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# SUTTON WALDRON PARISH PLAN



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Sutton Waldron Parish Council

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# Introduction

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## Purpose of the Parish Plan

A Parish Plan is a statement of how the community sees itself developing over the next few years. It gives everyone a chance to say what they think about the social, economic and environmental issues affecting their community, and how they'd like to see it improved in the future. It:

- reflects the views of all sections of the community;
- identifies which features and local characteristics people value;
- identifies local problems and opportunities;
- spells out how residents want the community to develop in the future;
- prepares a plan of action to achieve this vision.

## Background to the Planning Process

The Sutton Waldron Parish Council decided in June 2009 that the Village should produce a Parish Plan. As a thriving little village, with a steady flow of new residents, it recognised the need to ensure that the Village had a clear sense of direction to which all its inhabitants could relate. The process of creating the plan took place between September 2009 and May 2010.

The Parish Council was fully aware of the implications of the existing national financial situation and saw an even greater need to ensure that local government decision making was well informed and responding efficiently to real local needs. It also saw an opportunity to increase its influence on other local councils and local services which served the Parish.

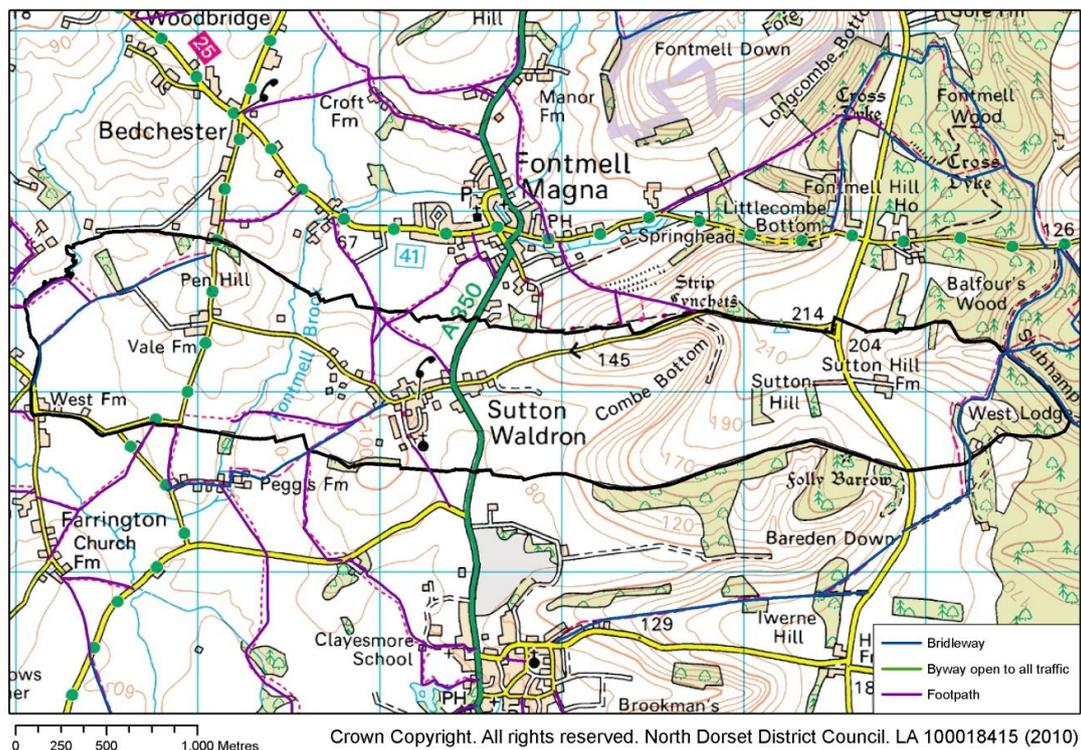
The Parish Council, in wishing to develop its ability to influence the future development of Sutton Waldron, was determined that local aspirations would continue to be developed and fulfilled, whilst recognising that in times of financial stringency, pragmatic short term decisions often have to be made.

## Location and Parish Boundary

The Parish of Sutton Waldron lies equally in the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (CC ANOB) and the Blackmore Vale. The half of the Parish in the CC ANOB is also designated an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA).

