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Feckenham's future vision mapped out

FECKENHAM residents have taken steps to map out their vision for the future of the parish.

Villagers have formed a Parish Plan committee, which will collect ideas on how to develop the local community, including public transport and health-care, over the next 15 to 20 years.

Residents formed an initial steering committee

to set the wheels in motion last September, and in mid-December a proper committee was elected to draw up the plan.

Steve Dalloway, committee spokesman, told The Standard they had used the parish magazine to spread interest.

"The new committee includes representatives from all over the village," he said.

"We want people from across the parish, but it's difficult to let everyone know about it."

Part of a government scheme, the plan will also be able to influence housing and land management strategies, as well as the way local services are managed and delivered.

With the election of a new committee, the parish council released a £200 grant, but Mr Dalloway said funding remained short.

In the meantime, the committee has divided the village and community into groups including businesses, private homes, clubs and societies and farms.

Mr Dalloway said: "In pairs we will look at one of the sectors, asking them some trial questions."

"We'll aim to contact everyone over the next six to 12 months, but will start with a few at first."

He said the aim was not to find out what Feckenham Parish looked like now, but in ten to 15 years.

"It's a long-term project and we won't be able to produce a report until this time next year," he said.

"We'll take small steps and involve as many people as we can - some might not bother, but there are lots who have views and we want to hear them."

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● Feckenham's Parish Plan committee prepares for the St George's day breakfast. (s)

Full English marks St George's Day

FECKENHAM residents can get involved in St George's Day celebrations with a slap-up breakfast tomorrow morning (Saturday).

The Feckenham Parish Plan committee are putting on the event to celebrate the patron saint's day and raise funds for the parish plan, a project to map out the future vision for the village.

Feckers Breckers will take place from 8am to 11.30am at the village hall, and is open to everyone.

All visitors to the celebration will be treated to waitress service of a full English breakfast including egg,

sausage, bacon, black pudding, hash browns, beans, grilled tomato, mushroom, toast, tea or coffee, all for £4.99. There will also be a children's meal for £1.99.

And in Alvechurch, residents are being invited to a jam-packed array of patriotic celebrations.

The unfurling of the patron saint's flag will mark the start of a day of fun in the village tomorrow (Saturday April 23) at 10.30am.

It will be followed by a morning of traditional English children's games in the churchyard, a picnic lunch, an English Real Ale Festival

and a special church service.

The day is set to be then rounded off with a fish and chip supper and a performance by Alvechurch Morris Men and members of Alvechurch Dramatic Society.

Staff at Midlands Co-op Travel in Redditch will be wearing red and white-coloured clothing tomorrow to celebrate St George's Day.

The fund-raising event will raise much-needed cash for Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood (CLIC), the company's elected charity of 2005.

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Consultation evening for residents

FECKENHAM residents are being invited to a consultation event this Sunday (May 22), to help formulate the village's Parish Plan.

The event, entitled Feckenham Past, Present, Future, will explain to parishioners all about the formation of the Parish Plan, set to map out the future vision for the village for the next 15 to 20 years.

The consultation day will feature a history of Feckenham produced by the local history society, and displays of old Feckenham photos as well as a poster and photographic competition for all ages based on the parish.

Running from 2pm to 6pm, the event will also seek the input of residents to see what their views are on Feckenham parish as a whole, and to understand more about the Parish Plan.

There will be free tea, coffee and cakes on the day and all are welcome. For more information visit www.feckenham.com.



● Parish Plan party - Andrew Henson, chairman, with Parish Plan committee members Catherine Roberts, John Roundell and Tim Smith will be celebrating the past, present and, most importantly, the future of Feckenham. (s)

The Standard, Friday June 3 2005

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Parish plan fundraising

VILLAGERS in Feckenham clubbed together to put on two events last month to raise funds for their Parish Plan.

Residents took part in a quiz on May 21 as well as a parish consultation event the following day to raise money for the plan - which will map out the next 15 to 20 years of development for their village.

Steve Dalloway, spokesman for the Parish Plan committee, said the quiz had been hugely popular, raising over £500, making the event one which would be repeated in future.

"Extra tables had to be quickly set up to cope with the influx of non-ticket holders who wanted to partake in the fun," he said.

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● Benedict Morris, seven, and Megan Nicod, five, were each presented with £10 book vouchers by Andrew Henson, chairman of the Feckenham Parish Plan committee for their artistic efforts in the recent competition. (s)

Young artists help with village vision

YOUNGSTERS in Feckenham put their artistic skills to the test in a competition recently to help develop the village's parish plan.

Children entered an art contest last month, run by the Parish Plan committee to encourage as many different age groups as possible to get involved in the forming of the plan, which will map out the future of the village over the next 20 years.

Feckenham youngsters under ten-years-old were invited to make a picture or painting of what they liked or what was important to them in the parish.

Steve Dalloway, spokesman for the committee, said entries were divided into categories for under-fives and five to ten-year-olds, and they had had a huge response.

"Naturally we got pictures of play areas, houses, grass, streams, ponds, horses, tractors, fields and many more," he said.

