

# Chudleigh Parish Plan

Something for Everyone :: Our town – Our future

## Purpose of the Plan

- ❖ To understand the residents views of Chudleigh in 2008/9
- ❖ To quantify those views through a comprehensive survey
- ❖ To seek as many ideas and suggestions from residents for the future of the town
- ❖ To convert those ideas and suggestions into a workable action plan
- ❖ To encourage every resident to become actively involved in shaping the future of Chudleigh.

## Producing the Plan

- ❖ Initiated by the Town Council in 2007
- ❖ Led by a volunteer Steering Group including at least one Councillor and representatives from a broad spectrum of the community, its churches, clubs and associations
- ❖ Through open meetings and two well supported public events the Steering Group gathered initial thoughts from residents to form the basis of a Parish Plan Survey
- ❖ The survey was delivered to every household in the Autumn of 2008
- ❖ The responses totalled circa 30% of the community – exactly on forecast by Teignbridge District Council who provided much valuable advice and practical help.
- ❖ The residents have been regularly updated with progress via the Chudleigh News Parish Magazine, the Phoenix and local press as have the Town Council with regular face to face meetings.
- ❖ The Parish Plan was formally approved and adopted by the Town Council on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2009



## Implementation

The Town Council “owns” the Parish Plan and as such is responsible for its delivery. However by its very nature, The Plan can only be really effective if the community recognises its own input and is willing to adopt its general findings and actions. Each of the organisations and associations in Chudleigh has wholeheartedly agreed the principle of the plan and is working with it to the benefit of all.

# Thanks

Should go to The Chudleigh Town Council, Officers of Teignbridge District Council, Officers of Community Council of Devon, District and County Councillors, many volunteers and the Parish Plan Steering Group

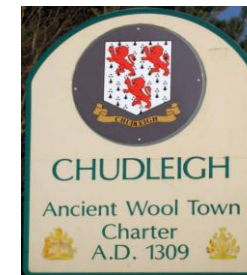
## Key Areas


The Plan covered many aspects of life in Chudleigh, but six Key Areas emerged from the public consultations and survey and are deemed priorities. Other findings are covered in the detailed (separate) Survey Report


- ❖ Traffic congestion and pedestrian safety– particularly through the Town Centre and improve attractiveness and user friendliness
- ❖ Shared space in the Town Centre to improve safety for pedestrians and ease traffic congestion
- ❖ Affordable housing – including housing to meet the needs of all sectors of the community
- ❖ Law and order – including alcohol consumption outside of licensed premises
- ❖ Parking – both on and off street
- ❖ Social services and support






There were many other areas covered and commented upon in the Survey, for instance Library opening times, dog fouling and dog waste receptacles, drug abuse, alcohol consumption, allotments, the environment and recycling, plastic bag free Chudleigh, Farmers Market, retail and employment. These are all summarised in this document with more detailed coverage in the *full report* available from the Town Hall or via the Town Council web site.

The Key Priorities are highlighted in this document with indications as to the value placed upon them by residents, suggested action steps, whose responsibility it might be for the action and likely timescale.



