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**A SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES 2007-2008
AND ACTIONS ACHIEVED WITHIN PARISH
PLANS PUBLISHED SINCE 2004**

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INTRODUCTION

This report has been produced on behalf of the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire and Rutland)'s Community Consultation and Capacity Building Project for the 2008 Rural Action Seminar (formerly known as the Community Consultation Annual Seminar). The purpose of the report is to summarise the issues covered by the parish plan reports produced which have been considered or are in the process of being considered through the Leicestershire Rural Partnership (LRP) Parish Plan Protocol over the past twelve months.

The report initially provides a quick comparative summary of the issues covered by each parish plan, divided into the priorities of the new LRP Rural Strategy, 2007-2014. These are,

- Stronger Rural Communities
- Rural Economic Development
- Enabling Rural Services and Facilities
- Improving Accessibility and Information
- Countryside and the Environment

Some of the key issues are then covered in greater depth (under the same headings) in the summary of each individual parish plan report. The final section includes a summary of some of the key actions achieved from the parish plan action plans completed since 2004 and taken through the Leicestershire Rural Partnership protocol.¹

Much progress has been made this year implementing enhancements to the project that were recommended in the review carried out by consultants last year.² The Community Consultation team took the advice of the consultants in re-branding the project and in future the project team will be known as **The Rural Action Team** hence the renaming of the annual seminar to the 'Rural Action Seminar'. Consultation and Capacity building will however still be underpinning the work that is so valuable in engaging with and developing the numerous volunteers that are involved.

Planning for Real[®] training, where consultation is based around a large map of the parish, has been undertaken by all Community Development Officers, as has training in the new Local Development Frameworks. A very successful roadshow event, which included a Planning for Real[®] exercise, was undertaken in Markfield, one of the target communities. Community Development Officers continue to encourage volunteer groups to consider diversity and social inclusion in the preparation of their plans so that the action plans that they produce are comprehensive inclusive and robust.

Links with the project have been made to other emerging local government initiatives. These include Neighbourhood Forums, Community Forums, Local Strategic Partnerships (LSP) and the Local Area Agreements (LAA) which will all affect local delivery. Future work in this area will continue in this ever changing world of local government, with community groups being encouraged to engage with the appropriate forums. Key themes identified in Parish Action Plans have been used in a number of areas as evidence to inform the Sustainable

¹ The Parish Plan Protocol can be viewed at <http://www.ruralcc.org.uk/communityconsultation>.

² The full review can be viewed at <http://www.ruralcc.org.uk/communityconsultation>.

Community Strategies, ensuring that they are delivering according to the communities wishes. Close links with local authorities and Parish Plan groups are being made, using the guidance in the LRP Protocol, to ensure a consistent approach and confidence in responses received across all districts and service providers.

A lack of funding for new groups starting Parish Plans has been an issue this year and Parish Councils have raised their contribution to cover the full cost of carrying out the plan. The Community Development Officers have in many cases helped groups to access small funds such as Community Champions, UK Community Kitty and Awards for All. The project continues to rely on a large number of volunteers and it identifies further volunteers who set up additional initiatives that implement a wide range of projects identified in the consultation that give benefit to their communities.

Funding for the Community Development Officers themselves has been hard to secure and currently the team is down to Team Leader plus two full time and one part time officer. The RCC is indebted to the Leicestershire Rural Partnership for providing much of the funding for the posts, we hope in the coming months to secure more funding to enable the project staffing levels to get back up to full strength.

Current staffing of the Rural Action Team is detailed below.

- Diana Cook Team Leader, Rural Action Team
- Dean Boonham Harborough, Melton, Rutland
- Charlotte Burt North West Leicestershire, Hinckley & Bosworth, Blaby
- Hazel Fish Charnwood and special projects (part time)

If you would like further information about any of the parish plans covered in this report, please contact Diana Cook at the Rural Community Council (www.ruralcc.org.uk) on 0116 268 9706 or dcook@ruralcc.org.uk. Or the appropriate project officer. For information about the work of the LRP please contact Louise Driver at Leicestershire County Council on 0116 305 7973 or ldriver@leics.gov.uk.

This report will be made available to all members of the LRP. The report and the parish plan action plans from which it is derived will prove invaluable in ensuring that local community issues are taken into account in the future planning and prioritisation of the work of the Leicestershire Rural Partnership and its partner organisations.

