

SEDLSCOMBE 2002 PARISH PLAN

SUMMARY & ACTION PLANS October 2002-2007



The overall aim of this Plan is:
"To make Sedlescombe a vibrant place that values
its past but looks to the future and where people
are proud to live and work and be part of
a caring community"

lead organisation:

SEDLSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Sedlescombe Parish Council received a Countryside Agency Grant to write a "**Sedlescombe Parish Plan**" during 2002 using information obtained from consultations with the public as follows:

- Sedlescombe Parish Council meeting with young people, 17/05/2000 - over 50 attended followed by a small youth survey
- Sedlescombe Sustainable Tourism Workshop, 27/11/2000, as part of the Rural Tourism Initiative Pilot Project - over 50 attended
- Rother District Council Housing Needs Survey, April 2001 (Sedlescombe results) 34% response rate
- Sedlescombe Crime & Safety Evening, 04/09/2001 - about 70 attended
- Battle Healthcheck public meeting (Market Towns Initiative) in Sedlescombe, 18/02/2002 - about 20 attended
- Battle Heathcheck postal survey (Market Towns Initiative), January-February 2002 (Sedlescombe results), about 37% response rate (over Battle Partnership area)
- Sedlescombe Safer Villages Questionnaire, March 2002, as part of the Safer Villages Initiative Pilot Project, 32% response rate followed by the Safer Villages Plan produced by the Sedlescombe Safer Villages Steering Group in May 2002
- Sedlescombe Parish Council Parish Plan survey, April 2002 - 36% response rate.
- Sedlescombe Parish Council Parish Plan Summary survey, August-September 2002, sent to Sedlescombe societies, clubs etc. and businesses - 45% response rate.
- Parish Plan display at Sedlescombe Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting - 110 attended.
- Sedlescombe Parish Council Visitor survey, 2002, Brickwall Hotel, Crazy Lane Camping & Caravan Park, Lower Marley Farm bed and breakfast
- Sedlescombe Parish Council Business survey, June 2002

This leaflet is a summary of the main 2002 Parish Plan. It lists the Plan's five aims together with action lists to meet the issues raised during the consultations.

October 2002

Aim No.1

To achieve an Informed and Participating Sedlescombe Community

1.1 Open Parish Council

- To conduct Parish Council business in an open manner with decisions made in public, to encourage understanding of the Parish Council and its work.
- To allow time (Open Forum) prior to Parish council meetings for the public to address and question the Council.

1.2 Keeping residents informed

- To keep residents informed.

1.3 Parish Council links with other bodies

- To receive regular reports at Parish Council meetings from its representatives on village and other appropriate committees.

1.4 Encouraging participation

- To encourage participation by all residents in making a vibrant community
- To consult as necessary for the benefit of the community

ACTION PLAN

Action	Details	Aim No.	Lead organisations	Date
Parish Council action to keep residents informed and participating	Continue to conduct business in open manner with Open Forum prior to Council meetings.	1.1	Parish Council	ongoing
	Publish documents in accordance with model issued by Information Commissioner under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing
	Continue to publish quarterly Bulletin.	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing
	Extend availability of Parish Council Bulletin	1.2	Parish Council	2003
	Continue to deliver papers relating to the Assembly to all Sedlescombe households and businesses	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing
	Repeat successful format of 2002 Annual Assembly to include table displays by organisations and businesses	1.4	Parish Council /organisations and businesses	2003 onwards

Action	Details	Aim No.	Lead organisations	Date
	Update The Sedlescombe Directory	1.2	Parish Council and funding from local businesses	2003 onwards
	Continue to display notices for local organisations on Parish Council noticeboard.	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing
	New noticeboard arrangement, to include Neighbourhood Watch board, outside Post Office following extension of shop	1.2	Parish Council/Mr & Mrs J Mainwood, Sedlescombe Post Office	2002/3
	Continue to update and distribution of "Welcome to Sedlescombe packs"	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing
	Construct new website with appropriate links	1.2	Parish Council	2003
	Update Parish Plan in Bulletin	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing
	Arrange a primary school citizenship event to inform children about parish councils	1.4	Parish Council & Sedlescombe School	2003
	Carry out parish surveys and produce first Parish Plan	1.4	Parish Council	2002
	Encourage Youth Forum	1.4	Parish Council	ongoing
	Enter Village of the Year Competition	1.4	Parish Council	2002
	Take action to match volunteers with needs	1.4	Parish Council	2003

