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"Everyone is friendly; it has all the amenities needed."

Fenny Compton Parish Plan

Introducing the Parish Plan

In March 2006 it was agreed by the Parish Council that a Parish Plan should be prepared as a response to the Government White Paper Our Countryside: The Future - A Fair Deal For Rural England.

The objectives of the Plan were to: ·

- Provide opportunities for all residents to define the way the community should develop in the future
- Identify the aspirations, needs and concerns of the community
- Develop a realistic Action Plan to address those aspirations, needs and concerns

The Parish Plan acts as a blueprint for the future of the parish as defined by the community. It is recognised as proof of public consultation which is fundamental to any application for external grant funding.

An open meeting was organised by the Parish Council in October 2006 to introduce the concept of the Parish Plan to the community and provide an opportunity for volunteers to support the process.

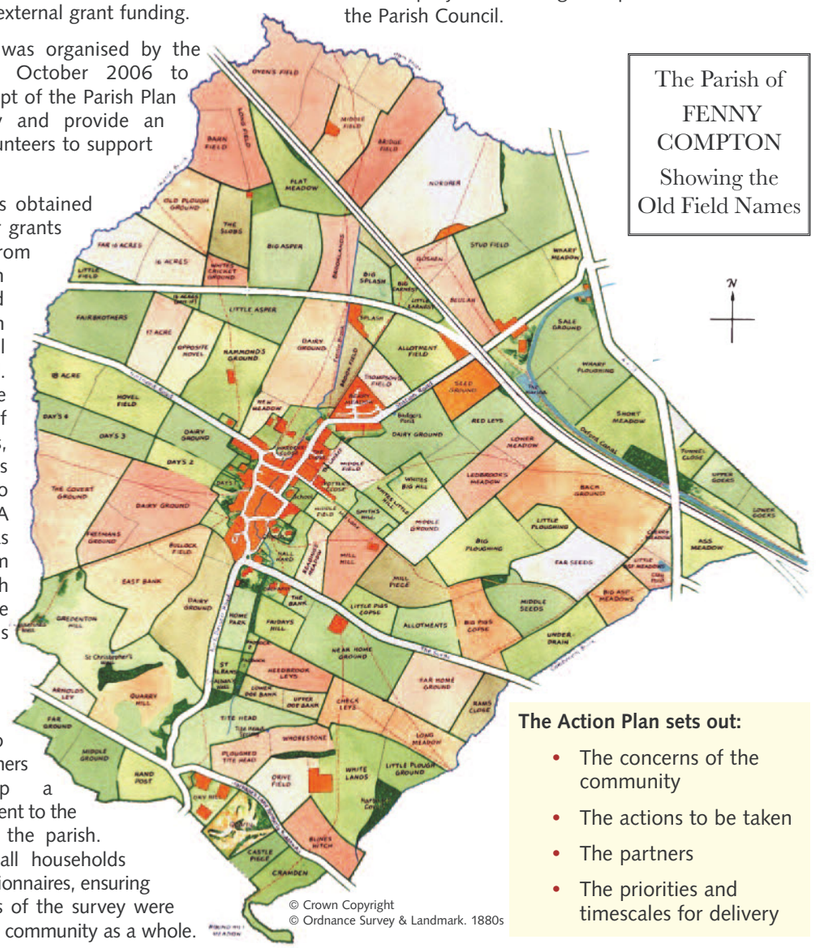
An initial grant was obtained from Defra. Further grants were obtained from Fenny Compton Parish Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council Community Fund. These grants have funded the survey of parish residents, analysis of the results and their feedback to the community. A final grant was obtained from Awards for All which has funded the production of this document.

A small Steering Group was set up in March 2007 to consult with parishioners and to develop a questionnaire to be sent to the 322 households in the parish. 258 (or 80%) of all households completed the questionnaires, ensuring that the conclusions of the survey were representative of the community as a whole.

The responses to the main questionnaire were analysed by Warwick Network Ltd. including many pages of comments, opinions and suggestions. All the information gained was displayed in the Village Hall in October 2007. All parishioners were invited to attend and give further comments on the results of the survey. More than 150 residents attended on the day, from the youngest to the oldest members of the community. Much discussion took place and many more suggestions were put forward for inclusion in the Parish Plan.

As the Action Plan was developed regular progress updates were published in the Compton Chronicle, the monthly magazine for Fenny Compton and the surrounding villages. A draft of the Action Plan was displayed in the Village Hall in May 2008. Again, this open meeting was well attended with much discussion on the material presented.

By using all the responses, an Action Plan has been drawn up by the Steering Group in consultation with the Parish Council.



