

Aymestrey Parish Plan 2013

Updated 2019



SUMMARY UPDATE

The original parish plan was completed in 2013 and can be downloaded from the Aymestrey.org website. This document updates the actions that were listed for each section and their progress as of 2019.

SECTION	NUMBER OF ACTIONS	COMPLETED	NO LONGER APPLICABLE	ABORTED	ONGOING	OUTSTANDING
COMMUNICATIONS	11	7	1	1	1	1
HIGHWAYS	9	3			5	1
ACCESS & TRNSPRT	8	3	1	1	2	1
TOURISM	7				3	4
HOUSING	4	4				
CRIME	3	1	1	1		
ENVIRONMENT	11				5	6
CHURCHES	9	3			3	3
PARISH HALL	15	9				6
OTHERS	3	2			1	
TOTALS	80	32	3	3	20	22

COMMUNICATIONS

THE PLAN			
Project	Reasoning	Priority	Status
Welcome Pack for new householders	To introduce newcomers to local facilities and the community	HIGH	Outstanding
Visitors section on the website	Up to date information on places to stay, local walks, events and activities	MEDIUM	Section was put on the website but traffic is so low that it was deemed unnecessary. Could still be done
Centrally issued email for all households in the parish e.g. thecottage@aymestrey.co.uk	Allows various groups in the parish to email information out easily by issuing the address ourselves without having to compile personal email address lists. Not a replacement for physical communication but could cut down production costs for the newsletter and as a reminder for local events	LOW	No longer valid, Not practical
Improved mobile phone reception	As above	MEDIUM	Beyond our scope, WiFi calling now standard and improved broadband will soon be available
Local business section on the website and in the newsletter	Advertising could help cover costs of newsletter; on the website it would help promote local services	MEDIUM	Completed No longer applicable, section was put on the website but traffic was so low that it was deemed unnecessary.
Parish Plan	Parish Council to monitor, communicate and measure aims and goals of the parish	HIGH	Completed
Cross advertising of systems	Make sure notice boards and newsletter advertise the website to help boost registered users	HIGH	Completed
Develop the website and improve the numbers of registered users	To provide easily updated information and access to historical parish documentation	HIGH	Completed
Faster local broadband speeds	Improve the standard of local infrastructure to ensure local businesses and home workers have effective facilities	MEDIUM	Completed
Change newsletter formatting	Develop the newsletter so some sections can be printed in colour and have photographs included without excessive impact on cost	MEDIUM	Completed, on line, ever involving
Multiple event listing on the parish hall blackboard	Ensure passing traffic is reminded of upcoming events in good time	MEDIUM	Completed Films advertised and website / mailshot setup to advertise any events and PC news

HIGHWAYS

THE PLAN			
Project	Reasoning	Priority	Status
Identify places where walkers on the highway are at risk and if there are any actions required	Safety for pedestrians	MEDIUM	Outstanding
Aymestrey to be a Community Concern Site	Encourage drivers to respect and comply with the legal speed limit	HIGH	On going
Install 'countdown' marker signage at each end of Aymestrey. Maintenance of 30mph signage and road markings	Warn drivers to reduce speed and comply with the legal speed limit. Improve visibility to drivers of all signage.	HIGH	On going
Permanent solar powered flash-up speed warning devices thanking safe drivers	Encourage drivers to respect and comply with the legal speed limit	MEDIUM	On going
Install pavements at both sides of the highway/narrow the highway at the regularly used road crossing points in Aymestrey village	Safety for pedestrians	MEDIUM	On going
Resurface the A4110 through Aymestrey with quieter road surfacing	Reduce noise pollution for residents and visitors	MEDIUM	On going
Introduce visual impact features to indicate entry to Aymestrey village through installation of a chicane and gate and planter together with associated traffic calming measures	Encourage drivers to respect and comply with the legal speed limit	HIGH	Completed
Install 'Welcome to Aymestrey' signage at both ends of village and both sides of road with location of current signage to be reviewed	Encourage drivers to recognise they are entering a village, to promote safety of residents, visitors and tourists	HIGH	Complete
Improve speed enforcement; speed cameras, speed checks	Encourage drivers to respect and comply with the speed limit	MEDIUM	Completed

ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

THE PLAN			
Project	Reasoning	Priority	Status
Footpath from the south of the village along the A4110 to Mortimer's Cross	Ease of access and joining up of parish. Lack of a pavement is a safety hazard	MEDIUM	Outstanding
Lynch gate 'bus stop' to have a light installed and a notice board to display bus time tables	Light for use during the winter months and noticeboard for timetable details	MEDIUM	On going
Encourage more footpaths through Countryside Stewardship Scheme	To support tourism and increase the footpath network for local users	LOW	On going
Bus shelter in Yatton	Proposed as the "Participatory Project" 2010	HIGH	No longer applicable
Shuttle buses to provide link to local 'hub' villages	To provide a link for the parish to the hub villages as well as providing a useful service for walkers/tourists in the area	MEDIUM	Beyond our scope
Local bus timetable in every household and holiday let	Promote use of public transport available	HIGH	Completed
Install pavement from the Lingen lane to The Riverside Inn	This lane is in frequent use to access footpaths and Mortimer's Trail and to link the properties on the Lingen lane with Aymestrey village. Lack of pavement presents a safety hazard	HIGH	Completed
Display a summary of bus services on Aymestrey website and notice boards	People need to know what bus services are available	MEDIUM	Completed

TOURISM

THE PLAN			
Project	Reasoning	Priority	Status
An Aymestrey Guide Book e.g. a brief history, local shops, facilities and local amenities	Visitors and tourists to have one reference document	HIGH	Outstanding
A National Trust notice board detailing local wildlife and circular walks	Promote access to local footpaths and shows what is available locally	HIGH	Outstanding
Develop local places of interest and history e.g. churches, fish pools , etc	Highlight and promote local attractions and history	MEDIUM	Outstanding
Create new low impact circular walks with gated stiles	Help improve access to local countryside	MEDIUM	Outstanding
Promote replacement of traditional stiles with gates	Ease of access to the countryside particularly for those with limited mobility	HIGH	On going
A pamphlet with sketched maps detailing local walks and distances	Help promote and improve access to local country side	MEDIUM	On going
Walks clearly sign posted/way marked	As above	MEDIUM	On going

HOUSING

THE PLAN			
Project	Reasoning	Priority	Status
Produce Neighbourhood Plan for Aymestrey with a view to creating Neighbourhood Development Orders	To ensure that new housing satisfies an identified need for affordable homes	HIGH	Complete
Include recommendation in Neighbourhood Plan that only affordable housing is permitted on windfall sites	as above	MEDIUM	Complete
Include recommendation in Neighbourhood Plan that change of use of holiday homes is permitted for affordable housing only (where practical)	as above	MEDIUM	Complete
Include recommendation in Neighbourhood Plan that affordable housing is given precedence over holiday accommodation in planning decisions	as above	MEDIUM	Complete

CRIME

THE PLAN			
Project	Reasoning	Priority	Status
Collate crime spree data with updates available on parish website	To increase awareness of crime and any criminal activity	HIGH	Covered by Police website
Neighbourhood Watch schemes	Help reduce/ deter crime	MEDIUM	Impractical
Arrange annual police liaison meeting updating parishioners on crime and crime prevention measures, e.g. Partners and Community	To increase awareness and deter crime	MEDIUM	Done

