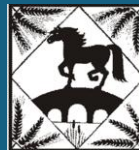


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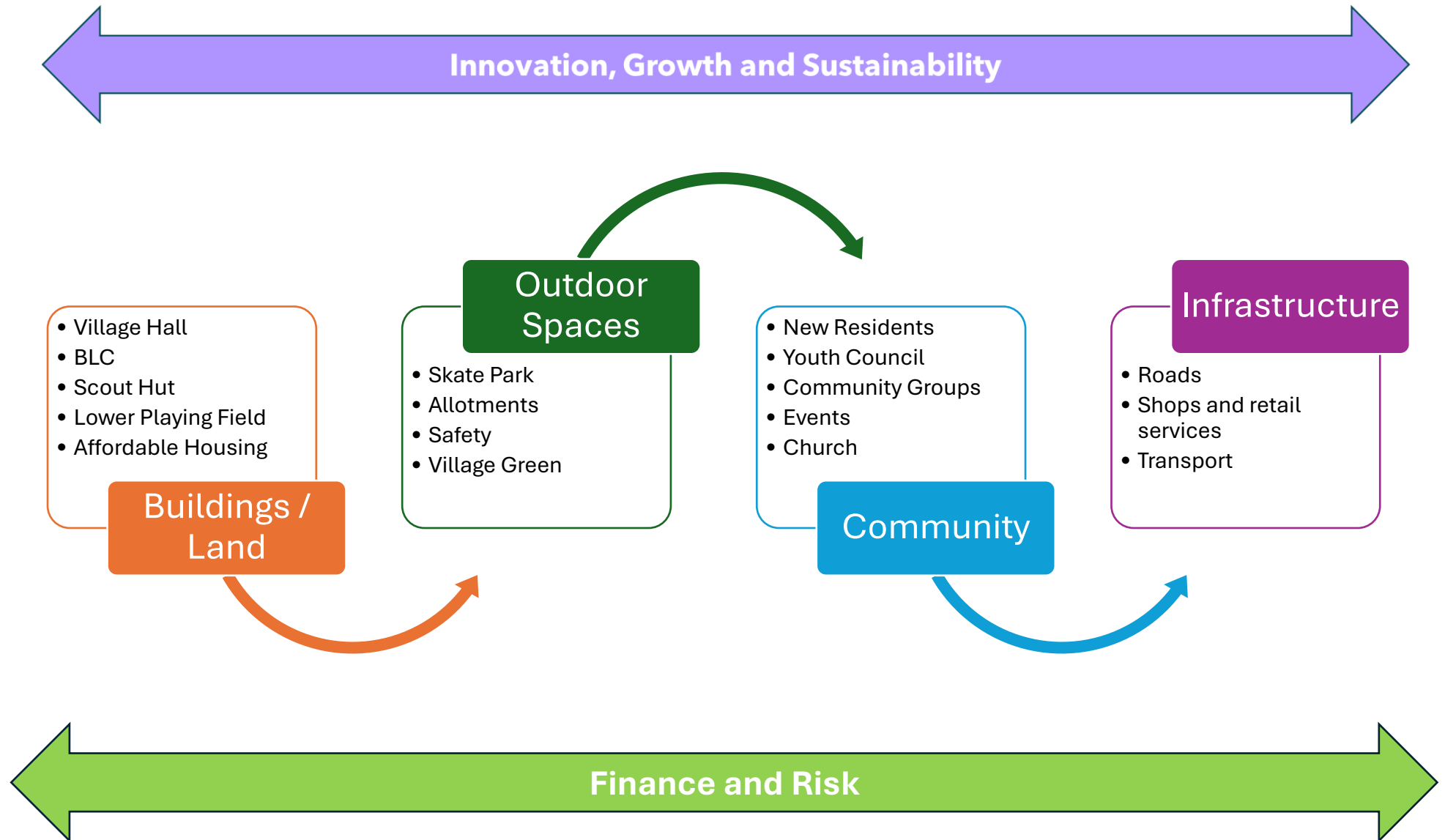


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Brantham 2034 Strategy Outline



