

HEALTHCHECK ACTIONS PROJECT PLAN

PROGRESS REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AT JANUARY 2007

PROJECT	CURRENT SITUATION
1. Youth Facilities	A Youth Café was opened in November 2005. It met at “The Gorge” in Farnham until the 40 DEGREEZ building became available in the Spring 2006. 40 DEGREEZ is now fully operational and provides a meeting place/resource and drop in centre for young people. Seating for young people near the skatepark and the basketball court is to be installed during January 2007.
2. Older People	<p>A Working Party on Older People in Farnham has been set up with local residents, the Primary Care Trust, WBC, SCC, Age Concern, and local care and voluntary groups. The Group will continue to meet 3 times each year. PRIME (Princes Trust for Mature Enterprise), UCCA, and The Maltings ran a training course on enterprise and business for the over 50's in November 2005. This is intended to be the first of such workshops.</p> <p>SCC/WBC/PCT have funded an examination of the feasibility of setting up a borough wide Council for Voluntary Service with the aim of improving the coordination of services especially to older people.</p> <p>A new HOPPA service between Farnham and Frimley Park Hospital was launched in September 2006 providing a door to door service for hospital patients and their carers.</p>
3. Farnham in Bloom	FTC took over Farnham In Bloom as from November 2005. The first summer displays in 2006 were very successful and were sponsored by Burns and Webber, local estate agents.
4. Character and setting	<p>The Farnham Conservation Area Partnership has produced an appraisal of the Conservation Area in Farnham which has been adopted by WBC as a Supplementary Planning Document.</p> <p>Farnham Town Council has been consulted and submitted its comments on a range of planning applications that have implications for the character of the town.</p>
5. Community Activities	A new performance space has been created at the Maltings, which now has 2 performance spaces seating 250 and 116. FTC continues to support the Maltings and to work in partnership with them on several projects. FTC also makes project grants to local community groups.

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6. Bus routes	<p>The service to Farnham College provided by the Surrey Student Transport Partnership no longer serves Odiham, but now covers Tongham, Ash, Badshot Lea , Weybourne and Heath End , as well as Sandy Hill and Folly Hill.</p> <p>Surrey County Council has been able to continue funding services 19 and 46 ; however , in common with all other subsidised services Surrey County Council continues to monitor patronage in order to ensure limited funds are deployed as effectively as possible.</p>
7. Public transport	<p>Department for Transport “Kickstart” funding has enabled Surrey County Council in partnership with Hampshire County Council and Stagecoach to introduce enhanced “turn up and ride” services on Bus Routes 4 and 5 between NorthTown/Aldershot and Farnham thereby improving public transport to and from Sandy Hill, Heath End, Folly Hill, Upper Hale, Hale and Farnham town centre.</p>
8. Bus information	<p>SCC has funded signing and timetable cases at every stop in Farnham. Farnham Town Council has embarked on a programme of new and replacement bus shelters. Four new shelters were installed during 2006.</p>
9. Garden Waste	<p>WBC has introduced a garden waste collection scheme at a cost of £40 a year, subsidised for those in receipt of benefits. Garden waste is collected and turned into compost at Onyx’s site in Alton. Garden waste can already be taken to Bordon and Farnham tips. SCC is upgrading its civic amenity sites including Bourne Mill.</p>
10. Public Conveniences	<p>Waverley Borough Council will be transferring the ownership of the toilets at The Hart, Gostrey Meadow and Central Car Park as from April 2007. During 2006/2007 both Councils have worked together and made provision in their capital budgets to refurbish the toilets. The refurbishment works will be completed before FTC take over the ownership and management responsibility.</p>
11. Tourist Information	<p>Waverley Borough Council decided to close the Tourist Information Centre as from April 2006. Farnham Town Council has adopted a strategy of developing a local tourism service and has established tourist information points throughout important visitor venues in the town. The FTC strategy includes touchscreens and a tourism website. The website will be launched in late January 2007.</p>
12. Provide more “You are Here” maps	<p>Waverley Borough Council arranged for the updating of all the You are Here maps around the town in 2006. Farnham has made an important contribution to Hidden Britain in enhancing the town and its surrounding areas as a visitor destination. FTC will produce a range of local maps as part of its Tourism Strategy.</p>

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13. Litter and Cleanliness	Farnham Community Taskforce arranged an anti-litter campaign with Potters Gate School early in 2006, with the provision of new litter bins. FTC has a rolling programme of litter bin installations
14. Recycling	<p>Following thorough and careful investigation, officers from Surrey County Council and Surrey Community Action with the support of a local volunteer have now identified the following proposed course of action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To encourage small and medium size enterprises which wish to recycle office type materials, Surrey County Council is facilitating a pilot scheme based upon the Farnham area. • The intention is that small businesses and organisations are invited to participate in a business recycling service which would be provided by a not-for-profit company with proven experience in the field; the company will provide a clear audit trail for all recyclable materials collected. Currently, the company is able to collect any quantity of paper (mixed and shredded), confidential waste, cardboard, glass bottles, mixed plastics, drink cans, computer equipment and mobile phones. • In addition to providing a reliable and regular recycling customised recycling service, the pilot scheme will also include practical waste minimisation advice in accordance with best practice and thereby support the overall objective of reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill sites. • The pilot scheme will be carefully monitored with the intention of expanding the scheme to other parts of Surrey as and when appropriate. Surrey County Council recognises the value of the Farnham Healthcheck in identifying this need and appreciates Farnham Town Council's interest in the pilot scheme.
15. Plants and trees	FTC has commenced a bulb planting programme and has a budget set aside for planting.
16. "Bag for life"	Farnham Farmers' Market "Bag for Life" has been set up. FTC has urged WBC recycling officer to persuade local supermarkets to encourage reuse of bags and promote reusable bags for life.
17. Set up a reporting system	FTC is working with local agencies and groups with a view to setting up a scheme whereby FTC receives and actions requests to deal with matters needing attention.

