

Porton, Idmiston and Gomeldon



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Community Plan

OUR VISION

RESIDENTS APPRECIATE THE RURAL FEEL OF THEIR COMMUNITY AND WANT TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE AND QUIET AND SENSE OF SECURITY THEY CURRENTLY ENJOY.

THEY ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT EXCESS TRAFFIC THROUGH ALL THE VILLAGES WILL SPOIL THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE.

WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS TO FEEL PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND APPRECIATE WHAT THE PARISH HAS TO OFFER. WE WANT THIS TO BE AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY CAN GROW UP AND CONTINUE TO LIVE IN WITH ADEQUATE WORK AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Community Plan

Foreword:

This document has been produced by the Porton, Idmiston & Gomeldon Community Plan Steering Group. The work done by this group based on the information given by the community, has become increasingly important due to the demise of Salisbury District Council and the birth of Wiltshire Unitary Council. This Community plan (and the Village Design Statement when produced) will have to be considered by Unitary Planning Officers and Idmiston Parish Council members,

when looking at any change in Idmiston Parish. This is just the beginning of a long term project. The Community Plan must be updated regularly, but equally as important, a Village Design Statement should also be produced. This document should help to unite the community and help us all to work together to achieve our common aims.

PIG Steering Group



Background

In November 2000, the Government Rural White Paper 'Our Countryside – The Future' launched the concept of Parish or Community Plans to:

- *set out a vision of what is important, how new development can best be fitted in, the design and quality standards it should meet, how to preserve valued local features and to map out the facilities which the community needs to safeguard for the future... to identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how their distinctive character and features can be preserved.*

In February 2008, a meeting was held in Porton, attended by people from Idmiston Parish, which comprises the villages of Porton, Idmiston and the Gomeldons. Those in attendance were asked

- *what they liked or disliked about the villages?*
- *what do you want to happen in the future?*

Following a vote, to start the process of a Community Plan, volunteers were invited to set up a Steering Group to manage the project. Volunteers ideally would not be members of the parish council.

The primary objectives of the Community Plan were;

- *To incorporate any requirements which make our village a pleasant place to live in*
- *Help people work together to obtain those ends. Matters such as additional housing, schooling, rights of way and traffic issues especially in respect of Porton Down access came out of the initial public meeting.*

The process of completing a Community plan, can take a year or more.

What happened next

A project plan and budget were produced and funding applied for. Funding was granted from Community First (£500), Salisbury District Council (£500) and Idmiston Parish Council (£200).

Over the next few weeks, the Steering Group sent a questionnaire to every household in the Parish, with questions aimed at the over 18 year old age group.

This was the first stage of a detailed community consultation. Following this, an additional questionnaire for young people aged 5-17 was sent out. Based on the outcome of the questionnaires, all issues of concern or interest were expressed and included in the creation of the draft Community Plan.

The percentages quoted and displayed throughout this document are the overall results from 379 questionnaires returned, which was a very positive response.

Because of the different nature of each of the villages (Porton, Idmiston and the Gomeldon's) responses from each village were kept, recorded and dealt with separately.

The results were then amalgamated into an action plan and distributed to potential partners for their comments during an eight week consultation period.

A draft Community Plan was prepared in readiness for its ratification by the Area committee.

At Idmiston Parish Council's Annual Parish meeting in 2009, the results were displayed and a PowerPoint presentation given by members of the steering group.



Aerial view of Porton and part of Gomeldon, taken with Porton in the foreground, looking Southwest

Introduction to Idmiston Parish

The parish of Idmiston lies 6 miles north of Salisbury and 6 miles away from Amesbury and consists of 3 villages, Porton, Idmiston and Gomeldon.

The Bourne River runs through the valley following the A338 and makes its way through Idmiston, along Porton village and through West Gomeldon. The main London – South-West railway line passes through the parish.

Porton has most of the local amenities including shops, a doctor’s surgery, a playing field and nature trail, a church and a hotel. It has a farm in its centre and a village hall, well used for meetings and social events.

Idmiston is a pretty village with a church and a working farm at its heart. The Bourne River runs into the village from the main A338 where there is a pub (The Earl of Normanton).

Gomeldon is in 3 parts. West Gomeldon, which runs along the bottom of the valley following the course of the

river and the A338 with a large farm and houses dotted on either side of the road.

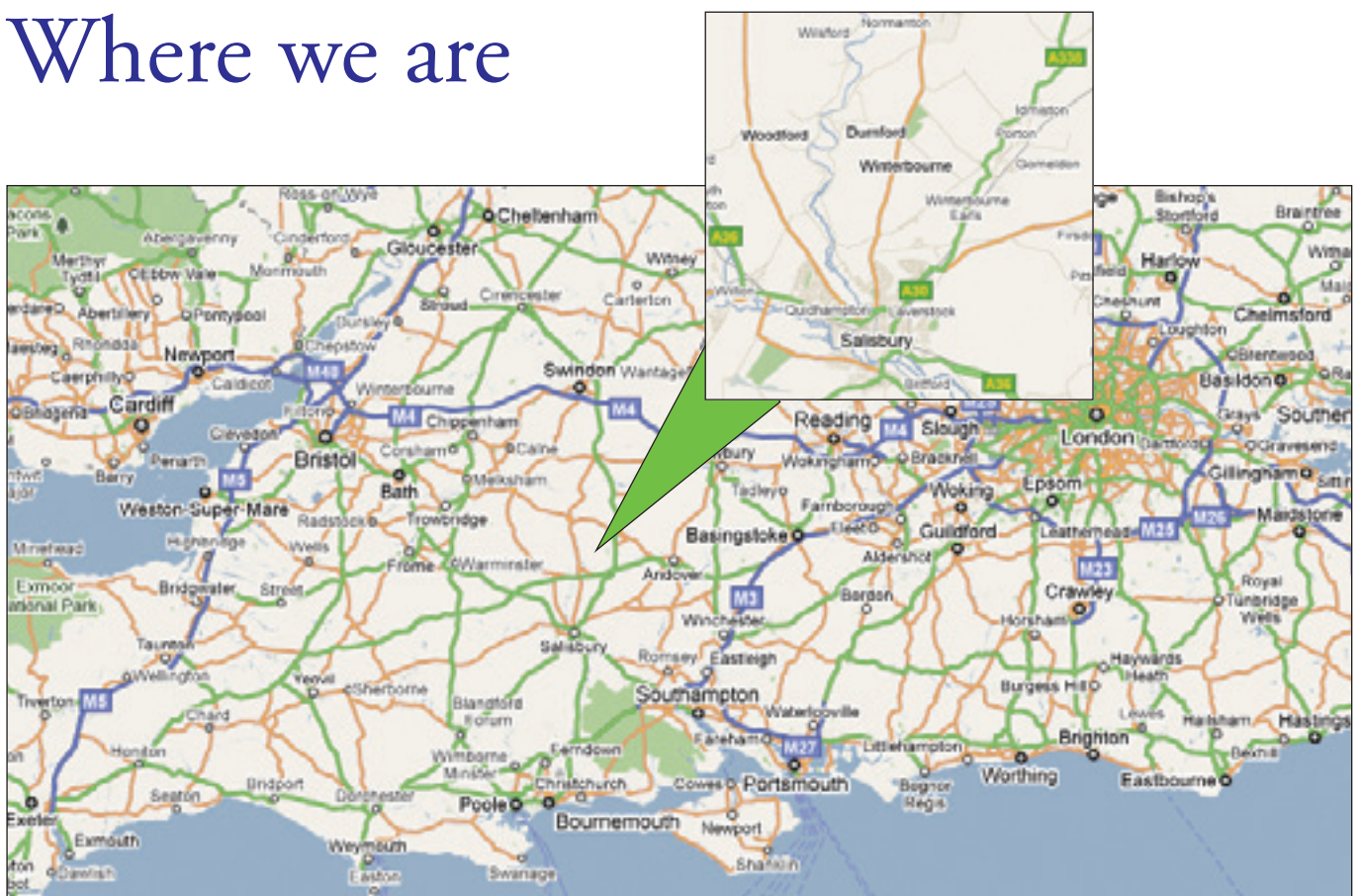
Gomeldon runs along the top of the hill from the old Saxon settlement at the bottom of Gomeldon hill, past the school and down towards the railway arch.

East Gomeldon, is a ribbon development which is under the railway arch, up the hill to the old chapel at the top of East Gomeldon Rd, where there is a playing field with beautiful views across open countryside.

The village has a working farm at its centre, and is rural in feel with a mix of small holdings and modern homes.

Strong links exist with neighbouring Boscombe Down and Porton Down establishments. Idmiston Parish is part of the recently formed Bourne Valley Alliance of Parish Councils.

Where we are



History

The parish of Idmiston contains three villages on the River Bourne. The three settlements are Gomeldon, Porton and Idmiston itself. Gomeldon, originally known as 'Gumel's Dun' was a Saxon settlement established on the lower slopes of a hill, whilst Porton may have derived from 'Poor or Power' a possible old name for the river Bourne. Idmiston is the farm or homestead of Idmaer's Tun. The parish is a typical chalkland parish with arable and meadow land in the river valley and rough grazing on the downs that rise from either side of the valley, there are substantial numbers of large flint nodules that have been used as a building material since Saxon times.

There is evidence of a substantial prehistoric settlement in the area with flint mines at Easton Down (which is part of Porton Down range) and Martin's Clump at Thorney Down there was a late



All Saints Church, Idmiston. This church has been redundant since 1978.

Bronze Age farmhouse. During the Iron Age there were various small farms which probably continued into the Roman-British period, and in the 10th century Saxon burial grounds were found in Gomeldon.

