completed against what was in our plan?**
 - ▶ What was our budget?**
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- ▶ **We then listed our vision, priorities and outcomes from our plan.**
 - ▶ **Then under each section made notes of where we had reached**
 - ▶ **Remembered to be honest as it is not seen as a failure if we haven't achieved what we set out at the beginning.**
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What have we completed against what was in our plan?

Our plan and vision state:

Vision: In ten years' time Slade Green will have outdoor Spaces that are nurtured and well used by the local community

Outcomes – 2 Years

The Open Spaces theme will be a success if:

- ▶ There is a needs assessment in place for each of the open spaces
- ▶ This has been achieved by working with Design with Nature – we have a needs assessment this has been attached at the end of the document.
- ▶ Partners are engaged and state their contribution in taking forward the improvement of open spaces
- ▶ We are getting there - we have made great improvements in developing relationships with the Railway, federation of community farms and gardens, Hackney Farm and health groups such as Walking for Health, Athletic England and Walking away from Diabetes who are all involved in projects, we are still working on our relationship with the council but it is improving so we are making progress with this.
- ▶ Establish a group of resident volunteers to take control of open spaces and develop and grow a sense of pride in Slade Green's open spaces
- ▶ We are just about to put out the advert for the community gardening team volunteers. Hopefully by the end of the year we will have them in place ready to start work on the edible Slade Green station project. We are awaiting the legal documents to be in place before we can go ahead with that.
- ▶ Begin to establish green space projects based on consultation and community needs
- ▶ Activities have been happening - this has been slow because of getting permissions from the council but towards the end of the year it should all start taking off.
- ▶ Frobisher project is progressing
- ▶ Edible Slade green is progressing
- ▶ Craydene open space plans are progressing
- ▶ Whitehall lane project is progressing
- ▶ Farm feasibility study - the federation of community gardens and farms and Chris from Hackney Farm are assisting with
- ▶ We have also held activities on the open spaces these were a Farm day, annual celebration fun day, markets and a Boot sale.

Priorities for years one and two

- ▶ **Completing needs assessment on all of the open spaces**

The assessments have been completed - we are now getting permissions in place.

- ▶ **Benches, community garden and community allotments**

Benches - council are saying they do not want wooden benches the youngsters set fire to them and they do not want metal because of health and safety aspects.

- ▶ **Community garden - edible Slade Green station is progressing**
- ▶ **Community allotment - edible Slade Green station and Craydene will be covering this aspect.**

- ▶ **Activities on open spaces**

These have gone really well. Farm day, annual celebration fun day, markets and a Boot sale.

- ▶ **Environmental improvements Community Chest. This has not gone ahead due to lack of interest in the main community chest; it did not seem plausible to have the budget for both.**
- ▶ **Walk England volunteer training- Sophie has been leading the walks in partnership with 'Walking For Health' and the Council**

Outcomes – 5 Years

- ▶ The Open Spaces theme will be a success if:
- ▶ There is increased community participation in the nurturing of open spaces
- ▶ Yes this is happening on average we are getting 2,000 people attend free events and there will be even more as we work on the various projects that are coming up i.e. Slade Green Edible Station.
- ▶ There is increased partnership participation in the development of open spaces including financial or in kind contributions

We are just beginning - we will be putting in a big grant to Cory amongst others. Need to get permission from partners before we can write the grant. Need to have the permission before we start applying for the grants.

- ▶ Increased activity taking part in our open spaces including growing projects and provision of play equipment

This is beginning to change we have been working behind the scenes with partners to get permission in place, we are advertising for a gardening group and our action plan is beginning to start the work.

- ▶ There is a lasting legacy for open spaces by a friends formal group

If the farm goes ahead - it will be the biggest lasting legacy but we will also have created a lasting legacy with the improvements to Craydene, Whitehall and Frobisher.

- ▶ In 5 years' time we should definitely have a formal group going.
- ▶ Increased pride in open spaces within the community.
- ▶ Yes this will definitely happen within the next 5 years as it is already starting to happen now. People in the community are asking when projects are happening, we have 5 people interested in running their own running club.

BUDGET

	Milestones	Budget Allowance	Expenditure	Money left to spend	Expected spend by end of 2015
Open Spaces					
Audits	Feasibility study to be carried out for Community Farm	£3,000	0	£3,000	£3,000
Environmental Projects	1)Edible Slade Green Station, 2) Craydene open space, 3) Howbury Open Space 4)Whitehall Open Space 5)Frobisher Road Open Space, 6) Cinder Path and redevelopment	£7,000	0	£7,000	£3,000
Environmental Projects Support	To employ Design by Nature to work in partnership with Slade Green Big Local to carry out the environmental projects	£9,280	£2,799.75	£6,480.25	Depends on the length of time projects get started But large chunk should be coming out for Edible and Craydene. £2,799.75 so far
Activities on green spaces	To run a range of activities and projects on a variety of green spaces	£6,000	£4,000	0	£4,000
Project coordinator environmental		£4,600	£3,450	£1,150	£4,600
Printing and publicity		£1,500	£600	0	£600
Total		£28,480	£10,849.75	£17,630.25	£17,999.75 minimum

- ▶ We then added our budget so that the partnership knew exactly what budget they had used and what was left to spend

Then for each section we asked the following questions

Our Progress

- ▶ **What impact have had?**
- ▶ **What have we learnt?**
- ▶ **How have we progressed on our vision and priorities?**
- ▶ **Do we need to refresh our vision and priorities**

Have we met the Big Local Outcomes

- ▶ **Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them**
- ▶ **People will have increased skills and confidence so that they continue to identify and respond to needs in the future**
- ▶ **The community will make a difference to the needs its prioritises**
- ▶ **People will feel that their area is an even better place to live.**

What next?

