



PATTISHALL
PARISH PLAN



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Introduction



What is a Parish Plan?

A Parish Plan is:

- a document that sets out the issues, needs and aspirations of a community
- based on the community's opinions and captures what is valued (present), what is needed (future) and prioritises an action plan
- a community project supported by the Parish Council

A Parish Plan can include **any** social, economic or environmental issue that is important to the community.

Why a Parish Plan?

A Parish Plan will:

Enable **local people** to shape the future of their village or Parish and develop local solutions to local problems. Give **everyone** an opportunity to input and contribute – not just those who are the most confident.

Help Parish councillors find out what the community wants, what may be missing from the Parish and identify how many people might use new or improved facilities.

Assist funding organisations by providing evidence of need and information about who wants their money.

Reinvigorate local democracy by stimulating interest in local affairs and encourage community spirit.

Who has contributed to the Pattishall Parish Plan?

Potentially everyone - those who have attended events such as the Open Forum, responded to the questionnaire or joined one of the many new activity groups

There is a core of people who make up the steering group - volunteers who attended the initial public meeting in the parish hall, back in February 2007:

Roger Clarke – *Chairman* (Pattishall)
Jenny Vaughan (Pattishall)
Roger Hughes (Astcote)
Robin Kelso (Eastcote)
Linda Hemming (Pattishall)
Bob & Iris Illingworth (Pattishall)
Richard Moss (Pattishall)
Louise Wyman (Eastcote)
Jessica Miles (Astcote)
Oliver Rogers (Eastcote)

There are also a number of other volunteers who are supporting aspects of the work, such as advising on particular issues, distributing information to residents and organizing the new activity groups.

Actions and events supporting the planning process

- Around Pattishall Special Edition
- Updated Village Directory
- Presentations to Village Groups
- Parish Website launched
- Open Forum Day
 - Update delivered to all homes in the Parish
- Parish Plan Questionnaire
 - Delivered to every home and on-line
- Neighbourhood Watch re-launch meeting
- Established new activity groups:
 - Keep Fit/Yoga class
 - Gardening Club
 - Local History
 - Photography/art /craft

Parish Plan Report

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Executive Summary



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The report includes the feedback from the Open Forum and results of the survey questionnaire completed in November 2007. For completeness the report Appendix includes a location map, demographic context, a short history and a copy of the current village directory.

The planning process began in February 2007 at an open meeting hosted by the Parish Council and sponsored by Northamptonshire ACRE (Action within Communities in Rural England). More than 50 residents attended the meeting when it was agreed to adopt parish planning concept and set up a Steering Committee of volunteers to drive the process on behalf of the Parish Council.

There are also a number of other volunteers who are supporting aspects of the work, such as advising on particular issues, distributing information to residents and organizing the new activity groups.

During the initial steering group meetings it was determined that communication would be vital to the success of the planning process. A number of actions and events were planned for 2007 leading to the survey questionnaire in November.

The communication process began with the Around Pattishall special edition which was published in September 2007. This newsletter informed residents of the Parish Plan initiative and invited them to attend the Open Forum. It also discussed a list of potential issues identified by the steering committee. This was not a definitive list but rather a start point to generate interest, opinion and feedback, which could be used to design the questionnaire.

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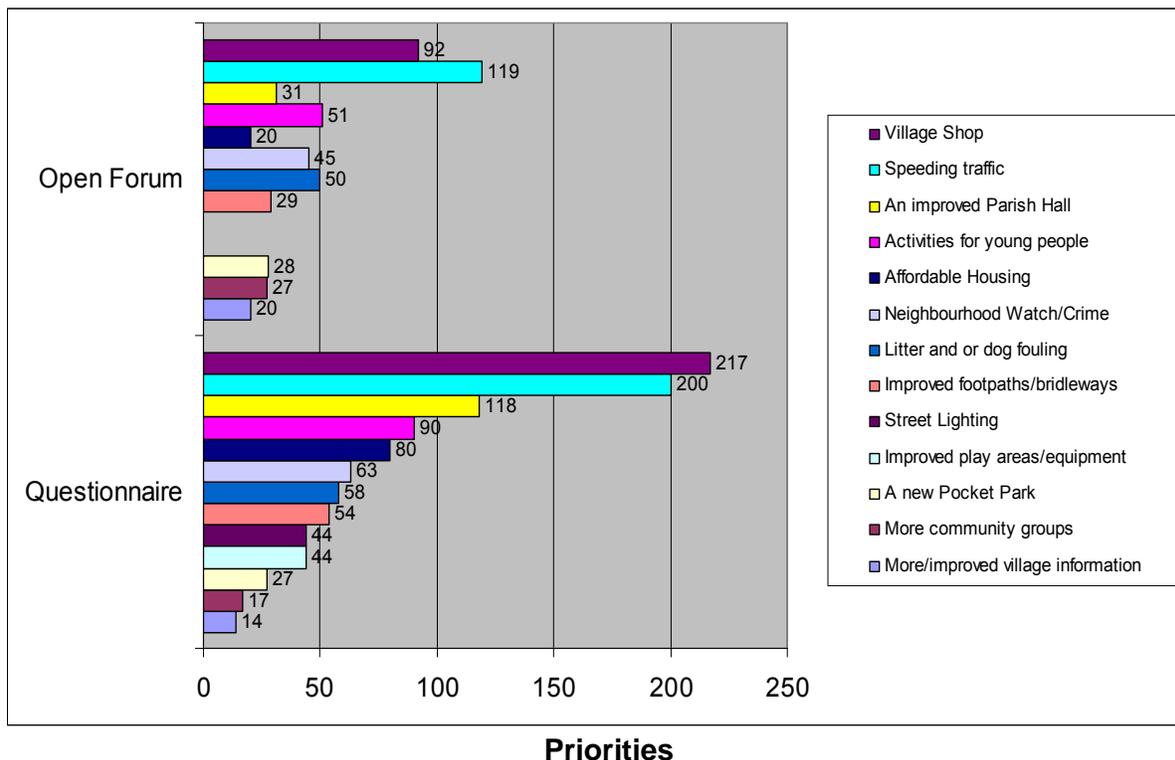
Open Form and Questionnaire

371 questionnaires were returned - a response rate of 55%. 21% of respondents completed the questionnaire on-line.

All the questionnaire responses have been entered into the on-line data base to facilitate the detailed analysis of Parish views, needs and priorities. Four of the questions were freeform, requesting comments on a number of issues and an opportunity to offer suggestions. The comments and suggestions have proved to be a valuable resource in determining the priorities recommendations and actions.

The results, together with the input generated at the Open Forum will help shape the Parish Plan and determine the long term objectives as we move forward through 2008.

The data has been prepared in various formats and is being used to drive the actions and will be used to support grant applications or funding requests. A summary of the priorities is shown in the chart below.



Strategic recommendations

- Consult with the Agencies to secure appropriate, permanent methods – electronic signs, traffic calming, more 30mph speed limit signs - to control speeding traffic in the Parish
- Create a Pocket Park at the Parish Hall playing field
- Inspire an active campaign to refurbish the Parish Hall as the centre of the community
- Conduct a feasibility study to determine the viability of a new shop within the Parish
- Continue to engage children and young people in the design, fund-raising, and organisation of positive activities
- Maintain momentum of the revitalised Neighbourhood Watch scheme to keep crime in the Parish at the lowest possible level
- Build community spirit through the active engagement of residents in the Parish plan and encouragement of the activity groups.

These strategic recommendations are based on the priorities – see chart above - but within the detail of the report there are additional recommendations for each issue area, which are no less important and will be addressed in the overall action plan.

Actions

Publish a 'popular version' of this report, summarizing recommendations and actions, distribute to all households in the Parish.

Establish action teams for each issue area.

Parish Hall, implement all locally funded actions by year end 2008

There are five significant data gathering activities, which need to be completed in 2008, to ensure the planning process does not lose momentum:

- Shop feasibility study
- Environmental survey
- Footpath and street furniture audit
- Traffic speed monitoring using a hand-held speed gun – scheduled for August and September
- Prepare a business plan to revitalise and develop the Parish Hall as the centre of the community

Funding

A draft financial plan is included in the report, scoping project costs and funding sources including grant applications, local fund raising and volunteer man days. At this point the financial plan is a scoping tool but will be refined when results of the various studies and surveys become available.

Next Steps – Performance Plan

The performance plan is our key strategic document that focuses on delivering the Parish Plan for coming year and together with this Parish Plan report sets our clear long-term goals for delivering continuous improvements.

The performance plan will be reviewed quarterly by the Parish Plan steering committee and the Parish Council to monitor progress and determine long term objectives as plans develop beyond 2008.



View from School Road towards the Nene Valley

Issues and Action Areas



- Traffic, speeding and parking
- Parish Hall
- Shop and Post Office
- Environment
- Children and Young People: areas for play and positive activities
- Footpaths and street lighting
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Information and Communication
- General issues

Traffic, speeding and parking



This has been a long-standing issue, and the Parish Council has previously received a deputation from the community and instigated action through Northamptonshire ACRE and the Police.

The road which continues to cause the most concern is Butchers Lane, which runs through Pattishall up to the A5. This road carries local traffic and a percentage of that to and from Northampton/Banbury. Although the current speed limit is just 30mph, many motorists completely ignore this and speeds of 60mph plus seem to be a regular occurrence.

Ideally, major traffic calming measures would be proposed but, due to the road being an important alternative for the emergency services in the event of either the A43 or A45 being blocked, this is unlikely to happen.

However, a permanent solution must be found as the danger to local residents – and in particular children – is considerable.

Although Butchers Lane has been confirmed as the road residents are most concerned about, speeding is an issue throughout the parish and this might be, in part, a consequence of the 'spread-out' nature of the parish – i.e. 'gaps' of countryside between some of the villages (so motorists then speed up).

The results from the questionnaire make clear the level of concern felt by residents about this issue: Of the 369 people that responded to the question 'Does speeding traffic concern you?' 89% responded 'Yes'.



The plan to combat speeding motorists

1. As a first stage in the process of taking action, the Parish Plan Committee progressed the Parish Council's initiative to have a 24/7 speed monitoring machine installed on two separate occasions on Butchers Lane. This has now taken place, and even casual observation of the speeds shown on the sign confirms how serious the situation is.
2. As a result of the above, we have qualified to extend the programme of assessment (and deterrent at the same time...) through use of a hand-held speed gun. These will be used by volunteers (26 of them) who will receive full training from the police. We will receive the machine at the beginning of a six week period 9 August to 20 September 2008 and share with Greens Norton on an alternate week basis. Three specific locations in the parish for using the gun have already been agreed with the local police.
3. Following the volunteers' reports to the police, the police will visit and warn any offender in the first instant, with anyone offending again receiving a further visit and possible fine and points added to their driving licence. If the volunteers produce statistics that warrant further action (so in other words highlighting a very serious problem) the police will replace the volunteers and, operating from the same locations, will stop any offending driver and award an instant fine and a promise of points on their licence.
4. Armed with the evidence from the above, consultations will start with the appropriate agencies to decide on permanent and appropriate methods of speed control throughout the parish. These options might include traffic calming (though probably not on Butchers Lane for the reasons already outlined), permanent electronic signs and more obvious and numerous 30mph speed limit signs.

As this important issue will overlap the conclusion of the Parish Plan, a committee will be formed from the 26 volunteers to pursue it to a satisfactory conclusion and finally report back to the Parish Council.

Parking

Half of all questionnaire respondents indicated parked cars as a problem, adding more than 170 comments which highlighted the trouble spots including:

A5/Fosters Booth Road
Astcote Green and High Street
Booth Close
Butchers Lane near junction with A5
Church Street
Eastcote cross roads

Leys Road/Simons Walk
Outside Pattishall School

These are the most often mentioned trouble spots although there were many other specific cases reported.

The Parish Council is aware of the problem and recognises need to increase the provision of parking bays and lay-bys but also the need to encourage those that have a driveway or garage to use it rather than parking on street.

The solution can only be delivered through SNC or the Highways Agency and is subject to budget constraints and prioritisation with similar requests from other local villages. However, the Parish Council will be able to use the questionnaire results to support its case when bidding for funds.

This problem will be managed as part of the general issues passed to the Parish Council.



A5 at Fosters Booth

Parish Hall



Open forum data and Questionnaire Results

Approximately 100 comments were made at the Open Forum highlighting the poor state of the fabric and facilities of the hall including the exterior and the car park. In spite of this the hall is used by 10 regular groups, many large village events and by residents and non residents for private occasions. It is occupied for 70% of its letting capacity and received favourable comments on its location and use as a community centre. At the Open Forum it was placed 6th in the priority list for action to be taken.

From the data gathered by the questionnaire it was rated 3rd in the list of priorities with just under 70% of respondents registering use of the hall during the year. The exterior appearance was recorded by 50% of respondents as in need of improvement closely followed by the toilet facilities, the main hall and car parking area. The kitchen and small hall was cited by a third of the respondents as areas for refurbishment or alteration.

Results

Refurbishment and renovation of the hall is one of the main priorities to evolve from the above surveys. Each area is detailed below with additional comments from the Parish Hall and Playing Field Committee and the Pre-School Playgroup.

Exterior of Hall and Car Parking Area

The front of the building is partly tiled and many of these are broken. The brickwork is discoloured and needs cleaning. The windows would benefit from being double glazed to reduce heating costs and save energy. The car parking area suffers from pot holes and an uneven surface. There is no safe pedestrian entrance to the hall. The outside lighting could be improved along with the signage. Particularly lacking is adequate notice for disabled parking, dogs not allowed and a sign for the village hall at the entrance. There is a highways sign at the Pattishall crossroads but a further sign needs to be outside the school at the Eastcote turn. The notice board is in need of repair and to be kept current with information including hiring of hall. The skateboard structure is out of action and cordoned off. The

recycling bins and the council black bins are in a prominent place and do not add to the look of the hall.



Toilets

In the female toilets one lavatory is unusable. The toilet area has not been refurbished since its original fitting. There are no baby changing facilities, junior toilets or children's wash basins to accommodate the pre-school playgroup which is held daily in term time. The coat pegs could be hazardous to small children. Floor tiles are missing in the male toilets and a protective cover on the heater is absent.

Kitchen

The kitchen is in need of improvement to current day health and safety, food preparation and hygiene standards. Due to the serving hatches opening inwards on two opposite walls there are limited work surface areas. Some crockery and kitchen equipment has to be stored in the loft as cupboard space is limited. There is a small domestic fridge and two domestic cookers which are not suitable when catering for large functions. The two sinks are not designated for vegetable preparation or washing up. There is no fire exit.

Small and Main Hall

The main hall is too large for many events or meetings and the small hall only accommodates approximately 30 people comfortably. The ceiling of the main hall has loose tiles and is difficult to maintain and clean. Chairs, tables and staging sections have to be stored against the walls in the hall which causes damage to the decor. The heating system in the main hall is poorly designed for the application resulting in uneven heating and is notably insufficient in cold weather. The clock does not function. There is a general appearance of a utilitarian venue and comments on the unwelcoming feel of the hall were received.

Storage facilities

The pre school play group have to store their resources, which include many large items, in the loft area. These items have to be transported daily between these areas. Several other groups use the upper storage area for their equipment.

Playing Field and Hard Court

Only 8% of respondents cited the hard court as in need of improvement. Comments received concerning the playing field and play equipment are dealt with in the Young Peoples section.

Management of the Hall

There is no indication of whom to report failures and faults to although the key holders are listed on the notice board.

