

## Shaw-cum-Donnington - 2022 Community Parish Plan Action Point Summary

Objective	Action	Priority (HML)	Timeline (SML)	Project Manager/ Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification	Progress /Completed
<b>Safety in the Community</b>							
Upgrade obsolete street lights to improve footpath and car parking safety	i) Upgrade all street lights in the parish to LED	High	Short (<12 months)	Parish Council		Although 56% of respondents didn't think there was a benefit from installing more street lights, many comments were received to highlight poorly lit areas in the parish, citing safety and to curb anti-social behaviour as reasons to improve lighting. Locations highlighted included Shaw Hill, Oxford Rd (south of Love Lane and north of Donnington Lodge), Shop Lane, Dene Way, Kingsley Close and Church Rd.	Upgrade of existing street light bulbs to LED completed 2019.
	ii) Liaise with WBC for repair of St Marys Church car park car park street lights	High	Short	Parish Council	WBC	One key area of resident concern was St Mary's church car park which has not had working streetlights for several years.	Lights activated January 2021.
Reduce vehicle speeding within the parish	Review speeding data on main parish roads with WBC and implement a cost effective solution to aid traffic calming. Look for innovative ways to: a) put in place meaningful speeding deterrents and, b) educate drivers on the dangers of speeding.	High	Medium (12-24 months)	Parish Council	WBC	Respondents cited issues of speeding across the local parish roads and suggested 30mph warning signs and speed cameras. Respondents also asked for greater parish investment in: i) traffic calming measures (34%) and, ii) speed reduction (57%) across the parish.	Mobile speed monitoring performed; data analysis resulted in PC purchasing its own Speed Indication Device [SID] in May 2021, then pursuing a licence to operate from WBC. Permanent positions installed by WBC contractors March 2022, enabling the parish council to commence (a).
Provide safe passage for pedestrians along Love Lane & at its junction with Oxford Rd	Approach WBC to improve the safety of pedestrians when crossing Oxford Rd.	High	Medium	Parish Council	WBC	63% of respondents felt the traffic calming measures in Love Lane were successful, and 62% did not want traffic lights installed at its junction with Oxford Rd. However, significant issues were highlighted by respondents walking along Love Lane and regarding a perceived danger in crossing Oxford Rd to Donnington Recreation Ground.	The new pedestrian inset pavement for safer crossing, at the relocated chicane west of Northern Avenue, was completed in Spring 2022. Parish Council invited WBC Highways to a recent council meeting and asked WBC to explore possibilities for a crossing on Oxford Road between the recreation ground and the Castle Pub; feedback is expected Spring 2022.
Review and improve parish footpaths	(i) Shaw Hill - improve lighting by cut back of overgrown trees & consider extra streetlights.	High	Medium	Parish Council	WBC	Respondents provided a significant number of comments on overgrown vegetation and hidden street lights resulting in poor lighting and a perceived feeling of unsafe transit, specifically Shaw Hill and Church Road.	As above, parish streetlights upgraded to LED 2019 & St Mary's Church car park lights repaired 2021. Lamp Acres/ Love Lane western pavement repaired by WBC 2020. Overgrown foliage on Shaw Hill planned by WBC for cutback
	(ii) Campaign for WBC to improve footpath provision on Oxford Rd between The Castle Pub & Donnington Valley hotel.	High	Long (2-5 years)	Parish Council	WBC	Feedback from respondents highlighted unlit areas with no pavement or narrow paths, with cars half parked on narrow paths and on street parking issues in	

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	iii) To review all pavements to ascertain the issues and campaign for WBC for improvements	High	Medium	Parish Council	WBC	63% of respondents wanted greater investment in public footpaths and bridleways, citing unlit areas with no pavement or narrow paths, with cars half parked on paths in some areas, plus perceived danger in crossing: a) Oxford Rd to recreation ground, b) Long Lane at dropped kerb by the cemetery, c) safety issue on Wantage Rd. Feedback from respondents highlighted on street parking issues in Old Donnington, Oxford Rd and Love Lane.	
