



GRAFFHAM

SELHAM



**SOUTH
AMBERSHAM**



**ACTION
PLAN**



2005



INTRODUCTION

What is a Parish Action Plan?

Parish Action Plans are part of the Quality Parish Investment Fund run by Defra. This aims to help rural communities to take stock of their village, identify ways of enhancing it, making sure local people have a say in their future and providing support to enable the Parish Council to go forward in making decisions and representation in the knowledge that the electorate are supporting them.

Graffham Parish Action Plan is a project involving all sections of the village community, co-ordinated by the Parish Council.

The Parish Appraisal was started in the Spring of 2004 when a small steering committee was set up to draft the questionnaire – this was funded by a grant from the WSCC and CDC. The questionnaire was delivered to all households during May. Replies were received from 33% of our residents. These were mainly from the older end of the age spectrum which was reflected in the results. The returned appraisal forms were collated by volunteers from the village and a meeting was held in February 2005.

From this work and in continuing consultation with various Agencies, the final Action Plan has been drawn up.

What happens next?

Small action groups will be formed to work on the proposals in conjunction with the Parish Council. People have volunteered to take on various tasks and will be brought into the process at the appropriate time – the Parish Council and the steering committee are very appreciative of those who have expressed an interest in these projects.

The Village Action Plan will be reviewed by the Parish Council periodically. Copies of the Action Plan are available at the - Graffham Village Shop
St. Giles Church, Graffham
St. James Church, Selham

COMMUNICATION ISSUES

Action 1. Improve Parish Council notice boards

Who Parish Council

When Selham notice board under way
Others as they become necessary

Action 2. To produce Village Directory

Who Martin Buckley and team

When As soon as possible

Action 3. To produce village map – to be placed near village shop (the 'you are here' type map)

A location map for all named properties in the village is available on request at the shop.

Who Terry Davey and team

When As soon as possible

Action 4. To produce Footpath Map (Requested for visiting walkers)

Who Terry Davey and team

When As soon as possible

TRAFFIC ISSUES

Action 5. To obtain suitable speed restrictions at various sites.
To obtain suitable traffic calming methods to control speeding, protect pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.
(A wide range of problem locations were identified where traffic control measures were needed).

How To lobby various groups to draw attention to the problems

Who WSCC – Mr. Steve Johnson
Community Police Authority
Grafham School
Seaford College
Volunteer groups
Parish Council

When Immediate discussions and ongoing action

Action 6. To find ways to ease parking problems
(This is a safety issue in specific places – i.e. brow of hills, corners, near school).

How To discuss with residents and schools

Who Parish Council

When Immediate and ongoing



Action 7. To find ways of reducing the traffic congestion to Polo matches and Pony Club events at Ambersham.

How Letters to the Pony Club and Polo Manager/Cowdray to explore the possibility of a one-way system on practice and match days.

Who Parish Council

When Immediate

ROADS

Action 8. To maintain and improve road surfaces, dangerous bends and junctions.

(Potholes, Selham House bend and junction at Pound corner of great concern)

Who Parish Council
WSCC

When Immediate and ongoing



Action 9. To improve signing and location to campsite

Who Vicky Crosdill and team
Caravan Club

When As soon as possible

Action 10. To prevent overhanging trees and hedges from blocking 'line of sight'

How Letters to be sent reminding residents of the by-law requiring hedges be cut back 1 metre from the highway

Who Parish Council
Residents
Landowners

When Ongoing

HOUSING

Action 11. To investigate the possibilities of affordable housing.
(Most frequent request for this type of housing for the young and elderly, for rent and sale)

How To set up meetings etc.

Who Action in Rural Sussex (Affordable rural housing)
Rural Housing enabler
Parish Council – Jim Hobden and team

When Immediate and ongoing

TRANSPORT

Action 12. To encourage the use of the local bus service – DORIS,
Others

How Timetables to be displayed at the shop and Empire Hall.
(Doris on request)

Who Volunteer group

When Immediate

Action 13. To support and encourage volunteer drivers for District
Nursing Association

Who Volunteer Group
Peter Pine Coffin - 01798 867 284

When Immediate

Action 14. To encourage cycling, making the environment safer for cyclists.

How Produce cycleway map to show safe routes

Who Parish Council – David Ross and team

When Ongoing

Action 15. To increase and improve facilities for the cycling area at the recreation ground.

Who Youth Club
Sports Ground Committee

When On going through the summer

ENVIRONMENT

Action 16. To encourage composting of green waste

Who CDC

Where Petworth Car Park twice a month

Action 17. To reduce dog fouling

(A concern especially on recreation ground, children's play area and footpaths)

How Explore ways of notifying dog owners of their responsibility

Who Parish Council
Residents
CDC Dog Warden

Action 18. To reduce noise from military helicopters

How Complaints may be sent to the Director of Air Staff – telephone no. 02072 186 020 – reference MOD flying complaints.

Who Residents

When Immediate and ongoing

FOOTPATHS

Action 19. To maintain footpaths and bridleways in good order (concern was expressed over the state of footpaths and bridleways, misuse and unclear signs)

How By consultation with local residents, ramblers and horse riders

Who South Downs Conservation Board – 01730 817 945, Bruce Middleton
and Jennie Linch
Land owners
Parish Council

When Immediate and ongoing

EMPIRE HALL

Action 20. To improve and up-date the facilities of the Hall including the Clock (a large number of people appreciate the Hall and want to retain it.)

Who Empire Hall committee
User Groups
Volunteer groups

When Ongoing



VILLAGE SHOP

Action 21. To retain and improve the services offered.
(considered an essential amenity)

How Suggestions of new lines and ideas
Villagers must use it to make it viable

Who Caroline Speake
Shop committee – Chairman –
Marion Wilder – 01798 867 570

When Ongoing



SMALL BUSINESSES

Action 22. To investigate possibilities of further small businesses in
the village
(Support was given as long as they were suitable businesses for the
village)

How To encourage and follow up any enquiries regarding the establishment of
new small businesses

Who Parish Council

When As the enquiries arise