

Brickhill



**Sustainable Community Plan
2011-2016**

Foreword

On behalf of the Bedford Borough Partnership Board and Brickhill Parish Council, we are pleased to endorse the Brickhill Sustainable Community Plan, which has been produced by a steering group of local volunteers together with Brickhill Parish Council and Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity.

The Bedford Borough Partnership Board agreed to fund the Brickhill Sustainable Community Plan as part of a pilot project to explore how local communities could develop their own version of the Bedford Borough Sustainable Community Strategy. There has been a high level of community involvement in the Plan, through a number of events and a detailed questionnaire to all households, which had a high response rate of around 29%. Members of the Bedford Borough Partnership and other local agencies have also been involved in action planning.

We would like to thank all members of the community who have participated in this process, in particular members of the Brickhill Sustainable Community Plan Steering Group.

The result is a Plan that aims to make a significant difference to the quality of life of people living in Brickhill. This Plan will be delivered by various agencies, but we will also need your help as local residents. Much of our success will depend on the efforts of local volunteers, for example in helping to maintain a green and clean environment or organising community events.

We wish those involved all the best in delivering the Plan.



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Introduction

Brickhill Parish Council was particularly keen to participate in the Bedford Borough Partnership's Sustainable Community Plan Pilot because the proposed model held the promise of a degree of engagement and commitment from a variety of stakeholders in the local community.

The pilot uses the Borough wide Sustainable Community Strategy as a template for producing a local level plan in a format that is both useful to the community and which can also easily feed up into Borough wide strategies. The Parish Council has been actively engaged with the pilot scheme from the outset but, as the steering group of volunteers from the community has grown and developed and input from different parts of the community has increased, the pilot has been owned by the wider community.

We were encouraged by the high response rate to the community questionnaire and by the active engagement of the community in the other forms of consultation undertaken. From the questionnaires that were distributed to and collected from every household in the parish 1159 questionnaires were returned, providing a 29% response rate. The degree of involvement and the nature of the feedback clearly demonstrates that the community of Brickhill particularly values its physical environment and actively wishes to protect and enhance it.

We held a multi-agency workshop held at Brickhill Baptist Church following the collation of data from the completed community surveys. This was a productive and useful exercise which was well organised and generally well attended by stakeholders. The workshop was valuable in highlighting the work already being done in the community and the Parish Council, as well as providing a realistic basis for delivery of the sustainable community plans aims.

An action plan has been compiled based on the feedback from all of the community engagement activities. The action plan outlines the key actions and milestones to be undertaken and their respective timescales, priorities and stakeholders who would be involved in their delivery. The named stakeholders have been involved in discussions about the plan to ensure all actions are realistic and achievable.

The Parish Council has now got a vital role to play in monitoring the delivery of this plan and working alongside named partners in the implementation of the various actions. It is key that the increased trust and dialogue that has been built up between the partnership board and the community is maintained to demonstrate the boards long term commitment to this process.





A Greener Brickhill

Environment and Climate Change

Keeping Brickhill as a green, quiet area is a high priority for residents. “Green open spaces” (almost half of respondents) and “the peace and quiet” (over a third) were the two highest scoring reasons for living in Brickhill after “I liked the property”.

Brickhill Parish Council wants to protect existing green spaces and, to this end, has taken out a long lease on Waveney Green. There is general support for further enhancements to the natural environment, particularly planting more flowers and trees, and improvements to the ponds. There are clear concerns about the increased traffic congestion and impact on Brickhill’s environment and character that would be brought by more development in or around the parish.

Significant numbers of respondents felt that footpaths and verges were often overgrown or damaged, and that litter and dog mess were a problem in Brickhill. There continues to be overwhelming support for pursuing the removal of the remaining overhead pylons.

We are all affected by climate change, and action must be taken to address it at both community and individual level. Nearly half of respondents would support a scheme to help residents to insulate their homes, and there was also strong support for community buildings to be better insulated and have micro-generation technology installed. There has already been the recent installation of solar photovoltaic panels at 3 schools in Brickhill, following funding received from the Mayors Climate change fund and the local ward members fund. There are relatively high levels of interest in walking and cycling, with significant numbers wanting to see new foot and cycle paths.

