

# OPEN GATE ACTION PLAN

*The Parish Plan for Ardens Grafton, Temple Grafton, Exhall, Blackcliffe, Hillborough and Cranhill*



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*Temple Grafton*



## INTRODUCTION

The 'Open Gate' area is a very special one, and as such local residents are keen to preserve its unique character while at the same time responding appropriately to community issues and concerns. This document aims to represent the views of local people, together with actions and solutions that have been identified as a means of owning and safeguarding the area's future.

### **What is 'Open Gate'?**

When work first started back in 2004 on the Parish Plan process the group of local volunteers involved sought to find a name for the area which would represent the different villages it encompassed. The word 'gate' is an acronym using the first letter of all the three villages involved in the plan – Ardens Grafton, Temple Grafton and Exhall - and it was decided to prefix this with the word 'open' to indicate the opportunities the process will give our community.

### **What is a Parish Plan?**

Parish Plans were introduced in the Government's 2000 'Rural White Paper' to involve rural communities in planning their own futures. Although some assistance has been provided by the Countryside agency, with funding and advice, the plan itself has been researched and written entirely by local volunteers.

The aim of the plan is to set out a vision for how the Open Gate community wants to develop and what actions are needed to achieve this.

### **What are the benefits?**

The plan is primarily a tool to influence a range of organisations that affect the local community. It will therefore complement and help deliver local planning policies and frameworks (although it cannot override adopted planning policy), and will also influence local housing and land management strategies and the provision of local services.

### **What does it include?**

The Open Gate Parish Plan reflects the views of all sections of the community; the content includes both the detailed findings of a comprehensive questionnaire that was completed by over 90% of local residents, and the results of consultation with local community groups.

The plan details which features of the area are valued by local residents, how they want the community to develop in the future, what services and support we need to achieve this, and what specific actions therefore have to be taken.

## What is the Open Gate area like?

The area is a very rural one, situated in a triangle marked by Stratford-upon-Avon, Alcester and Bidford, in Bardon Ward. The villages of Temple Grafton and Ardens Grafton are on a high spine of land, half a mile apart. Exhall village and the 3 hamlets of Cranhill, Hillborough and Blackcliffe are all much lower lying, with the Arrow and Avon rivers nearby.

Each parish has one church and there is a Baptist church in Temple Grafton. There are few facilities in either parish, but most are accessible in Bidford. Both village halls are used regularly; the primary school has been extended and is thriving.

Of the 85 households in Exhall parish, 33 are in Ardens Grafton. Temple Grafton parish has 172 households, including 41 in Ardens Grafton.

The 226 completed questionnaires recorded a population over the 2 parishes of 463 aged 18-85+, 53 aged 11-17 and 84 aged 0-11, a total of 600. (24 questionnaires were not returned/completed.)

A great deal of detailed historical background to the 2 parishes is written up in *Times Past* and *Times Past II*. The Village Medlers, using contributions from many residents, collated these 2 remarkable books. (Copies in the Library in Stratford.)

## How was the plan compiled?

In 2004, the Parish Councils of Exhall and Temple Grafton had discussions and held two public meetings before

making the decision to join forces and prepare a questionnaire, for the purpose of delivering a joint Parish Plan. The rationale for this joint approach was that the boundary of the 2 parishes splits the village of Ardens Grafton. Therefore, the villages involved include Exhall, Temple Grafton and Ardens Grafton, also the hamlets of Cranhill, Hillborough and Blackcliffe.

A member of Stratford on Avon District Council (SDC) addressed the first meeting and outlined the Parish Plan benefits. The second meeting was well attended by residents from both parishes. Representatives of the Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC) and SDC did presentations, setting out the processes involved. A number of residents were recruited, both at the meeting and afterwards, to the Steering Group and others offered help in delivering the questionnaires.

Steering Group meetings began in April 2004 and the successful grant application was confirmed by the Countryside Agency in May 2004. It was agreed that Exhall Parish Council would receive the grant and handle the payments.

