

EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES BIG LOCAL

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East Cleveland Villages Plan

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ABOUT OUR AREA

We live in a beautiful area of strong natural assets, sandwiched between a heritage coastline and the North York Moors National Park. Perceptions of East Cleveland as a tourist destination are often distorted or missed by our location being associated with industrial Teesside. People living here are rightly proud of their environment.



However because of limited transport links we are not a typical location for new commercial uses and suffer from restricted employment opportunity.

This has resulted in areas of stark contrasts with some severely deprived areas suffering rural isolation.

Transport is an issue as there is low car ownership and a declining public transport provision. Indeed public transport is not seen as an option for most of our local people and in setting up the East Cleveland Big Local, this has certainly added to the challenge of reaching people to become involved. Public transport has an impact on our young people, as it is a major barrier to them being able to access/take up jobs.

Other challenges are that we have an ageing population with less and less available services leading to more of our communities being isolated which in turn can contribute to making them poorer within other areas of community life.

OUR VISION

Eleven rural communities in East Cleveland are working together through the BIG Local programme to improve opportunities and facilities within the area.

We want our area to be able to meet the challenges it faces and this is a chance for a range of new and existing groups and individuals to grow and flourish. The partnership development group see this as an investment which will enable them to build on their local heritage and be a means to attracting, jobs, local business and much more local activity for the benefit of the community. We are aware of the strengths and weaknesses within our communities and the opportunities and challenges we intend to pursue to make East Cleveland the place to be.

Our Vision Statements for East Cleveland

'East Cleveland will have highly attractive places to live and work with mixed affordable housing set in a rural context with landscaped industry not industrial landscapes.'

'An integrated transport system from doorstep to work, essential services, or leisure facilities will be available. Timetables will allow maximum access to essential services, leisure and tourist venues.'

'A wider range of goods and services will be available at the main settlements. Sustainable shops or collective mobile outlets will provide essential needs in smaller villages.'

'Every village will have a quality meeting place offering a wide range of activities and services every day.'

'People, especially younger members of communities will be engaged in organising improvements.'

'Farmland, allotments, the built and the natural environment will be attractive to residents and visitors.'

'A range of quality hotels, B&Bs, hostels and touring and motor caravan parks will encourage tourism.'

'East Cleveland will be an attractive place to live and work with employment provided by existing companies with an influx into the industrial estates and business parks. Industrial sites will be 'landscaped'.'

'Existing training centres will be viable, prosperous and expand. Training and apprenticeships will be readily available locally.'

'Village skill exchange schemes help in creating successful, self-sufficient, sustainable communities.'

'People in East Cleveland will enjoy healthier eating; enjoy suitable exercise; drink alcohol sensibly; no longer smoke; and avoid drug/substance abuse. Children will learn about healthy lifestyles.'

'People, especially younger members of communities, become active in organising environmental improvements.'

'Anti-social behaviour and crime will remain generally below the national average.'

'All families and individuals will have easy access to support for their needs within their community. Inter-generational support endeavours will be encouraged. Communities will offer opportunities, be inclusive and interconnect.'

The present position

<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>POPULATION (approximated)</u>	<u>WARD</u>
Carlin How	1240	Brotton
Skinningrove	460	Brotton
Dunsdale	150	Guisborough
Lingdale	1700	Lockwood
Easington	1200	Loftus
Liverton Mines	1400	Loftus
Loftus	4500	Loftus
New Skelton	2000	Skelton
Boosbeck	1200	Westworth
Charltons	350	Westworth
Margrove Park	200	Westworth

The table shows the approximate population within the East Cleveland Villages.

There are higher percentages of 0-5 year olds and 65+ years but a lower percentage of 16 – 49 year olds than in other English areas. This could be because the working population leave the area to find employment as job prospects are limited within the area. Unemployment is significantly higher than elsewhere. Some in the 18+ age group may move for university / further education and do not return. Educational opportunities and achievements are limited by a cycle of deprivation. There is also a higher smoking population and more people with life-long limiting and general poor health. The area has a predominantly white population which is a significantly higher percentage than the national average. Employment often requires difficult journeys.

We believe this area has been left out and/or overlooked for many years and more so since the decline of the Rural Development Programme in the early 90's which has meant there have been few investment projects in this area.

Other than the Big Local Funding we have more recently benefited as part of the North York Moors Coast and Hills LEADER area. Outcomes from LEADER identified the need for building up abilities, skills and vision in people so that they are more able to identify and access available funding. Activists in the communities have been identified and recruited.

THE PARTNERSHIP



GOVERNING STRUCTURE

- Each of the eleven communities will be represented by one delegate and one associate.
- Each community will select a delegate and an associate in an open and transparent way to represent their community's views.
- Delegates and associates must be residents or people who work in the local area.
- The delegate and associate places should be reviewed annually by each community.
- Each community will have one vote cast by the delegate or in their absence by the associate or another nominated by the delegate.
- All delegates, associates and nominees must sign the Partnership Agreement before they can cast a vote.
- In the event of a tied vote the chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

MEETINGS OF THE PARTNERSHIP

- Meetings will be held as deemed necessary but at least four times a year.
- Agenda items shall be sent to the Chair who will draw up an agenda for meetings.
- Agendas will be distributed to the delegates with the minutes of the previous meeting by the Chair.
- A minute-taker may be paid to provide a record of meetings.
- Delegates (or their associates) from six villages are necessary to form a quorum.
- Decisions will be made by a simple majority of delegates (or their associates) present at the meeting.

VALUES

- We are committed to quality and excellence in everything that we do.
- We will support residents and people locally in improving their own communities.
- We know that communities which face problems contain the people who will create the solutions.
- We actively share knowledge and skills, encouraging learning and cooperation.
- We collaborate with others to build the best possible solutions to the challenges we face together.
- We are responsible, open and accountable.
- We will be honest and transparent in all our dealings.
- We will collect share and review evidence of our progress and be open to advice and criticism.
- We believe in social responsibility. We want our work to have a positive impact on people locally, the area and the environment, now and for future generations.
- We are committed to equality and promote diversity.
- We seek to overcome all forms of discrimination and prejudice so that everyone can participate in, contribute to and benefit from Big Local on an equal basis, whatever their background, ethnicity or beliefs.
- We will be innovative and embrace change, approaching problems proactively and creatively.
- We are enthusiastic, energetic, positive and proud of Big Local, and will bring these qualities to all our activities.

EXPECTATIONS

If residents, the expectations are that members:

- provide information and advice about day-to-day quality of life in the area
- actively encourage people in the area to play their part in supporting Big Local and its activities
- are committed to equal opportunities and inclusion
- ensure that local concerns are addressed and that solutions have local support
- provide regular feedback and a clear steer on priorities based on local knowledge.

If non-residents, the expectations are that members:

- provide relevant advice, knowledge and expertise to Big Local
- actively review and be an advocate for Big Local with a view to gaining additional impact from the activities of their parent organisation or other bodies
- are committed to equal opportunities and inclusion
- report as appropriate, progress from within their organisation which illustrates evidence of changing practice and policy that is benefitting or is likely to benefit Big Local.

The role of the chair is to:

- chair the partnership meetings ensuring that members are encouraged to share their ideas and are able to reach agreement on how the work is carried out in an effective way in line with Big Local outcomes
- have the casting vote at meetings in the event of a vote being tied
- take part in resolving governance or conflict issues in line with the relevant agreements
- be committed to equal opportunities and inclusion
- maintain an overview of Big Local, ensure progress is made according to the Big Local plan and ensure Big Local remains on track.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- The Annual General Meeting will be held within three months of the anniversary of the signing of the partnership agreement.
- Twenty-one days notice of the Annual General Meeting must be given to the village delegates.
- The Officers of the East Cleveland Villages Big Local Partnership will be elected by the delegates at the AGM or whenever a vacancy arises.
- The Officers to be elected are the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.
- The Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected from the delegates.
- The Secretary and Treasurer may be elected from the delegates or associates or co-opted from the wider community. The delegates will decide on the process of selecting co-opted officers.
- A delegate may resign at any time by sending a written resignation to the Chair.

A NETWORK OF COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

Other organisations will be invited to act in an advisory capacity when appropriate

- A less formal 'network of community stakeholders' which includes people from different local community groups, organisations and businesses are likely to have a direct role in delivering Big Local, so we will include them in the network of partners which helps to ensure an open and inclusive way of working. They will be identified by the East Cleveland Villages Big Local Partnership.
- Over time membership of the East Cleveland Villages Partnership might change. It would also work to expand links beyond the network, building many different relationships in the local area so that in the long term the local area has strengthened these important connections.

ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP

- The partnership will endeavour to work in a way that keeps people who live in the East Cleveland Villages area at the centre of decision making and Big Local activities.
- People locally will be meaningfully involved and their views and aspirations will inform the choices the partnership makes.

To fulfil these responsibilities the partnership will:

- Engage with a diverse range of people, in a thoughtful, continuous and inclusive way. This should enable people in East Cleveland to influence the direction and implementation of the Big Local plan and contribute their knowledge, skills and interests to it.
- Make a particular effort to develop networks with groups and communities whose ideas and thoughts may not be reflected in the partnership at that point in time.
- Promote Big Local activities, the Big Local plan and the funding available to implement it to people locally and ensure that other stakeholders are updated about Big Local.
- Make links with many different individuals, groups and organisations. This could include voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations, councillors and MPs, public and private organisations and businesses operating in or near East Cleveland to identify opportunities and build links where funding, expertise, joint working and/or support can be provided to the benefit of the local area.
- Adopt a code of conduct for partnership members that, expands on these responsibilities and describes specifically the expectations for members of the partnership.

