

Appendix D

Budleigh Salterton Neighbourhood Plan Background Information



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1.0 Details of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

1.1 Following the decision by BSTC to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the town and agreement by EDDC a Steering Group was set up. The following residents and councillors volunteered to be members of this group.

Roger Sherriff	Chairman
Roger Saunders	Secretary & Chairman of Otter Valley Association
Chris Kitson	BS Mayor & Town Councillor
Steve Hall	Town Councillor & EDDC Councillor
Lynda Evans	Town Councillor
Alan Jones	Town Councillor
Nicola Daniels	Resident
Elinor Pepperell	Resident
Mark McGlade	Resident
George Maddaford	Resident
Geoff Lake	Resident

1.2 Following public consultation four Focus groups were set up. Each chaired by a member of the Steering Group.

Housing, Built Environment and Natural Environment

Nicola Daniels, Maureen De Viell, George Maddaford, Geoff Lake.

Business and Employment

Steve Hall, Chris Kitson, Alan Tilbury (Chamber of Commerce), Helen Warren (Budleigh in Business), Mike Henderson, Peter Chadwick, Harry Carter.

Community, Leisure and Wellbeing

Mark McGlade, Lynda Evans, Elinor Pepperell, Dr Richard Mejzner, Sue Lake, Rev Julia Henley.

Traffic & Transport

Alan Jones, Geoff Lake, Stuart Yerrell, Graham Watson.

Census statistics were compiled by Jan Ellis.

2.0 Details on Places of Worship in Budleigh Salterton

2.1 Budleigh Salterton is fortunate to have five Christian denomination represented within the town boundary at present. Each church offers a slightly different style of worship and provides a key gathering point for the community. All the ministers are involved with offering pastoral care to those in Residential Homes and those who are unable to attend church, believing very much that the role of the Church is to bless its community and share widely the love of God.

2.2 Budleigh Baptist Church is located in Little Knowle and dates back to 1844. There is a 10.30am service each Sunday and a more informal service once a month at 4pm. Each Wednesday morning the church is open for prayer and quiet reflection. It is recognised that in our busy and hectic age, it is good to take time to be still with God. The Baptist Church has also recently started The Wave Community Café at the Venture Hall in Moor Lane on a Friday afternoon. It is hoped that this will provide an opportunity for the community to get together - from the youngest to the oldest.

2.3 The Church on the Green can be found in Station Road and is an independent evangelical church. There is a Sunday morning service at 10.30 am and a midweek meeting on a Tuesday evening. On the last Monday of the month the church opens for a soup lunch from 12 noon and on the second Wednesday of the month there is a coffee morning. Anyone is welcome to attend these events, especially those who are lonely or in need.

2.4 St Peter's is the Parish Church and is located in The Lawn. It was consecrated in 1893 and now forms part of the Raleigh Mission Community including St Michael's in Otterton and All Saints in East Budleigh. It is the largest gathering space in the town and is well used for many community events and festivals. It still remains primarily a holy space, open daily, but a space in which all are welcome, of any faith and none. Many come during the week to rest awhile, or to light a candle for a loved one. In addition to Sunday services St Peter's offers mid-week communions, twice monthly lunch clubs and on a Friday morning the Rendezvous Café to which all are welcome.

2.5 The Catholic Church of St Peter, Prince of Apostles is situated in Clinton Terrace. It now forms part of the Parish of the Holy Family, sharing a Priest with the Church of the Holy Ghost in Exmouth. Mass is held at 9 am in

Budleigh on a Sunday and there are various other groups including a knitting group, a book club and involvement with social projects which run in conjunction with the Exmouth congregation.

2.6 Temple Methodist Church in Fore Street is Budleigh's oldest church, having been built in 1812. Temple holds Parent, Toddler and Baby groups on a Monday and Tuesday morning and also various other groups for older children and teenagers, both On a Sunday and midweek. Sunday services are held at 10.30 am and 6.30 pm. The church is open daily and offers a warm welcome to regular worshippers and newcomers alike.

2.7 In 1991 the protestant churches made a covenant with one another committing to work together wherever possible. The Budleigh Salterton Churches' Partnership was formed. Since then the Partnership has undertaken many joint ventures, including the open air carol services at the late night shopping event, visiting Residential Homes, Remembrance Sunday, Messy Church (a monthly event for primary aged children and their families) and children's activities at Gala Week. The Partnership will also be providing a chaplaincy and listening service at the 'Health and Wellbeing Hub when it opens in the near future.

2.8 Although Budleigh Salterton is by and large an affluent and comfortable place to live, it is worth noting that there is some deprivation here and there are many who at different times find themselves struggling whether that be financially or emotionally. Several of the churches are involved with collecting goods for the Exmouth Food Larder and hold vouchers in order to refer people to the service should they need it.

2.9 A major need both amongst young families and older people in the Town is isolation and all the churches are committed to building strong links into the community and bringing people together whenever possible.

2.10 As further opportunities for community engagement arise it is hoped that both individually and together, the churches will continue to be responsive to need and be able to play their part alongside other agencies and organisations.

3.0 Clubs and Societies

3.1 Budleigh Salterton has a wide range of clubs and societies which are listed below:-

Art Group, Budleigh Cricket Club, BUDFAS, Budleigh Sea Angling Club, Budleigh Football Club, Budleigh in Bloom, Budleigh in Business, Budleigh Ladies Choir, Budleigh Male Voice Choir, Budleigh Rifle Club, Budleigh Salterton Town Council, Chamber of Commerce, Croquet Club, East Devon Golf Club, Film Society, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue, Games Club, Garden Club, Jazz Festival, League of Friends, Library, Lions, Otter Valley Association, Probus, Royal British Legion, Salterton Drama Club, Tennis Club, TIC.

Clubs and Societies for young people

3.2 Budleigh Salterton has branches of the Cubs, Brownies and Guides. These not only cater for the children in the town but also for those in East Budleigh and Otterton. These groups meet in the Venture Hall in Moor Lane.

3.3 There are also two Youth Clubs. One based in the Temple Methodist Church Hall and the other run by the Budleigh Community Youth Project Trust is based in the Venture Hall.

3.4 Both Budleigh Salterton Football and Cricket Clubs have thriving youth sections based at their respective grounds.