Recommendations and Actions

Tidy up area immediately in front of hall with some shrubs/plants and this would disguise discoloured brickwork. Alternatively clean the brickwork.
Improve the area around the recycling bins
Better storage for litter and recycling bins
Grant for replacing tiles on front of building approved and awaiting completion
Improve information on notice board and contact number for reporting faults
Fill in pot holes in car park and tidy up tree area
Make regular checks on maintenance of fabric and cleanliness of facilities

Locally funded effort (Parish Council or Parish Hall committee)

Motion sensor lighting for the car park and hard court area
Remove or replace skateboard (funding applied for)
Replace or renovate signs (disabled parking and no dogs allowed)
Apply for highways direction signposting
Replace floor tile and cover for heater in male toilet
Replace diffuser cover on light in small hall
Redecorate interior hall to improve look

Re seal floor tiles or replace flooring
Ensure fire exit is defined

Requiring grants or active fund raising

The front of the building reflects its original purpose as a sports hall. This could be improved with a new entrance and hallway to incorporate new toilet facilities and ground level storage. The small hall could be enlarged within this project. Consider installing showers especially as this was designed as a sports hall

Total refurbishment of the kitchen to meet standards required for large scale catering

Provide a room divider, a movable false ceiling for the main hall and consider panelling the walls to enhance the appearance

Replace the heating system and renew the lighting to incorporate more energy efficient systems

Replace the windows with double glazed units

Resurface and lay out car park with white lines

Incorporate a pedestrian walkway

Replace the chain link fencing

Landscape front of hall including grassed area

Incorporate a café style/drop in centre/shop as a village focal point

Summary

The hall is well used as a community centre for the parish. Its construction in 1980 was the culmination of three years fund raising by the residents. Of the initial costs of £78,447 over £30,000 was raised by residents with the remainder coming from grants and loans. A grant from the Sports Council required it to be suitable for badminton which reflects the high ceiling in the main hall. After 28 years the exterior and interior of the hall looks dated and in need of refurbishment. Due to the increase in population in the parish over this time, the hall has much demand on its facilities. The high usage means that choice of hiring is restricted especially on week nights and an increase in the sizing of the small hall would be advantageous. The above changes would increase the use of the hall and be of great benefit to the community as well as bringing the facility into the 21st century.

Groups using the hall

Badminton club
Beavers and Cubs
Belly Dancing class
Gardening Club
Good Neighbours
Keep Fit
Line Dancing
Mums and Tots

Neighbourhood Watch
Parish Council
Parish Hall and Playing Fields
Pre-school Playgroup
Women's Institute
Yoga
Youth Club

Shop and Post Office



The demise of the local shop and post office from villages across the UK is well known. For the local shop, the main enemy has been large out-of-town supermarkets which draw local residents with huge choice and low prices. For local post offices the reasons are different, but with many of their services now available elsewhere and in particular online, it seems obvious that numbers will continue to decline. With this in mind, we're not dismissing the potential of a post office, but the reality of the situation makes it very unlikely to happen.

The local shop is a very different matter though: Fuelled by the sustainability debate – itself driven by climate change which in turn is driven by global warming – 'localisation' is now a term we're all starting to get used to. In fact, localisation is predicted to represent a major social change in how we live in the coming decades. And in many ways of course, having and using a local shop epitomises what localisation is all about.

The results in the Parish Plan questionnaire demonstrated the level of support for a local shop: it had the highest single score from the 'Select your three priorities' with 217 votes and this represented over 21% of the total.

As with several other issues which form part of the Parish Plan for Pattishall, the local shop is potentially linked with another project – in this case the redevelopment of the Parish Hall. This is only an idea at this stage, but given the hall's relatively central location and the fact that the facility will, in some form, be improved and modernised anyway, it is logical that the potential shop is considered as part of the redevelopment.

Given then the predicted social change and the level of support shown by local residents, our plan is to establish a working party to complete a viability study for a shop in the parish. The scope of the study will be thorough and as an outline:

- Consider all current models – e.g. cooperative, not-for-profit and conventional commercial operation
- Review possible locations in the parish and existing/new options for property
- Investigate planning issues
- Carry out research with local residents to determine likely level of usage

- Consider available government predictions and figures on the scale and pace of localisation
- Put together financial models taking into account the above

The small working party will consist of at least one person from the Parish Plan steering group, with the other members being local professional people with the appropriate knowledge and skills.

It is envisaged that the feasibility study will be completed by June 2008 and initially report back to the Parish Plan steering group. From there, the findings and a recommendation will be presented to the Parish Council.

Environment



The word 'environment' does of course have a number of meanings, but in the context of our parish we're referring to village greens, roadside verges, trees, parks, play areas, footpaths, bridleways, litter and dog mess. So really anything which has a bearing on the quality of our local area, but in particular things we can positively influence and change.

From the initial public meeting, subsequent steering group meetings and presentations to local groups, it was clear that all of the above were topics parishioners were interested in and cared about. We therefore put them into the following broad headings for the Parish Plan questionnaire (see appendix for detail of the questions and the results):

- Green spaces – could they be improved and if so which ones (this included footpaths and bridleways).
- Pocket Park
- Litter bins (new/extra needed)
- Dog poo bins (new/extra needed)



The results from the questionnaire showed great interest and support for these issues with 70% stating that green spaces could be improved, and 62% supporting the idea of a pocket park.

So our plan is as follows:

Green Spaces

As this covers so many specific areas and potential issues, we will firstly carry out a detailed survey and then compile a report of our findings and recommended actions. The scope of this exercise will broadly be:

Survey all green spaces in the parish and specifically:

- Village greens
- Village entry points
- Road side verges
- Churchyards
- Footpaths and bridleways
- Play areas

Identify areas and specific elements which can be improved such as:

- Planting (both general and trees)
- Level of maintenance
- Benches (both new and repair existing)
- Damage caused by parking (e.g. the grass verge opposite the terraced cottages at the top of Astcote High Street)
- Access and clarity of access on footpaths and bridleways

Compile an action plan which:

- Puts practical solutions to the issues identified
- Where appropriate, puts a cost against these (clearly some solutions will just involve willing and free manpower)

The report will then be presented to the Parish Council with a view to agreeing their involvement and support on implementing the plan, plus agreeing where any funding needs to be applied from for specific projects

Timing: report to be complete by September 2008.

Pocket park

The idea of a pocket park has gained considerable support and this perhaps is not surprising: Despite the fact that our parish is surrounded by countryside, much of it is *relatively* sterile farmland (in that there aren't a wide variety of habitats such as woodland and thick hedges to support a wealth of wildlife). Although by definition small, pocket parks can be full of habitat to attract wildlife and therefore give huge enjoyment to the people who use them.

We have looked at a number of possible sites around the parish, but have decided on a strip of land along the south and west edges of the recreation ground behind the Parish Hall. Owned by the Parish Council, this land might not, at a first glance, seem an obvious choice for a pocket park, but actually its shape – and the fact that it already is edged by a mature native hedge – makes it very appealing.

The park will form a long 'L shape', be approx 9 metres wide (including the existing hedge) and run for a total of 200 metres. There will be a winding path

for the entire length with occasional benches, and habitat will include native trees and wild flowers.

A viability study has been presented to the Parish Council and the project agreed in principle. Funding is now being sought from the County Council and the hope is that work can start on the site next autumn, with the park open to local residents the following spring (2009).

Litter and rubbish

It's a sad fact of life that the annual parish clean-up produces such a huge mountain of black bin bags full of rubbish. Of course there's a limit to what can be done to stop motorists throwing fast food packaging and beer cans out of their car windows (though we will encourage people to report them if they see them in the act), but there are a number of other measures we plan to take which are:

Litter bins

The questionnaire demonstrates that there is demand from residents for more litter bins in all of the villages and Cornhill. We therefore request that the Parish Council take the appropriate steps to have at least one more installed in all six areas of the parish (exact position to be determined). This will particularly benefit Dalscote and Cornhill who currently have no bins at all.

It should be recognised that 'litter breeds litter' (i.e. someone sees it on the ground and thinks it's fine to drop theirs), so providing more bins also acts as an effective deterrent, as well of course providing a practical solution.

The annual parish clean up

This attracts only limited support from parishioners (a very small band of willing volunteers) and more needs to be done to:

- Publicise the event
- Create a sense that it **is** an event

As part of achieving the above, it is perhaps ironic that, an event aimed at improving our environment, actually just helps fill up a landfill site somewhere. In conjunction with the current organiser, we propose that:

- We aim to get at least 50 people involved
- Litter and rubbish will be collected by teams to allow for specific materials to be put into specific bags and therefore it can be recycled (the highest percentage of what's collected is glass and cans anyway)

By making this into a bigger event and by doing something useful with what's collected, much more interest will be generated and, hopefully as a result, there'll be less to collect when the event is run in 2009...

The Parish Plan environment sub-group will aim to coordinate the above with the current organiser, John Woollett.

1. Dog poo bins

As these seem to be the only way to minimise the menace of dog mess (and of course the associated health risk – in particular to children) and given that the problem of fouling on verges and footpaths remains in our parish, the wishes of parishioners to have more bins installed in all villages and Cornhill needs to be supported.

We therefore request that the Parish Council take the appropriate steps to have at least one more installed in all six areas of the parish (exact position to be determined). Again, this will particularly benefit Dalscote and Cornhill who currently have no bins at all.

Recommendations

Prepare detailed survey of green spaces.

Create a new pocket park at the Parish Hall playing field.

Turn the annual parish clean up into more of a parish event and aim to involve at least 50 people.

Provide at least one new litter bin and one new dog poo bin in each of the 6 areas of the Parish.

Actions

- Conduct a Parish environmental survey and compile an action plan which provides practical solutions, including estimates of cost of implementation, to green space issues. Aim to complete survey, report and action plan by September 2008 and present it to Parish Council to seek their support before year end 2008
- Seek funding from Northamptonshire County Council to support the creation of a new pocket park. Target to start work in Autumn 2008 and open the park in Spring 2009
- Work with John Woollett, (organiser of the Parish clean up) to publicise the event, attract greater numbers and ensure that collected material can be recycled where possible
- Identify the exact position of new litter and dog poo bins, agree timetable and installation plan with the Parish Council

Children and Young People: areas for play and positive activities



National context

The first sentence in the Government's

Children's Plan 2007: Building brighter futures:

Our aim is to make this the best place in the world for our children and young people to grow up.

This is an ambition we share.

Local context: legacy provision

From the hard work and foresight of previous generations, we are fortunate to have inherited a range of open space provision for children's play and activity spaces for young people:

- We have extensive playing fields around the Parish Hall in the centre of the parish with a football pitch; all-weather fenced court for tennis and basket ball; a range of play equipment for all ages, and open space for unstructured play.
- There are two smaller open spaces in Pattishall, each with a set of swings, and open space for unstructured play which were included when the village expanded in the 1960s and 1970s. These are at Butcher's Lane and Orchard Court.
- When the Parish Hall was built in 1980 it was designed with a ceiling height specifically to accommodate sports and leisure activities and has been used continuously for badminton and other activities ever since.
- Funds have been raised continuously to maintain the hall and playing fields, and then in sequence to build the all-weather court (1987 on), and to replace and refurbish the 1960s play equipment (2002 on).



Parish Hall play area

Open Forum and Questionnaire Results

For the **Open Forum** we prepared a display and asked for views. We received 47 comments at the display stand. 23% wanted more play equipment generally: 35% felt the priority to be the 0 – 8 age group; 19% all age groups. 53% responded that we should instal play equipment at Butcher's Lane.

All visitors *dot voted* for their highest priorities as they left the Forum, 51 out of 512 dots (10%) were placed by *Activities for Young People*.

As an immediate consequence, the Parish Council decided to install the next new equipment at Butcher's Lane, rather than at the Village Hall playing field, as had been scheduled. Fund-raising will now be directed to this play area.

From the **Questionnaire**, 90 out of 1026 responses (9%) similarly recorded these as a priority; 49% agreed the priority is Butcher's Lane, 42% the Village Hall playing field. Almost 60% favoured the 8 – 18 age group, and 90% agreed with the statement that activities for young people are lacking.

In terms of *Activities for Young People*, 40% support a Youth Club; 26% each Guides/Scouts; 27% sports clubs. Amongst the comments there is very strong

support for all-age opportunities for sport and other physical recreation activities.

Recommendations

- Continue to engage Children and Young People in the design, fund-raising, and organisation of positive activities.
- Ensure that the design encourages people of all ages and abilities to use together the spaces we have – for example: adequate seating, litter bins, a range of play equipment set out in age-appropriate groups.
- Embed the *provision of sufficient positive activities for children and young people* into the daily life of our community.

Actions

Quick wins: no or low cost

- Establish links with the school councils of local schools.
- Propose to Parish Council that the Council maintain *positive activities for children and young people* as a priority area for the next five years.
- Maintain the current informal contact with young people who use the play areas and who are not involved with the school councils or in any other group so that they can influence decisions.

Locally funded

- The Parish Council committed £5000 for play equipment in each of the years 06/07, 07/08 and 08/09. This will be spent in line with the priorities established from the *Forum* and *Questionnaire* responses.
- Fund-raising activities took place from 2002 – 2004. We will call a meeting to propose another burst of fund-raising activity – which will raise the profile of this aspect of the Parish Plan, give new opportunities to contribute and be fun in its own right.

Requiring external funding

- We will seek grants from appropriate bodies to fund our plans.

Responsibilities

The Parish Council will be the lead partner and will maintain a sub-committee to inform and implement its work in this area of activity.

- By 2010, our Primary School will have implemented the new core offer for extended services in all schools, providing greater opportunities for

children, including children with disabilities, to take part in a range of play and other activities before and after the school day. We will work in partnership with the school to ensure that we provide a full range of play opportunities for children and positive activities for young people, available in places and at times that children and young people want them.

- We will work in partnership, with the District and County Councils, with the Pattishall Playing Fields Association (a registered charity) and other voluntary sector and community organisations to fund, provide and maintain this provision. We will contribute wherever possible to the development of and implementation of, the play strategies at County and District levels.
- We will maintain good links with early years providers, including the private nursery in the parish, voluntary pre-school group and with child minders.
- We will continue to use all available information, including national surveys (for example: Tellus2), and local surveys (for example: through ACRE) and we will continue to engage children and young people directly locally – as we have done since 2002
- There are approximately 200 school-age children in the parish - this figure has remained constant for a number of years.

Footpaths and Street Lighting



The Parish footpaths and bridleways are recognised as a valuable resource. 35% of survey respondents indicated that footpaths and bridleways were green spaces they wished to see improved. 79 respondents expressed interest in joining a new walking/rambling group.

Pavements and street lighting are seen as adequate but some specific areas of the Parish were highlighted, needing repair and or maintenance. However, the overall status is unknown and identifying trouble spots relies on residents reporting problems either directly with the local authority or via the Parish Council.

Recommendations

Liaise with the Parish footpath warden (and possibly neighbouring Parishes) to develop, plan and promote the use of footpaths and bridleways as a Parish environmental amenity.

Conduct a full audit of pavements and street furniture, including lighting. Capture results and develop a working document to schedule improvements, plan maintenance and track progress.

Actions

- Launch a new activity group for walking and rambling, with an initial brief to walk and record status of all Parish footpaths and bridleways by end of 2008
- Identify priority routes used by dog walkers. Determine which stiles can be reworked to improve access for dogs. Secure funding and set up a task group to complete the work required
- Publish a Parish walk of the month on the website
- Initiate a survey team to establish scope and format of the pavement audit. Develop plan and complete audit by end 3Q08, report to Parish Council in time for budget cycle 2009

Neighbourhood Watch



The Neighbourhood Watch scheme has been implemented in the Parish for many years. The purpose of including it in the Parish Plan was to raise awareness, revitalise interest and get more residents actively involved.

A stand and information display was included at the Open Forum and attracted considerable interest. The stand was manned by the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for the western area.

Neighbourhood Watch was included on the questionnaire within the 'select your top 3 priorities' and the issue attracted 63 votes – 6.1% of the total.

Since the questionnaire, progress has already been made as follows:

All the people who expressed an interest at the Open Forum were contacted and an initial meeting was held on 22nd November 2007. Street wardens have been recruited. Neighbourhood Watch signs were ordered and have been put up at entrances to all the villages in the parish. This was funded by the Parish Council.

