

Feedback from the Towns and Parishes (Nov 2010)

Parish/Town	Plan Successes	Funding brought in	Issues for WBC
Aldermaston (Active Plan – Endorsed – Feb 2005)	<p><b>Achievements:</b> Parish Councillors reviewed actions against the plan at their January meeting this year.</p> <p>Current status shows 47 of 55 Action Points completed = 85%</p> <p>Enhancement of The Loosey was completed in August 2010.</p>		<p><b>Issues:</b> Parish dependent on WBC for completion of:</p> <p>Inclusion of reference to Relief Road in LTP-3 Construction of footpath/cycleway between Village and Wharf Liaison with First Great Western regarding security at railway station Provision of footpath from Calleva roundabout to Youngs Industrial Estate Clarification of funding for alternative access into Paices Wood.</p>
Aldworth (Developing a Plan)	<p><b>Achievements:</b> The Parish Planning Group is very close to submitting our finished plan for adoption.</p>		None
Basildon (Active Plan – Endorsed - May 2008)	<p><b>Achievements:</b> Outreach post office opened (July 09) Resurfaced toddlers play area Site for allotments identified Allotments association established Regular patrolling by Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Policing update in Country Neighbour magazine (monthly) Village Character Portrait being prepared Review of previous study of requirements for affordable housing Improving surfaces of footpaths (2008) Litter picking and fly-tipping removal (Spring 2010) Replacements of notice boards (Oct 2010)</p>	Toddlers play area. Funding from Parish Plan Grant (£5k) (during 2008-09) and Berkshire Community Foundation (Grass roots).	<p><b>Issues:</b> WBC to use Section 106 funds to fit a Kent Gate to prevent fly-tipping at Adders Lane.</p>

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Brightwalton (Active Plan – Endorsed – May 2004 Refreshed Plan due to be Endorsed Jan 2011)	<p><b>Achievements:</b> Refresh recently completed. Draft plan has been approved by the Parish Council and is being circulated to West Berkshire Council and others for comment.</p> <p>There are some small actions already fulfilled or under way including: New notice boards to replace old ones Bio-mass boiler energy plan going ahead Info distributed about broadband in the village Walks brochure under way with North Wessex AONB</p>	Funding from North Wessex AONB for walks brochure.	<p><b>Issues:</b> Stated there is much dissatisfaction with the state of the roads and the allocation of affordable housing.</p>
Brimpton (Active Plan – Endorsed 2003)	<p><b>Achievements:</b> The imposition of a permanent weight restriction on Brimpton roads has been achieved.</p>		<p><b>Issues:</b> Ongoing issues with WBC are those of road safety/speed through the village.</p>
Cold Ash (Active Plan - Endorsed Refreshed Plan - July 2010)	<p><b>Achievements:</b> Revised website (in August) being updated with parish activities Email information service (with database of 450 parishioners email addresses) – monthly activities updates from December. NAG monitoring speeding Parish Council monitoring condition of ditches, drains, hedgerows to prevent flooding Emergency plan template established Youth Film Making Club (won award from British Film Institute) Active Parish Development Group (monitors WBC Core Strategy and development). Book exchange and male choir being established. Greening campaign Phase II launch in Oct 2010.</p>		<p><b>Issues:</b> Seeking advice in relation to Emergency Plan issues – the Civil Contingencies Manager has been notified.</p>

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Compton (Active Plan – Endorsed April 2005)	<p><b>Achievements:</b>  Notice boards and Magazine to advertise sports, social events, bus timetable information, hospital information, surgery opening hours, Patient Representation Group, village map, etc.  Bus shelter provided  Parking improved  Church path improved for disabled access  Hearing loop installed in church  Publicising the youth project group's work  Parish Council helped fund Scouts/Guide start-up  Additional dog waste bins installed  Extra litter bins  Investigated provision of picnic area  MUGA pitch installed  Regular use of Speed Indicating Device (SID)  Reduction in complaints on parking  Footway provided through old railway tunnel to Church  Improved lighting outside the Institute of Animal Health Institute (IAH)  Rural housing survey carried out  Healthy courses activities provided at Leisure Centre and IAH  Increase awareness of community safety (Neighbourhood Watch and Parish Councillor liaison with the police).  Village Design Statement published in April 2006</p>		
