



We have a plan...



Tredington Parish Plan 2015

Embracing Armscote, Blackwell, Darlingscott, Newbold-on-Stour and Tredington.



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Foreword

by Nadhim Zahawi

“ For a society to flourish and prosper, it's vital that local people have a say over what happens in their area. That's why the government has given communities these powers. When central government makes decisions on development hundreds of miles away or when unknown local government workers take decisions without real local engagement, it produces bad decisions, making people feel powerless and damaging local quality of life.

Parish plans like this are exactly what communities need to reverse this and make sure that localism thrives. I can see that lots of hard work went into it. This parish plan shows the commitment of local people in maintaining the open and friendly countryside quality of the area.

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Nadhim Zahawi,
Member of Parliament
Stratford on Avon

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...a plan for the future of our community.



Dear residents of Armscote, Blackwell, Darlingscott, Newbold-on-Stour and Tredington.

Following the overwhelming response to the recent Parish Plan questionnaire in which over 75% of all households chose to participate, we now have a plan. This publication is a summary* of the outcome and findings from the questionnaires and it encapsulates the thoughts, the feelings, the hopes, aspirations and concerns that we, as a community, have for the place in which we live. It also highlights the actions that need to be addressed in order to fulfil those needs and ambitions, which are clearly listed in the Action Plan at the end of this publication. As an accurate representation of the majority opinion of the community of Tredington Parish, this plan will now be used as a route to identify possible, positive initiatives - supported by Stratford District Council, Warwickshire County Council and your Parish Council thus providing a way forward for the future. Your contribution has been invaluable and your participation will impact on decisions that will affect every one of us, not just for now – but for future generations to come. Exciting times ahead!

Thank you.

From the Steering Committee

*This is a summary of results. For the full report go to: www.stratford.gov.uk/tredingtonpp



How we did it

10 systematic steps to creating the Parish Plan.

- Initial public meetings were held to identify residents' concerns.
- The Parish Council recruited volunteers and commissioned a Parish Plan.
- A Steering Committee of twelve was set up with representatives from each of the five villages and hamlets with additional support from two parish councillors. A Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer were elected.
- A Big Lottery Fund grant was applied for – and duly awarded.
- A questionnaire was created, designed, then pre-tested using the services of the SDC independent Consultation Unit and local work groups. Delivered to over 640 households by volunteers.
- The questionnaire achieved over 75% response from these households and from the separate Youth Survey providing a challenging and complex picture across a wide range of topics.
- Independent analysis by SDC Consultation Unit.
- The quantitative and qualitative results enabled the Steering Committee to identify in great detail the likes, dislikes and issues which concern residents.
- Initial consultation with the local primary school, the doctors at Shipston Medical Centre, the county council and the clergy was conducted to consider future actions.
- The Steering Committee and its sub-committees edited the lengthy report into a summarised set of issues, which form the basis of this publication. The outcomes are addressed in the resulting Action Plan on pages 28-33.

The demographics. The detail.

The survey took place during September and October 2014.

Over 30 volunteers personally distributed and then collected completed, sealed, anonymous questionnaires from 640 properties across the five communities.

489 questionnaires were completed in the timeframe allowed for the survey which was considered to be an excellent response.

The number of responses from each community was as follows:



Number of people in household by age	
0-4 years	50 (5%)
5-11 years	82 (7%)
12-18 years	78 (7%)
19-24 years	62 (6%)
25-44 years	171 (16%)
45-64 years	324 (30%)
65-74 years	199 (18%)
76+ years	131 (12%)
Base (Base:1110)	

Numbers and percentages depend on the total number of responses to each question. They vary because not all questions were answered by every respondent.



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- 54% of respondents are female.
- 46% of respondents are male.
- 6% have lived here for less than 1 year.
- 22% have lived here between 1-2 years.
- 35% have lived here between 6 -15 years.
- 20% have lived here for 25 years or longer.
- 99% of respondents consider Tredington Parish to be the location of their main residence.
- 1% of respondents state that their property in Tredington Parish is a second or additional residence.
- OVER 50% of respondents own their properties outright.
- 29% of respondents have a mortgage on their property.
- 16% of respondents are renting.

On the following pages are the summaries of the questionnaire results grouped by subject.

The editing process was conducted via Steering Committee analysis, subgroup edits and Group Review. If you would like to study the data in more detail, the full SDC report is available to view on www.stratford.gov.uk/tredingtonpp Or to view this document online, go to www.tredingtonparishcouncil.co.uk/parishplan.html

The way we live. Housing

“Does anyone in your household now require separate accommodation in the Parish?”

NO 96%

YES 4%

“Do you think there is a need for more housing in your village or hamlet?”

NO 47%

YES 53%

Villages' opinions vary considerably. The **NO** vote varies between 73% in Armscote and 27% in Newbold. 35% in Darlingscott support 1-5 properties; 29% in Newbold support 6-12 properties and a further 24% in Newbold support 12+ properties.

“Do you think that more housing should be built in Tredington Parish?”

NO 39% **YES 44%** **NO OPINION 17%**

“What type of housing do you think is needed?”

207 respondents said: *“Properties to buy on the open market.”* 161 respondents said: *“Housing Association rented or shared ownership properties.”*

When asked *“Where?”*

The re-use of brownfield sites and redundant buildings was most preferred, with sites at the edge of villages being the least popular.

91% considered design, materials, height and size to be important when planning new build or extensions to properties.

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The way we shop. Local economy and trade

Retail

462 respondents stated that the main towns used for main household food shopping were as follows:



Other towns mentioned:

LEAMINGTON SPA 20 STOW-ON-THE-WOLD 5 WARWICK 4
NEWBOLD-ON-STOUR 4 SOLIHULL 2

Local Retail

Over 80% of respondents support local shops.

Online shopping is popular, with food ordered online by 49% and non-food items by 75% of respondents.

58% of respondents would NOT use a central collection facility for deliveries, but 27% would.

“Would you like to see Business Development in the Parish?”

139 respondents favoured rural businesses, with 62 welcoming the idea of workshops and artisan studios.

