



How You Can Help

Achieving the objectives of the Plan can only be done with the help of Bampton people, you and yours. Bampton people are full of ideas and enthusiasm for helping our community thrive. During the parish plan exercise the following ideas were proposed:

- **A litter picking group and a monthly clean up around Bampton**
- **More activities for young people and listening to what they need**
- **Respite sitting and companionship for older people**
- **Cycling and walking groups**

If you would like to help with issues and activities that are of interest you could either join one of the existing organisations or offer your help by contacting the

Town Clerk, at bamptontownclerk@hotmail.co.uk or by telephoning **01398 331726** between 10am and 12 noon.

If you think there are issues which have not been brought out or have not been given adequate consideration then let the Town Clerk know.

Please also remember that residents are welcome to come along to the monthly Town Council Meeting (First Tuesday in the month in the Albert Fowler Room of the Riverside Hall) and have their say at 7pm before the Council Meeting which starts at 7.30pm.

Let's keep Bampton a great place to live, work and play in.

Bampton Parish Plan 2013



*Reflecting the views and aspirations
of the People of Bampton*





Purpose of Plan

- o Identify what people want and need and find ways of delivering it to those who work, live and play in Bampton.
- o Provide a source document to assist in seeking funds to progress community projects.
- o To better inform decision making at local, district and county levels.
- o Inform residents about the Parish, its facilities, activities and where to find them.
- o Provide an Action Plan to guide and progress the changes sought whilst preserving the character so loved.

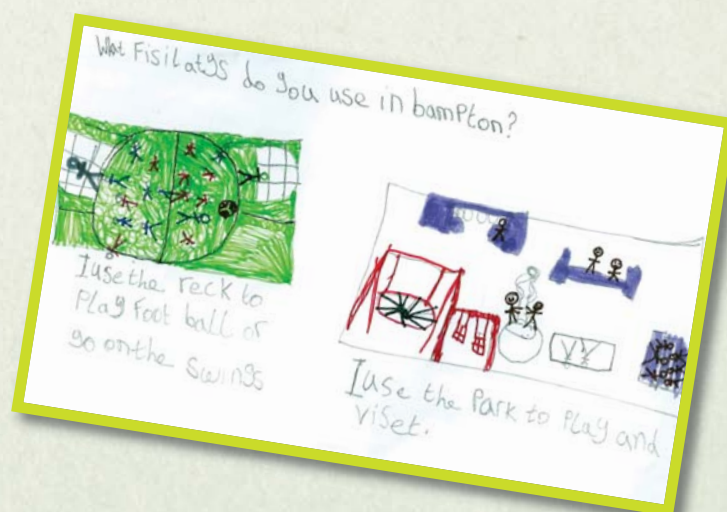
Producing the Plan

- o Initiated by Bampton Town Council in 2011
- o Steering Committee formed in 2012 to prepare a questionnaire
- o Consultations held with residents and views on key issues collected to form the basis for the questionnaire.
- o External funding sought and obtained to avoid a cost to residents.
- o Draft questionnaire produced and tested on sample group and refined in early 2012.
- o Anonymous questionnaire distributed by group of volunteers to all households in March 2012.
- o Questionnaires collected with views from 865 individuals 57% of the population, a tremendous response demonstrating their interest in their community.
- o The results were analysed by the Community Council of Devon and presented to the Steering Group in June 2012.
- o The results were presented to residents at a 'drop in' meeting in November 2012.
- o Reports were given to the Bampton Town council at their February and April 2013 meetings and the Steering Committee was asked to complete this Plan.
- o The Plan has been formally adopted by Bampton Town Council.



Implementing the Plan

Bampton Town Council own the Plan and take the lead in implementing the proposals, some of which will be pursued by working groups, drawing on the list of volunteers who have offered to help. The Plan will assist the Town Council in its dealings with other bodies and the Plan has been lodged with Mid Devon District Council, Devon County Council and the Community Council for Devon. Having your views and knowing your aspirations will help in applying for grants to progress the work. The Plan is a living document which grows and records our progress as we work together to improve our Community.



Keep Bampton a Great Place to Live.

The responses to the questionnaires, whilst seeking improvements in facilities and amenities, were very clear that Bampton was a special place and its character is unique and worth protecting.

What Bampton People Do

Community Spirit - There are over 30 groups covering a wide range of interests and activities; social, sporting or special interest, all of which provide opportunities to meet people and be involved in the life of the parish.

Volunteering - Without the many people who give their time freely many things we love and take for granted wouldn't happen – Bampton Charter Fair, Bampton in Bloom, Community Lunches, Bampton Open Day and many more. Over 43 people have offered their time for a range of activities as a result of the Parish Plan consultation process. More help is always welcome, it's satisfying and fun.

