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1. Summary Statement

Stourton Caundle is a thriving village thanks to the go-ahead attitude of its people. Over the years, we have had many groups and dedicated individuals contributing to make it what it is today. Given this background, some may consider a Parish Plan to be an unnecessary burden. However, we ask you to take a look at this document, maybe dip into it from time to time to see if there is there anything which catches your eye or interest?

In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the issues which have been identified in putting together the document (Section 6) along with the proposed Action Plan (Section 7), which is designed to add to our success as a community in the future. If you have any views then do make them known and they will be taken into account in future updates since our Action Plan is not set in tablets of stone but is instead a living document which will adapt to the changes that will no doubt arise in the future.

2. Background to our Plan

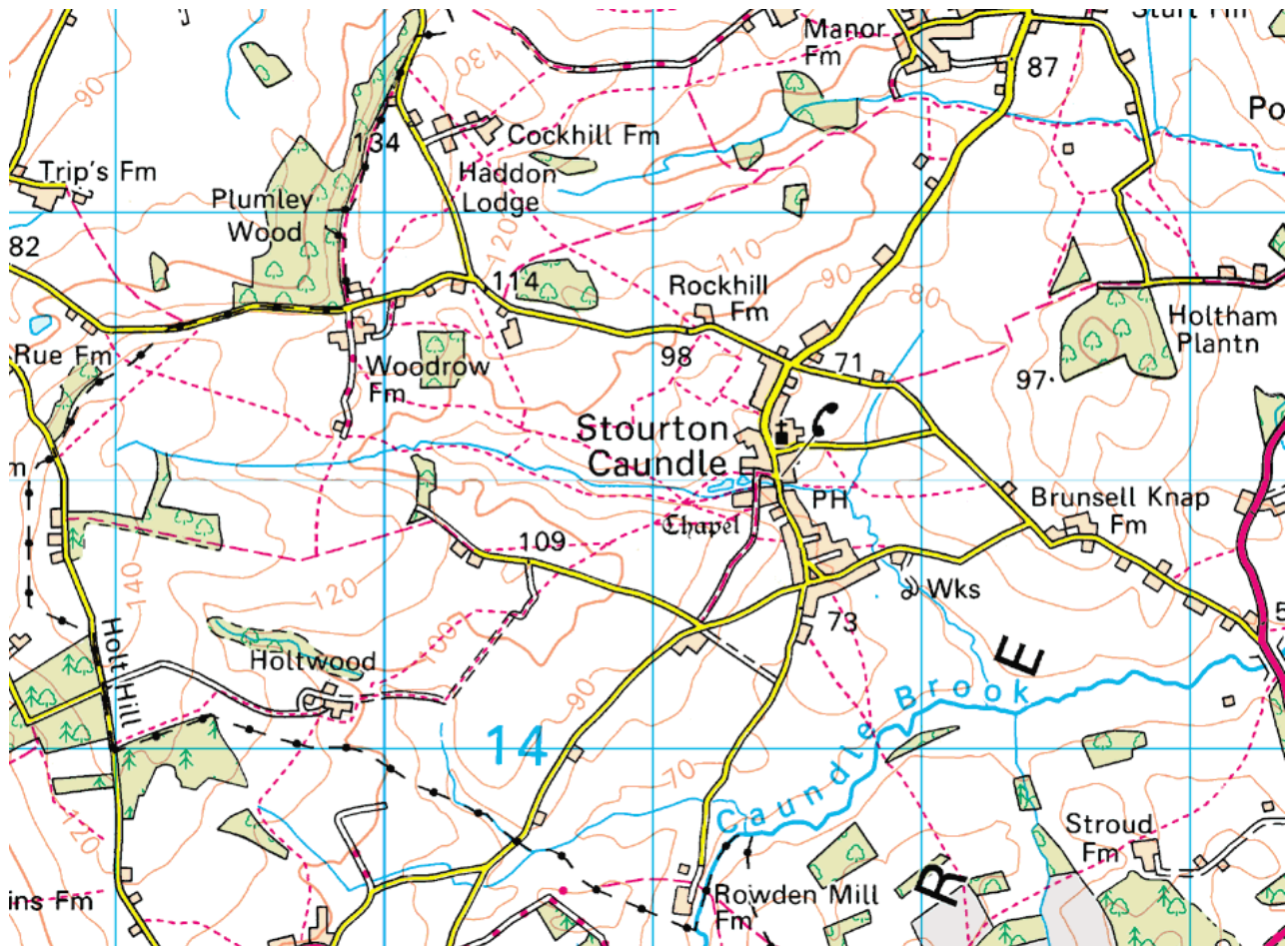
The government launched the concept of the Parish Plan in a Rural White Paper, “*Our Countryside - The Future*” published in 2000 to encourage local communities to be more involved with, and have more control over their own affairs and lives. This document is Stourton Caundle’s response to this initiative, much of which is based on the results from the village questionnaire sent to every household in 2008. Local views expressed in relevant parts of the document may be taken into account in future planning decisions.

