

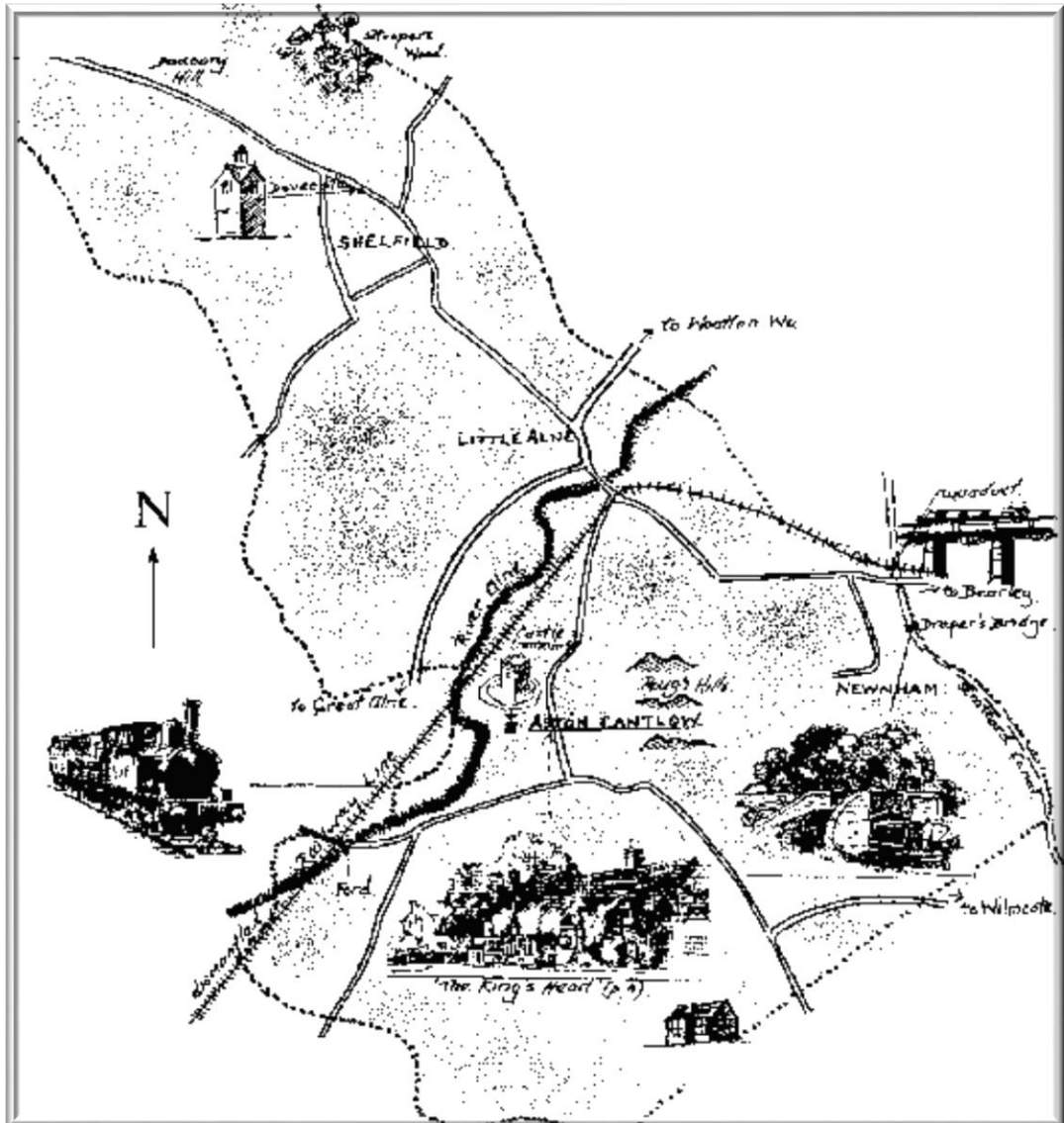


ASTON CANTLOW PARISH PLAN 2018

OVERVIEW

This plan was produced on behalf of the Parish Council by the Parish Planning Group in 2016 following on from the previous parish appraisal completed in 2000. Its purpose is to present a snapshot in time of the Parish as it is to-day and to outline the views and opinions as expressed through survey by the Parishioners as captured by the Group.

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INTRODUCTION

What is a Parish Plan?

In recent years Central Government has been putting pressure on Local Authorities to be more democratically accountable to their constituents by ascertaining the views of people within different communities on subjects that affect their lives. To this end, Stratford District Council has encouraged and aided local communities to undertake in the first instance appraisals and then to develop them in Parish Plans and/or Neighbourhood Plans.

The Parish Plan aimed to find out how people felt about their environment, their community and what issues concerning planning, transport and other services were important to them. The Stratford-on-Avon District Council are bound to consult the views of the people expressed in it before making any plans or decisions that would affect the Ward. The purpose of a Parish Plan therefore is threefold:

- to provide a historical record of the area
- to provide an up-to-date record of the physical, natural and human environment
- to identify current and future needs of the parish and the concerns of the parishioners.
- produce an Action Plan based on those identified community needs

How was it Carried Out?

The Parish Council initiated the production of the plan and asked through a variety of media for volunteers to come forward to form a Parish Plan Group / Steering committee. The purpose of a Parish Plan was set out and examples of reports produced by other communities together with recommendations that had been acted upon by Stratford District Council were discussed. A follow up session during a meeting of the Parish Council was attended by a representative from Warwickshire Rural Community Council who gave an outline of how such a plan should be produced, its importance and provided guidance materials that could be used as a baseline for the Group. Two options were presented, creating a Neighbourhood Plan or creating a Parish Plan. Whilst there is a difference between the two, in particular that a Parish Plan is an advisory document whereas a Neighbourhood Plan would have the status of a development plan, there were considerable costs associated with a neighbourhood plan and it required more participants to work on it as it would be much more detailed. The Parish Council determined that at this stage we would create a Parish Plan and upgrade it to a Neighbourhood Plan at a later date, if that proved to be necessary, although we are assured by SDC that both are equally valid in terms of using it as a reference in relation to planning applications and as it is a reflection of the views of the parish at the time it was created. It is the intent of the Parish Council to review the document regularly and its capability to upgrade to a Neighbourhood Plan as and when it is able.

A number of residents volunteered to form the Aston Cantlow Parish Plan Group. These people became the main contacts on issues concerning the development of the plan and were:

Joan Flood, Sue Edkins and Lesley Harvey.

Although initially there were other volunteers, several of them changed their minds as they could not commit to the time required to work on producing the document.

The initial data gathering was carried out by means of a questionnaire which was issued in late 2015. A questionnaire was designed that was, as far as possible, relevant both to people living in one of the hamlets and to those living in the village of Aston Cantlow. The questionnaires were drafted by the Group and delivered by them by hand to every household within the Parish. All of the completed questionnaires were entered into a prize draw, the winners of which were anonymous as they were linked to the number of the individual questionnaires.

Regular updates on the progress of the Plan were included in the Parish Council Minutes and at varying times within the Village Vine publication and the Parish Noticeboards.

The Steering Group had planned to produce the plan in a shorter time period, however, it took somewhat longer than initially anticipated which in part was due to the numbers of the Parish Plan Steering Group dwindling and the impact that inevitably had on the remaining 3 participants. The production of the plan has been funded by the Parish Council the Appraisal had to be put on hold for a while because it was uncertain whether or not funds could be provided by any other source should that be necessary

Prior to the final draft of the report the steering group organised for the INITIAL DRAFT to be available in the Village Hall on the 23rd June 2016 to coincide with the vote for the EU referendum. The purpose of this was to present the main areas on which the majority of public feeling appeared to centre and seek suggestions/opinions as to the accuracy of the plan and the data it was presenting. In addition, members of the public were invited to make additional comments for inclusion. The findings from this event have helped to focus the recommendations contained in this final report and inform the steering group on issues which may require further development.

What Happens Next?

The Aston Cantlow Parish Council have indicated their acceptance of the plan and therefore copies of this Parish Plan will be given to the appropriate officer at Stratford-on-Avon District Council for their review and submission and adoption, relevant officers at Warwickshire County Council (e.g. those responsible for highways and planning), Councillor John Horner, Councillor Mike Gittus, the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee, the Tennis Club, The Parish Church, Warwickshire Rural Community Council, Rural Transport Team, the Police and other relevant organisations. The recommendations in this report will identify any significant capital projects for which a feasibility scheme may need to be carried out. Where smaller projects are identified that do not necessarily require capital injection, a group of community volunteers could initiate action on these issues. Examples of such projects could be: working on the idea of a community shop, clearing footpaths and ditches and good neighbour activities.

How would any such projects be funded?

At this stage the Parish Plan Steering Group will hand the completed document over to the Parish Council for it to hold and for it to initiate the planning for any projects or potential projects identified. That said, there is no reason why any individual who wishes to do so cannot initiate an action independently. There is no requirement for the Parish Plan Steering Group itself to undertake

further actions, although it may be that those volunteers wish to form an Action Group alongside or independent of the Parish Council.

Where an action plan identifies a specific capital project the community may be able to apply for Grants although at this stage the Group has not looked into or identified sources of funds.

