

Neighbourhood Plans

- 'Postcards' from the Frontrunners

- The Government has made £5million available to support Local Planning Authorities and communities in testing out the Neighbourhood Planning provisions laid out in the Localism Act
- Each Frontrunner community has been awarded £20,000 (given to the LPA) from this fund to support them in the neighbourhood planning process



Chapel-en-le-Frith

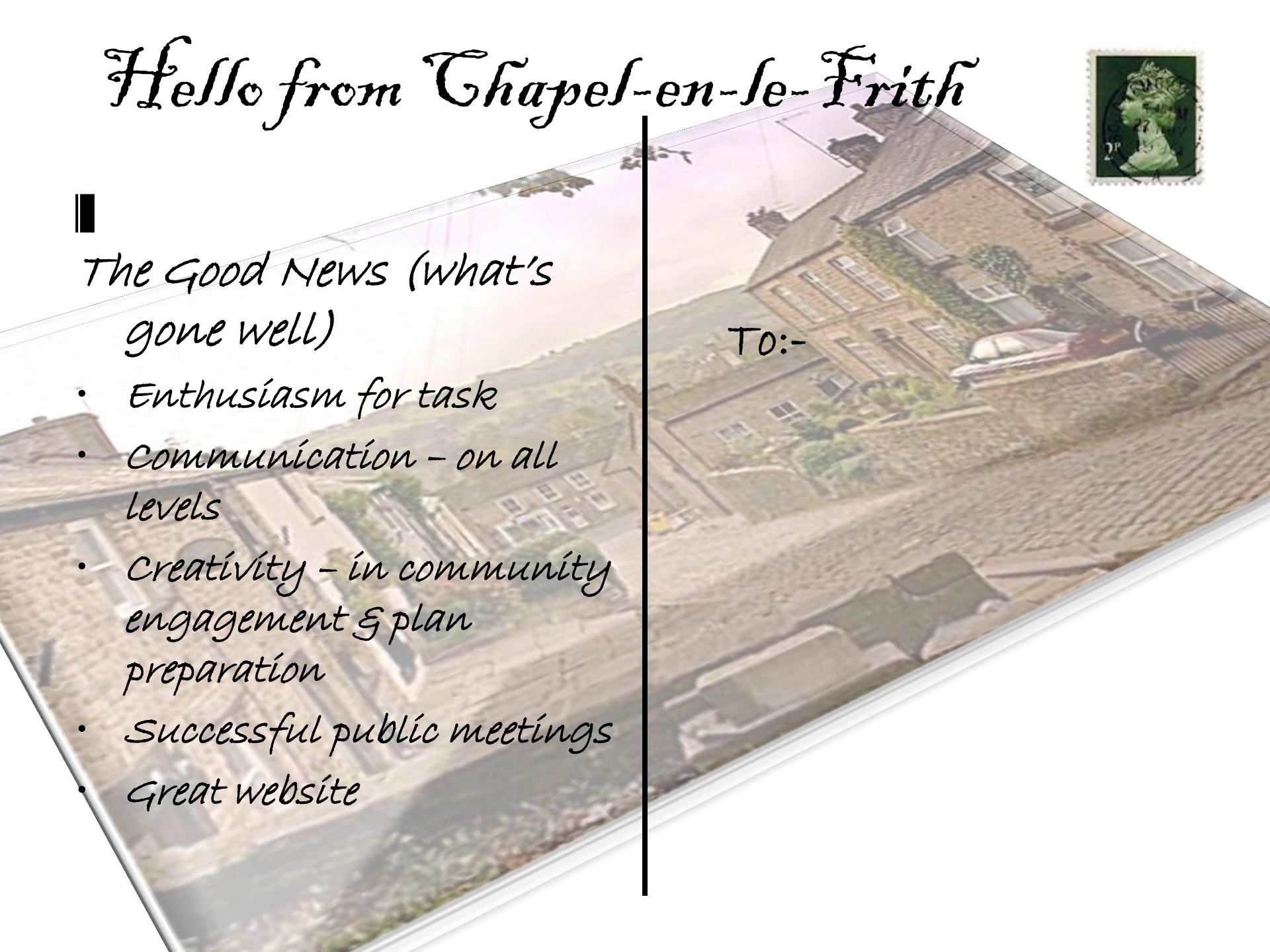
Hello from Chapel-en-le-Frith



The Good News (what's gone well)

- Enthusiasm for task
- Communication - on all levels
- Creativity - in community engagement & plan preparation
- Successful public meetings
- Great website