ENVIRONMENT

THE PLAN			
Project	Reasoning	Priority	Status
WOODLAND			
To periodically monitor changes in wildlife population, conduct wildlife survey	Ensure environment continues to support native wildlife	MEDIUM	Outstanding
To maintain contact with the National Trust to ensure that their Management Plan is implemented and then extended in 2014	Ensure woodlands and their use are monitored and reviewed	LOW	Outstanding
To lobby Forestry Commission to keep tracks open and clear sightlines from national trails	For local amenity and tourism	HIGH	On going
Parish Council to be consulted before any large projects take place that will impact the environment	To ensure community involvement in actions that affect the amenity value of the parish	HIGH	On going
Encourage the maintenance of trees, hedges and footpaths	To improve access and the look and beauty of the parish	HIGH	On going
To monitor activities of Forestry Commission and private landowners and raise queries if PAWS/ASNW are not being managed or restored	Maintain and enhance the environment and biodiversity, and actively take part in decision making	HIGH	On going
QUARRY			
Parish Council to communicate regularly with quarry owners	To facilitate meaningful consultation between the community and quarry	HIGH	On going
COMMONS			
To seek funding/volunteers to supply notice boards/ maps of the area displayed in suitable locations	Provide information for better access	HIGH	Outstanding
Develop a wish list of improvements that benefit the commons and its stakeholders	To improve the condition of the commons	HIGH	Outstanding
To have seating logs in several suitable locations e.g. along popular walks	Better facilities for parishioners and visitors	LOW	Outstanding
RIVERS			
Annual/regular river-based activity, cleaning etc organised by the parish	To encourage involvement and interest in the management of the river	LOW	On going

CHURCHES

THE PLAN			
Project	Reasoning	Priority	Status
Explore the possibility of holding art exhibitions in Leinthall Earls church e.g. H.Art	Encourage the use of the church as a community facility	HIGH	Outstanding
Re-lime wash/re-plaster as appropriate at Aymestrey church	Make good and safe internally following rain damage	LOW	Outstanding
Kitchen & toilet facilities added/incorporated at Aymestrey church	To improve facilities for concerts and events	MEDIUM	Outstanding
To increase the number and variety of concerts/events	The churches have excellent acoustic qualities	HIGH	On going
Encourage a new group of bell ringers in the parish	As the first stage of a project to restore the bells and promote campanology	HIGH	On going
Promote "Caring for God's Acre" scheme	To increase local involvement and enhance and preserve ancient churchyard and wildlife habitats	HIGH	On going
Remove the large trees to the east and west of Aymestrey church	For public safety	HIGH	Complete
Chalk boards on the roadside gates promoting events	To advertise to passing motorists, cyclists and walkers	HIGH	Complete
Provide an area at the rear of Aymestrey church exhibiting tourist/local information	For visitors/tourists to promote interest in the local area e.g. church's proximity to the historic site of the Battle of Mortimer's Cross	HIGH	Complete

COMMUNITY FACILITIES — PARISH HALL

THE PLAN			
Project	Reasoning	Priority	Status
Signage	Aesthetically pleasing and providing information	MEDIUM	Outstanding
Weekly Lunch Club	Encourage social networking and encourage community activity	MEDIUM	Outstanding
Give the hall a front porch	Protect the main entrance from rain water damage and improve sound proofing	MEDIUM	Outstanding
Introduce mobile bank	Expand community facilities	LOW	Outstanding
Small community playing field	Will provide a green area for recreation	LOW	Outstanding
Place a sign on the boundary fence identifying the Parish Hall	Advertise the hall and provide hire details	LOW	Outstanding
New extension	Improve hall facilities and bring the hall up to current catering standards, ensuring the future of the hall	HIGH	Complete
Monthly Film Club	Diversifying the use of the hall and encourage community activity	HIGH	Complete
Energy Review	To make the hall a more sustainable building and keep its running costs to a minimum	HIGH	Complete
Wi-Fi Capable with PC & Internet	Increase available facilities at the hall and allow access to the internet for those without broadband or PC	MEDIUM	Complete
Improve the appearance of the static notice boards to give them a “wishing well” top	Prolong the life of the notice boards	MEDIUM	Complete
Bar Olympics events	Encourage community involvement	MEDIUM	Complete
Large countdown sign promoting up and coming events	More effective communication of forthcoming events	MEDIUM	Complete
Cider Events	Celebrate the uniqueness of the region	MEDIUM	Complete
Alter/ improve stage area	Improve / enhance usable space	LOW	Complete

COMMUNITY FACILITIES — OTHER

THE PLAN			
Project	Reasoning	Priority	Status
Explore options for a village shop	Often requested in parish plan process but queries over viability in a sparsely populated parish	MEDIUM	On Going
Follow up with BT to renovate existing boxes	Preserve in good working condition	HIGH	Done
Encourage parishioners who are local to a phone box to 'adopt' it	Be the contact to inform BT/ Parish Council of any maintenance needed	HIGH	Done