

**Power of Well-being: Examples of Use**

**Bishampton & Throckmorton Parish Council**, Worcestershire – help to shop

<http://www.ruralshops.org.uk/EN/store/Case%20Studies/bishampton%20case%20study.pdf>

**Cropwell Bishop Parish Council**, Nottingham - affordable housing provision

<http://www.cropwellbishop-pc.gov.uk/Quality.htm>

Village Plan progress: [http://www.cropwellbishop-pc.gov.uk/Notices/Action\\_Plan\\_29-9-10.pdf](http://www.cropwellbishop-pc.gov.uk/Notices/Action_Plan_29-9-10.pdf)

**Hexley Parish Council** - community transport provision

**Sudbury Town Council**, Suffolk - town centre developments

<http://www.sudburytowncouncil.co.uk/index.php?page=the-power-of-well-being>

**Upton Grey Parish Council**, Hampshire – Saving the village shop

[http://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/local/8718159.We\\_ll\\_pay\\_more\\_council\\_tax\\_to\\_save\\_village\\_shop/](http://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/local/8718159.We_ll_pay_more_council_tax_to_save_village_shop/)

**Town & Parish Councils delivering services**

- **Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council, Hants** manage College Playing Fields after asset transfer from Eastleigh Borough Council
- **Burgess Hill Town Council, Mid-Sussex**, run Help Point (a one-stop-shop) for principal authority and parish services
- **Burwarton Parish Council, Shropshire**, run a Lengthsmen's Scheme (funded by a Small Maintenance Grant)

Material from Chris Borg, National Association of Local Councils

**Wimblebury Parish Council, Staffs**

- Took over a community centre that the District Council was closing and have run it successfully for 10 years
- Published a map of the area explaining to residents about local history and encouraging walking and cycling
- Events held at public open spaces to promote the facilities
- Established senior residents support group - assistance with obtaining information, advice, grants etc. County Council and Age Concern part of this group

**“I think the main point is that we take more time, pride and interest in running or promoting our area than the District Council.....”**

Material from Ray Smythe, Clerk, Heath Hayes & Wimblebury PC [www.hhwpc.co.uk](http://www.hhwpc.co.uk)

**Coniston – South Lakeland DC & Lake District NP** Cumbria Rural Housing Trust CRHT

Did Housing Needs Survey with them. They have recently had 2 housing schemes completed – 11 houses via Eden HA, and 3 via Mitre HA. Also looking at converting part of community building into flats, possible CLT, and supporting those in parish wanting to do individual self-build.

Also they took over the TIC (award winning), have a group looking after older residents, run the library with volunteers, and assisted someone in setting up childcare. They are involved with the Ruskin museum in the village, and have lobbied govt, National Trust and others on various issues. I have been attending their Housing group over 5 years and always found them an inspiring community, with a couple of people who are very good at taking things forward and finding funding, but also involving the community well.

**Crosby Ravensworth – Eden DC – doing CLT [Community Land Trust].** Did Parish Plan PP a few years ago, linked with a Housing Needs Survey jointly undertaken with CRHT. Set up the Lyvennet CT, doing mixed housing scheme (+ HCA funded with help from Eden DC and others), also bought and refurbished pub (Butcher's Arms <http://www.guardian.co.uk/money/2011/may/14/cooperative-action-community-pub> David Cameron visited in August)

**Bootle – Copeland BC – did PP, then HNS** jointly with CRHT, then work with Impact HA as site brought forward for around 14 units, and looking at developing old army/holiday camp site for affordable housing/eco hotel/community pool/anaerobic digester, possibly through CLT.

**On the general topic of PTCs delivering more services** – the PC can facilitate the process, but the best way forward is for it to be a wider 'PC + community' process using all the skills available. A PC working without community support struggles, and a community group working without PC backup often get blocked. You need a PC which works closely with its community, using all the skills and enthusiasm available to take things forward, with the PC in a facilitating & enabling role, as well as a 'doing' role. With a good proactive PC clerk who is paid for enough hours to be able to take things forward. E.g. Lakes PC clerk – researching and producing options paper for the PC to take over the much used public toilets in the parish, when the LA starts withdrawing support for them.

Material from Judith Derbyshire, Cumbria Rural Housing Trust <http://www.crht.org.uk/>

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#### **From a forthcoming (2011) NALC *Localism in Practice* booklet**

1. Providing a youth worker jointly with a local charity & the district & county councils
2. Community safety police officer

#### **1. Iver Parish Council – Buckinghamshire**

##### **Precept £352,000 Pop – 9,925**

In Iver there are a number of factors that limit the number of activities young people can engage in, and in recent years the parish had seen an increase in incidents of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage by young people. A number of local young people were on the streets during the evening with little to do and the council was prompted to consider how it could better provide for the needs of young people in the parish.

The parish council works with a local charity, Iver Educational Trust to employ its own street based youth worker within the parish. It is a unique synergy of partnerships – the district and county councils (who used to

provide a limited service in the area) are now both working with the parish council to enhance youth services and the local police are also involved.

Initially the youth worker took to the streets in an effort to build a relationship with young people in the area. This was done through regular work at the local recreation grounds, eventually opening a drop-in facility two nights a week. Initially the drop-in centre was supported by local businesses, which provided free donuts and hot chocolate; however the parish council now provides refreshments, including summertime barbeques. . This gave young people the opportunity to articulate their needs, voice concerns and engage in dialogue and helped them feel more a part of the community. The role has developed over time and activities are now provided during school holidays. To help tackle the problem of graffiti, the youth worker works with young people on arts projects.

Another positive aspect of the project was that a group of young people who were concerned that they were being treated as though they were anti-social, came forward and asked to organise a clean-up day. This was facilitated by the parish council and saw the young people cleaning graffiti, painting walls and litter picking.

This project has reduced instances of anti-social behaviour and has made the council better aware of issues that affect young people on the margins.

## 2. Hessle Town Council

**Pop – 14,767 Precept - £139,000**

Hessle Town Council is in the [East Riding of Yorkshire](#), situated 5 miles west of [Kingston upon Hull](#) city centre. Geographically it is part of a larger urban area which consists of the city of Kingston upon Hull, the town of Hessle and a number of other villages but is not part of the city. It is on the north bank of the [Humber Estuary](#) where the [Humber Bridge](#) crosses.

Currently Hessle is the only town council in the region to fund a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) from its budget. The council has been funding the extra PCSO since 2006 at an annual cost of £28,000 which is a significant proportion of the town's annual budget. Humberside Police pay additional costs required to employ the PCSO, such as tax and shift allowances.

The town council believes that it is good value for money, providing a sense of safety and security through an enhanced police presence within the town. The additional PCSO position is responsible for tackling anti-social behaviour, monitoring and the councils CCTV, among other duties; and the additional post means more patrols.

The Police Authority is also very supportive of the initiative, which means more coverage of the area and has enhanced their relationship with the local people. In addition, the scheme is reviewed every year in consultation with the community.

One Councillor has recommended the initiative to other councils, saying: "I would certainly hope that other parish and town councils will adopt a similar scheme and put some money in the budgets. It's proved to be very successful with community policing and getting to know the local people, issues and helping solve them."

[Material from NALC/ Victoria Pymm, Policy and Improvement Officer]

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