

Halesworth Town Council Action Plan

Halesworth Town Council constantly strives to work on behalf of residents on the issues that matter to the town. We are always keen to receive ideas and suggestions from residents or businesses on particular areas of interest or concern and where it is felt the Council may assist.

Listed below is our current schedule of activity; this is regularly reviewed and updated as projects finish and priorities change.

Priority	Action	Rating	Responsibility	Timescale/date
Barrow Crossing	Crossing to remain open, new safety gates to be installed, leaflets with crossing guidelines to be distributed.	High	Whole council	Ongoing
Empty Shops	Encourage provision of a range of appropriately scaled services that reflect the role of Halesworth as a market town.	Medium	Town development committee	Ongoing
Public Toilets	Possibility of ownership of some/all public toilets from WDC.	Medium	Town development committee	Ongoing
London Road Building	To take ownership of/lease the building from WDC.	High	London Rd Building working group	Ongoing negotiations to be completed by March 2017
Tourist Info Noticeboards	To find individual or business to take responsibility for maintaining it	Medium	Town development committee	Ongoing
Media information screen	To fit and run a media information point (television screen) in the library window. To enable residents and visitors to be kept up to date with Council business.	Medium	Communications working group	Project Complete.
Continued media presence	To utilise the new website, mailing list system and press reports to keep residents up to date.	Medium	Communications working group	New website up and running.
Free parking	To reinstate and continue the one hour free parking in the Thoroughfare car park	High	Whole Council	Agreement reached for the first year, negotiations are ongoing.
To improve communications with residents and the businesses.	Communications working group has been set up. Business and residents have provided emails for receiving newsletters via Mail chimp	Medium	Town Development Committee	Information has been sent on important issues, this will be ongoing throughout the year

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WDC Local Plan Review	To submit the views of the Council on the Local Plan Consultation.	Medium	Planning Committee and Town Development Committee	HTC views submitted 24 06 16.
Neighbourhood Plan	To consider implementing a Neighbourhood Plan	Low	Town Development Committee	On hold after the Council learnt that the Local Plan would take priority over a NP
Pest Control (Rats)	Control of rat population in the town centre and along the river	High	Town Development Committee	Professional services have been engaged. Bait boxes installed. Significant reduction in population reported in June 2016. Continue to monitor the situation during 2016
Increase affordable housing	Work closely with WDC planning department	Medium	Town Development Committee / Planning Committee	Long Term
Increasing footfall to the town	Working with Halesworth businesses and organising events, maintaining the free parking	Medium	Town Development Committee	Long Term
Improve facilities in the town park.	Working closely with Halesworth in Bloom and Waveney Norse. Develop ideas to attract visitors	Medium	Town Development / Halesworth in Bloom	Long Term
Control of local services and amenities	Continue to maintain dialogue and negotiations with WDC	Medium	Whole Council	Long Term
Enhance cultural attractions in the town.	Develop ideas to attract visitors with events by working with Halesworth Events Management, Halesworth Tourism Group and other organisations	Medium	Town Development Committee	Long Term