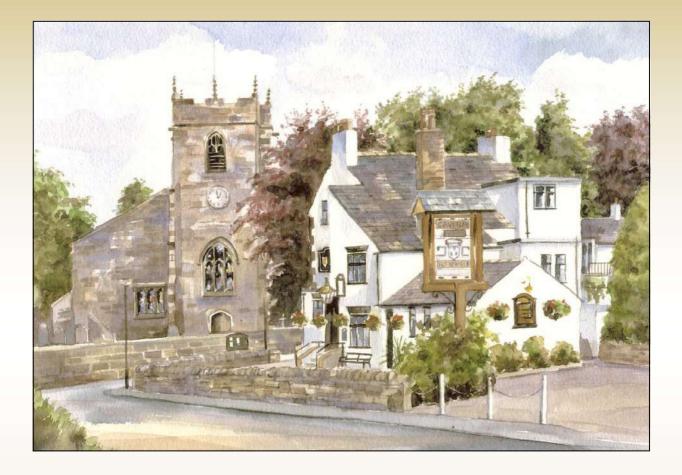
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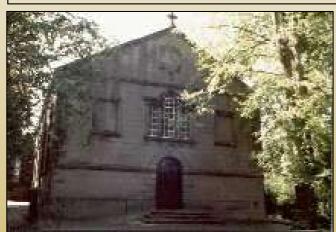
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Images of Brindle



Aerial view of Brindle village

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- St Joseph's Church
- View of Sandy Lane



• View of Sandy Lane

St Joseph's Primary School



Welcome and Contents

Welcome to our Parish Plan.

Brindle is a great place to live and this plan aims to ensure it remains so and continues to evolve and meet the needs of local people now and for future generations.

We have really enjoyed working with the community in putting it together and are very grateful to everyone involved for their help and support – it is very much appreciated.

We hope you identify with and recognise the contents of this plan and will help to turn our vision and plan into reality.



Brindle Parish Plan Group: Darren Cranshaw, Lynne Callender, David Metcalfe, Alec Burford

Our Vision

"Our vision for the future of Brindle is to improve and develop our village community and to enhance its prime location as a place where people will chose to live and are able to enjoy a rewarding and fulfilling lifestyle in a secure and sustainable environment.

We envisage a community committed to the provision of opportunities for social, cultural, educational and sporting activity for all ages in an atmosphere of tolerance, understanding, co-operation and trust."

What you told us

Local people are best placed to know what would improve Brindle and improve their quality of life.

This is the main reason we carried out the largest ever consultation exercise in the history of Brindle.

As part of the consultation a short and user-friendly questionnaire was handdelivered to all households in the parish. We received a 26% response rate. We also sent a questionnaire to over 30 local organisations that operate in the Brindle area.

We followed up the surveys with two public workshops held at Trinity Methodist Church and Brindle Community Hall.

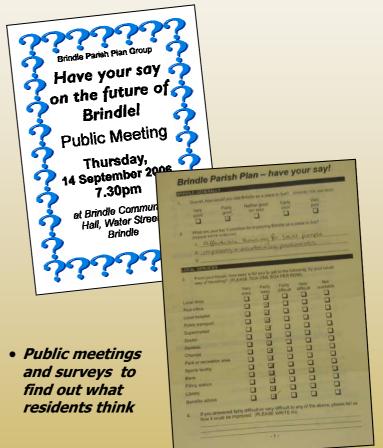
In addition to this we have also talked individually with residents and looked at issues from the Parish Council and other organisations.

97% of respondents feel Brindle is a very or fairly good place to live, with the remainder rating it as neither good nor poor. Not one person felt living in Brindle was very or fairly poor.

Your top priorities for Brindle are:

- Speeding and parking
- Environmental issues
- Public transport
- Leisure, pleasure and learning
- Safety and security
- Housing, twinning and information







Where we are and where we've come from



• Brindle village centre

Brindle is a small and ancient village set in farmland and bordered by the towns of Preston, Chorley and Blackburn in Lancashire.

The parish has four distinct communities:

- Brindle village
- Top `oth Lane
- Bournes Row and Gregson Lane
- Farming/business community

There are approximately 1,000 residents in the parish and around 400 homes.

