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# Business Plan 2026–27

Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council

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- 2026–27 financial year

# Priorities

Achievable priorities for 2026–27, aligned with the Shavington-cum-Gresty Strategy 2024–2029.

## What we're focusing on

### Designed to be realistic within one year

...recognising capacity, funding constraints, and building on work already underway.

- Strengthening community engagement and participation
- Improving and sustaining local facilities (Village Hall, allotments, play area)
- Updating statutory plans to support the best outcomes for residents
- Delivering health & wellbeing initiatives and community safety actions
- Demonstrating strong governance and continuous improvement

# Key priorities for 2026–27

The 6 things we will bring to life this year

## Communications strategy

Clear, consistent, accessible updates and feedback routes

## Wellbeing & skills

Grow Wellbeing Wednesday, develop Vine Tree Play Area and deliver practical training sessions

## Heritage programme + new book

Events, wider sharing, and start developing another heritage book

## Neighbourhood Plan refresh

Up-to-date planning policies; stronger voice on development

## Village Hall sustainability

Improvements + a long-term plan for sustainable operation

## Better governance

Delivery plan, KPIs, and progress towards Silver accreditation

# How we'll deliver & track progress

Clear ownership, quarterly review, and measurable outcomes

## Delivery & accountability

### Delivery plan

A practical delivery plan for 2026–27, and a draft plan for 2027–28 by year-end.

### KPIs (new)

A small set of KPIs to assess performance and report progress transparently.

### Quarterly performance review

Monitor progress against actions and adjust priorities if needed.

### Partnership working

Work with community groups, local services and businesses to maximise impact.

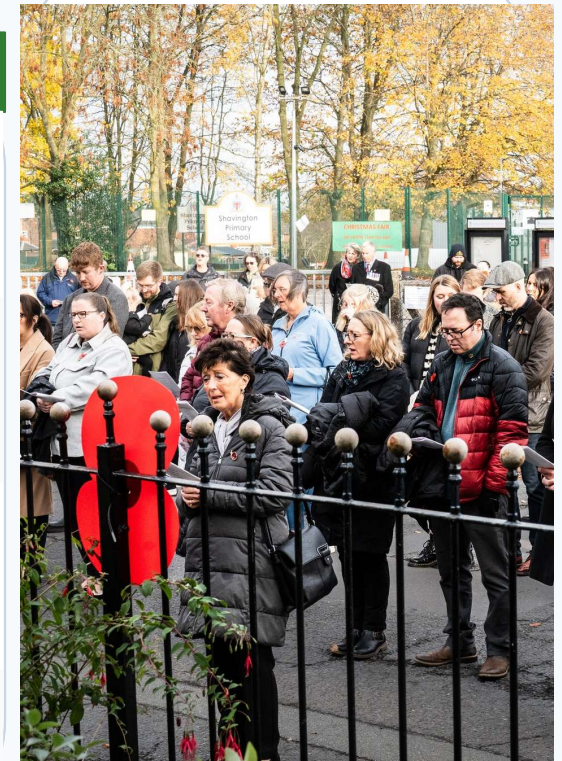


Partnerships that bring people together

# Theme 1 – Building a United Community

## Year 3 actions (2026–27)

Action	What this will achieve
1. Develop a communications strategy to improve how the Council communicates and engages.	Residents get timely, consistent updates and clear routes to give feedback and get involved. We better understand the needs of a wider audience.
2. Hold 2 community events in partnership with other organisations.	More people participate; stronger connections between groups; shared delivery and cost-efficiency.
3. Review collaborations and explore opportunities to better support community groups.	Targeted support, less duplication, and new partnerships that widen reach and impact.
4. Review grant support and advertising policies to align with strategy.	Grants more accessible and useful to community groups, advertising policy to support local businesses and groups.