By the time of the Domesday Book (1086) there are three communities, Idmiston had woodland, Gomeldon and Porton water mills. The earliest

existing building in the parish is the timber-framed Old Vicarage at Idmiston which is early 15th century.

There was some rebuilding in the early 17th century beginning with Idmiston Manor. Around 1620 the rectory was built by John Bowle, during the civil war the Bowles were Royalists whilst another leading local family, the Redes were Roundheads.



Porton Railway Station, date unknown



Several smaller houses were built in the 17th Century, four surviving properties being Thatch End in Idmiston, Box Hedge Cottage, Lane End Cottage and Ti Trees in Porton.

By the 18th century flint was used as the main building material, at this time, the vicar and local landowners were against having an ale house in the parish because they thought labourers would spend too much time there. Porton had its own highwaywoman, Moll Harris, she was caught and hung.

The railway was built through the parish in 1854 with the station opening in 1859, the main economy of the parish was still agriculture.

The early 20th century saw many changes, with the use of gas warfare

during the 14-18 war an establishment was needed to research ways of protecting British forces, 3000 acres was purchased by the War Department, laboratories were in huts and Porton Camp was established, a meteorological section was opened in 1916, more land was acquired in 1918 bringing the total to 6196 acres. By this time, the camp contained 50 officers, 1000 other ranks and 500 civilian workers. There was further development of the camp between wars, after the second world war the Microbiological Research Establishment was built in 1949.

The greater part of the airfield of Boscombe Down is in the Idmiston Parish, although the base itself is in the Amesbury parish, for much of the 20th century most of the parish

has been owned by the government to accommodate the airfield and Porton Down.

The Memorial Hall was built in 1958 to commemorate the 37 men of the parish who fell in the two world wars, the station closed in 1968, playing fields were opened in Porton in 1976 and Gomeldon in 1977 and a nature reserve established on the Porton ranges, with some new building taking place, we now have the Idmiston Parish as we know today.



Porton High Street 1946



Idmiston Old School (July 1972 – last day)

Community Services

Crime

It is recognised that Wiltshire has one of the lowest crime rates in the UK, and the replies to the questionnaires reflected this, as only a few people commented on vandalism and hawkers. A handful of people mentioned a lack of visible policing.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes are in operation in some parts, and there are plans to expand into more areas.

The local community beat officer is based in Amesbury and supported by a team of Police Community Support Officers.

They occasionally come and speak at Public meetings to address any concerns residents may have. They sometimes organise speed checks in our villages. A youth liaison officer was working in the village in 2009.

Vehicles exceeding the speed limit and careless parking both at shops and Gomeldon School have caused safety concerns for many.

YOUR VIEWS

- In all villages, by far the largest concerns were excess traffic, HGV's and speeding, with 139 respondents highlighting these as a problem.
- Parking Issues in and around Porton post-office area and Gomeldon School were also causing 73 concerns.

ACTION

- The Neighbourhood Watch team to be better supported – their contact details more visible.
- Encourage new groups in areas not already covered.
- Liaise with Community Support Officers re vandalism and hawkers – pass on any information promptly, with relevant details recorded.
- Use Local Magazine and Community Notice boards to inform residents how to communicate with police.

We asked what you liked about living in your village

“Safe and secure, friendly and helpful neighbours.....”

(Idmiston)

“Generally a safe and friendly environment”

(Gomeldon)

“Its quiet, people of all ages are generally polite and law abiding”

(Porton)



Gomeldon Ford with West Gomeldon in the background



Lane between Gomeldon and Porton



View from the top of East Gomeldon Road



Footpath from Gomeldon towards the Winterbournes



High Street, Porton, date unknown

Local Services (including public transport)

Currently bus services to and from Salisbury and Tidworth run fairly frequently from Monday to Saturday during the day. No evening or Sunday services are provided.

The only service along the length of East Gomeldon Road is on Tuesday and Saturday (9.30am returning at 12.30pm).

The high cost of using the bus service was a drawback for some, although residents over 60 can apply for a free bus-pass.

Dstl at Porton Down have a fleet of 14 buses used to ferry workers to and from the site. They have offered use of these vehicles to schools outside of commuting hours.

The nearest train stations are Salisbury and Grateley, both fair distances away. The railway line runs through the Parish, the stations at Porton and Idmiston have been closed for many years.

There are a huge number of commuters that now come into the villages by road due to the expansion of establishments at Porton Down, and with further expansion anticipated, it is hoped that the Porton Down Green Travel Plan will include talks with Network Rail about these issues.

Porton has good local services including Post Office & shop, Doctors surgery, Take-away, hair-dresser, garage, garden centre, hotel and village hall. All villages have the advantage of being close to Salisbury & Amesbury and their amenities.

Idmiston is a peaceful, rural village with no services of its own, but has access to the good local services in Porton, although there is no pavement joining the villages.

Gomeldon is a rural village with open views of the countryside, with East Gomeldon having limited access under a low, narrow railway bridge. There are no shops (East Gomeldon having lost its shop several years ago) but has access to Porton's facilities but again no pavement between Gomeldon and Porton.

The local supermarkets will provide a delivery service but they do make a charge for this. A doorstep delivery of fresh seasonal products is also available. Winterbourne Post Office & Stores also offer a local delivery service.

There are two thriving schools in the Parish, Gomeldon Primary School in Gomeldon and St Nicholas Primary School between Porton and Idmiston. Parking is often an issue at Gomeldon School. Both schools have written Green travel plans and are working to improve safety and reduce the number of cars dropping off pupils.

The village hall has a packed timetable, and is well used, providing a meeting place for a wide range of groups.

The mobile library attends fortnightly. Idmiston Parish Council hosts a website giving some local information, but it needs to be more user-friendly and open to all.



Gomeldon Arch

YOUR VIEWS

- Many residents of Gomeldon & Idmiston felt that the bus service did not fully meet their needs, in terms of timing and frequency.
- With so many issues centred on excess traffic, the re-opening of railway station at Porton would benefit many.
- 26% of respondents in Porton were satisfied with their local services.
- The absence of facilities in the Gomeldon area was a source of concern for many. The lack of a shop and pub, amenities for the young, lack of a community meeting place, no centre to the village and lack of footpaths, bridleway and cycle paths, with a total of 166 comments concerning these issues.

ACTION

- To install new pavements between village (Idmiston Parish Council have already applied for funding - this is ongoing).
- Pursue idea of re-opening Porton railway station or establish Halt to access Porton Down establishments.
- Contact bus providers and local pressure groups to understand options for improving bus services.
- Provide info on community notice boards concerning rural taxi services.
- Make sure schools are aware of the bus transport offered by Dstl.
- Publicise local delivery services from shops and recreational activities by using Community Notice board, local magazines and website.
- Find funding & support to install notice boards in each community to share information.
- Monitor and support green travels plans from schools & Dstl.
- Improvement to Parish Council website, to make it user-friendly and keep it up-to-date.



Idmiston Halt, June 1965

Health Services

Porton has a Doctors surgery with dispensary for its own patients. There is also a part time physiotherapist.

Home delivery prescription services are available through Boots the Chemist and other chemists.

There is no dentist or other NHS medical services in the villages.

Bourne Valley Good Neighbour Link service (01980 611117) offer a transportation or prescription collection service.

ACTION

- Promote Bourne Valley Link Scheme services and explore possibility of extending service provision i.e. Dentist.
- Communication of services and schemes available via community notice board.



Surgery, Porton 2010

Transport

The speed limit in the villages is 30mph, increasing to 60mph between villages, which is an issue causing concern for many residents.

On the A338, speed limits vary from 40mph to 60mph. Bourne Valley Alliance are working on reducing the speed limits on the A338, to bring it in line with other villages through the Bourne Valley.

HGV's and LGV's frequently travel through the villages either to deliver to village businesses or to access Porton Down establishments, causing safety and pollution concerns. This is especially an issue past the two schools and traffic using Church Rd Idmiston to access Porton Down.



Idmiston Arch, Church Road – problem access to Porton Down

Road surfaces are in poor condition throughout the Parish, with potholes and road markings frequently faint or missing. This is thought to be a hazard to road users in all the villages. There have been some temporary repairs, but these are not a long term solution as they quickly deteriorate in bad weather.

Pavements exist within the villages in most places, but there are none between the villages, making access to schools and amenities potentially hazardous.

Footpaths. A network of footpaths run through Porton, and are generally well signposted and well used. A nature



Porton Ford, 2010

trail has been established and maintained by the Parish Council, alongside the River Bourne, with bird and insect boxes installed to encourage wild-life. Elsewhere, footpaths are not so much in evidence, with 3 short lengths in Gomeldon and none in Idmiston, a fact that was commented upon by 17 respondents. (See appendix B – *Rights of Way*)

Bridleways/Cycle-routes. Routes exist in West Gomeldon, running through Deans farm towards Boscombe Down, and The Portway, which runs from the centre of Porton through grazing land to the far end of Idmiston. Neither of these routes link amenities or are suitable for school access. The lack of bridleways and cycle-routes was commented upon by 21 adult respondents. We asked the children ‘If there was a safe cycle route would you use it?’ 102 said yes.

YOUR VIEWS

- In Porton & Idmiston by far the largest concerns were excess traffic, HGV’s and speeding, with 139 respondents highlighting these as a problem.
- 26% of respondents had an issue with vehicles speeding including along the A338.
- 87 respondents highlighted poor road maintenance and marking as a safety issue.

ACTION

- Continue to support Bourne Valley Alliance for A338 speed limits reduction.
- To install new pavements between villages (Idmiston Parish Council have already applied for funding to install pavements between the villages. This is ongoing.)
- Investigate options for lowering speed limits through our villages.
- HGV access to Porton should be via Pheasant road. Continue to lobby Porton Down to ensure HGV’s access their site from A30 Pheasant Rd.
- Excessive traffic using Church Rd to Porton Down. Investigate use of traffic control calming methods and installation of new pavements.
- Reduce Porton Down traffic going past both schools.
- Obtain updates on re-surfacing plans for the roads.
- Improve maintenance of pavements.
- Monitor condition of footpaths and bridleways.

