

Environment Plan

Aims:

To support the development of facilities and community life in the Parish Council area in environmentally sustainable ways.

Objectives:



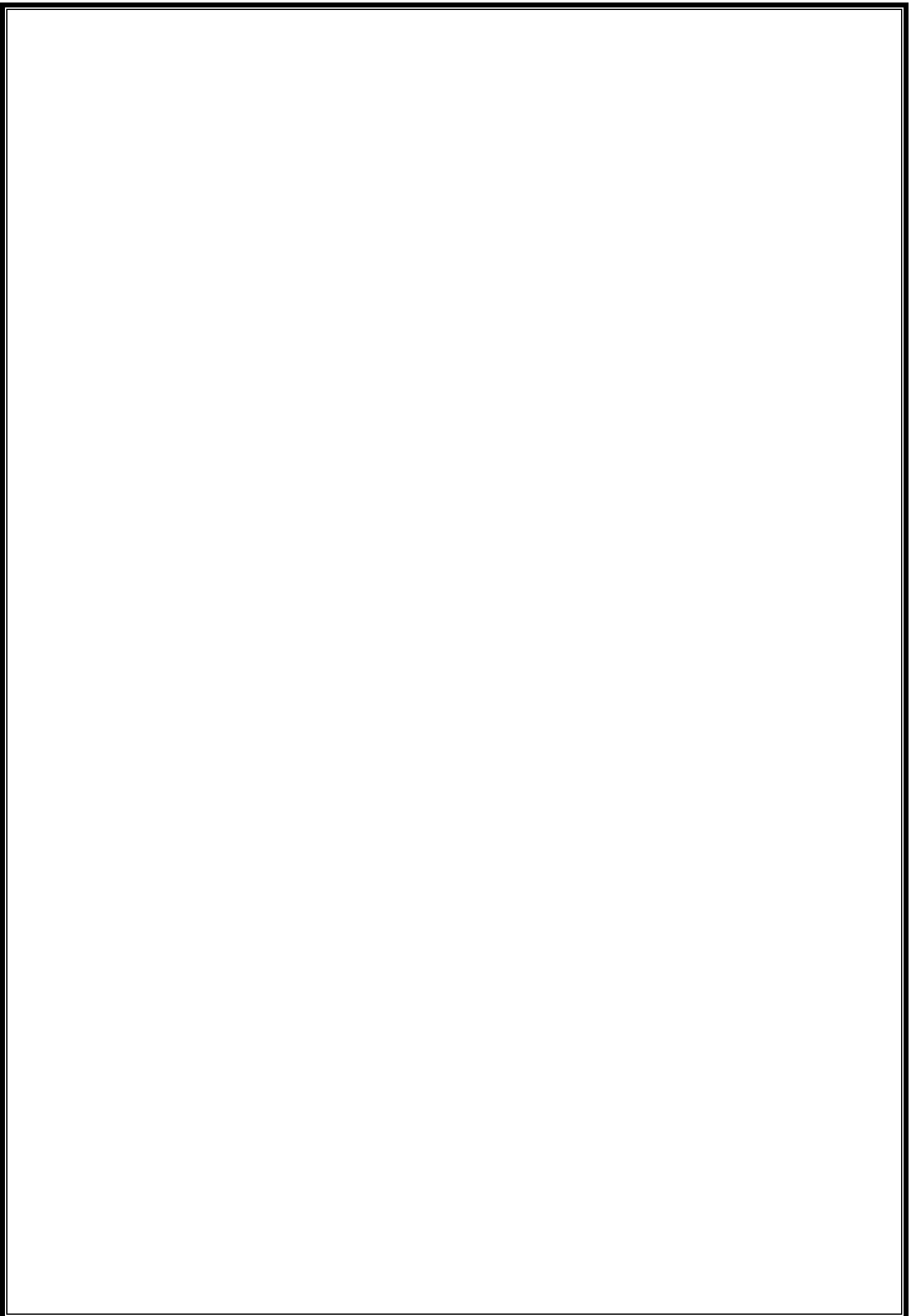
Heritage: To preserve our cultural heritage, value our historical assets and learn from our past.



Biodiversity: To conserve and create habitats, and encourage biodiversity.



Appearance: To improve and protect the aesthetic beauty of our surroundings.



Objective 1: Heritage

To preserve our cultural heritage, and learn from our past.

Issue	Action	Timescale	Partners	Progress and Evaluation
To preserve and help promote Highburton Cross and its history	The Cross and surroundings have been repaired.	Ongoing	BEG Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association Kirklees	Discussion surrounding the telephone box and the bin continue. BEG has installed a plaque with the aid of a PC grant. Kirklees Council has refurbished the seat. BEG is working on the re-siting of the litter bin to a less conspicuous spot.
To preserve Guidestoops/Milestones in the Parish	Installation of new guidestoops on the Parish Walks.	Completed	Highways Conservation & Design EPIP	Guidestoops have been installed on each of the 10 Parish Walks. Guidestoops engraved to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
To preserve items of historical significance in the Parish	Restoration and reinstatement of Coronation Gates discovered in storage.	Completed	Kirklees	Coronation Gates discovered in storage at Kirklees Red Dole Lane Depot restored and reinstated on Shelley Recreation Ground.
	Restoration of the gravestone of Edward Hughes FRIBA	Completed	Huddersfield Civic Society St Paul's Church, Shepley	Towards the restoration of the memorial stone of Edward Hughes FRIBA at St Paul's in Shepley. Mr Hughes was a 19 th century local architect responsible for creating the many attractive buildings in the area and shaping the face of Huddersfield & district.

Objective 1: Heritage (Cont'd)

To preserve our cultural heritage, and learn from our past.