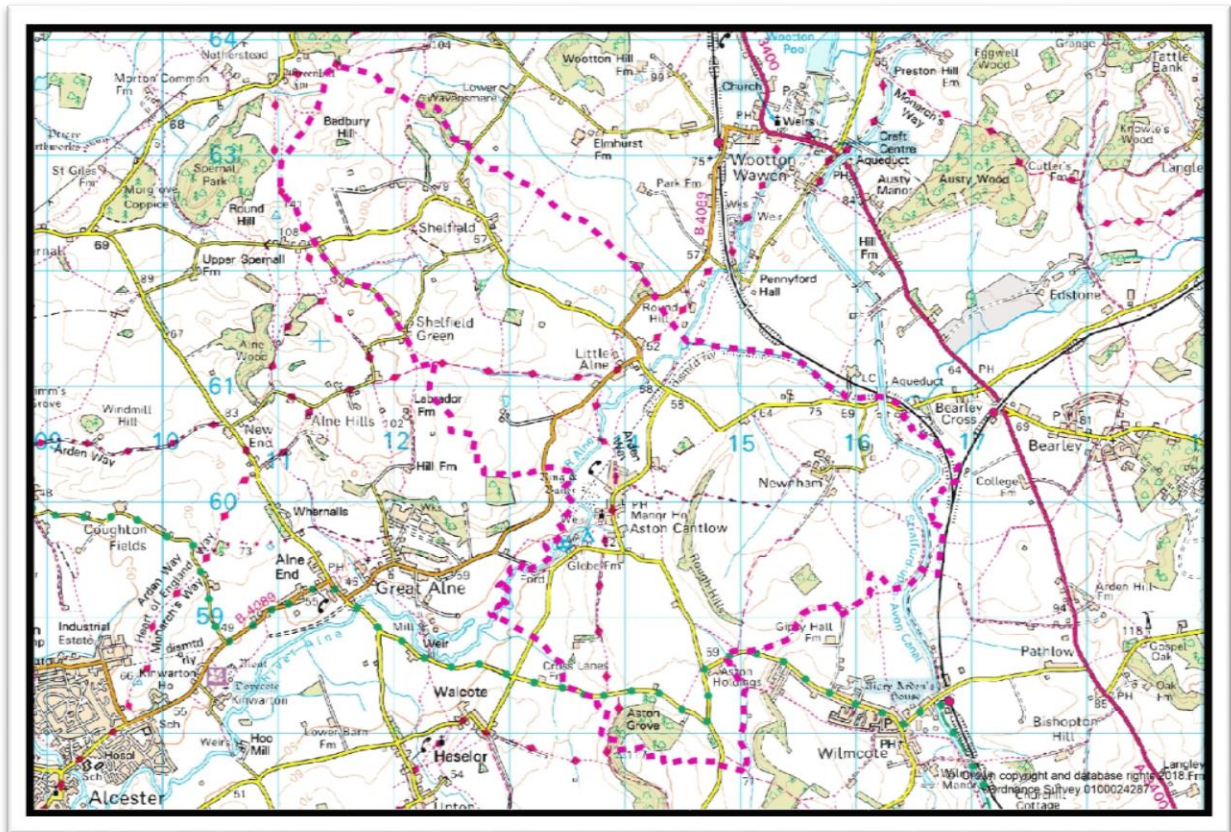
The Parish and its boundaries

The current Aston Cantlow Parish comprises the settlements of Aston Cantlow village and the Hamlets of Shelfield, Little Alne and Newnham. The Parish is bordered by Wilmcote, Billesley, Great Alne, Haselor, Wootton Wawen and Bearley.

Aston Cantlow Parish is in South Warwickshire and is under the governance of Stratford upon Avon District Council and Warwickshire County Council. It has its own Parish Council that meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month (excluding December) in the Aston Cantlow Village Hall Guildroom.

The Parish stretches across the valley of the River Alne. On the East bank of the Alne is the main village of Aston Cantlow which lies north and south along the road between Wootton Wawen and Bearley through to Billesley from White House Hill in the north along Brook Road and Bearley Road to Wilmcote Lane and Mill Lane. Chapel Lane and Church Lane branch off west of Bearley Road and lead down to the River Alne. Guild Road branches to the east of Bearley road. On the opposite bank of the Alne lies Little Alne. The valley is bounded by a line of low, partly wooded hills on the east and south sides the Rough Hills which divide it from the River Avon. On this ridge here lies the small hamlet of Newnham which comprising a number of houses and farms approached via the single-track Newnham Lane which runs southwards from the road between Little Alne and Bearley Crossroads parallel to the canal near the Edstone aqueduct, the longest aqueduct in England.

Much of the village of Aston Cantlow lies within a Conservation Area where there are additional restraints on planning and development, and indeed many of the buildings to the west of Bearley Road are Listed Buildings. (see map below)



History of the Parish.

The earliest historical record of a settlement in what we now call Aston Cantlow is in the Domesday Book, although evidence shows there was an earlier Anglo-Saxon settlement here. The name derives from the Cantelupe family who settled here and built the Castle after the Norman Conquest. The name Cantelupe became "Cantilow" and eventually "Cantlow" over generations; formalised spelling as we know it being a twentieth century preoccupation. "Aston" simply means "Eastern Settlement". The Cantelupe family owned all the land which now comprises the Aston Cantlow Ward of the Parish, i.e. Aston Cantlow, Little Alne, Newnham and Sheffield.

Descent of the manor

Prior to the Norman conquest in 1066, the manor of Aston was held by Earl Ælfgar, son of Earl Leofric who had died in 1057, and the husband of Lady Godiva. Osbern FitzRichard, son of Richard FitzScrob (or FitzScrope), builder of Richard's Castle, was the holder in 1086 as the Domesday Book records.

"In Ferncombe Hundred, Osbern son of Richard holds (Estone) Aston from the King. 5 hides. Land for 10 ploughs. 9 Flemings and 16 villagers with a priest and 10 small holders who have 12 ploughs. A mill at 8s and 5 sticks of eels; meadow, 40 acres; woodland 1 league in length and width. The value was 100s now £6. Earl Ælfgar held it".

Osbern died in 1137 and by 1169 it had passed to William the Chamberlain of Tankervill, who, by an undated grant gave to the Abbey of Winchcombe all the land, in wood and plain, between Alne and his manor of Estone on condition that it should remain uncultivated and that his men should enjoy the same common rights there as they had in the rest of the wood and plain of Alne. He was still holding the manor in 1177 and may have been succeeded by Ralph de Tankervill, who is referred to fifty years later as having formerly possessed it.

It ultimately escheated to the Crown] and in 1204 King John (1199–1216) granted it to William I de Cantilupe (d.1239), from whose family, which held the manor for four generations in direct descent the village takes its name. William's family name was added to the name of the manor of Aston, probably to differentiate it from another of the same name, in one of its many anciently-spelled varieties, Cantlow.

William I de Cantilupe served King John as Justiciar and Steward of the Household, served several times as Sheriff of Warwickshire, and from 1215 to 1223 was Governor of Kenilworth Castle. He attained the status of a feudal baron, his barony, of which Aston became a member, having its baronial seat or caput at Eaton Bray in Bedfordshire.

The family had been conspicuous for several generations, "evil councillors" of King John and his son Henry III, as Matthew Paris recorded and strong supporters of the Crown against the Barons. On his death in 1239 his son William II de Cantilupe (d.1251) succeeded him both in his estates and as Steward of the Royal Household. Either William II or his son William III de Cantilupe is referred to as holding the manor, valued at £40, by unknown feudal tenure, of the gift of King John. Dugdale notes that the family remained lords of the manor in 1250.

William III's younger brother Thomas de Cantilupe (d.1282), who never held the manor, became Bishop of Hereford in 1275 and in 1320 was canonized as St Thomas of Hereford. William III de Cantilupe died in 1254, leaving a three-year-old son George de Cantilupe (d.1273), later Baron Bergavenny, as his heir.

During George's minority his wardship, and therefore the custody of the manor, was granted to the Queen of the Romans. On his death in 1273 without progeny the senior male line of the family died out,[1] his heir being his nephew John Hastings, 1st Baron Hastings and Baron Bergavenny (d.1313).

John Hastings was eventually succeeded by his grandson Laurence de Hastings, who was created Earl of Pembroke in 1339, and the manor descended through his family until it passed for lack of heirs to a cousin, Sir William Beauchamp, who was summoned to Parliament as Baron Bergavenny in 1392. He died having settled it on his widow Joan for her life with reversion to their son and heir Richard and his daughter Elizabeth who married Edward Nevill, fourth son of Ralph, Earl of Westmorland. Richard, who was created Earl of Worcester, died in 1422 and Joan in 1435.

The manor thus descended to Edward Nevill, created Baron Bergavenny in 1450, and remained in the family of Nevill, Barons, Earls, and Marquise's of Abergavenny, for over four centuries. In 1874 William, Marquis of Abergavenny, sold it to Thomas Wood and in 1918 it was offered for sale by the Wood trustees. The estate was then broken up among the tenants: the Gild-house, to which the manorial rights attached, was bought by Sir Charles Tertius Mander of Wolverhampton, whose trustees became the lords of the manor.

Aston Cantlow

Aston Cantlow is the largest settlement within the Parish and is the main Village that the Parish takes its name from.



Just beyond the turning to Newnham within the Parish the road is crossed by the Edstone Viaduct, which is the longest viaduct in England. As well as crossing the road the viaduct also takes the canal over the railway in a cast iron trough with a footpath on one side. You can park at the base of the aqueduct and walk up the steps to cross the viaduct on the footpath which runs alongside the canal. Walking one way along the canal for about 45 minutes will take you to Wootton Wawen and the Yew Tree Craft centre, whilst the other way will take you in just under 2 hours to Stratford upon Avon via Wilmcote.



To the south of the village there is a weir and an old Mill House in whose grounds is Island Meadow Caravan Park. In about 1799 the flour mill here was converted into a paper mill. Some forty-five to fifty years later it became a needle scouring mill, after 1890 it returned to paper making and after that a factory making ball-bearings for bicycles.



In the centre of the village at the end of Church Lane is the church of St John the Baptist where Shakespeare's parents John Shakespeare from Snitterfield and Mary Arden from Wilmcote married in 1557. The chancel, nave and tower of the church are in Early English style dating from the 13th Century. It stands close to The River Alne and the turret may have been intended to carry a beacon to light travellers along the causeway over the low-lying water meadows to the castle a few hundred yards to the north. The bell chamber was added later in the 14th Century and the diagonal buttresses to the lower storey then or later. The north chapel is traditionally associated with the Guild of St. Mary whose links are with the Guildhall. Mary Arden was baptised in the 15th Century font.