We asked what you liked about living in your village

“I love this village; the people are great, very friendly. We love coming home at night to the peace and quiet after working in and around Salisbury”

(Gomeldon)

“Quietness, easy access to main roads and shopping centres, plenty of birds, bees and wild-life”

(Idmiston)

“Its rural nature, friendly people, excellent shop and post office and other facilities, easy access to Salisbury, London and the West Country”

(Porton)

Environment & Amenities

The villages are surrounded by open countryside, either working farm-land (mixture of arable and pasture) or by contrast, Porton Down which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. It is rich in vegetation and wildlife, such as deer, rare butterflies, buzzards and stone curlews. The River Bourne and its banks provide a wonderful habitat for wild-life with regular sightings of kingfishers and egrets.

The village at Idmiston is known to flood on occasions, when run-off from the farmer's fields runs into the valley and along the road course. There are 2 Flood Wardens located in Idmiston who monitor the situation and there is a tele-monitoring station by the river.

There are 2 fords within the parish, at Porton and Gomeldon. Some residents mentioned that the handrail's there need to be painted.

There are many verges throughout the villages, maintained by Wiltshire Unitary Council. Some concerns have been voiced on the quality of upkeep.

Pollution - Establishments at Porton Down do emit light pollution at night, and this was commented upon by

residents in all three areas. The proximity of Boscombe Down and subsequent air-traffic noise and low-flying disturbances are also a problem.

Litter/Fly Tipping/Animal mess - The local Women's Institute carry out a monthly litter-pick in some areas, and any litter in the 2 playing fields is collected by Parish Council employees on a daily basis.

Incidents of fly-tipping occur from time to time, and are usually removed by WUC Clarence service, although this can take some time.

Animal mess, particularly dog faeces, deposited and not picked up was a frequent complaint in public areas. There are many signs throughout the villages asking dog owners to pick up deposits, and warning of possible fines, but some continue to offend. There are no dog-waste-bins in the parish but mess can be disposed of in normal WUC bins as long as it is wrapped

Re-cycling is carried out by kerb-side collection service from WUC on a fortnightly basis.



Porton Ford, date unknown

Most areas within village boundaries have street lighting and there were few references about this, except in the Gomeldon area, where 12 respondents commented on the lack of street lighting and felt this was a safety issue.

The lack of a community meeting place and a shop in Gomeldon was an issue with many residents, as was the lack of shop and a focal point to the village of Idmiston

The cemetery at Porton church is nearly full. A new burial site will need to be found.

YOUR VIEWS

- The vast majority of questionnaire respondents greatly value their environment and do not want it to change
- Pollution (light, noise and smell) was the 4th most important issue for Porton respondents.
- Low-flying aircraft are a problem in the Parish.

ACTION

- Protect, respect and enjoy our countryside. Raise public awareness of the 'Countryside Code' (The Code makes it clear what the responsibility are for both the public and for the people who manage the land).
- Monitor potential flooding. The Flood Warden to be assisted by Environmental Agency.
- Idmiston Parish Council to ensure Parish Steward is aware of drainage ditches throughout the Parish and to keep them clear.
- Maintain a clean and healthy village. Raise public awareness of antisocial animal mess and dangers of dog faeces, via notice boards and local publications. Plans are in hand to have extra WUC bins placed at both ends of the cut at Ladysmith.
- Lobby Porton Down establishments to try and reduce amount of light pollution.
- Investigate additional provision to encourage wildlife.
- Lack of community meeting places/shop in Gomeldon.
- Lack of shop and focal point in Idmiston.
- Provision of a new burial site.
- Keeping the village free from litter/tipping/dog mess.
- Street Lighting
- Maintenance of Ford bridges

Respondents sighted the following things they liked about the environment

Lovely Bridle-way to Newton Tony

(Idmiston)

Peace and quiet, no through road

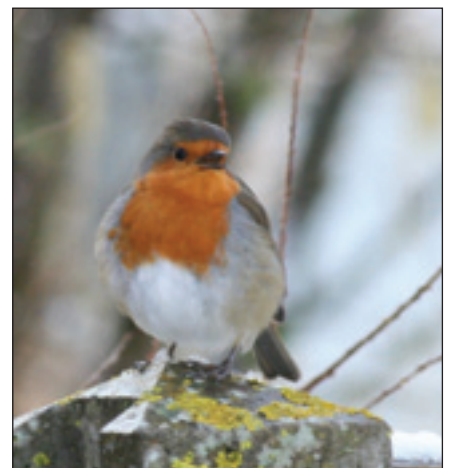
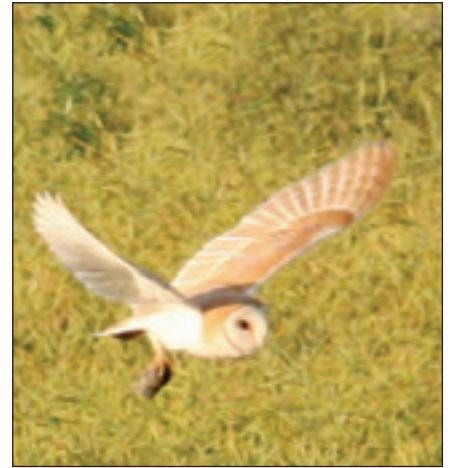
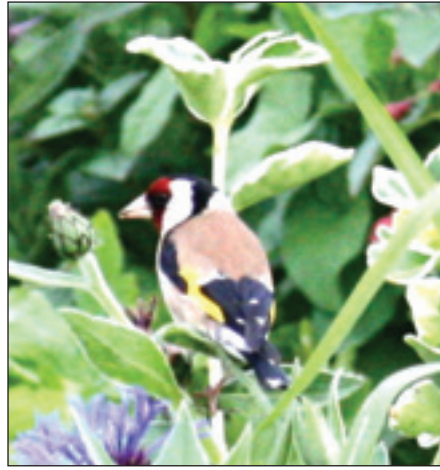
(East Gomeldon)

Peace, space, sociability

(Porton)

Easy access to Salisbury

(Idmiston)



Wildlife photographs taken in the Parish courtesy of Nicky Fower, East Gomeldon

Sport & Leisure

We are lucky to have access to the countryside, which gives us the freedom to walk and ride.

There are two playing fields, one in East Gomeldon, the other in Porton; both have a wide range of equipment for all abilities and disabilities.

East Gomeldon has a zip-wire, balance equipment, swings & roundabouts for older children, swing suitable for children with disabilities and an area for the under 5's. Also, football nets and green space for other activities. This playing field is a dog-free zone, with seating to enjoy the beautiful views.

Porton playing field is centrally located with full size football goals, but with busy road crossing and no signage. An area for the Under 10's. and another for older children including a swing suitable for children with disabilities. Good parking and lots of space. Discussion is currently underway concerning equipment for skate boards and bikes with consultation between younger residents and Idmiston Parish Council ongoing.

Due to its location adjacent to the river, it has become necessary to renew drainage which is planned.

Many of our younger residents asked for more activities in the memorial hall for 10-18 year olds and open air events.

The memorial hall in Porton has a packed timetable, and is well used, providing a meeting place for a wide range of groups. An annual fete is run by St Nicholas School and St Nicholas's Church. Gomeldon School has a summer fete and a firework night.

Porton, Idmiston & Gomeldon residents highlighted a lack of linked paths, bridleways and cycle ways in the parish and a lack of pavements to link villages.



Bourne Valley Beaver Scout Group 2009 at Boscombe Down

YOUR VIEWS

- Pavements between villages would improve access to playing fields and village hall.
- There is a need for additional activities, especially for the younger members of the community.
- Better use should be made of the Playing fields to include open air events.
- Playing fields to be available for all ages.
- More equipment was requested for the playing fields, including swings, bike tracks/ramps, skate-park, and youth shelter.

ACTION

- Improve Playing fields drainage (Porton).
- Safe road crossing with proper signage to Porton Playing field.
- Install connecting pavements between villages.
- Continue to improve and update playing field equipment (Porton and Gomeldon).
- Provide linked paths, cycle routes and bridleways in the Parish.



The Church of St Nicholas, Porton



Bourne Valley Beavers being pirates at Porton playing field 2009

Housing, Economic Development & Planning

Idmiston: All the housing in Idmiston is privately owned with no Public authority housing. The river runs adjacent to about half of the houses in the village so this consideration should be taken into account when considering any building requests.

If a need is established for affordable housing, the council will try to provide it on appropriate site, but must take into account the lack of local facilities and services. The lack of pavements in this village would also be a consideration when planning applications are considered.

Porton: Majority of housing is privately owned with a small percentage of public authority housing. There is a block of 4 affordable houses in the centre of the village.

Once again, a fair proportion of respondents felt that any new development should be kept to small sites.

Gomeldon: All housing is privately owned. West Gomeldon which runs along the A338 at the bottom of the valley has the river running through it and is mainly greenfield sites and water meadow.

East Gomeldon is only accessible through a long, narrow, low (11ft 3”) railway arch and there are frequently access problems with high sided or long vehicles trying to come into the village.

Gomeldon, all private housing with the school at its heart and any new build would be infill, not on greenfield sites. Consideration of planning applications in this area should be made so as not to aggravate the school parking problems.

Any infill or small sites must take into account the lack of local facilities and services. Many of the roads, drains and schools are already at full capacity.

Much concern was shown that any new building should not be on greenfield sites or sensitive archaeological sites.

