



# Moulsecoomb & Bevendean

## Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP)





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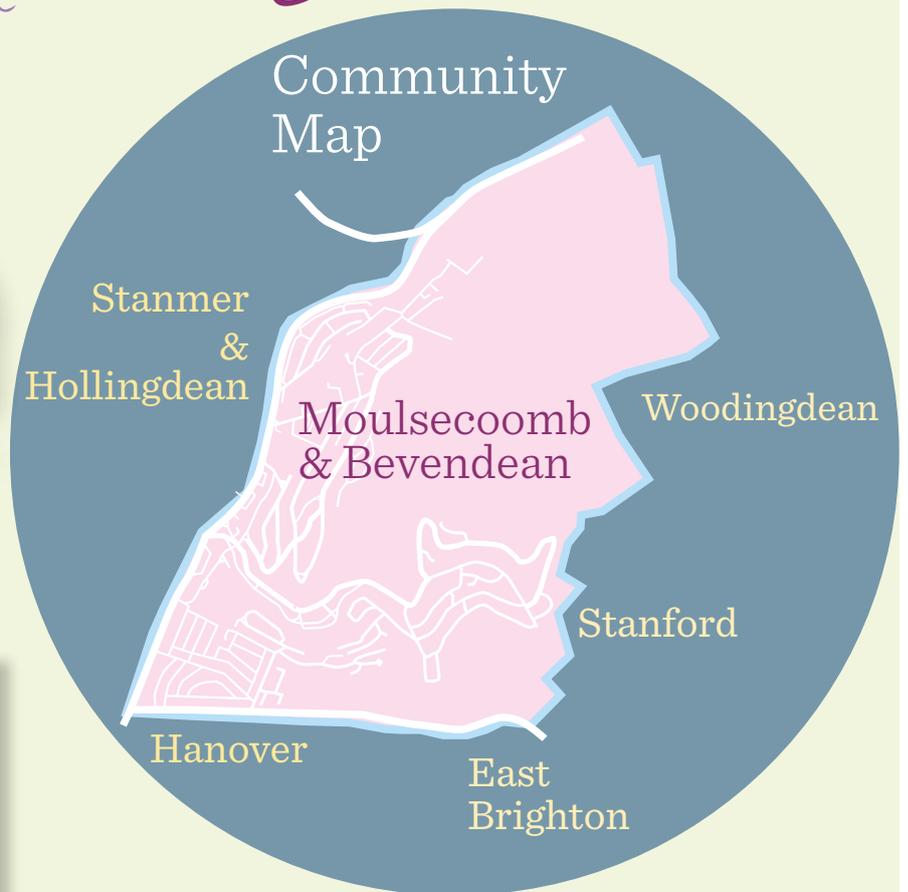
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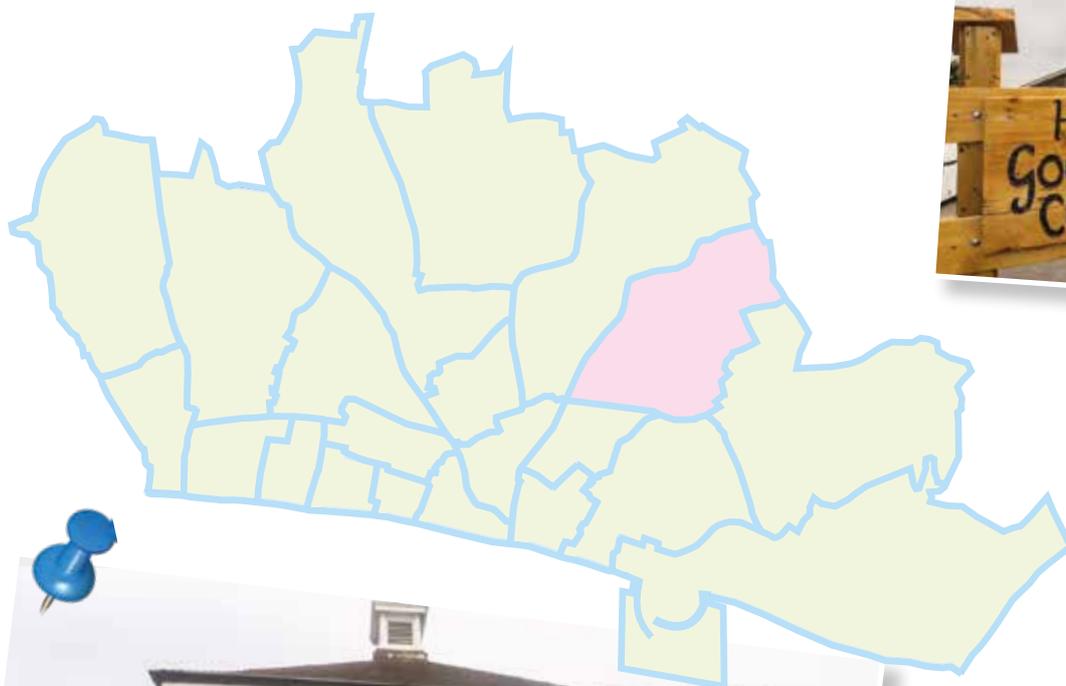
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# Moulsecoomb & Bevendean



