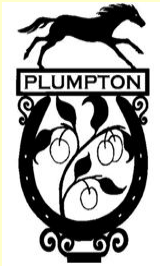




NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS SYMPOSIUM

30TH JUNE 2011

Carole Nicholson – Vice-Chair, Plumpton Village Action Plan



PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

BACKGROUND AND ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

BACKGROUND

WHY DID WE DO IT?

- People increasingly were saying – “I want to be involved”
- Potentially would give the Parish Council a better idea of what its electorate wanted

BACKGROUND

HOW DID WE GO ABOUT IT?

- 12 volunteers formed a Steering Committee
- Drop-in/post-it note sessions
- Well publicised questionnaire
- Personally delivered and collected –
Summer 2007

BACKGROUND

DID WE GET ANY HELP?

- £2,000 from Defra
- Advice & guidance from Action in rural Sussex
- Other VAPs

BACKGROUND

WHAT WAS THE RESULT?

- 82% record breaking response to original questionnaire
- Over 40 Action points proposed - approved by Parish Council in May 2008
- 3 ‘awareness-raising’ events held in Summer 2008
- Constitution for VAP Steering Committee and Terms of Reference for Teams agreed by Parish Council July 2008
- Village Action Plan delivered to all households July 2008
- Over 80 (6.3%) of electorate signed up to a Team – is this a new record?

BACKGROUND

WHAT WAS THE RESULT?

- New Steering Committee elected September 2008
- Described as ‘the lid coming off the village’
- Hitherto unknown skills came to the fore
- Huge resource available to “make things happen”
- An example of a “Big Society”

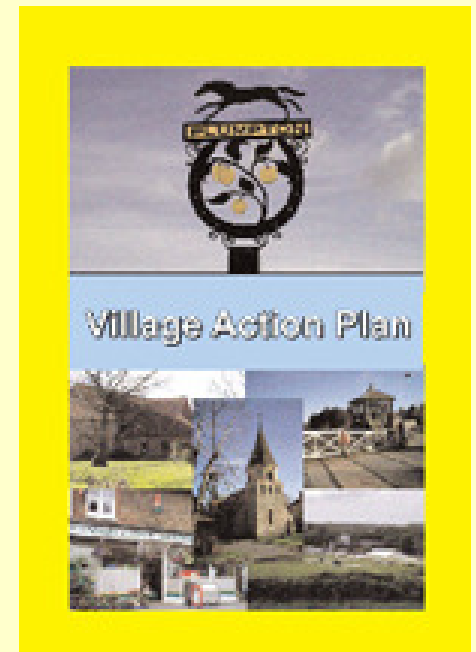
RESULT

It is a means for people in Plumpton to:

- ❑ **Express** what they want

- ❑ **Empower** them to help deliver what they want

- ❑ **Engage** with local authorities at Parish, District & County level

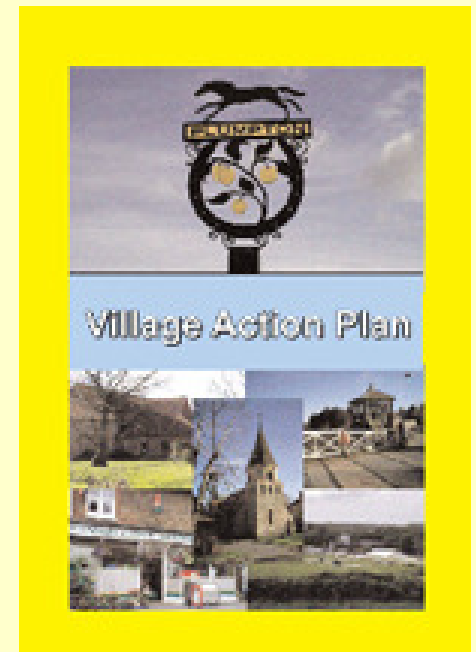


RESULT

Plumpton VAP is a Community Project

A wonderful demonstration of how a community can do things for itself

**COMMUNITY
EMPOWERMENT
working with
REPRESENTATIVE
EMPOWERMENT**



WHAT WERE MAIN ISSUES/PRIORITIES?