The initiative for the plan has come from the Parish Council and the present document is a first draft. We propose to distribute this draft amongst the various village-based organizations, groups and other interested parties so that further responses can be gleaned. Once responses have been received, these will be incorporated in the document and a presentation will be made at a Village Meeting to which everyone will be invited. If further changes are required then these will be made before the finished document is published and distributed. A copy will be lodged on the *Dorset for you* website - North Dorset parish plans can be found at:

<http://www.dorsetforyou.com/index.jsp?articleid=330488>

3. Parish of Stourton Caundle

The parish occupies some 2,004 acres of land in the Blackmore Vale region of North Dorset extending over most of the area shown in the map (*courtesy of the Ordnance Survey*) apart from the corner regions. Heights range from the lowest point (54 metres above sea level) on Caundle Brook at Warr Bridge to 150 metres (492 ft) at the summit of Holt Hill - a height range of 96 metres (315 ft). As can be seen, no main roads pass through the parish and so the maintenance of the various roads and lanes are



the responsibility of the local council. The nearest town is that of Stalbridge located about 4 km northwards of the village. The nearest large town is Sherborne some 8 km eastwards as the crow flies. Being sited between the A357, the A3030 and the A30 main roads, some light vehicles use the route through the village as a short-cut. Situated almost equidistant between the Bristol Channel and the English Channel, the climate tends to be relatively dry, with light winds and more sunny than the UK average.

History

Even at the time of the Domesday survey in 1086, there were settlements within the area sufficient to provide a living for at least 20 to 30 families. These came together to form the present village of Stourton Caundle (formerly Caundle Haddon) around 1202 when Sir Henry de Haddon purchased much of the land. It was he who was responsible for the founding of the Church of St. Peter when in the early part of the 13th Century, the Nave and the Chancel were built. A manor house or 'castle' was also built during the 13th Century in the field now called 'Court Barton' along with the Chapel of St. Andrew located nearby. No trace of the original castle remains, it having been destroyed about 400 years ago, but the old chapel still stands amongst the farm buildings of Manor Farm.

The village thrived in part from the benefit of having two mills, and also in being situated along a rich fertile seam of 'cornbrash', which is a specific geological stratum and which provides for more profitable cultivation. The oldest houses in the village date from around 1600, since which time the village has prospered with some 277 people living here in 1801 and around 450 by 1851, of whom 48% worked on the land. Most direct routes passed through the village, some through the parks at Sherborne Castle, Stalbridge and Stock and the village became a thriving, largely self-sufficient community. The congregational chapel next to Manor Farm was built in 1859 to satisfy the need for additional places of worship. However, a serious and rapid decline in fortune arrived soon after mainly through mechanization of farming, the bypassing of the village by the arrival of the railway in the 1860s and the subsequent closure of turnpike roads, as well as the drift of the younger folk to towns and cities where prospects were better. By 1901 only about half of the people (234) remained. By 1899, St Peter's Church was in poor condition structurally, mainly through lack of care and maintenance, but thanks to contributions from the lord of the manor, Sir Henry Hoare and others, a major renovation was completed in 1902. In 1911 and 1918, the Stourton estate arranged dispersal sales and many of the properties were sold off. Thereafter, the character of the village gradually changed with cottages being pulled down through having fallen into disrepair or because of fire. By 1971, prosperity was returning little by little with some 50 new houses having been built by the district council such that the population had grown to 358 (136 households). Although the large majority of the businesses providing local services have closed down, the arrival of the motor car has enabled many people to travel a distance to their place of work and so in recent years we have seen a revitalization of the community with new people arriving, many with young families.

Access to the World Wide Web during the first decade of the 21st Century has facilitated life in rural areas although the quality and speed of the internet connection to the village is very much below average in comparison with the rest of the UK largely owing to the poor standard of the exchange at Stalbridge, the distance from the exchange and the nature of the cabling used in the village.

Our Village today

Today the population of the parish has returned to a figure of some 450 (est.), the same number it once was, back in 1851. Then the population lived in some 100 households, whereas now the households number almost 180. We no longer have a village shop, “Golden Hill Stores”, now known as *Daisy Cottage*, having closed in 1991, however the village pub (The Trooper) began making basic provisions and newspapers available in November 2010. Public transport has also declined and now has reached the least possible, namely a once per week (Tuesday - 10.10am out, 2.30pm return) bus service to Sherborne and Yeovil. The nearest train stations are at Sherborne and at Templecombe on the London (Waterloo) - Exeter mainline.

Community life is centered around the various organizations based in the village and the venues of the Village Hall, The Trooper Inn and St. Peter’s Church. The following table lists these and other organised groups currently active. A village website (www.stourtoncaundle.org.uk) began operating in October 2010. From time to time fund-raising initiatives are launched by the villagers, the most recent examples being the establishment of a Play Area for children and refurbishment of the external structure of the church. Fun events are also organized, examples of which have been the New Year’s Day Soap-box Derby, which ran for 5 years between 2006-2010, and the Strawberry Fayre held in June. Occasionally outside organizations have staged events here such as Moviola, which showed feature films in the village hall but which was discontinued as audiences were not sufficiently large for the operation to be sustainable, and Screen Bites, an annual food fair and film show. However the large majority of events take place through the initiative of volunteers either individually or under the auspices of a village organization.

