

Buckland Newton Parish Plan

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1 - Introduction

At the beginning of 2011 Buckland Newton Parish Council decided to start on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. A Working Group was set up of both parish councillors and other parishioners who were interested in taking part in this project. The Working Group started preliminary work on the Plan. Meetings have been held once a month and all Parishioners were welcome to participate.

After further discussion in October 2011, the Parish Council agreed to additionally prepare a Parish Plan at the same time as the Neighbourhood Plan. These would jointly be called the Buckland Newton Community Plan.

Parish Plan

The Buckland Newton Parish Plan, as follows, has been drawn up as a series of action plans dealing with a range of topics and the major issues and concerns of the parishioners as identified in a public consultation exercise carried out in autumn 2012. Although this is being done under the umbrella of the Parish Council, it is a community project and it is expected that most of the actions will be addressed or taken forward by volunteers within the community. It is not 'set in stone', but can be regarded as a 'living' document which will be regularly reviewed and changed. For the sake of producing a manageable Parish Plan, some issues or concerns that were identified at public consultation have not been included at this stage, but may well be included at a later date once other actions have been dealt with.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Buckland Newton Neighbourhood Plan will deal with issues or topics that generally speaking need planning permission. Whilst this is likely to focus on housing and business/employment needs and land allocation in the parish, it will also deal with other topics identified through further public consultation or from actions being addressed in the Parish Plan. For example, this could include land allocation for community assets such as sports facilities or parking, or having a policy on individual or commercial renewable energy projects.

It is expected that the Neighbourhood Plan will take until Winter 2014/15 to be completed and adopted.

2 - Buckland Newton Parish

Buckland Newton is a rural parish situated in West Dorset, and lies approximately 10 miles equidistant from the county town of Dorchester and the small towns of Sherborne and Sturminster Newton. The southern edge of the parish lies on the North Dorset Escarpment, rising to over 800 feet above sea level with chalk downland, whilst the rest of the parish lies on clay and greensand in the south of the Blackmore Vale.

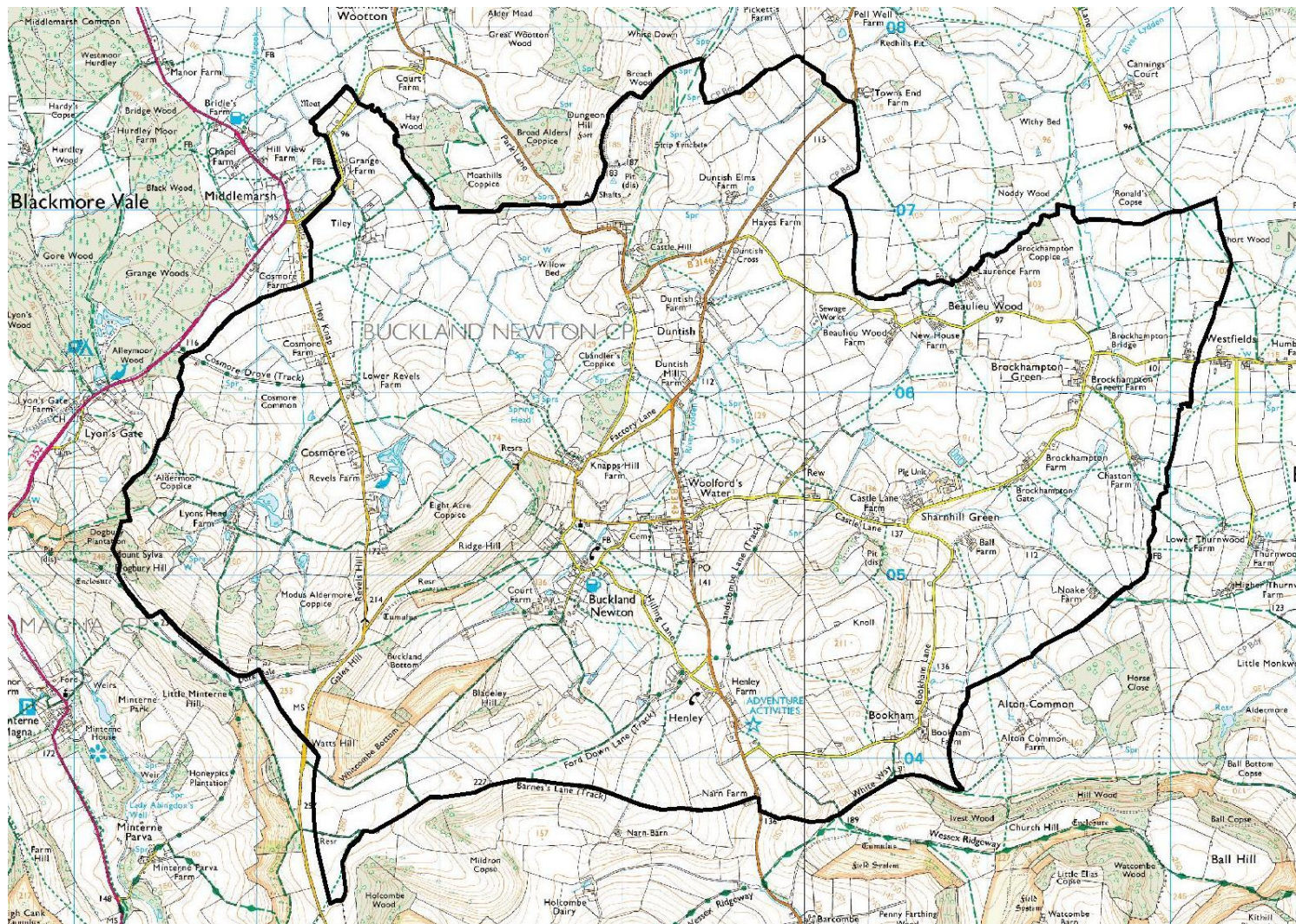
Buckland Newton civil parish covers an area of approximately 1,700 hectares, has a population of 622 with 284 houses (2011 census).

