

Big Ideas

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Environmental improvements

- Plant more trees in the street scene.
- Put white lines down on all the pavements for cyclists to stay behind, to stop them hitting pedestrians.
- Help with making people cut their hedges - Some of us cannot stand at the bus stop with hay fever and the flowering hedges that make us almost pass out.
- A community garden between 486 - 488 Bramford Lane.
- Better toilets for recreation grounds.
- Improvement of facilities at Bramford Lane allotments to enable greater community involvement.
- Traffic calming in Lovetofts Drive.
- Tidy the trees in Lovetofts Drive.
- A multi purpose building like a village hall which most villages with a smaller population have.
- Local amusements like a funfair or mini Disneyland.
- New swings in the park.
- Repair all the roads in Whitton estate. After 2 very bad winters there are holes and ruts in the roads - Our cars are being ruined.
- The park at the top of Bramford Lane badly needs a new a new playground. It would be nice to have a planted seating area for us older residents. My grandson calls it the 'rubbish park'. There are only swings and 2 benches on it.
- To put a new playground for all ages on the big expanse of green at the beginning of Kerry Avenue - behind the bus shelter - might stop the children vandalising the trees.
- A seat and sides on the existing bus shelter at the Bramford Lane end of Lovetofts Drive, as most of us are elderly with age related problems and it is very cold waiting for the bus. A 'Residents Only' sign on the car park to stop weekend footballers using it would be a big help.
- Community garden and assistance with tidying up front gardens. Ipswich tends to look tatty.
- Repair the roads in our area which are at times dangerous especially for cycles and motor cycles.
- Paddling Pool and Water Play area in Castle Hill Park.
- There should be a Bus Stop and shelter in Larchcroft Road (top part).
- Community Garden.
- Do something about the wildlife area in Henniker Road. It is a disgrace and full of rubbish.
- Provide off-road parking by removing grass verges in the main road to Westbourne & Whitehouse schools, Galway Ave, thus doing away with unsightly 'Bog areas' .
- Remove unsightly grass verges which are always being parked on and made into a muddy morass, & do a much needed widening of road.
- Get real! We need fixed potholes in roads!! Not more expenditure needing servicing. Check my kerb! IP1 5EQ

- Recycle centre in Whitehouse where we could recycle & make ££'s for the area. Even if it broke, even the help in the area would benefit all.
- To sort out Broomhill pool, such a waste, near & local for families etc.
- To promote recycling by having awards for best street for recycling. Different categories maybe a recycle centre/swap where anything could be taken.
- To have an annual best garden competition on each estate, various categories.
- Open a new field or spare piece of ground for allotments and encourage youngsters to use them. Years & years of satisfaction if they do. I speak from experience.
- Sort out the car parking in Chesterfield Drive (opposite doctors surgery, nursery and scout hut. Then residents can park on their own property.
- More disabled/wheelchair accessible equipment at swing parks.
- Suggest planting trees on Greensward areas to encourage drivers of vehicles not to park off road which during winter time churns up grass, like a ploughed field (i.e Take a look at Heath Road for a good example)
- To provide a baby & toddler play area at Whitehouse park, separate from the other area with climbing frame, slide and tunnel similar to one at Needham Lake. Thank you.
- Disabled parking at Fircroft shops.
- Bus shelter on Congreve Road.
- Seating and flower tubs at Fircroft shops.
- Please make the pavements and grass verges up to standard as they are a total disgrace to the area and the town.
- Build a footpath/cycle path from Henley Rd to Lower Rd. Because it is twisty and dangerous for pedestrians/cyclists.
- Also a safety rail on Henley Rd railway bridge as is on bridge on Dale Hall Lane.
- Plant a wood to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012.
- More dog bins - educate minority dog owners who do not clear up.

Support for Young People

- Youth clubs or similar for ages 10 - 17 including Special Needs/Learning Disabilities.
- Fund craft days, sports events, music events, dance classes on parks or at community centres during school holidays.
- Self Defence classes for Young People (Ipswich Budo Kai)
- Somewhere for teenagers to go at night - like a youth club to keep them off the streets and safe.
- More youth clubs and drop in centres.
- There is a desperate need for a Youth Centre in Whitehouse - There is nothing since 'Making Tracks closed down some years ago.
- Youth Centre/Club for 11 -17 years.
- Teenage Centre.
- 11 -18 Years Whitton Young Club (Gym and football plus social activities)
- A centre for teenagers or children over 8.
- Provide somewhere for teenagers to go on Whitehouse e.g. Youth Club, independant Sports centre as on Whitton. This will help stop gangs of teens, boys and girls, gathering in the streets, which would help with older people feeling intimidated.
- To spend some of the money on something for teenagers to be able to do in the area.
- A group of 5 young people could be picking up (unreadable) from part of Ipswich. Called Y.P.V (Young People Volunteers they could be given publicity and takeaways as a reward such as KFC or MacD's once a month.
- Regular Youth Club in the Bramford Road area.
- A well run Youth or Young Peoples centre run in a professional manner.

