

### What is a Community Forum?

A Community Forum: -

- Is a constituted community group that brings together Town + Community Councils, local organisations, groups and individuals in a community
- It actively engages a wide range of local people, organisations and newly formed interest groups
- Strengthens the work of existing groups
- Provides a means of consultation and the opportunity to work in partnership
- Is open to everybody in the community

### Why have a Community Forum?

A Community Forum can: -

- Help take the Action Plan forward
- Improve communication locally
- Demonstrate community support
- Assist in getting funding
- Provide mutual support for projects
- Provide an opportunity for people to work together on projects of environmental, economic, social and cultural benefit