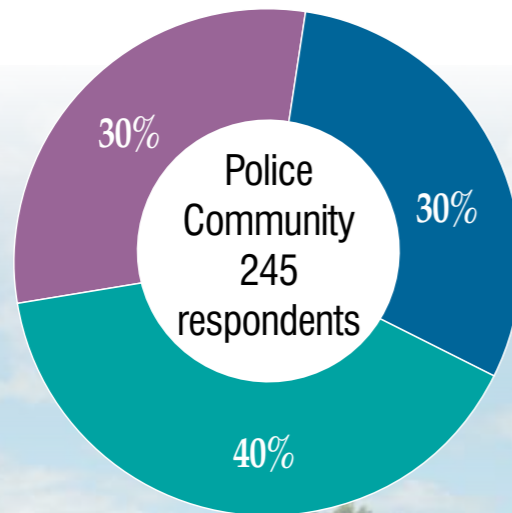
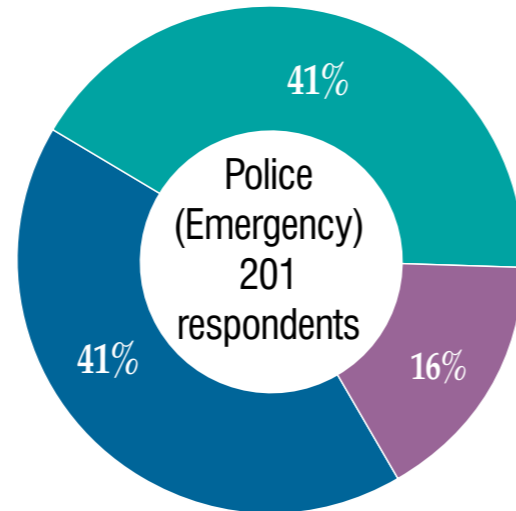
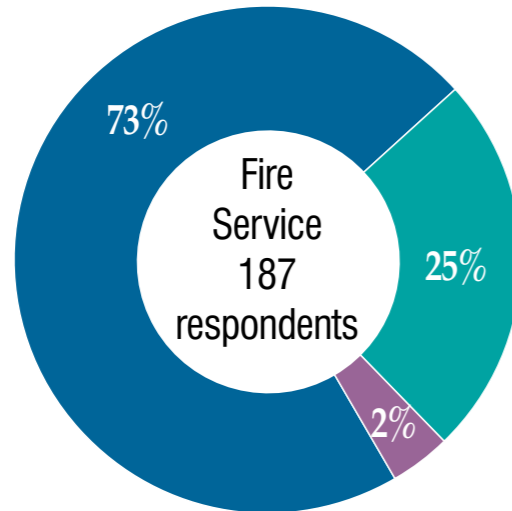
There was little enthusiasm for further business parks, Blackwell Business Park being considered sufficient for the area.

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The stuff we rely on. Essential services EMERGENCY

Your view on the standard of our services



● Good ● Average ● Poor

Almost 60% of residents said that they would welcome better consultation between Police and local people, with half of those respondents wanting to see a greater Police presence.

Most people believe that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme helps reduce crime and would wish to see it re-introduced into their community.

The stuff we rely on. Essential services LOCAL SERVICES

Gas, mains water and mains electricity

All three utilities were generally rated as 'good' by at least 70% of respondents.

Of those surveyed, 120 households are still without mains gas, 78 of which would like to be connected. 32 of these are in Blackwell.

Mobile phone reception and Broadband

Mobile phone reception was considered the poorest service with only 9% of responses indicating 'good'. Internet Broadband was also rated low with only 12% of responses recording 'good'.

Communications

97% of respondents have a landline in their home.

91% of respondents use a mobile phone.

85% of respondents use email and the internet.

44% of respondents have satellite TV.

Planned improvements in mobile signals.

High speed Broadband is promised very soon, supporting better communications systems for those who rely on it, particularly for business.

Residents in Tredington and Armscote are now being connected to BT Infinity on request.

Essential services ENVIRONMENTAL

Flooding

Over 95% of respondents confirmed that they were not currently at risk of flooding from the river, surface water or sewage.

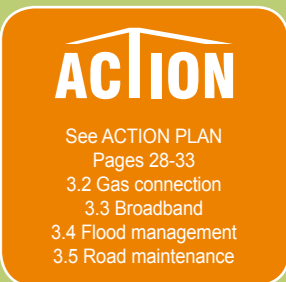
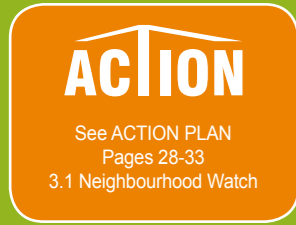
However, those in Darlingscott responded with the highest risk level in the Parish with 30% of households having suffered recent flooding.



How you rate the following environmental services	Good	Average	Poor
Refuse collection (478)	389	72	17
Recycling (468)	362	95	11
Green waste (461)	367	83	11
Roadside care / street cleaning (448)	117	199	132
Road maintenance (468)	48	191	229
Signposting (442)	141	230	71
Snow clearance / gritting (425)	56	187	182
Flood management (305)	32	135	138
Clearance of ditches (348)	23	109	216
Grass verge maintenance (448)	97	189	162
Hedge trimming (420)	74	204	142
WCC waste disposal (293)	100	145	48

Base: N/A

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Getting around. Transport

Bus services

63% of respondents are aware of the current bus routes, although seven out of ten people do not use it. The suggestion of an evening bus service to and from Stratford was liked by 39% of respondents who said they would use it should it become available. The Youth Survey highlighted concerns about bus times and costs.

Footpaths

Out of 421 comments, almost a quarter of respondents considered that we should have more hard-surfaced paths in the parish.

Out of 899 comments on the subject, a lack of public footpaths was highlighted by 22 respondents and a lack of dedicated cycle routes by 12 people.

There were further comments relating to the poor surface condition of pathways and overgrown and poorly-maintained footpaths.