Hill View,  
Moulsecoomb



Moulsecoomb Hall



The Bevy, community pub in Bevendean

The Moulsecoomb & Bevendean Neighbourhood Action Plan is based on local knowledge and experiences that identifies priorities, resources and opportunities for people living in Moulsecoomb & Bevendean.



Beverdean primary



Moulsecomb primary



Moulsecomb Leisure Centre



Moulsecomb Library



Holy Nativity community centre

# Welcome to the Moulsecoomb & Bevendean Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP)



When communities work with each other and with local services, there are more opportunities to listen, understand each other and shape services that work. It builds skills which can lead to volunteering or employment and creates a greater sense of belonging across communities and neighbourhoods. Supporting communities to develop networks with friends and neighbours creates more community activities, reducing social isolation, improving wellbeing, and reducing the need for more specialist services.

This NAP aims to fulfil the commitment within the Brighton & Hove Collaboration Framework working collaboratively to improve and develop Moulsecoomb & Bevendean.



# Moulsecoomb & Bevendean Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP)

Supported by the Trust for Developing Communities, the Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) shows the key priorities for the community and the council for the area. It has been agreed through a consultation process with all interested parties and is a working document that will change and develop as opportunities arise.



## We asked four simple questions:

1. Are you, or would you like to be, involved in the community?
2. What is important to you in your community?
3. What are your hopes and goals for yourself and your community?
4. Who, or what, else could help achieve your goals?



# What is the Moulsecoomb & Bevendean Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP)

Moulsecoomb & Bevendean Partnership Event (Every 3 Months) NAP Partners will be:

- Sharing **success stories** from the NAP

- Creating **solutions to problems** faced achieving actions

- Tackling **emerging priorities** in Moulsecoomb & Bevendean

There are three themes that have been identified by the residents of Moulsecoomb & Bevendean in partnership with community groups, the voluntary sector and public services:

1. Health & Wellbeing



2. Community Spaces, Safety & Environment



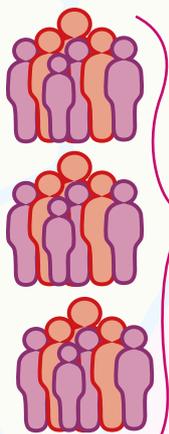
3. Activity, Employment & Learning



In addition to residents' great ideas and local knowledge, there is a real desire to participate in this change. This will improve the local area and set up, run, and deliver services and activities through community groups and organisations.

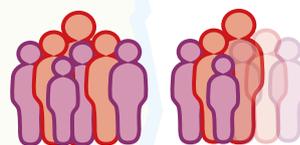
Throughout the year, there will be NAP events taking place across the ward, enabling residents and service providers to share their progress, views and ideas.

# Moulsecomb & Bevendean Communities



There are **18,500 people** living in Moulsecomb & Bevendean

Of these **60%** live in areas ranked in the **most deprived 20%** of England according to the Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2015.



## Economy



**Only 23%** people aged 16-74 are in full-time employment, compared to **39%** across **England**

**29%** of children are in **out of work** households compared to **15%** in England

According to the 2011 census:

**41%** of adults aged 16-74 were recorded as economically **inactive** compared to **30%** in **England**



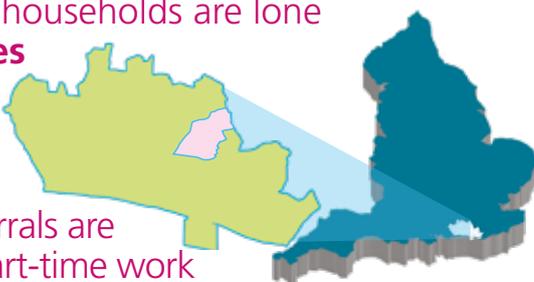
## Vulnerable groups



**39%** of family households are lone **parent families**

The foodbanks in the ward also report the majority of referrals are for people in part-time work

**39%** of **children** are **living in poverty** compared to **19%** in **England**



## Education/skills



**11%** of households in this ward are **student households**

**79%** of people in the ward live in an area of **educational deprivation** compared to **20%** in **England**



# Moulsecoomb & Bevendean

## Deprivation

Rising inequalities means growing differences between people and those with the very least are falling further behind.

