



How You Can Help

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bampton Parish Plan 2013

In and around Bampton, Shillingford and Petton



Reflecting the views and aspirations of the People of Bampton

Bampton Parish Plan 2013

INTRODUCTION

Bampton Parish is a rural community in Devon situated to the north of Tiverton in the Bathern Valley. In 2011 population stood at 1530 adults including the hamlets of Shillingford (222) and Petton (25). Following presentations by Devon Association of Parish Councils, Bampton Town Council decided to consult the local population to gain their views on the future of the community and collect these views into a Parish Plan.

This Parish Plan is the result and records the views of the residents. It will be used to provide a focus on addressing the needs and concerns of the residents of the parish and guide future developments, amenities and facilities within the parish. Knowing the views of the population both aids this process and provides a degree of protection from other authorities who may wish to impose their views on the parish.

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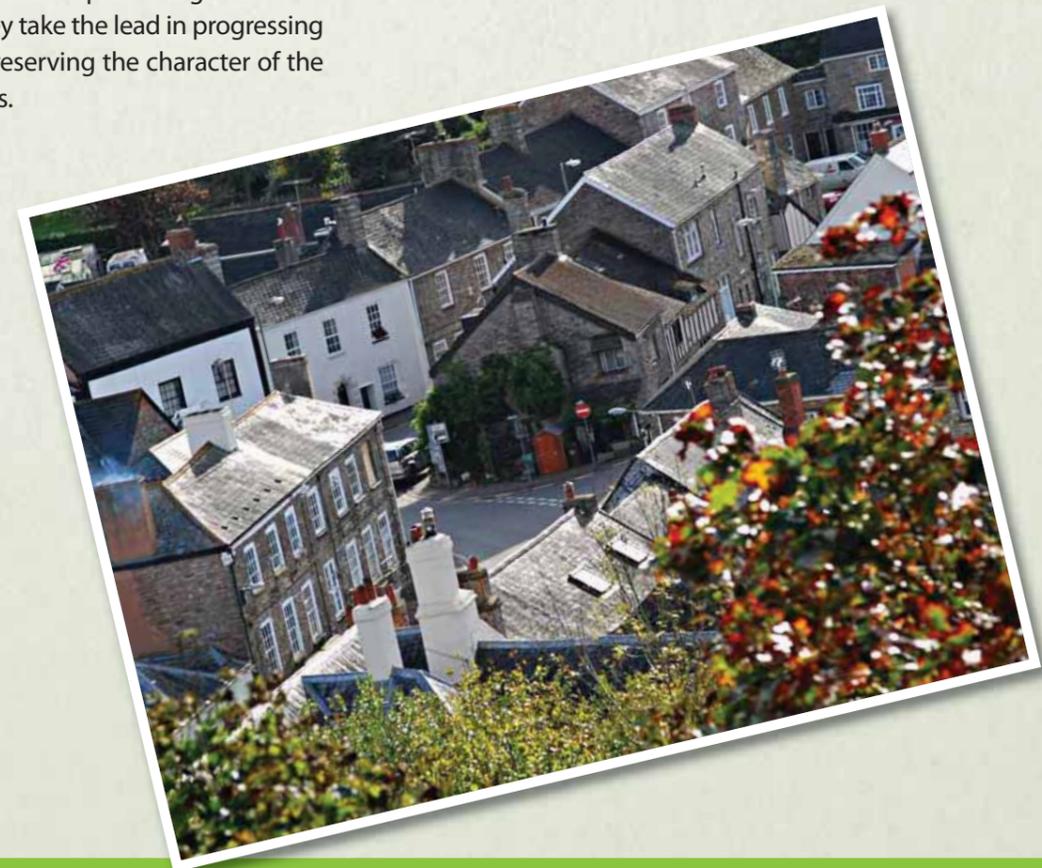
This Plan is summarised in a brochure which will be distributed to all households and provide them with its conclusions and the proposed actions for future progression. Full details of the findings are also available on the town website www.bampton.org.uk which also publishes the minutes of Bampton Town Council who are the custodians of the plan and are responsible for progressing the actions to meet the aspirations of the community.

Alan Woolley

Chairman Parish Plan
Steering Committee

Purpose of the Plan

The Decentralisation and Localisation Bill published in December 2010 aims to 'devolve greater powers to councils and neighbourhoods' and 'give local communities control over housing and planning decisions' across England and Wales. The aim is to empower local residents by giving them a greater say in how their communities grow and develop. In order to take advantage of this and other new initiatives and to be in a position to seek funding for local projects, it is necessary to know what the views of the local population are. This Parish Plan records the results of what the people want and need and offers ways of delivering it. It will be used to guide future developments, and the provision of amenities and facilities within the parish. Knowing the views of the population both aids this process and provides a degree of protection from other authorities who may wish to impose their views on the parish. It should better inform decision making at local, district and county levels. Whilst changes are inevitable, if informed by the content of the Plan, they can be shaped to match the aspirations of the people of Bampton. The Action Plan provides guidance to Bampton Town Council as they take the lead in progressing the changes sought whilst preserving the character of the parish so loved by its residents.



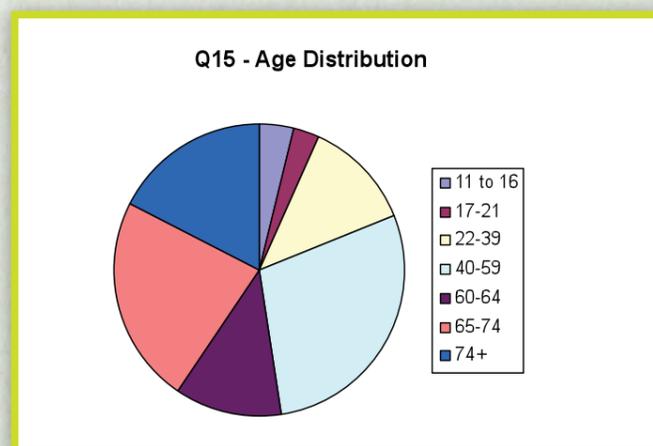
"It's a friendly and pleasant place to live"

Producing the Plan

Understanding the population's needs and aspirations, which this Plan now provides, creates an opportunity to pursue the desired changes. Against this background and encouraged by the Community Council for Devon, a Steering Committee was formed in late 2010 to devise the method of consultation, draft the questionnaire, distribute it and have the results analysed and draft this Plan. Following input at a consultation meeting in January 2011 the questionnaire was drafted, tested and refined several times. The aim of the exercise was briefed to a public meeting in March 2102 prior to the questionnaires being distributed by hand by a group of volunteers who took responsibility for their patch and collected them two weeks later. The Steering Group then manually extracted all of the text comments and passed the questionnaires to the Community Council of Devon who analysed them, producing their output in June 2012. Some 458 completed questionnaires were collected representing the views of 865 individuals, a tremendous return rate reflecting the views of 57% of the adult population. The level of returns and the comments received showed that residents were keen to have their say and their returns also included offers of help from 43 individuals which are being taken up. The results were analysed by the Community Council of Devon and presented to the Steering Group in June 2012. The analysis of the questionnaire returns was presented at a drop in meeting in November 2012 attended by over 80 people who were invited to list their priorities for action.

