

# Shrewley Parish Plan

2014





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“ I think we need to maintain a rural community without industrial building in the Parish. ”



This plan represents the culmination of over two years' work and a consultation process involving the whole Parish. It has been produced by a committee of volunteers, set up with the encouragement of the Parish Council, but working independently. The steering group has worked hard to engage as many Shrewley residents as possible through the Household Survey and we are delighted to have achieved a response rate of over 60% - the national average being around 25%.

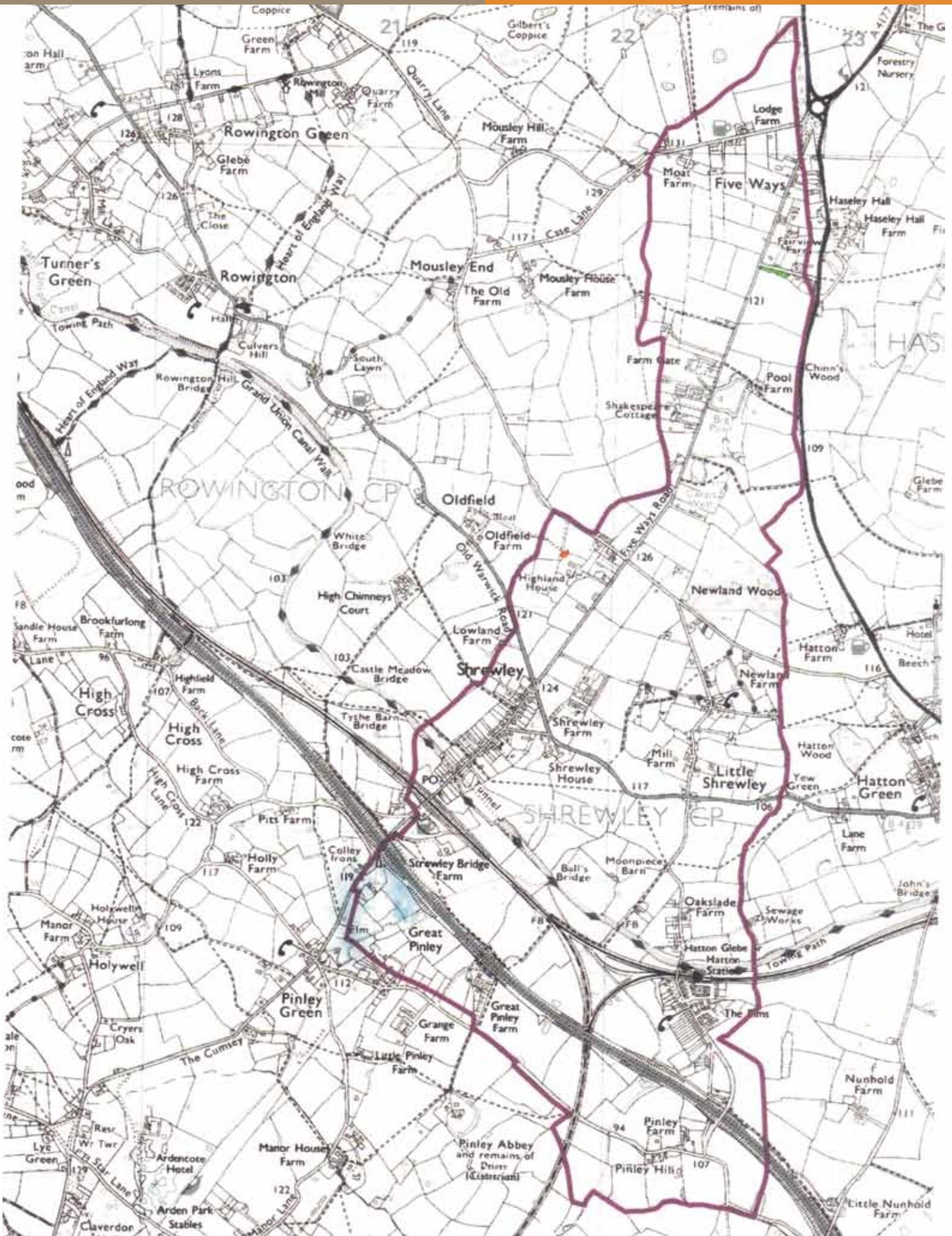
In adopting this plan, the Parish Council expresses appreciation of the efforts which have gone into its production, and confirms the Parish Council's support for the principles and actions defined in it. The Parish Council will also request that the relevant parts of the plan be adopted by the local planning authority, which would then take its contents into consideration in reaching planning decisions which affect the Parish.