Code of Conduct for members of the partnership

I agree that:

1. I will abide by the law and our local Big Local policies and procedures.
2. I will declare any conflict of interest or of loyalty, or any circumstance that might be viewed by others as such, as soon as it arises.
3. I will not personally gain materially or financially from my role as a member, nor will I knowingly permit others to do so as a result of my actions or negligence.
4. I will always strive to act in the best interests of Big Local.
5. When I am speaking as a member of the partnership, my comments will reflect the work of the partnership even when these do not agree with my personal views. When speaking as a private individual I will strive to uphold the reputation of the partnership and those who work in it.
6. I will strive to read all documents and attend all meetings, giving apologies ahead of time to the chair if unable to attend.
7. I will engage in debate and voting in meetings according to procedure, maintaining a respectful attitude toward the opinions of others while making my voice heard.
8. I will accept a majority vote on an issue as decisive and final.
9. I will maintain confidentiality about what goes on in the meeting unless authorised by the chair or committee to share information.
10. I will participate in induction, training and development activities for members.
11. I understand that substantial breach of any part of this code may result in my removal as a member.
12. If I resign as a member I will inform the chair in writing, stating my reasons for resigning. Additionally, I will if requested participate in an exit interview.
13. As a delegate or as an associate I will provide evidence of approaching the community in order that I can represent their views.

EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES BIG LOCAL PLAN

Prior to setting up the Local Partnership residents met throughout 2012 in different venues across the area to encourage local people to attend and give their views.

They have been supported by a Local Representative through the Local Trust and attended workshops and meetings so that they could decide on what form their partnership might take but also to develop relationships as the villages had never really joined up before as one area. Each village had an opportunity to put forward a delegate and an associate to the meetings which means each community is empowered by having a voice and a vote regardless of size.

Local needs were thoroughly investigated through questionnaires, discussions with the Parish and Town Councils, village walkabouts as well as local delegates and associates inputting from the own local knowledge and observations. In collating this information, the Partnership has identified local priorities and common areas of concern. Some of these needs are the responsibility of the Local Statutory Sector and the Partnership will be engaging in discussions with the decision makers in respect of these issues, in keeping with their decision to develop an effective voice for East Cleveland Villages.

The Partnership developed their plan under a series of themes and identified priorities. At a Partnership meeting in April 2013 it was agreed that it would make sense to identify a Co-ordinator/ Lead for each of the themes. It was recognised and stressed that they would not be working on their own rather they would be responsible for coordinating working groups, external contacts, research, recommendations and reporting back. It is evident that some of the themes should work together on certain issues and the Partnership Group will underpin all themes and be the cross-cutting support/discussion and decision making group.

With the commercial outcomes from a proposed development of an empty 'eyesore' property in Lingdale, The East Cleveland Villages Big Local should be able to self finance and develop a wider commercial buildings portfolio in coming years. It is anticipated this will bring local jobs, enhance tourism and provide funding for village improvements through reinvestment of the returns. The risk associated with this strategy has been discussed at length and the partnership is convinced the initial expenditure is justified as the property would remain a resaleable asset.

The Partnership is keen to learn and delegates have attended Big Local national events and spoken to other Big Local areas in the North East region and beyond.

Other organisations have also been identified to offer support and information, including the local council regeneration team and several housing associations. A visit to Liverpool to the North West Housing Association re: housing cooperatives has also been undertaken.

EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES: Priorities for action planning

Big Local aims to improve the area by financial and social investments and by commissioning services.

Quality of Environment	Vision	<u>Encourage environmental improvements.</u> East Cleveland will have highly attractive places to live and work with mixed affordable housing set in a rural context with landscaped industry not industrial landscapes.
	Approach	Encourage green belt living in sustainable 'garden village' communities by enhancing the built and natural environment through the medium of village action groups (either existing or newly formed).
	Outcome	To extend the scope of such groups to become critical, creative and effective.
Transport	Vision	<u>Improve access to employment and services to all residents but especially those at disadvantage.</u> An integrated transport system from doorstep to work, essential services, or leisure facilities will be available. Timetables will allow maximum access to essential services, leisure and tourist venues.
	Approach	Encourage flexible feasible transport solutions to expand services. Work with existing providers . Review parking arrangements, access roads in villages and estates as car ownership increases.
	Outcome	Reduced journey times. Better off-peak access. Convenient parking and bus/train pick up points.
Commercial Outlets etc	Vision	<u>Promote local shopping options in all communities.</u> A wider range of goods and services available at the main settlements.
	Approach	Some sustainable shop or collective mobile outlets providing essential needs in smaller villages. Make properties affordable to traders with coordinated approach of stakeholders and landlords.
	Outcome	Allow change of use on empty shops. Promote 'in-shops' for small businesses to share overheads. More attractive centralised shopping areas in district and local shopping areas. No blighted sites.
Community Cohesion	Vision	<u>Utilise community assets and engage all age groups in activities.</u> A quality meeting place offering a wide range of activities and services in every village, every day.
	Approach	People, especially younger members of communities, become engaged in organising improvements. Encourage communications in and among all village groups , who promote ongoing activities or are central to community cohesion, Offer these advice on Big Local or other funding by grants or loans.
	Outcome	All age groups are involved in activities and events at a vibrant community building in every village.
Tourism	Vision	<u>Attract visitors to East Cleveland through media information.</u> Farmland, allotments, the built and the natural environment are attractive to residents and visitors.
	Approach	A range of quality hotels, B&Bs, hostels and tourist caravan parks encourage tourism. The assets of East Cleveland's heritage coast and industrial heritage are utilised and publicised.
	Outcome	Groups and stakeholders can improve signage, information boards, town and country trails etc. The area earns income from outside the area. Facilities improve. Employment in support services.
Employment and Industry	Vision	<u>Encourage enterprise.</u> East Cleveland will be an attractive place to live and work with employment provided by existing companies with an influx into the industrial estates and business parks. Industrial sites 'landscaped'.
	Approach	Review and publicise companies on industrial estates / business parks. Liaise with schools / colleges. Encourage enterprise schemes / business ideas by groups, individuals and young entrepreneurs.
	Outcome	Increased investment in manufacturing industry and other business from outside East Cleveland. Communication and cooperation among companies. Successes are promoted to the wider world.
Skills/Training & Resources	Vision	<u>Utilise resources.</u> Existing centres will be viable, prosperous and expand. Apprenticeships are available locally.
	Approach	Village skill exchange schemes help in creating successful, self-sufficient, sustainable communities. Opportunity with major stakeholders to create courses leading to employment or to raising skill levels of people in the local area. Training for young employees in local companies. Skill exchanges.
	Outcome	Employment opportunities increased. Training needs are met. Communities are more self sufficient.
Health & Wellbeing	Vision	<u>Promote healthy lifestyles.</u> People in East Cleveland will enjoy healthier eating; enjoy suitable exercise; drink alcohol sensibly; no longer smoke; and avoid drug/substance abuse. Children know about healthy lifestyles.
	Approach	Engage the community to provide activities which result in healthy lifestyles e.g. a balanced diet, catering courses, exercise trails, guided (healthy) walks, sporting events, swimming, dancing etc. Cooperate with stakeholders , especially local NHS, to provide expertise. Support anti-drug and quit smoking schemes / e.g. Save a Packet! (Put cash into credit union account instead).
	Outcome	Awareness of the benefits of healthy lifestyles. Life expectancy in East Cleveland is longer. Reduced strain on vital NHS services. Family involvement in active communities.
Safe and secure Neighbourhoods	Vision	<u>Engage people in assessment of their community to enable action.</u> People, especially younger members of communities, become active in organising environmental improvements. Anti-social behaviour and crime is generally below the national average.
	Approach	Village groups tackle environmental concerns in collaboration with Neighbourhood Action Partnership Teams . Support and encourage community policing efforts in East Cleveland Villages.
	Outcome	Increase neighbourhood based facilities and activities for youth to reduce anti-social behaviour. People feel safe and secure and their contribution valued, whatever their age, origin or opinion.
Demographics Age Profile	Vision	<u>Support each other.</u> All families and individuals will have easy access to support for their needs within their community.
	Approach	Inter-generational support endeavours will be encouraged. Communities will be inclusive and interconnect. Each village group 's endeavours will be supported to provide a variety of care, sporting, leisure and community activities suitable to the age or disadvantage of residents. Inclusion is paramount.
	Outcome	Villagers recognise stronger communities arise through intergenerational interaction.