The village of Sutton Waldron which is designated as a separate conservation area is located just to the west of the A350. This very busy trunk road connects Blandford Forum to the South with Shaftesbury to the North.

The map overleaf shows the Parish boundary in black.



Sutton Waldron - Parish Boundaries

## Foundation of Sutton Waldron

Sutton Waldron lies on greensand and on the spring line which runs in a band from Shaftesbury towards Blandford Forum. It is one of a string of villages whose inhabitants farmed this fertile area. Evidence of early occupation can be seen in prehistoric and Roman pottery finds, and ancient field boundaries and markings.

According to Hutchins (*History of Dorset*), the ownership of Sudtone as listed in the Domesday Book and as stated by Hutchins was given to Waleran. In Saxon times it was held by a man called Godmund. The manor passed though many hands but in 1645 it was known to belong to Sir Lewis Dyke from whom it descended to Sir Gerald Napier and then to Gerald Sturt.

## Sutton Waldron's most famous resident

Anthony Huxtable (born 1808) was Rector of Sutton Waldron Church 1834 – 1871. He and his first wife Maria, who was wealthy and provided the money built the current St Bartholomew's Church in 1847. Anthony Huxtable and both his wives are buried near the Church.

Huxtable's main claim to fame is that he was a scientific farmer. He took on the tenancy of two farms on which he experimented with methods to improve crop yields e.g. spraying liquid manure on the fields. He was a member of the Royal Agricultural Society of England (RASE) and wrote papers for its journal. He was also a founder member of the Royal College of Chemistry. He was very concerned about the welfare of agricultural labourers, in particular their employment prospects and living conditions.

## St Bartholomew's Church



The Village has a unique and very beautiful church which epitomises the ethos of the Village itself. It is small, welcoming and at the heart of the life of the community.

It is an active church within the Iwerne Valley Benefice. Regular weekly services are held as well as quarterly informal services which celebrate the spirit and wonder of life. In addition the Church is a frequent venue for other events such as plays, concerts and craft fairs.

## The Village

The appearance of the Village has steadily altered over the years with few dramatic changes. It continues to evolve retaining its distinctive rural character. Whilst it does not have a school, shop or a pub this has not prevented the development of a strong collective spirit amongst those living in the Parish. There is a desire amongst its residents to both preserve and enhance the Village. The extremely positive response to the Parish Plan process has shown that.

## The Village Hall

Significantly refurbished through self-help and with more improvements planned for the future, the Village Hall provides a lively focal point for village life. It is well used by individuals and organisations within the Village as well as organisations from outside the Parish. It hosts fortnightly coffee mornings for village residents and regular open house social evenings.

## Local Businesses and Employment

There are a small number of livestock and dairy farms located within the Parish boundaries. The Dorset Centre for Rural Skills (DCRS) is on the western edge of the Parish and is a training centre specialising in courses such as sustainable building, traditional renovation and rural crafts.

# Developing a Plan for the Future

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## The Birth of the Plan

The aim of the Parish Plan process was to arrive at a set of proposals for action firmly based on an understanding of what Sutton Waldron residents saw as the key issues in the Village and the countryside around it.

To achieve this aim it was essential to involve as many residents as possible in the process and to gain a wide cross-section of views. In August 2009 the Council therefore sought volunteers to set up a Steering Group and six local people came forward to join a Parish Councillor who had agreed to take part. The composition and constitution of the Steering Group was finalised in September 2009.

The small size of the Parish and the low precept in operation meant that the Parish Council would not be able to pay for the costs of producing the Parish Plan. An application for a grant was made to Dorset County Council which was subsequently approved.

The first task for the Steering Group was to establish a programme of work to complete the Parish Plan, based upon detailed guidance provided by Dorset Community Action. The initial stage was to design a questionnaire to gather the views of Parishioners on issues and views. It was agreed that:

- Questionnaires would be provided on the basis of one per household.
- The questionnaires would include closed questions (relating to issues identified during initial discussions) and open questions to enable respondents to include any issues they believed relevant.
- Questionnaires would be delivered and collected by hand as far as practicable.
- Questionnaires would be accompanied by a newsletter explaining the Parish Plan process.
- During the period of questionnaire completion open sessions would be held in the Village Hall to provide the opportunity for residents to ask questions about the process and provide some direct input if they wished at this stage.

