

PIMPERNE – Past, Present and Future

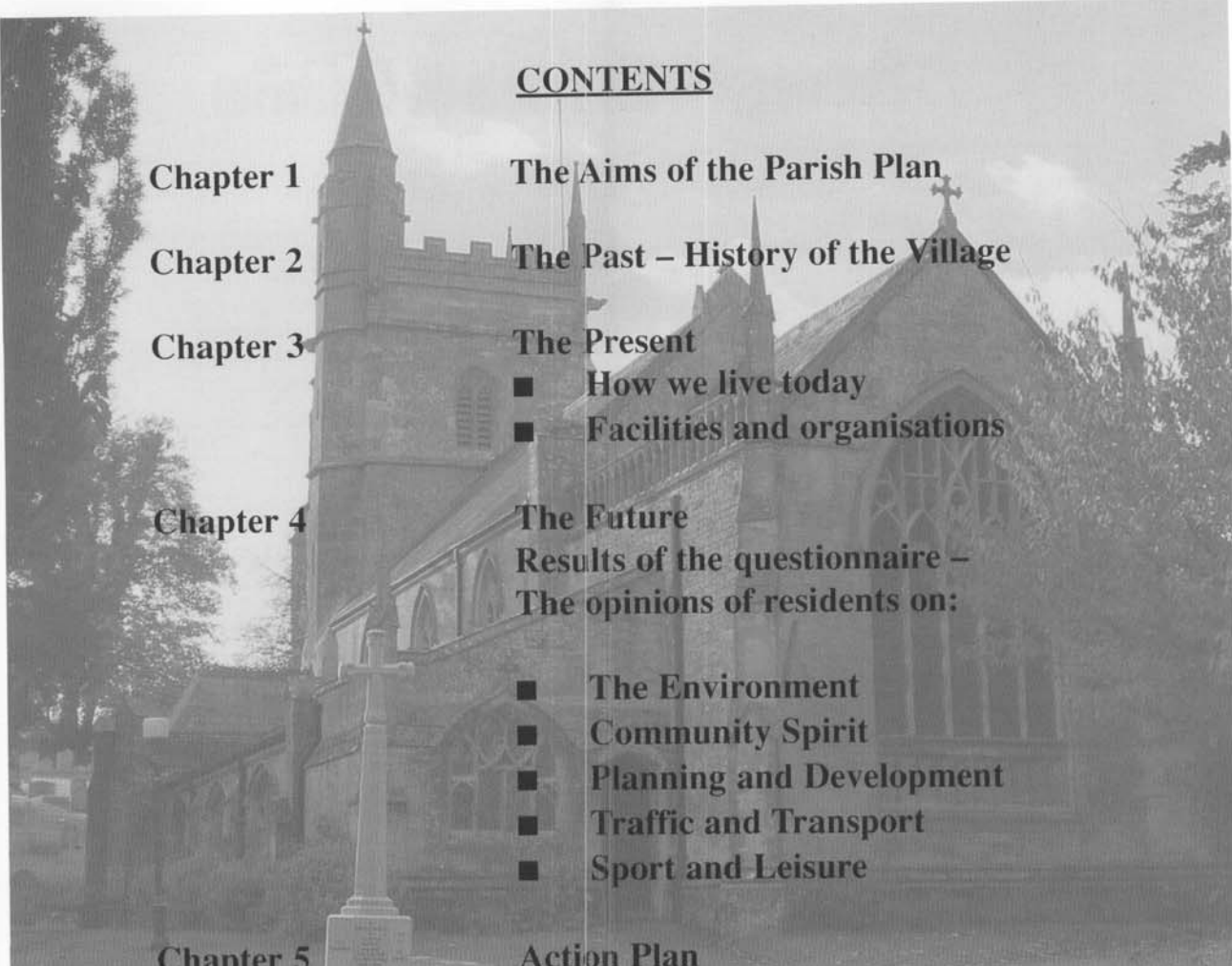


The Vital Village Plan

Prepared in 2003 by

Pimperne Parish Plan Steering Committee

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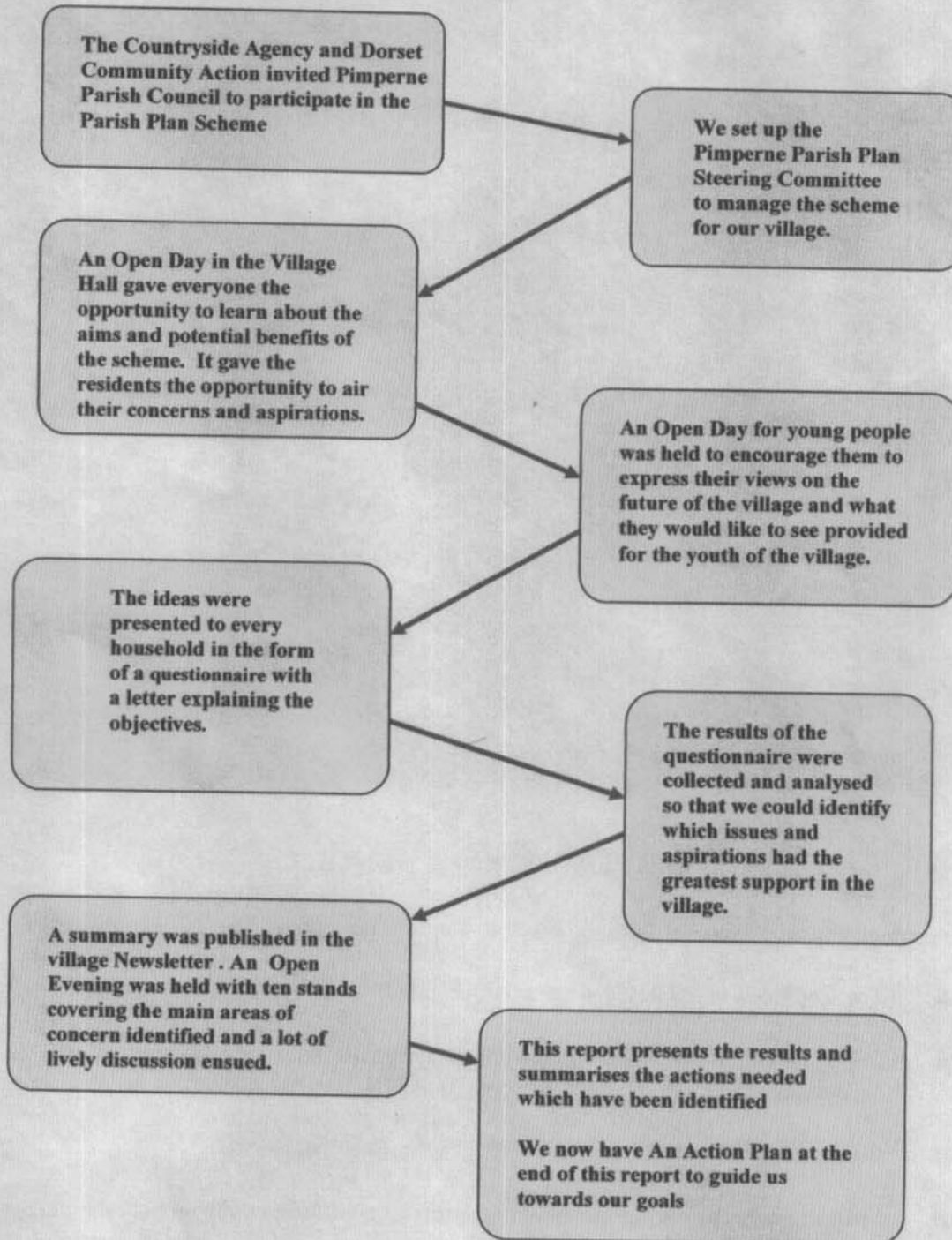
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How we got to this point in the Parish Plan



Chapter one

THE AIMS OF PIMPERNE PARISH PLAN

Our vision is to ensure that Pimperne continues to be a pleasant, peaceful and friendly community in which to live, with good amenities for all to enjoy, now and in the future.

Parish Plans are part of the "Vital Villages" scheme funded by the Countryside Agency and administered in Dorset by Dorset Community Action. The aim is that individual communities can work together to improve the quality of life within that community.

