

CALLOW AND HAYWOOD GROUP PARISH  
COMMUNITY LED PLAN

March 2012

Including the parishes of

CALLOW  
HAYWOOD  
GRAFTON  
DEWSALL  
BULLINGHOPE (in Grafton parish)  
TWYFORD (in Callow parish)

## **INTRODUCTION**

This Community Led Plan has been developed by a Steering Group over the last 2 years with the support of the Parish Council and Herefordshire Council.

It is clear from the residents' responses that they care deeply about the parishes and have clear wishes for the future. The nearness of Hereford city means that we need to work especially hard to maintain and enhance the quality of the countryside and the rural nature of the parishes and ensure that the city does not encroach too closely. The parishes lie within an attractive lowland countryside and have a gentle and unassuming topographical character with marvellous views of powerful landscapes such as the Welsh Mountains from many viewpoints. We all hope that this Community Led Plan will enable us to protect the beauty and character of the area and maintain a good quality of life and rural tranquillity for parish residents. Residents are determined to preserve this precious place. The major issue of concern as this plan goes to print is that of the proposed new outer relief road between the A49 and A465. This is being dealt with in other forums but it will still represent a concern for the delivery of this plan. The boundary of the road will inevitably affect the spread of Hereford city into the parishes.

It may be that some residents or members of the Parish Council wish to undertake further work, researching the history of the area or assessing its landscape and local vernacular style. This was sadly beyond the scope of the Steering Group but would be a valuable addition to the work in this plan, adding depth, richness and character.

The Parish Council intend to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan in line with the new policy which will be published by Herefordshire Council in April 2012. Among other issues, this will identify how to respond appropriately to proposed planning developments that impact on the parishes.

### **Developing the Community Led Plan**

#### **Planning for Real**

In June 2010, 4 Planning for Real evenings were held around the parishes. Over 70 people out of a total population of just over 400 people (2001 Census) from the parishes attended these events and recorded their feelings and wishes for the future of the villages.

#### **Questionnaires**

The results of the Planning for Real events were collated into a report and used to create adult and young people's questionnaires that went out to all residents in the autumn of 2010. A total of 88 adults and 7 young people responded. Some of these questionnaires may have been completed by a household rather

than an individual. The responses were analysed by Herefordshire Council Research Team.

**The Community Led Plan** has been developed from all this research and from subsequent work by the Steering Group to decide upon appropriate responses to the issues raised. The draft Plan was presented to the Parish Council and the community for consultation, comments and amendments at a meeting in January 2012. A second draft was posted to all residents for comment.

**A Public Meeting**, attended by 22 people, was held in March 2012 to consult on the second draft plan and this final version with a few additions and amendments is the result of that meeting. The amendments include a 90% vote in the meeting for improved public transport. Some residents asked for every effort to be made to ensure inclusivity in parish activities for all residents. Others felt that this already happened, often with little response. It is hoped that a Community Led Plan Delivery Group drawn from the Parish Council and volunteer residents willing to carry out the agreed actions can be convened to liaise closely with the full Parish Council. A CLP Environmental Group was also recommended. A parish councillor did volunteer to lead the process, but unfortunately only one resident did so. Consequently the Parish Council will have to decide how to take the delivery forward.

All the research data and analysis is available for public view if residents wish to see it.

Each issue identified has been detailed below in the tables with agreed actions and timescales. Percentage results are included where they are significant. Where percentages are small we can be less confident about applying the result to the whole community.

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CLP Community Led Plan