



# Wilmcote and Pathlow Parish Plan

## Action Plan



**June 2004**

## Introduction

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The Wilmcote and Pathlow Village Opinion Survey has identified the issues that residents consider to be important both in the short term and for the next 10 years.

This has been a consensus exercise and we have all had several opportunities to express our opinions. The issues that have been identified are many and wide-ranging and broadly fall into two categories:

- A. Those that require discussion and negotiation with bodies such as Warwickshire County Council, the Police, Stratford District Council and the Parish Council. For example establishing a 30mph limit throughout Wilmcote.
- B. Those that Wilmcote and Pathlow will have to take on board and be responsible for with outside advice and in some cases financial support. The provision of a play area for under 12s is a good example.

The Countryside Agency states that " Parish Plans should identify actions which can be taken forward by the parish council, by other individuals and groups within the community or by other service providers and statutory bodies."

The Working Group has drawn up an Action Plan covering the issues that have been identified. The Action Plan is endorsed by and has been formally adopted as policy by the Parish Council. The next stage is implementation and it must be reiterated that all the work that will be involved in progressing the issues is too large to be carried out by the Parish Council or the Parish Plan Working Group. In fact the work of the Parish Plan Working Group is now almost complete and it will be disbanded. The Countryside Agency advises that an effective way of ensuring progress is to establish task groups that will take responsibility for action in specific areas and report back to a steering committee (to be formed) and / or the Parish Council.

We now need committed volunteers to form task groups - if these volunteers are not forthcoming, it is likely that many of the issues identified for action will not get off the ground.

## Task Groups

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Taking the Parish Plan forward requires Task Groups who will be responsible for making the items in the Action Plan happen. This will be a challenging and satisfying exercise - one that will have a very positive effect on the quality of life in Wilmcote and Pathlow. Your involvement is required as follows:

1. In the Village Opinion Survey a large number of residents indicated that they would like to be involved with,

# Neighbourhood Watch

# Facilities for teenagers (Youth Club)

# Facilities for under 12s (Play Area)

- we need to know who you are so please sign the yellow form.

2. It is necessary to form Task Groups to progress actions related to a wide range of issues such as speed limits throughout Wilmcote and bringing Broadband into Wilmcote.

Enclosed is a yellow form, which we ask you to complete and return. This is your opportunity to influence to the future of our villages.

Completed forms can be returned via the Post Office (purple box provided) or via one of the following post boxes:

Warwick Roberts, 113, Aston Cantlow Road, Wilmcote

Sue Marr, The Pines, Billesley Road, Wilmcote

Patrick Clancy, 49, Glebe Estate, Wilmcote

John Downie, Holly Tree Cottage, Birmingham Road, Pathlow

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**Traffic**

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Action: Stage 1
Speeding	30mph limit through Wilmcote	WCC	discussions: PC / County Councillor / WCC / Task Group. Contact WCC-Keith Davenport Casualty Reduction Unit, 01926 412404
	20mph limit near school	WCC	discussions: PC / County Councillor / WCC / Task Group. Contact WCC-Katrina Pedlar Village Speed Limits Review Team, 01926 412076
	traffic calming gateways at entries to Wilmcote	WCC	discussions: PC / County Councillor / WCC / Task Group. Contact WCC-Jerry Birbeck Environmental Traffic Calming, 01926 412640
	better enforcement of speed limits by police	Police	discussions: PC / Police (01789 415784) / Task Group
Parking	parking restrictions at problem spots: the Green, Station Road and outside the School highlighted	Police	discussions: PC / Police / WCC / Task Group
	more off-road parking	PC / SDC	survey by PC / Task Group
	no parking on pavements	Police	discussions: PC / Police (01789 415784) / Task Group

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**Traffic**

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Progress
Speeding	30mph limit through Wilmcote	WCC	The 30mph limits in Aston Cantlow Road and Billesley Road have been extended. A 40mph buffer zone has been introduced in Billesley Road. This work was included in a new 06 07 2008 Traffic Management System.
Speeding	20mph limit near school	WCC	No progress.
Speeding	Traffic calming gateways at entries to Wilmcote	WCC	Traffic gateways have been provided as part of the new Traffic Management System.
Speeding	Better enforcement of speed limits by police	Police	Following recent speed surveys the police are now carrying out random speed checks
Parking	parking restrictions at problem spots: the Green, Station Road and outside the school highlighted	Police	No progress
Parking	more off-road parking	WPC / SDC	No progress
Parking	no parking on pavements	Police	No progress

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### Roads, Pavements and Pavement Lighting

