



Existing Community Facilities

Blandford Forum



Buildings in current community use that should be protected from change of use	Land in current community use that should be protected from change of use
The Corn Exchange	The Trailway
The Leisure Centre	Play Areas (Larksmead, Milldown, Langton, Park Road, Westbury Way, Badbury Heights, Diamond Way)
Woodhouse Gardens and Pavilion	Marsh and Ham
The Bowling Club	Stour Meadows
The Football Pavilion	The Milldown
The Cricket Pavilion	Angus Wood
Larksmead Pavilion	Langton Road IOWA
	Larksmead
	Park Road Recreation Ground
	The Cemetery
	Lamperds Field

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Describe and justify these
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The Corn Exchange

The buildings, colloquially known as "The Corn Exchange", are centrally situated in the Market Place, the main shopping area. They carry a Grade I statutory listing and are located at the heart of a conservation area described as "the most complete and cohesive surviving example of a Georgian country town in England" in the 1970 Donald W. Insall report commissioned by the County Council to assess the area.

The facade of the Town Hall, built in 1734, is a uniquely important and pivotal feature in the centre of the Market Place in Blandford. Its size, design and use of Portland stone facade set it apart from its mostly red-brick Georgian neighbours and afford it a unique position in the 18th century townscape.

This complex of buildings comprise the "Shambles", the Town Hall room, and Council Chamber, all housed in the original Town Hall building. They are linked by a single storey extension to the Corn Exchange, built in 1858, which has a opening cut through its northern wall to form a proscenium arch into another single storey building which forms the stage. This stage building is in turn is joined to the modern Council Offices built at the back of the complex in 1990. The entire site is wholly owned, run and maintained by Blandford Forum Town Council. The 'Corn Exchange' has been the centre of civic functions since 1734 and over its 271 year lifespan has periodically seen injections of local public money to adapt it for uses contemporary to the times.

The Leisure Centre

Blandford Leisure Centre features two swimming pools, a gym, a multi-use hall, sport hall, Nordic sauna, café and tennis courts. The gym offers the very latest in equipment staffed by our fully qualified gym instructors. The multi-use hall is home to a range of group exercise classes, martial arts clubs, trampolining and toddler gym. The two swimming pools at Blandford Leisure Centre offer our award winning swim school alongside a range of water based activities whilst the sports hall has capacity for a range of sports including badminton, cricket nets, indoor hockey, volleyball and basketball.

Woodhouse Gardens and Pavilion

In 1945 this land was given to the people of Blandford Forum in memory of Alfred and Florence Woodhouse as a quiet garden for old people and very young children. In 1976 Lieutenant Colonel J.M. Woodhouse confirmed that his father would have permitted changes to allow people of all ages to use the gardens. Situated within Woodhouse Public Gardens next to the main Post Office in the centre of the town, Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion has recently been refurbished and provides an ideal setting for local organisations' meetings with modern facilities.



The Trailway

North Dorset Trailway Status as of July 2015

The North Dorset Trailway (the Trailway) is an all weather traffic free facility along the disused Dorset & Somerset railway line that is open to the public for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. It currently runs continuously for 12 kms between Sturminster Newton and Blandford. There is a route from Blandford , across the River Stour and the by pass to join up with the final sections to Spetisbury. Negotiations are in hand to extend the Trailway south as far as Sturminster Marshall and northwards from Sturminster to Stalbridge. The latest movement figures show 90k visits from Sturminster and 110k visits from the Blandford end. This demonstrates just how important the Trailway is for the local population. The Trailway is much more than a nice place to walk or ride. It is attracting an increasing number of visitors from outside the area. This has had a positive effect on the local tourism spend. In 2011 DT11 commissioned a study from Bournemouth University to gauge the economic impact the Trailway was having on the local community. Bournemouth University have since been asked to quote for a further study to follow on from their 2011 report. In 2014 the North Dorset Local Action Group – NDLAG – put in a bid for the latest round of LEADER funding. It was successful and was awarded some £1.5m over the next 5 years. DT11 formed the Trailway Economic Growth Project to develop projects that would be suitable for LEADER funding.



The Trailway (cont)

The TEGF will act as the overarching umbrella project and will support a number of smaller separate projects. Regrettably, for a number of reasons, DEFRA has not yet finalised the criteria that all projects have meet so this programme is currently on hold. It is expected to go live in late summer. In early June, DT11 was approached by Deanne Tremlett who works for Visual Arts and Makers Project – VAMP – which is part of the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership – DLEP. Dianne has been looking for project to support and was very excited by the TGEF. After a number of exploratory meetings in June DT11 was asked whether it was in a position to submit an outline proposal by the end of June. With the help of a number of key contributors, DT11 met the deadline and submitted the proposal attached to this document. This document, which should be considered very much as an initial proposal, sets out in broad brush strokes the vision the DT11, the North Dorset Trailway group, Sturquest and NDDC have for Trailway area.

We have not yet received any feed back as to whether or proposal has met with approval or not but we do expect to hear shortly.