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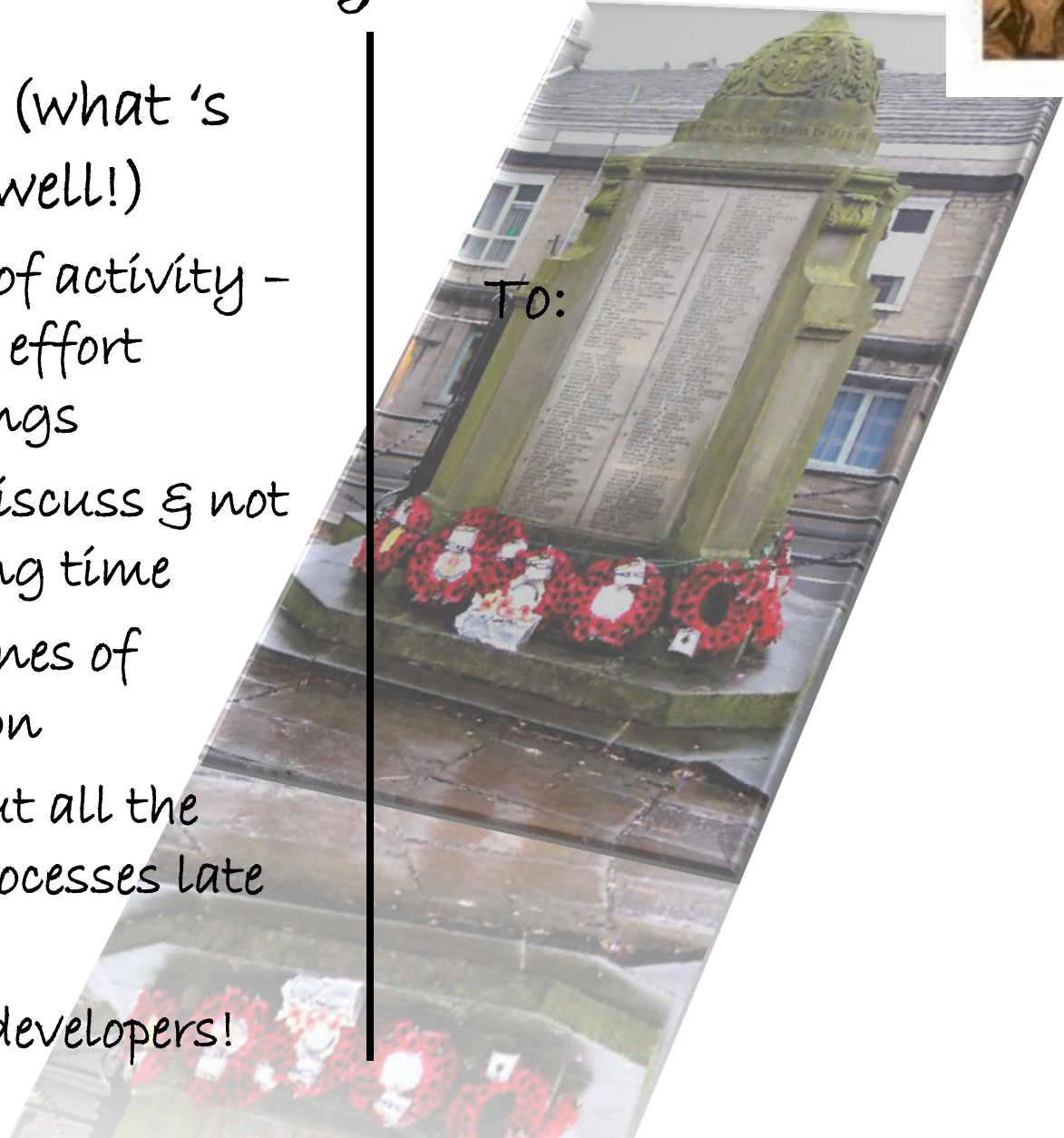
Greetings from Chapel Vision!



The Bad News (what 's
not gone so well!)

- Sheer volume of activity -
a lot of time & effort
between meetings
- Too much to discuss & not
enough meeting time
- Sorting out lines of
communication
- Learning about all the
mandatory processes late
in the day!
- Dealing with developers!

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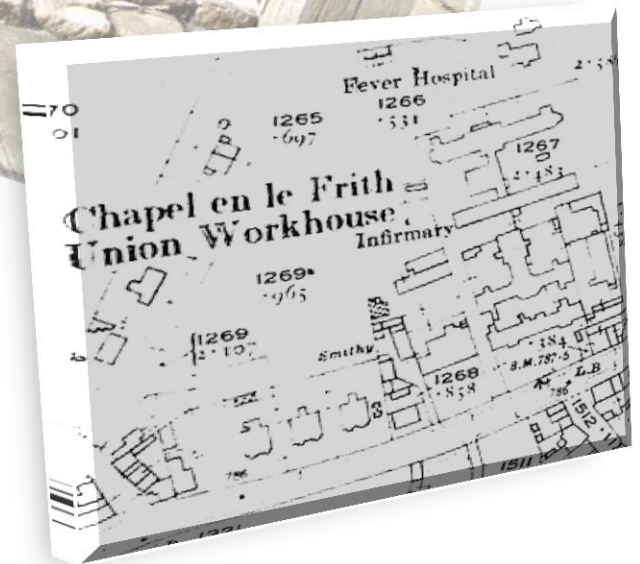
Come to 'The Chapel'!