Some businesses operate here including the Brunsell Farm, Caundle Farm and Waterloo Farm along with Caundlewood Antiques and Interiors, a furniture maker and restorer. A number of people operate businesses from home.

Parish organisations and Village Directory

The following table lists most of these organizations along with focal points who you can contact if you wish to. It was correct at the time of writing. (N.B. Telephone numbers have been omitted from the online version of this document).

Name	Meet	Contact	Tel. No.
Bell Ringing	weekly, Mondays	Clive Jones	363755
Events Committee	<i>ad hoc</i>	John Waltham	362890
Garden Club	2 nd Wed (Oct-Apr)	Nikki Hale	362067
Homewatch	---	Keith Murphy	362612
Parish Council	monthly	Sue Harris (sec.)	362864
Sports Club	weekly, Tuesdays	Gerry Holdstock	362001
<i>The Stourton Caundler</i>	monthly (not Dec or Jul)	Eric Dummett (chairman)	362374
St. Peter's Church, Parochial Church Council	every 3 months	Nic Block (sec.)	362068
Village Hall Comm.	monthly	Vinny Taylor	362692
Village Hall letting	monthly	Vinny Taylor	362692
Welcome Club	3 rd Wednesday	Paul Lane	362707
'100' Club	monthly	Anna Oliver	362109
Village Website	monthly - as for <i>The Stourton Caundler</i>	Gerry Holdstock	362001

The Parish Council is the only official 'legislative' body operating here meeting typically once per month but also on other occasions at short notice for instance when planning applications are made. The effective operation of the Parish Council is dependent on volunteers coming forward to sit as members of the Council and also on villagers attending parish meetings. Notices of meetings are posted in village notice boards (of which there are 3). A village magazine, *The Stourton Caundler*, began publication in

July 2002 and has been issued 10 times per year ever since. This publication is a key element of village life facilitating communication and enriching the lives of villagers via articles on a wide range of topics including several regular features and a diary of events, as well as the placing of advertisements which make the operation largely self-funding. An edited version of the magazine began appearing on the village website at the end of 2010.

4. 2008 Parish Survey

Questionnaires were distributed to all households and completed during January-March 2008. A total of 155 questionnaires were returned (3 by e-mail) out of 180 households in the village, i.e. an 86% response rate.

Survey Questionnaire

The previous survey was organized by Phil Knott in 1997. For the current survey, an 11-page questionnaire was produced in A5 format and one person from each household asked to oversee its completion on behalf of everyone in their house. Space was provided for individuals to comment separately. All survey answers were given anonymously as a collection box was used for people to 'post' their completed booklet. A copy of the questionnaire can be obtained from members of the Parish Plan Steering Group (see contact details below).

At the time of the survey no questions were asked about access and use by villagers of the internet via the World Wide Web or e-mail. A follow-up on-going survey has been initiated on this subject, the preliminary findings from which are presented in Section 5.

A summary of the responses including issues and aspirations expressed by the villagers is given below.

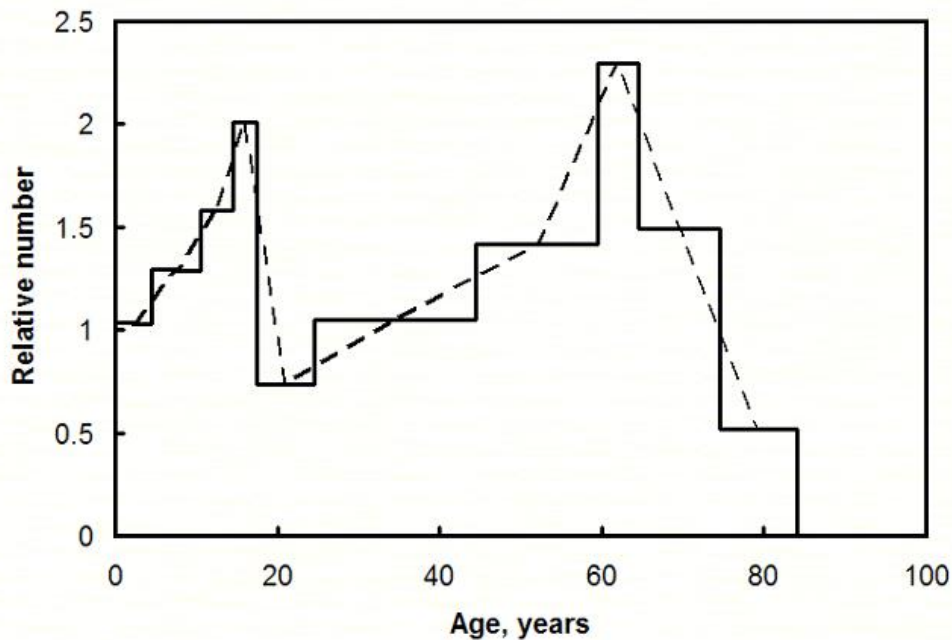
Population

No. of people per household = **2.51** on average
Total estimated population of village = **450**

