

Meeting	Community Development Committee
Date	2 nd December 2025
Report Title	Bus Shelter Refurbishments
Agenda Reference	17
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Officers Recommendation

1. To note the report about initiatives happening in other parish councils locally to revive bus shelters.
2. To consider whether this initiative would enhance the street art offering already established within Haydon Wick.

Summary

This report proposes adopting a bus shelter regeneration programme for two brick-based shelters in Haydon Wick, based on the successful initiative recently completed by Cam Parish Council in Gloucestershire. The programme transforms vandalised shelters into attractive community assets through artistic installations.

Background

Cam Parish Council recently launched their Bus Stop Regeneration programme with the theme "Jubilee Celebrations of Cam," successfully completing their first stone shelter transformation at the High Street location. The initiative was designed to create welcoming public spaces while addressing recurring graffiti problems through community-engaged artistic transformation. The full article can be found here: [Bus Stop Regeneration : First Stop Complete! - Cam Parish Council](#)

Key Success Factors

- Youth engagement through school partnership
- Professional artist mentorship
- Collaborative design process
- Durable, weather-resistant execution
- Strong community ownership and pride

Proposal for Haydon Wick

Shelter 1: Youth Engagement Model

- Partner with local secondary school
- Student design competition with community theme
- Professional artist mentorship and workshop series
- Students participate in execution under professional guidance
- Budget: £1,300-£1,900

Shelter 2: Professional Commission

- Open call for professional artists
- Theme reflecting Haydon Wick's character and heritage

- High-quality professional execution
- Budget: £950-£1,250

Suggested Themes:

- Local history and heritage
- Community landmarks and green spaces
- Natural environment and wildlife
- Future aspirations and sustainability
- Community stories and connections

Budget Summary

Artist Fee: £700.00

Materials: £300.00

Contingency (10%): £100.00

= £1,100.00

Benefits

Community Impact:

- Reduces vandalism through community ownership
- Engages young people in positive creative activity
- Celebrates local identity and heritage
- Transforms eyesores into attractive public spaces
- Enhances sense of community pride

Practical Benefits:

- Reduces ongoing graffiti removal costs
- Professional anti-graffiti coating aids maintenance
- Durable materials for long-term value
- Creates consistency in public realm improvements

