

Shaugh Parish Plan

Addressing the needs of the Lee Moor, Shaugh Prior & Wotter community



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Our Parish

an introduction

Shaugh Prior Parish has an amazing variety of landscapes. Some years ago it was common for local residents to beat the bounds of the parish (Has any one done this recently?) If you have tried this 32 mile hike then the variety of landscapes will have been obvious to you.

In the West is the deep wooded gorge of the Plym valley; to the North are the dramatic treeless moorlands of Dartmoor; to the East one finds the magnificent moonscape of the 'china clay country' and as you travel South the rugged landscapes give way to the gentle rolling farmland of the 'in country' of South Hams.



view from collard tor



What is a Parish Plan?

A Parish Plan can give the community a voice.

It can help protect what is felt to be important in the local area and serves as a tool in securing future funding to further improve the community. It is part of a national initiative that involves the local residents in a consultation process to identify what should be protected and areas that need improvements.

This document is the product of that process and specifies the actions identified by the community. The Parish Council will then seek to implement the Plan in conjunction with local groups, individuals and the wider community.

It will address and seek to influence, policies, procedures and actions instigated by District and County Councils, Dartmoor National Park Authority and other relevant organisations.

Parish Plans & Appraisals are living documents that evolve and change in response to a community's needs and pressures.

They are rarely a single entity and form part of a long-term approach.

How was it formulated?

In 2007 a request was made by the Parish Council to the local community asking for volunteers to develop the plan.

This led to the the first meeting taking place in October 2007 and a committee was formed.

We started by looking at the 1999 Parish Appraisal and began to develop a Plan to encompass any outstanding issues.

We considered how to consult with the local community to maintain the infrastructure of what we have.

Along with identifying measures to secure the future sustainable development of our community.

This was achieved through the community fun day at Lee Moor Public Hall which generated the questions used in the questionnaire, this questionnaire was then distributed throughout the community and the results used to form this plan.



community fun day

What's happened since the Parish Appraisal in 1999?

The creation of a sports field at Shaugh School.

The planting of a millennium copse at Collard Tor.

The laying of new pipes in Shaugh Prior to redirect surface water.

A considerable reduction in crime rates.

The development of a kick-about area in Wotter.

The provision of a new play area at Lee Moor.

The refurbishment of Shaugh Prior Village Hall.

The provision of funds for Church, Chapel and Playground maintenance.

The reduction of speed limits along the Lee Moor/Wotter bypass

& from Cadover through Brownie Cross to Elfordleigh.



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What has been achieved so far in response to community consultation?

- The replacement and relocation of notice boards within the villages.
- The preliminary stages of a footpath/cycle route linking the three villages with the aim to provide accessible and sustainable routes to local amenities such as the Post Office, Surgery & School.
- A redeveloped website that provides listings of services and events along with the capacity for electronic submission. This allows the local community to advertise upcoming events.
- The Parish Council and South Hams District Council have contributed towards the refurbishment of Wotter play area.

Priorities For the Next 5 Years



To support local authorities and housing associations in providing affordable housing where need exists..

To promote the current range of services to residents and visitors.

To implement a comprehensive traffic scheme to address pedestrian safety, traffic flow and speed.

To liaise with the Police and Neighbourhood Watch coordinators to ensure adequate presence is achieved and their knowledge of relevant issues is current.

To provide facilities for all ages of the community based on identified local needs.

To maintain and improve the appearance of the local area where a need is recognised.

To seek improvements to bus services and develop links with nearby communities wherever possible.

sumo wrestling at the fun day



mica dam at portworthy



community fun day



shaugh prior village school

What action is Proposed?

How will this be achieved?

Leisure and Recreation

Develop local parks and recreation areas to meet the needs of the community to include age appropriate equipment. Develop and co-ordinate leisure activities encompassing the ideas of the community.

Form a parks and recreation committee to assist with events and make funding bids to improve current provision. Work alongside committees to develop community led events.

Environmental

Resolve environmental issues including dog fouling, litter, fallen trees (where a danger is present e.g. along roads), exposed wires and fly tipping.

Raise awareness and engage the community and local landowners. Embark on an education programme with local schools and other organisations to highlight any threat to wildlife and health from dog fouling, litter and fly tipping. Carry out litter picking events and lobby South Hams District Council for the provision and servicing of dog bins. Invite the local dog warden to talk and discuss the use of pooper-scoopers with dog owners. Raise issues such as disused metal works at Lee Moor at community liaison events with landowners. Investigate the possibility of volunteer group to remove dangerous wires.

