



WARGRAVE BIG LOCAL PLAN

'Raising the ambition and aspirations of the people of Wargrave'



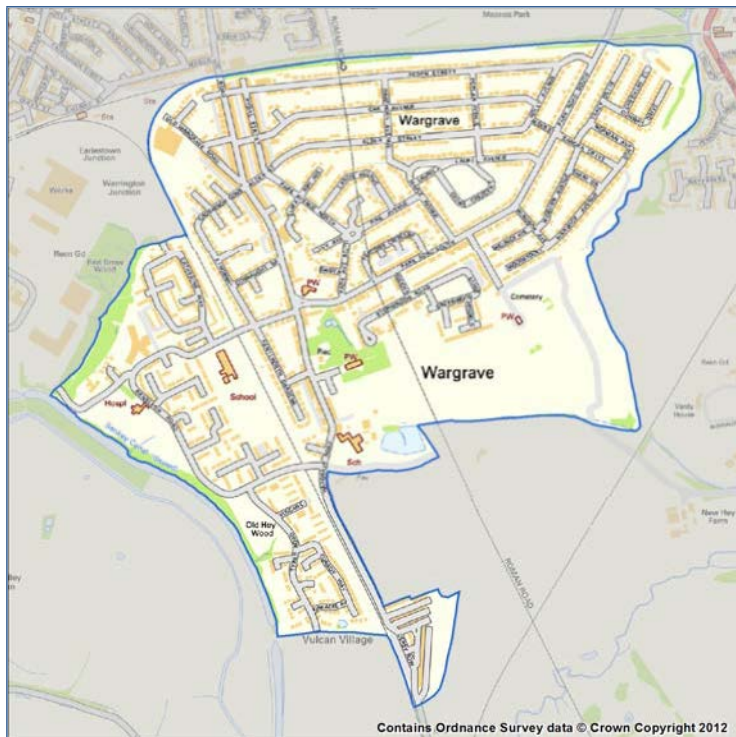


wooded walk in Willow Park



What is Wargrave Big Local?

Wargrave Big Local or WABL is an initiative that will see £1,000,000 of Big Lottery money invested in Wargrave over the next 10 years. The map below shows the boundary of WABL. A Partnership Board will guide how the money is spent by listening to your views, listening to local experts and using information about the area. We have already offered grants – we may do more of this and even offer loans. We will run projects ourselves and work with other organisations to make sure the money goes as far as possible.



Our Partnership Board is made up mainly of Wargrave residents who volunteer their time and are passionate about improving your area. They are involved in WABL because.....

<p>Marie Ablitt</p> 	<p>I think it's important that we inspire the youth of Wargrave to reach their full potential</p>	<p>Val Hughes</p> 	<p>It's an opportunity to work with all kinds of local people for the benefit of all the residents of Wargrave</p>
<p>Graham Ellis</p> 	<p>I'm involved in WABL because I believe that this is a great opportunity for the people of Wargrave to get involved and shape the future of their area.</p>	<p>Mark Jory</p> 	<p>I want to support the people of Wargrave to hopefully live healthy and fulfilled lives</p>
<p>Seve Gomez-Aspron</p> 	<p>Growing up on Acorn Street and being the local councillor for Newton-le-Willows, I'm excited to see what opportunity this holds for Wargrave.</p>	<p>Mavis Litherland</p> 	<p>A lot of people round my area asked me to get involved – they want to see something happen for older people and children.</p>
<p>David Hartley</p> 	<p>I want Wargrave to be a clean, safe, energised area where all residents are proud to live and grow.</p>	<p>Peter Mallett</p> 	<p>I enjoy being involved with nice people who try hard. The community needs to stand up for itself and sometimes it needs help and advice – I hope that my knowledge of partnership working will help.</p>
<p>Charles Hay</p> 	<p>I simply want to make improvements to my area.</p>	<p>Damien O'Connor</p> 	<p>I think we should give something back and inspire each other to reach our full potential. It's great to see some lottery money coming back to the people who play it.</p>
<p>Margaret Howlett</p> 	<p>Having lived on Wargrave Road all my life I can see how the community spirit has now gone and I would like to help bring it back by improving the area.</p>	<p>Alan Robinson</p> 	<p>I have a great deal of association with Wargrave and look forward to adding value with my business and Rotary experience</p>

What's in our plan?

