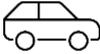
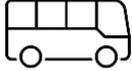




## Parish Development Plan – 2021 update

<p><b>Traffic</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Reduce speeding and improve traffic and pedestrian safety in the village</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three-year programme of works agreed with Wiltshire Council including village boundary white gates on the B3092 and High Street, and reduction of the speed limit on High Street, Back Lane and Kingston Lane to 20mph.</li> <li>• Implementation starts 2021, with the first gate allocated to Frome Road where the highest number of speeding violations are reported by Speed Watch. Gates for High Street and the Mere end will follow in 2021/2022.</li> <li>• Volunteer Speed Watch monitoring of traffic continues on Church Street, Frome Road and High Street. More volunteers always needed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Traffic</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Promote the enforcement of the weight limit on the B3092</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Council regularly communicates concerns raised by MB Weightwatchers to Wiltshire Council and is committed to keeping this issue on the agenda.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mobile phone</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Explore options to improve mobile phone signal in the area</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An option involving BT is under investigation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Communication</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Support the Parish Newsletter and use of Noticeboards</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular funding included in the budget to support the Newsletter.</li> <li>• Efforts made to encourage publication of articles and information in the Newsletter and to use MB Village Facebook group.</li> <li>• A poster of regular village events created and placed in the Noticeboard.</li> <li>• Noticeboard by the bus stop refurbished.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Annual village events</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Identify and bring together volunteers interested in organising village events and in particular, two annual events requested in the Consultation process, a summer village fete and bonfire night.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding allocated for annual events.</li> <li>• A volunteer evening was held in January 2019 at which 20 people signed up. A number of volunteer groups met and began work e.g. on footpaths and the village show, but work was suspended due to Lockdown.</li> <li>• Council will revisit plans in spring 2021.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Village hall and shop</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Support the work of the Village Hall and encourage volunteering for the shop.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding allocated for the village hall.</li> <li>• Village Hall attended meeting to attract new volunteers for shop.</li> <li>• Village Hall members held two out of three places on the Parish Plan Committee.</li> <li>• The Village Hall hosted all consultation meetings.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Footpaths</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Continue efforts to improve and maintain footpaths and rights of way, and share information about local walks and the Countryside Code.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer footpath group met, but work suspended due to Covid.</li> <li>• Council requested Wiltshire Rights of Way team to provide training and information to volunteers on footpath maintenance and improvements such as swing gates (suspended due to Covid).</li> <li>• Work ongoing to encourage community members to submit favourite local walks or cycle rides to Parish Newsletter, a selection of which will be included in a booklet to be available in the village shop/pub.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recreation ground</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Establish a volunteer group to explore ways to improve the recreation ground (e.g. outdoor gym, dog walking area).</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on hold as no volunteer interest expressed</li> </ul>
<p><b>Housing</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Record and consider wishes of community regarding housing development and planning.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results of the Parish Plan shared with Wiltshire Council.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Environment</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Support community efforts to promote steps to protect the environment and reduce the carbon footprint.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding allocated to the Community Garden</li> <li>• Volunteer activity on environmental issues supported</li> <li>• Parish Clerk undertook climate change training</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pub</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Share suggestions made in the Parish Consultation with Estate and support village event for re-opening.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Plan shared with the Estate</li> <li>• Refurbishment still in progress</li> </ul>
<p><b>Church</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Share suggestions made in the Parish Consultation with Church committee.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Plan shared with the Church committee</li> </ul>

<p><b>Bus network</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Share suggestions made about bus service in Parish Consultation with the local company.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Plan shared with the local bus company</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parish Council</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Improve communication between Parish Council and community.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular publishing of articles in the Parish Newsletter.</li> <li>• Inviting community members and volunteers to join Parish Council meetings (e.g. Weightwatchers, dog walkers, environment group, and village hall).</li> <li>• Parish Plan published on village website and parish council website. An action plan progress report was published at the end of 2020.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Conservation</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Share information about the vernacular architectural style of the village and local historical features.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer activity started, but suspended due to Covid.</li> <li>• Efforts to explore potential of plaques/signs at historic sites in the village suspended due to Covid.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Police and crime</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Share feedback from Parish Consultation on rural crime and policing with the Community Police Liaison Officer.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Plan shared with community liaison officer</li> <li>• Information about Alert scheme and Neighbourhood Watch published in the Newsletter</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rural tourism and leisure</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Support efforts to share information about village events, local walks, cycling routes, attractions, and history</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter pick planned twice, but suspended due to Covid.</li> <li>• Volunteer activities to maintain rural beauty of the village – weeding, strimming, painting of railings, Christmas wreaths, Sparkle Day (clean up by Wiltshire Council), refurbishing bench on Back Lane, refurbishing of bus stop.</li> <li>• Funding for spring bulbs and planting by volunteer team.</li> <li>• Work ongoing to develop a village map/info board (suspended due to Covid).</li> <li>• Work ongoing to develop village booklet of walks/cycle routes (see above)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Under 18s</b></p> 	<p><b>Goal:</b> Support efforts by youth to organise or get involved in village events and activities.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under-18s group invited to share results of their Consultation with Parish Council.</li> <li>• Under-18s invited to join volunteer groups planning annual village fete or bonfire night (suspended due to Covid).</li> <li>• Funding sources for under-18s being investigated.</li> </ul>

### **Key targets for 2021**

1. Implement first phase of traffic management plan and continue to monitor speeding
2. Advocate with Wiltshire Council regarding HGV Weight limit
3. Pursue opportunities to improve mobile phone signal
4. Continue volunteer activities to maintain public spaces and rural beauty of the village
5. Involve under-18s in village events and activities of interest
6. Support activities of the Village Hall and shop, and other village community groups
7. Support activities to protect the environment and reduce our carbon footprint
8. Prepare a booklet of walks/cycle rides for publication
9. Design a village information board/map
10. Organise training for the volunteer footpath group
11. Support volunteer organisation of village summer fete and bonfire night
12. Research information for historic signs/information about the village

### **Volunteers are the backbone of our village.**

If you see an activity here that you would like to support, with as much or as little time as you have, please get in touch with the Parish Council:

Angus Neish, Simon Wager, Ian Ferguson, Susanna Brigden, Sebastian Seymour, Ray Kenzie and Alex Channer, and the clerk, Sarah Jeffries.

**Your help is warmly welcomed.**