The mid-18th century Old Vicarage sits to the west of the church. It probably replaces a vicarage of earlier construction and to the south of the church The Old School House designed by William Butterfield, a distinguished Victorian Ecclesiastical architect was built in 1847. At the Lych gate to the church is The Old Post Office now called Ivy Cottage and along Church Lane are picturesque half-timbered cottages dating from 17th Century.



Nearby is the black and white half-timbered traditional 15th Century Public House The Kings Head where it is rumoured that Shakespeare's parents had their wedding breakfast. Opposite is the former 16th Century Medieval Guildhall part of which was formerly used as the goal, but now is partly residential and partly used for meetings.



The Guildhall, which externally retains much of its original appearance, is traditionally believed to have been the hall of the Guild of St Mary, a religious guild that was in existence here in the time of Henry VI. As late as 1770 the upper chamber was reserved for manor courts. Attached to the rear is the more contemporary 1960's Village Hall and behind it is a Tennis Court and a Children's Playground. Adjacent to The Guildhall is Guild Road and its houses which

were constructed in the 1960's. Part of the Guildhall is used for functions as part of the Village Hall. The Village hall itself is managed and operated by a committee.



On the opposite side of Guild Road is Aston Cantlow Club built in 1876, part of which was formerly The Sun Inn.

Further along Bearley Road is The Old Smithy or Blacksmiths Forge of 16th century origin, and the Georgian farmhouse of Cantella Farm (formerly Castle Farm). Behind the farm in a field called Stocking Banks are the earthwork remains of the Norman castle of Baron de Cantilupe from whose name the village derives the second part of its name Cantlow. Prior to the Norman conquest in 1066, the manor of Aston was held by Earl Ælfgar, son of Earl Leofric. The castle passed to the family of Hastings and is described in an extent of the manor in 1274, but by 1392 the castle and the barns and granges belonging to it were in ruins.

There is a second small village green with ancient cottages behind just before the turn for Chapel Lane down which there was a chapel until the 1960's. Further along Bearley Road there is an Old Bakery and the former Steeds shop.

Several farm houses in the village date from the 17th Century and before, one of which on the junction of Mill Lane and Wilmcote Lane is Glebe Farm whose barns have been recently converted into residential dwellings. It was formerly part of the site of the grange or manor house of the Priors of Maxstoke. To the east of the farm-house are traces of a rectangular moat, which within living memory was partly filled with water and in the field known as Parsons Close, in the western angle of the road junction opposite, there is a large rectangular moated enclosure where foundations were still visible in 1849.

Manor Farm (formerly Ridgeway Farm) in the centre of the village reputed to stand on the site of the Old Manor House has an H shaped plan and a fine range of eighteenth and nineteenth century red brick and timber farm buildings





Little Alne

Little Alne is a ribbon hamlet which lies along the B4089 from Pools Barn Farm to the south near the border with Great Alne to the Lodge and Cottage at the brow of The Roundhill on the Wootton Wawen road. It is a small hamlet of approximately twenty houses and cottages. Silesbourne Brook joins the Alne from the east near the road bridge and traces of the original ford can be seen on the north side of the bridge. Lands allotted to the repair of the bridge are mentioned in the Enclosure Award of 1743. North of the bridge, on the bridle road leading to Grey Mills is a ford of unusual length and depth, and Sydenham ford lies about 1½ miles to the south. Between the latter and the bridge, and respectively north and south of the main village, are two footbridges, presumably the Reynolds bridge and Long bridge of the Inclosure Award. The former was then stated to be repairable by the inhabitants of Shelfield.

The principal house in Little Alne is Holyoake Farm, so named from the family of Holyoake of Studley, who held it as tenants during the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

Today, within Little Alne there is a small commercial development – The Arden Centre - which encompasses a number of small businesses, including an antiques retailer, a kitchen design and fit out company, a flooring company, hairdresser and a specialist telescope retailer.

In addition, there are a number of farming entities, notably one of more than 1,000 acres run by the Turney family.

Newnham

Newnham is the 2nd of the hamlets within the parish and is said to have had a larger population of some 300 when the Wilmcote stone quarries were in operation, however we have found this difficult to confirm there being differing views expressed by parishioners. The alternate views are that in 1086, the Prior of Coventry held Newnham which was assessed as 5 hides. When next mentioned in 1386 Newnham was a hamlet of Aston Cantlow. In 1541 and 1546, Walter Edkins of Newnham was supplying stone from his quarry for the repair of Clopton bridge. In 1776 the majority of land in Newnham, including Tutnell Hill Farm and Redlands Farm, was part of the Baron of Abergavenny estate. The modern hamlet of Newnham consists of about 15 houses and farmhouses with a population of about 30. There are two farm-houses, Redlands and Tutnell Field Farm, and a number of cottages, three of which have timber-framing of the 17th century or earlier. There was a chapel at Newnham though no written record of it survives earlier than 1749 when it had been converted to secular use. The ruined walls of the chapel have disappeared but there are still traces of earthworks and moats in Old Close east of Tutnell Field Farm and in a field nearby called Moat Meadow



Shelffield

Shelffield is the 3rd small hamlet of a dozen or so cottages, farms and barn conversions with three houses of age. Shelffield House, called Lay Farm in the map of 1776, was probably built by the Skinners late in the 17th and much altered early in the 18th century. There is a Grade II dovecote close to Shelffield House. Shelffield Lodge, described by Lewing as 'the Old Manor House' of Shelffield, is a house of irregular plan, dating from about 1600. The walls were of timber framing, but all have been replaced by brickwork of different periods from the late 17th to the 19th century. The Poplars, or Poplars Hall, was formerly known as Bartlam's Farm

Today Shelffield has a number of major equestrian businesses both large and small and is the home and business base of the Olympic gold medallist Nick Skelton.



Roads and railways in the parish

One of the roads in the parish possesses some historical interest. It enters the parish near Shelffield as a continuation of Burford Lane, crosses the river at Little Alne bridge and continues eastward, near Newnham, to Bearley Cross and Warwick. It was anciently a salt-way from Droitwich. The western portion of it is mentioned as the road from Spernall to Aston in a 13th century grant by William de Cantilupe to Studley Priory; the section from about the present railway bridge to the turn to Newnham was called Port Lane in the Inclosure Award of 1743—a name that still survives in Port Leasow, a field on the south side. The section from the Newnham turn to Bearley Cross is still called Salter's Lane. During the late 18th and early 19th centuries Aston Cantlow was indicted at Quarter Sessions more frequently than almost any other parish in the county for neglecting to repair its roads. Between 1794 and 1812 fines to be devoted to this purpose totalling £1,250 were ordered to be levied on the inhabitants.



The branch-line of the Great Western Railway from Bearley to Alcester, opened in 1876, ran through the parish, following the line of the river as far as Great Alne station. A halt for Aston Cantlow on this line was made in 1923 south of the railway bridge which the road from the river bridge to the turn into Bearley Road crosses. The restored lamp in the picture above originally came from The Halt prior to its closing.

Markets

William de Cantilupe obtained a grant of a market and fair at Aston Cantlow in 1227. The fair was held on the village green, a triangle of grass in front of The Kings Head but there is no subsequent mention of them. The fact that by the end of the 13th century there were four markets and fairs within 5 miles, all in more important places probably accounts for their disappearance.

Industries and Trades

Paper making and sewing needle scouring were two major trades in the village in times past. The earliest reference to paper-making at Aston Cantlow occurs in the inclosure award of 1743, from which it appears that there must have been a mill near the junction of the Alne and Silesbourne Brook. Thomas Fruin of Aston Cantlow, paper-maker, is recorded in 1768 in the Abstracts of Title for Stratford on Avon.

About 1799 the mill near the church was converted into a paper-mill by Henry Wrighton, trade directories show that this family carried on the business until about 1845–50. Afterwards the mill was used by Messrs. Pardow of Studley for needle-scouring, an industry which lasted here for about forty years. After a short period during the 1890s, during which the mill was used again for its original purpose, it became for a few years a factory for making ball-bearings for bicycles before being finally abandoned in the 1920s.

In Aston Cantlow, originally part of the Sun Inn, now the The Club, was used as a general store. Later a grocery shop called Steeds, along with a bakery existed on Bearley Road in the house now called 'the Old Bakery'. The shop was subsequently run from Home Farm. The original Post Office was located in a cottage opposite The Old Forge, this then moved to Ivy cottage at the top of Church Lane with a telephone box outside and later when the Post Office closed one was created in Steeds Shop. When Steeds closed a shop was built back at Home Farm but no shop or post office exists in the village now.

In the 1950's a business was set up in the centre of Aston Cantlow opposite The Old Forge by the village blacksmith where he could pursue 'smithing' rather than shoeing horses. This became a steel fabrication company Tubeworkers Ltd which closed in 1970 and has since been converted to housing. The villages in the Parish are now mainly agricultural and residential communities and there is a small business park at Little Alne and racing stables at Shelfield

The Parish is now mainly agricultural, and some major equestrian facilities which provide employment opportunities and a business Centre where a number of small business are located in Little Alne. In addition, there are some small home based industries and many residents commute to nearby cities for employment. In the Guildhall there is a section of wattle and daub wall uncovered that can be viewed and one of the Lamps from The Aston Cantlow Railway Halt of 1923.

Further reading

For further reading there are two history panels in the Village Hall and an Aston Cantlow leaflet produced by the Aston Cantlow and District Local History Society. The society produced the publication 'A passage through time' a detailed history of the parish and life in it as a millennium

project in 2000. Extracts of this information are available on the local history section of the Aston Cantlow Community website www.astoncantlow.com/our-parish/local-history



The Survey and its Results

Data Gathering:

Data for this survey was gathered via a written survey and from independent research by the Parish Plan Steering Group using a wide variety of sources. A copy of the survey is shown in the appendix to this document. The results are outlined below

Environment

Part of the area includes the geological features of scarp and river valley which are regarded as having particular environmental significance.

The settlements which comprise the Aston Cantlow Ward of the Parish, i.e. Little Alne, Newnham, Shelfield and Aston Cantlow, all lie within the Green Belt and in the Arden Special Landscape Area.