The major settlement is the village of Buckland Newton with the parish church, primary school, pub, shop and other facilities. There are a number of hamlets within the parish, including Duntish, Henley, Cosmore, Bookham, Brockhampton Green, Sharnill Green, Beaulieu Wood and Tiley.

The major road, the B3143, connecting Stalbridge and Sturminster Newton to Dorchester, runs north/south dissecting the parish, whilst the C12 runs parallel to the west as a main route between Dorchester and Sherborne.



Buckland Newton Civil Parish



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3 – Public Consultation Process

The Community Plan Working Group carried out a public consultation in the parish in September, October and November 2012 to find out the issues and concerns of the parishioners, as a basis for both the Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish Plan.

This comprised a questionnaire being sent to each household in the parish, together with a series of meetings:

Thursday 27th September

Launch Meeting – introducing the Community Plan /start the discussion

Saturday 29th September

Display with Working Group members to answer questions

Thursday 4th October

Discussion about future Population and Housing in Buckland Newton

Saturday 13th October

Meeting to discuss Health, Care and Community Facilities

Thursday 18th October

Meeting to discuss Business and Employment, including Farming, Education and Tourism

Thursday 25th October

Meeting to discuss Countryside/Landscape and Built Environment issues

Thursday 1st November

Additional meeting to discuss Population and Housing

These events were publicised by posters, banners, through the newsletter, the Lydden Vale News, and on the Community Plan website, www.bncommunityplan.co.uk .

109 questionnaires were returned from a total of just under 300 households.

The full results of the public consultation can be seen in the separate 'Report on Public Consultation 2012', available on the website.

Following the analysis of the questionnaires, a series of focus groups was set up for the various topics to draw up Action plans which form the basis of the Parish Plan.

4 – Action Plans

The Focus Groups have drawn up the following action plans for dealing with the major concerns and issues identified by the parishioners during the public consultation.

It was agreed to limit the number of actions per topic in order to keep the plan to a manageable size and to enable efforts and resources to be concentrated on those actions. However, the Parish Plan is intended to be a 'living document' which will be reviewed at regular intervals; if specific issues and concerns

have been dealt with, then fresh ones can be brought in and action plans amended accordingly.

These actions plans may not be in great detail, but are to act as a guide for the organisations, groups or individuals who are dealing with the various points. Detailed actions will become clear or even liable to change as further research is carried out.



4.1 - Housing

Introduction

As stated in the introduction, the major settlement is the village of Buckland Newton plus there are a number of hamlets within the parish, including Duntish, Henley, Cosmore, Bookham, Brockhampton Green, Sharnill Green, Beaulieu Wood and Tiley.

