

### ■ Background

- Residents' opinion is evenly divided about this issue. Residents tend to relate well to people in their own distinct areas, but do not often get involved in whole village issues. This issue was raised through Residents Association meetings, Neighbourhood Watch Forums, Local Feedback sessions and interviews.
- The various residents' groups and organisations find it difficult to get volunteers and they report that membership numbers are dropping.
- There is a reported lack of community pride in the area.
- There is a perceived lack of strong village identity.
- The village shopping parade is in poor repair.
- The Village Hall is in poor repair and is used by local clubs, individuals groups, and the Crèche.

### ■ Location(s)      Hooley

### ■ Action

- Support initiatives to:
  - Refurbish the Village Hall (new roof and internal and external redecoration).  
**Responsibility:** Village Hall Committee, community reparation team
  - Cut back overgrown hedges around Hall.  
**Responsibility:** Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
  - Upgrade the village shopping parade.  
**Responsibility:** Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
  - Replace old lampposts, which have peeling paint.  
**Responsibility:** Surrey County Council Highways
  - Place village name signs on all the main roads into the village.  
**Joint Responsibility:** Residents Association and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
  - Entering village white posts.  
**Responsibility:** Surrey County Council Highways
  - Arrange a Village Spring Clean.  
**Responsibility:** Reigate and Banstead Borough Council and Residents
  - Promote volunteering.  
**Responsibility:** CVS
  - Refurbish A23 barriers.  
**Responsibility:** Highways Agency

## ■ Resource

- The Residents Association is funding village signs.
- Reigate and Banstead Borough Council to fund an additional village name sign for the top of Star Lane.
- Organise Spring Clean - Reigate and Banstead Borough Council Officer Time.
- Upgrade Village shopping parade - Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, Surrey Community Buildings Grant Scheme.
- Potential funding for Village Hall - Surrey County Council and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council.

## ■ Timescale

- Promote volunteering - ongoing.
- September 2005 - decoration by reparation team (Village Hall).
- Overgrown hedges - completed.
- Village Shopping Parade, part of Borough initiative - completed by 2009.
- Lamppost replacement programme - long term.
- Successful bid in for Community Liaison funding of signs Summer 2005 - completed.
- Signs awaiting Highways permission.
- Spring clean - May 2005 - completed.
- Barriers completed.



## ■ Outcome Measure/Reporting

- Physical actions undertaken.
- Reporting to Ward Councillors and Residents Association.

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## ■ Local Community : What you can do

- Join in the Village Spring Clean.
  - Support activities in your Village Hall.
  - Become a Volunteer. Contact the Council of Voluntary Service for details.
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