

Brixham Town Council

Community Recovery Plan Prioritised Action List



Adopted
Reviewed

Key

SHORT	by end of financial year 2020/1
MEDIUM	by end of financial year 2021/2
LONG	as soon as actually practicable

1. High Street Recovery

(Strategy headings Business Brixham, Flourishing Brixham, Sustainable Brixham)

A. By the Town Council

		Timeframe	Completion Date
i.	Offer free gutter clearing along Fore St and Middle St (via the Lengthsmen service). Scheme to be limited to local independents in the first instance.	SHORT	
ii.	Offer loans/grants towards re-painting/refreshing shop fronts within the central area and the lanes/shop backs around the central car park – to improve the ‘first impression’ of the town for new visitors’. Scheme to be limited to local independents in the first instance.	MEDIUM	
iii.	Renew markets in town – street markets/Fish Market/Scala Hall.	LONG	
iv.	Promote a Brixham ‘shop local’ scheme - this could include a ‘shop local’ loyalty card scheme and an app for finding local suppliers. This could also include provision of information and training for businesses, through the Chamber of Commerce, and local events – something we do so well in this town.		

		Timeframe	Completion Date
v.	Improve information available about the 'offer ' in the town, with signage (such as 'You are here' map displays') and maps showing the locations of businesses, available to tourist destinations and holiday accommodation in and outside of the town. It has also been suggested looking at ways of improving information about the town to those with difficulties – be that those with hearing impairments (for whom speaking to people wearing masks presents particular difficulties, those with dementia or those with impaired mobility).	MEDIUM	
vi.	Floral displays in Fore Street/Middle Street. This could form part of the promotion for the Annual Brixham in Bloom event. Proposal could include a scheme for shops to purchase hanging baskets at a reduced price. Watering the baskets could be undertaken by the Lengthsmen alongside the owners.	SHORT/MEDIUM	
vii.	Power washing of public areas in the town centre.	SHORT (& already ongoing)	
viii.	Support those looking at starting a Fore St Traders Association, along the lines of that working successfully in Middle St & use that to encourage the use of 'pop up' shops in Fore St.	<i>MEDIUM</i>	

B. By working with Torbay Council

		Timeframe	Completion Date
i.	Seek improvements to the access to town from the central car park (including painting and creation of new accesses where appropriate and including a cycle lane).	MEDIUM/LONG	
ii.	Lobby Torbay to lift car parking and toilet charges in Brixham to be all day 100% free and no return for charging until the Central car park is up to a standard to reflect the Town. Alternatively free parking 15:00hrs – 10:00hrs every day & allow an increase for the other times to compensate for their lost income.	SHORT	
iii.	Continue working with Torbay Council to bring forward the solar powered bins project for the town centre. Lobbying has re-started on this subject and proposals will be put to Brixham Town Council shortly. However, we will also need local organisations to get behind it to build momentum, also remembering that we are trying to achieve this for the whole of Torbay, not just Brixham, and that means wider partnership working, perhaps with Torquay and Paignton Chambers of Commerce.	LONG	

2. Brixham Environment

(Strategy headings Flourishing Brixham, Destination Brixham, Sustainable Brixham)

A. By the Town Council

		Timeframe	Completion Date
i.	Landscaping improvements and general tidying up for the central areas, particularly around the central car park. This could be through floral displays or other schemes, in conjunction with Pride in Brixham and the Keep Brixham Beautiful project.	MEDIUM	

3. Transport & Travel

(Strategy Headings Sustainable Brixham, Flourishing Brixham)

A. By working with Torbay Council

		Timeframe	Completion Date
i.	Buses - work with Torbay to restore an in-town bus service including services to Higher Brixham Buses - if that proves impossible, work to develop a community transport/bus solution, working with Torbay Community Development Trust and other organisations within the town in the first instance.	SHORT	
ii.	Pedestrian & cafe outdoor seating space - Increase space in town for pedestrian usage – several residents have suggested possibly closing King St, permanently or more likely on specific days & times, to help with social distancing and increase options for outdoor use. This will clearly require considerable thought, particularly if we are successful in keeping an in-town circular bus route.	LONG	

		Timeframe	Completion Date
iii.	Cycling improvements – install cycle racks & electric bicycle/electric buggy recharging points in central car parks and cycle lanes in town where appropriate, plus installing cycle lock brackets to bollards & lampposts at appropriate locations in the town - working in line with Government fitness and Environment schemes for which Torbay have funding on which they are going out for consultation	SHORT/MEDIUM	

4. Tourism

(Strategy headings Destination Brixham, Community Brixham, Flourishing Brixham)

A. By working with Torbay Council

		Timeframe	Completion Date
i.	Maintain a harbour side pontoon for the Heritage Trawlers. The Harbourmaster is looking to change the arrangements by which the heritage trawlers Pilgrim and Vigilance moor alongside the harbour, requiring them to go to a swinging mooring away from the harbour side when not either taking on or unloading passengers. Pilgrim and Vigilance are working together and asking that we assist to help them secure agreement for dedicated, permanent "residency" use of the end of the pontoon would be the singular, most helpful result for both vessels. This, they feel, is essential for maintaining the vessels, safe boarding/disembarkation for members of the public as well as access on open days, school visits and fundraising events. If they could secure a permanent mooring, they could look to further promote both boats with leaflet dispensers, renewed signage (pontoon signs are out of date), better waste bins suitable for sacks of rubbish (current litter bins are inadequate), improved electricity supply and perhaps also a roofed shelter, office & meeting space, etc.	MEDIUM	

		Timeframe	Completion Date
ii.	Illuminations to promote night time economy around the harbour but also elsewhere in town, for example round the Town Hall & Town Square areas too.	MEDIUM	
iii.	Lighting for the Breakwater (cost circa £75k) - but would promote night time economy /create jobs & allow shops to stay open longer.	LONG	
iv.	Put the original town square (behind bus station), which was originally funded by EU, back to use as a town square and use as day-night theatre / music / events / markets space & as a focal point for the Town's many annual events.	LONG	

5. Community

(Strategy headings Community Brixham, Sustainable Brixham)

A. By the Town Council

		Timeframe	Completion Date
i.	Continue to support the 'Brixham Stronger Together' partnership. This began working on areas such as food availability for the vulnerable but soon moved into looking at mental health support and so on and has developed into a really valuable resource, not simply for its original purpose – to ensure quick action and reduce duplication – but to build stronger relationships, making it easier for organisations to work together. We are looking to distribute second information leaflet on where and how to access support for those suffering with mental health issues, along with the Brixham BeWell scheme information, with food and assistance packs being developed by Yes@ the Edge & Youth Genesis (among others) for those with children suffering food poverty during the crisis. It is also suggested that, if the mental health referral scheme referred to above is successful, Brixham Town Council could look to funding this on an on-going basis.	SHORT (& ongoing)	
ii.	Use BTC website and staff to provide a Brixham Volunteering Opportunities information hub – many people have discovered the value of volunteering (both for our charities and voluntary organisations and for themselves) during lockdown and are looking for ways to continue with it. This particularly includes younger people.	SHORT	
iii.	Use local tradesmen where possible, perhaps as a starter for the garden scheme to work with (and free up time for) the Lengthsmen as that scheme grows.	MEDIUM	
iv.	Devise ways of helping youth facing unemployment, to include options for the Council to take advantage of the Kickstart scheme for 16-24 year olds.	LONG	

		Timeframe	Completion Date
v.	Link Brixham Town Council grants scheme to projects helping to deliver these & other recovery projects	SHORT	