Community News - The Signpost magazine is distributed monthly to every household in the Parish, and is well used by local organisations and individuals to share news and information on local events. Bampton website www.bampton.org.uk gets about 14,000 visits a month and provides both locals and people wanting to visit the town with vast amounts of current information from Council Minutes to details of cinema shows and events. The Bampton Business Directory has information on most local businesses and is updated annually and distributed far and wide. Notice boards are spread around the town where information is displayed. Bampton also has it's own Twitter account - [@bamptonweb](https://twitter.com/bamptonweb)

Thanks

The Town Council wishes to thank:

- The people of Bampton Parish who completed and returned the questionnaire – the 57% return is exceptional and provides irrefutable evidence of the views and needs of Bampton residents.
- The funders who made the Parish Plan exercise possible.
- The volunteers who distributed and collected the questionnaire and those who have come forward since to offer their time for existing and new activities.
- The Parish Plan steering group without whom the Plan could not have been achieved.
- Representatives from the Community Council of Devon, Mid Devon District Council and Devon County Council who have given their guidance and support and help fund the work.



Priorities for Action

Priorities identified in the Plan which are being pursued are:-

- o Install more dog poo bins (action complete) and encourage their use.
- o Seek to ensure future housing development preserves the character of the town.
- o Maintain current bus services and encourage their use.
- o Improve the Riverside Hall and in the long term replace it.
- o Improve the Millennium Green and Recreation Ground and encourage more use of these facilities.
- o Support and encourage local businesses.
- o Seek to improve pedestrian safety, remove potential traffic accident black spots.
- o Seek to improve Broadband, Digital Radio and Freeview reception.