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Title	Timescale	Details	Funding Source	Councillor Resources	Officer Resources	Update on progress and actions
BUILDINGS AND LAND						
Brantham Village Hall COUNCILLOR LEAD – Lesley Cherry (Jackie Heywood Support) <i>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.</i>						
Toilet Refurbishment	S	Installation of new toilets	BDC CIL BPC CIL VH Funds	Lesley Cherry Jackie Heywood	Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIL funding from BDC confirmed June 2025 Work scheduled to start Autumn2025
Explore alternative uses for VH	M	Expand daytime use of Hall	N/A		VH Manager	
		Create multi-use space at the hall by upgrading two rooms at the back	VH Funds approved	Lesley Cherry	Clerk Assistant Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding approved at March VH meeting Work to commence Spring 2025
Promote Hall as a community Space	S	Facebook advertising increased	N/A		Assistant Clerk/VH Mgr	
Explore options for a new VH	L	Identify sites		Lesley Cherry	Clerk/ Assistant Clerk	
	L	Consult residents				
	L	Consult local partners ie. BDC				
	L	Create VH Plan				
BRANTHAM LEISURE CENTRE COUNCILLOR LEAD – Cathie Donaldson						

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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.						
Agree new lease arrangements	L	Lease due for renewal 2037	Legal costs covered by tenant	Legal Sub-Committee	Clerk	
LAND ASSETS						
COUNCILLOR LEAD – Jackie Heywood						
10 YEAR VISION - Maximise the potential of all BPC Land assets to meet the needs of the village						
Play areas	L	3 “owned” play areas updated and well maintained	BPC Funds	Recreation sub-Committee BPC Chair	Clerk	Annual Play Inspections undertaken
AFFORDABLE HOUSING						
COUNCILLOR LEAD – Eric Osben						
10 YEAR VISION - At least 12 affordable houses completed or underway for people with a strong connection to Brantham.						
Affordable housing project	S	Sites identified.		All	Clerk Assistant Clerk	List of potential sites submitted to Babergh District Council Planning dept. Some feedback received, further feedback awaited.
	S	Housing needs survey complete	Babergh DC	All	Clerk Assistant Clerk	Survey completed. Results awaited
	S	HNS results analysed		CAS BDC EO/BPC	Clerk Assistant Clerk	Results reviewed and show strong need for Affordable Housing in Brantham
	M	Housing partner identified.		BPC	Clerk	Housing partners contacted. Meeting held with Hastoe Meeting dates set with Orwell Housing and Flagship

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	L	Final site identified and houses built	Housing partner BDC CIL		Clerk Assistant Clerk	
SCOUT HUT COUNCILLOR LEAD - TBC 10 YEAR VISION - New scout hut in place						
Scout hut	L	To support Scout Hut with new building as appropriate		All	Clerk Assistant Clerk	

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OUTDOOR SPACES AND GREEN ISSUES						
SKATE PARK COUNCILLOR LEAD – Abi Edevane 10 YEAR VISION - <i>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</i>						
Assess success of mobile event	S	Review and analyse feedback received Report to Council	BPC	Abi Edevane		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis complete Informal report received
Establish working group	S	Meetings in place Action plan drawn up Costings developed		Abi Edevane		Quotes provided by 3 Skate Park providers
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		
ALLOTMENTS COUNCILLOR LEAD – Martin Clark 10 YEAR VISION - <i>At least 20 Allotments plots established and well-used with a waiting list in place. Allotment community to grow and flourish</i>						
Allotment consultation	S	Consultation exercise – online and via bugle?	BPC	MC	Clerk	Comments received via FB poll and email from local resident

