



Reydon Parish Council

Our Vision and Strategic Priorities for Reydon

Progress as at May 2024

A. Reydon should be a village which is attractive and sustainable, with a climate emergency plan

Action	Priority	Who/How	When	Cost to RPC	Progress March 2024
A1. Adopt a climate emergency plan and take the necessary actions to reduce our carbon emissions and impact on the environment, for example by making the Village Hall more energy efficient	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LV to represent RPC on Village Hall Management Committee if agreed • Work to develop and cost VH upgrade plan • PC to pursue how we can develop Carbon Footprint and Climate emergency plan for Reydon via Suffolk Green Forum 	<p>Ongoing, starting Nov 2021</p> <p>From Dec 2021</p> <p>Nov 2021 – <i>informally done, our carbon footprint is slightly high but in keeping with a rural area with our population size and insufficient public transport</i></p> <p>March 2024 – on-going</p>	High – est £10-50k over agreed timescale tbc	<i>LV, PC, D Kirk</i> on VH committee, working to develop plans for VH upgrade. PC continues to pursue CEP.
A2. Encourage an active lifestyle by providing a safer environment for walking and cycling, for	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FT to continue to investigate and collect key 	Ongoing; likely to take several years	High if RPC required to fund feasibility for 20	PC Highways group liaising with SCC over traffic surveys and possible 40mph limit on A1095 from Wolsey Bridge. <i>March</i>

<p>example through 20mph speed limits in built up residential areas and a 40mph limit on the A1095 between the A12 and Reydon, and through the creation of cycle lanes</p>		<p>information and data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPC to prioritise and pursue ideas with SCC and M Ladd as division councillor • Relevant surveys and consultation to then be undertaken 		<p>mph zones – up to £10k??</p>	<p>2024 this request turned down. Reapply in a year or so. Works completed for better signage and clearer visibility to increase safety for those crossing to Hen Reedbeds. Traffic survey completed 2023. Priorities identified as traffic calming measures and possible redesignation of footpaths as restricted byways ie to allow cycling as there is no room for a cycle lane on Halesworth Rd.</p>
<p>A3. Make full use of Reydon Neighbourhood Plan (RNP) policies for safe access to and from developments (Policy RNP8) and for safe walking and cycling routes (RNP9) including through use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding (RNP PC Action 8)</p>	<p>Ongoing; high at key points in planning process for major developments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPC Planning Committee to respond in detail to plans, eg when Reserved Matters applications are submitted for Copperwheat • Aim to achieve traffic calming and cycle provision on Halesworth and Wangford Roads • RC/Footpaths and Cycling group to develop any other desirable schemes 	<p>2022 onwards depending on timing of implementation of developments.</p> <p>2024 on-going</p>	<p>Nil to RPC provided schemes are covered by planning conditions and thus funded by developer; Other schemes could be funded from CIL</p>	<p>PC response to St Felix had limited effect on access or cycling provision. This now being pursued via Highways group (see above) and PROW group (see below).</p>

A4. Actively promote compliance with speed limits through Community Speedwatch, speed cameras, speed indicator devices	Ongoing - high	Speedwatch Team currently disbanded due to lack of volunteers.	2024	Nil Tbc – but could be appropriate use of CIL if RPC required to contribute to costs	Try and reinstate a new Speedwatch Team
A5. Participate in parking consultations for Southwold that may have the effect of moving the parking problem to the roads in Reydon and liaise with East Suffolk Council (ESC) and Suffolk County Council (SCC) over possible parking policies in Reydon and to ensure adequate parking provision in new developments (RNP PC Action 9)	Medium/Low but high at key points where implications for Reydon are identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPC to meet with relevant ESC officer(s) to identify issues for Reydon • Planning Committee to monitor parking issues in new developments and respond appropriately 	Ongoing	Nil – unless any need for RPC funded provision is identified but this is unlikely but could be funded from CIL	<p>No work to date on parking but need to coordinate with Cllr Beavan on ESC plans for Southwold. Planning Committee comments on parking where needed.</p> <p>Attend any consultations held on parking. RPC/STC liaison group will continue to discuss</p>
A6. Establish managed re-wilding where appropriate and protect and enhance green areas and verges (RNP PC Action 10) and plant trees, for example under	Ongoing – high to develop and implement initial plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Spaces Group to finalise re-wilding proposal • Further plan to be identified in light of progress on the above 	2024	In current budget	<p>Need to develop further plans for rewilding and where. Suggestion: planting, eg specie crocus, anemone blanda, winter aconites, snowdrops, scilla siberica, around entrance to The Drive and Lakeside Park Drive.</p>