YOUR VIEWS

- On the questionnaire, Idmiston respondents commented that they would like to limit new build to small developments with the inclusion of some affordable housing.
- Community events and facilities were raised by many as an area for improvement.
- 61 respondents were concerned about large developments and overdevelopment of small sites. (Gomeldon)

ACTION

- Formulate a new steering group to produce a Village Design Statement.
- Limit new development in all villages too small or infill sites.
- Monitor traffic impact on new development. Take full account of access and parking facilities.
- Monitor development of new sites. Restrict the over development of small sites to keep in the character and size of surrounding housing
- Ensure drainage problems are not created on new developments. Make sure developers make provision for improvement to drainage on new build and provide enhancement of amenities.
- Ensure no loss to wildlife habitat. Maintain the conservation areas



Entrance to the new Byford Development

Employment

There are many working farms in the parish employing local residents. The shops, garage and other commercial services at Porton employ mostly local residents.

There are a range of other businesses operating within the parish, some as sole traders, others employing a small numbers of people.

By far the largest employees in the area are Dstl, HPA, Tetricus and Serco, all based at Porton Down. Qinetiq Boscombe Down, just outside the parish boundary has many employees living in and around the area.

For those working from home, a fast and efficient internet connection is essential. The current connection in some parts of the parish can be insufficient.

Better public transport in and out of the village, especially at off peak times would be useful for those who work outside normal hours.

YOUR VIEWS

- Unemployment doesn't seem to be an issue in this parish, as no comments were made concerning employment. Increased traffic and speeding, especially commercial and HGV vehicles to sites of high employment however, is clearly a major concern.

ACTION

- Prepare Village Design Statement.
- Reduce traffic.
- Better internet connections for home working.
- Improve to public transport, more flexible time-tables.



Pupils and Teacher Idmiston School, June 1968

Children and Education

Pre-school: A toddler group meets regularly at the memorial Hall in Porton. There is a crèche at HPA Porton Down for children of employees only.

Schools: There are two schools.

St Nicholas School which is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, for children 4-11 years old, there will be 84 in attendance in September 2010. Gomeldon Primary currently has 144 pupils, aged 4-11. 66% of these come from outside the parish.

Both schools have active PTA's who organise fund raising events in which the whole community can share. Both schools have an annual fete and Gomeldon School have a bonfire evening in November.

Gomeldon School does not have a dedicated school bus, and children travel out from Salisbury, Amesbury and surrounding areas by car.

St Nicholas School has a bus travelling in from Allington twice daily. Approximately 25% of pupils live outside the parish.

Children over 11, have to attend schools outside the parish.

Adult & Other Education: There are some craft and activity based tuition available in the memorial Hall (art, dancing, flower arranging etc) but no academic or adult learning classes.

Currently the schools are not used for any adult learning and have very few events outside of school hours. However, St Nicholas School have indicated that they are always happy to consider letting requests.

YOUR VIEWS

- 10% of Porton respondents wanted more community events and activities, possibly based around school facilities.
- We asked children if there was enough to do in the villages. The majority felt there wasn't. In Porton about half belonged to local clubs, but elsewhere the percentage was lower.
- 20 children asked specifically for a youth club.

ACTION

- Use schools for community events.
- Use of church for community events.
- Make sure the Green travel plan of both schools' are implemented and supported.
- Implement multi-user cycle route to link schools from Idmiston Parish to Winterbourne, to help walkers, cyclists (multi-user route) to link villages and schools through the Bourne Valley.
- Find additional parking close to Gomeldon Primary School.
- Encourage support and participation in school and pre-school events and activities by the whole community.
- St Nicholas school would like warning signs and flashing lights. Also a signpost to the school from Winterslow Road.



Gomeldon Primary School



St Nicholas School

Young People

Our young people in the village (aged between 5-18) were sent individual questionnaires in which we asked specific questions. We had a total of 91 respondents and once again we separated the results depending on location. The high number of replies to the questionnaire shows our young residents are eager to be part of our community and to participate; we should respect their views and needs as they are our future.

41 of respondents go to school in the parish, with the remainder going to school or college or work elsewhere.

In Porton, 50% said they belonged to a club or group in the village, but in Idmiston & Gomeldon far fewer joined clubs and the vast majority felt there was not enough to do in their villages.

One of the questions asked was if they felt safe walking, cycling or riding in the area. In Porton 32 youngsters felt much safer walking compared with cycling or horse-riding. In Gomeldon, outstandingly children felt safe walking or cycling, although many of these respondents lived in East Gomeldon which is a no-through road. In Idmiston, where there are no pavements, more children felt unsafe either walking or cycling.

They expressed their concerns about speeding traffic and large vehicles passing through. Poor street lighting was an issue in all villages.

We asked 'if there was a safe cycle path- would you use it?' 96% of youngsters said they would, with 100% of respondents would cycle to school, or the playing fields or somewhere else in the villages if there were safe cycle-routes.

Approximately 50% of the respondents used the buses to go to school, Salisbury or elsewhere. There were some negative comments about the cost and felt there were not enough buses running in the evenings

90% of the children currently use the footpaths and bridleways in the villages.

In Gomeldon, Idmiston and Porton, our young people felt there was a lack of sports and social clubs, in particular they wanted places to gather and socialise.

They also identified a need for more structured activities such as youth groups, dance and music clubs and suggested these be held in local village hall or schools.

Outdoors, other social events such as BBQ's and concerts were requested and suggested the possibility of using the redundant Idmiston Church.

The Playing fields were used by nearly all the respondents in all villages. In Idmiston, where there are no facilities, respondents requested a focal point where they could gather, play football, skateboard and sit and talk, as there is no safe route to Porton, i.e. no pavements or cycle route linking the two villages. In Gomeldon, the playing field is well used and well equipped for all ages and abilities, although larger goalposts and monkey bars were requested. The local toddler group frequent use the parks in the summer, requested a picnic area with benches and tables. Some commented that its location at the opposite end of the village from the school was a drawback. Porton has the largest playing field, widely used, although issues included the busy road crossing, frequently very wet underfoot due to poor drainage (which also makes the football pitch difficult to maintain) and lack of places to sit and gather.

We asked children what they would like to see in the vicinity and their replies were wide-ranging. Activities suggested were; skateboard park, youth club, horse-riding, new village hall with good facilities, girl guide rainbow group, swings for older children, climbing wall, bike track and ramps, youth shelter, swimming pool, tennis court. (See Appendix A). On other issues, by far the biggest thing was to see more activities in the memorial hall, schools or other venues. Also on the wish list were a cafe, more cycle paths, more pavements, speed cameras and pedestrian crossings on A338.

Recently, the Bourne Valley Youth Project was launched. See Appendix C for a full report by Councillor Katherine Wilford.

YOUR VIEWS

- More activities for young people.
- To be respected as valued members of the community.
- Playing field improvements for all sports, skateboard plus seating and meeting areas.
- Improve and maintain football pitches and goalposts.
- Organised village events with the young in mind.
- Better and safer links between and through the villages.
- Better public transport.

ACTION

- Investigate use of Hall or other venues for social activities, such as occasional café.
- Encourage tolerance between all age groups in the community.
- Find funding for new playing field equipment including picnic area tables.
- Investigate use of playing fields or other venues for open air events and organise these.
- Implement cycle route through and between villages.
- Implement new pavements to link the villages. (Idmiston Parish Council have already applied for funding – this is ongoing).
- Investigate red tarmac walking lanes/cycle lanes where needed.
- Expand bus services.
- Look into traffic calming/reduced speed limit in Church Rd, Idmiston.
- Improve street lighting.
- Investigate alternative community transport.

Views from 5-18 year group

The perimeter road from Figsbury Rd to the back of Winterbourne Camp (Thorneydown) should be more accessible to people with bikes, prams, etc... would offer safe areas for people to enjoy cycling together.

(Gomeldon aged 14-18)

Cars go too fast - I would like a cycle lane

(Idmiston, aged 5-10)

I really want a Skate park for me and my friends!

(Porton aged 11-13)

Less traffic, the cars go really fast

(Porton aged 11-13)

Have to cycle and walk in road, between Porton & Gomeldon

(Gomeldon aged 5-10)

Road signs to stop cars going fast Village youth club for ages 8-14

(Idmiston aged 5-10)

Local Government

Idmiston Parish Council is a non political elected body of 15 Councillors, which is there to voice and represent the opinion of the parishioners of the Parish. This Community Plan will be used for guidance when the Council is making decision during public meetings. These public meetings also allow

members of the Parish to speak to the Councillors to express personal views on agenda items (agenda's are published on the village notice boards). These public meetings are minuted and subsequently published on the parish notice boards and on the Parish council website (www.idmistonpc@org.uk).

Current public meetings:

A full council meeting open to the public on the 2nd Monday of the month (except April and August)

- An Annual Parish meeting in April
- Regular published meetings for the Planning Committee.
- Regular published meetings for the Finance & General Purpose Committee.

In addition, when events become significant, additional advertised public meetings are held.

Clerk, Idmiston Parish Council, 2010



View across to the River Bourne

We asked...

What do you like...?

Good public transport, nice walks, good views, 2 good local shops.

(Gomeldon resident)

What don't you like?

Traffic on Winterslow Rd, especially by shop and surgery, dangerous coming out of High St with all the parked cars. Poor condition of roads in the area.

(Porton)

Ideas for the future of your village?

Use the Church (Idmiston), close Church Rd access to Porton Down, Road signs on Church Rd and Idmiston Rd indicating narrow road, children playing, pedestrian, and no footpath. Restrict large vehicle access.

(Idmiston)

Any other things you would like to see or change in your village?

