

# Clee St Margaret Parish Plan



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The Ford



Clee Liberty Common



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# Executive Summary

Work on the Parish Plan and its preliminaries began at the Parish Council AGM of May 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 when volunteers were requested to form a **Steering Group** for the production of a *Clee St Margaret Parish Plan*. The group was eventually made up of:

John Bell (Chairman), Karen Slater (Secretary). Karen Allen, Guy Cholmeley, Bev Evans, Mike Hardingham and Ron Reed, with the additional services of David Palmer as Treasurer.

## Funding

Some funding for the process was received from **Shropshire Rural Communities Council (SRCC)** and this has taken care of expenses incurred for the hire of the village hall for meetings, materials for the consultation event along with printing, stationery and postage for the questionnaires. Supplementary funding has been provided by **Clee St Margaret Parish Council**.

In order to preserve the confidentiality and anonymity of the questionnaire responses, SRCC were commissioned to receive the completed questionnaires and collate the responses. This service was not free and was also paid for by the **Parish Council**.

Quite apart from the points of concern raised by the questionnaire, **what residents value** about the community was also highlighted. Uppermost is the maintenance of our immediate environment and landscape, to include the preservation of Clee Liberty Common, much as it is, and limitations regarding any new housing.

Village Hall events are well-supported and the provision of more varied activities would be welcomed.

With regards to this provision, **volunteers** to head up such activities are desperately sought, so please come forward.

Since results of the questionnaire were made public at this year's Parish Council AGM, some **actions** are already in their infancy:

A **website** has been secured. Renovations to the **Ford pathway** are in hand.

Members of the Steering Group have worked extremely hard on the whole process, trying to achieve a Parish Plan that will really work for Clee St Margaret.

**Thanks** must also go to SC and SRCC and in particular to Lisa Bedford and Sara Botham who have been both comprehensive and prompt with their help and guidance.

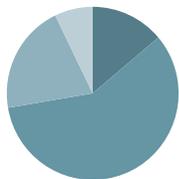
# The Process and Background to the Parish Plan

The CSM Parish Council, in April 2010, had informed the parishioners of the need to produce a Parish Plan. This would incorporate the requirements/wishes for local services within this lovely Parish, lying as it does at the periphery between Ditton Priors and Ludlow. It was pointed out that these plans would be an essential part of future planning and without them there would be great difficulty in persuading Shropshire Council to accede to our wishes in future. An initial questionnaire was to determine the factors which the residents wanted to safeguard and also incorporate their wishes for the future in respect of their continued requirements with particular highlight of the problems for an ageing population. At the next Annual Parish Meeting, a year later, a Steering Committee was formed of members from the village volunteering their time and expertise.

The process of consultation began with the **Parish Plan Consultation Event** held at the village hall on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011. This very informal event was held at Clee St Margaret village hall whereat residents could wander around the displays (with tea and cake in hand) and add their own comment slips to any of the category display boards. The event was reasonably well-attended and it informed the Steering Group as to those **key areas of concern** that would form the substance of the questionnaire. From this, the Steering Group was able to design a questionnaire that was relevant to the residents of Clee St Margaret Parish. Once the mechanics of issuing and collecting the questionnaires were established, residents received one questionnaire for every member of their household over the age of 16.

The results of a 70% reply (104/140) indicated the interest shown by the parishioners in this project. It provided very solid data with which to structure the Parish Plan itself.- a great response and thanks to you all for your participation in this planning for the future of the Parish.

## % No.of Respondents



- 18-35
- 36- 65
- 66-74
- OVER 75

It is intended that this Parish Plan will influence the *Local Development Framework* but it must be recognised that, whilst it is an expression of the Parish's hopes and fears, it will have to "marry" with other plans affecting the area.

In the formulation of this Parish Plan, the Steering Group has made every effort to incorporate comments from residents and useful information in order for the Parish Plan to perform as a *practical handbook* as well as a record of the issues and proposed *Actions*.



# Introduction

The Parish of Clee St Margaret is composed of Clee St. Margaret village and the two small additional areas of Cockshutford and Cold Weston- both were the seats of denser inhabitation, particularly in the days of mining on the hill. The nearest towns are Ludlow, 8 miles to the south, and Craven Arms 11 miles to the west with doctors' surgeries also serving the area from Ditton Priors some 5 miles distant.

