

(This paper records those actions that have been completed or actioned with on-going activities embedded within the community, and is intended to summarise the community's achievements in implementing the Plumpton Village Action Plan, issued July 2008)

<p><u>Parking, Traffic and Speeding</u> (p 6, 8 and 10 of Plan)</p> <p>A) Consider <u>parking policy</u> in the vicinity of the station. A need for a review into <u>parking around the station area</u> was also identified in the Children's survey.</p> <p>B) Review with ESCC Highways to seek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a <u>reduction in the speed limit throughout the village</u>;• and/or <u>identify improved signage/measures to control speeding</u>;• a <u>reduction of the speed limit on the outskirts of the village</u>,• <u>measures that could be taken to improve road safety in identified areas</u>;• consideration of <u>parking policy in the vicinity of the shop</u>;• <u>feasibility of widening pavement from shop to village green</u> <p>A need was identified in the Children's survey to reduce speeding through the village.</p> <p>C) Work with transport vehicle owners and HGV businesses to encourage their drivers to avoid passing through the centre of the village, to respect the speed limits in the village and to avoid damaging the grass verges.</p>	<p>VAP Road Safety Team conducted a Station User Survey in 2009. Requirement for further parking facilities identified. Results published on VAP website www.plumptonvap.co.uk</p> <p>'Soft' actions have been introduced in 2008 through 2010 to try to raise awareness in the community of the dangers of speeding in the parish, and also potentially to provide decision-makers with more accurate data about actual speed levels in the parish and an accident record:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) New temporary 30mph signs introduced by PCb) SID operators were trained by VAP Road Safety Team.c) Vale of Sussex launched a Voluntary Slow-Down scheme.d) The VAP Road Safety Team publicised "Operation Crackdown".e) The 'Accident Map' is now available on the VAP website www.plumptonvap.co.uk <p>In looking at the feasibility for longer term 'hard' actions/solutions, grant funding was awarded to the VAP for four Speed Radar Boxes which were operational for one week from 4th to 10th May 2010. Graphical interpretation of the results issued by ESCC was carried out by the VAP Road Safety Team and were on display at the Village Fair, in the Parish Magazine and on the VAP website for the community to see the results www.plumptonvap.co.uk</p> <p>The Sandpit Residents' Committee liaises with the sandpit operator on behalf of the community.</p>
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<p>Explore if it is possible to put a path in from the village to the Plough</p>	<p>Various walks in Plumpton were examined as possible suitable routes which provide easy access from the centre of the community to the countryside for a wide range of people/abilities. The ESCC RofW Team is assessing whether the funding opportunity might apply to Plumpton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A new path, by way of a licence agreement, near the centre of the village was considered. With support from the PC and advice from ESCC, a letter was sent to the tenant-farmer. Unfortunately he was not receptive to the suggestion and it was felt that there was little point approaching the land-owner, who owns the land, as they would be unlikely to respond positively to a proposal that their tenant farmer opposed. A letter has been written to the tenant farmer advising him of this decision, but asking that he contact the VAP Footpath Team if he changes his mind.• The consideration of a possible new Plumpton footpath maintenance Group. The Monday Group had written to VAP offering to give advice. <p>To raise awareness in the community of Plumpton's rights of way, the VAP Footpath Team has worked on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The production of a series of 16 walks leaflets, complimentary to the existing 'Walks Around Plumpton' book. Work is progressing well and a template has been agreed with the designer, which uses photographs and paintings from villagers to illustrate the routes. The Plumpton Wildlife & Habitat Group has also contributed material for each of the leaflets. The walks leaflets will be launched in October 2010.• Photographic competition – resulting VAP Calendar for 2010 was on sale from August 2009.• Notecards – using photographs submitted for the VAP Calendar competition, the Team has produced packs of 5 notecards in the community to further publicise the Parish's Footpaths. 1st batch were available for sale from April 2010.• Team is reviewing the possibility of creating a facility on the website whereby walkers can report concerns about footpath repair and maintenance, with a map. <p>The Team is discussing this with the Road Safety Team and the Wildlife & Habitat Group.</p>
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Environment (p9 of Plan)

Launch 'Plumpton Goes Green' campaign

This Team has total flexibility to consider initiatives under the banner 'Plumpton Goes Green' and has established the following priorities:

a) Actions to support the sustainability of Plumpton as a village community through the use of a Historic Landscape Characterisation for Plumpton

The HLC project (now known as 'Plumpton Ancient & Modern') was launched in October 2009. The Group has subdivided the project into several areas, including: Buildings, mills, oral history, photographic history, railway, Plumpton Place, HLC.

b) Information Resource

A resource for the website and also in leaflet format has been completed. This will be an on-going resource and will be improved and developed over time.

c) Reduction of Plumpton's carbon footprint through various initiatives:

• **Green Fair**

A Green Fair was held in March 2009 demonstrating how people can live in a more sustainable way, as well as a local producers' market

• **Farmers' Markets**

The Plumpton Goes Green and Business Teams organised a Plumpton Green Festive Fair on November 21st, which was highly popular. Following feedback from the Green Fair and the Festive Fair, the Teams are now looking at establishing a cycle of two events each year, that are well-marketed, that became landmark events in the Plumpton calendar. The next Festive Fair has been booked for 27th November 2010, and VAP was involved with the Village Fair Committee to help organise the Local Produce and Craft Stalls part of the Village Fair on 3rd July 2010.

