



# North Nibley Parish Plan November 2010



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## **Introduction**

This Parish Plan was developed in response to the government's proposal that rural communities should produce plans "to indicate how they would like their town or village to develop". It was suggested that funding decisions by the district and county councils should take account of these plans.

A Survey Questionnaire was prepared and distributed to all households in the Parish, to which 63% responded. An additional questionnaire was included specifically for 7-18 year olds. Gloucestershire Rural Communities Council analysed the replies and the results were presented to the Annual Parish Meeting in 2009. The results were also made available to parishioners and Parish organisations.

The results and additional feedback from Parish consultations, to which all residents were invited, were used by a volunteer Steering Group of North Nibley residents to assist them to develop this Plan.

The plan identifies issues and concerns of parishioners highlighted through the Survey and consultation meetings. It provides a guide to future actions by the community, the Parish, District and County Councils and external agencies.

## **The Parish of North Nibley**

North Nibley is an attractive village on the edge of the Cotswolds, located close to the river Severn between Bristol and Gloucester. Its name means a farm or settlement on a hilltop. The first record is in the register known as Cartularium Saxonicum in 940 AD as 'h nibban lege'. The village is famously associated with William Tyndale who translated much of the Bible into English. The Tyndale Monument, erected in 1866, is a conspicuous feature on the hill above the village. The Parish was also the scene of the last battle fought in England on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1469/70, between the private armies of Thomas, Lord Lisle and William, Lord Berkeley at Nibley Green with combined forces of more than 1,000 men. The village is of considerable antiquity and was formerly famed for the manufacture of woollen cloth.

The fifteenth century church is dedicated to the 5th century Saint Martin who served as a Roman soldier and later became Bishop of Tours. The church is thought to have been built on the site of an earlier Saxon church and was extensively restored in Victorian times.

In North Nibley we are fortunate to live in a beautiful unspoiled setting, which is not remote, at least for those who have cars. It is an unusual parish in that almost half of the households live outside the central nucleus of the village, across a number of separate hamlets. Half of the households have been resident here for over 20 years with some over several generations. There are several institutions and amenities which are crucial to fostering community spirit.

## **Local Environment**

The Parish lies on the western edge of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). AONBs are considered to be the most special landscapes in the country, with the prime purpose being to enhance and conserve the natural beauty of the area. The Cotswolds AONB is characterised into specific landscape character areas, of which North Nibley falls into the "Rolling Hills and Valleys" category.

A multitude of footpaths and bridleways run through the Parish, with routes varying from flat or gently undulating farmland to steep hills and valleys. Picturesque views are to be found in many locations, with the Tyndale Monument being the most prominent landmark. The Cotswold Way, a long distance walking trail of 102 miles (164km) between Bath and Chipping Camden, runs through the Parish. This national walking route is very popular with walkers and rambling clubs and brings many visitors to the Parish.

The agriculture industry has seen a move away from dairy farming to mainly pastoral grazing land, with sheep, cows and even alpacas. There are also some arable areas. Woodland in the Parish is mainly broadleaved, with Beech being a prevalent species. There are also areas of ancient woodland.

A range of wildlife can be seen in the Parish. Wildlife can be found in the garden, and some forms are more welcome than others. There are opportunities to spot interesting flowers, birds, mammals and other forms of wildlife whilst walking or riding the many footpaths and bridleways. Sightings of deer, badgers, foxes, rabbits, hares, lizards, slowworms, grass snakes, hedgehogs are possible.

Snowdrops, wood anemones, primroses, bluebells, wood-sorrel, bee orchids, butterfly orchids, common spotted orchids, campanula, honeysuckle, celandine, campion, foxglove, lady's smock, buttercup, columbine, cowslip, wild garlic, wild celery, cow parsley, knapweed, lords and ladies, meadowsweet, dog rose, wild strawberry, thistle, devil's bit scabious, hemp agrimony, wood spurge, violet, vetch, yarrow grow in the area.

Chaffinch, goldfinch, greenfinch, owl, thrush, tits, wren, swifts, swallows, buzzards, sparrowhawks, woodpeckers, pheasants are to be seen by the careful observer.

Brackenbury Ditches Iron Age Hillfort (a scheduled monument) is currently being cleared by English Heritage in cooperation with Gloucestershire County Council to prevent tree roots damaging buried archaeology.

## **Education**

### **Pre-school**

A "Bumps, babies and toddlers Group" meets weekly for all under 5s and their carers; a Pre-school facility operates four mornings a week in the Village Hall during term-time; and there is also an independent Nursery in the Village.

### **North Nibley Church of England Primary School**

North Nibley School traces its foundation back to 1763 and a bequest of £300 by the Revd. William Purnell. In 1875, the first part of the present school was built to provide education for girls with the boys joining them in September, 1905.