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The Action Plan sets out:

- The concerns of the community
- The actions to be taken
- The partners
- The priorities and timescales for delivery

Fenny Compton Parish Council has played an important part in the production of the Parish Plan and in September 2008 formally adopted the Parish Plan and the Action Plan.

The Parish Council and others have already completed several of the actions suggested in the responses to the Questionnaire and incorporated in the Action Plan.

Further working groups will be established to implement the Action Plan, reporting back to the Parish Council who will keep progress under regular review.

The Fenny Compton Parish Plan Steering Group are extremely grateful for all the support they have received from Defra, the Parish Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Awards for All and the community of Fenny Compton Parish. Without this support it would not have been possible to discover and record the wishes of the Fenny Compton community and set out this Action Plan for its future.

The Parish Plan Timeline

March 2007
Steering Group formed

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Consultation period

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June 2007
Survey of all households

▼

July - August 2007
Statistical analysis of survey responses

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October 2007
Results Exhibition

▼

Preparation of Draft Action Plan
Consultation with Parish Council

▼

May 2008
Housing Needs Survey
Public meeting to present Draft Action Plan

▼

May 2008 - August 2008
Preparation of Copy for Final Document

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September 2008
Draft Parish Plan and Action Plan
adopted by the Parish Council

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March 2009
Draft Parish Plan and Action Plan adopted by
Stratford-on-Avon District Council

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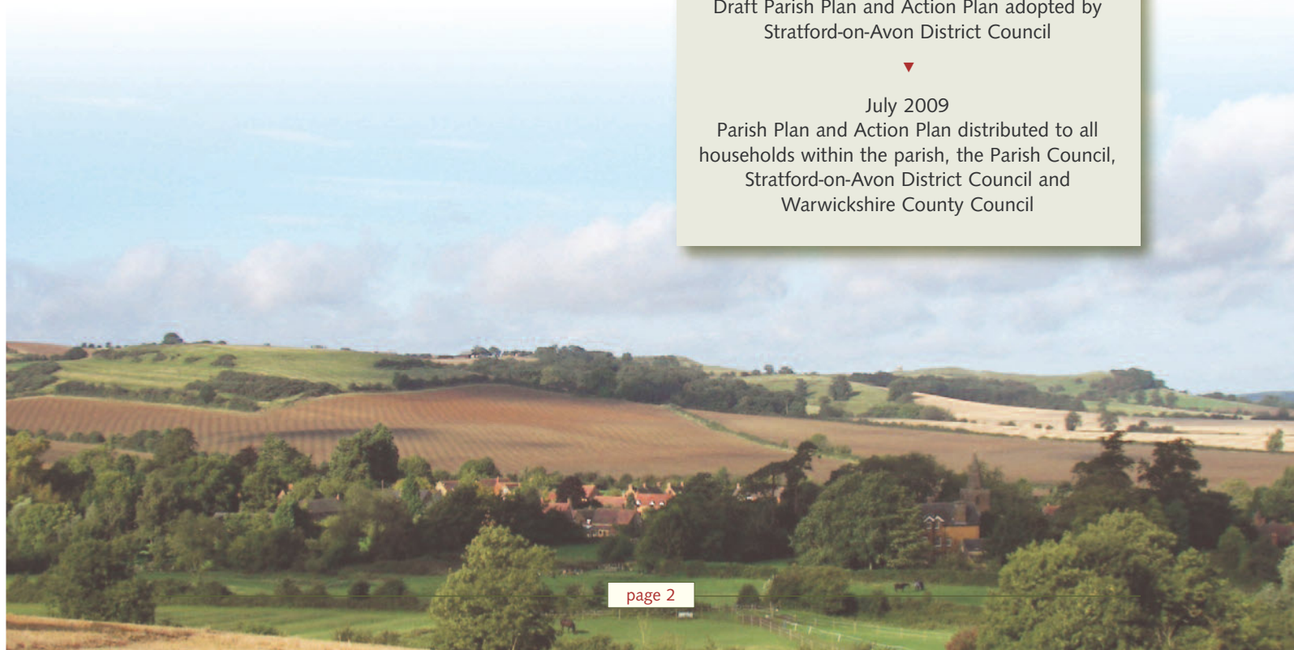
July 2009
Parish Plan and Action Plan distributed to all
households within the parish, the Parish Council,
Stratford-on-Avon District Council and
Warwickshire County Council



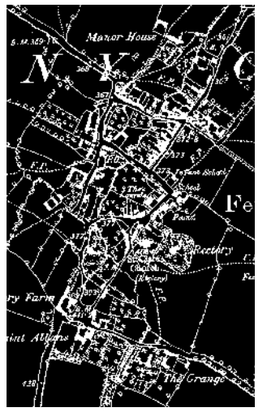
"The facilities are excellent. School, surgery, a shop and Post Office; plus a friendly environment to live in."