The settlement hierarchy is set out in Policy CS.15 of the Core Strategy. Accordingly, Aston Cantlow is identified as a Category 4 Local Service Village and the remaining villages in the parish are defined as 'All other settlements'.

Housing

The parish is made up of a mixture of housing in a multitude of styles, some of which are listed and of historical interest (see table below). Part of the Parish has been designated a Conservation Area as can be seen from the map (added to this document for reference). Outside of the conservation areas the housing is both of mixed construction and size and provides a variety of housing solutions for both large and small numbers of occupants. We the steering committee do note that there is room for some infill development to ensure the long term sustainability of the parish and to enable current and future residents to find suitable accommodation within the parish. This accords with para 89 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Core Strategy Policy CS.10 that sets out appropriate and inappropriate development in the Green Belt.

The Parish has a number of listed buildings as shown below:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20-23, Bearley Road Grade II Brook Road, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27-29, Chapel Lane Grade II Chapel Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aqueduct, Stratford on Avon Canal (That Part in Aston Cantlow Cp) Grade II* Salters Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardencroft Grade II Newnham Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barn and Attached Shelter Shed Approx.12 meters North of Lower Farmhouse (Not Included) Grade II Newnham Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cottage Approx.30 meters South West of the King's Head Public House Grade II Church Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barn Attached to Tutnells Hill Farmhouse Grade II Newnham Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barns Adjoining the Poplars Farmhouse Grade II Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bay Cottage, The Retreat Grade II 21 Bearley Road, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beagle Cottage Thimble Cottage Grade II 28 Bearley Road, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church of St John the Baptist Grade I Church Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle Farmhouse Grade II 28 Bearley Road, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutton Barn Grade II Wood Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crusoe Cottage Grade II Chapel Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glebe Farmhouse Grade II Mill Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire • Cart shed Approx. 35 meters South of Glebe Farmhouse Grade II Mill Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draper Bridge, Stratford on Avon Canal Grade II Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guild Rooms the Porch Grade II* Brook Road, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Granary and Shelter Shed Approx.30 meters North of Redlands Farmhouse Grade II Newnham Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Farm Cottage Grade II Bearley Road, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holyoake Farmhouse Holyoake House Grade II B4089, Little Alne, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire • Cow house, Outbuilding and Stable Attached to Holyoake Farmhouse and Holyoake House Grade II B4089, Little Alne, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redlands Farmhouse Grade II Newnham Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Green Cottage The Old Green Grade II Wilmcote Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ring O Bell Cottage Grade II Church Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelfield Lodge Farmhouse Grade II Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosemary Cottage Grade II Newnham Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rose Cottage Grade II Church Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelfield Park Farmhouse Grade II Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire • Cart shed and Granary Approx.10 meters East of Shelfield Lodge Farmhouse Grade II Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire • Barn Approx. 30 meters North North East 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelfield House Grade II* Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire • Dovecote Approx. 60 Meters South East of Shelfield House Grade II Aston Cantlow • Right and Left Gate pier Approx. 10 meters

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> of Shelfield Park Farmhouse Grade II Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire Shelter Shed Approximately 100 meters North East of Shelfield Park Farmhouse Grade II Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North of Shelfield House Grade II Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire Cart shed Approx. 50 meters South East of Shelfield House Grade II Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thatched Cottage Grade II Newnham Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stable, Loosebox and Archway Approx.12 meters North of Shelfield Lodge Farmhouse Grade II Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mill Cottage Grade II Mill Lane, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The King's Head Inn Grade II Brook Road, Aston Cantlow, Warwickshire
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Footpaths

The Parish is well served by Public Footpaths which were kept open and maintained by an active Volunteer Footpath Group. However, in recent years due to lack of support the group has disbanded and no longer does any work in the parish.



Flooding

Much of the Parish is liable to feel the effects of flooding and much of the development sits on or abutting flood plains with some properties liable to flooding either due to surface water infiltrating properties or from rising water coming up through the floors.

In 2014 a major flood survey was undertaken by the Flood Teams with much information gathered through public meetings and the gathering of vast amounts of data and photographic evidence.

During one of the many public meetings hosted by the Parish Council, parishioners were invited to identify their properties on a map of the parish in order for the flood team to gain accurate information about current situations to include in the flood mapping.

The outcome of this major initiative was shared during a public meeting (full results can be found in the minutes of the meetings on the community website). In brief, the conclusion was that there was no real benefit to be gained by large scale works and that the parish would be better served by house level preventive measures for those homes identified during the survey. These measures included house to house surveys by flood prevention specialists who recommended actions for each household identified. These recommendations were fully funded by the District Council and were completed in the early part of 2015. The outcome of these initiatives as far as we can ascertain have been very good.

There will always be some level of flooding in the area, however, the conclusions drawn and recommendations made were that the riparian rights of the landowners should be upheld and enforced such that ditches remain cleaned and open and can therefore move water away quickly from residences and keep roads open

Gulley's and drains should be regularly cleaned and maintained by the appropriate council bodies and that way the flood teams felt that flooding in the parish could be kept to a manageable level.

To date this steering group believes these initiatives to have been successful, as although there has been much rainfall the roads have only been closed on 2 occasions and no major floods of residences have been reported.

It is our recommendation that the Parish Council continues to keep a close eye on this to ensure that both landowners and councils adhere to the recommendations and commitments given. Flood map attached as an appendix at the back of this document



Transport /Traffic

Vehicle ownership

The majority of residents own, or have access to, a car which are used for travel to and from work, shopping and social and leisure activities.

Bus and taxi services

There are very few bus services in the parish with no service at all in the evenings. Residents clearly are currently not happy with the options provided, and outlined later in this document are some of the suggestions made which clearly indicate that there is a need which is currently not being addressed. The local taxi services based in Stratford and Henley are frequently used and would appear to be adequate for the needs of residents, although there is concern about the cost.

Speeding

The question of speeding traffic continues to provoke a powerful response from the community. Respondents raise this issue under several direct and open questions and it has been reported as a concern to the parish council on a number of occasions. Several Speed surveys and checks have been undertaken in the past 2 years and the conclusions were that there was no evidence to suggest that speeding through the village of Aston Cantlow was a significant problem. However, a digital speeding sign has been installed to ensure that the speed limits are clear to anyone travelling through or to the village. Residents in Little Alne report that the 40 mile per hour limit is frequently breached and remains cause for concern. In addition, the residents of Newnham have concerns over the use of the area as a 'racetrack' for off-roading which was causing major concern. This was raised to the Parish Council who held a public meeting to hear views and to put pressure on SDC/WDC to address these concerns. The results are the E5341 will be closed for the time being and will be reconsidered at a later date as and when more information is to hand, we have consulted further with highways and any other parties as required with the intention of a full and permanent resolution to be agreed and implemented.

Pedestrian facilities

Pedestrian facilities are limited in the wider parish as it is a very rural area and much of it would not be practical to have pavements. However, within the main village of Aston Cantlow there is provision of pavements and they are for the most part well maintained. Within Little Alne this provision is limited to one small area opposite the old forge and in Newnham and Shelfield pavements are non-existent.

It should be noted that the problem with speeding traffic in Little Alne is exacerbated by the lack of adequate pavements; making even walking to the post box a dangerous exercise. Residents in Aston Cantlow are not affected in the same way as there are sufficient pavements within this area. Again, Newnham and Shelfield also lack pavements which could prove to be dangerous. Therefore, this issue continues to be of concern and the situation should be monitored by the Parish regularly



Local services

Communications

The Village Vine is a paid for publication and continues to be delivered to a significant percentage of households within the Parish and is the place apart from the community website where many people obtain information about events taking place in the Parish. This is supported by various notice boards in the main Village and Hamlets (1 in each) of Aston Cantlow, Little Alne and

Newnham). In addition, the local paper The Stratford Herald covers the parish as well as the District with local news.

Telephone & Internet

Broadband services are the major bone of contention throughout the parish as with many people now working from home and business establishing themselves in the Parish internet use is becoming ever more important. Currently the internet speeds being provided in the Parish are significantly lower than should be expected and as a result WDC have a major initiative to improve these services. Full details are available from the Broadband team at WDC or via the community website www.astoncantlow.com (under Broadband). Regular monthly updates are published on progress of the upgrade to the service and parishioners are able to track their own property on the maps.

Local Authority and other Services and Utilities

The major utility suppliers for electricity are Npower and for water Severn Trent and are considered to be providing a satisfactory service for the most part.

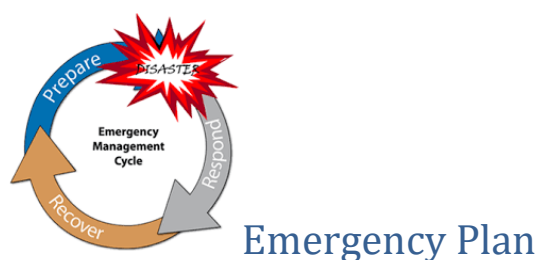
The emergency services: fire, police and ambulance, were not asked about in the survey and were not raised as an issue by residents in open question areas.

The steering committee noted that the parish is served by the Emergency Responder unit based in Henley in Arden and further noted that this group are supported by donation from the Parish Council.

Nearest Hospital is Stratford upon Avon which also provides care for minor injuries. Nearest Emergency A&E providing 24 hour care is Warwick Hospital with further provision in Coventry.

Dental Health services are to be found in Henley in Arden (nearest) as well as in Alcester and Stratford upon Avon which provide both NHS and Private dental care.

The local GP service is provided by the Medical Centre in Henley in Arden although it is also possible for residents to register with the Medical Centre in Alcester.



The parish Council has in place an emergency plan which is regularly reviewed and updated. Full details of this are provided on the community website www.astoncantlow.com. This plan includes access to sandbags, evacuation procedures, local places of safety and so on.

A hard copy of this plan is available from the Parish Council for those that do not have access to the internet. Contact for this is the Clerk to the Parish council or any of the councillors.