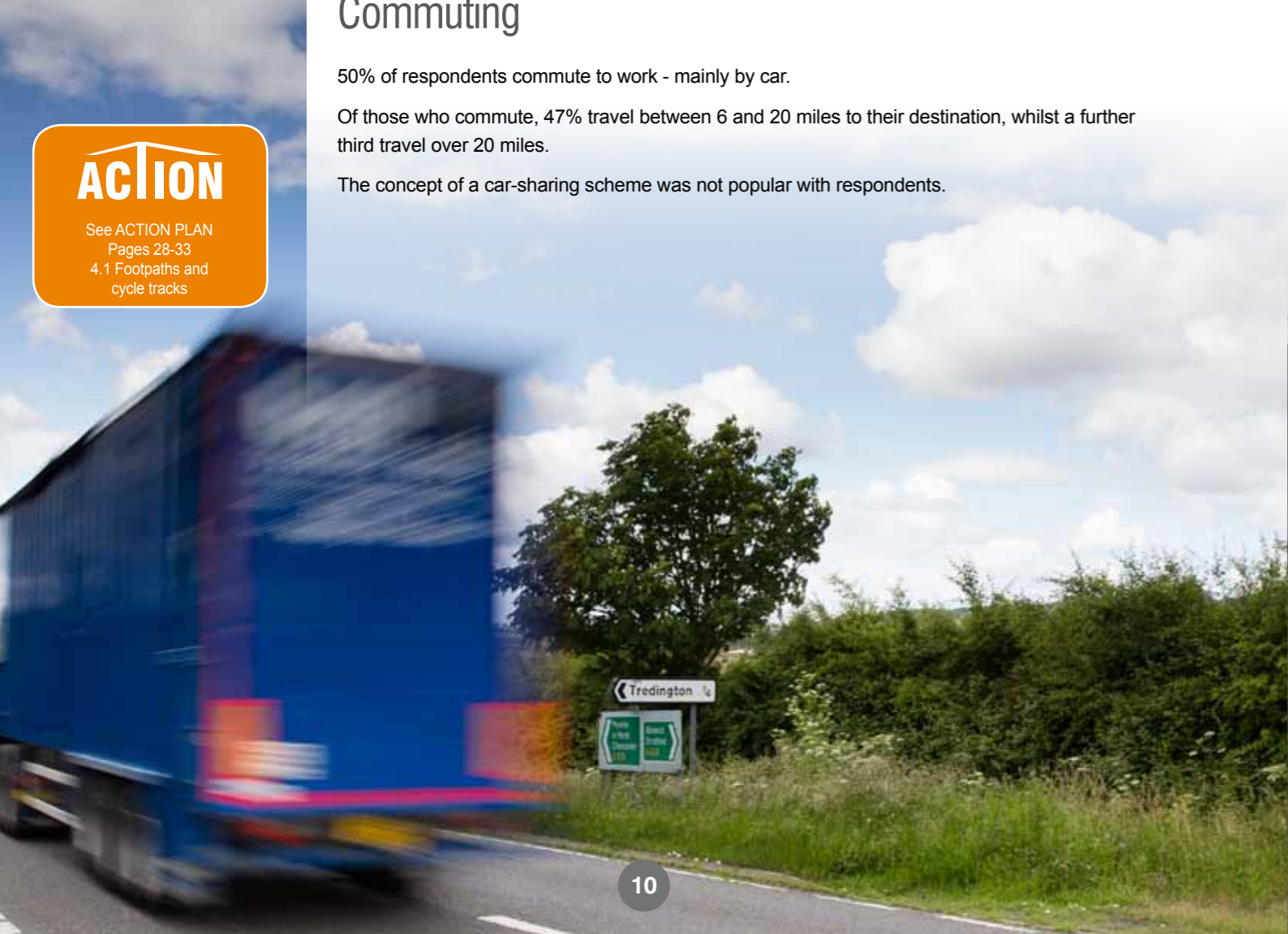
Commuting

50% of respondents commute to work - mainly by car.

Of those who commute, 47% travel between 6 and 20 miles to their destination, whilst a further third travel over 20 miles.

The concept of a car-sharing scheme was not popular with respondents.

ACTION
See ACTION PLAN
Pages 28-33
4.1 Footpaths and
cycle tracks



Getting around. Parking and traffic

Car ownership

5% of households in the survey do not own a vehicle, whereas a third own one vehicle and almost 50% own two, most of which are not parked on the road.

85% of car-owners felt that they had adequate parking for their needs.

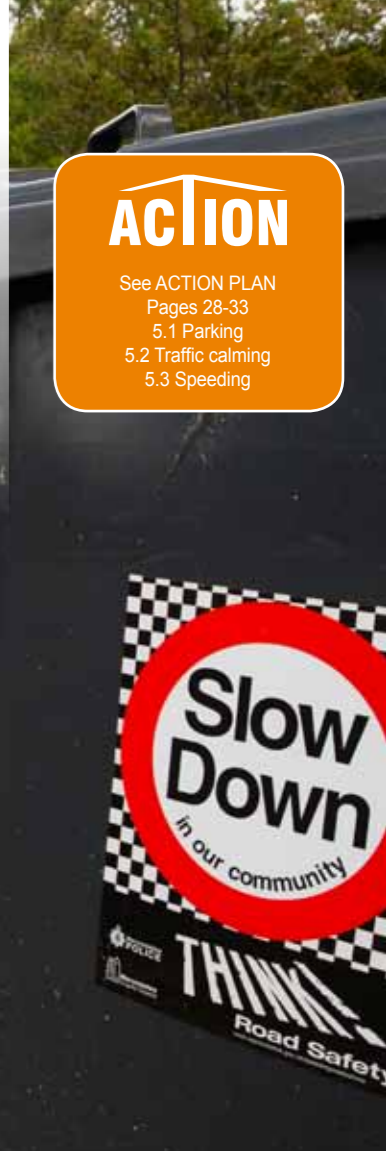
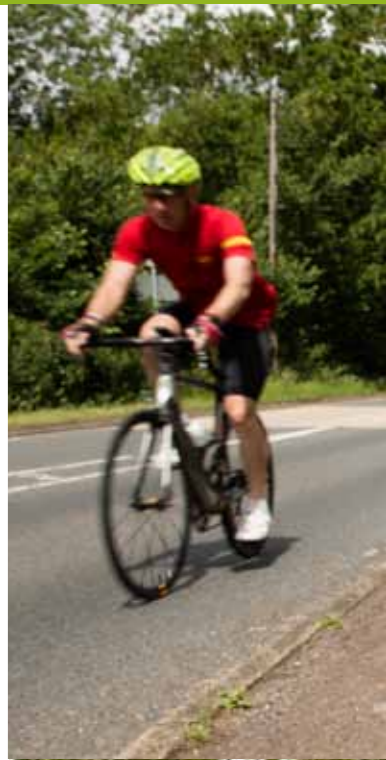
Parking problems

Half of all respondents were concerned that parking in the Parish caused danger, inconvenience and environmental damage with schools, pubs and social venues such as village halls being highlighted as particular trouble spots.

