

Brede Parish Council Action Plan 2003

This Action Plan has been produced from analysis of the Brede Village Survey, published in September 2002, and responses from the public at two open meetings. Over 48% of the Brede electorate responded to the Survey and therefore the opinions expressed there and at the open meetings may be taken as an accurate reflection of the wishes of the Parish as a whole. The Action Plan contains proposed measures intended to address those issues which were seen as important by a significant number of respondents.

The Action Plan is not intended to be a static document; it will need refinement and revision on a regular basis. It does not attempt to provide simple or final answers in this, its initial stage, as much work will have to be done by the Parish Council and by other agencies (some of which have been identified in the Plan) before concrete actions can be carried out. Health and Safety, Crime and Disorder, Equal Opportunities, Disability Discrimination, Financial, and many other issues will have to be considered. It should, however provide a framework for the work to begin.

Brede Parish Council April 2003

Survey Evidence	Proposed Actions	Agencies Involved	Date
Transport and Highways			
<p>15 households have problems with after-school transport. 80 – 90 people has difficulty in getting to shops in Rye, Hastings and Battle either occasionally or often. A large number of people had or frequent (89) or occasional (157) difficulty in getting out of Brede to other places.</p> <p>Large number of people (482) wishing improvements in bus services. Timetable (355), routes (267), reliability (228), cost (190), disabled access (172), stop location (81). Extended service times and greater frequency important.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organise car-sharing schemes. 2. Lobby for improved frequency and timetables for public bus services. 3. Investigate introduction of taxi 'voucher' scheme. 4. Support introduction/expansion of 'dial-a-ride' schemes. 	PC, RDC, Rye Partnership	2003/4
<p>47 car owners prepared to be part of voluntary transport service, of which 217 would use it at least occasionally and 24 weekly or monthly.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Involve more drivers in Voluntary Car Scheme. 2. Improve information about Voluntary Car Scheme. 	PC	2003/4
<p>Parking was seen to be a safety risk (432) with school/recreation ground (122), crossroads(119) and Cackle Street (52) being the worst.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss parking arrangements with Police and Highways and implement suggested solutions. 	PC, Sussex Police, ESCC Highways	2003/4
<p>Disabled parking needed near shops and at village hall</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disabled parking at VH is in hand – monitor progress. 2. Ensure disabled parking is made available at any new commercial location. 	PC, BVHMC, RDC Planning	2003 ongoing
<p>Danger spots perceived but overwhelmingly at crossroads (280 out of 473)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss and implement possible improvements with Police, ESCC Highways and School Safety Officer. 2. Monitor promised construction of pedestrian refuge on Northiam Road 	PC, ESCC Highways, Sussex Police	ongoing
<p>Speeding. Strong response with support for speed limit extension, better signing and traffic calming.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigate options for speed limits. 2. Investigate options for improved signing. 3. Investigate options for traffic calming. 	PC Police, ESCC Highways, MP	ongoing
<p>Support for improvement of footway network with crossroads area, Udimore Road and Brede Hill being most important.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor progress on Brede Hill footway 2. Identify areas where new footways are required and prioritise them. 	PC, ESCC	2003/4 ongoing

Hedge trimming needs attention in some areas. Footways seen as 'poor' (204/32%). Verges seen as 'poor' (245/38%). Access to footways with prams and wheelchairs seen as poor (212)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use offered Colas labour to address maintenance problems. 2. Consult with ESCC Highways on providing better disabled access to footways. 	PC ESCC Highways	2003 ongoing
Road sweeping (160) and snow clearance (152) seen as poor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss with ESCC Highways. 	PC ESCC Highways	2003

Employment

Strong response to questions about employment opportunities in Brede with a roughly equal number of people for (776) and against (743) development of various kinds. The most popular and least controversial was the creation of more jobs in caring for the sick and elderly. Small business development and small scale industrial workshops both attracted a significant amount of both support and rejection.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss with RDC Planning. 2. Discuss with Job Centre for advice regarding possible actions. 	PC, RDC Planning, Hastings Job Centre	2003/4 ongoing
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Education

School facilities made available to community (367)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss with School and ESCC Education 	PC, Brede Primary School, ESCC Education	2003/4
Nursery school (122) Playgroup (147) After school clubs (181) Holiday play scheme (145)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Form WPs of interested parishioners with a view to establishing these facilities. 	PC, volunteers	ongoing
Child minders and day care (92)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reinvestigate current requirements and help with advertising for personnel 	PC	2003/4
Adult evening classes (291) especially Fitness & Health (64), IT (66), Languages (62) and Arts and Crafts (52)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigate suitable locations (e.g. school, VH, church halls, YC). 2. Consult with Hasting College about providing local courses. 3. Advertise for locally based course leaders. 	PC, BPS, Churches, YC Hastings College	2003/4 ongoing

Housing			
80 households have some problems with flooding.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigate causes. 2. Approach relevant authorities if problems are not considered to be the responsibility of the householder. 	PC	2003/4
Need for 'assisted' housing – housing association rented (113), restricted sale to locals (173), low cost (209) Sheltered housing (96) 69% not opposed to development to meet needs of local people.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss options with RDC Planning 	PC, RDC Planning	ongoing