The school admits children from Reception to Year 6, grouped into 4 classes. Currently it has just under 100 pupils with a few vacancies. The school admissions policy gives preference to

local children, although children from outside the traditional catchment are often admitted. All admissions applications are considered by the Governors.

In the school's most recent Ofsted inspection (March 2009) it was graded overall as being "good with a strong capacity for sustained improvement".

School staff attach importance to providing a warm welcoming, friendly and supportive environment in which Christian values are central to the ethos of the school and its teaching. The school believes that in this supportive environment children can develop their confidence and self-esteem, to enable them to move on to the next stage of their educational career, prepared and able to articulate their feelings and ideas.

The school takes its place within the community welcoming voluntary helpers and encouraging children to participate in village activities. It also maintains strong links with St Martin's Church. The school has close communications with the Parish through a fortnightly newsletter to parents and a school page in "On the Edge", the monthly parish newspaper.

### **Secondary Education**

After leaving North Nibley School, the majority of children go on to the Katherine Lady Berkeley School in Wotton-u-Edge, with some pupils going to Rednock School in Dursley.

Exam success rates in the area are above average, with 78% of pupils passing 5 or more A\*-C grade subjects at GCSE. (The average for England is 40%).

### **Colleges of Education.**

Some pupils opt to further their education beyond GCSE by attending Colleges at Stroud, Cirencester or Filton.

### **Educational Charities**

The William Purnell educational Trust was originally set up to support poor boys through an apprenticeship, these days the trustees use the interest on the capital to support boys and girls in higher education.

There is also a performing arts bursary.

### **Young People**

Of those young people responding to the Young Person's Survey, 92% said that they enjoyed living in North Nibley. They offered no suggestions on the questionnaire as to what would make North Nibley a better place to live. However, currently there is no youth group in the Village and 59% of respondents did express an interest in attending one. Although attempts have been made to restart a club, this has been without success.

### **Employment**

The Survey indicated that 28% of parishioners travel to work within a radius of 10 miles; 31% travel up to 25 miles; whilst a further 10% travel in excess of 25 miles. 14 % of respondents work from home.

The Parish of North Nibley is the base for a number of small businesses in addition to the two pubs, the garage and the village shop. There are several farms mainly producing livestock and one dairy farm. Four establishments provide bed and breakfast; and there is a certified caravan site.

Renishaw Plc, a global company based in nearby Wotton-under-Edge, provides one of the major sources of employment for local people, as well as providing apprenticeship opportunities for young people.

## Housing

There are some 325 dwellings in the village, housing 700 adult electors. Almost all of the dwellings are in private ownership. Social housing is estimated to be less than 20 units, considerably less than a generation ago. There is a small, but growing supply of privately rented accommodation.

According to the Office of National Statistics, 82% of dwellings are owner occupied. The average household size is 2.57 individuals. The average number of rooms per household is 6.97. The Parish consists of 200 detached houses, 107 semi-detached or terraced. There were 61 single person households. (*Source: 2001 Census of Households*).

A major issue is the lack of affordable housing, particularly for those not in work, or in low-paid work. A direct effect of the lack of affordable housing can be seen through the age distribution data which shows the low percentage of 16 to 44 year olds in the Parish.

### Age Distribution

<b>0 to 15</b>	<b>16 to 29</b>	<b>30 to 44</b>	<b>45 to 64</b>	<b>65 or over</b>
19%	8%	17%	28%	27%

Furthermore the sale of much of the public housing stock has left little publicly owned housing in the village and house prices are high, relative to income for anyone on an average wage. With pressure from government for more houses to be built, we should look carefully at any possibilities that may arise to add affordable housing, with some of it remaining in some form of public ownership long-term. The issue of affordable housing continues to be a priority of the Parish Council. However the main constraint to achieving this priority is the availability of suitable building land.

Whilst some people may be opposed to an enlargement of the village, it is important that the viability of the school, the shop/post office and other village amenities is maintained and that the shortage of affordable housing is addressed. Although local employment opportunities will mainly be restricted to home-based, service-based and agricultural-based occupations, the village is close enough to larger communities to make working elsewhere in the area feasible without the need for lengthy commuting.

## Health Services

There are no National Health Service (NHS) facilities in the village. In the Survey, 77 per cent of respondents were registered with a Wotton under Edge general practitioner (GP) with most of the remainder either with a GP in Dursley or Cam. Figures for dentistry and other health services show 57 per cent travel to Wotton under Edge; 41 per cent to Cam whilst others travel further a-field. (The figures add to more than 100% because people's health care providers are not necessarily all in the same place).

General Practice has changed substantially in recent years and may well continue to change. Most obviously, most GPs have ceased to have direct responsibility for out-of-hours care of their patients. This is now provided under separate contracts and paid for separately by the county's Primary Care Trust, NHS Gloucestershire. In some instances the providers will be consortia of GPs, in others they will be specialist firms. In addition, NHS Direct can be phoned for medical advice at any time.

