



# HAYFIELD



# PARISH PLAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
THE HAYFIELD PARISH PLAN  
STEERING GROUP  
ISSUE 1

**YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY**



## HAYFIELD PARISH GETS £5,000 GRANT!

### Hayfield Parish

includes **Hayfield Village**, **Little Hayfield**, parts of **Birch Vale** and **Rowarth**.

It takes in the hills and moors of **Kinder**, **Lantern Pike**, **Leygate Head**, **Matley Moor**, **Mount Famine** and **Phoside**.

**Government policy** is that all communities should have **more control** over what happens in their area.

**The Countryside Agency**, a Government body, is promoting this policy through a programme called **Vital Villages**.

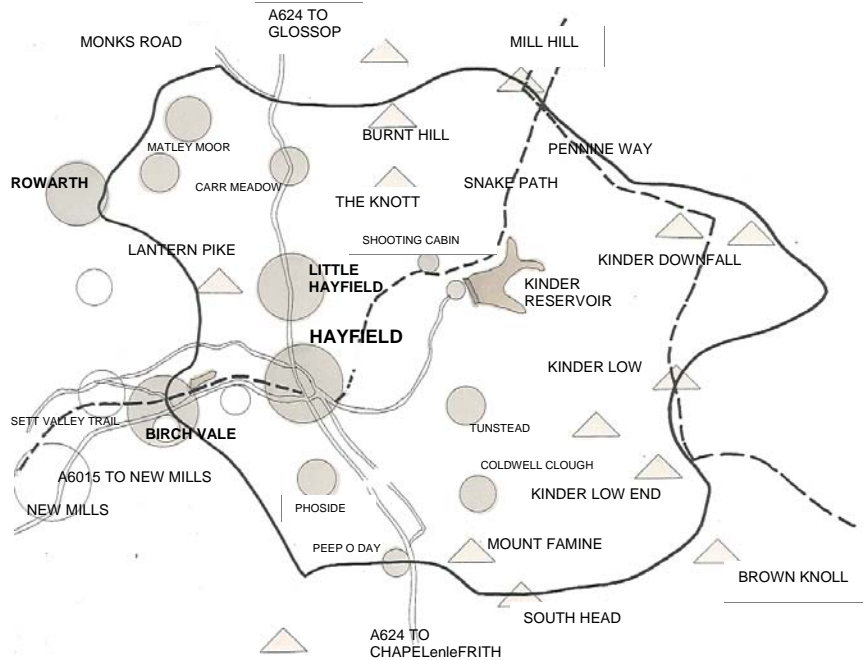
They are giving money to villages like **Hayfield** to help us to produce our own **Parish Plan**. Hayfield Parish Council has secured a grant of **£5,000** to produce a plan. This gives us a say in how we see our **community** and our **environment** developing.

The Parish Council is setting up a **Steering Group** – involving representatives of various local interest groups to set about the task of finding out what the people of **Hayfield Parish** would like to see in the plan.

THE COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY VITAL VILLAGES HAS AWARDED HAYFIELD PARISH A GRANT OF £5,000 TOWARDS THE COST OF THE COST OF PREPARING A PARISH PLAN

# WHAT IS IN THE PARISH OF HAYFIELD?

THE PARISH OF HAYFIELD CONSISTS OF ALL THOSE PLACES WITH IN THE BOUNDARY SHOWN



## HAYFIELD PARISH PLAN

- Why does Hayfield need a Parish Plan?
- What is this gimmick that the Parish council has come up with?
- Why can't they get on with strimming paths and keeping the streetlights on?

It is part of the government's investment in rural communities, under the control of the communities themselves. It is a chance to identify what we, Hayfield residents, see as desirable in our own parish and take action to implement our projects to improve and develop the Parish as we all want to see it.

Money for rural development is available from the Countryside Agency. It is awarded for projects which are within the Parish and is awarded directly to the projects, not through other levels of government. This means that a community development such as a Sports Hall, for example, could attract funding, if Hayfield's Plan identified sport facilities as one of our development targets.

Change will come to Hayfield, with or without a Parish Plan. The Plan will make a difference to how much we get listened to when other, bigger, bodies want to build or set up in Hayfield. It will effect how well the Parish Council can express the views of the people who live here, and how much development we can have under the control of the people who actually live here, doing something for their community.

