

POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY	<p>The Policing and Community Safety Team has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> launched the Voluntary Driver Scheme to provide transport to GPs and hospitals organised popular First Aid training courses for volunteer drivers and other residents publicised the Neighbourhood Watch scheme by presence at various village events worked with the local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). <p>For the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explore viability of a defibrillator in the village investigate low-level lighting solutions for one or two locations identified in the VAP survey and assess demand in the village liaise with Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator to further develop the initiative across the village.
PUBLIC TRANSPORT	<p>The Public Transport Team has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> campaigning for the additional hourly stopping train service, introduced from December 2010 organised the 'Plumpton on track' celebration event in December 2010 contributed to the award-winning Plumpton Station Partnership Scheme printed and distributed local bus timetables. <p>For the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue efforts to improve local public transport work with the Parish Council in discussions with Network Rail about modernising the railway crossing gates.
YOUTH FORUM	<p>The Youth Forum has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> launched as a Forum of and for young people in the village, in September 2009 organised the very successful Band Nights in May 2010 and February 2011 obtained 'O2 Think Big' grant funding for Youth Safety Awareness Programme.

ROAD SAFETY TEAM	<p>The Road Safety Team has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> arranged training for volunteers in using the Speed Indicator Device, and used SID regularly in the village worked with Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to raise awareness in the community of the dangers of speeding promoted awareness of the Operation Crackdown system for reporting speeding and other anti-social driving funded and conducted a speed survey in the parish using Speed Radar Boxes conducted a survey of station users to assess parking needs. <p>For the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> help the Parish Council to develop a long-term strategy for traffic calming and road safety , in consultation with the community.
WILDLIFE	<p>The VAP has supported the launch of the Plumpton Wildlife & Habitat Group as an independent group. The PW&HG has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> completed its parish habitat survey contributed to the Plumpton Station Partnership Scheme by creating wildflower meadows along the platforms produced and presented to Lewes District Council a roadside verge management scheme to encourage wildflowers led nightingale, nightjar, wildflower, bat and other walks and events conducted bat, house martin, dormouse (ongoing) and other wildlife surveys. <p>For the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> publish habitat survey with grant funding continue work to survey and protect local wildlife species and habitats and involve and educate the local community.

PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

SEPTEMBER 2011

OUR FIRST THREE YEARS



Our key word is **action**:

... to develop practical solutions and deliver the improvements the community wants

... by a large group of volunteers in the village working on environmental, road safety, transport, local business, communication, facilities, housing and social issues

... based on our survey, completed by 82% of Plumpton households, highlighting the issues people in Plumpton care about most

... in partnership with our elected Parish, District and County Councillors working for and on behalf of the village community.

The Steering Committee would like to thank everyone in the village who has worked with us to achieve the Village Action Plan. We couldn't have done all this without you.

<p>BUSINESS TEAM</p>	<p>The Business Team has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> publicised the post office facilities responded to the government's People's Bank consultation helped organise the Taster event for new deli counter and local produce sales area at the village shop promoted events at Plumpton College, the Racecourse, and other local businesses co-led the annual Plumpton Festive Fairs in 2009, 2010 and (shortly) 2011 co-ordinated the Festive Box of local products co-ordinated the Plumpton Station Partnership Scheme organised the Plumpton Business Breakfasts for local businesses <p>For the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> possible tourist information points further Business Breakfasts. 	<p>FACILITIES TEAM</p>	<p>The Facilities Team has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> organised the 2009 Societies and Clubs Fair supported the rector to establish the Sunday School consulted with user groups and produced architect plans for a new sports pavilion formed a collaborative committee with the parish council and user representatives to take the Pavilion project forward. <p>For the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continued work on the sports pavilion plans, including exploring funding design a new Play Park in consultation with children in the village. 	<p>PLUMPTON GOES GREEN/ AND RECYCLING AND VILLAGE TIDINESS</p>	<p>The combined Plumpton Goes Green and Recycling Teams have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> supported the sale of jute 'Ecobags' through the village shop supported the launch of the Historic Landscape Characterisation project (now renamed Plumpton Ancient & Modern) produced a range of leaflets and information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> information leaflet for village residents on how to reduce their carbon footprint 'Dos and Don'ts' about recycling and kerbside collections 'Waste Tip of the Month' in the Parish magazine Monthly seasonal veg recipes in the Parish Magazine organised the Home Energy Saving event in May 2010 for residents to learn about energy cost-saving schemes organised a Draught-busting Event on home insulation in November 2010 . co-organised the 2009 Green Fair and Festive Fairs held in 2009 and 2010 established and maintained the cardboard collection facility at the playing fields car park conducted a community-wide carbon footprint survey in 2010 organised Lewes District Council to conduct an energy monitoring survey of the village hall and sports pavilion. <p>For the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> looking at feasibility for community energy generation community litter-pick and campaign community apple picking and pressing event.
<p>COMMUNICATIONS TEAM</p>	<p>The Communications Team has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> launched the VAP website at www.plumptonvap.co.uk publicised VAP in the Parish Magazine installed new community notice boards at the shop, village green and playing fields produced an information booklet for all households. <p>For the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> further community noticeboards. 	<p>FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS TEAM</p>	<p>The Footpaths & Bridleways Team has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contributed to the ESCC county-wide Rights of Way survey (www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/countryside/rightsofway/rightsofwaymap) organised a photographic competition for a VAP 2010 calendar. produced a pack of notecards with photographs of local footpaths. produced and distributed a set of 16 walks leaflets building on the original 'Walks around Plumpton' book produced by the Plumpton Footpath Society, with funding from Collabor8 and Natural England. These have recently been reprinted with further grant funding organised several community walks to publicise the leaflets liaised with the Monday Group on the repair and replacement of stiles in the parish, and fundraised for the group. <p>For the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> production of a book of walks, based on the 16 leaflets work with the VAP Road Safety Team to explore the feasibility of a pathway from the village to the Plough. 		
<p>HOUSING & DATA ANALYSIS TEAM</p>	<p>The Housing & Data Analysis Team has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> completed an initial analysis of housing needs in the parish <p>In addition:</p> <p>Action in Rural Sussex prepared a Housing Needs Survey on behalf of the Parish Council</p> <p>Parish Council will respond to the Lewes District Council Core Housing Strategy.</p>				