A cycle path, happy people, no more houses

(5-10 year old, Gomeldon)

Open the train station, a gym, more clubs and groups, more social events, a rave in the village hall

(14-18 year old, Idmiston)

The following 14 pages contain the action plan information

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
<i>Summary of key issues that were brought to our attention during the consultation by both public meetings and questionnaires</i>	<i>Proposals for consideration and inclusion in the final community plan following responses to the consultations</i>		<i>Possible stakeholders and partners to help carry out these proposals</i>
COMMUNITY SERVICES CRIME			
Expansion & Awareness of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes	Publicise Neighbourhood Watch activities and contact details of co-ordinator in each village Actively encourage groups in areas not currently covered	Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator Wiltshire Police	Wiltshire Police
Hawkers	Pass any information to Police, with relevant information noted Use local magazines and notice boards to inform residents of how to communicate with police	Wiltshire Police (Community Beat Team) Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator	Members of the public Idmiston Parish Council SP4 magazine Parish Church magazine Wiltshire Police
Vandalism	Pass any information to Police, with relevant information noted Use local magazines, IPC website and notice boards to inform residents of how to communicate with police	Members of the Public Wiltshire Police	Wiltshire Police (Community Beat Team) Idmiston Parish Council
LOCAL SERVICES (INC PUBLIC TRANSPORT)			
Improve pedestrian access between villages	Install pavements between the villages – IPC have already applied for funding for this - ongoing	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council
Lack of railway transport, both for local use and to reduce the number of commuters who travel by road	Re-opening of Porton railway station or establishing a halt for staff to access Porton Down site Continued use of coach transport to bring in workers Car share schemes	Network Rail DSTL DSTL, HPA and Tetricus Ltd	Wiltshire Council Idmiston Parish Council

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
LOCAL SERVICES (INC PUBLIC TRANSPORT)			
Public transport in Gomeldon & Idmiston does not fully meet the needs of residents in timing and regularity	Improve service – Contact bus providers and local pressure groups to understand options Explore other groups or public transport options	Wiltshire Council	Wilts & Dorset Bus Co Connect 2 Wiltshire Salisbury Rural Taxis Community Transport
Raise awareness of rural taxi service	Investigate re-opening Porton train stations	Network Rail	Idmiston Parish Council
DSTL have offered use of coach transport to local schools, during certain hours	Use local magazines, IPC website and notice boards to inform residents of the service	Idmiston Parish Council	SP4 & Church Magazines
Raise awareness of delivery services offered by local shops	Make sure schools are aware and utilise the service	Gomeldon & St Nicholas Schools	DSTL
Lack of a focal point and way of communicating events and information	Use local magazines, IPC website and notice boards to inform residents of the service	Porton & Winterbourne Stores	Idmiston Parish Council, SP4/Church/Parish Magazine
Development of Green Travel Plans from schools and Porton Down	Investigate funding to install notice boards in each community to share information	Idmiston Parish Council	Memorial Hall Local Businesses & Groups
HEALTH	Monitor and support progress	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council DSTL/HPA/Tetricus Ltd COGS (Cycling Opportunity Group)
Promote Bourne Valley Link Scheme services and other schemes available	Use local magazines, IPC website and notice boards to inform residents of the service	Bourne Valley Link Scheme	Idmiston Parish Council Porton Surgery
Explore possibilities of extending services	Investigate possibility of extending services	Wiltshire Health Service Trust	Bourne Valley Link Scheme Porton Surgery Idmiston Parish Council

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
TRANSPORT			
Reduce speed limit on A338	Continue to support Bourne Valley Alliance for A338 speed limit reductions	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council Wiltshire Police
Lowering speed limits through the villages “20 is plenty” signs? MOD road when finished should have a 50MPH Monitoring volumes and speeds of traffic	Reduce speed limits between villages to 30 mph Police speed checks Monitor new speed limit of MOD road Monitor regularly volumes and speed of commuter and other traffic	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council Wiltshire Police MOD Police
Reduce risk of collisions for pedestrians and drivers moving between villages	Install pavements between the villages – IPC have already applied for funding for this – ongoing	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council
Poor maintenance of the road structure leading to potholes and general breakdown of the surface being a hazard to road users	Repair potholes and resurface where needed	Wiltshire Council	Members of the Public (to call CLARENCE on 0800 232323)
Poor state of some road surfaces within the Parish	Provide updates on re-surfacing plans for roads Establish method of informing IPC of problem areas Encourage residents to phone Clarence to report problems	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
TRANSPORT			
HGV access to Porton Down site should be via the Pheasant Rd	Continue to Lobby Porton Down site managers to ensure they enforce this	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council DSTL HPA Tetricus Ltd
Introduction of New Access into Porton Down	Awaiting DSTL investigation		
Restrict Access via Winterslow Road into Porton Down	Traffic Volumes Sept 2009 dictate that action needed sooner rather than later		
Traffic Control – Chapman’s corner Porton	Request made at Sept 2009 area board for entire length of road from A338 to MOD Gates to be resurfaced in 2010 after Pheasant Road is reopened		
Traffic control Target’s corner Junction w’low rd & A338)	Church Road access – excessive traffic use, controls needed card access not yet implemented A ban on LGV through traffic from Winterbourne gunner to Gomeldon Rd, Church Rd and Idmiston Road with a Traffic Regulation Order Monitor situation		
Lack of connecting pavements	Implement construction of new pavements to connect Idmiston with Porton and Gomeldon with Porton (previously agreed with Wiltshire Council when and if funding available) Investigate red tarmac walking lanes for Church Road and any other suitable location. Alternative suggestion to make Porton High Street vehicle access for residents only and link it to short length of pavement to the school	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
TRANSPORT			
Restrict HGV access to Porton Down from Church Road Idmiston and past both Idmiston and Gomeldon Schools	Investigate Traffic calming methods	Idmiston Parish Council	Idmiston Parish Council
Construction & Delivery traffic issues	Install pavements between the villages – ongoing	Wiltshire Council	Wiltshire Council
Improve maintenance of pavements	To use A30 pheasant road to access Porton Down Monitor Situation	DSTL, HPA & Tetricus Ltd	Wiltshire Council
Footpath from Porton to Porton Down Site	Provide updates on re-pairing plans for pavements Establish method of informing IPC of problem areas	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council
Porton, Idmiston & Gomeldon residents highlighted a lack of linked paths/cycle routes and bridleways in the Parish	Monitor funding from WCC	Idmiston Parish Council	Wiltshire Council
Monitor conditions of footpaths and bridleways	Implement the proposed cycle route from Porton Down to Salisbury & from the Parish to Amesbury & other Bourne Valley villages to open up safe and inclusive access for all, including disabled, pushchair/pram users, walkers & horse-riders Re-open footpaths/byways across MOD land	Wiltshire Council	COGS /BUGS Sustran DSTL/HPA/Tetricus Ltd Local schools (supported by their green travel plans) Village Design Statement Steering Group Idmiston Parish Council Bourne Valley Alliance
Increase number of footpaths and bridleways	Annual walk and inspections of all routes, use local magazines, IPC website and noticeboards to inform residents of how to report problems	Idmiston Parish Council	Local Residents
Parking issues in Porton at shop, school and church	Investigate possible new routes or those which have been historically been used as permissive path	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council
	Traffic control/calming	Wiltshire Council	
	Investigate possibility of central car-park	Idmiston Parish Council	
	Pelican crossing at shop & school	Wiltshire Council	St Nicholas School

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
TRANSPORT			
Alternative suggestion to make High St Porton vehicle access for residents only and link to short length of pavement along western side of school	Investigate possibility	Idmiston Parish Council	
ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES			
Protect, respect and enjoy our countryside	Raise public awareness of the Countryside Code	Idmiston Parish Council	
Concern about potential flooding and poor drainage is always an issue as the river runs through the parish	Ensure all drainage is maintained and updated as and when needed Ensure any new developments are monitored and flood plains not built on Flood Wardens to monitor river	Idmiston Parish Council	Flood Wardens
Monitor drainage ditches	Parish Stewards to keep them clear	Wiltshire Council (Parish Steward)	Idmiston Parish Council
Maintain a clean and healthy village	Raise public awareness of the danger of dog faeces, via noticeboards and local publications Plans are in hand to place extra Wiltshire Council bins at both ends of Ladysmith cut	Idmiston Parish Council	Wiltshire Council
Light pollution from Porton Down	Lobby Porton Down establishments to try and reduce amount of light pollution	DSTL, HPA & Tetricus Ltd	Wiltshire Council Idmiston Parish Council Environmental Agency
Improve habitat for Wildlife	Investigate additional provision for wildlife areas in the Parish Investigate provision for expansion of footpaths and open spaces for walkers and dogs	Idmiston Parish Council	Wiltshire Wildlife Wiltshire Council

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES			
Lack of community meeting place/shop in Gomeldon	Investigate the possibility of using the school for community events as per schools green travel plans	Gomeldon School	Local Residents Groups Idmiston Parish Council
No community notice boards in Idmiston & Gomeldon (3)	Organise events in the village and investigate possibility of building village hall	Idmiston Parish Council	Gomeldon Schools Local Resident Groups
Lack of shop and focal point in Idmiston	Install community notice board to advertise local events	Idmiston Parish Council	Local Resident Groups WI
Provision of new burial site	Invite local shops to consider delivery services Information about deliveries by the milkman and other home delivery services Information about BV Link Scheme Investigate possibility of opening church for social events	Porton Shop Winterbourne Shop & Post Office Dairies Bourne Valley Ministerial team	Royal Enterprise Advisor Idmiston Parish Council
Keep the village free from litter/tipping/animal mess	Investigations and talks ongoing for provision of new burial ground.	Idmiston Parish Council	Church of England Baptist Church Other interested religious bodies
Lack of street lighting in some areas	Provide more litter bins in the places where they are needed Keep up the litter picks and expand if necessary Encourage community pride and keeping our environment clean and tidy	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council WI
Investigate additional streetlights in the areas where there is a need (Gomeldon, Porton & Idmiston)		Idmiston Parish Council	

