

Parish Plan Update April 2013

Introduction

The Linkinhorne Parish Plan was published in 2002 following a survey of parish residents. A second parish survey was carried out in 2010 with a view to updating the parish plan. The survey questionnaire for the 2011 survey was produced in a different format from the 2002 survey to enable all household members to complete the questionnaire. As a result it has not been possible to compare accurately the findings of the 2011 survey with those of the 2002 survey.

This parish plan update looks at the progress made against actions listed in the 2002 survey and provides a summary of the 2011 survey results.

Section 1 Progress against actions in the 2002 Parish Plan

The sections follow the format of the 2002 Parish Plan. Since 2002 Cornwall Council has taken over all district council duties but references to Caradon District Council (CDC) has been left in as matters would have been referred to them at the time.

Employment

Issues

- Business opportunities and home working within the parish should be encouraged
- Need for IT and distance learning facilities
- Appropriate siting of new businesses

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
Request CDC to include paragraphs in the plan relating to planning consent for businesses as SPG in Local plan or Local Development framework.	Achieved Now Unitary Authority whose Local Plan is under consideration	No specific action taken in parish. Support of planning applications for local business development. Currently 25 businesses listed on the parish website. A variety of businesses advertise in the Link serving the residents of the parish.
Increase opportunities for computer training, distance learning and access to computers in the parish.	Achieved. Computer courses run at STERTS supported through UK on line centres. Further funding could be accessed.	Home ownership of computers has increased considerably since 2002. Introduction of broadband has improved opportunities for home working.
CDC and CCC to establish and maintain list of potential home workers + companies willing to offer opportunities.	Not achieved	No further action.

Housing

Issues

- Need for affordable housing for local families
- No further housing development

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
Request CDC to include paragraphs in the plan relating to low cost housing, infill proposals and new build as SPG in Local plan or Local Development framework.	Proposals for new affordable housing on infill plots contrary to Development Plan policies therefore not included in SPG. Other issues included.	No change
Determine the actual need for low cost housing then contact a Housing Trust	Achieved	Development of affordable housing completed at Marke Valley View Upton Cross.

Transport and Highways

Issues

- Lack bus services
- Speed of traffic and heavy goods vehicles on narrow lanes
- Safety of walkers, cyclists and horse riders
- On-road parking
- School run
- Road conditions – junctions and corners

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
Liaison with County Council and local omnibus companies to improve the service specific to requirements. Then ensure it is adequately publicised. Examination of innovative schemes for remote areas.	Not liaising with CC. In progress.	Callington-Liskeard service which served Upton Cross once a day has been withdrawn. Still operates through Pensilva. Launceston-Liskeard service operates Mon-Fri.
Bus shelters provided where needed.	No progress on installation of shelter at Upton Cross.	Land identified for future project. Include on new action plan.
Liaise with CCC, SDC, PC,	Installation of traffic	Speed checks undertaken by

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
and Constabulary for appropriate measures to reduce vehicle speeds throughout the parish.	calming scheme at Upton Cross.	Police, Community Speed Watch Team, and Upton Cross Primary School children when requested.
Installation cattle grid to the west of Henwood.	No progress	No consensus on location of grid. On hold.
Undertake survey to determine need & possible routes for non-motorised traffic. Negotiate with relevant landowners for permissive rights. Work on gates, stiles and surfaces.	Permissive path from STERTS to Netherton.	Permission under threat of withdrawal as dog walkers stray off paths and walk around filed.
LPC to liaise with Constabulary and CCC, also contractors with a view to reducing heavy goods vehicles using country lanes.	Agreement to install unsuitable of HGVs sign at Treovis Cross & Treovis.	Ruag deliveries (Lower Lake) causing difficulties. Signing only advisory as no legislation to support. Increase in unsuitable vehicles using country lanes due to increased use of satellite navigation devices.
Liaise with CCC, CDC and Constabulary regarding existing and new provision of facilities to reduce on-road parking. CDC to adopt policy regarding parking for new dwellings.	No progress. Policy on new dwelling parking included in SPG.	CC introduced parking restrictions at Upton Cross School (zig zag yellow lines)
Thorough investigation of alternative means of providing routes/transport to school to reduce impact of school run		Walking bus in summer months. Upton Cross School minibus supported by local business.