Some of the identified actions are in areas where the Parish Council can take relevant decisions or exert influence, and these actions will be progressed as opportunities arise. Other actions lie clearly outside the remit of the Parish Council, or represent longer-term aspirations, and efforts by others in these areas will be encouraged and supported as far as possible.

Publication of this plan should be seen as the start rather than the end of a process. Therefore the Parish Plan Steering Group in conjunction with the Parish Council will regularly review the plan and encourage initiatives over the coming years to keep the contents updated and to extend it into more detail where this may be beneficial.

**Shrewley Parish Plan Steering Group**

# Map



## **Shrewley Parish**

Shrewley Parish, in the Forest of Arden in rural Warwickshire, lies about five miles north-west of Warwick and consists of Shrewley Common, Little Shrewley, Hatton Station, Five Ways Road and part of Case Lane.

Little Shrewley is a hamlet of attractive old and new houses and was once the hub of the area. In the 1930's it had a pin factory, a coal yard, grinding mill and a large nursery, all of which ceased functioning after the Second World War.

Shrewley Common was merely an area of open land in Little Shrewley's heyday, although in 1960 a Roman settlement was discovered when homes were built on the strawberry patch. It consists mainly of modern houses on a straight road with the Village Stores and Post Office forming the hub of the village. The Durham Ox is situated on the western boundary between the M40 motorway, completed in 1988, and the Birmingham to London railway, built in 1852. The Grand Union Canal passes under the village in an unusual tunnel built in 1798.

Hatton Station is a linear settlement mainly developed in the 1950s and 1960s. It evolved around the former Great Western Railway station, which is currently operated by Chiltern Railways providing a direct service to London, Birmingham and Stratford upon Avon.

Case Lane is a straight lane only partly in Shrewley Parish at the northern boundary, with traditional cottages and farms, together with the 300 year old The Case is Altered country pub. The Case is Altered is a traditional pub and people visit for the excellent ale and atmosphere.

Shrewley Parish has no church but until the 1990's had an independent chapel on Shrewley Common, which has now been turned into a dwelling.

## **The Parish Plan**

The Parish Plan is a document setting out how the residents of Shrewley Parish want to see the area develop over the next few years. This plan for the future will be formally adopted by the Parish Council, Warwick District Council and Warwickshire County Council. It will be used to guide decision makers and policy makers about our vision for the future.

# Crime and Disorder

## The Issues

- The majority of respondents feel that Crime and Disorder is not a major issue within the Parish.
- Many respondents feel that the police presence within Shrewley Parish is low.
- More than half of respondents felt able to talk to the police if they were required.
- Out of 13 responses that indicated having been a victim of a crime, 7 related to vehicle crime and 5 related to burglary.
- The perception by the majority of respondents is that the Parish is a safe place to live and work.
- The major concern amongst respondents was regarding enforcement of speed limits in Shrewley Common and along Five Ways Road.

## The Solutions

- Ensure that more is done to make the community aware of the Warwick Rural West Community policing team and the work that they do.
- Encourage the development of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme within Shrewley Parish and investigate ways in which to include as many residents as possible.
- Encourage Warwick Rural West Safer Neighbourhoods Team to distribute information on preventing vehicle crime and burglary.
- Introduce a 'community speed-watch' scheme and a team of volunteers who can identify speeding vehicles in the area and pass details to the police. Encourage police to conduct speed checks more regularly.