Our aims are to:

- Increase the accessibility and extent of the Public Rights of Way network
- Increase and promote routes and facilities for cycling
- Make a range of enhancements to the natural environment, and protect existing green open spaces
- Support successful completion of a Country Park for Brickhill
- Promote use of allotments
- Keep Brickhill clean and tidy
- Improve maintenance of trees and verges
- Set up a new community group to focus on reducing Brickhill’s carbon footprint
- Continue to pursue the removal of overhead pylons.





An Aspiring Brickhill

Children & Young People

GCSE results of children in Brickhill attending local authority maintained schools are above the Borough average. Levels of child poverty are variable, being as low as 2% or as high as 24% depending on the area of Brickhill.



Young people and their parents would welcome more activities and facilities being available in Brickhill, or more accessible through transport. Youth consultation also showed a strong desire from the young people of Brickhill to protect the parks and open spaces and further expand and improve the equipment and facilities available in them. There was also a desire for a greater variety of shops or takeaway food outlets to be available within the local shopping parades.

Already since starting this plan there is work being undertaken by a number of agencies including BPHA, local schools, the youth service and Brickhill Baptist Church to support and work with young people in the area.

Our aim is to:

- Provide more activities, facilities and transport for young people.





A Healthy Brickhill

Adult Health & Well-being

Generally, people in Brickhill enjoy good health. Life expectancy in Brickhill is among the highest in Bedford Borough, as much as around 10 years higher than in some wards. The level of limiting long-term illness is slightly lower than expected for the age profile of the ward. However, there is considerable variation within different parts of Brickhill.

Around a quarter of Brickhill residents are pensioners, higher than the Borough average. The proportion of those living in poverty is well under the Borough average, except in the north west of the parish where 28% of older people are income deprived.

Much of Brickhill, particularly the north, is geographically distant from mainstream services. Because there is no full GP surgery in Brickhill, people have to travel to neighbouring wards for primary care facilities. This can be a difficulty for people without their own transport, many of whom are older people who may need occasional help from neighbours in order to continue living independently at home. Just over 10% of respondents reported difficulty in getting to a GP surgery, and around a quarter of respondents felt that a Good Neighbour scheme would be useful to them.

There was considerable interest in healthy living activities such as a walking group and keep fit class.

Our aims are to:

- Set up a Good Neighbour Scheme to provide assistance to residents
- Increase accessibility of medical facilities for Brickhill residents
- Organise healthy living activities to help maintain long term health of residents.





ASaferBrickhill

Safer Communities

The vast majority of respondents feel safe in Brickhill, with 98% and 75% claiming to feel 'very safe' or 'safe' during the day and at night respectively. There is general satisfaction with the Police, with only 12% rating the service as poor. Around a fifth wanted better communication between the Police & the local community, and almost two thirds felt that a more regular, visible Police presence was needed.

Anti-social behaviour is seen as the biggest issue, with a third of respondents having been concerned about it and 15% subjected to it over the last 2 years. Significant minorities also had concerns about burglary, vandalism and vehicle crime. However, crime rates for Brickhill remain below the Borough average.

Speeding was highlighted as a problem, and (to a lesser extent) dangerous parking. Nearly half of respondents thought that potholes and road condition was a problem, and over a third saw a need for more road salting in icy weather.

Our aims are to:

- Further improve communication between Police & local community
- Seek volunteers in order to widen Neighbourhood Watch Scheme coverage
- Reduce fear of crime
- Reduce noise nuisance & anti social behaviour
- Increase residents input into the community safety forum
- Remove or improve run-down garage blocks
- Reduce speeding and dangerous parking
- Improve road safety in icy weather.





An Inclusive Brickhill

Social Inclusion, Community Cohesion and Culture

Brickhill is already quite a vibrant community, and there is clearly demand for more community activities. The Parish Council newsletter is widely read and highly rated – although over a quarter of respondents wanted to see more community news and activities included. Most people also get information about local activities from free papers. There was overwhelming support for a Brickhill directory listing local services, activities and businesses, as well as for newsletters from local service providers.

Feedback on the communication and representativeness of the Parish Council varied, but was generally positive. Only 30% of respondents felt that they could influence decisions made about their local area, which is similar to figures from national surveys.