These were recorded and helped to refine the resultant Action Plan. Reports were given to the Bampton Town Council at their February and April 2013 meetings and the Steering Committee was asked to complete this Plan.

In a separate exercise, and with the help of the school, the children were also asked for their views on Bampton and what they liked, disliked and would like to change. Their views are recorded in this plan and add a refreshing dimension to it.



Good old Bampton

At the time of the 2011 census Bampton Parish had a population of around 1800 people with more females (53%) than males. Only 20% of the population are under 39 with another 40% being between the ages of 40 and 59. Not surprisingly the over 65's account for the remaining 40% and most of these are wholly retired. However some 47% of the population are in employment with 25% of these working from home. Some 15% are in full time education. For those in employment; 22% are in Business, 13% in Health Care, 12% in Retail or Distribution, 12% Education, 10% Construction and Maintenance, 8% in Agriculture and 6% in manufacturing. This shows that those in work are engaged in a wide range of occupations with no one sector dominating.

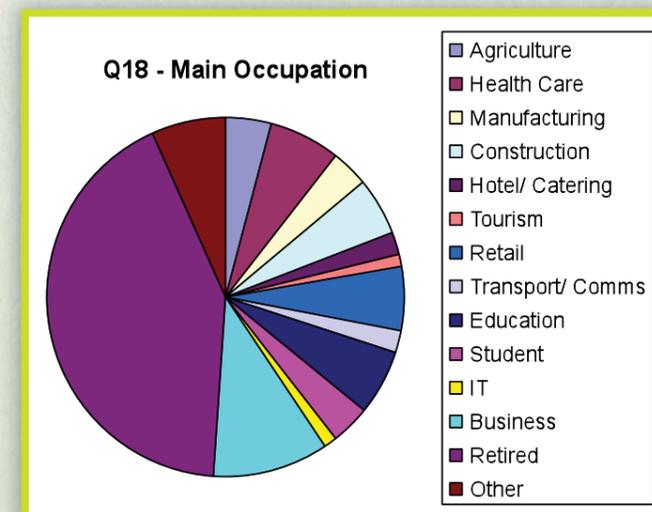
The responses to the questionnaire and the many comments added showed that most of its residents liked living in Bampton and believed it to be a friendly and active community. Whilst many wished to see improvements and for more care to be put into maintaining the appearance of the Parish, nearly all were keen to retain its character and peculiarities which they believed made it a special place to live, work and play in. Most people believed it had a real sense of community with people keeping an eye on one another and taking time to exchange views. The range of activities available surprised many but were well utilised. However, a large number thought there was scope for improvement in the facilities especially, the main hall and for the young. Similarly they believed that efforts need to be made to keep the young from leaving the town which could be helped by better communications, employment opportunities and more affordable housing.

Whilst generally inhabitants wished to see improvements in amenities and facilities most wanted to see the character and traditions of Bampton Parish retained with any housing developments reflecting this and catering mainly for the needs of the young, elderly and those on low income. Concerns were expressed on lack of employment opportunities, parking, communications, dog fouling and security but most were content with the quality of local shops, refuse collections and existing transport facilities.



"There is a real sense of community"

"Bampton is a great place with a great range of shops"



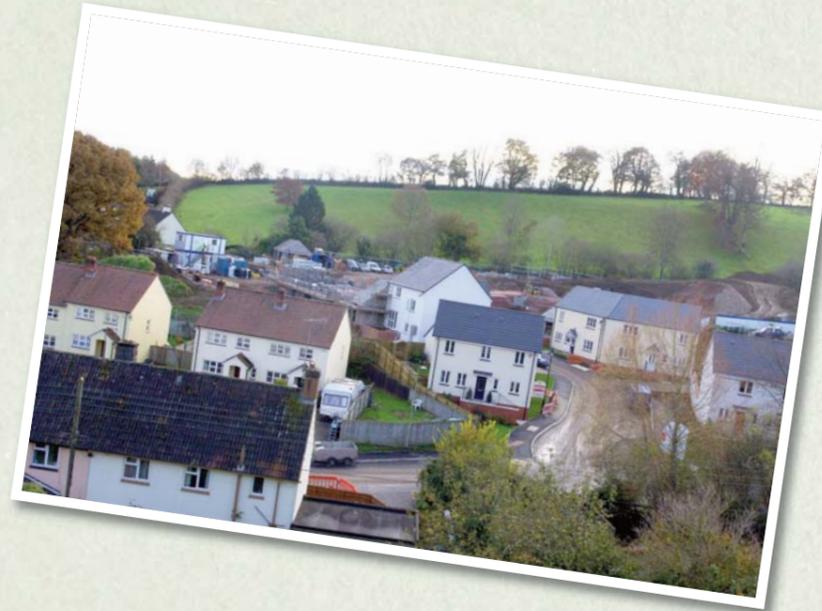
Housing and Development

Most people (84%) accept the need for additional housing particularly for the young and elderly but would like to see this achieved mainly by conversion of redundant buildings and small developments some aimed at local people with more 'affordable housing'. However, the overwhelming desire is to retain the existing nature and character of the parish. For those in accommodation 77% own their own home with 20% renting either privately or from the council.

Concern was expressed over the Government requirement to include industrial units with new housing developments particularly when there had been difficulties in filling

the industrial units / sites already existing. The wording of many comments demonstrated a strong feeling and, in some cases, even anger about the way in which housing development has been imposed on the town. Despite this, only 15% of residents believe that no additional housing is required. The overwhelming majority believing that the additional housing needed should be achieved by the conversion of redundant buildings and in small developments of less than 10 properties. Some 29% would like to see any new development focused on the needs of those on low income and here attention was drawn to the current lack of affordable rental properties.