There has been a steady increase in the provision of new dwellings, for example an average of 3 per year over the period 1991 to 2011. There is a Defined Development Boundary (DDB) in the village of Buckland Newton, but there is now little space left within this for future housing. Development outside of this DDB is virtually impossible under the West Dorset District Council Local Plan policy.

One exception to this was the completion of 'Lydden Meadow' affordable housing scheme in 2011 by Buckland Newton Community Property Trust, on an 'exception' site.



Lydden Meadow

Findings from the Public Consultation

In summary, responses from the questionnaire indicate that 36% would be happy to see a small number of homes built (less than an average of 2 per year), whilst 48% would be happy with between 2 and 4 per year – about the previous development rate in the parish. The remaining 16% would be happy with 5 or more new homes per year.

Respondents indicated that in the region of 50% or just over should be affordable homes for local people.

Feedback from the Public Meetings suggested there is a particular need for smaller homes in the parish especially for:

- First time buyers

- Couples with one child

- Elderly people wishing to downsize but stay in the locality

General feedback indicated that any future development should be spread throughout the parish rather than be concentrated within Buckland Newton village.

There is strong feeling that any future development should be gradual, should not change the character of the parish and, being in the AoNB, should not be visually intrusive.

The whole issue of Housing will be dealt with in detail in Buckland Newton Neighbourhood Plan currently being prepared. Projected adoption date is Winter 2014/15.

Issue / concern	Action plan	Timescale	Responsibility	Partners	Costs / resources	Action to date
<p>Provision for property to enable downsizing (both open market and affordable)</p> <p>Provision of smaller open market housing</p> <p>Provision of affordable housing for local people</p>	<p>To investigate provision, need and potential sites</p> <p>- Neighbourhood Plan Action</p>	Tbc	Parish Council	West Dorset District Council		Being investigated by Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

4.2 – Employment and Business

Introduction

Many people have been surprised to learn that there are well in excess of 100 businesses and organisations within the parish, from many small 'one man bands' to a few employing in excess of ten people.

Many provide local services, from the obvious such as the shop and pub, to various building trades, gardeners, cleaners, etc.

Buckland Newton School is a major employer within the parish.

Agriculture is still an important part of the local economy, but employment has fallen over many years due to increased efficiency and mechanisation.

Tourism plays a significant role in the area with holiday lets, bed and breakfast establishments, as well as increased trade for other businesses.

Summary of findings from the Public Consultation

Responses from the questionnaire indicate that the majority of respondents support the conversion of redundant farm buildings to business use (83%) and also support the provision of small craft workshops/small business starter units (85%).

However, the lower figure of 53% supported the provision of new business units to rent.

For a comprehensive list of the comments received from both the questionnaire and the open meetings, please see the 'Report on Public Consultation 2012'.

However, as to be expected, a wide range of comments and views were received, from those who questioned the appropriateness of businesses in the village to those who see them as vital to the viability and vibrancy of the local community.

Some of the common themes appeared to be:

- Smaller, low impact businesses more appropriate.
- Local infrastructure not able to support increased business activity, e.g. heavy lorries on narrow roads
- Several units available to rent; no more development until the demand is there
- Inappropriate businesses have an adverse impact on traffic, noise, pollution, etc
- Need to encourage local services for the community
- Employment opportunities may encourage families in the community, especially if affordable housing available.

Many of the issues raised will be dealt with in detail in Buckland Newton Neighbourhood Plan currently being prepared. Projected adoption date is Winter 2014/15.

Issue/concern	Proposed Actions	Timescale	Responsibility	Partners	Cost/Resources	Action to Date	
Support existing business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Trade Directory to advertise Services 	N/A	Jan Marpole	Parish Council	TBC	The Really Useful Directory has been published	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominate a 'Business and Employment Champion' to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Address issues raised by local businesses ○ Encourage joint marketing activities ○ Encourage people to use local services and businesses ○ Lobby for improved signage, public transport, mobile reception and broadband access. 	ASAP	Parish Council	WDDC Economic Regeneration Team (Trevor Hedger) WDDC	N/A		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of affordable low cost housing and accommodation for people working in the area. 	Spring 2015	Parish Council	BNCPT Hastoe	N/A		Being considered for Neighbourhood Plan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure opportunities available for expansion 		Parish Council	Planning WDDC			As above
Encourage new businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create new trading premises for appropriate small to medium size businesses, preferably from pre-existing redundant buildings 	Autumn 2016	Parish Council	WDDC Local Plan	N/A	Consider as part of Neighbourhood Plan	