A welcome pack has been prepared for street wardens to give to new residents moving into the parish. Cards with the special police phone number have been printed for street wardens to give to every household in the parish.

A further meeting was held on 31 January 2008 for street wardens and anyone else interested – 40 people attended – and the main short-term aims were agreed as follows:

- To find street wardens for roads not yet covered
- To attend parish council meetings to keep them informed
- To attend area watch meetings
- To make sure every house has the card with the special police phone number on
- To report anything suspicious
- To promote 'Smartwater' to everyone in the parish
- To buy 'Smartwater' signs to display at entrances to the villages

The longer-term objective is to maintain the momentum of the revitalised scheme, with the overall aim to keep crime in our parish at the lowest possible level.

Information and Communication



Around Pattishall - the Parish magazine - is the preferred source of information and the communication channel of choice for the majority of residents. It is valued for its bi-monthly content, style and door to door delivery. It is complimented by the recently launched Parish website, notice boards and occasional use of roadside posters. However, many residents rely on word of mouth to learn about current and future events.

More than half of survey respondents either use or are potential users of the website; although it is recognised that many of the 46% who do not use it may not have access to the Internet.

Recommendations

Continue to use Around Pattishall and its distribution network as the key focus for Parish communication, improve the linkage and synchronisation with other media, especially for promoting events between AP publication dates.

Develop a website editorial policy and update the notice board policy.

Seek sponsors to assist with funding and development of the website.

Provide Welcome packs for all new residents.

Use the opportunity of the proposed new community facility at Pattishall School to offer residents basic IT training and access to the Internet.

Actions

- Establish a website editorial team to maintain and develop the Parish website.
- Recruit a display co-ordinator for each notice board location, tidy up and repair as required.
- Investigate cost, location and time scale to provide a new notice board in School Road.

General issues which have been passed to the Parish Council



There are number of issues, raised at the Open Forum or as questionnaire responses, which are not directly addressed as priority areas within this report. However, they are no less important and have been passed to the Parish Council for action.

Maintenance of roads and footpaths

The Parish Council recognises the need for on-going maintenance and will continue to push for funding and action through the Highways Agency. A new contractor - May and Gurney – will take over the maintenance delivery from April 2008; improved responsiveness and more effective use of available budget is anticipated.

Housing needs

Affordable housing is a key issue raised by many residents and therefore was included as a priority option in the questionnaire. The results showed 80 residents selecting affordable housing as one of their top 3 priorities.

The Parish Council is aware of the feedback and has already been in contact with South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) to highlight the issue. Laura Welch, Housing Officer, SNC, will be attending the May Parish Council meeting to discuss the process of conducting a specific housing needs survey within the Parish during the summer of 2008.

Bus service

Although less than half of the questionnaire respondents use the bus service, those that do indicated that they are happy with the current service.

Wheelie Bins

Wheelie bins left permanently on pavements, causing obstruction and general untidiness was highlighted by many questionnaire respondents. While it is recognised that access to the rear of their properties can be a problem for some residents, it is hoped that extra effort to put wheelie bins away, following the weekly collection, would be of benefit to all the community.

The Parish Council is aware of this issue and will write to residents who continually leave their bins on the street. They will also investigate possible alternative locations to site bins

Parking

Half of all questionnaire respondents indicated parked cars as a problem, adding more than 170 comments which highlighted the trouble spots including:

A5/Fosters Booth Road
Astcote Green and High Street
Booth Close
Butchers Lane near junction with A5
Church Street
Eastcote cross roads
Leys Road/Simons Walk
Outside Pattishall School

These are the most often mentioned trouble spots although there were many other specific cases reported.

The Parish Council is aware of the problem and recognises need to increase the provision of parking bays and lay-bys but also the need to encourage those that have a driveway or garage to use it rather than parking on street.

The solution can only be delivered through SNC or the Highways Agency and is subject to budget constraints and prioritisation with similar requests from other local villages. However, the Parish Council will be able to use the questionnaire results to support its case when bidding for funds.

Community Activity Groups

A significant number of Parishioners who attended the Open Forum expressed interest in joining, if new activity groups were started, or restarted. This interest was confirmed within the questionnaire responses and contact information given.

At the time of writing this report (March 2008) several activity groups have been newly established as a result of the Parish Plan initiative including:

- Neighbourhood Watch
- Keep Fit
- Yoga
- Local History
- Gardening Club
- Photography, art and craft

Book and drama, tennis, wine appreciation, are also in hand with inaugural meetings planned during April – May 2008. Details of all activity groups are published in Around Pattishall and on the website.

The Parish Council has expressed a commitment to build community spirit through the active engagement of residents in the Parish plan and encouragement of the activity groups.

Parishioners are reminded that the Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of every month (except August), meeting agenda and minutes are published on notice boards and the website. There is an opportunity at every meeting for Parishioners to raise points, report issues or follow up on-going actions.



Pattishall seen from Pound Lane, Eastcote

Source and Application of Funds



A draft financial plan is included in the report, scoping project costs and funding sources including grant applications, local fund raising and volunteer man days. At this point the financial plan is a scoping tool but will be refined when results of the various studies and surveys become available.

The plan outlooks budget requirements for 2008 and 2009.

Source of Funds	Traffic and Speeding	Parish Hall	Shop	Environment	Young People	Footpaths & Street Lighting	Neighbourhood Watch	Information	General Parish Council	2008/2009
Minor	0	2000		1200	0	200		0		3400
Donations/Sponsorship	0	10000		0	7000	350		200		17550
Parish Council	0	0		3700	10000	1950	500	1700	500	18350
SNDC	0	200		5900	1000	1500		0		8600
Grants	15500	40000		4500	35000	0		0		95000
Services	0	65000		1950	0			0		66950
Subtotal	15500	117200	200	17250	53000	4000	500	1900	500	210050
Fund raising required	0	34000		0	3000	0				37000
Total	15500	151200	200	17250	56000	4000	500	1900	500	247050
Volunteer Days	126	100	50	51	70	142	0	86	0	625

Next Steps



Performance Plan 2008

The Performance Plan is our key strategic document that focuses on delivering the Parish Plan for coming year and together with the Parish Plan report sets our clear long-term goals for delivering continuous improvements.

The Plan is designed to inform councillors, residents, visitors and businesses in the Parish of our aims and priorities for the next three years, and the areas we will focus on to improve.

Action area	Objectives
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present the Parish Plan report to the Parish Council meeting in April 2008; seek their agreement in principle, with formal approval by end May 2008.• Publish a 'popular version' of the report, summarizing recommendations and actions, distribute to all households in the Parish by end May 2008.• Establish the action teams for each area and schedule kick off meetings by end May 2008.• Review the performance plan quarterly, follow up action teams and add/enhance objectives as plans develop.
Traffic Speeding and Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Run a speed assessment programme, based on volunteers operating a hand – help speed gun, during August/September 2008.• Use the data gathered to support consultation with the agencies to secure electronic signs and or other traffic calming measures, for implementation in 2009.

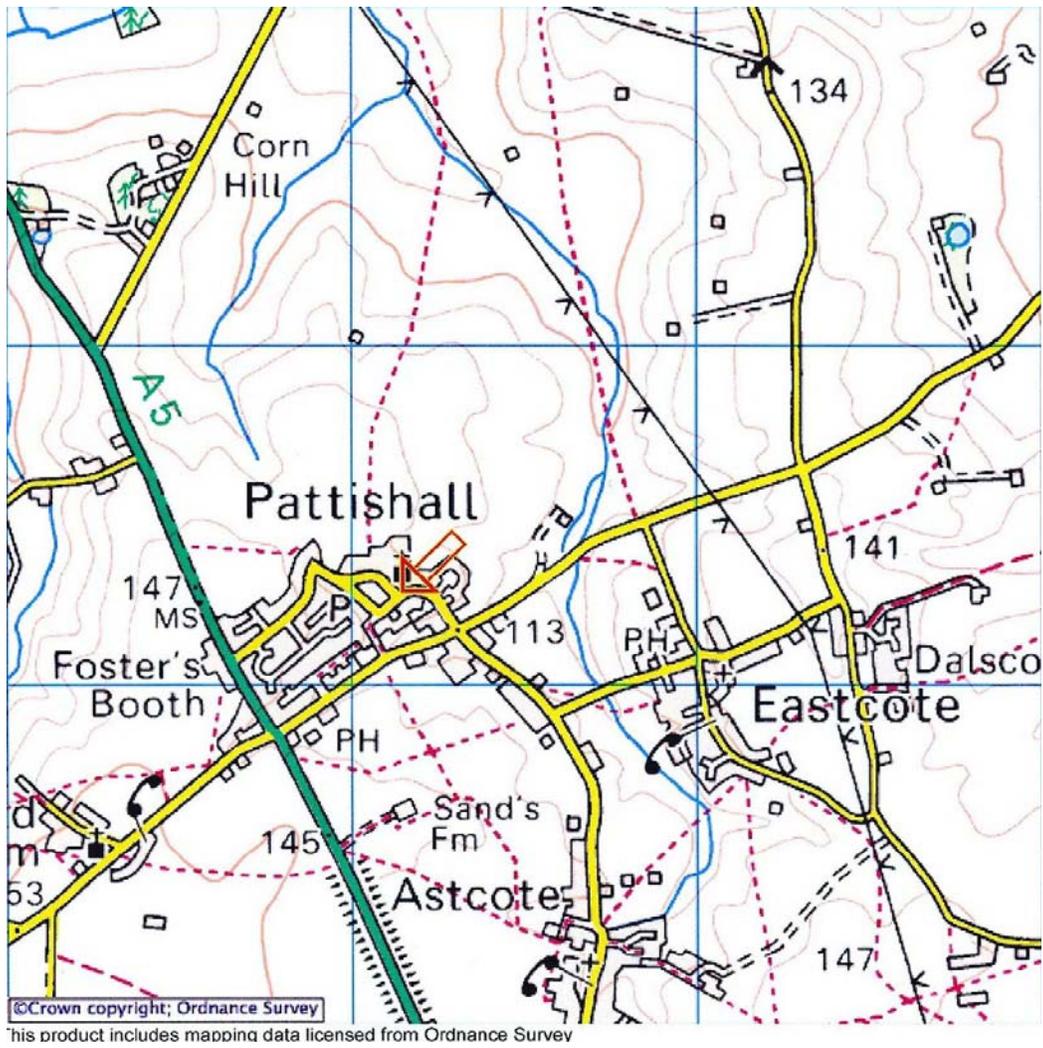
Parish Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement all locally funded actions by year end 2008 • Set up a development team, prepare a business plan by year end 2008 to revitalise and develop the Parish Hall as the centre of the community
Shop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a feasibility and commercial viability study by end June 2008, prepare a report with recommendations, present to the Parish Council at the July meeting
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a Parish Environmental survey, prepare a report and present to the Parish Council by end September 2008 • Create a new pocket park at the Parish Hall playing field, begin work in Autumn 2008 and open the park in Spring 2009
Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install new play equipment at Butcher's Lane in 2008 • Initiate new fund raising activity to continue development and provide additional play resources in 2009
Footpaths and street lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk and record status of all footpaths and bridleways by year end 2008 • Conduct a full audit of pavements and street furniture by end September 2008, report requesting funding to Parish Council in time for budget cycle 2009.
Neighbourhood Watch	<p>Maintain momentum of the revitalised scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify street wardens for all roads not covered • Promote 'Smartwater' • Attend area watch meetings
Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a website editorial team to maintain and enhance the Parish website. Meet formally, at least twice per year, to prepare a development plan. • Investigate cost, location and time scale to provide a new notice board in School Road