Events & engagement

# Theme 1 – Building a United Community (continued)

## Year 3 actions (2026–27)

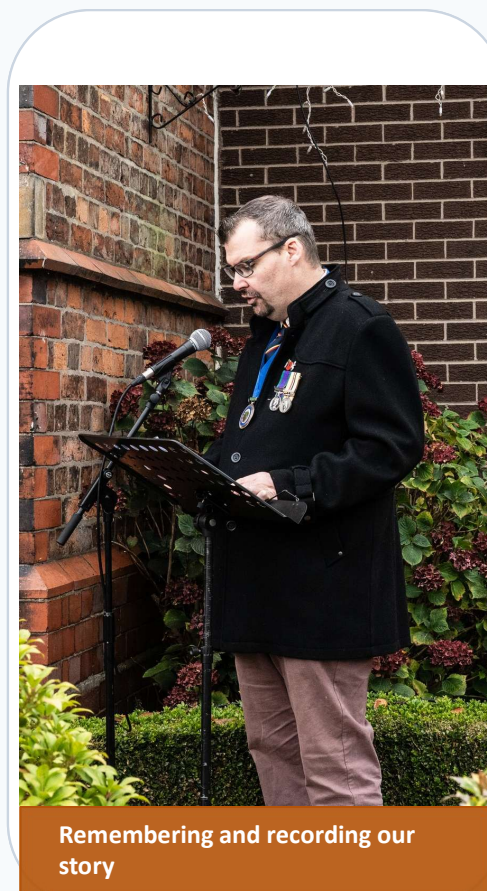
Action	What this will achieve
5. Complete a comprehensive review of the Neighbourhood Plan to keep it up to date.	A stronger planning voice: clearer local policies that help shape development outcomes.
6. Find new ways to involve the younger generation and capture their views.	Better-informed decisions, services that reflect young people’s needs, and future community leaders.
7. Make sustainable improvements to the Village Hall and maintain the allotments.	Improved facilities, better user experience, and protected assets that serve the community long-term.
8. Develop a long-term plan for the sustainable running of the Village Hall.	A clearer route to financial and operational sustainability, supporting bookings and resilience.



## Theme 2 – Celebrating our Heritage

### Year 3 actions (2026–27)

Action	What this will achieve
1. Continue to honour civic events, including Remembrance Sunday.	Civic pride and respectful commemoration, bringing the community together each year.
2. Hold at least 3 heritage evenings and events.	More opportunities to learn, share stories, and strengthen community connection.
3. Explore ways to share heritage work further and reach a wider range of residents.	Greater awareness and inclusion—more people can access and contribute to local history.
4. Collaborate with partners to encourage Parish Walks and ensure maps are available.	Healthy recreation, better access to routes, and increased use of local trails.

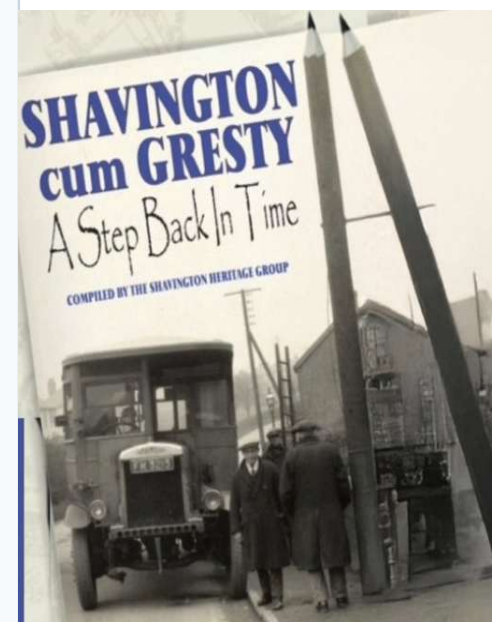


Remembering and recording our story

## Theme 2 – Celebrating our Heritage (continued)

### Year 3 actions (2026–27)

Action	What this will achieve
5. Review and publish the Listed Buildings in the Parish for residents to access.	Improved awareness and protection of heritage assets.
6. Use the Neighbourhood Plan to comment on the suitability of new developments.	A clearer basis to encourage sustainable development in the Parish.
7. Begin developing another heritage book.	A new record of parish life and stories—preserving history and inviting community contributions.