Lead Members will coordinate work on priorities

Key Area and Lead	Projects	Actions	Timescale	Cost
<p>Commercial Outlets / Properties</p> <p>Mike Jefferson Mary Lanigan John Stockwell</p>	<p>Purchase of an identified empty property in Lingdale to develop 1 and 2 bedroom apartments to let.</p> <p>Look also at the possible development of Partnership Office and commercial outlets.</p>	<p>Feasibility Study. Architect Structural survey Consult Local Authority / Housing Associations. inc. Visit to Liverpool with North West Housing Association – cooperative housing.</p>	<p>1st year Purchase Property. Convert building.</p> <p>2nd year Tenants rent units</p>	<p>£150k</p> <p>Potential: £30k - £40k return per annum</p>
<p>Derelict and empty buildings</p> <p>Mary Lanigan John Stockwell</p>	<p>Motivate landlords to renovate and rent empty homes, shops, churches, commercial buildings in larger settlements.</p>	<p>Identify buildings and create photographic portfolio. Consult with local residents. Consult Local Authority Regeneration Team / Housing Associations.</p>	<p>ML to fact find with R&C BC</p>	
<p>Community Cohesion</p> <p>John Stockwell Village groups</p> <p><i>Encourage communications in and among all village groups, who promote ongoing activities or are central to community cohesion,</i></p>	<p>Communications within and between villages</p> <p>Developing the communication policy.</p> <p>Offer advice on Big Local or other funding by grants or loans to active groups.</p> <p>Welcome Information packs for new residents to the area.</p>	<p>Encourage communications in and among all village groups, who promote ongoing activities or are central to community cohesion.</p> <p>Activities provided locally in community buildings through Community grants from ECVBL and local community providers.</p>	<p>Ongoing throughout ten years</p> <p>2 years</p>	<p>£10k</p> <p>(includes £500 'starter' available to each village to engage people in the community and to raise the profile of Big Local)</p>
	<p>Utilise existing community buildings and open areas. (Only Dunsdale has no community meeting place as yet)</p> <p>Develop a Villages Directory which includes local group endeavours and EVC partnership members' information.</p> <p>Villages identify with other communities in EC</p>	<p>Set up Big Local events to encourage community cohesion and develop community enterprise.</p> <p>Activities for <u>all</u> ages: e.g. Art / Dance / Drama / Classes / Clubs / Trips More for Toddlers / Bingo Homework club / Youth club Quiz nights. Sports club (with changing area)</p> <p>Interchange of established activities among villages</p>		
	<p>Bring service providers together to solve problems seamlessly</p>	<p>Develop village hubs so that people can access a range of services eg health related or social and educational eg Mobile cinema / resources</p>		
	<p>Improve ECV Broadband</p>	<p>Work with TVRCC (LTO)</p>		

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Transport Adrian Hill <i>Encourage flexible feasible transport solutions to expand services. Work with existing providers.</i>	Community Transport Development	Work with existing Community Transport providers. Skinningrove Link Up Skinningrove Brokerage Group. R&C BC East Cleveland Community Transport at Liverton Mines Ensure adequate volunteer drivers through supporting Midas training provision. East Cleveland Community Transport at Liverton Mines Part support maintenance -	1st year	£13k
	Identify needs in terms of vehicles for the area.			
	Purchase vehicle for East Cleveland Villages, - badge as 'Big Local' Community Transport bus		Five years	£5k p/a
	Buses: Encourage flexible feasible transport solutions to services.	Work with existing transport providers and local authority to improve frequency of service to allow access to essential services, workplaces and leisure facilities. Determine need for vouchers. Provide to disadvantaged.	Ongoing	
	Bus vouchers for young people to enable them to travel to work or training (16 – 25)		2 years	£ 5k
	Extend rail link to East Cleveland	Support 'Tees Trains' in their ambition to utilise the existing potash rail track for passenger services to East Cleveland. Join Tees Valley transport	Ten years	
Quality of Environment David Williams David Bywater <i>Encourage green belt living in sustainable 'garden village' communities by enhancing the built and natural environment through the medium of village action groups (either existing or newly formed).</i>	Improvement to open spaces and public areas	Support groups to obtain funding for village endeavours eg Northumbria in Bloom	5 years	£2k p/a
	Identify unadopted roads across the villages.	Tour area and compile photographic portfolio	2 years	£500
	Speed bumps and parking improvements	Consult residents, police and local authority NAP teams		
	Footpath improvements	Local environment groups, landowners, local authority		
	Development of allotment sites to produce Notably, as those at Lingdale and Skinningrove.	Encourage local groups to tend allotments for locally sourced produce. Involve school children in learning about cultivation, growing flowers and food, fruit & vegetables.	2 years	£5k p/a
Provide facilities to cook and obtain food hygiene, catering certificates for adults at appropriate centres.				
Common Energy Supplier in off grid areas as at Easington	Look at feasibility of the villages negotiating a cheaper bulk energy buy from one supplier. Oil / Coal / Propane	Future	Initial cost	£0

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Employment / Industry / <i>Encourage enterprise schemes through stakeholders, groups, individuals and entrepreneurs.</i> All delegates and associates Skills / Training and Resources	Encourage enterprise schemes / business ideas by groups, individuals and young entrepreneurs. Work with *UnLtd Partner to identify *UnLtd People	Review and publicise companies on industrial estates / business parks. Encourage updateable signing at gates and create an East Cleveland business and commerce website. Liaise with schools / colleges / *UnLtd Partner at Loftus Old Coop Building	2 years	£1k p/a
	Opportunities for employment / training / social enterprise	Find out what employment and regeneration groups meet and join. Contact: Commercial Investment Team Visit local Job Centres	2 years	£1k p/a
	Explore business opportunities for entrepreneurs Act as a channel to inform about possibilities. Speakers to the villages.	e.g.: Prince' Trust R&C Enterprise Group; Commercial Investment team Loftus Co-op Building (*UnLtd Partner); *UnLtd Star People	2 years	£1k p/a
Linda Granville Ally Miles <i>Opportunity with major stakeholders to create courses leading to employment or to raising skill levels of people in the local area. Training for young employees in local companies. Skill exchanges.</i> Linda Bell	Develop in each village the most appropriate skill exchange scheme to help in creating self-sufficient, successful, sustainable and vibrant communities. Time Banks.	Basic skills exchange – learning to knit, sew, simple diy, gardening or allotment keeping, food cooking, catering etc, possibly leading to basic qualifications.	2 years	£20k
	Mobile shops/coop around EC Food Banks? (organised by church and community groups) Development Farmers' Market	Research needs of village communities; identify demand and frequency of supply required. Investigate sustainability of schemes, permissions required and potential providers across the sub-region		
	Art Gallery / Craft Centre Photo Gallery ECV Art & Craft Fair (to tour village venues)	Undertake a feasibility study and work with local artisans to see if they could develop a collective to support this idea. Creative manager	2 years	£1k p/a

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Tourism Wayne Davies	<i>Timms Coffee House at Skinningrove (actually a listed building - public house recently up for auction) has potential as hostel / food and drink outlet for walkers on the Cleveland Way coastal path and cyclists on National Cycle Route No1</i>	Questionnaire actioned. Survey of walkers, cyclists and villagers. Conversion to walkers' / cyclists' hostelry if remains unsold. Pub refurbishment Advertised nationally as accommodation for walking cycling holidays in suitable publications / websites	1st Year <i>As soon as feasible</i>	£500 £ 200k
<i>Groups and stakeholders can improve signage, information boards, town and country trails etc.</i>	Collate information on tourist attractions and accommodation: Hotels B&Bs, Holiday lets Caravan & Camping Sites	Publicise the assets of East Cleveland's heritage coast and industrial heritage on an East Cleveland tourism website. Booklets / pamphlets etc	2 Years	£10k
	Walking Trails	Encourage local walking groups to produce diverse interest trails. e.g. Heritage, natural and built environment (Health & Wellbeing)		
	Improved signage	Work with Neighbourhood Action Partnerships and landowners to improve footpaths, waymarked routes route signs, and information boards		
	Cycling Routes	Identify needs of touring cyclists and suitable base or overnight accommodation		
	Envisage a quality touring caravan, motor van, camp site near coastal towns to help boost economy by influx of spending into the area	Consult with national caravan organisations, local councils, landowners and communities. Identify potential places for touring caravan 'club' site with about 100 pitches.	Consider within five years	
Rail links	Meet and support 'Tees Trains' on proposals to run passenger trains to East Cleveland on the existing mineral railway.	Ongoing 10 years	No cost to ECV Big Local	

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Health and Wellbeing Mary Lanigan <i>Engage the community to provide activities which result in healthy lifestyles e.g. a balanced diet, catering courses, exercise trails, guided (healthy) walks, sporting events, swimming, dancing etc.</i> <i>Cooperate with stakeholders, especially local NHS, to provide expertise. Support anti-drug and quit smoking schemes</i>	Raise awareness of the benefits of healthier lifestyles	Village Walking Groups		
	Family involvement in active communities Encourage organised programmes for sport, swimming, ventures in the communities (possibly providing or sharing equipment and transport to events)	Need to undertake a feasibility study in partnership with stakeholders and other agencies. Identify needs of different age groups eg Open air activities BMX Tracks / Skate Parks Keep fit course/track Swimming pool group sessions or courses available. Gym facilities Contact swimming pools, leisure facilities and sports clubs etc.		
	Support anti-drug, quit smoking and sensible drinking of alcohol schemes	Work with partners and stakeholders to develop programmes and projects which focus on improving health and fitness <i>e.g. Save a Packet! (Put cash into credit union account instead).</i>		
	Develop information and training so that those excluded from financial systems might gain independence from high interest loan companies and manage money better.	Work with partners and stakeholders and engage with Credit Union to provide support across the East Cleveland area.		
Demographics Age Profile Liz Westhead Heather Dowey <i>Encourage village groups to provide community activities suitable to the age or disadvantage of their residents.</i>	Intergenerational Projects Each village group's endeavours will be supported to provide a variety of care, sporting, leisure and community activities. Inclusion is paramount.	Befriending the vulnerable – 'adopt a granny/granddad' Hobby / Skills exchange – eg learning to knit, sew, crochet, basic DIY, gardening or allotment keeping. Food preparation. Heritage groups encouraged: Oral histories - the spoken history of places, story telling		

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A supporting and supported Big Local Partnership	Partnership Board Ongoing Capacity Building	Training suitable to needs of partnership delegates, associates and co-opted members	5 Years	£12k
Partnership Board through Chair, LTO and Local Rep	Procurement	Professional consultant fees	2 Years	£12k
Greater input into decision making which affects East Cleveland Villages	Community Grants	£500 per village p/a (from Round 2)	2 Years	£11k
	Administration	Meetings / documentation Minute Taker	5 Years	£10k
		Through Locally Trusted Organisation (TVRCC)	5 Years	£15

EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES Local Financial Profile £1 million budget

Expenditure allocated to identified priorities during Years 1 to 2 with projected figures for Years 3 to 5 in blue.