GPs continue to be involved in most decisions about hospital referral. Subject to guidance laid down by the Primary Care Trust, which will have contractual arrangements with most of the hospitals within travelling distance, GPs in the area mainly use Gloucester and Cheltenham to the North, or Frenchay and Bristol to the South. The residents of North Nibley have the choice of either. There are also community and maternity hospitals in Stroud, and a community hospital in Berkeley, due to close in November 2010.

Specialist mental health and learning disability services in Gloucestershire are mainly provided by 2gether NHS Foundation Trust.

Community-based nursing services are in part based within GP practices, and in part provided by the Primary Care Trust. The latter also provides a number of other community-based services, e.g. child health, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, chiropody, but access depends on assessed needs and on available supply. NHS Gloucestershire has made considerable efforts to strengthen provision of NHS dentistry in the county.

The health of residents of North Nibley is better than the average for the Stroud District or for England according to the national census.

## **Village Shop**

The residents of North Nibley have enjoyed the benefits of village shops for over 100 years. In 2002 the Parish was in danger of losing the last village shop. A Company was formed and registered as a charity with ownership vested in residents of the Parish who were each invited to buy a single £25 share. The purchase of the shop, on behalf of the Parish, was completed on 6th September 2002.

Now the Shop forms a focal point in the Parish and for its community. It is the sole provider of newspapers, groceries and Post Office facilities, together with 'take out' non-alcoholic drinks and beverages. Each year since it opened the Shop has managed to return a profit, although this would not have been possible without the input from a small army of unpaid volunteers. Indeed the Shop is proud to claim to be run for the Village by the Village.

During the Spring of 2008 many Post Offices in Gloucestershire were under threat of closure as the Post Office rationalised its network. However thanks to the number of transactions that take place our Post Office has remained open! This can only continue by the residents remaining totally committed to the continuation of this valued village amenity.

95% of Survey respondents said that they use the Village Shop, with 50% using it at least once per week. Many varied comments and suggestions were made by the respondents which have been passed to the Village Shop Management Committee for their consideration.

The village shop provides a daily distribution of morning newspapers via a van delivery.

The nearest pharmacies are in Wotton-under-Edge, and Dursley but prescriptions can be collected from the village shop by arrangement.

## **Village Hall**

Fund raising for the Village Hall started in 1945, towards the end of the Second World War with the "Welcome Home" Fund, which ran varied events such as gymkhanas, whist drives,

produce shows and even travelling road shows, with the informal aim of building a community facility.

The Parish Council became interested, and in 1958 reached agreement to build a Village Hall on a plot of land bought for the peppercorn sum of £1. North Nibley Village Hall was finally completed in 1959, at a cost of £2,589. The official opening ceremony was on February 20th 1960. The Village had raised circa £1 a head to make it happen - the Gazette reported this was " a far higher average than could be found in any city for a communal project".

A larger, separate kitchen was added later. The Hall was extended by the football club to provide a changing room and showers. Improvements to windows, heating and internal décor took place in the early 1980's.

In 2005 the "Hall4All! Project" was started, with the aim of improving the Hall building and developing the range of activities, thus ensuring a sustainable future. Extensive consultations were held with the Parish, with surveys conducted to identify the most important issues. Although consideration was given to building a new Hall at the Recreation Field, this was discounted due to covenant restrictions on that land. The decision was therefore taken to develop the existing building.

The hard work and optimism of the Community, led by the Chairman Ruth Kirkup, was rewarded in 2008, with the successful bid for money from the Big Lottery Fund. This, together with other grants, and tireless fund raising, enabled the necessary £150,000 to be raised. Between 2005 and 2011 over £180,000 will have been spent on the Hall. The work has included an energy makeover; construction of an annexe, providing a meeting room and new toilets, disabled access; and the expansion of the main hall and renovation of its floor; and the extension and refurbishment of the kitchen. The celebratory opening of the Annexe was held in September 2009.

Thanks to a Big Lottery Reaching Communities Grant and associated funding of a paid part-time Hall Development Worker for 2 years, the number and type of activities taking place at the Hall have expanded. Bookings have increased, footfall has risen and the sustainable future hoped for looks achievable. Open to all activities include adult education classes, (delivered via WEA) line dancing, Nia Dancing, Village Eye and events in collaboration with local partners GL11, Arts in Rural Gloucestershire, World Jungle and The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury. Private bookings have shown a substantial increase, providing welcome revenue. Pre School continues to enjoy its improved venue in term time. The main hall has been host to the Music Festival evening and several parties, some with live bands, while the Meeting Room has proved more than adequate for Maths tuition, courses and local meetings.