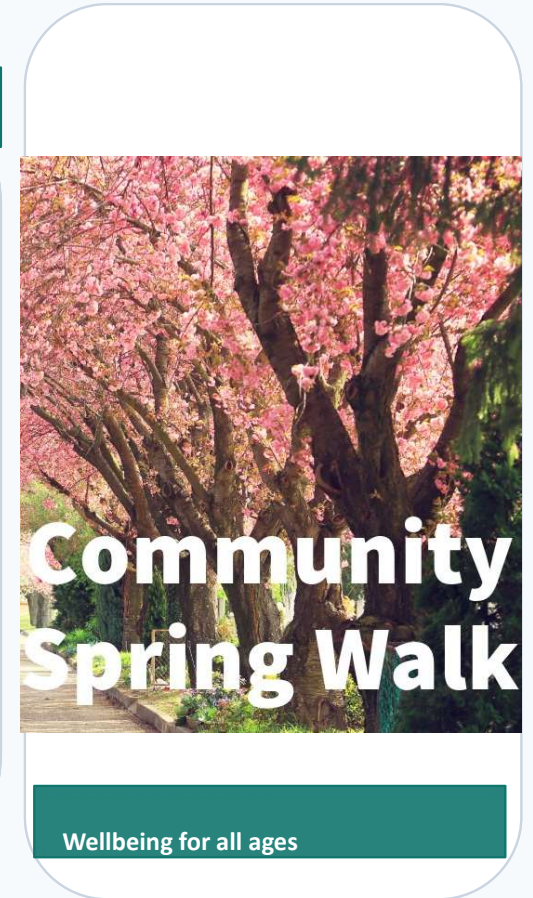


Heritage for everyone

# Theme 3 – Improving Health & Wellbeing

## Year 3 actions (2026–27)

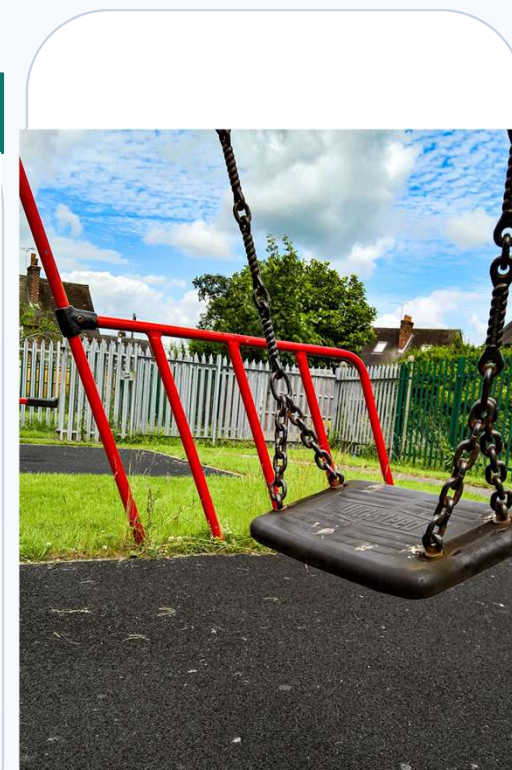
Action	What this will achieve
1. Deliver weekly Wellbeing Wednesday fitness classes and grow participation.	More residents benefit from regular activity and a consistent social wellbeing opportunity.
2. Share support available from local partners to enable social interaction and signposting.	Reduced isolation and clearer pathways to help— for residents who need it most.
3. Deliver wellbeing training sessions (e.g., defibrillator, first aid, healthy eating).	Practical skills and confidence that improve safety and support healthier choices.
4. Ensure Village Hall and Vine Tree Play Area changes improve accessibility.	More inclusive facilities that can be used safely and comfortably by everyone.
5. Review marketing approach for accessibility (website, newsletter and materials).	Information is easier to find and understand, helping more residents stay informed and involved.



## Theme 3 – Improving Health & Wellbeing (continued)

### Year 3 actions (2026–27)

Action	What this will achieve
6. Invest in improved facilities at Vine Tree Play Area.	Better play and recreation provision supporting children’s health and family wellbeing.
7. Share community safety advice regularly to improve awareness.	More informed residents and reduced risk through prevention and practical guidance.
8. Engage with the local policing team regularly on community safety issues.	Better coordination and quicker escalation of local issues, improving resident confidence.
9. Continue to support Speed Watch and work with partners on road safety.	Stronger advocacy and local action to reduce speeding and improve road safety outcomes.



Wellbeing for all ages

# Theme 4 – Protecting Our Environment

## Year 3 actions (2026–27)

Action	What this will achieve
1. Build relationships with residents and businesses to use Corporate Responsibility Days.	More volunteer days and practical improvements in the village with shared ownership.
2. Hold clean team sessions at least 6 times in the year.	Cleaner streets and spaces, visible pride in the parish, and community involvement.
3. Share how to report environmental issues (e.g., fly tipping) via Cheshire East.	Faster reporting and resolution, reducing nuisance issues and improving cleanliness.
4. Use the Village Hall EPC to consider sustainability improvements, exploring grant funding where appropriate.	A pathway to energy efficiency, lower running costs, and reduced carbon footprint.



