



STATEMENT OF INTENT AS TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FEBRUARY 2010

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

In September 2009 Cranleigh Parish Council agreed their vision statement,

**“CRANLEIGH IS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, A VIBRANT PLACE
IN WHICH TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY.”**

Also agreed was how the Council will work to achieve that vision.

What we want to promote to achieve our vision statement	What we are going to do to achieve our vision statement.
Strengthen Partnerships	Continue to work proactively wherever possible to strengthen and improve working relationships with our partners; Cranleigh Initiative, statutory bodies/organisations, local business and voluntary groups.
	Encourage partners to approach the Parish Council with clear, well thought out constructive ideas which will benefit all sections of the community and on which there can be joint working.
Communication at all levels	Publicise the work of the Parish Council through its website, newsletters and press releases.
	Give the public the opportunity to ask questions at all of its public meetings.
	Have a clear method in which the public can give feedback, both positive and ideas for development, to the Council.

Managing the Council's resources wisely	Manage the Council's resources to ensure that they are spent on the needs of the community.
	Focus resources on what matters to our community.
	Attain maximum benefit from management of the Council's assets.
A Sustainable community.	Acknowledge the diversity of what heritage means to Cranleigh and seek to maintain this through active engagement in the ongoing reviews of the Cranleigh Design Statement and the Planning Committee.
	Encourage ways in which our community can improve our environment and promote building resilience for the future.
	Work to encourage balancing the current needs of people, the economy and the environment without compromising the future. Be sensitive to our environment and contribute to a high quality of life.
	Promote safety and inclusion, opportunities and good services for all.
	Work wherever possible with the business community to sustain economic vibrancy.

DEFINING THE COMMUNITY

Cranleigh's community is all of those people living within the Parish boundary, including local groups and organisations and partner organisations.

PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITY

Cranleigh Parish Council will make available to the community, information relating to who we are and what we do, what we spend and how we spend it, what our priorities are and how we are doing, how we make decisions, our policies and procedures, lists and registers and the services we offer. The information that can be provided is detailed in the model publication scheme adopted by the Parish Council on 18th December 2008 which is published on the Parish Council website and is available in hard copy by contacting the Parish Council Office, Village Way, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8AF; telephone 01483 272311.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

All Parish Council meetings give an opportunity for questions to be asked during the first fifteen minutes. The Parish Council works in partnership with community organisations, especially the Cranleigh Initiative, to enable wider community involvement.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORMAL REPRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

There are opportunities for individuals/groups and partner organisations to ask questions at the beginning of every public meeting of the Council. The Parish Council offices are open to the public every Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. The Parish Council can be contacted by telephone every weekday between 9am and 5pm and contacted via the website www.cranleighpc.org.

INVOLVEMENT IN PARTNERSHIPS

Cranleigh Parish Council will work proactively wherever possible to strengthen and improve working relationships with our partners; Cranleigh Initiative, statutory bodies/organisations, local business and voluntary groups.

ROLE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Cranleigh Parish Council members and officers will engage with the community through partnership working, especially with the Cranleigh Initiative, statutory bodies/organisations, local business and voluntary groups. Parish Councillors will also sit as observers on local organisations.

SPECIFIC AREA FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Parish Council intends to consult the community on their community strategy and devolved responsibilities from Waverley Borough Council