## Designing the Questionnaires

The steering group sought to achieve a sensible balance between questionnaire length and ensuring that all issues were included. It would have:

- General information (factual but anonymous) about the respondent.
- Sections with a mix of open (requiring a written response) and closed ('tick box') questions covering local services, local government, housing, policing and traffic, environment, parish facilities and activities.
- A section asking respondents to detail the three issues they felt most important about living in Sutton Waldron.
- Spaces in the questionnaire for general comments.

## Distributing the Issues Questionnaires

Distribution 'groups' were allocated to members of the Parish Plan Steering Group, and questionnaire distribution and collection took place during late November and early December 2009.

A total of 89 questionnaires were distributed and 68 were returned. A 76% return rate is extremely high for this type of survey (20% to 35% is more typical) and gives a high level of confidence in the questionnaire findings and a very strong foundation from which to develop the Plan. The high return rate is thought to be due to the level of community interest in the Parish together with the efforts made by the Steering Group in both distribution and collection of questionnaires.

# Overall Analysis of Issues

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## Overview of Responses

Some consistent themes - The main concerns indicated by the questionnaires related to the maintenance of the conservation area, improvements to the local footpaths (connecting Sutton Waldron to the adjacent Villages of Fontmell Magna and Iwerne Minster), and improving basic facilities such as the storm drains. These are detailed further below:

Maintenance of the conservation area - The responses showed that people generally like Sutton Waldron as it is and don't want to see unnecessary change in the Parish.

Improvements to the footpaths - The poor state of the footpaths between Sutton Waldron and the adjoining villages had been discussed at Parish Council meetings. Some work had been completed, such as changing kissing gates to self closing gates, and improving access across some stiles, however in general the footpaths themselves are still difficult to use.

Improving the storm drains - There has been a long standing issue with flooding on the main street in the Village and despite some investigative work the situation is still unresolved.

Many of the questionnaire responses demonstrated a realistic attitude as to what Sutton Waldron can and can't provide due to its size and limited budget.

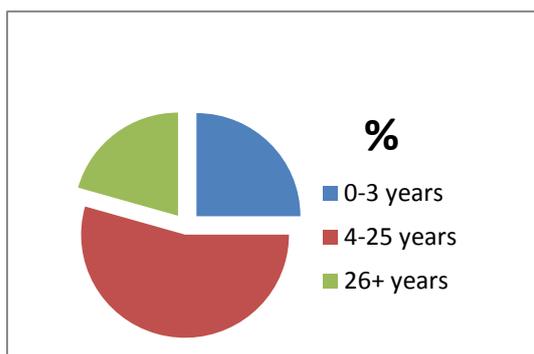
# Detailed Analysis of Issues

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## Section 1 - Breakdown of Population

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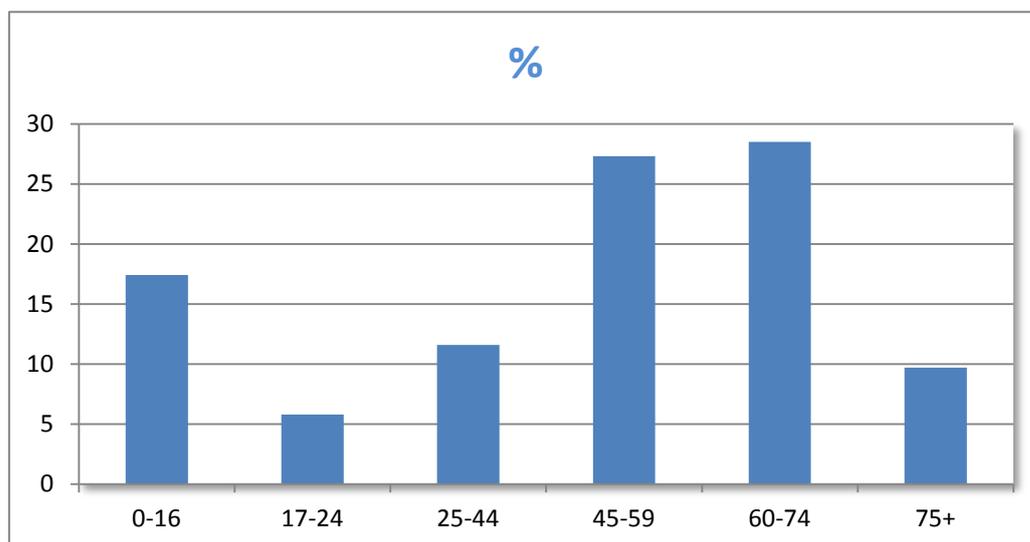
Today, the population of Sutton Waldron is approximately 200 split almost evenly between male and female. There are about 90 households and the average household size is 2.3 (national average 2.4).



