



Heapey & Wheelton Parish Plan 2006

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business sector

THE ISSUES

Heapey & Wheelton support over 60 local businesses:

- There is 40% support for more local employment
- Few people see barriers to employment in the area, but...
- 60% do not want to see small scale industrial workshops established.

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business sector

ACTION PLAN : Recommendations

- Provide locally sponsored maps identifying local items of interest and local business information at gateway sites in both Parishes
- Enhance and lengthen local visits, perhaps using the Old Sand Quarry off Copthurst Lane for additional parking
- Try to increase the commercial use of the Village Hall
- Encourage a local business club.



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housing

THE ISSUES

88% want no further housing built in the local area:

- 50% of residents feel the amount of new build is about right
- 11% feel too much has been built - 5% feel there has been too little
- 50% support the conversion of redundant buildings
- 4.4% report household members seeking accommodation - cost and availability are concerns.

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housing

ACTION PLAN : Recommendations

- The Parish Plan survey should inform overall planning strategy
- Current allocation should be reviewed by the Parish Councils in line with the survey
- Conversion of existing buildings should be encouraged to assist local demand.

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roads, traffic & transport

THE ISSUES

Nearly 90% use cars as their primary means of transport!

- 6.5% use the bus for work and 20% for occasional trips
- 83% identified traffic danger spots, especially around the A674
- There is 40% support for traffic calming in rural and village areas
- 74% say no to car parks and park off road or in garages.

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roads, traffic & transport

ACTION PLAN : Recommendations

- Consider the adoption of slower speeds in both rural and built up areas especially at junctions with the A674
- Look specifically at speed reduction around the entrance to Heapey Chase, down Victoria Street, Wheelton and on Blackburn Road, Heapey
- Look at ways of monitoring speed and parking on Kenyon Lane and Victoria Street, Wheelton to encourage safer driving.

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environment

THE ISSUES

99% think the countryside is important:

- 89% identify the canal as the most significant feature though many others are also cherished
- Litter, dog fouling, horse fouling and fly tipping are concerns
- Additional cycle and horse riding routes and more open space are desired by 73% of respondents
- The Old Sand Quarry is identified as the most popular site for environmental development.

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environment

ACTION PLAN : Recommendations

- The Parish Councils should encourage residents to make an educated choice on environmentally important questions by raising local awareness and encouraging local action
- The Parish Council should give consideration to the recruitment of a “lengthsman”
- The Parish Council should work with other agencies to protect and manage local features and enforce protection.

children & young people

THE ISSUES

Children and Young People value the rural setting:

- They commented on the lack of safe cycling areas other than the canal
- 45% feel playground facilities are reasonable, 29% consider them poor
- A youth club and more sports facilities are desirable
- Their overall feeling mirrors that of the adults “leave things as they are - but take care of them”.

children & young people

ACTION PLAN : Recommendations

- Improve play areas and design them for a wider range of young people
- Provide a youth club in the Wheelton Village Hall
- Improve cycling facilities in the Parishes.

sports, recreation & leisure

THE ISSUES

70% want more open spaces for sport and recreation:

- 49% identified the Old Sand Quarry off Copthurst Lane as a prime recreational development site
- 11% favour the 'fete' field opposite Black Lion Farm
- 4% identified the village hall with its adjacent land and play area
- There is also a desire to develop the village hall as a resource – improving it first.



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sports, recreation & leisure

ACTION PLAN : Recommendations

- Acquire and develop the Old Sand Quarry for recreation and sport
- Further develop and improve facilities at the Village Hall.

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THE FUTURE?

It's time for the Parish Plan Action Group to take over...pushing forward in partnership with the Parish Councils of Heapey and Wheelton.

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