The drafting of the Questionnaire occupied much consultation time amongst local groups and residents. This included the Church, the WI, the two Cricket Clubs, the two Village Hall Committees and a focus youth group.

Letters were written to a number of agencies to seek input to the questions to be asked: -

Stratford District Council Planning Officer, General Practitioners, Dentists, Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Education Dept., Police, WCC Roads and drains, WCC





Traffic, SDC Rural Transport, Housing, Social Services, Ambulance & Youth Services. Any helpful suggestions were used. Valuable advice was also received on a number of occasions from the WRCC.

The Questionnaire was produced in December 2004. Of the 250 questionnaires delivered (one per household) in January 2005, 226 were completed and returned (90.4% response)

Warwick Network conducted the analysis of the completed questionnaires in the spring of 2005, whereupon the Open Gate Group began an intensive series of meetings to discuss the final actions and plan.

Two exhibitions of the results were held in Exhall Village Hall and the Graftons Village Hall in October 2005. An invitation was delivered to each resident. Following these, the Action Plan was developed. This took until August 2006. It was decided that the Parish Plan should incorporate the Action Plan.

The two Parish Councillors involved on the Steering Group fed back a number of the concerns to Exhall and Temple Grafton Parish Councils. The Parish Councils have already taken action on these and the success is reflected in the progress columns. Both Parish Councils will continue to monitor and take action as appropriate, with a regular agenda item at meetings.

In April 2006, the first edition of Open Gate News was printed and circulated to each household. Two further editions have followed, containing information on progress on the Parish Plan.

An Open Gate AGM was held in September 2006, when the constitution of the Open Gate News and a protocol for use with all organisations in the two parishes were adopted.

## **Key findings**

*[Percentage figures mentioned refer to households, not the numbers of residents, and are based on the numbers of questionnaires returned.]*

## **Residents' Needs**

In recent years, the number of young children in the parishes has increased, which resulted in an expressed interest in school holiday play scheme (29).

## **Housing**

Residents expressed conflicting comments on the need for housing within the parishes. Criticism was noted about the short length of time for planning applications to be viewed and a response made. 29 responses mentioned the need to move, as their house was too small; 16 needed to move as they were living with parents; 13 wanted better amenities. Of those wanting to move, 48 wanted to remain in the Open Gate area. A number of

residents indicated a need for low cost starter homes (114); others for sheltered accommodation (14).

### **Community Life**

People were interested in receiving more information about the community (33) and involvement in Church activities; contributing financially (31) and helping with maintenance of the churchyard (30). Some thought the Church should be contributing more to Community life (42).

A recurring theme throughout the responses focussed on the need for communication within the community. This included the need to know about local activities, including Parish Council matters and Local Authority decisions. 27 responses suggested the need for a newsletter; 10 suggested a website. 70 residents commented on a wide range of concerns regarding planning matters and the environment. The Open Gate News has already printed one informative article to respond to some of the misunderstandings over the planning process.

Some residents were not aware of the Mobile Library (42). 46 residents thought the service could be improved by more local information (27) and a wider range of books (10).

### **Local Services**

Local services, water, electricity and telephone were criticised in various quarters. The major problems mentioned were power surges/failures (12%) and poor water pressure (6%). Exhall village residents are particularly concerned about drain blockages, floods and potholes in the road. Comments on local refuse collections revealed some criticism, but also showed a strong awareness of the need and wish to recycle.

### **Transport and Traffic**

There was evidence of ambivalence towards the availability and use of cars and buses. The need for transport for young people to be able to access work was mentioned. Some residents commented that improved frequency of bus services would encourage them to use them (183). Interest was expressed in the 'Back and 4<sup>th</sup>' transport scheme (71%). Many residents expressed concern about cars speeding through the villages, particularly Ardens Grafton and Temple Grafton (27%). Parking around the school at the beginning and end of the day has caused concern (17%). Many residents requested some form of traffic calming (83%).