The Village of Fenny Compton

The Origins of Fenny Compton

Fenny Compton dates from before the Domesday Book at which time the village was known as 'Contone' and consisted of around 40 properties. The name Fenny Compton is thought to come from the Anglo-Saxon Fennig Cumbtūn, meaning "marshy farmstead in a valley".

The Church of St. Peter and St. Clare was built in the 14th century. In 1769 the Fenny Compton Enclosure Act was passed which signalled the end of the open field system, and the Oxford Canal reached the parish in 1776.



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The 1840's was a period of great change for the parish. A piped water supply was installed which still serves some 40 houses and our first railway station was opened.

In the late 1990's the village expanded significantly with new residential developments behind Berry Meadow and off the High Street.

The Parish Today

The parish today consists of some 322 households. Most of the population live in the village, but there are households as far out as The Wharf and the Tunnel, and on Dassett Road.

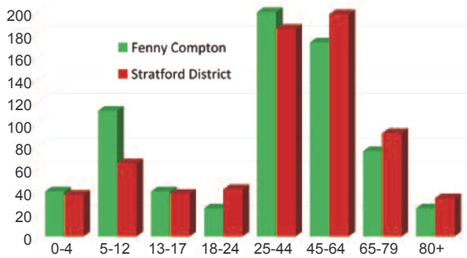
The village is in the form of a distorted T, with the southern part of the village containing more of the older houses, and the northern part more of the newer houses.

258 households, made up of 703 people, completed questionnaires, and the following statistics were obtained from their analysis.

The average household has 2.7 members.

43% of households have lived in the village for more than 15 years, and just over a third (34%) between 6 and 15 years. Less than a quarter (23%) have lived in the village for less than 6 years.

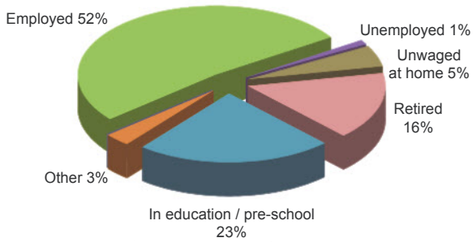
Almost four in five households (79%) own their own home, while most of the rest rent.



Population by age group compared to Stratford-on-Avon District

The age profile of the parish (shown above) is broadly typical of the area. The main exception is the high proportion of young children aged 5-12, possibly due to the presence of the primary school. Conversely, the proportion of young adults aged 18-24 is somewhat lower, which may reflect the limited availability of starter homes.

The employment status of the survey respondents is summarised below, showing that just over half the population is employed, with the majority of the remainder being in education or retired. Only 1% of the population describe themselves as unemployed.



Employment status of respondents

What We Think About Fenny Compton

Residents value the balance that Fenny Compton manages to strike between traditional 'village life' and a connected, self-sufficient place to live. On the one hand it is a friendly and peaceful village with little crime and good access to the countryside and on the other it is a village in a convenient location, with access to local towns and major roads. It also contains a comprehensive range of valued facilities such as the school, doctors' surgery, post office and shop.

Unsurprisingly, the aspects of life in the parish that residents wish to improve reflect a desire to maintain or enhance this balance. Issues around traffic are by far the most important, including the volume of lorry traffic and problems with speeding. Concerns were raised about the lack of public transport and although crime is not seen as a problem, there are some concerns about antisocial behaviour which may be related to the lack of facilities for young people.

"There are serious traffic problems, both volume of heavy traffic and speeding"

Traffic

Concerns about traffic dominate the responses to the survey. More than half of households are concerned about speeding (cars and lorries), the volume of lorry traffic, and parking causing obstruction. When asked to identify the worst aspects of living in Fenny Compton traffic contributed three out of the top six issues.

Fenny Compton Traffic Group was formed in October 2007 to address all traffic-related issues affecting the village. One of its first actions was to request a comprehensive traffic survey from Warwickshire County Council; this was to provide evidence to support the perceptions reported in the survey. This was carried out over a three week period in January 2008 measuring the number, size and speed of vehicle traffic in both directions via the three entrances to the village.

Speeding

84% of households are concerned about the level of speeding through the village. The results from the traffic survey showed that more than 80% of traffic exceeded the 30mph speed limit along the roads entering the village.