Issue/concern	Proposed Actions	Timescale	Responsibility	Partners	Cost/ Resources	Action to Date
Encourage employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage businesses to employ local people by asking them to advertise locally 	Autumn 2013	Business Champion	Parish Council WDDC	Lydden Vale News	
Minimise detrimental effects of increased business and employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider impact of noise, light and odours of potential new businesses Consider effect traffic, suitability of road, size and number of vehicles Consider potential damage to tourism, AONB and environment 	Ongoing	Neighbourhood Plan/WDDC			Consider as part of Neighbourhood Plan

4.3 – Roads, Traffic and Transportation

Introduction

Buckland Newton is situated in a rural location, approximately 10 miles equidistant from Dorchester, Sherborne and Sturminster Newton.

The major road, the B3143, connecting Stalbridge and Sturminster Newton to Dorchester, runs north/south dissecting the parish, whilst the C12 runs parallel to the west as a main route between Dorchester and Sherborne.

Public transport is limited to a sparse daily service to Dorchester and Sturminster Newton. This along with the scattered nature of the settlement pattern means there is a great reliance on personal transport for many activities

Summary of findings from the Public Consultation

For the purposes of drawing up the Parish Plan, where issues and concerns mentioned were similar in nature, or where they were mentioned in a different section of the questionnaire, these have been amalgamated.

There were 63 issues mentioned of which the 5 most frequently listed were:

1. Speeding
2. Public transport
3. Safety
4. Poor road maintenance
5. Pavements/footpaths

The full list of issues and concerns, as well as what people thought were good concerning the topic, and some suggested solutions can be found in the 'Report on Public Consultation 2012'.

The largest issue was concerning speeding, particularly through Buckland Newton and Duntish on the B3143, and on the C12 through Cosmore. However there is a more general concern as many of the roads in the parish are narrow country lanes with relatively restricted visibility.

Several respondents cited the issue of ever larger farm vehicles, which are additionally felt to be causing the edges of our narrow lanes to break up.

Issue/concern	Proposed Actions	Timescale	Responsibility	Partners	Cost/Resources	Action to Date
Speeding	Monitor highways scheme – B3143 & lobby for completion	Summer 2013	Parish Council	DCC Highways Jill Haynes	Highways budget – funds allocated	Scheme now completed but Parish Council looking at possible minor additions
	Investigate further traffic calming measures incl. Community Speed Watch	Ongoing	Roads/traffic group	Highways Parish Council AoNB	tba	
	Review current speed limits throughout Parish	Spring 2014	Roads/traffic group	Highways		
Public Transport	Establish group to examine the possibilities and the issues	Spring 2014	Parish Council	DCC Adjoining parishes		
	Location of bus shelter	Autumn 2014	Parish Council			
Safety (large agricultural vehicles)	Talk to NFU rep. To promote respect and consideration towards other road users			Parish Council		
Road maintenance	Encourage parishioners to report all potholes and surface problems to 'Fix my street' & the Parish Council	Ongoing	Parish Council	Highways/ Jill Haynes	DCC Highways	
Non-vehicular access, pavements, etc	Addressed by AONB and the work on the B3143					
Finger posts	Form a group to co-ordinate the maintenance of highway finger posts	Autumn 2013	Roads/traffic group	Highways/ Jill Haynes		Chris Hildred has researched issue

4.4 – Environment

Introduction

All of the parish, with the exception of the extreme NE corner in the vicinity of Brockhampton Green and Beaulieu Wood, lies within the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). In addition the chalk valley and downland landscape, which forms the southern half of the parish, falls within the Dorset Downs and Cranborne Chase Higher Level Stewardship target area. It includes a Conservation Area, Sites of Nature Conservation Interest, scheduled ancient monuments and listed buildings. Not all residents are aware of this, but they value the environment they live in; people feel it is important to conserve and enhance our rural environment, for ourselves *and* for the future.

Through the public consultation it became clear that our environment, both natural and built, along with the community it contains, is why residents want to stay here and why others wish to visit. The AONB's beautiful landscapes are a major source of income in West Dorset, bringing many tourists that make use of our extensive rights-of-way network, while benefiting local businesses such as shops, pubs, B&Bs and holiday cottages.