Frilsham (Active Plan – Endorsed Oct 2010)	<p><b>Achievements:</b>  Soon we will be are establishing Frilsham Future Implementation Group (FFIG) and will report next time</p>		

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Greenham (Active Plan – Endorsed Sept 2010)	<p><b>Achievements:</b> Early days regarding anything else at the moment as our focus is on publication of the Plan, producing a short version, organising an event to celebrate the publication of the plan and ensuring that we really do get what our community needs from the WB community plan fund.</p> <p>Some projects are underway for example: several involving young people; improving access to Greenham Common; encouraging community cohesion – holding a Fun Day, etc.</p>		
Hampstead Marshall (Active Plan – Endorsed Sept 2007)	<p><b>Achievements:</b> No progress update since the April 2010 report was submitted.</p> <p>The only matter that is ongoing at present is a partnership with the Police to check vehicle speeds through the village under the Speedwatch scheme. This has been hampered by a problem with the SID's (Speed Indicator Detectors) which are apparently being redesigned to be more accurate/legally acceptable.</p>		

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<p>Hampstead Norreys (Active Plan - Endorsed Dec 2007)</p>	<p><b>Achievements:</b>  Established contact with Thames Valley Police and now active member of the local NAG  Village Community Shop – Business Plan produced (now registered as an Industrial Provident Society). Shop due to open in March 2011.  Village Website created and now up and running <a href="http://www.hampsteadnorreys.org.uk">www.hampsteadnorreys.org.uk</a>  Village Business Group set up  Raised awareness of the importance and need for recycling.  Village composting and bulb planting events held  The Well Garden refurbished and regularly maintained.  Hedge planting in the village  Additional Dog Litter Bins provided  Installed a heritage plaque to commemorate the entry of Hampstead Norreys in the Domesday Book.  Re-instatement of the old style K6 Red Telephone with a fully functional BT line.  Interview and record the oral history of the parish and make available to schools and place on the website.  Restoration of the old “kiss-gate” leading into Dene meadow  Restoration of the Church Clock (by 30 Nov 2010).  Document the history of the Railways in Hampstead Norreys (see website).  Pre-school Breakfast Club  Reduce vehicle speeds through the village – one VAS install on Compton Road (2 others still outstanding)  “Slow School” notices installed  Compton Road resurfaced  Production of a Study requesting the introduction of off road inter-village cycle ways and footpaths.  Provision of football nets for the youth in the village.  Extend playing facilities for 8 to 18 year olds – Playbuilder equipment to be installed (Dec 2010).</p>	<p><b>Grant Awards:</b>  Lottery Grant</p> <p>WBC grants in 2007/8, 2008/9 and 2009/10 for: K6 Phone box, Sound recording equipment, Church Clock Restoration, Well Restoration, Football Nets.</p> <p>For the new playground facilities - WBC Playbuilder grant of £50,000 – Parish Council - £2,467</p> <p>Community Shop.funding from:  Greenham Common Trust - £9,960  RDPE Leader Grant - £25,000,  Comma - £6978, RASP - £4480,  Awards for All - £7,864</p> <p>For Church Clock Restoration - Church of England Church Building Council - £1,000</p>	<p><b>Issues:</b></p> <p>Only one of the three VAS that were agreed by WBC for Hampstead Norreys have been fitted.</p> <p>No speed reduction to 20mph outside the village school at the start and end of the school day.</p> <p>Need for greater support from WBC with its work for the creation of off-road inter-village cycle ways and footpaths.</p> <p>Request for improvements to the poor road surface in Water Street.</p>
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Lambourn (No Plan – starting the process of developing a Plan)	<p><b>Achievements:</b> Starting the process of a Parish Plan – Steering group established, mapping of hard-to-reach groups, community consultation undertaken during summer 2010 including Market stall, Church Fete and Lambourn Festival. Speak out events held during the summer. Working group has worked on evidence from consultation. Design of questionnaire being worked on by Greenham Common Trust.</p>		
Leckhampstead (Active Plan – Endorsed Jan 2006)	<p><b>Achievements:</b> Item achieved this year was the launch of the village website <a href="http://www.leckhampstead.net">www.leckhampstead.net</a></p>		