- Road safety, parking and speeding
- Public transport
- Community facilities
- Environment



Sustainability

Waste

Footpaths

Wildlife & Habitat

- Housing
- Local businesses
- Village communications
- Facilities for Youth



WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

“Save the Post Office Campaign”

**Plumpton “Business Breakfasts” firmly in
the village calendar**

Local produce now sold in the local shop

Local produce/Festive Fairs in the Plumpton calendar



WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

Launch of new VAP website www.plumptonvap.co.uk

New community notice-boards

Information Booklet for each household

Weekly cardboard collection facility

**Youth Forum launched – gives youth
a credible voice in the village**

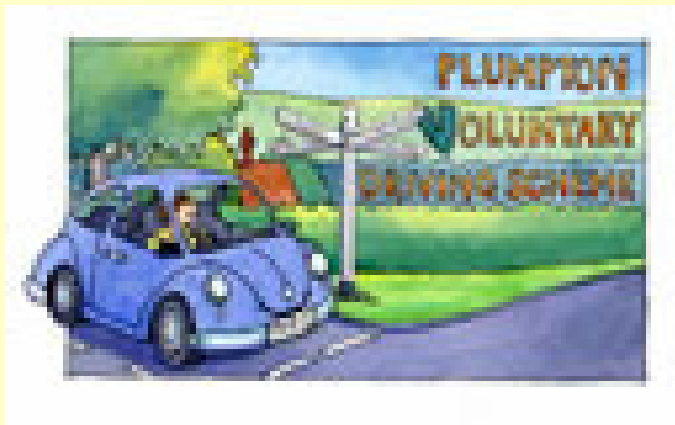


WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

Trains now stop at Plumpton hourly, every hour

Station Partnership Scheme launched

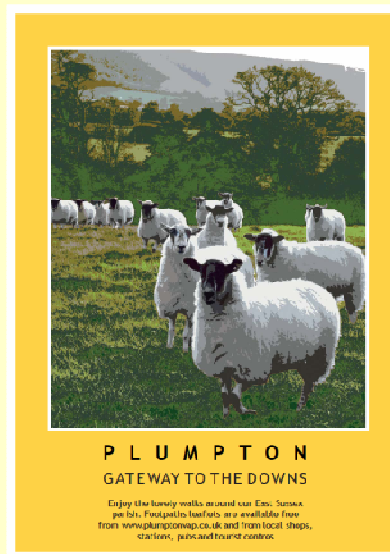
Voluntary Driving Scheme



WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

Launched “Plumpton Wildlife & Habitat Group”

Launched 16 Footpath Walks leaflets



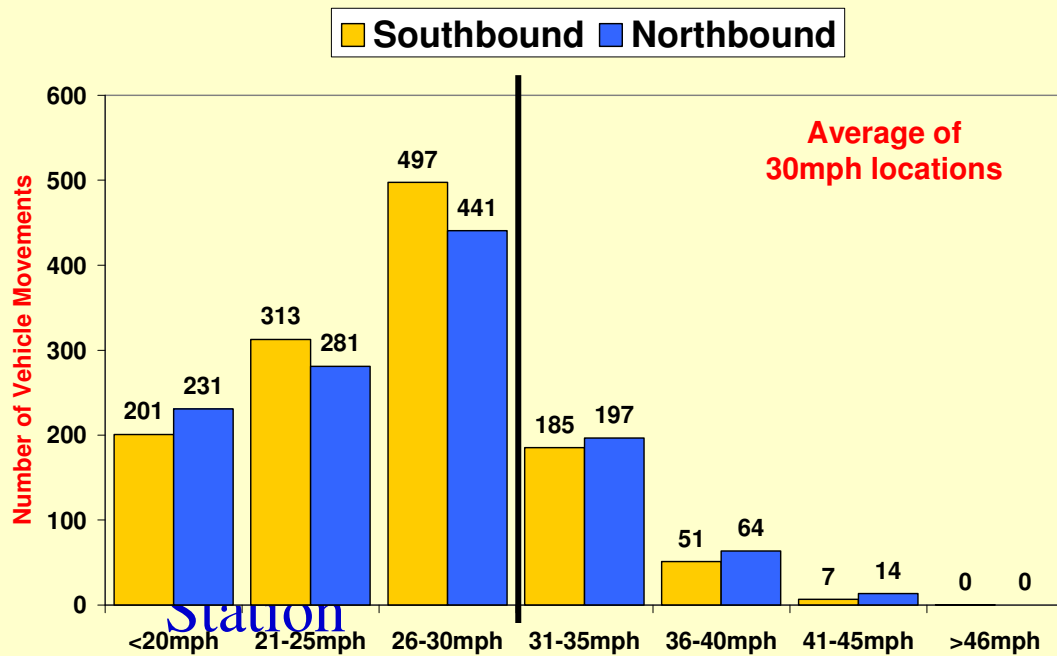
Launched Plumpton Eco-Bags



WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

Speed Indicator Device

Speed Radar Boxes



on User Survey

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

**Housing Needs Survey Conducted with AirS
Working Group established to find suitable site**

Feasibility Study conducted for new Sports Pavilion

New Playpark for children being assessed



***What next for the
PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN?***

**Things evolve
Community needs change**

Is it time for the VAP to be renewed?

***What next for the
PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN?***

Future housing – a big issue for the village

But not the only issue

**As we renew our VAP, should we incorporate
a land-based Neighbourhood Plan?**

Capacity only for one major survey perhaps?



PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

QUESTIONS?