Local residents know what it is like to be amongst those that have the least. Just like everyone else they want a better life for their children, a decent home to live in, to work and be paid fairly for it and good health and wellbeing for their families.

In response we have come together to develop the Moulsecoomb & Bevendean NAP. By working together with local people, community groups, public services and businesses we can achieve real long term change that builds a fairer city where Moulsecoomb and Bevendean have the same opportunities to benefit from the resources, facilities and services that make this such a special place to live.



### Health Deprivation

**49% of the community** are living in health deprivation 'hotspots' compared to **20%** for England



### Income

Department of work and pensions in 2016:

**13% receive workless benefits** compared to **11%** in England



### Households in need of Housing Benefit

**37%** live in **social rented households** and **26%** in **council housing** compared to **18%** and **9%** respectively in England.



Moulsecoomb & Bevendean has **over 70%** experiencing barriers to housing compared to **21%** in England.

### Digital divide

Another contributing barrier to employment and accessing services is the digital divide. This is not helped by **78%** experiencing lower broadband speeds.

## Profile:

# The Trust for Developing Communities

The Trust for Developing Communities have been supporting the communities of Moulsecoomb & Bevendean for the last 18 years and we are hopeful that this new Neighbourhood Action Plan marks an exciting step forward on tackling the key issues that you have identified for the area.

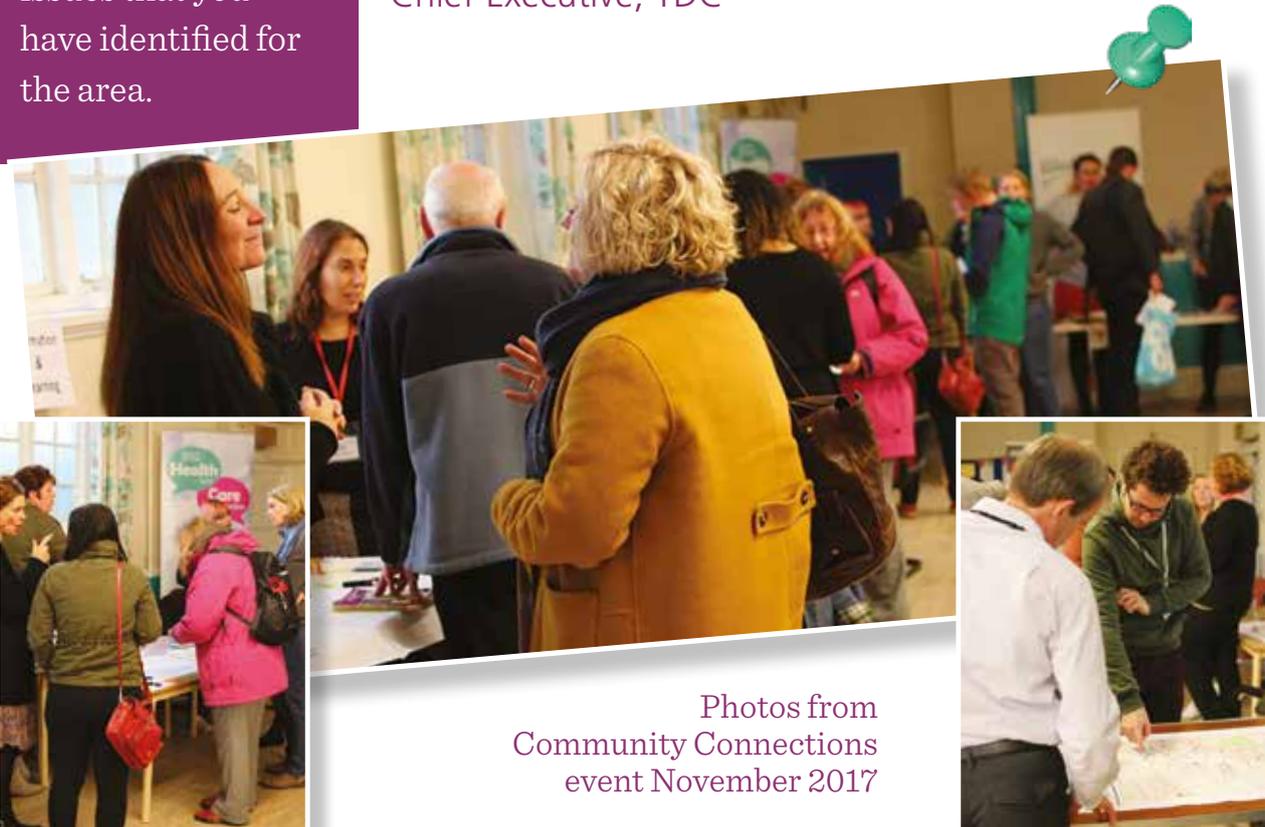
## The Trust for Developing Communities (TDC)

