

Dinton, Ford, Gibraltar, Upton & Westlington Community Led Plan



Community Led Plan Progress Report January 2024

Proposed Actions from the Plan which was produced in February 2020

- **New Village Hall**

Village Hall management committee undertook a survey of all parishioners in October 2023 to ascertain their opinions on 5 possible options to either revamp or rebuild the existing Village Hall. The results of the survey will be published to the Village in February 2024 when the chosen option will be announced.

- **Allotments**

Instead of installing allotments on the Parish Field, it was decided to plant a fruit tree orchard on the field. The orchard has now been planted on the field running from the Upton Road up to the Spinney. There is a Village working party who maintain/water the trees.

- **Safety & Security. Neighbourhood watch scheme**

There has been no progress on re-introducing a N W scheme in the Community, although the consensus of opinion was that the Parish was a safe place to live.

- **Reflectors on Upton Road and other areas**

Reflectors have been installed on posts on the grass opposite the small green near School Lane. This has had the effect of (a) discouraging anyone to park on the grass near the stocks and (b) slowing traffic along the road.

Eight reflectors have been installed on Upton Road

- **Cycle racks at Pubs (Seven Stars and Bottle & Glass)**

Cycle Racks have not been installed at the Seven Stars, although the pub remains popular with both cyclists and walkers.

The Bottle & Glass has subsequently closed.

Dinton, Ford, Gibraltar, Upton & Westlington Community Led Plan



- **Lighting at Bus Shelters**
There has been no progress with this.
- **Formation of Community Social Committee**
A successful Community Events Team has been formed under the Chairmanship of Steve Merry working with a team of up to a dozen people. The Parish social life has been invigorated with many well attended events including Firework displays, Summer Balls, Wine & Cheese evenings, Bingo events, Quiz Nights, Conkers, etc.
- **Affordable Housing**
This is still under consideration as “affordable” housing, either on the existing Village Hall site or the Parish Field, has been included as one of the options in the Parish Village Hall survey (see Village Hall above).
- **Produce Welcome booklet for all parishioners**
A very comprehensive Welcome booklet was produced in the winter of 2019. This was a very useful reference document for both new and existing residents outlining all the facilities, services and businesses that are available within the Parish. Although a few years old, most of the information in the booklet is still relevant and copies are still available. It can be obtained from members of the Parish Council.