The environmental impacts of development within the parish will be dealt with in the Neighbourhood Plan, and there are already existing planning policies relevant to this, particularly within the Local Plan. It is strongly felt that all planned developments, whether residential or business, should first and foremost consider any environmental implications and seek appropriate advice.

Summary of findings from the Public Consultation

For the purposes of drawing up the Parish Plan, where issues and concerns mentioned were similar in nature, or where they were mentioned in a different section of the questionnaire, these have been amalgamated.

There were 62 issues mentioned of which the 5 most frequently listed were:

1. Litter and fly tipping
2. Rights of way, lack of maintenance, blocked paths etc.
3. Dogs, most particularly dog fouling
4. Not enough recycling and lack of recycling facilities
5. Flooding (including blocked drains, ditches etc.)

The full list of issues and concerns, as well as what people thought were good concerning the topic, and some suggested solutions can be found in the 'Report on Public Consultation 2012'.

Issue/concern	Proposed Actions	Timescale	Responsibility	Partners	Cost/Resources	Action to Date
Rights of way	Create a page on the Community website dedicated to the rights of way.		Stephen White with Jeremy Collins			Work has commenced
	Notices/leaflets for the Lydden Vale, parish notice boards, the pub, shop, church, and B&B and holiday cottage businesses in the parish, including advice to users of the rights of way, and details for contacting Stephen White and the website.	Autumn 2013	Environment Group			
	Set up a Footpath Fund.	Spring 2014	Environment Group / Parish Council	DCC		
Dog fouling	Provide new and clearer notices about bagging and binning.	Winter 2013/14	Stephen White	Parish Council		
	Provide new bins by the Church gate and on the verge of the B3143 by the footpath gate into the Parish Field.	Winter 2013/14	Stephen White			

Issue/concern	Proposed Actions	Timescale	Responsibility	Partners	Cost/Resources	Action to Date
Fly tipping and litter	Fly tipping: regular notice in the Lydden Vale asking residents to report any fly tipping, with details of who to contact.	Ongoing	Lesley Docksey			
	Litter: regular notice in the Lydden Vale saying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rubbish left out overnight should be secured in dustbins. • ask residents to litter-pick along their road • that anyone who bags dog mess and leaves the bag in hedgerow is committing an offence. 	Ongoing	Lesley Docksey			
	Appoint a Litter Officer. Organise a Litter-Pick Day twice a year.	Spring 2014 / ongoing	Parish Council			
Recycling	To promote use of the fabric recycling facility at the school.	On-going	Damian Brothers			Action taken, but reminder notices needed
	To promote use of paper/cardboard recycling facilities at the Village Hall (and hopefully plastic recycling too)	Autumn 2013 / on-going	Damian Brothers			(new recycling collections, including plastics, due Spring 2014)

Issue/concern	Proposed Actions	Timescale	Responsibility	Partners	Cost/Resources	Action to Date
Flooding	<p>Engage farming community with regard to the damage done to verges by tractors.</p> <p>Regular notice in Lydden Vale asking people to report flooding to Doug Morse, and encouraging residents to keep any drains near their properties clear of debris.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Environment Group</p> <p>Parish Council</p>	<p>Andy Foot</p> <p>Environment Agency</p>		

4.5 - Community Facilities and Services

Introduction

As stated previously, Buckland Newton is a rural parish. Within the main village there are the parish church, a primary school, a village shop, the 'Gaggle of Geese' pub and the village hall. Post Office facilities are available on a limited basis at the Gaggle of Geese. The parish field has space laid out for football and cricket plus a parish room with limited pavilion facilities.

The nearest towns are Dorchester, Sherborne and Sturminster Newton, and are all about 10 miles distant.

A number of other services are available locally; a list can be seen on the Community Website, www.bucklandnewton.com.

The Village Hall is well used as an activity base for exercise classes, clubs, societies and occasional art and drama events.



Village hall

Summary of findings from the Public Consultation

For the purposes of drawing up the Parish Plan, where issues and concerns mentioned were similar in nature, or where they were mentioned in a different section of the questionnaire, these have been amalgamated.

There were 54 issues mentioned of which the 5 most frequently listed were:

1. Mobile signal
2. Bus shelter
3. Viability of shop / pub / post office
4. Internet speed
5. Improve toilets at Parish Room

The full list of issues and concerns, as well as what people thought were good concerning the topic, and some suggested solutions can be found in the 'Report on Public Consultation 2012'.