Countryside and Landscape

Issues

- Preservation of the existing landscape
- Preservation of mine buildings
- Appointment of moorland ranger

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
Caradon District Council to adopt policies listed in the plan related to planning	Achieved	Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project is carrying out a number of conservation

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
proposals for development. Issues around environmental impact, landscape and heritage features.		projects to include West Caradon and Craddock Moor, New Phoenix and West Phoenix Mines and South Caradon Mine
Area to be designated as sensitive and moorland ranger appointed as Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000.	Insufficient funds to appoint ranger.	Area has AONB, AGLV and World Heritage status which offers some protection.

The Village Environment

Issues

- Villages should not be spoilt
- Control of signs and advertising
- Lighting, overhead wires, litter and dog fouling
- Upton Cross and Darley Ford roads
- Conservation area status for Linkinhorne village

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
Caradon District Council to adopt policies in the plan related to conservation areas, signage, advertising, lighting and overhead cables as SPG to the Local Plan or Local Development Framework.	Achieved	Cornwall Council Local Plan under consultation
Complete a survey of signs in the parish with a view to rationalisation.	Not achieved	Insufficient resources to carry out survey
Organise a meeting to discuss conservation area status for Linkinhorne village.	Not achieved	No further action
Full analysis of survey responses on litter and dog fouling and undertaking trial in one or two locations.	Not achieved	Problem area targeted periodically by residents. Litter pickers group. Dog poo bins need on roadside to facilitate collection. Residents object to locations near their homes. Situation under constant review.

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
Secure animal and wind proof containers for refuse in moorland villages.		Refuse still a problem. Carry forward to new action plan.
Meeting with LPC, CDC, CCC and appropriate businesses to discuss screening of premises at Upton Cross and Darley Ford.	Darley Ford tidied up. Recycling site closed.	Upton Cross site still outstanding. Carry forward to new action plan
Lobby providers of electricity with assistance of CDC to discuss reduction of overhead wires.	Unrealistic action.	No further action

Tourism

Issues

- Maximise use of existing accommodation within the parish
- How to maintain or slightly increase revenue from tourism without impacting on the facilities of the parish and the fragile environment
- Impact of caravans on the visual amenity of the area

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
Publish leaflet giving details of all forms of accommodation within the parish.	Not achieved.	Information available through internet.
Area to be designated as sensitive and moorland ranger appointed.	Not achieved.	AONB, AGLV and World Heritage status
CDC to adopt policies in the plan relating to static caravan touring caravan and camping sites as SPG to the Local Plan or Local Development Framework.	Included in SPG	CC Local Plan currently under consultation.

Recreation & Leisure

Issues

- Provision of cricket field and pavilion at Upton Cross
- Facilities for teenagers
- More circular walks needed, especially those avoiding roads
- Play area at Rilla Mill

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
<p>CDC to adopt policies in the plan relating to preserving and developing the recreational area at Upton Cross as SPG to Local Plan or Local Development Framework</p> <p>Determine possibility of purchasing land for recreational uses</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Recreation committee formed among residents to revive Jubilee Field play area. Delayed due to possible Linkinhorne Parish Hall development.</p> <p>Land owner of neighbouring field has agreed in principle.</p>	<p>No progress or report</p> <p>In progress</p>
<p>Provision of outdoor and indoor facilities for teenagers.</p>	<p>Damage to outdoor facilities led to removal</p>	<p>Drop in at Cross Link centre meets weekly. New goal net in Jubilee Field. CC considering installation of skate board ramp.</p>
<p>CDC to adopt policies in the plan relating to provision of adequate footpath and cycleway links to proposed developments as SPG to Local Plan or Local Development Framework.</p> <p>Identify possible off-road routes to key destinations</p>	<p>Achieved.</p> <p>Public rights of way maintained.</p>	<p>No further routes identified.</p>
<p>Reinstatement of play equipment at Rilla Mill and continued maintenance and upgrading of all facilities within the parish.</p>	<p>Play equipment at Parsons Meadow reinstated.</p>	<p>On-going maintenance of all play equipment within the parish. In progress.</p>