"It was a great way of engaging the kids through the parents to do a picture for us to keep, document and display."

Winners Benedict Morris, seven, and Megan Nicod, five, were presented with £10 book vouchers by Andrew Henson, chair of the Parish Plan committee, and their work was shown at the Feckenham Wake earlier this month.


Art Competition Winners

A scene in Feckenham that is inspiring or that you like!



Benedict Morris (Age 7)

£10 Book Voucher



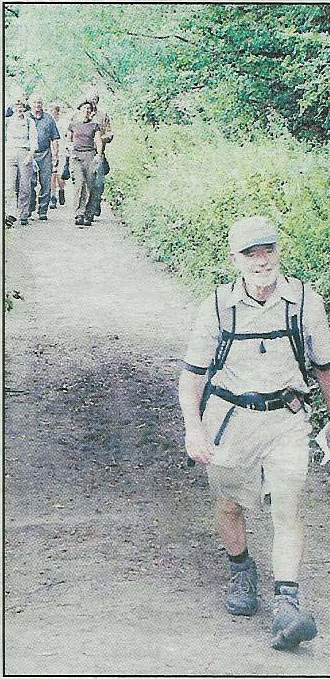
Megan Nicod (Age 5)

£10 Book Voucher

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● Alan Jones, followed by Russell Cotton, Dave Bough, Sue Darby, Sally Smith, Jan Holmes and Michael Buckley, put their best feet forward in the parish plan's sponsored walk around Feckenham parish. (s)

A round trip for trekkers

RAMBLING residents from Feckenham took up the challenge of walking around the whole parish last month.

In the event organised by the Feckenham Parish Plan committee, ten sponsored walkers trekked 15 miles around the Feckenham parish boundary, along with a group of cyclists.

The circumnavigation on July 23 was aimed at making parish residents aware of the size, beauty and diversity of Feckenham and its surrounding areas, and was in aid of the parish plan, which when published, will set out the future of the village over the next 15 to 20 years.

One of the organisers Russell Cotton said: "Although the walk was quite tough, we did take in some stunning scenery, and the weather was kind to us on the day too.

"Everyone enjoyed the experience tremendously."

It is hoped the plan will be published by the end of March 2006.

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Survey results in

By Ellen Branagh

SUGGESTIONS for improvements in Feckenham were revealed at a recent community meeting.

Last Sunday, parish residents were given the chance to look at results from a survey carried out over December and January.

The results, along with conclusions from previous consultation, will be collated into an action plan for the village, forming the first Feckenham Parish Plan.

It is part of a Government scheme to set out the aims of the village for the next 15-20 years.

Survey results included responses from 564 residents and looked at seven key themes including health and wellbeing, safety and security, children and young people, and culture and recreation.

Parish plan steering committee spokesman Andrew Henson said: "Many parishioners attended and had the opportunity to discuss the findings with members of the committee and the parish council. Lots of suggestions provided, lots of tea and cake, and lots of interest made for a successful afternoon."

Mr Henson said speeding traffic was shown as a major concern by 78 per cent of those who replied to the survey.

Emergency services were rated highly, although some residents expressed concerns over a lack of local police presence.

The survey also showed the public bus service was not used by the majority of residents but the village hall was an important and well-managed local facility. Residents also saw a local shop, post office, and local churches as important for the community.

And in terms of housing, 20 per cent of respondents felt no further building was wanted, although a similar proportion supported the erection of starter homes for young people. Anyone who did not make it to the meeting can access a summary of the survey results on the parish plan website at www.feckenham.com and comments can be provided via email.

The Standard, Friday October 27 2006

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Plan outlines the future of village

FECKENHAM'S future will be decided by a public consultation process following the release of the parish's first plan.

The proposals, which have been drawn-up by Feckenham Parish Plan Steering Committee on behalf of the parish council, aim to set out key targets in the future development of the village.

The 22-page report has been delivered to each resident in the parish along with a feedback form asking householders to choose the top five most important issues they would like to see tackled - from a choice of the document's 16 conclusions - and return it to Feckenham Parish Council by November 5.

The conclusions of the steering committee investigations, contained within the report, appear to highlight a number of residents' concerns over speeding motorists travelling through the village, a lack of flood defences and poor provision of sporting amenities.

However, it also showed a high level of satisfaction with existing village amenities such as the wide variety of social activities on offer and high employment.

Redditch borough councillor for Feckenham Antonia Pulseford said: "The report is a very comprehensive piece of work and it has discovered the major issues which people are concerned about.

"The main thing now will now be whether the parish council adopt it but also then attracting volunteers who are going to be prepared to take it forward."

Chair of the steering committee Andrew Henson said: "We hope this plan will act as a key element in the parish council's on-going action plan for the next ten years.

"It's very important because it means the council now have an official standpoint on issues like housing or transport which they can communicate to government bodies or local authorities."

The plan and consultation findings are now due to be discussed at the next meeting of the parish council, on November 16, from 7.30pm, at Feckenham Village Hall.