Midgham (No Plan)	<p><b>Update comment:</b> Regrettably, Midgham has opted out of the desire to do a parish plan – as a Parish there is very little appetite for the more structured approach.</p> <p>However, outside of the formal process there has been a success in getting parishioners to draw up an Emergency Plan for the village - this is on the drawing board at present. Carolyn Richardson is working with us in this respect.</p>		
Newbury (No Plan but covered by other initiatives)	<p><b>Update comment:</b> The Town Council has resolved not to complete a Parish Plan because on the whole, it would repeat work already executed via Newbury Vision, Housing Strategy, Local Development Framework, Local Transport Plan, Town Design Statement, Councillor Surgeries, ongoing projects, Town Centre Partnership initiatives, Newbury Town Centre Strategy, Service Plans, Committee Action lists, Working Group action plans, etc.</p>		

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<p>Pangbourne (Active Plan – Endorsed March 2003 – being refreshed)</p>	<p><b>Achievements:</b>  Completion &amp; adoption of the Village Design Statement  Village Hall refurbishment and extension  New playground facilities at the Recreation Ground  Improved public refuse bins and recycling  Increased library opening hours  Improved road surfaces and pavements  Traffic management/speed reduction  Improved street lighting in the Wharf/Ferry Lane area  New Parish notice boards  Installation of cycle racks  Vehicle activated speed signs  Installation of CCTV cameras  Attractive street lighting  Annual Village Christmas Event  Annual 'Stop the Drop' litter day  Creation of the Business Forum  Introduction of the Citizens Advice Bureau  Improved road safety at Pangbourne Hill/Tidmarsh Rd  junction  Resurfacing of car parks  Improved overall appearance of village</p>	<p><b>Grant Awards (past year):</b>  Vibrant Villages £1,500  Parish Plan Fund £5,000 (for  improving disabled access to village  hall)</p>	<p><b>Issues:</b>  Ongoing issues around cycle  routes, disabled access to Station,  Sheltered  Accommodation/Affordable Housing</p>
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Purley-on-Thames (Active Plan – Sept 2004 - being refreshed)	<p><b>Achievements:</b> 80% of actions the plan completed.</p> <p>Farmer's Market introduced Much improved litter service Improved waste recycling Better community centre</p> <p><u>Highways:</u> A329 speed limit reduction Long Lane traffic calming A329 Safety programme</p> <p><u>Community Safety:</u> Introduced Neighbourhood Wardens Active NAG participation</p> <p><u>Youth:</u> Youth Club started for lower village Installed Outdoor Gym for youths &amp; adults</p> <p><u>Communication:</u> Set up PC website Regular parish magazine column Improved annual report</p> <p>Better notice boards</p>	<p><b>Grants Awards:</b> Outdoor Gym Improving Barn Community Centre Setting up Youth Club.</p>	<p><b>Issues:</b> Funding advice sought for available money for producing and updating village plans and publishing costs.</p>
Speen (No Plan)	<p><b>Update comment:</b> There is no Parish Plan as it is reported that there was a lack of volunteers to help drive and undertake the work.</p>		

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<p>Stratfield Mortimer (Active Plan - Refreshed in Feb 2010)</p>	<p><b>Achievements:</b> Inclusive play equipment (disabled facilities) for playground Playbuilder fund for new play facilities (scheduled for Jan 2011) Traffic calming measures – WBC redesigned and changed the road layout at the war memorial junction. Emergency Plan being developed</p> <p><b>Mortimer Village Partnership (MVP)</b> Partnership now established for a full year Community website developed (also promotes village and small businesses) Book club meeting monthly Theatre trips club established Social opportunities for older people (including very popular monthly lunch club) Film Club established Mortimer Green Group established Litter picking initiatives</p>	<p><b>Grant Awards:</b> Parish Plan Grant £1,593.15 (March 2010) for inclusive play equipment.</p> <p>Improved play area - £50,000 Playbuilder £40,000 Open Space (Section 106) funding</p> <p>Parish Plan Grant £2,941 (for Wicksteed see saws and new safety surface – Oct 2010)</p> <p>£58,000 WBC Section 106 for Highways works.</p> <p>£2,059.00 Parish Plan Grant (Oct 2010) awarded for Film Club and the training of young people in digital media.</p>	