25.0% of the population have lived in the Parish for less than 3 years whilst 20.6% have lived in the Parish for more than 25 years.

### Length of Residency in Sutton Waldron

Children aged 0-16 make up 17.4% of the population, whilst the 45+ age group accounts for 65.5%. The numbers of children are spread evenly between the age ranges of 0-4, 5-10 and 11-16.



### Breakdown of Sutton Waldron Population by Age Group

Views on the environment and local services, for example, are likely to be affected by the ages of the respondents and length of time in the Parish.

## Section 2 - Local Services & Local Government

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Most respondents were generally satisfied with the level of services (such as the primary school, mobile library service, Fontmell Magna medical centre, refuse collection etc.). The main areas where a majority were dissatisfied were the storm drains, which frequently flood, and the way that planning consents are approved.

Since the survey was carried out, the country was hit by a severe winter with the Village iced up for a long period. The lack of any gritting or access to grit for villagers to use left the roads highly dangerous for pedestrians and vehicles for a prolonged period with access difficult in some parts. Many villagers expressed the view that the provision of salt bins at key village locations could have made a big difference.



A major concern is the proposal by BT to remove the telephone kiosk. The kiosk is the iconic K6 model and has been in the centre of the Village for over 50 years. As such its presence makes a significant contribution to the sense of community, and its removal would be a very real loss to the ambience of the Village.

BT are offering to allow Parish councils to 'adopt' and retain their kiosk although they would remove the telephone facilities within the kiosk.

Around 50% of respondents were aware of who the Parish and District Councillors were and over 70% knew when the Parish Council meetings were held. However nearly 60% did not know how the Parish precept was spent.

### Conclusions

A strong theme that emerged from the comments was for the Parish Council to have more control over some of the functions that are currently under the control of the District Council. The Parish Council should follow up on the following items:

- The provision of salt bin(s) to enable the residents to salt the main village roads in icy conditions.
- The adoption of the telephone kiosk from BT
- There is an increased concern about the frequency of flooding of the storm drains following the very wet autumn in 2009

Communications about Parish Council members, finances and planning applications should also be improved.

## Section 3 - Policing

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Sutton Waldron is in a low crime area and over 98% of respondents felt safe in their homes and around the Parish. There is a high awareness and participation in the neighbourhood watch scheme, although a smaller number of people were aware of the facilities offered by the Home Watch scheme.

The Community Police Officer regularly attends the Parish Council meetings to provide updates on local crime incidents, and also provides regular email updates to the Parish Clerk. It was felt that this information needs to be disseminated more widely within the Parish.