This Parish has a most fascinating history going back to settlements (hill forts) built between 700 to 500BC by Celtic Iron Age people. There are two forts, Clee Burf, possibly covering 20 acres and the remains only now visible after the quarrying, and the Nordy Bank fort covering 7 acres- probably a subsidiary to larger settlements at Clee Burf and Abdon Burf. The common has been mined extensively, with extraction of lime, coal, lead, road-stone and even copper. A Cracking Plant was sited at Cockshutford.

It is recorded that CSM inhabitants had Rights of Common for the grazing of their animals in the Forest of Clee. The Manor of CSM passed into the ownership of Wenlock Abbey until the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIIIth in 1535. Ownership then passed through many hands, including the Bishop of Worcester, until the Thursby Pelham family took over the mantle of Lord of Manor and discounted the ideas of 'enclosure'. The last member of the family suggested that the common should be owned by the inhabitants of Clee St. Margaret and it is now owned, maintained and constantly reviewed by the Parish Council. In the 1980s, the Management Committee for Clee Liberty Common invited a representative of the Flora and Fauna group to compile a report on The Common. This could be a valuable reference source for any future projects. The views, the flora and fauna of the 540 acres and the usage of the common for grazing in this lovely area of South Shropshire are what attract walkers and botanists alike. We are everlastingly proud of it and the need for it to be protected and managed for all in the future is evident in your replies. The Parish Council and the Commoners are active each year with methods to try and halt the ever-present problem of bracken invasion.

The Parish, lying as it does at the foot of the Brown Clee Hills, has only narrow communicating lanes.(Straker roads) relating to the tracks made by visiting animals to use the common for grazing each day. The two streams radiating from the hill meet to produce the 'longest ford in the County'. The Clee Brook winds its way joining other tributaries and forms the Pye Brook which flows to join the Corve river. With Water and Electricity supplies only reaching the village in the 1950s the villagers were on the whole self sufficient. The small but beautiful church built in the Saxon/Norman era serves the Parish well, still continuing the weekly Sunday services. Having recently joined the Ludlow Team, we share our minister with five other churches in the region. The village hall, built in 1998 with generous finances from the South Shropshire District Council on land kindly given by the Heighway and Stoves families, is a centre for social activities.

The charm of the different house architecture is evident to all visitors and the small enclosed fields remind us of the 'sheep folds' so important for the winter sheep protection in the past. Past census reports show the importance and value of agriculture as a form of employment and when the mining work finished in the early 1940's with the closure of the cracking plant working practices had to change and so the number of inhabitants reduced considerably. Now, a third of working members travel to work, some for quite long distances, so the clearing of snow in winter time is of great importance.

The Parish of Clee St Margaret lies in an **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)**. This designation carries with it:

- \* stronger planning protection
- \* more funding for conservation
- \* involvement of local people

[www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk) will give more info.



# A. Housing and Development:

## Current Situation:

At present, no new dwellings are permitted in the rural Corvedale Parishes, including Clee St Margaret, except for Affordable Houses and Barn Conversions in some cases.

NB. In this context, an "Affordable House" must conform to specific limitations as to size and cost, and there are eligibility criteria as to who can own or occupy an "Affordable House", mostly to ensure that local people with family or work connections to the area are not priced out of the market.

## Questionnaire:

The questionnaire revealed that, in general, most residents think that the Parish should have very little new development. Respondents overwhelmingly rejected any *open-market large homes* (77% against, 7% for), were also not very much in favour of *holiday accommodation* (66% against, 19% for) or subsidised *Association Housing* (56% against, 23% for). There was a significant minority in favour of a small number of *open-market family homes* (32% for, 59% against) and a majority favoured a small number of *affordable homes* (49% for, 45% against). Respondents were broadly in favour of facilities for small-scale local employment eg. *workshops/studios* (53% for, 26% against).

**The Parish Council should adopt the following policies and seek to have them recognised in the Local Development Framework (LDF):**

### Action A1 Affordable Houses:

A small number (up to 5 over 10 years) of affordable homes should be permitted, but on a case-by-case basis. The Parish Council should follow its planning consultation procedure with affected residents and object to any proposals which do not command significant support.