The scope of the scheme is virtually limitless. Any ideas that can help people in a practical way, or make life more fulfilling, can be considered, and when properly thought through and costed they can be implemented.

The Government, through the Countryside Agency, will provide up to 75% of the costs of producing the plan, which will leave 25% to be raised locally. Pimperne Parish Council have taken up this scheme and will be ultimately responsible for its local conclusions. It did however form a separate steering committee to administer this initiative locally.

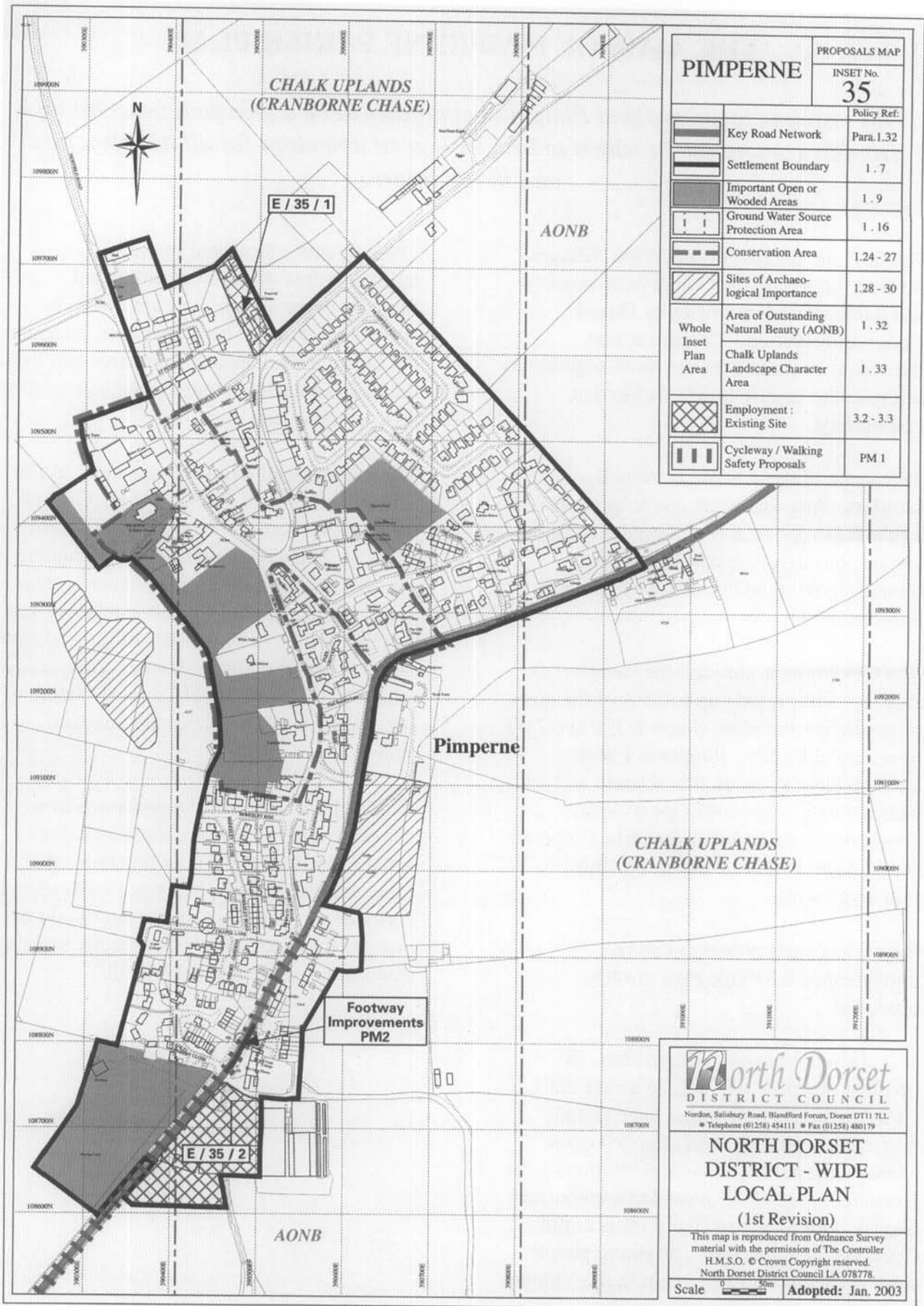
Before any improvements can be implemented a Village Plan must be produced.