ACTION: The Traffic Group will put forward proposals to reduce speeding

Lorry Traffic

The volume of lorry traffic is one of the most emotive issues facing Fenny Compton. 82% of households are concerned about the number of HGVs passing through the village. The sources of this traffic are varied: businesses within the parish, deliveries to the shop and through traffic.

The traffic survey showed that on average more than 100 HGVs pass through the village every working day. Nearly half are associated with a single operator based in the parish.

More than three-quarters of households supported restrictions on lorries passing through the village.

ACTION: The Traffic Group will put forward proposals to reduce HGV traffic through the village

Parking Causing Obstruction

In common with any other village, Fenny Compton has narrow roads. Nearly 70% of households are concerned about parking causing obstruction. The survey did not ask for specific details about where such issues exist, but problem areas are known to include the High Street, especially close to the shop and around the school, Church Street and Station Road.

Traffic Danger Spots

When asked about a number of specific traffic danger spots in the parish, almost 90% of households identified walking or driving under the railway bridge as an area of concern.

ACTION: The Traffic Group will put forward proposals to improve safety under the railway bridge for all road users

Public Transport

The residents of Fenny Compton stated that access to the road network and local towns was one of the things that made the village a good place to live, however, they also expressed concern about the lack of public transport. 40% of respondents believed it was an issue for the less able and for teenagers living in the village.

The survey suggested that if the bus service was better publicised and ran more frequently people would be more likely to use it.

ACTION: The Parish Council will investigate ways to improve transport to and from the village e.g. public transport, car sharing and Community Links.

In June 2009 a new daily bus service to Banbury was introduced.

A main line railway from Birmingham to London passes along the east side of the village. In the past Fenny Compton was served by two railway stations. These closed in 1952 and 1964 and the nearest stations are now Banbury and Leamington Spa. Many residents have asked for a railway station to be re-opened; however it has been suggested that there is insufficient capacity on the line to make this possible.

ACTION: The Parish Council will obtain a definitive answer as to whether the railway station could be re-opened

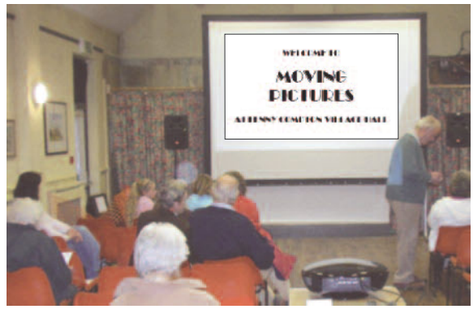
"It is a complete village i.e. it still has the school, post office, shop, and church and traditional village activities e.g. bowls, cricket, a sports field and village hall."

Local Facilities

Fenny Compton is fortunate to enjoy a number of facilities which are important to the community, including the doctors' surgery, shop, post office, fire station, village hall, school, sports field and playground.

Some of these, such as the post office, may be at risk of closure due to under-utilisation. Others may appear safe for the moment but events outside the parish's control, such as changes in national or regional policies or the redevelopment of Southam, may place some of them under threat.

The range of facilities and amenities provide employment, act as meeting places to support a sense of community, and provide vital services to those who find travel out of the parish difficult.



The Village Hall

Fenny Compton's Village Hall was originally built in the 1920's and extensively refurbished in 2001. As well as providing a venue for several community groups to meet on a weekly basis, the hall hosts frequent social events. The fabric of the building is starting to show its age; the building is expensive to heat and has recently been found to suffer from extensive wet rot. A further problem is the lack of off street parking.

ACTION: The Village Hall Committee will improve the appearance and ambience of the Village Hall

94% of households believe the village hall is important to the village and 23% of households use the hall on a regular basis (weekly or monthly). A further 56% of households use the hall occasionally. The survey invited residents to indicate their support for a range of new activities at the hall. The most popular suggestions were: village cinema (41%), Pilates classes (27%), social evenings and charity events (both 21%).

ACTION: The Village Hall Committee will extend the range of activities provided at the Village Hall

The village cinema started in autumn 2007 but has had limited support. A Pilates class also started in autumn 2007 but closed when the instructor had to leave for personal reasons.

ACTION: The Village Hall Committee will try to reinstate the Pilates class

The Post Office

Fenny Compton's previous Post Office on the High Street closed in 1999. In 2002 it was reopened in an annex to the Village Hall. The cost of maintaining the Post Office in the village is subsidised by a substantial donation from the Parish Council.

97% of households in the village think the Post Office is important, and 57% of households use it at least monthly. Unfortunately there were a number of adverse comments about the Post Office in the survey, mostly related to a failure to adhere to the published opening hours. Subsequently in March 2009 the Post Office made the decision to close the Fenny Compton branch. This will be replaced by an Outreach service which is expected to commence in September 2009 subject to repairs that are required to the village hall floor.