### Action A3 Open-Market Family Homes:

A small number (up to 3 over 10 years) of modest open-market homes should be permitted, but these should be permitted in exceptional cases only, where there is a local need for which an affordable house is not appropriate. On a case-by-case basis the Parish Council should follow its planning consultation procedure with affected residents and object to any proposals which do not command significant support.

### Action A6 Facilities for Small-Scale Local Employment:

A small number (up to 5 over 10 years) of Studio/Workshop type developments should be permitted, subject to local support for the schemes.

*"I feel that we may need homes for young people, affordable houses to keep young people in the village."*



## B. Community Safety:

Ludlow or Craven Arms  
Police Stations:  
Tel: 0300 333 3000

### Current Situation:

The Parish is served by **West Mercia Police** and comes under the **Craven Arms Local Policing Team's** responsibilities. Communities have the opportunity to develop a PACT agreement (Partners And Communities Together) to determine the priorities of the LPT. Members of the LPT hold surgeries around their area and can, if requested, attend local meetings. There are Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch notices on some of the roads around the Parish but there is no Co-ordinator for these initiatives, neither is there an identified link to the Parish Council or Shropshire Council. Parishioners do have the opportunity to be notified by email or text message of any local crimes, suspicious vehicles in the area and such-like.

### Questionnaire:

The majority of residents said they feel *safe in their home* and on their property (90%) and also feel safe in the Parish (91%).

80% of respondents said they had *not been a victim of crime* within the last two years although 11.5% had been a victim of crime.

62.5% said they did not feel concerned about the *security of their possessions* whereas 25% of respondents said that they did. 38.5% said that, if established, they would join a *neighbourhood or rural watch scheme*.

**Action B3/4 addressing the concerns of 25% of questionnaire respondents who felt concerned about the security of their possessions and also the 11.5% who have been a victim of crime in the past 2 years:**

Arrange a public meeting and invite speakers to address issues such as 'securing your property', providing details of the latest products on the market as well as what precautions can be taken on an individual and community level to minimise the risk of thefts and burglaries etc.

**Action B5 Neighbourhood/Rural/Farm Watch schemes:**

Arrange a meeting to include representative(s) of the Local Policing Team, Parish Council, Parish Plan Committee, Volunteer(s) identified by the Questionnaire. The aim of the meeting would be to set up or kick-start the various schemes  
Identify volunteers for the schemes and appoint a Co-ordinator.



# C. Health and Social Care:

## Current Situation:

There is a visiting Medical service and District Nurses visit. Physiotherapy services are hard pressed and usually do not visit. The Social Services do have an 'at risk register and follow up' but only for children.



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Proposed new health facility on Ludlow`s eco-park given the go-ahead on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

## Questionnaire:

Over three quarters of respondents agree that the following provisions would be important to them, if not now then in the near future: a *local First Responder* (82%), *care for the elderly* (80%), a *"drop-in" GP or district nurse consultation* (75%) and 66% agree that a *prescription collection service* would be important to them. Responses were more mixed with regards to the provision of a *local respite care service* with just over half of the respondents (52%) agreeing that such a service would be important, 16% thought this would not be important and 26% have no opinion.

### Action C1 Care for the Elderly:

Set up a Health Care Action Group (HCAG). The HCAG should set up a "Good Neighbour" system along with meetings and refreshments in the Village Hall.

### Action C2 Local First Responder:

The HCAG should monitor the provision of the local first responder system (82% in favour) and encourage residents to volunteer to be trained as part-time first responders.

### Action C3 Drop-In GP/Nurse Consultation:

The HCAG should seek to establish facilities for a drop-in GP/Nurse consultation.

### Action C4 Prescription Collection Service:

The HCAG should seek to establish a prescription collection service.

### Action C5 Local Respite Care:

The HCAG should investigate, encourage and publicise possibilities for local respite care.

## Info Alert!

Pamphlets are available, from most GP surgeries, about the *Crossroads Care* provision and support (there may be a small charge for these services)



## D. Access to Services:

### Current Situation:

We do indeed have a milk and newspaper delivery provided by The Cotteswold Dairies; they approach via Abdon but unfortunately only cover a small part of the village. They would increase coverage if there was a greater take up of the service, making it more cost-effective.