## **Recreation Field and Sports Pavilion**

Fund-raising for a Village Recreation Field began in the 1980s. Prior to that, sports were played on local farm land. After many years of campaigning and fund-raising, North Nibley Parish Council acquired and opened the Jubilee Playing Field in 2002. It was always the intention to erect a Sports Pavilion on the site to provide the proper facilities for a Recreation Field in a safe and secure way.

North Nibley Recreation Field Committee, is a Charity set up to administer the running of the field and to raise money for the Pavilion. Since the launch of their Fund Raising Appeal in January 2009 the Charity has raised over £35,000 towards the project, which has total cost in

the region of £70,000. Following feedback received in the Parish Survey and discussion at Parish Council meetings, the Council decided to take out a loan to fund the balance of the project so that the project could be started. The construction of the pavilion began in June 2010 and was completed by the time this Plan went to print.

59% of respondents to the youth questionnaire use the playground and equipment next to the village hall.

## **Events**

Annually the North Nibley Music Festival is held on the Recreation Field, raising money for local facilities and charities, providing a great day out for the whole family. Besides bands of various styles and nationalities there are activities for children, refreshment stalls of a wide variety along with craft stalls, a tea tent and the village shop stall selling a variety of sweets and other items. Details can be found at [www.nibleyfestival.co.uk](http://www.nibleyfestival.co.uk).

The village show is a biennial event. In addition there is, a dog and pet show and olden-days show. The annual Strawberry Ball raises money for charity.

The village opens its gardens for a day usually every second year.

There is a lunch club in the village hall every other month.

## **Transport**

### **Roads and Traffic**

The nearest major A-road, 3 miles away, is the A38 running north/south. The B4060 is the main road through the Village. The speed of traffic through the village and surrounding lanes is perceived as a problem, evident from the responses to the Survey. In response the Police monitored all traffic through the village over an eleven day period. This showed that throughout the period an average of 3878 per day; (and just over 4,000 vehicles each weekday) passed through the Village. The average speed of all vehicles was 31 mph, with 85% of vehicles driving at 35mph or lower.

As a result discussions were held with Gloucestershire Highways and changes to signage and road markings were undertaken to further reduce vehicle speed through the Village. The many narrow lanes through the parish are de-restricted and are a cause for concern as it is legal to travel along them at up to 60 mph.

There are an estimated 539 vehicles in the Parish, with only 26 households having no vehicle.

Safe crossing of the B4060 is a cause for concern, particularly for elderly and young people. There are flashing lights on this road which operate during school starting and leaving times, in order to reduce vehicle speed through the Village. Other traffic calming is assisted by warning signs at the gateways to the village on the B4060. These are designed to flash when they detect vehicles travelling in excess of the 30 m.p.h. limit.

The Survey also revealed that 62% of respondents considered the road surfaces in the Parish are not kept in good order. Since the Survey some attention has been given to some roads in the Parish, but potholes continue to be a problem, particularly on the minor roads.

Flooding and surface water was also identified as a problem on some roads. Since the Survey

was undertaken two major problems areas have been addressed.

### **Footpaths**

60% of respondents think that the numerous footpaths, gates and stiles throughout the Parish are in good repair.

### **Bus Services**

The only public transport out of the village is by 'bus. These services are limited and over time have been reduced in frequency. Inevitably as the frequency of service reduces less people have used it. Over time this can make the lives of an elderly population feel isolated and encourage people to move elsewhere, where transport facilities are more available.

There is a regular bus service from Bristol via Wotton-under-Edge to Dursley every day, which calls at Cam & Dursley Railway Station. Linking services to further destinations are available from Dursley Bus Station.

There is also a daily 'bus service, which passes through the Village en route from Thornbury to Gloucester.

### **Trains**

There is an hourly train service on the Bristol to Gloucester line, from the station at Cam 5 miles away.

The other nearest stations, with direct links to London are at Stonehouse (11 miles), Stroud (13 miles), Kemble (20 miles) and Bristol Parkway (15 miles).

### **Motorways**

The M5 passes close to the Parish; and the M4 linking London to South Wales is only 20 miles away.

### **Airports**

The nearest airports are Bristol (33 miles), Cardiff (45 miles) and Birmingham (75 miles).

## **Community Safety**

Gloucestershire Constabulary is responsible for policing in North Nibley, through officers based in nearby Wotton under Edge. The mobile police station visits twice a month to a location outside the Village Hall. Stroud District Council provide the Neighbourhood Warden Service which works in partnership with other organisations to provide direct support and advice. A Neighbourhood Watch scheme operates in parts of the village. Should parishioners be interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch for your area this can be organised. Those who have an **active** neighbourhood watch covering your area may be able to claim a discount off your home insurance.

The Survey shows that 92% of households had not been a victim of crime in the previous 12 months.