believe that the whole community benefits when we come together to tackle poverty and inequality.



We look forward to bringing together TDC's community development workers, youth workers and specialist support from our Black & Minority Ethnic and Older People's teams to work with the communities of Moulsecoomb & Bevendean, and support you to build on your strengths to bring about positive social change.

Athol Halle,  
Chief Executive, TDC



Photos from  
Community Connections  
event November 2017

# Health & wellbeing

There is only one GP surgery in the ward, alongside an NHS city service clinic, and access to primary care is a concern that was raised during the community research for the Clinical Commissioning Group's Big Conversation in 2018.

However, there is access to health services through the children's centre and schools and both communities embrace promotion of positive health choices and self-care for wellbeing. Every year TDC support Moulsecomb Local Action Team and Action for Bevendean Community to administer Healthy Neighbourhood Funding to community health projects. This money comes as part of the council's



**The Avenue  
GP Surgery**

third sector investment from Public Health and gives rise to over 30 projects each year from yoga classes to running on

**'I was very clear on addressing the council on behalf of Muslim & Bangladeshi Women and their chances on the job market. There aren't enough opportunities out there, and I explained all the barriers that keep us from being able to access those: we are women, we are Muslim and we often have children'**

Mishruna Kibria  
on speaking at the  
Equality Symposium



Maha from  
Moulsecomb  
Multicultural  
Group speaking

**Part of wellbeing is a sense of belonging and neighbourliness where you live.**

TDC support local Black and Minority Ethnic community groups to build connections to citywide and local services and groups. In 2018 a multicultural group, Bangladeshi women's group, community church and other residents groups will





the Downs and projects to improve diet and nutrition. Both organisations invite our health services to an annual event to improve local information and access.

come together as users of St George's Hall for their community open day. In 2018 the Bangladeshi women's group also addressed the citywide equality symposium.



The Bangladeshi Women's Group on a day out to a city farm which was set up by Bangladeshi women to inspire local growing projects.

Providing positive activities for local young people has been a priority for several decades and TDC has worked with partners to deliver youth work in the area for over a decade.

One of the great recent successes has been supporting the Moulsecomb Amateur Boxing Club to build the extension to their building that they have been dreaming of.



Working in partnership with Boxing England, the Moulsecomb Local Action Team and club members, TDC wrote a successful bid to Sport England for over £50,000. The extension will mean hundreds more local young people can benefit from recreational sport and fitness opportunities with some going on to box competitively.

The boxing club provides young people in Moulsecomb & Bevendean with a vital diversionary activity and a social hub they can call their own. This leads to improved health and wellbeing amongst the community's young people.

# Community Spaces, Safety & Environment

Moulsecoomb and Bevendean both have active, community run

## **Local Action Teams (LATs)**

that hold regular public meetings to discuss emerging local issues. There remains a significant amount of council housing in the ward and several active tenant and resident groups work with the council on maintaining their estate.

The action teams and residents groups work closely with the council, police, NHS and universities, where they push for positive change. A current priority issue is the increasing number of houses of multiple occupancy (HMO) in the ward and perceived impact on services resulting from loss of family homes.

**To support the provision of accessible activities and opportunities are a number of community run facilities,** from The Bevy, a vibrant cooperative pub and community facility to small community halls like Holy Nativity Community Centre.