### **Environmental Issues**

Residents indicated that they put a high value on life in the countryside and wish to preserve all aspects where possible (359 residents), such as wildlife (302); the hedgerows (289); trees (284) and village open spaces (208). Great interest was shown in a need for maps of local footpaths (210) and a formalised book of maps (196). A number requested improved footpath maintenance (134), more stiles (116) and a local walking group (73).

### **Health Issues**

Inevitably, of the three local GP medical centres, the nearest one in Bidford has the most residents on its books (270) and therefore aroused most comments. In all, most residents were satisfied with most aspects of the health service. Some residents stated that they had difficulty in collecting prescriptions (19). Interest was shown in the





proposed new surgery in Bidford. Concerns included a need for increased parking, since all residents in both parishes need to use cars to attend. A few expressed a wish to have Saturday morning surgeries/pharmacy opening (6/6).

Some residents commented about the lack of NHS dental treatment (12). 142 people would like to be registered with an NHS dentist.

### ***Education and Further Education***

A few residents mentioned the need for pre-school provision and the availability of a registered childminder (14).

### ***Law and Order***

Residents mentioned the need for much swifter information from the Police regarding incidents of crime in the villages in order to encourage the recruitment of people to the various Neighbourhood Watch schemes. Membership is patchy. While Ardens Grafton has 100% membership, Temple Grafton is attempting to increase numbers and residents in Exhall are restarting the scheme.

Some residents had contact with the Police in the previous 12 months (69); of these, nearly half felt they had been dealt with very well (34) or adequately (19). Individual residents stated that speed limit enforcement was the most important factor requiring a greater Police presence in the Open Gate area (140) followed by more

traffic patrols (105) and more beat officers on foot (81).

### **Next steps**

The Open Gate News Group was launched in April 2006. Both Parish Councils have been successful in acquiring 'Awards for All' funding to develop a website, following the Stratford District Council initiative.

The Open Gate group is seeking support from the local authority and other bodies to address the detailed needs of residents, set out in the Action Plan under the appropriate headings.

It is intended that Stratford-on-Avon District Council should adopt the Plan along with Exhall and Temple Grafton Parish Councils. Both Parish councils should regularly address actions and monitor progress every six months.

It is hoped that the Parish Councils will seek out local volunteers to address ongoing matters, e.g. a survey of the footpaths in each parish.

The detail of the action plan follows overleaf.

## Residents' Needs

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
A1.	Ardens Grafton Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communicate more effectively with Ardens Grafton residents and raise their concerns with Parish Councils.</li> <li>- Publish an Open Gate Newsletter and use to create greater inclusivity, including article on Parish boundaries.</li> </ul>	Exhall and Temple Grafton Parish Councils	Newsletter Cost	Ongoing	<p>3 Newsletter editions published to date</p> <p>Further editions every 2 months.</p>
A2	Provision for under 5s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publicise existing Mothers and Toddler Group (Meets monthly)</li> <li>- Raise school holiday play scheme and possible options with WCC and regularly review</li> </ul>	<p>Mothers and Toddlers Group.</p> <p>Temple Grafton Parish Council. WCC Education Dept. Temple Grafton School</p>	Newsletter cost	June 2006	<p>Complete</p> <p>Issue raised and being followed up.</p>
A3	Ageing population and lack of support and information for carers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consider what support these people need (eg transport, health, equipment etc.) and include information in newsletter about who to contact to obtain support, eg Age Concern, Social Services, CVS.</li> <li>- Include these details on a new annual information sheet.</li> </ul>	<p>Age Concern</p> <p>CVS</p> <p>Social Services</p> <p>Information sheet costs</p>	Newsletter costs	April 2006	Complete