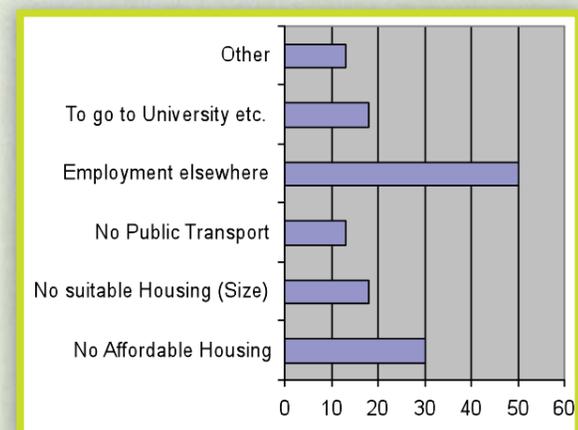
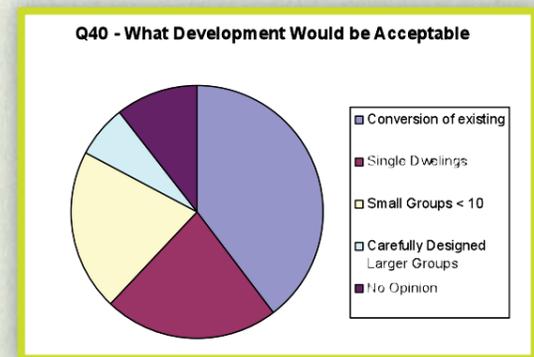
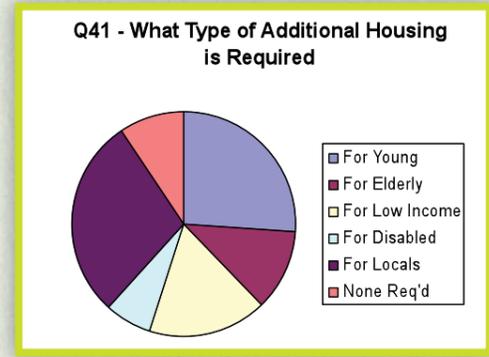
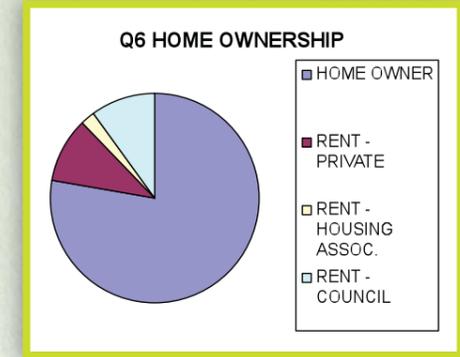
Analysis of those who have left the Parish in the last 10 years indicates that over a half left due to the shortage of affordable or suitable housing. Nearly all of these found employment elsewhere representing a significant labour and skill loss to the parish.



"Affordable housing is needed to give youngsters a future"

"No more industrial units needed"

"Housing should meet local need, not government quota"



Economy, Shops and Services

ECONOMY - The returns from the questionnaires showed that there is a desire for more employment opportunities locally but there was recognition that the improvements in marketing and information strategies of the Bampton Business Group are helping in developing and expanding local trade and better informing people of what can be done and bought locally. Broadband connectivity and speed is an issue and improvements would both improve the effectiveness of current businesses and encourage the establishment of new ones. Action is needed to improve both broadband and digital radio connectivity. Special events like Bampton Fair, Open Day, and Christmas Lights help stimulate trade and a community spirit and Bampton has featured in the Tour of Britain Cycle Race. The shooting season provides both seasonal and all year round employment for locals. It also supports local catering and accommodation establishments and a clay pigeon shooting school.

SHOPS - Over 80% of the population like to support local shops with around half the population using the Post Office and grocery / fresh food outlets weekly. About a third use local eating places at least once a month and over 80% are satisfied with the services provided. Around 70% use the Pharmacy at least once a month. The Post Office (now in the Spar shop) is used for a range of services. The Library is not heavily supported but is used by 45% of the population as are the range of specialist shops. Around 60% of those using the shops believe it saves them time and transport costs and 40% enjoy the associated social contact. Banking services are a problem but most seem to find a solution. For goods not available in Bampton most

"It's good to have locally made and locally reared produce available"



"Good Shops, which we'll keep if everyone uses them"

use Tiverton, Taunton and Exeter for larger items, clothes or luxury goods.

SERVICES - There is a good range of local tradesmen who are well used and appreciated. Over 80% of the population are satisfied with the refuse collections and 78% with the recycling facilities and just over 60% are satisfied with the Town Council. Over 40% would like to see better street cleaning, more dog litter bins (57%) and information points (48%) with some (24%) believing more needs to be done towards planning for extreme conditions and emergencies. 94% of households use the Bampton Surgery which is highly appreciated. The introduction of Bampton First Responders has progressed, with the support of the Town Council, in parallel with the development of this plan and provides additional help in health emergencies.



"You can get most of what you need locally"

Environment

The results from the questionnaire showed that dog fouling in the streets is a major concern which has already been addressed by the provision of more litter bins but more needs to be done to improve the education of dog owners. Similarly, regular removal of litter is something that would demonstrate a greater pride in our community. A scheme of 'partnering' with second home owners could also help with disposal of household waste. A number of volunteers came forward in response to the questionnaire and could be organised into regular, BTC led, clean up operations. This could work in conjunction with assistance of property owners to reduce what is currently seen as an untidy and unkempt appearance. Action is also needed to better inform residents and visitors on environmental issues and how they can help.

A river watch scheme already exists to give advance warning of flood risk and preventative measures are available and are implemented at time of risk. A stock of sandbags is also kept for residents use. Also a Snow Warden has also been appointed and snow clearing equipment purchased to assist when needed. Whilst the main roads are the responsibility of the Highways Authority, working with local farmers may assist keeping the minor roads clear.

There have been concerns expressed about the suitability of proposed schemes to generate more renewable energy to meet Government objectives. Suggestions have included solar panel farms and wind turbines whilst these schemes have both supporters and detractors the majority have opposed the specific proposals made.

"The town is in urgent need of some TLC"



"Excellent place to live and socialise"

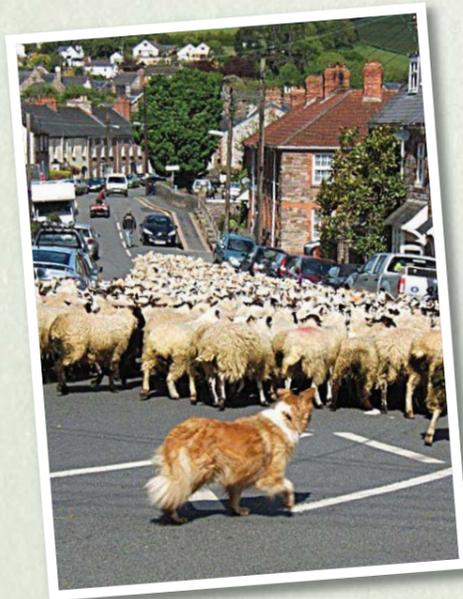


Facilities and Leisure

There is a demand for improved hall and recreational facilities particularly for the young, for better parking facilities and a tidier, safer environment. The aspiration of a Heritage Centre has recently been realised, opening in September 2013 and providing a focal point for local information and visitors.