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<p>Sulhamstead &amp; Ufton Nervet (Active Plan - Endorsed 2006)</p>	<p><b>Achievements:</b>                  Traffic Cross roads at Hollybush Lane and Shortheath Lane made safer by improvement of line of sight.                  Public transport - Bus companies now provide three services per week to Newbury.                  Service to Reading from Ufton Nervet effectively withdrawn and made into a Wednesday bus club.                  Business Club - successfully launched and it continues to thrive with up to 25 attending sessions/ presentations.                  Village Website - Launched and kept up to date.</p>		<p><b>Major issues:</b>  <u>Fly-tipping and litter:</u> Situation no better; in fact worsened due to £25 charge being placed on the collection of major items, i.e. beds and stoves and tightening of disposal conditions at the Reading Recycling centre near the Madejski Stadium   <u>Traffic:</u> Awaiting clarification regarding weight limits but lorries will still need delivery access so improvement very limited.   <u>Youth needs:</u> play park and sports facility limited by land not being made available at a sensible cost and little benefit being derived for considerable overall capital cost. (This is an area for which it is difficult to put together a sensible cost/benefit case.)</p>
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<p>Thatcham (Active Plan – Endorsed January 2007 – Refresh due 2011)</p>	<p>Thatcham Vision includes 138 Projects or Actions 85 of the 138 are in progress, 53 of the 138 are complete (or discharged to other agencies).</p> <p><b>Achievements:</b></p> <p>Thatcham Heritage Publication - published in November – being sold. Profit from sales may be used for Heritage Plaques and Heritage Maps for Thatcham.</p> <p>Vision had a stand at Thatcham Family Fun Day (June) – also Thatcham Masters Quiz competition launched.</p> <p>Continued use of Facebook/Twitter pages and Action for All microsite to keep friends and supporters up to date.</p> <p>Main community website, <a href="http://www.thatchamonline.net">www.thatchamonline.net</a> is kept up to date and is more community focussed. Webspaces given to local groups to publicise their activities and recruit members/interest.</p> <p>Treasurer and Core Member of Neighbourhood Action Group has sourced £4460 for roller skating project.</p> <p>Greening Thatcham Committee established to look at reducing Thatcham's Carbon Footprint and build resident awareness of climate change. Phase 2 likely to look at sustainable travel planning.</p> <p>Lifelong Learning Fair organised and hosted on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010. Distributed Thatcham Learning Directory.</p> <p>Launched Lifelong Learning Forum.</p> <p>Cycle rack installation underway in several locations across Thatcham to encourage more cycle travel and safer parking.</p> <p>Playing a consulting part in the redevelopment of The Priory in Church Lane</p> <p>Youth Forum has set up Youth Photographic Club, improved skate/bike facilities &amp; urban sports and has investigated disused sites for possible off-road cycling and leisure use etc. Plans being progressed with support from the Moorside Community Centre.</p>	<p><b>Grant Awards:</b></p> <p>Successful award of £4460 for Roller Skating Project from Thatcham Town Council, BCF &amp; Youth Trust.</p>	<p><b>Issues:</b></p> <p>Planning application for the PRU/Porch due on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011: 10/02685/FUL</p> <p>Requires a contact person at WBC to discuss sustainable travel planning.</p>
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<p>Thatcham (continued).</p>	<p>Thatcham Vision Youth Club meets fortnightly for 8-12 year olds (50 attendees currently). Considered a huge success – funding will need to be sought for the youth workers wages from April 2011.</p> <p>Researched enhanced opportunities for volunteering via creation of a Thatcham Branch of the West Berkshire Volunteer Bureau.</p> <p>Thatcham Vision had entered into discussions to provide an Internet Café/drop-in office and advice service in the town centre in conjunction with “Community Connect”.</p> <p>Vision and TTC are investigating the use of a portakabin (a former pupil referral unit, PRU a.k.a. ‘the Porch’) within the grounds of the Priory as a temporary drop-in/volunteer centre.</p> <p>Sustainable travel plans re-initiated in association with Greening Thatcham Phase 2</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>See above</p>