## **Communications**

A dedicated team of eight unpaid editorial staff produces a monthly magazine 'On The Edge' which is distributed throughout the Parish by volunteers, free of charge. Now on issue 167 it contains articles from many contributors with news of what has been happening in the Parish and dates of future events. Financial support is provided by local businesses, the Music

Festival, the Parish Council and contributions from individuals. The Survey demonstrated that OTE is the most effective source of Communications in the Parish with 84% Of residents regularly reading OTE.

There are two Parish Council notice boards in the Village, near the Village Hall and by the Village Shop. These are used to display Parish Council Minutes of Meetings and notices of general interest. Other notice boards are located at St Martin's Church, the School, the Village Hall and the Congregational Church, ensuring that across the Village there are plenty of opportunities for parishioners to find out what is going on..

The Parish also has an unofficial website [www.northnibley.org.uk](http://www.northnibley.org.uk) which contains useful information about the Parish including forthcoming events and Minutes of the Parish Council meetings.

TV coverage in the Parish is less than perfect partially because of the terrain but also because of the distances from transmitters. The majority of households receive TV West from the Mendip transmitter which has already converted to digital; or Central TV from the Ridge Hill transmitter near Hereford, which is due to go digital in 2011. A small number receive Welsh TV from the Wenvoe transmitter (converted to digital); or have to rely on satellite dishes. Radio reception in some parts can be poor, with limited DAB radio coverage.

The local telephone exchange is situated in Dursley placing many homes in North Nibley at the extreme edge of the Internet range for broadband services. New cabling is shortly to be introduced, which it is hoped should increase coverage and improve performance. Mobile telephone reception is very patchy and almost non-existent in some areas.

Local newspapers available from the Village Shop are The Gazette, The Citizen and the Stroud News and Journal.

## **Energy, Recycling and Litter**

Among the topics covered in our Survey were home insulation and fuel efficiency, rubbish disposal and recycling and street lighting.

At the time of the Survey, 77% of households already had double glazing; 79% used energy saving light bulbs; and 54% had loft insulation. While many householders have already acted to improve fuel efficiency, few have installed solar electricity or solar water heating, with only 1% of households having solar electricity generation; and 3% solar water heating. As householders have developed awareness, a lot more interest has been expressed in exploring solar power.

Recycling is now well-established in the Parish, with a fortnightly doorstep collection, and some communal recycling bins. Some households have expressed an interest in further extending the range of materials collected for recycling to include cardboard and other items.

81% of households agreed that the Parish is clean and well kept. There are strategically placed litter bins and receptacles for dog waste placed around the Village, which are well used by the population. There are also recycling bins for glass and paper in the centre of the village. In 2010, in response to interest generated by the Survey, a Parish Clean-up Day was arranged and this is to become an annual event.

In the main, street lighting throughout the Parish was thought to be adequate with a clear majority against lights remaining on all night. Since the Survey a partial reduction in lighting

has been introduced between the hours of 12 midnight and 5am.

## **The Council Landscape**

North Nibley Parish Council meets once a month to consider local planning applications, discuss issues of local concern and liaise with District and County Councils. The Parish Council also owns land across the Parish including the Recreation Field; and owns and is responsible for managing the Village Cemetery. Elected Parish Councillors work voluntarily for the benefit of the Parish and its residents. Councillors represent the Parish on various Committees and Groups and undertake a wide range of tasks for the benefit of the Community.

The Council is supported by a trained Parish Clerk who deals with administrative matters and communications on behalf of the Council; attending and minuting the regular Parish Council Meetings.

North Nibley is one of 266 parishes in Gloucestershire and forms part of the Stroud District Council area, one of six districts in the County of Gloucestershire.

Three District Councillors represent North Nibley on Stroud District Council.

Gloucestershire County Council is responsible for Education and highway matters, like road maintenance, gritting and road building. There is one county councillor representing North Nibley.

We were until 2010, part of the Stroud Parliamentary Constituency with David Drew MP (Labour) as our member of parliament. From 2010 we became part of the Cotswold Constituency with Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown (Conservative) as the current member of parliament. We are part of the South West European Parliamentary Constituency.

## **Conclusions**

We live in a beautiful setting which is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The landscape we see today is a result of man's management and care of the land that has been used for agriculture and industry for many centuries. The natural environment of the Parish is of great amenity value to residents and attracts many visitors who come to enjoy the flora, fauna, footpaths and outstanding views. This asset needs to be carefully nurtured and treated with respect by all who use it.

The village of North Nibley is off the beaten track but not remote. It has a vibrant community and is more fortunate than some having many institutions and amenities that help us to live here, do what we want, and relate to each other.

There is the thriving Primary School, which attracts young families to move here although the cost of the houses limits their number. The Parish Council persevere in the search for land on which to build affordable housing. Our modernised Village Hall provides the setting for many shared activities and learning for all age groups.