Over 65% of the population are either members of local groups or take part in community activities with almost 25% being volunteer helpers. Of those who use the Station Road play area 84% are satisfied or very satisfied with the facilities. However, it was considered more use could be

made of the Millennium Green and Motte and Bailey Recreation area where over 80% are dissatisfied with the facilities and do not use them. There was also dissatisfaction (77%) with the availability and state of the public toilets. There is a high usage of local halls with the exception of Shillingford Hall, with satisfaction rates being achieved of:- Riverside Hall - 51%, Community Hall – 66%. St Michael's Church is well supported and 55% of users are satisfied with the facilities offered. The manning of the Heritage centre should also improve access to the Church which has previously caused concern.

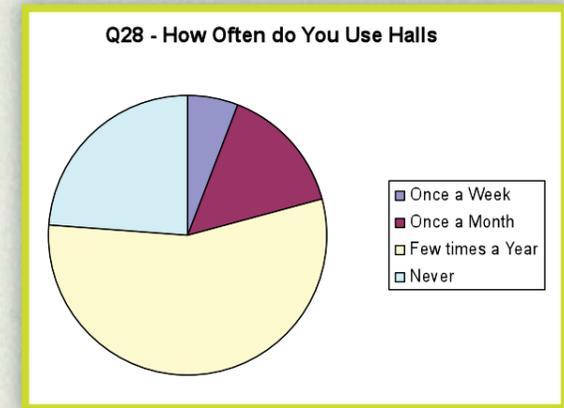
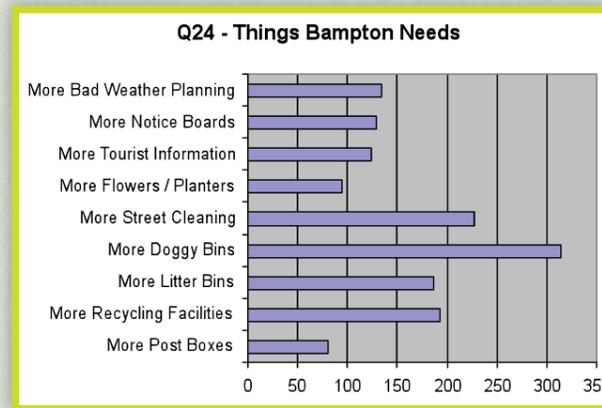


"Adventure playground needed - Station Rd Park is for very young children only"

"Develop the Recreation ground with a hall/clubhouse for community and sports use"



There are over 30 groups and activities operating in the Parish from Rotary, WI, Scouts to Bell Ringing and Rifle Shooting. Bampton Society, Plants & Gardens (Bampton in Bloom), Twinning Association, and a number of sports clubs are very active; a full list of all the clubs and organisations available and their current contact points is given on the final page of this plan.



"New Hall needed to meet 21st century needs"

What Bampton People Do

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

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

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

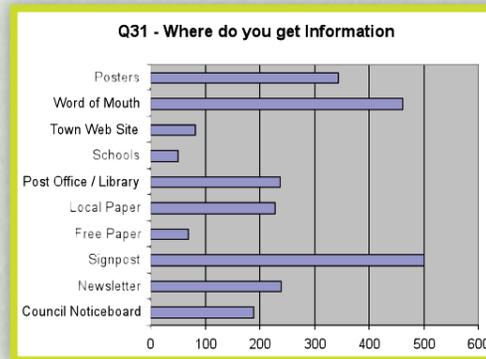
Communications and Information

In the past Bampton was on the main North Devon road, the A361 and had its own train station. The loss of the station, the quarries and cattle market and the construction of the North Devon link road have changed its nature but it is still an active and vibrant community with good road and bus links. The nature of its setting on the edge of Exmoor and surrounded by hills have made mobile phone reception difficult but this has improved recently. Digital Radio and Freeview Television reception is very poor and Broadband speeds are low and need improving urgently to support the significant number of businesses and those working from home who are dependant on a good service and the growing number who use the service for leisure activities.

Residents gain local information from a number of sources, for example; notice boards / posters (58%), Signpost (68%), local paper (31%) and word of mouth (63%). The town also has a very good website www.bampton.org.uk which provides information to both residents and visitors and publicises local events. The Town Council minutes are published both on the web site and in Signpost and residents can attend the open session of the monthly Council meetings to gain information and express views.

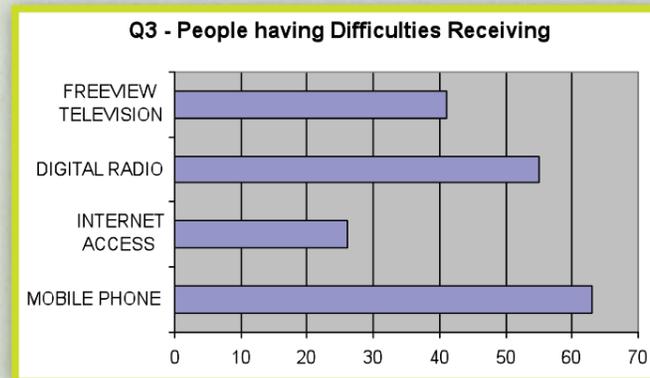


"Broadband speeds not fast enough"



"Poor radio reception, no digital radio"

"Limited number of Freeview Stations"



Crime and Safety

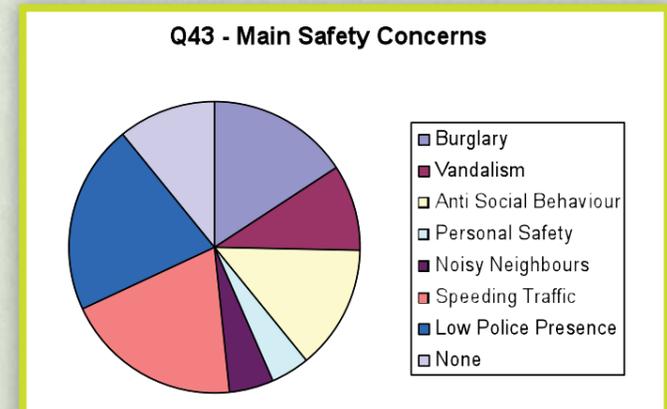
Whilst Bampton is regarded as a safe place to live, work and play in there are concerns about reducing Police presence, speeding traffic and anti social behaviour. There is some vandalism and dropping of litter which needs to be addressed through better education and enhanced pride in ones community. The Fire Station is to be retained although fire response services are being reorganised. When contacting the police 101 is the new non emergency number for Devon and Cornwall Police but always call 999 in an emergency.