This document is our Village Plan. To produce this plan you will be aware that various consultation stages have already taken place. Several well attended open events were held, village organisations were consulted, the School provided a colourful display with plenty of lively ideas at the Open Day and the views of young people were invited at an open event in the Village Hall.

These events culminated in the questionnaires which were circulated throughout the village for completion by every household. The information gained at the Open Days, consultation stages and from the questionnaires is reproduced here in the form of this plan.

Every household will receive a copy of this plan, together with Dorset County Council, Countryside Agency, North Dorset District Council, Planning Authorities, surrounding Parish Councils and any other agency who requests one. In this way all authorities can be made aware of the wishes of our residents when deciding upon our future. This valuable document should plan the future of our community for at least the next ten years.

Although this stage of the process is now complete and the plans it contains will be acted upon, it still does not preclude other ideas and suggestions being put forward and considered. Any fresh initiatives should be brought to the attention of either the Steering Committee or the Parish Council.



PIMPERNE		PROPOSALS MAP
		INSET No.
		35
		Policy Ref.
	Key Road Network	Para. 1.32
	Settlement Boundary	1.7
	Important Open or Wooded Areas	1.9
	Ground Water Source Protection Area	1.16
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NORTH DORSET DISTRICT - WIDE LOCAL PLAN
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CHAPTER 2

PIMPERNE PAST

For at least 4,000 years Pimperne – “Five Trees” in the language of the Celts – has been a popular place to settle. This is the age of the Long Barrow at Collingwood Corner. Excavations of similar barrows in this area reveal that arthritis was as rife among the people of that time as it is in Dorset today.

There was an Iron Age settlement behind the church around 500 B.C. and another at Bushes crossroads: a reconstruction of the roundhouse that was excavated there can be seen at Butser Hill near Petersfield.

The Romans farmed here too, as the Roman villa at Barton Hill indicates, and built roads. The invading Saxons cleared woodland and established ploughland in the valley while keeping the meadowlands and pasture on the surrounding hills.

‘Pinpre’ is recorded in the Domesday book (1086) as a place of comparative prosperity. Pimperne continued as a farming community, whether as tenants of the rich landowners or as independent farmers, well into the twentieth century, although recent years have seen a dramatic decline in agriculture.

Little remains of Pimperne’s early architecture. The Old Rectory, built in 1712, has had incorporated into its fabric parts of the Tudor hunting lodge which once stood there.

The 12th century church was rebuilt by Lord Portman in 1873, but here too older remnants have been assimilated including the Norman chancel arch and the 12th century font. The 15th century Perpendicular tower is still intact and what

remains of a 14th century preaching cross stands outside the lych-gate. Charles Kingsley, author of *The Water Babies*, was curate here for a short time in the 1840s. Pimperne’s connection with the military began in the 1720s, when the 7th Hussars were quartered on Camp Down, between what is now Sunrise Business Park and the Stourpaine Crossroads. The first recorded permanent military use was in 1806 when an Admiralty shutter telegraph station was established at Telegraph Clump, about a mile east of the church – a forerunner of the School of Signals which now occupies Blandford Camp. A working model of this type of telegraph may be seen at the Royal Signals Museum.

At the turn of the 20th century horses were still at the heart of village life, on the farm, in the training stables at Stud House (which achieved fame with a Derby winner in the 1890s) and as a vital means of transport. Pimperne got its first petrol station in 1935.

The second half of the 20th century saw a dramatic swing in the change from an agricultural community. In 1900 90% of the population were engaged in work related to the land, at the end of the century it was less than 5%.

Pimperne is still very much a living community, much loved by its inhabitants: enjoying a rural serenity, yet avoiding stagnation by its proximity to larger conurbations such as Poole and Salisbury. When arthritis strikes, or when a baby is christened in the 12th century font, think kindly of those who lived in our village all those years ago!