The Fire Station

Fenny Compton has had its own fire engine for many years, previously operating out of the barns behind The Merrie Lion; the current station opened in 1965. Having a fire station in the village provides employment to

residents and 96% of households believe that the Fire Station is important to the village.

There is likely to be a review of fire station provision in Warwickshire during 2009.

ACTION: The Parish Council will represent local views in the Fire Service review

The Doctors' Surgery

Fenny Compton has an excellent doctors' surgery. It was rated as 'important' by 100% of respondents to the survey.

Public Houses

There are two public houses in the parish: The Merrie Lion in the centre of the village and The Wharf Inn on Wharf Road.

A number of households expressed a desire for the Merrie Lion to be more welcoming and more family-friendly. Informal discussions with the landlord have failed to identify a way forward.

The Shop

Fenny Compton has a popular shop, which provides all the essentials and has long opening hours. It was rated as 'important' by 99% and is used weekly by 88% of households.

The School

Fenny Compton's first school was built in 1833 and a larger infant school was completed in 1864. Modern classrooms were added at different times, with large extensions in 1972 and 1998.

By this time all the neighbouring villages had lost their village schools; the Dassett Primary School now serves Avon Dassett, Northend, Knightcote and Farnborough as well as Fenny Compton.

The school enjoys an excellent reputation and is supported by an active group of 'Friends'.

Communication

Most of the village feel that communication is of a high standard. The Compton Chronicle, notice boards and fliers are all considered to be effective ways of spreading the word.

The Sports Field and Recreation

Around 9 in 10 households consider the Sports Field and the Playground to be important to the parish. 60% of households use the Sports Field at least 'occasionally' and the equivalent figure for the Playground is 47%.

70% of households using the sports field and 56% of those using the playground were satisfied with their maintenance.

There is a wish among the main users of the sports pavilion (i.e. the Cricket Club, the Football Club and the Colts) for improvements to the pavilion. In the short term they would like to see relatively inexpensive improvements to the existing building. In the longer term they would like to see the replacement of the existing building by a more permanent structure which would be easier to maintain.

ACTION: The Parish Council will improve the sports pavilion

ACTION: The Parish Council will conduct a feasibility study to consider replacing the sports pavilion

One additional sports facility was supported by a significant number of households – 25% expressed an interest in the provision of a tennis court.

ACTION: The Parish Council will investigate providing a tennis court on the Sports Field

The Fenny Compton Playground Group has been working for some time on the provision of improved playground facilities for children, initially for the under 8's, and then for the older age groups. Support for these improvements was found in the results of the questionnaire. Proposals for the under 8's area have been obtained and sources of funding are currently being investigated.

ACTION: The Parish Council will improve playground facilities for children aged 2 to 7

ACTION: The Parish Council will improve playground facilities for children aged 8+

"A beautiful, quiet and rural location with access to lovely walks and the countryside and a friendly community."

Facilities for Young People

Fenny Compton is a rural village, and as such the level of facilities for young people is naturally limited. Although access to the countryside is good, access to other leisure facilities such as shops and sports centres is hindered by distance and the lack of public transport. It is therefore unsurprising that when households were asked to assess the quality of facilities for particular age groups, those for young people scored very low: only 6% of households assessed those for 13-17 year olds as 'adequate' and not a single respondent thought they were 'good'. Similarly only 9% thought facilities for 18-24 year olds were 'adequate' or 'good'.

The lack of facilities for these age groups may contribute to concerns about anti-social behaviour, which was the highest area of concern for crime.

The number of residents in these age groups in the parish is relatively small – only 9% of the population are between 13 and 24. However the high proportion of children aged 5-12 means that the issue of facilities for the older age groups is likely to become even more pressing over the next few years.

A survey of young people from the village who attend Kineton High School (predominantly in the age range 11 to 16) was carried out in May 2008. This confirmed that the main issues for young people were a lack of facilities and a lack of public transport. There was some support for a youth club in the village with more than 60% saying they would use it 'sometimes' or 'often'.

ACTION: The Parish Council will investigate the feasibility of introducing a youth club

ACTION: The Parish Council will consider utilising the District Council's mobile skateboard facility on the Sports Field

ACTION: The Parish Council will investigate ways to improve public transport to and from the village

The Village Environment

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling was identified as the biggest issue for the village environment, with 74% of households being concerned. There are a number of dog bins in the village but these are away from the main thoroughfares. Opinion was evenly split on whether more bins were the answer.

