

# Hazelbury Bryan Neighbourhood Plan

## Facilities, services and amenities.

### Healthcare.

1. *The Cerne Abbey Surgery Practice* is the only one with a physical presence within the Village, holding regularly weekly surgeries, each Wednesday morning, in the Village Hall, however it only lists 178 patients in the Village out of a total practice of just short of 4,000 (i.e. 4.5%). The practice is manned by 4 doctors, 7 nurses, 1 health care assistant and 8 other connected staff. Should the population of HB grow substantially they would look for further development of the Village Hall and use thereof. They provide a drop off dispensing service through The Red Barn.
2. *The Blackmore Vale Practice* – primarily the Sturminster Newton Medical Centre, is believed to cover a majority of the Village residents (unfortunately no figures are yet available) but within a much larger practice of some 24,000 patients, administered by 15 doctors and 23 nurses. Given a current maximum possible of about 900 HB patients (based on 2011 census less those with Cerne), a very substantial increase in numbers would be required to make any real impact.

### Education.



*Hazelbury Bryan Primary School* – providing education from the age of 3, within the Pre-School, to Year 6, the school also provides breakfast and after school clubs in support of working parents. Some 75% of the pupils live within the Parish and the School is broadly at or near capacity. Any number over 30 new homes would likely either require significant investment (up to 60) or potentially a new site (between 60 and 100) presuming the existing balance between family and retired ownership continues.

Certainly more than an additional 30 new children would require additional class rooms. The School employs 23 staff - 12 from within the village, a further 3 close outside but 8 living more than 5 miles away.

Most pupils subsequently attend the High School in Sturminster Newton.

The main issues for the School at present are those relating to access – parking for parents is difficult with resulting congestion, for the staff it is very limited and likely to become more so when the Church car park is reduced by proposed new Parish Room. Many local children walk to school but this is along narrow approach roads, already busy particularly at school run times, but which could be even more unsuitable for pedestrians should further development take place beside them

## Spiritual



*St Marys and St James*, our 15<sup>th</sup> century village church, provides for a congregation of about 150 comfortably, although with some larger weddings and funerals some 300 have been accommodated. Weekly services see average attendance of between 13 and 21 but this rises to well over 100 for the main celebrations (Christmas, Easter, Remembrance and others). The Church would welcome increased numbers as might be brought about by Village expansion.



*Hazelbury Bryan Methodist Church*, accommodates about 90 with congregations of between 20 and 40 and has provisions for funerals and weddings. The Church holds a number of regular activities ranging from weekly toddler groups on Fridays, two youth clubs for varying ages, a monthly coffee morning, a craft club and occasional discussion groups. Given its position in the Village, like the Village Hall close by, parking causes some problems having only a small car park.

## Shops & retail.



*The Red Barn* represents the only local shop providing basic essentials, a weekly post office and other retail services including acting as a collection point. Currently its customer base is approximately 85% from within the Village, with the remainder from surrounding areas. It is operating broadly at capacity but could substantially more business by re-organising. Run by a self employed couple from within the Village its greatest concern remains the safety of its customers given the lack of a footpaths towards the centre of the Village and Kingston.



*Woodrow Feeds* has provided animal feedstuffs and sundry other related items for the last 16 years. Its customer base divides approximately equally between residents and those from outside the Village. They believe they have considerable scope, within their existing capacity, to service a considerably larger customer base and would welcome 100 plus new homes over the next 15 years. All their employees live locally and they have experienced no recruitment problems. Ideally they would wish to see more families moving in, with associated pets etc. rather than more retired people.

### **Recreation.**



*The Village Hall* – The Hall currently provides the primary meeting place for the Village and as a result is well utilised by village clubs, societies and representatives, particularly in the evenings when it is almost fully booked. Daytime use is a little less but there are a number of regular bookings taking up part of most days, including a doctor's surgery. At weekends it is often hired by individuals for children's parties and other one-off events. Overall, should Village growth bring increased demand for bookings, there would be a relatively narrow window of opportunities, but greater numbers at existing events could be easily accommodated.



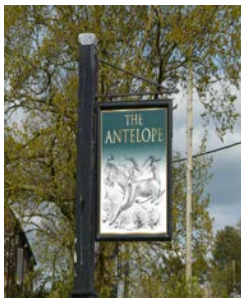
*Alec's Field Pavilion* – Provides fresh social capacity, providing a kitchen and function room in addition to changing facilities and toilets. It is likely to appeal to societies, groups, clubs, play groups, private functions and the like. It is anticipated it will have the capacity for around 30 people.



*Alec's Field* – Expectations are for much increased use of this facility given hopes of starting a local football team, to complement the cricket team through the winter months. Sited, as it is, in the middle of the Village, it is enjoyed by all ages in particular the children's play area. There remains plenty of scope for additional users.



*The Allotments* – Formed around 8 years ago, the 23 plots are fully occupied, more than half by original members. There is a waiting list of 6 dating back to July 2015. Further Village expansion will likely bring increased demand and longer waiting times without additional capacity being made available.



*The Antelope* – the remaining public house in the Village. Currently its customer base is largely local(70%) with a further 15% from outside but within 5 miles and the balance further away again. The Management considers there is considerable under use and that an additional 60 homes (120 people) could be easily catered for. 4 of its employees live within the Village with 2 further afield. One improvement they would welcome within the Village would be more pavements.



*Fellini's Restaurant* – Relatively recently opened, this restaurant accommodating around 40 covers also provides a takeaway service for its Pizzas. Employing four staff, all local, the management sees almost all their current trade from within the Village and has yet to assess the likely level of ongoing business and thus future requirements.