CHAPTER THREE

THE VILLAGE AT PRESENT

The village of Pimperne lies in a chalk valley, two miles north-east of the market town of Blandford Forum, on the road to Salisbury. It is administered by North Dorset District Council and overall by Dorset County



Council. The village won the Dorset Best Kept Village Award in 2002 and won Highly Commended awards in both the Best Kept and Best Community Village Competition in 2003. The Gardens Open Weekend held in July donated £1,000 to the Air Ambulance and received Meridian TV's local hero award.

The parish of Pimperne is separated from Blandford Forum by the by-pass and comprises 431 dwellings with a population of approximately 1,000. *It lies within Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the older part of the village around the Church is designated a conservation area.* The adoption of the North Dorset District Plan in January 2003 drew a Settlement Boundary around the existing village which means that future development will, in the main, be restricted to modest housing development within that boundary.

The A354 Salisbury Road runs through the village allowing easy vehicular access. The District Plan proposes a combined footway/cycletrack along the A354 between Pimperne and Blandford and an improved footpath in the village along the A354 south of Church Road.

There are approximately thirty dwellings at Letton, close to the Lamperd's Field Allotments and the Blandford By-pass. Apart from a few dwellings at Nutford, France and Hammetts Farms and Bushes Road, most houses lie within the village itself. There are perhaps a dozen cob and thatch cottages, dating from the 17th or 18th century, scattered about the village, some having had their thatched roofs replaced with slate or tiles.



A distinctive feature of the village is the brick and flint banded walls of a number of cottages, houses and boundary walls, many of which were built in the 18th and 19th century. An early example of this is the Old Rectory (1712). Manor Farmhouse, Little Tredington, Fairfield House, the old School and Reading Room all date from the mid-18th to mid 19th century. These were followed by the red-brick School, School House and two farmhouses, now Bowmoor House and Hyde Farm, built in the early 1900s by the Portman Estate.



St. Peter's Close was built in 1946 – a development which won an award at that time. Portman Road was developed in the early 1960s followed by Berkeley Close and Rise and Berkeley Road.

In the mid 1960s over 100 houses and bungalows were developed on the Stud Farm Estate. Development in the 1970s and '80s included Parr Grove and Fiveways Cottages, Hyde Gardens and Collingwood Close, and these were followed in the 1990s by Old Bakery Close, Yarde Farm and Chestnut Farm.



Pimperne Store and P.O.

We are lucky to have the benefit of a well stocked shop which also offers freshly baked goods, a full range of newspapers and magazines, delivered if required, as well as a range of postal and banking services.

The village is well served with public houses.

The Anvil Inn (originally a 17th century thatched cottage) started as a tea room in the 1930s and has grown over the years into an attractive licenced hotel and restaurant.



The Farquharson Arms has been the centre of village activities since the 19th century and has seen many changes. The days when the men finished a hard day's work on the farm and went to the pub for a game of skittles, darts and shove ha'penny have given way to the demands in recent times for the provision of meals and facilities for the whole family, although there is still a formidable darts team!



At the turn of the last century horses were still at the heart of village life - on the farm, in the training stables at Stud House and as a vital means of transport - providing constant work for the blacksmith. Today the car has taken their place and we have two garages, **Pimperne Car Sales** and **Westover Sports Cars**.





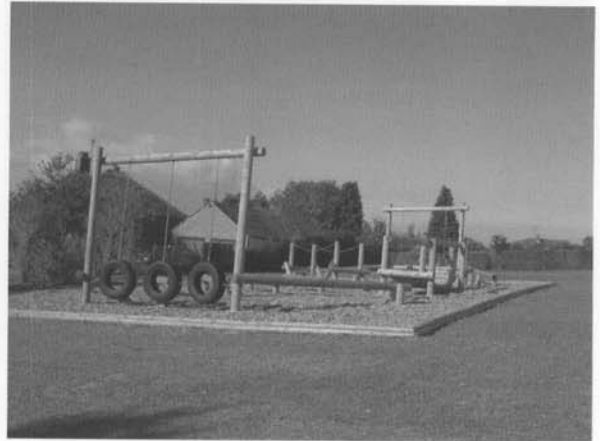
There are four farms in the parish, Hyde Farm and Yarde Farm (both of which take their names from Saxon land measurements), Stud Farm and Manor Farm (incorporating Newfield Farm).

Taymix Transport formed in 1959 now operates across the whole of the United Kingdom delivering liquid feed with experts advising farmers on ratios needed and is one of the main employers in the village.



Former chicken houses in Down Road have been converted for light industrial use. Sunrise Business Park, which opened in 1988, provides considerable light industrial capacity and employment in the area without affecting the residential area of the village. It was hoped the site would provide starter units, but several larger organisations have also moved to the site including Signpost Housing and the Environment Agency at Rivers House.

Pimperne First School has an excellent reputation and facilities which include a much needed hall built 3 years ago and a recently completed play trail. The School takes approximately 100 pupils (4 – 9 years of age) many of whom come from the surrounding area, and together with the Pre-School and Parent Toddler Group plays an important part in village life.



Pimperne Pre School is a community group run by parents held in the Sports Pavilion. The group has a good caring atmosphere with lots of fun and activities for the children and has received good OFSTED reports. In order to meet rising standards in child care provision a purpose built building is planned.

Pimperne Parent & Toddler Group meet in the Village Hall every Wednesday with a wide selection of toys for young children and babies, as well as opportunities for friendship and support to parents.

The Parish Church of St. Peter is also central to the village, although in common with others faces considerable financial problems at present. A service of Parish Communion is held in the Church at 9.15 a.m. every Sunday, with Sunday School in the Village Hall.