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<p>Theale (Active Plan – Endorsed Sept 2009)</p>	<p><b>Achievements:</b> Parish Councillor trained in SID – first report made Pedestrian crossing installed near Co-op and kerb modifications made. New Neighbourhood Watch Scheme started and promoted. Christmas Lights event organised with volunteers support 2010 Trees Project has set up 4 walks, 3 talks and 2 major tree planting events involving several business organisations and the community. Some progress with Thames Water on improving the performance of the sewerage and storm drainage in Theale. SPOKES involved in increasing bicycle usage around Theale Presentations made to dog walkers in an attempt to reduce dog fouling – final report awaited. Traffic lane and islands at roundabout near Arlington Business Park (footbridge over A4 seen by WBC as too expensive). Early meetings with train operators, WBC and Parish Council have been held to discuss improved disabled access to the train station. Website established new webmaster sought. 3 Newsletters published. Bus timetables published on the website.</p>	<p><b>Grant Awards:</b> Parish Plan Grant for 2010 Tree Project: £1,800</p>	
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<p>Tidmarsh &amp; Sulhampstead (Active Plan – Endorsed April 2008)</p>	<p><b>Achievements:</b> (Since Jan 2010)  <u>Mill Lane junction with A340</u> was widened and bollards moved to reduce congestion along Mill Lane.  <u>Drainage work to A340</u> bottom Tidmarsh Lane to reduce risk of flooding road and adjacent properties  <u>Speed limits and road markings</u> - Trial with no road markings on new surface to reduce speed and increase safety.  <u>Litter Picking</u> - in the spring resulted in a substantial amount of rubbish collected. This will be repeated Spring 2011.  <u>Drainage work to A340</u> bottom Tidmarsh Lane to reduce risk of flooding road and adjacent properties</p> <p>The <u>Village Walk</u> has been enhanced by clearing riverbanks along sections of the Pang at Moor Copse and other work providing habitats to encourage water voles. This is a co-operative initiative with BBOWT.</p> <p>New <u>Children's Play Area</u> on the Millennium Green continues to be well used.</p> <p>The <u>Parish Mag</u> has been greatly improved.</p> <p>Adult dance classes continue.  Walking group continues with 4 people are now trained walk leaders.  Village coffee morning continues.  Book club continues  Parish magazine/website successful.  Village Hall usage is good.</p> <p><u>Village Design Statement</u> (VDS) - The Open Meeting (10<sup>th</sup> June 2010) went well and several names were taken with a view to setting up a team. 1<sup>st</sup> VDS Group Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010. All those having expressed interest were invited to attend - however there were no attendees on the night. The Parish Council has decided to withdraw support for the project. It was agreed not to proceed.</p>	<p><b>Grant Awards:</b>  Play equipment purchased with grant from HEAP.</p>	
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Woolhampton	<p><b>Achievements:</b> As it stands, all action points except one from the Woolhampton Parish Plan have been either completed or resolved.</p> <p>The one outstanding action point is the production of the Village Design Statement. This is currently in hand and the Plan Steering Group is in the process of selecting our preferred style and content from examples of other villages' design statements. Once this has been agreed, we would expect to approach WBC with our intentions and plan for completion.</p>		
Yattendon (Active Plan – Endorsed 2005)	<p><b>Achievements:</b> Addressed vandalism Secured initial youth club funding Created green path, Withys to school Installed courtesy lighting Set up adult classes Arranged lunches for elderly Increased litter collection Addressed dog fouling Investigated affordable housing needs Re-invigorated Neighbourhood Watch Installed new notice boards Created Parish website Refurbished village hall Separate transport survey</p>	<p><b>Grant Awards:</b> (Public and private) of £80,000</p> <p>Funding from: Countryside Agency West Berks Partnership Vibrant Villages Scheme Awards for All (Lottery) Community Champions Fund Local Network Fund Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre Yattendon &amp; Frilsham Sports &amp; Social Trust Lord Iliffe Trust Fund Englefield Trust Vodafone Royal Oak Chairman, Reading F.C. Yattendon Parish Council Local Residents</p>	<p><b>Issues:</b></p> <p>Controlling speeding traffic – refused request for Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)</p> <p>Reconfiguring of pavements</p> <p>Rerouting of heavy vehicles (input to Transport Plan still awaited)</p> <p>Parking problems in the square and at the school.</p>