



Christleton Community Plan – April Progress Report

The Community Plan was published in August 2012 followed by the implementation meeting in October. There was a low turn-out at the meeting and villagers still seem reluctant to get involved so progress on implementing the Action Plan has been slower than hoped. To date the following actions have been investigated and concluded.

- Action 7 The Post Office has no plans to extend the current network. The only way a new post office can be established is if an existing one closes down and is replaced at a near-by location. There are currently ten post offices within 2.5 miles of Christleton, the nearest at Waverton. Against this background there is no realistic prospect of re-opening a post office in Christleton.
- Action 10 The Parish Council has now held three surgeries at the Farmers' Market held at the Ring 'o' Bells. The next annual Open Morning will be held on the 13th April at the Parish Hall and, as long as councillors are available to attend, the surgeries will then continue at every Farmers Market.
- Action 17 Road traffic is not subject to "nuisance" covered in most environmental regulations. The Environmental Noise Regulations (SI2006 No 2238) do address road traffic noise but there no areas within Christleton that exceed the current "First Priority" Action noise level adopted by Chester West and Cheshire Council (CW&C) and the Highways Agency. The Highways Agency has been reminded of commitments it made regarding the use of noise reducing material when the A55 is next re-surfaced. The only remaining means to take an action against nuisance from traffic noise would be through the common law. This would be difficulty and potentially expensive.

The Actions currently being developed include

- Action 4 Christleton High School is willing to assist in the establishment of a Young Peoples Forum. Volunteers are urgently required to take this initiative forward in conjunction with the school.
- Action 6 The list of businesses and clubs etc in Christleton now being updated to be circulated shortly. Other material for the village guide is being compiled and will be produced in paper and electronic formats.
- Action 8 Investigation into the installation of an ATM in the village is progressing with regard to cost and possible location.
- Action 15 Following budget cuts CW&C will no longer be able to maintain footpaths. To ensure paths in Christleton will be maintained a new footpath group is being formed. This group will in due course investigate the possibility of extending the existing footpath network.
- Action 21 The Home Watch Co-ordinator is organising a village meeting involving the police etc to provide further information on the scheme and recruit additional individuals to assist with the circulation of information.
- Action 29 Discussions with the Bridge Club have now begun.

Action on traffic was an important issue emerging from the Plan but the topic seems to have attracted the least interest and support from villagers. Parish Councillors have recently completed a village walk with one of our CW&C councillors and a Highways officer. It was evident from this walk that with the limited resources available to CW&C the traffic control priorities need to be clearly established; it is simply impracticable to move forward on the all the options mentioned in the Plan and earlier studies. To progress this traffic initiative volunteers are urgently needed.

Please volunteer and help the monitoring group deliver the Actions in the Community Plan. Success in delivering these Actions depends on your active support.

For more information on the Plan and volunteering please contact

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