Our aims are to:

- Improve promotion of activities and services available in Brickhill
- Help residents to influence decisions affecting their local area
- Organise more community events & activities
- Encourage take-up of Adult education classes



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A Thriving Brickhill

Economic Development, Regeneration and Enterprise

Relatively few jobs are provided in Brickhill: just under 1 for every 3 people of working age. This means that over 80% of working residents commute outside the parish, mainly within Bedford (60%) but also to the rest of Bedfordshire, Milton Keynes or elsewhere. Around 9% of people are on out-of-work benefits, under the Borough average.

Increasing the provision of shops and other services locally would help to provide more local employment and reduce reliance on transport for accessing employment. There is also a demand for local job search support, involving local agencies working together in partnership.

Brickhill has a considerably higher proportion of detached homes than the Borough average, with this being the most common dwelling type, reflected in higher than average Council tax valuations. There is a relative shortage of affordable housing in Brickhill, with 10% of respondents claiming to need affordable housing now or in the next 3 years.

Just over two thirds of respondents use the bus service to varying degrees – many people would use it more if fares were cheaper.

Our aims are to:

- Increase range of shops and services available
- Co-ordinate provision of job search support
- Pilot different options to encourage more use of the bus service



A Greener Brickhill

Environment and Climate Change

No.	Action	Priority
1	Set up an environmental volunteer group within Brickhill to ensure a coordinated approach to environmental improvements	High
2	Accessibility & extent of Public Rights of Way network	Medium
3	Increase and promote routes and facilities for cycling	Medium



Key

- BBC - Bedford Borough Council
 BRCC - Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity
 BPHA - Bedford Pilgrim Housing Association

Milestones	Timescale	Stakeholders
Set up an environmental volunteer group in Brickhill to cover a number of aspects, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly inspect footpaths within the Rights of Way Network and report any problems. Work in conjunction with neighbouring parishes to cover surrounding network. 	Year 1	Parish Council BBC Rights of Way Officer BRCC BBC Senior Arboricultural Officer Residents BBC Highways
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor condition of the ponds and consider what improvements could be made 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train volunteers to monitor trees, provide basic tree maintenance and report any issues 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create new paths to make circular routes, where shown to be feasible. Conduct a mapping exercise to assess local demand and identify priority locations. 	Years 2 - 5	Parish Council BBC Rights of Way Officer BRCC Residents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look to improve access to rights of way network for those with mobility problems. Target areas where demand is highest in order to focus resources. 	Years 2 - 5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve accessibility to Freemans Common Bridleway. 	Years 3 - 4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install a kissing gate between the Carron Road estate and Woodlands Park estate to resolve current access issues, ensure this is accessible to those with pushchairs and wheelchairs. 	Year 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish Rights of Way Officers contact details in parish magazine and on website. 	Year 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce an information leaflet/map on what routes are currently available. 	Years 2 - 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve signage of network, investigate the possibility of business sponsorship for this. 	Years 1 - 2	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide additional on or off road cycle routes to link up with existing provision, where feasible. 	Years 2 - 5	BBC – Cycling Development Officer Sustrans Parish Council Cycling Campaign for North Bedfordshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the cycle campaign for North Bedfordshire to resolve the issues that they have already identified. 	Year 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased promotion of existing cycle routes. 	Years 2 - 4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make people aware of the locations of existing secure locking points. 	Year 1	

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No.	Action	Priority
4	Make environmental enhancements and protect green open spaces	High
5	Promote use of allotments	Low
6	Keep Brickhill clean and tidy	Medium

Milestones	Timescale	Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase promotion of Brickhill in Bloom group in order to attract more members. 	Year 1	Parish Council Local Landowners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brickhill in Bloom to Identify suitable locations to plant more flowers and trees 	Years 1 -2	BBC – Pride in Bedford
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase promotion of friends of Parkwood group. 	Years 1 - 2	BBC - Bedford in Bloom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a community garden and wild flower area at Brickhill House subject to land owners agreement 	Years 1 - 2	BRCC Residents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a site management process for Clapham Park Wood. 	Years 1 - 2	BBC – Green Space Manager
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote existing sites such as Clapham Park Wood and Freemans Common 	Years 1 - 2	Clapham Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to implement the Green Wheel project to build on the existing network of routes for walkers and cyclists in and around Bedford 	Ongoing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a country park to the North of Brickhill. Build on this new country park, once developed, to create a network of accessible public access sites around the outskirts of Brickhill. 	Years 1 - 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the protection of existing green open spaces 	Ongoing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further assess the demand for additional seating & a picnic area and seek suggestions regarding desired locations 	Years 1 - 2	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Council to split some existing allotments into 2 smaller plots where there is a demand and when allotments are being re-leased 	Ongoing	Parish Council (allotment strategy) Local Landowners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the community allotment and how residents can get involved 	Year 1	BBC – Head of Leisure and Culture