Consider providing a visible parish presence to deter any vandalism / anti-social behaviour and provide support to the local community	To review options for implementing voluntary Neighbourhood Warden and campaign for Community Police to provide extra patrols	Med	Long	Parish Council		Feedback indicated that respondents thought TVP should provide rural area patrols, however, 84% of respondents were in favour of a uniformed neighbourhood warden for a visible presence to deter anti-social behaviour and to keep an eye on the parish; two part-time people would be needed.	None of those questionnaire respondents who offered to volunteer came forward with names or contact details. If the parish receives future reports of anti social behaviour, it will liaise with TVP.
Improve public transport links for local residents	To liaise with WBC/local bus company during the build of the new housing development off Love Lane, for provision of combined bus service incorporating the new development and parish	Med	Long	Parish Council	WBC/ bus providers	59% of respondents wanted more bus services; over 2/3rds for travel to town/shopping/work and over 1/3rd for doctors/hospital appointments.	This is a long term issue but we have an opportunity with the new housing development to investigate new routes and discuss with WBC and other providers - although if there is only a small level of usage by people this would mean a service would not be viable.
<b>Sustainable Communities Strategy Theme: A Healthy Community</b>							
Expansion of Donnington Recreation Ground playground	i) To provide additional play equipment when funds permit	High	Medium	Parish Council		77% of respondents supported general improvements to the playground. 46% of respondents wanted to see the playground upgraded to cater for a range of children's ages/multiple sports plus	Completed. In 2019 a small addition to the playground was installed using donated money. In August 2021 a major wooden climbing castle was installed.
Improve access for cyclists and pedestrians to the local countryside and town ;To move towards a linked system of walkways across the parish	i) Review current routes across the parish and make recommendations to WBC	Med	Long	Parish Council	WBC	87% of respondents regularly use parish footpaths and bridlepaths. Although 78% of respondents thought the bridle paths were well maintained and no immediate action is required, safe access for walkers and cyclists to the local countryside and town is required to encourage non-use of cars. But balance this against overuse by cyclists at expense of the safety of pedestrians; e.g. extending footpath from Donnington Valley Hotel to Fox & Hounds Pub would link the cycle way to Chieveley; widening some narrow paths would enable people (and those with prams etc.) not to	WBC is planning improved cycling and walking route from Love Lane to Newbury Town Centre as part of the new housing development and a cycling path is also being considered to link the parish with Hermitage.
	ii) Review signage for cycle paths and pedestrian routes	Med	Short			50 respondents asked for improved signage and wayfinding posts to improve navigation and usage of paths around the parish.	To be partly covered by the new WBC routes into Newbury from Love Lane.

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A Prosperous Area							
Reduce Isolation and loneliness; improve social cohesion in the parish	i) Look into the possibility of acquiring the primary school (once it moves to the new build) for use as a community building	High	Long	Parish council	WBC, Diocese, local business & charities	93% of respondents replied that local facilities and local social events should be available for various age and social groups to address loneliness and encourage socialising within the community. Many ideas were put forward by respondents with the garden shed, computer club, educational and exercise classes and coffee sessions the most popular, plus requests to look at Village Agents and a youth club. 75% of respondents were in favour of accepting an increase in the parish council tax to fund local improvements. Feedback from respondents indicated that priorities for PC investment was for: community integration with schools as the new housing developments grow; direct spend on village facilities to link residents and reduce isolation, make better use of countryside and parks, care of the elderly with regular visits and transport services, improved bus services and safety in the	The Parish Council is taking part in a Community Steering Group to explore the possibility of acquiring the current primary school building in Love Lane, once the new school is built, and using this as a community hub, to be managed alongside the Village Hall. A resident is running a survey in Spring 2022 to find out current views for the use of the Primary School when the new school opens in the coming years.
