

The Otford Community-led Parish Plan



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Proj. No.	Description	Partners	Support Agencies	Timescale Progress	Project Contact	Funding Sources
1: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY: HIGHWAYS & WALKWAYS						
<i>Speeding limit is too high and is ignored by many and not enforced</i>						
1:1:a	Explore options to ensure drivers are aware of speed limits and the means of enforcing them.	Action Team	KCCHD		J.Lee	N/A
1:1:b	Develop ways of heightening drivers' awareness of entering an area of homes and people. Introduction of 'village gateways' and attractive verge posts where appropriate.	Action Team	KCCHD		J.Lee	N/A
1:1:c	To engage with Speedwatch: the police Speed-Control programme.	Action Team	WKPD		J.Lee	N/A
1:1:d	Through use of rear-screen stickers, presentations and leaflet drops, to increase awareness that local drivers can themselves influence speed.	Action Team			J.Lee	
<i>Wide vehicles, particularly in the High street are a pedestrian problem.</i>						
1:2:a	With Kent Highways support to review traffic conditions on PW East and West as well as High Street. To make recommendations to Kent Highways.	Action Team	KCCHD		J.Lee	N/A
1:2:b	To lobby for greater enforcement of width restrictions	Action Team			J.Lee	N/A
<i>Pedestrian crossings are needed to provide greater pedestrian safety</i>						
1:3:a	Action team to review and recommend suitable sites for crossings which adhere to Kent Highways Guidelines. To lobby for their introduction	Action Team	KCCHD		J.Lee	N/A
1:3:b	Action team to provide data to support the replacement of the pedestrian crossing in the High Street to become a Pelican crossing.	Action Team	KCCHD		J.Lee	N/A
<i>Many of Otford's pavement surfaces are poorly maintained, often narrow, and sometimes non-existent. The High Street pavements are un-attractive.</i>						
1:4:a	To provide data to support improvement of footway provision throughout the village. To lobby for its introduction.	Action Team	AONB KCCHD		J.Lee	N/A
1:4:b	To draw up practical recommendations to introduce footways where at present they are non-existent. To lobby for their introduction.	Action Team	AONB KCCHD		J.Lee	N/A
1:4:c	To review the options and appropriateness of introducing certain areas of low-level lighting or high-visibility footway features in certain key pedestrian risk points. To discuss with Kent Highways and lobby.		OPC		J.Lee	N/A

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	2: A CARING COMMUNITY					
	<i>To establish the options and viability for locating and providing accommodation for the older residents of Otford.</i>					
2: 1: a	Establish suitable practical locations for possible future development	Action Team	OPC: SDC:	Medium	R.Shelton	
2: 1: b	Draw up short-list of suitable developers and design options	Action Team	OPC	Long		
2: 1: c	Review lease and management options.	OPC:		Long		
	<i>Where practical to rectify public areas which create a problem to the disabled and to young families.</i>					
2:2:a	Form action team to identify problem areas	Action Team		Medium	R.Shelton	
2:2:b	Propose remedies and report to OPC	Action Team	OPC	Medium		
2:2:c	Lobby Kent Highways / agencies to take remedial action	OPC	KCC	Medium		
	<i>Introduce a toddlers play ground and seats on Hale Lane recreation ground</i>					
2:3:a	With OPC to conduct survey of local residents who would use the facility	Action Team	OPC	On-going	R.Shelton	
2:3:b	Equipment options. Outline planning. Quotes. Involve community:	Action Team	OPC: SDC	Medium		
2:3:c	Raise finance (Local finance + Funding)	Action Team		Medium		
2:3:d	Planning approval: Prepare schedule and install	OPC		Medium		Heritage Lott Comm funding
	<i>Create a community centre for West Otford</i>					
2:3:e	Assess community needs. Establish planning practicality:	Action Team	OPC	Long	R.Shelton	
	Review architects: Involve community: Review contractors	Action Team	OPC	Long		
	Estimate project & timescale. Raise funding.	Action Team	OPC	Long		
	<i>Ways in which a local network of care might be established</i>					
2:4:a	Discuss with local WI and Otford Society, ways in which a care network might be achieved. Review local services who can provide/support.	Action Team	SDC	Medium	C. Griffiths	Support Group
	<i>Making reading of forms and local information easier</i>					
2:5:a:	Promoting providing the option of large type or electronic media for local information from clubs & associations and in documents.	Action Team	OPC/Churd	Short	J. Ed-Win	