ACTION: The Parish Council will review the provision of dog bins in the village

Flood Prevention

A local volunteer group, Aqueous, was founded following an incident in 1998 when 22 houses were flooded. A flood prevention scheme was implemented in 2000 that involved the building of a dam as part of a water retention scheme in Hall Yard. The group's main activities currently include the maintenance of the village's streams, ditches and culverts.

The Parish Plan survey was undertaken in June 2007, just before two significant national flooding events. Although Fenny Compton was virtually cut off at the height of both incidents, only a handful of properties experienced minor water ingress into the living area, proving the value of the scheme implemented in 2000.

The timing of the survey may account for the relatively low proportion (33%) of households being concerned about the risk of flooding – fewer than were concerned about dog fouling, litter or noise pollution – or it may be a reflection of the work already done by Aqueous.

Nevertheless, the survey did identify some concern with maintenance of the drainage system, this being the factor contributing most to flooding.

Due to the events of summer 2007, flood prevention has become a high priority nationally and increased funding has been made available for flood prevention measures.

More recently, in September 2008 Fenny Compton suffered serious localised flooding, which affected many houses in the Bridge Street and Brook Street areas.

ACTION: Aqueous will review the condition and effectiveness of current flood prevention measures

ACTION: Stratford-on-Avon District Council, in partnership with Warwickshire County Council and other agencies such as Severn Trent Water and British Waterways, will coordinate an investigation into the causes of the recent flooding in the parish and make proposals for flood mitigation measures

ACTION: Stratford-on-Avon District Council, in partnership with Warwickshire County Council and other agencies such as Severn Trent Water and British Waterways will endeavour to identify funding for the agreed flood mitigation measures

ACTION: Fenny Compton Parish Council will ensure adequate maintenance of relevant village infrastructure such as drains and streams

Footpaths

Fenny Compton has over twelve miles of public footpaths, most of which link up with others in adjacent parishes. Ten years ago a group of volunteers formed Fenny Compton Footpath 2000 under the sponsorship of Warwickshire County Council and began the restoration of our system of footpaths. Although the restoration work is largely complete, the workload of the ongoing maintenance of the footpaths is considerable and the group needs more volunteers.

83% of households indicated that they would find maps or leaflets of local walks useful and more than half wanted to see improvements to existing paths.

ACTION: The Footpaths Group will produce and distribute leaflets of local walks

ACTION: The Footpaths Group will continue to maintain all footpaths

Crime and Emergency Services

We are fortunate to live in a village where serious crime is a rarity. Residents listed antisocial behaviour, vandalism and graffiti and under-age drinking as their main causes for concern; these were however seen as less important than traffic or dog-fouling.

On a more positive note, those who have had reason to call the police are generally satisfied with the speed of the response.

Similarly, those who have called an ambulance are generally satisfied with the response time and over 80% of households were aware of the First Responders.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch has been operating in Fenny Compton for several years, although the entire village is not yet covered.

The results of the survey showed that awareness of Neighbourhood Watch was very good but some respondents requested wider coverage and better availability of contact details. Both these issues have been addressed by the use of NW Newletters; however additional coordinators would be welcome to support the existing team

ACTION: Neighbourhood Watch will recruit additional coordinators to give 100% coverage of the village

"Lots of opportunties to become involved in village life"

Local Government

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government and the closest to the electors of the parish. Amongst its main responsibilities are the maintenance of parish assets, the provision and maintenance of public open spaces (which include sport, recreation and play facilities), the provision of allotments and the provision and maintenance of seats, litter bins and dog bins.

62% of households indicated that they knew their Parish Councillors and nearly 80% knew how to contact the Council. Much of the feedback in the survey demonstrated a need for better communication from the Parish Council.

ACTION: The Parish Council will review how it communicates with the parish

ACTION: The Parish Council will provide more information about who the councillors are and what the Parish Council does

ACTION: The Parish Council will consider ways to improve engagement with the community

Housing and Local Development

"We have a beautiful village and we need to work together to keep it that way". This was one resident's response to a question in the Parish Plan Survey but could equally be a mission statement for us all. It is the wish of the majority to preserve and enhance the character of the village.

Housing

There was a general view that no further large scale residential developments should be supported. Over 70% of households would, however, support development to satisfy the local housing needs identified by a Housing Needs Survey.

ACTION: Warwickshire Rural Community Council will carry out a further Housing Needs Survey

This Housing Needs Survey was carried out in Fenny Compton in May 2008. Around 100 households participated in the survey, of which 70% (the same proportion as in the Parish Plan Survey) were in favour of a small development to meet the needs of local people. Thirteen housing needs were identified, of which three are suitable for owner occupier homes and the remaining ten will be rented.