Key Area	Long Term Aim / Goal	Action Needed to Achieve the Aim / Goal <i><u>Medium Term Priority</u></i>	Implementation
<p><b>Traffic</b></p> <p>There was very strong feeling and support for action regarding traffic congestion and pedestrian safety, particularly in the Town Centre. Over 66% of respondents felt that we need to drastically reduce the amount of through traffic in the Town Centre.</p> <p>Overwhelming support for reduction in speed limit</p>	<p>Recognising that we need delivery vehicles to service our shops and businesses, we need to reduce the size and weight of some vehicles driving through the Town. At the same time, and in line with many other communities, we should be reducing the speed limit and helping drivers to be more aware of the needs of pedestrians.</p>	<p>Suggestions included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erect new signs at the North and South entrances to Chudleigh indicating that the through route is via the A38 not through the Town Centre.</li> <li>Erect “Brown Signs” welcoming visitors to Historic Chudleigh to enjoy our many facilities.</li> <li>Introduce a 20mph speed limit</li> <li>Introduce speed activated warning signs</li> <li>Introduce size and weight restrictions</li> <li>Change priorities at Lawn Drive and Cricket Field Drive to create through traffic diversions</li> </ul> 	<p>Town Council Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council</p>
Key Area	Long Term Aim / Goal	Action Needed to Achieve the Aim / Goal <i><u>Long Term Priority</u></i>	Implementation
<p><b>Shared Space and Conservation Area</b></p> <p>Over 84% of residents would like to see the Conservation Area enhanced and this included significant, over one third, support for making the Town Centre more pedestrian friendly by sharing space. This is a tried and tested concept and has been successfully introduced in towns and villages throughout the UK and Europe.</p>	<p>Some areas of Chudleigh already have Conservation Area status and residents feel that these areas should be widened to encompass, possibly, the whole boundary of the Town Centre. Within this would be, where appropriate, the retrospective refitting of street furniture and sympathetically returning buildings to Conservation Area standards.</p> <p>A Shared Space Scheme will encompass the needs of all users of the Town Centre and provide green spaces, more trees and flowers, seating and outdoor activities for all residents and a feeling of openness and space.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To investigate programmes for possible sympathetic action to reinstate Conservation Status with the town.</li> <li>Implement plans to make the Town Centre more pedestrian friendly, and aesthetically more pleasing, particularly around the War Memorial</li> <li>Some suggestions included:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>planting of trees</li> <li>undergrounding of overhead cables</li> <li>installation of raised flower beds</li> <li>pecially designed seating with a local theme</li> <li>replacement of existing streetlights with more traditional lighting</li> <li>use of more attractive paving material on the footways</li> <li>The creation of some “shared space” areas from Old and New Exeter Streets through to Oldway.</li> <li>establishment of an easily accessed Town Centre green</li> <li>provision of cycle racks</li> <li>removal or reduction in the number of road signs</li> <li>removal of railings around War Memorial to create a more open aspect</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Town Council Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council</p>

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<p><b>Affordable Housing</b></p> <p>Of great concern to the residents of Chudleigh is the plight of some folks unable to buy a house for a multitude of reasons. This is not particularly age bounded, but more a case of suitable properties being available for purchase or rent to match the needs of residents. 184 Respondents felt there should be a complete halt to housing development for a number of years. 145 people felt there should be a limited amount of new homes with a high proportion of “affordable” homes to meet local needs and 146 felt there should only be affordable homes to meet local needs.</p> <p>Of those that responded the survey reveals that 44 families are currently seeking affordable homes</p>	<p>To understand residents views regarding the development of Chudleigh and sympathetically match these to the needs of local and national housing needs.</p> <p>This would include a slowing of the rate of building expansion in Chudleigh unless specifically for affordable housing</p> 	<p>Given the views of residents who favour no building at all or carefully controlled development of affordable housing, consideration needs to be given to all the implications of the survey returns and implement plans accordingly. Any deviation from the views expressed will, by their very nature, need to be sympathetically and carefully planned in order that Chudleigh residents accept the proposals.</p> <p>In order of priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A complete halt of new building for at least 5 years</li> <li>• Only building affordable new housing to meet local needs</li> <li>• Limited new housing with a high proportion of affordable news houses for local need</li> </ul> <p>NB. Not covered by the survey, but reflected in the mood of residents at “public” meetings is the need to accommodate increased infrastructure to absorb swelling population need E.G Schools, transport, water and sewerage, retail and health provision.</p> <p>Also suggestions were made that Chudleigh needs some more properties built to accommodate the senior citizens, which in turn may free up houses more suitable for families.</p>	<p>Town Council Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council</p>
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<p><b>Law and Order</b></p> <p>The Community Police Team has been working hard to reduce both real and perceived crime in Chudleigh and results reported at the Town Council Meetings show a dramatic fall. Just under one third of respondents reported a noticeable improvement whilst a little over half said they had yet to notice.</p> <p>Respondents were equally split on whether or not they thought there was an alcohol consumption problem in Chudleigh</p>	<p>Continue to reduce both real and perceived crime through the p.a.c.t. programme, involving all sectors of the community in crime awareness and prevention planning.</p> <p>Community Police Team to continue to be aware of residents concerns and acts accordingly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure a greater visible police presence in Chudleigh Town centre, particularly after dark.</li> <li>• Increase awareness as to how to access the Neighbourhood Police Team</li> <li>• Community Police Team, in harness with the Town Council to prepare and implement a plan to respond to a real or perceived alcohol consumption problem in the Parish</li> </ul>	<p>Town Council and Community Policing Team</p>