Community Services

Issues

- Retention of primary school, parish and village hall, public conveniences at Upton Cross
- Provision of multi-functional hall with small room for doctor or other therapists
- GP facility in the parish and prescription collection
- Provision of photocopying, fax, laminating etc.
- Parish magazine delivered to every house
- Adult education classes in the parish
- Recycling
- Farmers market
- Pre School Mother and Toddler Group
- Neighbourhood Watch needed

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
Continue to support an active community school attracting children from all over the parish.	School continues to thrive and has won awards for energy conservation.	In progress
Maintenance of existing facilities in Rilla Mill and provision of new hall in Upton Cross.	Both halls continue to operate for variety of community uses. No progress on new hall for Upton Cross	Upton Cross Parish Hall to hold public meeting in Spring 2013 to assess community support for the hall. Review in future local plan
Discussions with interested parties to bring health facilities closer to rural communities to reduce car use and assist less mobile residents.		Prescription collection service currently operated by Church Pastoral Team.
Retention of public conveniences at Upton Cross and Minions preferably by the CDC	Parish Council taken over maintenance of conveniences at Upton Cross	In need of renovation re disabled action and hand washing facilities. Contract with Cormac for cleaning has recently been agreed.
Provision of office and banking facilities in the parish	Limited cash withdrawal at Post Office Upton Cross (not all banks covered)	Achieved. Part-time post office established at Rilla Mill village hall.
Investigate provision of Link to all households in the parish	Available in Upton Cross Shop. Delivery to household dependent on volunteers.	

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
Lobby adult education service to provide classes or arrange with colleges.	Reduction in subsidies have resulted in centre-based course.	CHAHP sponsored courses. Adult education would provide courses if there was sufficient numbers and appropriate courses.
Establish a recycling centre within the parish	Recycling facilities provided at STERTS.	Household recycling now provided through Cornwall Council. STERTS facility now abandoned.
Establish a farmers and local producers market in the parish	Market established at Upton Cross hall then moved to Rilla Mill.	Market closed in 2012 due to lack of support. There continues to be a range of local produce available notably meat, poultry and cheese. Free range eggs widely available. A number of veg box schemes also deliver to the area.
Establishment of a purpose built pre-school at Upton Cross close to the school.	Early Years Unit established at Upton Cross Primary School	Little Links playgroup for under 5's Upton Cross Fund Club – pre-school provision for children from 2.5 years.
Arrange meeting to set up Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Not achieved	
CDC to adopt policy in the plan related to location of telecommunications sites as SPG.	Achieved	

Environmental Change

Issues

- Excess surface water
- River flooding
- Concern about possible wind turbines on the moor

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
CDC to adopt policies in the plan related to drainage, flooding and development of renewable forms of energy as SPG to the Local Plan or Local Development	Achieved. Development of renewable forms of energy would be supported subject to them having no	Constantly under review given changes in weather patterns and degrees of severity.

Action	What has happened since 2002?	Current status
Framework.	adverse visual or audio impact in the AONB or AGLV. Planning approval for installation of solar farm within the parish.	

Section 2 – Summary of results from the 2010 Parish Survey

Introduction

The parish council together with a number of volunteers involved in the 2002 survey met in 2010 to organise a follow-up survey. It was agreed that residents' views would be more representative if all household members could complete the questionnaire. Rather than send multiple copies to each household the questionnaires were designed so that up to 5 members of a household could fill it in. 679 questionnaires were sent out by post. 299 (44%) were returned. From the number of respondents who completed the personal information relating to age and gender it can be deduced that approximately 635 people completed all or parts of the questionnaire. As stated in the introduction the 2002 and 2010 surveys used different methodologies so it has not been possible to compare the findings of the two surveys. Each section of the survey is summarised.

