



Newton Poppleford & Harpford Parish Plan



2012

Purpose of the Plan

- ◆ Identify what people want and create an Action Plan to enhance the quality of the Parish and the lives of those who live and work in it.
- ◆ Act as a dynamic reference document for statutory bodies (e.g. District and County Councils) when making decisions and policies that affect the Parish.
- ◆ Provide a useful guide for local projects and point of reference when seeking funds or assistance from outside agencies.
- ◆ Inform every household about the Parish Plan to provide a focal point for community interaction.



Implementing the Plan

The Parish Council is the focus for promoting this Parish Plan. Many elements are not under its direct control, necessitating liaison with outside bodies.

The Parish Council has a leading role to progress the Action Plan in areas such as:

- ◆ Lobbying Devon County Council (DCC), East Devon District Council (EDDC), the East Devon AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) Partnership, etc.
- ◆ Liaison with the Police, service providers and other outside bodies.

The Parish Council can directly organise:

- ◆ Regular monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the Plan.
- ◆ A centrally co-ordinated calendar of events and activities within the Parish, including those of local clubs and societies, hall bookings etc.
- ◆ Appointment of a co-ordinator for Environmental Action Days.
- ◆ Upgrading the PC website to encourage village organisations to include and update information on their activities and events, thus providing an information hub for the community.

What local people can do to help:

- ◆ Become more involved with the decision-making mechanisms of the Parish, e.g. attending meetings of the Parish Council and having your say, becoming a Councillor, feeding in information about activities and events in the Parish, actively arranging and participating in local events.
- ◆ Work together in groups to support Environmental Action Days, e.g. pulling weeds such as Himalayan Balsam (summer), clearing/improving footpaths, litter-picking etc.
- ◆ Raise funds for some of the improvements wanted by local people.

What Else Might be Achieved?

The Parish Council (unfortunately) does not have unlimited funds at its disposal, nor does it have a magic wand! The 'Actions' identified in the Plan can only be achieved through concerted effort; some might not be accomplished at all - but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try.



Parish Priorities for Action

The top priorities identified from responses to the questionnaire are:

◆ Traffic

The speed and volume of traffic on the A3052, and danger spots for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.

◆ Community Resources

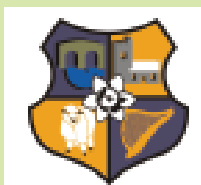
A new hall, sporting facilities, surgery/medical centre, Parish Office.

◆ Housing

Limited development (to protect the village environment), but to include a substantial proportion of social housing, and provision of sheltered or care home accommodation for older people.

The Background

- ◆ Late 2010: The Parish Plan Working Group was established and funding was secured from the Parish Council, Devon County Council and the East Devon AONB Partnership.
- ◆ January 2011: Questionnaire issued for consultation with residents, with approximately 70% of households responding.
- ◆ During 2011: The results were analysed and assessed.
- ◆ January 2012: Initial presentation of results to the Parish Council and the public.
- ◆ October 2012: Formal adoption of the plan by the Parish Council.



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Thanks

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- ◆ The members of the Steering Group that produced the plan.
- ◆ The parishioners who distributed and collected the questionnaires, and all those parishioners who took the time and trouble to respond.
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