## Action

- Aim to include every household within the Parish on the Neighbourhood Watch mailing list (either by email or printed material).  
**Timescale – 2015**
- Encourage installation of signage, stickers, etc. to make it clear that Shrewley Parish has an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme in order to discourage burglars.  
**Timescale – 2015**
- Results of the Household Survey to be communicated to Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service and West Midlands Ambulance Service.  
**Timescale – early 2014**
- Establish a 'Community Speed Watch' committee and run regular speed check exercises across the Parish.  
**Timescale – 2015/16**
- Encourage Police to conduct regular speed check exercises in the Parish.  
**Timescale – 2015/16**

## Comments from the Household Survey

*"Very prompt response from police on the only occasion that we have had to contact them over the past 3 years."*

*"We are quite a safe area but crime has increased over the last two years. Not enough information is relayed to the village people."*

*"I would like to see more police presence, particularly to tackle the speeding."*

# Education and Training

## The Issues

- The lack of schools within the Parish was not a concern to the majority of respondents, with only 29% of respondents feeling that there is insufficient provision within the Parish for their household's educational needs.
- Over 55% of respondents felt that they knew where they could find information about their household's educational needs. A further 27% of respondents said that they would have no cause to look for information, suggesting that they feel they have no educational need within their household.
- 64% felt that recreational classes were important to their household and 17% of respondents would volunteer their time to deliver recreational classes.

## The Solutions

- Establish links with nearby Parishes (e.g. Hatton, Haseley & Rowington) to share resources with regard to recreational classes.
- Ensure good transport links from all areas of the Parish to local schools are maintained.
- Introduce more recreational classes.
- Create a directory of recreational classes currently on offer within the Parish and communicate to residents via the Parish Plan document.

## Action

- Feedback comments with regard to local educational establishments to local schools and School Links bus service.

**Timescale - 2014**

- Conduct a survey of recreational classes in nearby parishes and look into whether classes required could serve more than one Parish to increase viability.  
**Timescale – 2014**
- Include information about recreational classes currently on offer and contact details for organisers within the Parish Plan document.  
**Timescale – early 2014**
- Introduce a community car sharing scheme for recreational classes to allow residents access to transport to access recreational classes in nearby Parishes.  
**Timescale – 2014/15**
- Investigate feasibility of introducing a local history club and book club.  
**Timescale – 2015/16**

## Comments from the Household Survey

*“Could be more thought into recreational planning for young teenage children, as there is not much for them to do in Shrewley.”*

*“I don’t think it is realistic for significant educational facilities to be available in the Parish and we have a good selection nearby. What is probably more useful for the Parish inhabitants is transport and childcare to enable them to take up the facilities elsewhere.”*

*Recreational Class Suggestions: Local history, Book club, First aid, Languages, Fitness, Mother & Toddler Groups, Baking/ Cooking*

# Emergency Services

## The Issues

- More than half of respondents feel satisfied with the response time of the emergency services in Shrewley Parish. A further 34% neither agreed nor disagreed, suggesting that they had not had any experience with the emergency services.
- Over 85% of respondents feel that a 'Community First Responder' scheme would benefit the Parish. Nearly a quarter of respondents said that they would consider becoming a 'Community First Responder'.
- Some respondents highlighted the closure of Warwick fire station, the nearest fire station to the Parish, as a particular concern.

## The Solutions

- Communicate the levels of satisfaction to the relevant emergency services.
- Establish a 'Shrewley Community First Responders' scheme.
- Investigate the impact of the Warwick fire station closure on fire service response times to Shrewley parish and communicate these to residents.

## Action

- Results of the Household Survey to be communicated to Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service and West Midlands Ambulance Service.  
**Timescale – early 2014**
- Investigate both West Midlands Ambulance Service and St John Ambulance Community First Responders Scheme and establish which would be most suited to the Parish. Appeal to Shrewley residents to volunteer, and set up a Community First Responders management committee.  
**Timescale – 2014**

- Request that Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service attend a Parish Council meeting or Parish Annual Assembly in order to discuss the impact of the closure of Warwick Fire Station and allow residents the opportunity to air their concerns.

**Timescale - 2014**

## Comments from the Household Survey

*"We can get to Warwick Hospital in 10 minutes. We had occasion (on our GP's advice) to dial 999 for an ambulance. It took almost 1.5 hours to get to the hospital and they agreed with us, it would be quicker to drive ourselves there."*

*"When I have needed the emergency services they have been very prompt - it is vital that this should always be so."*

## What are 'Community First Responders'?

Community First Responder volunteers are trained to attend emergency calls received by the ambulance service and provide care until the ambulance arrives. Volunteers can arrive at an emergency scene in a matter of minutes, as they are sent to calls in their local area.

