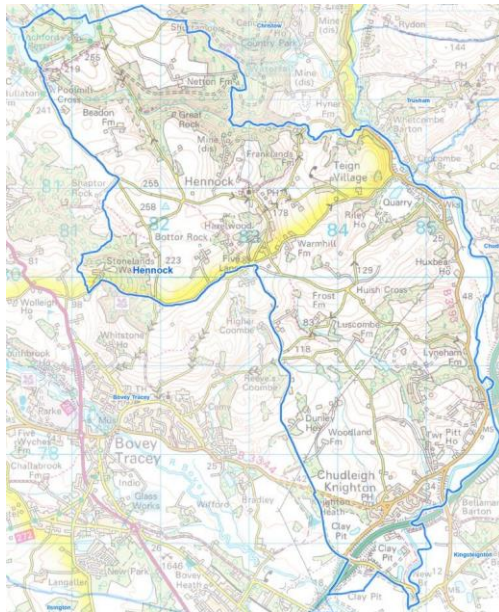




HENNOCK PARISH PLAN 2020

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1. Foreword

This is a living document of the aspirations of people living in our community.

Many thanks to the parishioners who have contributed to the plan to improve where we live. And particularly all the young people who participated.

It will be the responsibility of Hennock Parish Council to lead on the implementation and review of the plan, but it will take the imagination and skills of all who live and work within the parish to help it come to fruition.

We are looking forward to working together as an active community helping to build a better place to live for everyone.

Janette Parker
Chairperson
Hennock Parish Council

2. Introduction and background to the Parish Plan

2.1 Introduction

The Parish of Hennock is situated in Teignbridge District Council, Devon between the edge of Dartmoor and the A38. It covers an area of about 1,600 hectares. The Parish has a population of approximately 1,800. Almost all of this population is concentrated in the three main villages - Chudleigh Knighton, Hennock and Teign Village.

Chudleigh Knighton is the largest of the three villages, located close to the A38 and between Chudleigh and Bovey Tracey. Chudleigh Knighton is the most populated of the villages. The village has a primary school, village hall, a play area, allotments, a local pub and a Parish Church. The shop closed but was re-opened at the end of 2019.

Hennock is situated 600ft above sea level on the Dartmoor National Park boundary and is a linear shaped village around a kilometre in length. The village has a primary school, village hall, a play area, allotments, a local pub and a Parish Church.

Teign Village is the smallest of the three villages. It consists of two terrace rows of housing facing each other. It was built by the Teign Valley Granite Company in 1910 to house workers. Today it consists of around 50 homes, a large allotment site, play park, football pitch and a vibrant social club.

2.2 The Parish Plan

The previous Parish Plan was published in 2010 meaning the Parish Council wanted to update it and review it to create a Parish Plan for the next decade. The Parish Plan is the working plan of the Parish Council, guiding its decisions and setting strategic goals for the Parish Council to work towards. In terms of the 2010 Plan, some of its aims were met and achieved; however, some were not and some were out of the Parish Council's control.

To do this, the Parish Council set up the Parish Plan Steering Group to oversee and formulate the review and creation of the new Parish Plan. The Steering Group was open to not just Parish Councillors to sit on, but for any member of the community to sit on and shape the Plan.

The Parish Plan was funded by a range of sources: £1636 was received from Teignbridge District Council's Communities Together Fund & £614 was received from Chudleigh Town Council to fund the consultation with children & young people conducted by Clarity CIC. £2000 was received from Devon County Councillor Jerry Brook's Locality Budget.

3. How we carried out the research

In order to find out the opinions and view of local residents we carried out a number of data gathering exercises which included initial launch/consultation events in Chudleigh Knighton & Hennock Village Halls, an initial survey, the results from which helped shape the main questionnaire which followed, a consultation with young people and a follow up consultation at the 2019 Hennock Fayre.

Questionnaire

The Parish Plan Steering Group created a questionnaire for residents across the parish to answer. Residents were asked 30 questions which covered a range of topics from Health and Care, Transport and Highways and Leisure and Social Activities. In the questionnaires, Parishioners were generally asked Yes/No questions or were asked to tick answers which apply to them. The questionnaires were delivered to every household across the parish by volunteers in the Spring of 2019. Questionnaires were to be delivered back to either Chudleigh Knighton Village Hall or Hennock Village Hall.

Chudleigh Knighton received 37 responses (6%) from 657 questionnaires distributed. Hennock received 17 responses (11%) from 150 questionnaires distributed and Teign Village received 4 responses (7%) from 61 questionnaires distributed. These responses were used to contribute to the plan.