the Queen's Green Canopy Scheme					<p>NB Regarding the above, David Wood has offered to order bulk quantities of bulbs as he gets a discount.</p> <p>Reminder – Pam C has signs indicating plants for pollinators</p>
A7. Encourage new building that is low carbon, energy efficient and in keeping with its surroundings and countryside setting as required by RNP policy RNP10	Ongoing – high when details of new developments are finalised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include in RPC Climate Emergency Plan • Planning Committee to monitor and respond appropriately to planning applications 	Ongoing	Nil	Reydon CEP has been developed. They have a page on our website. Planning Committee responses to applications includes reference to RNP10 as appropriate.
B. Reydon should be a village which enjoys its surroundings in outstanding countryside					
B1. Restore the First World War pillbox at Might's Bridge	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FT to seek agreement of landowner to transfer of property • Project and Fundraising plan to be developed • Implementation 	2023 – Recently the owner has been in contact and handover of the pill box is perhaps a little closer.	£40-50K???, offset by funding – eg Heritage Lottery?? SALC says: A council can seek grants towards anything they can legitimately do, and acquiring and maintaining such an asset would be permissible under	Agreement reached on land transfer which will be free, we pay legal costs/conveyancing. When finalised, PC can progress a costed scheme and fundraising etc

				very old legislation - s.8(1) (i) & (k), Local Government Act 1894	
B2. Identify problem footpaths and ensure they are maintained and kept clear, possibly by encouraging volunteer working parties	High - ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath & Cycling group to complete survey and report problems to SCC etc • Identify key paths for work by volunteers and recruit as needed 	On-going	<p>Nil</p> <p>£1k for any materials or professional help needed – can SCC Self Help Scheme be used?</p>	<p>Public Rights of Way (PROW) group has surveyed most of the parish footpaths. Now working with STC and SCC on maintenance and strategy issues for improving the network.</p> <p>PROW Group to continue to carry out path surveys</p>
B3. Identify important footpaths that could be joined to create round the Parish walks and those which could improve access from the village to the countryside; use CIL if necessary to fund this (RNP PC Action 3) and ensure developers contribute to countryside access (Policy RNP6)	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath group to finalise initial plan using existing paths and new Quiet Lanes • Footpath Group to identify where above route could be improved by new permissive paths and seek agreement of landowners • New paths to be created as part of restoration of Wangford Quarry to be incorporated into above 	March 2024	<p>Nil</p> <p>Possible locality funding from SCC £1k?? For map</p>	<p>Little progress to date on new permissive path. PROW group will pursue when possible. Joint work with STC could lead to new footpath map.</p> <p>POH to hand over work he has done on the updated Leisure Map of Reydon - Ann to chase</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New footpath map to be developed possibly in conjunction with STC 			
B4. Maintain protection of the countryside around the village including by use of Policy RNP5	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Committee to monitor and respond appropriately to planning applications 	Ongoing	Nil – unless a major campaign is needed.	Ongoing. This could now be a major issue given Lionlink potential plan for cabling through Reydon.

C. Reydon should be a village which meets the needs of local people and encourages a sense of community

- through community activities

C1. Upgrade the Village Hall so that it can be used for more activities and by more local groups	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LV to represent RPC on Hall Committee, supported by other Councillors and work to develop a plan for improvements, including insulation, energy efficient heating and lighting, improved av, wi-fi, kitchen/bar etc • Agree cost and timescale for above and investment needed from RPC and/or fundraising • Begin phased implementation 	<p>Early/mid 2022</p> <p>Early/mid 2022</p> <p>Mid 2022 onwards</p> <p>On-going</p>	Tbc – but est of up to £50k may be needed from RPC and/or fundraising. RPC to include £5k pa in budget from 2022/3 onwards	<p>LV working with VH management committee and local architect to complete surveys and develop scheme. Wi-fi installed.</p> <p>As at March 2024 infrared heating installed, storage spaces overhauled, small meeting room created, re-decoration carried out, toilets refurbished, fund raising event in progress.</p>
C2. Promote the use of the Sports Pavilion for activities that cannot be held at the Village Hall	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to develop a shared scheme for the role of the Pavilion in parish life currently in abeyance 	<p>Early 2022</p> <p>March 2024</p>	Nil – unless further investment required in setting up costs of pavilion - £3-5k in 2022/3 budget?? Is this still desirable	Longer term plan and promotion still required