Diana Cook
Team Leader, Rural Action Team

March 2008

**SUMMARY OF ISSUES COVERED WITHIN PARISH PLAN REPORTS
PUBLISHED IN LEICESTERSHIRE 2007/08**

VILLAGE/ ISSUES COVERED	Ashby Wolds	Castle Donington	Eastwell*	Harby*	Long Clawson*	Long Whatton and Diseworth	Peatling Magna	Stathern	Thrusington
Population estimate (2004) (* parish population)	3700	6090	630	2450	2450	1630	190	670	550
Response Rate	50%	23%	75%	66%	40%	37%		36%	74%
Age Ranges	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Gender Split	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
Length of Time In Village	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Likes and Dislikes	✓		✓	✓					✓
Employment	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
STRONGER RURAL COMMUNITIES									
COMMUNITY SAFETY									
Lighting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
Police	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Neighbourhood Watch	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Home Security	✓		✓		✓		✓		
Crime Prevention			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Farm Watch			✓				✓	✓	
Emergency Services		✓			✓				
Unsafe Areas	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Experience of Crime	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CCTV	✓								
YOUNG PEOPLE									
Needs Mentioned	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Separate Questionnaire	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Youth Shelter				✓					
Youth Club	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓
Youth Council					✓				
Facilities	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
RELIGION									
Role of Church			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Attendance		✓		✓		✓		✓	
Other Activities			✓	✓	✓	✓			
Community involvement			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Burial				✓					
Ethnicity			✓						
Use of religious buildings			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT									
EMPLOYMENT									
Training Offered		✓							
Environmental Impact					✓				
Training Needs	✓	✓		✓					
Community Involvement	✓	✓							✓
Services to Community	✓	✓		✓					✓
Self Employment	✓	✓							✓
Business Advice	✓	✓				✓			✓
Business Development	✓	✓			✓	✓			
Marketing & Promotion	✓								
Business Directory	✓	✓							
Skills Directory									
Grants Offered	✓								✓
Village Shops	✓				✓		✓		✓
Public Houses							✓		
Building Conversions									

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VILLAGE/ ISSUES COVERED	Ashby Woulds	Castle Donington	Eastwell	Harby	Long Clawson	Long Whatton and Diseworth	Peatling Magna	Stathern	Thrusington
ENABLING RURAL SERVICES									
Shops	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Post Office	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pub				✓		✓	✓	✓	
Mobile Shops/Deliveries	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
Missing Services	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Facilities Needed	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Council Services	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Library/Mobile	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gas Connection					✓				
Postal Service	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Cash Machine	✓			✓					
Farmers Markets		✓							
HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CARE									
Access	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Mobility	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Support Needs	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Health Awareness				✓					
Healthy Living	✓								
Assistance/Home Help			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Doctors	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Dentist	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Hospitals				✓					
Transport to Hospital		✓				✓		✓	
Drugs/Alcohol Awareness									
Prescription Collection	✓					✓		✓	✓
Other Services	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
LEISURE AND RECREATION									
Use of facilities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Future of facilities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Village Hall	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Park	✓	✓		✓	✓				
Play Area	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Playing field	✓	✓			✓				
Sports Facilities	✓	✓		✓					✓
Clubs		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Luncheon Club					✓				
Reading Club					✓				✓
Toilets									
Skills				✓				✓	✓
EDUCATION AND TRAINING									
Information Centre		✓							
School		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Play Scheme	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Play Group	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓
Adult Education	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
After School Provision	✓	✓				✓			✓
Training	✓	✓							✓
FE Classes	✓				✓				✓
Childcare	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

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ADVICE SERVICES									
CAB									
Benefits Advice									
Debt Management									
Job Centre/Advice									
Volunteers	✓								✓
LETS									
IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY AND INFORMATION									
RURAL TRANSPORT									
Transport Problems	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Car Access	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Journeys	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Bus Shelters	✓			✓			✓	✓	
Cycle Routes	✓	✓	✓						
Footpath	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
Use of Bus Service	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bus Service Improvements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bus Destinations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
School Buses	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Use of Trains		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Community Bus	✓			✓		✓			
Volunteer Drivers				✓					
Car Sharing			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Supermarket Bus									
INFORMATION AND ELECTRONIC SERVICES									
Communication Links	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
General Information	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Notice Boards	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Newsletter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Internet	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ICT Access	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Web Site	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Diary of Events									
Village Directory			✓						
Welcome Pack		✓	✓						
Village History	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Newspapers Read					✓	✓		✓	
Information Centre									