The Regrets! (what we'd do different next time)

- Get more people involved earlier to spread the workload wider
- Pester the Local Council sooner to make sure we knew about all the mandatory/technical stuff – instead of finding out half way into it!

Wish you were here – Joe x

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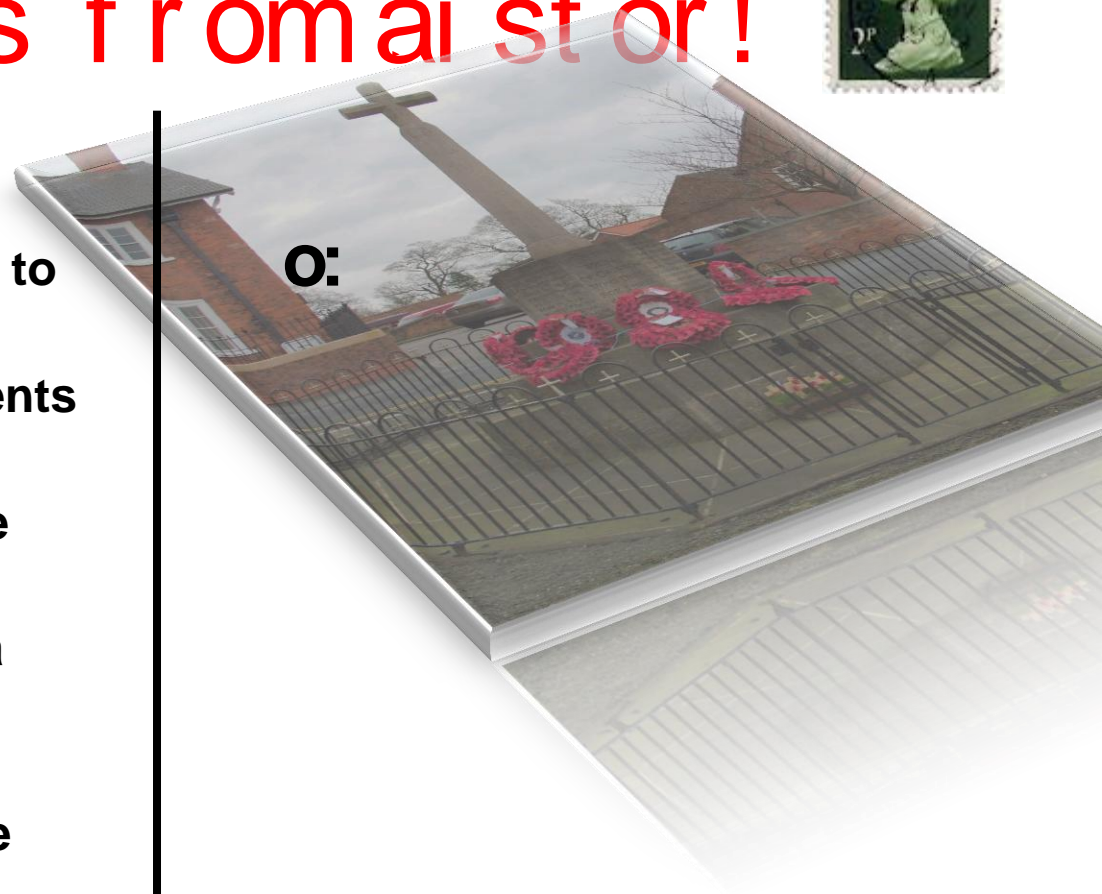
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ur r e n t p o s i t i o n ?

- A steering group is in place to lead the work
- A series of consultation events have taken place
- A log of issues affecting the town exists
- Amongst these issues are a range of environmental concerns
- A vision for the future of the town is being prepared







Started in June 2011

Followed Bookham
Vision.

Mole Valley encouraged
the group to apply to be
a frontrunner.

Surprised we got it!

Start up group then
worked to recruit a
Neighbourhood Forum.

To:-



Created an ideal profile
for the forum and
targeted recruitment

Task force of 12 people
leading the process and
report to the forum
which has 42 members

Agreed constitution,
applied for designation
of area and forum.

Preparing our project
plan.

To:-



Don't try and be a planner!

Be patient it takes time to achieve community awareness.

Have a shared vision

Take advice, be guided not constrained.

Have Fun!

To:-

Things to think about based on experience

- How to get people involved and who gets involved at the beginning?
- Awareness of the legislative background
- Communication mechanisms
- Skills base in the community
- Timescales – be realistic
- Spreading the volume of work
- Engaging with landowners and businesses
- Relationship with your Council and relationship planners have got with other council departments

Questions?