

Halland Voice Statement

What residents tell us is that Speed and Road safety is a big issue. They value the speed camera and flashing sign – these stops our homes shaking and keeps the noise down. It makes it easier for us to get in and out of our properties and safer for our children. We'd like to extend the 30mph to the far edges of the village. This isn't just about reduced speed limit signs, but enforcement too – we know that when the speed camera on the A22 was out of commission for a year the speed limits were ignored and as a result the air ambulance landed twice.

We have nowhere to meet that belongs to the community. There are two hotels and a pub in the village, however the meeting facilities at the Forge and the Blacksmiths arms are too small and Crockstead is at the extremes of the village – there are no pavements between the hotel and the village so it makes it impractical as a meeting space. That doesn't mean we don't value these facilities, but it makes it difficult to hold a meeting about local issues for example. Most planning and council meetings take place in East Hoathly – this is where the facilities are, but if a Halland resident who does not drive wishes to attend then they can get there by bus, but not home again unless they walk – either through the fields in the dark or along the very busy A22 in the dark where there is no pavement.

There is nowhere safe for children to play. There is no park, no space that is safe to use. We don't want to replicate the facilities in East Hoathly – what would be better would be new and different facilities to be installed that compliment these. For example a woodland adventure park or even a lido! Or to think a little outside of the box the East Hoathly Football pitch suffers from water logging that has been impossible to cure due to its low lying nature and the parish children have long wanted a skate park – why not find a site in Halland to create one or both of these facilities?

Older residents in particular who remember the bonfire society parades coming to Halland would like to feel part of the event again – the A22 divides our community and for one night we'd like to be linked again. Closing the A22 between the villages would make the event safer and could provide additional car parking.

What Matters To Us?

The Neighbourhood planning process asks every resident to think about what is important to them in their community. Here are a few of the things that matter to the people in Halland



Our Speed Camera
Making our roads safer and our homes quieter



Education
The brilliant Annan School providing education for toddlers to seniors.



Places We Meet

Getting together is important – The Blacksmiths Arms, Forge and Crockstead Hotel all make a valuable contribution to our community.



Open Spaces

Green spaces, woodland and open fields make life in Halland special. From the woodlands behind the Forge, to the green spaces between our homes, to the open spaces in the village and the footpaths that link them, these are important to our community.



Recycling
Facilities at Crockstead Hotel



Spiritual Wellbeing

Halland Chapel has been at the heart of our community for generations



Local Businesses

We are incredibly lucky to have Stavertons Nursery in our community as well as Birchwood Ford.



Medical
Our defibrillator at The Forge



Communication
Two post boxes!



Halland House
Providing care services and part of our community



Our Community

Litter picks, bulb planting, carol singing.....



Transport
Buses are important to our community, both young and old, for school, work and leisure.



Open Air Swimming
A Lido for swimming in the summer

Another Speed Camera

We'd like at least one more speed camera

Pavements

We'd like better and safer pavements.

Mobile Communications

A better mobile signal - please!

Mobile Library

A visiting library provides much more than access to books and information. It's a social centre and a place to meet, particularly for the older folk.

A Safe Place to Play

There's no play area in Halland. Getting to East Hoathly involves a walk through the woods or along the dangerous A22. We'd like somewhere safe in the village for our children to play.

Community Space

We'd like a place to meet - for community events, later life clubs, mums and toddlers, a space and building that belongs to the community for the community.

Better Medical Care

If you are ill, old or infirm then there's nowhere in Halland where you can get help. We'd like to see a doctors or dentist in our village so the people who live here can be seen near to home.

Better Parking

A place for friends and visitors to park.

Fewer Power Cuts

Does anyone in the village even bother to reset their clocks that run on mains power anymore? No, didn't think so!

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Even Better If.....?

What would make our community better? Here are some of the things that people in Halland would like to have in our village....

Speed Limits

It would make our lives better if the speed limits were reduced to 30 mph throughout the village. We call this the Halland triangle - from Annan school in the East, to Knowle Lane in the West and Crockstead Hotel in the North. 30 mph would make Halland happier, healthier and safer.

Teenagers

A skate park or area for teenagers to meet

Better Transport

We'd like more regular buses so we can get to and from the places we want to go to more easily.

A Bypass

There have been plans for a by-pass for Halland for years - as the volume of traffic on the A22 increases a by-pass for Halland would change the lives of the people who live here.

Active Life

A jogging or keep fit trail for use by all ages

Carnival Parade

We miss being part of the annual fireworks celebrations. Please can the bonfire society parade come back to Halland?

A Cycle Path to East Hoathly

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Your ideas?

The design forum on the 7th and 8th of March is the place to share your ideas and hear what other people in our Parish want too. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group wants to hear from you. Make it a date and come along and get involved!