New fund raising initiatives introduced recently included Teddy Bears parachuting from the Church Roof – a great success. The biennial Flower Festival in the Church is one of the villages most popular events.



Bus Service

The village lies on the Salisbury – Dorchester – Weymouth bus route but the buses are not very frequent, with no evening service. There is a bus on Thursday morning to Blandford Market which picks up around the village and this is popular. The Nordcat bus too is proving very useful in providing a door to door service for those without other transport.



The 1990s saw the building of a **New Village Hall, car park and Children's Play area** on land donated by the Lukins family. The Hall is a great success story, always in huge demand, no less than 18 different groups use it regularly and bookings have to be turned away. The Committee is planning extensions to meet the growing demand.

Priory Sports Ground and Pavilion, built by Pimperne Sports Society on land donated by the Taylor, family was opened in 1996. Both adult and youngsters football and cricket have flourished and this well used and well maintained ground is a great asset to the village. Its proximity to the main A354 has proved a problem and there are plans to extend away from the road to provide additional pitches.



Pimperne Cricket Club is a thriving organisation with adult cricket Saturday, Sunday and midweek, also providing midweek coaching for children and youth teams.



There are a number of footpaths from the village into the surrounding countryside, giving the opportunity to explore and appreciate the lovely landscape.

Village Organisations:



The Art Group meet fortnightly in the Village Hall to sketch or paint, with occasional demonstrations.

The Camera Club meets once a month in the Village Hall. The object of the club is to encourage members to use their cameras and improve their skills.

The Thursday Lunch - Every Thursday a two course lunch with tea or coffee is served in the Village Hall. The aim is to provide a meeting point, companionship and a good meal, it is open to anyone, any age, living in the parish. Transport arranged if necessary.

The Midweek Club meets once a month with interesting speakers and outings arranged.

Garden and Social Club meet once a month for talks and garden visits and help promote the Gardens Open Weekends and Annual Flower Show.

Yoga for Everyday Life – every Friday in the Village Hall. A mixture of toning mobility and strengthening exercises.

A successful and much appreciated **Homewatch Scheme** operates throughout the village.

Step Aerobics – Every Tuesday in the Village Hall – improve your cardio vascular fitness and burn excess fat in a low impact fun workout!

Blandford Machine Knitting Club meets once a month in the Village Hall with demonstrations and displays.

Pimperne Writer's Group meet once a month. We are a small friendly group with four publications under our belt!

Old Tyme and Sequence Dancing – Every Tuesday in the Village Hall



Saturday Coffee Mornings – held on the first Saturday of each month to raise funds for village causes. St. Peter's

Church also holds a monthly coffee morning.

Pimperne Brownies meet every Tuesday in term time



The Badminton Club meets every Thursday in the Village Hall. We are a mixed ability group and have a lot of fun!

Short Mat Bowls Club every Monday and Friday evening in the Village Hall.

Recycling facilities for glass and paper are sited in the Village Hall Carpark and at the Farquharson Arms.

CHAPTER FOUR

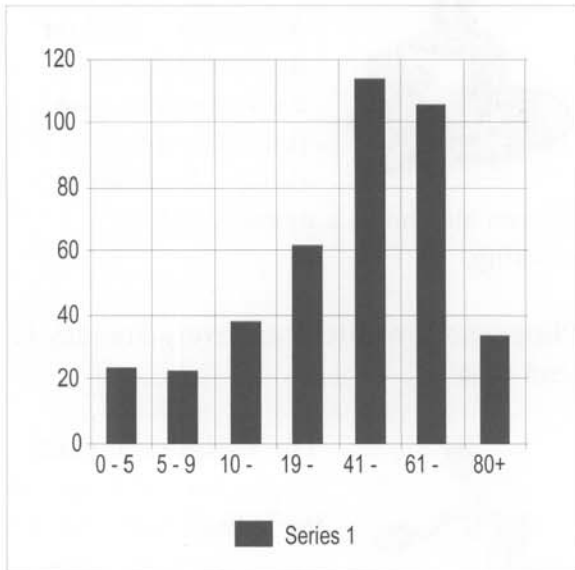
THE FUTURE

These are the opinions of villagers based on a questionnaire delivered to all 430 homes in the parish in March 2003. Replies were received from 178 households – a return of 44.5%.

Age Range

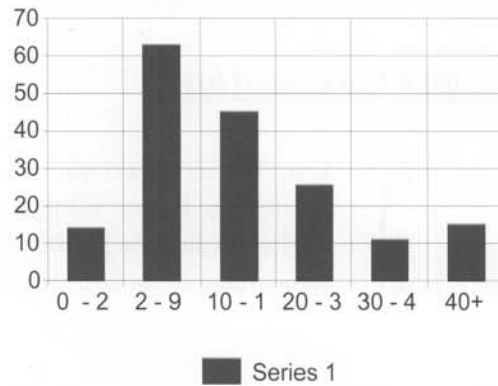
As with all communities the people within it are its most valuable asset. Of Pimperne's 1,000 residents approximately 220 are below the age of 18 years, 435 are adults aged 18-60 and 345 aged over 60. Of the latter 35 are over 80 years of age. The village therefore has a population tending towards the senior in age range.