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Action; Stage 1
Roads	generally upgrade. Station Road and the Ridgeway highlighted	WCC	Discussions: PC / County Councillor / WCC / Task Group. Contact WCC-Divisional Engineer, 01926 412515
Pavements	generally upgrade. Aston Cantlow Road and Station Road highlighted	WCC	Discussions: PC / County Councillor / WCC / Task Group. Contact WCC-Divisional Engineer, 01926 412515
	extend pavement in Church Road, reinstate pavement on A3400 and provide pavement in Featherbed Lane	WCC	Discussions: PC / County Councillor / WCC / Task Group. Contact WCC-Divisional Engineer, 01926 412515
Pavement Lighting	improve standard of pavement lighting particularly in Aston Cantlow Road, Station Road and by the Station	PC	comprehensive survey by PC / Task Group

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### Roads, Pavements and Pavement Lighting

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Progress
Upgrade roads	Station Road	WCC / Network Rail	Major repair work on railway bridge completed
Upgrade roads	The Ridgeway	WCC	Resurfaced
Upgrade roads	Aston Hill	WCC	Major repair work completed
Upgrade roads	Aston Cantlow Road	WCC	Micro Asphalt / Slurry Seal, July 2008
Upgrade pavements	Station Road	WCC	No progress
Extend pavements	Church Road	WCC	No progress
Reinstate pavement	A3400	WCC	No progress
Provide pavement	Featherbed Lane	WCC	No progress
Pavement lighting	Generally review	WPC	Survey of condition of lights carried out by AAB Ltd and upgrading of the lighting units carried out where necessary

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**Planning and Development**

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Action, Stage 1
Planning	Wilmcote to retain its village atmosphere and rural character . No further development.	SDC / PC	Discussions SDC / PC / Task Group. Contact CPRE, 01926 494597
Development	If there is to be development, it should not be large scale. It should be sympathetic and consist of smaller homes or starter homes for young people and low cost houses for sale.	SDC / PC	Discussions SDC / PC / Task Group. Contact WRCC-Charles Barlow Housing Enabler, 024 76 531 290.



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**Planning and Development**

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Progress
Planning	Wilmcote to retain its village atmosphere and rural character. No further development.	SDC/ WPC	Wilmcote is in the Green Belt. Development is under strict control.
Development	If there is to be development it should not be large scale. It should be sympathetic and consist of smaller homes and starter homes for young people and low cost houses for sale.	SDC/ WPC	While no smaller homes or starter homes for young people have been built some small bungalows have been replaced with larger houses.

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### Environment

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Action; Stage 1
Recycling	Recycling to include plastic materials and green garden waste via the refuse collection system	SDC	Discussions: PC / SDC / Task Group. Contact SDC-Chris Dobson, 01789 260641
Bonfires	Reduce nuisance from bonfires	residents who have bonfires	residents who have bonfires to be more considerate. Contact SDC-Environmental Health, 01789 260834. PC to raise awareness of problem.
Dog Fouling	Eliminate dog fouling	dog owners	dog owners to make use of doggie bins.
		SDC	enforcement of existing penalties. Contact SDC-Dog Warden, 01789 260837
		PC / SDC	provide more doggie bins in particular in Aston Cantlow Road and on the canal towpath. Contact SDC Chris Sumner 01789 267575

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### Environment

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Progress
Recycling	Recycling to include plastic materials and green garden waste via the refuse collection system.	SDC	Considerable progress. Green garden waste, glass and paper are currently being recycled via the refuse collection system. As from August 2008 it is planned that mixed recyclable waste will be reclaimed via a "state of the art" plant and mixed food and garden waste will be dealt with in an In Vessel Compacting (IVC) plant.
Bonfires	Reduce nuisance from bonfires	WPC / Residents	Considerable progress. Bonfires are now a very minor problem.
Dog Fouling	Eliminate dog fouling	dog owners	Publicity in Village Vine.
Dog Fouling	Eliminate dog fouling	SDC / WPC	Direct contact with offenders (owners). Threats of penalties and court action have been effective.
Dog Fouling	Eliminate dog fouling	WPC	More doggie bins have been provided around village.
Flooding	Solve severe flooding problem in Station Road that involve both the road and properties	WPC / WCC / Shakespeare Trust / Residents	Major progress has been made and it is expected that this flooding problem will be eliminated by May 2010.

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**Village Organisations**

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Action; Stage 1
School	Children to walk to school under supervision	School / School Governors / Parents	Review situation. Contact WCC-Mark Leyland 01926 412252
Neighbourhood Watch	Increase membership	Co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch	The 162 residents who want to join to make themselves known and join Neighbourhood Watch
Mary Arden's House	Reduced entry fee for village residents	Shakespeare Trust	Discussion: PC / Shakespeare Trust

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### Village Organisations

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Progress
School	Children to walk to school under supervision.	School / School Governors / Parents	Progress. More children are walking to school.
Neighbourhood Watch	Increase membership.	Co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch	No progress with Neighbourhood Watch. Smartwater has been introduced.
Mary Arden's House	Reduced entry fee for village residents.	Shakespeare Trust	No progress. However the Trust regularly give permission for village events to be held in their grounds.