Housing

Establish the need for affordable housing and identify suitable areas for consideration. Request South Hams District Council and Devon County Council to incorporate policies into planning. Identify needs and make provision for the elderly where possible. Identify extent of need for sheltered accommodation, residential/nursing accommodation.

South Hams District Council have been invited to conduct a housing needs survey and to act on the findings accordingly.

Wherever possible maintain the existing environment and visual character of the parish.

riders on shaugh bridge



moorland hotel, wotter



wotter play area



lee moor public hall



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How will this be achieved?

Services

Endeavour to secure the future of the post office and invite interested parties to conduct a feasibility study into an incorporated community shop and/or internet café with a view to extending opening hours, possibly to include Saturday mornings.

Encourage every household to work towards a safer community environment and consider the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Maintain the current surgery service but investigate more accessible opening hours and better parking facilities.

Notice Boards

Improve current notice board provision with better locations if needed and larger, more prominent boards protected from elements.

Display up to date minutes of the Parish Council meeting with easier access for members of the general public.

Develop the Parish Magazine and Website to better serve the community and reflect interests identified through consultation.

Identify methods of protecting the post office and establish extent of community shop need & possible orchestration through the establishment of a network of volunteers. Facilitate Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in operation and support those who may be unable to attend meetings.

Investigate the possibility of education events through liaison with local schools, Police and Neighbourhood Watch coordinators.

Identify extent of need and liaise with community and partners to agree on hours and facilities.

Establish volunteer Notice Board Attendants to act as key holder, update and monitor content. Liaise with Parish Council regarding maintenance and location.

Although a valuable and appreciated resource the Magazine has been identified as in need of updated content and a refreshed layout.

Investigate possibility of volunteers or committee to work alongside Editor to refresh design and content. This should reflect the wants of the community to address concerns over the ratio of adverts to articles.

Provide more information to encourage people to use the site. Form a volunteer network of people willing to assist with upkeep of website. Facilitate easier editing and updating through online forms that can be completed by community groups.

Transport

Establish possibility of a link to villages from the main cycle track.

Address issue of speeding lorries. Attempt to engage with off road vehicle users to develop relationships and educate young drivers to dangers of speeding.

Develop current parking provision to meet the needs of the local community.

Attempt to develop links to Plymouth, Ivybridge, Plympton, Yelverton and Tavistock.

Liaise with the National Cycle Network to support the identified need of a community cycle/bridleway linking the three villages. Lobby South Hams District Council to support the development of this route.

Investigate speed cameras, traffic calming, electronic signs and improved policing. Facilitate an education programme to develop awareness in consultation with Devon Highways and Police.

Lobby Devon Highways and Dartmoor National Park to create more car parking spaces at Wotter and Lee Moor.

Investigate and support all transport links and schemes, such as car sharing initiatives, to facilitate improvements to the current provision and improve the safety of school drop-offs.

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How you can help to realise the Plan

Long has this Parish demonstrated a strong community spirit with proactive voluntary involvement and long may it continue; for it will require a firm commitment from a wide range of Parishioners for the Plan to come to fruition. For you to be heard you will have to use your voice, and for changes to happen spare your time. Therefore please come along to meetings and community events to ensure things develop the way you want.

To express your interest contact the Parish Clerk: dianamoyse@lydford5.fsnet.co.uk
visit the Parish Website: www.shaughpriorparish.gov.uk to keep up to date
and join the community email service by emailing: shaughcommunity@googlemail.com
to advertise events or make requests to the local community.

For more Information

The consultation response that underpins this plan, may be viewed on the Parish Website:
www.shaughpriorparish.gov.uk

Alternatively a hard copy is available for viewing by request from the Parish Council. If a large print version of this document is required please contact the parish clerk.

Chair - Marilyn Small,
Treasurer - Colin Taffurelli
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The Committee

Measuring Progress

The Parish Council will be monitoring progress and local residents always have the opportunity to attend Parish Council meetings to ask how projects are developing and to get involved. The annual general meeting for the Parish Council will provide an opportunity to report on progress and address concerns.

We look forward to working together.