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COUNTRYSIDE AND THE ENVIRONMENT									
PLANNING AND DESIGN									
Village/Parish Character	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Housing Development	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Housing Needs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Planning App/Processes	✓						✓		✓
Structure Plan	✓						✓		
Current Home		✓		✓			✓		
Open/Green Spaces	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓
General Development		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Benefit from Development					✓				
ENVIRONMENT									
General Improvements		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Volunteers	✓			✓	✓				
Footpaths – Route	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓
Footpaths – Condition	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Footpaths – Protection	✓			✓					✓
Sites for Protection	✓			✓			✓		✓
More Attractive	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Pollution	✓	✓			✓				✓
Dog Fouling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Litter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Fly Tipping		✓							
Graffiti					✓				
Signage	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	
Recycling – use of	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Recycling – additional						✓		✓	
War Memorial									
Village Green				✓				✓	
Verges/trees	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓
Seats/Benches	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	
Allotments				✓	✓			✓	✓
Canal				✓				✓	
Noise	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
Pollution	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Energy	✓			✓	✓				✓
Flooding						✓			
TRAFFIC									
Number of Cars			✓		✓				✓
Parking	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Speeding Traffic	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Danger Spots	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Traffic Calming	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Speed Limits	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
Signs	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓
Pavements	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
Refuges				✓					
Speed Cameras	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
HGV Restrictions		✓	✓		✓			✓	
Road Safety	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
Road Humps	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓
Crossings	✓	✓	✓						
Bypass		✓							

PARISH PLAN SUMMARIES

ASHBY WOULDLS

Stronger Rural Communities

- 33% of respondents thought that community spirit was good or excellent. Many thought there was a need to set up more community open days to foster community cohesion, to deliver community projects and encourage parishioners to become involved in the new, as well as existing, opportunities.
- 16% of respondents had suffered from vandalism in the last 12 months – 46% with problems from quad biking or motorcycles.
- 84% wanted to see more regular police patrols.
- 43% thought there was need to set up new Neighbourhood Watch schemes
- 57% to extend the opening hours of Ashby Police Station.
- 26% of people wanted CCTV in trouble spot public places. Detailed comments were also made on the Set up speed safety cameras and prosecute speeding motorists in notable speed black spots. E.g. Moira Post Office area, Blackfordby Lane.
- 53% would attend public meetings to improve police communication with local people.
- 32 people would join a volunteer Community Speedwatch Scheme.

Rural Economic Development

- 56% would like to encourage more rural craft shops/industries, tea rooms, garden centres e.g. at or near Conkers
- 56% would encourage the setting up of more shops, and particularly one in Albert village. There is a possibility of negotiation with Gulliver's regarding a new supermarket. Comments were made on the need to encourage mobile facilities and shops at Moira Village Hall
- Comments were also made on the need to encourage relocation of Cresswells and Mcphersons to Rawdon Industrial park and to discourage large distribution/industrial units in residential areas

Enabling Rural Services and Facilities

- 14 people volunteered to establish a new group and work with existing volunteers to carry forward Albert Village Hall Project
- 84% of respondents considered speeding to be a problem or major problem in Ashby Wouldls. 63% were concerned with heavy goods vehicles, and 50% with noise from traffic. There is a need to reconsider all aspects of speeding and weight restrictions.
- 48% of respondents would like more seating and rest stops. 157 respondents commented in detail on the maintenance of leisure and recreation areas in Ashby Wouldls
- 22% of respondents thought that public transport provision was poor. 36% did not use them any public transport services. 15% of people car shared. 11% used the community bus service weekly or monthly and over 85% were unaware of it. Some individual had problems accessing the community transport.
- 37% of respondents wanted improved access to information on bus times and 36% wanted more integrated transport options.
- Requests were made to consider the provision of improved or new bus services to East Midlands Airport
- 55% wanted more off road cycle routes. A suggestion is that in consultation with the relevant authorities, a cycle route to Ashby de la Zouch could be provided, which would link to Conkers.
- 57% of respondents considered that parking on pavements was either a problem or major problem.
- Many respondents commented on the need to reduce parking congestion near Albert Village School and Moira Post Office, put in yellow lines on dangerous corners so that wardens can prosecute dangerous parking, and carry out specific maintenance of traffic signs.

Improving Accessibility and Information

- Local newspapers are a read by over half of respondents, including the Ashby Wouldls Town Council Newsletter, although only 10% looked at local, district or county websites. Leicestervillages.com was the most popular.
- 26 respondents would attend local training given by LCC Community ICT on www.leicestershirevillages.com

Countryside and the Environment

- 66% of respondents valued the canal and disused railway, 60% valued buildings of architectural importance and the surrounding countryside, 57% valued mature trees, and 54% valued local green spaces.
- 45% found problems with rights of way and footpath maintenance. It is suggested that there is a need to investigate and carry out specific maintenance needs of some roads and footpaths
- 81% found litter, 80% dog fouling and 79% fly tipping to be a problem. It is suggested that there is a need to investigate litter issues and provide further dog fouling bins in appropriate locations.
- 65% of respondents wanted additional materials to be collected and a possible kitchen waste collection.
- 57% of respondents valued school travel plans, and 13% would wish the provision of a school travel plan for Albert Village School. Volunteers have come forward from the Parish Plan to support this.

