

Have a say about the future of  
your community



In case you are wondering ... the pelican motif is from the Pateshall family coat of arms on a stained-glass window in St Andrews Church vestry.

# Help shape the future of our parish



**Neighbourhood Development plan  
community launch event**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**Allensmore Village Hall**

**Allensmore Parish**

**Neighbourhood Development Plan**

planning the future where you live

## What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan or NDP?

The power for communities to devise Neighbourhood Development Plans is set out in national legislation - Herefordshire Council have adopted this within their Core Strategy for the future growth of the county. An NDP carries real weight within the planning system and parishes locally and nationally are evolving their own plans to shape opportunities for their communities across a broad range of issues.

As part of the NDP process, each resident in a parish, as well as local businesses, has a chance to comment on planning policies that reflect their agreed priorities and which are aimed at delivering tangible local benefits. A **Neighbourhood Development Plan** is:

- a document that sets out planning policies for the parish: these policies are used by the county council to decide whether to approve planning applications.
- written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, rather than the Local Planning Authority.
- voted on by every adult resident in the parish through a referendum: if agreed, the Local Authority brings the NDP into force and is required to have regard to it.

In consequence, an NDP can be a powerful tool to ensure a community gets the right types of development, in the right places. Working together to devise and adopt an NDP helps local communities to influence their future and helps avoid damaging development proposals.

## Where is Allensmore in the process?

As an NDP is an important document with real legal force, there are certain formal procedures to go through. Our Parish Council have just begun the process and volunteers have formed an NDP Steering Group.

The Steering Group meets on the third Monday of every month at 8pm in the Village Hall. These meetings are open to everyone. We have started to look at what grants are available to cover all the costs, and we have appointed an external consultant to help us

## How can you find out more?

We want everyone in Allensmore to tell us their views in order to make a plan that reflects what we want for the future of the parish. To begin this process, we will be holding a 'drop-in' event on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July. People who live or work in the parish are invited to call into the village hall any time between 10am and 3pm.

The purpose of the event is to:

- share more information about the NDP over a cup of tea or coffee ...
  - What it is
  - What it achieves
  - How we all agree its contents
- gather views about the parish.
- set out how you could become involved.

Why not come and meet some of the Steering Group members and have an initial say about the future of your community. We need all your ideas and opinions to make our NDP a success.

**We look forward to seeing you on  
Saturday 29th July any time between  
10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.**

The Allensmore NDP Steering Group

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