Parish Council

The Parish is served by a Parish Council of 6 councillors. Currently there are 3 members, with 3 seats vacant. Full details of councillors are on the community website, including their contact details. In brief the councillors currently are:

Parish Clerk: Mrs. E. Butterworth

Chairman of the Council: Lesley Harvey

Councillor: Mike Wallis

Councillor: Chris Berry

County Councillor: John Horner

District Councillor: Mike Gittus



The Survey Results

The Electoral roll showed us that there were 240 households with 434 residents made up as:

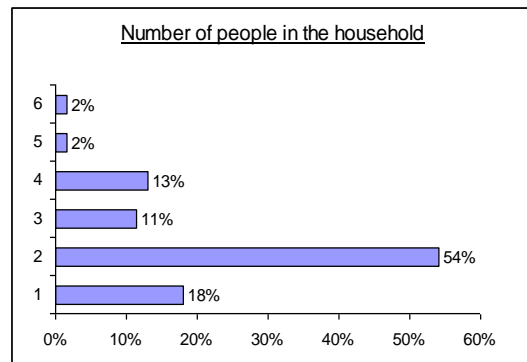
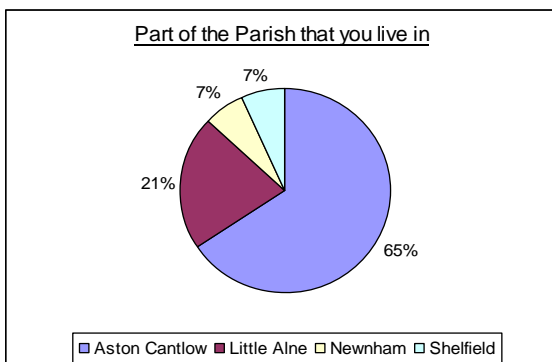
Aston Cantlow	286
Little Alne.	61
Sheffield.	57
Newnham.	30

TOTAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONNAIRES DISTRIBUTED: 434 TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES COMPLETED: 87 = 20%

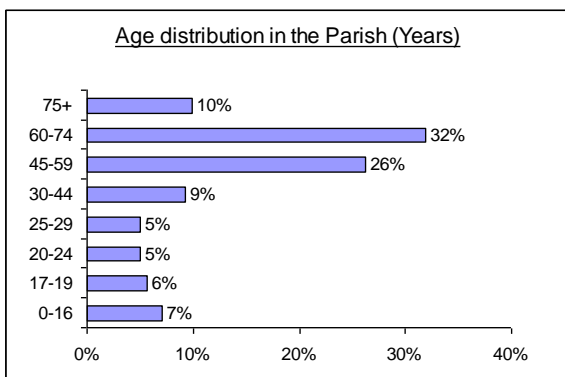
The survey questionnaire was delivered by hand to all households in the Parish and where multiple residents were present at a given address more blank questionnaires were left in order to ensure everyone had the opportunity of responding. Also included were local businesses including the equestrian facilities throughout the Parish and the Arden Centre in Little Alne. The response rate was approx. 20% which is far higher than responses typically received to questionnaires sent out within the Parish and whilst this does not represent a majority it did give the steering committee information on which to base this Plan.

Analysis of the questionnaires produced the following: -

Distribution and demographics of residents

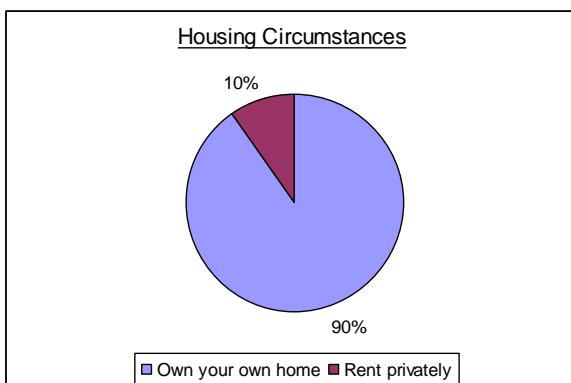


Age distribution



Younger age groups are small, suggesting an imbalance in the age profile. It is important to address the sustainability of the parish for the future in terms of being an attractive place for all ages to live.

Housing circumstances:



We asked if the parish was a pleasant place to live? The response was 100% YES , with descriptions of beautiful, unspoilt countryside, quiet, safe, good location.

Things which residents felt were important to village life.

FOOTPATHS 98% said YES, although only 66% said they were well maintained. Some comments were received regarding footpaths not being accessible at all times during the year or even at all at the moment. Given the importance people give to footpaths, we would suggest that this topic be taken forward and be addressed

The majority of respondents were aware of the location of footpaths and bridleways and felt that they were well signposted on the whole. Although most people said that they could use the paths without difficulty, there were some problems. Bushes and nettles, mud and water were the most frequently mentioned hazards.

Note: Since the last appraisal Mr Bob Fishleigh put together an excellent package of local walks which start (or are within a few miles of) Aston Cantlow. Details and other information can be found on the parish community website under “WALKING”

HANDYMAN; 75% of respondents thought the parish would benefit from a handyman. Warwickshire County Council are trialling a ‘lengths-man’ scheme, where a local person is employed by the parish to do minor repairs to verges and ditches, and generally keep villages tidy. Aston Cantlow parish council has expressed an interest in joining such a scheme.

DITCHES AND DRAINS; 98% said YES they were important, but only 32% would be prepared to monitor their condition. If a lengths-man (or handyman) scheme was introduced by the Parish Council, this is something that could be undertaken.

It is important to continue with the initiative to prevent flooding by keeping maintenance of drains and ditches up to date. This seems to have had some impact on the flooding situation during 2015/16.

We asked what residents thought could be improved or changed?

The responses were;

➤ Broadband/mobile phone signal = 6	➤ Shop = 9
➤ Affordable housing = 4	➤ Cleaning river = 2
➤ Easier planning = 2	➤ Speeding = 8
➤ Flood defence = 3	➤ Dog bins = 1
➤ Hedge/grass maintenance = 1	➤ Kids park upkeep = 1
➤ Mains gas = 1	➤ More newsletters = 1
➤ Better pavements = 1	➤ Playground policed = 1
➤ Pot holes = 1	➤ Public services = 1
➤ Public transport = 1	➤ Regular buses = 1
➤ Parking on pavements = 1	➤ Dangerous bends = 1
➤ Better Lighting = 1	➤

We asked if crime or anti-social behaviour was a problem and 76% said NO. The yes replies stated problems such as:

➤ Crime = 10	➤ Bad behaviour in park/car park = 2
➤ Vandalism in park = 2	➤ Off roaders
➤ Burglary	➤ Big lorries
➤ Speeding	➤ Drink driving
➤ Dog mess	➤ Litter

We asked if residents would like more community events?

67% of residents responded that they would like more community events, ranging from best kept village to scarecrow competitions.

More events: -

➤ Best kept village = 6	➤ Anything = 3
➤ Flowers = 2	➤ Royal milestones = 2
➤ Quiz	➤ Xmas Event
➤ Scarecrows	➤

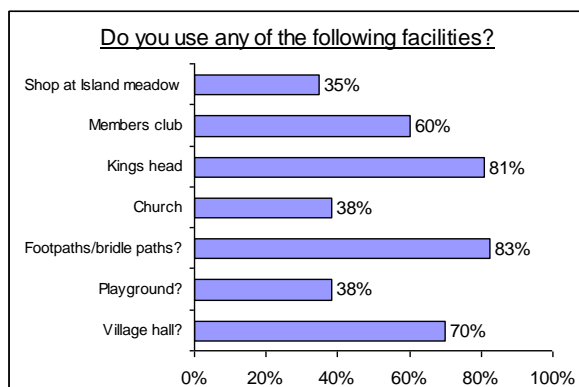
We asked what facilities were lacking and of the 66% who said YES, residents listed the following:

➤ Shop = 26	➤ Broadband = 5
➤ Bus shelter/buses = 3	➤ Café
➤ Dog bins = 2	➤ Facilities for teenagers
➤ Less speeding	➤ Post office/van = 3
➤ Public parking	➤ Public transport = 6
➤ School	➤ Toddler groups

Conclusions

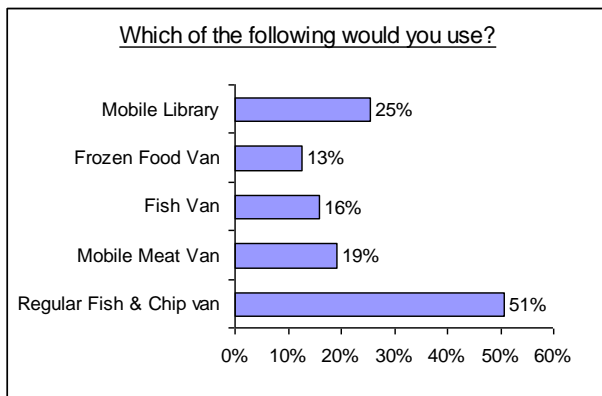
Again as with the last appraisal, A Village Shop topped the list with improved broadband and public transport close behind. A bus shelter was mentioned and this is something perhaps the parish council could look into. A post office van was thought to be another facility which was lacking although perhaps if there were a community shop this could be incorporated, as were facilities for teenagers. i.e. youth club. This also coincided with 72% being in favour of a community playing field perhaps resolving the concerns about lack of service provision for teenagers?

We asked about Current usage of existing facilities:



Many of our parishioners use the footpaths throughout the parish and almost an equal number use the Kings Head Public House and a further 60% the Members Club. These results demonstrated clearly that where there are facilities they are used and used regularly. In the Action Plan we have reflected this by identifying the need for parish footpaths to be maintained to enable their regular use to continue not only by the residents but also by visitors.

We asked What additional things would be used?



It would appear from this a regular Fish and Chip van would be used by half the residents who responded. Currently there is a service operated from the Social Club which potentially could be expanded. Whilst there was a clear demand for a local shop to be established it would appear that visiting vendors would not be very well supported.