There is a bus service which covers our area twice weekly, The Shropshire Link. To make use of this service you have to register for and book your journeys prior to travel.

### Questionnaire:

The Questionnaire asked whether life in the parish would be improved by provision of a *local shop facility, milk and/or a newspaper delivery, a more frequent bus service to Ludlow, high speed broadband, and better mobile phone coverage.*

In summary the majority of respondents agree that life in the parish would be greatly improved by the provision of all of these services but the largest number of people (82%) indicated that provision of *high speed broadband* would improve life in the parish. (61%) thought a *local shop* would be a good idea, (64%) for a *milk/newspaper delivery*, (63.5%) for a more frequent *bus service* and (69%) agreed better *mobile phone coverage* would help.

### Action D1 Local Shop Facility:

A Parish Services Monitoring Group (PSMG) should be set up, as a PC committee or as an independent group with PC representation.

Ref "Info Alert!"

### Action D2 Milk/Newspaper Deliveries:

The PSMG should aim to secure, improve and publicise existing facilities.

Ref "Info Alert!"

### Action D3 A more frequent bus service to Ludlow:

The PSMG should aim to secure, improve and publicise existing bus services. Ref "Info Alert!"

Ref "Info Alert!"

### Action D4 High-Speed Broadband Connection:

The PSMG should lobby for better Broadband speeds. Residents should visit [www.connectingshropshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingshropshire.co.uk) to register their feelings.

### Action D5 Better Mobile Phone Coverage:

The PSMG should lobby for better mobile phone coverage. [culture.gov.uk](http://culture.gov.uk) have committed £150 million in capital expenditure to improve mobile coverage and quality where existing coverage is poor or non-existent.

### Info Alert!

*Cotteswold Dairies already serve the village with a variety of products to include milk and newspapers.  
01584 811857*

**Trial the Shropshire Link service for Free.** Contact the booking and coordination centre on 0345 678 9068 our area is zone 5, leaflets can be found in the village hall.

# E. The Village Hall:

## Current Situation:

The Village Hall currently provides a venue for a range of functions and activities. These include Lenten Lunch, Harvest Supper, Christmas Dinner, the WI, Skittles League and keep-fit classes along with one-off events such as quiz evenings, musical performances and celebratory events. The Village Hall Committee is made up of unpaid volunteers whose primary focus is to administer the Hall and to ensure that the overhead expenses can be paid. **Volunteers** are desperately needed to organise activities. Whilst the questionnaire has highlighted a strong interest in this field, only 5% of respondents indicated a willingness to volunteer.

## Questionnaire:

Slightly more than three-quarters of respondents (77%, 80) think that the Village Hall could run some *educational workshops or courses*.

68 people (65%) think that the Village Hall could provide a venue for *"drop-in" services*.

59 people (57%) think that the Village Hall could facilitate *more activities*.

Respondents expressed a significant amount of interest in some of the new activities that could be provided at the Village Hall. The table below summarises the responses in full. As well as those listed, there were also suggestions for live music and aerobic/keep fit classes.

Activity	People interested
Craft Workshops	45
Instructional Courses	60
Internet Café	10
"Drop-In" Clinics	49
Local Produce/Craft Show	54
Film/Wide-Screen events	49
Bring and Buy Event	45
Local History Group	37
Diners` Club	20
Other	13

## Action

Volunteers must come forward to offer to organise additional activities and events for which there is a demand but which the VHC do not feel able to put on themselves.



# F. Clee Liberty Common:

## Current Situation:

Clee Liberty Common is approximately 540 acres of unspoilt land used by graziers, with access to walkers along its many paths. It includes *Nordy Bank Hill Fort*, which is a scheduled ancient monument, among its many scenic attractions. The common is owned by the Clee St Margaret villagers, managed and maintained by Clee St Margaret Parish Council with assistance from The Commoners' Association

Bracken control has been the main problem, over the last few years, with over 300 acres heavily infested. This is being reduced by several methods financed by the Parish Council.

## Questionnaire:

The majority of respondents support the preservation of Clee Liberty Common as a wild and *unspoilt landscape* (95%, 99) and 87.5%, 91 respondents support the preservation of Clee Liberty Common as a historical resource for *local graziers*.

72% (75) would support the planting of a small number of *native trees* in certain areas on The Common and 61% (63) would support the provision of some *natural seating*.

