

Parish Plan Digest and Prevailing Issues

Parish Plan Audit

A Parish Plan (PP) survey was undertaken to determine the commonality of issues across the Blackdown Hills.

9 PPs have been consulted among the 39 parishes. One other parish is thought to have completed a PP but did not respond to requests to supply a copy, nor are the contents of their plan available through a website. Of the remaining 19 Parishes, 15 did not reply to communications, and 4 confirmed that they do not propose to develop a Parish Plan.

The available PPs were published between 2001 and 2011, the most recent revision of each was consulted where possible.

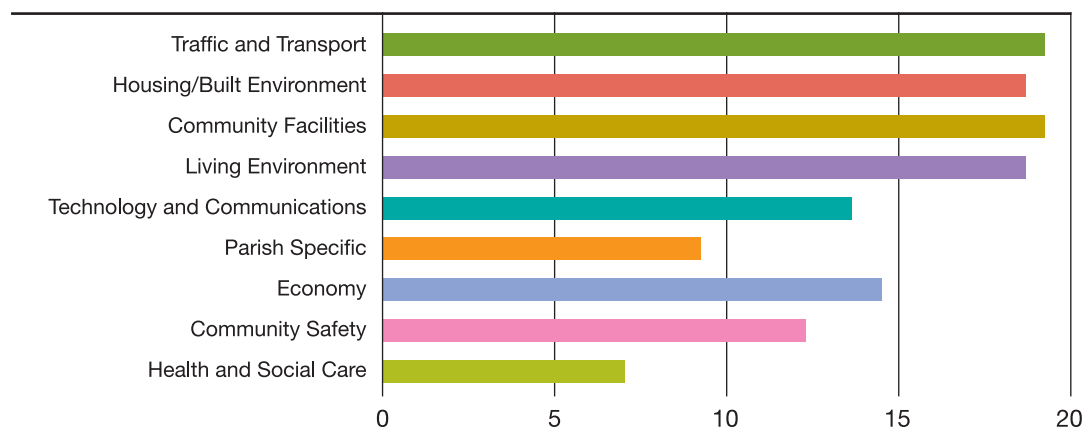
District	Published date	Parish
EDDC	2005	All Saints
EDDC	2006	Awliscombe
EDDC	2010	Broadhembury
EDDC	2011	Chardstock
EDDC	2009	Combe Raleigh
EDDC	2010	Dalwood
EDDC	2007 (revised in 2011)	Dunkeswell
EDDC	2008	Kilmington
EDDC	2008	Luppitt
EDDC	2006	Membury
EDDC	2007	Upottery
EDDC	2004	Widworthy
EDDC	2003	Yarcombe
MDDC	2004	Culmstock
MDDC	From 2010 survey data	Hemyock
MDDC	Info from CCD website	Uffculme
SSDC	2003	Tatworth & Forton
TDBC	2010	Neroche

Most Parish Plans, particularly those completed in the latter part of the last 10 years, have adopted a methodology that categorises issues under the following headings:

- **Traffic and Transport**
- **Housing/built environment**
- **Community Facilities**
- **Economy**
- **Community Safety**
- **Living Environment**
- **Technology and Communications**
- **Parish Specific**
- **Health and Social Care**

The bar chart shows how many of the 19 available Parish Plans addressed the categories listed above.

Issues addressed in parish plans



Notes from Parish Plans

Key points raised in the Parish Plans under each heading are summarised in the tables below.

District	Parish	Traffic and Transport
EDDC	All Saints	Increase awareness of existing transport system, road safety esp for school traffic
EDDC	Awliscombe	Parking problems. Safer roads within the parish. Access to car sharing schemes. Public transport timetables and regular access to public transport timetables.
EDDC	Broadhembury	Reduce on street parking, better awareness of public transport opportunities, integrate public transport with local needs, car sharing, road maintenance
EDDC	Combe Raleigh	Pothole reduction, engender co-operation between highway authorities to endure maintenance of ditches, drains, verges etc, reduce vehicle speed, improve parking facilities and access to village hall CP
EDDC	Dunkeswell	Number of HGVs and excessive speeds through the 20 & 30 mph speed limit, enforcement. Provision of village bypass. Need for a regular 7 d public transport service.
EDDC	Kilmington	To improve safety and introduce 20 mph speed limits.
EDDC	Luppitt	Take control of road maintenance. Prevent further noise pollution and increased road traffic. Improve road safety
EDDC	Membury	Improve the standard of highway maintenance, publicise the availability of the parish lengthsman
EDDC	Upottery	Poorly repaired road surfaces and management of roadside hedgerows, ditches etc. Effectiveness of speed restrictions through the village and roadside parking.
EDDC	Yarcombe	Issues include car sharing, improved bus timetables, road safety, condition of roads and ditches etc., speed of traffic and the proposed dualling of the A303.
EDDC	Chardstock	Improve maintenance of local roads, work with local agencies to improve public transport
MDDC	Culmstock	Access, Traffic and Transport a) Through Traffic b) Roads in the Village c) Roads in the Parish d) Public Transport
MDDC	Hemyock	potential accident black spots identified, support for traffic calming to protect pedestrians

