

Three Parishes



Weston Rhyn • St Martins • Gobowen

Nick & Sue Heard

Where are we?



VISIONS!

- Academic and professional qualifications
- Young People's activities
- TO PROFIT FROM OUR RURAL POSITION
- Enterprise culture
- Community buildings
- NO RISK OF EXCLUSION-Geographic isolation



Sustainability

Democracy works

Well- informed Community

Funding & grants maximised

Clear view of attitude to Big Local

Recognition and awards for projects

Social enterprise and social investment

Benefits fairly distributed across the 3 parishes

Three Parishes



Weston Rhyn • St Martins • Gobowen

Community Plan

Review

July 2015



Local Trust | Big Local



LOTTERY FUNDED

Wednesday June 24th Reviewing the plan

1. Make notes as partners comment

Go through document "Projects that were in the community plan"

- Any additions?
- Pick up comments

Start time: 20 minutes

Finish time:

Font: 12, A, A, Aa, ab, x, x², Aa, ab, A

Paragraph: List, Indent, Decrease Indent, Increase Indent, Bullets, Numbered, Paragraph, Table, Grid

Styles: AaBbCcDc, AaBbCcDc, AaBbCc, AaBbCc, AaB, AaBbCc, AaBbCcDc, Normal, No Spacing, Heading 1, Heading 2, Title, Subtitle, Subtle Em...

2a 4 x A1 sheets. Post-It notes. Partners to put ideas onto charts.

Taking into account everything that has been put in place as part of 3PBL during the last 12 months, what impact do you think this has had on the Three Parishes Big Local area and its communities?

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

Start time:
20 minutes

Finish time:

Taskbar: HP, Photos, Chrome, OneDrive, Word, PowerPoint, Task View, File Explorer, Settings, Network, Volume, Bluetooth, Taskbar Icons

Three Parishes Big Local has supported 4 village magazines with grants towards printing costs. One of the magazines was struggling and could have ceased production without this grant.

Our Community & Youth worker and Partners worked with Shropshire Council's local joint committee (LJC) to establish Youth work priorities and support consultation for youth work in the local area. Bids are now being received to develop a much needed Youth club in one of the villages, largely due to the efforts of Three Parishes Big Local.

Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them.

CATALYST FOR CHANGE:
As a result of conversations and collaboration at Partnership meetings, a number of Partners have founded an action group outside of Three Parishes Big Local to look at local towpath regeneration .

Our Big Local Co-ordinator and Community & Youth worker act as "sounding boards" for local groups.

St Martins Scouts approached us for advice on funding and recruiting volunteers.

COMMUNITY CHEST CASE STUDY:
The residents of City Lane in Hengoed received a Community Chest grant to hold a Community Barbeque. Hengoed is a rural , spread out area of Gobowen that is sparsely populated. A group of residents applied for a grant to contribute towards the cost of a 'Bring and Share' barbeque, aiming to bring together neighbours to create a greater sense of community. Following on from the barbeque, residents are working together to tackle local issues such as litter, a noticeboard and daffodil planting.

Fusion Arts Oswestry was looking for a way to deliver Youth activities in the Three Parishes area.

Involvement in wider Community projects – improving Gobowen station & saving Gobowen library from closure.

<p>We have organised two art competitions for residents of all ages -"love where you live" and "postcard from my village". We had over 100 entries for "postcard from my village" and 12 entries have been shortlisted for a 2016 calendar.</p>		
	<p>People will feel that their area is an even better place to live</p>	

The FAIRshare Credit Union service points have opened people's eyes to an alternative for saving and borrowing. Twelve months ago Credit Unions were a mystery in the local area but FAIRshare is now becoming part of the community

We have organised two art competitions for residents of all ages – “love where you live” and “postcard from my village”. We had over 100 entries for “postcard from my village” and 12 entries have been shortlisted for a 2016 calendar.

People will feel that their area is an even better place to live

CATALYST FOR CHANGE:
We have organised two events that brought local community groups together and enabled them to promote their activities to residents. Typical feedback comments were “I never knew that so much went on in this area!”