The majority of respondents would not support a proposal to locate *wind turbines* on The Common (82%, 85) nor the provision of more facilities eg. tables waste bins and loos (81% 84)

## Action F1/3 Preservation of The Common:

The Parish Council are continuing to work with the commoners to reduce the bracken to improve grazing and access for its many visitors.

## Action F2 Tree Planting:

The Parish Council will discuss this issue with the commoners to identify types of trees and areas of suitability to plant small groups.

## Action F4 Turbine Location:

There are no plans at present to locate wind turbines on The Common.

## Action F5 Natural Seating:

The Parish Council will look into providing a few natural "log-type" seats in suitable places.

## Action F6 Other Facilities (picnic tables, loos etc):

Access gates and signage have been greatly improved. The Parish Council is in agreement with most residents that such facilities are not required and would spoil the look and use of The Common.



# G. Community Identity and Communication:

## Current Situation:

Community spirit, generally, pervades the varied functions held at the village hall. These events take the form of theatrical and musical performances, special occasion lunches or celebrations and special interest groups such as the bowling league and WI, to mention but two. Participation in the annual bracken-bashing day is another way of sharing community spirit.

Communication channels exist in the form of the West of the Clee magazine and, of course, the many Parish notice boards which 83% of respondents to the questionnaire agreed that they read.

## Questionnaire:

Residents were asked what they think would improve community identity and communication in the Parish. 71% of respondents thought that the availability of a **register or directory of local skills** would help, 63.5% would like to see a **Parish newsletter** and 62.5% agreed that an annual or regular **Parish event** would improve community identity and communication.

Opinion was more mixed about whether better **opportunities for residents to voice their views** would help - 41% thought that it would, 35% had no opinion and 23% thought that it would not be helpful.

There was also a mixed response regarding the setting up of a **Parish website** with perhaps a slightly surprising 41% in agreement, 30% disagreeing and 26% with no opinion.

## Action G1 Register of Local Skills:

Seek a volunteer to take charge of compiling a register.

## Action G2 Opportunities to Voice Views:

Provide a Parish Council communications post-box at the village hall.

Set up a "Residents` Voice" page on Parish website.

## Action G3 Parish Newsletter:

Production of a twice-yearly newsletter.

## Action G4 Parish Website:

Seek a volunteer(s) to set up and maintain a Parish website.

## Action G5 Annual Event:

Seek a volunteer to plan and organise, perhaps in conjunction with neighbouring parishes eg. Abdon and Heath.

Relaunch the "Clee Pigeon" email cascade about village hall events.

## Info Alert!

*The West of the Clee magazine is issued on the first of every month. To receive, contact Audrey Day at Brookdale Cottage with your £6 annual subscription.*



# H. Waste Services and Recycling:

## Current Situation:

At present household rubbish is collected on a fortnightly basis; recyclable waste is collected one week and general rubbish the next week. No additional charge is levied by the Council to collect garden waste e.g. grass cuttings, leaves. Cardboard is not collected but may be taken to a Council Household Recycling Centre (Craven Arms). Two wheelie bins and 3 recycling boxes (paper, glass, cans and plastic bottles), are provided by the Council

## Questionnaire:

The majority of respondents (90%) agree that *recycling collections* are important to them and 75% think that *green waste collections* are important to them.

Overall, the majority of people (61%) think that a *community skip* would be helpful and 56% think that *litter bins* at car parking areas would be beneficial.

## Action H1 Provision of a community skip:

1. Consult within the Parish regarding the size, siting and frequency of providing an occasional (supervised?) bulky waste skip
2. Consideration by the Parish Council of the need, siting, servicing and cost of providing a skip. Discuss if appropriate with the Shropshire Council's Waste Management Team

## Action Provision of litter bins at car parking areas:

Consideration by the Parish Council of the need, siting, servicing and cost of providing litter bins.

## Action Garden Waste Collection Service:

Parish Council to note the 75% level of support for the collection of garden waste which is free under the present policy of Shropshire Council.



