

## What are Community Action Plans?

An Action Plan is a blueprint for the future: -

- It provides an overview of the whole community
- Identifies local need and local opportunities
- It represents a forward look at the changes a community wants to see
- Identifies the organisations needed to help implement the Plan

## Why have an Action Plan?

An Action Plan can lead to: -

- The strengthening of existing local groups e.g. Village Hall Committees, and the creation of new groups e.g. environment and youth groups and festival and events committees
- Enhancement and creation of local amenities
- New opportunities to link into area strategies e.g. heritage interpretation, footpath network linked to tourism development.

An Action Plan provides: -

- Evidence that a community has worked together to identify common themes and agree potential projects,
- A framework to support community action
- Evidence to support bids for funding and grants for local projects

## How do we get an Action Plan?

PLANED can assist communities compile an Action Plan through an enjoyable and participative event called 'Community Visioning'.

### What will this involve?

Visioning usually consists of a two workshops that encourage a wide range of local people and organisations to come together as a Community Forum.

Visioning can result in new projects, new ways of working, an increase in action and energy locally and a realistic Action Plan.

PLANED is funded to facilitate this process and ensure that there is the widest possible participation of local people.