

## **WHAT IS A PARISH PLAN?**

Borne out of the Government initiative “Our Countryside – The Future”, a Parish Plan is a document which assesses the local community’s main aspirations and sets out proposals to achieve, or at least pursue, those aspirations. It is based on the views of the local community expressed through community participation, surveys and research. It should set out realistic and achievable goals to meet the wishes of the local community as far as is practically possible, working within, but also attempting to influence, the guiding framework of local authority policies.

## **WHAT IS (AND WHO ARE) THE PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP?**

We are a group of local volunteers who accepted the Parish Council’s invitation, issued at a public meeting in March 2008, to undertake the development of a Parish Plan. Initially there were 12 members but various pressures have led to departures, including the only volunteers from outside the core Village. The remaining members have attempted to reflect the views of the entire Parish, including the one-third of us living outside the Village. We are:-

Gill Anslow	Jan Hender	Jackie Skelson
Alan Appleby	Les Hender	Jon Smith
Peter Ashby	Carole Mathews	Geoff Ward

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?**

You are already helping by attending this exhibition and expressing your views and can continue to do so by accepting any future invitations to respond to soundings of local opinion in various forms.

As the above indicates only about 1% of the total Parish population of about 850 is involved in the Steering Group. We are unelected and self-selecting volunteers but have the interests of the community at heart in taking on this far from easy task. The situation would become unworkable if say 10% (about 80) of the population were to be involved! However, a small number of further volunteers, especially from outside the core Village or from younger age groups, would be very welcome to boost our numbers. (The average age of the present steering group is over 50!). Membership involves attending a short meeting (about an hour) roughly every 3-4 weeks and being prepared to spend some time between meetings working on further research or drafting. This could be your chance to give something to your community.

**Remember, this is YOUR Plan. Make sure your views are heard.**

**Please complete one of these feedback forms as you go around the displays.**

**If you need help completing the form, please ask one of the volunteers.**