In addition to privately owned farms, there are a number of tenanted farms, which form the Brindle estate. There are also a small number of rural businesses serving the village such as the Cavendish Arms and beyond the parish with Charnley's Agricultural Engineers and North British Landscapes etc.

At the heart of the village is the Parish Church of St. James, in pre-Reformation days known as St. Helen's. Catholicism remained a significant factor in the story of Brindle. In 1628 Father Edmund Arrowsmith was pursued and captured in Brindle, later being executed at Lancaster. The establishing of a mission in 1677 by Benedictine monks led to the building of St. Joseph's Church.

There is also the Trinity Methodist Church on Gregson Lane within the parish.

In addition to our three churches we also have St James' Primary School in the village, on Bournes Row, Brindle St Joseph's and Brindle Gregson Lane primary schools.

During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, village life reflected agricultural and industrial changes. Handloom weaving at many farm cottages, but particularly at the three-storey homes at Top o'th Lane, was a necessary supplement to the basic agricultural livelihood. It was not until the construction of the Bourne Cotton Mill in 1853 that local employment was placed on a surer footing; the opening of the Paper Mill at Withnell Fold also provided regular work.



• Pupils at Brindle St Joseph's Primary School

Involvement in wars has always affected rural communities and Brindle is no 1513 Brindle bowmen exception. In marched north to Flodden to join the English in the defeat of the Scots and in 1642, at the beginning of the Civil War, local men joined a Royalist Regiment under Sir Gilbert Gerard at the battle of Edge Hill. Brindle men also fought in the Crimean War and the Boer War. During World War One the village saw sixteen of its number pay the ultimate sacrifice. Most of the survivors from the area were instrumental in building the Brindle Parish Institute in 1923, as a suitable memorial to their fallen comrades. Following the Second World War, a further four men are recorded on the War Memorial. Brindle itself was affected when a V1 flying bomb destroyed two houses, close to Gregson Lane, on Christmas Eve 1944.

In post-war years the village has reflected the many social and economic changes seen nationally. In 1965 a small development of forty five houses, in the centre of the village, ensured the continuation of the old school and added to the life of the community.

Today, Brindle remains a small and friendly place with a new custom built Community Hall opened in April 2006. Fewer work on the farms but their influence rightly remains greater than their number; most villagers work outside the area, some from home, many are retired.



Bournes Row



Brindle Post Office



Denham Hall

The Shell Book of English Villages back in 1980 stated that... "The Brindle villagers have a great community spirit and hope that they will not be swallowed up by a new conurbation". That remains the hope of many villagers in this new century.

Speeding and Parking

This attracted more comment than any other issue. It was of major concern to residents in the centre of the village, Top o'th Lane, Bournes Row and Gregson Lane.

"Stop speeding cars through our narrow roads."

The lack of 'off road' parking facilities at St James' School in Water Street, at St Joseph's School in Bournes Row and at Brindle Community Hall was a problem to many residents.

Inconsiderate parking on pavements and across driveways attracted comments from all areas of our village.

"Pavements are for people."

Action points:

Residents

- Observe the speed limit
- Stop parking on the pavements
- Park considerately

Brindle Community Hall

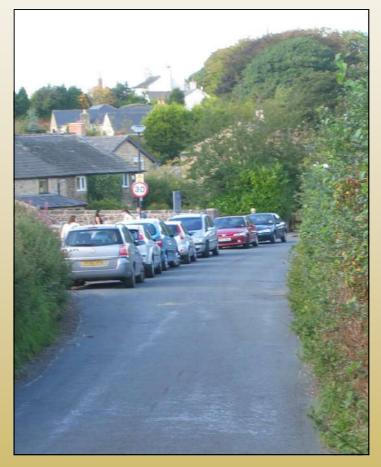
Increase the size of its car park.

Schools

- St James' School should provide off road parking for all staff and visitors as a matter of urgency.
- St Joseph's School in Bournes Row should provide more off road parking for staff and visitors.
- Brindle Gregson Lane School should do more to encourage the use of the car parks at the school.

Brindle Parish Council

• Traffic calming measures and speed control issues should be discussed with the Highways Authority and Police



• Parking on Water Street

Environmental Issues

Brindle has an attractive village centre dating back many hundreds of years with St James' Church, the Cavendish Arms and Brindle Community Hall being identified as significant landmarks. The heart of the village has 'conservation area' status and is surrounded by 'green belt' land which most of your felt should be preserved.

