

Betley, Balterley & Wrinehill Parish Plan



Review of Achievements

What progress has been made since the 2005 Parish Plan?

Traffic

Vision: Speed Limits to be reinforced.

- ✓ Community Speed Watch Scheme in operation since 2014
- ✓ Regular deployment of Mobile Speed Camera Van by *Safer Roads Partnership*.
- ✓ Parish Council and the *Safer Roads Partnership* have deployed mobile digital speed signs.
- ✓ Parish Council has now secured funding to buy its own mobile digital sign.
- ✓ County Council undertaking a review of traffic on Church Lane after lobbying by Parish Council

Vision: To improve the safety of pedestrians.

- ✓ Parish Council ensures regular clearing of paths and allocates money towards it.
- ✓ County Council to re-pave areas of the parish in summer 2016 after lobbying by Parish Council

Healthcare

Vision: Maintain a single doctor practice in the parish.

- ✓ The parish still has a thriving surgery.

Vision: Maintain current dispensing arrangements

- ✓ Dispensing arrangements still in place and prescriptions can now be ordered online via *Patient Access*

Vision: Development of additional facilities and services for residents.

- ✓ A late surgery is held every Monday until 7pm
- ✓ Surgery opens on Saturdays for annual flu jabs

Police

Vision: Provision of a programme of crime prevention advice and measures

- ✓ Police 'incident van' visits Betley Show and other sites in the parish to deliver crime prevention information
- ✓ Regular Police Surgeries held at the Reading Room funded by the Parish Council
- ✓ Staffordshire Police *Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter* published on Parish website

Vision: Special Constables/Police Community Support Officers for the parish

- ✓ The number of visible PCs and PCSOs has increased and there is now a local PCSO

Fire and Ambulance Services

Vision: Recruit and train a group of volunteer fire assessors

- ✓ Village Hall has hosted fire safety events
- ✓ Members of the parish are active in staffing and funding the Madeley First Responders

Education

Vision: Maintenance of a high quality performing school in the Parish

- ✓ St Margaret's School was recently voted best primary school in Staffordshire
- ✓ School recently graded Good with Outstanding features by Ofsted
- ✓ The school and parents' groups have received regular support via the Bonfire Awards

Transport

Vision: Maintain the current bus service

- ✓ The parish is still served by an hourly bus service
- ✓ County Council is currently negotiating an enhanced service with additional routes

Vision: Community Transport Scheme widely publicised in the community

- ✓ Parish Council is represented on the scheme board
- ✓ Information leaflets are available around the parish
- ✓ Scheme has used Betley Show to advertise the service

Refuse

Vision: Extend 'blue box' recycling scheme to the parish

- ✓ The Borough Council now has a comprehensive 'kerbside' recycling scheme in operation

Leisure Activities

Vision: Easy access to footpaths for all

- ✓ Kissing gates have now been installed in a number of places where landowners have agreed
- ✓ Parish Council actively works with the County Council to ensure public rights of way stay open

Vision: Expansion of sports and leisure facilities especially those suitable for young people

- ✓ Youth Club meets at Village Hall and receives support from the Bonfire Awards
- ✓ Village Hall is currently bidding for funding for improvements to the children's play area
- ✓ Betley Cricket and Football Clubs have thriving youth sides supported by the Bonfire Awards
- ✓ Regular tennis tournaments at Village Hall and tennis court upgraded
- ✓ Village Hall hosts indoor bowls, badminton and U3A table tennis
- ✓ Madeley Scout Group now meet at Betley Village Hall and are supported by the Bonfire Awards

Vision; A regularly updated leaflet listing the range of activities, clubs and facilities

- ✓ The Parish Council's Community Website lists details for all local societies
- ✓ Village Hall website advertises facilities, clubs and activities that meet there

Vision: Safe areas for children to play and meet

- ✓ Village Hall is currently bidding for funding for improvements to the children's play area
- ✓ Laudy Croft (Common Lane) reopening to public in summer 2016 as a community facility with wildlife areas

Economic Activity and Village Services

Vision: Maintain the viability of local businesses

- ✓ Village Shop and Post Office have been maintained
- ✓ The Swan Inn, The Hand and Trumpet and the Crown Inn are trading successfully and the Broughton Arms has recently been bought by a 'gastro-pub' company
- ✓ Betley Court Farm is the base for several businesses including NFU Mutual

Vision: Develop a regularly updated Directory of Local Services for circulation around the Parish

- ✓ Parish Council Community website serves this function with its directory of businesses and services

Environment

Vision: Promote the planting of native trees where possible

- ✓ Parish Council donated native trees and shrubs to the Village Hall which now form the Jubilee Plantation

Vision: Protection of bio-diversity and geo-diversity in the parish

- ✓ Laudy Croft (Common Lane) reopening to public as a community facility with wildlife areas including a bee-friendly wildflower meadow
- ✓ Emes Society at Betley Court helped to restore the grounds and opened them to the public at specific times e.g. 'Bluebell Walks'

Vision: Development of a litter-free environment

- ✓ Parish Council has erected signs warning against dog fouling
- ✓ Bins have been maintained at key points in the parish

Vision: Reduction of pollution

- ✓ Severn Trent Water have upgraded the sewage works in the parish
- ✓ The Parish Council consistently lobbys the County Council to ensure gully clearing occurs
- ✓ After a long campaign by the Parish Council involving the local MP, the drainage issues at Doddlespool have been resolved

In addition to the above, many of the recommendations of the Parish Plan were discussed in the preparation of the **BETLEY CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL** published by the Borough Council in December 2008. This appraisal is used to inform planning decisions in the Conservation Area.

The Parish Council would like to extend its thanks to everyone involved in the production of the Parish Plan

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