

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

<p>ROAD SAFETY</p>	<p>Actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arranged training for volunteers in the use of the Speed Indicator Device in November 2008. SID used regularly in the village - this will continue through 2009. Working with Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to raise awareness of the dangers to the community of speeding. Raised awareness of the Operation Crackdown system for the reporting of excessive speeding. Working with Southern Railway and the Parish Council to formulate improved parking arrangements around the station. <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>YOUTH</p>	<p>Young people wanted expansion of public transport routes. The Public Transport Team have made sure these requirements have been included in the tendering papers for the new train franchise.</p> <p>Young people asked for improved punctuality of the Chailey school bus. Arrangements are being made to conduct a new survey of children to assess if the service has improved.</p> <p>Young people requested that a Youth Council/Forum be established. Meetings have been held with ESCC's Youth Development Service, and a Youth Worker. A Youth Champion has been appointed in the village, and the Youth Forum will be launched at the Societies and Clubs Day on 19th April 2009.</p> <p>Young people felt that societies and clubs should encourage younger people to join them. This will be a key element of the Societies and Clubs Day being held on 19th April.</p>

PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLANS AS AT

APRIL 2009

"THE FIRST SIX 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.

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The Steering Committee would like to thank the 80 volunteers for all their hard work – it would not be possible without them!

BUSINESS	<p>Actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Save the Post Office Campaign”, including the design and distribution of a listing of all the Post Office services • “Shoptalk” page in Magazine started – ‘Use it or lose it’ - a new initiative each month. • Local producers took stands at the Green Fair on 7th March. <p>For the Future:</p> <p>Help for small businesses in the community with marketing.</p> <p>Consideration of a possible Plumpton Farmers’ Market following positive feedback from the Green Fair.</p> <p>Production of a web-based business directory.</p> <p>Possibly a Christmas hamper of local produce.</p>
COMMUNICATIONS	<p>Actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of new VAP website www.plumptonvap.co.uk • Improved VAP publicity through the 4 pages in the monthly Parish Magazine <p>For the Future:</p> <p>Looking into the appropriateness of new community notice-boards.</p> <p>Preparation of an Information Booklet for each household.</p> <p>Looking at the village web-sites to make them even more useful and appealing to residents.</p>
RECYCLING AND VILLAGE TIDINESS	<p>Actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of details about kerbside collections – do’s and don’ts. • Collection of Christmas cards for recycling. • Application made to Tetra-Pak® for a new collection facility in the village. <p>For the Future:</p>

	<p>Have negotiated with LDC a weekly collection facility for cardboard - currently researching the best site to house the facility before making firm proposals.</p>
FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS	<p>Actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked closely with PC representative and ESCC surveyors when they walked all the rights of way in Plumpton as part of a project to establish a new digitised footpath and bridleway map across East Sussex. Plumpton was the ONLY parish to volunteer to assist with this work. • Launch of a photographic competition as the basis for a VAP Footpath Team calendar for 2010. <p>For the Future:</p> <p>Reviewing whether there is enough interest in establishing a stile maintenance team in Plumpton, before making firm proposals.</p> <p>Writing a new ‘Walks’ book, building on the excellent ‘Walks Around Plumpton’, which is now out of print.</p> <p>Working with the VAP Road Safety Team to establish whether or not a viable scheme can be found to make 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>
PLUMPTON GOES GREEN	<p>Actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of ‘Plumpton Goes Green’ Eco-bags through Village shop • Development of a Historic Landscape Characterisation. An HLC uses maps, photos, historical documents, etc to produce a character map of the parish. • Distribution of low-energy light bulbs to residents – working with LDC. • Development of an Information Resource to help Plumpton residents understand the

	<p>options and make decisions about reducing their carbon footprint – will be paper and web-based.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organised Green Fair 7th March 2009. <p>For the Future:</p> <p>Working with the owners and users of the Village facilities to identify potential ways in which energy bills could be reduced and grant funding made available, prior to agreeing formal proposals.</p> <p>Looking into a Garden Share Scheme.</p>
WILDLIFE	<p>Actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of new Society called ‘Plumpton Wildlife and Habitat Group’. Contact Group on: wildlifeandhabitatgroup@hotmail.com • Completion of Habitat Survey map.
FACILITIES	<p>Actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Societies, organising a Societies and Clubs Fair on 19th April. • The establishment of a Sunday School facility which now is a regular twice monthly event. • The setting-up of a Team, which will be working closely with the users of the sporting facilities, to look at the feasibility of upgrading the existing facilities, with emphasis on the sports’ pavilion, as requested by the Playing Field Committee. <p>For the future:</p> <p>If the upgrading of sporting facilities appears to be financially viable, working with the users of the facilities to make firm proposals for their upgrade.</p> <p>Assessing the viability of improvements to the children’s’ park.</p>
HOUSING DATA ANALYSIS	<p>Actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of the data produced by residents in the VAP Questionnaire.