The Village Shop and Post Office is an excellent facility for all villagers and particularly important for those without their own transport and for some elderly people (20% of us are already over 65 and this percentage is expected to rise with increasing life expectancy). Other meeting places include the Anglican church and the Chapel; our 2 public houses and the

Jubilee Playing Field and pavilion. The Parish newsletter 'On the Edge' (read by 84% of respondents to our survey) is a very successful way of keeping in touch.

This community has been forged over the years by the efforts of its inhabitants who have worked tirelessly to create its "institutions". They are maintained and run today through the dedication and efforts of a proportion of the residents of North Nibley. None of these institutions can be safely taken for granted. We must use them or run the risk of losing them.

Throughout the survey process suggestions were received for additional facilities and amenities to be created. Over time we can expect some of these ideas to be developed, but changes and new projects will only happen if like-minded individuals get together to take them forward. Among the services and other factors about which people are concerned are road maintenance; traffic speed; lack of off-road parking space; mobile phone coverage and broadband access; and the lack of affordable housing. Many people want to see further expansion of recycling facilities. While most householders have already acted to improve energy efficiency, few have installed solar electricity or solar water heating. Considerable interest was expressed in the adaptation of homes and way of life to use energy more efficiently.

The consultation process revealed a perception that there was not enough provision of facilities for young people although various initiatives have been attempted.

There is a good sense of community spirit which we anticipate will be maintained and cherished by future generations.

The plan should be reviewed regularly by the Parish Council.

### **The Parish Plan Committee**

David Palmer (Chairman)	Heather Marshall
Anita Fletcher	Robert Maxwell
Ann James	Jean Palmer
Marlene King	Jude Pitt

The plan also includes contributions from several other parishioners.

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## Education and Life Long Learning

Concern	Action	By	Time
There was a demand for a wider range of subjects and activities. (e.g. exercises and demonstrations).	Survey results were analysed to establish what classes are likely to be well attended. Discussed with Village Hall Management Committee.	Village Hall Committee	Done. An increased range of activities is now available.

## Village Hall

Concern	Action	By	Time
Additional storage space required	The final phase of work is planned when the pavilion at the playing field is completed, and the football changing rooms can be converted to improve health and safety at the Hall.	Village Hall Committee	a.s.a.p.
The funding for the Development Worker ends in May 2011	The Parish should review the availability of sources of additional funding to support this post; or plan to return to reliance on volunteers to do the work in order that there is a secure future for this valuable community facility.	Village Hall Committee	2011 May

## Recreation, Sport and Leisure

Concern	Action	By	Time
Jubilee Recreation Field needs a Sports Pavilion	Build a Sports Pavilion with Changing Rooms, Toilets and other facilities.	Playing Field Committee and Parish Council	Completed October 2010
69% of respondents travel out of the village to pursue their leisure activities.	Look at Survey results and analyse what people want. Prioritise the demand Research whether there are providers available and willing and whether funding would be required Is it appropriate to respond to all demands?	Interested parishioners.	Ongoing

The condition of Parish footpaths, bridleways, stiles and gates.	Parishioners to report problems to the Parish Council who will organise repairs in consultation with GCC.	Parish Council County Council	Ongoing
The absence of a Guide to local footpaths.	Volunteers are needed to work on the compilation of a guidebook. Arrange for guidebook to be printed and made available. Need to identify funding for guide book.	Parish Council	2011 May

## Traffic

Concern	Action	By	Time
Speed of traffic on main road (B4060) through the village	Discussed with local police officers. Police monitored speed along New Road over a period of one week. Results showed an average speed of 31mph. This is not considered sufficiently excessive to warrant further action.	Local Police Parish Council	2009 Summer
	Discussed with GCC Highways. Road markings were repainted and new signage installed.	Parish Council & GCC Highways	2010
	Investigate any further traffic calming measures that could be of benefit to the Parish e.g. road markings to create illusion of narrowing e.g. "Gateways" erected at sides of roads where there is a wide grass verge.	GCC Highways Parishioners Parish Council	2011 Dec
	Parishioners to volunteer to check vehicle speeds using equipment available from SDC.	Parishioners	2011
Speed of traffic along The Street in the area of the School	Discussed with local police officers and Gloucestershire Highways.. Speed to be monitored along The Street – especially at times of day when children are going to and leaving school. To discuss with GCC Highways	Local Police Parish Council GCC Highways	2011 June