	ii) To introduce trial community café sessions	High	Medium	Parish council	Village Hall, St Mary's Church, WI	72% of respondents would like a local community café. Feedback from respondents indicated that priorities for PC investment were for the community: linking residents together both the young and the elderly, reducing isolation and creating a community hub for all ages	For eight months before Covid, a monthly community café on Thursday afternoons was initiated at the village hall. This proved popular. Currently unable to re-introduce due to insufficient parking space at the village hall [currently used by teachers and parents of the school]. This will change when the school relocates in a few years time. To investigate other venues in the meantime.
	iii) To investigate existing local walking clubs and publish information	Med	Long	Parish council		87% of respondents regularly use the local paths and bridleways for outdoor activities (e.g. walking, cycling, exercise) and 55 respondents wanted to join a local walking group.	This will be addressed within the future community hub project. To investigate and publicise existing groups in the meantime.
Expand the community use of the Village Hall	Work with the Village Hall Committee to arrange for a structural survey of the Village Hall, with a view to improving the facilities, eg a better kitchen and wifi. The Parish Council will help to publicise the village hall and events that are held there.	High	Long	Parish Council	Village Hall Committee	68% of respondents use the village hall; 56% these felt the village hall should remain as it is but 44% were in favour of the provision of more facilities by the village hall - linking this to a future hub with many suggestions including: coffee mornings, book exchange, sale of goods /exhibitions, exercise classes, toddler groups and quiz nights plus upgrade to provide Wi-Fi connectivity	This will be a long term project dependent on the new housing development. In the interim we will work with others to maximise the parish assets we have for the community, focussing on a few events and building up gradually, with the aim of integrating the village hall with the new community hub.
Promoting Heritage sites within the parish	To work with English Heritage for Donnington Castle & WBC for Shaw House for events and activities to encourage greater awareness and use by the local community	Med	Long	Parish Council English Heritage and WBC		93% of respondents have visited Donnington Castle and 70% currently visit Shaw House	The parish is in discussion with English Heritage to set up a 'Friends of Donnington Castle' group. A beacon lighting event for QJE is planned at Donnington Castle in June 2022. Parish council would be interested in working with WBC /Shaw House for volunteers to restore the gardens but pending WBC officer being in post.

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A Greener Environment							
To support the environment and improve the appearance of our local area by reducing the amount of litter and rubbish strewn	to hold more frequent litter picks and raise awareness of these events; consider provide more rubbish bins in known trouble spots	High	Short	Parish council		72% of respondents asked for more parish investment for litter picking around the parish and encouraging youngsters to keep a clean environment. Feedback included a request for more litter bins,	Litter pick planned for 25th March, 2022 replacement bin put into Castle pub cp; increased litter picking hours for pub cp & rec ground
to protect and enhance local environment and wildlife areas in parish	i) work with Renewal Project to enhance River Lambourn for wildlife	Med	Medium	Parish council	Renewal Project	62% of respondents wanted parish investment in local schemes to aid local wildlife protection; suggestions included parish link up for set aside strips for nature with gardens and farmers and led by schools and parish, putting up nesting boxes with wildlife activities with BBOWT	To make contact with the organiser of the Renewal Project and work with them to enhance wildlife on the river Lambourn
	ii) work with BBOWT to encourage wildlife e.g putting up nesting boxes.	Med	Medium	Parish Council	BBOWT		Contact BBOWT to find out how we can work with them to improve wildlife habitat in the parish
	iii) wild meadow planting	Med	Medium	Parish Council	Public		Following consultation with local residents a wildlife meadow on Owen Rd Field site will be planned for autumn 2022
	iv) to work with local schools on nature projects	Med	Medium	Parish Council	Shaw-cum-Donnington Primary School, Trinity School, Castle School		feedback from respondents included suggestions for nature projects for the schools for science classes e.g.: monitoring local air quality and feeding results to a central project or a nature project around local venues e.g. gardening
Parish local maintenance:	Maintain appearance of the parish, in particular overgrown hedges	Med	Long	Parish Council		More than 70 respondents asked for greater investment in the cutting back of vegetation over public footpaths and almost 40 respondents asked for hedge trimming to be increased; both requests included feedback that this should not be at the expense of wildlife, to encourage work to be done at the appropriate time of the	When the Parish Council receives complaints from the public, landowners will be contacted and asked that they cutback their hedge.