Volunteers operate as part of a rota system from their own home or place of work. They are dispatched at the same time as an ambulance via ambulance control to attend Category A 'immediately life – threatening' calls. These calls can include:

- cardiac arrest
- diabetic emergency
- unconscious patient
- breathing difficulties
- seizures.

# Environment and Sustainability

## The Issues

- The majority of respondents (80%) felt that fields within the Parish should be maintained for productive farming. Only 14% agreed that division of fields and erection of buildings is good for the Parish, with the majority disagreeing that this is the case.
- Most respondents felt that litter was not an issue within the Parish, but that dog waste was more of an issue.
- The majority of respondents felt that provision of public footpaths and in particular canal towpaths needs improvement within the Parish.
- 74% of respondents felt that mains gas installation would benefit their properties.

## The Solutions

- The strong feelings of respondents surrounding fields being maintained for productive farming and erection of buildings within fields should be noted by the Parish Council and these views taken into account when commenting on future planning applications for such development.
- Where no planning permission is required for such development, the Village Design Statement should include clear guidelines for division of fields and erection of buildings within fields.
- Find ways of educating dog owners within the Parish of the importance of clearing up dog waste and encourage them in every way possible to do so.
- Create volunteer groups to help maintain canal towpaths and public footpaths across the Parish as well as raising awareness of public footpaths within the area.

## Action

- Consult with Warwick District Council dog warden scheme on best practice for reducing dog waste and educating dog owners on the importance of clearing up dog waste.  
**Timescale – 2014**
- Include clear guidelines on division of fields and erection of buildings within fields in the Village Design Statement.  
**Timescale – 2015**
- Communicate results of the Household Survey to the Canal & River Trust and Warwickshire County Council and establish the opportunity for community involvement in the maintenance of footpaths and towpaths.  
**Timescale – 2014**
- Set up community volunteer groups for the maintenance of canal towpaths and public footpaths within the Parish.  
**Timescale – 2014-2016**
- Investigate feasibility of mains gas installation and communicate to residents.  
**Timescale – 2014-2015**

## Comments from the Household Survey

*“This is a rural parish and therefore we need to preserve it - there seems to be less used for agricultural purposes and more for leisure e.g. liveries”*

*“Oil is expensive and as most properties in our area have either oil or LPG. A main gas service would be of benefit to the area especially the elderly.”*

*“Public footpaths are poorly signposted and poorly maintained - they’re impassible with a dog (and in some cases totally impassible because of overgrowth or mud). There is an awful lot of litter thrown from cars in the verges near Hatton Station, a community litterpick might be an answer.”*

# Health and Social Services

## The Issues

- The health of the Parish appears to be generally good, with the majority of respondents (60%) visiting their GP for treatment or consultation 'a few times each year'.
- Despite this, nearly half (48%) of respondents felt that they would like a surgery to be based within the Parish on a full or part time basis. A further 30% neither agreed nor disagreed with this statement.
- Nearly 65% of respondents were satisfied with the distance to their nearest pharmacy.
- The A&E facilities at Warwick Hospital are extremely valued by the Parish with 88% of respondents highlighting its importance.
- Whilst the majority of respondents appeared to have no views on the provision of outreach services (e.g. health visitors, home carers or social services) within the Parish, 30% of those who did express an opinion agreed that they were satisfied.

## The Solutions

- Highlight to local NHS Foundation Trust the importance of maintaining a fully operational A&E department to the Parish and everything possible to support it.
- The feasibility of a doctor visiting a central location in the Parish (e.g. Shrewley Village Hall) should be investigated to address comments about residents needing to have access to their own transport to be able to access healthcare services.

## Action

- Communicate results of the Household Survey to South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust in order to highlight the importance of the A&E department at Warwick Hospital to Shrewley Parish.