Protecting what we love

# Theme 4 – Protecting Our Environment (continued)

## Year 3 actions (2026–27)

Action	What this will achieve
5. Maintain the grounds maintenance contract and review performance quarterly.	Consistent standards and accountability for the quality of our green spaces.
6. Explore collaboration with partners on Net Zero.	Better alignment with wider programmes and improved access to expertise and funding.
7. Look for land to acquire to add to the green spaces in the village.	Protect and expand public green space, supporting biodiversity, recreation, and resilience.

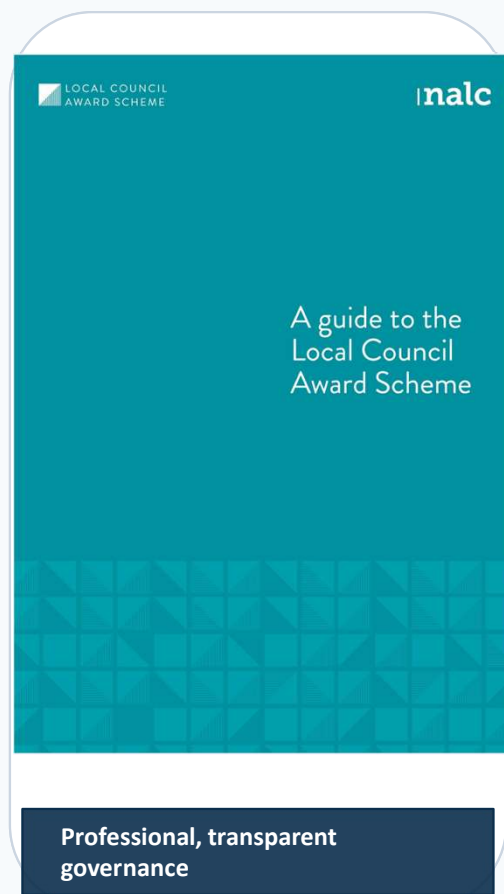


Greener spaces, longer term

# Theme 5 – Making the Council Work Better

## Year 3 actions (2026–27)

Action	What this will achieve
1. Adopt a delivery plan for 2026–27 and have one in place for 2027–28 by year-end.	A clear roadmap that links priorities to delivery, enabling transparent reporting and focus.
2. Review our set-up so meeting and committee structures best support delivery.	More effective decision-making, better use of time, and clearer accountability.
3. Achieve Silver status in the Local Council Award Scheme (currently bronze).	External recognition of good governance and community leadership—building partner confidence.
4. Retain eligibility for the General Power of Competence (incl. CiLCA training for Clerk).	Greater flexibility to act for the community, enabling innovative and responsive services.
5. Develop an employee handbook, induction and training pack.	Consistent support for staff, better continuity, and clearer expectations and processes.



# Theme 5 – Making the Council Work Better (continued)

## Year 3 actions (2026–27)

Action	What this will achieve
6. Prioritise activities and balance spending with income to build financial resilience.	Better long-term sustainability, improved efficiency, and the ability to invest where needed.
7. Continue to invest in ICT, AI, connectivity and training to boost productivity and services.	More efficient processes, better security, better communication, and improved resident experience.
8. Improve how we share support and signpost to partners.	Residents can find help faster, reducing escalation and supporting wellbeing.
9. Ensure our communication is clear and regularly updated through strategy and delivery.	Greater transparency, higher trust, and stronger participation in council activity.
10. Develop KPIs to assess ourselves against and drive continuous improvement.	Measurable performance, clearer reporting, and a culture of learning and improvement.



Resilience, productivity, outcomes

# What success looks like (end of 2026–27)

Simple, visible outcomes residents will feel



## **More informed residents**

clear updates, more feedback, better turnout and engagement



## **Stronger facilities**

Village Hall plan in place, improvements delivered, allotments maintained



## **Planning influence**

Neighbourhood Plan review completed; more confident responses to developments



## **Health & Wellbeing**

Improved facilities at Vine Tree Play Area, growing wellbeing activities, accessible spaces, active partnerships



## **A greener parish**

regular clean-ups, good standards, and progress on expanding green space



## **Higher standards**

progress to Silver, retained GPC eligibility, KPIs published and reviewed