

ACTION PLAN

The Way Forward

The way forward will be for the Parish Council to use the action plan. This will help to set policy and to support any funding applications, which can provide some of the facilities and services that local people have indicated they would like to see in the Parish.

The Parish Council is posting a full summary of the questionnaire results along with the plan for action on the Parish website (www.silkstone.org). A summary of the questionnaire will be sent to each house in the Parish, with the action plan. The findings of the survey will also be presented at the Annual Parishioners Meeting 26th April 2004.

Within the action plan there are specific mentions of a 'Village Design Statement' (VDS), an explanation of which follows below: -

'Village Design Statements came into being in 1995 as a way of giving rural communities more of a say in local planning. The idea is that communities can draw up their own Design Statement setting out what is distinctive and unique about their locality and how they would like to see it change and develop. The statements can include detailed guidelines for new buildings and other development in the locality. These guidelines can then be adopted by the local planning authority and take on official status as "Supplementary Planning Guidance" and this may require developers to refer to the guidelines when they apply for planning permission.'

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What	Suggested Implementers	How	When	Funding
To protect the rural environment	Form a new group with help from the Parish Council	Create a village design statement	2004 - 2006	Precept, grants, BMBC
	Parish Council with BMBC	Encourage the conversion of redundant buildings acceptable within the rural environment	2004 - forward	Parish Council
	Parish Council	Scrutinize planning applications, considering the long-term effect they may have on the environment	2004 - forward	Parish Council
	Parish Council	Oppose any further building of new housing estates	2004 - forward	Parish Council precept
	Parish Council	Resist new development in the identified 'green belt' and green areas in villages	2004 - forward	Parish Council precept
	CARE with help from the Parish Council	Commission studies of local streams and woodland etc.	2005 - 2007	Investigate availability of grants for this project
	Parish Council	Continue to install new public seats, maintain seats already in situ e.g. annual painting programme	2004 - forward	Parish Council precept, BMBC and Others
Heighten awareness of local job vacancies for people within the parish	Local businesses, in conjunction with the Parish Council	Insert items in the Parish Newsletter. Display vacancies in the Parish notice boards	2004 - forward	Parish Council, Donation from local businesses
	Website and Newsletter Groups	Offer local employers free space for advertising vacancies in the Parish Newsletter. Post vacancies on the Parish website.	2004 - forward	Minimal cost to be met by the Parish Council

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What	Proposed Leaders	How	When	Funding
Projects in the Parish to protect and record special features	Roggins Group	Initiate actions which will enhance protection	2004 - 2006	Parish Council precept investigate the availability of grants
	Roggins Group	Encourage public alertness to risks to parish features	2004 - 2006	Volunteer helpers
	CARE	Obtain a copy of record of TPOs for parish information and with a view to develop	2004 - 2006	Volunteer helpers
	CARE	Record scenic pastures, streams, woodlands, footpaths.	2004 - 2006	Investigate availability of grants
	CARE	Print a calendar of local woodland	2004 - 2006	Investigate availability of grants
	CARE	Work with the Woodland Trust and Landowners in protecting their local woodlands	2004 - 2006	Volunteer helpers
	Support and continue to improve the parish newsletter and website	Create a newsletter group	Encourage groups to participate	2005 - forward
Web-site group to continue with good work already started		Develop more, raise awareness and encourage advertisements for local businesses	2004 - forward	Parish Council

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What	Proposed Leaders	How	When	Funding
Improve transport around the parish and to other local areas making it easier for young and old to get about	Rural Transport Co-ordinator	Carry out survey: when do people travel?	2004 - 2006	Investigate the availability of grants through the Rural Transport Co-ordinator
	Rural Transport Co-ordinator	Press for more frequent bus services at these times	2004 - 2006	Investigate the availability of grants through the Rural Transport Co-ordinator
	Web-site group	Investigate car-sharing.	2004 - 2006	Minimal cost Parish Council to cover
	Rural Transport Co-ordinator	Investigate the problems people have when no transport is available, visits to doctors, to chemists, social and other essential journeys	2004 - 2006	Investigate the availability of grants through the Rural Transport Co-ordinator
	Web-site and newsletter groups	Publish both train and bus timetables in both the newsletter and on the website	2004 - 2006	Minimal cost Parish Council to cover
	Rural transport Co-ordinator	Raise awareness in Silkstone that there is a train service in Silkstone Common	2004 - 2006	Investigate the availability of grants through the Rural Transport Co-ordinator