**Timescale - 2014**

- Communicate comments from Household Survey respondents to Claverdon Surgery, which seems to be the most frequently used surgery for Shrewley Parish residents.  
**Timescale - 2014**
- Investigate the feasibility of a visiting doctor for the Parish and communicate to residents.  
**Timescale - 2014**

## Comments from the Household Survey

*"We hardly ever need to go to the doctors surgery at Claverdon, but have been appalled over the past three years how difficult it is to get an appointment within 72 hours."*

*"The Claverdon surgery is essential to the area and must be preserved."*

*"Amenities are good but glad I have my own transport to get there!"*

*"Not had the need for these services. I have a car, so am able to drive to services. However I can imagine it might be quite difficult for older membership of the community to do this, or those without a car."*

*"A doctor visiting the village hall would be good, as would a pharmacy in the parish - however I am not sure they're financially viable."*

# Housing and Planning

## The Issues

- There is a divide in the Parish about the need for future housing – however the responses to the Household Survey do offer some insight into the feelings of respondents. 45% of respondents felt that housing could be accommodated within the Parish in the future, and 55.5% respondents felt that it could not.
- Where respondents felt that housing should be accommodated, starter homes, family homes and affordable housing were identified as necessary by the majority of respondents.
- Over 80% of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed that “industrial” development should be allowed in the Parish.
- The majority (87%) of respondents felt that only development that is in-keeping with the character of the Parish should be allowed.
- Several areas were identified as suitable for development within the Parish, including:  
Land near the M40 in Hatton Station  
Land near Great Pinley  
Hughes Hill  
Between Five Ways & Stoney Lane  
Waste Land at back of Oakdene Crescent  
Area of land near Durham Ox/ Railway Line in Shrewley Common.

## The Solutions

- In order to develop a clearer understanding of the exact needs of the Parish in the future, a ‘Future Housing Needs’ consultation should be carried out in consultation with the Warwickshire Rural Community Council. The results should be added to this plan when the survey is complete.
- In order to ensure that development is in-keeping with the character of the Parish, it is important to define that character. A Village Design Statement should be carried out and added to this plan in the future.

- Results of the Parish Plan should be fed into Warwick District Council's 'local plan' which sets out its vision for creating new housing across the district over the next few years.

## Action

- Carry out a 'Future Housing Needs' consultation and feed-back results to residents through an update of the Parish Plan.  
**Timescale - 2014/15**
- Complete a 'Village Design Statement' and add the results to the Parish Plan.  
**Timescale - 2015**
- Results of the Household Survey to be communicated to Warwick District Council – in particular the teams and Councillor responsible for the 'local plan'.  
**Timescale - 2014**

## Comments from the Household Survey

*"Before any further building is permitted, much thought should go into considering adding traffic and parking space. The construction of affordable homes in Oakdene Crescent has resulted in overcrowded parking - limiting visibility and increasing risk of an accident especially with children playing between the cars."*

*"I think we need to maintain a rural community not allow industrial building in the Parish."*

*"Businesses [should be allowed] that fit with the rural atmosphere. Not large industrial developments that would increase traffic, noise and pollution."*

*"Development in the Parish needs to be controlled to maintain the rural character..."*

# Information and Communication

## The Issues

- Over half of respondents were not satisfied with the current broadband speed in the Parish.
- 82% of respondents were happy with the service provided by the Royal Mail.
- Most respondents use the Parish Noticeboards, Ferncombe News or word of mouth to find out what is happening in the Parish. The majority of respondents felt that information about the Parish is freely available to them.

## The Solutions

- Support the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Superfast Broadband project through providing statistical information gained through the household survey relating to both broadband providers and current satisfaction in the area.
- Investigate how implementation of 4G broadband would benefit the parish and feedback to residents through noticeboards and Parish Council.
- Lobby for the upgrade of infrastructure in all areas of the parish to deliver broadband speeds of greater than 10MB.
- Maintain the current level of information available through Parish noticeboards.

## Action

- Pass statistical information about broadband provider and usage to CSW Superfast Broadband Parish Co-Ordinator.  
**Timescale – 2014**
- Investigate how implementation of 4G broadband would benefit the parish and feedback to residents through noticeboards and Parish Council.  
**Timescale – 2014/15**

- Results of the Household Survey to be communicated to BT, Mobile Telephone providers and Royal Mail.

**Timescale – early 2014**

- Improve communications within the Parish by creating a Parish directory.