In Armscote, Tredington and Newbold the greatest concern was the indiscriminate parking of visitors' cars blocking road space. In the hamlets, potential damage from passing cars was also of great concern.

Speeding

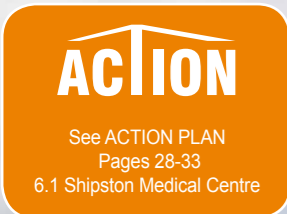
Speeding is a huge concern in the Parish for 90% of respondents. Particularly hazardous spots were highlighted, notably the Fosse Way between Tredington roundabout and Darlingscott crossroads where safety at minor junctions is compromised. Excessive speed through the villages is still a major issue in spite of traffic-calming initiatives.



ACTION
See ACTION PLAN
Pages 28-33
5.1 Parking
5.2 Traffic calming
5.3 Speeding



Our daily lives. Health, social and local services



Access problems

A total of 84 people who responded have difficulties accessing certain services, with banking being the greatest issue. A quarter of these people referred to the closure of HSBC in Shipston as being a major inconvenience. The remainder listed a number of difficulties including access to medical facilities and appointments and bank services, particularly when relying on public transport.

Whether you have difficulty accessing any of the following?	Number of Responses
Bank	63
Doctor	36
Hospital	29
Dentist	15
Grocers	15
Chemist	13
Post Office	13
Chiropodist	12
Optician	12
Others	7
Base: (2014: 489)	

“We are delighted to be able to progress our plans to build a much needed new medical centre for Shipston and surrounding villages. The land is now identified and we are seeking approval of the business case with NHS England.”

Dr David Williams, Shipston Medical Centre. June 2015

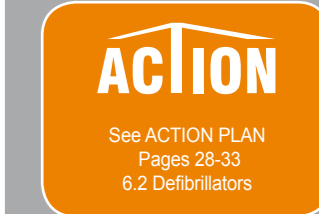
The positives

Those who used the services below in the previous two years rated First Responders, Shipston Home Nursing and West Midlands Ambulance Service as Very Good/Good.

How you rate the following services	Very Good	Good	Poor	Very Poor
Ambulance (114)	80	28	4	2
Chiropody (35)	13	12	8	2
Counselling Services (24)	10	5	7	2
Dentist (255)	119	126	10	0
District Nurse (53)	32	20	1	0
Doctor (406)	203	180	22	1
First Responders (95)	76	18	1	1
Health Visitor (44)	21	17	4	2
Home Help (8)	3	1	2	2
Loan of medical equipment (58)	28	26	3	1
Maternity care / Baby clinics (26)	14	11	0	0
Meals on wheels (0)	0	0	0	0
Physiotherapy (98)	31	43	14	10
Services for the elderly / disabled / day care (22)	8	7	3	4
Shipston Home Nursing (18)	14	2	0	2

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Our daily lives. Health, social and local services



AED defibrillator

80% of respondents were aware of the location of their local AED defibrillator.

Local clinics

88% of respondents would welcome additional clinics at the Ellen Badger hospital rather than travel elsewhere to hospital appointments. Of those surveyed, 53% knew that the Ellen Badger Minor Injuries Unit is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

(This service is no longer available - Current hours are 9am-8pm.)

Specialist support groups

181 responses indicated that specialist support groups would be a welcome addition to the community. The most popular suggestions included the following: Cancer (95); Mothers & Babies/Toddlers (83); House Chat Service (59); Alcohol & Drug Abuse (35). A further 17 suggestions focused on activities for the elderly, such as lunchtime clubs.

These points will be reviewed following consultation with interested parties.



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Share information with doctors at Shipston medical Centre together with the responses on Physiotherapy Department at the Ellen Badger Hospital.

Accessibility of Ellen Badger Hospital MIU should be made more widely known as and when changes occur.



Encourage residents to use existing groups in Shipston. For example, there are dementia support groups available for people and their carers – a café, a singing group, a carers' group and an active memory group.

Learning for all. Education

Newbold & Tredington C of E Primary School

Almost nine out of ten respondents (88%) considered it Very Important to keep the local primary school open compared with 8% who considered it Quite Important and 3% who felt it was Not Important.

61% of those who answered the question said they would not use after-school facilities at the school.

"An ideal number of pupils would be 105 (up by 35 from current numbers), but we might need an additional classroom - we have room next to the existing school.....using a planning gain could provide the necessary funding."

Sam Welsby, Headteacher. Newbold & Tredington C of E Primary School, July 2015.

Learning in the community

Community-based learning through courses such as foreign languages, arts/crafts and photography clubs was a popular recurring theme. There were also suggestions for practical courses in subjects such as first aid, parenting and sports-related activities. Further requests were made for specific classes for the elderly and those who may lead isolated and lonely lives.

Additional adult education

This topic attracted a wide-ranging response from 66 people. Many would welcome opportunities to develop IT skills particularly for the older generation with requests for a Silver Surfers Club.

However, a number of respondents felt that existing centres in Shipston and Stratford would be sufficient to serve these needs.

Facilities for young people

The Youth Survey highlighted a need for a Youth Group and a variety of activities for the 10-17 age group.

We're stronger together. Community matters

Community information and facilities

Over 300 households consider face-to-face communication to be the best way of keeping up-to-date with community matters.

The monthly Six Parishes magazine, covering much more than church matters with information on local services and events, is widely read where delivered and seen as an effective form of communication.

Other magazines and newsletters provide further community information.

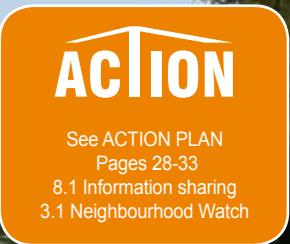
Although the internet is used by most households, the least visited websites are those of the Stourdene group of churches (3%) and Tredington Parish Council (12%) as a source of community information.

Neighbourhood Watch scheme

Although currently only active in Armscote, the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is considered by 80% of households to be an effective deterrent against crime, and 350 households in the remaining four communities would like to see it reinstated.



These points will be reviewed following consultation with interested parties.



ACTION

See ACTION PLAN
Pages 28-33
7.1 IT classes
7.2 Community resources

NB

Tredington School could be used for adult classes out of school hours. A small fee would be applicable

NB

Visit www.tredingtonparishcouncil.co.uk for information on current local groups and activities for all in our community.