ACTION: Fenny Compton Parish Council and Warwickshire Rural Community Council will investigate options to meet the needs identified in the Housing Needs Survey

Local Development

Through the Parish Plan Survey, many households indicated they would not support further commercial, industrial or tourism development in Fenny Compton.

ACTION: The Parish Council will reflect the findings of the Parish Plan survey when responding to planning applications

ACTION: The District Council will consider the findings of the Parish Plan survey when deciding planning applications

The Parish Plan supports the District Design Guide, which states that:

"To achieve the objectives of this guide the central focus is the distinctive, local quality of the District." The guidance works on the basis that new development should share some of the characteristics that define the area in which it is located.

Any changes within or extension of the village should respect its character and if possible enhance the immediate area. Key vistas from within the village should also be protected. The Parish Plan is now a 'local information source' and a 'material planning consideration', and should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- Stratford-on-Avon District Design Guide (Issue 1: 2001)
- Supplementary Planning Guidance – Meeting the needs of the District's rural communities (April 2003)
- The Countryside Design Summary
- The Stratford-on-Avon Character Map
- Fenny Compton Village Design Statement (1998)

What Happens Next?

The Parish Action Plan was developed in full consultation with the Parish Council. The formal adoption of the Parish Plan and Action Plan in September 2008 by the Parish Council, and as a 'local information source' and a 'material planning consideration' in March 2009 by Stratford-on-Avon District Council, ensures that the document will become part of future planning guidance in the parish. Some of the actions listed have already been implemented, some are under detailed consideration, while others will be delegated to community groups as appropriate. More extensive long-term plans will depend not only on access to external funding, but on the level of support given to a range of pilot schemes which will be run by volunteers. Working groups may be formed, reporting back to the Parish Council, who will monitor progress and keep the Action Plan under constant review.

Fenny Compton Action Plan

Theme	Objective	Actions	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Partners	Resource Implications
Traffic	Reduce HGV traffic through the village	Undertake a traffic survey to provide authoritative data on the scale of the problem	High	Complete	Fenny Compton Traffic Group	Warwickshire County Council Fenny Compton Parish Council Northend Traffic Group	Funded by WCC
		Engage with local businesses to investigate ways to reduce the volume of HGV traffic	High	Ongoing			None
		Put forward proposals to reduce HGV traffic through the village	High	Medium – 2009			WCC would fund; contribution may be required from Parish Council
	Reduce speed of all traffic through the village	Undertake a traffic survey to provide authoritative data on the scale of the problem	High	Complete	Fenny Compton Traffic Group	Warwickshire County Council Fenny Compton Parish Council	Funded by WCC
		Put forward proposals to reduce speeding	High	Medium – 2009			WCC would fund; contribution may be required from Parish Council
	Improve the safety of the road under the railway bridge	Put forward proposals to improve safety under the railway bridge for all road users	High	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Traffic Group	Warwickshire County Council Fenny Compton Parish Council Network Rail	WCC may fund; contribution may be required from Parish Council
Local Transport	Re-open the railway station	Obtain a definitive answer as to whether the railway station could be re-opened	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Network Rail Chiltern Railways	None
	Improve access to public transport	Investigate ways to improve transport to and from the village, e.g. public transport, car sharing, Community Links	High	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Stratford-on-Avon District Council Warwickshire County Council Local bus companies	Subsidy may be required

Fenny Compton Action Plan (cont.)

Theme	Objective	Actions	Priority	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Partners	Resource Implications
Facilities for young people	Improve facilities within the village	Survey young people to establish their priorities	Medium	Complete	Parish Plan Steering Group	Kineton High School	Printing
		Investigate the feasibility of introducing a youth club to the village	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Warwickshire County Council	Funding would be required if a club was to be established
		Consider utilising the District Council's mobile skateboard facility on the Sports Field	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Stratford-on-Avon District Council	None
Recreation and Sports Field	Improve and extend facilities for children	Improve playground facilities for children aged 2 to 7	High	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Stratford-on-Avon District Council Playground Group	Will require sponsorship/ grants to be obtained
		Improve playground facilities for children aged 8+	High	Medium – 2010	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Stratford-on-Avon District Council Playground Group	Will require sponsorship/ grants to be obtained
	Improve sports facilities for children and adults	Investigate providing a tennis court on the Sports Field	Medium	Long – beyond 2010	Fenny Compton Parish Council		Will require sponsorship/ grants to be obtained
		Improve the sports pavilion	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Sports Clubs	Will require support from local groups and businesses
		Conduct a feasibility study to consider replacing the sports pavilion	Low	Long – beyond 2010	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Sports Clubs	Will require sponsorship/ grants to be obtained