PARISH PLAN SUMMARIES

CASTLE DONINGTON
Stronger Rural Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19% had suffered from anti-social behaviour or nuisance but only a third of these people had actually reported the crime • 40% thought that the service provided by the police was poor or very poor • 78% wanted more police, 65% wanted a permanently manned police office, and 40% wanted longer opening hours at the police station
Rural Economic Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14% of respondents work locally • Additional 12% would be interested in gaining skills training to enable them to work locally • 37% would like a business directory
Enabling Rural Services and Facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 99% of respondents use one of the local Co-ops • 53% would like an independent butcher, 51% a fruit and vegetable shop, 48% a farm shop • Strong demand for more shops to replace those which are currently unoccupied • Over 60% expressed concern over emergency healthcare in the parish. Many people have to travel out of the county for out-of-hours care • 32% complained about waiting times at Castle Donington Surgery • 182 parents expressed concerns about the movement of children out of the parish for completion of their GCSE's • 32% would make use of additional training courses if they were available • Local footpaths and walks around the village was the most widely used facility • 27% would like an indoor swimming pool and 33% would like a leisure centre • 57% had never used the volunteer bureau and there was a strong request for better online services through the volunteer bureau
Improving Accessibility and Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearly half of the respondents did not use public transport because they thought it was inconvenient. 16% thought that they lived too far from a bus stop and 12% thought that a car was essential for work • Two-thirds already have internet access • 66% would welcome a parish newsletter or magazine for the village • 71% would use a local community information pack
Countryside and the Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 97% stated that the surrounding countryside is either important or very important • 71% wanted better care of historic buildings, 69% wanted more footpaths created, 67% wanted more tree planting • 72% wanted more footpath maps or information • Litter is a very big problem in the village and 87% wanted a household recycling facility within Castle Donington • 80% felt air quality should be monitored and publicly recorded • Noise from East Midlands Airport at night affects 70% of people, whereas noise from Donington Park during weekends affects the same proportion of people • There was an overwhelming response that Castle Donington is already over-developed • 76% indicated that their current house was sufficient for the foreseeable future • A large number of people expressed concern over traffic delays, with particular mention of event at Donington Park and at morning and evening rush hours. • 55% stated that the main road through the village was a hot spot for speeding
Other issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 68% didn't know the location of the conservation areas, but 87% felt that they should be promoted and developed further • 82% would value a heritage trail • There was substantial support for both the May Market and October Wakes • When asked to comment on the role of the parish council a large number of people did not know what the role of the parish council actually was

PARISH PLAN SUMMARIES

EASTWELL

Stronger Rural Communities

- 84% of people would join a neighbourhood watch scheme
- 67% and 62% of respondents would like information on Countryside Watch and locally committed crimes in the last 12 months respectively
- 53% of people would like information on how to protect their own property
- 91% of people want the Church as a focal point for the village

Rural Economic Development

Enabling Rural Services and Facilities

- 76% of people supported the idea of a children's play area
- A new community hall was felt necessary by 86% of the village. 51% of which would like it to be retained on its present site

Improving Accessibility and Information

- 77% of respondents have internet access with 50% of the village experiencing connection problems weekly
- 53% of respondents thought that a welcome pack for new residents would be beneficial
- 93% of people thought that Village News was the most helpful form of communication
- 54% of villagers would rather use the car than the bus

Countryside and the Environment

- 93% of people want new buildings to reflect the local heritage
- 80% of the village would support the re-instating of the footpath from the Church to the crossroads
- New pavements were identified as necessary on the Scalford and Stathern roads
- A more prominent entrance to the village was felt necessary by 74% of villagers
- 81% of respondents support additional traffic calming measures at the crossroads with a majority favouring a change from a 'Give Way' to a 'Stop' sign
- Speeding was considered a problem by 77% of the village
- 61% of respondents would like more nature trails