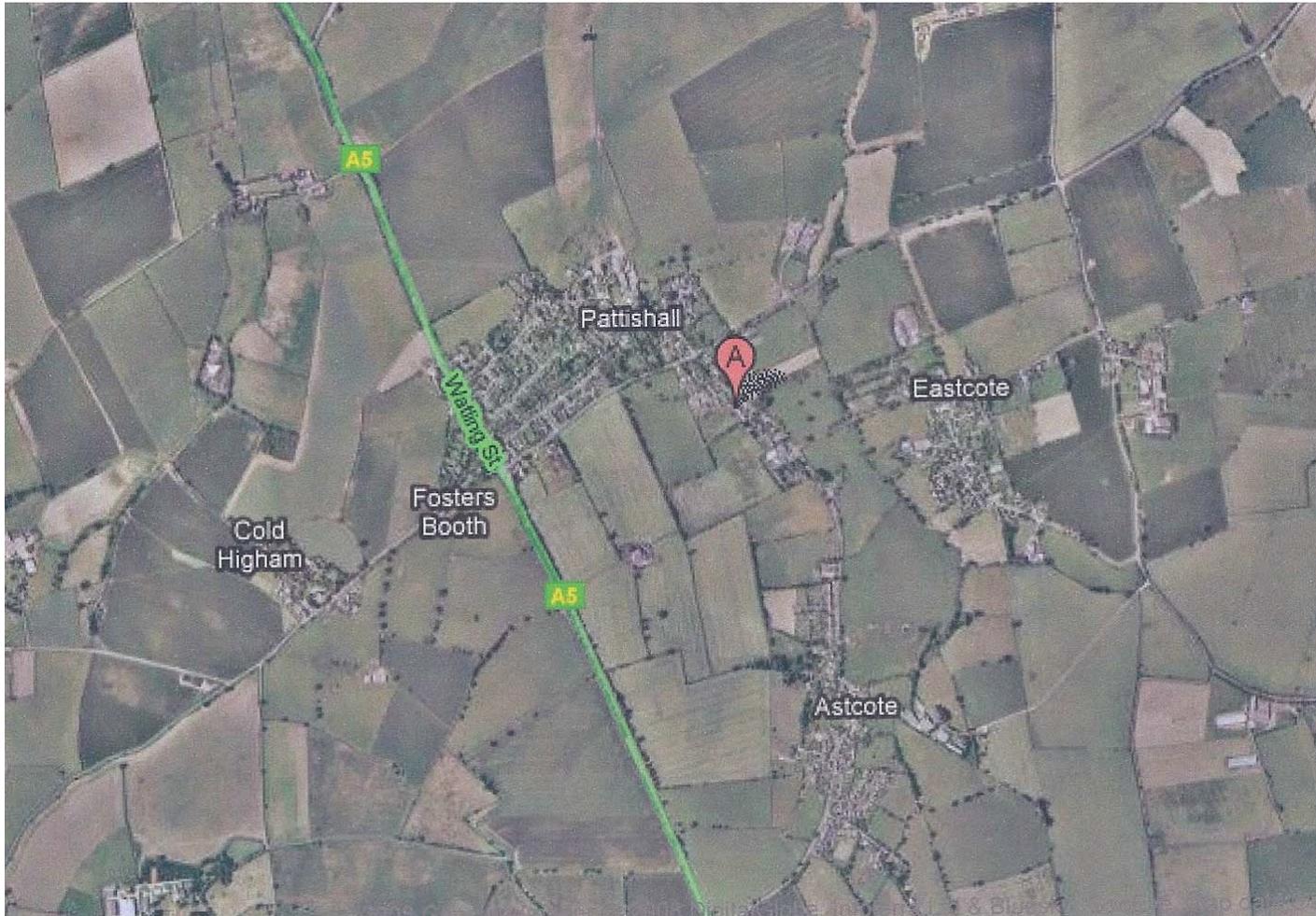


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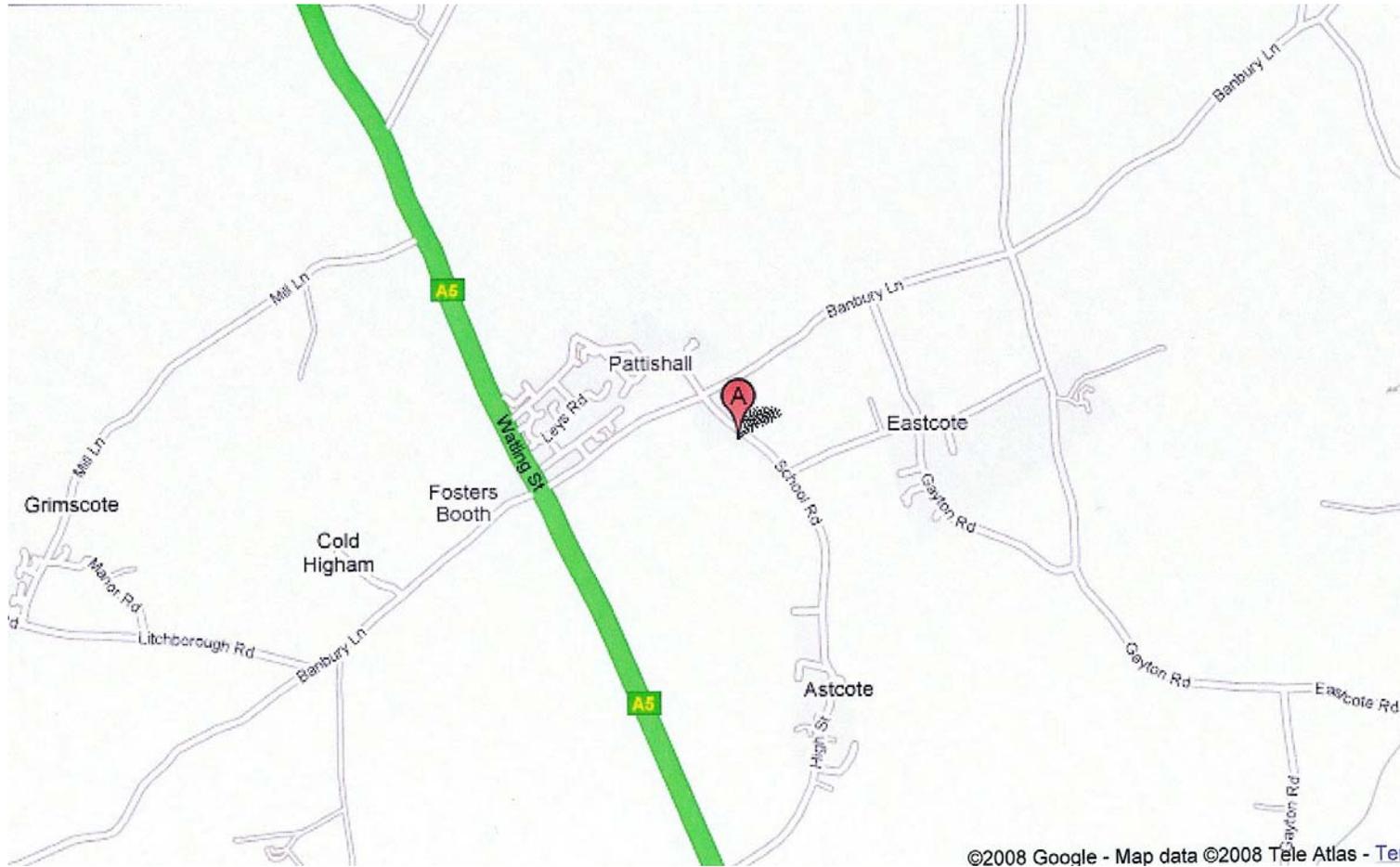
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Street and Road names, which can be seen on the Satellite map

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Holy Cross, Pattishall



Pattishall from Holy Cross Churchyard



Eastcote High Street



Eastcote Arms



Astcote village entry from the A5



Astcote Green



Dalscote, Gayton Road



Dalscote, Annas Lane to the left



Dalscote turn towards Eastcote



Cornhill



Fosters Booth, A5



Holy Cross from School Road

Demographics



Pattishall Parish includes the villages of Astcote, Dalscote, Eastcote, Fosters Booth, Pattishall and the hamlet of Cornhill. It is set in a rural area on the borders of the Northamptonshire Heights and the Nene Valley. Located 6km north of Towcester adjacent to the Roman Watling Street (A5) and Banbury Lane, an ancient drove way.

The population of the Parish, at the time of writing this plan, is nearly 1650 occupying some 670 homes. This represents significant growth (229%) from its lowest level in modern times, 730 in 1951.

The questionnaire, completed in November 2007, provides a detailed sample of the current distribution by location and age group.

Where do you live? (366 Values)

Astcote	79	21.6%
Cornhill	3	0.8%
Dalscote	15	4.1%
Eastcote	66	18.0%
Fosters Booth	2	0.6%
Pattishall	201	54.9%

Please show age ranges: (623 Values)

0-4	30	4.8%
5 to 10	45	7.2%
11 to 15	43	6.9%
16-17	22	3.5%
18-24	45	7.2%
25-49	165	26.5%
50-64	147	23.6%
65-74	78	12.5%
75+	48	7.7%

Details from 2001 census show: Population 1556
Electoral roll 1182
Number of houses 590

Local context

Pattishall Parish lies within Cote ward in the district of South Northamptonshire.

The district of South Northamptonshire was formed in 1974 from the amalgamation of the former Brackley Borough, the Brackley and Towcester Rural Districts and part of the Northampton Rural District. The district is one of seven district and borough councils situated in the south west of the County of Northamptonshire.

Even today it is still mainly rural in character with historic market towns at Brackley and Towcester. The district is an area where traditional charm is found alongside the latest advances in technology. It is a district of striking contrasts; picturesque villages are arrayed alongside its many country lanes, while highly technological industries are to be found in its towns and at Silverstone circuit.

The estimated population in the middle of 2003 was 82,600 and 33,400 households. We expect this to grow over the coming years and by 2012 the population is projected to grow to 91,900 (see population projection table below). This increase does not account for any expansion as a result of the proposed Milton Keynes and South Midlands Development.

Age	2006	2012
0-15	16,900	17,500
16-64	57,000	59,100
65+	12,100	15,300
Total	86,000	91,900

The population is spread over a wide geographic area of 63,156 hectares and is the fastest growing in the county with an increase of 22.3% since 1991. There are only two main towns: Brackley, with a population of 13,500 and Towcester with 9,200.

South Northamptonshire is well placed centrally for communications: London and Birmingham are just over an hour's travel away by road and rail, while trunk roads link the District with other major towns in the region, such as Northampton, Oxford, Leicester, Milton Keynes, Bedford and Peterborough.

A recent survey show that people in South Northamptonshire feel strongly that they belong to their local neighbourhood:

- 77% Brackley rural
- 63% Brackley town
- 62% Towcester town
- 76% Towcester rural

Far fewer felt they belonged to South Northamptonshire with:

- 55% Brackley rural
- 52.8% Brackley town
- 43% Towcester town
- 46% Towcester rural

Generally it was felt that people from different backgrounds got on well together:

- 53.9% Brackley town
- 56.2% Brackley rural
- 55.08% Towcester town
- 55.4% Towcester rural

Population and migration:

South Northamptonshire population at just under 90,000, is one of the smallest populations in the Milton Keynes and South Midlands growth area. South Northamptonshire has experienced steady population growth over past 25 years. The largest age group is those 25 - 44 and also a significant number of 15 year olds.

South Northamptonshire has a predominantly white British ethnic origin 98.4% although the black and minority ethnic population is likely to rise in the future.

The 31718 households in South Northamptonshire are made up of 95% houses, 4% flats and 1% other. 78% of dwellings are owner occupied. Shared ownership is 0.7%, social renting represents 11%, private renting represents 15.7% and living free is 3%. A key issue affecting housing affordability is the gap between incomes and house prices which continues to widen South Northamptonshire house prices rose from £139,000 in 2001 to £212,400 in 2006.

The largest household group is families with dependant children and couples indicating a likely high demand for family accommodation in the future. Most people in South Northamptonshire are employed in lower managerial and professional occupations; the district has a strong rate of job growth. National insurance registrations show that South Northamptonshire had 260 registrations by international migrants for the period 2005/0, by contrast neighbouring Northampton Borough had 4750.

A recently published (2008) survey by a major Building Society listed South Northamptonshire within the top 20 best places to live in England.

Pattishall: a pocket history



“...in the Town of Pateshull are four and forty houses...in Fosters Booth 4 houses...Astcote...a village of seven and twenty houses...Eastcote...now a village of four and thirty houses and Dalscote a village of fourteen houses.”

Since 1720, when John Bridges wrote this description, the parish has seen many changes; but the dispersed nature of the component hamlets in parish has remained - a reminder of its antiquity as a settlement. Place names ending with cote or cot are a unique feature of the Towcester region. A cot/cote was a sheiling, a sheepfold or farmstead. The settlements are Anglo-Saxon in origin and each continued their separate existence both before and after the Norman Conquest in 1066. The prefixes often denote personal or folk/tribal names. Astcote was 'Aefic's cot' - attributed by some to a monk of Evesham Abbey. Pattishall was Pascelle – Paetti's or Paettel's Hill'. The Paetti could be a derivative of Paetta – the hill or hall of Paetta's people. Neither Dalscote nor Eastcote are mentioned in Domesday Book in 1086 but they each have pre-Conquest linguistic roots; Dalscote was Deor(e)'s cote and Eastcote was Eadwine's cot. The consolidation of these settlements into one parish took place during the re-conquest of Danelaw by the Kings of Wessex. Into this settlement came Walter the Fleming and his heirs as lords of the manor controlling a population estimated between 201 and 274, depending on the multiplier used.

Population, work and lifestyles have been transformed over the years. In 1777 there were 76 males between the ages of 18 and 65 shown in the parish as eligible to serve in the Militia. Twelve of these were farmers including 4 farmers' sons. The bulk of the men listed were servants, i.e. farm servants, who lived on the farm. To these were added 17 labourers – a term concealing many skills from hedge-laying to well-sinking, flailing and working with horses. There were traders and craftsmen central to a rural community and these included textile workers – 3 frame-work knitters and 3 weavers, two woolcombers and 4 shoemakers. (It is a statistical fact that well into the 18th century the county was dominated by textile craftsmen & traders, not the proverbial shoe-worker!). The three butchers and three bakers were probably distributed amongst the separate settlements. The absence of shepherds and millers does not mean they did not present, they could have served before or were too old to serve. We know there was a water mill on Banbury Lane and a wind-mill further east below Eastcote. A wheelwright and a blacksmith also figured in the list. In 1900 a descendant of the latter shod the hooves of Welsh ponies as they were 'droved' from Wales along the Welch and Banbury Lanes to the Horsemarket and the Marefare at Northampton – a task his predecessors had done for generations.

This clutch of tradesmen and craftsmen was leavened by the presence of small proprietors and professionals. These together with the scattered nature of the settlements and the absence of one dominant land-owning family created a degree of independence of which later commentators were to complain.

Using the Militia List we arrive at a population of approximately 370 for the parish. In 1801 the figure stood at 551. Between 1841 and 1871 the population rose by almost 25% (237).

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The nature of this growth can be demonstrated by one hamlet – Eastcote. In 1871 it was swarming with children and young persons; 59% of the population being under 20 with a superabundance of boys! The adult workforce consisted of 68 males and 71 females. The pressures on housing and education were to be felt in the years to come. There were two solutions: build more houses or leave the parish. The older houses close to the centre had long burgage plots behind them. These cottages were built to form yards such as Hornsby's Yard in Astcote.



The fall in population, partly caused by emigration and partly by a search for betterment, began in 1881. By 1901 it had fallen from 930 to 860, by 1931 to 804 and a further drop to its lowest in 1951 to 720. Since then there have been housing spurts, beginning with Festival Road in 1953 (Festival of Britain, South Bank, 1951) and the demolition of old dwellings following from a county concern at the state of rural housing. Next Leys Road was built over fields which, in the 16th century had been undersown with clover and vetches.

The developers had initially been keen on having a clear separation of the estates so that between Leys Road and Festival Road there was a respectable distance. The Parish Council, to its credit, would have nothing to do with the notion. From 1970

onwards the villages have seen small estates and piecemeal infill. The population has mounted to over three times it was in 1801 standing at nearly 1650 today.

These changes are reflected in the house-types from inter-war mansard- roofed council housing to mixed constructed bijou residences occupying former workshops and fields. The houses of yeomen farmers survive in each of the hamlets: they are stone built former end-chimney or open fire halls of the 'great rebuilding' which took place in the 16th and 17th century. They originally had thatch for covering and 'ovulu' moulded window mullions, date-stones and large threshing barns alongside.

Religion and drink have played their part in the lives of the community. Before 1066 a church of some importance stood on the present site of Holy Cross. It has been suggested that it was a basilica or transeptal plan with several altars and oratoria and possibly a collegiate structure attached. The village below it was larger, shaped in a double loop or figure "8" on its side. There were several large fish ponds for the use of the community. After the Norman Conquest outside influences came into play. In came Walter the Fleming and his children & grandchildren. They left some of the Saxon fabric including the chancel arch. Under the influence of the new patrons – the Convent of Godstow and the Priory of Dunstable – together with the wealthy elites such as the de Wahulls, the Pattishalls and their like the church took on some of its present form. Godstow & Dunstable houses were also associated with the foundation of a chapel for the Templars, this stood in Astcote Bury Field.

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As an 'open' and not an 'estate' village and without the controlling influence of an Anglican 'squareson' the parish attracted non-conformists from both Towcester and Bugbrooke who set their seal upon the lives of the community in different ways from the established church of the time. In 1838 the Baptist chapel at Eastcote was opened. In the following year Pattishall Baptist chapel was opened in Fosters Booth Road on land given by Earl Pomfret of Easton Neston. To-day the Manse and Chapel still stand in other guises. The Baptists had been preceded in late 18th century by the Methodists. Their chapel was opened in 1811 in Astcote. After a period of relative decline a revival led to a new chapel being opened in 1874. Like Holy Cross it has undergone face-lifts and internal rearrangements and flourishes to-day.

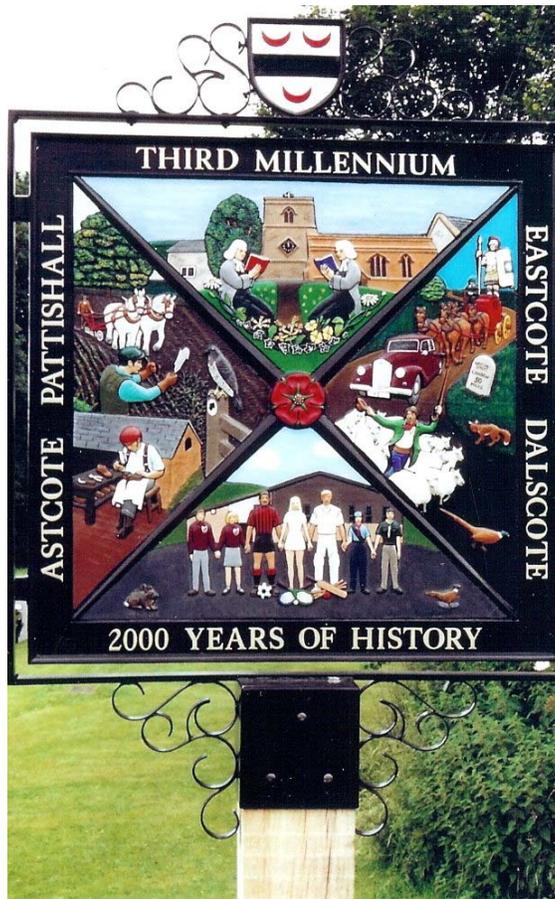
In 1910 there were 9 public houses in the parish one of which, The Maltshovel, stood opposite the footpath westward from the tower of Holy Cross. The carrying trade along Watling Street was catered for by three of these and in each hamlet there were 2 or 3 pubs and beershops. To-day there are 2: The Red Lion in Fosters Booth on the Watling Street and The Eastcote Arms in Gayton Road, Eastcote. 'The Four Pillars' formerly Peggotty's Restaurant and before that The George & Dragon, was a coaching Inn on Watling Street, the Red Lion a waggoners' hostelry. The hamlets were once served by shops. In 1874 there were 8, in 1953 there were two in Pattishall – a Post Office and General Store and a shop at the end of Fosters Booth Road. A butcher's shop stood near The Eastcote Arms and a general store in Astcote High Street. To-day there are none.