These create space for informal community activity including the Bevendean coffee morning, which now offers a food bank and advice drop-in. This offers a way for families to find routes out of financial difficulty. This is delivered in partnership with TDC, FareShare, and Brighton & Hove Digital. Residents have engaged in training provided by a wide range of providers including: Mind, Money Advice Plus, Possability People, Pavilions drug and alcohol services, Citizen's Advice Bureau and Brighton & Hove Energy Services Cooperative. Through these initiatives, the community is better connected and more resilient.



Advice Drop-in at Bevendean

As well as community centres there are a range of outdoor spaces valued by the communities; from Play parks to greens, woods and downland access. There are several independent community groups working in partnership with the council to maintain and improve these areas.

**“Meeting and having a chat with other people makes you feel good and less lonely plus you get to see different advisers.”**

Local resident who regularly attends the coffee morning

# Activity, Learning & Employment

**East Brighton Trust** is a Community Interest Company that owns a number of properties across East Brighton.

The income from these properties enables delivery of a number of grant programmes to Moulsecomb & Bevendean as well as others areas that represent Brighton's most disadvantaged and under represented groups.

Through this, the East Brighton Trust has funded many events and activities helping transform communities in the area. These range from local festivals, community gardens and youth clubs all the way to dance troupes, art classes and counselling services. In 2017 East Brighton Trust celebrated having awarded over £500k to over 100 charities and community groups in East Brighton.



**Both communities produce and deliver community newsletters to households and encourage online communications as well as making use of community noticeboards.**

George Rebera (Director) and Youth poets Vs MCs Ebenflo (l) and Tez (r)

## **The Bridge Community Education Centre**

was a highly valued provider of affordable activity and learning as well as offering support on pathways to employment. It was forced to close in 2018 due to lack of finance, but their legacy is a range of passionate community groups able to continue their activity at other centres and a strong collaborative approach from local service partners enabling classes and projects to be rehoused in places like the primary school and library. This is testament to the resilience of the local community who immediately rallied to the situation. How these services and projects are best delivered going forward will be a significant early priority for this plan. Albion in the Community, BACA and the primary schools provide access to adult learning.

# Moulsecoomb & Bevendean NAP themes



## Activity, Learning and Employment

What are we trying to achieve?	How are we going to achieve it?	Who is going to do it?	What are we doing now?
<p>People are well informed and feel positive about where they live</p> <p>*Trust for Developing Communities</p>	<p>Produce community newsletters that are easy to read, are visually appealing and contain vital information e.g. upcoming events, personal stories and a community directory.</p> <p>Connect Facebook pages and websites to improve promotion and online presence.</p> <p>Create a Community Calendar with local events throughout the year.</p>	<p>Moulsecoomb Local Action Team Action for Bevendean Community Community Newsletter &amp; website groups Universities Liaison Teams Amex Council - Digital First &amp; Communities</p>	<p>MLAT &amp; Bulletin Newsletters Bi annual Spring/ Summer Autumn/ Winter.</p> <p>TDC* call communications group to review social media, other communications and calendar in Summer 2018.</p>
<p>People have improved access to information and services online.</p>	<p>Provide supported online access at library and community centre drop-ins.</p>	<p>Digital Brighton &amp; Hove Council Trust for Developing Communities (TDC) Libraries</p>	<p>Ongoing and reviewed quarterly at communications group. First Autumn 2018.</p> <p>Age UK Brighton and Hove provide individual home visits to support Older people with mobility difficulties that need support to access on line advice and information.</p>
<p>People have access to adult learning and activities.</p>	<p>Range of classes provided at community facilities.</p>	<p>Varndean Friends Centre Moulsecoomb Primary School Brighton Aldridge Community Academy Albion in the Community Universities</p>	<p>Spring 2018.</p>