Community playing field;

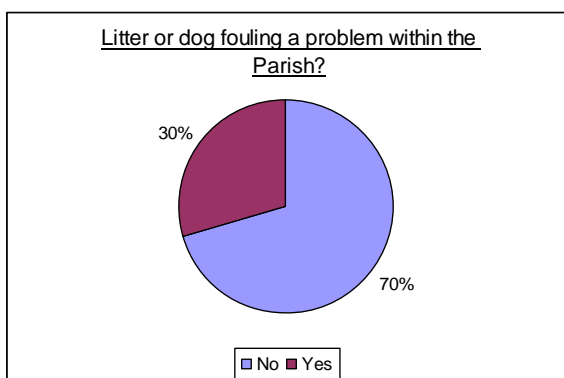
72% of responses were in favour of a COMMUNITY PLAYING FIELD which could be an area for multiple uses including picnic area for visitors as well as being used for community events/sport etc. This is something we believe to be quite important in terms of the longer term sustainability of the Parish and is reflected in the Action Plan.

Allotment;

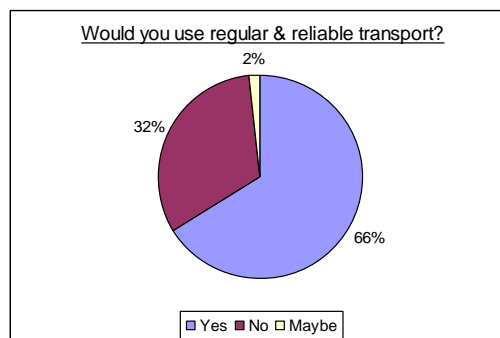
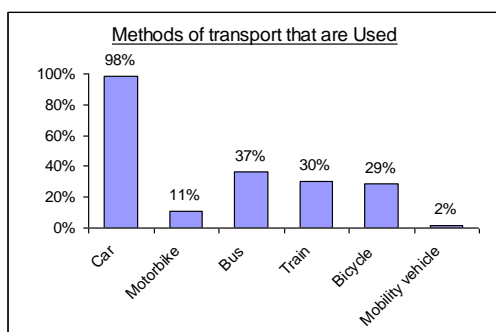
13% of responses said they would use an ALLOTMENT. We concluded therefore that this was not necessarily a high priority but could be investigated further and if found to be a sufficient demand across the parish then this could be taken further.

Dog fouling

This was seen to be a recent problem by 30% of residents that has become worse of late in particular areas. Dog bins and notices are currently provided by the parish council, however many residents or perhaps visitors do not always use the facility.



We asked about Methods of transport that are used and whether if there were additional methods what would they be used for :



The majority said they would use a regular and reliable transport service and from the comments below it is clear there appears to be a strong need for those who do not have their own transport.

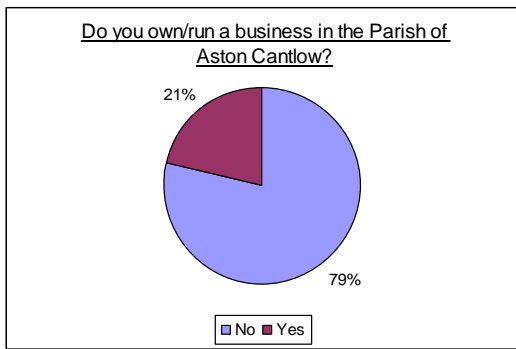
What would it be used for? (it was hard to summarise this!)

➤ a bus service for Stratford, Alcester, Henley, would I feel benefit some residents, particularly elderly	➤ a bus to Alcester and to Henley to connect with B'ham train\bus. Also local shopping & library mid-morning out 2 hrs back
➤ Alcester (evening) Stratford (daytime)	➤ Alcester once a week
➤ Alcester, Henley, or Stratford	➤ Bus to Stratford at Work times
➤ doctor, dentist, shopping, meeting family, hospital visits, theatre, cinema	➤ evening bus also to bring people to the pub and club
➤ evening bus to Stratford and returning approx. 11pm, improved train service from Stratford to London	➤ Henley doctors, Alcester shops and library, Stratford late night service for plays, cinema, meetings, Redditch for department stores
➤ I would support a bus between those areas as most residents work outside of Aston Cantlow	➤ no transport at moment for Henley or Alcester, people have no way to get to their doctors
➤ perhaps twice a week for Alcester for shops/coffee or lunch outing	➤ pleasure
➤ regular evening travel on bus available and weekends e.g. leave Stratford 10.30\11	➤ school runs from Newham to Henley, Alcester for shopping/nights out to and from Henley and Stratford
➤ School/shopping in Alcester/Nights Out/to and from Henley and Stratford	➤ see earlier support for existing bus route
➤ shopping in Alcester, theatre in Stratford	➤ shopping, also Birmingham
➤ shopping, Stratford, Alcester. 10am in, 2/3pm out	➤ shuttle bus to Stratford particularly in the evening avoiding ridiculously priced taxi fares
➤ shuttle bus to Wilmcote, Bearley, Henley train station after 9am from Aston Cantlow, return 11pm weekdays	➤ social and shopping, doctors to Stratford, Henley, and Alcester
➤ Solihull am	➤ Stratford -1-4pm, for school runs and

	shops
➤ Stratford 7pm & back 8:30am	➤ Stratford in evening (theatre)
➤ Stratford/Alcester	➤ Stratford/Henley for going out would address the huge drink driving problem
➤ to and from Stratford for shopping	➤ Yes - Stratford or Alcester at weekends. King's Head shuttle to Shelfield
➤ Too and from towns-night time	➤ Train links to London occasionally
➤ transport to Alcester, Studley, Stratford	➤ when I have to give up driving would be good to have

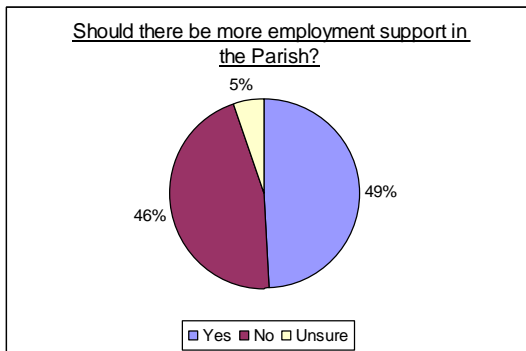
It seems everyone has different needs. It's hard to predict how all these needs would be satisfied.

We asked how many people Own/run a business in the Parish?



We noted that the majority of residents worked outside the Parish, although 21% run and/or own a business that is sited within the Parish. This led us to considering employment opportunities and to identify whether there was an appetite for more employment (and as a consequence more businesses or industries in the Parish as seen in the next question.

We also asked about employment:



As can be seen from the pie chart the population is split in this regard where 49% said they would like more employment in the area and 46% said no.

When asked if more tourism should be encouraged.

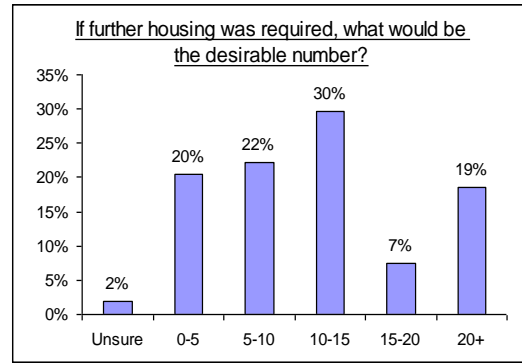
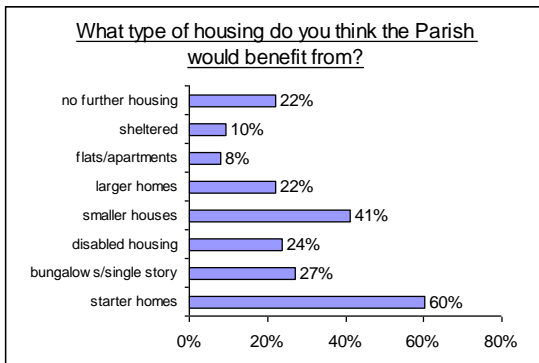
59% said NO. 39% said YES 2% were unsure.

Our conclusion therefore is that most parishioners who responded were happy with the current level of tourism in the parish and therefore no action needs be taken in this area.

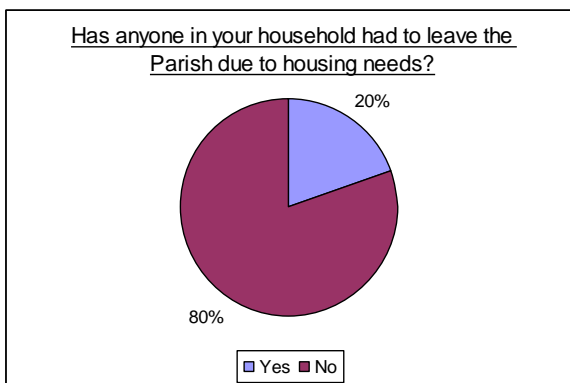
Housing

Stratford District Council is currently producing its core strategy for housing for the next 15 years and plan to disperse some new house building across the district. Aston Cantlow has been identified as a category 4 local service village. Policy CS.16 of the Core Strategy indicates that the Cat.4 LSVs should provide approximately 400 homes in total, of which no more than around 8% should be provided in any individual settlement (which equates to 32 dwellings). However, this needs to be read against Policy CS.10 and Para 89 of NPPF re: Green Belt status of the village.

We asked what type of housing the parish would benefit from; And if further housing was required the desirable number.

