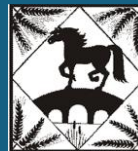


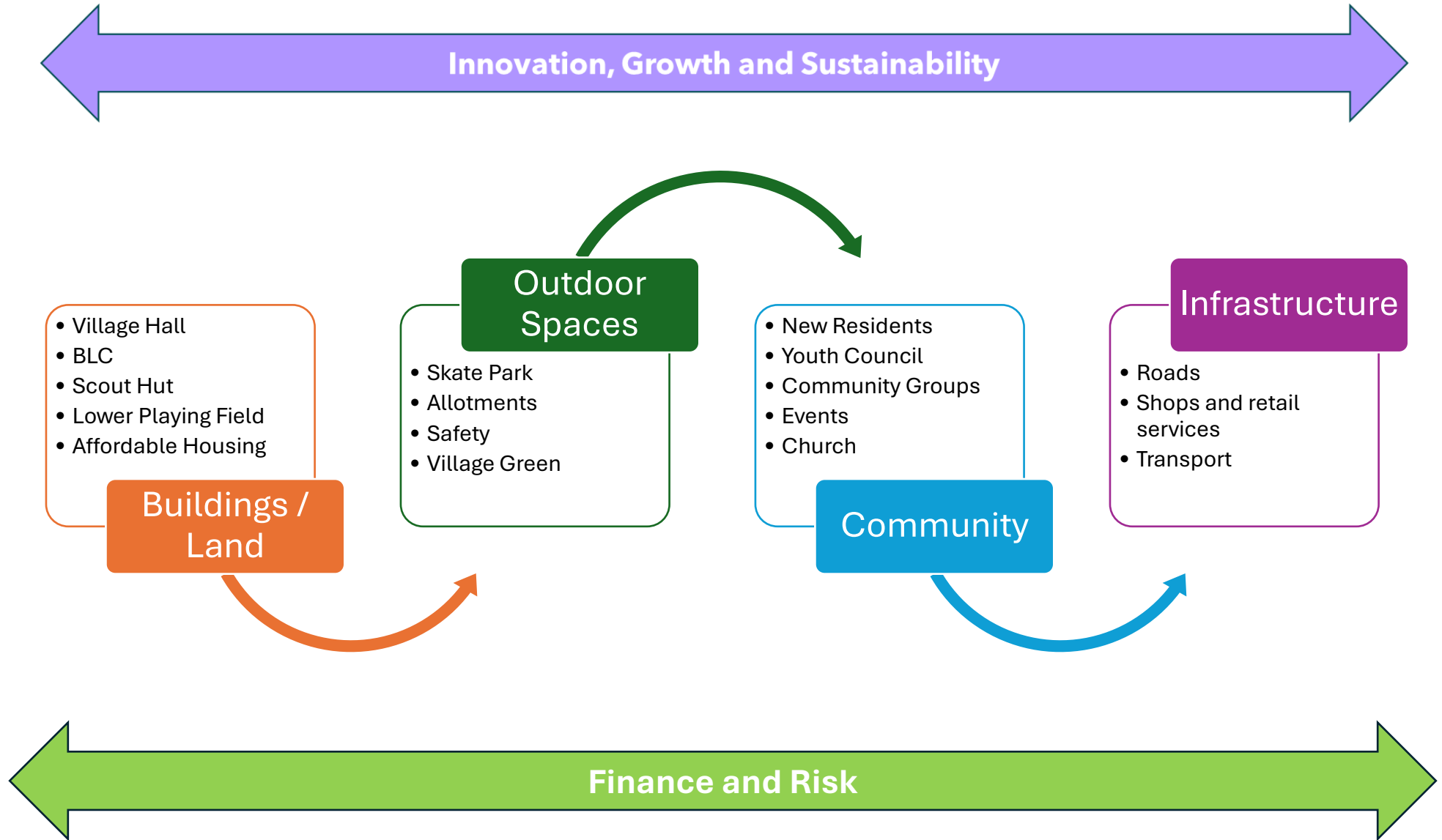
# BRANTHAM 2034 STRATEGIC PLAN

This Parish Council strategic plan is a “live” document that the council will update on a regular basis and will review annually. The Plan will enable the council to track and monitor progress against the objectives and timescale.



BRANTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Brantham 2034 Strategy Outline



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Title	Timescale	Details	Funding Source	Councillor Resources	Officer Resources	Update on progress and actions
<b>BUILDINGS AND LAND</b>						
<b>Brantham Village Hall</b> <b>COUNCILLOR LEAD</b> – Lesley Cherry (Jackie Heywood Support) <b>10 Year vision: To provide the village with a financially self-sustaining Village Hall that is fit for purpose, versatile, inclusive and at the heart of community life.</b>						
Toilet Refurbishment	S	Installation of new toilets	BDC CIL BPC CIL VH Funds	Lesley Cherry Jackie Heywood	Clerk	COMPLETED
Explore alternative uses for VH	M	Expand daytime use of Hall	N/A		VH Manager	Ongoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back office/kitchen now rented to private company</li> <li>• New Yoga class established on Weds am</li> <li>• Regular Community Café held at Hall</li> </ul>
		Create multi-use space at the hall by upgrading two rooms at the back	VH Funds approved	Lesley Cherry	Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding approved at March VH meeting</li> <li>• One room COMPLETE</li> <li>• Back kitchen due to be re-fitted in near future</li> </ul>
Promote Hall as a community Space	S	Facebook advertising increased	N/A		VH Mgr	New VH manager in place Regular promotion on social media taking place
Explore options for a new VH	L	Identify sites		Lesley Cherry	Clerk	
	L	Consult residents				

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	L	Consult local partners ie. BDC				Meeting held with Chair and Clerk on various issues related to land and funds. Discussions ongoing
	L	Create VH Plan				
<b>BRANTHAM LEISURE CENTRE</b>						
<b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – TBC</b>						
<b>10 YEAR VISION - BPC to work with leaseholders to create a vibrant and thriving community centre with a shared Brantham Buildings “brand” that is financially self-sustaining and offers good value-for-money activities and resources to local users.</b>						
Agree new lease arrangements	L	Lease due for renewal 2037	Legal costs covered by tenant	Legal Sub-Committee	Clerk	
<b>LAND ASSETS</b>						
<b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – Jackie Heywood</b>						
<b>10 YEAR VISION - Maximise the potential of all BPC Land assets to meet the needs of the village</b>						
Play areas	L	3 “owned” play areas updated and well maintained	BPC Funds	Recreation sub-Committee BPC Chair	Clerk	Annual Play Inspections undertaken Repairs due to be undertaken at GPL Play area (Summer 2026)
<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>						
<b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – Eric Osben</b>						
<b>10 YEAR VISION - At least 12 affordable houses completed or underway for people with a strong connection to Brantham.</b>						
Affordable housing project	S	Sites identified.		All	Clerk	List of potential sites submitted to Babergh District Council Planning dept. Some feedback received, further feedback awaited. Suitable site identified. Meeting held with landowner Housing partner identified and instructed
	S	Housing needs survey complete	Babergh DC	All	Clerk	Survey completed. Results awaited

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	S	HNS results analysed		CAS BDC EO/BPC	Clerk	Results reviewed and show strong need for Affordable Housing in Brantham
	M	Housing partner identified.		BPC	Clerk	Housing partners contacted. Meeting held with Housing providers Flagship appointed as Housing Partner
	L	Final site identified and houses built	Housing partner BDC CIL		Clerk	Site identified Discussions with landowner underway
<b>SCOUT HUT</b> <b>COUNCILLOR LEAD - TBC</b> <b>10 YEAR VISION - New scout hut in place</b>						
Scout hut	L	To support Scout Hut with new building as appropriate		All	Clerk	

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<b>OUTDOOR SPACES AND GREEN ISSUES</b>						
<b>SKATE PARK</b>						
<b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – Abi Edevane</b>						
<b>10 YEAR VISION - A well-used, fit-for-purpose Skate park in place that meets the needs of village young people and provides a vibrant and exciting place for young people to enjoy sport, fitness and a sense of community. Asset to host local competitions, be an embedded part of school PE provision and offer community facilities such as toilets and refreshments</b>						
Assess success of mobile event	S	Review and analyse feedback received Report to Council	BPC	Abi Edevane		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis complete</li> <li>Informal report received</li> </ul>
Establish working group	S	Meetings in place Action plan drawn up Costings developed		Abi Edevane		Quotes provided by 3 Skate Park providers Funding secured Tendering and Procurement process due to start Summer 2026
Project plan	M	Work with experts in the field Develop costings Social media engagement	Consider funding sources	Abi Edevane	Clerk	Social media project underway Website in place
Youth Involvement	M	Engage young people at design and implementation stage		Abi Edevane Local Schools	Clerk	Links with local primary school established
Links with Local Parishes	S	Establish links with local PCs to avoid duplication			Clerk	Details provided to all local Parish Councils Requests for funding submitted where appropriate
Toilet provision	L			Abi Edevane/All		
<b>ALLOTMENTS</b>						
<b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – Martin Clark</b>						