"Retain rural environment and tranquillity"

"Keep it as it is - we love it!"

Approaches to the Village

Conservation of the village environment and the improvement of the visual appearance of gateways to the village generated comment from many respondents. There were negative comments about the former sand quarry on the approach along Sandy Lane and about the proposed burial ground at St James' Church in Water Street.

> "Tidy up the former sand quarry to provide a good entrance to the village"

Maintenance

Property maintenance and the extension of existing property in the heart of the village should be in keeping with its conservation area status.

> "Appropriate window and door replacement to be in keeping with

the age and character of the property"

"Brindle is a pretty village set in beautiful countryside and should be preserved"



• View of Water Street

Footpaths, hedgerows and bridleways

Footpaths and bridleways were given some praise but could be improved further with better signs, un-blocked paths, dog friendly stiles and more bridle paths.

"Great work has been done"

"More bridle ways would be a real asset"

The standard of maintenance of our environment was of major concern to respondents.

The cleaning of roads, footpaths and verges together with the amount of litter and rubbish throughout the parish ranging from bottles and cans in hedgerow to rubbish dumped in lay-bys and the hazards created by wheelie bins, tubs and green bags on refuse collection days were all issues which must be addressed with some degree of urgency.

> "The country lanes should be preserved and wild flowers and hedgerows should be allowed to grow without constant cutting back by machines which are too big for our narrow lanes"

> "Encourage residents to use native hedgerow species for boundaries instead of fences and leylandii"

Road Maintenance

The condition of our roads was highlighted by many, with potholes an poor quality surfaces being the main worry.

"Too many potholes and cracks"

The Global Environment

Whilst these environmental issues are all local, it is increasingly important that we look at how Brindle fits in with the global environment with climate change being the number one challenge for the 21st century. We must all look at our every day life and the impact we are having on the environment. This carbon footprint and impact should be assessed, reduced and mitigated.

Action points

Residents

- Be aware of the environment when extending and maintaining property.
- Use mature hedgerow species for boundaries.
- Report fly-tipping and ensure refuse containers are not left outside homes.
- Recycle responsibly and enthusiastically.

Brindle Community Hall

• Improve the surroundings of Brindle Community Hall.

Brindle Parish Council

- Should encourage the owner and occupier of the old sand quarry on Sandy Lane to clean up the site with a view to landscaping and tree planting to create an impressive gateway to our village.
- Should improve parish entrance signs.
- Should explore entering the Best Kept Village competition or Britain in Bloom.
- Should work with local landowners and Lancashire County Council to look at providing more bridle ways.
- Should continue to work with the Chorley Ramblers Association and Lancashire County Council to ensure that footpaths and stiles are accessible.



• Chorley recycling team

- Should ask Lancashire County Council to prepare a maintenance schedule for highways in Brindle.
- Should carry out an assessment of the parish's carbon footprint and look at what steps need to be taken for the parish to work towards being carbon neutral.

Chorley Borough Council

- Should look more critically at planning applications in the conservation area to ensure appropriate materials are incorporated into extensions and into replacement doors and windows.
- Should be encouraged to improve the standards of cleansing and maintenance of verges and the quality of our refuse collection services to encompass the collection of refuse dumped in our lay-bys and hedgerows.
- Repair blocked footpaths and broken stiles.



• View from Smithy Lane



• View from Denham Lane



Public Transport

The main towns close to Brindle are Chorley, Leyland, Blackburn and Preston, however the bus routes that are available are very limited or non-existent in some areas of the parish.

> "Public transport from the village is totally inadequate. Improvement in public transport would alleviate all problems."

> "Public transport by regular inexpensive and reliable bus to Chorley is needed."

In addition to improved public transport, the lack of publicity and information on other schemes such as 'dial-a-ride' and taxis for health appointments was identified.

Generally most people find it easy to access key local services, but admit that it is essential to travel by car. Access was less of an issue for those living in the Bournes Row part of the parish.

There are also issues with the concessionary travel scheme, due to the proximity of the parish to the boundaries of South Ribble and the City of Preston.

