

# SAFER & STRONGER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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### COMMUNITY PRIDE AND SELF HELP

#### What are we trying to achieve?

The Council wishes to develop a strategy and framework by September 2010 which promotes and encourages community pride and self-help. The aim is to significantly reduce barriers so that individuals and Communities are more able to help themselves.

#### What is community self help / pride?

Communities having the support, knowledge, resilience, pride and capacity to achieve local objectives, rather than having to rely on the public sector to respond to all their needs.

#### Why is it important to us?

Community self help and increased community pride can assist the council, health and the police in maximising the use of its resources. Many communities have good neighbour arrangements, community transport and other similar schemes and we can support and promote these activities across the county. We would also like to mobilise more young people and older people to take an active part in improving their communities.

#### Role of scrutiny

The Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee can contribute to the development of the strategy / framework by examining some of the barriers that people may be experiencing which act as a disincentive and proposing some areas for improvement.

- 1: Briefing and general discussion on community self-help / pride.
- 2: Select committee taking evidence from examining a:

- representative of a successful local Good Neighbour Scheme.
- representative from The Prince's Trust/V TalentYear to talk about barriers experienced by young people who want to make a positive contribution to their communities.
- representative of a parish that has a successful Parish Plan.
- representative of a successful local Children's Centre.
- representative of a successful local Community Centre.

#### Examples

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/fire/eplan/Documents/Word%20Documents/Parish%20Plan%20Guidance%202009.doc>  
[http://www.selfhelp.org.uk/beyond\\_nott.html](http://www.selfhelp.org.uk/beyond_nott.html)  
<http://www.sheffieldhelpyourself.org.uk/>

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