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**Facilities for Children / Teenagers**

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Action; Stage 1
Facilities for under 12s	provide, maintain and organise a suitable play area	residents in general	the residents who want to be involved to make themselves known and form a task group to develop proposal - funding may be available. Contact Jane Coates, the Childrens Fund 01926 336002, Jean Sunter and Helen Reading, WRCC 024 76 531282
Facilities for teenagers	establish youth club	residents in general / Village Hall Committee	the residents who want to be involved to make themselves known and form a task group to develop proposal - funding may be available. Contact WCC-Rob Mc Cluskey, 01926 413604, WCC-Cath Fletcher 01926 450156, SDC-Chris Mitchell, 01789 260108
	consider other activities: meeting point, supervised sports, scout hut, skateboard park	residents in general	volunteers to form task group to develop proposal - funding may be available. Contact Helen Toogood, Community Development Officer, 01789 260131, Maria Smith, the Youth Bank, 01789 290105
Bovis Triangle	Bring up to an acceptable standard. Renovate football pitch	SDC / PC	PC to continue to put pressure on SDC

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Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Progress
Facilities for under 12s	Provide, maintain and organise a suitable play area	Residents	The Wilmcote Recreation and Play (WRAP) group was set up, an area of land was leased on the Bovis Triangle and the necessary funds were raised. The result is the Willow Wood Play Area. A great success.
Facilities for Teenagers	Establish Youth Club in Village Hall	Residents / Village Hall Committee	Youth Club established in 2009.
Facilities for Teenagers	Scout Hut	Residents in General	Major progress in that there is now an excellent scout hut which has been fitted out to a high standard. Scouting activities include Scouts and Cubs
Facilities for Teenagers	Meeting Point, Supervised Sports, Skateboard Park	Residents in General	No progress
Bovis Triangle	Bring up to an acceptable standard. Renovate football pitch	SDC / WPC	This has been an uphill task but the Bovis Triangle is now a major asset to the village. The playing field has been renovated, a hedge of historical importance has been laid and the football pitch will be marked out next year. The playing field is well used.

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### Sport and Leisure

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Action; Stage 1
Sporting Activities	sporting activities in line with requirements of the village	interested residents	those interested to get together and if sufficient support, organise activities. Contact SDC-Lucy Workman Sports Officer, 01789 260694
Leisure Activities	organisation of leisure activities: interest has been shown in senior citizens group, art group and bridge club	interested residents	those interested to get together and if sufficient support, organise activities
	more benches around village in particular at entry to Glebe Estate and opposite Mary Ardens House	PC / other organisations	Discussions: PC / other organisations



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**Sport and Leisure**

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Progress
Sporting Activities	Introduce sporting activities in line with requirements of village	Residents	Little progress although children play football on the Bovis Triangle
Leisure Activities	Organisation of leisure activities.	Residents	No new activities. Gardening Club and Historical Society, set up prior to Parish Plan, are thriving.
Leisure Activities	New benches around village in particular at entry to Glebe Estate and opposite Mary Arden's House.	WPC / Other organisations	Progress. One new bench at entry to Glebe Estate , Two new benches on Glebe playing field and new bench on Bovis Triangle.

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**Public Transport**

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Action; Stage 1
Train Service	Late evening train (circa 11.00pm) from Birmingham to Stratford, stopping at Wilmcote	Central Trains / residents	Set up a Rail Users Group. Contact Stratford Rural Transport Partnership-Doug Henderson, 01789 260132

**Miscellaneous**

Problem	Objectives	Responsible Organisations / Persons	Action; Stage 1
Broadband	Make available in Wilmcote / Pathlow	BT / residents	Set up a Campaign Group. Contact WRCC-Steve Patalong, 024 76531284

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### Public Transport

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Progress
Train Service	Late evening train (circa 11.00pm) from Birmingham to Stratford on Avon, stopping at Wilmcote.	??? / residents	No progress but still under consideration.

### Miscellaneous

Problem	Objectives	Key Organisations / Persons	Progress
Broadband	Provision of Broadband throughout Wilmcote	Wilmcote Parish Council	After a detailed review it was concluded that the performance of BT broadband in Wilmcote was unacceptable. Discussions with BT indicated that little improvement could be expected as BT will only make improvements that are commercially viable. The Parish Council explored other avenues and it was found that Airband Ltd could provide wireless broadband in Wilmcote. Advantage West Midlands provided a £30k grant to cover upfront costs and the system went live in September 2007. There are now of the order of 60 properties using wireless broadband in Wilmcote.