

Neighbourhood Plans Vanguard Bid

KINNERLEY PARISH

(CLG criteria as **bold headings**)

Urban/rural/suburban character

The Parish of Kinnerley is a rural parish with a population of approximately 1090. The Parish comprises the small settlements of Kinnerley, Dovaston, Edgerley and Maesbrook. The surrounding area is generally low lying mixed agricultural land.

Geographical location

Kinnerley is in the north west of the county close to the Welsh border, off the A5, approximately 8 miles from Oswestry. It is bounded to the west by the River Vyrnwy and to the south by the River Severn

Types of local planning authority - district council, unitary authority, National Park, Broads Authority

The local planning authority is Shropshire Council a new unitary authority formed in April 2009.

The strength and experience of the parish council/community group

Kinnerley Parish produced their first Parish Plan in 2005. Kinnerley Parish has a long standing history of local people working together towards shared outcomes.

The parish of Kinnerley was one of the twelve volunteer parishes that helped to develop the successful rural toolkit approach piloted in Shropshire in 2010. The parish council was keen to use the opportunity of taking part in the toolkit events in order to:

- a) arrive at up to date evidence bases that would help inform further joint work towards local outcomes;
- b) provide timely update of the evidence and information gained through production of parish plans;
- c) help the parish councils to make reasoned decisions as to whether they wished their parishes to be put forward to Shropshire Council to become community hubs or clusters in planning policy terms; and
- c) build relationships between Shropshire Council as the new unitary authority, the parish council and the communities.

As such, the respective parish councils have already demonstrated their capability and commitment towards collaborative partnership working not only with Shropshire Council but also with their communities.

Subsequent to the successful toolkit events the Parish Council made the decision to put forward Kinnerley to become a Community Hub (in the first phase of SAMDev consultation), and in so doing will now gain community benefits that will be appropriate to their particular circumstances and help meet their particular priorities. Information about what local people regard as important in terms of activities, facilities services and infrastructure has been gained already through the toolkit events.

Income levels across the community

Income data for small areas has been derived from ONS data for the former Oswestry District. These show that income levels for residents are in line with the average for the County as a whole but less than the national average.

Although figures show an average household income per annum for Kinnerley of £34,320 weekly earnings for jobs in the parish are much lower reflecting pay levels for rural occupations and their part-time or seasonal nature.

The Index of Multiple Deprivation does not show Kinnerley as a deprived area. However this measurement often hides elements of rural deprivation such as isolation and lack of services.

Size and complexity of the anticipated local development order or development plan document

The following have been identified from the Kinnerley Parish Plan as community needs and priorities:

- Provision and planning for young people
- Road problems
- Improvements to village amenities
- Environmental issues
- Assistance for the elderly
- Housing and development issues

It is not anticipated that the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for Kinnerley Parish would be overly complex. It is regarded as an opportunity to review and update the existing Parish Plan in the context of Shropshire's LDF and to add statutory weight to the views of the local community.

Deliverability and timescale - the process should be ready to be got underway immediately after the grant is confirmed i.e. the neighbourhood group should be established and the group or parish council ready to proceed, and the local planning authority should have made available the required staff and resources.

The Parish Council has a Parish Plan Steering Group which has met every year to review progress on the actions in the Parish Plan and has also carried out work on the Parish Design Statement and Landscape Character Assessment.

They are in a strong position at this point to become vanguards, with robust local arrangements in place to refresh and review the parish plans, and community support for achieving outcomes that will sustain their communities. Community Action Team officers and planning policy officers are working with them and with their local Shropshire Councillors as part of ongoing community engagement work and as part of ensuring that the desired community benefits that these communities have already identified are referenced and used in priority setting in the Place Plans into which the parish is linked.

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Appendix 1 Extract from Shrewsbury Place Plan

3.1 VISION FOR KINNERLEY AS A COMMUNITY HUB

The vision for Community Hubs is found in Core Strategy Policy CS4, and is as follows:

***Community Hubs will have development that helps to rebalance rural communities by providing facilities, economic development or housing for local needs that is of a scale appropriate to the settlement.
Core Strategy Policy CS4***

3.2 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING IN KINNERLEY

Kinnerley Parish Plan (2005)

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Kinnerley is located within the St Oswald Local Joint Committee Area. The following needs and priorities have been raised by the local community as part of these Local Joint Committee meetings:

- Road Safety, speeding, HGVs
- Police and Community Safety
- Safe routes to school, school transport
- Housing needs
- Highways
- Waste

Kinnerley Parish Council representations on the SAMDev

(Representation reference no SAMDEV DPD/04IOP/06080/00002)

- Kinnerley as a 'community hub'
- Provision of allotments
- Recreational facilities
- Improved transport links

Kinnerley Community Toolkit Event – 13th April 2010

The following activities, facilities, services and infrastructure were considered to be the most important community assets by the event attendees:

Activities:

- Children and family activities
- Youth groups and clubs
- Walking and rambling activities

Facilities:

- Community centre/village hall
- Open spaces and play areas
- School

Services:

- Shops
- Post office services
- Healthcare

Infrastructure:

- Regular public transport
- Walking and cycling networks
- Housing opportunities

Full information and feedback from the Kinnerley Toolkit event is available at:

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/factsfigures.nsf/open/C6BE79E370240015802577760045C7C5>

Appendix 2 Kinnerley statistical information

The evidence base developed for the first phase of the Rural Toolkit exercise is in a more extensive format. Please follow the link below:

[http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/factsfigures.nsf/viewAttachments/SGAK-8BQLJA/\\$file/ShropshireRuralToolkitKinnerleyEvidenceBase13Apr2010.pdf](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/factsfigures.nsf/viewAttachments/SGAK-8BQLJA/$file/ShropshireRuralToolkitKinnerleyEvidenceBase13Apr2010.pdf)

Appendix 3 Location map