That is why the Parish Council is drawing up a Plan and why we need Hayfield's people to tell us what is important in the Parish - what is missing, what should be preserved or changed as soon as possible, We want to hear from residents and businesses, from old and young and, above all from groups of people with a common interest and an idea of what Hayfield most needs.

Government determination to bring real, accountable power to rural areas was confirmed in a recent letter about Hayfield from DEFRA Minister Alun Michael to High Peak MP Tom Levitt.

In the letter, which confirmed the minister's commitment to reinforcing parish councils and giving those that conform to the government's standards of "Quality Council", Mr. Michael said, "I can confirm that Hayfield Parish Councils formal response to the consultation paper dated 19<sup>th</sup> December 2001 is being fully taken into account. ... this Government values the contribution that parish councils make to local democracy and is committed to giving parish councils a greater role to lead and invigorate their communities."

In a hand written addition to his letter, Alun Michael said "We will certainly not backtrack on the QUALITY proposals"

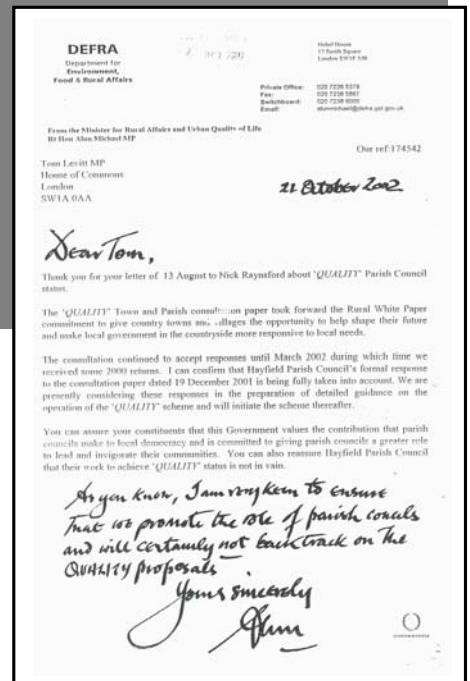
The Countryside Agency Vital Villages programme has at its heart the production of a Parish Plan.

The plan itself is a vision of how you would like your town or village to be.

It is also a stepping stone to applications for other grants such as those for transport and Community services.

### Our plan might address:

- Housing – affordable housing for local people
- Bus Services
- Local parks
- Play Groups
- Community Halls
- Support for local Businesses
- Building Projects
- BROADBAND
- Built Environment
- Pollution
- Quality of Life





**Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service** NW Area Team (DCS) is based in the Hayfield Countryside Centre. The small stone building is an operations base, visitor centre and public toilets. It is woefully inadequate for any of these functions.

**Kinder Mountain Rescue Team (KMRT)** is based in Hayfield. Their service is constrained by inadequate facilities. They have a requirement for a larger base in the Hayfield area to meet their most urgent priorities.

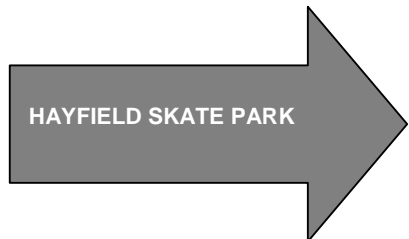
**These two bodies have got together to make a proposal:**

The proposal is to construct an improved Countryside, Mountain Safety and Mountain Rescue Centre on the site of the existing small Countryside centre, at the head of the Sett valley Trail, Hayfield. The new centre will also aim to provide shared community facilities, information service, exhibition area, cycle hire centre, car parking, picnic areas,

horse box parking, refreshment facility and bus station. Joining up the needs of the partners with the local community and visitors will mean that the resulting benefits will be greater than the sum of the parts.

**THE GATEWAY TO KINDER** is the title given to the project. It reflects the fact that Hayfield in general, and the Countryside centre site in particular, is the point through which the majority of people accessing the Kinder massif from the west will come. It therefore makes absolute sense to focus visitor services at this point.

*Dave Russ  
Paul Finn*

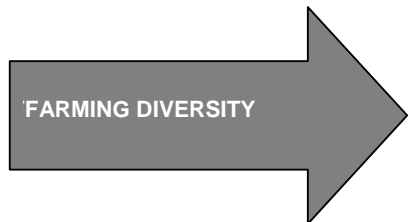


A committee was formed to promote the building of a skate park in Hayfield.