The mid-nineteenth-century population pressure on schooling required changes in the existing provision. In 1684 Thomas Young had provided funding for apprentice's in the parish to receive education. The trustees set up a house for the master within which the children were taught. In 1819 the curate reported that 'the poorer classes are satisfied with the means of education they possess.' Such sentiments were not enough. In 1855 a girls' and infant school was built near the school house but by 1872 the Inspectors condemned the school. Enlargements were made and in 1887 the infants were moved to a new site where the present school stands. After World War II the school house and old school in the west corner of Holy Cross churchyard were demolished despite the protests of the community to re-use them as a village centre to replace that which they used in School Road. The parish hall was none other than the Guard Room for a World War I POW Camp. The camp itself occupied the ground between School Road and the top of Bird's Hill Road, Eastcote. From 1914-16 it was an internment camp for foreign merchant seamen and aliens. They built the camp complete with reservoir, dining hall and other amenities. In 1916, following the sinking of the Lusitania and resultant hostility to all German nationals it was transferred to the military as a POW Camp and used as such until 1919. In World War II the road in front of the camp down to the cross-roads on Butcher's (Banbury) Lane was used to park military vehicles in preparation for the 'D' Day landings in 1944.

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The Coronation of George V in 1911 was marked by planting a chestnut in the field where the POW Camp stood. The Coronation of George VI by a bench opposite the Junior School and that of his daughter Elizabeth II by a red hawthorn on Pattishall Green.

By such marks the community celebrated events beyond its boundaries. In 1995 a major commemoration of 50 Years' Peace in Europe was marked by inter-hamlet celebrations and competitions concluding with a drum-head service before the 'new village hall' of 1983. The Millennium was likewise marked by celebrations including fireworks and the burial of a time capsule in the chancel of Holy Cross.



Beneath these transient gestures flows the slow measure of continuity – the brooks and watercourses of the parish whose presence has been an abiding feature of changelessness in the face of change. The water mill has long since gone but the monk of Ely who recorded its presence in 1086 would, if he could return, find the stream runs its course still beside the ancient trackway.

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Church and Chapel



Holy Cross

Pattishall church, dedicated to the Holy Cross, stands at the north east of the village on rising ground. It is less than a mile from the Roman Watling Street and shares its position on a plateau with a manor house. There is a strong possibility that the church at Pattishall began its life well before the Norman Conquest as an adjunct of the manor and developed into a large cruciform church standing on an 'island'. Indeed the former presence of fishponds east of the village further implies the presence of clerical staff of a minister sized unit.

In 1086 the church is attested in the Domesday Book – the only church in Northamptonshire for which there is a direct reference. Remnants of this earlier building survive within the fabric of the present.

The Church at Holy Cross occupies a small limestone plateau which it shares with Manor farm. This is a prominent position with clear views to the east and west. It may have been the foci of the initial Saxon settlement comfortably off the old Roman Road.

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Pattishall Parish is within the Benefice including Cold Higham, Gayton and Tiffield. Times for Sunday services, red letter days and special events are advertised in Around Pattishall.

Astcote Methodist Church

Astcote Methodist chapel was opened in 1874. The red bricked building with gothic style windows is the centre of village activity. A new two storey extension containing a kitchen and meeting room was built and dedicated in 1995. The chapel is part of the Northamptonshire Methodist circuit.

Minister: Rev. Glayne Worgan
Telephone 01604 758637

Sunday Services

10.30am All age worship – children and adults meet together, but also in their own age groups. Services are generally informal.
6.00pm Evening worship - Eastcote Baptist Chapel.

United Family Services – dates as advertised

Eastcote Methodist Church

Eastcote Baptist chapel is situated on an open site in Gayton Road. The small brick built chapel was opened in 1838 by the efforts of Thomas Chamberlain. The large windows offer a light interior and reflect the warm reception given to visitors.

Sunday services start at 3pm unless otherwise stated – everyone welcome.
Saturday coffee mornings are held once a month in aid of charities or other good causes.

Jesus Fellowship Church

Jesus Fellowship Church aims to be a contemporary expression of the historic Christian faith. It is orthodox in doctrine and upholds the universally-accepted Christian creeds. Over the last decades it has grown from the small congregation of the Bugbrooke Baptist Chapel to a national movement. The church is well-known for gospel and social outreach to those in need.

There are several thousand members, about 600 of whom live as the New Creation Christian Community in 60 or so houses in the UK. Two of the community houses are within Pattishall Parish - Festal Grange and Cornhill Manor.

More information: www.jesus.org.uk or telephone 01327 830217

Education



Pattishall C E Primary School

Pattishall Primary School is a small rural primary school with single form entry consisting of a reception class and years 1 to 6.



During the first year of entry children follow a Foundation Stage Curriculum based around language, number, social, and physical skills together with knowledge of the world around them.

In years 1 to 6 they follow the national curriculum focussing on Literacy, Numeracy, Science, ICT and other subjects. Years 1 and 2 operate within Key Stage 1 and years 3 to 6 Key Stage 2.

Currently we have 163 children within the school with class sizes as follows.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
25	23	22	23	22	21	27

These numbers represent the lower end of the sustainability scale since the standard number by which the Local Authority would be expecting us to operate is 27 per class making a total of 189. We have not been at this level for some years and trend numbers suggest this is unlikely to rise significantly.

If a new intake did exceed this standard number in any one year, we would still be obliged to take the applications since we would not be 'full'. An appeals procedure would be available also even after 189 was reached!

Our catchment area is the villages of Pattishall, Ascote, Eastcote, Cold Higham, Grimscote and local hamlets. However we do draw in a small proportion of children from outside catchment such as Weedon, Stowe, Towcester, Bugbrooke and so on.

Parents are at liberty to request entry to any school provided they can transport them to school if outside catchment.

Our reputation and an organized approach to education as a whole within the parish and local area are essential. The provision of high quality nursery, play school, primary and secondary opportunities within this neighbourhood are the basis for continued community cohesion, health and sustainability.

B M Curtis, Headteacher

Pattishall Pre-school group

For over 30 years Pattishall Pre-school has offered an excellent learning and playing facility for pre-school children from two years of age. We pride ourselves on our long standing reputation centred around the dedication and care on our long standing reputation with experience ranging from 4 years to 20 years.

The Pre-school offers a homely and happy environment where children can learn and play safely together whilst given close personal supervision and attention at all times. At the end of their time with us, parents are given a comprehensive 'diary' book to keep detailing their child's activities, personal developments and achievements.

All children are welcome irrespective of gender, race, language, culture, disability or learning difficulty.

Based in the Parish Hall at Astcote, our term runs parallel with the local primary schools and our session times are:

Monday Morning session	9:15am to 12:15pm
Tuesday morning, or afternoon or all day sessions	9:15am to 12:15pm and 12:45pm to 3:45pm
Wednesday morning session*	9:15am to 12:15pm
Thursday morning, or afternoon or all day sessions	9:15am to 12:15pm and 12:45pm to 3:45pm
Friday Morning session	9:15am to 12:15pm

*Each Wednesday morning session is available only for children starting primary school the following September.

We have a lunch club (optional) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:15pm to 1:00pm for children wishing to bring lunch after each morning session. Relevant funding grants accepted.

Lindsay Bignell Sarah Allan

Little Dragons Day Nursery

Little Dragons Day Nursery opened on 20 November 2006

We are registered for 28 nursery children aged 6 weeks to 5 years.
We open from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, 51 weeks per year - we close Christmas week and bank holidays.

There are four level 3 nursery nurses, three teachers, one student teacher and two dance teachers, all staff are from the surrounding villages and Towcester

We provide before and after school care for the children of Pattishall School, including a holiday club - this is called the Dragon Club and it is registered for 24 children, the children come mostly from the local villages and hamlets, although there are several who travel to us from Silverstone, Weedon, Towcester and Blisworth.

We have 28 nursery children enrolled and 46 school children in the Dragon Club. We actively support other local businesses through various nursery ventures. Little Dragons is in the process of becoming one of the first Nature Nurseries in the county.

Pamela Dori-Bishop

Around Pattishall Parish Plan Special Edition September 2007

Around Pattishall

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*Your chance to make
your parish a better
place to live in!*

*Come to the Open
Forum at the Parish
Hall on Saturday 29th
September anytime
between 10.00am and
3.00pm to learn more
and have your say*

Final copy date for the Oct-Nov 2007 newsletter is 15th September. Copy should be sent to Andy Stewart, The Old Farmhouse, 13 High Street, Astcote (email andy@stewarts.me.uk, tel: 830042), or given to Janet Taylor, Dalscote. (Please use email if possible.)

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Introduction

This special issue of Around Pattishall is entirely dedicated to just one important subject: **our Parish Plan**. It's possible that you already know something about our Parish Plan, as work started earlier in the year to get the project moving. However, now is an important time in the process as we're reaching a point where decisions need to be made which affect us all.

So please read on and find out how your views can make a real and positive difference to the parish you live in. In case you've missed any of the presentations which have taken place about the plan or the initial public meeting, we're taking the story right from the start.



PATTISHALL
PARISH PLAN

What is a Parish Plan?

Its main purpose is to allow a community to assess its own needs and do something about them. This could be anything from creating a new park, to improving local services or doing something about speeding traffic. So it's anything which is realistic (though can still be ambitious...) and would improve the lives of the people who live in the parish.

It is also an opportunity to foster more of a community spirit and in so doing help to secure funding for projects (there's more of a convincing argument for funding if it can be shown that local people are working together for common aims).

All parishes in England and Wales are being given the opportunity to create a plan and, once a plan is agreed and complete, funding can be applied for on individual projects identified in the plan. Locally to us, other parishes have already completed their plans and these include Gayton and Bugbrooke.

Who's behind it?

An organisation called 'Northamptonshire ACRE' – 'ACRE' stands for 'Action within Communities in Rural England'. The organisation is a charity and is funded by DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs).

Who's involved in our parish?

Potentially everyone and certainly the more people the better. There is though a core of people which make up the steering group (which came from volunteers who attended the initial public meeting in the parish hall back in February) which is:

Roger Clarke – <i>Chairman</i>	(Pattishall)
Jenny Vaughan	(Pattishall)
Roger Hughes	(Astcote)
Robin Kelso	(Eastcote)
Linda Hemming	(Pattishall)
Louise Hemming	(Pattishall)
Bob & Iris Illingworth	(Pattishall)
Richard Moss	(Pattishall)
Louise Wyman	(Eastcote)
Jessica Miles	(Astcote)
Oliver Rogers	(Eastcote)

There are also a number of other volunteers who are helping with various aspects of the work, such as advising on particular issues which have arisen from ideas already put forward to improve the parish, to distributing future information to all residents. The real point is though that involvement doesn't have to mean giving up time to be a volunteer. What it can mean – and importantly – is that you have your say about issues you feel are important to you and the parish you live in.

As issues are identified and agreed, there will of course be many opportunities for residents to get 'hands-on' with actually helping to get the jobs done. So whether it's being involved now with the initial planning, getting physically involved with projects, or just making sure your voice is heard, the important thing is to be involved!!

The role of the Parish Council

The Parish Council started the process off (as it was they who were approached by ACRE – which is the normal procedure) and from there they organised the initial public meeting. After this though and with the steering group of volunteers in place, it needs a different focus to make the whole thing happen. The Parish Council remains involved though and it will be to them that the final plan is proposed, and, at that stage, they will be expected to adopt it.

Importantly as well, the Parish Council needs to know what the local community wants so the Parish Plan is an ideal way to achieve this.

The Process to Make it All Happen

It is perhaps a slightly drawn-out process, but it does none the less ensure that all residents have the opportunity to input to the debate about what goes into the plan. So that's obviously the important thing. As a summary of the process:

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- Initial meeting with residents and Northamptonshire Acre (back in February)
 - Formation of steering group (March)
 - Steering group meets and agrees potential issues which could be addressed in the plan, then everything else which needs organising (have now met about 8 times)
 - Presentations to local groups – these are currently happening
 - Open Forum day **29th September** – this will be at the parish hall and will give residents more information about initial ideas and to get their views etc. **Make sure you attend!** (More info further on)
 - Questionnaire to all households to give individuals the opportunity to add more detailed views to the ideas set out in the future needs day and prioritise the issues
 - Write the plan
 - Present to Parish Council for them to adopt – our aim is to be at this stage by November
 - Implement the plan (some projects will inevitably require funding – covered further on)

Ahead of the initial ideas, some thoughts about our Parish

We're fairly unusual as parishes go, in that we're comprised of a group of villages and hamlets which are rather spread-out:

*Pattishall • Astcote • Eastcote
Fosters Booth (part) • Dalscote • Cornhill*



This perhaps makes the importance of the Parish Plan even greater, as it gives a single focus for improvements and for residents who will inevitably live some distance apart from each other – so therefore may have little or no contact with each other on a day-to-day basis.

As a measure of the rather spread-out nature of our parish, you may actually be surprised by the list of villages and hamlets above – many residents don't even know what the parish is comprised of (which is quite understandable).

The main ideas so far

The first thing to stress is that nothing has firmly been agreed yet: the ideas below are all those that have come from the steering group and the initial public meeting back in February.

The first one is though something which most residents seem to feel very strongly about...

Traffic, and specifically speeding



Depending on where you live in the parish, this will be a greater or lesser issue. Certainly if you live anywhere near Butchers Lane in Pattishall, then you'll be very aware of the dangers caused by motorists who completely ignore the 30mph limit. In fact there's recently been a serious incident on the corner of Butchers Lane and School Road which could have resulted in fatalities.

It is perhaps the nature of our spread-out parish which encourages speeding (so 'gaps' between villages) but even in the villages themselves many motorists drive at ludicrous speeds. (Though hopefully only motorists who live outside the parish...)

What can be done?



Many of you will have seen the temporary warning sign which has recently been put up in Butchers Lane, but a more permanent one like that shown here is an option, as are traffic calming methods like those installed in Blisworth.

You may well have your own views on what can be done, and the Open Forum day at the Parish Hall on the 29th September is when you can voice it.

And of course it isn't just speeding which residents have so far complained about, but also dangerous parking (which is certainly a big issue for our primary school).

Our environment



This of course is a very wide ranging issue and indeed one which is rarely out of the news these days. However and at a very local level in our parish, there seems to be a strong view that a range of things could be done which would benefit us all. As a few examples:

- A scheme has already been started by one local resident to improve the quality of footpaths by planting nearby trees (150 in the last year alone) and a larger scheme would have a huge and beneficial affect on the local environment (and, compared to many areas of our county, our parish has relatively few trees and the nearest woodland is on the other side of the A5)
- Land could be acquired (purchased or leased) for a pocket park or community woodland – a fantastic asset for us all
- Existing green areas (even road side verges) could be improved with more planting and better maintenance

On the last point, many of our residents – in particular the keen gardeners – already mow verges close to their property and help keep public areas tidy (and free of litter – covered next!). There are also existing schemes such as the wildflower garden at the Holy Cross church which is tended by a dedicated group of gardeners. But just think what more we could do!



And then there's the litter problem: this image shows the results of the annual parish clean-up and it's hard to believe that all of this rubbish had been dropped or thrown from cars during the course of a year. In fact though, it isn't all of it because much is routinely picked up by residents and of course by the council from some roadsides.

More recently, the ugly sight of graffiti has appeared – clearly something we'll all want to see stopped in its tracks.

Of course litter and vandalism are hard problems to tackle, but tackle them we must. Again, your ideas are needed on just how we do this.