### Conclusions

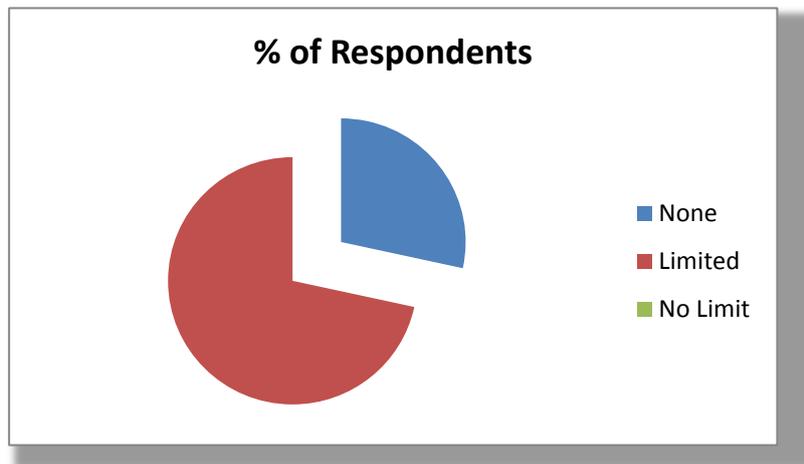
Whilst there was an awareness of the neighbourhood watch scheme, some doubts were expressed about its effectiveness as many people did not know who their contacts were in the case of an incident.

The possibilities of distributing Policing updates via the Parish Website should be investigated.

## Section 4 - Housing

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71.6% of respondents felt that new housing should be limited in the Village due to the lack of suitable land within the habitation area, and that housing infill had reached its limits. The remainder of respondents (28.4%) wanted to see no further housing developments.



Concerns were expressed that the Village was in danger of losing its 'rural' feel, and that new developments should be restricted due to the lack of retail facilities within the Village.

Recent developments in the area have primarily been focussed on upgrading existing houses rather than providing affordable houses and concerns were also expressed about the number and scale of housing extensions, inconsistency of planning decisions and the need for more affordable housing for the young and the elderly in the Village.

## Conclusions

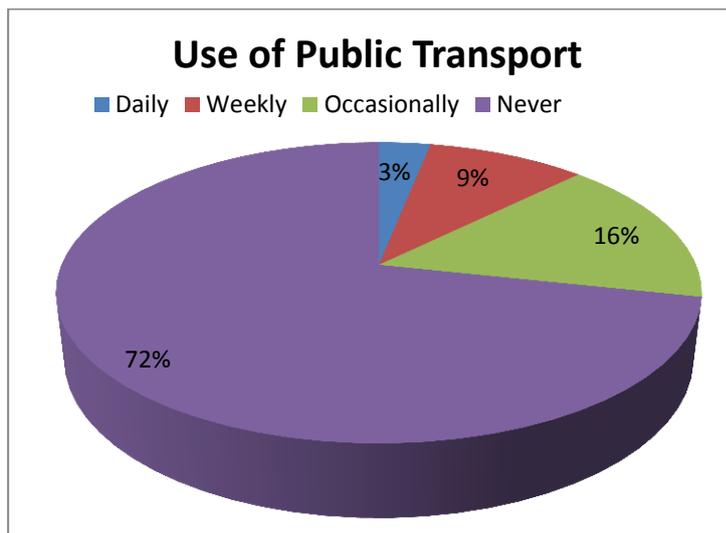
Strong feelings were expressed about the way that planning applications are approved by the District Council when the Parish Council has opposed the plans. It was felt that the centralised planning process took little or no regard to local opinion and to the protection of the conservation area.

Any new housing developments should be in keeping with the existing architecture of houses within the Village.

## Section 5 - Public Transport, Roads and Footpaths

### Public Transport

Only 29% of the population make use of the public bus service, and only 3% use the bus on a daily basis. The main barrier to the greater use of the bus service is considered to be the timetable currently in operation.



If the bus timetables were changed to better reflect their working, shopping and social needs then 72% said that they would make greater use of the service.

### Roads

The Parish is traversed by 2 busy roads, the A350 and C13 which are the main North/South arterial routes from Poole to the Midlands, with the A350 taking most of the heavy goods vehicles and the C13 taking more of the lighter traffic travelling between Blandford Forum and Shaftesbury. Studies carried out in the past to upgrade the C13 to relieve the A350 showed it be too expensive and complex due to the need to bypass Melbury Abbas and there are higher priority projects for at least the next 10 years.

Other local roads are narrow with restricted visibility and few passing places and like the A350 and C13 are considered too dangerous for cyclists. The local footpaths are also very rugged and unsuitable for casual walking to adjoining Villages.

The combination of the above factors leave people with little choice but to use their cars for almost all activities, even relatively short journeys to local facilities. The questionnaires confirmed that almost 90% of adults in Sutton Waldron always have a car or motorcycle available for their travel, however the options for those without cars are very limited.