1. Age of Respondents



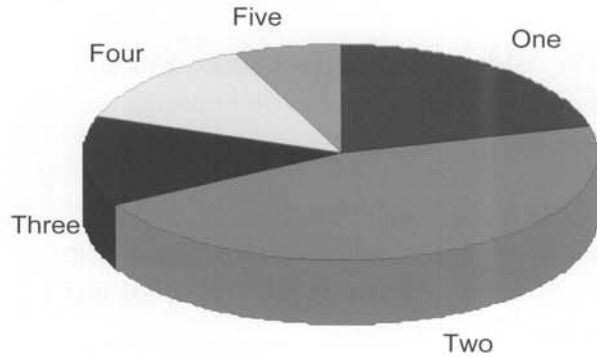
2. Years in village

42% of respondents had lived in the village less than 10 years and another 30% having lived here in excess of 20 years.



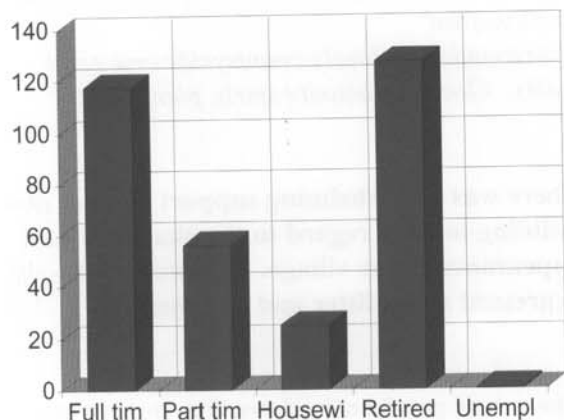
3. Number in Household

One and two person households predominated, comprising 67% of respondents, with three and four person households being almost equal at 14%.



4. Occupations

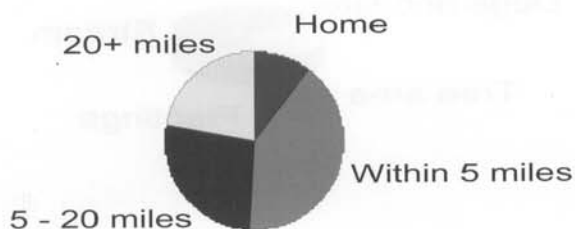
Of the respondents only one was unemployed. 36% worked full time, 18% part time, 8% housewife/husband and 40% were retired.



5. Distance travelled to work

27% said they would prefer to work nearer home (Blandford/Pimperne)

While most people listed car as their preferred method of travel to work 16% would prefer public transport with a few opting for walking or cycling



6. A hairdressers came top of the shops and services needed in the village closely followed by surgery/pharmacy, café/coffee shop (internet?) and petrol station were also included

7. 75% used the kerbside recycling facility, with the recycling centres at the village hall and in Blandford being equally used.

PLANNING

Most people wanted the village to remain the same size, with many stressing the wish for it to stay separate from Blandford.

"Pimperne is small enough for people to care and still large enough to support amenities and activities – don't let it get too big."

"I like Pimperne just the way it is, please no more building, we don't want to become a suburb of Blandford"

"Concerned with over-development and the need to keep future development in keeping with the character of the village."

At the same time the need for starter homes for young people and sheltered accommodation (private or Housing Association) for the elderly and disabled was acknowledged.

"I would like to see more affordable housing for first time buyers to keep young couples in the village."

"New development should concentrate on encouraging young ones to stay in the village to continue and maintain the present level of respect and pride in the amenities."

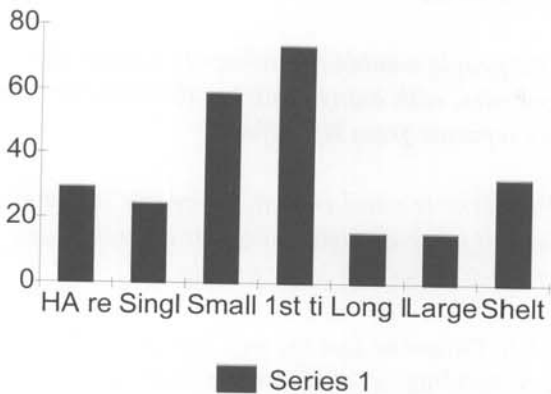
"More accommodation is needed for the elderly and disabled".

"Sheltered apartments for the elderly when they can no longer manage house & garden – no-one wants to leave Pimperne."

73% felt existing housing met the needs of the village, 27% didn't

Asked what accommodation they might need in the future, 23 said first time homes; 21 sheltered; 21 affordable; 9 larger houses; 9 bungalows; 7 smaller and 1 disabled home.

Asked what other accommodation Pimperne needs homes for first time buyers topped the list, with small family homes next. Many older residents wanted the option of sheltered accommodation private or Housing Association



Asked what other amenities Pimperne needs A Hairdressers topped the list, followed by a surgery/pharmacy, with a tea/coffee shop in third place.

There was a request for Portman Road to be re-numbered:

“Portman Road numbering is very chaotic and difficult for deliveries to find addresses.”

Street Lighting

There were two requests for street lighting while two others felt the lack of ‘light pollution’ an advantage! All recent development includes the provision of lighting.

ENVIRONMENT

In 2002 Pimperne won the Best Kept Village in Dorset Award.

In 2003 Pimperne won Highly Commended awards in both the Best Kept Village and Best Community Village Competitions. The Village Gardens Open also won an award.

Asked what makes Pimperne a distinctive place to live, its friendly, caring community combined with excellent facilities, rural setting and good access to Blandford, all came high on the list.

“It has a well-earned reputation of being a friendly caring community with excellent facilities.”

“Pimperne is distinct in that it still has a shop/P.O. and wide range of organisations in the village”.

