



Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Plan 2012



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Why we need a Parish Plan

The last Parish Plan was written in 2004 as part of a programme funded by the Countryside Agency to encourage local areas to plan their own futures. Following an extensive process of research and consultation, a number of main priorities were identified and an action plan drawn up.

Much has been achieved during the life of that plan:

Stottesdon has a shop selling local produce; we have bought land and created extra parking; the playgroup has been further developed and is thriving; 6 affordable homes have been built in Chorley; we now have a footpaths group and a Parish Watch scheme. At the same time, the Parish Council has improved its communication with the community through more frequent newsletters and its own website.

In 2011, as part of the Local Development Framework, Shropshire Council launched its 'Core Strategy', which sets out the strategic planning policy for the county, including a spatial vision and objectives. It also identified the level of development expected to take place within Shropshire up until 2026 and has been followed by the draft Site Allocations and Management of Development ('SAMDev) document, which details what this means at a local level.

To contribute to this planning process and ensure that local views would be properly represented, the Parish Council decided to review the 2004 Parish Plan and find out what people think is important to the community in 2012.

As we are a rural parish, Cleobury Mortimer has been identified as our local 'hub' and the Parish Council will ensure that our priorities are reflected in the Cleobury Mortimer Place Plan.

How this Plan was made

Last year a Parish Plan group was formed and a survey of residents took place.

Sixty questionnaires were completed online or in paper form and the results analysed and published in the Parish Council newsletter. Individuals and community groups were invited to send in comments to the Parish Plan group and results were fed into an action plan. The Parish Council is particularly grateful for the contribution made by the school and playgroup.

The draft action plan was presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2012 and the final version forms part of this document, which was formally approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on 23 April 2012.

Priorities and Actions

These are the main priorities identified by residents and how we think they can be addressed. For more details, including responsibility for the various actions and reports of progress made, please refer to the website or contact the clerk.

Your Priority	Action planned
Children and young people	Support Stottesdon school in delivering its development plan Identify land and bid for funding to provide sports and play facilities Support playgroup in improving its accommodation Explore options for youth outreach work
Healthcare	Support GP practice in expanding surgery facilities, including better parking provision Respond to consultations on hospitals and monitor performance of ambulance service.
Shopping	Support shop committee to establish community shop and look at options for Post Office service

Your Priority	Action planned
Homes	Carry out survey of housing needs
Roads	<p>Continue to monitor condition of roads and report maintenance problems to Shropshire Council</p> <p>Continue with local 'Lengthsman' scheme</p>
Jobs and businesses	<p>Work with local employers to support and develop training schemes</p> <p>Promote government funding for farming and rural businesses</p>
Policing and safety	<p>Continue to improve communication between Parish Watch and police and discuss proposed changes to police service</p> <p>Promote dangers of speeding vehicles</p>
Environment	<p>Support initiatives to control litter and keep river clean and clear</p> <p>Maintain footpaths and signage</p>

How you can get involved

The Parish Council's role is to support and influence others in achieving improvements, rather than to carry out all the actions by itself. The success of this plan depends largely on individuals and community groups with a desire and commitment to make the area a better place to live, work and enjoy.

The Parish Plan Group is informal and open to all residents. This group will monitor the progress of the actions in the plan and make regular reports to the Parish Council. These will be posted on the Parish Council website.

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