Issue	Aim	Action	Partners	Priority	Timescale
Environment Issues					
Dog mess	Reduce dog mess Educate dog owners to clear up dog mess.	Install more dog litter bins (this has been done with new signs and bins placed around the town) Plan and deliver a high visibility campaign (fronted by parents and children). Entry in Signpost from MDDC to remind people of the environmental health risks of dog mess, and risk of prosecution MDDC to host a meeting to provide guidance on how to safely challenge dog owners seen to leave dog mess uncollected and disposed of.	Dog owners; pedestrians; BTC; MDDC; visitors As above As above; Signpost editorial committee As above	High High High High	Actioned more bins provided 6 months 6 months 9 months
Household and hall rubbish	Reduce the amount of rubbish left on streets	Inform householders etc (see partners) via Signpost of need to identify collection days/times. Include information on impact of uncollected rubbish – eyesore; health hazard Write to identified second home/holiday home owners to display rubbish collection days prominently and asking them to make arrangements with a neighbour/agent to put out rubbish at the designated times.	Householders; community halls; second home owners/ holiday lets/visitors; BTC; MDDC As above	High High	6 months and ongoing A.S.A.P & ongoing
Litter	Reduce the amount of litter	Provide more litter bins	Residents; visitors; BTC; MDDC	High	12 months
Untidy and unkempt appearance of Bampton	Keep Bampton looking tidier and cared for As above	Form a 'clean up' action group to meet monthly. Action group powers to be agreed and endorsed by BTC and made public. Action group to report to BTC quarterly. Action group members to visit shop owners; homeowners/ second home owners/holiday let property owners to encourage them to keep the frontage of properties rubbish and weed free and swept.	Bampton residents; Business Group; BTC; MDDC; visitors Bampton residents; shop owners; BTC; MDDC; visitors	High High	6 months 9 -1 2 months
Street cleaning	Improve the effectiveness of scheduled street cleaning	BTC to utilise the Parish Lengthsman in partnership with neighbouring parishes.	Neighbouring parishes BTC, MDDC, Highways	Medium	Ongoing
Eyesore properties/ sites	Reduce adverse visual and environmental health impact of empty properties and sites	BTC to work with MDDC (using conservation area enforcement /environmental health powers) to identify and meet owners to raise awareness of the impact caused by neglect. Seek agreement for level of maintenance and enhancement.	Parish residents; visitors; site and property owners; BTC	Medium	1 year
Public information/visitor information	Provide a public notice board/more information for visitors	BTC to continue to support Bampton Heritage and Visitor Centre in its aim provide information for visitors. (Note. Centre opened 14th Sept 2013 and received 1,000 visitors by Early December) BTC to provide public notice boards in the Station Road car park and by the Stage. Plan and deliver a campaign to advertise the town website and Signpost	Volunteers; visitors; B & B and hotel owners; BTC; MDDC; Website manager; Signpost; Heritage Centre Committee. BTC Residents; visitors; BTC; Website manager; Signpost	Medium Medium Medium	Ongoing 9 months 6 months
Late night noise	Reduce the level of late night noise	BTC to ask pub landlords/restaurant owners/hall committees to remind people leaving premises at closing time of the need to be quiet and considerate on their journeys home	Residents; visitors; pub and restaurant owners; hall committees; individuals and groups leaving premises at closing time	Low	Ongoing
HOUSING					
Future Development Plans	Seek to remove Bampton from future housing development plans	BTC have applied to Planning Officers in MDDC, District Councillors & MPs for Bampton to be classified as a village for planning purposes BTC will scrutinise future plans and ensure approvals reflect the need to preserve the character of the parish and target development at brownfield sites not greenfield sites.	BTC; District and County Councillors; Local Action Groups	HIGH	Ongoing
Housing Developments	Monitor all planned and/or agreed developments to ensure they are appropriate for the needs of the community, that they comply with current and future requirements without further damaging the currently fragile and overstretched infrastructure.	BTC will continue to lobby developers. Maintain regular contact with local planning officials MDDC and County Councillors	As Above	HIGH	Ongoing
Affordable Housing	Provide sufficient affordable varied tenure houses for the identified needs of local people.	Identify a suitable local site and possible building partners	BTC, Local builders Contractors, Housing Assns. Relevant MDDC and County Council representatives	HIGH	short/ medium term
TRANSPORT / TRAFFIC / ROAD SAFETY					
Buses - Limited service with no later evening buses and no Sunday service	To improve or at least maintain existing bus service and seek to improve connection times.	To advise bus companies of results of plan which showed contentment with existing service but sought better evening and Sunday services. Improve publicity of services available.	BTC, MDDC, First Bus, Beacon Bus.	High High	Short (6 months)
Castle St. is a major problem with parking on one side creating a single track main road with risk to vehicles, pedestrians and pavements.	To improve pedestrian, driver and vehicle safety and traffic flow	To improve signage on the eastern approach warning of danger of oncoming traffic and explore use of extended double lines at top of Castle St. to extend passing opportunity. To investigate feasibility of creating a residents' parking area at the bottom of Old Morebath Road / Castle St. junction.	BTC, DCC Highways BTC, DCC Highways, Residents	High High	Short (6 months) Med (12 months)
Road maintenance	To improve the maintenance of roads and ditches	BTC to produce and maintain a priority list of required work, agree timescales with DCC Highways and publish an agreed plan	BTC, DCC Highways	High	Immediate & ongoing
Off road Parking	To improve the availability of off road parking.	BTC to consult Mid Devon Planners and future developers and produce a plan to create more off road parking spaces. Seek safe access to new Post Office	BTC, MDDC, Developers Residents	Med	Med & ongoing (1 year)
Brook St and Newton Square	Seek to improve Pedestrian safety	BTC to seek agreement to the installation of a pedestrian crossing in Brook St.	BTC, DCC Highways,	Med	In Hand
FACILITIES AND LEISURE					
Burial Space	Obtain extra burial space	To explore availability of additional burial ground, as existing is likely to be exhausted in around 2 years	BTC.	High	6 months
Public Toilets	To provide additional public toilets	Consider including in New Hall plan. Renovation of existing toilets should meanwhile be actioned as a priority	BTC, MDDC Estates MDDC /DCC Grants, Bampton Business Group	High	In Hand
New Hall	Improve the Riverside Hall and in the long term replace it.	Consider options including redesign to make better use of existing site. Investigate alternative sites and/or alternative use of existing BTC property or new purchase.	BTC MDDC CIL funding Devon RCC Org. For Community Buildings.	High	1 - 2 years
Young People's facilities and activities	To offer improved facilities and activities	Draw up list of viable projects using childrens' responses. Form working group inc. youngsters to liaise with Millennium Green and Rec Committees (See below)	BTC, DCC Youth Services Local Sports Groups Devon RCC Org. For Sports/Community Funding	Short & Ongoing	1 year
Millennium Green & Recreation Ground	Improve the Millennium Green and Recreation Ground and encourage more use of these facilities.	Introduce youngsters to committees. Liaise with Football, Cricket, Netball Groups. Build on QEII Field status at Rec. for community functions, young people's activities. Signage and regular maintenance to raise local and visitor awareness of The Motte & Bailey Install a mountain bike course.	BTC Millennium Green Committee Recreation Ground Committee Football, Cricket & Netball Clubs. Heritage Group, Bampton History Society Bampton Business Group	Ongoing	In Progress Planned
Church	To be unlocked to allow more frequent access	Liaise with Church PCC and Heritage Group (Note. Heritage Centre location helped this issue)	BTC, Church, Heritage Group	High Ongoing	In Progress
Broadband, Freeview and Digital Radio	To improve services	BTC to register with Broadband website www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk BTC to register with website www.ukdigitalradio.com to update information and pass on demands	BTC. DCC Broadband service	Ongoing	Immediate
ECONOMY					
Action Plan needed	To enable and encourage enterprise	Liaise with Bampton Business Group to identify specific needs	BTC Bampton Business Group	Medium	On going
Business Units	Ensure the need is satisfied.	Assist new / young businesses with reduced rent	Owners, MDDC, BTC	Medium	6 months
Tourism	Better signage	Erect brown signs on routes into Bampton (Note Brown Sign at Exeter Inn roundabout spells Wimbleball Lake incorrectly - Whimbleball)	Bampton Business Group Highways	High	In Hand
Local trade	To get locals to buy locally.	Encourage people and increase awareness of what can be purchased & skills available within the district	BTC, Bampton Business Group, MDDC	Medium	> 3 months
Established studies have shown (www.terraperna.org.uk) that for £100 spent in a national chain only £20 returns locally, but for £100 spent locally, £80 is retained.					