Our Parish Hall

This was a great facility when it opened and remains a good one today, but times have moved on and it's clear that improvements could be made. For a start, the exterior of the building needs repair, but also the whole front area, which includes the car park, would really benefit from a makeover (which is also a good example of how many of these main headings overlap – improving the area in front of the village hall would also benefit our environment).



One specific initiative which has been underway for some time, is the proposed new play and activity area outside the hall. A huge amount of good work has already been done on this initiative and the intention is that it will be rolled into the plan.

Communication

'Around Pattishall' has been around for many years and a loyal band of people have made sure it has kept running – and long may it continue to do so. However, printed communication clearly has some limitations and a parish website would allow us to do much more:

- Have fully up to date information on the services local residents and businesses provide – something we've already achieved in printed form with the new directory in this issue!
- Promote and give information on the wealth of local groups that already exist in our community
- Report topical issues and news, as and when it happens

We must stress though that the intention isn't that a website would replace 'Around Pattishall' – just compliment it.

What other issues and what happens next?

As for the other issues, you tell us! In fact some of you already have and the list so far includes:

- Housing and in particular 'affordable'
- Road and path maintenance
- Areas liable to flooding
- Street lighting
- Street signs
- Shop and Post Office facilities

Open Forum on Saturday 29th September

But the real time and place to find out more and have your say is at the Open Forum, which is being held on Saturday 29th September, between 10.00am and 3.00pm. Here you'll be able to:

- See displays about the various issues briefly covered on the last few pages
- Add further information to the displays – e.g. put a pin in a map to show where you'd like to see some action taken to improve the environment
- Talk to the people on the Parish Plan steering group
- Put a note onto a board to record other things you'd like to see tackled

We'll also have free tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits!

And the Open Forum really is for everyone in the Parish – young, old and families alike. In fact it's very important that families come along, as we really want to hear the views of children (it is, after all, as much their parish as it is that of the adults). **It doesn't matter if you just pop in for five minutes or stay an hour, the important thing is to come along!**

Once the Open Forum is over, the steering group will put together a questionnaire which will be delivered to all residents. The questionnaire will take account of what's already been learnt from the Open Forum and presentations to local groups, with the broad aim of finding out what residents want in the final plan (so part of the questionnaire will determine what sort of priority residents want for the various initiatives listed).

Then the plan will be written and presented to the Parish Council for them to adopt.

The all-important question about money

The first thing to say is that we've already had an early success and that's to secure a grant to help with the current work. So for the cost of materials for the open day etc.

As for the initiatives which come out of the plan, although some may cost little or nothing to implement, quite clearly others will require funding and this could be considerable. Whatever the level of funding might be though, we mustn't be put off from trying to get it. Other parishes have succeeded in getting funding so why shouldn't we? Provided we have a clear aim and for a project that benefits all our community, then we have every chance of getting funding. Oh, and a lot of determination of course!

Possible sources of funding are:

- District Council
- County Council
- National Lottery
- Local Trusts (East Midlands)

So whilst we need to be realistic, if there's something we all want for our parish **then let's do our best to get it!**

DIARY

September 2007

- 6th Parish Hall & Playing Fields Com. meeting, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 14th Towcester Farmers' Market
- 12th WI meeting: *Couturier Designs*, Parish Hall
- 13th Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall, 7.45pm
- 21st Parish Plan follow-up flyer to be delivered**
- 22nd Harvest Barn Dance, Pattishall Village Hall, 7-11pm
- 29th Parish Plan Open Forum Day**
Parish Hall, 10am - 3pm *Please attend!*
Eastcote Baptist Chapel Coffee Morning, 10-noon
Cool Music at Cold Higham, Cold Higham Church, 7.30pm

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PATTISHALL PARISH PLAN

OPEN FORUM

in the Parish Hall

Saturday 29th September
from 10.00am to 3.00pm

Please come along to find out about developments, improvements and needs of the Parish. Even if you can only spare 5 minutes the important thing is to come along!



- **See** displays about the issues that affect us all
- **Have your say** about the things that are important to you
- **Talk** to members of the Parish Plan steering group
- **Free** tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits



Open Forum

The main aim of the Open Forum was to offer the opportunity for residents to highlight their concerns and ideas about many aspects of the parish. The feedback would be used in the design of a survey questionnaire, as a basis for the Parish Plan. A further aim was to inform the residents of how the parish is managed and the many organisations and activity groups based in the area. It was hoped that by involving residents in identifying the future needs and possible actions required within the villages, it would serve to engage and regenerate community spirit.

All members of the Steering Committee were involved in the planning and preparation of the Open Forum. A special edition of *Around Pattishall*, explaining the objectives of the Parish Plan, was distributed to every household in the parish. It outlined a range of issues that were thought to be of interest or concern to residents. It was explained that these were by not the only topics under consideration and that all issues raised by the residents would receive attention.

To encourage as many people as possible to attend, an Open Forum flyer was delivered to each household the week before the event. During the planning phase members of the steering committee briefed groups and organisations on the Open Forum and the Parish Plan using a Powerpoint presentation. Posters were displayed around the villages and additional publicity gained with an article in the local newspaper and a message on Radio Northampton.

The Open Forum was held in Pattishall Parish Hall on 29th September 2007 from 10.00 till 15.00, attended by 253 residents. Visitors were welcomed by a committee member who explained the procedure. In order to generate discussion and interest, display stands were dedicated to various issues and each stand was manned by a committee member or volunteer with knowledge of the topic. The attendees were encouraged to leave their suggestions or comments on post-it notes at each stand. Comments were anonymous unless the contributor chose to add their contact details. On exiting they were asked to select their top three issues of concern. Free refreshments were available in a café style area to encourage social contact.

The Forum consisted of 12 display stands:

Introduction – parish information such as boundary and street maps of the villages.

Parish Council - manned by councillors and containing information on the managing of the parish, housing, street lighting and highway and general maintenance of the villages.

Traffic - displayed information about current pedestrian safety issues, parking and speeding concerns around the villages.

Neighbourhood Watch - manned by the Area Coordinator for South Northants with information on setting up a group in the parish.

Playing Facilities for Young People - designs were on display for new play equipment at various locations.

Parish Hall - history of the development and use of the hall.

Community - many organisations and groups supplied details of their activities and meetings.

Environment - outlines for a pocket park and general information on how the environment could be improved. The footpath warden was in attendance.

Communication - information on Around Pattishall, notice boards and demonstration of the new parish website.

General Facilities - provision of transport, social and shopping facilities within the parish.

Primary School - photographic and written displays by the children of their favourite places in the parish and how some areas could be improved.

Exit - summary and selection of top three issues

In addition the community police team were in attendance to answer questions.

Approximately 600 comments were received from the visitors. In addition 20 people volunteered to help with the plan, 16 people offered to help organise a village fete and many people entered their names to form new groups notably a gardening club and exercise groups. Interest was also shown in setting up book, local history, footpath and environment groups. A Neighbourhood Watch for the area was much in demand.

An Open Forum update leaflet, summarising the day, was distributed to every household within two weeks of the event and further information was available on the website.

Open Forum Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the Open Forum in the Parish Hall on the 29th September.



More than 250 residents attended and from the favourable comments about the event, we feel it was a great success. You certainly had strong views and many suggestions to share with us. These comments and suggestions will form the basis of the questionnaire, which we hope all households will complete when it is distributed in November. This Update is to keep you informed about the issues raised.

With your help some of the suggestions are achievable, some will require a few hours commitment and some will require a dedicated team of activists!

Parish Council

Housing needs were of major concern, particularly of affordable housing and safe play areas within any new developments. Many of the highways and pedestrian paths were deemed in need of repair, being particularly hazardous in some areas. Other issues raised were; litter and dog fouling, with a requirement of more bins, the state of the parish seats and street lighting. Blocked sewers in Greenway and Gayton Road and the protection of the village greens were a concern. There was a feeling that there is a need to encourage a sense of pride in the villages, improve many of the public areas such as the Old Burial Ground and tidy up, including some residents' front gardens. For example Wheelie bins left out for long periods create obstructions, look unsightly and may present a security risk.

Another major issue was the provision of shopping facilities within the village, possibly a mobile unit or community run shop. A comment was received about the location of one of the bus stops being inappropriate.

Environment

There was considerable support for the idea of a pocket park, with residents clearly liking the idea of somewhere in the Parish where they could walk, sit, relax and generally enjoy nature. As suggested we plan to seek a site that is centrally located and which could be developed.

Many people commented about the footpaths, and in particular that stiles were often difficult to get over for our older residents and those with large dogs. 'Kissing gates' were preferred, but it is understood that these are more expensive and therefore replacing all stiles would not be feasible. General maintenance of footpaths was also mentioned, but this can easily be addressed – we just need a few more volunteers to help out! (See contact number on the back of this leaflet.) The idea of improving the appeal of footpaths with more trees and other enhancements was also well received.

Both litter and dog fouling were key topics and our map was marked up to show where additional bins are needed. For example, there are currently no doggy bins in Eastcote and this will be raised ASAP with the Parish Council.

The general maintenance and condition of roadside verges and other green areas was also raised by many residents. Astcote green is one area suggested for improvement.

Traffic

There was a huge concern regarding speeding traffic along Banbury Lane, Butchers Lane, School Road, Astcote High Street and the approach to Dalscote. There was a general consensus that the A5 speed-limit needs enforcing, reducing to 30 or 40 mph and should include the Astcote turn. Lack of or unused off-street parking leads to congestion around some roads and verges, causing difficulty for pushchairs and disabled scooter riders.

Conversely lack of parking for A5 residents has implications for pedestrian safety. Another major comment concerned the status of the red crossing strips and the suggestion that the Zebra crossing be changed to a Pelican crossing.

Communication

Around Pattishall is well received and much appreciated. Most parishioners use it as their prime source of village information and wish to see it continue as a hard copy distribution but would appreciate archive copies on-line.

Notice Boards are not widely read, information is often out of date and un-coordinated. It was suggested that an additional board be located near the school and there should be guidelines and an 'owner' for each board.

Email directory - many email addresses were logged to serve as a distribution list for information about upcoming village events – many felt that they did not hear about an event until a week after it ran.

Positive response to the proposed **Village Website**:

www.pattishallparish.org.uk

It could include a central reference of all upcoming dates to avoid event clashes, links to share what is going on in neighbouring villages and the proposed list of services.

Another idea is a **Welcome Pack** for new residents and a request for a reprint of the updated village directory.

Parish Hall

The Parish hall is well used and serves as a centre for the community. However, most people commented on the sad condition of the hall and in particular the state of the toilets and the kitchen. Heating, lighting and car parking together with the external appearance all need to be improved.

Neighbourhood Watch

Great interest was shown to re-establish the scheme in the Parish. Sufficient names and contacts were collected to develop an active network. **A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 22 November in the Parish Hall at 19:30.** Phone 830744 if you require more information.

Playing Areas

Many comments in favour of having more play equipment at Butchers Lane, especially for younger children. Older children would still like to use the area for ball games. Suggestions of more benches/covered shelter and more challenging areas in the Playing Field. All comments have been passed to Tim Bartlett who is assisting the Parish Council with developing play and activity facilities for children and young people.

Community

From the Open Forum there was a general view that community spirit was alive and well but needed rekindling in some areas. More adult helpers were required for the Scout organisation and the Youth Club. Interest was shown in starting up the following groups. Please contact the number given if you would like to be involved:

830522 Gardening - Allotment - Produce show

830584 Exercise - Keep fit – Aerobics – Yoga (**Introductory meeting arranged for Thursday 15 November in the Parish Hall at 19:30**)

830744 Book and or Drama group

830512 Local and or Family History group

830956 Environment and footpaths

Other interests mentioned were tennis, slimming, walking/rambling, karate, IT Learning, wine appreciation, a babysitting circle and a combined group for photography-arts-crafts. If you wish to set up or join a group with these interests phone 830829.

We had a good response for help with the Village Fete in 2008 and requests for more family events.

Next Steps - Help us to help you

Please complete the Parish Plan Questionnaire in November, the paper copy or online if you wish. Everyone's response is vital to the success of the project and will form the basis of the Parish Plan.



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8th October 2007

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Dear Pattishall Parish Plan group,

I just wanted to write and congratulate you all on what appeared to be a very successful Future Needs Day on 29th September. I was very impressed with how professional the displays looked, and it was clear that a great deal of effort had been put into bringing it all together.

It was great to see so many people there and I hope you managed to gather some useful information from those who attended. As promised, I have enclosed the CD of pictures that I took in the morning. I have sent a couple of copies so that you can pass them around.

I have had a number of comments from staff here at ACRE on how good the displays looked, and calling the event an Open Forum also received positive comments. Would you be happy to send me a copy of the poster you used to advertise the event? We can then use this as an example of good practice for other groups who need ideas for posters and getting people interested in the Parish Plan.

I look forward to hearing the feedback from the event and hope that you have some good information on which to base your questionnaire. Once again, congratulations on a successful event and I will see you soon.

Yours sincerely

Kathryn Smith
Rural Officer

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<http://www.ruralnet.org.uk/~northantsacre>

The Parish Plan Questionnaire



Preparation of the Parish Plan questionnaire

In preparing the Parish Plan Questionnaire the objective was to produce a concise document, taking no more than 10 minutes to complete, with short questions that explored the key issues raised at the Open Forum. Research for the Questionnaire involved reviewing documents produced by other villages that had been through a similar process; taking advice from ACRE on the best questions to ask; testing questions with the Parish Plan Committee and investigating whether there were benefits to using a computer programme to build the Questionnaire.

The Committee decided to use the Form Builder feature on the host system of the new Parish website to develop the Questionnaire. This approach offered 2 main advantages; firstly residents could respond to the Questionnaire on-line via the Pattishall Parish website and secondly once all responses had been entered into the programme, data could be presented and analysed in a range of ways such as bar charts, pie charts, percentages or as statistics down loaded into Microsoft Excel. This approach enabled questions to be asked in a variety of ways. For example some questions provided a range of responses but the respondent could only pick one response, others enabled people to select as many responses as they felt appropriate. Some questions had boxes for respondents to provide comments or suggestions.

Structure of the questionnaire

The structure of the Questionnaire was 31 questions that built on the key issues raised at the Open Forum on 29 September 2007. These issues were grouped under the following topic areas; Parish Hall, Traffic, Transport, Parish Environment, Litter and Networking in the Community. Most of the questions focused on these topics however the first 3 questions were of a general nature providing demographic data on where respondents live, household number and age ranges.

The Questionnaire let residents remain anonymous however if they were interested in contributing to a Parish activity or joining a new group, there was an opportunity to provide contact details at the end of the Questionnaire.

The Parish Hall is an important amenity for the Pattishall community and the Questionnaire sought feedback on how frequently it is used; what facilities could be improved and what new facilities are needed. Traffic was raised as one of the major concerns at the Open Forum and the Questionnaire aimed to identify the trouble spots and what traffic calming devices residents would support. It also sought resident's views on whether parked cars caused them a problem and how happy they are with the bus service.

Questions on the Parish Environment focused on which green spaces could be improved; whether residents would support a new pocket park; where new play equipment should go and the age groups it should be aimed at. Questions on Litter asked residents to identify where new bins were needed for litter and dog poo.

The final set of questions dealt with Networking in the Community asking how residents find out about Parish events; whether they use the website and whether they would like a new notice board in School Road. An important outcome of the Questionnaire was to see whether residents were interested in joining a new activity group, a range of activity groups were listed for residents to select from. There were several questions relating to young people asking what activities were needed and for which age group. At the end of the Questionnaire residents were asked to identify their 3 priorities for the Parish and to provide any additional suggestions they may have.

Processing the questionnaire

The Questionnaire was delivered to every household in Pattishall Parish during early November with a covering letter stating that a member of the committee would call to collect the completed document over the weekend of 17/18 November 2007. The covering letter also provided the web address for the option of completing the Questionnaire on-line. The paper Questionnaires were collected during the last 2 weeks in November and the data entered on-line by a member of the committee.

