What is a sustainable community?

Most people want to live in a place where they know their neighbours and feel safe. A place with good homes, local shops, lots of jobs and opportunities for young people to get a good education. Creating these places requires a change in the way our housing and communities are planned, designed, built and maintained. But sustainable communities are about more than bricks and mortar. They need good governance, public participation, partnership working, excellent public services and civic pride. They are about learning from the mistakes of the past and linking social, economic and environmental programmes.















