

## Engaging our Communities



# Listening and Working with East Lindsey's Communities

- Identifying and solving local issues.
- Making it easier for communities to deliver local projects.
- Co-ordinating partners to provide quick advice and support.

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## Why was action required?

- East Lindsey is a large sparsely populated District and has a diverse range of communities.
- These communities have aspirations to improve their locality and their resident's quality of life but often they find it difficult and confusing to make change happen.
- Supporting these communities required partners to work together in different ways to engage and empower local people to make the differences that matter to them.

## What did we do?

- Partners worked together and dedicated resource to launch community engagement models across the District.
- In 2009 the LSP adopted a Parish Planning Protocol to provide advice and support to local communities that were developing community plans. At a draft planning stage, partners review the Plan and provide advice that will benefit the community to deliver its plan.
- A Neighbourhood Management approach has been developed along the coast with Residents' Forums and a Neighbourhood Board giving local residents a voice to make changes in their community that matter to them.
- A South Wold Parish Cluster Model with 6 neighbouring Parish Councils is bringing local Parishes, District and County Councillors together to explore common issues, increase local democracy and bring communities together.

## What were the results for our residents?

- Communities have taken on road safety initiatives, groups have received funding advice to support new projects and future local planning considerations are being incorporated into the Local Development Framework.
- Partners from across the Partnership attend meetings and respond to locally identified needs. Citizens are empowered to take the lead on local issues with notable projects delivering environmental improvements, health initiatives and activities for young people.
- Partners have supported further engagement models including those that support young people (Youth Assembly), Older People (Forums), Residents' Forums and policing issues (Neighbourhood Panels). These models have started to achieve common aims, for example, reducing effects of anti social behaviour by breaking down generational barriers through intergenerational events.
- The range of models will help partners to work with East Lindsey's diverse communities.

## Where can I find out more information?

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