



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE



Case Study

Normanton on Soar

Building on a Parish Plan, the parishioners of Normanton on Soar open a new village hall and Community shop. Parish Council recognised with Quality status!

- Discussions between Rural Officer, Rural Transport Partnership Officer and Parish Council regarding issues facing the parish.
- Agreed that a Parish Plan could be the way forward.
- May 2004: Annual Parish Meeting decided to develop a Parish Plan, supported by a small grant from the Countryside Agency.
- Steering Group set up with representatives from community groups, and residents.
- Spring 2005: Questionnaire developed and distributed around the parish: 232 returns in addition to 33 returns from young people. Main issues identified: facility and activities for young people, new village hall, to preserve and use the ferry over the Soar.
- September 2005: Action Planning Event held at Village Hall 85 attends, overflowing the hall. 17 young people attend and develop their own Action Plan.
- Jubilee Field Committee who manage the Village Hall decides to enter the WREN Village Hall Challenge.
- December 2005: Announcement that the Jubilee Field Committee's initial application to WREN is passed to full application status. Christmas light's display switched on thanks to grant from E-ON.
- March 2006: Presentation to WREN in London. First published copy of the Parish Plan part of the application. RCAN/ Blue Cat provided a summary of the application to leave with the Panel.
- May 2006: Parish Plan launched at Village May Day event.
- May 2006 WREN Village Hall Challenge Award of £200,000 presented at a ceremony at the House of Commons, followed by grants from Biffa, Awards for All, East Midland Airport and others.
- A Village Shop Committee worked with an RCAN Officer to investigate the potential for a shop in the village. Decision made to open one with a grant from the Greater Nottingham Partnership.
- November 2007: The Normanton on Soar Community Shop Committee is a winner at the Rushcliffe Community Partnership awards.
- December 2007 Village Hall and Community Shop open by Peter Cox, Managing Director of WREN.
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