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Village Hall	Improve the quality of facilities	Improve the appearance and ambiance of the Village Hall	Medium	Medium – 2009	Village Hall Committee		Sufficient funds in hand to commence work
		Consider new multi-function village hall	Low	Long – beyond 2010	Village Hall Committee	Village Community as a whole Fenny Compton Parish Council	Multiple grants, loans and fund raising from business
	Provide a wider range of activities	Show films through the Rural Cinema initiative	High	Ongoing	Village Hall Committee	Stratford-on-Avon District Council Rural Cinema Project	None
		Reinstate the Pilates class	High	Medium – 2009	Village Hall Committee	Pilates teacher	None
		Extend the range of activities provided at the Village Hall	Medium	Medium – 2009	Village Hall Committee	Activity organisers	None
Neighbourhood Watch	Raise awareness	Raise awareness through publicity and open meetings	High	Ongoing	NW Coordinators	Southam Safer Neighbourhoods Team	Funds provided by Fenny Compton Parish Council
	Expand coverage	Recruit additional coordinators to give 100% coverage of the village	High	Medium – 2009	NW Coordinators		None

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Village Communication	Village Directory	Investigate the possibility of creating a Village Directory	Medium	Medium - 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	All Residents	None
Local Facilities	Ensure future of Post Office services in Fenny Compton	Ensure village concerns are fed into the Post Office's Network Change consultation process	High	Complete	Fenny Compton Parish Council	The Post Office	None
	Address village concerns relating to level of service from Post Office	Raise concerns with sub-postmaster	High	Complete	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Sub-postmaster	None
		Raise concerns with Post Office	High	Complete	Fenny Compton Parish Council	The Post Office	None
	Secure future of Fire Station	Represent local views in the Fire Service review	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Warwickshire Fire Service	None
	Allotment provision	Investigate options for providing allotments	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Local landowners	Possible costs of land and/or utilities
Local Government	Improve communication of Parish Council decisions to the village	Review how the Parish Council communicates with the parish	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council		None/minimal
	Improve engagement between the Parish Council and the village	Provide more information about who the Parish Councillors are and what the Parish Council does	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council		Printing
		Consider ways to improve engagement with the community	Medium	Medium – 2009	Fenny Compton Parish Council		Venue costs Publicity

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Access to the countryside	Improve awareness of walks within the parish	Produce and distribute leaflets of local walks. Ensure updates are available on the village website	Medium	Medium – 2009	Footpaths Group	Fenny Compton Parish Council Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Cost of printing etc Cost of running the website
	Continue to maintain and improve the footpath network	Continue to maintain all footpaths	Medium	Ongoing	Footpaths Group	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Volunteers needed
The Village Environment	Better recycling information	Provide more information about recycling service	Medium	Complete	Stratford-on-Avon District Council		Will be funded by SDC
	Reduce dog fouling in the village	Review the provision of dog bins in the village	Medium	Complete	Fenny Compton Parish Council		Cost of bins
	Continue to maintain flood prevention measures	Review the condition and effectiveness of current flood prevention measures	High	Complete	Aqueous	Fenny Compton Parish Council	None
		Coordinate an investigation into the causes of the recent flooding in the parish and make proposals for flood mitigation measures	High	Complete	Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Aqueous Parish residents Warwickshire County Council Severn Trent Water British Waterways	
		Endeavour to identify funding for the agreed flood mitigation measures	High	Medium – 2009	Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Warwickshire County Council Severn Trent Water British Waterways	
		Ensure adequate maintenance of relevant village infrastructure such as drains and streams	High	Ongoing	Fenny Compton Parish Council	Aqueous Warwickshire County Council Riparian owners	Volunteers needed

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Housing and Local Development	Preserve the character of the village	Reflect the findings of the Parish Plan survey when responding to planning applications	Medium	Ongoing	Fenny Compton Parish Council		None
		Consider the findings of the Parish Plan survey when deciding planning applications	Medium	Ongoing	Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Fenny Compton Parish Council	None
	Meet local housing needs	Support development to meet local housing needs (see below)	High	Ongoing	Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Fenny Compton Parish Council	None
		Carry out a further Housing Needs Survey	High	Complete	Warwickshire Rural Community Council	Fenny Compton Parish Council	None
		Investigate options to meet the needs identified in the survey	High	Medium – 2009	Warwickshire Rural Community Council	Fenny Compton Parish Council Stratford-on-Avon District Council Housing Associations	None