

<p><b>POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY</b></p>	<p><b>Actioned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of the Voluntary Driver Scheme to provide better transport arrangements to doctors and hospitals.</li> <li>• Greater publicity of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme by presence at various village events eg Green Fair on 7<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>• Closer working with the local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) eg by inviting them to listen to residents' concerns at the Green Fair on 7<sup>th</sup> March.</li> </ul> <p>For the future:</p> <p>Assessing the need and viability of a defibrillator in the village.</p> <p>Arranging First Aid training in the village.</p> <p>Assessing the need and viability for lifebelts in the village.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</b></p>	<p><b>Actioned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results of VAP Questionnaire embedded in the train franchise considerations.</li> <li>• VAP working with District Councillor and Parish Council to voice concerns about recent changes to train timetables.</li> <li>• Bus passes eligibility moved forward from 9.30am to 9.00am improving access.</li> <li>• Local bus timetables printed and distributed.</li> </ul> <p>For the future:</p> <p>Continuing to put pressure on transport providers to further improve train and bus services to/from Plumpton.</p>

<p><b>ROAD SAFETY</b></p>	<p><b>Actioned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arranged training for volunteers in the use of the Speed Indicator Device. SID used regularly in the village.</li> <li>• Working with Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to raise awareness of the dangers to the community of speeding.</li> <li>• Raised awareness of the Operation Crackdown system for the reporting of excessive speeding and other anti-social driving.</li> <li>• Conducted a Survey of Station Users. The results are to be used by VAP and the Parish Council for discussions with Southern Railway to formulate improved parking arrangements around the station.</li> </ul> <p>For the future:</p> <p>Working with the community, and very closely with ESCC and a number of Parish Councillors, to find long-term solutions for traffic calming and road safety issues throughout the whole length of the parish, looking holistically at the parish as a whole.</p>
<p><b>YOUTH</b></p>	<p><b>Actioned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings have been held with ESCC's Youth Development Service, and a Youth Worker has been appointed to Plumpton.</li> <li>• A Youth Champion volunteer has been appointed in the village.</li> <li>• The Youth Forum was launched in September 2009.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.plumptonvap.co.uk">www.plumptonvap.co.uk</a></p>

# PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLANS AS AT

SEPTEMBER 2009

*"THE FIRST TWELVE MONTHS"*



Our key word is **action**:

- **...action** to develop and deliver the most practical solutions for the improvements the community wants;
- **...action** by a large group of volunteers in the village who have organised into teams working on environmental, road safety, transport, local business, communication, facilities, housing and social issues;
- **...action** based on a clear understanding of the things the people of Plumpton care about most. 82% of Plumpton households said what they wanted in a survey in 2007;
- **...action** through and with our Parish, District and County Council elected members to influence important decisions affecting the village.

***The Steering Committee would like to thank all the VAP volunteers for all their hard work – it would not be possible without them!***

<p><b>BUSINESS</b></p>	<p><b>Actioned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Save the Post Office Campaign”, including the design and distribution of a listing of all the Post Office services</li> <li>• “Shoptalk” page in Magazine started – ‘Use it or lose it’.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local producers took stands at the Green Fair on 7<sup>th</sup> March.</b></p> <p>For the Future:</p> <p>Building a database of local businesses.</p> <p>Encouraging further interface between the College and the Race-course with the community.</p> <p>Input into viability study for Farmers’ Markets in Plumpton with Plumpton Goes Green Team.</p> <p>Production of a local produce Christmas hamper.</p> <p>Adopt-a-station initiative being studied.</p>
<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS</b></p>	<p><b>Actioned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Launch of new VAP website <a href="http://www.plumptonvap.co.uk">www.plumptonvap.co.uk</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Improved VAP publicity through the 4 pages in the monthly Parish Magazine</b></li> </ul> <p><b>New Parish Council Communications Committee established.</b></p> <p>For the Future:</p> <p>New community notice-boards.</p> <p>New notice-board at the village shop.</p> <p>An Information Booklet for each household.</p> <p>Review of village web-sites.</p>
<p><b>RECYCLING AND VILLAGE TIDINESS</b></p>	<p><b>Actioned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Publication of details about kerbside collections – do’s and don’ts.</b></li> <li>• <b>Collection of Christmas cards for recycling.</b></li> <li>• <b>Application made to Tetra-Pak® for a new collection facility in the village.</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New cardboard collection facility at the Playing Fields carpark.</b></li> </ul> <p>For the Future:</p> <p>Looking at options for garden composting</p> <p>Merging with Plumpton Goes Green Team</p>
<p><b>FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS</b></p>	<p><b>Actioned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Helped ESCC Rights of Way Team survey the whole of Plumpton Parish’s footpaths and bridleways. Plumpton was the ONLY parish to volunteer to assist with this work across the whole County.</b></li> <li>• <b>Photographic competition for a VAP Footpath Team calendar for 2010.</b></li> </ul> <p>For the Future:</p> <p>Writing a new ‘Walks’ book, building on the excellent ‘Walks Around Plumpton’, which is now out of print.</p> <p>With the VAP Road Safety Team, looking at viability of a new footpath or bridleway from the village to the Plough.</p> <p>Discussing with ESCC whether new or improved footpaths can be prepared to improve access for the disabled.</p> <p>Reviewing whether there is enough interest in establishing a stile maintenance team in Plumpton, before making firm proposals.</p>
<p><b>PLUMPTON GOES GREEN</b></p>	<p><b>Actioned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Launch of ‘Plumpton Goes Green’ Eco-bags.</b></li> <li>• <b>Development of a Historic Landscape Characterisation Study for the Parish.</b></li> <li>• <b>Distribution of low-energy light bulbs to residents.</b></li> <li>• <b>Information Resource document – paper and web-based to help Plumpton residents understand the options and make decisions about reducing their carbon footprint.</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Organised Green Fair 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009.</b></li> </ul> <p>For the Future:</p> <p>Viability study into Farmers’ Markets in Plumpton.</p> <p>Local food production schemes.</p> <p>Possible carbon footprinting project.</p> <p>Community energy-generation scheme.</p>
<p><b>WILDLIFE</b></p>	<p><b>Actioned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Launch of new Society called ‘Plumpton Wildlife and Habitat Group’.</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact Group on: <a href="mailto:wildlifeandhabitatgroup@hotmail.com">wildlifeandhabitatgroup@hotmail.com</a></b></li> <li>• <b>Completion of Habitat Survey map.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>FACILITIES</b></p>	<p><b>Actioned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Organised a Societies and Clubs Fair in April 2009.</b></li> <li>• <b>The Church has established a Sunday School.</b></li> <li>• <b>Team established to work with the Parish Council on formulating a master-plan for the Playing Fields, which will be working closely with the users of the sporting facilities. This will include analysis of the financial viability.</b></li> </ul> <p>For the future:</p> <p>The above study includes the future of:</p> <p>The Children’s Playpark, and</p> <p>The Sports’ Pavilion</p>
<p><b>HOUSING DATA ANALYSIS</b></p>	<p><b>Actioned:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Initial analysis of the results of the VAP Questionnaire.</b></li> </ul> <p>For the future:</p> <p>Further research to be undertaken on initiatives in other local rural areas.</p>