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We're stronger together. Community matters: SNAPSHOTS

We're stronger together. Community matters: CHURCHES

NB

Use it or lose it! Potential threats from new larger food outlets in Shipston and Wellesbourne offering competitive pricing could put our village shop and post office under pressure. Community loyalty and support is important.

ACTION

See ACTION PLAN
Pages 28-33
3.3 Broadband

Newbold Village Shop and Post Office, as the only general store and post office within the Parish, is a highly-valued facility. It is the most-used community service (56% use it weekly and 31% use it monthly).

45 households in Tredington would like to have a local shop.

Online shopping is used by 75% for non-food items, whereas almost 50% buy food online.

Parish events – existing and proposed

The majority of respondents support a variety of Parish events with many expressing keen interest in other proposed events.

Newbold Village Breakfast – 64 respondents

Tredington Garden Club – 44 respondents

Tredington Village Supper – 41 respondents

Three Village Halls – Used by a small minority

Library Van – This service appears to have limited support.

A Film Club – more than 100 respondents would be keen.

Silver Surfer Computer Class – 83 respondents would be interested.

Youth Club – 27 of the 60 Youth Survey respondents would like one.

Communal Sports Area – 45 of the 60 Youth Survey respondents would use a community sports area with football/netball/basketball posts.

Children's Playground – 25 Newbold households expressed a need for a children's playground. *NOTE: This has now been addressed following the approval of a recent planning application.*

Note: Most respondents felt that there is sufficient community space within the Parish.

NB

- Suggest Parish Council website advertises film venues and dates at adjoining parishes in Ilmington, Alderminster, Shipston and Whatcote.
- Recruit a volunteer to discuss options and support from a local provider of computer classes to be held within the community.
- Check existing Youth Club facility and transport service with Youth Club at Shipston High School.
- Discuss the possibility of including sports posts in the proposed play area with the developer at Mansell Farm, Newbold.



The three churches in the five communities are within the Coventry Diocese. St. George's Darlingscott & St Gregory's Tredington with Blackwell are part of the Ilmington Benefice and St David's Newbold-on-Stour with Armscote is a member of the Stourdene Benefice.

Attendance

Of the 328 who responded to this question, 99 are regular worshippers either within the parish or elsewhere, with more than 150 attending occasionally including festivals. This does not take account of people living outside the parish council area attending our local services. More than 200 households never attend places of worship

Many people expressed opinions on the time and variety of services, and a desire to see a more relevant approach. More use of the church buildings for non-service activities would be supported. The importance of welcome both within the church and outside together with more modern facilities might encourage more participation.

The most regularly-attended church by households within the Parish is the church of St. Gregory in Tredington.

Heritage

When considering the most important aspects of living in this community, 90% of residents felt strongly that church buildings, their heritage and historical and rural character were important and should be preserved. 85% of respondents are highly satisfied with the current provision and maintenance of our churchyards.

Church magazines

The church magazines distributed to the majority of households are frequently used to access community information by 75% of all respondents.

NB

The Church community is now actively considering the information within the Parish Plan report in order to better serve the needs of adults and young people in the community.

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Our rural idyll. Living in the countryside

Conservation area

There is a degree of confusion between the definition of a 'Conservation area' (where development and architectural change are controlled) and an 'area designed and maintained to protect wildlife and country habitats'.

Part of Tredington village is already a designated Conservation area.

A minority in the Parish are voicing support for the designation of further Conservation areas.

Provision and maintenance of services

The majority of respondents does not want any street lighting. The only exception was a potential concern about safety.

Whether you are satisfied with the provision and maintenance of...?	Yes	No	No opinion
Churchyards	378	10	56
Dog Bins	297	54	87
Litter Bins	262	99	56
Public seating	205	149	66
Salt Bins	230	136	45
Village Greens	339	38	51
Base: (2014: 444)			

More than half would like to see overhead electricity and telephone wires re-sited underground.

The number of dogs owned within the Parish was not surveyed. However, more than 380 households were satisfied with the provision and maintenance of dog bins. Dog-fouling was not identified as an issue.

Our rural idyll. Living in the countryside

Public rights of way and bridleways

The difference between a designated Public Right of Way, a footpath and a pavement can cause confusion, particularly in terms of maintenance responsibility.

Most respondents use these often or occasionally and consider all to be well signposted and maintained.

There are no Public Rights of Way in Armscote.

Allotments

17% of respondents have an interest in leasing an allotment, whilst the remaining 83% have no interest. The availability of allotments in Newbold is considered sufficient to meet the current demand.

This will be reviewed from time to time as housing development in the Parish increases over the next few years.



Cycling

Respondents are divided when considering safe places to cycle, with the highest concern relating to the safety of young children, especially in Darlingscott and Blackwell. Elsewhere in this report, there is a call for more dedicated cycle routes in the Parish.

More than 50% of residents regard the topic of cycling as not being relevant to them.



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Keeping us in the loop. Local Government

“How well do the respective local councils publicise their decisions and activities?”

When asked this question, Stratford-on-Avon District Council scored top with 51% saying very well or quite well. Tredington Parish Council scored 45% whilst Warwickshire County Council scored 46%.

How well do the respective local councils publicise their decisions and activities?	Very well	Quite well	Not well at all	No opinion
Warwickshire County Council	6%	40%	37%	17%
Stratford-on-Avon District Council	8%	43%	35%	14%
Tredington Parish Council	10%	35%	38%	17%

Base: (2014: 436)

Parish Council

125 households out of 448 feel that the Parish Council considers and reflects their views; 225 had no opinion; 98 feel that their views are ignored. In Blackwell, 32% feel that Tredington Parish Council fairly reflects their views compared with 30% in Newbold, 27% in Tredington & Armscote and 19% in Darlingscott.

Parish Council meetings

More than 300 respondents knew that Parish Council meetings are open to all residents, yet 321 have never attended a meeting.

147 respondents gave various reasons for non-attendance at Parish Council meetings some of which are quoted as follows:

“...no information available as to when and where”. “Poor publicity”.
“Can’t be bothered – no reason to attend”. “...only just moved to the Parish”.

A significant majority of 85% of households would welcome more information about Parish Council meetings and its receipt and allocation of funds.

Keeping us in the loop. Local Government

The precept

Our parish council, as the first tier of local government, can set an annual tax (precept) for each household collected by SDC as an addition to the council tax. This precept can be used to provide facilities or contribute towards the provision of facilities by other local organisations.

