

The lead organisations are written in **bold**, the other named stakeholders will have an interest in the following actions

## EWHURST PARISH ACTIONS

<b>ACTION 1</b>	<b>Support the Village Hall</b>
<b>Why</b>	93% consider it to be a well used community facility. Continued support will ensure that it remains well maintained and utilised
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Village Hall Committee</b> , Ewhurst Parish Council, Action in Rural Sussex
<b>Timeframe</b>	Ongoing
<b>ACTION 2</b>	<b>Identify appropriate and effective means of consulting with younger people in the parish</b>
<b>Why</b>	To determine the requirements for youth facilities and children's play equipment so that the needs of younger people are catered for and to ensure they are fully included within Parish life. By empowering the younger generation it is hoped that they will feel a sense of inclusion and take some responsibility for community affairs and amenities
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Youth Development Service</b> , Action in Rural Sussex, Ewhurst Parish Council, Staplecross Primary School, Robertsbridge Community College
<b>Timeframe</b>	1 Year
<b>ACTION 3</b>	<b>Identify the current route of the Mobile Library Service. Request a trial period for expanding or rotating the route around the Parish's settlements, preferably to coincide with the activities of appropriate groups (such as the Lunch Club)</b>
<b>Why</b>	To improve access to, and greater use of library facilities
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>East Sussex Library Service</b> , The Lunch Club
<b>Timeframe</b>	1 year
<b>ACTION 4</b>	<b>Support the diverse range of local clubs and societies</b>
<b>Why</b>	To ensure the existing clubs and societies flourish and attract new members. To minimise social exclusion
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Ewhurst Parish Council</b> , local clubs and societies
<b>Timeframe</b>	Ongoing
<b>ACTION 5</b>	<b>Introduce a community hub/local information point with internet access</b>
<b>Why</b>	To combat social exclusion and ensure that members of the community have access to information about services – especially via the internet
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Ewhurst Parish Council</b> , Action in Rural Sussex
<b>Timeframe</b>	1-2 years

<b>ACTION 6</b>	<b>Provide allotments within the Parish</b>
<b>Why</b>	30% of people responding to the questionnaire expressed an interest in becoming allotment holders. At least 6 residents have formally requested that allotments be provided within the Parish
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Ewhurst Parish Council</b>
<b>Timeframe</b>	1-2 years
<b>ACTION 7</b>	<b>Ensure that the Parish continues to have a designated PCSO</b>
<b>Why</b>	Their presence, particularly on foot patrol, reduces the fear of crime
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Ewhurst Parish Council</b> , Sussex Police, Safer Rother Partnership
<b>Timeframe</b>	Ongoing
<b>ACTION 8</b>	<b>Improve communication between the Police and members of the community</b>
<b>Why</b>	To provide a point of contact for reporting crime and to reduce the fear of crime
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Sussex Police</b>
<b>Timeframe</b>	Ongoing
<b>ACTION 9</b>	<b>Explore the provision of adult education facilities locally</b>
<b>Why</b>	Almost 60% of those responding to the Action Plan questionnaire expressed an interest in attending adult education in the Parish
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Workers' Educational Association</b> , University of the Third Age, Robertsbridge Community College
<b>Timeframe</b>	1 year
<b>ACTION 10</b>	<b>Encourage new employment, business and apprenticeship opportunities within the Parish</b>
<b>Why</b>	To ensure a vibrant and sustainable local community and enable young people to acquire skills, find local employment and remain in the Parish
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Ewhurst Parish Council</b> , Sussex Enterprise, Plumpton College, Serco, Bexhill College, South Coast College Hastings, local trades people and businesses, Battle and District Chamber of Commerce, Battle Partnership
<b>Timeframe</b>	1-2 years
<b>ACTION 11</b>	<b>Consult further to establish the demand for a wider offer of keep fit and exercise classes</b>
<b>Why</b>	So that all ages and abilities of the community have access to appropriate and varied forms of exercise to enhance their well being and improve their quality of life
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Ewhurst Parish Council</b> , Rother District Council
<b>Timeframe</b>	1 year

**ACTION 12 Investigate the provision of a recreational cycle path**

**Why** To improve the health of residents by participation in a low carbon activity and to provide a safe cycling area for younger people

**Stakeholders** **East Sussex County Council**, Sussex Police, Safer Rother Partnership, Ewhurst Parish Council, Rother District Council

**Timeframe** 3-4 years

**ACTION 13 Continue to explore a suitable site for a modest affordable housing development**

**Why** The recent housing needs survey evidenced the need for affordable housing Starter homes will help to keep younger people with a local connection living in the Parish

**Stakeholders** **Rother District Council**, Ewhurst Parish Council, housing associations, Action in Rural Sussex, local landowners

**Timeframe** 2-4 years

**ACTION 14 Explore the practicalities of sheltered/assisted housing**

**Why** 41% of those responding to the Action Plan questionnaire saw a need for this to be provided within the Parish

**Stakeholders** **Ewhurst Parish Council**, Rother District Council, housing associations, Age Concern, Action in Rural Sussex

**Timeframe** 1-2 years

**ACTION 15 Consider increasing the availability of local produce**

**Why** To increase sustainability and help reduce food miles and the Parish's carbon footprint. 93% of those responding to the questionnaire drive to a nearby town to do their weekly shopping

**Stakeholders** **Ewhurst Parish Council**, village shop, local farmers and producers, Women's Institute

**Timeframe** 1-2 years

**ACTION 16 Ascertain how many in the Parish have difficulties in meeting their local shopping needs**

**Why** So that local people are not disadvantaged by not having access to a car or the internet - and that suitable solutions are identified

**Stakeholders** **Ewhurst Parish Council**

**Timeframe** 1 year

**47% of people responding to the questionnaire think that having access to a nearby cycle path is important**

<b>ACTION 17</b>	<b>Research community and public transport needs</b>
<b>Why</b>	To improve access to services and entertainment and to increase employment and education opportunities
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Ewhurst Parish Council</b> , Action in Rural Sussex, Battle Area Community Transport, local bus operators, East Sussex County Council
<b>Timeframe</b>	1 year
<b>ACTION 18</b>	<b>Investigate effective means of reducing speeding within the Parish, including appropriate traffic calming measures</b>
<b>Why</b>	To encourage drivers to adhere to the speed limit and to help protect vulnerable road users
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>East Sussex County Council</b> , Ewhurst Parish Council, Sussex Police, Safer Rother Partnership
<b>Timeframe</b>	2-5 years
<b>ACTION 19</b>	<b>Seek to improve the quality of highway maintenance</b>
<b>Why</b>	So that people can walk safely on the pavements without being impeded by overgrown verges and have access to exercise by walking within the Parish
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>East Sussex County Council Highways Authority</b> , Ewhurst Parish Council
<b>Timeframe</b>	2 -3 years
<b>ACTION 20</b>	<b>Explore improving the road between Cripps Corner and Staplecross</b>
<b>Why</b>	To improve the safety of pedestrians and other vulnerable road users
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>East Sussex County Council Highways Authority</b> , Ewhurst Parish Council
<b>Timeframe</b>	4-5 years
<b>ACTION 21</b>	<b>Look into the provision of a cardboard recycling facility</b>
<b>Why</b>	To increase the range of local recycling opportunities
<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Rother District Council</b> , East Sussex County Council, Ewhurst Parish Council, Rother Environmental Group
<b>Timeframe</b>	1-2 years

**85% of the people responding to the questionnaire think that speeding is a problem in the Parish**