• **Local Food Production**

Team looking into the issues around increasing local food production, and

	<p>increasing community engagement in the issue. Several garden-share, crop-share or skill-share schemes have been successfully launched in a number of places.</p> <p>Following on from the success of the Festive Fair in which visitors expressed a keen interest in buying produce locally, the VAP Business and Plumpton Goes Green Teams have been discussing the concept of a community shop/local produce area with Bim – as a result Plumpton Green Stores launched a deli-counter and local produce area in April 2010, and held a ‘Taster Event’ in May 2010..</p> <p>VAP Plumpton Goes Green Team producing a monthly seasonal vegetable recipe for the magazine to encourage the purchase of seasonal, locally-produced vegetables. The eventual product may be a local recipe-book or set of recipe cards. It is hoped that in due course the shop will sell ‘the vegetable of the month’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Footprint <p>The VAP Plumpton Goes Green Team hosted a community ‘Home Energy Saving’ event on 27th May 2010, facilitated by Action in rural Sussex and LDC, looking particularly at household energy consumption.</p> <p>The VAP Plumpton Goes Green Team will be launching a ‘Community Footprinting’ project in Plumpton, hopefully reaching out to around 100 volunteers. With the support of LDC it is hoped to launch the initiative at the VAP Annual Meeting on 28th September.</p> <p>The VAP Plumpton Goes Green has arranged for energy monitoring audits of the Sports Pavilion and the Village Hall to be carried out for the Parish Council.</p> <p>The VAP Plumpton Goes Green Team is hosting a “draught-busting event” on 4th November 2010.</p> <p>The concept of a community woodlot is being explored further by the VAP Plumpton Goes Green Team.</p> <p>The VAP Plumpton Goes Green Team will be contacting oil providers to find out if discounts may be available if bulk purchasing is undertaken across the community.</p>
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<p><u>Policing & Community Safety</u> (p13 & 14 of Plan)</p> <p>Investigate the concerns regarding Hospital Transport and Doctors, and find out if there are ways of improving these services</p> <p>Explore ways of promoting the Neighbourhood Watch scheme to attract further membership</p> <p>Seek ways of improving community safety by looking at increasing a police presence and providing a defibrillator, first aid training and a lifebelt by the river</p> <p>Research ways in which policing in and around the village can be improved, especially addressing concerns/ perceptions of burglary, vandalism, disturbance and drunkenness</p> <p>Whilst taking into account that the majority of residents do not want street lighting, consideration for lighting solutions to be given in a small number of targeted areas, where concerns have been raised.</p>	<p>The VAP Policing & Community Safety Team has publicised various forms of transport to/from surgeries/hospitals. In addition the Plumpton Voluntary Driving Scheme was launched in September 2009. It is intended that the Voluntary Driving Scheme will be well enough established to be 'stand-alone' with effect from September 2010.</p> <p>The Team has been in touch with those people who indicated they would like to know more about the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The Team have increased the publicity in this area and the neighbourhood Watch scheme is included in the Information Booklet.</p> <p>Defibrillator: Team have investigated need for a defibrillator and the implications from an insurance/practical viewpoint. The Sussex Ambulance Service advised that as Plumpton was only 7 mins away from an emergency ambulance response, the need for a defibrillator was not obvious. The Team has been advised to look into a community responder scheme and is currently looking into the cost of training courses for responders.</p> <p>First Aid Training: A grant application for £400 to the South Downs Council for Voluntary Service was successful and is to cover the cost of such training specifically targeting volunteer drivers under the Voluntary Driving Scheme. First training took place on 24th March 2010. Team looking at running two further courses in September and October 2010 for drivers unable to attend the first event, and any other interested residents.</p> <p>Lifebelt: Team talking to lifeboat institute for advice. There could be liability issues arising if a lifebelt was put in place. Team considering if the use of signage might be a better way of addressing the issue.</p> <p>Not yet considered by Team. However, the PCSOs were in attendance at the Green Fair in March 2009, and the 2010 Village Fair for residents to talk to and voice their concerns.</p> <p>Team considering ways to canvass public opinion on a range of low level lighting solutions, noting that the majority of residents said that they did not want conventional street lights in the parish.</p>
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<p>Housing & Development <i>(p 15 of Plan)</i></p> <p>Consider in greater detail the housing data taking into account current and future demographic trends.</p>	<p>Team has reviewed the Housing Data statistics. Over course of next year, Team will review other rural areas and understand their experiences, and how they have resolved any similar issues.</p> <p>Action in rural Sussex is assisting the Parish Council with completion of a Housing Needs Survey in Summer 2010.</p>
<p>Village Facilities <i>(p16 – 18 of Plan)</i></p> <p>The community should work together to ensure that the high standards of the facilities in the village are maintained through regular maintenance and upgrading of equipment AND A strategic approach to current & future facilities needs to be taken on a through-life basis.</p> <p>Opportunities should be sought for further expansion of the sporting facilities in the village</p> <p>Invite Plumpton College to advertise their leisure facilities available for hire to local residents</p> <p>Opportunities should be sought for providing youth activities, provided champions can be found to lead the initiatives</p>	<p>The VAP Facilities Team has reviewed the village facilities and is focussing attention, for the time being, on the future of the Sports Pavilion with the PC's Playing Fields Committee.</p> <p>The VAP Plumpton Goes Green Team has arranged for energy monitoring audits of the Sports Pavilion and the Village Hall to be carried out for the Parish Council.</p> <p>The PC's Playing Field Committee and the VAP Facilities Team are working together on a joint master plan for the overall concept for the future of the Playing Fields with an intention of publishing a plan for consultation with the community in Autumn 2010. The Plan will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavilion: The Team is undertaking a feasibility study for a new sports pavilion. • Playpark: Agreement has been reached that the best option seems to be for a new Play Park. The Team has obtained approval to research the various options.: • Carparking: The implications for improving the facilities at the playing fields will take into account the impact on the needs of visitors and carparking arrangements. <p>College considering placing an advert in the Parish Mag – during the period of College/Race-course sponsorship.</p> <p>Youth Forum has now been launched. See 'Youth Forum' section for more details.</p>