These important and visible local services include churchyards, village halls, village greens, common and open spaces, footpaths, playgrounds, community safety reduction schemes, youth projects as well as planning.

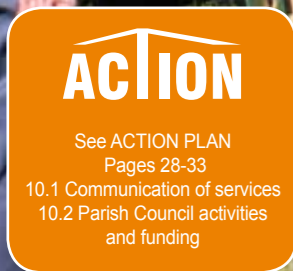
“The Parish Council receives an allowance (precept) of £27.00 per household per annum, the lowest in Warwickshire – the county average is £50. Would you be prepared to have the Parish Council element go up?”

68% would tolerate a £10 per annum increase in the precept. However, respondents have questioned the lack of detailed information on exactly how their precept is spent.

Exchange of information

- Almost 70% of information regarding community matters is by word of mouth, clearly demonstrated by the successful response rate of over 75% to the Parish Plan Questionnaire, when 30 local volunteers knocked on doors to explain the process to members of over 640 households.
- The most frequently-used community service is Newbold Post Office used by 56% of all respondents.
- Pubs are used by 41% of respondents every month
- 85% of households have internet and email access and 91% have mobile phones.
- However, over 44% of households experience a poor Broadband connection and 68% poor mobile phone reception.

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PIC

NB

High speed Broadband BT Infinity now available in Tredington and Armscote.
For information: www.cswbroadband.org.uk

"The rural sense of community, open spaces, local shops and businesses."

"The friendliness of the people and the sense of community."

"Rural quality with interesting architectural historic mix..."

"I love living here... people and views, pub and shop."

"What do you like most about living round here?"

"Shops in Shipston - grocers, hardware...you can get anything and free parking too."

"Having a village shop and Post Office."

"The support - especially from friends and neighbours."

"Great place to bring up family (peaceful, safe) but close enough to other amenities."

"Village environment, views, quiet walks...know most people by sight. Safe."

"Its beauty and history."

Our small corner of rural England. Living round here

The best bits

When asked *“What is the one aspect you like most about living in Tredington Parish?”*

- 389** respondents had something to say on the subject – many, enthusiastically listing more than one aspect.
- 163** of those surveyed enjoy the fact that it is a caring community, they have good neighbours and are surrounded by nice people.
- 155** said they loved its rural character and its special location.
- 120** people said that it was the beautiful peaceful village or hamlet they lived in that was special to them.

Compare these positive comments with the main issues of concern opposite.



“We are lucky in Newbold - good shop, good pub, excellent community, reasonable transport and a mobile library.”



“Peace and quiet. Safe environment for children, beautiful village, friendly atmosphere, fabulous views and neighbours.”



“A great location, with excellent access to train, road and air networks for business and leisure activities.”



Our small corner of rural England. Living round here

The worst bits

Respondents were asked *“What are the three issues which most concern you?”*

This question was designed to **identify and group together** issues of major concern. 389 respondents expressed these opinions.

- “Safety, traffic speed, the state of the roads, gritting, dangerous or inconsiderate parking.” (270 responses)*
- “Housing, planning, development and associated issues.” (260 responses)*
- “Infrastructure. Support for existing and possible new developments.” (97 responses)*

“Have we overlooked anything?”

Most opinions were either complementary or specific to individual personal issues. **Several were hopeful that the findings would be implemented.**

Comments about future action

- “There is a need to involve the youth of the Parish with facilities and initiatives to encourage their participation in the community.”*
- “Anticipating growing needs for an increasingly elderly population, there is a need to ‘future-proof’ the resulting Action Plan.”*
- “I believe that local employment, housing and shopping plus self-help schemes will be needed even more in the future.”*
- “Support the needs of people who work from home, local businesses etc. Broadband speed hinders local economy. Need a directory of local businesses.”*
- “More local walks and footpaths and access to the river Stour.”*
- “Service to support older people must be preserved and planned for now.”*
- “We need homes for the young to rent or buy.”*
- “Speeding vehicles is a big issue, both in terms of highway safety as well as noise.”*
- “Overcrowded medical centre...new larger centre needed.”*

*This is a summary of results. For the full report go to: www.stratford.gov.uk/tredingtonpp

Other issues and ideas.

Recurring themes throughout are 'lack of information', 'joined-up thinking' and 'community glue' between the villages and hamlets. Suggestions include the following:

- **Provide** a directory of activities and information points on Parish Council website and a calendar of existing and future events. Update regularly.
- **Keep** database up to date and use email and Twitter.
- **Use** Facebook and other social media to inform and attract the young.
- **Be** prepared and organised to share activities across our five smaller communities.
- **Encourage** self-sufficient approaches to local activities, sport and leisure.
- **Make** more provision for young people.
- **Care** for the housebound, elderly, disabled and disadvantaged.
- **Share** Technology information support (Mobile phone reception and broadband) and information about new systems to help those who work from home and depend on the technology.
- **Retain** affordable transport links.

In summary. By working together and being aware of the needs of others we can build a strong community spirit and achieve many of our mutual goals, without relying on outside sources to do it all for us.

We're stronger together!



A different perspective. Young Persons' Voice

Residents with children between the ages of 10 and 17 years were asked to submit a Young Voice questionnaire to be completed by their children.

60 responses were submitted: Armscote (4); Newbold (37); Tredington (19)

Ages were as follows: 10 yrs (1); 11yrs (10); 12yrs (7); 13yrs (9);

14yrs (7); 15yrs (10); 16yrs (9); 17yrs (9) Some households had more than one child.

They participate in a wide range of activities.

Athletics	21	Netball	19	Horse riding	13
Badminton	6	Rugby	8	Drama	26
Cricket	12	Snooker	3	Music	30
Football	21	Swimming	26	Craft	19
Keep fit	21	Tennis	17	Other	19
Martial arts	6	Volleyball	7		

What they told us

Limited bus services, cost and distance restrict their participation in many activities and social events.

78% are already members of a youth club. 46% would like a permanent youth club in this community with a wide range of activities. Preferred days and times vary.

76% would welcome a communal sports area, but 53% said they would not use a youth shelter.

Most said they like living here for its rural peace and quiet, and its small and friendly, good location. Many also find it dull with very little to do.

A different perspective. Young Persons' Voice

"What new activities would you like to see?"

"Outdoor sports, including a skate park and riding stables."

"Events and activities for young people."

"Places to meet up and socialise."

"A much upgraded park would be really appreciated."

