



# Planning for the Future

Parish Plans give everyone the chance to get involved in planning the future of their town or village.

They are created through detailed consultation and discussions with people living in an area and are one of the most important documents produced by parish councils such as Hetton Town Council.

Once completed Plans highlight the important issues raised by local people and look at ways forward. These issues can be anything from making sure building projects fit in with the local character of an area to improving the state of local parks.

Everyone has a chance to develop a Parish Plan and the final document will:

- Identify key facilities and services.
- Set out problems that need to be tackled.
- Show how an area's distinctive characters and features can be conserved.
- Set out an action plan for the area.

The whole process of developing a Parish Plan is one of learning and sharing:

- Learning more about the area.
- Meeting new people.
- Finding out what is going on.
- Sharing ideas and concerns.

Parish Plans can be critical in securing funding for projects and schemes identified as important to local people. They add credibility, weight and hard evidence to funding bids made either by parish and town councils or organisations in their areas.

Equally important is the role a Parish Plan can have on influencing the decisions and plans of other service providers such as the



## A letter of support on the work carried out by Hetton Town Council from Fraser Kemp, MP.

local authorities, the police, and health authorities.

Hetton Town Council wants everyone to be involved in producing the Parish Plan. This will include:

- Community 'get together' meetings.
- Regular updates in the Hetton Courier.
- Public participation sessions at full council meetings.
- Introduction of new ward surgeries for town councillors.

Watch press and information points for full details.

## No one misses out

Hetton Town Council aims to deliver the *Hetton Town Courier* to every household in its area.

If you know someone who has not received their copy please contact:

Hetton Courier Deliveries, Hetton Town Council, The Hetton Centre, Welfare Road, Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne & Wear, DH5 9NE.

## Get your message across!

WHETHER you're a local business wanting to reach existing, or new, customers or you are someone who runs a local group and wants to promote what you're doing, the Hetton Town Courier is in a unique position to help you.

Delivered quarterly to households across Hetton Town Council's area and promoted via the council's popular website - [www.hettontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.hettontowncouncil.gov.uk) - the Hetton Town Courier can open up whole new markets and audiences for you.

The next edition is due out in January, to find out how you can advertise at competitive rates to around 7,000 homes in the next edition of the Hetton Town Courier, or how you could promote your organisation and its activities, contact Hetton Town Clerk, John Price on (0191) 5536600.

# Cash Boost For Community Activities

Hetton Town Council can offer a vital cash boost to local people to support the work they do in their local community.

The Town Council's Community Grants Award Scheme is open to both individuals and community groups and can offer much needed financial assistance to eligible applicants. There's an easy-to-complete application form

which, once returned, is considered by councillors.

The scheme is open to all kinds of clubs and groups, and even individuals who are 'excelling' in some way and creating a positive image of Hetton.

In 2006-2007 grants were given to support the cost of Christmas parties and festivities, cycling events, soccer competitions, sports

tournaments in Spain, pupil attendance schemes, fireworks displays, equipment for scouts and cricket clubs.

To find out more about the Award Scheme contact Town Clerk on (0191) 553 6600 or write to: Community Grants Award Scheme, Hetton Town Council, The Hetton Centre, Welfare Road, Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne & Wear, DH5 9NE.