C4. Establish an annual or bi-annual Village Fair for Reydon, perhaps in conjunction with the school	High - ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPC to develop plans with Reydon Primary School for inclusion of RPC in the school's annual fair. This needs further consideration. 	June/July 2022 and annually	Nil	PC held a successful celebration of the King's Coronation in June 2023 plus stall. Also a stall at Brass on the Grass. Further consideration to be given to annual programme of events including Christmas Switch On etc rather than one annual Fair.
C5. Promote facilities for younger people, such as The Loft	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with new Leader of Loft project to identify opportunities to extend and better promote its work 	2024 onwards	Nil (assuming any promotion is incorporated into RPC website and newsletters as below)	Limited progress. Improved provision for young people is a persistent request at engagement events and plans are in development for major upgrade of facilities at the Rec but these will be dependent on significant fundraising and investment.
C6. Continue to support the community bus ('Mr Bus') and help to find volunteer drivers	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with Sole Bay Care Fund to agree regular reports on uptake and usage RPC to ensure that the bus is sustainable and well-used as condition of continued funding 	Annually	£5k pa	C Ryan from SBCF reported on use of bus at the APM. Viability and uptake of the service needs regular review prior to further PC funding.
C7. Ensure possible expansion of Reydon Primary School is protected from adjacent development as required by	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Committee to monitor and respond appropriately to planning applications 	Ongoing	Nil	Ongoing. It is likely that the new Copperwheat development will have an effect on the Schol, we

Neighbourhood Plan Policy RNP2					should try and find out the implications
C8. Protect our Local Green Spaces and registered community assets (RNP Policy RNP7 and PC Action 6)	Ongoing – high if an asset is threatened with discontinued use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPC to continue to plant and maintain Reydon Corner and Jubilee Green • Planning Committee to monitor and respond appropriately to planning applications • RPC to campaign for community purchase of any threatened community asset 	Ongoing	£4k pa (est) on Reydon Corner and Jubilee Green Possible costs of campaign and/or purchase of community asset??	Ongoing. No threats to date to any community asset.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • through better communication 					
C9. Create a website which is easy to navigate and which contains helpful and up to date local information (local facilities, who to contact if there is a problem, planning applications, financial help, climate emergency, village activities etc.)	High initially then ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dom K/RPC to support new website manager in review of website and agree plans for its development • Dom K and website manager to review and further improve regularly 	Nov 2021 Quarterly?	£?? pa	Changes have been implemented as agreed by new website manager. Dom K is PC lead.

C10. Provide a welcome pack for new residents	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FT/LV to develop contents – from website etc • Costed plan to be developed • Pack printed and distributed 	Launch late 2022 then ongoing		Rather than a pack, create a welcome page on the village website which can be promoted in each edition of the Reydon Robin (see below). Is this feasible?
C11. Produce a quarterly newsletter	March 2022 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dom K to edit and ensure sufficient input from RPC and community groups to make worthwhile • Agree layout and printing costs from local printer • KF/DP leading on volunteer distribution scheme and implement 	Launch Mar 2022, then June, Sep and Dec annually On-going	£500 per newsletter, so £2k pa – are costs correct?	Feedback from residents has been very positive. Requires ongoing commitment from PC.

• through better sporting facilities

C12. • provide a new outdoor sports facility, an all weather surface pitch for five-a- side football and basketball	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPC to agree actions as appropriate 	Decision to be made regarding appropriate scheme	High – possibly £100k	Estimates have been received regarding re-development of the Rec, including provision of a MUGA and zipwire. PC will need to consider this alongside other priorities for capital investment, opportunities for grant funding, alternative tenders and phasing of final agreed scheme. Green Spaces Working Group to suggest way forward
C13. Establish a planting scheme for The Drive/LPD/Halesworth Rd	Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPC to agree type of planting, bulbs, pollinating perennials, etc 	Autumn 2024	Little, under £100 hopefully	Green Spaces Working Group to suggest way forward
C14. Establish Rec and Allotment User group(s) and a volunteer warden scheme to monitor use and report problems	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPC to set up group and seek volunteers to be wardens, possibly with a rebate on allotment rent 	Late 2022/early 2023	Little or Nil	A Group thought to be unnecessary, representative of PC and allotment holder will report issues of concern. There will be an annual meeting between RPC and allotment holders
C15. Encourage the use of school premises for community leisure	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ?? to liaise with Reydon Primary school RPC to discuss with new owners of St Felix 	2023 onwards	Nil	Council lead to be identified and set up discussions. Do we still consider this as viable?