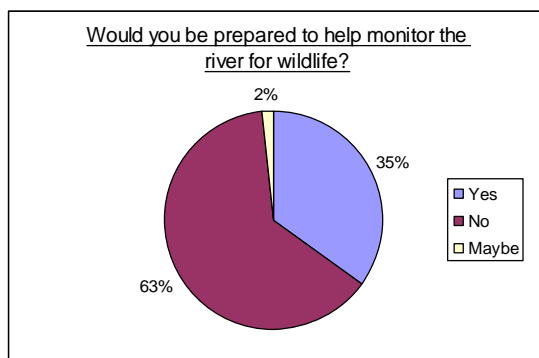


When asked if anyone has had to leave the parish due to housing need, the responses were;



Our Conclusions therefore are that there is significant support from the Parishioners for some controlled development, particularly for Starter Homes with 60% support and for mixed housing supported by varying amounts. Overall the consensus was that between 10 and 15 units would be acceptable but up to 20 could be considered.

We asked if individuals Would help monitor the river for wildlife?



From this we concluded that the majority, whilst enjoying living in the Parish and specifically stating that living in the countryside as enjoyable very few were willing to take part in monitoring the status of the river or the wildlife in the Parish. This may be that there is a lack of awareness within the parish of the impact of our daily lives – we would suggest that much of this could be addressed through some awareness raising sessions hosted by various groups, or perhaps the Parish Council. Set out below are some additional thoughts and information:

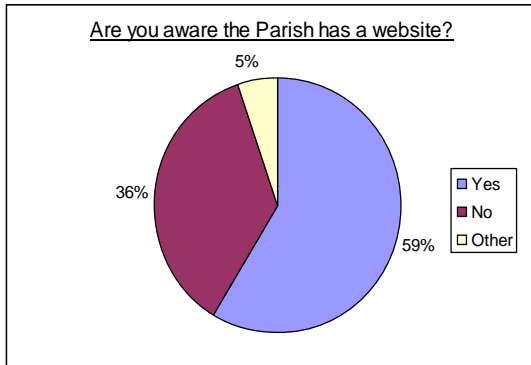
RIVER ALNE

The river Alne runs between Aston Cantlow/Newnham on one side and Little Alne/Shelfield on the other. It is an important habitat for wildlife and has suffered some neglect in recent years. Most of the residents of this area are aware of the effects the river can have on our daily lives, as, for example, when it floods, but few understand the affects we can have on the river. With cuts to the Environment Services it is up to locals to take care of its stretch of water. Landowners who have riparian rights are responsible for taking out debris from their “stretch”; even plastic and other rubbish. We have to cope with debris from much further upstream i.e. Wootton Wawen, Henley and beyond.

Volunteers monitor the river wildlife with monthly kick-sampling of invertebrates. The numbers of these species have seen a dramatic decline in recent times, with pollution being the obvious cause. Dead trees block the flow, banks erode, and in parts the river is so silted it no longer allows fish to spawn. The environment agency has been lobbied, but they have no manpower or money to cope with all the waterways in the country. More and more the river and its wildlife will need our help.

The Environment Agency published a 40-page booklet “Living of the Edge” This details riparian landowner’s rights and responsibilities of riverside ownership. This booklet is obtainable directly from the Agency.

When asked about awareness of our website the results were;



Comments given were: -

59% said they were aware and many were using it regularly. Suggestions were made that the website and its address should be posted on the village noticeboards. Some responders felt that they were not interested in accessing information this was as they were not into using computers.

The good news from this is that many people are accessing information this way and we would urge the Parish Council and the local Community Groups to continue to use this method of sharing information. Lots of information about the area can be accessed from the parish council community website at: www.astoncantlow.com

Suggested Actions to be taken forward identified from the parish questionnaire of September 2015

TOPIC	ACTION	ACTION OWNER
Broadband Service Provision	Continue to contact the WCC broadband team to prioritise the parish for upgrade Work with Broadband Champion to continue to highlight the needs of our parish in particular those that run business in the area to the rollout team	Parish Council WCC Broadband Team Broadband Champion Phil Summerfield NOTE: This ACTION IS COMPLETED
Dog Bins	Problem areas identified by residents which could be resolved by the provision of additional bins and signage. Parish Council to purchase and arrange installation	Parish Council
Parish Footpaths	Explore possibility of a potential 'Lengths man' scheme to provide a 'handy man' service to the parish. Could this include clearing bushes and nettles and repairs to footpaths etc? PC to prepare a list of potential projects'	Parish Council
Shop	Investigate the possibility of establishing a community shop such as the one at Claverdon Possibly negotiate with Wilmcote stores to serve Aston Cantlow with a mobile service. Look into whether this would be preferable to the current service by large supermarkets	Residents
Bus Shelter	Survey bus users where this should be sited if funding were available This would assume that the parish had a bus service and that the shelter would not become a place for vandalism	Parish Council/Residents SDC
Road Safety	Investigate if residents would be prepared to set up a community speed-awareness scheme. Volunteers could give a small amount of time each week to monitor speeds with detection equipment. Training would be provided by local police force.	Parish Council / Residents Local Police
Crime Prevention	Communicate current problems to the community police officers who can provide advice with rural crime and vandalism solutions management. Investigate the use of CCTV to monitor the situation and potentially identify perpetrators Users and Residents to monitor behaviour and report any concerns	Village Hall Committee/Parish Council/Residents
Affordable & r Housing Development	PC to liaise with Rural Housing Enabler to produce a Housing Needs Survey of the parish	Parish Council /WRCC / Residents
River Alne	Lobby /keep in touch with Environment Agency to ensure the river, its bed and banks remain a priority Remind riparian owners of their responsibilities	Parish Council / Residents Landowners WCC

	<p>keeping ditches maintained and the river clear 'as or if' it flows through their land Work with WCC to monitor riparian owners duties to ensure they are contacted and appropriate action taken if they are negligent. Establish a team of volunteers who would undertake some of the immediate needs for clearing parts of the river – with advice from the EA. Residents to monitor the river and ditches and report any concerns either direct to EA or via the Parish Council</p>	
Community/Sports field	<p>Explore possible sites which could be used Identify owners and approach to ascertain cost purchase or lease. Establish a community group who would maintain the field. Identify potential users to establish sports groups i.e. Football Team/Rugby/Cricket Use for annual events i.e. Parish Fete or fund raising events . Investigate the possibility of using this area for youth groups</p>	Parish Council /Residents
E.Road	<p>Ongoing issues to be followed by the PC but future dialogue requited after expiration of current temporary closure to ensure the road is useable to parishioners and walkers etc.</p>	Parish Council / Residents
Flooding	<p>Parish Council to work with the relevant bodies ensure flood management for the area is kept updated and all possible avenues for flood prevention are pursued. House level installations carried out previously should be monitored to assess effectiveness. Flooding in the Parish to be monitored and recorded in order to provide an ongoing record which can be referred to Parish Council to maintain a library of information including photographic evidence of flooding that can be used for flood management initiatives. Identify all riparian owners in the Parish to enable monitoring</p>	Parish Council / Residents Flood Teams within WCC and National bodies
Parish Events	<p>Possibility of Parish Summer Fun Day/ perhaps on August Bank Holiday / Christmas Party/ Village Floral Competition / National Celebrations such as the Diamond Jubilee/etc. Investigate the possibility of undertaking events that would be inclusive of all age groups within the parish.</p>	Parish Council
Allotments	<p>13% of those who replied to the survey said they would use an allotment – this could be reflective of the village rather than the parish however we believe it would be useful for the PC to investigate further to see if this is a provision that could be made Survey the Parish further to ascertain interest Investigate potential land for this purpose</p>	Parish Council



Thanks

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 - Local Residents for supplying photographs for inclusion
 - Clerk to the PC Liz Butterworth for providing support
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- History Society for reviewing some of the information in this document
 - The Residents of the Parish who completed the questionnaire and who provided further input when the DRAFT was put up for comment.



Next Steps

This document has been submitted to Stratford District Council for Adoption where it will be used when considering development in the areas.

The Steering Committee will monitor the progress of the action plan as outlined above to ensure that actions are taken wherever possible and where not that a reasonable argument has been put forward as to why no action could or has been taken. This will be done in conjunction with the Parish Council who will report on progress regularly via the PC Meetings.

Appendix

Annex 1. Covering letter and Survey

Hello

Following on from our recent communication in the Village Vine and in the minutes of Parish Council Meetings, as you will know the Parish Council initiated the development of a Parish Plan through the establishment of a Planning Group whose role is to survey the parish and to pull together a plan which is reflective of the views of the Parish. The 'parish' includes the village of Aston Cantlow plus the hamlets of Shelfield, Little Alne and Newnham.

The purpose of the plan is to identify the future needs and requirements of the parish, its parishioners and their families and those who work here in order for it to be a sustainable place to live and work for the future. The overall aim of the Parish Plan is to ensure the parish is sustainable and remains a lovely place to live and work and to visit, and one which offers a variety of housing and services to enable that to happen. The plan will also be used by Stratford District Council when determining development or planning applications.

This questionnaire is important as it is your opportunity to have your say about the future of your parish and to enable us as a planning group to pull together your replies into a cohesive plan which we will circulate for your final approval before it is submitted for inclusion in the Parish Council papers. The questionnaire is confidential, there is no need to identify yourself or your property when responding. The only specific information we ask is for you to identify which village/hamlet you live in and the total size and demographics of your household. That we can start to build a picture of current and future needs from a services, housing, schools and work perspective.

The questionnaire is being delivered to every house and business within the Parish and is available for anyone with an interest in the parish. If further copies are required please request them from...Lesley Harvey @ lesleyharvey@yahoo.co.uk or by phone on 0789 488048 – they are also available to download from the Parish website www.astoncantlow.com

To encourage you all to get the forms returned a first and second prize will be allocated on the basis of a random draw – so please keep a note of the number of your questionnaire (shown on the front page) Closing date for receipt of the completed questionnaires is 15th November and the results of the questionnaire will be compiled and published by the middle of December.