## Activity, Learning and Employment continued

People are better connected and informed about their community and increased sense of belonging.	Invite active residents to become community advocates and ambassadors.	Moulsecoomb Local Action Team Action for Bevendean Community Community Newsletter & website groups	TDC recruit and induct community leaders in Summer/Autumn 2018.
Community groups are more visible across Moulsecoomb & Bevendean.	Provide IT training for community groups and organisations – particularly around Facebook groups, Google maps and building websites.	Digital Brighton & Hove Council - Digital First & Libraries Trust for Developing Communities	Autumn 2018.
Public and community organisations network and work together.	Quarterly network meetings for community and public service providers.	Community organisations Public Services	TDC to coordinate & service ongoing.
People find it easier to navigate public services and overcome barriers to support.	Create and promote community referral route map.	Council - Communities team CCG (NHS) Trust for Developing Communities Police Prevention Team Moulsecoomb & Bevendean Frontline workers network	Communities Team Present in 'hub' programme 2018.
People with mobility issues are able to access activities.	Collate and share availability of existing transport and identify gaps.	Council - Transport Community Transport Big Lemon transport Brighton & Hove Buses Moulsecoomb & Bevendean Local Action Teams	Transport Team in Moulsecoomb Spring & Summer 2018.
People have support to access employment.	Job Club and careers guidance at library.	Job Club Libraries	Autumn 2018.
People have increased skills and better employment options.	Develop more work experience programmes in relevant employment sectors (catering; construction; retail).	Council - Mears & Regeneration team Trust for Developing Communities Youth Bevendean Area Community Action One Church The Bevy Brighton Aldridge Community Academy	TDC map what currently offered to identify gaps 2018.



# Community Spaces, Environment and Safety

What are we trying to achieve?	How are we going to achieve it?	Who is going to do it?	What are we doing now?
<p>Improved overall appearance of estates.</p> <p>People like where they live.</p> <p>A more cohesive community.</p>	<p>Promotion of 'Garden Estates' Walkabout inspections.</p> <p>Community waste management, recycling, composting promotion.</p> <p>Hyper local community clean ups.</p>	<p>Moulsecomb Local Action Team</p> <p>Bevendean Local Action Team</p> <p>Action for Bevendean</p> <p>Community Council - Housing Council - Cityclean</p>	<p>Biannual MLAT walkabout.</p> <p>Trust for Developing Communities (TDC) scope rolling out to Bevendean with BLAT Autumn 2018.</p> <p>TDC &amp; Resident involvement link groups to Cityclean - at least 2 clean ups in 2018.</p>
<p>People have a renewed relationship with police and public services.</p> <p>People feel that their issues will be listened to and acted upon.</p>	<p>Make reporting to public services clear and easy to access.</p> <p>Work closely with Council Field Officers to identify community issues reduce antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>Develop community leads in LATs that liaise with services.</p>	<p>Police</p> <p>Fire Service</p> <p>Council - Housing Council - Cityclean</p> <p>Council - Field Officers</p> <p>Council - Communities</p>	<p>Field Officers induction and meeting community associations. Summer 2018.</p>
<p>People like where they live.</p> <p>A more cohesive community.</p>	<p>Invite citywide houses of multiple occupancy (HMO) meeting to be held in ward with a focus on North of City and University impact and invite universities.</p>	<p>Council - communities team</p> <p>Tenant &amp; resident's associations</p> <p>University Liaison teams</p> <p>University students</p>	<p>Communities and Team set up HMO meeting Summer 2018.</p>
<p>Community and services have better awareness of community spaces to meet and deliver activity and services.</p>	<p>Map current community spaces to promote increased community activity and have presence on google maps and location maps.</p>	<p>Council - Parks &amp; Property teams</p> <p>Community Buildings Network</p> <p>Trust for Developing Communities</p>	<p>In Plan 2018.</p>

## Community Spaces, Environment and Safety continued

Community have better awareness of what activities and services are accessible in centres.	Provide centres with templates for hard copy and online promotion of diaries.	Community Buildings Network Trust for Developing Communities	TDC will design and deliver these with community Buildings network and roll out with ad hoc support across 2018/19.
People are able to access different services on a single campus.  Services collaborate to better meet the needs of communities.	Explore potential for a public services and community group neighbourhood hub.	Council - Property Library Children's Centre 67 Centre Freedom Leisure Centre CCG (NHS)	Hubs programme - TBC when public.
People engage with green spaces and make best use of them.	Promote current activities being held on community open space through Local Green Space events.	Trust for Developing Communities Green spaces Network Friends of parks groups B&HCC Parks	Community Calendar.
Impact of Lewes Rd traffic and pollution is mitigated.  Community influence planning gain.  People like where they live.	Ensure community participation in consultation as developers build on Mithras, Woollards and Preston barracks sites.  Lobby for appropriate traffic calming and flow measures incorporated.  Community explore designated neighbourhood forum and planning area.  -----  Work with Amex on event days parking zone scheme.	Council - Highways Council - Planning Moulsecoomb Local Action Team Beverdean Local Action Team Developers - U&I Universities  -----  Amex	MLAT & BLAT invite developers out to public meetings 2018.  Moulsecoomb & Beverdean become a designated area in 2018.  MLAT & BLAT invite Amex out to public meetings 2018.