Action points

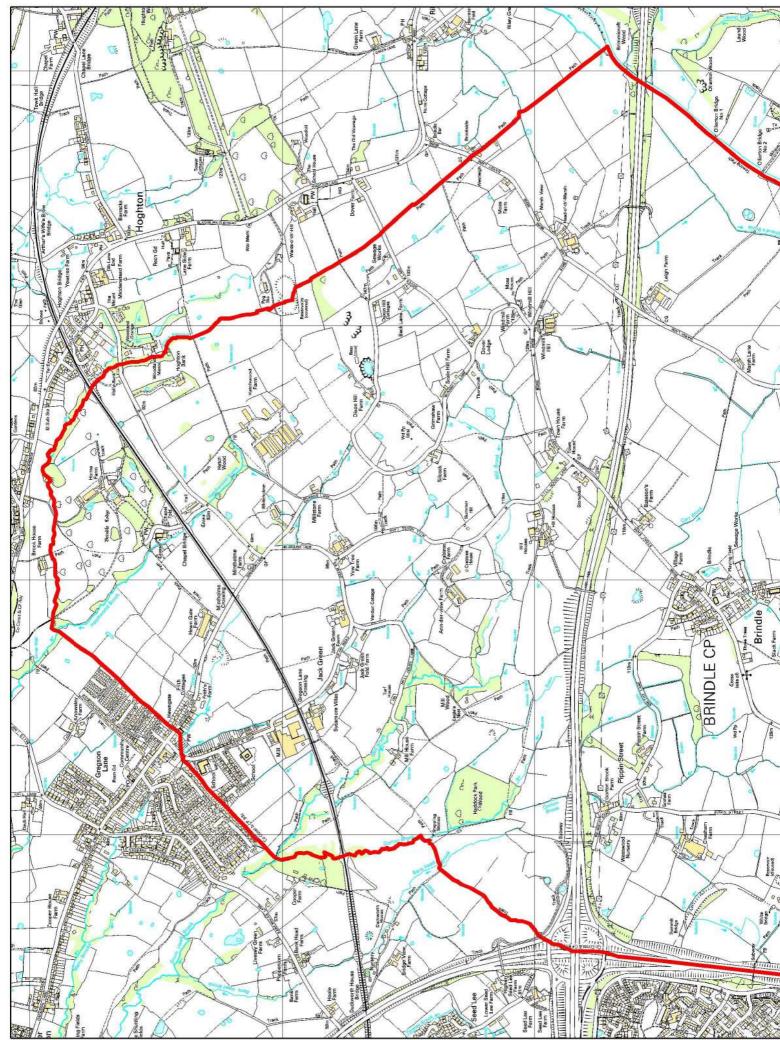
Residents

 Residents should be encouraged to use public transport wherever they can use it, or lose it!

Brindle Parish Council

 Should approach Lancashire County Council to review public transport in the parish, improve bus information and publicise routes more.

- Should lobby the Government and work with others in maintaining local services and facilities, such as the Fire, Ambulance, postal and doctors/ dentists services.
- Should encourage Chorley Borough Council, Lancashire County Council and other public services to provide 'outreach' clinics on a periodic basis in the parish.
- Should consider how information on 'Dial-a-ride', access to health and other transport information could be circulated widely.
- Should consider setting up a community car and car sharing initiatives.



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Leisure, Pleasure and Learning

Our survey and public meetings resulted in a robust discussion between those who had identified a need to develop recreation facilities within the village environment for all age groups and those who felt that adequate facilities were available in the surrounding areas and that nothing more was needed in Brindle itself.

"We can't expect to live in a lovely rural village and have immediate access to all the facilities we would wish for."

Our survey indicated, a strong preference for some facilities to be provided in the village although the feeling at our public consultation evenings was that more use be made of the evening classes and leisure facilities that exist in nearby locations.

"We need more activities in the community hall for teenagers."

"We need a youth club with indoor and outdoor activities."

"I would like to improve my language and IT skills."

"Can we please have a yoga class in our community hall."

"Please ensure that any additional recreation facility should not detract from the village or cause a nuisance."

Younger Children

There are, at present, few facilities for very young children in the village and there is

support for a fenced playground on the community hall with seating for parents to meet and supervise their children at play.

"A new playground - swings, slides and climbing frames with a fence to keep dogs out."

Young People

There are very active Beaver, Rainbow, Cub, Scout and Guide groups in the village but nothing for other young people. There is strong support for the formation of a youth club offering a variety of activities and an indication that leaders could come forward to support a venture of this nature.