## Housing

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
B1	Different views on future housing development. (Some demand for low cost starter homes, sheltered housing).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communicate these opinions to District Council and seek advice on options for addressing them.</li> <li>- Propose that the Parish Councils instigate a Housing Needs Survey ('local needs')</li> </ul>	SDC Planning, Parish Councils,  Rural Housing Enabler WRCC		March 2006  Mid 2007	Complete  Ongoing

## Community Life

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
C.1	Visibility of Clergy and role of Church	Pass key comments on to local CofE Vicar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be seen more</li> <li>- Undertake more home visits</li> <li>- Be involved in more social activity</li> <li>- Welcome new residents</li> <li>- Work with parents, children, young people more.</li> <li>- More involved in care of sick, infirm and elderly.</li> <li>- Church doesn't have its own Vicar</li> <li>- Use of Church for other activities, e.g. shows and exhibitions</li> <li>- Review communication of church activities</li> </ul>	C of E Clergy: Revd Steve Tash 01789 772445			Comments passed on. Awaiting Clergy response.

## Community Life (continued)

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
C.2	Low awareness of Mobile Library Service and request for greater range of books.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communicate facility more effectively on information sheet and noticeboards.</li> <li>- Pass comments on questionnaire to Mobile Librarian</li> </ul>	Adult Health & Community Services: Principle Librarian 01926 412049	Information Sheet Costs	April 2006  Jan 2006	Complete  Complete
C.3	Insufficient communication of Parish Council activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parish Councils to issue regular reports in newsletter.</li> <li>- Include feature on councils' role in Open Gate newsletter.</li> <li>- Consider local website.</li> </ul>	Parish Councils	Newsletter Costs	Ongoing June 2006 Mid 2007	Ongoing Complete Ongoing
C.4	Insufficient publicity given to planning applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Raise issue with Planning Department and request item in newsletter on planning process.</li> </ul>	SDC	Newsletter Costs	June 2006	Complete
C.5	Widespread concerns about planning system, nature of development in the area, and conservation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pass all comments on to Planning Department.</li> <li>- Article on processes/ timescales and SDC website in newsletter.</li> </ul>	SDC		April 2006 August 2006	Complete Complete



## Economy and Business

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
D1.	Need to encourage development of small business activity while retaining the rural ambience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parish Councils to work with development when considering small rural businesses and shops to serve the local community.</li> <li>- Obtain advice about the role of Vital Villages officer, for inclusion in newsletter.</li> </ul>	Parish Councils, Stratford Planning and Economic Development Dept. WRCC Vital Villages Officer		Ongoing  Aug 2007	Ongoing  Ongoing
D2	Need for greater information about local businesses for residents in the Open Gate area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Encourage existing businesses to contribute to newsletter.</li> <li>- Develop parish website to include this information. Website could be used as tool for local businesses and tourism enquiries e.g. Bed and Breakfasts.</li> <li>- Help publicise WCC website, encouraging tourism, B&amp;Bs etc. <a href="http://www.enjoywarwickshire.com">www.enjoywarwickshire.com</a></li> </ul>	Local Businesses  Parish Councils	Newsletter costs  Website costs	Ongoing  tbc	Ongoing  Ongoing

## Local Services

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
E1	High number of power cuts (51% think electricity service is poor / adequate).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask residents, in newsletter, to inform a designated Parish Councillor of problems.</li> <li>- Raise issue with electricity provider(s) and establish review meeting.</li> </ul>	Parish Councils  NPower Powergen	Newsletter costs	Dec 2006  Aug 2007	Complete