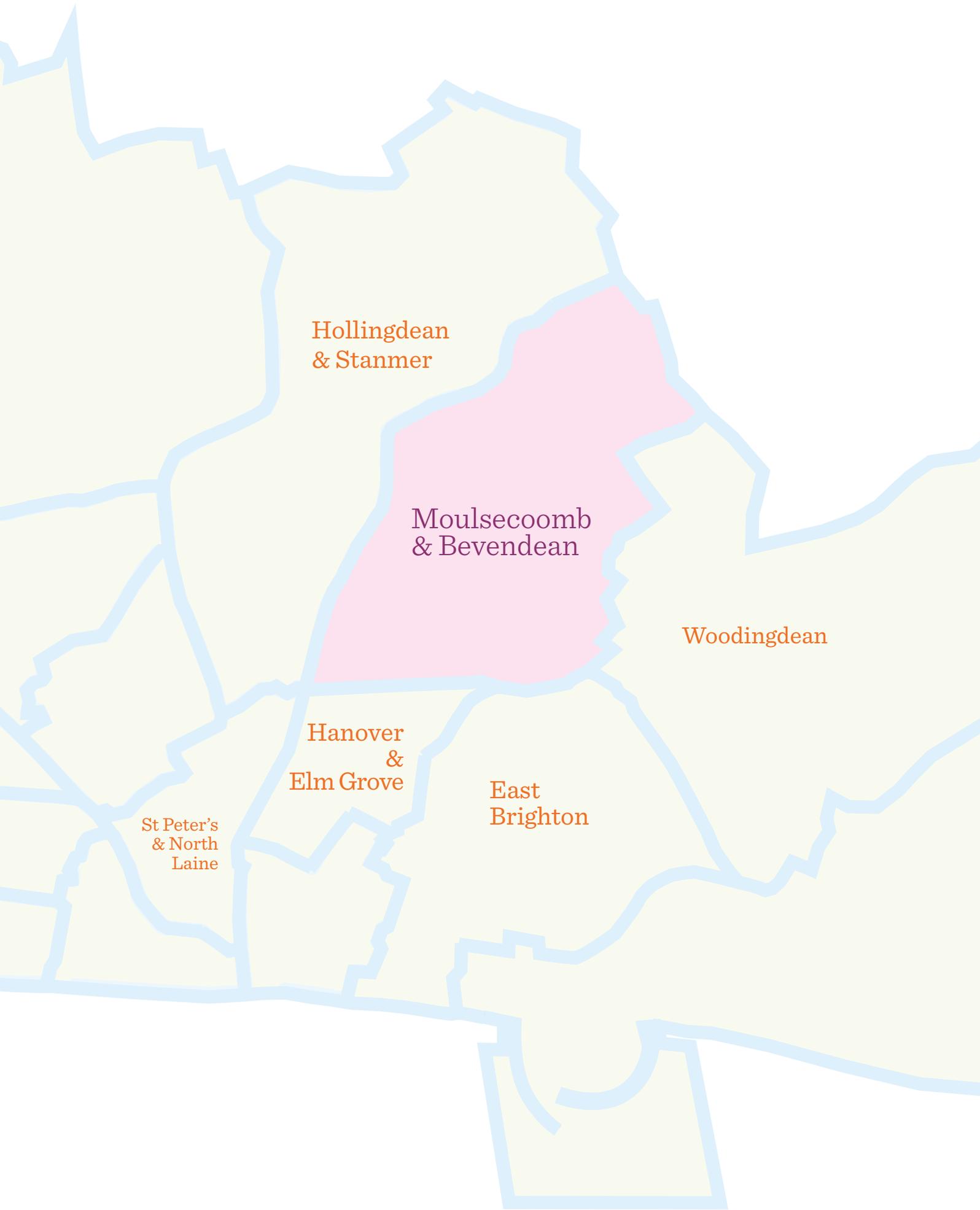


# Health and Wellbeing

What are we trying to achieve?	How are we going to achieve it?	Who is going to do it?	What are we doing now?
<p>People can access the primary care services they need</p> <p>People have the opportunity to have their voices heard</p>	<p>Promote GP &amp; Health Clinic services in community newsletters.</p> <p>Annual Health event inviting range of services and community groups.</p>	<p>Moulsecoomb Local Action Team Action for Bevendean Community GP Surgeries Patient Participation Groups CCG (NHS)</p>	<p>Biannual newsletters.</p> <p>Summer events.</p>
<p>People are more connected and meeting people of difference, gaining peer support.</p>	<p>Bevfest, St George's open day and Moulsecoomb Primary School (MPS) Summer Fare.</p> <p>Programme of events at The Bevy.</p> <p>Small groups Network in area.</p>	<p>Trust for Developing Communities Community groups (Inc building groups) Council - Communities team Community Works Resource Centre Bevy Community Pub Schools</p>	<p>Summer 2018.</p> <p>Community Calendar 2018.</p> <p>Spring 2018.</p>
<p>People are less isolated in the community.</p>	<p>Promote role of befrienders and carpooling within the community.</p> <p>Set up local drop-in support to help people identify and access services</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Care Scheme</p> <p>Age UK Brighton and Hove</p>	<p>Case studies in summer newsletter 2018.</p>
<p>People have improved lifestyle choices and self-care models.</p> <p>People are informed and able to make healthy lifestyle choices.</p>	<p>Provide online &amp; hard copies of advice for managing conditions in community newsletters and at events.</p> <p>Involve community groups in national and city health campaigns. e.g. smoking cessation &amp; healthy hearts.</p> <p>Use Healthy Neighbourhoods Fund to kickstart wellbeing activities in the community (ParkRun, 50+ exercise, yoga).</p>	<p>Council - Health Lifestyles team &amp; Libraries CCG (NHS) - clinic &amp; GP Trust for Developing Communities Newsletter &amp; communications groups</p>	<p>Bi annual newsletters.</p> <p>Community Calendar 2018.</p> <p>Quarterly communications group.</p> <p>Healthy Neighbourhood fund allocated Autumn 2018.</p>
<p>Children and Young people are healthier, confident and aspirational.</p>	<p>Map &amp; promote online sign-posting to children's and young people's activities and services.</p> <p>Community providers supported to access funds and resources and plan and deliver safe healthy activities.</p>	<p>Council - Children's Services &amp; Integrated Family Service &amp; Libraries. Churches Schools Community groups Trust for Developing Communities</p>	<p>What's on? website and bi annual newsletters.</p> <p>Community Calendar 2018.</p> <p>Trust for Developing Communities offer support to applicants to Healthy Neighbourhood.</p>