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage greater involvement from local schools via Pride in Bedford & Waste services. Also through the education phase of the BBC ‘Why would you campaign’ 	Ongoing	Parish Council BBC – Extended Services Custer co-ordinator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote street champion scheme and encourage more residents to join – via street rangers 	Year 1	Beauchamp Middle School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed penalties for those caught littering to be issued through BBC’s campaign ‘Why would you’ 	Ongoing	Other local schools Residents Pride in Bedford
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Why would you’ campaign to survey residents and establish if dog mess bins are in the most suitable locations. 	Ongoing	BBC – Environmental Services Manager BBC Waste Services Education and Recycling Team



No.	Action	Priority
6 (cont.)	Keep Brickhill clean and tidy	Medium
7	Improve maintenance of and damage to verges	Medium
8	Improve tree maintenance	Medium
9	Reduce Brickhill's carbon footprint	High
10	Continue to pursue the removal of overhead pylons	High

Milestones	Timescale	Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure dog mess bins are installed in Woodlands Park (dependant on adoption of land by BBC) 	Year 1	<i>As overleaf.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicity campaign to ensure that dog owners are aware of the penalties of dog fouling. Link in where appropriate with the 'Why would you' campaign. 	Ongoing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce a Dog watch scheme 	Years 1 - 2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBC dog warden to be advised of problems areas. 	Year 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure residents are aware of how to report incidences of fly tipping and Graffiti. 	Ongoing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with local retailers on schemes to promote the reduction of packaging and use of carrier bags, provide more litter bins in return for advertising space and display signage encouraging proper disposal of packaging. 	Years 2 - 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue tackling problem areas by increasing signage and photographing registration plates of persistent offenders 	Year 1	Parish Council Landowners Residents BBC – Open Space Contract Officer BBC – Highways
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify if there are suitable locations to install bollards to deter parking on grass verges 	Years 2 - 4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify if there are any suitable areas where grass verges could be turned into additional parking areas. 	Years 2 - 4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase signage in areas where dangerous parking occurs to allow penalties to be issued. 	Year 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train volunteers from the environmental volunteers group (see action 1) to monitor trees, provide basic tree maintenance and report any issues. 	Years 1 - 2	Parish Council BBC Senior Arboricultural Officer Residents BBC Highways
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up a community group to focus on reducing the carbon footprint of Brickhill 	Years 1 - 2	Parish Council BBC – Sustainability Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In light of the responses received to the questionnaire the Parish Council to discuss with owners of the lines their long term future plans and express the concerns of the Parish. 	Years 1 - 5	Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure residents directly affected by the location of the pylons are aware of available Wayleave payments that can be claimed 	Years 1 - 2	

An Aspiring Brickhill

Children & Young People

No.	Action	Priority
11	Provide more facilities for young people	Medium



Key

- BBC - Bedford Borough Council
 BRCC - Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity
 BPHA - Bedford Pilgrim Housing Association

Milestones	Timescale	Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with young people in Brickhill to identify what they want to do in the area and involve them in setting these up 	Year 1	Parish Council BPHA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look into the feasibility of providing additional leisure facilities and conduct further consultation with the community on any potential plans 	Years 1 - 2	BBC – Youth Support Operations Manager Developers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at feasibility of providing evening transport specifically for young people to access facilities outside Brickhill 	Years 1 - 2	BBC – Greenspace manager BBC Fleet Services Manager
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on the provision of play equipment for the Woodlands park estate. Developer provide play equipment in Woodlands Park 	Year 1	North Beds Community Transport

A Healthy Brickhill

Adult Health & Well-being

No.	Action	Priority
12	Provide assistance to residents who face difficulty accessing services and facilities	High

13	Increase accessibility of medical facilities for Brickhill residents.	Medium
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14	Help to maintain long term health and wellbeing of residents	Medium
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Key