In terms of counting the responses, respondents were counted individually i.e. 1 returned questionnaire from a household containing 3 respondents was counted as three separate responses to questions. It meant even though there was a low response rate from households, individual responses were higher.

Respondents to the questionnaire tended to be middle aged and either living alone or in a couple. There were few families with children that responded.

Respondents to the questionnaire represent a broad range of how long they have lived in the Parish. Few respondents have lived here for less than 2 years – either because they didn't respond or because there are few 'newer' residents.

Consultation

After completing the questionnaires, the Parish Council wanted to ensure that the views of young people were represented in the plan and ensure that young people in the parish were included. The Parish Council accessed funding from Teignbridge District Council & received the financial support of Chudleigh Town Council and commissioned Clarity CIC to carry out the consultation.

Clarity CIC used a mixed methods approach including an online survey and face-to-face sessions in the two primary schools which included interactive mapping activities.

Overall, 90 children and young people gave their views during the consultation. This represents around 27% of the children and young people in the Parish. Response rates varied across the three villages, with the highest percentage in Hennock (56%), then Teign Village (38%), followed by Chudleigh Knighton (15%). Representation was best from children aged 5 to 11 years (71 – 60%), due to the engagement of the two schools. Representation was least good for children under 5 (3 – 4%), and for young

people aged 16 to 18 years (3 – 4%). There were fairly even numbers of male and female respondents.

The Parish Council was keen to ensure that the research reflected children and young people's views, and not those of their parents or the adults around them. Because of this, there was not a focus in this consultation on the views of children under 5.

Fayre

The Parish Council set up a stall at Hennock Country Fayre on 11th August 2019 in order to conduct more research and discuss the Parish Plan with people attending the Fayre.

The stall included pages and graphs of the report containing feedback from the questionnaire conducted earlier in the year and opinion boards were used so that parishioners could answer questions about their local area with some sticky coloured dots.

In addition, Clarity CIC used the event to do some extra consultation and talk to young people attending the Fayre.

4. What you told us

Based from the categories created by the Parish Plan Steering Group, the responses are grouped in their categories using data from all three data gathering exercises.

Children and Youth Services

Many of the local children, especially secondary school children, go to a mixture of schools across the area. There is no natural feeder school for the parish.

Children in the consultation want to feel empowered and want to get out and about. Children wanted to feel involved in these discussions on how to improve their villages. Many children wanted access to activities or a youth club in the parish or at least access to one in a neighbouring parish.

However, respondents to the survey told us they did not need support for accessing youth groups. In addition, respondents to the survey did not volunteer to help run any youth groups.

Health and Care

Respondents to the survey told us cars were the most popular way of accessing health and care services, which is expected in a rural area with poor regular public transport. Parishioners access a wide range of services across South Devon. While we have a small number of people who are carers, many only receive limited support, if any support at all.

Transport and Highways

Parishioners travel and work in a wide area across South Devon. Most travel by car, highlighting the good road links we have and poor public transport.

Overall people would use the Heathfield railway line if it re-opened, especially those in Chudleigh Knighton, provided it was accessible to use.

Parishioners are concerned with speeding, parking, potholes and the volume of traffic coming through their villages. The Teign Village-Hennock road was particularly spoken about as a vital link between the villages. Children wanted there to be a safe walking route between the two villages.

Children told Clarity that they had lots of opportunity to go for walks in their village and were able to see their friends often. However, children were concerned with road safety especially on the Teign Village and Hennock Road and the lack of safe crossing spaces in Chudleigh Knighton.

Leisure and Social Activities

Like health and work, the locations parishioners travel to for leisure and social activities are spread across South Devon. Respondents to the survey requested more cycle routes were built so that people did not have to drive to places. Many respondents also stated they would like to see buses or more public transport more often and running later so that they could travel to places in the evening without having to use their car.

Young people in the consultation complained there wasn't much to do in the villages they lived in, particularly for teenagers who would like to access youth groups/facilities. This was also one of the main pieces of feedback taken away from Hennock Fayre, that young people wanted more things to do in their villages that meant they didn't have to rely on their parents to transport them to other places.

However, overall young people liked the Chudleigh Knighton play area and gave their comments on how to improve it. A skate park and water play area were the most frequently mentioned. Children found the Hennock and Teign Village Play Areas boring and requested improvements and a bigger area to play in, particularly a grass area for football.

Infrastructure

Satisfaction with access to broadband depended on the location. Chudleigh Knighton and Teign Village responded to say that overall they were happy with their access, while Hennock was not. Across Hennock and Chudleigh Knighton, respondents raised concerns with their speed and connection. In addition, Hennock Primary School complained about the lack of poor internet access for their staff. The majority of respondents to the questionnaire were open to supporting community action to improve broadband.