	<p>Figures of children on side of road before play area and school. To investigate 20mph zone in area of school</p>	<p>Parishioners RoSPA SDC Safety Officer</p>	
<p>Parking congestion on road outside school during drop-off and collection times. Cars parked as far as Church and almost to Jubilee tree. Potential for an accident as passing cars pull out into road.</p>	<p>To encourage drivers to use the car park. Encourage Head Teacher to raise the issue with parents. Investigate the possibility of a school crossing warden in New Road to enable more children to walk to school safely.</p>	<p>Head Teacher School Governors LEA Parish Council</p>	<p>2011 September</p>
<p>Parking: problem around Black Horse Inn area and close to junction with New Road and on hatch markings on corner round to Barrs Lane and on the traffic island. Cars not using the pub car park.</p>	<p>To encourage drivers to use the car park. To speak to landlord/landlady of Black Horse. To put notices on windscreens of cars causing problems. To liaise with police and Highways. Monitor situation.</p>	<p>Publicans Parish Council Police Highways</p>	<p>2011 March</p>
<p>Speed of traffic down the narrow side roads within the parish boundary</p>	<p>To discuss with local police officers Speed to be monitored along Barrs lane past Smarts Green towards the New Inn Speed to be monitored in Nibley Green area of village To try to reduce traffic using lanes as short-cut to M5 To discuss with GCC Highways To investigate any further traffic calming measures that could be of benefit to the Parish</p>	<p>Local Police Parish Council GCC Highways Parishioners</p>	<p>2011 December</p>

## Transport

Concern	Action	Input required by	Time scale
A large percentage of children are driven to school	To encourage more children to walk to school. <i>See traffic section above.</i>		
Hitch a Ride Service 18% of people would use a lift sharing service and 33% would be happy to give lifts	Advertise <a href="http://www.gloucestershirecarshare.com">www.gloucestershirecarshare.com</a> and <a href="http://www.2CarShare.com">www.2CarShare.com</a> and On The Edge. Investigate	Article to be written for On-the-Edge	2011 December

## Road Surfaces

Concern	Action	By	Time
Road Surfaces not in good order	The Street, Frog Lane and Barrs Lane have been resurfaced. GCC have been made aware of problem areas such as Warend Hill. Parishioners to contact GCC to advise them of specific problem areas. GCC pothole help line 08000 514 514	Parish Council Parishioners	Ongoing

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<b>Flooding Concern</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Time</b>
Road Drainage	Discuss with GCC/Severn Trent whether camera survey has been concluded and what the results are, i.e. where are the problem areas and find out the problems and time scale for resolving problems.	Parish Council/Parish Watercourse Warden/GCC	2010 December

### **Community Safety**

<b>Concern</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Time</b>
Neighbourhood Watch scheme to be more active To promote Neighbourhood Watch to all parishioners	The Parish Council discussed Neighbourhood Watch with local police officers and the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator attended a Parish Council meeting. To recruit more local NW parish links To publish links so that all parishioners are aware of their local link (OTE)	SDC NW coordinator Local Police Parish Council OTE editors Parishioners	2011 June

## Communications

Concern	Action	By	Time
Parishioners would like to learn more about Parish Councillors	Individual summary and Photos in On the Edge. Parishioners are invited to attend Parish Council meetings.		Resolved Jan 2010
82% of villagers gain information from On The Edge	On The Edge is supported by funding from local business, the Parish Council, the Music Festival etc. Villagers to write and supply articles Dates and events to be submitted by village groups for publishing	Whole Community.	Ongoing
Villagers support information board for visitors	Costing, where to place, what to display Consider sponsorship from local businesses	Parish Council	2012 December
Computer Usage 80% of respondents have a computer	Wifi connection in the village hall has been installed. Taster sessions using a computer Short courses in Computer Usage.	Events organiser Village Hall	Resolved May 2010
Village Directory	Consult with Parochial Parish Council re updating Determine cost of printing Distribute in On the Edge to Parishioners	Parish Council Parochial Parish Council	2011 April
Internet Access to homes in North Nibley	Contact providers about the speed availability and access Volunteer needed to collect information on problem areas.	Volunteer required	ASAP
Mobile Phones have poor reception in some parts of the Village	Volunteer needed to collect information and to contact service providers.	Volunteer required	ASAP

## Recycling and Energy Efficiency

Concern	Action	By	Time
Containers not adequate to hold the quantity of recyclable materials.	Call SDC for extra containers 01453 754 424 or recycling@stroud.gov.uk	Parishioners	ongoing
57% of parishioners would welcome the collection of a larger range of recyclable materials.	This is under review by SDC for decision by end of 2010	Stroud District Council	2010 Dec
Many households would welcome a collection of cardboard	This is under review by SDC for decision by end of 2010	Stroud District Council Parishioners	2011 April
Only 64% have a home composting facility	Compost bins of various sizes can be obtained from SDC at reduced rates delivered to your home	Parishioners	ongoing
Parishioners would welcome more information and help on energy efficiency	Organise an Energy Efficiency event for the Parish to include displays and information on methods and available grants.	Parish Council Village Hall Development Worker	2011 April

## Lighting and Clean-up

Concern	Action	By	Time
68% of households think street lighting is adequate	Put an article in On The Edge Identify areas that require better lighting Check comments to see if any places are specified Contact GCC about additional lights	Parish Council GCC	2011 December
55% of households think that lighting should NOT be on at night	Obtain a map of street lights An event where the map is available and people can identify	Parish Council GCC Highways	Resolved

