

BLOFIELD CHURCH COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT

Service/Activity	What it delivers	Outcome – the result of what we do
<p>Parish Office (linked to the Outreach clinics)</p> <p>To be located in the Chancel Vestry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk in centre for daily initial assistance with a number of issues covering financial advice, assisting lone parents, links to health services, community legal advice including consumer advice, advice to young people and youth work, transportation advice and assistance, welfare advice including housing advice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People will be helped in a face to face environment by those who know the village and local issues. • People with disabilities can be more easily helped for example converting documents into large print, creating 'talking' documents • Relationships will be strengthened and teamwork created • Younger people will be volunteering in the community
Cafe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee mornings (providing an opportunity for a variety of speakers) • Luncheon club (including a specific carers luncheon club) • Book club • Post wedding, funeral and baptism refreshments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More community participation. 88% of respondents in the Parish Plan wanted an improved community spirit. • Less feeling of isolation • New people to the village would feel more welcomed
Miscellaneous bookings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility for other village groups to meet for example the Parish Council • Occasional users as required • Diocesan Association of Bellringers quarterly meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The larger space will allow more people to participate in decision making for example at the Parish Council meetings • Goodwill and community co-operation

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Internet café	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet access and/or tuition for those groups of people without computers or lack of computer knowledge • Younger people can teach older people how to use e-mail and the internet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New skills for older people • Alternative to the village library if it has to close (reduced hours already in the library) • Access to online shopping for those people unable to lift heavy loads or those without transportation • Access to jobs advertised on the internet • Ability to keep in contact with family via e-mail, SKYPE and other media
Outreach clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships with key service providers to bring clinics into the heart of the village. • Open Day demonstrated support from CAB, Voluntary Norfolk, Broadland District Council, Norfolk Police, SureStart, the Matthew Project and Age UK. We have subsequently been approached by Access to Life for adults with learning difficulties. • 73% of respondents in the Parish Plan identified that the villagers wanted more Police presence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy walk in access to a variety of services on a regular basis especially for those people without transportation and reluctant to use the telephone or computer • People will have more information on these community groups allowing them to volunteer. • People feel safer in their homes via crime prevention workshops • Older people will keep well and independent at home through being well informed.
Heritage centre (with a permanent village and rural exhibition) And Visitor Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will help local people to explore and research their past • Older people will demonstrate partly lost skills i.e. spinning, knitting, weaving • Ability to research family history (1:5 visitors come to the church for this reason). Create a link with ancestry on line with the internet café. (especially important if library closes) • Teaching the history and care of a Grade I listed building • Norfolk economy was £2.4b in 2007. Tourism is an important part of the rural economy. We participated in Heritage Open days and attracted more than 400 visitors from all over Norfolk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our rural culture is not lost • Schools will have an additional resource for history based projects and potentially using young people to capture heritage data using new technology • Younger people will have opportunities for volunteering • More people will learn the skills to maintain the nation's greatest architectural legacy. • Church buildings can be better maintained by tourist funding

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Youth activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55% of respondents in the Parish Plan identified that more activities are needed for 11-19yrs • Creation of a Young Persons Forum • Easter and Summer holiday club provided • Parish Plan identified that young villagers wanted space for more social functions, a youth club and an indoor meeting place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Younger people will have the opportunity of volunteering in the community • Space for young people to voice their opinions on the future of their community • Young people will feel valued • Young people will be able to influence their own activities • Young people attending youth events will have developed new skills • Creating a safe and supportive environment for young people
Tuition of music, art, drama and song. Adult Education courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of specific groups for music, art, drama and song • Music – the creation of a multi age orchestra, bell ringing and playing the organ • Drama- the creation of a multi age amateur dramatics group • Song – hosting community choirs • Art – teaching art and also exhibiting local artists • Adult Education in collaboration with Learning for Life offering courses architecture, art, history, literature, music, religion, science and social studies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More activities to link all age groups • All age groups would be involved in community activities • All age groups and all skills have the opportunity of working together • New skills will be learned • Increase in confidence for some participants • Less feeling of isolation • Adults attending skills classes will have accessed employment opportunities
Children's Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach work delivered by SureStart the children's centre • Parenting courses • Young parents groups (pre birth) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents and children will find new friends • Single parents will feel less isolated • New parents to the village will feel welcomed • Parents will have information and advice on all parenting issues • Parents will be able to take qualifications leading to permanent employment • Parents will have access to training and job opportunities

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Additional religious activities	<p>The new space will allow flexibility for a variety of pastoral activities for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bereavement group requested by villagers • Church courses for example courses for Alpha (discovering Christianity), Emmaus (teaching the Christian faith) Confirmation, Marriage and Baptism • Larger space for young people and children's services and activities for example a larger Sunday school, a separate crèche, a Rock Solid youth club linked with Youth for Christ, better facilities for large school services • Church Council Meetings • Christian Meditation groups • Pram service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less isolation for the bereaved • Growth in congregation • People can explore spiritual beliefs and values • Improved health and well being for the community • Provide opportunities to explore personal and family commitments
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