**Timescale – 2014**

## Comments from the Household Survey

*“Broadband speed is very poor and will upgrade as more people use smart TV and iPlayer”*

*“More proactive communication from Parish would be good. For example, is there an email newsletter/information source we could sign up to? Broadband and mobile reception levels feel very dated in this day and age!”*

*“I strongly believe that we shouldn’t have any more mobile phone masts within the village. If residents cannot get a phone signal they should change their provider! Tesco provides excellent coverage!”*

# Local Government

## The Issues

- Only around 40% of respondents felt that there is enough information available about services provided by local government - i.e. Warwick District Council and Warwickshire County Council. Comments throughout the survey suggested that there is general confusion about which local authority provides which service.
- The majority of respondents use the kerbside recycling collections but some identified an opportunity to recycle more and reduce the environmental impact of the Parish. 92% agreed or strongly agreed that information on recycling collections was as clear as possible. The majority of opinions expressed by respondents within this section of the Household Survey related to refuse collection and kerbside recycling.
- There is mixed opinion on the mobile library service – in Hatton Station and Shrewley Common, the majority of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed that they knew when and where a mobile library service is available to them. The majority of respondents from Little Shrewley neither agreed nor disagreed whilst in Five Ways & Case Lane, the majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they knew when and where the mobile library service was available.

## The Solutions

- The mobile library service is 'use it or lose it' so the Parish should do everything it can to support the service. The profile of the service needs to be raised in Hatton Station and Shrewley Common in particular.
- At least maintain - and develop where possible - the kerbside recycling service with Warwick District Council.
- Include a list of commonly used local government services (which includes the relevant local authority and department that is accountable for the service) within a Parish directory.

## Action

- Results of the Household Survey to be communicated to Warwickshire District Council and Warwickshire County Council – in particular the Waste Services / Recycling team.  
**Timescale - 2014**
- In consultation with Warwickshire County Council's mobile library service, attempt raise the profile of the service in Hatton Station, Shrewley Common and Little Shrewley through additional marketing and the review of when and where the mobile library service is available in these areas.  
**Timescale – 2014**
- Discuss with Warwick District Council and Warwickshire County Council ways in which information about their services could better be fed back to residents in rural communities.  
**Timescale - 2014**

## Comments from the Household Survey

*"Very efficient service, wish the green bins were larger."*

*"Haven't sought information on mobile library nor local government services."*

*"The refuse collection system is EXCELLENT. Recycling info is clear and readily available to all"*

*"Would like to be able to recycle more plastic waste."*

# Religion

## The Issues

- Whilst over half of respondents said that they held a religious faith or belief, the majority did not hold an opinion about the importance of religion in the Parish.
- Only 10% of respondents did not feel able to practice their religious faith and belief within the Parish – and only 5% felt that more provision needed to be given to places of worship.
- Out of 27 respondents who expressed their opinion in the “tell us your views” section, almost all said that they were happy to travel outside of the Parish to practice their religious faith and belief.

## The Solutions

- Residents in Shrewley are mostly satisfied with, or unaffected by, the provision for worship/practice of religious faith and belief within Shrewley Parish. As long as the current provision nearby is maintained in future, the needs of the Parish will be met.

## Action

- Findings of the Household Survey should be passed to all places of worship within a five mile radius of the Parish to highlight the importance of maintaining provision of places of worship.  
**Timescale – 2014**
- Create a “nearby places of worship” section within a Parish directory to ensure all residents are aware of the nearest places of worship for their particular faith/ belief.  
**Timescale – early 2014**

## Comments from the Household Survey

*“Opportunities to attend places of worship in adjacent parishes. People are always prepared to support these places of worship, even if they are not church goers themselves. A high number of parishioners subscribe to the Ferncumbe News, and support local fundraising.”*

*“Although I consider myself to hold Christian values I am not a church-goer. I think that there are sufficient choices within the area to accommodate the population.”*

# Retail and Facilities

## The Issues

- Over 95% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that Shrewley Village Stores (and the Post Office facility within the stores) is an asset to the Parish and every thing possible must be done to retain them.
- Over 72% of respondents said that they believe a free cash point should be available within the Parish.
- Although the stores are valued, 67% of respondents said that they felt they had to travel outside of the Parish to shop for food.
- There is strong support for a community venture within the Parish.
- Over half of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that allotments should be available within the Parish.

## The Solutions

- Shrewley Stores is an asset to the community and should be maintained.
- Given responses to the “tell us your opinion” question and answers in the “Housing & Planning” section, it is reasonable to say that although a high percentage of people had to travel outside of the Parish for food shopping, this is something that is accepted because of the rural nature of the Parish.
- More investigation needs to be done to work out the best type of community venture for the Parish – however it is clear that a community venture would be a productive way to bring the community together.

