

# Parish Plan

**B A T T H**

**Bednall, Acton Trussell and Teddesley Hay.**



The Parish Plan accords with the provisions of the Localism Bill. It has been prepared in accordance with ACRE guidelines and in liaison with SRCC.



- BATTH PLAN – Bednall, Acton Trussell + Teddesley Hay Parish Plan;
- Future Development of the combined community for the next 10 years, 2014 – 2024;
- Shared vision for our Parish as a whole.



Why, because our Parish is a place:

- Where we have chosen to live;
- With the people we have chosen to live amongst;
- With heritage, history and identity and a FUTURE;
- That people aspire to live in;
- To be nurtured and maintained;
- Where a sense of cohesion needs to be developed and our shared future and those of future generations embraced.

# The BATTH PLAN sets out:



- The importance of community to improve social, economic, environmental and cultural well being.
- The distinctiveness and differences of the individual places.
- The need to combine the wishes, needs, issues and priorities of the Parish as a whole.
- Actions to encourage the knitting together of the whole community.

The BATTH PLAN has been prepared on the basis of:



- Regular open meetings;
- A major parish wide questionnaire;
- Public meetings;
- Consultation meetings;
- Collated and analysed material;
- Preparation of the BATTH PLAN.



# From this work the BATTH PLAN



- Recommends the need for annual monitoring, review and 3 yearly audit;
- Delivery by the Parish Council or other vehicle they may establish.

# This is the Parish Council's first BIG set of questions?

- Do you do it yourself?
- Do you establish a group of volunteers to deliver?
- Or do you do a combination of the 2 above?
- Who will monitor, review and audit the BATTH PLAN?
- The BATTH PLAN need to be kept live as an agenda item on the Parish Council's monthly meetings?

The main recommendations from the BATTH PLAN have been identified as “Areas to Address” and “Actions” with an overall **ACTION PLAN** from the questionnaire and consultation under the following main headings:

- Community
- Communication
- Links within our Parish
- Younger Generation



# Community – Summary of Actions

Areas to Address	Action	Responsible Body
1. No meeting places in Bednall or Teddesley Hay	Use All Saints Church? Examine TH provision?	Church/Parish Council
2. Improve Parish cohesion/spirit	Organise: ➤ Parish events/fete ➤ Welcome pack ➤ Bar in Community Centre	Parish Council
3. No shop in Acton Trussell	Develop Community Shop	Parish Council
4. Lack of play equipment for children particularly younger children	Develop a children's play area at the Community Centre for young (Phase 1?) and older (Phase 2?) children	Parish Council
5. Develop provision offered by the Community Centre	Consider extending external sports facilities (e.g. Tennis, Bowls etc.)	Parish Council
6. Lessen dog fouling	Provision of more bins and notices around parish. Enforcement (?)	Parish Council
7. Need for affordable housing	Consult SSDC	Parish Council

# Communication – Summary of Actions

Areas to Address	Action	Responsible Body
1. Better and quicker parish wide communication	➤ Develop parish web-site	Parish Council
2. Broadband Connectivity	➤ Liaise with BT	Parish Council
3. Parish wide e-mail alerts	➤ Create a parish e-mail system	Parish Council

# Parish Links – Summary of Actions

Areas to Address	Action	Responsible Body
1. Speeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with police</li><li>• More traffic speed notices</li><li>• Speed notices at Moathouse</li><li>• Consider traffic calming/management</li></ul>	Church/Parish Council
2. Lack of Pavements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consultation with Staffs CC and SSDC</li><li>• Consult residents</li></ul>	Parish Council
3. Repair and maintain roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consultation with Staffs CC and SSDC</li></ul>	Parish Council
4. Large vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with police</li></ul>	Parish Council
5. Parking in Bednall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consultation with Staffs CC and SSDC</li></ul>	Parish Council

# Younger Generation – Summary of Actions

Areas to Address	Action	Responsible Body
1. Lack of outdoor play facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Develop parts of recreation ground Phase 1 – 0-8 Phase 2 – 9-18 (?)</li></ul>	Parish Council
2. Safety issues in accessing recreation ground.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lighting/traffic calming to Community Centre</li></ul>	Parish Council
3. More clubs and social events for children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Encourage and establish</li></ul>	Parish Council

And the second set of Big questions concerns the timetable for delivery

At present the BATTH PLAN sets out a non specified 10 year programme and you have to decide:

- Priorities?
- Timings?
- Funding?
- Review?