There were comments about the maintenance of the road surfaces. Despite the A350 being a major arterial route it usually has many pot-holes and whilst these are routinely repaired they soon re-appear due to the very heavy lorries using that road. Minor roads connected to the Village receive very little maintenance work.

## Footpaths

Villagers in Sutton Waldron can use existing footpaths to walk to both Iwerne Minster and Fontmell Magna, but less agile residents cannot negotiate the latter due to the stiles and type of terrain to be crossed (ploughed fields etc.). There has been a recent study into the feasibility of providing a multi-use footpath linking the local Villages. Improvements to the footpaths would enable greater use by:

- Children to walk or cycle to the school in Fontmell Magna
- Villagers from Sutton Waldron to walk or cycle to Post Offices/ shops/pubs in neighbouring villages, and also to attend the doctors surgery in Fontmell Magna
- Teenagers from Sutton Waldron to go to the Youth Club in Fontmell Magna
- Villagers to visit relatives/ friends in adjoining villages
- Walkers and cyclists to utilise the pathway from Shroton to Fontmell Magna for recreational and exercise purposes.

## Conclusions

If the bus timetables were changed to better reflect local working, shopping and social needs then more people would make greater use of the service.

The feasibility of building a multi-use footpath between adjacent villages should continue to be investigated

## Section 6 - Traffic

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Traffic is a concern in the Village, with over 70% of respondents worried about traffic speed on the adjacent main roads.

Traffic comments related mostly to the A350 which is very narrow with many bends and is therefore totally unsuitable for cyclists or pedestrians. There were also some comments about very fast traffic speeds on the busy C13 on the edge of the Parish.

Comments were also made about safety on the other minor roads leading to and from the Village. Other issues noted include traffic noise, particularly motorcycles and the lack of a speed limit in the Village.

The majority of respondents would support measures to reduce traffic speeds in the Parish. Although there is a 40mph speed limit on the A350 at the cross roads junction with The Street and Sutton Hill, there is no formal speed limit within the Village itself.

Concerns were also expressed about the frequency and size of heavy goods vehicles passing through the Village. Some articulated lorries have been observed and questioned in The Street attempting to drive from the A350 towards Sturminster Newton, Farringdon or even Stalbridge having been guided through the Village by their satellite navigation systems and when they cannot pass beyond The Old Rectory either have to turn round at the junction with Church Lane or reverse all the way back to the A350. The wheels of these vehicles cause damage to verges and large vehicles often get stuck as they attempt to manoeuvre around the narrow roads. There are no signs at the A350 junction advising that the side roads are unsuitable for heavy good vehicles.

There is a dichotomy between the desire to increase traffic controls which will require additional signage giving a more urban appearance against the desire to maintain the rustic appearance in the Village and opinions that the existing signage is adequate.

Parking is a particular problem at key locations in Sutton Waldron and at the junction with the A350. A number of respondents were concerned about inconsiderate parking in the Village, particularly parking by building contractors.

The bus pull-ins on the A350 bend now have parking restrictions as a safety measure and these restrictions are generally observed, but adjacent on-verge parking obstructs the Sutton Waldron sign.

## Conclusions

The options to introduce a speed limit within the Village together with an assessment of signage requirements should be explored with the Highways Department.

The options to place advisory or mandatory restrictions on heavy goods vehicles within the Village together with signage requirements should be explored with the Highways Department.

The issues relating to parking in the Village should be followed up to consider what practical steps can be taken to improve parking options.

## Section 7 - The Environment

As explained in the overview, maintenance of the conservation area and the environment is the top 'priority' for the people of Sutton Waldron. Most respondents liked the 'rural' aspects of the Village and were against the provision of street lighting along those streets currently unlit, although there was a minority who felt very strongly that street lighting should be installed.

More than 95% of the residents make use of the countryside with the most common activity being walking. Opinion was evenly split on whether footpaths were maintained to a good standard and a significant majority said they would use them more if they were better maintained.

Almost all felt that the footpaths should be improved to enable children to cycle to school and enable older residents to walk to shops in the adjacent villages.