Steve Adamson
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6th July 2015



The Bowling Club

The Blandford Bowling Club is located on the town's recreational ground and is one of the many excellent local facilities supported by the Town Council. The Club has been established since 1930 although there is a Bowling Green shown on a map of 1732 that describes the extent of the Great Fire of Blandford. This Green was within 500 metres of our current Club. The Committee is ambitious and is always striving to improve facilities, playing conditions and social programmes. During the 2013/2014 close season the clubhouse has been considerably extended, refurbished and refurnished throughout. This extension has enhanced the facilities of the club that will be put to use in the future.

The Football Pavilion

The Football Pavilion is located on Park Road Recreation Ground and is currently used by Blandford United Football Club. The Club is currently in discussion with the Town Council about an extension to its pavilion.



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Larksmead Pavilion

Following the relocation of the Rugby Club to Larksmead, its original home, and the levelling of the pitches at this site, the next phase of the project is to extend the Pavilion.



Building/land to be improved/expansion	Is there already a plan in place for this to happen or is this just a vision with no real steps put in place yet?	Owners/Drivers of the Project
<p>The Regeneration of the Corn Exchange</p>	<p>The Town Council has a project to regenerate the Grade 1 listed Corn Exchange as part of its strategic plan programme. Planning and listed building consent to carry out a complete restoration, refurbishment, enhancement and re-equipping of the facility for use as a multi-purpose venue has been achieved.</p> <p>Once completed, there will be a new programme of events to enable the venue to return as a vibrant hub for community entertainment and activities. With versatile and well-equipped facilities, the buildings will be able to better serve everyone in the community. This will help them to become financially more viable and sustainable.</p>	<p>Blandford Forum Town Council, its Corn Exchange Regeneration Project Board and the Corn Exchange Challenge Community Group.</p>

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Ensuring continuous operation of the Leisure Centre	BFTC agreed to continue funding in Sep 2012 at £50,000 pa for 7 years. To be reviewed following 7 years.	Blandford Forum Town Council, North Dorset District Council and Everyone Active.
Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion	Windows and doors has recently been replaced with a project plan in place to refurbish the toilets. The boundary wall is being replaced section by section as funds become available.	Blandford Forum Town Council
The development of the Fording Point	Phase 1 planning approval obtained in August 2014. A business prospectus is being drawn up, with the Forward written by Sir Julian Fellowes. This will begin the process of fund raising later in the year.	DT11 Forum Community Partnership and community volunteers. Mr J Ivay
Extension to the Trailway	Included in NDDC's Infrastructure Delivery Plan as Extension of North Dorset Trailway to west of Sturminster, A354 Trailway crossing - Tesco, Blandford	DCC Capital Programme
A community hub	Included in NDDC's plan for relocation to have a community hub in each town for their services. There is also an aspiration from some community groups to have a hub in the town centre, where several organisations share accommodation.	NDDC

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The Football Pavilion	Pre application discussions are currently being held with the Local Planning Authority.	Blandford United Football Club, The Town Council and NDDC in terms of S106 developer contributions.
The Cricket Pavilion	Plans are currently being drawn up by the Club for submission to the Town Council prior to pre application discussions.	Blandford Cricket Club, The Town Council and NDDC in terms of S106 developer contributions.
Larksmead Pavilion	Plans are currently being drawn up by the Club for submission to the Town Council prior to pre application discussions.	Blandford Rugby Football Club and the Town Council.
A Trailway Visitor Centre, The Railway Arches Project, the Linear Visual Arts Project and the Rail Heritage Trail	Part of the Dorset Visual Arts Management Programme. In early discussions with potential grant providers.	DT11 Forum Community Partnership

Blandford St Mary



Buildings in current community use	Land in current community use
	The Skate Park
	Stour Meadows
	Pigeon Close Play area and open space

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The Skate Park

Behind Tesco's next to the Stour Meadows free car park. A cycle rack is available and experts say it is good for blader, BMX and also skateboarders. It has rails, spine, quarters, mini, volcano's, launch box and driveways and is maintained by Blandford Forum Town Council. An annual Skatefest also takes place here.



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<p>Blandford St Mary Village Hall (proposed in Phase 2 of the Brewery Development)</p> <p>This has now been abandoned and a site on Land opposite Tesco is being negotiated with developers bringing this site forward.</p>	<p>A planning application has been approved and discussions are taking place.</p>	<p>Hall & Woodhouse, Blandford St Mary Parish Council.</p>



Bryanston



Buildings in current community use	Land in current community use
Bryanston Estate Club	Land at the telephone box

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Bryanston Estate Club

The Club was begun by Lord Portman for his workers before the Great War and has been in the present buildings for 50 years; the one shilling (5p) peppercorn rent is still paid for the original building. Membership is limited to 1000 by the Parish Council. Priority is given to those who have been junior members since 13 (fee: 15p p.a.) and full club status starts at 18 (fee: £2 p.a. and £5 enrolment). There is a 10p "friendly share" to safeguard members in the event of the Club closing. The Committee of nine, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer & six others, is elected annually. The Club is managed by a steward who has his own staff. Besides membership fees the Club is financed by sales of drink; the pool tables, juke box & fruit machines help ensure that the Club makes a profit. The Club is also used for regular gatherings by local groups as well as private hire, skittles and darts.



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Bryanston Estate Club	Vision no real steps in place	-