## Action

- Findings of Household Survey to be passed to Shrewley Village Stores and Royal Mail.  
**Timescale – 2014**
- Working with Shrewley Village Stores, investigate ways in which a free cash point could be installed at no cost to their business.  
**Timescale – 2015**
- Establish a ‘community venture’ within the Parish that will benefit all Parish residents (similar schemes include community orchards or ‘gorilla’ veg gardening on grass verges where residents can all benefit from the veg grown).  
**Timescale – 2015/16**
- Parish Council to discuss the provision of allotments within the Parish, and investigate suitable locations.  
**Timescale – 2015/16**

## Comments from the Household Survey

*“Shrewley PO and shop is a great asset and in my opinion big enough for requirements. People accept they must travel to supermarkets and in my opinion there are plenty of them (even too many) easily available.”*

*“I think Shrewley Village Stores is great for top up goods, although if I want to do a weekly shop, I go to the supermarkets in Warwick. The Village Shop is an excellent back up i.e. post office/papers/milk.”*

*“It seems there are plenty of grants out there for community ventures. Can the parish council look into this with a view to enhancing the community and bringing the community together? There is a waiting list of several years for allotment spaces - could we free up some space and encourage children and adults alike to share and sell their produce?”*

# Social, Entertainment and Sport

## The Issues

- The majority of respondents (72%) felt that there are enough leisure and recreational facilities within the Parish to meet their household's needs.
- Most respondents (47%) do not feel able to take part in sport regularly within the Parish. A further 40% neither agreed nor disagreed, suggesting that they did not wish to take part in sport.
- Over 90% of respondents felt that the Village Hall is important to life within the Parish, and almost 90% felt that pubs within the Parish played an important part in life within the Parish.
- Out of all of the clubs and societies highlighted within the Household Survey, most respondents were aware of their existence even if they did not take part in the activities provided.
- Many respondents highlighted the need for a childrens' play area within the Parish.

## The Solutions

- The part that the Village Hall and Parish Pubs play in the community is important to quality of life within the Parish. Everything possible should be done to maintain them and encourage them to take an active part in the community.
- Other Parishes have installed community fitness equipment for all residents to use – a similar scheme in Shrewley Parish may be a way to address this issue and improve the health of residents.
- A Children's Play Area within the Parish would be a valued and important addition.

## Action

- Communicate results of the Household Survey to Shrewley Village Hall management committee, The Durham Ox and The Case Is Altered in order to highlight the importance of the pubs and Village Hall to Shrewley Parish.  
**Timescale – 2014**
- Investigate the feasibility of provision of areas to play sport within the Parish and/or a community fitness area, and communicate to residents.  
**Timescale – 2014**
- Make provision for a Children’s Play Area within the Parish – identifying suitable land and a source of funding.  
**Timescale – 2015/16**

## Comments from the Household Survey

*“More provision for children and teenagers would be an asset so a children’s playground and youth club.”*

*“I am a runner and cyclist so can go anywhere although I do think there is not much provision for sport in the parish”*

*“Not sure what is in the parish”*

*“There is no park for children. It would be great to have a sports field for children to play football/games”*

*“It is good to see the Parish thinking about these things and exploring ways to reach out to the local community, and keep in touch with the needs of local residents.”*

# Transport & Highways

The issues highlighted in the responses to the Transport & Highways section of the Household Survey were extremely varied, dependant on the area of the Parish. Throughout the survey we have looked at the needs of the Parish as a whole – but in this section we will address the needs of individual areas of the Parish separately.

## The Issues

### Shrewley Common

- Whilst most respondents (72%) feel that the speed limit on Shrewley Common is correct for the road, 97% of respondents believe that speeding is an issue.
- 74% of respondents are affected by noise from the M40 in this area of the Parish.
- The majority (81%) of respondents felt that enough is done to ensure the road can be used all year round.

### Hatton Station

- The issue in Hatton Station is with the speed limit (Station Road is currently national speed limit – i.e. 60mph). The majority of respondents believe that this speed limit is incorrect. Over 50% of respondents believe that speeding is an issue on Station Road.
- Noise from the M40 is a key issue here too, with 84% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing that they are affected by motorway noise.