An improved neighbourhood watch scheme with greater cooperation between the nominated co-ordinators would be welcome by many. Crime incident alerts are issued by Devon & Cornwall Police from Heavitree to those who subscribe to the Ringmaster Community Messaging System, which provides accurate information directly from Police sources about crimes in our local area direct to your telephone or Email address. For more information please visit the Devon & Cornwall website at www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

"Concern at Low Police presence"

"Generally feel safe and secure"

"Better Neighbourhood Watch wanted"

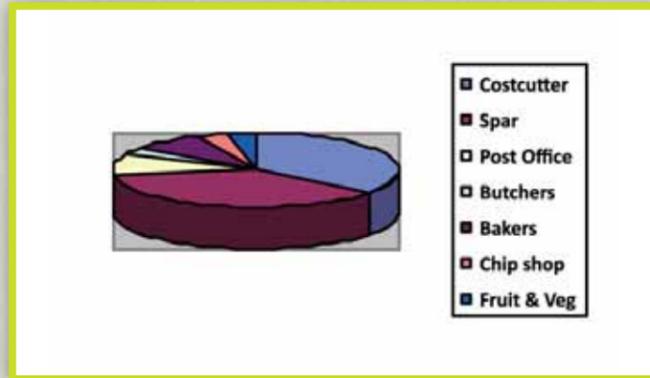


Children's Input

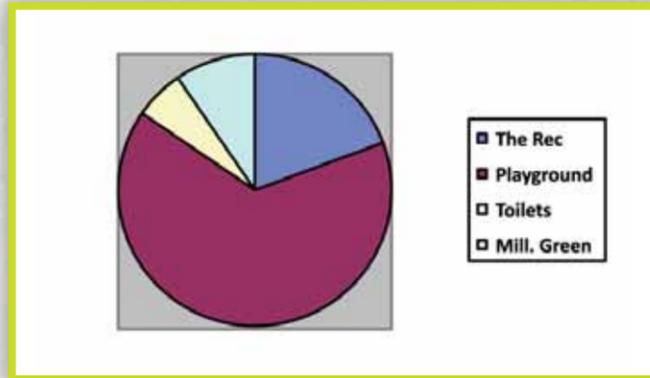
We collected Children's comments in the context of the Plan. There were a number of clear recurring ideas – skate park, swimming pool, better equipment in the play area,

activities for older children, better toilets a snack machine in the play area and a snack machine in the park. Their responses to specific questions asked were as follows:-

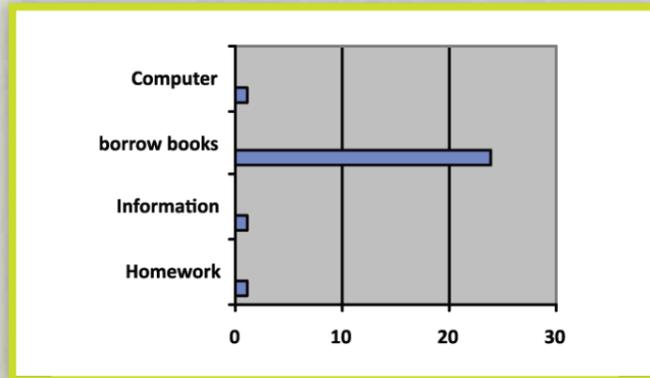
What shops do you use >



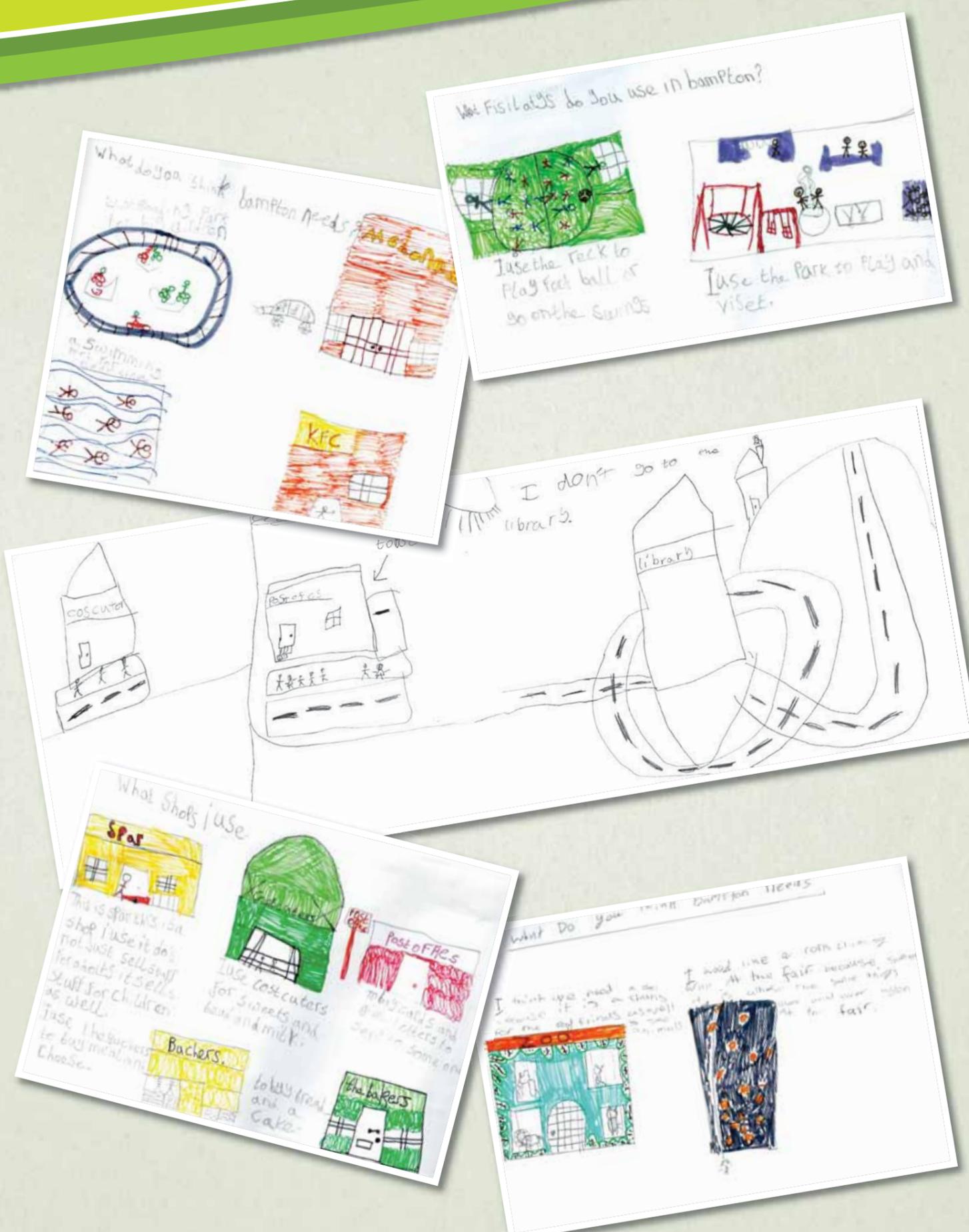
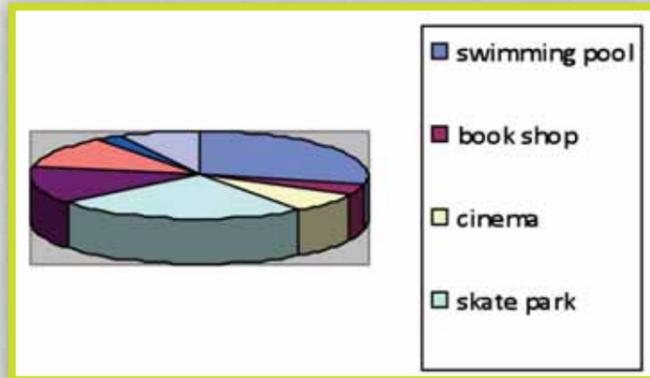
What Facilities do you use?



