

Swanage2027 – Plan for 2020/21

Strategic objective	Project	Link person	Key partner organisations – update
H1 Priority: High	Explore Community Land Trust to provide social, local housing	MA	The Swanage Community Housing Steering Group has been established to move the project forward. A virtual public meeting will be held Wednesday 18th November to explain the aim of the housing project, ascertain public opinion and gain potential interest to assist with the project. Fiona Astin (Housing Advisor) and Neil Hardy (Worth CLT) will be speaking and currently 36 members of the public have shown interest in attending. An update will be provided at a future meeting.
N1 Priority: High	Create Town Centre Sea Defence Strategy	MA	Swanage Coastal Change Forum, STC, Dorset Council, EA, S&PDT - Given that a significant amount of funding has been acquired, general agreement that scheme for sea defence will be developed. Three strands to the strategy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temporary: concrete sea defences have returned until the spring and will also be used winter 2021/22. 2. Interim: Repairs to the sea defences, including the Parade and Stone Quay have been completed during October 2020. 3. Long term: Partnership headed by Dorset Coastal Forum. The report regarding overtopping is complete, however, design stage is ongoing and public consultation regarding options is scheduled to commence before Christmas 2020 (subsequently delayed). The closure of the southern section of Shore Road is likely to be considered as part of the wider project, as this could impact the design for long-term flood defence e.g. flood gates.
N2 Priority: High	Co-ordinate work of environmental organisations in Swanage, deliver agreed actions from the Swanage Green Infrastructure Strategy and take steps to address the climate crisis.	TC/AH	STC/Dorset Council/National Trust - Sustainable Swanage have taken a lead and coordinated the formation of a group around 'Greening Swanage'. This group are likely to take on a lot of the community greening projects identified in the GIS – but also deliver more. Avril Harris, Tom Clarke and Sarah Spurling will revisit the GIS to prioritise projects.

			<p>STC Environmental Policy working party had met early September 2020 to develop the Council's action plan.</p> <p>Rabling Road 'pocket park' is to be established and a local nature reserve on the Downs.</p> <p>Victoria Avenue replanting in partnership with Trees for Dorset took place earlier in 2020 and further tree planting is to be started on the High Street verge near St Mark's Primary School. Suggestions for other tree planting sites would be welcomed from partners. Woodland Trust can supply free trees to community sites.</p> <p>Grants for various environmental projects were available and applied for where applicable.</p>
S2 Priority: High	Wellbeing Swanage Health & Wellbeing in the community	BF/KG	<p>STC/S&PDT/Dorset Council - The intention continues to be joint working with Children's and Adult Services – As a result of the Draft Transformation Plan presented to DC Cabinet in November 2019, a Chapel Lane Transformation plan was prepared. STC approved proposals in February 2020 and joint submission sent to Dorset Council.</p> <p>Due to changes in leadership of Adult and Children's services STC and S&PDT need to re-visit contacts to check the status of proposal with DC.</p> <p>It was noted that the need for community services, including mental health provision, was a high priority due to Covid-19 impact. A sub-group of ST&CP had been established to address wellbeing issues and had held their first meeting in November. Signposting to services had been set up at the Health Centre and a meeting to discuss further ways to improve wellbeing would be held on 20th November 2020, with representatives from the Health Centre, to establish a co-ordinated approach.</p>
S4 Priority: Medium	Improve and expand Museum/Heritage Centre ¹	MN	<p>A working party meeting will be scheduled to consider future expansion. The draft plans from Dorset Council regarding a revised layout of the public conveniences have now been provided to STC. An update would be provided at a future meeting. It was hoped that an Edwardian/Victorian event would be organised to launch the re-opening of the Museum with all shops being invited to join in with window displays and Edwardian/Victorian themed dress.</p>

H2 Priority: Medium	Develop transport links and traffic flow improvements with enhancements to the seafront and town centre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute Road • Shore Road – September Roads and Transport Committee • Station forecourt 	MW	STC/Dorset Council - Institute Road Improvements: Project completed and well received. Shore Road: Possible integration into Dorset Coast Forum flood defence project. Station forecourt – Social distancing measures have been implemented and worked well over the summer. Further to a site meeting the need for further engagement with all stakeholders and STC to ascertain a way forward to improve safety was required. An update will be reported at a future meeting. Request to be made to PTAG to seek a co-ordinated Purbeck Transport Plan to alleviate heavy traffic in Purbeck. PTAG have requested Town and Parish engagement to collate responses and take proposal to DC.
H2 Priority: Medium	Explore options for Multi-Function Centre, Enterprise Hub/Incubation Units, and develop sporting facilities at Days Park	BF	S&PDT/STC/S&HFC – The quotes for architects, engineers and consultants had been received, however, these had been higher than anticipated. Fundraising was being considered to cover the shortfall and Dorset FA was looking to assist. No response had been received to date from Dorset FA. An update would follow at a future meeting.
H2 Priority: Low	Explore provision of community bus/transport	KG/MN	Partners continuing to work on proposals. Various options being considered including the bus route. Budgets for potential contributors to the service had not been finalised for 2021. Sustainable Swanage working on an Active Travel project to encourage the community to use 'green' transport. Plans to establish a 'Park and Stride' at North Beach car park for drop off and pick ups for St Mary's school. More bike racks and storage and a potential electric bike hire project are being considered.
H3 Priority: Complete	Review Conservation Areas and create Local Listing	MA	Purbeck Society/STC/Dorset Council Conservation Officer – Purbeck Society members have finalised a register of buildings of historic merit outside of the existing conservation areas. It was noted that this will be a useful tool in adding weight to planning committee representations. A presentation will be provided to a future Planning and Consultation Committee meeting.