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						showing strong desire for allotments
Allotment Land	M	Identify potential land for allotments.				
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 Assistant Clerk	
	S	Undertake fact-finding mission with other gardening/horticultural groups	BPC	MC	Clerk Assistant Clerk	
	M	Society re-established.		BPC Support?		
	L	Members identified and strong group established	Volunteers /BPC			
	L	Open Gardens project.	BHS	BHS/BPC Support?		
	L	Annual growing competition.	BHS	BHS/BPC Support?		
TREE AND FLOWER PLANTING COUNCILLOR LEAD – Martin Clark 10 YEAR VISION - To have planted ? new trees by 2034 and begun programme of wildflower and bulb planting to encourage biodiversity in open spaces						
Tree planting	L	Focus on maintenance and care of newly planted trees.	BPC	BPC BOS Grounds Maintenance contractor	Clerk Assistant Clerk	Watering schedule established for Cherry Tree
		Identification of new sites for tree planting.		MC/BPC		
		Bids for free trees submitted where appropriate.			Clerk	
Flowers	S-M	Support bulb planting by local cub scout group.	BPC	Finance Committee	Clerk	Funding provided 24-25

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	S	Pollinator friendly planting in Acacia Court planters.	BPC	BPC Grounds maint. Contractor	Assistant Clerk	Email to AC sent 15.04.25
	M	Wildflower project on Brantham Open Space	BPC/BDC	Cllr Clark	Clerk	
EV CHARGING POINTS COUNCILLOR LEAD – Martin Clark 10 YEAR VISION - To have at least 3 EV charging points in the village and well-used by local people						
EV Charging	M	Site for EV chargers identified Action plan established	BPC/BDC	Cllr Clark	Clerk	Information shared with Cllr Clark
ENERGY SAVING SCHEME COUNCILLOR LEAD – Martin Clark 10 YEAR VISION - Village Wide energy saving scheme in place and well used by local residents helping to save money for local people.						
Energy Saving Scheme	M	Explore options for village-wide shared energy scheme	BPC/BDC			Information shared with Cllr Clark
BIODIVERSITY POLICY COUNCILLOR LEAD – Martin Clark 10 YEAR VISION – Biodiversity Policy in place and used to determine actions for outdoor/green spaces						
Biodiversity Policy	S	Policy drafted and approved		MC	Clerk	Policy draft in progress

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COMMUNITY & ENGAGEMENT						
NEW RESIDENTS						
COUNCILLOR LEAD – VACANT						
10 YEAR VISION - New Brantham residents to feel welcomed to the village and to quickly become part of village life						
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 Task allocated to Assistant Clerk and Cllr Lancaster
ENGAGE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE						
COUNCILLOR LEAD – VACANT						
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						
Youth Council	M	Consult with local primary and high schools to link into current groups within schools.		TL	Clerk	Email to local headteacher sent 15.04.25 Meeting held with teacher 10.06.25
		Explore how to set up a Youth Council.		TL	Clerk	Project with Youth Parliament to commence September 2025
Youth worker/youth outreach	M					
Youth consultation	S	Establish what is wanted/where from young people		TL	Clerk	

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COMMUNITY GROUPS						
COUNCILLOR LEAD – VACANT						
10 YEAR VISION - A thriving set of community groups that meets the varied interests and needs of village residents						
Map of village groups	S	Undertake mapping exercise Publish via website and social media		TL	Assistant 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	Assistant Clerk	Community Events group proposed by Cllr Osben Support provided to Village Fete, Christmas tree event
VILLAGE EVENTS						
COUNCILLOR LEAD – ERIC OSBEN						
10 YEAR VISION - A full and coordinated village event calendar with activities taking place throughout the year						
Schedule of events	S	Events identified and published		Community Events Group	Assistant Clerk	
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/Assistant Clerk	Fete scheduled for 14 June 2025 Working group established Start fund committed from Parish Council Community groups and businesses involved in organisation
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 – Cathie Donaldson

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.				
CCTV	S	Continued use of CCTV to monitor and provide evidence if necessary	BPC	All	Clerk	

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VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE						
ROADS						
COUNCILLOR LEAD – Mal Bridgeman (Cllr support – Eric Osben)						
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”						
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
Potholes and road maintenance	S	Report to SCC			Clerk/Assistant Clerk	Ongoing
Improved cycle and footpaths	M	Consult and establish what is wanted Explore costs and options. Consider signage		Services Committee		
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 awaited
SHOPS AND RETAIL SERVICES – 10 Year vision						
TRANSPORT – 10 Year Vision						
COUNCILLOR LEAD – Alastair McCraw						