What do you use the Library for?



What new Facilities would you like?



The Bampton Year

Bampton has over 30 clubs and societies many with active programmes and events but some of the main highlights of the year are:-

January

Rotary Shelter Box Community Lunch held every year since the Tsunami in Sri Lanka in 2004, a great social occasion that has raised over £10,000 for Shelterbox over the years.

February

Bampton Players put on a traditional Pantomime in half term week in the Riverside Hall normally to packed houses. Oh yes they do!

Easter Monday

Over 100 runners generally turn out for the Bampton to Tiverton Road Race, the event organised by Tiverton Harriers, covers a seven-mile route, setting off from the White Horse, with elite athletes recording times inside 40 minutes.

August Bank Holiday

Bampton Open Day with Car Boot Sale, Dog Show, 10K Road Race, Duck Race and many other events held throughout the day for visitors and residents alike.

From the 1st October to the 1st February the pheasant shooting season brings visitors, some by helicopter, to the area providing employment and excitement for residents.



October

Bampton Players normally stage a play or comedy in the Riverside Hall.

Charter Fair

Held on last Thursday in October every year since 1258, one of the oldest in the Country. Over 100 market stalls in the streets which are closed for the day, with music and street entertainment, a fun fair and traditional skills being demonstrated, local producers sell their wares and there is a traditional auction at Lutterall Farm.

December

Christmas Late Night Opening – A merry evening with the switch on of the lights and children singing carols, the arrival of Father Christmas and mulled wine galore.

Santa tours the town on the Exmoor Rotary 'Sleigh' and the Scouts deliver Christmas cards locally.

Traffic and Transport

There is a need to provide a safe environment for all road users, particularly pedestrians, by carefully planned traffic control measures and better parking provision, particularly in the Castle Street area where 70% were concerned about access for emergency vehicles and collision risk between unsuspecting traffic from the Shillingford end meeting traffic from town in the one way corridor. Concern was also expressed (66%) over the maintenance of road surfaces, drains and signing, but there was less concern over verges and hedges which seemed well maintained. Concerns were expressed about parking on hills and blind bends (78%), on the passage of HGV's through the town (71%) and on the speeds used by traffic passing through (74%). Measures to address these concerns need to be considered. The re-location of the Post Office, to a position on a blind bend, where it is separated from the main shopping area by a busy road and has virtually no parking facilities, has presented safe access problems that need attention.

Most people (91%) use cars mainly for shopping and getting to school and work outside of Bampton. The current public transport system seems to satisfy current needs but any reduction in services would cause problems for some who use it for shopping and accessing medical and leisure facilities. There was some interest expressed in using a Community Bus service.

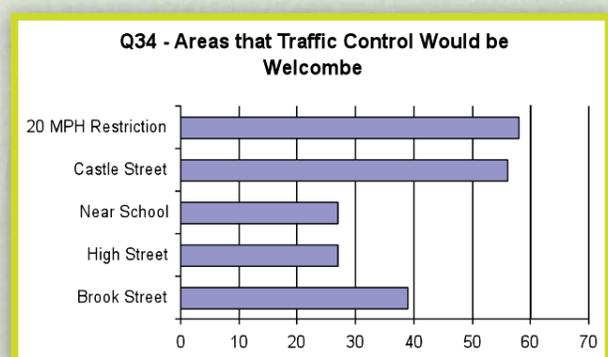
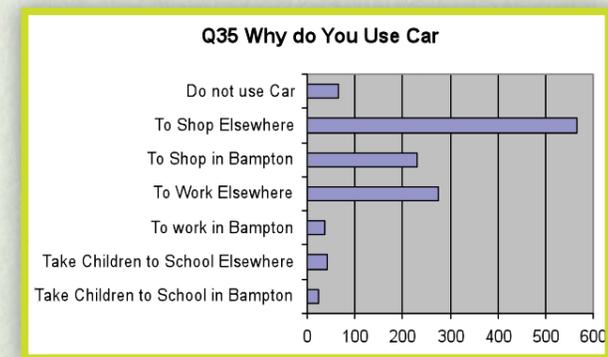
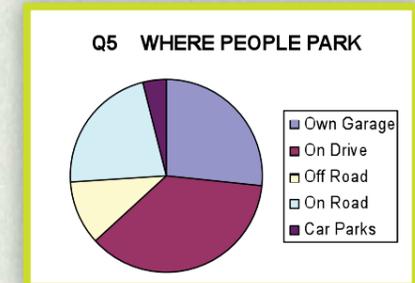


"Top of Castle Street Dangerous due to unexpected one way system"

"Compared with other parts of the country, Bampton has no traffic problem"

"Lovely community - don't destroy it with excess organisation & regulations"

"I like the chaos - it slows traffic"



Vision for the Future

A number of messages and themes have recurred throughout the process of producing this Parish Plan. They point to a vision for the future of Bampton Parish that is widely supported by its residents and should be borne in mind by those charged with the custodianship of its future. They cover the need to :-