## Local Services (continued)

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
E2	Low water pressure, especially Exhall (34% think service is poor / adequate).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask residents, in newsletter, to inform a designated Parish Councillor of problems.</li> <li>- Raise with Severn Trent and establish review meeting.</li> </ul>	Parish Councils Severn Trent Water	Newsletter costs	Aug 2006  Aug 2007	Complete
E3	Poor telephone reception (27% think service is poor / adequate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ask residents, in newsletter, to inform a designated Parish Councillor of problems.</li> <li>- Raise with BT and establish review meetings. Also advise residents of complaints procedure in newsletter.</li> </ul>	Parish Councils  BT	Newsletter costs	Aug 2006  Aug 2007	Complete
E4	Drainage system in Exhall prone to flooding.  Blocking of roadside drains.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exhall Parish Council to alert Severn Trent, WCC and Environment Agency.</li> <li>- Raise any specifics with Parish Council.</li> </ul>	Parish Council Severn Trent, WCC Flood Defence Dept. Environment Agency		March 2006	Drain review complete
E5	Comments on refuse collection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- request for wheelie bins for domestic refuse</li> <li>- better info about holiday collections</li> <li>- Won't collect off the main road</li> <li>- 39% think poor / adequate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advise residents that in certain circumstances refuse may be collected from another pre-arranged location.</li> <li>- Advise residents that green sacks are only available if the property is unsuitable for wheelie bins and advise details of refuse collection service.</li> </ul>	Refuse Collection Service – 'Street Scene'  01789 260616	Newsletter costs	Oct 2006	Complete





Exhall

## Local Services (continued)

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
E6	Request to extend roadside Recycling Scheme to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- plastic</li> <li>- cardboard</li> <li>- separate boxes for different materials</li> </ul> (81% would like to see Scheme extended, 85% currently participate.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Raise with the Waste Disposal Service and include item in Newsletter.</li> <li>- Encourage those who don't currently participate to take part, (newsletter items) including mention of the Bishopton facilities.</li> <li>- Community Freebay – posting info re unwanted items to be given away: <a href="http://www.communityfreebay.co.uk">www.communityfreebay.co.uk</a></li> </ul>	SDC Refuse Collection Service – 'Street Scene'  01789 260616	Newsletter costs  Newsletter costs	Aug 2007  Aug 2007	

## Transport and Traffic

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
F1	Need for transport.	Obtain and publicise details of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CVS car scheme and Taxirider</li> <li>- Parish Councils to compile names of local residents prepared to drive in an emergency.</li> </ul>	WCC PTES Transport Operations  Parish Councils	Newsletter Costs	Oct 2007  Ongoing	PCs have list of volunteer drivers
F2	Lack of 'Small Scale' transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publicise Back &amp; 4<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- Help publicise Community Links scheme in newsletter.</li> <li>- Collect information on local taxi services.</li> </ul>	Back & 4 <sup>th</sup> Community Links (SDC)  01789 260122	Newsletter Costs	Oct 2006	Complete





## Transport and Traffic (continued)

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
F3	Excessive Speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact Police, County Councillor</li> <li>- Contact MP if necessary.</li> <li>- Contact Safety Engineer</li> </ul>	Highways Dept. Warwickshire Casualty Reduction Partnership	Parish Council may have to part-fund physical measures	Ongoing	Speed surveys completed in Temple Grafton and Ardens Grafton
F4	Poor road conditions, pot holes etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advise local residents to contact Parish Councils.</li> <li>- Parish Councils to pass on concerns to Highways Dept.</li> </ul>	County Highways Customer Service Centre. Central reporting number 01926 412515. Parish Councils	Newsletter Costs	August 2006  Ongoing	Complete  Ongoing
F5	Parking Problems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At school</li> <li>- On pavements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Residents to contact the School, Police and Parish Council.</li> <li>- Explore possibility of Walking Bus.</li> <li>- Remind local residents in newsletter of dangers involved.</li> </ul>	School and Police  Temple Grafton Parish Council	Newsletter Costs	Ongoing  Aug 2007	Constable has attended at school time

