## [What is a Community Led Parish Plan?](http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/living/rural-life/rural-communities/community-led-parish-plans/%22%20%5Cl%20%22parish-plan)

A Community Led Parish Plan is a statement of how the Community itself sees itself developing over the next few years. It is a living document that develops over time reflecting the views of the Community as a whole and contains an action Plan which identifies practical steps that can be taken to help the Community achieve its vision for the future.

As individuals we all have views about the place in which we live and work including:

* what attracted us to live here and why we remain
* what we value about or local Community
* our concerns about how our Community might change
* how we would like to see it improved
* and what assets we would like to be protected.

The creation of a Community Led Parish Plan allows for all of the people at the most local level to come together voice their opinions and create a document which is a collective voice for that Community.

## [What are benefits of creating a Community Led Parish Plan?](http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/living/rural-life/rural-communities/community-led-parish-plans/%22%20%5Cl%20%22benefits)

There are numerous benefits that can be derived from the creation of a Community Led Plan including:

* renewed interest in the Community by its residents
* greater awareness of the Community and what it has to offer
* new activities develop in the Community
* the Plan provides evidence of need which can be used to lobby service providers
* the Plan provides evidence of need which can be used to support funding bids
* the consultation process promotes greater understanding of how services work
* the Plan promotes partnership working between residents, Parish councils, the local authority and other service providers. The Plan can be used as a celebration and snapshot of the communities history