## Health and Wellbeing continued

<p>Young people are emotionally and physically resilient.</p>	<p>Provide informal engagement opportunities and outreach for young people e.g:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity groups</li> <li>• Streetwork</li> <li>• Summer programme</li> </ul> <p>Also targeted peer groups/services e.g:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexual health</li> <li>• Mental health</li> <li>• Girl's group</li> </ul>	<p>Trust for Developing Communities youth Schools Council - youth Youth collective Community groups Albion In Community</p>	<p>Ongoing delivery as part of council commission till 2019.</p>
<p>People are supported through mutual aid and peer support in health and wellbeing choices.</p>	<p>Include diverse faith and culture events in community calendar and promoted in newsletters and online.</p> <p>Support communities of identity to access support through informal settings/ drop.</p>	<p>Trust for Developing Communities - BME workers Moulsecoomb Local Action Team Action for Bevendean Community Churches Schools Sunflower group (Special Educational Needs) Maha's Multicultural Group Bangladeshi women's group</p>	<p>Community Calendar 2018.</p> <p>Current groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunflower SEND families group</li> <li>• Therapeutic mental health inclusive arts groups.</li> <li>• BME groups</li> </ul>
<p>A more cohesive community and people feel greater sense of well-being.</p>	<p>Work with university outreach teams, Youth services and community groups on joint projects.</p>	<p>Moulsecoomb Local Action Team Action for Bevendean University Liaison Teams Council - Community Safety &amp; Communities team Age UK Brighton and Hove</p>	<p>Guests at monthly LATs.</p> <p>Community Events in Summer 2018.</p>
<p>Outdoor space is better used by communities for healthy activities.</p>	<p>Explore potential utilising outdoor space (skate park; outdoor gym; new play areas).</p>	<p>Council - Parks &amp; Planning Trust for Developing Communities</p>	<p>Farm Green Veolia bid Spring 2018.</p> <p>Skate Park feasibility study 2018/9.</p>



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However we recognise that by the time this list is published many more people, organisations and services will have contributed through their work and efforts to improving the local area and community. The huge efforts and continued input from all is acknowledged and valued and it will be this that drives the work of NAP to ensure the actions are turned into reality.

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