



## Action Plan T1





### Improving public transport services and community transport

	action completed
	ongoing action / activity required
	activity incomplete / action still required

#### Background

The results from the Great Village Voice Questionnaire Survey show that members of about 20% of households in the parish can often or occasionally experience transport difficulties in getting to work, school/college or other places. Although not large in number, these can be very important difficulties. Getting to and from hospitals emerged as a particular concern. Users of the existing bus services

provided a range of information and ideas about improvements that they would like to see and a number of people volunteered to offer lifts and/or to help with a community minibus scheme. 94% of respondents felt that, if the bus service was to be withdrawn, the community should try to run a community minibus and 53% felt that the idea of a 'halt' for Buriton passengers on the railway line should be explored.

Activities	Target for Completion	Who	Notes	Status / Progress
Write to the relevant rail authorities to explore the idea of a rail 'halt' at Buriton	March 2008	Parish Council	Done but unsuccessful	
Pass all the 'Village Voice' information about transport difficulties (getting to work, school/college and/or other places) and about shortcomings with the existing public transport services to the Parish Council's Bus Users' Group	March 2008	Village Voice Group		
Explore re-timings of current bus services (to help travel to/from TPS) and other service changes with the County Council and bus companies	July 2008	Parish Council Bus Users' Group, HCC		
Improve information and awareness about the public transport services that are available by including bus timetables in the Parish Magazine, on the Parish Council's website and on noticeboards	July 2008	Parish Magazine Editor Parish Council		
Improve information and awareness about other transport services (such as transport to/from hospitals) that are available to residents of the parish	September 2008	Village Voice Group, Parish Magazine Editor, Parish Council		
Consider longer term 'self help' solutions – perhaps making available a directory of the (44) people who have offered to provide lifts (in Parish Magazine, on website, in Post Office?). A potential 'second phase' of this idea could be for a volunteer to act as a telephone or email contact / clearing house. But it will be important not to attract passengers away from the bus service	ongoing; only if / when need arises	Parish Council Bus Users' Group		

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### Improving public transport services and community transport *(continued)*

Activities	Target for Completion	Who	Notes	Status / Progress
Another longer term solution could be to consider a community minibus service (perhaps just evening or weekend journeys initially?). Either: (a) using vehicles already available in the area (eg. school vehicles, health service vehicles etc) or (b) sharing a vehicle with other nearby communities or (c) acquiring a community minibus for the parish.	2009 or beyond	Parish Council		
Names of the 30 potential volunteer drivers to be passed to Parish Council		Village Voice Group		

## Action Plan T2

### Addressing traffic and road safety issues

#### Background

The Great Village Voice Questionnaire Survey and the House Parties and workshops have provided a lot of valuable information about traffic and road safety issues. The main findings include:



- 64% of respondents felt that road safety is a problem in the parish
  - 81% of respondents felt that the speed of traffic is a problem in the parish
  - 69% of respondents felt that the size of vehicles on roads in the parish is a problem
  - 66% of respondents felt that the number of cars bringing children to school is a problem
  - 44% of respondents felt that there are road maintenance problems in the parish
  - 61% of respondents felt that there is a problem with parking in the village
  - 91% of respondents said that they support the idea that the traffic and parking situation along the full length of the High Street should be re-examined as a whole, to take account of traffic speeds, parking needs and the safety of pedestrians, schoolchildren and all road users
- 82% of respondents said that if there was to be any traffic calming in the parish then it should look more in keeping with the character of the villages than the current examples in the High Street
  - 88% of respondents said that they would support the idea of creating some safer routes for pedestrians and cyclists (particularly for journeys to and from Petersfield and between Buriton and Weston) with the most commonly suggested ideas being: a footpath/cycleway alongside Greenway Lane into Buriton (or across the fields to Kiln Lane); and making Bolinge Hill Lane for pedestrians, cyclists, horses, access only (eg. putting a gate on it).
- The Village Voice exercise has also collected lots of detailed comments about where parking is felt to be a problem, where the speed of traffic is felt to be a problem (with ideas for speed control measures) and about the locations of danger spots for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

Activities	Target for Completion	Who	Notes	Status / Progress
Pass all the 'Village Voice' information about traffic, parking and road safety issues to the Parish Council for consideration and attention	September 2007	Village Voice Group		
Pass all the 'Village Voice' information about school traffic, parking and safety issues to the School Governors / Headteacher for consideration and attention as the School Travel Plan is taken forward	September 2007	Village Voice Group		

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## Action Plan T2 (continued)

### Addressing traffic and road safety issues

Activities	Target for Completion	Who	Notes	Status / Progress
Work together to address traffic, parking and safety issues relating to school times and to try to reduce the total number of car journeys to/from the school	October 2007 and ongoing	Parish Council, School Travel Plan Group		
Commission consultants to study the whole of the village High Street and environs (taking account of all the information about traffic speeds, parking needs, bus stopping arrangements and the safety of pedestrians, schoolchildren and all road users) and produce ideas for design solutions to reduce traffic speeds and increase safety whilst keeping the rural feel of the village.	October 2007	Parish Council, Consultants		
Develop consultants' ideas within the community and use them to seek Highway Authority approval and funding from a range of sources to bring about improvements	December 2007 and ongoing	Parish Council	Phase 1 implemented April 2009.	
			Phase 2 being considered	
Ensure that traffic / safety concerns along Greenway Lane (particularly for pedestrians and cyclists) are addressed – to create safer routes to/from Petersfield and Weston: perhaps either foot/cycle-paths just inside fields alongside Greenway Lane (or across the fields to Kiln Lane alongside railway line) and/or safer route via Petersfield Road / Bolinge Hill Lane. Could also consider ideas to reduce speeds on Greenway Lane and Kiln Lane: either by changing the formal speed limits or by changing the appearance of the roads (allowing hedges to grow, removing white lines etc) – but only if adequate, safe, routes for pedestrians and cyclists are provided	April 2008 and ongoing	Parish Council		
Explore the idea of putting a gate somewhere on Petersfield Road / Bolinge Hill Lane so as to encourage its use primarily for pedestrians, cyclists, horses and access (and to provide a link to the cycle route along Causeway from layby to TPS etc). This lane is already part of a special Hampshire County Council / AONB Cycle Route and part of the national Sustrans network	April 2008 and ongoing	Parish Council	It may be possible to use funding from developers' contributions. Working with Petersfield Town Council may prove beneficial	
Contact Ordnance Survey to alert them to the unsuitability of SatNav routeings via the village for their next review of base data	December 2007	Village Voice Group	Ordnance Survey has agreed to amend its database	