Anecdotal evidence suggests a sea-change in attitude towards Big Local, in particular, the accessibility of the programme for the local communities.

We put on activities for children and young people in each village in February half term. These proved very popular and enabled children of all ages to take part in a street dance master class, learn how to hula hoop and discover the art of drawing cartoon characters.

COMMUNITY CHEST CASE STUDY:
St John Church in Weston Rhyn received a Community Chest grant towards chairs and tables for a Community café. There are no cafes in the village and the Church members had identified that there was a need for a place where people could meet a socialise. The café is staffed by volunteers and currently opens one afternoon a week. It has proved popular with customers of all ages and abilities. In fact, it has become a social life-line for one young resident with mobility needs that finds it very difficult to leave the village.

<p>Our Community Chest and Big Grants Scheme application processes require applicants to consider how their project works towards the Community Aspirations which were developed from community consultation.</p>		
	<p>The Community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises.</p>	

Our Community Chest and Big Grants Scheme application processes require applicants to consider how their project works towards the Community Aspirations which were developed from community consultation.

Some of our projects and grants have supported a handful of people, others have had a much wider impact. We have recognised that even helping a single person has a knock – on effect that increases the community's capacity to grow.

The community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises

CATALYST FOR CHANGE:
We are planning a Plugging the Leaks workshop with UnLtd in September 2015. Parish Councils, local residents and partner organisations will be invited to take part in the workshop.

The model of paid Big Local staff working alongside volunteer partners has shown what can be achieved with dedicated staff resource rather than relying on volunteers.

We are developing a project to involve local people as role models to supplement the careers advice and support available to young people in our area.

COMMUNITY CHEST CASE STUDY:
Good Companions is a social group for retired residents of Weston Rhyn who meet monthly in the local village hall and have occasional days out. Weston Rhyn is a very spread out village with little public transport. Good Companions received a Community Chest grant to use towards reaching out to isolated people in the village and helping them to join the group by providing transport where necessary.

Community Chest grants have been awarded to Gobowen WI for a jewellery making course and St Martins Guides for a healthy eating programme whilst on their summer programme whilst on their summer camp. These projects are examples of how residents of all ages are increasing their skills,		
	People will have increased skills & confidence so that they continue to identify & respond to needs in the future	

Community Chest grants have been awarded to Gobowen WI for a jewellery making course and St Martins Guides for a healthy eating programme whilst on their summer camp. These projects are examples of how residents of all ages are increasing their skills.

We have organised free Basic First Aid courses for local residents. So far, one course has taken place attended by 12 residents and we received positive feedback. Two more courses are planned. The courses are being delivered by our local Community First Responders, promoting the good work that they do in our area.

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

CATALYST FOR CHANGE:
Our Big Local Co-ordinator and Community & Youth worker have worked with individuals and community groups to apply for funding from our Community Chest. The discussions and support sessions have increased the capacity of these groups to apply for further funding independently.

Our Big Local Co-ordinator and Community & Youth worker act as "sounding boards" for local groups.

Focus Weston Rhyn – a group of residents were looking to revive the Weston Rhyn village show. Support from our Big Local workers enabled the residents to recognise that they did have the skills needed to achieve their goals.

COMMUNITY CHEST CASE STUDY:
Gobowen All Rounders Pre-school nursery applied for a grant towards the cost of a training course for staff. An Ofsted inspection had highlighted an urgent training need. The grant from the Three Parishes Big Local Community Chest enabled them to secure high quality training for all staff members, equipping them for a follow up Ofsted inspection when they were assessed as a "Good" setting.

