



St Ippolyts Parish Council, Action Plan

FOREWORD

As Chairman of the Council I would like to commend this document to all the people who live or are interested in the civil parish of St Ippolyts.

The Action Plan is the result of the Parish Plan and the thousands of hours of volunteer work which have been distilled into this document. It is a living document which can be improved and extended at any time.

I would particularly like to thank all those who took part, especially the committee who were responsible for this work and in particular Mrs Skeggs without whose efforts and hard work this action plan would not have been possible.

Remember that this has been prepared on your behalf and it is hoped you will support it fully and help keep this area a pleasant and secure rural parish in which to live.

Cllr T P Veasey
August 2003

INTRODUCTION

The Parish Council hopes to see the points listed in this Action Plan put into practice.

In some instances there is a limit to what a Parish Council can do and we will need to work with North Hertfordshire District and Hertfordshire County Councils, the Police and Hertfordshire Highways, to name but a few, in order to fulfil our aims.

A Parish Council is constrained by two factors. Firstly its duties defined by law and secondly a sensible approach to spending public money which is raised from the electors of the parish by way of a precept. In the present year this is £10,000.

Since the publication of St Ippolyts Parish Plan Final Report we are pleased that a number of expectations have been met. These include an art class on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall and a mobile police station at the Post Office every other Thursday 8.30 a.m.–10.30 a.m. North Hertfordshire District Council has already offered assistance with Village Design Statements and Conservation Area Appraisals.

At present there appears to be no action required on housing, other than to respond to any large scale planning application for residential use (e.g. West of Stevenage) which of course, the Council will do.

This Action Plan will be reviewed each year at the Annual Parish Meeting in April when all suggestions that you have will be welcome.

CHERISH AND PRESERVE

The Action	How it will be tackled	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead responsibility	Resource implications
Protection of the parish environment Protection of the parish environment	Continue to respond to Government documents, County Structure Plan, District Local Plan and other consultations.	On going	CPRE	On going	The Council	Precept
	Continue to respond to planning applications.	On going		Ongoing	The Council	Precept
Conservation Area Appraisals	Liase with NHDC	Medium	NHDC/maybe BEAMS	Autumn 03-05	The Council	Not known at this stage
Village Design Statements	Discuss with NHDC and Parish Councils who have these (e.g. Ashwell & Pirton)	Medium	NHDC/Other Parish Councils	Autumn 03-05	The Council	Investigate Grant

TRAVEL

The Action	How it will be tackled	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead responsibility	Resource implications
Review of public transport - buses	Set up User Group. Discuss with Passenger Transport. Research into possible links with CDA (Rural Transport Partnership).	High	Users, NHDC, HCC, RTP and private providers (e.g. bus companies)	Initial meeting with partners to be arranged in autumn 2003.	The Council/User Group	Long-term implications unknown.

ROAD SAFETY

The Action	How it will be tackled	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead responsibility	Resource implications
Review of traffic issues including speeding, cycle paths, footways, crossings, traffic calming and parking.	Initial meeting with Herts Highways.	High	Herts Highways.	Initial meeting to be arranged Autumn 2003.	The Council	Long-term implications unknown. .

PERSONAL SAFETY

The Action	How it will be tackled	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead responsibility	Resource implications
Aim for Neighbourhood Watch coverage for the whole Parish.	Residents meeting to be arranged Ascertain areas that are not covered by existing schemes Advertise for co-ordinator/s where needed.	High	Herts Constabulary/ Neighbourhood Watch Schemes	Autumn 2003.	Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators	
Review Street Lighting	Survey areas of concern	Medium		Autumn 03-05	The Council	To be negotiated

FACILITIES

The Action	How it will be tackled	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead responsibility	Resource implications
Enhance existing play areas	Provision of additional equipment	High		1 year and ongoing	The Council	Precept/Grants
Promote existing facilities	Liaison, promotion and advertising	Medium	Hall Trustees, Bowls and Football Club	On going	Clubs & Groups	
Attempt to start Good Neighbour Scheme	Liase with PCC to see whether this could be included as part of Christian Commitment	Low	PCC	2003-2007	To be appointed	
Attempt to start new Groups (e.g. youth, holiday play scheme, after school clubs)	Further investigation required	Low	Users, Parents, School	2003-2007	To be appointed	

HOUSING

The Action	How it will be tackled	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead responsibility	Resource implications
If required low cost housing for local people	Survey	Low		2003-2007	The Council	

COUNTRYSIDE AND ENVIRONMENT

The Action	How it will be tackled	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead responsibility	Resource implications
Organise litter pick days.	Liase with Footpath Group, school and residents	Medium	Groundwork Trust, Tidy Britain Group, Footpath Group, local school, and residents	April 2004	The Council	Volunteers/ Grant
Encourage people to tidy outside their homes	Encourage residents to participate	Medium	Residents	2003-2005	The Council	
Discourage fly tipping.	Display of posters	High	NHDC, Footpath Group and wider community	Summer 2003	The Council	Precept
Enhance door-to-door service	Discuss with NHDC	Medium	NHDC	2003-2005	The Council	Long-term implications unknown
Consider parish composting/recycling facilities	Further investigation needed	Low	Residents	2003-2007	The Council	Long-term implications unknown
Promotion of the countryside	Provision of walks leaflet	High	CMS/HCC/NHDC/ The Council	1 year	Footpath Group	Grant

GENERAL

The Action	How it will be tackled	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead responsibility	Resource implications
Effective communication with NHDC, HCC and the Government	Regular contact and invitation to meetings	Ongoing		On going	The Council	Precept
Effective communication with the public	Good use of notice boards and other media	Ongoing		Ongoing	The Council	Precept
Review	Monitor annually with feed back to public	Annual Parish Meeting	Parish Plan Committee and Residents	Yearly	The Council	Precept

NOTE

There are references in this document to the St Ippolyts Parish Plan Final Report. This is a 65-page document that contains the results of the questionnaires and background information on the project as a whole. It maybe inspected at St Ippolyts Post Office, Hitchin Library and as a download file on the Internet Web site, www.themawers.com

GLOSSARY

BEAMS Service	Built Environment Advisory Management
Bowls Club	St Ippolyts Bowls Club
CDA Hertfordshire	Community Development Agency for
CMS	Countryside Management Service
CPRE	Campaign to Protect Rural England

Football Club	St Ippolyts Football Club
Footpath Group	St Ippolyts Footpath and Bridleway Group
Groundwork Trust	Groundwork Hertfordshire
Hall Trustees	St Ippolyts Parish Hall Trustees
HCC	Hertfordshire County Council
Herts Constabulary	Hertfordshire Constabulary
Herts Highways	Hertfordshire Highways
NHDC	North Hertfordshire District Council
Parish Plan Committee	St Ippolyts Parish Plan Committee
PCC	St Ippolyts Parochial Church Council
RTP	Hertfordshire Rural Transport Partnership
School	St Ippolyts C.E. (Aided) Primary School