Aim No.2

To achieve a Safe and Healthy Sedlescombe community

2.1 Crime & Safety

- To participate in reducing crime and disorder
- To encourage road safety and traffic calming schemes
- To assist in informing residents of health and safety issues

2.2 Responsible Dog Ownership

- To encourage responsible dog ownership

2.3 Healthcare

- To support easy access to healthcare for all residents

2.4 Safety in playgrounds

- To maintain playgrounds in a safe condition

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Action	Details	Aim No.	Lead organisations	Date
"999" calls	Improvement of response time and re-constitution of target times.	2.1	Police	2003
Non-emergency calls	Improvement of response times.	2.1	Police	2003
Police presence in rural areas	Greater Police presence in village. Influence Sussex Police to introduce mobile police vans.	2.1	Police Safer Villages Group	2003 2004
Burglar alarms	Improvement of response to burglar alarms	2.1	Police	2003
Car patrols	Return of night-time car patrols	2.1	Police	2003
Investigations	Police to investigate all crimes thoroughly including garage break-ins	2.1	Police	ongoing
Call handling centre	Improve attitude and knowledge of area, including use of technology. Ensure proper supervision.	2.1	Police	ongoing
Intimidation and bullying by and of youngsters	Police to investigate reports of intimidation and bullying	2.1	Police/Schools	ongoing
Vandalism	Police to investigate reports of vandalism. Vandalised objects/property to be cleaned/repared as soon as possible	2.1	Police Parish Council	ongoing ongoing
Burglaries in outbuildings	Make residents aware of risks	2.1	Neighbourhood Watch	ongoing
Burglaries at Pestalozzi		2.1	Pestalozzi/Police	ongoing
Vulnerability of Pestalozzi students		2.1	Pestalozzi/Police	ongoing
Fire	Provision of smoke alarms for the deaf. Fire Prevention displays at village events.	2.1 2.1	Safer Villages Group, Moat Care and Repair* Safer Villages Group open mornings	2002. 2002 onwards

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Awards	Introduce Good Citizenship Awards	2.1	Parish Council	2004
Roselands warden care	Ensure emergency services can easily access the Roselands flats	2.1	Rother Homes	2002
Property marking	Offer engraving service to residents and businesses	2.1	Safer Villages Group	2002
Improved communication between residents and emergency services	Advise villagers to: Report all incidents; Inform Police if not satisfied; Install CCTV; Install burglar alarms; Clearly display house names & numbers.	2.1		ongoing
Care of vulnerable people	Help the elderly and inform with advice. Help and Advice regarding doorstep sellers. Promote Lifeline Services. Provide free risk assessments for over 65s.	2.1 2.1 2.1	Safer Villages Group Safer Villages Group Safer Villages Group and Moat Care & Repair	2002 onwards 2002 onwards 2004
Traffic calming	Traffic calming in front of post office - already fully investigated	2.1	ESCC	no action
Double yellow lines	Double yellow lines by Clockhouse Bistro	2.1	ESCC	further investigations
Heavy lorries	Discourage use of B2244	2.1	ESCC/Police	further investigations
Quiet lanes	Introduce several quiet lanes in Sedlescombe (Transport Act 2000)	2.1	ESCC	2004
Road surface through Village	Improve to limit noise	2.1	ESCC	further investigations
A21	Improvements to road that enhance the environment for Sedlescombe residents	2.1	Highways Agency	further investigations
Parking	Improve early morning parking problems for School and surgery. Consider parking arrangements for out-of-hours school use. Encourage considerate parking that does not restrict other road users	2.1	School/Police/Residents	ongoing
Footways	Improve existing footways. Provide new footways/ cycleways. Stop cars parking on footways.	2.1	ESCC ESCC/Battle Partnership Police	ongoing ongoing
Hedges	Request owners to cut back hedges from roads and footways	2.1	ESCC & Parish Council	ongoing