	<p>which lights should stay on</p> <p>Notify GCC of the outcome</p> <p>Install timers on relevant lamps</p> <p>Some lights now turn off automatically</p>	Lighting contractor	
63% of respondents said they would participate in a Clean-up day	<p>Set a date, publicise it in On The Edge and ask for volunteers</p> <p>Arrange for High Visibility jackets, picking sticks, gloves, bags and collection</p> <p>Make a list of areas to cover and organise them in routes</p> <p>Allocate routes to groups of volunteers</p> <p>Done on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2010</p> <p>13 routes identified covering 41 sections – 25 volunteers</p> <p>Arrange an annual date, preferably before the verges get too overgrown</p>	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>Stroud DC</p> <p>Neighbourhood Warden</p> <p>GCC Highways</p>	Annual date will be arranged

## Listed Buildings

Church of St Martin Grade II*	Nibley House	Old Bournstream House Grade II*	Millend House
Churchyard Cross	Barn and Attached House at Nibley House Farm	Millmans Farmhouse	Nibley Cottage
Group of 2 Monuments in Churchyard	Black Horse Inn	DoveCote to North West of Millmans Farmhouse	Parker's Lodge
Group of 3 Monuments in Churchyard	White Hart	Southend Farmhouse	Pitt Court Manor
Group of 3 Monuments in Churchyard	The Chantry	Barn to South West of Southend Farmhouse	Purnell House
Group of 5 Monuments in Churchyard	Burleigh Court	House at Park Farm	Round House
Group of 7 Monuments in Churchyard	Burrows Court	Barn to East of House at Park Farm Grade DL	Springfield
Long Monument in Churchyard	Fairfield	Kitesnest Farmhouse	The Studio
3 Unidentified Monuments in Churchyard	Forthay House		Ye Olde Yew Tree
Tyndale Monument with Railed Surround	House at Forthay		
2 Milestones	Mill House		
Conduit Niche	Doric Temple and Steps to Lakeside Pool Grade II*	Lake Lodge	
Square Court and Ice House	Tunnels and Grotto Recess	Two Tunnels and Lakeside Grotto	Blocked Doorway

## Scheduled Ancient Monument

Brackenbury Ditches Iron Age Hill fort

## Clubs, Societies and Businesses

<b>Clubs &amp; Societies</b>	<b>Businesses</b>
Book Clubs	Agricultural Engineer
Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group	Artists
Cricket Club	Bed and Breakfast
Football Club	Building and Maintenance Contractors
Friendship Club	Car Sales
Historical Group	Equine Training and Stabling
Mothers Union	Function Rooms for private hire
Music Festival	Grass Care
Nursery for pre-school children	Bespoke Joinery
Pre-school	Management Consultancy
Recreation Field Committee	Olive Oil importer
Village Eye (Formerly W.I.)	Painter and Decorator
	Plant Nursery
	Two Pubs
	Taxi Service
	Vehicle Servicing and Body repairs
	Other small businesses

There is a village agent

## **Stroud District Council (SDC) Responsibilities**

### Waste

Collecting waste and taking it to Landfill

The weekly Refuse Lorry comes to North Nibley on a Tuesday.

### Recycling

Collecting recyclables - currently bi-weekly on a Tuesday.

### Street Cleaning

Roadside litter collection, road sweeping, Stroud Town Centre cleaning, other towns are done by their Town Council.

### Planning and Development Control

The planning Department at SDC determines local planning applications. There is a Planning Enforcement team who should ensure that development is carried out in accordance with Planning Control.

[GCC controls development at waste sites, major sites or on land owned by the County Council.]

### Council Tax

SDC sets and collects Council Tax to fund its own programme, but collects Council Tax on behalf of the County Council, the Police Authority, and Parish Councils from all households in the District, then passes it on to those Authorities.

### Community Safety

Works in close co-operation with the Police to promote and enhance Community Safety across the District. The Neighbourhood Warden Scheme is an example of this.

### Health

Environmental Health Dept. covers issues ranging from excessive noise and smells, to food hygiene in public places, etc.

### Licensing

Responsible for granting licences for Taxis and Private Hire vehicles and to Public Houses, Clubs, Takeaways, Restaurants and Village Halls. It issues Alcohol and Gambling Licences and also Caravan and Camp Site Licences.

### Elections

Organises Local Elections, i.e. Parish/Town, District and County Council Elections, as well as European and General Elections. Is responsible for publishing the Annual Register of Electors. (Electoral Roll).

# North Nibley CP

**KEY**

- County Boundary
- Parish Boundary
- Public Rights of Way**
  - Footpath
  - Bridleway
  - Restricted Byway
  - Byway Open to All Traffic