• through better housing provision and adequate infrastructure

C16. Ensure application of Neighbourhood Plan housing policies: RNP1 (Tenure Mix of Affordable Housing) RNP3 (Affordable Housing on Boundary of Settlement) and RNP4 (Principal Residence Requirement)	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Committee to monitor and respond appropriately to planning applications RPC to work with STC and ESC on enforcement strategy for principal residence condition 	Ongoing	Nil	Ongoing. Recent appeal against RNP (defended by PC and ESC) rejected by Planning Inspectorate so policy stands.
C17. Work with East Suffolk Council as the Local Planning Authority to protect the future status of affordable housing (RNP PC Action 1) and to maintain a balanced housing mix (RNP PC Action 2)	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Committee to monitor and respond appropriately to planning applications 	Ongoing	Nil	Ongoing
C18. Continue to pursue concerns about sewerage and drainage with the relevant authorities and seek to ensure that new developments include provision for necessary improvements to these facilities (RNP PC Action 7)	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council to liaise with Anglian Water and Cllr D Beavan to ensure agreed monitoring of sewerage system takes place, is reported and actions agreed as needed 	2024 onwards	Nil	Ongoing – need more detail here on what progress has been made via the 2/3? Meetings. Meeting to be arranged with Anglian Water with regard to Copperwheat and other developments
C19. Consider creating new allotments? delete	?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Spaces Working Group 	2024	?	There is no demand for further allotments. Re-consider future of newly-created Community Allotment

D. Reydon should be a village which contributes to the local economy, including tourism

D1. Encourage the use of empty units on the business park	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dexter K ? to liaise with owner of business units to promote their use and to support plans for development of workshops on spare land 	2022 onwards	Nil	Live/Work units now offices but unlet. New storage units/workshops on rest of this plot. CHECK?
D2. Lobby for better public transport, particularly 'out of hours' services	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPC to monitor services and proposals for change and respond as appropriate RPC to meet SCC to press for better transport strategy 	2022 onwards	Nil	No action to date
D3. Use the website to promote schemes to help local businesses (such as grant schemes) and youth employment services	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dominic K to investigate and build into website specification as required Promote website – eg via Reydon Robin 	2022 onwards	Nil	Needs to be incorporated into action being planned on Cost of Living crisis.
D4. Promote and update the Reydon Leisure Map	Medium	LV and FT to incorporate into work on the newsletter and welcome page, footpath group to input as needed; ideally should link with STC footpath developments and a joint walking guide for Reydon and Southwold	2023	£500-1k	Joint work now under way with STC which may lead to a joint Southwold and Reydon Walking and Leisure guide. POH to hand over work he has done on the updated Leisure Map of Reydon - Ann to chase

E. Reydon should be a village which is prepared for risks from flooding, erosion, traffic and pollution

<p>E1. Participate in the Harbour Management Committee Advisory Board and the Southwold to Walberswick Flood and Coast Board and work with ESC and other agencies to implement the Shoreline Management Plan to protect housing at risk from flooding (RNP PC Action 5) and to support the relocation of properties at risk from erosion at Easton Bavents (RNP PC Action 5)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify someone to represent RPC, with LV as alternate • RPC to support agreed strategy for maintaining harbour, estuary and coastline 	<p>2022 onwards</p>	<p>Costs hopefully to be met by ESC, landowners and grants</p>	<p>Ongoing but no specific actions yet agreed Someone to be identified to represent RPC</p>
<p>E2. Participate in the Emergency Group and seek volunteers</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KF to represent RPC and identify actions needed, including recruitment of volunteers for specific roles 	<p>2022 onwards</p>	<p>Nil – and publicity to be included in newsletter</p>	<p>We are participating – KF is our link</p>
<p>E3. Participate in the Blyth Estuary Partnership and support the implementation of its preferred strategy to maintain the estuary</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPC to be represented and follow up as needed (see E1 above) 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Nil – unless RPC needs to help fund raising of estuary walls</p>	<p>See E1 BEP recently reformed but has not yet made progress. Needs discussion with STC. Someone to be identified to represent RPC</p>
<p>The End (Currently!)</p>					