- Information on Wargrave and what we found out
- How we found out the information
- Our vision based on what we found out
- How we will achieve our vision
- The projects we will start in year one
- Our milestones and our budget
- Our values and how we will involve you



What did we find out about Wargrave?

We have put together a Profile for Wargrave which brings together what we have learned so far about the issues and opportunities in the area. This is just a start – we will continue to build on our profile, adding information as we learn it and making sure we keep up to date with what our residents feel is important.

You can find our profile on our website at www.biglocalwargrave.co.uk.

Some headlines include:

- WABI There are just over 2000 households in the area and 4894 people live in Wargrave
- WABI The borough has the 3rd worst rate in England for alcohol related deaths in women
- WABI Nearly a quarter of people in Wargrave say that their health stops them from doing what they want to
- WABI 36% of children in the area live in out of work families
- WABI 37% of people of pensionable age receive pension credit
- WABI 33% of people living in Wargrave receive housing benefit

These were some of the statistics that particularly worried the Partnership Board - there is more information in the profile.

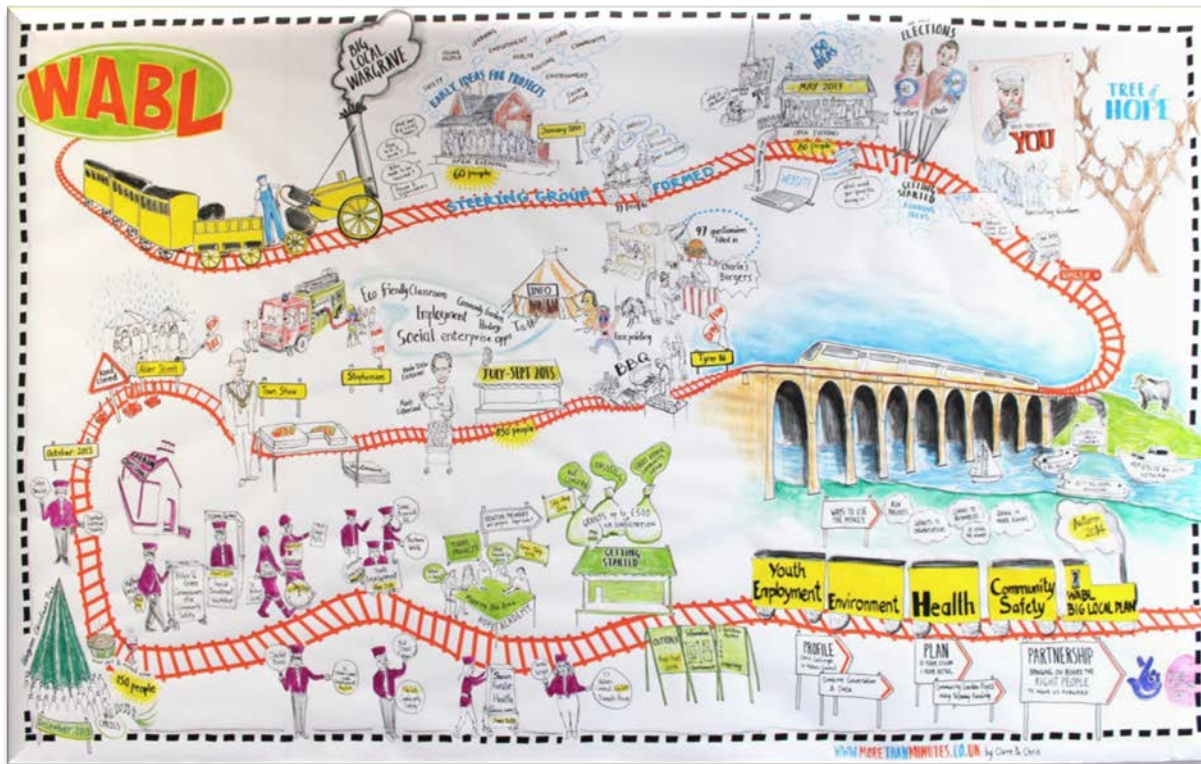
Some of the things local people think are important include:

- WABI Concern about the effects that drug dealing has on the local area
- WABI Worried about the effects of domestic violence on families
- WABI Worried about the numbers of people suffering from depression
- WABI Wanting more social opportunities, especially for younger and older people
- WABI Want a neighbourhood free of litter and dog mess
- WABI Want more and better play areas
- WABI Wanting young people to have the opportunity to work when they leave school having the right skills
- WABI Want more courses to be run locally

How did we find this out?

