

**Community Parish Plan - summary and next steps**

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We hope that you have had chance to have a look at the recently published Community Plan that has been distributed to various points in the parish – we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in producing our Community Plan.

In order to progress the actions raised, we have produced a summary of issues outstanding and suggestions for the future.

Parish Council led action points:

- **Speed limits** – we continue to monitor and act upon speeding issues;
- **Street lighting** – low wattage LED replacement bulbs are slowly replacing existing bulbs across the county.
- **Noticeboards** – a lot of work has already been done on this – thanks to Brian Harris. We have some funding left which could be used to progress installing new noticeboards to display local walks and community information. (These will not replace existing boards which will remain in place)
- **Broadband** – this continues to progress within Herefordshire Council

Community Working groups:

In order to progress other actions identified, it will be necessary to set up working groups within the parish to carry these forward. They are:

- **Allotments / growing & selling scheme /composting scheme / wildlife habitats & planting schemes** – the Parish Council has already established that there is no Council owned land available and so the purchase or rent of land would be required. Again, some work has been progressed on this – contact Nigel Monk - 711400 for more information. As these various groups have a common theme, they could be progressed as one project – alternatively separate schemes could work just as well.
- **Disused railway leisure track** – again, some work has been done on this as identified in the Community Plan, however, it would require a working group to take this forward.
- **Youth Group** – sadly the youth club has closed, a great loss to the villages for our young people. A youth survey did take place prior to its closure and a top ten suggestions list is identified in the plan. The Parish Council has had the youth club funds forwarded to us to hold on account for future youth activities – this amounts to £641.47. This is a significant amount to pursue other projects which must ensure they benefit the young people within our villages – a requirement of the youth club constitution. If anyone is interested in setting another group up or has any ideas on how this money could be used, please let us know.

Others:

**Bulk fuel purchasing scheme** – if you are interested in this scheme, visit the Community First website for further information – [www.comfirst.org.uk](http://www.comfirst.org.uk).

**Website** – the Parish Council is currently reviewing its website which could also give a link to parish contacts. If, however, you feel something more is needed, individuals or groups are welcome to pursue this.

**Cashpoint** – the Parish Council feel that this is not something that can be carried forward any further given that cash is now available via the post office.

As you are probably aware, we are progressing a Neighbourhood Plan, which could incorporate some of the above actions points.

If you have further interest in any of the above, please contact Karen Yates, Parish Clerk in the first instance