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What	Proposed Leaders	How	When	Funding
To improve the state of pavements and roads in the parish	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	More frequent road repairs	2005 - 2007	BMBC
	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Maintenance of overhanging hedges.	2005 - 2007	BMBC
	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Road widening by clearing vegetation from the verges	2005 - 2007	BMBC
	Parish Council	Install more (and appropriate) traffic calming.	2005 - 2007	Precept and Grants
	Website and Newsletter groups	Publicize the use of parking space e.g. car park at Silkstone Recreation Ground car park could be used by customers to the garage	2005 - 2007	Minimal cost met by Parish Council
	Parish Council	Investigate the possibility of off-road land for parking in both villages	2005 - 2007	Precept
	Suggest new group of interested people to carry out survey	Carry out survey of pavement quality and identify poor quality pavements	2005 - 2007	Volunteers
	Parish Council	Request information from BMBC re pavement width policy	2005 - 2007	Precept
	Parish Council	Investigate through BMBC the feasibility of introducing weight restrictions on key roads through the Parish (High Street Silkstone & Ben Bank Road Silkstone Common)	2005 - 2007	Precept & BMBC

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What	Proposed Leaders	How	When	Funding
To develop and improve public footpaths and bridleways	Lead group CARE	Print a map of local rights of way, and prepare with comments and points of interest	2004 - 2006	Check availability of grants
	Lead group CARE	Work with BMBC officers in their efforts to protect, improve conditions on, and increase use of the Dove Valley Trail	2004 - 2005	Volunteers
	Parish Council, CARE with other voluntary groups	Work with the Police to reduce illegal use of public footpaths and bridle ways by powered vehicles and discourage such illegal use of footpaths and bridle ways	2004 - 2005	Volunteers
	Newsletter group and website groups	Raise awareness of how rights of way are protected, and how new applications for new routes can be made	2004 - 2005	Minimal cost to be met by the Parish Council
	Youth organizations e.g. Guides and/or Scouts	Work with BMBC's footpaths officers in identifying footpaths	2004 - 2005	Volunteers and BMBC
	Suggest new group to be formed to take the lead with the aid of the Parish Council	Produce maps for walks, showing rates of difficulty and footpaths being shown if outside of Parish.	2004 - 2007	Precept and Grants

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Environmental Improvements	Parish Council	Support Care in its efforts to maintain local hedgerows and planting of new hedges of native species within the built-up area	2004 - forward	Grant from precept
	Parish Council	Press BMBC to insist on the maintaining of drystone walls, which are the responsibilities of neighbouring landowners, and to repair those it is responsible for.	2004 - 2006	BMBC
	CARE	Investigate the possibility and implications of declaring all PC woodland as local nature reserves.	2004 - 2005	Precept
	Parish Council	Consult BMBC on the local biodiversity action plan and work with them in its support	2004 - 2007	Precept and Grants
	CARE supported by Parish Council	Discourage the planting of, exotic and garden species of plants in natural areas, e.g. Spanish bluebell, rhododendron, etc	2004 - forward	Precept and grants
	Lead group CARE supported by Parish Council	Consider the establishing of roadside nature reserves on selected verges	2005 - forward	Precept and grants
	Lead group CARE supported by Parish Council	Promote the protection of all forms of wild life already protected by law	2005 - forward	Precept and grants
	New group with aid of Parish Council	Investigate the purchase of land and woodland within the Parish	2005 - 2008	Grant availability to be checked
	CARE with aid of Parish Council	Investigate the development of a communal re-cycling area within the Parish	2004 - forward	Grant availability to be checked
Youth Provision	Millennium Committee with aid of Parish Council	Investigate the purchase and installation of play equipment	2004 - forward	Grant availability to be checked

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Tourism	New group with aid of Parish Council	Raise awareness of the special trains run by Penistone Line Partnership	2004 - 2005	Minimal amount required met by precept
	Newsletter and website groups	Work with the Penistone Line Partnership in their initiatives to improve use of the Line	2004 - 2005	Precept and Grants
	Parish Council with the Penistone Line Partnership and Pennine Barnsley Tourist Forum	Promote formation of B & B chain of accommodation for walkers through the Pennine foothills	2004 - 2006	Grant availability to be checked