Action	Details	Aim No.	Lead organisations	Date
Street lighting	Although some support also opposition	2.1	ESCC & Parish Council	further investigations
Walking Bus	Set up walking bus from East View Terrace	2.1	Sedlescombe School/PTA/Battle Partnership	2003
School Transport Plan	Encourage School Transport Plan	2.1	Sedlescombe School/Parish Council	2003
Dog Waste	Further education of owners. Prosecute under byelaw	2.2	Parish Council, Rother DC/Parish Council	ongoing further investigations
	Ensure bins are emptied regularly.	2.2	Parish Council	ongoing
	Provide new bins	2.2	Parish Council	2004
	Provide more signage at Sportsfield	2.2	Parish Council	2003
Healthcare	Take opportunities to improve existing services	2.3		ongoing
Playgrounds	Continue weekly inspection and maintenance programme	2.4	Parish Council	ongoing

Aim No.3

To help provide Amenities and Services in Sedlescombe

3.1 Public amenities

- To maintain and improve Sedlescombe's public amenities

3.2 Support for local organisations, societies and other bodies

- To encourage local organisations, societies and other bodies that promote social, leisure, cultural and service activities in the community

3.3 Public footpaths and bridleways

- To maintain, improve and promote footpaths and bridleways within Sedlescombe's boundaries

3.4 Activities and services

- To promote activities and services for all residents
- To support Sedlescombe School
- To support the mobile and village libraries

ACTION PLAN

Action	Details	Aim No.	Lead organisations	Date
Sportsfield	New clubhouse and extension of sportsfield car park	3.1	Sports Association/Parish Council	2003
Village Green	Continued refurbishment of Pumphouse	3.1	Parish Council	2002 onwards
Playground improvements and maintenance	General improvements	3.1	Parish Council/ Battle Partnership /Orbit Housing Association	Further investigations
Skateboard facilities	Provide facilities	3.1	Parish Council & Sedlescombe Youth Projects	2003
Tennis courts	New club facilities, parking and marketing	3.1	Parish Council/ Tennis Club	further investigations
Parish Handyman	Project in co-operation with other villages	3.1	Parish Council	2005
Mother & Toddler Group	Form group in Sedlescombe	3.2	Early Years Childcare Development Partnership	2002
Playgroup	Storage of Playgroup's equipment at new hall	3.2	Early Years Childcare Development/ Battle Partnership	2002
Horse riding	Enhance the bridleway network	3.3	ESCC/Battle Partnership/ Leader+	ongoing
New public footpath along River Brede to Rye	Designate new path	3.3	ESCC	2005
Footpaths	Improve signing and maintenance of paths	3.3	ESCC	Ongoing
Volunteers	Create volunteer group to work on public rights of way and Red Barn Field Nature Park	3.3	ESCC/Parish Council	2003

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Permissive path	1066 Country Walk to Lower Marley Farm	3.3	ESCC, Parish Council, owner	2003
Further education classes	Provide "taster" sessions for new further education classes in Sedlescombe	3.4	Claverham	2002
Swimming pool	Cover for Sedlescombe School Pool	3.4	School	2007
Information Technology	New ICT suite at Sedlescombe School	3.4	Sedlescombe School/Battle Partnership	2005
Bus Timetables	Improve bus timetable boards in bus shelter	3.4	ESCC/Battle Partnership	2003
Youth Club	Restart youth club	3.4	Volunteers	No specific date
Youth leader	Provide peripatetic leader	3.4	Youth service/ Battle Partnership	No specific date
Transport back from after-school activities	Use of School mini-bus	3.4	Battle Partnership	further investigations
Activities in the hall that might appeal to the young	Encourage use of sports facilities by young. Other.	3.4	Sedlescombe Village Hall Trustees and others	ongoing
Electricity	Improvement of electricity supply to reduce power cuts	3.4		further investigations
Gas	Extension of gas supply throughout the parish	3.4		further investigations
Mains drainage	Extension of mains drainage throughout the parish	3.4		further investigations
Broadband	Provision broadband internet access	3.4		further investigations
Village library	Financial support for library. Further advertising	3.4		2003
Film Club	Provide in village hall	3.4		2003
Tennis coaching	6 months tennis coaching project	3.4	Tennis Club	2003
Transport	Transport to village hall for elderly or infirm	3.4	Parish Council	2003