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18. Street furniture and signs	WBC and FTC have worked in partnership on the refurbishment of the street furniture in Woolmead. FTC is funding a rolling programme of public seats, litter bins and community noticeboard installations and these will all be installed by the end of January 2007.
19. Footpaths	Gostrey Meadow footpath has now been lit. Urban Safety Management Study includes proposals to improve pavements and footpaths in the town centre. FTC is currently considering footpath improvements in partnership with SCC and a phased scheme for Downing Street is currently being prepared.
20. Riverside walk	FTC is currently looking at various possibilities, from a short linear walk to a circular route near the River Wey.
21. Pavements	SCC has undertaken work in Castle Street and Downing Street. Provision has been made in FTC capital budget to contribute to a fund to enhance the standard of repair in the town centre.
22. Leisure activities in the countryside	Proposals to promote cycling and walking around Farnham are included in FTC's Tourism Strategy. Leisure in the countryside is to be promoted via the website and with leaflets. Hidden Britain is working with FTC to promote sustainable tourism in Farnham.
23. Farnham Town Council Website	Proposals to improve and build on FTC website are included in FTC Tourism Strategy. The website will be launched in late January 2007.
24. Accommodation	Tourism South East is encouraging more B&B'S with a recruitment campaign and training courses. The Princess Royal in Runfold opened 21 low cost rooms on 3 January 2006. The East Street redevelopment scheme however no longer includes a proposal for a budget hotel.
25. Public transport	<p>In September 2006, Hoppa launched a door to door service to Frimley Park Hospital from the Farnham area, along the lines of the successful scheme from Haslemere and Godalming to the Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford.</p> <p>Surrey County Council has set up a transport coordination centre to put volunteers in touch with suitable vehicles and help coordinate transport in Surrey.</p> <p>Surrey County Council continues to support evening and other services which are not provided by commercial operators; patronage of subsidised services is monitored to ensure effective use of limited funds.</p>

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26. School Walking buses	<p>St Andrew's School has developed a walking bus scheme. Other schools in Farnham are working on travel plans and 7 schools took part in the "Golden Boot Challenge".</p> <p>Provision for high visibility clothing for participating schools is in FTC's capital programme. Farnham Cycle Network has proposed several cycle routes through Farnham including the Scholars' Ride.</p>
27. Cycle racks	<p>FTC's capital programme provides for the installation of cycle racks in Farnham Town Centre. FTC is working in partnership with SCC on this project and the installation of new racks in sites throughout the town has been agreed for implementation in Spring 2007.</p>
28. Surrounding villages	<p>A village questionnaire was circulated in Jan 2006. The Maltings is establishing arts projects in the villages. All the villages are served with a community noticeboard.</p>
29. Outdoor sports pitches	<p>WBC has produced a Playing Pitch Strategy identifying the needs. Farnham is a priority for WBC.</p>
30. Campsites	<p>No additional camping and caravanning sites have been identified but it is hoped that they will emerge through the Local Development Framework</p>
31. Bus information	<p>Surrey County Council and Hampshire County Council together with Stagecoach have now introduced a Quality Partnership for Services 4/5 between North Town/Aldershot and Farnham; as well as the recent introduction of fully accessible vehicles, this Partnership will include provision of Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) to assist users and encourage patronage.</p> <p>FTC is installing bus shelters around its area complete with integral noticeboards.</p>
32. Office/ retail space	<p>A relatively new development at Coxbridge includes several new office and retail buildings which go some way to meet the current needs. Some small business units are included at the Maltings. There is still a demand for more small office and retail space.</p>
33. Character and setting	<p>The Urban Safety Management Study proposes designating a Historic Core Zone in the centre of Farnham to help protect its special character.</p>

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34. Affordable Housing	There are policies for affordable housing in the Waverley Local Plan, the 2004 Surrey Structure Plan and the draft South East Plan.
35. Sports Centre	WBC has proposals to refurbish the Farnham Sports Centre with the help of a section 106 agreement with developers of the Farnham Hospital site.
36. Cinema	Proposals for East Street include a 7/8 screen cinema.
37. Bus and train timetables	Surrey County Council endeavours to encourage rail operators when planning their schedule of services to take account of local needs and encourage better integration between different modes of public transport. However, currently the County Council does not have powers to direct rail operators and has limited staff resources to lobby and persuade rail operators.
38. Bus interchange	No suitable site has been identified for a bus interchange in Farnham.
39. Rugby pitches	A planning application for new rugby facilities is under consideration.
40. HGV's	Urban Safety Management (USM) Study, proposes setting up a Freight Quality Partnership to improve management of deliveries in Farnham and reduce the number of HGV's in Farnham.
41. Loading and unloading	USM Study included proposals for unloading between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. The anticipated introduction of decriminalisation of parking in Waverley will hopefully have positive effect upon the current position.
42. Town centre traffic	Urban Safety Management Study proposes restricting traffic in Farnham town centre.
43. Parking	USM study proposes developing a parking management study in Farnham along with a "Park and Stride" scheme.
44. Speed	USM proposes introducing a 20 mph speed limit along with traffic calming measures in the centre of Farnham.
45. Farnham Park	WBC is now implementing the Management Plan for Farnham Park that has been developed.