



Stoke St Gregory Village Plan



Why do a Village Plan?

The Village Plan will demonstrate that the improvements that we want to make are based on a thorough appraisal of the Village's needs, and that they have the support of the local community.

It will drastically strengthen any case we make when trying to secure additional grants/funds to make further improvements to Stoke St Gregory.

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How did this Village Plan come about?

The scheme is run by the Community Council for Somerset (CCS).

There was a pot of funding left over and so CCS provided an opportunity for Parish and Town Councils to submit Expressions of Interests in July to be selected to progress a Village Plan.

Stoke St Gregory was successful, so here we are.

The 'catch' is that whilst these plans usually take 18 months to complete, we must complete it by 31st March 2023.

CCS are providing training and professional support.



Is this a Parish Council initiative?

In one word, **NO**.

The Parish Council was presented with the opportunity and submitted the bid so we as a community could prepare the plan.

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That is why the Steering Group is a cross section of the village, and why it is vital that everyone engages with it.

Meet your Village Plan Team!

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Target dates

A short consultation exercise with the Village, both online and in the HDTV Village Shop has recently closed. The results will be analysed by the Steering Group and the proposed survey topics confirmed shortly;

The survey questions will be decided on 14th November;

The Survey will be launched on 28th November and will close on 1st January;

We will then analyse the data and draft the Village Plan; and

The Village Plan must be finalised by 31st March 2023.



Will you come and speak to us again?

We plan to go out and speak to all the main groups/ organisations in the village individually on two more occasions:

- Once whilst the survey is ongoing to field any questions and encourage people to take part (between 28th Nov and 1st Jan); and
- Again after we have analysed the survey results, so we can invite any suggested solutions to the issues that have been raised (Likely in early February)

Alongside this, we will offer a number of drop-in sessions in the cafe where we can be there to take any questions from people.





What will happen with the Village Plan?

The Plan will be adopted by the Parish Council, who will look to get it endorsed by the new Somerset Unitary Council.

It will essentially form a mandate for the Village to deliver.

We will likely look to set up several residents' groups to take things in the plan forward.

If during the Village Plan process you realise there is a particular area that you feel passionate about and can make a positive contribution towards (no matter how small), please make yourself known to a member of the Steering Group or send us an email at ssg2023villageplan@gmail.com.



The really important bit!

Without everyone in the Village working hard and pulling together in the same direction, this Village Plan is unlikely to have a positive impact on Stoke St Gregory.

In essence, the Village Plan will be a statement of our joint intent: things that we think should be done.

It will remain a wish-list without a lot of hard work and without funding. We need your help, support and time to make the things that end up in this Plan happen.

We hope you agree that Stoke St Gregory deserves a bright future, and we urge you to get involved.