

## APPENDIX 1 – VILLAGES TOGETHER ACTION PLAN – OUR PLAN ON A PAGE

### Priorities

Improving the environment and linkages

Community activities and events

Family and community support

Improving local facilities

Making Villages Together happen – Core Funding

Local Priority/Theme	Project/Activity/Task	Comments – Funding assumptions	Apr-21	Oct-21	Apr-22	Oct-22	Plan Period to March 2023	Estimated Total – All years to March 2026
				1-6 months	7-12 months			
<b>Improving the environment and linkages</b>								
<b>Green space improvements – bulbs, trees, nature conservation.</b>	Produce a green space improvement action plan to overcome SLOAP (Space Left Over After Planning). Possibility of commissioning community-based landscape architect and working with partners such as Seed of Hope. Need to consider maintenance and care. Suggestions for green space to include orchards, Wildlife planting, and environmental play.	This is key. Activity for the worker for the first six months. Work with partners such as Somerset Wildlife Trust and land owners.		£7,500.00	£7,500.00	£7,500.00	£22,500.00	£40,000.00
<b>Park improvements including green gym &amp; play equipment.</b>	Woolavington Village Hall committee are exploring putting in play equipment.	Potential for a fund to support extra equipment.	£7,500.00	£7,500.00	£7,500.00	£7,500.00	£30,000.00	£40,000.00
<b>Connecting path and links in villages.</b>	Enhancements to planned foot/cycle path between villages. Making this a really useful attractive space. Worker to bring people together to provide community input and involve partners, e.g. Somerset Wildlife Trust, schools, SASP (Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership).	Fund for art and materials. Note – VT will provide the 'extra over' from Gravity obligations. Sustainable eco-friendly materials and products. Estimations for green gym, notice boards, commission for artists.	£15,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£21,000.00	£30,000.00
<b>Community transport project and fun community activities.</b>	Linking with local and national initiatives. There is a need for a local transport to link the villages; link with surgeries, etc. Possibility of a leased vehicle, e.g. Wivvy Bus. Possibility of sustainability – so consider wider linkages with additional villages. Community Transport association.	Build on existing information and work with the Campaign for Better Transport. Investigate in first six months.		£6,000.00	£6,000.00	£6,000.00	£18,000.00	£25,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>							£91,500.00	£135,000.00
<b>Community activities and events</b>								
<b>Community Grants.</b>	Community Grants – existing funds up to £1,000. Building on the progress. Keep the simple system adopted to date.	Step this up to reflect and support increased engagement.	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£20,000.00	£35,000.00
<b>Maximise availability of existing activities.</b>	Advertise, link, and make contact with existing groups and activities – such as those held in village halls, also walking groups, etc. Communication links in the community. Creating the context to facilitate these activities.	Activity for co-ordinator. First step is to find out what is happening in both villages. Then help share this. Could possibly link with Community Grant fund to develop and grow links.	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£4,000.00	£6,000.00
<b>Community events and celebrations.</b>	Building on existing activities such as flower shows. Perhaps put together a timetable of activities and let people know/advertise. Help to encourage more young people involved. Also aim to have some VT branded events.	Worker to help co-ordinate. Fund allowed for assistance and advertising.	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£8,000.00	£12,000.00
<b>Fun community activities.</b>	For example: the Woolavington Fun Run could be the catalyst for other activities, e.g. a Triathlon, Race For Life, or cycling activities. Possibility of working with the schools. Possibility for this theme to link to the planned foot/cycle path between villages.	Consider bringing in external experts to help with specific events. Possibility of a fund to bring in the help needed.		£5,000.00		£5,000.00	£10,000.00	£15,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>							£42,000.00	£68,000.00

Family and community support								
Services for people with poor mental health.	Consider options. Community activities to help address loneliness. Identify potential partners, e.g. Seed of Hope. Signpost to local agencies with VT being the conduit.	Need to work through and with other agencies and services.	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£8,000.00	£12,000.00
Support for families.	Including Family Learning, food bank, a community pantry – linking to cookery classes and a simple cookbook. Also access to targeted debt relief and budgeting support with CAB and credit union.	Co-ordinator to work with partners and provide match funding to deliver services in the VT area.	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£20,000.00	£30,000.00
Managing isolation – for all groups	A range of community activities – building on the ‘Hello’ project – to help tackle loneliness, e.g. a Walk & Talk programme.	Co-ordinator to work with partners.	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£8,000.00	£14,000.00
Activities for all age groups especially young and older people	Continue/expand the Dream Scheme. Also pride in villages project – with schools.	Worker time.	£15,000.00	£2,000.00	£3,000.00	£2,000.00	£22,000.00	£28,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>							£58,000.00	£84,000.00
Improving local facilities								
Enhancing existing community facilities	Community facilities improvement fund. To give all existing venues the opportunity to make enhancements through applications for VT funding. Possibly have two rounds of funding to ensure its not first-come-first-served. Ensuring that VT build on existing plans. Consider an initial feasibility fund to be accessed to provide additional help.	Criteria for funding to be agreed, e.g. match funding. What is fundamental? This will assist getting funding from elsewhere. Consider some independent appraisal.		£100,000.00		£100,000.00	£200,000.00	£300,000.00
Maximise use of the 37 Club and Bitham Walk.	To discuss. Could these host a ‘Talking Café’ and become a central hub for services such as CAB. Possibility of testing out.	co-ordinator.		£5,000.00		£5,000.00	£10,000.00	£20,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>							£210,000.00	£320,000.00
Making Villages Together happen – Core Funding								
Project Co-ordinator and Administrator.	Key role is to influence and work with partners. Will three days be sufficient?	Allow 5 days per-week plus part time administrator	£27,500.00	£27,500.00	£27,500.00	£27,500.00	£110,000.00	£275,000.00
Office base.	Included in cost recovery figures from SHAL							
Partnership development and assessment training.	Key will be robust appraisal training within the first year. Sum allowed for away-days and individual/partnership development.		£1,500.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£4,500.00	£6,000.00
Communication and publicity.	Key to ensuring on-going engagement. To include social media, re-booting the website, advertising and publicity for VT. Also to include keeping notice boards updated.	Will this be undertaken by co-ordinator – or will another person be needed?	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£6,000.00	£8,000.00
							<b>£120,500.00</b>	<b>£289,000.00</b>

Total Big Local  
Total committed

(BL & LTO)

Spent and committed to date. (LTO figures)  
Money held at LT  
Money held at LTO

£1,199,500.00  
£719,425.23  
£176,774.00  
**£896,199.23**

## Villages Together Costed Vision

### 2 Year Plan

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Community activities and events	£42,000.00
Family and community support	£58,000.00
Improving local facilities	£210,000.00
Making Villages Together happen – Core Funding	£120,500.00
	<b>£522,000.00</b>

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