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GRCC

Parish and Community-led Plans



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What is GRCC?

GRCC is a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee established in 1923. With over 80 years experience in supporting those who live in rural Gloucestershire, our advice and project teams provide a wide range of services to rural communities, working through parish councils, voluntary groups, organisations and concerned individuals.

We can help your community with:

- Community consultation and planning
- Capacity building
- Funding advice
- Feasibility studies
- Research and analysis
- Project management
- Advice on rural services

In addition to this, GRCC runs projects on:

- Affordable rural housing
- Linking Gloucestershire communities with business
- Older people
- **Parish and community-led plans**
- Social inclusion
- Transport assistance
- Village and community halls

For further information on **GRCC** services, please telephone **01452 528491** or visit our website at **www.grcc.org.uk**

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Does your community want to develop a plan for its future?
Find out how the **GRCC** can help you...

Parish and Community-led Plans

GRCC is the lead provider of support for **parish and community-led plans** in Gloucestershire



‘GRCC provides neutral and independent advice and support’

What is a community-led plan?

It is a document which sets out a vision for your community’s future, based on sound local research carried out by the community itself. It highlights important issues and the projects which need to be tackled.

Why do a parish or community-led plan?

- To get people involved and talking to each other
- To provide evidence of local need
- To highlight new projects
- To identify skills of residents
- To influence and inform others

What are the main stages in producing the plan?

- Setting up a team of people from the community to manage the process
- Undertaking a variety of consultations to gather opinions from as many people in the community as possible
- Using the results to produce a realistic action plan



‘Doing a plan gives us more authority when applying for grants. We were able to prove just how important the hall is to our community: we had the results from our questionnaires to back us up with facts and figures.’

Jenny Cunningham, Poole Keynes Parish Plan Steering group member



‘The biggest thing that has arisen from doing our plan is that it has raised awareness in the electorate that they have a parish council that is willing to do something and that we are ready to hear good ideas.’

Ros Gouldbourne, Clerk to Miserden Parish Council

The GRCC rural advisers:

- Provide a toolkit of information to guide the process
- Help to identify potential sources of funding to finance your plan
- Give training and advice on consultation techniques and how to turn the results into an action plan
- Provide links to other organisations to move forward actions
- Attend some key meetings to advise on the process
- Be available to answer queries
- Link communities for support and joint learning
- Manage a countywide database of action plans

GRCC has a high quality data analysis service to help compose and analyse survey results speedily and accurately. Contact us for more details on **01452 528491** or **www.grcc.org.uk**