A public meeting was held at which overwhelming support for the project was expressed by a large turnout of parishioners.

**Hopefully we should see completion of the skate park in 2003** and our children will have another safe recreational/sporting facility into which they can divert their energies!

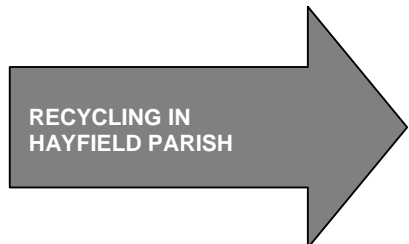
*Jonathan Butterworth*



*"Farmers won't diversify or put thousands of pounds into an investment unless it is part of a total village plan"*

On sustainable tourism: people should come and spend a weekend here, not just a day. They should come and spend money in the shops, keep everything going. And people who arrive on horses or push bikes, they want something to eat, quick, cheap and cheerful, and somewhere to stay.

*Anthony Hallam*



It seems to me that the village of Hayfield needs some means of dealing with garden waste to prevent dumping becoming a local environmental problem. Dumped garden waste is a good thing only you want to replace woodland under growth with a healthy crop of nettles and Rosebay Willow-Herb.

**Hayfield needs a solution** that is as easy for people to participate in as it is to just dump garden waste. One answer might be some sort of **communal composting facility**.

*Barry Soames*



The centre of Hayfield Village is a conservation area, a tourist attraction, a local resource and a collection of eyesores.

As a community we should be very concerned about our beautiful village, on lots of levels from safety for pedestrians of all ages to the loss of our architectural heritage.

**We have this opportunity** to take action now to reverse the slide into scruffy mediocrity and **make our environment something of which we can be proud.**

*John McCall*

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 57 GROUPS IN THE HAYFIELD PARISH  
AND APPROXIMATELY 3,000 PEOPLE – EVERYONE CAN HAVE A SAY

## OUR PARISH . OUR VILLAGE . OUR PLAN



- *“Reliable, integrated transport is a big issue, especially for the elderly and the young. You worry about them getting stranded,” say Elaine and Peter Dunkerley.*
- Maggie Young would like to see the central part of Hayfield as a mainly pedestrian area.  
“The village centre could be full of trees and cafes and people,” she says.  
“Even the shopkeepers would like it if it filled the village with people.”



- Parking on Church Street is a concern of Alan Baker.
- “It’s terrible for people with prams, young babies or kids and for the old or people in wheelchairs,” he says, “They have to go up the middle of the road. Yellow lines up one side should do the trick, but you’d have to slow the traffic with a couple of speed bumps. Little Hayfield has parking problems too.

*Jim Miles commented :“we need a reliable bus service that makes connections with the rail otherwise he will be forced to buy a car just to drive to New Mills or Glossop to get a train to Manchester!”*

- “Make changes to ‘New Bridge’ to May Queen field to make it more accessible to elderly, prams and wheelchair users – steps are very unfriendly”  
Christine Barnes & Clare Brooks
- *Improve communications to encourage working from home and development of high tech businesses to bring employment to the area” – Margaret York*



- As a village we should be supporting our shops and businesses and not be going to the supermarkets. Only then will things improve. We cannot depend on visitors – Sue McCall
- These street lights are designed for motorway driving,” says Phil Gee. “We need lights that emphasis the architecture, so people can enjoy it at night.”
- *“People with pushchairs have to go out in the middle of the road in Little Hayfield” says John McCall. “The parking situation is terrible,”*
- “Speed limit in the Village of 20mph and speed bumps” – Christine Barnes
- *Close the UnderPass and make it a Youth Centre, let the kids design and decorate it”- Clare Brooks*
- More Sports facilities for Children and Adults eg. Roller Park, Bowling Green.” - Charles Hearsom
- *“Improve all weather access to Sett Valley trail especialy for elderly and wheelchair users” Janet Leadbetter*

THE NEXT  
STEP?

COME TO

THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING AND EXHIBITION 7.00 pm  
WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2003  
AT  
HAYFIELD SCHOOL HALL

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