A total of 373 Questionnaires were completed a response rate of 55%. The computer programme has enabled the data to be presented and analysed in a range of ways and this material has provided the statistical foundation for the Pattishall Parish Plan.



November 2007

PATTISHALL PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

The attached document is a questionnaire about Pattishall Parish, prepared by members of the Pattishall Parish Plan Committee. The purpose of the questionnaire is to seek your views on issues that were raised at the Open Forum on 29th September. Your responses will help shape the final Parish Plan report that will be produced and submitted to the Parish Council in December this year.

We would be very grateful if you would take 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire either on paper or on-line at www.pattishallparish.org.uk (go to the 'Complete the Parish Plan Questionnaire' link). Your responses are really important to progressing the Parish Plan and vital to shaping the type of community in which you want to live.

A member of the Pattishall Parish Plan Committee will call to collect your completed questionnaire on either November 17th or 18th 2007. If you are unsure about how to complete the questionnaire, or require a larger print size the Committee member will be able to assist you.

Your response to the questionnaire is anonymous however, if you would like to become involved in preparing the Parish Plan or any other Parish activity, there is an opportunity to provide your contact details at the end of the questionnaire.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

Roger Clarke
Chairman of the Pattishall Parish Plan Committee



PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Please tick the appropriate box(es)

choose one selection

multiple choice, select as many as you wish unless indicated otherwise

Some questions have a box for additional comments or suggestions.

General	
<p>Question 1</p> <p>Where do you live?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Ascote</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Cornhill</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dalscote</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Eastcote</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Fosters Booth</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Pattishall</p>
<p>Question 2</p> <p>How many people are in your household?</p>	
<p>Question 3</p> <p>Please show the age ranges:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 0-4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 5-10</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 11-15</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 16-17</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 18-24</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 25-49</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 50-64</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 65-74</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 75+</p>

Parish Hall	
<p>Question 4</p> <p>How often do you use the Parish Hall?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Weekly</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Monthly</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Quarterly</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Twice a year</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Once a year</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Never</p>
<p>Question 5</p> <p>What facilities could be improved?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Main Hall</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Small Hall</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Main Hall partitioning</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Toilets</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> External appearance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Car parking area</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Children's play area</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The hard court</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other- please comment below</p>
<p>Question 6</p> <p>Other, please enter your suggestion here:</p>	
Traffic	
<p>Question 7</p> <p>Does speeding traffic concern you?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Question 8</p> <p>If yes, where are the trouble spots?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Banbury Lane/Butchers' Lane</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Banbury Lane into Dalscote</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> School Road</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Astcote High Street</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Birds Hill Road</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gayton Road, Eastcote</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A5 at Fosters Booth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Astcote turn off A5</p>

Question 9	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Question 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic signs <input type="checkbox"/> Road narrowing <input type="checkbox"/> Village entry gates <input type="checkbox"/> Pelican crossings <input type="checkbox"/> Speed bumps <input type="checkbox"/> Speed cameras
Question 11	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Question 12	
Transport	
Question 13	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Do not use the bus service
Parish Environment	
Question 14	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Question 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Astcote Green <input type="checkbox"/> Pattishall Green <input type="checkbox"/> Eastcote Green <input type="checkbox"/> Village entry points <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Cross Churchyard <input type="checkbox"/> The Old Burial Ground <input type="checkbox"/> Butchers Lane play area <input type="checkbox"/> Booth Close play area <input type="checkbox"/> Footpaths and bridleways

<p>Question 16</p> <p>Would you support a new pocket park?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Question 17</p> <p>Where should the new play equipment go?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Butchers Lane play area</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Booth Close play area</p> <p><input type="radio"/> The playing field</p>
<p>Question 18</p> <p>For which age group?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> 2-8 years</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 8-14 years</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 14-18 years</p>
<p>Litter</p>	
<p>Question 19</p> <p>Where are new/extra litter bins needed?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Astcote</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cornhill</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dalscote</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eastcote</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fosters Booth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pattishall</p>
<p>Question 20</p> <p>Where are new/extra dog poo bins needed?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Astcote</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cornhill</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dalscote</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eastcote</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fosters Booth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pattishall</p>
<p>Networking in the Community</p>	
<p>Question 21</p> <p>Do you use the Parish website?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Did not know we have a Website</p>
<p>Question 22</p> <p>How do you find out about Parish Events?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Around Pattishall</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Parish website</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Notice boards</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Roadside posters</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth</p>

<p>Question 23</p> <p>Do we need a notice board in School Road?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Question 24</p> <p>Would you join any of these new groups?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Gardening/Allotment/Produce Show</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Exercise/Keep Fit/ Aerobics/Yoga</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Book and or Drama</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local and or Family History</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental and Footpaths</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> IT learning</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tennis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Slimming</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Walking/Rambling</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wine appreciation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Babysitting circle</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Photography/arts/crafts</p>
<p>Question 25</p> <p>Are activities for young people lacking?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Question 26</p> <p>Which age groups need more activities?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 8 years</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 8 -14 years</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 14 -18 years</p>
<p>Question 27</p> <p>What activities do young people need?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> A Youth Club</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Brownies/Guides/Cubs/Scouts</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sports Clubs – please show sport below</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other – please comment below</p>
<p>Question 28</p> <p>Other, please enter your suggestion here:</p>	

<p>Question 29</p> <p>Select your top 3 priorities:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Village Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Speeding traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Improved play areas/ equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Litter and or dog fouling <input type="checkbox"/> Street lighting <input type="checkbox"/> Improved footpaths/bridleways <input type="checkbox"/> A new Pocket Park <input type="checkbox"/> An improved Parish Hall <input type="checkbox"/> More community groups <input type="checkbox"/> Activities for young people <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbourhood Watch/Crime <input type="checkbox"/> More/improved village information
<p>Question 30</p> <p>Additional suggestions? Please enter here:</p>	
<p>Question 31</p> <p>Are you willing to actively contribute?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Parish Plan actions <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Other Parish events <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Join a new activity group <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – 2008 Village Fete <input type="checkbox"/> No – unable to help at this time
<p>If yes, please provide your phone number or email address:</p>	

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire, your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Questionnaire Results

	Responses	Number	%	% of total Q		% response
Q1	Where do you live? (366 Values)				366	98.4%
	Astcote	79	21.6%	21.2%		
	Cornhill	3	0.8%	0.8%		
	Dalscote	15	4.1%	4.0%		
	Eastcote	66	18.0%	17.7%		
	Fosters Booth	2	0.6%	0.5%		
	Pattishall	201	54.9%	54.0%		
Q3	Please show age ranges: (623 Values)					
	0-4	30	4.8%	8.1%		
	5 to 10	45	7.2%	12.1%		
	11 to 15	43	6.9%	11.6%		
	16-17	22	3.5%	5.9%		
	18-24	45	7.2%	12.1%		
	25-49	165	26.5%	44.4%		
	50-64	147	23.6%	39.5%		
	65-74	78	12.5%	21.0%		
	75+	48	7.7%	12.9%		
Q4	How often do you use the Parish Hall? (366 Values)				366	98.4%
	Weekly	54	14.8%	14.5%		
	Monthly	42	11.5%	11.3%		
	Quarterly	22	6.0%	5.9%		
	Twice a year	61	16.7%	16.4%		
	Once a year	75	20.5%	20.2%		
	Never	112	30.6%	30.1%		
Q5	What facilities could be improved? (960 Values)					
	Main Hall	138	14.4%	37.1%		
	Small Hall	75	7.8%	20.2%		
	Main Hall partitioning	68	7.1%	18.3%		
	Kitchen	108	11.3%	29.0%		
	Toilets	137	14.3%	36.8%		
	External appearance	185	19.3%	49.7%		
	Car parking area	121	12.6%	32.5%		
	Children's play area	69	7.2%	18.5%		
	The hard court	30	3.1%	8.1%		
	Other - please comment below	29	3.0%	7.8%		
Q7	Does speeding traffic concern you? (369 Values)				369	99.2%
	Yes	329	89.2%	88.4%		
	No	40	10.8%	10.8%		
Q8	If yes, where are the trouble spots? (840 Values)					
	Banbury Lane - Butchers' Lane	223	26.6%	59.9%		
	Banbury Lane into Dalscote	34	4.1%	9.1%		
	School Road	140	16.7%	37.6%		
	Astcote High Street	76	9.1%	20.4%		
	Birds Hill Road	34	4.1%	9.1%		
	Gayton Road Eastcote	31	3.7%	8.3%		
	A5 at Fosters Booth	154	18.3%	41.4%		
	Ascote turn off A5	148	17.6%	39.8%		

	Responses	Number	%	% of total Q		% response
Q9	Would you support traffic calming? (354 Values)				354	95.2%
	Yes	298	84.2%	80.1%		
	No	56	15.8%	15.1%		
Q10	What measures would you prefer? (589 Values)					
	Electronic signs	204	34.6%	54.8%		
	Road narrowing	77	13.1%	20.7%		
	Village entry gates at roadside	64	10.9%	17.2%		
	Pelican crossings	58	9.9%	15.6%		
	Speed bumps	80	13.6%	21.5%		
	Speed cameras	106	18.0%	28.5%		
Q11	Do parked cars cause you a problem? (352 Values)				352	94.6%
	Yes	172	48.9%	46.2%		
	No	180	51.1%	48.4%		
Q13	Are you happy with the bus service? (364 Values)				364	97.8%
	Yes	116	31.9%	31.2%		
	No	14	3.9%	3.8%		
	Do not use the bus service	234	64.3%	62.9%		
Q14	Could our green spaces be improved? (313 Values)				313	84.1%
	Yes	259	82.8%	69.6%		
	No	54	17.3%	14.5%		
Q15	If yes, select 3 areas for improvement: (705 Values)					
	Astcote Green	93	13.2%	25.0%		
	Pattishall Green	69	9.8%	18.5%		
	Eastcote Green	37	5.3%	9.9%		
	Village entry points	115	16.3%	30.9%		
	Holy Cross Churchyard	57	8.1%	15.3%		
	The Old Burial Ground	56	7.9%	15.1%		
	Butchers Lane play area	113	16.0%	30.4%		
	Booth Close play area	36	5.1%	9.7%		
	Footpaths and Bridleways	129	18.3%	34.7%		
Q16	Would you support a new Pocket Park? (312 Values)				312	83.9%
	Yes	232	74.4%	62.4%		
	No	80	25.6%	21.5%		
Q17	Where should the new play equipment go? (276 Values)					
	Butchers Lane play area	136	49.3%	36.6%		
	Booth Close play area	22	8.0%	5.9%		
	The playing field	118	42.8%	31.7%		
Q18	For which age group? (271 Values)					
	2 - 8 years	115	42.4%	30.9%		
	8 - 14 years	130	48.0%	34.9%		
	14 - 18 years	26	9.6%	7.0%		

	Responses	Number	%	% of total Q		% response
Q19	Where are new/extra litter bins needed? (467 Values)					
	Astcote	102	21.8%	27.4%		
	Cornhill	22	4.7%	5.9%		
	Dalscote	42	9.0%	11.3%		
	Eastcote	90	19.3%	24.2%		
	Fosters Booth	70	15.0%	18.8%		
	Pattishall	141	30.2%	37.9%		
Q20	Where are new/extra dog poo bins needed? (432 Values)					
	Astcote	83	19.2%	22.3%		
	Cornhill	19	4.4%	5.1%		
	Dalscote	41	9.5%	11.0%		
	Eastcote	93	21.5%	25.0%		
	Fosters Booth	63	14.6%	16.9%		
	Pattishall	133	30.8%	35.8%		
Q21	Do you use the Parish Website? (360 Values)				360	96.8%
	Yes	73	20.3%	19.6%		
	No	173	48.1%	46.5%		
	Did not know we have a Website	114	31.7%	30.6%		
Q22	How do you find out about Parish events? (845 Values)					
	Around Pattishall	310	36.7%	83.3%		
	Parish Website	34	4.0%	9.1%		
	Notice Boards	185	21.9%	49.7%		
	Roadside Posters	124	14.7%	33.3%		
	Word of mouth	192	22.7%	51.6%		
Q23	Do we need a notice board in School Rd? (275 Values)				275	73.9%
	Yes	181	65.8%	48.7%		
	No	94	34.2%	25.3%		
Q24	Would you join any of these groups? (618 Values)					
	Gardening/Allotment/Produce Show	64	10.4%	17.2%		
	Exercise/Keep Fit/Aerobics/Yoga	101	16.3%	27.2%		
	Book and or Drama	45	7.3%	12.1%		
	Local and or Family history	55	8.9%	14.8%		
	Environmental and Footpaths	52	8.4%	14.0%		
	Tennis	36	5.8%	9.7%		
	Slimming	28	4.5%	7.5%		
	Walking/Rambling	79	12.8%	21.2%		
	Wine appreciation	44	7.1%	11.8%		
	Babysitting circle	20	3.2%	5.4%		
	Photography/arts/crafts	56	9.1%	15.1%		
	IT Learning	38	6.2%	10.2%		
Q25	Are activities for young people lacking? (240 Values)				240	64.5%
	Yes	214	89.2%	57.5%		
	No	26	10.8%	7.0%		
Q26	Which age groups need more activities? (355 Values)					
	2 - 8 years	31	8.7%	8.3%		
	8 - 14 years	152	42.8%	40.9%		
	14 - 18 years	172	48.5%	46.2%		

	Responses	Number	%	% of total Q		% response
Q27	What activities do young people need? (432 Values)					
	A youth club	174	40.3%	46.8%		
	Brownies/Guides/Cubs/Scouts	115	26.6%	30.9%		
	Sports Clubs - show sport below	116	26.9%	31.2%		
	Other - please comment below	27	6.3%	7.3%		
Q29	Select your top 3 priorities: (1026 Values)	Top Priorities				
	Affordable Housing	80	7.8%	21.5%		
	Village Shop	217	21.2%	58.3%		
	Speeding traffic	200	19.5%	53.8%		
	Improved play areas/equipment	44	4.3%	11.8%		
	Litter and or dog fouling	58	5.7%	15.6%		
	Street Lighting	44	4.3%	11.8%		
	Improved footpaths/bridleways	54	5.3%	14.5%		
	A new Pocket Park	27	2.6%	7.3%		
	An improved Parish Hall	118	11.5%	31.7%		
	More community groups	17	1.7%	4.6%		
	Activities for young people	90	8.8%	24.2%		
	Neighbourhood Watch/Crime	63	6.1%	16.9%		
	More/improved village information	14	1.4%	3.8%		
Q31	Are you willing to actively contribute? (391 Values)					
	Yes - Parish Plan actions	44	11.3%	11.8%		
	Yes - Other Parish events	41	10.5%	11.0%		
	Yes - Join a new activity group	62	15.9%	16.7%		
	Yes - 2008 Village Fete	50	12.8%	13.4%		
	No unable to help at this time	194	49.6%	52.2%		

Pattishall & District Directory 2008

Pattishall Parish Council

Chairman:	Mr John Woollett	830470	Mr Roger Clarke	830509
	Mr Mike Bayley	830853	Mrs B Kelso	830522
	Mr David Hodges	830679	Mr Robert Hart	830746
	Mr Ray Vessey	830753	Mr D Mortimer	830544
	Mr Trevor Watts	830583		
Clerk:	Mrs A Addison	01604 858226	a_addison@btinternet.com	

Meet 2nd Thursday of month except August, at 7.45pm in Parish Hall.