Please complete all the questions that apply to you and when you have completed the questionnaire send it or deliver it to one of the nominated individuals below or leave it at one of the collection points:

- 1) The Sealed box (labelled) in Aston Cantlow Village Hall*
- 2) By post to the clerk to the Parish Council Liz Butterworth, Alne View, Birmingham Rd, Pathlow, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37*
- 3) Lesley Harvey: Willow Cottage, Little Alne, B95 6HN*
- 4) Joan Flood : Pinehurst, Little Alne. (Pink house just past craft centre, going towards Great Alne.)
Sue Edkins : Meadow Furling, Chapel Lane, Aston Cantlow*

The Survey Questionnaire

PART ONE – PARISH APPRAISAL

Q1) If you live in the parish please indicate which part you live in

Aston Cantlow Little Alne Shelfield Newnham

Q2) Please indicate the total number of people in your household

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 other

Q2) Please indicate the number of people in the household in each age category

0-16 17-19 20-24 25-29 30-44 45-59 60-74 75+

Q3) Please indicate your housing circumstances

Own your own home Housing Association rent

Rent privately Tied accommodation

Live with parents/friends Other (please specify)

Q4) Please indicate your house type

House Cottage Bungalow Flat/Apartment Mobile Home Other (please specify)

Q5) How many bedrooms does your property have?

1 2 3 4 5+

Q6) How many people in the household work in the Parish of Aston Cantlow?

Q7) Do you own/run a business in The Parish of Aston Cantlow? Yes No

PART TWO : PARISH LIFE

Q8) Do you regard the Parish of Aston Cantlow as a pleasant place to live? Yes No

Please you please tell us why?

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Q9) Is there anything you would like changed/improved in the Parish? Please specify

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Q10) Do you regard crime/anti-social behaviour a problem in the Parish? Yes No If yes please specify

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Q11) Would you like more community events e.g. street parties, celebrations (St George’s Day/Easter Parade etc) commemorative events Best Kept village/Flower display/Scarecrow style competitions etc? Yes No

Please give us more information

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Q12) Are there any facilities you feel the Parish lacks? Yes No

If yes, please share your ideas with us.

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Q13) Do you use any of the following (please tick all that apply)

Village Hall Playground Footpaths/Bridle paths Church Kings Head Members Club
Shop at Island Meadow caravan park

Q14) Which of the following would you use? (Please tick all that apply)

Regular fish & chip van Regular mobile meat van Regular mobile fish van Regular frozen foods van Mobile Library Other (please specify).....

Q15) thinking of facilities for your people, would you be in favour of community playing field for football/cricket etc? Yes No

Q16) Would you use an allotment if there were some available? Yes No

Q17) Are there any other facilities that you can think of that would be useful i.e. Youth Club – Community Space – Village Shop - etc.

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Q18) Is litter or dog fouling a problem within the Parish? Yes No

Please tell us where and what

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PART THREE : TRANSPORT

Q19) what methods of transport do you use (please tick all that apply)

Car Motorbike Bus Train Bicycle Mobility vehicle

Q20) If further regular reliable public transport were available would you use it for getting to work, shopping, going out for the evening and getting back home or something else? For example would you support a shuttle bus to and from Stratford or Henley or Alcester?

Please specify what you would use it for and to which cities/towns/villages you would travel and approximate times for travel in/out

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PART FOUR: HOUSING

Q21) Do you feel there should be more employment/self-employment/business development/support for working from home/business start-up opportunities in the parish?

Yes No

Please give us as much information as you can

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Q22) Do you feel there should be more tourism encouraged within the Parish? E.g. Shakespeare's link with the church in Aston Cantlow, sightseeing trips to the villages/hamlets Yes No

Q23) Has anyone from your household had to leave the parish in the past 5 years because there was no suitable accommodation, or accommodation they could afford? Yes No

Q24) What type of housing do you feel the parish would benefit from (please tick all that apply)

Starter homes Bungalows/single storey accommodation Housing equipped for disabled Smaller houses for those downsizing Larger homes for growing families Flats/Apartments Sheltered accommodation No further housing

Q25) If further housing was required in the parish what do you feel would be the desirable number of units? 0-5 units 5-10units 10-15 units 15-20 units 20+ units

PART FIVE: ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

Q26) Do you think the parish footpaths are an important part of village life?

Yes No

Q27) do you think the footpaths are well maintained and in good order?

Yes No

Q28) Do you feel it is important to keep ditches and drains cleared regularly?

Yes No

Q29) Would you be prepared to be involved in monitoring the river for wildlife and recording it? Yes

No

Q30) would you be prepared to monitor the drains and ditches in the Parish and report on their status? Yes No

Q31) would it be of benefit for the Parish to have a 'handyman' who could undertake some general maintenance and monitoring as a paid position? Yes No

Thank you so much for completing the questionnaire for us

One last thing: Are you aware the Parish has a Website? And if so do you use it? If not why not?

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Appendix 2: Flood Map

Warwickshire County Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment provides flood mapping for Warwickshire County. Flood mapping that includes Aston Cantlow Parish is presented as tile A1x below.

<https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-680-7>

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Aston Cantlow Parish Plan

Appendix 2 - Summary of key action points

Abbreviations: SDC = Stratford District Council
 WCC = Warwickshire County Council
 WRCC = Warwickshire Rural Community Council
 PC = Parish Council

Appendix 3 gives an explanation of what is meant by each recommendation.

Parish Plan Actions	Recommendation
<p>Broadband Service</p> <p>To continue to push WCC to prioritise for upgrade. Work with the Broadband Champion ??</p>	Support
<p>Dog bins</p> <p>Purchase and installation by the Parish Council of dog bins and associated signage.</p>	Support
<p>Parish Footpaths</p> <p>Explore the possibility of a potential 'Lengthsman' (handyman) scheme. Parish Council to prepare a list of project for lengthsman to carry out.</p>	Support
<p>Shop</p> <p>Investigate the possibility of establishing a community shop such as the one at Claverdon. Possibly negotiate with Wilmcote stores to serve Aston Cantlow with a mobile serve. Investigate whether this is preferable to current service by large supermarkets.</p>	Support
<p>Bus Shelter</p> <p>Survey bus users where this should be sited if funding were available. This would assume that the parish had a bus service and that the shelter would not become a place for vandalism.</p>	Support
<p>Road Safety</p> <p>Investigate feasibility of setting up a community run speed awareness scheme.</p>	Support
<p>Crime Prevention</p> <p>Communicate with community policy officers and seek advice on rural crime and vandalism solutions. Investigate use of CCTV to monitor and identify perpetrators. Residents to monitor behaviour and report concerns.</p>	Support
<p>Housing</p> <p>Parish Council to liaise with Warwickshire Rural Housing Enabler to produce a House Needs Survey.</p>	Support

Parish Plan Actions	Recommendation
<p>River Alne</p> <p>To lobby/keep in touch with the Environment Agency to ensure the river, its bed and bank remain a priority.</p> <p>Remind riparian owners of their responsibilities to keep pitches maintained and the rive clear.</p> <p>Work with WCC to monitor riparian owners' duties to ensure they are contacted and appropriate action taken if they are negligent.</p> <p>Undertake a team of volunteers to clear parts of the Rive Alne, with advice from the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Residents to monitor condition of river and ditches and report to directly to E.A or the Parish Council.</p>	Support
<p>Community/Sports field</p> <p>Explore possible sites which could be used. Identify owners and approach to ascertain cost to purchase or lease.</p> <p>Establish a community group who would maintain the field.</p> <p>Identify potential users to establish sports groups i.e. Football Team/Rugby/Cricket</p> <p>Use for annual events i.e. Parish Fete or fund raising events.</p> <p>Investigate the possibility of using this area for youth groups</p>	Support
<p>E. Road</p> <p>Ongoing issues to be followed by the PC but future dialogue required after expiration of current temporary closure to ensure the road is useable to parishioners and walkers etc.</p>	Support
<p>Flooding</p> <p>Parish Council to work with the relevant bodies to ensure flood management for the area is kept updated and all possible avenues for flood prevention are pursued.</p> <p>House level installations carried out previously should be monitored to assess effectiveness.</p> <p>Flooding in the Parish to be monitored and recorded in order to provide an ongoing record which can be referred to Parish Council to maintain a library of information including photographic evidence of flooding that can be used for flood management initiatives.</p> <p>Identify all riparian owners in the Parish to enable monitoring.</p>	Support
<p>Parish Events</p> <p>Investigate the possibility of undertaking events that would be inclusive of all age groups within the parish.</p>	Support
<p>Allotments</p> <p>Parish Council to investigate the potential of future allotment provision.</p>	Support

Appendix 3 - Guidance for the Assessment of Parish/Town Plans

In assessing Parish Plans, the following considerations should be taken into account:

- **Evidence and extent of research work to justify conclusions.**
- **Evidence and extent of analysis related to conclusions.**
- **Public involvement and endorsement at local level.**
- **Level of implementation available to District and County Council services, (e.g. the District Council Planning Authority, Community Services etc.).**
- **Conformity with District and County Council's policies, (e.g. Planning policies etc.).**

The above five criteria will enable the production of recommendations regarding the acceptance of each of the Parish Plan's detailed conclusions and Action Points.

A response to each of the detailed conclusions and Action Points will be one of the following:

(A) ENDORSE

The specific recommendation will be accepted and taken into account in the decision making of the District Council. (For example, "Small scale development with a 'craft' emphasis should be looked at sympathetically").

(B) ACTION

The specific recommendation will be accepted in principle and, subject to financial, procedural and legal constraints, implemented by or with the support of the District or County Council. (For example, "A social housing scheme of ten units on land next to the Green should be provided").

(C) INVESTIGATE

Further information to be obtained by the Parish/Town Council or other agency may be required in order that the District or County Council may establish if the specific recommendation can be supported. (For example, "An existing Conservation Area should be extended").

(D) SUPPORT

The specific recommendation relates to a matter which is not the responsibility of the District or County Council. However, the proposal is supported and will be forwarded to the appropriate authority, where necessary. (For example, "The Water Authority should be asked to upgrade the drains and reduce the risk of flooding".)

(E) NOT SUPPORTED

The specific recommendation relates to a matter which is in contrary to the policy of the District or County Council, or is beyond the powers of the authority or that insufficient and/or unsatisfactory information has been submitted to substantiate their recommendation. (For example, "No development of any kind should take place within the settlement").

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