# I. The Immediate Environment:

## Current Situation:

Shropshire Council is responsible for local roads and for ensuring the maintenance of public bridleways and footpaths. Private landowners have legal responsibilities for a minimum level of maintenance of public rights of way and this can be enforced by SC. In practice, SC have spent resource in the past on providing, at their own expense, a higher level of maintenance of public rights of way than the legal minimum (particularly in relation to gates and stiles). The PC regularly liaise with the SC Roads department concerning maintenance of the roads, the Ford pathway and, on an occasional basis, in relation to Public Rights of Way.

## Questionnaire:

In summary, the majority of respondents agree that enjoyment of their immediate environment would be enhanced if the following measures could be achieved:

The better maintenance of *bridleways and footpaths* (66%, 69)

More *passing places* on the roads (63.5%, 66)

A non-slip surface for the *Ford pathway* (62.5%, 65)

Restrictions for *HGVs* (61%, 63)

Dog-friendly *stiles* (57%, 59).

Almost all of the respondents (91% 95) agree that a better *gritting* service in winter would enhance the enjoyment of the immediate environment.

Opinion was more divided with regards to some of the other measures listed: improved *gate-openings* for horse-riders and walkers (52% agree this would enhance enjoyment, but 31% have no opinion and 14% disagree); and reduction in *road signage* (35% disagree, 34% agree and 29% have no opinion).

### Action I1 Maintenance of Bridleways and Footpaths:

PC to liaise with SC Rights of Way Team to ensure bridleways and footpaths are maintained to an appropriate standard.

### Action I2 Improvement of Gate Fastenings:

PC to review gate fastenings on The Common in relation to horse-rider and walker friendliness, and to make improvements where appropriate.

### Action I3 Dog-Friendly Stiles:

PC to liaise with SC Rights of Way Team to communicate the Parish views and attempt to get some action.

### Action I4 More Passing Places on Roads:

PC to liaise with SC Roads Department to register the views of the Parish and to attempt to achieve some improvements.

### Action I5 Better Gritting Service

PC to communicate the Parish views to the SC Roads Department and to lobby for improvements.

### Action I6 Ford Pathway

PC to continue to monitor the situation over the Ford pathway. SC have already committed, following a long campaign, to providing a non-slip surface.

### Action I8 Restrictions for HGVs

PC to discuss with SC Roads Department whether any additional measures can be taken to reduce HGV traffic through the village.



The PC should subsidise a newspaper and milk delivery service if a commercial provider will not/cannot provide a service. If it was in part a community service, it would also have additional benefits of visits to people who otherwise might not receive visitors.

I would like to see an area along the boundary edges of the grounds of the village hall turned over to wild flowers and grasses.

Transform existing unused farm buildings

Initiatives to reduce cost of domestic heating oil eg. cooperative fuel buying.

The Common must be "managed" with regard to conservation

# Additional Comments

Perhaps facilities for people to clean up after their own dogs!

Conversion of existing buildings

Roads in and out of our village are very difficult - more passing places or widening especially at Nordy Bank are required.

Car sharing scheme would help reduce traffic and expense of fuel.

I strongly believe that any housing development should only be allowed to proceed for local people.

# The Next Steps:

The production of this Parish Plan is just the beginning.

The plan identifies what needs to be done in the future, in the short and longer terms. Whilst it will be mainly down to the Parish Council to ensure that most of the *Actions* are carried out, it is doubtful whether they can be achieved without the active participation of the community.

It is up to the community, and the individuals who form it, to make things happen. This may be by direct action in the form of organising events and activities, or more simply, by reminding the Councillors of what needs to be done.

It is also likely that new issues, not covered by this Plan, will arise in the future. Parish Councillors must be kept aware of local concerns and this will be more easily facilitated once some of the *Actions*, already mentioned in the Plan (section G), are put into place. Communication is vital and will contribute greatly to any future update of the Plan.

It is suggested that the Plan should be formally reviewed every three years, with the first **full** review starting in 2014 for publication in 2015. The Plan will be a "working" document that will undergo regular interim updates.

With regard to section E The Village Hall, it is evident that residents would like to see a more varied provision of events and activities to include craft workshops, instructional courses and film/wide-screen showings. "Other" activities mentioned were live music, coffee mornings, aerobics, more meals, to mention a few.

For such events to be laid on, individuals need to take a lead in the organisation of them. The Village Hall Committee exists to oversee the general running and maintenance of the village hall itself. The VHC also provides a support service for any events that the hall may have been hired out for but it is not for them alone to be organising all the actual events.

