

The best way to build a long-term project as far reaching as the Andover Vision is to base it on some sound basic principles. This way, when times become difficult and the world tries to blow you off course, you can always return to those principles for guidance.

We started this way with the Andover Vision, as we felt it would help everyone identify with what we were trying to achieve.

## ANDOVER VISION, BASED ON SOUND PRINCIPLES

Our first principle has been to place 'Education for All' at the heart of our town and it is our hope that for all of us, children and adults, there will be plenty of opportunities to learn new skills and to study new subjects.

We call our second principle 'Passionate Participation'. Indeed, this forms the main theme for the first three years of our Andover Vision programme. Simply put, we see the time when it is the norm for everyone to participate in something. Whether it's a drama group, a sports club, a study group, a book club, a dance troupe or a health regime, the important thing is that there are opportunities for everyone to participate in something.

The third principle of the Andover Vision is that it is 'Inclusive of Everyone' and it must give all of us a sense of belonging and a feeling that we can all add something to the richness of life in our town. We hope the breadth of activities that we are undertaking will provide many of those opportunities and that there will also be enormous scope for people to generate their own ideas and initiatives.

Finally, we will always encourage and promote initiatives that support better 'Health and a sense of Wellbeing' and try, where possible, to give these initiatives a priority over other projects. From sports activities to cycle lanes and river walks with nature stations, our long-term goal is undoubtedly for a fitter and healthier Andover.

We've reflected these principles in the diagram below and we really believe that, using them as a guide, we can achieve many of the goals we have set ourselves over the coming years. Andover Vision is about making a start and stepping forward boldly to meet the challenge of a better Andover for all of us.

This is our town and if there is one message to take away above all others from this document, it is that **without trying**, we will certainly not succeed in improving Andover, but if **we have a go** we might well create a truly wonderful and inspiring place to live.

So please join in and get behind the Andover Vision, be a part of making Andover a very special place to live.

The rest of this brochure describes how we intend working for improvements in the first few years and how you can help us shape the future with your ideas and initiatives. Clearly there is a great deal to do because Andover, as you will know, is not without its problems. However, as you will read, Andover Vision has already made a solid start and now we really need to support and nurture these seeds of change.





The old town mills