



Your Parish Plan

During the summer many volunteers and members of the Parish Council worked hard to compile questions for the Parish Plan questionnaire, covering a wide range of issues.

The questionnaire was delivered to all

households in the Parish during early September and we'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped deliver and collect the questionnaires. Due to your hard work we received back 247 completed questionnaires (63% of the households in the Parish) - this is an excellent result for a Parish of our size so well done!

Gloucestershire Rural County Council has now prepared a report summarising the results (paid for out of the grant from DEFRA). If anyone would like a copy please contact Jenny Courts (it will also be made available on the Kemble Parish Council website - <http://pcouncil.kemble.co.uk>). Many comments were received, particularly on issues such as the speed of traffic on the A429, the Village Hall, and green issues in general.

The working group is now reviewing the results and identifying projects to take forward. At the next Parish Council meeting of November 24th we'll agree some projects to be included in the Parish Council's plan for 2007. Some of the projects which had clear community support include tree planting around the Parish, creating a wilderness area, having an annual Parish clean up exercise, & creating a safe walking route between Kemble & Ewen.

In order to decide what other projects/clubs/activities to include as part of the Parish Plan we'd like to set up 4 smaller groups to cover youth activities, sport and recreation, transport, and the Village Hall. Laura Hetherington has offered to head up the transport group, which will consider methods of reducing traffic speed on our roads, and Andrew Lennard has offered to continue heading up the sports and recreation group. We're keen to hear from anyone who would like to head up either a youth group or the village hall group. These groups will review the feedback from the questionnaires, contact those who volunteered to help out with activities and start thinking about how/if we can implement some of the ideas that were supported. Please contact Jenny Courts if you are interested in joining or heading up these groups - all are welcome!

We were particularly pleased at how many people offered to help with activities and clubs in the Parish, thank you - without many of you volunteering your time we would be unable to set up new clubs and activities, particularly for the young people of this parish.

We are intending to have another parish wide open event in early January to discuss the results of the questionnaire and to outline our proposed Parish Plan for the next 5 to 10 years. This will be an opportunity for you to have your say on the content/timescale of the plan, before it is finalised. More details to follow closer to the time.

If you want any more information on the Parish Plan, or would like to be involved in any way please contact Jenny Courts on 770148.

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