Personal Information

Of those who responded to the question 'which village or hamlet do you live closest to?' the numbers were as follows:

Rilla Mill	97
Upton Cross	67
Henwood	35
Minions	27
Linkinhorne	22
Treovis	13
Bray Shop	7
Other	9
Total	277

The results of the survey indicate that there is a predominance of people within the 41-65 years age group.

Housing and Accommodation

227 respondents answered the home ownership question. Of these the majority (86%) were owner occupiers; 8% were council or housing association rented; 4% privately rented; 1% shared ownership. The majority of respondents currently seeking accommodation (now or within 5 years) were looking for detached houses to rent.

Parish Housing Requirements

Respondents were asked what type of housing the parish needs over the next 5 years for various groups. The most favoured for each group were:

Single people – Housing association for rent or low cost to buy
 Couples – low cost housing to buy
 Young families – low cost housing to buy
 Larger families – low cost housing to buy
 Older people – sheltered housing
 Disabled – sheltered housing

Comments on further housing development

Although there were a number of comments expressing concern about any further development the majority suggested type and location of any new housing. Low cost affordable housing for local people was the main type of housing considered necessary. New developments should be within or close to existing villages taking into account facilities such as shop, school, bus services etc. Upton Cross being the most mentioned village.

Action: The Parish Council to identify needs and realistic types of delivery possibly as part of a Neighbourhood Plan

Employment

The global financial crisis, subsequent recession and public sector cutbacks are likely to have affected residents' employment status and businesses in the parish. On the other hand progress in the field of computers, communications technology and the introduction of broadband has improved opportunities for working at home. Many households now have their own computers and the library at Upton Cross still retains a public access computer.

Employment status

593 respondents answered the employment status question, of these 158 (26%) said they were in full time employment; 50 (8.5%) part time; 20 (3%) seeking employment.

Working from home

66 (11%) of the 593 respondents stated that they worked from home. Respondents were asked to state the nature of their business. These included agriculture, service industries, education/training, IT, creative (writing/art/music), building, child and health care, charity sector and sales.

Working within the parish

288 respondents answered the location of employment question, of these 73 (25%) worked in the parish of Linkinhome; 87 (30%) within 10 miles; 79 (27%) within 25 miles and 49 (17%) more than 25 miles.

Employment opportunities within the parish

Agriculture, tourism and small workshops remain the type of employment thought to be most appropriate for the parish. Other suggestions included retail outlets, small offices and factories, quarrying, adult residential care and transport.

Location of small workshops, industrial units etc.

Respondents showed a preference for workshops to be located away from villages.

Internet Access

219 respondents now (2010) have internet access, 205 of these have broadband. 133 said broadband speed was adequate for their purposes.

Tourism

171 respondents said that tourism should remain as it is now and 87 said tourism should be encouraged to expand. Those respondents favouring expansion of tourism said that the natural beauty of the landscape; historical associations; archaeological heritage and outdoor activities such as walking and cycling should be stressed in marketing literature. Other issues mentioned were a need for more B&B and self-catering accommodation, improved signing, information boards and using STERTS to its full potential.

Action: walks' booklet currently under review by volunteers in PRow committee

Transport and Highways

Bus services

41 respondents said they used the local bus service. At present there is only one bus serving the parish which runs between Launceston and Liskeard Monday to Friday. The bus serves a number of villages varying the route on certain days. Only 3 respondents said they used the bus on a daily basis and 12 on a weekly basis. 86 respondents had a free bus pass, 57 were eligible but had not applied for a pass.

Comments on bus services

Main issues were the general lack of buses serving the parish. The current bus service does not serve all villages and services are not frequent enough or at convenient times for getting to and from work. Destinations required were Callington, Launceston, Liskeard, Bodmin and Plymouth. Lack of information regarding services was also mentioned. 32 respondents were satisfied with the school/college bus services.

