

Ramsey Million

Community Plan 2016-19



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Ramsey Million Partnership

Our Vision for Ramsey

Open for Discovery

Working with everyone in Ramsey Parish our vision is to create a community where ...

Young people are involved and have access to indoor & outdoor social spaces.



Families & children of all ages have affordable activities & events they can access locally.



There are accessible community transport links.



Sustainable training & employment opportunities are provided.



We make the most of our market town heritage.



People support one another. They are able to live, work, visit & enjoy themselves in an integrated, varied community where the environment is enriched & cared for.



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Big Local in Ramsey Parish

Ramsey Parish has been awarded £1 million to make a difference to the lives of people living here as part of the Big Local programme funded by the Big Lottery Fund and managed by Local Trust. This is known locally as **Ramsey Million**. This is a ten year programme that started when our first Community Plan was ratified in 2013.

The involvement of local people living in the Ramsey Parish area is an essential part of Big Local's work. Decisions about allocating funds are made by a partnership of local volunteer residents based on the findings of extensive consultation with local people. We can also report that, due to careful management, we have underspent on our allocated 2013 -16 budget so we now have more to spend in future years.

In the period covered by our first Community Plan for 2013-2016 we have achieved a great deal and many projects are still underway. (To view original plan visit www.ramseymillion.org)

Our main achievements are listed below:

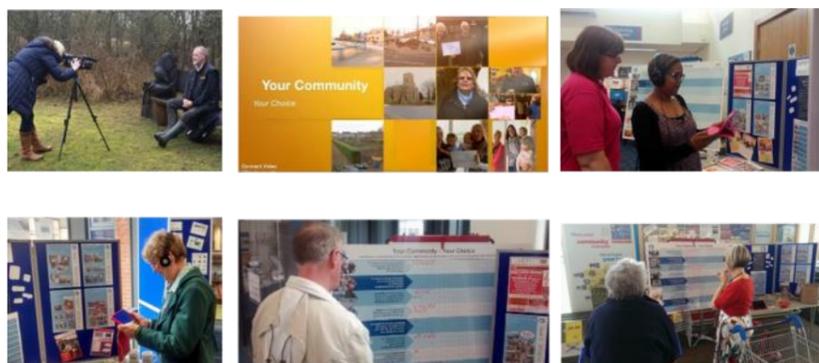
- Groups and organisations in the Parish are working together better
- Awarded grants to about 40 different community organisations
- Founded a holiday play scheme which has run successfully for three years and is planned to continue (BOSH)
- Established Promoting Ramsey Project which has, to date developed branding and a new website for the town (www.discoverramsey.co.uk)
- Worked with developers and planners making progress to finding a site for a skate park and ran a mobile skate park pilot project to assess demand and work with young people to develop their ideas for the project
- Ran a pilot soft play project to consult with young families which has led to a regular parent led soft play group
- Employed Youth Workers and established a new youth club with support from the Town Council
- Raised awareness of Ramsey Million and Big Local
- Ran a week of try-it craft and arts activities culminating in a music festival attended by about 750 people
- Established a moped hire scheme to help people get to work
- Residents and workers report a better atmosphere generally and a buzz about the town



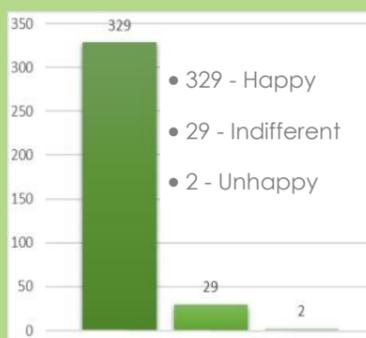
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Following our Community Consultation over the summer of 2015 it was clear that local people were pleased with the progress made so far and were happy for the Ramsey Million Partnership to continue to build on and develop the original plan with some minor adjustments.

We made a video which highlighted Ramsey Million's achievements (www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wdw5zu_Pw8Y). This was loaded on a tablet for people to view when being consulted at events and venues. Residents were asked to select their two priorities on a large chart which listed our key projects and they were also invited to make further suggestions.