Male:Female ratio = **47:53**, i.e. **15%** more females than males
Age Profile (see also graph): Average age = **42.3 years old**

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
0 - 4	9	10	19
5 - 10	19	8	27
11 - 14	12	10	22
15 - 17	8	13	21
18 - 24	9	9	18
25 - 44	41	31	72
45 - 59	39	34	73
60 - 64	22	16	38
65 - 74	22	28	50
75 - 84	9	8	17
85+	4	2	6
Total :	194	169	363

**Stourton Caundle
Age Profile (0 - 84 yrs old)**



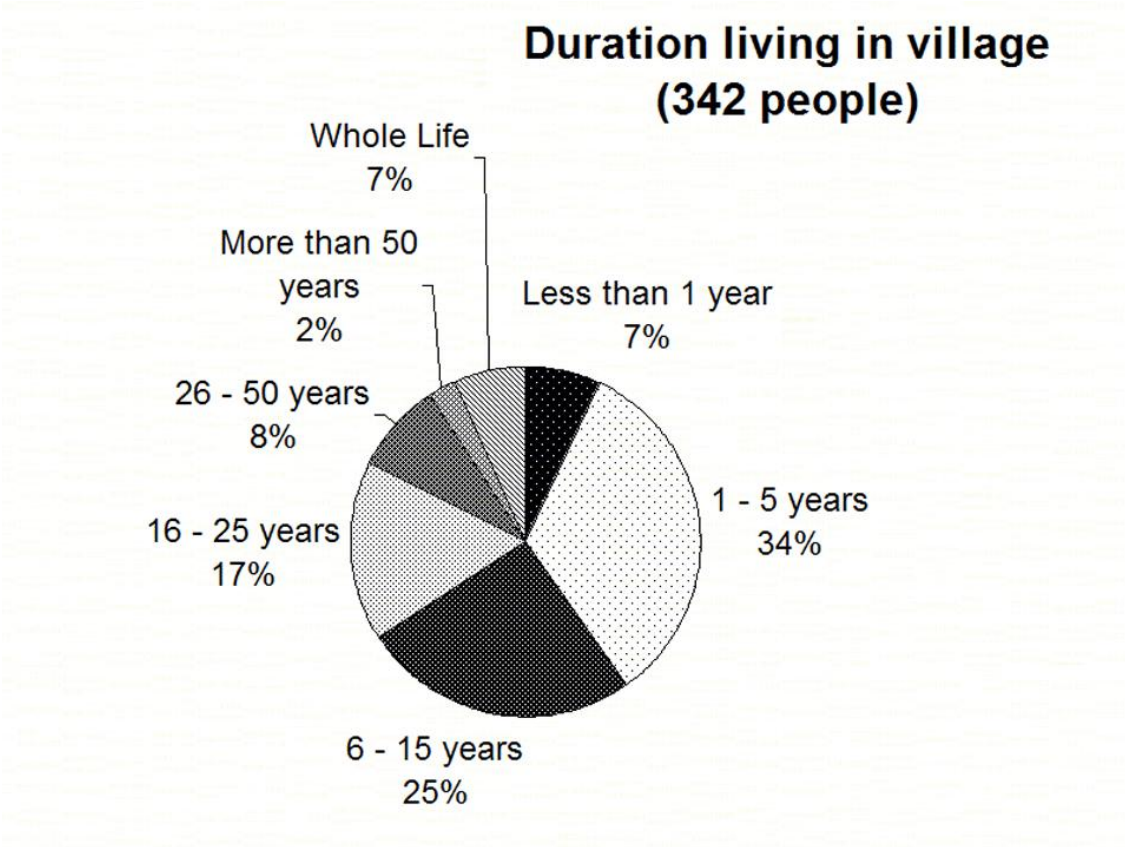
The age distribution within the village is not representative of the UK population as a whole. In particular, there is a relative deficit in the number of people resident who are in the age range, 18-44, balanced by a relative excess of people in the age ranges of 11-17 and 60-74.

Duration living in the village:

Period (years)	Number	Proportion
Less than 1	24	7%
1 - 5	114	33%
6 - 15	87	25%
16 -25	57	17%
26 - 50	29	8%
More than 51	8	2%
Whole life	23	7%

N.B. 40% people have lived here less than 6 years

Second Homes: 4% of households in the village are not people’s main residence.



Main Place of Work:

Out of 321 responses:

Type	Number	Proportion
At home	38	12%
In the village	6	2%
Within 10 miles	52	16%
Further afield	79	25%
Full-time education	36	11%
Looking for work	2	1%
Retired	108	34%

Households with at least one dog: **64 (42%)**

Number of people registered disabled: **12 (3%)**

Housing

Type	Number	Proportion
Owner-occupier	126	83%
Rented privately	10	7%
Rented - housing association, etc.	15	10%

Number in need of separate accommodation locally: **5**

Also 3 households anticipate children needing accommodation locally in the next 1-5 years

More houses required in the village over the next 10 years? **73 in favour, 70 against**

Of those respondents in favour, 49% prefer less than 11 houses, 43% prefer 11-20 houses, and 6% would like to see more than 20 houses built during the next 10 years.