If you would like to arrange an event, however big or small, then contact **Vicky Matthews on 01584 823248** in order to book the Hall and discuss requirements etc.

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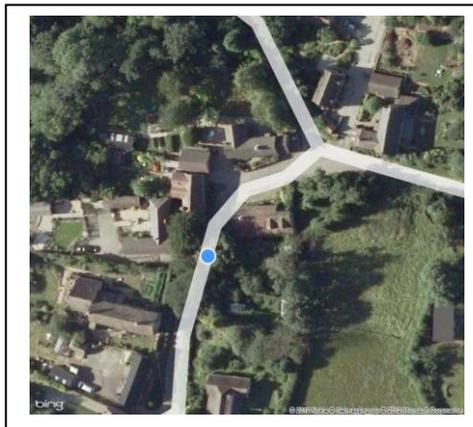
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# Glossary

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
CSM	Clee St Margaret
CSMPC	Clee St Margaret Parish Council
HCAG	Health Care Action Group
LDF	Local Development Framework
LJC	Local Joint Committee
LPT	Local Policing Team
PACT	Partners and Communities Together
PCT	Primary Care Trust (soon to be PCC)
PSMG	Parish Services Monitoring Group
SC	Shropshire Council
SCWMT	Shropshire Council Waste Management Team
SRCC	Shropshire Rural Communities Council
VHC	Village Hall Committee



# ACTION GRIDS

ISSUE		ACTION	LEAD	PARTNERS	TIMESCALE
<b>A: Housing and Development</b>					
A1	Affordable Houses	A small number (up to 5 over 10 years) of affordable homes should be permitted, but on a case-by-case basis. The Parish Council should follow its planning consultation procedure with affected residents and object to any proposals which do not command significant support.	CSMPC	SC	ongoing
A3	Open-Market family homes	A small number (up to 3 over 10 years) of modest open-market homes should be permitted, but these should be permitted in exceptional cases only, where there is a local need for which an affordable house is not appropriate. On a case-by-case basis the Parish Council should follow its planning consultation procedure with affected residents and object to any proposals which do not command significant support.	CSMPC	SC	ongoing
A6	Facilities for small scale local employment	A small number (up to 5 over 10 years) of Studio/Workshop type development should be permitted, subject to local support for the schemes.	CSMPC	SC	ongoing
<b>B: Community Safety</b>					
B3/4	Security of residents' possessions	Arrange a public meeting and invite speakers to address issues such as 'securing your property', providing details of the latest products on the market as well as what precautions can be taken on an individual and community level to minimise the risk of thefts and burglaries etc.	Volunteer to lead/organise	LPT SC	Short to medium term
B5	Neighbourhood/Rural/Farm Watch schemes	Arrange a meeting to include representative(s) of the Local Policing Team, Parish Council, Parish Plan Committee, Volunteer(s) identified by the Questionnaire. The aim of the meeting would be to set up or kick-start the various schemes Identify volunteers for the schemes who are willing to carry out the role of Co-ordinator.	Volunteer	LPT CSMPC Volunteers	Short to medium term

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## C: Health and Social Care

C1	Care for the elderly	Set up a Health Care Action Group (HCAG). The HCAG should set up a "Good Neighbour" system along with meetings and refreshments in the Village Hall.	HCAG	VHC	Short to medium term
C3	A "drop-in" GP or district nurse consultation	The HCAG should seek to establish facilities for a drop-in GP/Nurse consultation.	HCAG	PCT	Medium to long term
C4	Prescription collection service	The HCAG should seek to establish a prescription collection service.	HCAG	Local pharmacies	Short to medium term

## D: Access to Services

		A Parish Services Monitoring Group (PSMG) should be set up, as a PC committee or as an independent group with PC representation.	PSMG		Short to medium term
D1/2	Local Shop Facility/Newspaper delivery	The PSMG should aim to secure, improve and publicise existing facilities.	PSMG	Local providers	Short to medium term
D3	A more frequent bus service to Ludlow	The PSMG should aim to secure, improve and publicise existing bus services.	PSMG	Shropshire Link	Short to medium term
D4	High-Speed Broadband connection	The PSMG should lobby for better Broadband speeds. Residents should visit <a href="http://www.connectingshropshire.co.uk">www.connectingshropshire.co.uk</a> to register their feelings.	PSMG	Connecting Shropshire website	Short term
D5	Better mobile phone coverage	The PSMG should lobby for better mobile phone coverage. <a href="http://culture.gov.uk">culture.gov.uk</a> have committed £150 million in capital expenditure to improve mobile coverage and quality where existing coverage is poor or non-existent.	PSMG	BT <a href="http://culture.gov.uk">culture.gov.uk</a>	Short term