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<b>10 YEAR VISION - At least 20 Allotments plots established and well-used with a waiting list in place. Allotment community to grow and flourish</b>						
Allotment consultation	S	Consultation exercise – online and via bugle?	BPC	MC	Clerk	Comments received via FB poll and email from local resident showing strong desire for allotments
Allotment Land	M	Identify potential land for allotments.				Possible land identified as part of Affordable Housing project.
Allotment Land acquisition	L	Work with landowners to lease or purchase land	BPC	MC	Clerk	Major land owner contacted – unwilling to sell or lease land Discussion with BDC underway ref. possible options
Brantham Horticultural Society	S	Assess appetite from local people to re-establish – consultation/social media advertising	BPC		Clerk	
	S	Undertake fact-finding mission with other gardening/horticultural groups	BPC	MC	Clerk	
	M	Society re-established.		BPC Support?		
	L	Members identified and strong group established	Volunteers /BPC			
	L	Open Gardens project.	BHS	BHS/BPC Support?		Brantham in Bloom project launched 2026. Action plan currently in development
	L	Annual growing competition.	BHS	BHS/BPC Support?		
<b>TREE AND FLOWER PLANTING</b>						
<b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – Martin Clark</b>						

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<b>10 YEAR VISION - To have planted ? new trees by 2034 and begun programme of wildflower and bulb planting to encourage biodiversity in open spaces</b>						
Tree planting	L	Focus on maintenance and care of newly planted trees.	BPC	BPC BOS Grounds Maintenance contractor	Clerk	Watering schedule established for Cherry Tree
		Identification of new sites for tree planting.		MC/BPC		Sites identified. Meeting booked with BDC to identify possibilities. Memorial garden being planted at Merriam Close Play area
		Bids for free trees submitted where appropriate.			Clerk	Bid for hedging at LPF submitted and successful Hedging planted in Spring 2026 Bid for trees to be submitted to BDC (Summer 2026)
Flowers	S-M	Support bulb planting by local cub scout group.	BPC	Finance Committee	Clerk	Funding provided 25-26
	S	Pollinator friendly planting in Acacia Court planters.	BPC	BPC Grounds maint. Contractor		Email to AC sent 15.04.25
	M	Wildflower project on Brantham Open Space	BPC/BDC	Cllr Clark	Clerk	
<b>EV CHARGING POINTS</b>						
<b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – Martin Clark</b>						
<b>10 YEAR VISION - To have at least 3 EV charging points in the village and well-used by local people</b>						
EV Charging	M	Site for EV chargers identified Action plan established	BPC/BDC	Cllr Clark	Clerk	Site for EV Charging points at Brantham VH identified. Quotes sourced from ZolbEV via Utilityaid.

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						Funding source to be identified
<b>ENERGY SAVING SCHEME</b> <b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – Martin Clark</b> <b>10 YEAR VISION - Village Wide energy saving scheme in place and well used by local residents helping to save money for local people.</b>						
Energy Saving Scheme	M	Explore options for village-wide shared energy scheme	BPC/BDC			Information shared with Cllr Clark
<b>BIODIVERSITY POLICY</b> <b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – Martin Clark</b> <b>10 YEAR VISION – Biodiversity Policy in place and used to determine actions for outdoor/green spaces</b>						
Biodiversity Policy	S	Policy drafted and approved		MC	Clerk	Policy approved by Council Feb 2026