“Village school,, church, shop and P.O.. Very friendly and the right size, near but not too near to Blandford”

“Surrounded by lovely countryside and good walks. Good community spirit, plenty to do”

There was overwhelming support for any new building to have regard to the character and appearance of the village. . Concern was expressed about litter and dog mess.

There was great enthusiasm for improving the appearance of the village, although some wanted it to stay just as it is, many people had suggestions for the stream and area under the chestnut tree outside the Church. It was felt that the appearance of the village could be greatly improved if these two areas could be sympathetically treated to provide pleasant amenity area



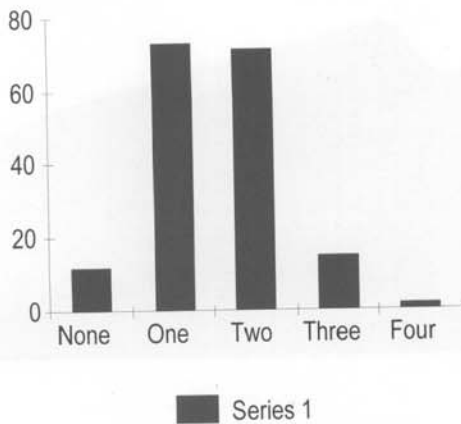
The Homewatch Scheme earned wholehearted support

“Homewatch is much valued in the village, it keeps people informed and security conscious”

“Always good to keep an eye out for neighbours”.

TRANSPORT

Cars per household



Only 7% of households were without a car, with one and two car households being almost equal.

Parking problems were experienced by many, with Church Road and the Portman/Anvil Road area adjacent to the School identified as the worst areas.

There was overwhelming support for a cycleway to Blandford, seen as especially useful to provide a safe and healthy way for children to get to school.

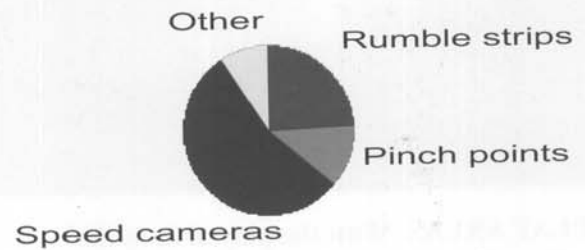
The Bus service was considered inadequate by 75%, with the need for more afternoon/evening buses, more buses picking up round the village and better connections to Poole emphasised. An earlier bus to Blandford for those at work was also suggested.

The Nordcat service is a great help and much appreciated.

Half of those responding thought transport to School was inadequate and it was felt there should be a seat available for every child in the village. *The point was made that better school bus transport would mean less cars going to the schools and thus reduce congestion and parking difficulties.*

The speed of traffic through the village was a problem. 57% wanted to see traffic calming measures, 43% did not.

preferred method of traffic calming.



COMMUNITY

It is difficult to over-estimate the importance of the Parent /Toddler Group, the Pre-School and Pimperne First School to village life. They provide the basis for that sense of belonging on which community life is based. Parents and children get to know each other and learn to work together for the good of all.

The important part played by the School was widely acknowledged in the questionnaire. There are about 100 children on roll. With the falling birth rate there are fewer young children in the village so that, in order to make up the numbers necessary to keep the school viable, about 60% of the children come from outside the parish. This creates traffic problems at the beginning and end of the school day.

More emphasis being placed on the role of Pre-Schools today, and there was overwhelming support (75%) for the provision of a purpose built-pre school, with Priory Sports Field being the most probable site.



PLAY AREAS With the play area at the Village Hall and the completion of the new Play Trail at the School, the under 10s are well catered for.

The great need now is to provide for older children.. Asked what they would like at an open meeting, skate-boarding, youth club, multi-play court with basketball all came high on the list



There was lots of enthusiasm from the young people and many adults were concerned about skate-boarding etc. on the roads and supported the provision of a proper area. It was widely felt that this should be given high priority.

“The proposed activity area for older children is a great idea. I hope the whole village will get behind this project and that we can manage a modest skate park”

“We would like a multi sports playing surface with additional facilities if funds allow.”



The Village Hall, opened 12 years ago has been a runaway success story. It is always fully booked and well run, with hiring charges covering maintenance and providing a contingency fund. Eighteen groups use the hall on a regular basis and there are few free slots available.

There is now a demand for further activities and to meet this it is proposed to extend the Hall to provide stage, dressing rooms and better storage and a separate Committee Room for groups of 20/30 when the main hall is in use. This would enable the Hall to be used for afternoon/evening classes, I.T. and possible Arts productions. These proposals received overwhelming support in the village (90% in favour). The survey included requests for evening sessions of yoga, keep-fit and language and I.T. classes.

“I would like to see a stage etc., which might lead to a resurgence of the amateur dramatics!”

“ Could we have yoga/aerobics for those at work and more evening activities for young people”

“I.T. classes would be very useful- beginners and advanced please”

SPORT and RECREATION

PRIORY SPORTS FIELD AND PAVILION

While most people felt that these met the needs of the village, it was acknowledged that buying more land to extend was desirable.



"If more land could be purchased, the danger of balls in the road would be stopped, cricket could have a grass wicket away from the road and two football pitches made, thereby increasing income."

Tennis topped the list of other sports villagers would like provision for, followed by netball, outdoor bowls, archery and fencing .

A Village Walks leaflet and notice board was suggested, while it was thought a swimming pool would be nice!



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Sixty-six people said the village church was important to them for Sunday worship.

