



Reydon Parish Council

Our Vision and Strategic Priorities for Reydon

May 2025

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

| Action | Priority | Who/How | When | Cost to RPC | |
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| 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"> KH to represent RPC on Village Hall Management Committee if agreed Continue to investigate feasibility of a sustainable hall upgrade 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 – informally done, our carbon footprint is slightly high but in keeping with a rural area with our population size and insufficient public transport</p> <p>March 2025 – on-going</p> | High – est £10-50k over agreed timescale tbc | Decision needed for direction of village hall; new build, patch up of non-sustainable hall or other solution. Full survey of the building to take place before any decision made, alternative community hall |

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| <p>A2 Continue to collaborate with ESC and SCC to improve road safety within the Parish</p> | <p>High</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways Committee to lobby SCC Highways to take me • Encourage SCC Highways to require developers to contribute to improved road safety when responding to planning application consultations. • Submit a revised request for a 40 mph from west of Wolsey Bridge to the start of the 30 mph limit adjacent to St Felix School. | <p>Ongoing; likely to take several years</p> | <p>Highways budget, using CIL where available. If RPC required to fund specific measures costings will be calculated on case by case basis. Suggested basic highways budget of approximate £3000 pa.</p> | <p>PC Highways group liaising with SCC over traffic surveys and possible 40mph limit on A1095 from Wolsey Bridge. Revised proposal to take account of Old Hall visitor data, data from traffic survey August 2022, Planning application for Reydon anaerobic digester, recent traffic collision fatality on Wolsey Bridge. Reconsider traffic calming measures on the Halesworth Road, especially from the start of the 30mph limit to Lakeside Drive. Possible redesignation of footpaths as restricted byways ie to allow cycling as there is no room for a cycle lane on Halesworth Rd. Measure achieved 2024/2025: Revised parking restrictions in Nightingale Avenue to</p> |
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| | | | | | improve safety at the junction with Wangford Road and the junction with Teal Close. New SID pole on Wangford Road near the church. |
| 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) | Ongoing; high at key points in planning process for major developments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPC Planning Committee to respond in detail to plans, eg when Reserved Matters applications are submitted for the Copperwheat development. • Aim to achieve traffic calming provision on Halesworth and Wangford Roads PC footpaths group to investigate improvements/additions to footpaths within the parish | 2022 onwards depending on timing of implementation of developments. 2025 on-going | Nil to RPC provided schemes are covered by planning conditions and thus funded by developer; Other schemes could be funded from CIL | Continue to monitor and challenge the unsatisfactory construction traffic management plan for the Copperwheat Development. Request that improved traffic calming measures are a condition for approval of the planning application for the anaerobic digester at the Adnams distribution centre. |
| A4. Actively promote compliance with speed limits through deployment of speed indicator devices, requesting deployment of ANPR speed cameras and mobile police speed cameras. | Ongoing – high to develop and implement initial plans | | | | New SID pole now in place on Wangford Road |

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| A5. Establish managed re-wilding where appropriate and protect and enhance green areas and verges (RNP PC Action 10) and plant trees, for example under the Queen's Green Canopy Scheme | | <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 • Implement the wilding of the area behind the bus shelter by the junction of The Drive and Halesworth Road. • Consider further tree planting and possible wilding of areas of the recreation ground. | | | <p>Need to develop further plans for rewilding and where</p> <p>Suggestion: planting, eg specie crocus, anemone blanda, winter aconites, snowdrops, scilla siberica, around entrance to The Drive and Lakeside Park Drive. Daffodils and Bluebells already planted at the west side of the junction of Halesworth Road and The Drive.</p> |
| A6. 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"> • Planning Committee to monitor and respond appropriately to planning applications | Ongoing | Nil | <p>Reydon CEP has been developed. They have a page on our website. Planning Committee responses to applications includes reference to RNP10 as appropriate.</p> |

B. Reydon should be a village which enjoys its surroundings in outstanding countryside

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| B1. Restore the First World War pillbox at Might's Bridge | Medium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project and Fundraising plan to be developed Implementation | | <p>£40-50K?, offset by funding – eg Heritage Lottery? CIL.</p> <p>SALC says: A council can seek grants towards anything they can legitimately do, and acquiring and maintaining such an asset would be permissible under very old legislation - <u>s.8(1) (i) & (k), Local Government Act 1894</u></p> | <p>WW1 Pill Box now in hands of PC. First meeting of Working Group now taken place and decided that it is turned into a Heritage Site. Investigate whether we can use some CIL for the necessary work. Looks likely given preceding comment under Cost to RPC.</p> |
| 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 group re-established in March and is regularly monitoring the footpaths with assistance from groups, landowners and individuals who use them SCC New Rights of Way officer to be invited to future Footpath Group Meetings. Article in the Reydon Robin also explains how problems should be reported. | On-going | <p>Nil</p> <p>£1k for any materials or professional help needed – can SCC Self Help Scheme be used?</p> | <p>Contact with SCC regarding hedges from Oaklands to entrance to Eastern Bavents Farm that need taking back as now a safety issue. Discussing key paths for work by volunteers following discussion with Rights of Way Officer, eg, Keens Lane (St Felix School end). Footpath group to check on very muddy spot on Lowestoft Road to Pier.</p> |