### Little Shrewley

- Although a national speed limit applies on Mill Lane, only 34% of respondents indicated that this speed limit is incorrect.
- 61% of respondents strongly disagreed, disagreed or neither agreed/disagreed that speeding is an issue on Mill Lane.
- Noise from the M40 is a key issue here too, with 60% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing that they are affected by motorway noise.

### Five Ways

- The majority of respondents (65%) do not believe that the national speed limit on Five Ways Road is correct for the road, with 65% agreeing or strongly agreeing that speeding is an issue.

- M40 noise is less of an issue within this area of the Parish, with only 23% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing that they are affected by motorway noise.

### **Case Lane**

- Like Hatton Station, respondents highlighted dissatisfaction with the current national speed limit, with 64% of respondents highlighting the current limit as being incorrect.
- Over 50% of respondents cited speeding as an issue on Case Lane.

### **Overall**

- 63% of respondents felt that roads are unsafe for pedestrians.
- 43% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the current level of train services to and from the Parish (i.e. Hatton Station) was enough to meet their requirements.
- 42% of respondents who indicated that they use bus services in the Parish said that they disagreed or strongly disagreed that the current level of bus services were adequate to meet their needs. Nearly half of respondents (44%) indicated that they did not use the bus service in the Parish.

## **The Solutions**

- Speeding is a key issue for residents in Shrewley Common. The Parish Council is installing a vehicle activated sign to warn drivers to slow down.
- Relevant authorities should be asked to urgently review speed limits. The speed limits on Five Ways Road and at Hatton Station were reduced shortly after the Household Survey took place, so this issue has already been addressed.
- Once speed limits are in place, action must be taken to reduce speeding drivers and similar case studies from other areas of the county must be examined to identify best practice.
- There is an overall need to improve the safety of roads across the whole Parish for pedestrians.

# Transport & Highways

- Whilst more bus services would be ideal, increased services would be difficult to justify unless there was greater demand. It would be a reasonable solution to increase awareness of existing bus services and seek to maintain the current level of services. The community should strongly oppose any reduction in services.
- Train services should be maintained and, where possible, increased to and from Hatton Station. The community should strongly oppose any reduction in services.

## Action

- Establish an M40 Noise pressure group with the objective of lobbying the Highways Agency and government to urgently review noise levels – this group should gather data including noise levels to build a case for reduction of noise from the motorway.  
**Timescale – 2014/15**
- Encourage Warwickshire County Council to urgently review speed limits on Station Road and Case Lane, introducing more suitable limits given the level of traffic and amount of houses/ pedestrians using the roads.  
**Timescale – 2014**
- Encourage the Police to conduct more speed check exercises in Shrewley Common and on Five Ways to discourage motorists from speeding.  
**Timescale – ongoing**
- Investigate effective methods of calming traffic and study best practice in order to force motorists to adhere to the speed limits.  
**Timescale – 2015/16**
- Communicate results from the Household Survey to bus and train service providers in order to highlight the need to maintain the current level of service to and from the Parish.  
**Timescale – 2014**

## Comments from the Household Survey

*"Many speed limits unrealistic. Rural road surfaces badly neglected during winter"*

*"Traffic calming required in Shrewley and Station Road eg stagger right of way (eg Hampton on the Hill)"*

*"Commercial, private and agricultural vehicles all travel too fast along Shrewley Common - a flashing speed limit reminder might persuade the majority to slow down"*

*"Five Ways Road should have a 50mph limit from the Shrewley crossroad to Shaws Lane and 40mph to the Five Ways roundabout."*

*"Station road speed limit is not appropriate. It is currently national speed limit which is far too fast for this road, due to bad bends, narrow road, high hedges, humpback bridges, lack of footpaths, pedestrians walking on roads and cyclists cannot be seen round bends."*

*"Support from WCC Highways Dept is excellent! Chiltern Railways are very supportive of Hatton Station, as are Network Rail."*

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As a result of the fantastic 60% survey response the Parish Plan provides a series of statements which reflect strongly the views of Shrewley residents. The Steering Group and Parish Council are keen to build on this successful first step and to continue the process with all the residents in Shrewley Parish. For updates and further information please visit the Parish website ([www.shrewley.org](http://www.shrewley.org)).

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