"An archery club and cycle tracks."

"Different clubs such as Dance, Craft, Drama and Art lessons."

"What can we do to communicate more effectively with people of your age?"

"Set up a Facebook page, have a youth magazine."

"Hand out leaflets once a month."

"Bus shelters and some street lighting on the Shipston Road."

"Use emails or adverts on noticeboard."

All these comments, requests and ideas underline the need for better communication within the Parish – reinforcing a common theme throughout this report. One solution could be an 'electronic notice-board' for the young, accessible online which could be easily updated to communicate, inform and allow chat.

ACTION

See ACTION PLAN
Pages 28-33
11.1 Public transport
11.2 Youth Club facilities
11.3 Youth Communication

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Tredington



Newbold-on-Stour

Action!

An overview

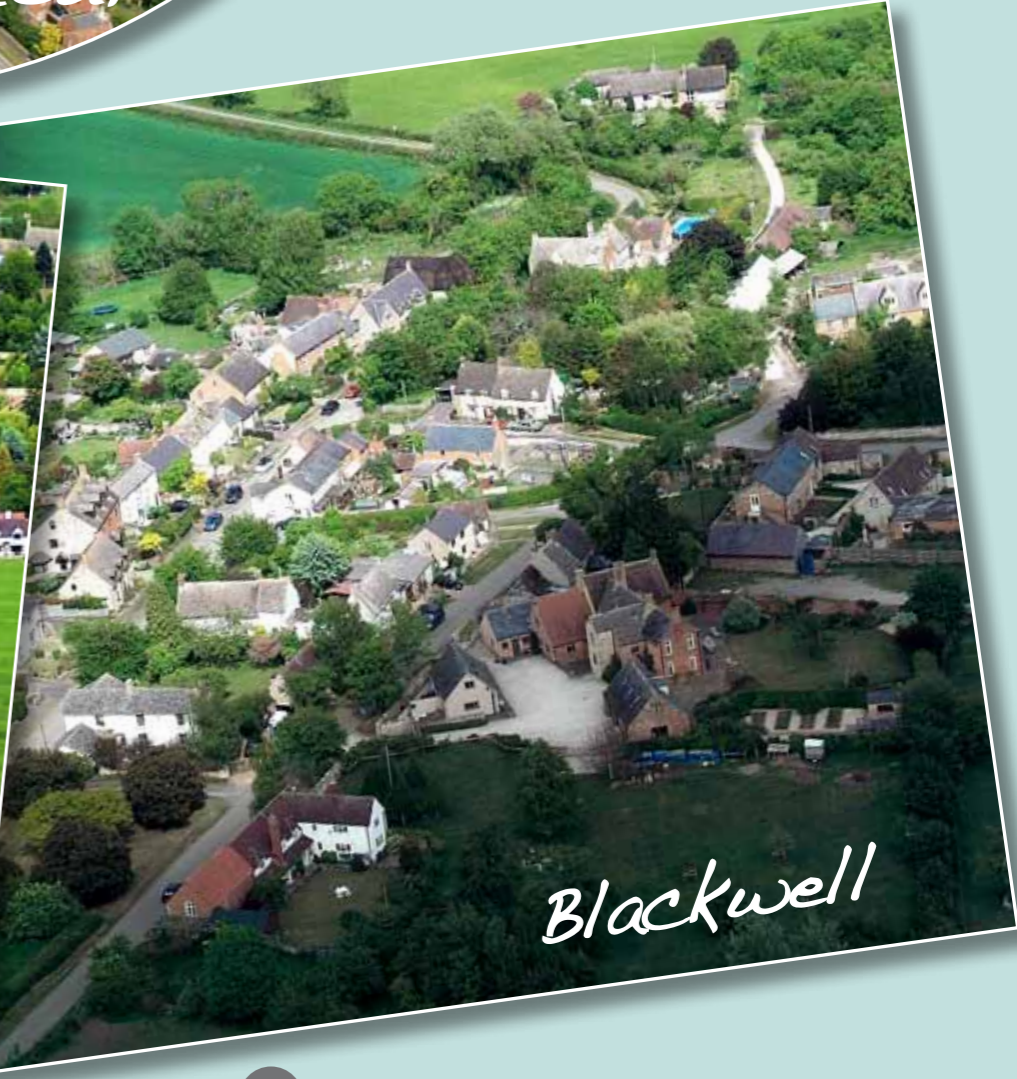
The following pages provide the details in brief of the Action Points that we, as a community, would like to see implemented. You can access the full SDC report of the Parish Plan questionnaire online at: www.stratford.gov.uk/tredingtonpp Or to view this document online, go to www.tredingtonparishcouncil.co.uk/parishplan.html



Armscote



Darlingscott



Blackwell

Getting it sorted. What happens next? Action Plan



The following actions are provided to aid decision-making and to highlight particular issues raised by respondents of the survey.

As such, there is no intention of committing Tredington Parish Council (TPC), Stratford District Council (SDC), Warwickshire County Council (WCC) or other relevant authorities to action items either outside their remit or beyond their powers.

Those organisations listed in the “Help and Advice” column may be the appropriate bodies to receive or provide information, lobby for action, provide advice or take direct action.

There will also be opportunities for individuals and community organisations to take action too.

The items which drive the action programme are taken directly from the responses to the Parish Plan Questionnaire.

The Parish Plan and Action Plan will be published on Tredington Parish Council and Stratford District Council websites. A booklet copy will be distributed to all households in the parish and other interested parties.

KEY: Abbreviated names are:

TPC Tredington Parish Council **SDC** Stratford District Council **WCC** Warwickshire County Council

● Red action: complete by end of 2017 ● Amber action: complete by end of 2018. ● Green action: as and when appropriate.