Aim No.4

To support Business and Rural Employment in Sedlescombe

4.1 Local Business

- To support appropriate local business and suitable rural employment

4.2 Employment

- To publicise appropriate employment

4.3 Training

- To support and encourage training of local people

4.4 Tourism

- To encourage low-key tourism in support of local business

4.5 Postal service

- To support retention of a quality postal service for the benefit of local business

ACTION PLAN

Action	Details	Aim No.	Lead organisations	Date
Local businesses	1) Support tax reductions for rural businesses and shops 2) Support expansion of local businesses where appropriate. 3) Support appropriate diversification.	4.1	Parish Council	ongoing
Village shop	Protect and support village shop	4.1	Parish Council /Battle Partnership	ongoing
Village pub	Ensure that our last public house remains an essential centre of village life	4.1		ongoing
Farmers market	Support the introduction of a Farmers market in Sedlescombe (or similar market)	4.1		2002
Employment	Publicise appropriate employment	4.2	Parish Council	ongoing
Training	Support and encourage training of local people [Sedlescombe businesses say they find it difficult to employ the following: general builders, bricklayers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, welders, tree surgeons, salesman, managers]	4.3	Rother District Council	ongoing
Tourism	Encourage opportunities for low key tourism to support local business and benefit residents	4.4	Parish Council/ Rother District Council etc.	ongoing
Postal service	Support retention of quality postal service	4.5		ongoing

Aim No.5

To protect and enhance Sedlescombe's Built and Natural Environment

5.1 Sedlescombe's built environment

- To protect Sedlescombe's built environment

5.2 Sedlescombe's natural environment

- To protect and enhance Sedlescombe's natural environment

5.3 Waste management to protect the environment

- To encourage efficient handling of waste
- To encourage reduction of waste by reducing the use of materials, reusing materials and recycling more materials
- To support litter control

5.4 Traffic management to protect the environment

- To encourage traffic management to safeguard the environment

ACTION PLAN

Action	Details	Action No.	Lead organisations	Date
Planning	Continue to comment on planning applications and Plans	5.1	Parish Council	ongoing
Red Barn Field Nature Park	Advertise, carry out surveys to establish the biodiversity of the site, improve public access to village hall	5.2	Parish Council.	ongoing
Trees	Safeguard favourite trees	5.2	Parish Council	ongoing
Views	Safeguard favourite views	5.2	Parish Council	ongoing
Wider environment	Protect wider environment including water and river quality	5.2	Parish Council	ongoing
Waste management	Encourage reduction of waste. Continue to oppose the construction of a waste handling facility at Mountfield.	5.3	Rother District Council/East Sussex County Council/ Parish Council	ongoing
Recycling	Improvement of waste handling eg doorstep collection, green waste and cardboard collection.	5.3	Rother District Council/East Sussex County Council/ Parish Council	ongoing
Recycling	Regular emptying of recycling bins in car park	5.3	Rother District Council	ongoing
Litter collection	General improvement of litter collection	5.3	Parish Council & Rother District Council	ongoing
Station parking problems	Buses to link with trains to limit use of cars	5.4	Parish Council and others	further investigation
Hospital parking problems	Buses to link with hospital to limit use of cars	5.4	Parish Council and others	further investigation