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| 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"> • New footpath map to be developed possibly in conjunction with STC • Path which joins Lowestoft Road and from woods to Wangford Road, King Charles 3 coastal path – dangerous area from beach huts to beach – seek guidance from Rights of Way Officer and discuss with landowners. • Wangford quarry first phase has been completed and new footpaths now open. Original plan was for a circular walk but this is not now possible as final section not purchased. | March 2025 | Nil | Joint Map is being developed with STC. Additional map for Reydon also being developed but dependent on funding. There would be a cost to RPC but advertisers and possible CIL funding could help. |
| 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, although LionLink is going to Walberswick there is no reason to think that we are safe from other such projects. And from ESC's need to meet increasing housing targets in this area. |

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

- **through community activities**

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| C1. Establish an annual or bi-annual Village Fair for Reydon, perhaps in conjunction with the school and Blythe Rotary Club | High - ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPC to develop plans with the rotary club, and possibly Reydon Primary school. | annually | Nil | Way forward to be decided. |
| C2. Promote facilities for younger people. | Ongoing | | 2025 onwards | Nil (assuming any promotion is incorporated into RPC website and newsletters as below) | Play provision on The Rec for 7+ age group and new football area now completed |
| C3. 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 | Viability and uptake of the service needs regular review prior to further PC funding. |
| C4. Ensure possible expansion of Reydon Primary School is protected from adjacent development as required by Neighbourhood Plan Policy RNP2 | 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 School, we should try and find out what provision is being made. Investigate the future plans |

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| | | | | | compiled by SCC (the Local Authority) with the help of our ward councillor. |
| C5. 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 • Consider reviewing the protected green spaces in the Reydon Neighbourhood Plan. • 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 | | | | | |
| C6a. 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 as website manager to review and further improve regularly | Nov 2023 | Part of £2,0000 pa RPC Website, Social Media and Communications budget | Changes have been implemented as agreed by new website manager. Dom K is PC lead. |

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| C6b. Establish and maintain a RPC social media presence on FaceBook (and possibly Instagram) to provide up-to-the-minute RPC communications and information. | High initially then ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ann D to upload posts and maintain accounts RPC and community groups to help provide information and copy for social media posts to ensure they are topical and relevant | Launch early 2024 then ongoing | Part of £2,000 pa RPC Website, Social Media and Communications budget | Would be good to co-ordinate with website and <i>Reydon Robin</i> |
| C7. Provide a welcome pack for new residents | Medium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify a councillor to take the lead on determining the contents of a 'welcome' pack for residents. Packs to be distributed by housing developers and/or estate agents. Pack printed and distributed | Launch late 2025 then ongoing | | In addition to a hard copy pack, create a welcome page on the village website which can be promoted in each edition of the <i>Reydon Robin</i> (see below). |
| C8. 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 KF/DP leading on volunteer distribution scheme and implement | Launch Mar 2022, then June, Sep and Dec annually On-going | £2,400 pa | Feedback from residents has been very positive. Requires ongoing commitment from PC. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> through better sporting facilities | | | | | |
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| C9. • 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 | | Fairly high | Phase 1 of improved recreational facilities completed, including play equipment and football pitch. Consideration to be given to an all weather surface pitch, using CIL. PC will need to consider alongside other priorities for CIL. Green Spaces Working Group to suggest way forward |
| C10. 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 | Approximately £300 | Planting started. Additional plants to be added annually at the appropriate time. |
| C11. 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 | | Little or Nil | A Group thought to be unnecessary, representative of PC and allotment holder will report issues of concern. There will be two meetings a year between RPC and allotment holders |
| C12. Encourage the use of school premises for community leisure | Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adele 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? |
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• **through better housing provision and adequate infrastructure**

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| C13. 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. (2023 appeal against RNP defended by PC and ESC was rejected by Planning Inspectorate so policy stands.) |
| C14. Work with 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 |
| C15. 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 |

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

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| 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. They remain unlet |
| 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 Include a directory of local businesses on the website. | 2022 onwards | Nil | Needs to be incorporated into action being planned on Cost of Living crisis. Need to invite local businesses to provide contact details for inclusion on the website. |
| D4. Promote and update the Reydon Leisure Map | Medium | To incorporate into work on the newsletter and welcome page, footpath group to input as needed; ideally should link with STC | 2023 | £500-1k | - Ann to chase DK and KF have both contacted graphic artists/cartographers with a view to revising the design. Consider Joint work with STC and |

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| | | footpath developments and a joint walking guide for Reydon and Southwold | | | SRS which may lead to a joint Southwold and Reydon Circular walking and Leisure guide. Content for a separate map for Reydon to be agreed |
| E. Reydon should be a village which is prepared for risks from flooding, erosion, traffic and pollution | | | | | |
| 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) | Ongoing | <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 | 2022 onwards | Costs hopefully to be met by ESC, landowners and grants | Ongoing but no specific actions yet agreed DP currently hour rep. |
| E2. Participate in the Emergency Group and seek volunteers | Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KF to represent RPC and identify actions needed, including recruitment of volunteers for specific roles | 2022 onwards | Nil – and publicity to be included in newsletter | We are participating – KF is our link |
| E3. Participate in the Blyth Estuary Partnership and support the implementation of its preferred strategy to maintain the estuary | Ongoing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RPC to be represented and follow up as needed (see E1 above) | Ongoing | Nil – unless RPC needs to help fund raising of estuary walls | See E1 BEP recently re-formed but has not yet made progress. Needs discussion with STC. PC representative? |

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