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
SPORT & LEISURE			
Improve Playing fields	New Play equipment (See Appendix A)	Idmiston Parish Council	
Install connecting pavements between villages	Implement construction of new pavements to connect Idmiston with Porton and Gomeldon with Porton (previously agreed with Wiltshire Council when and if funding available)	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council
Boggy conditions underfoot in Porton Playing field	Improve drainage - This is planned for 2010	Idmiston Parish Council	Environment Agency
Busy road crossing and no signage at entrance to Porton Playing field.	Investigate possibility of providing safe road crossing and proper signage at road entrance to Porton Playing field	Idmiston Parish Council	Wiltshire Council
Porton, Idmiston & Gomeldon residents highlighted a lack of linked paths/cycle routes and bridleways in the Parish	Implement the proposed cycle route from Porton Down to Salisbury & from the Parish to Amesbury & other Bourne Valley villages to open up safe and inclusive access for all, including disabled, pushchair/pram users, walkers & horse-riders Re-open footpaths/byways across MOD land	Wiltshire Council	COGS /BUGS Sustran DSTL/HPA/Tetricus Ltd Idmiston Parish Council Local schools (supported by their green travel plans) Bourne Valley Alliance Design Statement Steering Group
HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING			
There has been concern in the Parish about the proposals for large housing developments within the villages. (Core Strategy Plan)	Form a Village Design Statement Steering Group, to guide development	Village Design Statement Steering Group	Idmiston Parish Council Wiltshire Council
That the proposals were for large developments on greenfield sites not brownfield sites	Monitor new developments	Wiltshire Council	Environmental Agency Idmiston Parish Council

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING			
That small sites are not overdeveloped - buildings should be in keeping with the character and size of surrounding housing	Restrict the over-development of small sites to keep in with character and size of surrounding housing	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council CPRE
The villages are mainly rural/agricultural communities and the density of increased population must not be too high	Monitor new developments	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council CPRE
Monitor traffic impact of new developments, taking account of access and parking facilities	Take full account of access and parking facilities	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council
Some of the sites in our villages are in sensitive archaeological areas	Monitor new developments	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council CPRE
Many of the services, i.e. roads, drainage, schools, are already at full capacity	Ensure developers make provision for improvements to drainage on new builds and provide enhancement of amenities	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council
Loss of conservation area & habitat	Maintain conservation area & habitat	Wiltshire Council	Natural England RSPB Wiltshire Wildlife
EMPLOYMENT			
Future planning to ensure opportunity for employment within the Parish exists	Village Design Statement to address this	Wiltshire Council	Village Design Statement Steering Group Idmiston Parish Council

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
EMPLOYMENT			
Reduce traffic to sites of major employment	Investigate re-opening of Porton Railway station or establishing a halt Continued use of coach transport to bring in workers Car share schemes	Network Rail	DSTL, HPA & Terricus Ltd Network Rail Idmiston Parish Council Wiltshire Council
Better internet connections for home working	Provide improved internet service	BT & Other Internet Service Providers	
More flexible time-tables for bus transport to serve the needs of shift workers	Investigate possibility or alternative means such as car share scheme	Idmiston Parish Council	Wiltshire Council Wilts & Dorset Bus Co Connect 2 Wiltshire Salisbury Rural Taxis Community Transport Bourne Valley Alliance Community bus provider
CHILDREN AND EDUCATION			
Lack of places for community events	Investigate possibilities of using schools or churches for community events, additional educational activities and as a youth club	Idmiston Parish Council	Wiltshire Council Gomeldon Primary & St Nicholas Schools Churches Community Groups
Encourage support and participation in school and pre-school events and activities by the whole community	Promote and help with events whenever possible	Idmiston Parish Council	Schools Church Community Groups Local Residents
Implementation of Schools Green Travel Plan	Monitor and support progress	Gomeldon & St Nicholas Schools	Wiltshire Council Idmiston Parish Council

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
CHILDREN AND EDUCATION Implement multi-user route to link villages and schools through the Bourne Valley	Implement the proposed cycle route from Porton Down to Salisbury & from the Parish to Amesbury & other Bourne Valley villages to open up safe and inclusive access for all, including disabled, pushchair/pram users, walkers & horse-riders	Wiltshire Council	COGS /BUGS Sustran Idmiston Parish Council DSTL/HPA/Tetricus Ltd Local schools (supported by their green travel plans)
Find additional parking close to Gomeldon School	Investigate use of small Christmas Tree field for additional parking Support school green travel plans	Gomeldon School	Wiltshire Council Local Landowners
	Implement agreed cycle route to help walkers, cyclists etc (multi-user route)	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council
	Pelican crossing at school	Wiltshire Council	Gomeldon School
St Nicholas school would like warning signs and flashing lights outside Also a signpost to the school from Winterslow Road	Investigate cost of installing signage and flashing lights	Wiltshire Council	St Nicholas School Idmiston Parish Council

RESPONSE FROM OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (AGED 5-18)

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
Lack of sports and social clubs – All villages	Investigate utilization of Memorial Hall, Schools or other venues for sports and social clubs, such as youth club, girl guide rainbow group, brownies, music and dance	Idmiston Parish Council	The Fit Together Project/ WASP County Sports Partnership Community Youth Leadership Community 1st Schools
New Equipment wanted in Playing Fields – (Porton and Gomeldon) SEE APPENDIX A	Find funding for new equipment	Idmiston Parish Council	The Fit Together Project/ WASP County Sports Partnership Community Youth Leadership Community 1st
IDMISTON: Lack of focal point or area for football pitch, skate ramps, tennis courts or seating area	Possibility of finding an open area to use as play-area in Idmiston	Idmiston Parish Council	
IDMISTON: Parks in Porton & Gomeldon too far away and no pavement or safe cycling routes to access them	Cycle route to link the villages New pavements to link Idmiston to Porton (previously agreed with Wiltshire Council if and when funding available) Investigate red tarmac walking lane	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council DSTL/HPA/Tetricus Sustran & COGS
IDMISTON: Safety Issues – Fast traffic and heavy traffic to Porton Down Poor street lighting Lack of footpaths	Traffic calming – 20mph limit Church Rd New pavement to link Idmiston with Porton Improve street lighting	Wiltshire Council	Idmiston Parish Council Dstl/HPA/Tetricus Sustran & COGS
IDMISTON: Public transport – Too expensive and no bus timetable visible	Look into Community bus options Publise young peoples discounted fares Display bus timetable (Done)	Idmiston Parish Council	Wiltshire & Dorset bus company/Connect 2

RESPONSE FROM OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (AGED 5-18)

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
<p>IDMISTON: Ideas – Social events such as BBQ’s, musical events</p> <p>Church to be used for activities and concerts</p> <p>Shop</p>	<p>Look into possibility of opening Church as a venue for special events</p> <p>Local delivery service from local shops or mobile shops</p>	<p>Idmiston Parish Council</p>	<p>Bourne Valley Ministerial Team</p> <p>Idmiston Memorial Hall Committee</p> <p>Community Youth Leader</p> <p>Local shops</p>
<p>GOMELDON: Safety Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Fast traffic, lack of a cycle path, lack of pavements from school to Porton Poor street lighting Ill-fitting and narrow bridleway gates to road at Deans track 	<p>Traffic calming</p> <p>Pavement; School to Porton and back road to Gomeldon hill</p> <p>Improve street lighting</p> <p>Green travel plan (Gomeldon School)</p> <p>Improve problem gate on bridleway</p>	<p>Wiltshire Council</p>	<p>Idmiston Parish Council</p> <p>DSTL, HPA & Tetricus</p> <p>Gomeldon School</p>
<p>GOMELDON: Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Messy with litter and dogs mess More flowers 	<p>Pick up litter and animal mess</p> <p>Install litter bins (Requested- awaiting installation)</p> <p>Plant more flowers</p>	<p>Idmiston Parish Council</p>	<p>Wiltshire Council</p> <p>Local residents</p>
<p>GOMELDON: Public transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Too expensive and poor service 	<p>Look into Community bus options</p> <p>Publise young peoples discounted fares</p>	<p>Idmiston Parish Council</p>	<p>Wiltshire & Dorset bus company/Connect 2</p>
<p>GOMELDON: Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Village hall and Shop <p>Look into the possibility of building Village hall or meeting place</p>	<p>Look into possibility of new venue for special events</p> <p>Local delivery services from local shops or mobile shops</p>	<p>Idmiston Parish Council</p>	<p>Bourne Valley Ministerial Team</p> <p>Idmiston Memorial Hall Committee</p> <p>Community Youth Leader</p> <p>Local shops</p>

RESPONSE FROM OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (AGED 5-18)