Comments were made about maintaining the appearance of the Village and a recent Parish Council meeting discussed improving the waste ground on Church Lane (opposite the Church), which does not appear to be owned by anyone in the Parish. This would involve the Parish Council formally applying for ownership of the land.

A nature reserve has been created by the Village within the old churchyard which is maintained by the Parochial Church Council with the support of a working party of Villagers who carry out an annual Churchyard and nature reserve maintenance event.

Whilst most respondents did not feel that litter in the Village was a problem, there has been a number of recent incidents of fly-tipping in the lay-by on Sutton Hill. Litter collecting volunteers have carried out a number of cleaning exercises along the verges of the road at the top of Sutton Hill, removing cans of chemicals and cables dumped in the lay-by.



The storm drains in The Street regularly flood the road following heavy rainfall, despite efforts by the transport department to 'jet clean' the drains. The underlying problem appears to be that the drainage pipes are too narrow to carry away the volume of surface water and housing developments in the vicinity are likely to exacerbate the situation.

## Conclusions

The maintenance of the conservation area, the environment and appearance of the Village is a top priority. Since the appeal of the countryside is a significant attraction for living in Sutton Waldron, all of the issues related to it take on greater importance in residents' minds than more minor topics. Any changes proposed by the Parish Plan must therefore take account of any impact on the environment or appearance of the Village.

Storm Drains - this is an increasing concern following the very wet autumn in 2009.

The Parish Council should continue to investigate the potential to adopt and maintain the waste ground near the Church.

## Section 8 - Parish Facilities and Activities

Whilst the majority of respondents were satisfied with the current facilities for social and leisure activities (usually held in the Village Hall), there was a strong theme of a need for a public open space in the Village *'for people of all ages to play'*.



The Village Hall was considered to be extremely important to the social life of the Parish, and this was borne out by the community support given during the recent project to refurbish the Village Hall.

Many people gave freely of their time and skills to completely revamp the interior and install new electrical and heating systems.

The renovation work has recently been extended to the exterior of the building and this will include removing and replacing the wooden cladding panels which are in a poor state of repair.

The most frequently requested new activities to be run in the Hall were:

- Exercise Groups / Tai Chi / Yoga (15%)
- Lunch Clubs (6%)
- Film Nights (5%)
- Dancing / Singing / Music Nights (4%)
- Classes of various types (PC / Crafts / Flower arranging etc. (over 2% for each)

As Sutton Waldron has no shop/post office or pub of its own, the availability of those facilities in the two adjacent villages of Iwerne Minster and Fontmell Magna are of considerable importance for residents.

St Bartholomew's Church is a significant asset to the Village. In addition to being used for religious worship the Church is a venue for community activities which help provide a sense of social cohesion.

The great majority of respondents were satisfied with the information received relating to the Village, with over 95% of respondents reading the newsletter 'Sutton's Seasons' and 73% reading the Church magazine 'Valley Views'. The survey identified that some outlying homes do not receive these communications.

Over 80% of respondents felt that there should be leaflets available describing walking routes around the Parish, and 86% believed that a welcome pack should be available for newcomers to the Parish.

## Conclusions

Following the considerable amount of work that has been carried out to upgrade the Village Hall greater use should be encouraged for all types of activities and age groups.

Over 56% of respondents felt that the Parish should have its own web site in order to provide information on activities and Parish news and this could be used to provide the information requested above.

Ensure all Village communications such as Sutton's Seasons reach all homes in the Parish.

## Summary of Key Issues

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The key issues identified by the survey were:

Parish Council - need for Parish Council to have more influence on decisions affecting the Parish, and to communicate those decisions more effectively.

Storm Drains - this is an increasing concern following the very wet autumn in 2009

Housing Developments - new developments should be in keeping with the character of the Village and fit into the conservation area.

Bus services - particularly the lack of services in the evenings and at weekends making it difficult for teenagers to access evening activities in Blandford/Shafesbury and elsewhere.

