

What is an Action Plan and why is it important?

- Local Action Plans offer the opportunity for the wider community to be involved in shaping a vision of the future for their Parish
- They cover a range of issues that affect daily life
- They identify community priorities through consultation
- The Actions within the Plan detail what is required to address community needs
- Delivering the actions will mean improvements in the quality of life for local people
- Having an Action Plan can result in an increased number of people becoming involved in getting projects off the ground
- The Action Plan will help guide Ewhurst Parish Council's business planning
- Copies of the Ewhurst Parish Action Plan will be presented to Rother District Council, East Sussex County Council and other agencies and service providers to aid their decision making
- The implementation of this Action Plan gives the community the opportunity to gauge how successful their Parish Council is in helping to achieve the aims and aspirations of those living and working within the Parish
- The Ewhurst Parish Action Plan will be reviewed annually and updated every 5 years to ensure that it continues to be relevant to local people and that the actions within it are reasonable, feasible and achievable

Who did we consult?

In December 2009 Ewhurst Parish 'Have Your Say' questionnaires were hand delivered to all households in Ewhurst Green, Staplecross and Cripps Corner. Collection boxes were provided at the Londis Stores and Post Office in Staplecross and St James Church in Ewhurst Green. The returned questionnaires were analysed and the data presented to the Ewhurst Action Plan Steering Group, who held regular meetings to discuss the information and make decisions on the priority issues to be included in the Plan.

The pupils of Staplecross Methodist Primary School were also consulted on their ideas for the Parish and they have their own page in this Plan.

The results showed a need for more to be provided for younger people in the Parish. It is intended that detailed consultations with the young will be carried out in the near future and will involve the local schools.

The Ewhurst Parish Action Plan was officially launched at the 2010 Annual Parish Meeting.