# Environmental Issues

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
G1	Footpath and Bridleway Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request volunteers to survey footpaths and report to Parish Councils.</li> <li>- Some footpaths require better maintenance – identify specific areas and advise County Council.</li> <li>- Item in newsletter providing contact information for queries over footpaths.</li> <li>- Publicise footpaths guide for Temple Grafton. Explore the possibility of a guide for Exhall.</li> </ul>	Parish Councils  WCC Countryside Access Manager 01926 413431	Newsletter costs    Newsletter Costs	Ongoing   Oct 2007	New gates installed on some footpaths.   Temple Grafton footpaths regularly surveyed by designated Warden.
G2	Hedgerows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hedgerow feature in newsletter to inform local residents of legal position and nature information.</li> </ul>	Parish Council  Local Landowners	Newsletter Costs	Oct 2007	
G3	Building Preservation and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to ensure existing historical buildings are preserved.</li> <li>- Research and consider a Village Design Statement.</li> </ul>	English Heritage, CPRE, Parish Councils		Ongoing  Mid 2008	Exhall Parish Council organising meeting.
G4	Tree Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advisory article in newsletter about tree-planting, with update on Millennium tree-planting.</li> </ul>	County Council  Millennium Committee	Newsletter Costs	Oct 2007	





## Environmental Issues (continued)

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
G5	Some security lights can be a hazard to motorists.	- Use newsletter to raise awareness of 'nuisance' lighting issue.	Parish Council SDC Item in newsletter	Newsletter Costs	Aug 2007	
G6	Signage Concerns	- Parish Councils to do survey and pass on specific concerns to County Council (regarding maintenance, need for new signs), while being mindful not to have too many signs.	Parish Councils WCC Traffic Section 01926 412404		August 2006 (Exhall Parish Council)	Sign requested for Cranhill
G7	Reducing Dog Fouling	- Raise awareness of problem and contact Council Dog Warden about specific problem areas. - Write article in newsletter, praising those who clear up.	Parish Council SDC Dog Warden 01789 260837	Newsletter costs	Oct 2007	Extra signs placed on the Wheel Ruts path

## Health Issues

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
H1	No access to NHS dental care available in the area.	- Pass on comments regarding urgent need for NHS dental treatment facilities in the area.	Parish Councils  South Warwickshire NHS – PCT MP		August 2006	New NHS dentist in Stratford





## Health Issues (continued)

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
H2	Saturday morning surgeries required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send information on numbers wanting Saturday morning opening to NHS and each surgery.</li> <li>- Advertise NHS Direct</li> </ul>	Local Surgeries South Warwickshire NHS Parish Council Liaison Group	Parish Council Liaison Group	March 2006	Complete  Complete
H3	Car parking provision at Bidford Health Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request that the re-sited Health Centre at Bidford has adequate parking space.</li> </ul>	Stratford-on-Avon District Council		March 2006	Complete. Planning application granted with high level of parking provision
H4	Complicated appointment systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A clear statement of each centre's policy on appointments and pharmacy opening hours in the newsletter.</li> </ul>	Local Medical Practices	Newsletter Costs	End 2007	
H5	Provision of disabled services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local residents with access concerns to contact the Parish Council with any specific issues, eg dropped kerbs, inductive loop in Village Hall and disabled facilities.</li> <li>- Access audit for Village Halls required.</li> </ul>	Social Services Age Concern  Parish Councils Village Hall Committees	Newsletter Costs	Oct 2007  End 2007	   Temple Grafton completed.

## Education and Further Education

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
J1	Pre-school provision within the Open Gate area	- Explore the possibility of pre-school provision within Temple Grafton School.	Make contact with new Head at school  Early Years contact  01926 418044		Ongoing	Meeting held with the Head and PTA
J2	Wide range of evening classes requested. Ensure all classes are publicised.	- Use Open Gate Newsletter and noticeboards to publicise any local evening classes. - Post on planned website	LEA, Parish Councils, Teachers, Local colleges County Arts Advisor	Newsletter Resources	Ongoing	Ongoing