Car Parking

94 respondents said they had a problem with parking. 124 said they would use off road car parking if provided but only 51 were prepared to pay for it. 63 respondents used the car parks in Rilla Mill and Upton Cross village halls when not attending functions. 37 said they would be prepared to contribute towards cost of village hall car park maintenance. Car travel was by far the most popular form of transport used by respondents.

General State of Road Maintenance

134 respondents were satisfied with the general state of road maintenance in the parish. However there were a considerable number of comments regarding road maintenance problems.

Main issues

- Numerous potholes in the lanes throughout the parish which are not repaired
- Gullies/drains/drainage channels not cleared causing flooded roads
- Gritting too late or non-existent. More grit bins needed.

Major traffic problems or danger spots

- Traffic calming Upton Cross dangerous and not working
- Heavy goods vehicles on narrow lanes
- Vehicle speeds on lanes and through villages

- Poor visibility Halwinick Butts junction
- Car parking in Rilla Mill dangerous to through traffic
- HGVs to factory at Lower Lake causes damage to road hedges

Road signs

195 respondents said number and quality of road signs in the parish was about right; 46 said there were too many and 19 insufficient.

Main issues

- Too many signs Upton Cross-Upton
- Improve tourist signs
- Need more mph restrictions and warning signs

Livestock on the road/Cattle grids

48 respondents said that unattended livestock on the road was a problem. Since the questionnaire was issued a 40mph speed limit has been introduced on the unfenced stretch of the B3254 south west of Pensilva.

Main issues

- Unfenced road on B3254 (outside parish)
- Sheep on B3254
- Sheep escapees from fields wander lanes throughout parish
- 18 respondents said more cattle grids required – Minions and Henwood the most favoured locations

Pavements

73 respondents said they were happy with pavements in the parish. A number suggested more pavements were required in the parish but acknowledged the difficulty of installing these on narrow lanes. Respondents highlighted the following locations where pavements are required.

- Beyond Crista Court (towards Rilla Mill) in Upton Cross
- Connect Marke Valley View with Upton Cross pavement
- Upton Cross to Plashmill
- Minions
- Rilla Mill

Action:

The Parish Council :

to maintain pressure on Cornwall Council as responsible authority for highways' matters such as pot holes and unsatisfactory traffic calming

to encourage school to address car parking problems at drop-off/pick-up times

to encourage volunteers to identify unnecessary signs

to monitor bus service provision

to cost provision of supplementary grit bins/refills.

Speed checks currently being conducted by police authority

Health and Social Care

The majority of respondents (195) are registered with Pensilva Health Centre; 29 in Liskeard and 38 in Callington. 259 were satisfied with the daytime medical facilities. A number of respondents would welcome earlier, later and Saturday appointments. 127

were satisfied with out of hours medical facilities and 240 said they have no difficulty in obtaining doctors' appointments. Respondents were asked to rate a number of medical/social care services.

Dental Care

149 respondents said they were satisfied with the dental facilities in the area. However all comments made under this section (80+) were connected to the lack of and/or difficulty of accessing NHS dental care.

Action: none proposed

Community

Respondents were asked to indicate which parish facilities they had used in the past 12 months.

Facility	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Never
Parish Hall, Upton Cross	127	139	108	11
Village Hall, Rilla Mill	100	103	96	17
St. Paul's Room, Upton Cross	38	48	92	24
Upton Cross Stores & Post Office	325	101	40	9
Minions Shop & Tearooms	119	112	107	7
Chris Rounsevell, Butcher	140	87	58	23
Farm Shop, Tokenbury	41	68	98	26
Mobile Shops	25	9	77	33
Milk Delivery	35	1	64	36
Farmers Market, Rilla Mill (now ceased)	83	71	78	18
Supermarket Delivery	50	17	68	31
Caradon Hair Care, Caradon Town (now no longer operating from these premises)	51	33	65	29
Parson's Meadow, Rilla Mill	63	107	64	23
Children's Play Area, Rilla Mill	42	36	81	27
Jubilee Field (Recreation Field)	31	78	69	22
Children's Play Area, Upton Cross	39	57	53	31
Church House Inn, Linkinhorne	63	113	66	21

