

This is an outline of possible projects to achieve the above and work within the objectives of LDT as defined in the Memorandum of Association.

Each project will be reviewed in detail, with definition of outputs and outcomes to meet the requirements of LEADER and other funding bodies.

*Final priorities are still to be agreed and will be defined during the early stages of the first project below, but it is anticipated that those marked with * will be close to the top of the list.*

***Community Local Plan.** This will include:

- An overall strategy and plan of desired amenities and services including open space
- A list of what is available
- A priority list of needs will be prepared after wide community consultation
- Implementation plans and budgets as to the upgrading and establishment of such needs
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Items below will be included as part of this plan.

***Youth Services.** The provision of facilities for the youth of the village including 'streetwork' services and a youth club/base.

***Streetscape Regeneration.** The establishment of a regeneration fund to facilitate the upgrading and improvement of the village centre. The fund will provide for:

- Professional advice on strategy and planning including project guidelines and design drawings
- Abbeygreen area shop front upgrade, with 50% of the cost coming from the owners/tenants
- Landscape enhancement

***Village Centre Regeneration.** The research, planning and provision of additional facilities for businesses, to attract employers, employees and customers to the village centre.

***Community Learning.** Provision of services to enable youth and adult learning, with increased opportunities for employment and career advancement. This could be provided with, or linked to the local High School.

Employment and Services Creation. Research and organise campaigns to attract employment to the area and the provision of resident and visitor services e.g. B&Bs. (The above will concentrate on the village centre area, this project will cover areas outside the centre. Both projects may be combined but still retaining a key emphasise on the centre.)

Heritage Enhancement. The research and review of village history, planning and implementation of appropriate resources including display facilities, signage, and publicity activities and materials. There is currently little or no use made of the fantastic history of the village dating from the 12th century.

Heritage Preservation. Identification of key historical, architectural and construction heritage items in the village and surrounding areas and plans as to how they may be preserved for the benefit of the community

Listed Buildings and Structures. Liaise with owners and others to preserve, identify, and advertise such structures.

Conservation Area. Working with SLC, explore, expand and upgrade the concept and environment of the village conservation area.

Community Facilities. Provision of facilities to support the operation of village social and voluntary not-for-profit organisations; which provide services to children, youths, adults, adults in need of support, and the elderly. This will include entertainment and recreational activities.

Outdoor Activities. In conjunction with Healthy Valleys and the Forestry Commission build and organise amenities and services for rambling, orienteering, bike trails, archery, etc.

Sporting Facilities. Investigate, cost and arrange funding for the development and operation of such facilities not freely available, or where current facilities don't meet demand. This could include basketball, skateboard/BMX track, running track, etc.

Village Communication. Establish and operate a community newsletter.

Community Renewable Energy Development. Review of opportunities to develop schemes beneficial to the village.

***Trust Operation.** Two key projects/initiatives for funding are already underway:

- **Operational base:** The conversion of an empty Abbeygreen/Main Street shop to an administrative LDT office. This will initially be manned by volunteers
- **Project Development Officer.** The appointment of an experienced person to research and obtain funding for projects and be a key person in the planning, monitoring and implementation of projects. This person will be monitored and controlled by the LDT management team and he/she will be assisted by appropriately experienced members of LDT.