

Hart District Parish Plans Seminar

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County initiatives and resources for local communities

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A brief history

- The early days
- The bulldozer years
- A growing awareness

Recent initiatives

- The Forest of Eversley
- The County Towns Initiative
- Older Urban Areas/ the Suburban Agenda
- Community Transport
- A galaxy of specialist advice

The New Agenda

- Community Engagement
- The Plan making process
- Community Strategies

The Challenges

- The demands of an increasingly sophisticated and sometimes polarised community
- Overcoming the comfort zone
- Understanding the choices and direct and indirect consequences
- The role of leadership

The Community in Action



Resources for local communities: the role of the County Council

- Never like to say no, but limits on budgets and resources.
- More of the same
- New means of determining priorities: the role of Community Strategies and LDFs
- Short term palliatives v long term cures: the bigger picture
- Thinking outside of the box