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<b>Chudleigh Businesses (Retail)</b>  A majority of those who responded to the survey would welcome a Farmers Market at least once a month.	To improve and increase the provision of both retail and business serves in Chudleigh and to encourage more residents to become regular customers	Develop a plan with the Business Guild to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce a Farmers Market</li> <li>• Provide covered facilities for the market</li> </ul>		Town Council and Chudleigh Business Guild
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<b>Social Services and Support</b>  There were nearly 2,000 separate responses to the questions surrounding Social Services in Chudleigh with many wishing to see enhanced facilities.    The survey questions and results were based on questions, comments and ideas at the Parish Plan BBQ Open Day in June 2008	To quickly provide social care at a more local level to meet the specific needs of the community.  	Define a programme, locate providers and implement plans to provide extended services, probably on a voluntary basis, covering the following needs:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After school care for children</li> <li>• Community care group to help the less able</li> <li>• Medical transport scheme</li> <li>• Help in the home/garden (See allotment responses)</li> <li>• Baby sitting circle</li> <li>• Breakfast club for school children</li> <li>• Parenting courses</li> <li>• Help with shopping</li> <li>• More registered childminders</li> <li>• A single person social group</li> <li>• Purpose built day care nursery</li> <li>• A drop in centre providing personal/family counselling</li> <li>• A shopping/library car service</li> <li>• Social groups for older people</li> <li>• Arts and crafts groups</li> </ul>  		Town Council Social Services Teignbridge District Council  Primary Health Care Trusts  Chudleigh Volunteers



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<b><i>And Finally</i></b>				
Library opening times,	Meet the needs of Chudleigh residents	No short term action required. Library Services to be mindful that some residents would like extended opening on Saturday		County Council Library Services
Dog fouling and dog waste receptacles,	Ensure that Chudleigh is a clean and healthy place for all residents	Enforcement of by-laws as applicable		Town Council
Drugs abuse,	Drug free Chudleigh	More dog waste bins as applicable		Community Policing Team
Alcohol consumption,	Understand the dynamics of alcohol consumption. Reduce illegal consumption.	Work with the Community Policing Team to fully understand any drugs issues (real or perceived) and implement a deterrent programme		Town Council
Allotments,	To provide allotments for all who want them.	Work with the Community Policing Team to reduce illegal alcohol consumption		Town Council
Environment and recycling,	Extend the recycling capability of Chudleigh including the introduction of “Plastic Free” shopping	Work with landowners and developers to seek suitable land for allotments adjacent to homes		Town Council
Plastic bag free Chudleigh		Connect and introduce those wishing for an allotment to those who have big gardens and are willing to share with a suitable allotment holder		
Communication	Ensure that all community communication is quickly and easily transmitted to residents	Develop and implement a programme with Chudleigh Community and Teignbridge District Council to increase the capability of waste recycling in the town		
<b><i>Plus</i></b>		Erect accessible notice boards in strategic locations throughout the town. Ensure that the Town Council web site is able to carry news items on a daily basis.		
Farmers Market, Retail and Shopping	Enhance the “Retail offer” of Chudleigh	Work closely with Chudleigh Business Guild to introduce “plastic bag free” shopping by 2010		Town Council and Chudleigh Business Guild
Employment.	Ensure that as many jobs as possible are generated in Chudleigh to match the needs and skills of those seeking employment	Introduce and encourage a Farmers Market as a start to enhancing Chudleigh shopping.		
		Develop an “Employment Plan” for Chudleigh so that any new enterprise or development is encouraged to employ Chudleigh residents in the first instance. Seek an Employment Volunteer to work with the Town Council to develop more employment opportunities in the Parish		



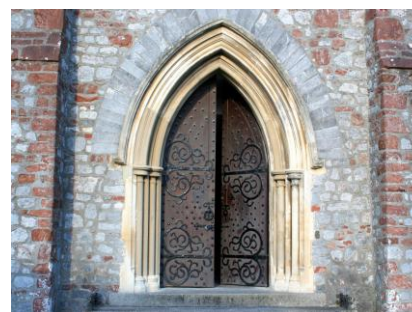
Typical rural town market



Maintain our heritage



Trees and Flower Beds



Preserve our special buildings



Let us have fun in the Community!