

Axmouth Parish Plan

Report to Parish Council January 2012

The Plan was launched in spring 2011, and endorsed by East Devon District Council's Development Management Committee in August 2011.

APC has asked that progress of the three groups **Traffic, Transport and Footpaths**, **Affordable Housing**, and the **Youth Forum**, which need to be established to implement the parish plan, be reviewed quarterly. This information is included in the sections below which are taken from the plan itself.

1. Transport, Traffic and Footpaths:

- **Footway outside churchyard:** ongoing discussions with DCC.
- **Cycle path** along the B3172: policy included in Axmouth's Local Transport Plan submission.
- **Bus services:** no action yet taken.
- **Footpaths:** Group established as sub-committee, Chair Keith Lawes; he will report separately.
- **Traffic:** survey being undertaken to assess the impact on the village of Tesco.

2. Affordable Housing Group: not yet established.

3. Environment and Conservation:

- **The Harbour:** EDDC Conservation Officer has visited and agreed that it is worthy of conservation measures. He will start the process of assessment.
- **Natural Environment and Bio-Diversity:** Friends of Axmouth Church have established a wildlife area in the churchyard.
- **Links made with the AONB's Wildscapes project**, which has suggested a more ecological approach in the playground. See below under Children and Young People.
- **A new visitors' leaflet** has been drafted, emphasising the local natural environment and small areas of wildlife interest such as the community woodland orchard and churchyard; also supported by Wildscapes.

4. Children and Young People:

- **Youth forum:** no action yet to establish the forum, but parish council has asked Bindon Manor Estate whether in future some space might in the future be made available to the community on the camping field.

- **Playground:** a new committee is urgently needed – some names have been put forward.

5. Business, shopping and tourism:

- **An A-Z of local businesses:** not yet established, but the greater use of the Parish Magazine for events and reports by community groups makes this an achievable objective in the near future.
- **Support for green tourism:** via the new visitors' leaflet and footpaths initiatives. Could the newly acquired **phone box** be a place for leaflets and information? A phone box carer/s needed!
- **Local pubs, B&B, and harbour café** mentioned in the leaflet.

6. Leisure and Recreation:

- **Footpaths group** will report separately on its initiatives.
- **A new visitors' leaflet** (as in 3 above) showing walks and view-points has been drafted.
- **The Viewing Platform at Coronation Corner** has been designed and a bid put in to Cllr Jim Knight's Investing in Devon fund.

7. Balance of parish plan funds: below is a suggestion I made, agreed to by the clerk in August 2011:

The three groups, Affordable Housing, Youth, and Footpaths could divide the small remaining balance, to could cover petty items like hall hire and stationary to help them further parish plan objectives. And for the Footpaths group it could fund Land Registry searches and map fees.

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