

Billinge Parish Council

Strategic Aims and Objectives 2026–2030

1. Develop Dam Slacks Playing Field as a High-Quality Community Asset

To enhance Dam Slacks Playing Field as an inclusive, accessible, and well-maintained recreational space that meets the needs of residents of all ages and abilities.

Objectives:

- Deliver a new children's play area with modern, inclusive play equipment.
- Develop a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) to encourage sport and physical activity.
- Explore the development of a padel court to provide new recreational opportunities.
- Improve the overall quality, accessibility, and sustainability of the site for community use.

2. Create a Community Hub within the Parish Hall

To transform the existing Parish Hall into a vibrant community hub that supports a wider range of activities, services, and events.

Objectives:

- Secure external funding and investment to improve the current facilities.
- Develop and implement a four-year improvement programme to expand and modernise the building.
- Increase community use by providing flexible, accessible spaces for local organisations, residents, and events.

3. Improve Community Engagement and Communication

To strengthen relationships between the Parish Council and residents through greater visibility, communication, and involvement.

Objectives:

- Continue to deliver regular community engagement events.
- Improve communication through local press, the Parish Council website, newsletters, and social media platforms.
- Encourage Parish Councillors to take a more active role in community events and promote the work and achievements of the Council.
- Increase opportunities for residents to engage with and influence Parish Council activities.

4. Promote and Support Community Commemorative and Celebratory Events

To preserve and enhance community traditions that bring residents together and celebrate the heritage of Billinge.

Objectives:

- Relocate the Billinge Schools Remembrance Service to the Memorial Garden adjacent to the Parish Hall, including the installation of a new memorial stone to improve safety and accessibility.
- Continue to organise and support the annual Christmas Tree Lighting event.
- Continue to support and fund the Children's Christmas Party and Pensioners' Christmas Party.
- Encourage wider community participation in civic and commemorative events.

5. Support Local Organisations and Community Initiatives

To continue working in partnership with local organisations that contribute to the wellbeing, environment, and community spirit of Billinge.

Objectives:

- Maintain support for Residents' Associations.
- Continue to fund and promote Billinge in Bloom.
- Work collaboratively with local churches and schools on community initiatives.
- Continue to support St Aidan's Food Pantry and other organisations that aid residents in need.
- Consider opportunities to support new community groups and initiatives that benefit the parish.

Vision: *To make Billinge a thriving, inclusive and sustainable community by investing in local facilities, supporting community organisations, improving communication, and enhancing the quality of life for all residents between 2026 and 2030.*