Our survey indicated that a clear majority would support the installation of a games area in the village.

Adults

There are a number of active clubs and groups in the Brindle village including Brindle Fifty Fives, Brindle over Bookworms, Women's Institute, Mothers Union and Brindle Historical Society. Our survey did however identify the need for more facilities to be provided in the village with education classes including computer skills, a foreign language and a gardening club being the most popular choices. On a more active level exercise classes and voga would appear to be the preferred choices of our respondents.

There was also support for the provision of a boules court adjacent to the community hall.



• Bastille Night at Brindle Community Hall

In addition Brindle Cuckoo walks have proved to be a successful initiative and are appreciated by many residents.

Action Points

Residents

- Support clubs, classes and activities in the parish.
- Volunteer and help set up any clubs, classes and activities.
- Use your footpaths and bridleways and support the Brindle Cuckoo Walks.

Brindle Community Hall

- Should consider the provision of a play area for young children.
- Should consider the provision of a games area and boules court.
- Should consider setting up learning opportunities for computer skills, foreign languages, yoga and exercise classes.
- Should consider setting up a gardening club.
- Should consider the provision of an orientation board showing local walks and places of interest.

• Should fundraise and seek external funding to implement the landscaping and external improvements suggested by the community in the plans on pages 15 and 16.

Brindle Parish Council

Should consult with and canvass teenagers in the village and encourage youth leaders and parents to form a youth club in the village with a variety of activities both indoors and out.



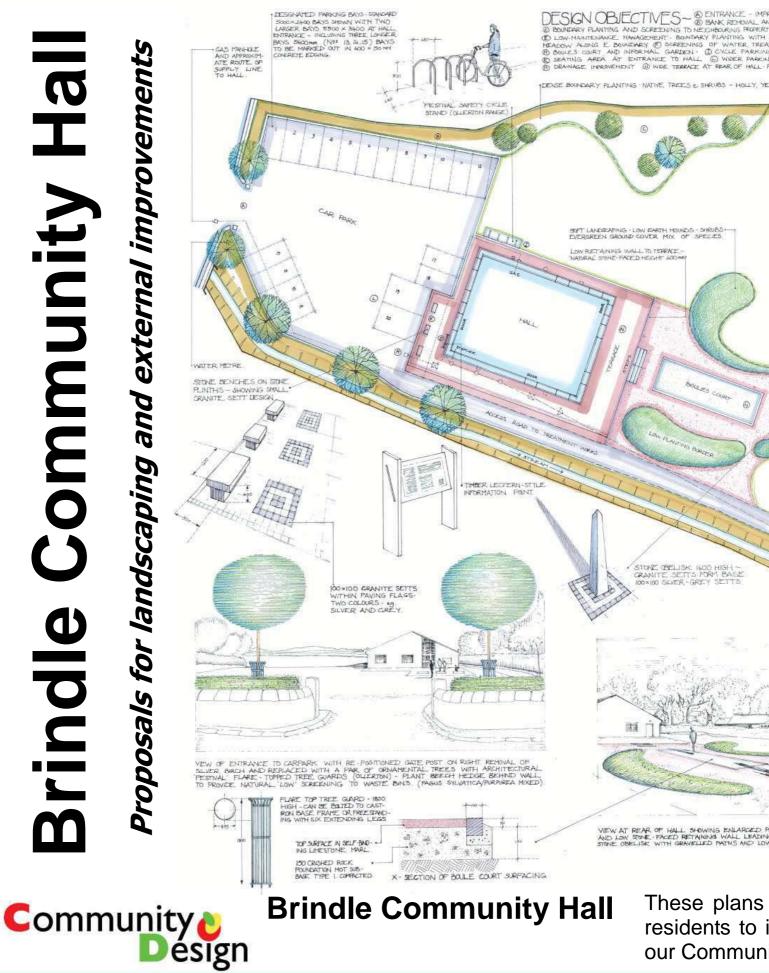
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• Brindle Cuckoo Walks

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have been prepared following consultation with local mprove the landscaping and develop facilities around ity Hall.



Our Safety and Security

Crime was identified as an issue in the parish, yet no one made policing their number one priority for improving Brindle. Statistically the police regard Brindle as a low crime area with the number of crimes reducing from a relatively low base over the past 2 years.