## E: The Village Hall

E1	More activities and events at Village Hall	Volunteers need to lead the organisation of such events.	Volunteers to lead/organise	VHC	ongoing
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## F: Clee Liberty Common

F1/3	Preservation of The Common	CSMPC are continuing to work with the commoners to reduce the bracken to improve grazing and access for its many visitors	CSMPC	The Commoners Association	Ongoing
F2	Tree planting	CSMPC will discuss this issue with the commoners to identify types of trees and areas of suitability to plant small groups.	CSMPC	The Commoners Association	Short term
F4	Wind Turbine location	There are no plans at present to locate wind turbines on The Common.	CSMPC		Ongoing
F5	Natural seating	CSMPC will look into providing a few natural log-type seats in suitable places.	CSMPC		Short term
F6	Other facilities (loos, picnic tables etc)	CSMPC agrees that such facilities are not required and would spoil the look and use of The Common.	CSMPC		Ongoing

## G: Community Identity and Communication

G1	Register of local skills	Compile a register	Volunteer		Short to medium term
G2	Opportunities to voice views to CSMPC	CSMPC to provide a Parish Council communications box at the village hall. Set up a "Residents` Voice" page on Parish website.	CSMPC Volunteer(s)		Short term Medium term
G3	Parish newsletter	Set up a twice-yearly newsletter. Publish on Parish website.	Volunteer(s)		Short to medium term
G4	Parish website	Set up and maintain a Parish website.	Volunteer(s)	Shropnet	Short to medium term
G5	Annual Event	Set up a group/committee to organise an event such as a fête, perhaps in conjunction with Abdon and Heath.	Volunteer(s)	Abdon and Heath PC	Medium to long term

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<b>H: Waste Services and Recycling</b>					
H1	Community skip	Consult within the Parish regarding the size, siting and frequency of providing an occasional (supervised?) bulky waste skip Consideration by the Parish Council of the need, siting, servicing and cost of providing a skip. Discuss if appropriate with the Shropshire Council's Waste Management Team	CSMPC	SCWMT	Short to medium term
H2	Litter bins at car-parking areas	Consideration by the Parish Council of the need, siting, servicing and cost of providing litter bins	CSMPC		Short to medium term
H3	Garden Waste Collection Service	PC to note the 75% level of support for the collection of garden waste which is free under the present policy of Shropshire Council. CSMPC to relay community feeling to Shropshire Council Waste Management Team.	CSMPC	SCWMT	Short term
<b>I: The Immediate Environment</b>					
I1	Maintenance of bridleways and footpaths	PC to liaise with SC Rights of Way Team to ensure an appropriate standard of maintenance.	CSMPC	SC Rights of Way Team	Medium term
I2	Improvement of gate fastenings for horse-riders and walkers	PC to review gate fastenings on The Common in relation to horse-rider and walker friendliness, and to make improvements where appropriate.	CSMPC		Short to medium term
I3	Dog-friendly stiles	PC to liaise with SC Rights of Way Team to communicate the Parish views and attempt to get some action.	CSMPC	SC Rights of Way Team	Medium term
I4	More passing places on roads	PC to liaise with SC Roads Department to register the views of the Parish and to attempt to achieve some improvements.	CSMPC	SC Roads Dept	Medium to long term
I5	Better gritting service	PC to communicate the Parish views to the SC Roads Department and to lobby for improvements.	CSMPC	SC Roads Dept	Medium to long term
I6	Safer Ford pathway	PC to continue to monitor the situation. SC have already committed to providing a non-slip surface.	CSMPC	SC	Short to medium term
I8	Restrictions for HGVs	PC to discuss with SC Roads Department whether any additional measures can be taken to reduce HGV traffic through the village.	CSMPC	SC Roads Dept	Medium to long term
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