Please send any corrections or changes to Andy Stewart, The Old Farmhouse, 13 High Street, Astcote (email andy@stewarts.me.uk, tel: 830042)

***Pattishall Parish Hall Management Committee
& Pattishall Playing Fields Association***

Chairman Ian Price	<i>bob648@btinternet.com</i>	830743
Secretary Imogen Jackson	<i>imogen@phonecoop.coop</i>	830312
Bookings David Mann	<i>bookings@pattishallparishhall.org.uk</i>	830793

Pattishall Hard Play Area

Contact Alastair Broadbent	<i>anne.broadbent@btclick.com</i>	830603
Bookings David Mann	<i>bookings@pattishallparishhall.org.uk</i>	830793

Eagles United Football Club

Contact Nick Bigley		01604 858004
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Around Pattishall Newsletter

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Mrs I Campion		830325
Mrs J Taylor		
Mrs A Addison	<i>a_addison@btinternet.com</i>	01604 858226

Astcote Methodist Chapel

Lunch Club (for the retired)
Monthly meetings, Contact Jean Barnes 830423

The Well Group
Christian ladies lunch – Meetings with speaker
Meet monthly, Contact Ann Atkin *ann.atkin@oglivyatkin.com* 830907

Children & Youth Groups
Contact John Atkin *johnatkin@oglivyatkin.com* 830907

House Groups – held on various evenings
Contact Ann Atkin *ann.atkin@oglivyatkin.com* 830907

Friday Tots
Under school age. 10am to 12 noon term time
Children play whilst parent/carers enjoy a chat over refreshments at Astcote Methodist Chapel.
Contact Jackie Bell 01604 587611

Pattishall Badminton Club

Contact Judy Taylor 830351
Meet Monday & Thursday eve 7.30pm Parish Hall

Pattishall Morning Badminton Club

Contact Bernard Rogers 830508
Meet Tuesday & Thursday mornings

Pattishall Beavers and Pattishall Cubs

Contact Barbara Parkinson 830245
Meet Mondays

Bee Swarm Co-Ordinator

Contact Mr Brian Dennis *herebebees@tiscali.co.uk* 01604 890117

Pattishall Belringers

Tower Captain Chris Bulleid *chris@bulleid.co.uk* 830065

Bridge Club

Contact: John Sheppard 830439
Meet Tuesday afternoons – Cold Higham Hall

Pattishall Brownies

Leader Mrs D Hart 830607

Christian Bible Study Group

Contact Ann Atkin *ann.atkin@oglivyatkin.com* 830907

The Cold Higham Art Group

Contact: Colin Bywater 830343
Meet in Cold Higham Hall most Thursdays 7pm-9pm

Cold Higham Hall

Bookings Gill Rowe 830990

Craft Group

Contact: Nita Pearson 830263
Meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays pm at Cold Higham Hall

Dance Classes

Contact Jenny Broadbent *pjbroadbent@aol.com* 830043
Children's Dance Class Saturday am
Adult Tap Wednesday evenings, Cold Higham Hall

Friends of Pattishall School

Secretary Clare Hodges 830301

Parish Footpath Warden

Contact: John Taylor 830996

Pattishall Good Neighbours Club (over 60's)

Secretary Mrs P Gilkes 830805
Meet 2nd Thurs in month at 1.45pm in Parish Hall during winter
Outings during summer

Pattishall Line Dance Club

Contact Suzanne Raper *Suzanne.raper@talktalk.net* 830279
Meet Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons
Contact Val Robinson 359640
Meet Wednesday evenings

Pattishall Mums & Tots

Contact Jo Nicholls 830684
Wed 1.30 – 3.00pm term time. All welcome, come along for
tea and cake and meet other mums and tots.

Music Groups

Contact Chris Younger (any instrument) 830476
Meet monthly on a Wednesday afternoon

Contact M Waller 830276
Meet Thursday evenings

Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator

Contact Peter & Linda Hemming *linda_hemming@hotmail.com* 830744

Pattishall Pre-School Group

Contact: Mobile (term time only) 07901 734460
Lindsay Bignell 830944

Meet in the Parish Hall

Monday 09:15 - 12:15 (or until 13:00 Lunch Club)

Tuesday 09:15 - 12:15 and 13:45 – 15:45 (two sessions)

Wednesday 09:15 - 12:15 (or until 13:00 Lunch Club) Pre-school children

Thursday 09:15 - 12:15 and 13:45 – 15:45 (two sessions)

Friday 09:15 -12:15 (or until 13:00 Lunch Club)

Contact the above to add your child's name to the waiting list

Pattishall School Swimming Club

Secretary Jan Dycek 830657

League Table Tennis

Contact: Dale Furniss 830118
Meet Monday evenings. New members welcome.

Walking Club

Contact: Steve Rowe *steve.rowe2@btinternet.com* 830990
Meet Tuesday evenings during summer

Pattishall Women's Institute

President Ann Williams 831143
W.I meets on the 2nd Wed of the month at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall. We welcome new members who would enjoy our varied programme and social activities. Notices of meetings are placed on noticeboards.

Pattishall Youth Club

Contact: Roz Miles *rozmiles@btinternet.com* 830491
Meet Tues eve. 7.30pm to 9.15pm – Helpers urgently needed

LOCAL DELIVERIES

M Blunt Fruit & Vegetables 01604 845830
Roy Hunt Butcher – Friday deliveries 350243
Dairy Crest Milk delivered 01908 312121
Tuesday/Thursday & Saturday

POST OFFICES

Greens Norton Post Office 350265
Bugbrooke Post Office, High St 01604 830338
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.00-12.30 & 1.30-5.30pm
Wed 9.00-12.30 Sat 9.00-12 noon

PUBLIC HOUSES

Eastcote Arms, Gayton Road, Eastcote 830731
Red Lion, Watling St, Fosters Booth 830259

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Northampton General Hospital 01604 634700

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

Greens Norton Medical Centre Drs Akram, Mike Greenhalgh, Jill Greenhalgh, Diane Geatch	358287
Towcester Medical Centre Drs Hooker, Beedham, Ward, Andrew & Nicola Odwell, Emma Clancy	359953
Towcester Medical Centre Drs Supple, Burgess, Srin, Williams & Ade	359339
The Surgery, Levitts Road, Bugbrooke Drs Shribman, Miller, Helen Warwick, Robert Martin, Robert Kilpatrick	01604 830348
Newcroft, Weedon Drs JHW and KE Hill, Gardner, Williams	340212

LOCAL SCHOOLS

Pattishall C of E School, School Rd, Pattishall Headteacher: Brian Curtis	830301
Campion Secondary School, Bugbrooke Headteacher: Mr Bob Clayton	01604 833900

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Church of England Holy Cross, Pattishall & St Luke, Cold Higham Rector: The Rev Paul Broadbent, The Vicarage	830043
Baptist Church, Gayton Rd, Eastcote Secretary: Michael Wills	01604 831267
Methodist Church, High St, Ascote Secretary Ann Atkin Sunday School: Kate Stretton Room Hire Kate Stretton	830907 830115 830115

NEWSAGENTS

Newspaper Delivery Smiths Newsagents	01295 268499
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LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

Northamptonshire County Council	01604 236236
South Northants Council	322322

REPRESENTATIVES

Member of Parliament: Tim Boswell	
Boswell House, Courtenhall Road, Blisworth	01604 859721
or House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA	020 7219 3000
County Councillor – Greens Norton Division	
Ben Smith, Orchard House, Banbury Rd, Litchborough	830144
District Councillor – Blakesley & Cote Ward	
Jim Byrom, Westgate House, Eastcote Rd, Gayton	01604 859355
Sandy Smallman	01327 860421

OTHER TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Anglian Water	0845 714 5145
Citizens Advice Bureau	01604 636642
Electricity, street lighting, drainage, highway problems:	<i>contact your local Parish Clerk</i>
Police (Daventry)	300300
Refuse Collection (SNC)	0845 2300226
SNC Emergency number	322399

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE (Fridays, every 3 weeks)

<u>Stop</u>	<u>Time</u>
Fosters Booth 8 Pool Close	10.55am – 11.10am
Pattishall Leys/Festival Rd	11.15am – 11.35am
Astcote The Green	11.45am – 12.05pm
Eastcote The Elms, Gayton Rd	12.15pm – 12.30pm

Dates

26 October 2007	29 February 2008
16 November 2007	21 March 2008 – no visit (bank holiday)
7 December 2007	11 April 2008
18 January 2008	2 May 2008
8 February 2008	23 May 08

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Website Editorial Policy

and

House Style Guidelines

Editorial Policy pattishallparish.org.uk

This document sets out the editorial policy for the production of information to be published on the Pattishall Parish website www.pattishallparish.org.uk

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that information is produced to a high standard, is accurate, current and accessible to Parishioners and the public audience on the internet.

This policy covers information produced for the Pattishall Parish website including but not limited to:

- News section
- Parish Council
- Parish Plan
- General Information
- Local Businesses and Services
- Advertising
- Links to other websites
- Questions and answers section

Pattishall Parish website is hosted by Pattishall Parish Council, developed and maintained by the editorial team:

Webeditors: Bob Illingworth, Andy Stewart

Parish Council: Barbara Kelso

Site user representative: Nic Boyd

Design Consultant: Oliver Rogers

The website is not a commercial site; the costs of hosting and maintaining the site are met through the generous support of local people, groups and businesses. We are grateful for the support of these people.

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Site Planning

New content is approved by the Pattishall Parish editorial team. Subjects for new content are selected according to:

- Feedback from parishioners and site users
- On request by village groups requiring their own section
- Village events or diary dates
- Previously identified gaps in site content

Detailed planning of site design, house style and writing programme is set twice yearly by the Pattishall Parish website editorial team and detailed in the Pattishall Parish writers' guidelines. The guidelines are reviewed for approval by Pattishall Parish Council in January and July of each year.

Writing and editing

The writer is responsible for producing a first draft of new material. Each information draft is edited by the Pattishall Parish editorial team and checked for:

- Readability
- Grammar
- Punctuation
- Style
- Links within each section, to other parts of the site and to other sites

The house style must be adhered to for all site content. Information or articles sent in by site users may be altered to remove material that could cause offence to others or statements that could compromise the aims and beliefs of Pattishall Parish. We reserve the right to make minor changes to assist with clarity, for example: correcting spelling or grammar where necessary. Such changes are kept to a minimum. New sections or significant multipage entries will be proof read by a second member of the editorial team.

All pages must have the date the content was originally launched, or last reviewed.

Site Design

Site Navigation (left hand frame)

The navigation frame is the prime means of accessing information on the site and will display the menus for all the site sections. It will always be visible which ever page is being displayed.

Main frame

The main frame section displays the home page, which will include an image of the Parish that reflects the current season and a brief welcome message. Once selected, all information is displayed here in various formats but access to both the navigation frame and the news section remain.

News Section (right hand frame)

The News section prime purpose is to advertise and promote village events, highlight significant parish activities and serve as a reminder of diary dates for the current week. It may also provide links to reports of recent events.

Site Content

Around Pattishall

The website is designed to be complimentary to Around Pattishall and provide an additional source of Parish information. The site will include an Around Pattishall section and provide access to the current and immediate past edition. Around Pattishall will be presented in portable document format (pdf) to enable a print friendly version to be retrieved from the site.

Local Business and Services

Local Business and Services that pay to advertise in Around Pattishall will be listed in the site's Local Business and Services directory at no additional cost. Local Business and Services may sponsor the site for a monthly fee. The current sponsor will be featured on the home page for a calendar month, with an image in the News section, a link to a detailed profile and an acknowledgment of their support displayed in the centre of the main frame. Sponsors will also be highlighted in the

Local Business and Services directory. The editorial team reserves the right to decline a prospective sponsor.

Advertising

The current policy does not offer Parishioners the opportunity to advertise items for sale or exchange. This will be reviewed on an on-going basis within the site planning policy as it develops.

Forums

The current policy does not offer Parishioners the opportunity to on-line forums or blogs. This will be reviewed on an on-going basis within the site planning policy as it develops.

Questions and Answers

The frequently asked Questions and Answers section is updated regularly and based on

- Questions sent in by site users
- Topical items that have been referred to the Parish Council together with the response
- Items provided by village groups

Publishing

Pattishall Parish has an on line content editing and management system. All site content is launched through this system. Site content is launched by one the Pattishall Parish Web Editors, who must check each page on the front end of the site for layout errors or non-working links.

Periodic review of existing content

The News section will be reviewed and updated weekly. Time and dates for upcoming events will be displayed for the current week. Future dates will be displayed as space permits.

For existing site content, we have a strong commitment to retaining currency of information. Content that is no longer current will be removed three months after the last review date; a temporary placeholder may be inserted while updated content is awaited. If no new/updated content is received within three months of a placeholder then we reserve the right to remove the section from the site.

Feedback

Feedback should be sent by email to webeditor@pattishallparish.org.uk

All Pattishall Parish site feedback is read and noted by a member of the editorial team. Feedback contains suggestions for new material, questions on material that we do not currently supply and comments on the accessibility of the site and ease of use. We are happy to receive all feedback. Any comments received about inaccuracies on site, or technical difficulties are acted on as soon as they are received. Small problems can usually be solved the same day (typos, broken links etc). More complex queries are dealt with as soon as possible. We will record and respond to all legitimate comments, suggestions and complaints, and take them into account when producing future information.

Anyone who offers feedback to the site and provides their email address is replied to. Normally, replies are sent by the webeditor.

Links to other websites

We provide links to websites that provide **additional** and helpful information for site users. For example: our neighbouring Parish, Cold Higham.
www.coldhigham.org.uk

All sites we link to must be reputable and produce reliable, high quality information that is regularly updated. Links are approved on an individual basis. Suitable links to include are discussed at editorial team meetings, as are all ad hoc requests for links that we receive. We reserve the right to refuse to link to any website that we do not consider suitable for inclusion.

Policy review date

This policy will be reviewed on or before January 2009.

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Pattishall Parish Writers' Guidelines

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Style guide

The website and information will usually be published using the Arial type font. Please use upper and lower case and avoid overuse of capitals and emboldened type.

Americanisms

We are a UK site and do not use Americanisms, including American spellings. Verbs should end in -ise, not -ize for example: recognise.

'A' or 'an'

We don't use 'an' before words beginning with 'h', unless the 'h' is silent for example: 'a herb' not 'an herb'; 'a home', not 'an home'.

Abbreviations

We do not use abbreviations unless it is detrimental not to, preferring to write in full - for example, not eg. If we do, we don't use full stops between letters in abbreviations.

Acronyms

Don't put full stops between letters for example PC not P.C. Spell out in full on first use, with abbreviation in brackets following – Parish Council (PC). Subsequently, use abbreviation. We do not use an apostrophe after a plural abbreviation for example GPs not GPs'.

Contact details

Please include contact details with your article

Use Phone instead of Tel.

Email does not have a hyphen.

Website should be all one word.

Margins (A4 paper)

Top and bottom: 2.54cm

Left and Right: 3cm

Numbers

Numbers up to ten or less should be written in text, beyond ten use digits. For example: eight not 8, 24 as 24.

Images and photographs

Image and Photograph files should be attached as jpeg files (.jpg). These will be compressed to reduce file sizes and improve download speed from the site.

Text

Copy text should be font size 10,11 or 12 dependent on the document size, black text on white background

Titles and Headings

TITLES - can be upper case or **Titles** - upper and lowercase, font size 16, emboldened. Do not underscore/underline.

Headings - upper and lowercase, font size 14, emboldened. Do not underscore/underline.



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Village Walks

Pattishall Parish

Northamptonshire – England

Astcote - Cornhill - Dalscote – Eastcote – Fosters Booth - Pattishall

Welcome to the Pattishall Parish Website



Photograph Iris Illingworth

Site sponsor June: [gmd recruitment](#) [read more](#)

Pattishall Parish includes the villages of Astcote, Dalscote, Eastcote, Fosters Booth, Pattishall and the hamlet of Cornhill. It is set in a rural area on the borders of the Northamptonshire Heights and the Nene Valley. Located 6km north of Towcester adjacent to the Roman Watling Street (A5) and Banbury Lane, an ancient drove way.

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News



gmd recruitment is a specialist consultancy based in Pattishall
[Read more or visit website](#)

New play equipment being installed [Read more](#)

Parish Plan Update [Read more](#)

Parish Council News 1. Special Constables - 2. Parking causing obstruction [Read more](#)

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