



## Case Studies

ACRE works with RCAN members to research and evidence Community Led Planning (CLP). This page provides a number of case studies that show how CLP works in practice.

### [Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Oxfordshire](#)

A questionnaire was hand delivered to 587 households in October with a resulting return rate of 73%. The community set up an environmental group to see how the local area could become more energy efficient. They used a thermal imaging camera provided by the South Oxfordshire District Council to identify heat loss in housing and community buildings.

### [Easton in Gordano, Avon](#)

1,311 questionnaires were completed and returned representing 60% of all households. The local MP has taken a direct interest in issues coming out of the Parish Plan.

### [Grampond, Cornwall](#)

The plan has been used to influence planning an policy decisions and significant progress has been made in improving working relationships an cooperation with local authorities. A playschool and adult education classes were set up.

### [Harrietsham, Kent](#)

The first Youth Parish Council in Kent was established. This group proved to be key in engaging with other young people and encouraging their participation in wider community activities. A community user group has been set up which meets regularly with health providers at the Doctors surgery to promote discussion on health issues.

### [Headley, Surrey](#)

An affordable housing needs survey was undertaken. 78% of respondents were in favour of a 2nd phase of development that would see new homes built for local residents. For the first time in 30 years seats on the Parish Council were contested and several new parish councillors were elected.

### [Helions Bumpstead, Essex](#)

The group had a 91% response rate to the original consultation in 2002 and 81% to the refresh questionnaire in 2004.

### [Kempston, Bedfordshire](#)

[Kempston Neighbourhood Plan] was a pilot project with the aim of transferring the skills used to engage communities in rural areas to an urban setting.

### [Little Hadham, Hertfordshire](#)

The plan highlighted the need for affordable housing and things for young people to do, which fed into the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Children and Young People Service Plan.

### [Lower Winterbourne, Dorset](#)

The Parish Council continues to liaise with Dorset County Council, regarding speed control and enforcement. More research is taking place to justify additional Footpath and Cycle Tracks. In total, an additional £113,900 was brought into the community for various projects as the result of producing the CLP.

### [South Cerney, Gloucestershire](#)

The CLP has provided community members with a chance to overcome the problems of flooding in their local area. The plan was used as evidence for improvements to drainage and led to the creation of an emergency plan.