Health and Social Services			
Generally satisfied			
Emergency and Other Services			
Only policing considered poor (large response) Offences seen as of concern include theft (466), vandalism (473) drug abuse (220), drunkenness (85) mugging (72) Main area of concern is around cross roads and recreation ground. 86% wanted greater police presence. 51% wanted better police/public consultation. 52% wanted more activities for youth. 29% wanted improved street lighting. 28% wanted more drink/drug education 27% wanted NHW 10% wanted CCTV	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Institute regular meetings with local Inspector. 2. Agree and monitor programme with Sussex Police to remedy deficiencies. 3. Provide regular opportunities for Police to meet public – e.g. Farmers' Market, Youth Club, PC Meetings. 4. Arrange drug education evening for youth/parents 5. Explore feasibility and desirability of street lighting 6. Support NHW 7. Investigate 'Warden' scheme as introduced by ESCC/RDC/Sussex Police 	PC, Sussex Police, RDC Crime & Disorder, YC, Farmers' Market, BVHMC, ESCC	2003/4 ongoing
Speeding. Strong response with more policing seen as most important.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage police to carry out more speed checks and monitor response. 	PC, Sussex Police	2003/4
Recycling: Many prepared to separate refuse for recycling (646/95%). High level of interest in use of various recycling collections (404/64% - 574/92%). Popular sites were at/near rec. (102) and Village Hall (86)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss with RDC ways of improving recycling opportunities. 2. Identify appropriate sites for local collection as necessary. 	PC, RDC	2003/4 ongoing

Retail Services and Other Facilities			
<p>Support for local shops and services were generally weekly or less often with the main reasons being given as last minute purchases/supporting local shops. Mobile library was very little used (461/83% 'never').</p> <p>Mobile services: around 50% would use grocer, fast food, video rental, and mobile library at least occasionally with a higher degree of support for a mobile banking service.</p> <p>Post Office overwhelmingly used for postal services but also high use for Pensions/bill payments/Girobank.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue support for Post Office as necessary. 2. Continue support for Mobile library as necessary. 3. Form WP involving local parishioners to investigate introduction of commercial mobile services. 	PC, PO, RDC, Parishioners	2003/4 ongoing
Sport			
<p>Tennis outside Brede (50) Swimming outside Brede (237) Interest in new sporting opportunities (326). Keep Fit most popular (141/43%) then Yoga (123), Tennis (88), Badminton (85), Bowls (70) Snooker (64) Majority satisfied with children's playground</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find organisers for the requested sporting opportunities with a view to starting groups in Brede. 	PC, Parishioners	ongoing
Social and Entertainment			
<p>Activities outside Rye: most popular Restaurants (448), Musical (177), Evening Classes (104), Dancing (77). People not participating because of poor publicity (16%), unsuitable opening hours (9%), no transport (8%) Poor facilities for Youth: up to 16 (141 (30%), 17-25 (229/48%) Poor facilities Adults: 26-60 (113/22%), over 60 (68/12%)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with Youth Club to increase activities for youth. 2. Work with BVHMC to introduce groups for other popular activities. 	PC, YC	ongoing

Local Government - Information and Communication

Significant number of interested people uninformed about activities at Youth Club (184) and Village Hall (162) 40% thought PC publicised its decisions badly. PC could promote more local participation through better publicity (81)	1. Liaise with YC and BVHMC regarding publication of events.	PC, BVHMC, YC	ongoing
Newsletter (280/57%) Magazine (150/35%)	1. Publish regular newsletter with information about the work of the PC 2. Maintain information article in St. George's magazine.	PC, St. George's magazine editor	ongoing
Notice board (283/60%)	1. Refurbish notice boards as necessary.	PC	2003/4
6% dissatisfied with PC spending of Precept but 457 don't know how it is spent.	1. Publish details of Precept.	PC	ongoing

Religion

Use of church premises was wanted for concerts (295/54%), meetings (193/40%)	1. Discuss with PCC and Methodist minister	PCC and Methodist minister	2003/4
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Environment			
<p>Most popular initiatives to enhance and preserve Brede environment were Recycling (482/75%), Improved public transport (394/61%), traffic reduction (278/43%), improved rights of way (255/39%), more local employment (231/35%), energy saving (212 (33%) and community composting (191/29%)</p> <p>Tree planting and preservation important (400+)</p> <p>Hedge maintenance important (300+)</p> <p>Pond maintenance (300+)</p> <p>Sowing of wildflowers (300+)</p> <p>Creation of local nature reserves (300+)</p> <p>Reduction of pollution (300+)</p> <p>Campaign against litter and rubbish (400+)</p> <p>310 respondents would be prepared to help with above.</p> <p>Signposting and use of footpaths and bridleways inadequate (239/47%) with greatest problems with high stiles, mud/water, overgrown with crops and bushes/nettles, poor signposting.</p>	<p>Additional to actions described above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue work on maintaining footpaths. 2. Recruit new Tree Warden. 3. Liaise with landowners to maintain hedges and ponds. 4. Form WP of parishioners interested in general preservation of local environment. 	<p>PC, ESCC, landowners, parishioners</p>	<p>ongoing</p>