- **Retain the rural character of the Parish and its peculiarities with only limited future development of new housing and this being principally through sensitive infill.**

- **Address traffic and parking issues of genuine concern, to maintain the level of public transport and improve safety measures for pedestrians.**

- **Maintain and enhance the Parish environment and protect its landscape reducing the problems of litter and dog fouling and supporting flower planting to enhance the look and feel of the area we call home.**

- **Address the requirements of an ageing population and cater for the large proportion of older, but active people in the Parish.**

- **Provide opportunities, homes and facilities for younger residents to encourage them to stay in Bampton. Provide activities and facilities for our youth.**

- **Enhance and maintain the parish facilities, particularly the Riverside Hall. The parish is fortunate to have a School, Church, Post Office, a good range of shops, Public Houses, Restaurants and Guest Accommodation. There are open spaces with the Recreation Ground and Millennium Green, several children's playgrounds and three public halls. These are key facilities that are much used by parishioners and visitors and will facilitate the improvements sought in the Action Plan.**

- **Support those who keep our traditions alive and organise activities which make Bampton such a special place with a Charter Fair, Open Day, Bampton in Bloom, Community Lunches, Christmas events, plays and cinema productions, sports and activity clubs and many more.**



"Would love to use the Millennium Green more"

"Preserve the town - carefully"

"Badly need new Hall with large car park, sports facilities, youth club"

Action Plan

The Action Plan that follows records the issues and aspirations which the residents of Bampton would like to be addressed. It should be seen as a starting point for an ongoing programme of work that will inevitably evolve as achievements are made and other requirements arise. It is a working document that should drive local initiatives and activities to meet the recorded needs of the residents.

The Parish Plan has been adopted by Bampton Town Council (BTC) who are the custodians of the Plan. It is up to them how they take forward the actions and kick start community activity and work in partnership with the business group and other authorities to progress issues and report back to residents at the annual Parish Meeting. Residents also have a standing invitation to attend the monthly Council meetings to raise issues which are of concern to them and to seek information on the progress achieved against the Plan at the Public Forum preceding the main meeting.

Each action identifies the partners who will help resolve the issue and have been categorised with the following priority ratings;

High – something that should be started as soon as practical and in the next 6 months.

Medium - something which should be started in the next 12 months

Low – something which will take longer or may require resources not currently available

Where the Plan refers to the parish it means the whole of the parish including the hamlets of Shillingford and Petton and the more sparsely populated areas towards Exebridge. Throughout the Plan our district and county authorities are referred to as MDDC (Mid Devon District Council) and DCC (Devon County Council) and CCoD (Community Council of Devon) who have all helped produce this Plan and support its production.

ISSUE	AIM	ACTION	PARTNERS	PRIORITY	TIMESCALE	
ENVIRONMENT ISSUES						
Dog mess	Reduce dog mess Educate dog owners to clear up dog mess.	Install more dog litter bins (this has been done with new signs and bins placed around the town) Plan and deliver a high visibility campaign (fronted by parents and children). Entry in Signpost from MDDC to remind people of the environmental health risks of dog mess, and risk of MDDC to host a meeting to provide guidance on how to safely challenge dog owners seen to leave dog	prosecution mess uncollected and disposed of.	Dog owners; pedestrians; BTC; MDDC; visitors As above As above; Signpost editorial committee As above	High High High High	Actioned more bins provided 6 months 6 months 9 months
Household and hall rubbish	Reduce the amount of rubbish left on streets	Inform householders etc (see partners) via Signpost of need to identify collection days/times. Include information on impact of uncollected rubbish – eyesore; health hazard Write to identified second home/holiday home owners to display rubbish collection days prominently and asking them to make arrangements with a neighbour/agent to put out rubbish at the designated times.		Householders; community halls; second home owners/ holiday lets/visitors; BTC; MDDC As above	High High	6 months and ongoing A.S.A.P & ongoing
Litter	Reduce the amount of litter	Provide more litter bins		Residents; visitors; BTC; MDDC	High	12 months
Untidy and unkempt appearance of Bampton	Keep Bampton looking tidier and cared for As above	Form a 'clean up' action group to meet monthly. Action group powers to be agreed and endorsed by BTC and made public. Action group to report to BTC quarterly. Action group members to visit shop owners; homeowners/ second home owners/holiday let property owners to encourage them to keep the frontage of properties rubbish and weed free and swept.		Bampton residents; Business Group; BTC; MDDC; visitors Bampton residents; shop owners; BTC; MDDC; visitors	High High	6 months 9-12 months
Street cleaning	Improve the effectiveness of scheduled street cleaning	BTC to utilise the Parish Lengthsman in partnership with neighbouring parishes.		Neighbouring parishes BTC, MDDC, Highways	Medium	Ongoing
Eyesore properties/ sites	Reduce adverse visual and environmental health impact of empty properties and sites	BTC to work with MDDC (using conservation area enforcement /environmental health powers) to identify and meet owners to raise awareness of the impact caused by neglect. Seek agreement for level of maintenance and enhancement.		Parish residents; visitors; site and property owners; BTC	Medium	1 year
Public information/visitor information	Provide a public notice board/more information for visitors	BTC to continue to support Bampton Heritage and Visitor Centre in its aim provide information for visitors. (Note. Centre opened 14th Sept 2013 and received 1,000 visitors by Early December) BTC to provide public notice boards in the Station Road car park and by the Stage. Plan and deliver a campaign to advertise the town website and Signpost		Volunteers; visitors; B & B and hotel owners; BTC; MDDC; Website manager; Signpost; Heritage Centre Committee. BTC Residents; visitors; BTC; Website manager; Signpost	Medium Medium Medium	Ongoing 9 months 6 months
Late night noise	Reduce the level of late night noise	BTC to ask pub landlords/restaurant owners/hall committees to remind people leaving premises at closing time of the need to be quiet and considerate on their journeys home		Residents; visitors; pub and restaurant owners; hall committees; individuals and groups leaving premises at closing time	Low	Ongoing
HOUSING						
Future Development Plans	Seek to remove Bampton from future housing development plans	BTC have applied to Planning Officers in MDDC, District Councillors & MPs for Bampton to be classified as a village for planning purposes BTC will scrutinise future plans and ensure approvals reflect the need to preserve the character of the parish and target development at brownfield sites not greenfield sites.	village for planning purposes	BTC; District and County Councillors; Local Action Groups	HIGH	Ongoing
Housing Developments	Monitor all planned and/or agreed developments to ensure they are appropriate for the needs of the community, that they comply with current and future requirements without further damaging the currently fragile and overstretched infrastructure.	BTC will continue to lobby developers. Maintain regular contact with local planning officials MDDC and County Councillors		As Above	HIGH	Ongoing
Affordable Housing	Provide sufficient affordable varied tenure houses for the identified needs of local people.	Identify a suitable local site and possible building partners		BTC, Local builders Contractors, Housing Assns. Relevant MDDC and County Council representatives	HIGH	short/ medium term