Issue	Action	Timescale	Partners	Progress and Evaluation
To provide information to the public so that our historical heritage is not lost and to encourage tourism to the area.	Providing a tourist guide to our historical past, as well as current information on local events to encourage more tourists to this area.	Ongoing	Tourist Information Centres EPIP Libraries	Parish Council website includes details of community groups and their events. The public are regularly invited to contribute & have notices inserted free of charge in the PC noticeboards & on the website. The Parish Walks website and leaflets give historic info about the areas the routes pass through. The leaflets are available via the Walks website and the libraries.
To remember and honour past residents who served and died in the two World Wars and other conflicts	Laying of Poppy Wreaths at the War Memorials	Annually	Community Veterans Churches	11 poppy wreaths are provided and laid by Parish Councillors at each of the war memorials in the parish on Remembrance Sunday.

Objective 2: Nature

To conserve and create habitats, and encourage biodiversity.

Issue	Action	Timescale	Partners	Progress and Evaluation
To provide habitats	Aim to provide ponds, bird & bat boxes and fruit trees. Also supporting schools and community groups with expertise & funding for this.	Ongoing	Community Groups Schools Allotment tenants Bat Conservation Trust	Free bat boxes obtained from the Green Business Network. Sites to be identified & permission obtained before installation. Awaiting help from the WY Bat Group.
		Completed	Friends of Flockton School	A grant was given to Friends of Flockton School to create a Garden of Reflection which will be built & planted by children and parents. As well as providing additional biodiversity and habitats it will educate the children in many related areas.
		Completed	Community Groups Allotment Tenants Schools and Residents	Fruit trees have been planted across the whole Parish by Cllrs and volunteers on public land, at Grange Moor allotments and in school grounds. Free trees were also offered to the Community Associations to pass to residents in exchange for donations, thus both raising funds, supporting wildlife & increasing amount of locally grown food. There was a good take up from the majority of Community Associations.
		Completed	Highburton First School	e) Grant funding was provided to the School, which is working with children and parents to build a 'Forest School'. Members have been invited to take part and also to visit to see what has been achieved so far.

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Issue	Action	Timescale	Partners	Progress and Evaluation
	To complete the extension trail and the circuit back to North Road at Burton Dean Park	Completed	Burton Environment Group	Grant funding provided to complete the extension trail and the circuit back to North Road at Burton Dean Park and grant provided to cover the cost of insurance to cover local volunteers working at Burton Dean & other open spaces.
To encourage biodiversity.	Support groups aiming to support biodiversity.		Shepley Women's Institute	Grant funding to contribute towards the visit to a biodiversity demonstration garden.

Objective 3: Appearance

To improve and protect the aesthetic beauty of our surroundings

Issue	Action	Timescale	Partners	Progress and Evaluation
To reduce the incidences whereby the beauty of our communities are compromised.	Attempting to minimise the problems of dog fouling.	Ongoing	Environmental Health Community Groups Dog Wardens	24 dog wastebag dispensers installed in 10 villages in sites identified as problem areas. Refilled regularly by Cllrs. The villages are monitored for effectiveness and people encouraged to report problems to the Dog Warden. Tie bags distributed to some villages via Community Associations and Libraries and made available on gate posts in fouling black spots in some areas.
To make the villages pleasant to visit, both for the benefit of residents and visitors	Provision of hanging baskets and Christmas trees.	Annually	Bradley Nurseries Kirklees Council	98 hanging baskets are provided across the Parish. 10 Christmas trees are provided in most centres across the Parish - 2 of them planted by villagers & Councillors. Christmas lights provided above the shops in Lepton Square. PC grants have been given to community groups in Kirkburton, Kirkheaton and Shelley to provide additional hanging baskets in those villages.
	Provision of planters	Completed	Yetton Together	Grant funding was awarded to the Group to contribute to the costs of providing flowering tubs around the village of Kirkheaton.

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To improve and protect the aesthetic beauty of our surroundings

Issue	Action	Timescale	Partners	Progress and Evaluation
To make the villages pleasant to visit, both for the benefit of residents and visitors (Cont'd)	Provision of additional hanging Baskets	Completed	Shelley Over 60s	Grant funding was awarded to the group to provide additional hanging baskets on Huddersfield Road extending the spread of floral arrangements throughout the village.
	Provision of plants and shrubs	Completed	Thurstonland Village Association	Grant funding was awarded to the group to plant on the recreation ground and enhance its appearance, encouraging more use of the space.
	Bulb Planting	Completed	Stocksmoor Village Association	Grant funding awarded to contribute towards the cost of spring and autumn bulbs for the village planters.
To encourage more people to enjoy the local countryside and outstanding views.	Provision of public seats	Ongoing	Farnley Tyas Community Group	<p>Rolling maintenance programme of public seats across the Parish.</p> <p>Over the last 4 years seats have been repaired and/or replaced in Farnley Tyas, Flockton, Grange Moor, Highburton, Kirkheaton, Lepton, Shelley, Shepley, Stocksmoor and Thurstonland.</p> <p>Grant also awarded to Farnley Tyas Community Group to purchase and install a seat made from recycled materials.</p>

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To encourage more people to enjoy the local countryside and outstanding views.	Parish Circular Walks	Ongoing	EPIP Kirklees Libraries Tourism Information Centres	Route leaflets of 10 circular walks are available from libraries & tourism offices, and are also from the Parish Walks website. Sponsored walks in support of the Chairman's charities were held along the routes of Flockton and Lepton in 2012 and 2013.
To encourage people to enjoy public land.	Provide storage and community tools to maintain public land in Kirkburton and Highburton.	Completed	Kirkburton Middle School	Grant provided in April 2015 to create a drainage channel and hardcore to address flooding problems at the entrance to the community garage.

Correct as at 23.11.2015