Other issues

PARISH PLAN SUMMARIES

HARBY
Stronger Rural Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local police service needs improvement – 72% thought it was either poor or reasonable • 79% and 76% of people were very concerned or concerned about burglary and vehicle related crime respectively • 62% of respondents felt it necessary to provide a young persons meeting place
Rural Economic Development
Enabling Rural Services and Facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 62% of people use the post office weekly and feel that it is vital to maintain its present use • 65% of people had no knowledge of the mobile library service • 60% of respondents would like to see a sports centre being built within Harby • Promoting religious education at school was felt to be important by 51% of those questioned • Access to a nearby NHS dentist and clinic was cited as a difficulty by many respondents
Improving Accessibility and Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fully integrated transport system was felt to be a priority by 64% of respondents • 71% of respondents felt that there needed to be better provision of bus timetable information • Maintaining present internet provision was viewed as important as 66% of villagers regularly use the internet from home
Countryside and the Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% of people supported the idea of a housing needs survey to assess the future demand for affordable housing for local people • Saving energy was considered important by 51% of people • Improving on the quality of existing light, noise and smell also considered important • 66% of respondents highlighted dog fouling as a problem • 71% of people felt that litter needed to be cleared • Providing more trees, hedges and flowers was supported by 65% of people • 59% of people want historic wildlife features protecting • 53% and 59% of respondents would like to see canal walks and local rights of way promoted respectively • Producing a circular walks leaflet for Harby was supported by 70% of villagers • 61% of people supported the introduction of radar operated and hand held speed guns • Improving the use of footpaths for pushchairs and battery wheelchairs was cited as a priority • Constructing new paths to improve safety and ease of passage also very important • There was an expressed need to improve existing waste and recycling collection
Other issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51% of people had no knowledge of their County Councillor and 75% no knowledge of their MEP. Improving knowledge of elected representatives was identified as a key priority

PARISH PLAN SUMMARIES

LONG CLAWSON

Stronger Rural Communities

- 93% of villagers feel safe in the daytime but 52% of people felt that more regular and visible patrols would make them feel even safer
- 70% of people support the idea of a neighbourhood watch scheme in their area
- 67% of people thought the church was important as an historic site and focal point.
- Securing involvement of young people and encouraging them to say what they want through the setting up of a Village Junior Council is a key priority
- Overall need to improve knowledge of what is going on for young people locally

Rural Economic Development

- Important to retain and increase small retail base

Enabling Rural Services and Facilities

- Quicker response time and better advice needed by PCT
- Longer opening hours for post office

Improving Accessibility and Information

- Need to reinstate the bus service to Nottingham coupled with evening and weekend services
- Only 25% of people rated Melton Borough Council services as high or good
- Provision of new notice boards required
- Just 16% of people thought the village website was an effective method of communication where as 90% thought the local magazine (The Clarion) was.

Countryside and the Environment

- 73% and 84% of respondents felt that more litter and dog bins should be provided respectively
- 55% of respondents agreed to participate with litter picking days in an annual village clean up
- Improving the floral decoration in the village was supported by 68% of those questioned
- Reducing noise and light pollution from Dairy and Brinvale farm – 62% considered noise as a problem
- Looking into the need for affordable homes for local people was felt a priority for 35% of people
- 93% of villagers would support brownfield development
- New allotments need to be considered
- 75% of respondents believe that there is a problem with HGV vehicles using the village as a through route and 73% of people feel that there is a problem with speeding

Other issues

PARISH PLAN SUMMARIES

LONG WHATTON AND DISEWORTH

Stronger Rural Communities

- Both villages have experienced petty crime and request a greater police presence
- All 4 churches are still being used and villagers are willing to continue supporting these both financially and through attendance

Rural Economic Development

Enabling Rural Services and Facilities

- Respondents felt that the remaining post office and general store were essential for the future of the 2 villages
- The mobile library is appreciated by those who use it but evening and weekend attendance is needed
- Large concern over transportation to local doctors surgeries in Castle Donington and Kegworth. A home delivery prescription service would be appreciated
- Adult education classes in a variety of subjects were requested

Improving Accessibility and Information

- People requested better public transport links, particularly to other villages and areas in North West Leicestershire and local schools. Current transport is mainly to Loughborough and Derby only.

Countryside and the Environment

- Large objection to new developments of executive style housing
- Requests for affordable housing for local residents

Other issues

- Large support for the proposed Heritage Centre

PARISH PLAN SUMMARIES

PEATLING MAGNA
Stronger Rural Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most respondents wished to see more visible policing, with one respondent asking for better night time call handling procedures. • 92% of respondents wanted the neighbourhood watch scheme to continue. 77% believed the scheme to be effective. More volunteer co-ordinators are needed to support this. • 36% sought information about Neighbourhood Watch and 53% sought information about Countryside watch.
Rural Economic Development
Enabling Rural Services and Facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of respondents to the road safety questions were concerned, for the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders in the parish. • There were specific concerns regarding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overgrown hedges blocking views • traffic speed • inconsiderate parking of cars • difficulty exiting side roads onto Main Street • obstructed views for traffic in Main Street • lack of warning signs • overgrown hedges blocking views • traffic speed • inconsiderate parking of cars • difficulty exiting side roads onto Main Street • obstructed views for traffic in Main Street • lack of warning signs • Suggestions to resolve the parking problem included: • 33% favoured flashing speed signs and 28% village gateways. Slow down signs were preferred by 20% but only 6% felt road humps, chicanes or road narrowing was the answer to calming the speeding traffic. • Other respondents pointed out that further traffic calming measures would cause problems for farm vehicles and that parked cars may in themselves cause traffic to slow down • 87% of the 55 respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that overhead cables should be underground to improve the appearance of the village.
Improving Accessibility and Information
Countryside and the Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 91% (of 65 responses) responded that it was either “important” or “very important” that Arnesby Lane should be maintained as a gated road. • 25% of respondents considered dog fouling was a problem.
Other issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other issues included planning and development and the need to maintain the character of the village