Topic Area	Issue	Action	Help & Advice	Timescale
Housing				
1.1 Housing	Warwickshire Rural Communities Council consider that the 2013 housing survey needs to be updated.	Parish Council to investigate the updating of the 2013 Housing Needs Survey.	Parish Council and Warwickshire Rural Communities Council	●
1.2 Planning applications	The Parish Plan to be utilised by SDC when reviewing planning applications until such time when the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted by SDC.	Following adoption, the Parish Plan is to be recognised as a material consideration when reviewing planning applications until such time when the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted by SDC	SDC and TPC to consider the Parish Plan when reviewing planning applications	●
1.3 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)	There is a legal requirement to take a Neighbourhood Plan into consideration when determining planning applications. An NP allows local people to decide where and what type of development should happen in our local area.	Parish Council to initiate the Neighbourhood Development Plan process by forming a steering group and submitting an area designation application.	TPC and SDC	●
Local economy				
2.1 New businesses	139 respondents favoured local businesses, 62 welcoming the idea of workshops and artisan studios.	Explore ways of encouraging and supporting new and established businesses.	Community-driven	●
Essential services				
3.1 Neighbourhood Watch	Most people would like to see Neighbourhood Watch Scheme reintroduced.	Seek volunteers interested in reinstating NWS in their village. Approach Warwickshire Rural Crime Coordinator.	Local Residents working with TPC	●
3.2 Connection to Gas Services	78 of the 120 households without mains gas would like to be connected.	Parish council to make representations on residents' behalf to determine feasibility and cost.	TPC Residents WCC Transco ES Pipelines	●
3.3 Register for upgraded Broadband	Currently, many are experiencing slow Broadband.	BT Infinity supply is now available.	Residents to contact service providers to request connection.	●
3.4 Flood Management	Flooding is an issue in some parts of the parish.	Recognise previously flooded areas and liaise with Flood Action Groups.	WCC Flood Management & Prevention Environment Agency Severn Trent Shipston Area Flood Action Group WCC Highways	●

Essential services continued overleaf

Getting it sorted. What happens next?

Action Plan



PHONE

Topic Area	Issue	Action	Help & Advice	Timescale
Essential services				
3.5 Road Maintenance	Poorly maintained footpaths and potholes in some roads.	Notify Highways Authority of defects and problems on roads and footways (including potholes, obscured signage, overgrown footpaths etc). Review plans for gritting and snow clearance.	TPC WCC – Highways Public & Community Groups	●
Transport				
4.1 Footpaths, Pavements and Cycle tracks	A need for more hard-surfaced footpaths and for cycle routes.	Carry out feasibility exercise on more hard-surfaced paths in the parish and maintenance of existing pathways. Consider dedicated cycle routes.	WCC Highways	●
Parking and traffic				
5.1 Parking	Dangerous and inconsiderate parking blocking road space, particularly outside schools, village halls and pubs.	Improve recognition and control – report to appropriate bodies to be identified.	WCC Highways and possibly the Police	●
5.2 Traffic Calming	90% of respondents feel that speeding is a huge concern and would welcome traffic-calming measures.	Investigate installation of traffic calming measures and better road markings where possible and appropriate.	WCC Highways	●
5.3 Speeding	Speeding is considered a major issue especially on the A3400 in Newbold and Tredington.	TPC to seek volunteers from residents for community speed checks working in conjunction with Police.	TPC Police	●
Health, social and local services				
6.1 Accessibility of Shipston Medical Centre & patient forums	Difficulty in accessing some services and seeking support groups.	Raise awareness of voluntary transport scheme. Residents should be encouraged to use existing groups in Shipston.	Shipston Medical Centre Local hospital Other Healthcare providers	●
6.2 Defibrillators	Insufficient knowledge of locations and usage.	Parish Council to publish information on the location of every defibrillator in the Parish. Arrange courses on usage of defibrillators. Consultation with representatives of five villages.	TPC West Midlands Ambulance Service	●

Topic Area	Issue	Action	Help & Advice	Timescale
Education				
7.1 Education	Need for adult IT skills.	Investigate existing IT Skills tuition locally, and circulate details of courses, new and existing.	TPC SDC Age UK Warwickshire Web Wise	●
7.2 Community Resources	Requests for specific classes and special interest groups.	Where possible support local resources, on a case by case basis. Identify providers of educational and recreational activity both within and close to Tredington parish.	TPC SDC Community Groups	●
Community matters				
8.1 Information sharing	Despite 80% of respondents having internet access, community websites are rarely visited.	Review expanding use of TPC website or launch a community website to improve communication, act as a focal point for local information, activities and special interest groups such as clubs and societies.	TPC Community Groups and advisers	●
Living in the countryside				
9.1 Road Safety	Road safety is considered a major concern for everyone.	See 5.2 and 5.3	See 5.2 and 5.3	●
Local government				
10.1 Communication of Services	Insufficient communication of decisions and activities by SDC, WCC and TPC.	All councils to consider how they can improve their communications on a regular basis.	WCC SDC TPC	●
10.2 Parish Council Activities and funding	Most households would welcome more information about TPC meetings and how the precept income is allocated.	Improve communication and generate interest through various media channels.	TPC	●
Needs of younger people				
11.1 Public Transport	Limited bus services restrict youth participation outside the parish.	Investigate affordable opportunities in transport for youngsters to widen their scope of activities.	SDC in conjunction with TPC. WCC	●
11.2 Youth Club facilities	No youth club in the parish.	Investigate support for a local youth club and/or transport to Shipston Youth Club.	TPC to seek volunteer from community to consider options.	●
11.3 Youth Communication	Lack of information-sharing facility.	The survey identified a wish for an electronic notice-board. Use of social media should also be considered.	TPC to seek volunteer from community to investigate options and to manage.	●



*Want to know more?
Want to report something?
Get through to the right department*

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Dead animals: 01789 260616
Fallen trees: 01926 412515
Potholes: 01926 412515
Concessionary travel: 01789 260408
Youth: 01789 260125

Blocked sewers: 0800 783 4444 or 01789 260858
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Damaged pavements: 01926 412515
Flooding: 0815 988 1188
Abandoned vehicles: 01789 260616
Pest control: 01789 260814

Committees and councillors: 01789 260245
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Age UK Web Wise: 07881 812943

Overgrown hedges and grass verges: 01926 412515
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A postscript from Tredington Parish Council

"It was several years ago that your parish council started considering the merits of a Parish Plan in order to identify the needs and priorities of those living and working in our five communities.

However, it required the commitment of a dedicated group of volunteers to steer the process and to carry out the legwork, to ensure the plan was a community undertaking which represented as much of the parish as possible. The response to the parish plan survey has meant that the parish council now has an

excellent document which clearly sets out the views of those in the parish.

This information and the action plan will be used by the parish council to help inform relevant decision-making by providing a representative view of the parish as a whole and to serve as evidence-based data to engage the support of other relevant organisations in the delivery of appropriate actions."

Michelle Aston
Chair of Tredington Parish Council, August 2015

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