

# Three Rivers Community Partnership

## *Community Action Plan 2012*

### **Vision:**

*In collaboration with partner organisations influence the managed development of our community in order to maximise the quality of life and well-being of residents.*

### **Key M.O.**

Establish local alliances with towns and parishes to create a sustainable base for finding solutions and delivery mechanisms.

### **Economic Generation**

**Goal:** *A thriving, sustainable local economy.*

#### **Action:**

1. Support initiatives and projects which enhance the local skill base and generate training opportunities
2. Collaborate with the Chamber of Commerce, Town Centre Regeneration Group, Neighbourhood Plan Group and Sowing Seeds to support their activities.
3. Through actions within the other five themes, contribute to ensuring that the Gillingham area can attract new businesses able to recruit and retain suitably qualified employees.
4. Support the development of a Gillingham Web Portal

### **Transport**

**Goal:** *Improvements in local transport to better meet the needs of local residents.*

#### **Action:**

1. Further develop the network of footpaths and cycleways.
2. Support the Gillingham Area Voluntary Car Link Scheme.
3. Work with other Towns and Parishes to bring coherence to appropriate transport services to improve services and access to local facilities

### **Culture, Arts & Sport**

**Goal:** *High quality, accessible facilities to enable participation in cultural, artistic and sporting activities.*

#### **Action:**

1. Develop and manage sustainable community and leisure facilities on behalf of Gillingham and surrounding communities.
2. Work with Sports and Arts organisations in North Dorset to improve provision, promotion and participation and develop a coherent and sustainable strategy for the area.
3. Revalidate the rationale for the community hall and establish a robust business case for products & services and evidence of need

## **Environment**

**Goal:** *Sustainable and managed built and natural environment.*

**Action:**

1. Support the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for Gillingham and surrounding parishes
2. Support neighbouring parishes in their development of complementary plans in order to achieve a coherent vision for the wider Gillingham area
3. Contribute to strategic planning initiatives
4. Review, update and promote the Three Rivers Partnership Open Spaces report (2005)

## **Social Well-being**

**Goal:** *A flourishing, safe, healthy and responsible community.*

**Action:**

1. Promote and further develop access into statutory and voluntary organisations through Gillingham Direct at Town Council, the Community Office at Chantry Fields and the Community Hub at Rivers Meet
2. Promote and further develop healthy living strategies, particularly targeting young people, older residents, the disabled and the traditionally hard to reach groups, in the wider Gillingham area through Fit Gillingham health project, the Gillingham Community Health Forum and the facilities at RiversMeet
3. Work constructively with the Community Resource Worker and NDDC Community Planning Team to ensure that community organisations have access to timely and appropriate information, advice and practical support.
4. Review the Three Rivers Community Lottery and explore alternatives sources of funding for local organisations, initiatives and projects.

***Community, Rationality, Integrity***