to provide greater access to allotments in the parish, including the new housing development, for people with small or no gardens	work with developers for provision of allotments; liaise with the Church regarding current allotment space; raise awareness of empty allotments at other nearby Newbury locations. Review future available space for new parish	Med	Medium	Parish Council	Church, Developers	23 respondents asked for more allotments and new allotments will be needed for the new housing development to be built north of Love Lane; feedback suggestions included a community garden, ground for community planting plus a disabled access parish allotment	5 new allotments are expected to be included with the west side new development for the benefit of the new homes
Environmental wardens:	Introduce volunteer environmental wardens	Med	Medium	Parish Council	Public	61% of respondents thought we should introduce volunteer environmental wardens across the parish	Several respondents stated their interest in volunteering, but nobody provided any contact details. not progressed

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A Stronger Community							
Create a community & parish newsletter:	Expand the current newsletter to include more local information, and circulate it more frequently. Create an email list to send the newsletter electronically.	High	Medium	Parish Council		100% of respondents want parish newsletters to continue; feedback showed that 35% wanted to receive this as a paper copy and 65% of respondents asked for a regular newsletter via email. Feedback from respondents asked for details advertising parish events - nota lot of information or notice of events is received and emailing a list was suggested. Feedback from respondents asked for a community directory of local trades in the parish.	The Parish Council has advertised for a volunteer newsletter editor, so far without success. Letters are distributed to residents 3 times a year at present. In future communications the Council will ask for email addresses and start to collate an email list for parishioners for future electronic newsletters.
Communication of community and parish events	Make more use of the Parish Website, Twitter and Facebook pages, to grow the following. Also use local Facebook pages to publicise events.	Med	Medium	Parish Council		although this question was only answered by 75 respondents, most people found out about events from the parish newsletter, word of mouth or posters; only 10% used the parish website or Facebook.	The council has already started to post details of events on other local Facebook pages.
Parish Council contact and information	Promote parish councillors so more parishioners are aware of them and how to contact them. Put photographs and contact information of the parish councillors on the noticeboards, and make this more prominent on the Council website.	Med	Short	Parish Council		Most respondents contacted the PC or its members personally /at meetings or via telephone / email and 25% reply on the newsletters and only 17% use the parish website or Facebook for contact. Feedback from respondents asked: who are the Parish Council members; what are PC functions and powers?	
Community volunteer action group	Make more use of volunteers in tha parish for litter picking etc	Med	Medium	Parish Council		Nearly 50% of respondents said they would be willing to volunteer in the community with most people offering to help with: litter picking, Great British Spring Clean, road signage cleaning, public right of way clearance. Feedback included suggestions for regular volunteer action groups on litter, gardening, cleaning, mending/repair and helping out within the parish.	The regular spring litter pick took place in March 2022. The Council will also be asking for volunteers in September to help with the Owen Road Wildflower Meadow
To liaise with St Mary's in promoting its activities across the parish - including art and flower arranging classes and pensioner lunches and involve it in community events and help advertise hall availability	Church is becoming part of the active wider community and is working proactively. To continue to build a good relationship with the church, and to cooperate with them in publicising their events in our newsletters, noticeboards, website and social media	Med	Medium	Parish Council		Although nearly everyone replied to this topic, 79% of respondents did not use the church facilities; this reflects the national average.	Church events are regularly advertised on the Parish Council noticeboards and social media.
Supporting the Library Service provided by West Berkshire Council	To continue to support the WBC library service through the precept	Med	Medium	Parish Council	WBC	85% of respondents were in favour of the PC making annual donations to WBC to support the provision of local and mobile library services for the community	The Parish Council has made the recommended contribution to WBC library service for a number of years