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4: MAINTAINING AN ATTRACTIVE VILLAGE						
<i>The village centre looks so un-cared for.</i>						
4:1:a	To identify areas that the community & retailers feel can be improved.	Action Team	Retailers	On-going	R.Shelton	
	Propose the action that is required. Involve the community. Find funding.		AONB			
	Pedestrian Action Group/OPC to lobby Kent Highways for action	Action Team	OPC	On-going		
			Kent HW.			
<i>Propose ways to identify local buildings and monuments of architectural or historical importance. To raise awareness of the history of the village</i>						
4:2: a	Review options for ways of portraying the identity of significant village buildings. Estimate: Seek funding	Action Team	Eng. Her.	Short	Wards	Heritage Lott
					R.Shelton	
4:2:b	Seek advice on design of information board showing High Street as it was at turn of century. prepare estimate: Seek funding	Action Team	Medway Cl	Short	Wards	Heritage Lott
			OPC		R.Shelton	
<i>Don't let the Palace Tower crumble until it is unrepairable</i>						
4:3:a	With support of English Heritage, pressure SDC to take corrective action. Team to advise on any work in surrounding area which can be beneficial	Action Team	Eng Her.	On-going		SDC
		OPC	SDC		C.Ward	
					R.Shelton	
4:3:b	Pursue the development of a 'Natural Meadow' area and creation of a safe 'dipping' for children.	Otf. Soc	OPC	On-going	E.Ward	Otford Soc.
					C.Griffiths	
<i>Improvement of Palace Field is long overdue for sympathetic treatment</i>						
4:4:a	Review options for designing contemporary signage to illustrate at points around the field, how the Palace may have looked in 1520.	Action Team	Eng Herit	On-going	R.Shelton	Heritage Lott
			Medway Cl.		c.Griffiths	
<i>Bubblestone Parade can look improved and be safer for pedestrians.</i>						
4:5a	Review options to improve the look of the parade, the availability of grants and discuss with residents	Action Team	AONB	Medium	E.Ward	
4:5b	If residents agree, review ways in which pedestrian safety can be improved.	Action Team	KCC	Medium	E.Ward	
					J.Lee	

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6: ENCOURAGING A FITTER COMMUNITY						
<i>Cycle lanes and cycle paths are badly needed in Otford.</i>						
6:1:a	To review practical routes and options, discuss with Sustrans, SDC and OPC and other interested parties, to lobby for their introduction.	Action Team		On-going	R.Dullage	
<i>Utilise bridle paths.</i>						
6:2:a	To assess what improvements may be required and subject to permission of land-owner, to assess cost and seek funding to make improvements.	Action Team	OPC (Environment)	Medium	R.Dullage	
6:2:b	To maintain liaison with Greening the Gateways Thames and Medway on developments of the Darent river path and advise accordingly.	Action Team	GGTM	On-going	R.Shelton	
<i>Problems with certain village footpaths</i>						
6:3:a	In association with Parish council to identify areas of concern. Decide upon communal action where appropriate.	Action Team	OPC (Environment)	On-going	R.Dullage E.Ward	
<i>Provide a 3Dmap display adjoining the Car Park & Station of local footpaths</i>						
6:4:a	With Parish Council approval to design an attractive map of local footpaths, establish funding and have it installed adjoining the carpark.	Action Team	OPC (Environment)	On-going	R.Shelton	
<i>Link with tasteful finger-posts at start points</i>						
6:4:b	Establish cost of post construction/installation. Gain permission to install. Seek funding	Action Team	OPC (Environment)	On-going	R.Shelton E.Ward	
<i>Provide details of sports clubs and keep-fit classes</i>						
6:5:a	Carry out a sports audit of clubs and activities. Publish on the www.otford.info website. Supply hard copies to the Parish Office.	Action Team		Completed	R.Dullage	
<i>Introduce modern fitness equipment for mature and older residents.</i>						
6:6:a	Carry out a need survey to establish level of demand. Establish suitable site. Obtain estimates of cost: Seek funding.	Action Team	OPC (Recreation)	Long	R.Dullage	