PARISH PLAN SUMMARIES

STATHERN
Stronger Rural Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of police visibility - 87% don't know their local Police Officer
Rural Economic Development
Enabling Rural Services and Facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection of valued services required especially for general shop and post office. 90% of people consider these services vitally important and are used heavily. Important to identify ways to increase utilisation of mobile library. Although not heavily used, 65% consider it very important or important to retain service. 93% of respondents were very satisfied with their GP The Vale First Responders were considered essential by 71% of people 83% of people recognised the importance of Dove Cottage The importance of the village school was recognised by 90% of respondents 68% of respondents want increased village activities
Improving Accessibility and Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% of respondents travel more than 10 miles to work by car and 93% for social purposes Problems are experienced with internet connectivity
Countryside and the Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60% of people are not aware of HGV restrictions 88% of respondents are concerned with speeding and 79% would support a 20mph speed limit in the village 61% of people highlighted that outside the village shop was a danger spot 88% of people felt it important to protect and preserve the surrounding countryside 86% of respondents thought that there should be more protected areas 95% consider that St Guthlac's Church reflects Stathern's character and heritage 70% don't want expansion on the edge of Stathern and 57% do not want further infill development 81% of people think that a Village Design Statement should be produced 95% of respondents believe that litter spoils the local environment followed by dog fouling at 93%
Other issues

PARISH PLAN SUMMARIES

THRUSSINGTON
Stronger Rural Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 3% of respondents felt excluded. • 96% get information from Thrussington Life. From comments, it was decided to update the Thrussington Factsheet and distribute it to newcomers in the village • Only 16% of respondents thought there was sufficient outdoor leisure activities, and 16% of people below the age of 40 thought there were sufficient indoor activities, rising to 22% for adults over 40.
Rural Economic Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37% of people wanted a larger post box. • The post office and one pub have just closed. Comments were made on the great loss to the village. The Parish Plan Group is interested in getting back these services if possible. • 38% of respondents wanted to attend a computer course. • 19% of respondents wanted information about small business grants.
Enabling Rural Services and Facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 68% of respondents wanted a play area in the village. A public meeting was held on Feb 6th which set up a 14 person working party to explore possibilities for the creation of a children's playground or play area and a designated playing field for sports. • 21% were dissatisfied with street lighting. It was decided to request the Parish Council to review street lighting in the village.
Improving Accessibility and Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 79% of respondents would use a parish walks leaflet to be produced.
Countryside and the Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of respondents thought that Sileby Recycling Facility needed improvement and made detailed suggestions • 84% of respondents thought the cleanliness and tidiness of public areas in the village was important. Some more litter bins were requested. There was also a request to keep hedges on roads and pavements trimmed and limit the dumping of vehicles. Respondents also identified a need to take enforcement action in Old Gate Road and other areas against dog fouling, and remind residents of the effects and fines which could be enforced • 39% of respondents had problems with maintenance and signposting of footpaths. • 64% of respondents are concerned about noise pollution and 42% have concerns about air pollution. It was suggested that there should be a limit to clay pigeon shooting times, and a reduction in pub noise • 100% of respondents thought there were safety hazards in the village. Some wanted to reduce speeding traffic, with a rural calming scheme e.g. rustic gates at village entrance
Other issues

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STRONGER RURAL COMMUNITIES	
Parish Plan	Action delivered
2006/2007	
Barlestone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village now hosts police surgeries which help to tackle the problem of police visibility • Details of community wardens and numbers for reporting non-emergency crime have been distributed through the village welcome pack
Claybrooke Magna and Claybrooke Parva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An open meeting has been arranged with the local police officers to consider safety issues
Husbands Bosworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council has implemented a new neighbourhood watch scheme.
2005/2006	
Leicester Forest East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts to replace children's play equipment are continuing • A new Youth Council has been established
Mountsorrel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCC held a successful Service Co-ordination Event. • A learning forum event was held. A key theme which emerged was related to health issues. As a result £5,000 was secured to promote healthy lifestyles. • Mountsorrel Methodist Church used the Parish Plan to obtain evidence for National Methodist funding for a Youth Worker post for a Youth Work project.
Rearsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing crime & policing initiatives - Village Patrol and publication of contact details of the police and dog control service. The village also has its own PCSO, Angela Ogden
Woodhouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCC held a successful Service Co-ordination Event.
2004/2005	
Kibworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting was held on 28th November 2007 with the Leicestershire Youth Service with the possibility of establishing a youth information and guidance service.

