



# Brockenhurst Village Trust

Promoting facilities for the whole of the Community



**Highwood Road - What Next?**

**It's the Community's Choice**



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## Agenda

- The Trust and Site History
- The Opportunity
- Consultation & Selection Criteria
- Target Timescales

## Refreshment Break and Networking

- Open Discussion
- The Next Steps



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## The Trust

- Formed to own & operate site and the village hall
- Directors elected from the community and user groups
- Remit
  - “to use the land for social, recreational or educational purposes, for the benefit of the people of the civil parish of Brockenhurst”.



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## Site History

- 1984 - Community raised funds and built the Village Hall
- 1999 – Village raised £100k and purchased the site and buildings rather than lose it to housing development
- Purchase included a tenancy held by the Nursery
- 2001 - vacant accommodation leased to Parish Council Office



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## Current status

- Existing buildings well beyond “sell by date”
- 2008 Highwood Nursery tenancy extended to allow negotiations on a replacement building
- 2014 banking crisis / credit crunch had delayed funding. Ever rising costs caused the last minute cessation of the project.
- 2015 Parish Council now being accommodated elsewhere on the site



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## Consultation

- Gives the whole community the chance to contribute
- Proposals welcome from
  - Groups
  - Individuals
  - Commercially supported/not for profit groups



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## Scope for synergies.

- The Trust is encouraging interested parties to work together to maximise benefits where possible
- Possible investment from the Village Trust (BVT)?



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## Selection Criteria

- A beauty contest - not an auction

Solution needs to :-

- provide best benefit to the community
- fulfil an identified need for an activity or age group
- be viable over a period
- Maximise use of the site





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## Some ideas so far

- Scout / Youth Hut
- Future extension of surgery related facilities
- Sports or Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)
- More allotments



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## Target timescales

- Desire to move ahead as quickly as possible
- Interested parties submit outline plans by Dec 2015?
- Plans presented to BVT and Village in Jan 2015?
- Phased Development?
- Early 2016 Start Design and Construction Process?



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## Refreshments and Networking Break



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## Open Discussion

Air and share your ideas

Any questions?



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## **Next moves**

Identify possible partners

Create an outline plan

Discuss it with the Trust

Present it to the Village.



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**Thank you**

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