Of those respondents in favour, 58% prefer houses to be scattered infill as opposed to groups of new houses.

Asked what sort of houses would be appropriate, the following 'votes' were cast:

Type	Number
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Family homes	44
Starter homes	41
Affordable housing for locals	59
Homes for retired folk	8
Rented housing (e.g. via an housing associaton)	20

Transport and traffic

Number of cars per household: **1.73 cars on average**
This equates to an estimated 310 cars in the village.

Number of motorbikes per household: **0.12 on average**

Households using the village bus service: **9%**
Usage equates to about 220 trips per annum.

Households using the school bus service: **18%**
In all 52 children use the bus service.

Shared transport scheme - when asked would you be prepared to participate in such a scheme, the following numbers responded:

Destination	Number
to Stalbridge	33
to Sturminster Newton	22
to Sherborne	31

Many people made comments - including possibility of sharing trips to Yeovil / Blandford and that some are already sharing/giving lifts. Many people travel at irregular times. Several thought it would be difficult to organise, for example it might not be suitable for getting to and from work. Trips to shops, or to doctor / dentist would be more suitable, as would a scheme operating during school holidays.

Amenities

53 comments were received on the subject of ‘Additional Amenities’ in the village. Of these 27 mentioned a village shop, 9 a post office, and several wanted more information on what delivery/mobile services are available. Other suggestions included:

- Better bus service, bus shelter
- Youth club or activity centre for teenagers
- Improve Village Hall to attract more users
- More litter baskets, dog mess bins
- A theatre / concert-going group
- Cricket pitch, tennis court
- Full size sports field
- Allotments
- Improved broadband
- Regular road sweeping
- Noticeboard near Trooper
- Seat in cemetery

When asked how important the various amenities are to the life of the village, this is how people voted:

Amenity	‘Very’	‘Fairly’	‘Little’	‘Not at all’	No view
Village Hall	86%	14%	1%	1%	9
The Trooper	82%	14%	2%	1%	14
The Church	70%	23%	6%	2%	12
Play Area	72%	18%	6%	4%	17
Sports Club	42%	47%	8%	3%	19
Mobile Library	41%	43%	11%	6%	22

When asked “How often do you or someone from your household visit or use the amenities?”, the following responded:

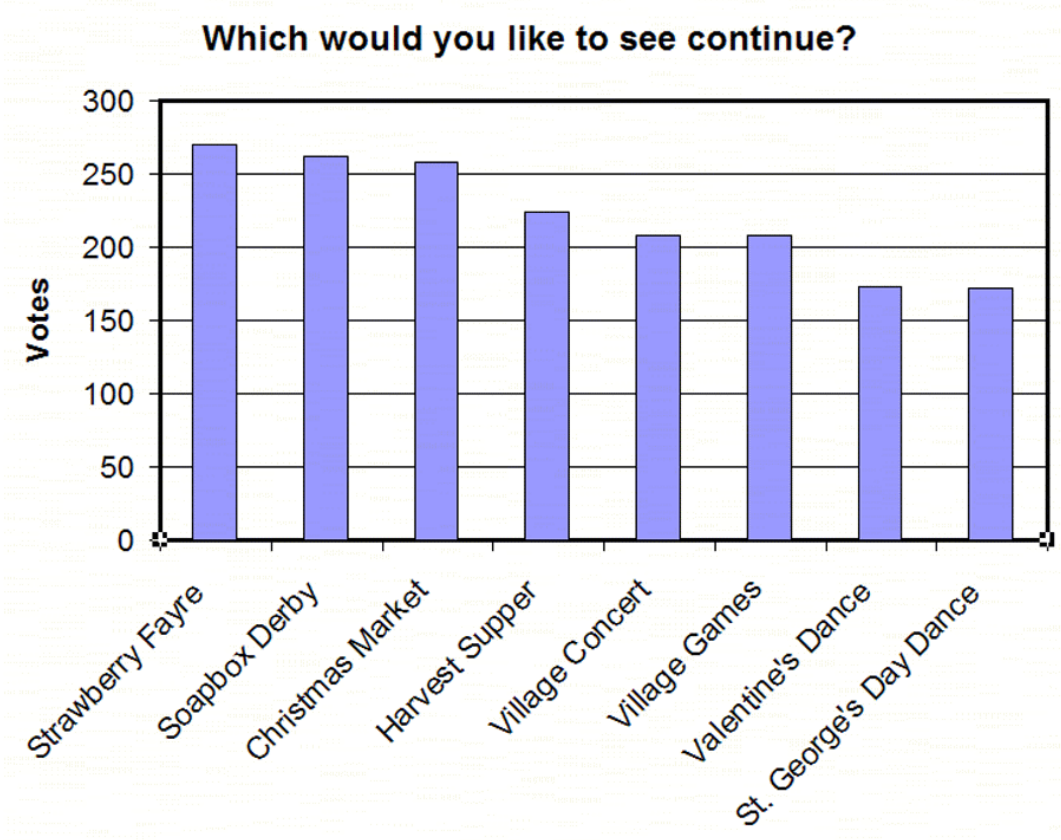
Amenity	Daily	More than once per week	About once per week	Once or twice per month	A few times per year	Never	Number of replies
Village Hall	---	1	12	27	86	14%	146
The Trooper	2	22	24	33	48	14%	150
The Church	---	---	2	21	79	31%	148
Play Area	6	6	12	15	25	55%	143
Sports Club	0	2	2	7	9	86%	141
Mobile Library	---	---	---	7	12	87%	144