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<b>COMMUNITY &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>						
<b>NEW RESIDENTS</b>						
<b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – Mark Chatfield</b>						
<b>10 YEAR VISION - New Brantham residents to feel welcomed to the village and to quickly become part of village life</b>						
Welcome letter	S	Letter drafted	CD		Clerk	Letter drafted and approved by Full Council Letter sent to new residents by Cllr Donaldson
Village information booklet	M	Work with church to see if this still exists Update/develop as necessary			Clerk	Completed
Village Groups Map	M	Establish a map of local groups and activities		TL	Assistant Clerk	Initial meeting held TO BE COMPLETED
<b>ENGAGE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE</b>						
<b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – Mark Chatfield</b>						
<b>10 YEAR VISION - Young people engaged with the Parish Council and local groups to ensure they are engaged and involved in activities and developments that impact on their experience of life in Brantham</b>						
Youth Council	M	Consult with local primary and high schools to link into current groups within schools.			Clerk	Email to local headteacher sent 15.04.25 Meeting held with teacher 10.06.25 Meeting with Brooklands Parliament February 2026. Follow up email sent.
		Explore how to set up a Youth Council.			Clerk	Project with Youth Parliament to commence September 2025 Emails to school for follow up sent:
Youth worker/youth outreach	M					

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Youth consultation	S	Establish what is wanted/where from young people			Clerk	TO BE COMPLETED
<b>COMMUNITY GROUPS</b> <b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – Mark Chatfield</b> <b>10 YEAR VISION - A thriving set of community groups that meets the varied interests and needs of village residents</b>						
Map of village groups	S	Undertake mapping exercise Publish via website and social media			Clerk	Mapping underway
Community events	S	Council to link with village groups to support current events ie. Fireworks, Garage Sale, VH Quiz and Halloween nights etc		EO/LC	Clerk	Community Events group proposed by Cllr Osben Ongoing support provided to Village Fete, Dog show, Christmas tree event, Colour run etc
<b>VILLAGE EVENTS</b> <b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – ERIC OSBEN</b> <b>10 YEAR VISION - A full and coordinated village event calendar with activities taking place throughout the year</b>						
Schedule of events	S	Events identified and published		Community Events Group	Clerk	TO BE COMPLETED
Village Fete/Fayre	M	Village event planned Committee/working group established Funding sources and venue established Community groups and businesses involved	BPC Self - Funding	EO	Clerk	Fete scheduled for 20 June 2026 Working group established Start fund committed from Parish Council Community groups and businesses involved in organsiation
Wellbeing/community events	M	Council to set up Committee with delegated powers to plan and organise village events ie. Fetes, Christmas, Scarecrow etc	BPC			ToR for Village Fete Committee established

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### SAFETY

#### BRANTHAM AS A SAFE PLACE

**COUNCILLOR LEAD** – Mark Chatfield

**10 YEAR VISION** - *To ensure that all Brantham residents feel safe and secure in their homes, shared venues and in village outdoor spaces. Drug and antisocial behaviour issues eradicated.*

Safety consultation	S	Consultation to find out how safe local people feel. Analyse results and provide feedback.	BPC	All	Clerk	Safety Consultation circulated. Closing date 30 June 2025. Results of survey circulated to Council for July 2025 Council meeting Meeting date for PCC Tim Passmore to address Parish Council set for December 2025
PCSO	M	Consultation to find out if local residents would like to fund a PCSO from precept.				Working with police and East Bergholt Parish Council to establish a shared PCSO for the two villages. Funding for PCSO agreed by Parish Council April 2026
CCTV	S	Continued use of CCTV to monitor and provide evidence if necessary	BPC	All	Clerk	Ongoing

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<b>VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE</b>						
<b>ROADS</b>						
<b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – Mal Bridgeman (Cllr support – Eric Osben)</b>						
<b>10 YEAR VISION - A137 to include multiple safe places to cross, average speed cameras in place along the road and engagement underway on possibility of a “Brantham Bypass”</b>						
Traffic and speeding	S	Collect and collate data from SIDS and share with police/SCC		LC/EO		Data shared with SCC ref. crossing points along the A137 Local resident undertaking project to monitor traffic and speeding on A137. ToR drawn up.
Potholes and road maintenance	S	Report to SCC			Clerk	Ongoing
Improved cycle and footpaths	M	Consult and establish what is wanted Explore costs and options. Consider signage		Services Committee		TO BE COMPLETED
Traffic calming and crossings	L	Continue to engage with residents and SCC With regards to appropriate measures.	SCC	EO		Proposal for “Safe crossings” project presented to June Parish Council meeting. Full proposal developed and presented to SCC in September 2025 – response received. Meeting with Highways liaison officer and SCC Design Team ongoing
<b>SHOPS AND RETAIL SERVICES – 10 Year vision</b>						
<b>TRANSPORT – 10 Year Vision</b>						
<b>COUNCILLOR LEAD – Alastair McCraw</b>						

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