Although parishioners were asked about housing, planning and commercial areas - all were not deemed important to parishioners who responded to the questionnaire.

Communication with Parishioners

In terms of finding out what is going on their village or the parish as a whole, traditional methods of communication offline were by far the most popular way of finding out news. Word of mouth, the local newsletters and notice boards were the best ways of finding out what was going on in the parish.

Local Projects

In terms of funding the parish council for a local project, more people said they would like to contribute something more than nothing at all. Respondents noted that more detail or ideas would be needed before the parish council could or should commit to raise the precept.

Many respondents to the survey and children in the consultation noted the lack of a local shop in the parish and wanted a shop to return to the parish in some capacity.

Young people were concerned with the overall look of their village, particularly in Chudleigh Knighton and pointed out that litter, vandalism and dog poo were common.

Summary

From the results collected, the overall feeling was that parishioners were happy living where they lived. They made good use of the road links and accessed many services across South Devon. Children overall enjoyed where they live and like the rural, close community nature of their local area.

Parishioners suggested a long list of more activities they would like to see in their village, the feasibility of some is questionable. The vast majority of ideas were sporting or social, showing people maybe just want to get out and do something with their day. There was some conflicting evidence for who would run these - only 2 respondents to the survey were prepared to run youth events. However, more positively, in relation to overall leisure and social activities, a welcome number wanted to help support in some way, either by volunteering, helping to fundraise as well attending any events and using the facilities, this maybe suggests the Parish Council should look to provide these or help facilitate them.

5. Action Plan

Resulting from what you told us, the Parish Council has put together an action plan of things we will support, lobby for and do in the years in the life of this plan. These ideas are sectioned into the sections previously referred to, so they relate exactly to what you told us.

Children and Youth Services

No.	What?	How?	Why?	Who will be involved?
1	Hold regular/annual feedback sessions with the primary schools or hold a Parish Council meeting with the schools.	Parish Council liaise with the primary schools, potentially hold these meetings around September when the new school year starts, and the Parish Council starts to discuss the next budget.	Young children wanted to be involved in decisions the Parish Council makes.	Parish Council, Head Teachers of the Schools, young people.
2	Consider funding for access to youth services or transport to local services.	Parish Council to consider supporting and supporting access within its budget. Investigate feasibility and recruit potential providers.	Young people wanted access to youth groups and to be able to get outside and do things both inside and outside of their villages.	Parish Council, other local councils, service providers – transport, activities, village halls.
3	Continue to maintain play parks but consider improvements to play spaces in Chudleigh Knighton, Hennock and Teign Village.	Continue to fund maintenance from the Parish Council's budget. Consider and liaise with children and communities on improvements and consider the feasibility of any suggestions.	Overall, young people enjoy the play parks but wanted to see some feasible improvements made.	Parish Council, local community and children, maintenance contractors.
4	Consider how local children can access the local schools	Investigate where local children go to school and why? Investigate the changing demographics of the parish.	Many of the school's places are taken up by children outside the parish and many children in the parish go to other schools.	Parish Council, Local schools.

Health and Care

5	Look into ways to signpost support for care and carers.	Investigate, potentially with a survey, who needs care and what extra support they could need. Signpost carers to services they could access.	Local carers say they do not receive a large amount of support, if any.	Parish Council, local healthcare facilities, GPs. village halls, activity providers, charities, local businesses
6	Defibrillator	Investigate the costs, feasibility and location of potential defibrillators in the Parish.	Local people requested we should have at least one in each of the villages within the parish.	Parish Council, local sponsors.

Transport and Highways

7	Continue to lobby for speeding reductions, repairs to potholes and other traffic issues.	Continue to pressure Devon County Council and MP for Central Devon to keep our roads, pavements, pathways and hedgerows repaired and safe	Many people and local children told us they were concerned with the volume and speed of traffic through their villages.	Parish Council, Devon County Council, Devon County Councillor for Chudleigh and Teign Valley, MP for Central Devon
8	Continue to lobby Devon County Council for the upkeep of the Hennock – Teign Village road.	Continue to lobby Devon County Council and MP to keep the vital link road safe.	Many people told us the importance of the route and Devon County Council's under-maintenance of the road.	Parish Council, Devon County Council, Devon County Councillor for Chudleigh and Teign Valley, MP for Central Devon.
9	Support Heathfield railway line re-opening	Support for re-opening of the railway line between Newton Abbot and Heathfield. Support measures to make it accessible for parishioners.	Overall, parishioners told us in the questionnaire they would use it if it opened.	Teignbrige District Council, Devon County Council, Department for Transport