- BBC - Bedford Borough Council
 BRCC - Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity
 BPHA - Bedford Pilgrim Housing Association

Milestones	Timescale	Stakeholders
• Set up a Good Neighbour scheme in Brickhill	Years 1 - 2	BRCC
• Encourage residents who face difficulty in reaching medical facilities to use the Good Neighbour Scheme once it is established	Years 1 - 2	Parish Council Lloyds Pharmacy
• Promote the prescription delivery service offered by Lloyds pharmacy	Year 1	

• NHS Bedfordshire to continue to survey patients views to assess the demand for medical services in Brickhill	Years 1 - 5	NHS Bedfordshire – Primary Care Commissioning Service Parish Council
• If sufficient demand is demonstrated, work with existing practices to extend the services that they offer.	Years 1 - 5	

• Set up healthy living activities such as walking group, keep fit classes and cooking classes dependant on the demand.	Years 1 - 2	BPHA NHS Bedfordshire – Public Health Manager
• Consider possible locations for the provision of an outdoor fitness trail / gym	Years 2 - 4	BRCC
• Promote the fit@60 programme run by BPHA	Year 1	BBC – Extended Schools service
• Increase awareness of support available for carers (e.g. carers assessments, carers café and carers breaks)	Year 1	Parish Council

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Safer Communities

No.	Action	Priority
15	Further improved communication between the Police and Fire Service and local community	Medium
16	Widen Neighbourhood Watch Scheme coverage	Low
17	Reduce fear of crime	Low



Key

- BBC - Bedford Borough Council
 BRCC - Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity
 BPHA - Bedford Pilgrim Housing Association

Milestones	Timescale	Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure visible police presence is treated as an important factor in policing plans 	Years 1 - 2	Beds Police Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertise any feedback discussions being held to encourage members of the community to attend. 	Year 1	St Thomas Moore Upper School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look into the feasibility of providing police surgeries at alternative locations where they are most accessible to residents (e.g. Outside schools, at local shops etc) 	Year 1	BBC – Community Safety Manager Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at setting up community safety forum at upper school to feed into the main community safety forum 	Years 1 - 2	Neighbourhood Watch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot the use of Bluetooth messaging to promote police surgeries, events etc. 	Year 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage residents to sign up to Ringmaster computerised messaging system 	Year 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase promotion of opportunities offered by Beds and Luton Fire and Rescue Service in Brickhill 	Year 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek volunteers from the community to be involved in Neighbourhood Watch in order to maintain coverage across Brickhill. 	Years 1 - 2	Neighbourhood Watch BBC – Community Safety Manager
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend coverage to cover Woodlands Park. 	Years 1 - 2	Beds Police Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide information on home security measures, vehicle security and personal safety & support residents to implement. 	Years 1 - 2	Beds Police Bobby Van BBC - Community Safety Manager
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reassure residents of low likelihood of being victim of crime 	Year 1	Neighbourhood watch Beds Police Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Parish Council

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No.	Action	Priority
18	Reduce noise nuisance & anti social behavior	Low

19	Increase residents input into Community safety forum	High
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20	Removal / Improvement of run down garage blocks	Medium
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21	Reduce Speeding	High
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Milestones	Timescale	Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure residents are aware of how to report incidences of noise nuisance and anti social behavior. 	Year 1	Beds Police Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage reporting of instances of Anti social behavior to the community safety forum so that it is incorporated into their priorities. 	Year 1	BBC - Community Safety Manager Neighbourhood watch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide information to let people know what is considered anti social behaviour and what is not anti social behavior. 	Year 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police to follow up reports as appropriate and feed back to callers 	Ongoing	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create some new publicity for the Community Safety Forums outlining what they are and how long the meeting last and distribute to every household. 	Year 1	Bedfordshire Police BBC – Community Safety Manager
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial holding a forum meeting at a weekend 	Year 1	Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote facility through Parish Council website to encourage feedback though other means in addition to community safety forum. 	Years 1 -2	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranger Service to carry out survey of garage block areas 	Years 2 -4	BPHA Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify owners of run down garage blocks and enter into discussions on their improvement / removal. 	Years 2 -4	BBC Planning BBC Ranger Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify other uses for the land, where feasible (e.g. community allotments, youth facility, redevelopment etc) 	Ongoing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult residents on any future plans 	Year 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPHA to pilot outsourcing the management of some garage blocks. If successful look to replicate across the whole of Brickhill. 	Year 1	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify recommended methods of speed reduction and decide which would be most suitable 	Years 1 - 2	Beds Police BBC - Community Safety Manager
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with the community on the strategy which is developed 	Years 2 - 3	Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train up community members to use police mobile speed camera to enable regular speed checks to be undertaken and report back to the police as part of the speed watch scheme 	Years 1 - 2	Residents Neighbourhood Watch BBC - Assistant Director of Highways and Transport