The Manor House Inn, Rilla Mill	97	120	96	16
Caradon Inn, Upton Cross	72	93	93	20
Cheesewring Hotel, Minions	85	122	97	14
Wheal Tor, Caradon Hill	10	58	100	24
Hurlers Halt, Minions	18	34	93	19
STERTS Theatre, Upton Cross	120	150	67	15
Mason's Garage	141	84	54	21

Parish Hall Upton Cross

266 respondents said they used the hall frequently or occasionally. 180 said the hall should be rebuilt or refurbished. The present site or the Jubilee field were the most favoured locations. 142 respondents thought the hall should be combined with other parish venues such as Upton Cross School, the church, STERTS and the parish council.

Libraries

The library is open for 3 sessions a week. 101 respondents said the opening hours were convenient. A number of respondents said they would like the library to be open other days of the week and some evenings and weekends. 183 respondents supported the continuation of the mobile library. Again some weekends and evenings would make the service more accessible.

Church and Chapel

38 respondents said they attended church or chapel on a regular basis, 113 occasionally and 120 never. 117 attended church within the parish. 128 said the local church or chapel catered for their needs.

Communications

Main sources of parish information/news were:

- The Link
- Word of mouth
- Shop
- Village notice boards
- Local newspapers

Mobile phone reception: 189 respondents said they had adequate mobile phone reception at home. Only 23 respondents had used a parish public telephone box in the last year. Upton Cross had the most users, followed by Henwood and Minions.

Internet access: 219 respondents had internet access at home and 205 had broadband. 133 were satisfied with their broadband speed.

Parish website: appears not to be well used with only 47 respondents saying they had accessed it. Comments were generally favourable particularly the history sections.

However it was felt that more regular updating was needed and more publicity (the Link?) would encourage greater usage.

The Link: The majority of comments about the parish magazine were favourable with many saying it was interesting and a good source of information. Suggestions for improvements included:

- Less advertising and more articles
- More feedback from parish events
- Print and presentation could be improved
- Include bus timetables
- Deliver to all residents
- Deliver free copies to all residents
- Earlier notification of events
- Introduce letters to the editor section
- Introduce buy/sell section

Action: Link responded immediately following survey

The Parish Council:

to review website

to support Parish Hall committee in refurbishment of hall

to monitor requirement re opening times of library

Education

Little Links Toddler Group. 38 respondents said that 2 sessions was insufficient and would be prepared to help with additional sessions.

Pre-school Upton Cross. 276 respondents said they would not be prepared to pay for pre-school sessions that were not government funded.

Choice of school. Respondents said that quality of education was the most important factor when choosing a school for children over 11 years of age.

Adult Education

165 respondents said they would be interested in adult education classes within the parish. Evening was the most favoured time for classes. Courses requested:

- Art/photography
- Computer skills
- Construction skills
- Cookery
- Crafts/sewing
- Car maintenance
- Creative writing
- Exercise classes/yoga/tai chi
- Horticulture
- Languages
- Local history
- Singing/dancing

Action:

The Parish Council:

to identify requirement/facilities for children and teenagers

Environment

Areas needing protection

Respondents were asked if there were any features in the parish that should be given protection. A number of respondents said the whole area should be protected. Specific locations mentioned included:

- Bodmin moor mine buildings/mine workings in other parts of parish
- Chapel in Rilla Mill
- Darley Oak
- Addicroft Mill
- Stara bridge and woods
- Hedges (cut down too frequently)
- Henwood and Minions village greens
- Views from Henwood; views to Dartmoor from Caradon Hill
- Jubilee Field
- Linkinhorne village – conservation status
- Parsons Meadow
- Sharp Tor and Slad moorland area
- St Paul's Church trees
- STERTS
- Beech trees at Ley/mature trees throughout parish
- Caradon Hill
- War memorial Upton Cross

Eyesores

Respondents were also asked if there were any eyesores they would like removed or hidden. The majority of comments were about the garages, parked coaches and derelict vehicles at Darley Ford and Upton Cross. Other eyesores mentioned were the observatory at Lower Lake; light pollution at Upton Cross; garage in Rilla Mill; overhead cables; parish hall, wind turbine Upton Cross School.

