

Local Community Action Plan for Netherne on the Hill

Welcome to the Local Community Action Plan for the Netherne on the Hill area. This is one of the first of this type of Plan, developed in the Borough as part of a pilot project. It is aimed at developing a better understanding of local residents' needs and priorities.

We hope we have included some issues that you will recognise in the Plan and that you will agree with the actions recommended. We welcome your suggestions for change or improvement through the contact details provided on the back page.

■ What is the purpose of a Local Community Action Plan?

The Borough Council actively works towards the achievement of sustainable and thriving communities for the people who live and work in the Borough, based on the principles of self-reliance, personal responsibility and freedom of choice. The Borough Council contributes to the overall sense of wellbeing in the Borough through the provision of high quality, value for money public services, and undertakes projects and initiatives that improve the quality of life.

This Plan has been developed by the local Borough Councillors in conjunction with local residents and is intended to support these principles.

The information gathered from this process will be shared with other service providers, such as Surrey County Council, the Police and the Local Strategic Partnership, to help inform service planning and delivery in the area and across the Borough.

■ The Area

The Project area is the village development of Netherne on the Hill. The area lies to the north of Redhill on a disused hospital site, above the A23 on the northern boundary of the Borough. It currently has a population of approximately 500, living in a range of property types including converted hospital buildings. The development is planned to continue growing over the next few years. The area has some local services and amenities including a shop and local clubs. There is an active social group and Residents Association, providing local events that have helped to bring the community together.

■ How was the Plan developed?

This Plan has been developed over a period of 6 months. It has been a planned process involving interviews, attendance at meetings and presentations, feedback sessions, research and survey work.

Councillors have been working with representatives of key organisations in the area to understand the problems and identify ways in which they might be tackled. The outcomes reflected in this Plan will lead to improvements that are of value to local people and that they will notice.

● ***The community have identified the following key issues:***

Planning	Dog fouling
Roads and pavements	Transport
Community development	
Lack of facilities/opportunities for young people	

Although the Plan focuses on improvements, there has been much positive feedback from residents about the area they live in. Of particular value to local people is their location in the countryside but with easy access to a wide range of services and amenities.

The Plan contains:

- A description of each issue.
- The background to how it was identified.
- The location of the problem.
- What actions are to be taken to improve the situation.
- Who will lead and take responsibility for the actions.
- The resources needed.
- How long it will take to carry out the actions.
- What will be different when the actions have been carried out.

More detailed information regarding community profile and the liaison and consultation processes used to develop this Plan are contained on the Borough Council website (reigate-banstead.gov.uk), along with information on the Borough Community Plan and the Borough Council's Corporate Plan.

■ **What happens next?**

It will be possible to carry out some of the actions within this Plan almost immediately, but others will take some time to deliver. The Community Liaison Team will monitor the Plans on an on-going basis. Progress will be reported back to the public in a number of ways including:

- The Reigate and Banstead website (www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk)
- Borough News