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RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
Parish Plan	Action delivered
2006/2007	
Barrow upon Soar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Barrow Business Forum has been set up with a £60 joining fee and 20 members so far is looking at all sorts of ways of improving business opportunities in Barrow. Detailed RCC advice given. The group published a business directory
Billesdon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local business welcome pack has been updated with funding secured through advertising • Current plans are to increase business services through the pub and local shop
2005/2006	
2004/2005	

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ENABLING RURAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES	
Parish Plan	Action delivered
2006/2007	
Barlestone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timings for the mobile library service have now been changed
Barrow upon Soar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Network Fund grant for £7,000 was secured to purchase a youth shelter. A further £2,500 was provided by the Parish Council • Activities for young people were provided during the half-term holidays. These included craft activities, stained glass and wax painting, climbing and a barbeque. • Number of activities held by the Village Hall Action Group.
Billesdon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Council actively involved with Doctor's surgery to increase size of premises • The group has set up 3 community groups: Music making, singing and reading, (no funding applied for as yet.)
Cossington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cossington Church Hall project, planning permission granted and letter of support sent from RCC. LRP commented on local need during consultation on the planning process. • Church Development Group has met with officers from the RCC. A celebration event held on the 3 July, and a last Night at the Proms fund raising concert on the 7 July.
Husbands Bosworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A work plan is now in place to sort out a Skate park • LCC has improved the route of the mobile library.
2005/2006	
Mountsorrel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCC advice sent to Parish Council regarding funding and building Mountsorrel Memorial Hall, which is being taken over as a project by the Parish Council. Further funding advice to be offered. A special sub group of Parish Councillors has now been set up.
Rearsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application for £150,000 has been submitted to the National Lottery to support a new village hall. The application process required significant co-ordination between local organisations. • Extra equipment for the play park and village hall playing fields - goalposts for each and two picnic benches for the playing fields; the half-pipe was also modified
Woodhouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Old Woodhouse Community room is to be built. In total £250,000 was raised to support this. Construction work is due to commence in October • New stage lighting and an improved stage have been provided at the Village Hall.
2004/2005	

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IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY AND INFORMATION	
Parish Plan	Action delivered
2006/2007	
Barlestone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural transport options (dial-a-ride) information has been circulated in the welcome pack • Barlestone.com has been updated and both this and the Leicestershire villages website are now being used • Volunteers in the village have recommenced the Barlestone and Osbaston Community Association (BOCA) to help implement some parish plan actions • A village welcome pack has been drawn up and circulated to all residents in the village • Chairman of Parish Plan Group has been working with the Community ICT team on promotion of the Leicestershire Villages website. Presentation and training sessions held in the village
Billesdon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A welcome pack for new residents to the Parish has been published. The project was financed through local advertising • Training has been given in the use of the Leicestershire Villages website
Claybrooke Magna and Claybrooke Parva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council now contributes to the cost of publishing the parish newsletter • Two new notice boards have been erected displaying contact information and announcing forthcoming events.
Cossington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council has adopted its Leicestershire Parish Councils website
Countesthorpe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new post box has been installed after many requests
Husbands Bosworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new notice board has been erected on the bottom green. • The Parish Plan Action Plan is a regular item on the Parish Council agenda. • The School has agreed to use the Village Hall car park to alleviate parking problems when parents pick up children from the school. • The Rural Housing Enabler has met the Parish Council and is hoping to carry out a Housing Survey with a view to providing a rural affordable housing scheme, following liaison through the RCC. • A Woods Bus service is being provided subsidised from the LCC.
2005/2006	
Groby and Field Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant improvements have been made to the bus waiting facilities for the 27 and 28 services. The scheme involved raising the kerbs, new bus shelters, and installation of Startrack.
Leicester Forest East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents have been using the Leicestershire Villages website to generate discussion on proposals for the M1 widening
Mountsorrel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council is using the parish website. Other community groups are using Leicestershire Villages
Rearsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved communications from the PC to the village through publication of this newsletter and the erection of a new noticeboard on Wreake Drive • There are ongoing discussions regarding provision of affordable housing. A site next to the village hall is currently being considered.
Wanlip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Parish newsletter has been established • The village website has been improved to include a parish business diary informing residents of key decisions. • The Parish Council is using its dedicated website.
2004/2005	
Anstey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin High School is setting up a Travel to School Plan and Latimer Primary school's is working successfully.
Heather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Housing Needs Survey has been undertaken and detailed consideration is being given to this.

IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY AND INFORMATION

Parish Plan	Action delivered
Kibworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A bid has been submitted to the Welland Transport and Accessibility fund for assistance in developing some level of service for local residents.• Information advice evening event organized on young people's health issues.
Medbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received £1,500 from The Welland Transport and Accessibility Fund (Northamptonshire Acre) on a matched funding basis for a taxi voucher scheme.

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COUNTRYSIDE AND THE ENVIRONMENT	
Parish Plan	Action delivered
2006/2007	
Barlestone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A speeding survey has been carried out in the village • Pelican crossing and 20mph signs have been erected by the school • A flashing speed sign is about to be erected on Newbold road • The Parish Council has replaced and planted flower boxes on 17 points through the village • A village best kept garden competition is planned • Various environmental management projects have been delivered throughout the village, including the Paddock and near the Allotments. • Existing dog waste bins and signage have been checked and new bins / signs installed at various locations • Dog warden has been called to report known offenders of dog fouling
Barrow upon Soar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the winner of the Best Village competition under the category of village with population greater than 5,000 • 2 sets of guided walks leaflets produced. A further 3 are in progress. • Booklet on the Historic Places of Barrow has been published. • Barrow Business Forum donated £100 to support the village Christmas Lights. • Humphrey Perkins School adopted a school travel plan. £9,500 has been used to improve safety, reduce congestion, and promote health, fitness and well-being • Heritage action Group has been formed. The Heritage Warden and Parish Plan Chairman have been awarded a grant from the Local Heritage Initiative for £18,425 over two years to undertake some heritage projects: archaeology, and adult and junior fossil trails, walks, trees and shrubs guide, and street guide. • A Traffic Action group has been set up and the group has been asked to join the County Council's Community Speed Watch programme.
Billesdon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sustainable environment group has been established. • An application for the Community Speed Watch programme has been submitted.
Claybrooke Magna and Claybrooke Parva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Archaeology Warden has been appointed • The Parish Council has been working with the district to identify locations for new litter bins. These have been installed.
Countesthorpe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Zebra crossing has been installed between the College and the High School
Hallaton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A SHIRE environmental improvement grant has been awarded to undertake tree planting
Husbands Bosworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More dog fouling bins have been provided. • A new litter bin has been provided in the park. • New Village Signs have been erected • 2 new benches have been provided on the bottom green, following funding advice from the RCC. • The village playground has been revamped with the help of a £10,000 SHIRE Grant. • Dropped kerbs have been installed on certain pathways. • A new Plastic Recycling facility is being well used at the pub. • LCC Highways Department has cleared the public footpaths.
2005/2006	
Mountsorrel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With support of the RCC and Charnwood Arts, LCC is to support footpath trail leaflets devised by local young people.
Rearsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A school travel plan was developed. Grant of £4,450 was awarded to undertake development work

COUNTRYSIDE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Parish Plan	Action delivered
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Group set up by Parish Plan
Wanlip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,000 bulbs were planted in the parish by 20 volunteers Increased pressure on a landowner has enabled improved access to a local footpath. The footpath has also been redirected to allow better access for disabled users. Traffic survey undertaken and a road lining scheme has been undertaken to improve safety.
Woodhouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new Heritage Watch Group has been established and funding advice has been given regarding proposals for a heritage trail. Speed Watch group presented petition and report on speed to Highways Committee at County Hall. Appeared on East Midlands TV. Horse signs set up at entrances to the village. Speed Watch equipment now purchased and being adapted for use in partnership with Loughborough University Both Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves Village Design Statements have received Highly Commended from Charnwood Design Awards A Community Orchard being developed with volunteer support following a Public meeting held in May 2007. The RCC has provided funding advice.
Wymeswold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The local primary school adopted a school travel plan. A grant was awarded to undertake consultation and implement traffic reduction and road safety schemes.
2004/2005	
Anstey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A SHIRE environmental grant was awarded to support improvements to the recreation area at Michels Field. This is being led by the Youth Development Sub-Group of the parish plan. Parish Plan Group met with Leicester City Council Planner to open discussions regarding Castle Hill Country Park and a possible cycle way linking with Anstey.
Kibworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A further dog mess bin has been installed on the Larkswold recreation area
Medbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group has re-visited the Community Speed Watch programme for a second time.
Ratby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group is finalising its village walks leaflet Anti-litter campaign has been established

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