Consultees were invited to put a counter into one of three jars (happy, indifferent, unhappy) and the chart below shows that 91% of people consulted were happy with the progress being made.



The clear priority was still outdoor space for young people (i.e. a skate park), followed by indoor space/activities for young people, transport and access and revitalising Ramsey. All this feedback was used to inform our next plan seen in the centre of this leaflet.



The Things We Do or Fund to Make a Difference (Activities)

The Differences We Want to Make (Changes/Results)

Long-term Change (End Goals)

Theme 1 Young People

1. Create a safe and accessible hub/meeting space for young people (our indoor space)
2. Support/develop outdoor space and facilities for use by young people e.g. skate park
3. Provide positive activities for young people to engage in i.e. CRUNCH
4. Support opportunities for young people's development through training, volunteering and employment
5. Support intergenerational activities bringing older people and young people together
6. Work with young people to make things better for young people



- More opportunities for young people to access advice/support, social and leisure opportunities
- Young people will be playing an active role in community life
- Young people are involved/engaged with Big Local –shaping as well as participating in what's offered
- Young people have increased confidence and skills for life and for work
- There is an increase in understanding and mutual respect between generations
- Young people will have raised self-belief and aspirations

Young people will be better able to achieve their full potential/goals

Theme 2 Transport and Access

7. Research who wants to go where and for what
8. Promote existing community transport
9. Support community transport should funding be removed
10. Explore the potential of cycling routes in partnership with other agencies



- Reduced isolation of those people without access to their own transport
- We will better understand what would work best for Ramsey
- Local people (those without transport) will have better access to services and opportunities

Fewer people are limited in achieving what they want out of life by a lack of affordable transport

Theme 3 Business, Heritage and Tourism

11. Build on the initial branding, website and marketing within the Promoting Ramsey Project
12. Develop and or support Ramsey's tourist attractions
13. Continue to link with other tourist attractions (such as Great Fen) and strategic bodies to tie Ramsey in with the sub-region
14. Develop and or support events/projects that protect/promote our cultural heritage (especially for young people)
15. Town centre events/activities – to bring people into the town to support local businesses
16. Seek funding to continue the work of the Promoting Ramsey Project beyond 2017



- Local businesses have a stronger customer base
- Ramsey has a stronger and more distinctive tourism offer
- Young people are more aware of and interested in our local history and culture/crafts
- Our local traditions and heritage are better safeguarded/celebrated
- Our town centre is more attractive
- Our town centre is both better cared for and better used
- There is more pride in our area
- Better linkages with tourism / tourist destinations across the Fens

We have a thriving economic and cultural life that benefits local people, visitors and future generations

Theme 4 Families and Children

17. Develop the BOSH summer play scheme and provide low cost activities throughout the year
18. Maximise the potential of our open spaces to provide safe spaces for young children to play
19. Support our existing provision of activities for young children (Toddler Time, AJ's Youthy)
20. Develop a savings scheme to enable families to save for BOSH and trips
21. Develop more support for parents of young children



- Local facilities for families with children are improved which means people do not have to travel
- Parents with small children have more opportunities to socialise, play and learn
- Parents with small children are better supported (by their peers and/or local services)
- Parents of young children have increased resilience (confidence and ability to cope with challenges)
- More young children participate in physical and group activities which benefits their health and wellbeing

Families are better able to give their children a good start in life

Overarching Themes

22. Invest in our partnership and volunteers and our learning and development
23. Ongoing communications and engagement with local people
24. Support individuals with ideas for community benefit to make them happen (eg, social enterprise)
25. Deliver small grants "pots" for community projects
26. Develop credit union services to enable people to better manage their money
27. Work with appropriate partners (eg, to improve transport and facilities)
28. To have a 'contingency' fund to respond to developments that may require some match funding to enable them to happen in Ramsey



- More people will be aware of Big Local
- More local people will be getting involved with Big Local
- Local service providers and agencies will be working better together to meet local needs
- People will be more connected (to what's going on, to others and to local organisations/groups)
- We will be better able to identify and act on local needs
- We will have increased our skills and confidence in making a difference
- We will be making a difference to the needs we've prioritised

Lasting and sustainable change