

The Ivers Parish Council
Open Spaces & Highways Committee (OS&HC)
Strategy Working Group

The central theme of the strategy is to protect and enhance the semi-rural character of the parish, to encourage a sense of community engagement and civic pride, to provide local residents with recreational and leisure facilities that support health and well-being and which are accessible to all and to protect the natural environment and diversity of habitat.

It is proposed that, in its forward planning, the OS&HC should adopt the following principles to guide its strategy and assessment of individual project ideas. In all activities, the OS&HC should ensure that services provided offer good value for money, are consistent with the aspirations of the Neighbourhood Plan, synergistic with the policies of the Facilities & Events Committee and actively promoted to the local community.

Variety and accessibility of recreational activities

- Facilitate access for all to open spaces and recreation areas.
- Encourage and expand use of the community's assets.
- Facilitate diversity of sporting and recreational activities.

Promoting health and well-being

- Facilitate development of a healthier environment.
- Encourage Active/Sustainable Travel.

Protecting the environment

- Protect the natural environment and encourage biodiversity.
- Reduce our carbon footprint.

Enhancing the streetscape

- Provide attractive, well-illuminated streets.

A safe environment

- Provide a safe environment on our streets, open spaces and PRowS.

Educational opportunities

- Encourage the use of the community's open spaces for educational purposes.

Development of human and other assets

- Encourage personal development of members of the Grounds Team.
- Provide appropriate equipment.

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