Issue / concern	Action plan	Timescale	Responsibility	Partners	Costs / resources	Action to date
Mobile signal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate Network Providers/signals Lobby Network Providers for improvements Identify any alternative technological solutions Identify planning implications (Neighbourhood Plan) 		Seek project volunteer	Parish Council Network Providers		
Bus Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate possible combined functions (e.g. could also be entrance to Parish Field or pavilion) Investigate options for location (neighbourhood Plan implications) 	Spring 2014	Parish Council Steering Group	WDDC Dorset Community Action		
Viability of shop / pub / post office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage support for shop / pub / post office Refer to Business and Employment Action plan Ring fence shop / pub and register with WDDC list of assets of community value Continue to lobby Post Office to ensure services maintained 		All	Parish Council Business Champion		Use of Lydden Vale News and Community Website
Internet speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Superfast Broadband scheme with Dorset County Council and BT Keep community informed via Lydden Vale News and Community Website 	Ongoing	Parish Council	DCC		

Issue / concern	Action plan	Timescale	Responsibility	Partners	Costs / resources	Action to date
Toilets at Parish Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate options for improving toilet facility, including extended opening and cleaning Objective: user and disabled friendly, clean and accessible toilet 	Autumn 2013 Spring 2014	Parish Council			Parish Council have looked at options
Sign posts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Roads, Traffic and Transportation Action Plan 					

4.6 - Young People's Interests

Introduction

Buckland Newton, having a small population and being relatively isolated, has a lack of facilities for children and younger people.

There are many activities available, some at schools, and sports facilities in Sherborne and Dorchester for those at Secondary School, but are reliant on parents fetching and carrying, as public transport is virtually non-existent.

A youth club has been recently started, meeting weekly in the village hall

There is a play area for younger children attached to the parish field



Summary of findings from the Public Consultation

For the purposes of drawing up the Parish Plan, where issues and concerns mentioned were similar in nature, or where they were mentioned in a different section of the questionnaire, these have been amalgamated.

There were 25 issues mentioned of which the 5 most frequently listed were:

1. Lack of transport
2. Nothing much to do / lack of variety / no Scouts/Guide
3. More sport for the young, eg tennis court
4. More involvement in village activities
5. Safety / crime

The full list of issues and concerns, as well as what people thought were good concerning the topic, and some suggested solutions can be found in the 'Report on Public Consultation 2012'.

Issue / concern	Action plan	Timescale	Responsibility	Partners	Costs / resources	Action to date
1. Lack of transport 2. Nothing much to do / lack of variety / no Scouts or Guides 3. More sport for the young, e.g. tennis 4. More involvement in village activities 5. Safety / crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a Parish Youth Forum to investigate the major issues identified: • A representative from the Parish Youth Forum to be invited to Parish Council meetings to bring forward youth issues • The Parish Youth Forum to identify possible solutions and work with Parish Council 	Autumn 2013	tbc	Youth club + Youth club management committee Dorset Youth Association BN school		

4.7 - Crime and Safety

Introduction

Buckland Newton is in a relatively low crime area. However there are instances of theft in particular.

There is a Neighbourhood Watch page on the Community Website, with up to date advice and information. There is a local Police Community Support Officer who is responsible for a number of local parishes.

Summary of findings from the Public Consultation

For the purposes of drawing up the Parish Plan, where issues and concerns mentioned were similar in nature, or where they were mentioned in a different section of the questionnaire, these have been amalgamated.

There were 35 issues mentioned of which the 5 most frequently listed were:

1. No Police presence / Police indifference
2. Speeding / inconsiderate driving
3. Crime
4. Neighbourhood Watch not in evidence
5. Anti-social behaviour

The full list of issues and concerns, as well as what people thought were good concerning the topic, and some suggested solutions can be found in the 'Report on Public Consultation 2012'.

Issue / concern	Action plan	Timescale	Responsibility	Partners	Costs / resources	Action to date
No Police presence Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Dorset Police and Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner to Parish Council meeting to lobby for higher Police presence in the area 		Parish Council	Dorset Police /Police and Crime Commissioner		
Speeding / inconsiderate driving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Roads, Traffic and Transportation Action Plan 		Parish Council			
Neighbourhood Watch not in evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator • On-going publicity regarding crime prevention • Disseminate Police information / alerts 		Parish Council Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator			
Anti-social behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Environment Action Plan • Encourage anti-social behaviour to be reported to appropriate Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publicise in Lydden Vale News and BN Community Website 		Parish Council			

4.8 - Health and Care

Introduction

The majority of parishioners are registered with the Cerne Abbas Surgery, 4 miles away from Buckland Newton village. The Practice includes an Integrated Nursing Team together with a number of clinics and other healthcare services, including a dispensary.