- The allotments on Bramford Lane seem such a waste, I think it would be good to use this area for for events for children & charity events during half term & school holidays etc.
- Fund children from low income homes, whose parents cannot afford to pay the fees for organised sport and activities, in the N/W of Ipswich.
- Fund proper long bootcamp type courses for the worst antisocial youths to give them a proper sense of responsibility, reliability & a proper purpose in life. Change the way the gang leaders view their lives & futures
- It would be good for the teenagers to have a BMX track & skate board park .
- Skatepark for Whitton

Support for Older People

- Fund OAP membership for their Community Centres.
- A social club for retired people - there are many single living alone people in this area , who would welcome a meeting place for chat/coffee/meals.
- An afternoon Social Club for retired people, something similar to the one on the Chantry Estate where there seems to be a close knit community and more going on.
- Elderly people need more support when they become vulnerable in their home. Social Services and Age Concern are valuable, but lack funds and caring. People need more funds, equipment and staff!
- A drop-in centre for over 65 year olds. There is nothing for this age group!! Preferably in the Dales area.
- There is a Nursing home in the region where the emphasis is on care. My dear mum is in Alice Grange, Kesgrave, & the care & management is appalling & my mother is paying £920 per wk. Please help, I am desperate.
- Many more old peoples homes in this area. Better quality home help some of old peoples ailments required. More & better day centres for old people.
- More help for elderly people living in own homes i.e repairs, gardening, shopping. More health visitors a must. More help with forms for benefit etc
- Something to provide 'community' for the elderly without a car.

Community Support

- Help local community centres advertise what they do.
- Fund a youth or OAP group at the Whitehouse Community Centre.
- Fund making the Community Centres more child friendly i.e games equipment, pool table. Arcade games etc
- As there are several allotments in the area, it would be a good idea to have a few market stalls on the Castle Hill park, possibly the first Saturday in the month for the selling of veg & fruit. Also it could be open to craft holders, home made jams etc. Much like a small market and maybe a tea/coffee stall & cakes. It could be very much a family affair. Of course in bad weather it could be held in either the local church halls or part of the school area.
- To purpose build, develop & staff community hall/centre for all ages & activities for N/W Ipswich (perhaps situated near the relatively new play area in Bramford Lane) All would benefit. Thank you
- Build community voice through training individuals in advocacy & representation.
- Use an existing but empty building for a community centre

Sport and Health

- To provide a skateboard park in Shakespeare Road Rec (see Brightlingsea as an example)
- Ensure that sport and recreation facilities at Whitton Sports Centre are relevant to the needs and affordable for the young people living in the area.
- Get Broomhill Swimming Pool up and running again - We deserve it, Ipswich deserves it & the County deserves it. It is an historic building and is too important to lose.

- We need a swimming pool in this area and I suggest Whitton Sports Centre for public use
- An Adizone on Whitton field or Castle Hill would be a great benefit to children on the estate which promotes exercise
- A project to clear the River Gipping so that it can be used for Kyaking, rowing etc & have a local watersports group like the River Stour
- Green Gyms - Outdoor exercise areas with equipment suitable for all ages
- Swimming Pool
- Open Broomhill Baths again - will keep children off the streets and off the TV. As kids we lived up there. Make prices within reach, good exercise for us all. No fat children in our day we are 74 now.
- Tennis Courts - Bramford Road area
- Continue Discovery Sports Club at Thurleston High School now unavailable due to funding
- Tennis Court in Castle Hill Park
- To create cycle paths around the surrounding area, especially on the roads to Bramford and Sproughton, as well as Norwich Road

Services

- Support the Library Service and School Crossing Patrols
- Develop the old Housing Office on Whitehouse into a community hub, Youth centre, Internet cafe, Mums 'n' Toddlers etc
- A centre like the Murrayside where educational, crafts and hobbies can be accessed.
- A Post Office in Garrick Way is needed urgently, especially for the Elderly
- Employ Street Wardens to identify, deter and report owners of litter, inc fly tipping and dog mess
- Lets use the opportunity to go on from the Local Trust for form a permanent West Ipswich Committee (say 2 Cllrs and 3 Residents from each ward to permanently work together on project and needs for the area.
- Transport N-S to join our district is needed to cut out (unreadable) to go to Tower Ramparts and also to Ip-centre and the railway station
- Transport links needed badly

Arts and Culture

- Continue the Never Ending Mural Arts Project

Animals and Pets

- Maybe a dog pool/boating lake in one of the parks. Dogs love water & in the hot weather would be a real help
- To have a fenced off area for dogs & their owners when walking dogs in Lovetofts park. Too many loose dogs who poo when owners cannot see them. They also scare young and old. This has been done in Newton Road park
- Create a dog walking zoned area on Lovetofts park. Jogging can be hazardous - loose dogs not always friendly and dog poo. Area is big enough to have a separate area restricted for walking dogs.
- Ban dogs on recreation field