

PARISH PLAN TARGETS UPDATE

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Housing and Planning

The majority wish was for no extra housing, but those who did want it suggested only affordable low cost new housing. Last year a housing survey was conducted by Mr K Parry who is the “Rural Housing Enabler for Herefordshire” working for Community First, where all households were invited to participate to ascertain any need for affordable new housing in our parish. The results of this are due shortly.

Community Centre

The hard won lottery funding for this project is in place although work has not yet begun to convert the church at Bridge Sollars.

Recycling

Our ultimate aim was for doorstep recycling collection at no extra cost and with no loss to the weekly domestic black bag collection. This service has now been operating since November and we consider all targets for recycling achieved.

Local Services

The main aims were to retain the current bus service and the telephone box in Bishopstone. To encourage its use and therefore help to retain it, we advertise the bus service in our newsletter and on our website and publish information about eligibility for bus passes.

We have applied to adopt the BT phone box in Bishopstone.

In addition we continue to maintain contact with the local police.

Roads and Rights of Way

We continue to report any necessary road repairs to Street Services (Amey) and advertise their contact number in our newsletter. Residents can report road repairs to “Amey Herefordshire”. Anyone may contact them on **01432 261800** ask for “Street Services” or email: streets@herefordshire.gov.uk For emergency out of hours tel: **01432 260000** asking for Street Services. Alternatively residents can contact the Parish Clerk (**01432 389441**) and she will pass on any report.

We have obtained a 30 MPH speed limit through Mansel Gamage and an application for a 30 MPH speed limit through Bisopstone is currently progressing through its stages.

We continue to lobby for appropriate signs to be erected to discourage HGVs from using unsuitable minor roads in our parish.

We continue to monitor public footpaths and their maintenance.

Communications

The quarterly newsletter is currently in its 7th year and continues to provide much essential information and items of interest. The desire for a parish website was expressed and this is well into its second year. It is updated with a parish news page every week and in addition to essential parish council information, minutes of meetings and reports, it contains other pages of local information and interest plus the latest newsletter and other back issues. We welcome suggestions for other content for the website and our newsletter.