Dorset County Hospital is approximately 11 miles away in Dorchester, with the main A&E Department. The smaller Yeatman Hospital in Sherborne has a part time Minor Injuries Unit.

Summary of findings from the Public Consultation

For the purposes of drawing up the Parish Plan, where issues and concerns mentioned were similar in nature, or where they were mentioned in a different section of the questionnaire, these have been amalgamated.

There were 32 issues mentioned of which the 5 most frequently listed were:

1. Transport and distance to surgery / medical services
2. Access to and availability of medical services
3. Care in the community
4. Response to emergencies
5. Need for information relating to help

The full list of issues and concerns, as well as what people thought were good concerning the topic, and some suggested solutions can be found in the 'Report on Public Consultation 2012'.

Issue / concern	Action plan	Timescale	Responsibility / volunteers	Partners	Costs / resources	Action to date
Transport / distance to Surgery, medical services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor access to surgery for Non drivers • Distance to medical facilities eg dentist, optician • Distance to hospital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicise Friends of Practice Scheme. Encourage volunteers to join FOP • Non-emergency hospital transport (eligibility tested) • Meeting to investigate complementary village lead Good Neighbour Scheme which could include non-medical journeys 	End 2013	Diana Wells Maree Pollard	Cerne Abbas Surgery	Cost of phone calls / mobile phone	
Availability of Medical Services (doctor, dentist, optician) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Doctors surgery within village • Inadequate footcare • Home visits out of hours; Poor doctor service at weekend with only pre-booked surgery on Saturday. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise Home Care Community Optician. (HCCO) • Investigate mobile dentist. • Ask for Outreach Surgery in Buckland Newton. • Investigate Agencies • Follow up concerns 	Available Ongoing / end of 2013	Jean Adams Jean Adams Julian English Jan Burnett Julian English	HCC Optician Lydden Vale News Cerne Abbas Surgery Age UK/others Cerne Abbas Surgery Patient Participation Group	Personal Cost and hire of Village Hall if Group Treatment arranged.	

Issue / concern	Action plan	Timescale	Responsibility / volunteers	Partners	Costs / resources	Action to date
Care in the Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for 'carers' • Cost of Care • Lack of local human resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish which Care Agencies service this area and draw up a list. • Need for dissemination of information. • Personal Budget Scheme now available 	June 2013	Jan Burnett	Care Agencies / Dorset Social Care and Health		
Response to emergencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of clear street signage for Emergency vehicles • Retain Air Ambulance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate First Responder Scheme in village (or Mark 2 version) • Purchase 1 or 2 defibrilators 	End 2013	Jan Burnett	South Western Ambulance Service Trust (SWAST) / B Heart Foundation	Approx £1500.00 per defibrillator	
Need for better information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of information regarding health and care facilities 	Village directory		Jan Marpole			Completed

5. Conclusions

One of the overriding findings from the public consultation exercise is that parishioners feel that Buckland Newton is a wonderful place to live. Many arrived here by accident, but end up staying a long time; they feel it is a vibrant and inclusive community as well as being in a beautiful environment.

The aim is to ensure that we maintain that community; any changes should be gradual and not adversely impact on the environment.

Parishioners nevertheless have identified a large range of issues that impact on their lives, many of them resulting from the fact we live in a rural area.

The aim of the Parish Plan is to try and address some of the major issues identified. The Plan is a living document; some of the actions may already have been completed by the time it is published. Some actions may even be rendered unnecessary by events. This Plan should be reviewed on a frequent basis by the Parish Council, and new actions may be added from time to time.

The Neighbourhood Plan preparation will now continue, with its focus mainly on providing additional, energy efficient homes, encouraging local business and employment, whilst supporting our unique environment. This document will have



standing in law and will become part of development control regulations which West Dorset District Council will use in planning decisions. It is hoped it will be completed and adopted by Winter 2014/15.

6. Acknowledgements

The preparation of the Parish Plan has involved a large number of people in the Parish (which is as it should be). Many have given up a large amount of their spare time. In no particular order of merit, thanks must go to:

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