Renewable Energy

208 respondents said they would support a greater provision of renewable energy in the parish. Support (in order of preference) was expressed for the following forms of renewable energy. It should be noted that the survey was undertaken before applications for solar farms and larger wind turbines became more prevalent.

- Photo voltaic/solar roof panels (solar farms were not given as an option)
- Wind turbines
- Water turbines
- Ground source heating schemes

Flooding: respondents listed numerous locations throughout the parish that present flooding or potential flooding problems and require attention.

Footpaths

227 respondents were happy with the general state and number of footpaths in the parish. There were a number of problem areas highlighted summarised below.

Main issues

- at times Henwood to North Darley – muddy and impassable
- boggy ground Inadequate signing around Patrieda Barton – very
- metal stile at Stara bridge Too many stiles difficult for dogs to get over e.g.
- Stiles difficult for elderly to get over
- Pontins Piece – Minions to Gonnamena impassable because of bog/mud
- Preserve footpath between Nethererton and STERTS

Bridleways

172 respondents were happy with the general state and number of bridleways in the parish. Those who were not satisfied said that there was a lack of bridleways in the parish particularly for accessing the moor. Several mentioned horses using footpaths making the going difficult for walkers.

Allotments

Since the 2002 survey the parish council has provided allotments for parishioners. 122 respondents said they would like additional allotments to be provided. Locations suggested included:

- Anywhere suitable
- Close to housing
- Close to villages
- Investigate garden share scheme
- Henwood
- Linkinhorne village
- Minions
- Upton Cross area
- Rilla Mill/Rillaton
- Site at each village in the parish

Communal animal rearing

80 respondents felt it would be valuable to develop a communal facility for keeping food producing animals. The majority of respondents favoured pigs or poultry followed by sheep. A number of respondents thought animal rearing was best left to farmers.

Job/work exchange

106 respondents thought there was scope for a job/work exchange organisation and 41 said they would be prepared to help with the organisation.

Action:

The Parish Council:

to monitor eyesores through e.g. planning recommendations

to improve access to public rights' of way network e.g. replace stiles with gates

to monitor requirements for further allotments through the Linkinhome Allotment Holders' Association (LAHA)

Environmental Services

Since the survey was carried out the refuse and recycling collection is being undertaken by a different contractor.

Respondents rated the services as follows:

- Street cleaning – poor
- Road gritting – poor
- Refuse collection – good (previous contractor)
- Recycling collection – good (previous contractor)
- Public toilets – good

255 respondents said they recycled. Respondents commented on what would encourage them to recycle.

Main issues

- Collection unpredictable
- Containers for glass (these are now provided by new contractor)
- Would recycle more if facilities available e.g. plastic pot recycling
- Need garden waste collection (can subscribe to service with new contractor)
- Weekly collection

Litter/Dog Poo bins

124 respondents said they were happy with the number and location of litter and dog poo bins. However the majority of comments highlighted a serious lack of dog poo bins throughout the parish and more publicity to encourage use. Locations suggested were

Dog poo bins needed:

- In all villages
- Car parks at Minions and Caradon Hill
- Parish hall area
- Lane at back of STERTS
- Road to Rillaton
- Measham Lane
- More bins needed close to footpaths
- Plashmill lay by

Litter bins needed:

- Litter bin at Minions needs to be more prominent
- Car park at Minions
- Kersbrook Cross lay-bys (school bus)

Rubbish skip: 194 respondents said they would use a rubbish skip if it was provided in their locality.

Action:**The Parish Council:**

to identify suitable locations for and cost provision and emptying of dog and litter bins
to undertake emergency planning arrangements

Planning Matters

Respondents were asked if they thought the parish was adequately protected by current Conservation Area protection conditions: 122 respondents said they were not aware of them; 78 were satisfied and 23 dissatisfied.

219 respondents thought it was very important that new building developments matched existing styles of surrounding buildings.