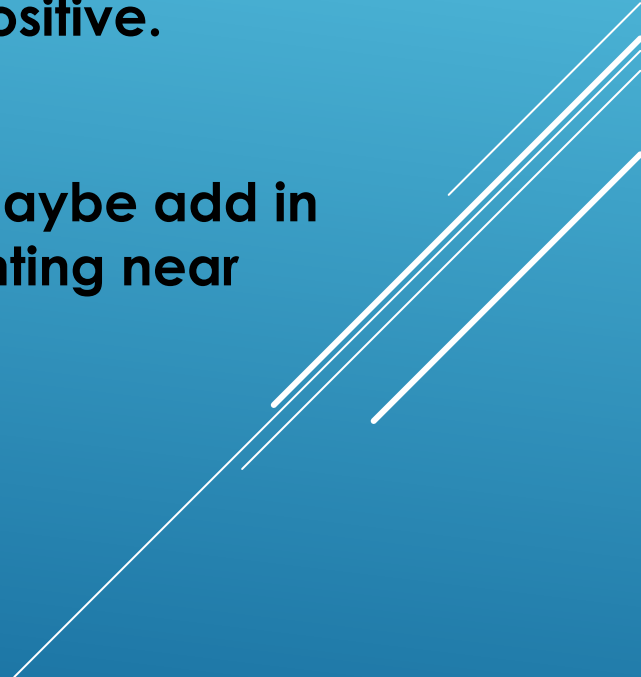
- ▶ **Do we need a new or revised plan, or will you carry on with your existing plan?**
- ▶ **How do we know this is what your community wants?**

What impact have we had?

- ▶ **Community engagement impact has been good but visual improvements will be more apparent next year.**
- ▶ **We have made a good impact with partners there are still improvements to be made but it is a slow progress.**
- ▶ **The projects on the open spaces have also made an impact as the residents know where the open spaces are there now and have used them since.**

What have we learnt?

- ▶ **People like events that are free.**
- ▶ **We underestimated the timings of the projects on green spaces - it took a lot longer to determine who owned the land and get the correct permissions etc.**
- ▶ **We need more volunteers - be more open and welcoming to volunteers - road shows were helpful last time - went to 8 locations - Frobisher, Canada, Hollywood, Rodeo, forest road, bridge road, orchard house, boundary street, we asked open questions, such as: what do you like, what would you improve to make a cleaner place etc. 2500 people were consulted. Maybe we could try doing this again.**
- ▶ **Advertising is hard - but keep pushing forward with this on Facebook, Twitter, leaflets, banners etc.**

- ▶ **How have we progressed on our vision and priorities?**
 - ▶ **Have an assessment of needs and the vision is going in the right direction. The priorities will be set for next year, and everything is looking very positive.**
 - ▶ **Do we need to refresh our vision and priorities?**
 - ▶ **We feel that we do not need to refresh the vision or priorities but maybe add in another road show and look at possibility of planning a Mural painting near the station.**
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Have we met the Big Local Outcomes?

- ▶ **Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them**

Now we are starting the consultations for each area the residents will be able to do this. Through the projects that we have held all residents have had the chance to take part in talking about each area.

- ▶ **People will have increased skills and confidence so that they continue to identify and respond to needs in the future**

People have learnt lots of new skills from helping to run the markets, gardening, walking to name but a few, this will only improve once other projects like the farm has been established.

- ▶ **The community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises**

We have not tackled this yet but we are getting there with the volunteer programmes for the gardening projects and the potential farm.

- ▶ **People will feel that their area is an even better place to live.**

We have started to achieve that, residents are taking pride in it the areas they have improved. The next generation will have an even better feeling of pride that they have taken part in the community projects - Forest road, Edible Slade green etc.

- ▶ Do we need a new or revised plan, or will you carry on with your existing plan?

Do not need to refresh the vision or priorities but maybe add in another road show and look at possibility of planning a Mural painting near the station.

- ▶ How do we know this is what your community wants?

This work was carried out through consultation with the community, we will continue to ask the community through feedback, consultation and communications.

CASE STUDIES

We then added two case studies to each section

- ▶ I took part in the gardening project outside Londis, I have to say I thoroughly enjoyed it and so did both my children, we found lots of worms, old coins which the children collected in buckets and then cleaned up. We don't have a garden as we live in a flat, so it was an opportunity to take part in something as a family, we learnt from the gardener about different plants and shrubs and we had a brilliant time talking to other families and making new friends. I always feel quite isolated in Slade Green as my family live quite far away but now I feel I can join in with activities. I can't wait for another opportunity to complete some gardening.

Case study 2

- ▶ I attended the farm project that was put on in April, my children hadn't seen farm animals before and it was a brilliant experience, whilst I attended the activity my children got to try fruit and have their face painted and go on bouncy castles, we had a brilliant time, it was also a chance to meet new faces and friends and talk to other people in the community. The day was amazing and well organised and I also filled out a questionnaire, was really interested in the farm and bringing one into the area and getting involved in community activities. My whole family can't wait for the next one!