MDDC	Uffculme	Road maintenance considered to be poor. Traffic Calming Measures . Support for 20 mph Speed. Transport to Work, Training or Study. Public Transport. Parking in Uffculme.
SSDC	Tatworth & Forton	Traffic speed, road and verge maintenance; Lack of bus connectivity to trains, evening and w/e service poor, reopen Chard Junction station, Hospital and Doctor car service
TDBC	Neroche	Road safety (speeding, limits, dangerous roads and HGVs), inadequate data on accidents & speeding, No safe cycle route to Taunton, Poor ditch maintenance (flooding), Too few parishioners using bus service. Road signage poor
TDBC	Pitminster	Speed monitoring, weight restrictions on good vehicles, work with neighbouring parishes, car sharing schemes, community bus?
EDDC	Widworthy	Continue work with the Highway Agency to alleviate impact of A35 on village life, ensure day to day maintenance and repairs to A35 , speed checks.

District Parish Housing/built environment

EDDC	All Saints	Resist new housing outside Area Boundary, assess need for affordable housing
EDDC	Awliscombe	Encourage young families to stay in parish and monitor need for new development.
EDDC	Broadhembury	Insufficient and affordable local housing, influence siting of communication masts
EDDC	Combe Raleigh	For community health, need up to 8 affordable houses
EDDC	Dunkeswell	Affordable housing provision to meet local parish needs - up to 16 required
EDDC	Kilmington	Priority to affordable housing and sheltered homes for local people, promote unobtrusive siting of oil tanks and satellite dishes.
EDDC	Luppitt	Limited increase in new housing stock. Lack of affordable housing
EDDC	Membury	Affordable and sheltered housing to meet local needs. family or starter homes and residential care and sheltered housing
EDDC	Uppottery	Develop strategy for helping smaller farms to survive, agree preferred development of the parish
EDDC	Yarcombe	Controlling future housing development.
EDDC	Chardstock	Ensure that new/refurbished sites blend suitably, retain Conservation area, prioritise affordable housing, but limit total new properties overall to 20 in next 10 years
MDDC	Culmstock	Low cost housing for local people, housing for people with specific needs
MDDC	Hemyock	Some housing development needed.
MDDC	Uffculme	Housing Needs. Accommodation Needs. Limits.
TDBC	Neroche	Lack of resident involvement in planning decisions, insufficient housing for first time buyers and young people
TDBC	Pitminster	ensure use of sympathetic building materials
EDDC	Widworthy	site visits to those applying for planning permission to improve, enlarge or modernise their houses, assurances re materials and neighbour awareness.

District Parish Community Facilities

EDDC	All Saints	Maintain and improve Village Hall, develop a village shop/PO, provide playground and equipment, support village school
EDDC	Awliscombe	Parish Hall facilities to meet the needs of the community. Existing school facilities to support community projects and education. Community shop facilities.