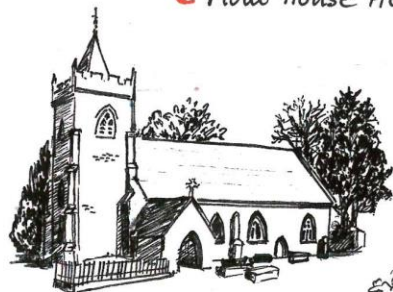
A Acton Gate Business Park



B Community Centre



C Moat House Hotel



D St. James Church



E Teddesley Wharf

Nature Reserve

Deptmore Lock

Acton Hill Farm

Ivy House Farm

Canal

Acton Trussell

Long Meadow

Church Farm

Plashes Farm

Wellington Belt

Shutthill Bridge and Lock

Stoddardshire Way

Parkgate Bridge and Lock

Lodgerail Pool

Hayes Wood

Birkins Wood

Lords Wood

Gypsy Green

Edwards Wood

Trekking Centre

Vivian's Wood

Badger Slade Wood

Sand and Gravel Pit

Bednall

Bednall Farm

Moors Covert Farm

Bednall Head Farm



F Seven Stars Public House



G All Saints C of E Primary School



H All Saints Church



I Springslade Lodge Cafe



J Teddesley Hay

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Bednall

Shop

Moors Covert Farm

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# Our Parish Today includes:



- The historic churches and Bednall School is over 150 years old;
- We are close to Stafford;
- Next to Brocton and Cannock Chase ANOB and Penkridge to the west.
- A conservation area – Radford Meadows Nature Reserve, The River Penk and The Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal.



And today – Our “Parish” also includes



- The canal, river and it's flood plain offer walking, cycling, horse riding (on dry land!) and fishing and boating to name but a few;
- The M6 (built in the 1960's) offers ready access to major conurtations of Stoke and Manchester to the north and Birmingham and the Black Country to the South;

## Our “Green and Pleasant Land” includes



- Thriving businesses:
  - The Moathouse
  - Seven Stars
  - Spring Slade Cafe and Camp site
  - Over 93% of the area is agriculture.

# From the 2013 Census

- Population = 1248 (Male 644, Female 604)
- Age profile, above National average
- 80% of people enjoy good to very good health – above national average
- Most people enjoy average income 528 houses of which 396 are in Council Tax bands, E, F + G.
- 346 homes have only 1 or 2 people living in them = 63.5% of population
- Total land area = 21,500 ha (over 50,000 acres) of which nearly 95% is agriculture

# Community - Facilities



- 3 villages which are all very different in size and make-up
- Acton Trussell provides most of the sport and leisure facilities
- The fully utilised Community Centre has an on-going plan for improvements.

# Community Facilities



- There is a small shop in Bednall and a farm shop on the A34.
- A mobile library service is available every 3 weeks in Acton Trussell and Bednall.
- Acton Trussell has a hourly bus service (except Sunday). Bednall has one bus a day.
- Majority of local services and facilities are available in Penkridge, Stafford and Cannock.

# Community Engagement

- Acton Trussell is diverse and aspires to a greater sense of cohesion;
- Bednall is the best example of cohesion with community events organised on a regular basis. Friends of Bednall.
- Teddesley Hay is more remote, the population of which has expanded significantly in recent years.

# Community - Engagement



- As a result of the BATTH PLAN consultations Action Trussell and Bednall were re-entered into the BKV competitions;
- Bednall came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their category
- Acton Trussell was highly commended in its category;
- Crucially, with initial support from the Parish Council this event helped engage the communities in a greater sense of pride in the appearance of their respective villages.



# Community – Areas to be addressed

- No meeting places in Bednall or Teddesley Hay;
- Desire for greater community spirit across the parish and in particularly Acton Trussell;
- No shop in Acton Trussell;
- Need for greater provision at the Community Centre for adults and children;
- Address dog fouling and litter problems;
- Possible need for affordable housing, Neighbourhood Plan?

# Community - Communication



- Telephone services are reasonably good;
- Broad band connectivity is variable which causes problems to homes and businesses;
- Lack of Parish wide web site;
- Monthly Parish magazine for whole Parish available – some distribution problems reported by Focus Group.
- Notice boards in all 3 villages;
- Bednall have a village wide e-mail system;
- Acton Trussell is developing one (“The Grapevine”)

# Communication - Needs

- Better, quicker and more reliable communication;
- Improvements in broadband connectivity;
- Develop Parish web-site and internet connection.

# Community - Links

- Road network largely rural, narrow country lanes;
- Major routes nearby include M6, A449 + A34 – all intrinsic to connections with other cities and towns nationally and regionally;
- Delays on the nearby major routes can have a serious negative impact on the lanes in the Parish;
- There is a lack of pavements;
- There is a good network of footpaths that traverse the Parish including the Nationally important “Staffordshire Way”
- Speeding within the villages is an issue.

# Links – Area to be Addressed

- Speeding and traffic management;
- Large vehicles using narrow lanes;
- Lack of pavements;
- Repair and maintenance of roads;
- Improved accessibility to footpaths.

# Younger Generation – Areas to be addressed

- Lack of outdoor play facilities;
- Pedestrian safety in accessing community facilities;
- Desire for more clubs, social groups and events aimed at the full range of the younger generation.

# Acknowledgements

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# Conclusions

- Do nothing is not an option
- Your Parish expects!
- The Parish has shared it's vision for the next 10 years.
- It's for the Parish Council not to deliver