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No.	Action	Priority
22	Reduce dangerous parking	High

23	Improve road safety in icy weather	High
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Milestones	Timescale	Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle dangerous parking by using new CCTV enforcement car and issuing fines to offenders 	Year 1	Beds Police Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include information in the Brickhill newsletter to raise awareness of what is considered dangerous parking and its effects 	Years 1 -2	BBC - Assistant Director of Highways and Transport
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate if there are any locations where additional off street parking can be created 	Years 2 - 4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish council to promote the need for adequate parking is taken into account in any future developments. 	Ongoing	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify areas where lack of road salting is perceived to be a problem and discuss with the Borough Council if additional roads can be gritted routinely or more frequently. 	Year 1	Parish Council BBC – Highways asset manager
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate potential options for keeping main footways clear and safe in icy weather 	Years 1 - 2	

An Inclusive Brickhill

Social Inclusion, Community Cohesion and Culture

No.	Action	Priority
24	Improve promotion of activities and services available in Brickhill	High

25	Help residents to influence decisions made about their local area	Medium
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26	Organise more Community events & activities	Medium
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27	Encourage take up of Adult education classes	Medium
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 BRCC - Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity
 BPHA - Bedford Pilgrim Housing Association

Milestones	Timescale	Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage all organizations active in Brickhill to promote their activities and services through the Parish Council newsletter and free newspapers. 	Year 1	Parish Council All Partners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote Parish Council website and the opportunity to receive email updates 	Year 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a directory of local activities, services and facilities in Brickhill on the Parish Council website and some hard copies and ensure regularly updated 	Year 1 - 2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide more opportunities for people in Brickhill to be involved in the issues that affect them. 	Ongoing	BBC Partnership Board Ward Cllr's
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate decisions and feed back how involvement of residents has influenced them. 	Ongoing	Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek volunteers to help organize community events specifically targeted at young people and also the elderly. 	Year 1	Parish Council BBC- Youth Support Operations Manager
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertise existing adult education opportunities available in Bedford. 	Years 1	Parish Council BPHA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look into the demand for providing a range of classes that contribute towards, improving health and wellbeing, support community involvement and where appropriate support work readiness/improve skills of those working and living in Brickhill. 	Years 1 - 2	Local Schools BBC - Adult skills and community learning services manager BBC - Extended Schools Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the services offered by the extended schools service. Promote the extended school service website in Parish Council newsletter, on website and in community directory. 	Years 1	BBC - Assistant Director of Highways and Transport

A Thriving Brickhill

Economic Development, Regeneration and Enterprise

No.	Action	Priority
28	Increase range of shops and services available	Medium
29	Co-ordinate provision of job search support	Low
30	Pilot different options to encourage more use of the bus service	Medium



Milestones	Timescale	Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage BBC to look at alternative ways of attracting new tenants, even if for short term lets or charitable lets. 	Years 1 - 2	BBC – Head of Property Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine feasibility for establishing a community café/local food shop 	Years 1 - 2	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve access to Bedford work club provision 	Year 1	Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once the Bedford work club model is established explore the option of branching out to local community venue. 	Years 1 - 2	BPHA Local Schools Bedford Borough Council – Economic Development Manager (regeneration) Employment Support Providers Jobcentre Plus

<p>Look into the feasibility of trialing the following options to encourage greater use of the bus service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote smart ticketing options once it become available in the Bedford area 	Years 1 - 2	Stagecoach BBC – Passenger Transport Manager
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve publicity of timetables, identify some key locations around Brickhill where timetables can be made available 	Years 1	Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look into the feasibility of providing greater co-ordination of services with train times 	Years 1 - 2	



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