EDDC	Broadhembury	Complete plan to rebuild Community Hall, enhance playing fields and BMX track, reinstate community Tennis facility, make best use of existing school facilities. Ensure awareness of mobile library, provide public toilet facilities
EDDC	Combe Raleigh	Develop village green, play area for children, Youth Club, babysitting group, arts and crafts. Improve insulation in Village Hall roof
EDDC	Dunkeswell	New primary school - > 100 pupils bussed out of village every day. Improvement of both Village and Community Halls. Provision of youth work. Preservation of Heritage site of WWII airfield while encouraging commercial activity
EDDC	Kilmington	Play areas, maintain school standards and more activities for the under 16s. Promote sport and encourage young peoples participation. Advertise sport more widely and provide adult education classes. Post office and village stores use
EDDC	Luppitt	improve condition of parish Public Rights of Way. Increase the cultural, sporting and children-related events in the Parish
EDDC	Membury	Maintenance of existing facilities, the school, provide a wide range of activities and promote use of the village hall.
EDDC	Upottery	Explore Arts Council backing for professional/semi-professional shows, a calendar of excursions, Upottery Playing Fields Association to undertake various sporting and leisure activities. Upottery Cricket Club to extend cricket coaching programmes for the young. Various options regarding the Manor Room.
EDDC	Yarcombe	Requiring a more modern village hall. Expansion of sporting and education for adults and leisure activities for children and young people.
EDDC	Chardstock	Support school, funding to improve Community Hall, provide facilities for young people, commission released land for allotments, encourage the Arts for all
MDDC	Culmstock	Activities in nearby villages cannot be easily accessed by public transport.
MDDC	Hemyock	New facilities developed, gaining users, investigate re-opening as much of the Culm Valley Rail track between Hemyock & Willand as possible, for use for cycling, new sports field also in favour, walking etc is widely regarded as important.
MDDC	Uffculme	Shopping, Post Office, Use of Local Premises & Facilities. Mobile Citizens Advice Bureau. Libraries. Allotments. Use of New or Improved Facilities. Inability to join Local Organisations. Specific Outdoor/Indoor Activities. Cycle Paths.
SDDC	Tatworth & Forton	Day Centre provision in the Parish, Local maps for information, Adult Education classes, activities for under young people.
TDBC	Neroche	No playground or field, Improve support for equine facilities, improve access to public footpath and bridleway networks, develop a meeting place or shop , More social activities for children and young people, improve use of mobile library,
TDBC	Pitminster	New village hall, fit for several purposes
EDDC	Widworthy	New notice-board, continue refurbishment of Village Hall

District Parish

Living Environment

EDDC	All Saints	improve recycling arrangements, dog waste awareness, improve signage for footpaths without compromising rural character, noise pollution reduction, low flying aircraft, protection of rural heritage
EDDC	Awliscombe	Litter, dog mess, recycling, road maintenance, disturbances and changes to the landscape.
EDDC	Broadhembury	Reduce litter, dog mess, improve recycling and refuse arrangements
EDDC	Combe Raleigh	Develop walking club, maintain countryside and agricultural land, encourage hedge laying where appropriate

EDDC	Dunkeswell	Improvement of public rights of way network, 2 parts of village are disconnected, no pedestrian connection to Highfield Estate, so walkers have to use public roads to gain access.
EDDC	Kilmington	Maintain the rural character of the parish, enhance the character and encourage green issues.
EDDC	Luppitt	Provision of more recycling capacity in the village
EDDC	Membury	Protection of landscape features. To maintain the present high standard of the footpath network.
EDDC	Upottery	Roadside verges to thrive naturally. Dropping of litter and keeping the parish clean and tidy, regular meetings with local farmers to understand respective viewpoints, improve use of footpaths, mapping and litter collection
EDDC	Yarcombe	Improve footpaths. Minimise flooding, limit mobile phone masts, reduce overhead wires
EDDC	Chardstock	Audit of interesting and valuable rural sites, encourage measures to preserve character for the parish within the AONB landscape. Develop flood management measures, Footpath and bridleway updates, funding for FP projects, record heritage trees
MDDC	Culmstock	Too few footpaths and rights of way are easily accessible, in need of repair, vegetation clearance and general upkeep, need off-road routes available to horse riders. Dog waste fouls the meadows and footpaths. There is no facility for recycling plastic goods. Outlying households are not served by the recycling scheme
MDDC	Hemyock	Footpaths are important, although no signposts and overgrown bushes/nettles
MDDC	Uffculme	Footpath/Bridleway Maps. Ascertain whether there is a litter problem
SSDC	Tatworth & Forton	Requirement for more litter disposal, enhancement of wildlife area.
TDBC	Neroche	Make Neroche a more sustainable community, group purchasing schemes, parish land-sharing schemes, Maintain and enhance rural landscape, deter flytipping and littering
TDBC	Pitminster	Parish litter picking, start a nature conservation group, maintain landscape and ensure use of sympathetic building materials
EDDC	Widworthy	Introduce another footpath, to avoid walking on the A35 to join with the existing footpath to Offwell.

