

RURAL PATHFINDER PROJECTS FOR S.E ENGLAND, 2 MARCH 2006						
No	Themes and Projects	Lead	Description	Status	Contact	Rural Pathfinder Contact
	COMMUNITIES					
1	Community Planning	New Forest District Council	Explore how the whole community can express its views on the future, and how the public sector can make better use of this information, linking this with local strategic partnerships and the new planning framework.	Approved and underway	Penny.Velander@NFDC.gov.uk	Des Hobson
2	Delivering on Parish Plans	West Berkshire Council, Community Action West Berkshire	Run a conference for local authorities and rural community development organisations to share best practice in the parish plan process and inform other Pathfinder projects.	Completed	PJames@westberks.gov.uk	Des Hobson
3	LaMIS for Local Councils	Land Management Information Service (LaMIS)	Expand LaMIS to provide information to assist other groups, including Parish and Town Councils and partners in other Pathfinder land management projects.	Approved and underway	ben.bennetts@hants.gov.uk	Des Hobson
4	Electronic Parish Library	Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils	To develop a web-based information tool for parish and town councils based on updated best practice guides for which there is already a national demand.	Approved in principle	steven.lugg@hants.gov.uk	Des Hobson
	FARMING AND LAND MANAGEMENT					
5	Streamlining Support to Farmers	HCC (Env), N. Wessex Downs AONB, South Downs E.Hants AONB, Sussex Downs AONB	Test the development of an integrated advisory service for land managers through three pilot projects with differing approaches in three AONBs. Discussions underway as to whether the scope should be expanded to include funding and regulation.	Approved and underway	linda.tartaglia-kershaw@hants.gov.uk	Des Hobson
6	Kent Downs Rural Advice Service	Kent Downs AONB Unit & Kent County Council	Provide timely advice to farmers and landowners seeking to change their business or land management, leading to diversification changes that are financially viable, environmentally sound and acceptable in planning terms.	Approved and underway	john.miller@kent.gov.uk	Des Hobson

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7	New Forest Consents	English Nature, Environmental Agency, Forestry Commission	Look at methods to enable state bodies to work together more effectively for land use management in the New Forest by improving efficiency (licences, permissions etc) and explore the roles of the stakeholders in this.	Approved and underway	tony.cosgrove@english-nature.org.uk	Des Hobson
8	Local Land Management Frameworks	Countryside Agency/HCC	Pilot the establishment of a framework to bring together local agenda setting/accountability and national policy to achieve an integrated approach to land management outside of protected landscapes. Test in the Hampshire Downs.	Project being developed	Countryside Agency	Merrick Denton-Thompson
9	Historic Farmsteads	English Heritage	Develop practical guidance and a tool kit on the management of those features of historic farm/buildings that can contribute to local countryside character.	Project Plan approved	Jeremy.Lake@english-heritage.org.uk	Des Hobson
10	BIOFUELS	Country Land and Business Association/ National Farmers Union	Look at opportunities to use and promote crops to make biofuels eg "bio-diesel" from oilseed rape.	Approved in principle. Project being developed	Andrew Martin: farming@rmfarms.co.uk	RrRosalind Rutt
11	LOCAL FOOD PROCUREMENT	Hampshire Fare	Overcome the substantial blockages preventing the public sector from using more locally produced food.	Approved and underway	frances.stokes@hants.gov.uk	Des Hobson
12	FARM WASTE	HCC (Environment)	Simplify the regulations on the on-farm management of agriculture waste, (including using Local Development Orders), with a pilot in Hampshire to allow farmers to dispose of their waste in an environmentally sensitive way.	Approved and underway	richard.read@hants.gov.uk	Rosalind Rutt
	COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS					
13	Local Countryside and Greenspace Network	HCC Countryside Service	Provide high quality access to the countryside in and near towns. Create a network to co-ordinate and prioritise actions and funding for countryside access, deliver projects and link with spatial plans.	Approved in principle. Discussions underway	jo.hale@hants.gov.uk	Rosalind Rutt

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14	Public Access in the Countryside - Clearing the Way	HCC Countryside Service	Bring together systems of accountability, agenda setting, funding streams and regulation to improve access to the countryside and ensure action.	Approved in principle. Discussions underway	andrew.t.smith@hants.gov.uk	Rosalind Rutt
	THE COAST					
15	Coastal Consents	Chichester Harbour Conservancy & HCC (Env)	Address duplication and inefficiencies in the complex procedures to obtain consent for work on the coast. Possible pilots for Chichester Harbour and the River Hamble.	Approved and underway	alan.inder@hants.gov.uk	Rosalind Rutt
16	Coastal Realignment	HCC (Env)	Simplify the range of consents and funding streams required to achieve coastal realignment. Possible pilot with sympathetic land owner.	Approved in principle	alan.inder@hants.gov.uk	Rosalind Rutt
17	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Rural Housing Enabler	Explore the delivery of affordable rural housing through off-site/Modern Methods of Construction	Approved in principle	John.Lancaster@action.hants.org.uk	Rosalind Rutt
	UNDER DISCUSSION					
18	Governance	Defra	Develop a formal relationship between the new Commission for Rural Communities at the LGA's Rural Commission. To improve accountability evidence and use of resources.	To be submitted	tba	Merrick Denton-Thompson
19	Transport & Services for Children and Young People	Community Action Hampshire	Examine the barriers to accessing transport for children and young people. Make key recommendations for improvements.	Project submitted	elizabeth.donegan@action.hants.org.uk	Des Hobson
20	Parish Plan Toolkit	SE Rural Community Councils	Develop a robust regional Parish Plan toolkit which also allows for local flexibility and 'ownership'.	Project submitted	jacintat@surreyca.org.uk	Des Hobson