Attendance at village events during 2007:

Strawberry Fayre	Soapbox Derby	Village Concert	Christmas Market	Valentines Dance	St. Georges Day Dance	Harvest Supper
215	200	109	214	59	64	84

When asked “Which of the following would you like to see continue?” people voted as follows:

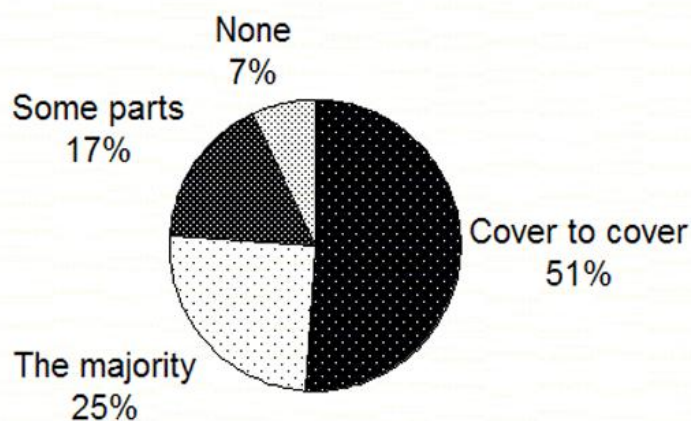
Strawberry Fayre	Soapbox Derby	Village Concert	Christmas Market	Valentines Dance	St. George’s Day Dance	Harvest Supper	Village Games
270	262	208	258	173	172	224	208



THE STOURTON CAUNDLER village magazine - when asked how much of it do you read, the response was as follows:

Cover to cover	The majority of it	Some parts of it	None of it	Total number of replies
51%	25%	17%	7%	317

Readers of "The Stourton Caundler" (317 replies)



Environment

How often do you use the public footpaths and/or bridleways:

Most days	Weekly	Occasionally	Never	Total number of replies
24%	20%	41%	14%	329

151 people use the recycling centre at Brimble.

An amazing **178** people would volunteer to help if we held a Village Clean-up Day.

Asked should there be any change to the recycling collections, **66 people (80%) said 'Yes'** whereas **17 people said 'No'**.

Asked should any other traffic control measures be introduced, **56 people (63%) said 'Yes'** whereas **33 people said 'No'**.

Asked would you like to see overhead powerlines replaced by underground cables, **70 people (74%) said 'Yes'** whereas **25 people said 'No'**.

Community issues

Asked "Do you want more information about what the Parish Council does", **106 people (88%) said 'Yes'** whereas **15 people said 'No'**.

Asked "Should the Parish Council have more influence", **89 people (74%) said 'Yes'** whereas **17 people said 'No'**.

A large number of comments were made on the questionnaire with the most important issues involving footpaths, recycling and traffic issues. The individual responses have been listed under each of 9 different headings and are appended below.

Numbers supplying feedback by way of comments on the various topics were as follows:

Topic	Number of responses
Transport	29
Additional amenities	53
Traffic issues	60
Recycling	70
Neighbourhood Watch	16
Changes to footpaths, etc.	73
Environmental issues	48
Buried powerlines	32
Other suggestions	26

Traffic issues:

Speeding vehicles are by far the main cause for concern.

A few people suggested having a 20 mph limit through the village or at Brimble Cottages where children play. Waterloo Lane appears to be hazardous and might require a 30 mph limit.

Various suggestions for slowing the traffic were made.

Recycling:

A large proportion of people want cardboard and/or glass to be collected for recycling. Some of the outlying parts of the parish do not have recycling collections from their home. A weekly collection would be preferred by some.

Neighbourhood watch:

A fair proportion of folk are unaware or unclear as to what this scheme is supposed to do. Some want it advertised more frequently and given a higher profile. Suggestions made that it should include keeping tabs on fly tipping, and that having one or two 'assistants' might be helpful.

Changes to footpaths, etc.:

36% of folk wanted no changes to footpaths and bridleways. Many wanted the paths to be kept clear and gateways / stiles kept in good condition. 5 suggestions were made for a map showing the routes, which might relate to various comments about people wandering off the rights of way. 10 people felt that dogs and dog mess are problematic.

Environmental changes:

27% of folk wanted no changes.