ACTION POINT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY	PARTNERS
<p>PORTON: Park widely used, although issues included; busy road crossing, park often very muddy due to poor drainage, poorly maintained football pitch, lack of places to site and grumpy adults shouting at children and telling them to leave</p> <p>Requests received for open air events</p>	<p>Traffic calming and safety signage</p> <p>Drainage improvements (on-going with IPC)</p> <p>Weed and feed football pitch</p> <p>Provide seating</p> <p>Treating children in the park with respect</p> <p>Investigate use of park for open air events</p>	<p>Idmiston Parish Council</p>	<p>Wiltshire Council Wiltshire Police</p>
<p>PORTON: Fast traffic and lack of cycle paths, narrow pavements, dangerous road crossing to shop etc, lack of street lighting, footpath from Ford to School in poor condition, bullying (local job culture)</p>	<p>Traffic calming and solving problems of speeding and inconsiderate parking</p> <p>Cycle route to link the villages</p> <p>Green travel plan (St Nicholas School)</p> <p>Improved street lighting</p> <p>Improve footpaths</p>	<p>Idmiston Parish Council</p>	<p>Wiltshire Council Wiltshire Police St Nicholas School</p>
<p>PORTON: Public Transport – Buses too expensive and poor service</p> <p>More buses, especially in the evenings</p>	<p>Look into Community bus options</p> <p>Publise young peoples discounted fares</p>	<p>Idmiston Parish Council</p>	<p>Wiltshire & Dorset bus company/Connect 2</p>
<p>PORTON: Environment</p> <p>– Bridge at Porton Ford very scruffy, more woodland walks, bench near river at Byford</p>	<p>Paint bridge</p> <p>Research possibility of having more wildlife areas</p> <p>Install bench by Byford (done)</p>	<p>Idmiston Parish Council</p>	<p>Wiltshire Council Wiltshire Wildlife</p>
<p>PORTON: Ideas – More activities for young people in the Memorial Hall</p>	<p>Look into possibility of organising more in the Hall for 5-18 year olds including occasional café</p>	<p>Idmiston Parish Council</p>	<p>Wiltshire Council Bourne Valley Ministerial Team</p>

Appendix A

Playground Equipment Requested

Porton Children

Wooden climbing frame and ropes
Hop-scotch
Basketball Hoop
Skate-board Park
Bike Track/ramps
Swings for older children
Trim-trail
Tennis court
Football wall
Hockey goals
Rugby posts
Pond
Big slide
Spiral slide
Zip wire
Climbing Wall
Swimming Pool
Roundabout
Trampoline
Youth Shelter

Idmiston children

A Playground - any equipment
Basketball hoop
Football goal or Rugby post
Big swings
Monkey bars
Badminton court
Roundabout
Bigger peoples stuff
Water feature (interactive)
Trampoline
Big slide
Bike track

Gomeldon children

Spinning Wheel to hang off
Fast roundabout
Basketball hoop
Skateboard Park (inc roller-skates)
Climbing wall
Flat football pitch
Tennis court
Football goals & nets
Playhouse
Picnic area
Cricket nets
Big slide
Monkey bars
Trapezium
Ropes
Swimming pool

Appendix B

Idmiston Parish Rights of Way

(Idmiston, Porton and Gomeldon)

Public Rights of Way in a parishes are numbered and are of the following types;

Footpath; a highway over which the public have only pedestrian right of way (unless the land owner has given permission for other users) and other than such a highway at the side of a public road;

Bridleway; a highway over which the public have a right of way on foot, on horseback or when leading a horse;

Public Path; a highway being a footpath or a bridleway;

Byway open to all traffic; a highway being a public right of way for vehicular and all other kinds of traffic.

There are seven rights of way in the parish but are referred to paradoxically as Numbers 1 to 8. Number 4 no longer exists having been absorbed into the Porton Down Estate.

Directions are given in *italics* and descriptive passages in ordinary script. The six figure grid reference (GR) is from the Ordnance Survey 1:50,000 Landranger Map 184 (Salisbury & The Plain).

IDMISTON NO 1

This **footpath** starts on Idmiston Road (**GR 192366**) and ends at the parish boundary (**GR 183356**) with Winterbourne Gunner on the south-western side of Gomeldon Hill. It is not continuous but in four sections.

1A. *Just south of the school on Idmiston Road join the path that runs alongside the meadow.*

The path has a kissing gate at either end to contain any grazing stock. The land across the River Bourne was once worked as a water meadow and both meadows are rich in flora. It is worth taking a careful look particularly when blooms decorate the turf as wild plants in this area are of conservation interest.

Proceed through the kissing gate adjacent to Downholme.

Traces of the system of ditches in the old water meadow to the right across the river can be detected, as can pollarded trees.

Proceed through a third kissing gate.

It is claimed that flint mines were once worked to the left of this banked meadow. The river splits on the right and leads to a weir that formed part of the control system for the earlier water meadows.

Proceed through the last kissing gate.

This leads into the lane that runs from Winterslow Road past the Porton Ford. Immediately opposite this last gate, an old yew hedge marks the boundary of Byford. Just inside once stood the original chapel of ease which fell into disrepair and was replaced by the present St Nicholas's church in the mid nineteenth century. Byford and its outbuildings were the original church farm but were separated from the farm land in a past land sale when the new name Byford was adopted.

Turn left into the lane, cross over Winterslow Road and go left into Bonaker Close.

As the name suggests, the bungalows in the close were built on part of Bonaker farm. The original farmhouse is now called Chalk House. It was the first residence in Porton to have a private telephone and stands opposite St Nicholas's church a little further east along Winterslow Road.

1B. *At the top of the close, pass between bungalows No 2 and No 3 and, after a barred gate, cross the paddock to a concrete path and beyond this to a stile. Go over the stile, cross the track and ascend the brick steps to the footpath at the rear of Boxhedge Cottage on the right.*

Not so long ago this single dwelling comprised three separate cottages.

Follow the path along a fence past some cottages on the left and descend to the minor road near Oakwood Cottage and the Baptist Church.

The church was built in 1865 at about the same time as the present St Nicholas's church

Turn left onto the minor road and go along it for about 130m and then drop down to the right.

1C. *Follow the fenced path around two sides of the field to the trees at the marshy edge of the River Bourne. Turn left and pass between two high, wooden fences for about 100m to a stile.*

The stile gives on a pretty meadow often occupied by sheep, geese and ducks. The meadow is edged on the right by a part of the river that had been channelled into a leat to drive a grist mill that once operated here. As a reminder, the house which sits just beyond the meadow is appropriately named Mill Leat.

From the stile, cross the meadow diagonally to the left to a kissing gate on the narrow minor road under Gomeldon Hill. Turn right into the lane and follow it past the turn to West Gomeldon ford and the modern Portway House.

The house is so named as it is believed to sit on the Roman road of that name that came across the marshes from Mill Corner. Just past it on the right is Manor House which was the farmhouse to Gomeldon's Manor Farm and which extended to the east from the river up to what is now Porton Down Estate.

Continue up the hill past a white, tile-roofed wall towards East Gomeldon and go over a stile on the right.

1D. *Continue along the footpath beyond and descend the grassy bank in a southerly direction to a gate on the parish boundary with Winterbourne Gunner (GR 183356).*

This grassy area is known locally as Humpty-Dumpty field. It witnessed archaeological excavation in the 1960s and found to be the site of a medieval settlement. Footpath 1 terminates at the parish boundary where it meets Winterbourne paths nos 4 and 5.

IDMISTON NO 2

This is a **bridleway** that more or less follows the course of the Portway that sliced through the parish on its way from Old Sarum to Silchester. It has been an important thoroughfare and was known in later times as the Andover Road. The section in the parish is used for recreation and its former name, The Portway, has been readopted.

Cross Idmiston's north-east parish boundary (GR 208378) parallel to, and just north-west of, the London to Salisbury railway line.

The railway was cut through in the nineteenth century whereas the Portway dates from the early centuries of the first millennium.

Follow the path south-west (with agricultural land and Boscombe village to the north) to a gate immediately adjacent to the railway line. Descend to Church Road in Idmiston at the railway arch leading to Porton Down.

This arch once formed the main access to Porton Down establishments but access was transferred to a spur from the Winterslow Road when the Silver Star Company, which serviced "the camp", introduced double decker buses. These were too lofty to pass Idmiston Arch but could be accommodated by the higher arch spanning Winterslow Road. Opposite the bridleway's arrival in Church Road is the old ramp leading up to Idmiston Halt which was in service until the late 1960s.

Turn right into Church Road and, after passing Archway House, go immediately left up the steep hill past Ladyway caravan park and proceed along the edge of the field.

From the high ground the Romans' destination, Old Sarum, can be seen just under the horizon about 5 miles ahead. Boscombe Down and Beacon Hill are visible to the north and a little further on Battery Hill and Thorneydown Wood appear to the south. The railway line is out of sight; only the swish of trains passing through the

cutting can be heard. The bridleway doesn't actually follow the course of the Portway in this field but has been diverted to the edge to simplify the management of the land.

At a fence at the end of the field turn right to pass some millennium trees then enter the large field on your left through a gate. Continue south-west across the dip in the field (no path) to a gate that only becomes apparent on its approach. Proceed across the corner of another field (no path) to another gate leading to the Bonaker Farm track. Cross this, go through the gate opposite and cross another field (no path) at the rear of the Porton Memorial Hall towards two new detached houses. Go through the gate and descend between the houses into Buller Park and so to Chapman's Corner in the centre of Porton village.

The five-pronged crossroads took its name from a Mr Chapman who once operated a general store and bakery at 57, Winterslow Road. The building was subsequently used as a post office and then a wine shop; it now houses Caroline's Hairdressing Salon.

The Portway's exact route out of Porton is uncertain, although its line has been much debated.

IDMISTON NO 3

Take the byway on the west side of the Tidworth Road (A338) that lies opposite Hairpin Bend in Idmiston (GR 195379). Go along past some cottages, first on the right and then the left. Climb up the stony track and follow it round to the right. Continue up to the perimeter fence of QinetiQ's Boscombe Down airfield. Just before this point a road leads down to the left to Queen Manor Farm land; it is not a right of way.

In former times, when this was predominantly sheep grazing country, the track continued across the upland of Boscombe Down. Today, however, return to the Tidworth Road is the only option.

