



Harborough Magna Parish Plan

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- We did the survey.
- The results were analysed and sent to you.
- This plan covers the matters which were identified by significant numbers of people.

We have also recognised that items identified by individuals may be important to the parish as a whole. So the things you put down on the last page of the questionnaire will be also taken into consideration.

Thank you again to everyone who replied.

Together, we can make our village even better.

This plan covers five topics:

- Transport and Traffic
- Environment
- Liaison with Outside Agencies
- Planning and Information Dissemination
- Recreation and Activities

Transport and Traffic

Means of transport

An overwhelming majority of respondents identified cars as their main means of transport. Perhaps surprisingly the most reported uses for vehicles were shopping and leisure followed by travelling to work, business journeys and transporting children.

The provision of a shopping bus service should be considered with other means of promoting a choice of transport for people.

Parking

A number of respondents reported that parking was a problem at their homes with 'nowhere to park' and 'parked cars blocking access' being the reasons given. Over half the respondents thought street parking is a safety risk in the Village.

22 people said they had no off road parking available to them.

71 respondents thought some parking controls are necessary in the village.

Review known areas with parking difficulty to see if there are any opportunities to reduce the problem.

Buses

People raised issues regarding timetables and the routing of buses through the village.

Establish contact with the public and school bus service operators to consider timetable and routing.

Speeding

More than three quarters of the respondents believe there are speeding issues in the village and parish. The questionnaire results document lists the major areas of concern.

Continue working with WCC to implement the speed limit reduction in parts of the village and the traffic calming measures. Review again when changes have been in place for some time.

Ref	Issue	Action	Agencies	Review Group Co-ordinator	Target Dates
T1	Means of transport	<i>The provision of a shopping bus service should be considered and other means of promoting alternatives to provide a choice to transport for people.</i>	<i>Operators Supermarkets</i>	Lizz Clarke	Mar-08
T2	Parking	<i>Review known areas with parking difficulty to see if there are any opportunities to reduce the problem.</i>		Lizz Clarke	May-08
T3	Buses	<i>Establish contact with the public and school bus service operators to consider timetable and routing.</i>	<i>Service Operators</i>	Lizz Clarke	Jul-08
T4	Speeding	<i>Continue working with WCC to implement the speed limit reduction in parts of the village and the traffic calming measures. Review again when changes have been in place for some time.</i>	WCC	Lizz Clarke	Mar-09

Environment

Quality of Life

Respondents identified the environment, the location and the community as the most important things about Harborough Magna. Fewer than 10% said that the quality of life had improved in the last ten years with 25% saying it is worse and 33% saying it is unchanged.

Review the individual response sheets, identify the reasons people said things were better or worse and take action to promote positive change.

Footpaths

A high response to this section showing a large interest in the improvement and requirement for information about footpaths and bridleways.

Review the existing paths and plan improvements. Generate maps and leaflets about local paths.

Look at the possible need for additional paths.

Planting

There is interest in having more trees, more flower planting on the verges and in containers.

Continue to take RBC offers of bulbs for volunteer planting. Seek to provide containers for flowers and encourage flower planting on verges.

Review the planting of trees as proposed in the Village Design Statement.

Protect and enhance the environment

The highest number of responses was for more recycling and traffic reduction (See Transport shopping bus)

Work with RBC to extend recycling collections to outlying areas and additional material collections.

Litter and Dog Mess

Responses were split almost evenly on whether there is a litter problem. The responses to the requirement for additional dog mess bins were again evenly split; this may be due to there being specific problem areas.

Review responses in detail and look at wider provision of bins.

Lighting

Respondents were evenly split on whether the village is too dark or not. Some areas where additional street lighting may be required were identified.

Some problems with excessive lighting were reported.

Review need for more street lamps but take account of the lighting included in the traffic calming measures.

Consider issuing advice on floodlights and security lamps.

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E1	Quality of Life	<i>Review the individual response sheets, identify the reasons people said things were better or worse and take action to promote positive change</i>		Elizabeth Biggs-Poyner	Dec 07
E2	Footpaths	<i>Review the existing paths and plan improvements.</i>	WCC	Footpaths group	Completed Nov 2006
		<i>Carry out improvement works</i>		"	Begun 03-2007
		<i>Generate maps and leaflets about local paths.</i>		"	Dec 2012
		<i>Look at the possible need for additional paths.</i>		"	as improvements are implemented
E3	Planting	<i>Continue to take RBC offers of bulbs for volunteer planting</i>	RBC	Elizabeth Biggs-Poyner	on going
		<i>Seek to provide containers for flowers and encourage flower planting on verges</i>	RBC	"	July 2008
		<i>Review the planting of trees as proposed in the Village Design Statement.</i>	RBC / WCC	"	July 2008
E4	Protect and enhance the environment	<i>Work with RBC to extend recycling collections to outlying areas and additional material collections.</i>	RBC	"	Dec 2007
E5	Litter and Dog Mess	<i>Review responses in detail and look at wider provision of bins</i>		"	Dec 2007
E6	Lighting	<i>Review need for more street lamps but take account of the lighting included in the traffic calming measures</i>		"	Nov 08
		<i>Consider issuing advice on floodlights and security lamps</i>		"	Nov 08

Liaison With Outside Agencies

Hospital of St. Cross

A large majority said they were happy with health and social services in the area. Nearly everyone believes St Cross is important to us.
Make the results know to the local health authority and establish a point of contact with them.

Revel Surgery

Maintain a representation on the Revel Surgery Patient consultation group.

Early Birds Nursery

Again almost everyone thought the nursery is important to the parish.
Maintain contact and support the nursery where possible.