A large number of suggestions were made including:

- Stream, drains and ditches improved, cleaned up and better maintained (10 comments)
- Better maintenance and repair to roads and lanes
- 5 comments relating to dogs
- Picnic area near Play Area
- Support use of solar panels and wind power locally

Suggestion to bury powerlines:

Although the majority would prefer this, most people were concerned with the expense and inconvenience involved. Several felt that other more important issues should come first.

Other suggestions:

- Affordable housing for young families
- Hold some village events on alternate years, e.g. village fayre / concert, Valentine's / St. George's Day
- Refurbish Village Hall
- Better energy conservation / local generation of power
- Fund towards cost of refurbishing church roof
- Restrict housing development especially on land set back from the main street
- Encourage more volunteers to participate in community-driven ventures
- Village map detailing names / numbers of houses in village

5. 2010 Broadband Survey

QAn article was published in the November 2010 edition of *The Stourton Caundler* magazine asking folk to measure their broadband connection speeds by going to: www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk and follow the online instructions, reporting both download and upload speeds to thecaundler@hotmail.co.uk along with the date and time.

Within three weeks 26 people had tested their broadband speeds and submitted 73 pairs of measurements of download and upload speed. The following smmarises the results:

Half of the villagers are achieving download of less than 725 kbps, the lowest on average being just 148 kbps. This means we are receiving very much less than the 'up to 20 Mb' (20,000 kbps) which BT claims in its advertisements. The highest average is 2179 kbps. Upload speed is much more consistent across the board with an average of 316 kbps. No-one can upload at faster than 376 kbps.

A relatively large fraction of respondents experience very variable connection speeds with frequent failures to connect at all. Strangely the broadband speed can also be very different from one side of the road to the other.

6. Aspirations in relation to the Action Plan

The initial draft will be the subject of public consultation at two events organised over the coming months: one will be at the 'Collection of collections' event in the Village Hall on July 18 and a second opportunity will take place by way of a 'Big Breakfast' event. Both of these events will be partly sponsored by the Community Strategy Grant provided by Dorset County Council.

Development in the Parish

Of the households (155 out of 180) responding to the Survey, a significant majority wish any new houses to be accommodated by way of scattered 'in-fill' builds rather than having a small estate of houses constructed on a green-field site. However, the views were more or less equally shared for and against the need for more houses with local families expressing the wish of having their children living locally preferably within the village: hence the need to have more 'affordable' housing, for example with shared ownership. It may be necessary to devise a more targeted **Housing Needs Survey** to better quantify the position.

Planning applications are an important aspect of the Parish Council meetings and these meetings are often scheduled at short notice to consider new applications. However, the possibility of scheduling a few meetings each year well in advance should be considered by the Parish Council so that the dates and planned agenda can be advertised for example in *The Stourton Caudler*. Each of these meetings could include a short open meeting dedicated to one of several topics such as the environment, amenities, transport and traffic, and housing. In this way, it is hoped that more people would be encouraged to attend Parish Council meetings.

Environment

Being a rural community, a good number of issues relate to the environment. Many of the proposals in the Action Plan fall into the category of 'self-help' apart from the thorny issue of waste recycling where we are dependent on the local authority. Currently the onus is on the individual to recycle glass, metal, cardboard and some plastics. We have a bottle bank at Brimble but cardboard, metal and some plastics

which could be recycled are probably being disposed of to landfill in the normal household rubbish.

A large proportion of villagers walk on the various footpaths around the parish and so it would make sense to have at least one map which delineates these made available in some public place. Likewise, stiles need to be kept in good order. Some folk make an effort to collect rubbish strewn on the public highway and we are very grateful for this, however, many would support an occasional Village Clean-up Day, as stated in their responses to the Survey.

The standard of the roads and in particular the main thoroughfares is another matter which affects people's lives. There appears to be more running water eroding the surfaces and this may in part be a result of less ditch clearing around the parish and also an increased risk of flooding - as to where the responsibility lies is not clear but it is an important matter that should be addressed.

Amenities

Our prime amenities comprise the Village Hall, The Trooper Inn and Stable Bar and St. Peter's Church. Repairs have recently been made to the external walls, etc. of the Church and now some internal decorating is needed. The Village Hall has had its heating system improved and a new floor laid in the rooms outside the main hall. We should seek further ways of improving the hall facilities and are open to suggestions as how best to do this. It would be good if the younger members of the village also made more use of the facilities, possibly via some form of youth club.

Concerning other amenities, we do have some allotments in Brimble but it is possible that there is quite a strong latent demand for more allotments especially where growing one's own food is increasingly seen as desirable.

Communications to and from Stourton Caundle are very limited compared with what is available in towns and cities around the land. Mobile phone reception is very patchy or non-existent in places and broadband speeds are very slow with the line dropping out from time to time for some people. Anecdotal evidence suggests that broadband quality is significantly better towards the northern end of the village where the distance to the Stalbridge exchange is shorter. Some business users have two telephone lines, which appears to help with broadband quality; it is thought that some others use a 3G connection. However many folk have to put up with speeds of only 0.1-

0.3 Mb which is well below the claimed speeds of 1-2 Mb advertised by the service providers. By carrying out a survey around the village of the upload and download speeds and the usage to which broadband is put, we would hope to gather evidence to put a case together for upgrading this important amenity.