Plumpton Village Action Plan

Annex to Team Leader Reports Issued throughout 2010/11

Two Year Implementation Summary

September 2010

<p>Encourage Young people to join the existing clubs and societies in the Village (M/S) AND Existing societies should be encouraged to market their activities to residents to increase memberships</p> <p>Explore the desire expressed for new clubs and activities, with particular emphasis on home growers' produce market; aerobic/gym classes and craft/art-club/fairs</p> <p>Engage with wheelchair users to seek a better understanding of the access difficulties experienced</p> <p>Provide the Church with information for a decision to be made re viability of providing a Sunday School.</p>	<p>Societies Day on 19th April held.</p> <p>The concept of a home growers' produce market is now being actioned by the VAP Business & Plumpton Goes Green Teams.</p> <p>Frances Barter has expressed her willingness to act as the liaison for all people with mobility difficulties as a result of enquiries being considered by VAP Teams/volunteers.</p> <p>Sunday School established which now meets usually twice a month.</p>
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<p>Establish a Youth Council or Forum <i>(p 12 of Plan)</i> A need was identified from the Youth Survey to set up a Youth Council.</p>	<p>Officers of the Forum elected in Autumn 2009. Forum now meeting on a fortnightly basis, and chaired by the Youth themselves. The Forum will feed back into the Village Action Plan to make sure young people's voices are heard. Forum held a band night in the village on 22nd May 2010. Forum has carried out a study as to whether or not cycle lanes are needed in Plumpton and have prepared a very professional project report researching opinion on cycle lanes. The Forum concluded in 2010 that the research showed that cycle lanes were not required in Plumpton. The Forum may consider the issues for a Youth Shelter. Whist Forum recognises that there are many hurdles to be crossed ,they will start process of preparing written reports which will be a useful learning exercise for them. PGG Team will put the Forum in touch with Barcombe who are working on a Youth Shelter. It may be sensible to link in with the Facilities Team when considering the Pavilion project. Forum has identified safety in the village as its priority. The forum members will run a safety session as part of the youth service programme of detached work in Lewes District skate parks over the 2010 summer holidays. In order to progress the bid the Forum is producing pocket-sized leaflets for each youth on safety issues. Youth Forum is involved with Pavilion project and is helping to provide hard data on the playpark and recreation ground usage.</p>
<p>Local Shop, Businesses and Employment <i>(p19 of Plan)</i> Work with shop/post office owner to maintain high standards and promote the services available to ensure that whenever threatened both parts of the business remain open, not only in the short term, but also into the future, so that all options and benefits for the shop and community can be explored Encourage continued local support for all local businesses and work to ensure local trades remain available</p>	<p>In order to help the Post Office and Shop promote its business, the VAP Business Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicised the Post Office facilities widely. Further campaigns to follow. • Responded to Government's "Peoples' Bank" consultation. • Encouraged the shop to open a deli-counter and local produce section. <p>In order to 'rural-proof' the community and help local businesses promote their products/services, the VAP Business Team has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considered being given to building a database of local businesses. It

	<p>may be possible to use the college's business facilities to help local businesses develop their markets. Development of an on-line business directory will be considered with Communications Team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Considered developing "Business Breakfast" events for local businesses.• Publicised Racecourse and College events and facilities.• Publicised new Plumpton Health and Fitness Club. <p>Promoted the production of a Festive Box of local produce, promoting local products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organised 2009 Festive Fair with the Plumpton Goes Green team. Feedback positive, indicating there would be support for similar events twice a year. <p>The VAP Business Team has worked with Southern Railway on a Station Partnership Scheme with formal launch held June 2010 attended by local MP.</p>
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