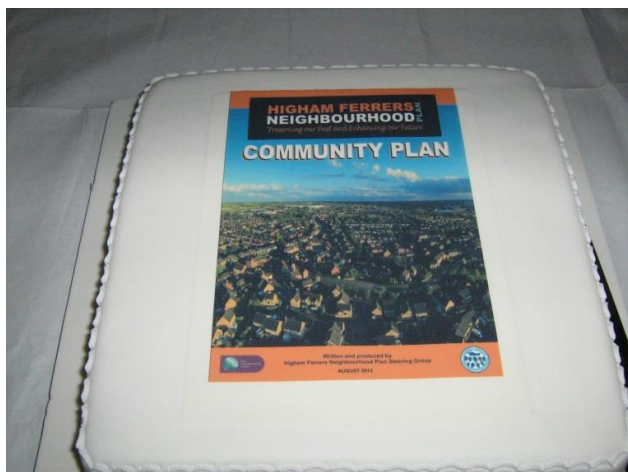


Higham Ferrers launches its Community Plan



Higham Ferrers Community Plan was officially launched on Saturday 21st September by Nigel Cheetham, Chairman of the Steering Group. The Community Plan was produced following consultation with the town in May 2012, to which 823 people responded.

Nigel Cheetham said “The Plan identifies **existing issues**, things that are good about living in Higham but also where there are things that are missing.

Two examples - many people have told us that they would like to see more parking in Higham and so we have included that in the Plan. Also - people have said they would like to have a community centre where events can be held and where young people could meet so we have included that as well.

To get more parking we will have to put pressure on the Highway Authority to design and build more parking. Maybe this can also be linked with other Town Centre improvements.

To have a Community Centre we will have to explore possible sources of funding, prepare designs, find a suitable site and then build, operate and manage the facility.

These are just two examples. There are many others. They are all listed in the Full Action Plan part of the Plan. We hope we have produced a readable document that covers all the main issues. So a very big thanks to all who have helped produce it and in particular Sandra Mitcham the Town Clerk who has worked tirelessly with us and East Northamptonshire Council who helped fund it”.

Councillor Alan Dunn - Mayor of Higham Ferrers and Councillor Pam Whiting- Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council pledged their support to the plan.

To obtain a copy of the plan contact the Town Hall or look online at www.highamferrers-tc.gov.uk