MERIDEN

(Including Millison's Wood and surrounding areas)

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Meriden Parish Plan: The key issues



The Parish Appraisal identified a series of key issues that needed to be addressed in the Parish Plan. Over the winter, groups of volunteers have been working to produce draft priorities for action which will be presented to an open joint meeting of the Parish Plan Steering Group and the Parish Council on Wednesday 15th April. The details are:

Village Hall, Wednesday 15th April

7.30pm: **The Parish Plan:** **Achievements so far and update.**
Presentation on the issues and draft proposals.
Timetable for production and publication of the Plan
Questions and discussion

9.00pm approx: **Parish Council Annual General Meeting**

Everyone concerned about the future of our community is welcome to attend this meeting

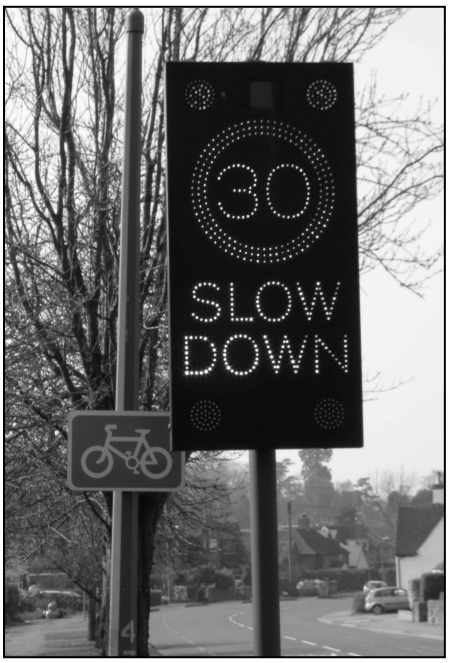
Groups of volunteers are working on the following themes:

1. The needs of children, young people and older people
2. Community engagement, community safety and the environment.
3. Education, health and social care
4. Planning, housing, employment and village facilities and assets
5. Transport, road safety, traffic, parking, footpaths etc.

If you have particular knowledge and expertise in these fields and would like to contribute to what goes into the Parish Plan contact Iain Roxburgh on 01676 522496 or IainRoxburgh@btinternet.com.

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"Slow the traffic down" was one of the clear messages from the Meriden Household Survey conducted last year. An initiative is now underway known as:

Community Speed Watch

This is an initiative where volunteer residents have training from West Midlands Police to operate a speed gun which will highlight speeding hotspots and persistent speeders in select areas throughout the village. Although evidence recorded by the volunteers speed gun cannot be used to prosecute offenders, warning letters will be sent to the drivers. The police team will attend at other times with their own gun to record evidence to prosecute persistent speeders which have been recorded by the volunteer team.

Thanks to residents who have already volunteered, however

More volunteers are needed.

Two training sessions have now been fixed:
Wednesday 29th April at 10 am
Alternatively: Thursday 30th April at 6 pm.
Both sessions will be held at: ***The Bear PH, Cromwell Room, Spencer Lane, Berkswell*** *and last about 2 hours.*

New volunteers contact Julie Hall on 01676 522553 or Juliehall.mpc@btinternet.com

"More things for young people to do in the village" was another clear message from the survey.

Meriden Youth - 'MY'

starts with a two day event on 14th and 16th April. After that it's every Thursday starting at 4:30pm at the Methodist Church Hall. This initiative is led by Meriden's Churches and has received some initial funding by a grant from Solihull Borough Council's Youth Opportunities Fund.

All young people welcome



Kevin Hunt receiving a cheque to fund "MY" from Solihull's youth officer, Tracy Bryan

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