District Parish Technology and Communications

EDDC	Awliscombe	Use of Parish Newsletter/website to publicise local businesses. Availability of local community news, awareness of mobile library
EDDC	Broadhembury	Coordinate Parish publicity and communications
EDDC	Combe Raleigh	Computer classes, establish parish website
EDDC	Luppitt	Improved broadband access
EDDC	Membury	To improve public awareness of the services provided by different Councils.
EDDC	Upottery	improved communication of planning and decision making. enhanced gathering of what parishioners wanted ,Post coding improvement, local telecommunication service providers and create a central point for advertising local events.
EDDC	Yarcombe	encourage improved internet service and to maximise the benefits of services offered by the Blackdown Hills Rural Partnership and support them better.
EDDC	Chardstock	Secure production of Parish Newsletter, improve provision of mobile phone signal and BB speeds, upgrade parish website
MDDC	Hemyock	Parish Mag an important source of information

MDDC	Uffculme	Information availability.
SSDC	Tatworth & Forton	Disparate information sources, not joined up.
TDBC	Neroche	Availability of parish information, Parish Council information, poor mobile service, poor Broadband service, computer skills training for over 50s
TDBC	Pitminster	Develop the parish website, expand parish magazine, improve local communications

District Parish Parish Specific

EDDC	Combe Raleigh	Provide floral displays at entrances to village, aspirations for Church improvements
EDDC	Kilmington	Residents involvement in Parish Council meetings. Requirement for allotment land for local use
EDDC	Luppitt	Establish a heart of the village for social activities
EDDC	Membury	Encourage parishioners to report problems to the Parish Council
EDDC	Uppottery	Generally higher profile for PC amongst members, for membership more reflective of the parish population, Use the Parish Plan and a Design Statement to better influence EDDC in planning matters.
EDDC	Chardstock	Identify and attempt to replace funding shortfalls for parish orgs , collect local historical records, increase level of parish volunteering
MDDC	Hemyock	More powers should be devolved to the Parish Council.
SSDC	Tatworth & Forton	Action groups set up to carry out feasible activities

District Parish Economy

EDDC	All Saints	Resist further commercial development
EDDC	Awliscombe	Point of contact for new business start up.
EDDC	Broadhembury	Encourage opportunities for people to work at home and in the parish
EDDC	Combe Raleigh	Provide more small business units.
EDDC	Dunkeswell	Seek agreement from District Council that no further land will be released for industrial development. Preservation of Heritage site of WWII airfield while encouraging commercial activity
EDDC	Kilmington	provide small business units.
EDDC	Luppitt	Prevent large business development but support small business and rural crafts.
EDDC	Membury	maintain and encourage development of the local economy.
EDDC	Uppottery	Adult education classes and classes for early help for small to medium enterprises.
EDDC	Yarcombe	Promotion of tourism, support existing business
MDDC	Culmstock	Any industrial development would generate further traffic on an already inadequate road network. There are many under-used local services available in the Parish. There is no local support system for traders. No point of contact for information on available funding
MDDC	Hemyock	in favour of small-scale light industrial workshops and redundant farm buildings converted for light industrial workshops
MDDC	Uffculme	Industrial/Agricultural Activity. Industrial Jobs. Development in the Countryside.
TDBC	Neroche	Improve support for farmers and local businesses



District	Parish	Community Safety
EDDC	All Saints	Prevention of crime, security awareness
EDDC	Awliscombe	Improve neighbourhood watch scheme, increase opportunity to talk to local police.
EDDC	Broadhembury	Road safety, empower community to report disturbances, improve Neighbourhood Watch
EDDC	Luppitt	Increase police presence in the Parish, establish Neighbourhood watch
EDDC	Uppottery	Safety of items in outbuildings, lack of visible deterrent police presence, lack of faith in prompt police response to emergency calls, need for access to professional police advice
EDDC	Widworthy	Reintroduce Neighbourhood watch
EDDC	Yarcombe	improved pedestrian lighting.
EDDC	Chardstock	Devise and implement a Parish emergency planning system
MDDC	Culmstock	Speeding traffic and narrow lanes constitute a hazard , emergency service response times, no formal crime reduction schemes in the Parish
MDDC	Uffculme	Concern at Crime. Affected by Disturbances. Response to Disturbances.
SSDC	Tatworth & Forton	High incidence of antisocial behaviour, little police presence, Improve street lighting
TDBC	Pitminster	Establish Neighbourhood watch

District	Parish	Health and social care
EDDC	All Saints	Need local clinic/nurse/pharmacy
EDDC	Kilmington	NHS Dentist and transport to healthcare venues.
EDDC	Luppitt	Easier access to GP surgery- weekly village surgery?
EDDC	Membury	Maintenance of medical facilities.
MDDC	Hemyock	care manager ; health visitor ; mental health ; visiting optician ; patient participation group
MDDC	Uffculme	Health & Social Services.
TDBC	Neroche	Limited social activities for older residents, assistance for elderly/infirm if required