Good views abound whilst so doing. To the east (GR 242381) Tower Hill stands as proudly as when it hosted Benson's Folly. Further west on the horizon are the Isle of Wight woods, once home to the Old Lodge, the home of the Poore family, descendants of the first Bishop of New Sarum. To the south-west of the woods come Blake's Firs and Moll Harris's Clump. Moll was a highwayman who operated thence and was eventually hanged for her enterprise. Next in this rightwards sweep of the panorama is Battery Hill, formerly known as Spion Kop, a name like that of Buller Park (in Porton), from the Boer War. The latter is reputed to be where Buller's army assembled in readiness for its transshipment to South Africa. Further to the right are Thorneydown Woods which give way to Figsbury Rings that can just be identified.

Idmiston nestles beneath this horizon in the valley of the River Bourne, the spire of its predominantly thirteenth century All Saints church visible above the trees.

From the junction of this byway with the Tidworth Road (A338), the Earl of Normanton public house lies about 300 metres along to the left. A permissive path

through a field and a copse (on the left) leads to it from just beyond the converted chapel now called Kirkens.

IDMISTON NO 4

As a footpath this no longer exists. It was the right of way that led from Chapman's Corner over the downs to the London Road (A30). It was lost to the parish when the Porton Down Estate was procured for the military in 1916. This former right of way is now the C288, Winterslow Road; it follows the same course across the downs. The present ownership by the Ministry of Defence of the stretch from Manor Farm Road to the London Road is currently the subject of discussions with Wiltshire County Council.

IDMISTON NO 5

Like The Portway, this is a **bridleway**. It starts on the Tidworth Road (A338) opposite the lane from West Gomeldon Ford (**GR 181360**) and ends on the C288 (**GR 172386**) south of the Boscombe Down security fence. Wildlife sightings are plentiful on this walk. Depending upon the time of year roe deer, hares, pheasants, partridges may be seen as well as lambs in the spring.

*From **GR 181360** enter West Gomeldon Farm (Joe Dean Farming Company) and join the track running through the length of the farmland.*

As the track leaves the farmyard, young trees, guarded and staked, can be seen at intervals on either side. These are some of the trees planted throughout the parish to commemorate the millennium.

Passed the farm buildings the ruins of West Gomeldon windmill loom into view just above the trees to the west. The mill originated in Wallop whence it was transferred to West Gomeldon in the 1860s when its owner experienced ground rent problems with his Wallop landlord. Its large sails were easily visible making the mill a landmark for miles around. Sadly, it only operated for about forty years before falling into disuse. The structure is just outside the parish boundary with Winterbourne.

A church may have been sited somewhere in the field between the windmill ruins and the farm track. The Enclosure Awards for 1794 refer to this field as "Chapel Croft" indicating an ecclesiastical link.

*Continue for about 1 ½ kilometres where, to the right of a leftward bend in the track, there is a substantial brick and flint building (**GR 165383**).*

This is Down Barn. Such barns were constructed when the early river bank Saxon farmsteads grew to develop as strips of land as they extended away from the river. Sideways development of such strips became impossible as neighbours worked the adjacent land. Consequently many of these farms became so long that they were difficult to manage. A solution was found in the building of down barns about half way along the strip; many of these developed into independent farms. This one is an

excellent example of such a development and still shows the evidence of a dewpond and the remnants of a wind pump for proving water.

Another such barn that developed into an independent farm is Downbarn West in the parish of Winterbourne Gunner and can be seen across the fields to the south.

From the Down barn continue north-west along the rising track

At the brow of the first rise, on the right in a small copse inside the fence, are the remains of a water tank for the benefit of stock that grazed that area.

Continue about 200 metres along the track.

On the left is an old transportable shepherd's hut along with some farm implements. Huts of this sort are rarely used today but in the not so distant past were extremely common at lambing time.

The total length of the bridleway is 2.41 kilometres and it ends at the C288 road that runs along the south-east boundary fence of Boscombe Down airfield. Before the establishment of this military base the track proceeded over the downs to pick up the old Marlborough Road from Salisbury. A section of this old coach route is now a byway, listed as Idmiston No 8.

IDMISTON NO 6

This a **footpath** of only 90 metres.

Start on the Winterbourne side of Gomeldon Hill (GR 183355) on the pavement on the south-east side of the C285 road, 80 metres north of the parish boundary. Walk south-east for 90 metres to a clump of trees at the foot of the field.

The path turns sharp right here at the parish boundary and continues south as Winterbourne No 1.

IDMISTON NO 7

This is the shortest **footpath** in the parish and possibly in the county.

Turn right just after No 2 Malvern Way in Porton village. Head east and then north-east for 33 metres on the tarmac path into Southbourne Close.

IDMISTON NO 8

This is a **byway** that runs along part of the parish boundary immediately north of Boscombe Down's north-west perimeter fence. It is part of the old Marlborough coach road out of Salisbury and enters the parish as Winterbourne No 26 (GR 159382) and leaves as Amesbury No 1 (GR 166394).

From the C288 at GR 159382 go north-east for about a kilometre.

An old milestone can be found on the bank to the south of the track indicating distances from Marlborough and Salisbury.

Continue for a short distance.

The path now cuts through an ancient linear earthwork at the parish boundary.

JUBILEE WALK

This is a further right of way for which the parish is responsible. It follows the River Bourne in Porton and is a nature walk that links the Baptist burial ground at the corner of Malvern Way and Winterslow Road to the bottom of the Avenue (**GR 188367**). It was initially opened to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee but fell into disuse. It was upgraded for the Queen's Golden Jubilee and is now a gravel track for most of its length.

COUNTRY CODE

When using the paths in the parish and beyond, observe the following:

- ◆ Respect the life and work of the countryside
- ◆ Be aware of fire risks and hazards
- ◆ Fasten all gates
- ◆ Keep to public paths across farmland
- ◆ Use gates or stiles to cross fences, hedges or walls
- ◆ Take your litter home
- ◆ Help to keep all water clean
- ◆ Protect wildlife, plants and trees
- ◆ Take special care on country roads
- ◆ Leave livestock, crops and agricultural machinery alone
- ◆ Make no unnecessary noise
- ◆ Keep your dog under close control and on the lead where requested to do so
- ◆ **Clean up after your dog. Not doing so may lead to a large fine.**

Appendix C

Bourne Valley Youth Project: The History

In the Bourne Valley young people are seen by some as a problem. There have been a few complaints about anti social behaviour and occasions of isolated drunkard behaviour and minor drug problems. There are no organised gathering places for young people in the whole Bourne Valley – which runs from Cholderton to the edge of Ford/Salisbury; a rural ribbon. There is an irregular bus service to Salisbury and via Tidworth to

Marlborough. The Bourne Valley does not have a natural centre for young people other than the local take away shop and has no public toilets. There are several recreation grounds; however these are places where some of the complaints are focussed. Youth work from the churches has come to an end, and we want to work with the village communities rather than apart from them in the future.

The Vision

To develop trust and understanding between generations, and find a safe environment for young people to express their thoughts and feelings. We are planning to appoint two or three detached youth workers for a period of 9 months who will work among the young people where they meet across the whole of the Bourne Valley to try to help us understand what are the issues and concerns. The working group are keen to appoint a Christian detached youth worker to work alongside the council funded detached youth workers. They see the church as having an important role within this programme. In particular they want someone who can address issues of faith and spirituality with the young people that might well be otherwise ignored, or spoken about by those who do not have faith themselves. We are determined to find an answer to the problems here that will enable us to build a better community and to respond in care for all those who live here.

In the past we have had a youth building at the parish hall and one at the local pub. These though valiant efforts did not reach the needs, mainly because they were imposed on the young people rather than created by them. We need to find out what the young people might want to help them grow as responsible and valued adults. And in order to ask the questions and properly hear the answers we need help.

In the past youth work has been about finding a space and providing activities that are led by the adults and managed by the adults. The idea of asking the young people

themselves and helping them to recognise the problems and work together with people from across the team to resolve them is a new idea here, although a tried and trusted one elsewhere.

At the end of the detached youth workers time we will have some answers and some more questions too. We hope to be better able to understand our neighbours, young and old. We will be able to identify the numbers of young people in the team, and have built relationships. We want to be able to react to the recommendations of the youth worker. In so doing we will be a better community and will have created close links within church and secular organisations, and built relationships that will enable us to take on the recommendations of the youth workers and the local community.

The Present

We have appointed two youth workers who have been working since the end of March 2009. There have been two evenings of organised activities at Porton, and are making connections with a number of young people in the valley.

There are plans in progress to develop the Porton playing field to encourage use by ALL age groups and at a recent public meeting the idea of having a skate ramp for the young bikers & skaters was discussed and generally welcomed. It is hoped that the young people will be actively involved in the fundraising and design & upkeep of such a facility.

Detached youth workers are fully qualified and experienced youth workers who work outside where young people gather rather than in a dedicated youth centre building. These workers will locate and interact with the young people and find out what they want and how best to deal with their concerns. We wish to include the entire Bourne valley.

The basis of our vision was that the Bourne Valley needed to address some of the issues around our young people but due to population size we needed to act as one community to be able to achieve any degree of effective youth work. Thus the local Anglican Team, the Baptist Church, the

Parish Council, Police and Head of Idmiston School, local parents, and local social worker have been part of the planning. We have received a grant from the St Aldhelm's Trust to fund a church detached youth worker for 9 months, who will work alongside the WCC workers as one team.

Funding is now in place for WCC detached youth workers (DYWs) to spend five weeks in the Bourne Valley commencing in March. The DYWs will spend several hours each visit in various locations throughout the Bourne Valley interacting with the young people; they will be mentored by Kevin and supported by WCC. They will work together with the church youth worker and report back to Kevin & Vanda and the BVYP on a regular basis. This initial work will enable us to find the funding for the main body of work which will last for 6-9 months. After this we will be able to make decisions about our response to/for the young people with them, and with a full understanding of the reality of the situation across the valley.

Long term DYWs will be sought in April, the positions will be advertised and funding for these posts will be essential.

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