Year	One		Two		Three	Four	Five	Category total	% of money spent over 5 years
	1-6	7-12	1-6	7-12					
Social investment									
Minibus scheme for communities	15k	(3k) contingency	0	(5k) contingency	(5k) contingency	(5k) contingency	(5k) contingency	15k (23k)	£38k 3.8%
Contingency of 5k per year			5k allocated	0	?5k from contingency	?5k from contingency	?5k from contingency	5k-20k	
Voucher scheme for apprentice travel									
Financial investment					Possible	third	Property		
Development of empty property for housing needs	20k	100k	30k		100k	?	?	150-250k	£450.5k 45%
Proposed centre (Walking / Cycling) to develop eco-tourism	0.5k	and/or 100k	100k					200.5k	£350.05k 35% without 3 rd property
Grants									
Improving the quality of the environment		2k	0	2k	2k	2k	2k	10k	£42k 4.2%
Village groups				5.5k	5.5k	5.5k	5.5k	22k	
Allotment coops			5k		5k			10k	
Industry, business parks, employment and skills training	4k	10k	4k	10k	?	?	?	28k	£28k 2.8%
Development of Tourism profile	5k		5k		?	?	?	10k	£10k 1%
Administration									
Admin through LTO	3k	0	0	3k	3k	3k	3k	15k	£37k 3.7%
Professional fees	6k	0	0	6k	?	?	?	12k	
Procurement									
Meeting cost and minute taker	1k	1k	1k	1k	2k	2k	2k	10k	
Training needs									
Ongoing capacity building of delegates	2k	2k	2k	2k	2k	1k	1k	12k	£12k 1.2%
(+ £10k still available from Round 2 funds)									

Expenditure totals during Years 1 to 5

Year	One		Two		Three	Four	Five	Category total	% of money spent over 5 years
Months	1-6	7-12	1-6	7-12					
Total for this period (includes VAT estimates)	£56.5k	£218k	£152	£34.5k	£124.5k	£18.5k	£18.5k	£622.5k	About 62% over 5 years
What's left of area's £1m after this period	£943.5k	£725.5k	£573.5k	£539k	£414.5k	£396k	£377.5k		

Estimated Return on Investment during Years 1 to 5 and projection for Years 6 to 10 (in blue)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Estimated return on investment in empty properties	£0k	£40k	£40k	£80k	£80k	£120k	£120k	£120k	£120k	£120k
Cumulative total of return on property investment	£0k	£40k	£80k	£160k	£240k	£360k	£480k	£600k	£720k	£840k
Amount left of £1m + return on investment + value of properties	£725.5k £100k	£579k £200k	£494.5k £200k	£556k £200k	£617.5k £300k					

The Agreement

This agreement is made between *Local Trust* and *East Cleveland Villages Big Local Partnership*, who are acting on behalf of the East Cleveland Villages Area. *The East Cleveland Villages Partnership* will provide recommendations and make decisions in good faith as to how the local area can be improved.

By signing this memorandum of understanding, members of the partnership undertake to:

- Provide overall direction of Big Local to meet East Cleveland's long term vision and outcomes.
- Agree a shared vision which extends from the range of visions collected from across the East Cleveland area during earlier pathway steps.
- Create a Big Local plan. The plan will set out clear approaches for realising East Cleveland's shared vision. The Big Local plan will adapt over time but will include how to plan for the £1m to be 'invested'.
- Carry out the Big Local plan. The East Cleveland Villages Partnership will decide how to carry out the Big Local plan. The Partnership will establish the criteria for investing any part of the £1m. The Partnership will identify suitably experienced and skilled local trusted organisation(s) to manage the funding.
- Assess and report impact. The partnership will need to know how the people and activities are moving East Cleveland Villages closer toward the shared vision. This information will help the partnership explore how Big Local may have influenced changes in East Cleveland. The partnership (or local trusted organisations) will need to collect evidence and inform Local Trust about key activities, accomplishments and the status of investment as well as impact made in the area.
- Review annually. Both the partnership and the Big Local plan will be reviewed annually. The process will ensure open, critical reflection on how the partnership is working to achieve the outcomes and the shared vision.
- Engage with a diverse range of people in the area, in a thoughtful, continuous and inclusive way and make a commitment to equal opportunities.
- Promote Big Local activities including the Big Local plan and investment available to implement it. To engage people locally and ensure that stakeholders are updated about Big Local.
- Engage with voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations, public and private organisations operating in or near the area to identify opportunities and build links where funding, expertise, joint working and/or support can be provided to the benefit of the East Cleveland Villages area.
- Adopt a code of conduct for partnership members that will expand on these responsibilities and describe specifically the expectations for partnership members in East Cleveland.
- Participate in Big Local networking and sharing learning activities, as relevant.
- Work with the area's Big Local rep.
- Participate in the selection of the East Cleveland Villages' long-term Big Local rep.
- Work within the agreed Big Local boundaries.

By signing this agreement, Local Trust undertake to:

- Provide the necessary support and guidance to the partnership to fulfil its responsibilities. This will include a Big Local rep to work with the partnership; communications and fundraising support; and access to specialist advice and expertise.
- Agree proportionate and reasonable running costs for the partnership to operate.
- Provide written guidance on the operation of the Big Local.
- Communicate effectively with the partnership, including responding promptly to requests for information and advice.
- Provide opportunities for training and learning to partnership members, both nationally and through advice to local areas.
- Work with the partnership to appoint local trusted organisation(s) that hold(s) and distribute(s) investment on behalf of the partnership.

This agreement is effective from the date that both signatures are made and will last in the first instance for one year or until the partnership completes its annual review.

This partnership agreement can be reviewed at any time if complaints or disputes occur that raise doubts about the ability of the partnership to fulfil its responsibilities.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Position _____

Signed on behalf of **Local Trust**

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Signed on behalf of the **East Cleveland Villages**

Big Local Partnership

East Cleveland Villages

Asset Appraisal and Action Areas

	EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES:	BOOSBECK
Quality of Environment	Farmland surrounds the village, the oldest buildings being at Holly Well Farm. These are now part of Boosbeck which grew rapidly when ironstone was mined in the 19 th & 20 th centuries. A variety of housing stock exists with older terraces in the centre and more recent housing to the east. An open improved play area is suitable for younger and older children to the west. Population about 1000.	
Transport	Most frequent bus service: 48 Mon – Sat (hourly) Route Lingdale / Boosbeck / Skelton / Saltburn / Marske / Redcar Sparsity of off peak buses limits older people access to services and youth to leisure facilities in the wider area.	
Commercial Outlets etc	Post Office / Bitz N Bobz store / Hair stylist / Fish & Chip shop / Village store & café / Garden & Pet supplies / General dealer & Off Licence / Boosbeck Hotel / Station Hotel Extensive allotments ~ possible cooperative outlet.	
Community Cohesion	Community Centre used by most age groups: Over forties group; gentle exercise sessions and Youth Club (2 hrs per week). A pavilion built at cricket ground as part of a ‘Dig It’ scheme. Opportunity to involve younger generations to expand activities at the Community Centre. Active group ‘Boosbeck Looking Good’ has provided seating and tubs for the village. Lockwood Primary School is a modern building with good facilities and surroundings. Church of St Aidan. Coffee mornings and occasional bingo are held for elderly residents.	
Tourism	The adjacent valley is on the Cleveland Way route between Guisborough and Saltburn. Boosbeck lies on National Cycle Route 168 from Guisborough to Brotton and the coast. A figure of an ironstone miner stands on the site of Boosbeck mine within a landscaped area near the children’s playground. A commemorative sandstone sculpture with clay tiles depicting the Boosbeck mine stands at the junction of Margrove Road and the High Street.	
Employment and Industry	Roofing Contractor / Warehousing. Limited employment in the shops. Controversial plans to reopen an abattoir are being opposed by the majority of residents. Proposed potash pipeline to be routed around village in 2017 ~ possible employment?	
Skills/Training & Resources	Internet improvements/access	
Health & Wellbeing	Nearest GP at Lingdale	
Safe and secure Neighbourhoods	Part of Lockwood Ward and Lockwood Neighbourhood Action Partnership	
Demographics Age Profile	Lockwood Primary Children's Centre. Requests from younger generation for BMX and skateboard facilities.	

	EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES:	CARLIN HOW
Quality of Environment	<p>Carlin How is a community divided by the main road A174 through the settlement. Industrial landscape with mineral railway carrying potash from Boulby mine to Teesside. Terraced street houses lie to the south with some attractive new builds at Carlin Park area. There are open playing fields, a football club, park areas and allotments. The children's play area close to the community centre needs resurfacing soon. On the north side there are picturesque cliff-top walks overlooking the sea and Skinningrove. Housing north of the road is much closer to the steelworks but does have its own playground and meeting place. The steelworks fence could be tidied up or landscaped to hide the works from the nearby houses. Population about 1400 in 515 houses.</p>	
Transport	<p>Most frequent bus service: 5 Mon – Sat (hourly) Middlesbrough / Guisborough / Skelton / Brotton / Carlin How / Loftus / Easington X4 Mon –Sat (30 minutes) Middlesbrough / Redcar / Marske / Saltburn / Brotton / Carlin How / Loftus / Easington</p>	
Commercial Outlets etc	<p>Limited services and goods are available on the higher south side of the main road. Post Office ~ Newsagent / Off licence / Hair Salon / Tanning studio Fish & Chip shop / Mini market & Off licence / Multi-use gym & games unit / Fast food outlet in club car park at lunchtime.</p>	
Community Cohesion	<p>Jubilee Hall, Community Centre offers space for social functions, meetings and parties. Two bingo sessions a month funds go to Community Centre & active church group at St Helens. Activities include venue for local elections, credit union, youth club, street dance, drumming, hired out for parties, computers on a Saturday. The church uses it for meetings and events. The Maynard Arms pub has recently reopened / Social Club / Bowls club Whitecliffe Primary school serves both Carlin How and Skinningrove children.</p>	
Tourism	<p>Valley trail from Skinningrove enters the woodlands close by. / Industrial heritage. Walks in woodland from Mill Lane. Kilton Lane at Carlin How is part of National Cycle Route 1 from Brotton and the coast at Skinningrove. National Cycle Route 168 runs along Kiltonthorpe Lane to Guisborough.</p>	
Employment and Industry	<p>Tata Steel rolling mills produce special profile steel products with metallic composition suitable for different uses ~ cutting edge technology exports to customers around the world. Caterpillar Ltd, (supplied by Tata) produces steel track shoes which form the 'Cat track' found on CAT Hydraulic Excavators, CAT Loaders and CAT Tractors made at other UK factories. Peel Jones Copper Products make high conductivity copper castings for the iron and steel industry at the Maynard Foundry. A vehicle salvage company covers a site near the village. A car repair business with MOT testing station is on the main road.</p>	
Skills/Training & Resources	<p>Within the gates of Tata Steel are 3-4 units which if renovated could again be used for training Internet improvements / access</p>	
Health & Wellbeing	<p>GP Clinic doctor + nurse (twice weekly) Ambulance Post</p>	
Safe and secure Neighbourhood	<p>Police bobby box in Mini-mart Monthly Police surgeries. Heavy steel products are carried on lorries on the road through the village. Ideally these vehicles could be rerouted from the Craggs Hall roundabout directly into the works.</p>	
Demographics Age Profile	<p>Whitecliffe Children's Centre.</p>	

	EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES:	CHARLTONS
Quality of Environment	<p>Charltons lies off the Guisborough to Whitby Road below Birk Brow, being built 160 years ago in 1873. It includes smaller isolated groups of buildings at Aysdalegate and Slapeworth. The housing stock of the former mining area is generally well looked after by owner occupiers and landlords but some are concerned that a few buildings have a shabby appearance to the detriment of all. Excellent open play park areas but wind blown litter sometimes problematic. Drainage and footpath requests as the beck floods each year. Some people have allotments. Good floral containers in the village area green spaces and near main road. Population about 250.</p>	
Transport	<p>Most frequent bus services: 28 Mon – Sat (hourly) Middlesbrough /Guisborough / Charltons / Margrove Park / Lingdale / Saltburn All Arriva buses finish at 6pm. There are no Arriva buses on Sundays. On LINK bus route. Most people depended on cars as the bus service poor. Second car ownership is increasing. Concern over ‘selfish’ parking clogging roads. Some villagers felt a car park was needed. Some envisaged marked bays. Overall parking is good but inadequate for car users’ visiting the village hall. A few people thought speed bumps were needed. There is a 20- minute ‘walking bus’ service to and from Charltons for children attending Lockwood Primary School at Boosbeck.</p>	
Commercial Outlets etc	<p>No retail outlet in village as the Post Office shop has closed. Mobile shops or a small unit to provide basic needs and sell local produce would be feasible. Most people shop in Guisborough Boosbeck or Redcar A common energy supplier may also be advantageous.</p>	
Community Cohesion	<p>People perceive Charltons as having a real sense of community with ‘ad hoc’ social events. The Community Centre holds a dance class but no youth clubs and has potential for more use. It needs to seek funding for improvements to the structure, toilet, office and kitchen facilities. There is already a Charltons Improvement Group. A picnic area and a community orchard are envisioned. The local beck would benefit from clearing. Children love playing in the woods. The nearest Primary School is at Lockwood Park, Boosbeck. Secondary school transfer is normally to Laurence Jackson at Guisborough.</p>	
Tourism	<p>The Cleveland Way route from Guisborough to Saltburn passes through Slapewath where the Fox & Hounds serves food. Charltons has a good network of local pathways and footpaths. No shop, no public telephone, no public toilets, no pub in the actual village.</p>	
Employment and Industry	<p>A heavy plant hire storage area exists along the main road towards Guisborough. Opposite this near Fancy Bank is a car salvage company in Spa Wood, an old ironstone mine. Vehicle recycling, Skelton Coaches and Caterpillar/similar earth moving equipment reconditioning businesses within 1 km at Charltons. Used cars are sold sales near the foot of the bank at Birk Brow.</p>	
Skills/Training & Resources	<p>Internet speeds to homes require improvement. No public computer access (used to be available but proved too expensive.)</p>	
Health & Wellbeing	<p>Health services in Guisborough Dog litter bins requested to combat threat caused by pet owners not cleaning up after dogs on green or on footpaths to village. Reported that ‘half the village are pet owners’</p>	
Safe and secure Neighbourhood	<p>Suggestions include: Lighting improvements. Secure bicycle storage. Pedestrian crossing to Margrove Park across A172.</p>	
Demographics Age Profile	<p>Older residents who have lived in Charltons a long time. Middle aged workers who have moved from urban areas. Younger people who tend to move house more frequently. Many have family living in Guisborough or other East Cleveland villages.</p>	

	EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES:	DUNSDALE
Quality of Environment	<p>Two rows of terraced houses separated by the road divides the community which is a small friendly place with two rows of terraced houses.</p> <p>Small play area with modern equipment.</p> <p>Allotments are available.</p> <p>Population about 150</p>	
Transport	<p>Most frequent bus service: 81 Mon –Sat (hourly)</p> <p>Marske / Redcar / Dunsdale / Guisborough / Great Ayton / Stokesley</p> <p>The bus service is regarded as reliable but off peak service limits some residents.</p>	
Commercial Outlets etc	<p>A farm shop on road to village is only open through the day for passing trade.</p> <p>Most people shop at supermarkets at Redcar, Guisborough or Teesside.</p> <p>A late drive to filling station shops around Guisborough is necessary if ‘basic’ foods run out.</p> <p>There is a car sales outlet on the road a little way from the village.</p>	
Community Cohesion	<p>There is a small disused timber-built, tin-roofed chapel but Dunsdale has no meeting place ~</p> <p>The Dunsdale Community Association works hard to bring people together.</p> <p>There are open air community events such as BBQs at which residents can socialise.</p> <p>The main need is for a community centre to provide a focus for all who live in the village.</p> <p>The nearest primary school is in Guisborough.</p>	
Tourism	<p>On the Guisborough to Kirkleatham Road where there are no easy parking places</p> <p>Bird watching is possible at Dunsdale ponds but no facilities.</p> <p>Footpaths and the course of an old narrow gauge mineral line from Chaloner mine to Eston allow some walking mainly with pets.</p>	
Employment and Industry	<p>Dunsdale Waste Recycling Centre generates extra traffic on road through village.</p>	
Skills/Training & Resources	<p>Nearest adult education courses at Guisborough or Redcar.</p> <p>No community building to offer internet access.</p>	
Health & Wellbeing	<p>Nearest health services are in Guisborough.</p>	
Safe and secure Neighbourhood	<p>Traffic on the narrow road can be busy at times. Public parking along this road is difficult.</p> <p>People keep pets as there are easy access walks through the woods. Clean up bins.</p> <p>Controversial wind turbines proposed nearby.</p>	
Demographics Age Profile	<p>Most people have lived in Dunsdale for a long time with family in nearby towns or villages.</p> <p>There are young families who would benefit from a meeting place somewhere in the village.</p>	

	EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES:	EASINGTON
Quality of Environment	<p>Easington is 1.5 miles from Loftus on the main A174 road to Whitby. The village is split by the main road. One half is mainly social rented housing whilst the other is mainly owner occupied. All are good quality housing stock with a mix of properties. There are ongoing problem with sewers in one area of private housing.</p> <p>Boulby, a small settlement overlooks agricultural land on the cliff top extending to another community at Cowbar at sea level near Staithes. Opposite this land is the Cleveland Potash mine which is the second deepest mine in Europe. A railway takes the potash to Teesside. Population about 1200</p>	
Transport	<p>Most frequent bus services: 5 Mon – Sat (hourly) Middlesbrough / Guisborough / Skelton / Brotton / Loftus / Easington X4 Mon –Sat (30 minutes) Middlesbrough / Redcar / Marske / Saltburn / Brotton / Loftus / Easington</p>	
Commercial Outlets etc	<p>Post Office / Pizza shop The Tiger Inn (food and some entertainment) with potential for small touring caravan site. Busy farm shop selling vegetables, gardening products / and pet animal foodstuffs etc.</p>	
Community Cohesion	<p>The Village Hall is being refurbished by an active group of workers in the village. Nearest primary schools are in Loftus (852 service bus daily)</p>	
Tourism	<p>Easington lies just inside the North York Moors National Park. There is one small good quality Bed & Breakfast establishment. The Tiger Inn offers food and occasional entertainment (with potential as small caravan site). Walks along the Cleveland Way to Staithes or in the woods towards Grinkle are possible.</p> <p>The parish church of All Saints (with ‘mouseman’ furniture) has a graveyard with yew trees. Both this building and the nearby Rectory are Grade II listed buildings. There is a 4* hotel nearby at Grinkle Park which offers a range of services to non residents.</p> <p>The lane towards Cowbar has potential as a luxury 100+ touring caravan site managed by the ‘Caravan Club’ or the ‘Camping & Caravan Club’ given local support and planning consent.</p>	
Employment and Industry	<p>Close to the Cleveland Potash Mine at Boulby where the workings extend beneath the sea. This mine will face competition from a new potash mine near Whitby from 2017 although skilled workers might benefit from alternative employment but possibly need to travel further. Working farms in the area. Possible diversification could add to economy.</p>	
Skills/Training & Resources	<p>Nearest training facility are at Loftus Coop building Internet improvements would benefit the community. No free public access.</p>	
Health & Wellbeing	<p>Nearest health services are in Loftus.</p>	
Safe and secure Neighbourhood	<p>Pleasant gardens, playground and open spaces.</p>	
Demographics Age Profile		

	EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES:	LINGDALE
Quality of Environment	<p>Lingdale was an 1870 mining village with Victorian terraced housing. The half mile long High Street is lined to the north with terraces or modern infill on the site of old miners' cottages. Both types having fairly long rear gardens beyond which are open fields.</p> <p>South of this road some terraced properties remain but have replaced or infilled with new housing with front and rear gardens. The linear nature of the settlement is broken with many attractive green gaps where roads lead to modern estates housing south of the High Street. There are a variety of properties owned by occupiers or by Coast & Country Housing.</p> <p>Beyond the estate lies the modern Lingdale Primary School.</p> <p>Population about 1700</p>	
Transport	<p>Most frequent bus services: 28 Mon – Sat (hourly) Middlesbrough / Guisborough / Lingdale / Saltburn 48 Mon- Sat (hourly) Lingdale / Boosbeck / Skelton / Saltburn / Marske / Redcar</p>	
Commercial Outlets etc	<p>Post Office / Pharmacy / Butcher ~ Pie Shop / Newsagent ~ Off licence ~ Mart / Hair Salon / Pet food store / Fish & chip shop / Tanning studio Lingdale Pub / Lingdale Social Club / Tavern (closed) Garage / Used car sales</p> <p>Allotments line the west side of the village housing estate on Stanghow Road with a smaller group of allotments with community garden on Lingdale Road leading east towards Boosbeck</p>	
Community Cohesion	<p>Lingdale benefits from extended families to provide support for child care and transport etc. Community and faith groups contribute well to the village activities, events and improvements e.g. Lingdale Lift Off, the Village Hall group, Lingdale Y&CC ~ Youth Club (6 hrs per week), Church of St Chad, Lingdale United Reform church. Lingdale Primary School (84)</p>	
Tourism	<p>Outstanding results for Lingdale and surrounding hamlets in Northumbria / Britain in Bloom Lingdale lies on National Cycle Route 168 from Guisborough to Brotton and the coast. Lingdale Mining Heritage Park commemorates ironstone miners of Lingdale 1873 to 1962.</p>	
Employment and Industry	<p>Large building supplies company serves a much wider area. Large plant-hire company. Some shops</p>	
Skills/Training & Resources	<p>Internet improvements Lingdale has formed a 'Villages in Partnership' group with Skinningrove. The Community Garden in Lingdale has plans for the field next door to be set up for training for people within the villages.</p>	
Health & Wellbeing	<p>Lingdale Clinic Moordale Court ~ care home (learning disabilities)</p>	
Safe and Secure Neighbourhood	<p>Wind turbine scheme refused planning permission by parish and borough councils.</p>	
Demographics Age Profile	<p>Lingdale Primary Children's Centre</p>	

	EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES:	LIVERTON MINES
Quality of Environment	<p>Variable quality/ Some older properties. Some more modern semi detached properties on housing estate owned by Coast & Country Some larger private housing / Some smaller ex miners cottages ~ Cleveland Street Population about 1400</p>	
Transport	<p>Most frequent bus service: X4 Mon –Sat (hourly) Middlesbrough / Redcar / Marske / Saltburn / Brotton / Loftus / Easington LINK 758 Tues Thurs Sat only 3 journeys per day East Loftus / Loftus / Liverton Mines / Moorsholm / Lingdale / Boosbeck / Guisborough East Cleveland Community Transport based at the industrial estate. A single minibus which is in need of repair to provide service for East Cleveland. Redcar & Cleveland’s mobile library visits weekly.</p>	
Commercial Outlets etc	<p>Post Office / Fish & Chip shop / Other shops Public house. Used car salesroom. ‘Bouncy Castle’ maker and hire company.</p>	
Community Cohesion	<p>Village Hall at Cleveland Street ex miners’ cottages. Liverton Mines Village Forum. Community Centre. St Hilda's church and church hall. Allotment garden scheme. Nearest schools are in Loftus.</p>	
Tourism	<p>A footpath from Liverton Mines over the railway footbridge leads to Whitecliffe Woods. The road from Loftus goes through Liverton Mines and reaches the A171 moor road, passing first through Liverton village, which has a licensed restaurant and several holiday cottage lets.</p>	
Employment and Industry	<p>Liverton Mines Industrial estate at the end of Cleveland Street has a car body repair shop business, a commercial laundry and other services. Foundry ~ individualised specialist cast metal for industry, heritage and community projects Large warehousing suitable for heavy plant. Land available here for house building? Most resident families in Liverton Mines have low incomes through high unemployment.</p>	
Skills/Training & Resources	<p>Deprivation indicators show levels of health, education and skills are poor. A training group is based at the industrial estate. Internet improvements / access</p>	
Health & Wellbeing	<p>Deprivation indicators show levels of health are significantly poorer than the national average. Doctor’s surgery and Minor Injuries Unit at East Cleveland Hospital at Brotton two miles away. Nearest doctor’s surgery at Loftus one mile away.</p>	
Safe and Secure Neighbourhood	<p>Crime and anti-social behaviour is a problem when compared to national averages.</p>	
Demographics Age Profile		

	EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES:	LOFTUS
Quality of Environment	<p>Loftus has a conservation area with 34 Grade II listed buildings , mainly local sandstone</p> <p>Good playing areas / fields (including a cricket club) and green pockets in town.</p> <p>The shopping centre was once a market centre for surrounding villages but a lack of coordinated investment in the town centre has meant there are several empty properties.</p> <p>The shops are used by local residents but car owners do major shopping elsewhere.</p> <p>Restricted parking spaces along main road but free car park nearby at South View. Parking is time limited in the centre. Mixture of older central properties with newer owner occupied housing in small estates. The problematic Westfield estate is being replaced by 325 mixed tenure development at Hummersea Hills. Allotments on several sites are administered by Loftus Town Council. The population is about 4500 in the town area and another 1000 in the civil parish.</p>	
Transport	<p>Most frequent bus services: 5 Mon – Sat (hourly)</p> <p>Middlesbrough / Guisborough / Skelton / Brotton / Loftus / Easington</p> <p>X4 Mon –Sat (30 minutes)</p> <p>Middlesbrough / Redcar / Marske / Saltburn / Brotton / Loftus / Easington</p> <p>Cars seen as essential but car ownership is limited. No ‘real’ filling station.</p> <p>Feasible (?) to place passenger train ‘halts’ on the existing mineral railway to the potash mine.</p>	
Commercial Outlets etc	<p>Loftus is designated as a district shopping centre with 2 Coops / 2 Post Offices / Several Cafes / Gift Shops / Newsagent / Fruit & Veg / 2 Butchers / Bakers / Frozen Food / Off License</p> <p>Pet shop / Florist / Hardware / Pottery / Wool shop / Hairdressers / Tanning / Electrical goods / Photographer’s studio / Veterinary Surgery / Second hand shop / 3 funeral directors /</p> <p>Pubs: Mars Inn / Station Hotel / Golden Lion / Britannia Inn / White Horse / Arlington Hotel</p> <p>Takeaways ~ Chinese / Pizza shops / Fish & chips</p> <p>Betting Shop / Estate Agents / Law firm / Bank / Other empty retail units.</p>	
Community Cohesion	<p>Loftus Town Council. Many active faith / community groups. Three quality primary schools</p> <p>Youth Club (8 hrs per week) at Loftus Youth & Community Centre / Free internet at Library.</p> <p>Loftus Area Chair’s Committee ~ Organising Real Differences (Loftus ACCORD) promotes communication and cooperation of member groups to make improvements in the civil parish.</p> <p>Community buildings: LY&CC (R&C), Old Loftus Coop (TVRCC), Luke Senior Hall (C&C)</p>	
Tourism	<p>Loftus Town Council organises heritage, art, music and dance events in Town Hall.</p> <p>‘Friends of Loftus Cemetery’ preserve the environment and family history.</p> <p>Under utilised assets e.g. walks, empty Grade II heritage buildings.</p> <p>Potential for tourism based on heritage and environment:</p> <p>Loftus Saxon Princess jewellery site; alum extraction industry; Cleveland ironstone industry.</p> <p>Loftus lies on National Cycle Route 1 which runs on the coast from Redcar to Staithes.</p>	
Employment and Industry	<p>The Job Centre in Loftus serves the wider area. Unemployment is above regional and national averages as there are few employers and low educational and skill levels on reaching employment age. Most young families have very low incomes. Older established residents and incomers, who have reached or nearing retirement age, have good education or life skills, many attracted by the rural aspect and substantial houses at much lower prices than elsewhere.</p> <p>Construction services (many self employed). Some retail jobs. No large manufacturer.</p> <p>Potash Mine at Boulby. Travel to Teesside adds to costs.</p>	
Skills/Training & Resources	<p>Computer access at Library and at Old Coop building: Community / Business / Training</p> <p>Loftus Neighbourhood Team (based in building that also houses the Library and Health Centre) provides advice and help to community groups. Community Enhancement Forum.</p>	
Health & Wellbeing	<p>35% of population are smokers compared to 24% nationally. Health Centre / Doctors Surgeries / Dentists / Opticians / Pharmacies / Minor Injuries Unit at Brotton.</p> <p>Leisure Centre at Loftus Baths runs various classes and courses to promote health and fitness.</p>	
Safe and Secure Neighbourhood	<p>Loftus Neighbourhood Action Partnership.</p> <p>Occasional Anti Social Behaviour in centre / drink / drug use / Police Station / Community policing / Fire station on a housing estate.</p>	
Demographics Age Profile	<p>East Cleveland Children’s Centre at LYCC. Care homes for the aged are available in town.</p> <p>A new play area for children at the west end of Loftus is desired by residents.</p>	

EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES:**MARGROVE PARK**

Quality of Environment	<p>Former mining area housing stock built in the 1850s. The original housing of 100 homes was two terraces forming an ‘L’ shape. A smaller terrace was built later so 127 houses are now sited around a village green, and two bungalows were added in recent years.</p> <p>The houses are generally very well looked after by landlords, tenants and owner occupiers. If a private property becomes available a local landlord tries to buy and rent to young villagers to maintain a sustainable community. The Skelton & Gilling Estates are the main landowners. Damage is caused to surfaces of back alleys by heavy coal / oil delivery vehicles. R & C BC could tarmac unadopted back streets to terraces but funds are not available. An excellent open play park area is at the centre of green space around village hall. The facilities of the hall and play equipment would not be out of place in larger communities. Population about 200</p>
Transport	<p>Most frequent bus services: Arriva 28 Mon – Sat 8am – 6pm (hourly) Middlesbrough / Guisborough / Charltons / Margrove Park / Lingdale / Saltburn Local Link (R&C) has similar times to Arriva at Margrove Park so service is duplicated Adequate on road parking despite increase in car ownership. There used to be a 15-minute ‘walking bus’ service to and from Margrove Park for children attending Lockwood Primary School at Boosbeck. Secondary school transfer is to G’boro Younger owner occupiers must travel to other places in the borough or to Teesside for work. Older retired residents must also travel outside the village for goods and most services.</p>
Commercial Outlets etc	<p>No retail outlet in village. A mobile fish & Chip van calls on Wednesday at tea time. Doorstep milk delivery service – on alternate days. Nearest shops are in G’boro or Boosbeck.</p>
Community Cohesion	<p>Village Hall Association promotes social inclusion and regeneration of the community. It also looks after the green and the hall which is at the centre of village activities, establishing a children’s playing field, planting trees, shrubs and flower beds, and carrying out landscaping projects to re-lay footpaths and fencing in the village. R&C mobile library visits weekly. Celebrations held at Christmas & Easter, etc table top sales, bingo, charity coffee morning and councillors’ surgeries but there is no youth club, internet access or computer class in the hall. Margrove Park won the Northumbria Village in Bloom competition twice about a decade ago, After a lapse in entering the competition the 2012 entry gained a silver award. The nearest Primary School at Lockwood Park, Boosbeck. Secondary school transfer is normally to Laurence Jackson at Guisborough. No church building in the village.</p>
Tourism	<p>Tees Valley Wildlife Trust at Margrove Park Heritage Centre (on the road near the village). Woodland walks, Margrove Ponds reserve, and the Cleveland Way (Long Distance Footpath) are close to the village. An opportunity exists to develop a Heritage Trail. There is easy access to forestry and the North York Moors for walks and mountain biking. The owners of a commercial caravan park adjoining the village are keen it be seen as a part of the community.</p>
Employment and Industry	<p>Coatham Coaches operate from commercial yard within the village area. Margrove Business Park ~ Steel-framed units for hire ~ (10.4k & 15k sq ft) Car body repairer. Reclaimed building materials business recently opened.</p>
Skills/Training & Resources	<p>The Village Hall has no computers or internet access facilities. Improvements to broadband would be welcomed.</p>
Health & Wellbeing	<p>Doctors’ surgeries at Lingdale or Guisborough.</p>
Safe and Secure Neighbourhood	<p>The village community is regarded as essentially trouble free as most people know each other. Concern at damage caused to surfaces of back alleys and properties on corners by heavy coal/oil/gas delivery vehicles as there is no mains gas service to the village. A comment was made to have one lorry for both coal & oil. One corner of the main road has been rebuilt by the villagers several times. The council upgraded a sloping back road to some inaccessible houses but to adopt all back alleys and fulfil the villagers’ wishes would probably be too expensive. There are great concerns about traffic on the roads outside the central village area on the narrow Margrove Road and the main A171 Birk Brow Road. Speed of vehicles through the village are at times excessive, and with one death in the past 4 years.</p>
Demographics Age Profile	<p>Approximately 25% of the villagers in Margrove Park are unemployed. High proportion of retirees but a vibrant neighbourhood with many children and teenagers.</p>

	EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES:	NEW SKELTON
Quality of Environment	<p>Mainly consists of a housing estate owned by Coast & Country Housing. Modern built but with limited facilities. Layland Beck Country Park</p> <p>Estimate of population in New Skelton about 2000 of about 5000 in whole of Skelton.</p>	
Transport	<p>Most frequent bus service: 5 Mon – Sat (hourly)</p> <p>Middlesbrough / Guisborough / Skelton / New Skelton / Brotton / Loftus / Easington</p>	
Commercial Outlets etc	<p>Row of local shops including small Sainsbury's</p> <p>Fish & Chip shop / Fruit, Vegetables and Flowers shop.</p> <p>New Asda development with petrol filling station being built nearby.</p> <p>Geneva Instruments (prestigious custom built musical instrument company on internet)</p> <p>Many shop in Skelton from a good range of goods and services available in the High Street.</p>	
Community Cohesion	<p>Skelton Primary School is at centre of the community, to the rear, are three playgrounds, a floodlit multiple use games area (MUGA), a castle play area, a large allotment, three car parks, and grassed areas with mature trees. An eco committee strives to develop the grounds.</p> <p>The site houses Skelton Surestart centre for families with under 3's and Dots 'n' Spots for year round child care including after school and holiday club.</p> <p>Skelton Villages Environment Improvement Group worked on creating a Community Park.</p> <p>New Skelton and Hollybush Residents Association provide excursions for families and other events such as an annual family fun day and a trip to the pantomime at Christmas.</p> <p>Dancing and bingo are held weekly at Wykeham Court (Coast & Country Housing's flagship community centre) for older residents whilst The Hollybush public house offers en suite accommodation and conference facilities, food (daily) and live music (weekly) for over eighteens from a wider area. The Hollybush Activity Centre, a registered charity, provides buildings facilities open space for amateur sport and for children and young people.</p>	
Tourism	<p>Layland Beck Community Park / This biodiversity site adjacent to the estate is listed by the Woodland Trust. Skelton Villages Environment Improvement Group in partnership with other groups has created a community park from an unmanaged area previously subject to littering.</p>	
Employment and Industry	<p>Unemployment, health, education and skill levels are among the lowest in the country.</p> <p>There is a small local row of shops with limited job opportunities. Potential employment at the new Asda supermarket development with petrol station may provide employment opportunity.</p> <p>The Skelton Industrial Estate, accessible across a railway bridge, provides some employment. Including 'Dig It Projects' ~ headquarters of innovative local company providing allotment style gardens and outdoor play equipment for schools, colleges, community groups etc.</p>	
Skills/Training & Resources	<p>The B Hive Business Centre on Skelton Industrial Estate offers office and workshop facilities. {From £25 per week 24 hour access, secure and clean working environment, networking opportunities, easy access to business mentoring and guidance, in house administrative staff, free parking, in house bistro, showers}</p>	
Health & Wellbeing	<p>Medical centre adjacent to shops but pharmacy is in nearby Skelton.</p> <p>Dots 'n' Spots Neighbourhood Nursery at Skelton Children's Centre at Primary School</p>	
Safe and Secure Neighbourhood	<p>Joint inspections with Neighbourhood Action Partnership Team, Police, Coast & Country Housing and residents in New Skelton and the nearby settlements and communities at Skelton, North Skelton and Skelton Green.</p>	
Demographics		
Age Profile		

EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES:

SKINNINGROVE

Quality of Environment	<p>Coastal scenery is superb with excellent little known beach after short walk to Cattersty Sands. Old mining terraces line the steep valley sides and face the harbour entrance.</p> <p>Recent protection scheme as the beck is liable to flooding when in spate and tides are high. Some old derelict buildings spoil streetscape in central area. Riverside building a huge asset.</p> <p>Affordable modern housing developments on main access road from A174 at Kilton Mill.</p> <p>Excellent 'doorstep green' play area in valley approach to village. Car parking easy at seaside.</p> <p>Small holdings on cliff road out to east need screening. Good farmland beyond on cliff tops.</p> <p>Cleveland Way long distance footpath. Footpath to Loftus Leisure Centre and swimming pool.</p> <p>Population about 500.</p>
Transport	<p>Most frequent bus service: 5 Mon – Sat (hourly)</p> <p>Middlesbrough / Guisborough / Skelton / Brotton / Skinningrove / Loftus / Easington</p> <p>Base for community transport Minibus brokerage scheme.</p>
Commercial Outlets etc	<p>Post Office Store / General dealer / Fish and chip shop near seashore.</p> <p>Riverside building / Cafe and Cooperative</p> <p>Sale of wet fish and shellfish on the shore</p> <p>Commercial hand washing and valeting service for vehicles.</p> <p>The public house, formerly the Manor House of 1704, and named 'Timms Coffee House', (possibly after the popular coffee houses of the 18th century) which is now up for sale could cater not just locals but for walkers and visitors and be a key factor in encouraging tourism.</p>
Community Cohesion	<p>Skinningrove Village Hall ~ weekly craft group, bingo, youth group. Lunch on Tuesday.</p> <p>Children of Skinningrove attend Whitecliffe Primary school at Carlin How. Methodist Chapel 'Skinningrove Link Up' at Riverside Building, funded after floods by Big Lottery, has (2.5?) paid staff to develop long-term sustainable community projects including social enterprise.</p> <p>Skinningrove Link Up also runs the Skinningrove Newsletter with 500+ copies.</p> <p>Skinningrove Bonfire Committee organises significant annual event which involves all ages of the community producing a themed bonfire and firework display on 5th November.</p> <p>Community ambitions and achievements animated as characters, 'Tommy' and 'Barry'.</p>
Tourism	<p>The Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum offers a unique heritage experience.</p> <p>The Cleveland Way has an estimated 30,000 walkers passing through Skinningrove per year</p> <p>There is a lack of public toilets at the car park or sea front for the use of visitors.</p> <p>Self guided trails with good sculpture / artwork are available. Northumbria in Bloom entrant.</p> <p>Skinningrove lies on National Cycle Route 1 which on the coast runs from Redcar to Staithes.</p> <p>The disused jetty and stunning beach at Cattersty Sands has vast potential for leisure activities.</p>
Employment and Industry	<p>Tata Steel rolling mills produce special profile steel products with metallic composition suitable for different uses ~ cutting edge technology exports to customers around the world.</p> <p>Caterpillar Ltd, (supplied by Tata) produces steel track shoes which form the 'Cat track' found on CAT Hydraulic Excavators, CAT Loaders and CAT Tractors made at other UK factories.</p> <p>Small scale fishing activity in coble built boats which mainly catch shellfish in 'pots'.</p> <p>Racing pigeon lofts add character; high prices are paid for some breeding birds or champions.</p>
Skills/Training & Resources	<p>Skinningrove Link Up. Computers available at Riverside. Some courses are provided to the community e.g. food hygiene, healthy cooking group offer catering at different venues.</p> <p>In 'Villages in Partnership' group with Lingdale.</p>
Health & Wellbeing	<p>At the Riverside building there is an allotment garden club producing freshly grown food for sale, catering courses and healthy eating classes. Exercise classes are also available.</p> <p>Many Skinningrove residents live an outdoor life but smoking is still commonplace.</p> <p>Nearest doctor's surgery in Loftus or 'drop in' at Carlin How. There is no public phone.</p>
Safe and Secure Neighbourhood	<p>Lowered anti-social behaviour is due to good rapport with police /community officers.</p> <p>Improvements to play facilities are good. Concern that the jetty and 'old coop' remain derelict.</p>
Demographics Age Profile	<p>The majority are in disadvantaged groups including the elderly, single parents, low income and unemployed. Some have lived in the village most of their lives, young families often have relatives living close by. Some people chose to move in from nearby villages or further afield.</p>

EAST CLEVELAND VILLAGES: An overall appraisal for action	
Quality of Environment <i>Encourage environmental improvements</i>	<i>Some larger settlements have derelict buildings but mostly pleasant rural settings. Streetscape quality campaigns in centres or estates to upgrade the profile of area. Sites for good quality executive eco-building should be identified. Community groups are actively involved in environmental improvements, tidy up campaigns and floral displays including some entering the Northumbria/Britain in Bloom competitions.</i>
Transport <i>Improve access to employment and services to all residents but especially those at disadvantage.</i>	<i>Off peak bus service often limits local access to services and access to youth or after school activities. Bus passes could be provided on occasion to youths for access to leisure activities. Although buses connect villages to the main towns, access from home to bus stop is often difficult for people who are aged or live with disabilities. Community mini-bus brokerage scheme may be extended to cars or commercial vehicles. Car ownership (currently low) is regarded as essential for travel to work. There are few filling stations and parking space is often limited in some East Cleveland villages. The mineral railway to Boulby potash mine could have passenger train halts.</i>
Commercial Outlets etc <i>Promote local shopping options in all communities</i>	<i>Some run down town centres need investment for structured regeneration through planning. Smaller communities would benefit from cooperatives or mobile traders selling healthy foods and basics in the village. Most villages have allotments on several sites allocated and administered by parish councils. Encourage allotment holders to form groups to plant grow and market quality vegetables etc in the community. Impart the skills and experience to others.</i>
Community Cohesion <i>Utilise community assets and engage all age groups in activities</i>	<i>Some community buildings are under used or non existent. Provide equipment for new events. All age groups could be better catered for if given incentives to operate self-help activities. Develop communication structures within each community. Websites for each village. Aim to have improved broadband access and speeds. Interestingly the youngsters of villages without a primary school are often friends of neighbouring village children through friendships formed at primary school level.</i>
Tourism <i>Attract visitors to East Cleveland through media information</i>	<i>An increase in available B&B accommodation, hostel, holiday cottages, touring caravan parks of quality would provide a way of attracting money to the area and encourage enterprise. Tourist walks / cycling routes in coastal and moorland settings to be promoted. Improve facilities available to visitors e.g. parking, public toilets, cafes, public houses etc. Signage from routes, interpretation boards at overlooked existing assets could be improved. Internet used to promote the area as a place to be.</i>
Employment and Industry <i>Encourage enterprise</i>	<i>Employment opportunity must increase. Major employers are few. Incentives to retail outlets to provide goods and services. Industrial Estates re-evaluated and companies' capabilities listed online. Schemes such as 'Unltd Star People' to be encouraged in East Cleveland.</i>
Skills/Training & Resources <i>Utilise resources</i>	<i>Opportunity with major stakeholders to create courses leading to employment in the local area. Broadband Internet improvements required. Encourage Time banks and skill exchanges e.g. skill sharing schemes, allotment groups, tool banks.</i>
Health & Wellbeing <i>Promote healthy lifestyles</i>	<i>Encourage communities to participate in healthy activities and healthy eating. Coordinate and publicise health programmes, fitness walks etc. Sporting / art / leisure facilities shared with other communities.</i>
Safe and secure Neighbourhoods <i>Engage people in assessment of their community to enable action</i>	<i>Play facilities are generally of good quality but could be extended in range at most places. Increase neighbourhood based activities for youth and community policing to reduce anti-social behaviour. Address parking / cycling access and storage / road safety improvements at individual villages Including footpaths, adequate lighting and adoption of access to homes.</i>
Demographics Age Profile <i>Support each other</i>	<i>Encourage mutual support to all age groups especially those at risk or disadvantaged. e.g. mother & toddler groups; child care; breakfast clubs; after school care; play areas for children; youth activities; training opportunities leading to employment; family activities; school holiday programmes; evening entertainment; art, craft and leisure group activities for adults and increase in access to services for the aged and the disabled.</i>

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