Traffic - whether there is a need for a formal speed limit in the Village and if so to what extent? (speed and signage). Also whether there is a need for formal or advisory restrictions of heavy goods vehicles entering the Village

Need for improved footpaths - pursue options for multi-use footpath to enable cyclist and walkers to access services in adjacent villages (schools, shops and pubs).

The lack of a public open space - this would require identifying and purchasing suitable land close to the Village.

Exploit the Village Hall - following the considerable amount of work that has been carried out to upgrade the Village Hall greater use should be encouraged for all age groups.

Improve communications - create a Parish web site to provide up-to-date information to Parishioners on Parish Council and police matters, as well as providing reference information on footpaths and services. Also distribute Sutton's Seasons to all homes in the Parish.

Whilst the issues identified above are important, their significance needs to be related to the importance of the 'priorities'. For the majority of respondents the preservation of the conservation area, the community and peace & quiet were the key 'priorities' for Sutton Waldron. Many respondents expressed the desire to minimise change in Sutton Waldron.

Thus an important aspect of the Parish Plan must be to seek to protect these valued features of Sutton Waldron whilst trying to address the issues discussed above.

# How do we get there?

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The results provided a clear and generally consistent picture about respondents' attitudes towards the Parish.

## Thinking about what could be done

From the information gathered by the questionnaire and open sessions there emerged several very definite topics which people wanted to see addressed and some clear indications of what they would and (at least as important) what they would not want to see in the future.

The Parish Plan Steering Group have sought to evaluate these views and opinions and to think through what options might be available, what the priorities should be and what actions were possible. From this work the Steering Group finalised its initial conclusions and developed a draft action plan.

## Building up the full picture

During May and June 2010, the Steering Group presented its key findings and initial conclusions to the Parish Council and residents at the Parish Council AGM and also set up a manned display at the AGM and two open events in the Village Hall. Steering Group members invited comments and discussion on the questionnaire findings and initial conclusions. This consultation process allowed an appreciation to be made of the degree of support for the proposals.

## Developing the Action Plan

From all the information gathered and feedback from the consultation processes, an Action Plan has been prepared by the Steering Group to address the key issues raised by residents.

This Action Plan now has to be developed by the Parish Council in collaboration with the various stake holders such as local council departments that are likely to be involved in the actions needed. Some of these are straightforward whilst others need more work to reach a definite conclusion. Key factors in this process will include the difficulty of each step, resources needed and timescales.

The responsibilities of the Parish Council will not change but the impact of the Parish Plan may affect the Parish Council's priorities and workload.

## Keeping people informed on progress

The Parish Plan will be published on the Parish Website and printed copies will be provided to all residents and key stakeholders. Regular progress updates will be provided at Parish Council meetings, and the action plan will be reviewed and updated annually.

# Action Plan

Ref	Community Ideas	Action Plan	Priority	Public Partners	Timescale	Contact	Resource
1	Conservation Area	Continue to maintain	High	Dorset County Council and Parish Council	Ongoing	Parish Clerk	Parish Council
2	Improve Parish Communication	Develop Parish Web Site	High	Dorset County Council & Police	By end of March 2010	Parish Clerk	Parish Clerk
3	Village Hall	Continue to improve facilities and encourage use for more activities	High	Parish Council W.I. , Church	Ongoing	Village Hall Committee Chairman	Village Hall Committee
4	Need for improved footpaths	Continue to lobby for funding for multi-use footpath	Med	Dorset County Council	2-3 years	Parish Clerk	Parish Clerk.
5	Storm Drains	Continue to lobby for funding for new drainage system	Med	Road agency	2-3 years	Parish Council Chairman	Parish Clerk
6a	Traffic	Investigate speed limits, speed signs and parking options	Med	Transport Department	1-2 years	Parish Council Chairman	Parish Council
6b		Investigate formal and advisory restrictions for HGV's	Med				
7	Housing Developments	Ensure that new developments are in character with Village	Med	North Dorset District Council	Ongoing	Parish Council Chairman	Parish Council
8	Community Area	Approach local landowners	Low	Parish Council	2-3 years	Parish Council Chairman .	Parish Council
9	Bus Services	Assess potential demand for revised bus timetable	Low	Transport Department	1-2 years	Parish Council Chairman	Parish Council

## Document Control

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