A village website (www.stourtoncaundle.org.uk) is currently under construction overseen by the committee of *The Stourton Caundler* and it is hoped that this will open up new possibilities in future.

We are shortly to lose the telephone connection to the kiosk in the High Street and would like to use the box for some other useful purpose. One suggestion is to have a book exchange operate. Some internal work to kit out the kiosk will be required.

Transport

Public transport services comprise once-a-week buses to Sherborne/Yeovil and Blandford and so the vast majority of journeys have to be made by car or van. Running a car is an added expense for country-dwellers compared to those living in larger towns and cities, and for some elderly folk they are unable to drive. Thus Transport is an important topic and currently we do not have any organised car-sharing scheme, only individuals giving friends an occasional lift into town, etc. It has been suggested that some funds raised be used to sponsor drivers. Certainly the options need to be investigated as must any insurance implications.

Another aspect is traffic in the village. We have many vehicles using the route through the village as a short-cut to somewhere else. We also have a good number of large agricultural vehicles using the lanes. All of these pose a potential hazard whether from undue speed, collisions between vehicles or accidents involving pedestrians. One suggestion is to carry out a risk assessment say on a two-yearly basis and that this be overseen by the Parish Council.

Other

The needs of the elderly and especially those living alone should be taken into account in relation to the Action Plan. Clearly people need privacy but on the other hand some may appreciate help with some practical matters. There is of course the Welcome Club which is an important facet of village life and which organises events

which many can participate in. However, is there another service the Welcome Club could provide to ensure that no-one is neglected?

Financing projects in the future

In the past, the Events Committee has been the prime mover as regards fund-raising in the village, monies from which are deposited in the 'Stourton Caundle Community Fund' and from which many grants have been made totaling several tens of thousands of pounds over the last 10 years. However, one option for the future may be to organize fund-raising on an 'as-needs' basis with specific events dedicated to specific causes. Or should the Parish Council be overseeing this?

Who will carry the Plan forwards ?

Some suggestions have been made in the Plan as to who might be responsible for progressing the various items along with a suggested time frame for these. For some items, volunteers are sought so feel free to help. Since the Action Plan is a form of 'living document' it can be revisited from time to time and certainly on an annual basis such as on the occasion of the Annual Parish Meeting. Practicalities might very well require certain aspirations to be dropped from the Plan or new ones added or changed in some way.

7. Parish Action Plan

HOUSING and OTHER DEVELOPMENT

Action	Responsibility	Time Scale
Take note of wishes and expectations of the community expressed in the latest Village Survey	Parish Council and NDDC	Over the next 5-10 years
Consider carrying out an Housing Needs Survey within the village	Parish Council	Within 12 months
Advertise widely the dates along with the key agenda items in advance of selected Parish Council meetings	Parish Council	On-going

ENVIRONMENT

Action	Responsibility	Time Scale
Expand and improve recycling collections	Parish Council and NDDC	Within 12 months
Hold village clean-up days	Parish Plan Steering Committee and volunteers	At least annually
Identify measures to minimize the harmful effects of flooding	Parish Council and villagers	Within 2 years
Improve maintenance of stiles and footpaths	NDDC / Way-leave officer	On-going
Identify trees for which tree preservation orders are appropriate	Parish Council	On-going

Design, produce and erect a map of the parish depicting footpaths	Parish Plan Steering Committee and volunteers in conjunction with NDDC	Within 2 years
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AMENITIES

Action	Responsibility	Time Scale
Continue to make improvements to the Village Hall	Village Hall Committee	Over the next 3-5 years
Investigate the demand for allotments	Volunteer	2 years
Establish a Village Website and obtain the views of villagers and village organizations as to its content	Committee of <i>The Stourton Caundler</i>	Within 12 months (started October 2010)
Consider options for improving amenities for young people / setting up a Youth Club	Some village organisations	2 years
Carry out a survey of broadband connection performance and identify possible means of improvement	Volunteer	Within 12 months (started Nov 2010)
Consider options for the future of the telephone kiosk	Volunteer / suggestions box	Within 6 months

TRANSPORT

Action	Responsibility	Time Scale
Carry out a periodic assessment of potential hazards from traffic, and introduce measures to	<i>Ad hoc</i> committee organized by the Parish Council	Every 2 years

minimize risk where appropriate		
Investigate options for operating a shared transport scheme including the possibility of sponsored support via a dedicated fund or trust	<i>Ad hoc</i> committee organized by the Parish Council	Within 12 months

OTHER

Action	Responsibility	Time Scale
Extend support for village events	Events Committee	Next 12 months
Fund-raising for worthy village causes	Village groups organizing events on a one-off basis overseen by the Parish Council	On-going
Support for the elderly via a neighbourliness scheme	Welcome Club	On-going

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