

Brixham Town Council Community Recovery Plan Prioritised Action List



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Next Review Date	
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Key

SHORT	by end of financial year 2021/22
MEDIUM	by end of financial year 2022/23
LONG	as soon as actually practicable

Categories

High Street Recovery	Strategy headings Business Brixham, Flourishing Brixham, Sustainable Brixham
Brixham Environment	Strategy headings Flourishing Brixham, Destination Brixham, Sustainable Brixham
Transport and Travel	Strategy Headings Sustainable Brixham, Flourishing Brixham
Tourism	Strategy headings Destination Brixham, Community Brixham, Flourishing Brixham
Community	Strategy headings Community Brixham, Sustainable Brixham

A. Short Timeframe

Category	Description	By Whom	Completion Date
High Street Recovery	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.	Brixham Town Council	Recommendation to Community & Environment to discuss and consider the project (requires a Project Initiation Doc). Potential launch: Autumn.
High Street Recovery	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.	Brixham Town Council	Torbay Council have launched a scheme. BTC to consider including a page on their website with links to Brixham businesses.

			Fairtrade Status extended to 2022.
High Street Recovery	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.	Brixham Town Council	June 2021
High Street Recovery	Power washing of public areas in the town centre.	Brixham Town Council	Commenced April 2021. Ongoing. BTC are concentrating on steps and areas outside of the Town Centre. SWISCo will be concentrating on streets in the Town Centre and Harbour areas.
Transport and Travel	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.	Working with Torbay Council	In progress
Transport and Travel	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	Working with Torbay Council	April 2021 initial discussions have commenced for improved cycle parking.

	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.		Tracy has had a recent meeting with Torbay Council and are currently working on the locations for bike parking. There are two schemes merging into one: (1) quick fix that BTC have agreed to purchase and (2) medium term that will need to be funded by Torbay.
Community	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.	Brixham Town Council	Ongoing
Community	Use BTC website and staff to provide a Brixham Volunteering Opportunities information hub – many	Brixham Town Council	Recommendation to the C&E committee to discuss the best

	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.		way to progress implementing a volunteer page on BTC website to sign post people to organisations. BTC to obtain quotes for a new website.
Community	Link Brixham Town Council grants scheme to projects helping to deliver these and other recovery projects.	Brixham Town Council	May 2021

B. Medium Timeframe

Category	Description	By Whom	Completion Date
High Street Recovery	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.	Brixham Town Council	Recommendation to F&GP, Requires report outlining criteria, budgets. Eleanor to do some research and discuss at a future meeting.
High Street Recovery	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	Brixham Town Council	Recommendation to C&E Chamber of Commerce have already installed a map. TC Welcome back fund also looking at this.

	difficulties, those with dementia or those with impaired mobility).		
High Street Recovery	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).	Working with Torbay Council	
Brixham Environment	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.	Brixham Town Council	In progress. Middle Street Traders have installed planters. SWISCo are re lining the car park and have painted the tickets machine building.
Tourism	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	Working with Torbay Council	Recommendation to Full Council to have a discussion and respond to letter in an official capacity.

	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.		
Tourism	Illuminations to promote night time economy around the harbour but also elsewhere in town, for example round the Town Hall & Town Square areas too.	Working with Torbay Council	
Community	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.	Brixham Town Council	

C. Long Timeframe

Category	Description	By Whom	Completion Date
High Street Recovery	Renew markets in town – street markets/Fish Market/Scala Hall.	Brixham Town Council	
High Street Recovery	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.	Working with Torbay Council	SWISCo have confirmed they are committed to purchasing 10 sensors as an initial project.

Transport and Travel	Pedestrian and 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.	Working with Torbay Council	
Tourism	Lighting for the Breakwater (cost circa £75k) - but would promote night time economy /create jobs & allow shops to stay open longer.	Working with Torbay Council	
Tourism	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.	Working with Torbay Council	
Community	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.	Brixham Town Council	June 2021, BTC agreed apprenticeship scheme