



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Danbury Parish Council engages with the Community through the following methods:

- **Annual Parish Meeting** – All Community Organisations are invited to have a table at the meeting displaying information about their Club. Residents of the village are invited by an advertisement on the front of the Danbury Times which is delivered to every address in the village. Advertisements for the meeting are also placed on the web-site, the 3 notice-boards, the monthly Journal and Contact Magazines together with the library.
- **What Your Community Wants** – The Parish Council makes a list after each Annual Parish Meeting and always takes details of questions to the next Parish Council Meeting for action.
- **Timetable of Meetings** – The timetable of meetings is placed on the web-site, notice-boards and in the Danbury Times.
- **Meetings** - All Agendas for meetings are publicised on the web-site and the central village notice board.
- **Public Meetings** – These are held for any large planning applications or subjects of interest to the village. Notices of the meeting are publicised in Danbury Times, The Journal, The Contact, notice-boards, the library and also via printed leaflets delivered to householders.
- **Web Site** – The web site is used for consultation and comments. There is an email link directly back to the Parish Office. Extensive information regarding the Parish and the village can be found on this site.
- **Facebook** – The Parish Council has a Facebook link which residents can use to contact the Parish Council.
- **Public Question Time** – The public are continually invited to attend all Committee and Parish Council Meetings. There is a permitted time of 15 minutes allowed in all Agendas for the Public to speak.
- **Items on Agendas** – The public are continually invited to express their views and frequently send copies of their response to Planning Applications to the Parish Council and request items on Agendas for discussion.
- **Contact Details** – The Parish Council display contact details on the Web-Site. Notice-boards and editorials.
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- **Parish Plan** -The Council completed the Parish Plan in 2003 and from the recommendations formulated an Action Plan this was then distributed to the whole of the

village. An updated action plan was then prepared and placed on the web. The Council then completed a review of the Parish Plan called 20/20 vision this document highlighted the same actions as in the Parish Plan in 2003.

- **Danbury Planning Framework** - This document came from the Parish Plan. This document is on the Parish Council web-site and is used when sending comments from Danbury Parish Council to Chelmsford City Council on Planning Applications. This document was adopted by Chelmsford City Council as supplementary planning guidance. (At present the City Council has advised the Parish Council that there is no value in completing a Neighbourhood Plan for Danbury).
- **Christmas Tree** - The Parish Council now provides a lighted Christmas Tree on Eves corner and the local churches get together to provide carols round the tree.
- **Litter Pickers** – The Parish Council purchased and provided litter pickers. A local resident co-ordinates a programme of litter picking within the village. There are now 25 villagers who complete this service to the village. The litter pickers were acknowledged in 2014 at the Annual Parish Meeting with a Certificate and a goody bag.
- **Ponds** – Eves Corner Pond and Runsell Green Pond are now cleared twice a year with help from the British Conservation Trust and local residents. A Wildflower Meadow has been planted at Runsell Green with help from children from the 3 local schools.
- **Communications** – a Working Group has specifically been appointed to improve communication within the village. This has achieved contact with the 3 local schools visiting and explaining the work of the Parish Council and returning to the Parish Council to hold mock Parish Council Meetings, in addition to other activities..
- **Two Way Event** – The Parish Council is organising an event for local organisations/businesses to attend to explain the work of the Parish Council and listen to their views..
- **Project Danbury** – A Working Group has been established proposing to improve the environment of Danbury. Residents have been requested to get involved by way of the Danbury Times and via all other communication methods..
- **Danbury Times** - this is delivered 3 times a year to every house in the village by Councillors and Volunteers and can bring back questions from the residents.
- **Farmers Market** – the Parish Council has a table at the monthly Farmers Market and 2 Councillors are available for questions and any complaints are brought back to the Clerk who contacts the appropriate authority and contacts the residents with the outcome.
- **New Neighbours Pack** – this pack contains information regarding the village for a new comer and is delivered by Councillors to welcome new residents to Danbury.
- **Tables School Events** – the Parish Council has been invited to have tables at their events. Councillors will be available to answer questions.

All publications are available on the Parish Council Web Site which has links to local business, clubs, schools churches and local authorities.