10	Lobby for improvements to public transport.	Lobby for improvements in local buses, cycle routes and community transport – also ensure the times of public transport are included and extended	Many local people complained that local transport was not good enough and they wanted to be able to travel without using their cars.	Devon County Council, Teignbridge District Council.
11	Continue to support Footpath Wardens walking the local paths to report issues to the Clerk	Continue to organise and support local volunteers.	Play a good role in keeping footpaths maintained so parishioners can use them.	Parish Clerk, Volunteers, Devon County Council.

Leisure and Social Activities

12	Cycle/Walking routes in and around the parish.	Continue upkeep of local walking/cycling routes including opening more e.g. Hennock to Teign Village or Chudleigh Knighton to Bovey Tracey.	To enable people to use them, use their car less and avoid unsafe roads.	Devon County Council, Teignbridge District Council.
13	Football area for Hennock's children	Consider how to provide a grass area for young people in Hennock to play in.	Children routinely request a large grass area to play football in as the current play area does not allow this.	Parish Council, School, local landowners and community.
14	Consider facilitating activities for local people	Help facilitate the provision of activities or exercise classes. Signpost events in connection to healthy lifestyles.	Older people told us they would like more activities to be put on in their villages such as keep fit classes.	Parish Council, local providers, village halls, charities.

Infrastructure

15	Community action to improve broadband speeds.	Lobby for faster and better broadband speeds	Local people in the questionnaire told us they would support this.	Parish Council, local community group(s), broadband providers
16	Safe crossings places and foot and cycle access in Chudleigh Knighton.	Lobby Devon County Council and housing developers to ensure parishioners can walk and cycle safely around Chudleigh Knighton.	Many young people were concerned with the lack of a safe crossing place in Chudleigh Knighton.	Devon County Council, Teignbridge District Council, developers, local community.

Communication with Parishioners

17	Continue to support the Knighton News and Hennock & Teign Village Newsletter.	Continue to ensure the local newsletters are supported – include a contribution in the budget for Knighton News. Ensure the Parish Council continues to send items for the newsletter	This is one of the best ways parishioners are able to find out local news about their villages and the Parish Council's work.	Parish Clerk, Parish Council, local newsletters.
18	Continue to ensure the noticeboards across the parish are well maintained and kept up to date.	Ensure noticeboards have up to date information	Likewise, another good way to inform the local people about what is going on.	Parish Clerk, Parish Council, local volunteers who maintain boards.
19	Continue to use Facebook and the Website to inform parishioners.	Continued use of platforms.	Continue to inform local people and engage in discussions about local issues.	Parish Clerk and Chairperson as Webmasters

20	Publish headline budget figures and expenditures.	Publish the headline figures and key expenditure the Parish Council spends. Continue to consult parishioners on what they want the Parish Council to spend.	In order to be open and transparent but also to encourage discussion amongst parishioners on how the Parish Council spends its precept.	Parish Clerk, Parish Council, parishioners.
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Local Projects

21	Consult parishioners on local projects that may require a rise in the parish precept.	Consider other ways to consult local people on potential projects.	Parishioners told us they may support paying more in their precept if there were details on what the project(s) were.	Parish Council, local community, schools, consultation providers
22	Support a shop or similar facility being opened.	Facilitate the development of local shopping opportunities.	Most of the feedback around how to improve their village was to have a shop or similar facility.	Parish Council, local community, local businesses
23	Local clean up days involving young people	Organise local litter picking, clearing or cleaning days organised to help keep the villages looking pretty.	Young people were concerned with litter, dog poo and the overall look of their villages.	Parish Council, schools, parents.

6. Acknowledgments, Thanks and Final Words

The Parish Council wishes to thank all the respondents to the questionnaires and consultation events. In addition, we wish to thank all the volunteers who helped deliver questionnaires across the Parish.

We wish to thank Clarity CIC for their consultation with young people in the Parish and thank all of the young people in the parish who contributed so enthusiastically. A special thank you to all the children who took part in the competition to design the logo for the Parish Plan and especially Sam Williamson, of Hennock Primary School, who designed the Operation Awesome Village logo which was adopted by the Steering Group.

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Hennock Parish Council adopted this plan on 14th January 2020 and agreed to take forward the action plans. In doing so, this plan replaced the 2010 Parish Plan as the working plan to guide the Parish Council's decision making. The Parish Council also agreed to review this plan annually with the community.