Anti-social behaviour was a recurrent theme throughout the responses, with congregating young people, vandalism and joy riding being highlighted. Denham Quarry, Smithy Lane and Duxon Hill were areas you suggested needing more active policing.

"Youths in the evening are an increasing problem."

Lack of visible police presence was mentioned by several and most thought that the sight of officers in the area would deter wrong doing.

"Always room for improvement seeing a policeman is a rarity."

"More visual policing required to keep youths respectful."

A need for community policing was raised by some of you but consultation on local policing priorities was not mentioned at all.

Brindle, together with five other local parishes, has a PACT (police and community together) group which meets monthly. Part of the group's work is to set the priorities for our local police officers. The groups are open to the public and all are welcome to attend and contribute. Issues were also identified with policing in the Bournes Row area because of the boundary with South Ribble, which needs more co-ordination.

Action points

Residents

 Are encouraged to notify examples of anti-social behaviour to the Police and to attend PACT (police and community together) group meetings. Please ring: 08451 25 35 45.

Lancashire Police

- The Community Beat Manager and Police Community Support officer are to continue to attend as many parish events and activities on a rolling programme to re-assure residents.
- Should introduce joined-up policing in the Bournes Row area between Chorley and South Ribble areas to reduce anti-social behaviour on this parish boundary.

Chorley Borough Council

• Should regularly monitor and clear up examples of anti-social behaviour at Denham Quarry, Duxon Hill and Smithy Lane.

Housing

Housing in the parish is generally of a good condition with a great deal of refurbishment carried out over recent years. Many residents have lived in the parish over 21 years, which demonstrated that people are settled and like living in the parish. However, this does raise the issue of homes for young people and others wanting to live in Brindle.

Most people do not think that more housing is needed in Brindle, although a significant number of people would like to see affordable housing for local people and the elderly.



Action Points

Chorley Borough Council

 Should provide an updated and more detailed survey of housing needs of the parish for all ages and backgrounds.

Brindle Parish Council

 Should identify potential locations for a small number of affordable homes to be built in partnership with Chorley Borough Council and housing associations to meet local needs.

Village Twinning

A small majority of respondents to our survey were in favour of Brindle 'twinning' with a similar village in another country. Further work is needed to identify the level of support which would be forthcoming and whether there is a preferred locality for such an exchange. This exercise could, of course, be integrated into the activities of our three schools, a youth club, language classes and our Historical Society.

Action Point

Brindle Parish Council

 Should facilitate setting up a group to identify a suitable town or village in Europe to enter into discussions about the possibility of 'twinning'.



• Cavendish Arms

Finding out what's going on

A key issue for residents was the lack of readily available information on community events. Most people received information from the Idle Toad, parish council noticeboards and parish magazines. Local newspapers and websites were less used, but the lack of availability of broadband in parts of the parish was an issue.

The services that people do have difficulty in accessing are benefits advice services, public transport and sports facilities. The issues of accessing dentists and banking facilities were felt to be a wider national issue.

"To have an advice clinic locally"

"Mobile office (benefits) and leaflets noticeboard (transport)"

Action points

Brindle Parish Council

- Should publish its annual report so that residents can hold it to account.
- Should produce an annual parish directory of activities and events happening in Brindle and also services available to residents eg. Dial-a-Ride, Mobile Library Services.
- Should develop a parish 'portal' website that brings together all information on the parish, and signpost other established websites.
- Should lobby BT to increase the accessibility of Broadband.

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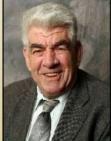
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What now?

We will continue to work with those identified to action this plan and monitor the progress this plan has made on an annual basis.

We want all residents and interested people to get involved. This plan will only be successful if we work together as a community to make Brindle an even greater place to live now and for future generations. We would welcome any volunteers, comments, ideas or suggestions.

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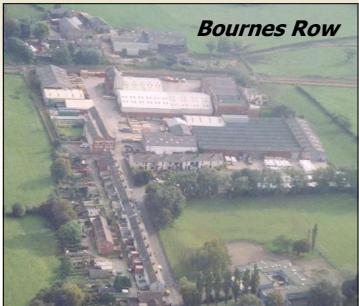
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