115 thought it important for baptisms, weddings, funerals and as an historic building. 95 thought it important as a community focal point and 85 as a quiet place to think. Only nine people said it was not important to them



The church has financial problems, in common with others throughout the country. 78 people said they would be prepared to support a Friends of St. Peter's fund to maintain the building, 39 said they would not. There was 77.5% support for the provision of toilets, kitchen and small community room at the Church. It was suggested that the church might also be used for Concerts, exhibitions, festivals and drop-in type coffee/tea shop. The need for disabled facilities were emphasised.

"I would like to see disabled access and new toilet facilities."

"More musical functions, small social events – an old codgers chat club!"

"A form of Songs of Praise as on BBC1"

ON A FINAL NOTE WE ASKED ARE YOU HAPPY LIVING IN PIMPERNE?

98% WERE!

"We would never think of living anywhere else. It is a lovely place to live and raise our family."

"Pimperne is a lovely friendly village, people care about one another and are always willing to help each other."

"We love it. It is a friendly village and people are so helpful"

CHAPTER FIVE

THE ACTION PLAN

The consultation stages having been passed, and the information gathering by way of the questionnaire been completed, the next stage was analysis of the results and the completion of this document, *THE VILLAGE PLAN*.

The consultations highlighted a number of possible improvements and these are listed on the following page.

Some items may be tailored to a specific age group, such as young people, others will be aimed at the community as a whole. With careful planning some benefit could be felt by everyone.

The next stage will be to research further each item, looking at the cost for its provision, materials and labour, as well as for ongoing maintenance.

Some of these items may appear fairly quickly, others may need long term planning.

As with everything else in life we will not get something for nothing and a programme of fund-raising events will be necessary.

Your continued support will therefore be essential. When we have raised enough money for a particular project with further funding sourced from the Countryside Agency then we will complete that section of this project before working towards the next item.

This list is in no particular order of importance nor in any order of possible installation. The list is not exhaustive because as work progresses other needs may emerge.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

<i>Item</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1.	Improvements to stream area	Quotes have been obtained and fund raising started. The Environment Agency is being consulted.
2.	Improvements to the Chestnut Tree area	This received good support and will be tackled after the stream
3.	Multi-play area for older children	A support group has been formed, a site has been given and a costed design brief is being prepared so that a planning application can be made.
4	Planning and Development	Support NDDC review of IOWAs and encourage their retention within the village envelope as they provide an important visual and physical amenity and act as a buffer. Ensure that consideration is given to reflecting the local vernacular in any future development. Actively resist further encroachment of development between the village and Blandford.
5.	Affordable Housing/Starter Homes	Where opportunities arise within the village, priority should be given to low cost rented/shared ownership and provision for the elderly and those with specific needs.
6.	Extensions to the Village Hall	There was good support for these, but this is a major project and fund raising will be a challenge.
7.	Church Amenity Room	Considerable support for this. Services will laid on to the site by the Manor Farm developers
8.	Purpose Built Pre-School	Continue to support plans to provide this at Priory Field, which are in the early stages. The idea was well supported but funding is a problem.
9.	Extension to Priory Sports Field.	Continue to support plans, which depend on getting more land to provide pitches away from the A354. Sports Society are meeting landowner to discuss. Levelling the site could be a problem.
10.	Homewatch – “Village Visitors”	The Homewatch scheme received wide support. A proposal for “Village Visitors” will be discussed with welfare organisations
11.	Transport	Comments on bus services made in the survey will be used to press for improved services. Support Nordcat service.
12.	Traffic speed/parking problems	The Parish Council are having discussions with County Council Highways and the Police to find the best methods to tackle these problems.
13.	Youth Club	The Parish will explore and support provision of Youth Club activities.
14.	A footpath map and walks leaflet	This is being compiled by the Parish Council

ACTION PLAN PROGRESS CHART

<i>Item</i>	<i>Likely Cost</i>	<i>Action by</i>	<i>Village Fund raising?</i>	<i>Timescale For Completion</i>
Stream improvement	£10,000	Village Group and Parish Council	Yes	2004
Improvements to Chestnut Tree area		Parish Council & community	Yes	2004/5
Teenage Multi-play	£25,000	Parish Council & Supporters Group	Yes	2004
Village Hall Extensions	£95,000	Hall Committee & Community	Yes	2004/5
Church amenities		Church & community	Yes	2004/5
Purpose Built Pre-School	£80,000	Pre-School Committee	Yes	2004/5
Extension to Priory Sports Field		Sports Society	Yes	2004/5
Traffic Control/Parking problems		Parish Council, Dorset County Highways & the Police		2004
Youth Club		Parish Council, local youngsters & supporters group		2004/5
Footpath map & walks leaflet	£500	Parish Council		2004

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



We cannot predict the future of course, but that should not dissuade us from making sensible plans for the life of our village in the years ahead.

The plans outlined in this chapter have resulted from the wishes and aspirations from this community. The input from public meetings, the consultation exercises and the questionnaire survey have clearly shown the need for something to be done on many aspects of life within this community.

The work which has gone into this exercise and the preparation of this Village Plan is only a starting point for this whole project. What happens next will be dependant upon input from the whole community. Your support, both physical and financial, will be essential to provide the items identified

When one of the action items is completed, further input will be needed to ensure their continuance.

For example it would be of little use to provide a youth club which lacks support after six months and closes. Many of these items will only be as good as the continued use we make of them.

Some of the above items may cost little and could be quickly implemented. Others costing a great deal will obviously take longer. It is likely that some plans will alter as this whole process moves forward. Provision for all the above items may take some years before completion but if we all work together as a community we shall have built a sound foundation for the future of the village.

We therefore commend these plans to you with the hope that your assured support and commitment can make this venture a great success.