TRANSPORT / TRAFFIC / ROAD SAFETY

Buses - Limited service with no later evening buses and no Sunday service	To improve or at least maintain existing bus service and seek to improve connection times.	To advise bus companies of results of plan which showed contentment with existing service but sought better evening and Sunday services. Improve publicity of services available.	BTC, MDDC, First Bus, Beacon Bus.	High High	Short (6 months)
Castle St. is a major problem with parking on one side creating a single track main road with risk to vehicles, pedestrians and pavements.	To improve pedestrian, driver and vehicle safety and traffic flow	To improve signage on the eastern approach warning of danger of oncoming traffic and explore use of extended double lines at top of Castle St. to extend passing opportunity.	BTC, DCC Highways	High	Short (6 months)
		To investigate feasibility of creating a residents' parking area at the bottom of Old Morebath Road / Castle St. junction.	BTC, DCC Highways, Residents	High	Med (12 months)
Road maintenance	To improve the maintenance of roads and ditches	BTC to produce and maintain a priority list of required work, agree timescales with DCC Highways and publish an agreed plan	BTC, DCC Highways	High	Immediate & ongoing
Off road Parking	To improve the availability of off road parking.	BTC to consult Mid Devon Planners and future developers and produce a plan to create more off road parking spaces. Seek safe access to new Post Office	BTC, MDDC, Developers Residents	Med	Med & ongoing (1 year)
Brook St and Newton Square	Seek to improve Pedestrian safety	BTC to seek agreement to the installation of a pedestrian crossing in Brook St.	BTC, DCC Highways,	Med	In Hand

FACILITIES AND LEISURE

Burial Space	Obtain extra burial space	To explore availability of additional burial ground, as existing is likely to be exhausted in around 2 years	BTC.	High	6 months
Public Toilets	To provide additional public toilets	Consider including in New Hall plan. Renovation of existing toilets should meanwhile be actioned as a priority	BTC, MDDC Estates MDDC /DCC Grants, Bampton Business Group	High	In Hand
New Hall	Improve the Riverside Hall and in the long term replace it.	Consider options including redesign to make better use of existing site. Investigate alternative sites and /or alternative use of existing BTC property or new purchase.	BTC MDDC CIL funding Devon RCC Org. For Community Buildings.	High	1 - 2 years
Young People's facilities and activities	To offer improved facilities and activities	Draw up list of viable projects using children's' responses. Form working group inc. youngsters to liaise with Millennium Green and Rec Committees (See below)	BTC. DCC Youth Services Local Sports Groups Devon RCC Org. For Sports/Community Funding	Short & Ongoing	1 year
Millennium Green & Recreation Ground	Improve the Millennium Green and Recreation Ground and encourage more use of these facilities.	Introduce youngsters to committees. Liaise with Football, Cricket, Netball Groups. Build on QEII Field status at Rec. for community functions, young people's activities. Signage and regular maintenance to raise local and visitor awareness of The Motte & Bailey Install a mountain bike course.	BTC Millennium Green Committee Recreation Ground Committee Football, Cricket & Netball Clubs. Heritage Group, Bampton History Society Bampton Business Group	Ongoing	In Progress
					Planned
Church	To be unlocked to allow more frequent access	Liaise with Church PCC and Heritage Group (Note. Heritage Centre location helped this issue)	BTC, Church, Heritage Group	High Ongoing	In Progress
Broadband, Freeview and Digital Radio	To improve services	BTC to register with Broadband website www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk BTC to register with website www.ukdigitalradio.com to update information and pass on demands	BTC. DCC Broadband service	Ongoing	Immediate

ECONOMY

Action Plan needed	To enable and encourage enterprise	Liaise with Bampton Business Group to identify specific needs	BTC Bampton Business Group	Medium	On going
Business Units	Ensure the need is satisfied.	Assist new / young businesses with reduced rent	Owners, MDDC, BTC	Medium	6 months
Tourism	Better signage	Erect brown signs on routes into Bampton (Note Brown Sign at Exeter Inn roundabout spells Wimbleball Lake incorrectly - Whimbleball)	Bampton Business Group Highways	High	In Hand
Local trade	To get locals to buy locally.	Encourage people and increase awareness of what can be purchased & skills available within the district	BTC, Bampton Business Group, MDDC	Medium	> 3 months

Established studies have shown (www.terraperna.org.uk) that for £100 spent in a national chain only £20 returns locally, but for £100 spent locally, £80 is retained.

Thanks

The Town Council wishes to thank the residents of the parish who have taken the time and trouble to complete the questionnaires and express their views on their community and their aspirations for its future. Their input provides the Town Council and other authorities with a good understanding of those needs and aspirations which should assist them in future developments.

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Bampton Organisations

The following is the current list of activities / organisations represented within the Parish, together with the contact number for them. The list is maintained on the Town Web Site www.bampton.org.uk and any changes should be notified to the webmaster on 332324

Bampton Area Comm. Org. Network (B.A.C.O.N.)	332324
Bampton Bingo	331572
Bampton Bell Ringers	331843
Bampton in Bloom	332078
Bampton Folk Dance Club	01884 820438
Bampton Football Club	77913888530
Bampton Handbell Ringers	331491
Bampton Historical Society	01884 242205
Bampton Ladies Group	332755 / 332458
Bampton Line Dancers	331737
Bampton Netball Club	07584 043870
Bampton Over 60's	331551
Bampton's Own Cinema	331737
Bampton Plants & Gardens Society	331354
Bampton Players	332030
Bampton Junior Players	332048 / 331265
Bampton Primary School PTFA	331121
Green Meadow Foundation unit (Pre School 3+)	331121
Bampton Quilters	331562 or 332261
Bampton Rifle Club	331572
Bampton Scouts	331901
Beaver Scouts (girls & boys 6-7)	331843
Bampton Short Mat Bowling	331843
Bampton Skittles Club	331737
Bampton Society	332014
Bampton Table Tennis Club	332114
Bampton Twinning Association	332048
Bampton & Tiverton WI	331819
Bampton Young Farmers	331279
Bampton Heritage Centre	331777
Bampton Business Group	332486
Exmoor Rotary Club	331669
Morebath Cricket Club	323067
Probus	331379
Society of Saint George	331122
St Michael's Church Bampton	332885 or 332162
St Petroc's Church, Petton	361275
Yoga	332104
Zumba	07939 037843