We listened. We got hundreds of residents to fill in surveys to get their views on what's right and what's wrong about Wargrave. We held listening events. We listened to the experts. We learned from this information and based on this, our plan started to form.

This poster shows how we have put our Plan and Profile together. We have held 8 open consultation events, 2 Christmas Tree switch on events, supported the Town Show with a stall for the last 2 years and taken a stall at the market to talk to people while they shopped. These events had more than 1000 visits and local people completed more than 400 questionnaires for us. We have used our website, Facebook and Twitter to talk to people and we have tried to deliver flyers about our events to every household in Wargrave (big thanks to the volunteers who have helped us with this!).



We have contacted more than 40 local organisations, schools and churches to ask them to join in with our consultation and have worked particularly with Trees Community Group, Age Concern, Newton Community and Family Centre, the Rotary Club of Newton-Le-Willows, Newton and Earlestown Community Group, Hope Academy and Emmanuel Church.

We have also met with organisations who deliver services in Wargrave, particularly around our themes of **Community Safety**, **Health**, **Environment** and **Employment**. This includes Helena Partnerships, St Helens Council, Merseyside Police, St Helens Chamber of Commerce, Together Liverpool and Groundwork UK. These organisations have helped us with facts and figures and making sure that the problems and opportunities we want to tackle are the most important locally.

Our Vision



Our vision is simple and direct. We wanted something that would make a *long term* difference to the people of Wargrave and future generations. We wanted to do something over the years which would change the way people thought about themselves.

Why? Because this is what can hold us back.

So we chose our vision to be:

'To raise the ambition and aspirations of the people of Wargrave

Our Goals

Having listened to people, we have begun to understand issues that stop people in Wargrave from being ambitious. We think these include:

Poor health, particularly people suffering from depression and anxiety

- People feeling unsafe in their homes and communities
- People finding it difficult to get jobs, because of a lack of confidence, skills or opportunities
- People being concerned about how their neighbourhood looks

To tackle this, we have developed some themes and goals - we feel that these work well together and the projects in our first year plan complement each other. We will make sure that we bring projects to work together where this makes sense:

Theme	Our Goals
Community safety	To help people to feel safer and to take action to reduce risks in their community
Health	To help people take action to improve their own health and to support others with health issues
Environment	To improve how our neighbourhood looks and create more opportunities for people to enjoy their environment
Employment	To connect people with the support and opportunities they need to reach their goals in life

Our First Year Plan

We know that we want to:

- Encourage local people to join in with plans to improve their communities by acting as ‘champions’ for issues and using their skills to help other people
- Increase the confidence of people so that they expect more of themselves and from the organisations and individuals providing them with services
- Bring some important services closer to Wargrave to encourage people to use them and to make them easier to access
- Help the designers and deliverers of services to connect with the people of Wargrave and understand better what they need

Theme	Goal	Projects	Outcomes
Community Safety	To help people feel safer and to take action to deal with risks in their community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with St Helens Council, Merseyside Police and local voluntary groups to provide better services for victims of domestic violence, including young people who are on the edge of risky behaviour.] • Community Champions helping communities with what they can do to be safer. Based on Neighbourhood Watch, Crime Fighters and Street Champions. 	Detailed outcomes to be agreed as part of project plans – will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number of people to be supported • volunteers involved • measuring individual and community confidence levels • awareness of local services
Health	To help people take action to improve their own health and to support others with health problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the Health Improvement Team at St Helens Council to promote and deliver services in the area • Learn about the barriers people face in getting the benefit of these services and funding new projects that meet their needs • Community Champions helping communities with what they can do to be healthier and to improve the health of their friends and families. 	Detailed outcomes to be agreed as part of project plans – will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number of people to be supported • volunteers involved • measuring individual and community confidence levels • awareness of local services • barriers to health improvement identified and addressed • new services delivered
Environment	To improve how our neighbourhood looks and to increase the opportunities for people to enjoy their environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community garden providing a shared space for leisure, an opportunity to grow food and giving young people skills in agriculture • An Environmental Audit identifying areas in need of improvement and ideas for new uses, as well as celebrating our green assets and promoting them. Developing ideas for addressing issues of social responsibility such as littering, dog fouling and gum. • Identify priority projects from the audit to develop and fund 	Detailed outcomes to be agreed as part of project plans – will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number of volunteers involved in developing community garden • use of community garden by local people • numbers of young people trained in agriculture skills • number of green spaces improved • number of volunteers involved in environmental projects • improvement in environment reported by residents
Employment	To connect people with the support and opportunities they need to reach their goals in life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with St Helens Chamber (and other training providers) and St Helens Council to help young people from Wargrave to get ready for work and find jobs • Community Mentors to support young people who are looking for work, and their wider families • Working with St Helens Council, and others, to help Wargrave residents take advantage of the employment opportunities at the Parkside development 	Detailed outcomes to be agreed as part of project plans – will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number of people to be supported including accessing employment and training • volunteers involved • measuring individual and community confidence levels • awareness of local services • new services delivered • involvement with key partners on Parkside development