## Leisure

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
K1	Local residents unaware of all the leisure activities available.	- Raise awareness of existing leisure activities and encourage new ones. Use newsletter to publicise details and seek suggestions including activities in the surrounding area.	All local clubs and societies  Parish Councils	Newsletter Costs	Ongoing	Ongoing
K2	Suggestions made for new activities e.g: - Youth Club - Reading Groups - Cheese and Wine Evenings - Cycling Club - Dance / fitness - Yoga - Dog Club - Village events e.g. Summer barbecues - Wildlife Club	- Investigate and publicise facilities at Binton Club and publicise hiring of Exhall and Temple Grafton Village Halls. - Encourage volunteers to set up new activities, hold talks etc.	Binton Club  Exhall and Temple Grafton Village Hall committees	Newsletter Costs	Ongoing	Ongoing





Leisure (continued)

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
K3	46% say they didn't know enough about the WI	- Discuss promotion ideas with WI and publicise in newsletter and information sheet.	WI	Newsletter Costs	Ongoing	Included in Information sheet.

Young People

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
L1	Lack of transport can reduce available employment opportunities for young people.	- Obtain and publicise details of 'Wheels to Work' scheme. - Item in newsletter	WCC 01788 577154	Newsletter costs	August 2006	Complete

Law and Order

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
M1	Policing concerns: Police presence/traffic speed enforcement	- Police consultation and/or Public Meeting - Police to attend school crossroads at beginning or end of school day - Seek advice on traffic calming at speed spots - Survey to take place of local residents on problem areas for speeding.	Warwickshire Police and Casualty Reduction Partnership.  County Councillor		Ongoing	Sites for cameras being investigated

## Law and Order (continued)

No.	Issue	Proposed Action	Partner (s)	Resource	Timescale	Progress
M2	General information re crime in the area - Bidford Beat Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Encourage display on all village noticeboards and use newsletter to inform residents.</li> <li>- Explore residents willingness to volunteer email contact then cascade information via email.</li> <li>- Develop Parish websites to spread information to Hillborough, Cranhill and Blackcliffe.</li> <li>- Increase membership of Neighbourhood Watch using newsletter.</li> </ul>	Parish Councils  Neighbourhood Watch	Newsletter costs  Website costs	Ongoing  July 2007  Ongoing  August 2006	Ongoing   Website funding obtained  Complete
M3	Neighbourhood Watch: - To complete coverage throughout Open Gate area - Not high profile enough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Encourage circulation of information</li> <li>- Explore using email for prompt alerts</li> <li>- Welcome newcomers</li> <li>- Include isolated properties (some even outside parishes)</li> </ul>	Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Police Neighbourhood Watch All Residents		Ongoing	
M4	Anti-social problems: Top of list in different villages: - Dog fouling - Noisy dogs - Bonfires - Litter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Article in newsletter with comments from survey, identified by village, to encourage greater consideration.</li> </ul>	Parish Councils SDC Environmental Services	Newsletter Costs	Oct 2007	Ongoing





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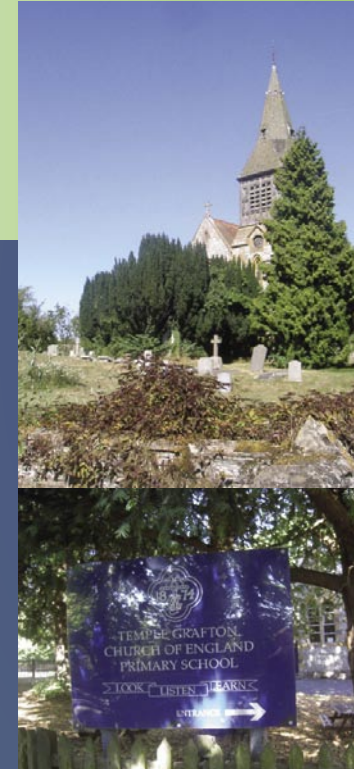




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