Old Lion

Over three quarters of respondents reported using the Old Lion at least occasionally.
Recognise that The Old Lion is an important feature of the village both as a social venue and source of employment.
Maintain contact with management

Local Services

People reported on how they find utility and other services in the parish and the results are detailed in the questionnaire results document.
Review the results and prioritise the issues then work with the agencies concerned to see how services may be improved.

Crime and Disorder

There is significant concern about a wide variety of crime and disorder issues and much dissatisfaction with police presence.
Continue and try to improve liaison with the Police to get better police presence.

Mobile Library

A few people regularly use the mobile library.
Contact library to see if anything can be done to make the service accessible to those who can't get to the existing stops or at the current times.

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L1	Hospital of St. Cross	<i>Make the results know to the local health authority and establish a point of contact with them</i>	Patients and Liaison Officers	Ian Bentlett	Oct-07
L2	Revel Surgery	<i>Maintain a representation on the Revel Surgery Patient consultation group</i>	PPG	Elizabeth Biggs-Poyner	on going
L3	Early Birds Nursery	<i>Maintain contact and support the nursery where possible</i>	B. McGill D. Holvey	Ian Bentlett	on going. review Jan 2008
L4	Old Lion	<i>Maintain contact with management</i>	L. Hughes	"	on going. review Jan 2008
L5	Local Services	<i>Review the results and prioritise the issues then work with the agencies concerned to see how services may be improved</i>	Richard Cowell	"	Sep-08
L6	Crime and Disorder	<i>Continue and try to improve liaison with the Police to get better police presence.</i>	Police	"	Oct-07
L7	Mobile Library	<i>Contact library to see if anything can be done to make the service accessible to those who can't get to the existing stops or at the current times</i>	Library Service	"	Apr-08

Planning and Information Dissemination

Planning Applications

More than half of the respondents said they don't know how planning applications are handled.

Two thirds of respondents do not think sufficient publicity is given to planning applications which affect the parish area.

Look at ways to publish information on planning applications and the process. Include the information available on the RBC website.

Future Developments

Review the detailed responses in the questionnaire results document and use in review of planning applications. Encourage RBC to take account of PC comments and VDS issues which are relevant to the application.

Housing

A large number of respondents indicated changing accommodation needs in the next few years and a small number currently have family members looking for accommodation in the parish.

There is a split in the type and size of dwelling people expect to need but a majority of the respondents expect to be looking for smaller (one and two bedroom) properties.

The responses listed in the questionnaire results document suggest that a full housing needs assessment may be required. Review this process with RBC.

Parish issues

Only a third of respondents said they felt fully aware of parish issues.

By far the most significant sources of information were listed as the Parish Magazine and 'word of mouth' with the notice board and local papers having minor use.

Half the respondents felt there was a need for a Harborough Magna Newsletter with a majority suggesting a quarterly issue.

Over half the respondents have Internet access at home and a fifth did not have Internet access at all.

Just over half the respondent though the PC publicises its activities and decisions well or adequately leaving a significant number who think the PC publicity is poor.

The questionnaire results show that the number of people who know who their representatives are at the various levels of government indicate that most know their Parish Councillor and MP's names but many fewer were aware of their Borough, County and MEP representative.

Only 19 people reported ever having attended a PC meeting.

People reported that their ability to contact elective representatives drops off very quickly after the Parish level.

Review how parish council activities can be more widely published. Look at ways of disseminating parish information taking account of the potential for use of the Internet and the needs of those without access to a computer. Make details of elected representatives and the type of issues they deal with available to all.

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P1	Planning Applications	<i>Look at ways to publish information on planning applications and the process. Include the information available on the RBC website.</i>	RBC	Parish Council	Dec-08
P2	Future Developments	<i>Review the detailed responses in the questionnaire results document and use in review of planning applications. Encourage RBC to take account of PC comments and VDS issues which are relevant to the application</i>	RBC	Parish Council	Dec-08
P3	Housing	<i>The responses listed in the questionnaire results document suggest that a full housing needs assessment may be required. Review this process with RBC.</i>	RBC	Elizabeth Biggs-Poyner	Initiated Feb 2007. Review Dec 2008
P4	Parish issues	<i>Review how parish council activities can be more widely published. Look at ways of disseminating parish information taking account of the potential for use of the Internet and the needs of those without access to a computer. Make details of elected representatives and the type of issues they deal with available to all.</i>	Parish Council	Parish Council	Dec-08

Recreation and Activities

Nearly half the respondents said they would like to evening or daytime courses in the parish and a wide range of interests was identified. A few people volunteered to help organise an activity.

Results of people's thought on the provision of social, sports and entertainment in the area were quite mixed. The 26 – 60 age group seem to be most satisfied with what is available.

Things under 18's want

Of the under 18's sixteen of the thirty two respondents said they would like a tennis court and eight said they would like a skate boarding area.

Play Park Use

Two thirds of the youngsters who responded said they used the play park at least occasionally a few said they did not know about the play park.

Social Centre

In several sections of the questionnaire people identified the lack of a social centre / village hall as issue. There would seem to be considerable desire for a venue of some sort

*Form a group to look at recreation facilities and venues. Take account of the activities people said they have an interest in and involve those who volunteered to help organise things. Involve the groups who currently organise village events.
Review sources of grant funding available.*

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R1	Social Centre	<p><i>Form a group to look at recreation facilities and venues. Take account of the activities people said they have an interest in and involve those who volunteered to help organise things. Involve the groups who currently organise village events.</i></p>	Parish Council	Parish Council	Oct-07
R2	Funding	<p><i>Review sources of grant funding available</i></p>	Parish Council	Parish Council	Dependent upon R1