General Matters

The majority of comments under general matters were also made under other sections questionnaire. One issue not mentioned elsewhere was facilities for children and teenagers such as skateboarding facilities drop in centre, youth club, football and bike mechanic club.

Action plan

The objective of the action plan is to identify actions from the previous plan that can still be progressed and achievable actions from the most recent survey. It is recognised that the Parish Council has only limited resources to undertake additional project work after carrying out its statutory duties therefore volunteers have been suggested against a number of actions. The Parish Council may wish to consider advertising for volunteer co-ordinators in the Link or invite residents to meet together to discuss progressing project work.

Upton Cross Post Office and Stores

The shop was not identified in the survey as an issue and showed reasonably healthy usage. However recent press articles and notices in the shop have suggested there is a danger of possible closure. The Parish Council may wish to consider or seek volunteer help to determine the feasibility of running a community shop should such a closure go ahead.

Actions Carried forward from the 2002 Parish Plan

Issue	Action	Who to action
Installation of bus shelter at Upton Cross (carried forward from 2002)	Land has been identified. Progress installation	Parish Council to retain/progress project
Provision of animal and wind proof containers for refuse in moorland villages (carried forward from 2002)	Identify locations and progress installation	Parish Council agreed to omit this action

Actions identified from the 2010 Parish Survey

Issue	Action	Who to action
Housing: Need more low cost affordable homes	Investigate possible site for new development of affordable homes	Parish Council
Transport: Lack of buses serving parish	Investigate provision of community mini-bus or sharing school mini-bus	Upton Cross Primary School
Car Parking: Need for off road parking facilities in the parish	Identify possible site for off road parking in main villages	PC/Upton Cross School
Pot holes: Numerous potholes throughout the parish that are not repaired	Lobby CCC. Could volunteers undertake work?	Cornwall Council – Parish Council to press for action
Traffic Calming Upton Cross: considered dangerous	Ask CCC to reconsider scheme or investigate alternative	Parish Council /Cornwall Council
Vehicle speeds and heavy goods vehicles on lanes	Seek advice from CCC re width/weight restrictions	Parish Council – to press CC for restrictions
Road signs: too many in some locations. Other signs lacking	Undertake survey of parish road signs	Volunteers
Pavements: lack of pavements in the parish	Investigate connecting Marke Valley View with Upton Cross pavement	Completed.
Parish Hall Linkinhorne: refurbishment or rebuild	Offer support to the Parish Hall Committee to assist with development	Parish Council/Volunteers of Parish Hall committee
Library at Upton Cross: Vary opening times	Determine if usage would justify altering opening times	Library staff/volunteers
The Link: number of suggestions for improvements	Consider comments – perhaps implement over time	Link editorial staff - Completed
Parish Website underused	Updating on regular basis – improve publicity of website (Link?)	PC/Volunteers
Adult Education: - need for courses within the parish	Undertake audit of courses/classes currently available	Volunteer
Environmental features requiring protection	Already AONB, AGLV and World Heritage status. Consider Conservation Areas, TPO's, Listed status for specific locations/buildings	Parish Council/volunteers
Eyesores	Offer assistance in clearing sites identified as eyesores.	Volunteers/CC planning
Flooding – areas identified	Identify specific areas where flooding occurs on regular basis and lobby CCC	Parish Council/volunteers

Issue	Action	Who to action
Footpaths – problem areas identified. Stiles difficult for elderly to get over	Investigate problem sites. Undertake survey of stiles and identify those that present difficulties for elderly	Refer to Parish Footpath Committee/volunteers
Bridleways –lack of bridleways in the parish particularly access to moor		Refer to Parish Footpath Committee
Allotments – request for additional sites	Determine if real demand. Identify locations	Parish Council/volunteers
Dog Poo bins – lack of within the parish Litter bins	Investigate locations for bins. Publicise to encourage usage. Investigate additional litter bins for Minions car parks	Parish Council/volunteers
Facilities for children and teenagers –lack of within the parish	Undertake audit of what is currently available and what else could be provided	Parish Council/volunteers