2b A1 sheet. Post-It notes. Partners to put ideas onto chart.	<p>1. As a Big Local Partnership, what have we learnt during the past 12 months?</p>	<p><u>Start time:</u> <u>20 minutes</u></p> <p><u>Finish time:</u></p>
--	--	---

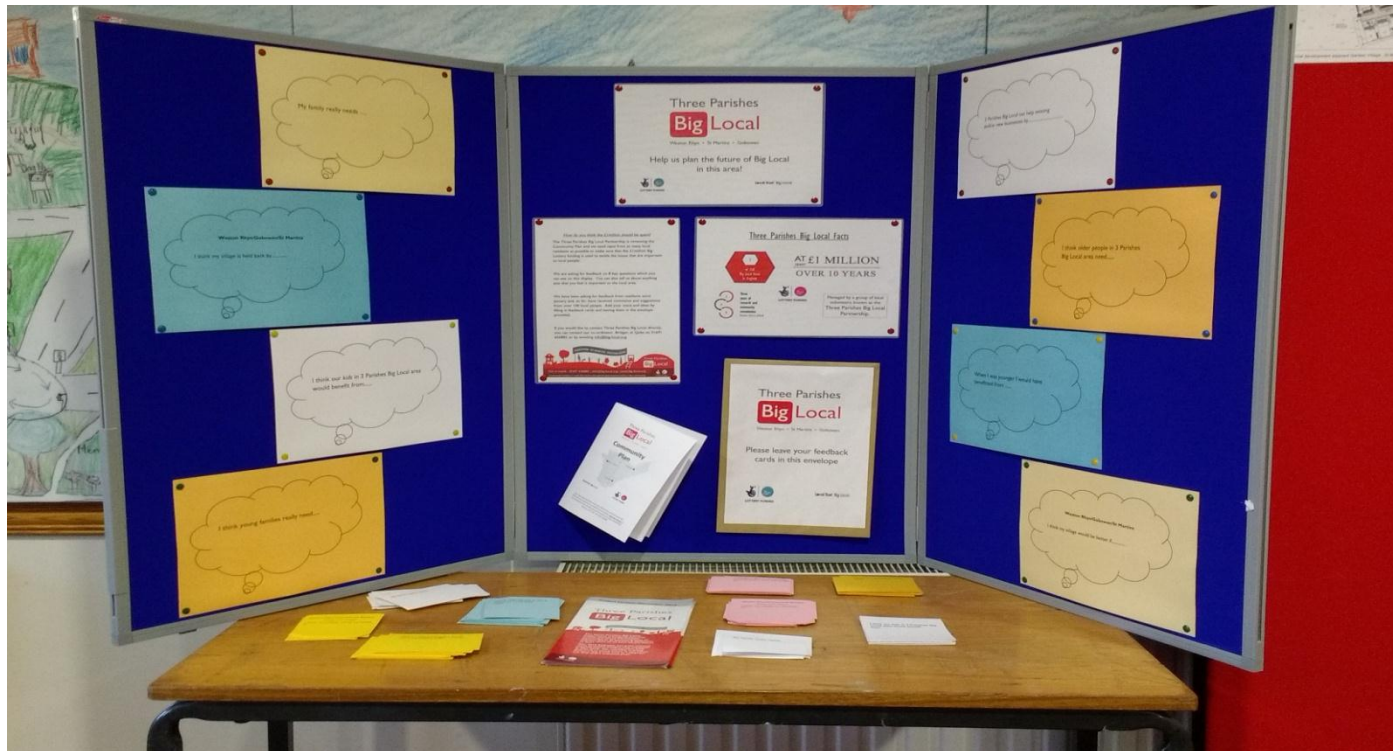
Our learning journey started in 2011 when Big Local was first talked about in the Three Parishes. Some Partners have been involved in the project from the very early days and others have joined more recently. From the start of the project we have learnt that we can work together to achieve goals by recognising each other's strengths and that, by working together, we CAN make a difference to our communities.

The following are some of the things that we have learnt since starting to deliver the Community Plan:



Review Question 8: Do you need a new or revised plan, or will you continue with the existing plan?

Whilst some of the finer details of the projects may have changed since we wrote our original plan twelve months ago, the overall structure and purpose of the plan remains unchanged. We expect to write and submit a revised plan before the end of year 2



Review Question 9: How do you know this is what your community wants?

.