Our milestones for 2015/16

	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			Q1			Q2		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1													Community Safety					
2				Task Group Formed														
3							Community Champions Recruited											
4							Domestic Violence Project Plan											
5										Community Champions Start Training								
6										Domestic Violence Project Starts								
7										Community Champions Launched								
8	Health																	
9				Task Group Formed														
10							Health Improvement Service Starts in Wargrave											
11							Investigate Barriers to Take Up											
12							Recruit Community Champions											
13										Train Community Champions								
14										Review Barriers and Plan New Projects								
15										Start New Projects to go into Y2								
16	Environment																	
17				Agree Design for Community Garden														
18				Start Environmental Audit														
19				Start Work on Garden														
20							Complete Audit and Agree First Projects											
21										Launch Community Garden								
22										Start First Project from Audit								
23	Employment																	
24				Form task Group														
25				Review Position with Parkside														
26							Recruit Community Mentors											
27							Agree Project Plan for Getting Ready for Work Project											
28							Start Training Campaign											
29										Start Training for Community Mentors								
30										Start Getting Ready for Work Project								
31										Start Parkside Project?								
32										Launch Community Mentors Project								

Our budget for 2015/16

Our Themes	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Community Safety	£1,800	£3,600	£5,400	£7,200	£18,000
Health	£1,650	£3,300	£4,950	£6,600	£16,500
Environment	£2,300	£4,600	£6,900	£9,200	£23,000
Employment	£2,750	£5,500	£8,250	£11,000	£27,500
Contingency	£1,000	£2,000	£3,000	£4,000	£10,000
Management costs	£1,500	£3,000	£4,500	£6,000	£15,000
Coordinator					
Communication					
Events					
Training					
Administration					
Total	£11,000	£22,000	£33,000	£44,000	£110,000

How we will work

WABL is one of 150 Big Local projects across England, funded by the Big Lottery and supported by Local Trust. We will take the opportunity to learn from these other partnerships about what is working well in their area – we share the Big Local goals:

- Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them
- People will have increased skills and confidence, so that they continue to identify and respond to needs in the future
- The community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises
- People will feel that their area is an even better place to live

Our plan will last for ten years and we will learn a lot about what works in that time. In Year One we want to invest some of our money in trying out some new ideas. We will continue work with others to find out where the important gaps and opportunities are.

We have talked to local people, and local organisations, about where we should start. We need to learn more and continue to work things out with the right people – we will make sure that we continue to ask for the ideas that local people have for making Wargrave an even better place to live and involve them in how those ideas are put in practice.

We will make sure that the projects we start, or that we ask other people to run, are planned carefully and that we know what is we expect to change because of the work we do. We will measure and record this change and share what we learn with others.

We have put £10 000 of our year one budget into a Community Fund and we will be inviting local organisations to bid for funding for their own ideas

later in the year. We will put a system in place that makes sure we allocate funding in a fair and open way to ideas that fit within our goals.

How to get involved

There are lots of ways to be part of WABL and to have your say about how the Big Local funding is used. Any resident of Wargrave is eligible to join our Partnership Board for example and if you are interested in a particular project idea you could help get that off the ground. Or if meetings are not for you, we need help with planning community events and getting the message out.



If you just want to let us know what you think you can:



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Contact us through our website at www.biglocalwargrave.co.uk.



Or if you'd just like a chat and find out more you can ring Graham on **01744 675776**.