

Keinton Mandeville



Local Community Plan



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Forward to the Keinton Mandeville Village Plan

In 2004 the idea was conceived that Keinton Mandeville would benefit from a well researched Village Plan which would be in place for a number of years and would point the way forward for the village in a variety of areas, particularly in view of the ever more frequent changes both in the village and the surrounding region.

As a result with the financial backing of the then Countryside Agency, the Parish Council, and the South Somerset District Council a steering committee was set up to oversee the production of a plan for the village, which it was decided, would best be accomplished by taking soundings in the village from as many representative groups as possible. It was also decided that such a survey could only be conducted if it was backed up by a questionnaire sent to all houses in the village.

The response from the residents of Keinton has been far greater than we were led to believe would be the case, from the experience of other villages, with over 71% of the questionnaires being returned and good attendance at the function held to publicise the project. It left the steering group with a great deal of work to do to analyse the results and to produce from the data a coherent plan, but with the expenditure of much midnight oil the task was completed. The resultant document, which will form the basis of village policy for the next five years, is now before you representing the wishes of the current residents of Keinton Mandeville.

You, the villagers have spoken and now it is up to all of us to ensure these objectives are translated into actions for the benefit of all. The Plan will provide a passkey to sources of hitherto undiscovered funds to assist many of these projects but volunteers will also be needed to help in getting many of these schemes under way many of which have already been taken on board by the Parish Council who are keen to move them forward, with your help.

My thanks to all who have assisted in producing this Plan in whatever way.

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Introduction

This plan describes the results of an extensive consultation exercise carried out in 2005 in Keinton Mandeville. The aim of the consultation was to involve local people in assessing the needs of their local area and to work towards developing actions and sustainable solutions to the identified issues. This approach reflects the recent understanding of the real benefits of local people working in partnership with local groups and businesses and the more formal agencies and group to maintain and increase the vitality of their area.

The consultation process has already been merged into the local community planning process in South Somerset (via South Somerset District Council Community Development Officer) and we intend that this work will feed into the local strategic partnership, made up of the local and regional organisations delivering services in the area.

A grant from the Countryside Agency has funded much of the work, with support from South Somerset District Council and the Community Council for Somerset. The work of other towns and villages that are planning their own futures in South Somerset and nationally have been used to guide and inform this action plan for our future. Our village plan contains a profile of the area covering a range of themes including Community Safety, Economy, Education and Learning, Environment, Housing, Leisure and Culture, Transport and Traffic and Youth.

The work leading to this report has been led by a local community planning group with wide-ranging membership with active support from officers of local agencies. A strength of the work has been the excellent co-operation between the Parish Council, South Somerset District Council and the Keinton Mandeville Parish Plan Group. Every part of the process has been led and endorsed by local people and this report summarises their vision, their views on the key issues, objectives and actions.

Our Vision

Keinton Mandeville is a safe, vibrant and thriving community, that excludes no-one and that all residents are proud to live in.



What is our parish like?

Keinton Mandeville has medieval origins and now is a mix of styles and properties that have grown from the early village of farms and quarry and the scattered houses associated with them. It is an attractive settlement in amongst some of the most beautiful countryside in Somerset. The parish has a long history of quarrying the local blue lias called Keinton Stone. In fact, there used to be more people employed in quarrying than in farming. Today, there is one working quarry left in the village. The majority of the buildings in the village and indeed, in the wider locality, are built from Keinton Stone. The actor, Henry Brodribb Irving, was born in the village in 1838.



To the north of the village, the busy B3153 Somerton to Castle Cary road connects with the A37 (Fosse Way) a mile to the east, with its attendant traffic flow from the Midlands to the South West. The major trunk dual carriage-way of the A303 is 8km south of the village. To the north-west lies Glastonbury, 16 km, with its religious and mystic connections, and to the south is the Sub-Regional Centre of Yeovil, 19 km, with Westlands as its major employer. The source of much employment for villagers is the Royal Naval Air Station of Yeovilton.

The population of Keinton Mandeville has grown recently to its current level of 949 (source: Census 2001) with the development of the heart of the village of over 100 houses over the last 25 years. It is assumed that the current population is over 1000. The village has maintained an active village store, a post office, and a bakery and supports two public houses and a thriving village primary school with over 130 pupils, which expanded as recently as 1996 to over double its previous size. Unfortunately, in recent years we have seen a number of retail premises disappear, including a general stores and a hardware store.



The village is surrounded by a number of smaller villages: Barton-St-David, Lydford (East and West), Babcary and The Charltons (Adam and Mackrell). It draws support from them as it provides facilities that they need. The only satellite that is wholly dependant being the hamlet of Kingweston which is now linked with Keinton through the church as part of the parish.

The village has a visiting Doctor's Surgery daily in part of the Village Hall which itself was built with a considerable amount of self help only 6 years ago after a 6 year campaign. The Village Hall now serves as a centre to the community and has regular meetings of Scouts, Brownies and Cubs, Short Matt Bowling and Yoga, as well as fitness classes, coffee mornings and hosts many village functions.



Keinton Mandeville Village Hall

It is supplemented in this role by the Methodist and Parish Churches, which respectively have the Youth and Older Citizens' Club, the Mothers' Union and the W.I. as well as regular worship. A playing field with play area serves a wide range of the population.



The housing ranges from older period properties to modern estate houses which have been developed as recently as 2003. A number of modern executive style homes have been built over the last 20 years, but few starter homes and housing for the young first time buyers. There appears to be a need for sheltered accommodation for the elderly to complement the Nursing and Care Homes already in place.

The village is served by sporadic bus services other than school buses, which allow for social and shopping use only, but not for employment. There are train services from Castle Cary, 10 km, and Sherborne, 21 km to London on a regular basis.



The Process of Developing the Plan

Strengths and weaknesses have been assessed using a variety of methods including statistical evidence, profiling work and consultation results. All of the results have fed into the plan which has resulted in a robust statement of need with an appropriate and realistic action plan for the future.

Who is working to plan the future?

This work was developed by the formation of an active local community planning group with representatives from the community, voluntary sector, parish council and district council. The primary purpose of the Keinton Mandeville Village Plan Group is to produce and publish

‘An action plan for the Parish of Keinton Mandeville that will identify and implement our vision for development of this village over the next 15 years. This plan will cover the facilities and services that are important to us, our key needs and priorities and how we are going to turn our vision into reality’.

The group is accountable to the Parish Council and financially accountable to Defra for proper use of the Parish Plan Grant. Ultimately the Community Plan belongs to the community of Keinton Mandeville and is not the property of any one organisation. However, this Village Plan group will oversee the parish action plan and development of the projects arising from it.

Key Events, consultations and surveys

- Over the period between Autumn 04 and Winter 05/06 there was a great deal of consultation in the parish to find out a preliminary vision for the future, bring together information on the area, to recognise the main goals for the parish and to identify key projects and actions.
- A questionnaire was delivered to every house with a 71% return rate.
- Further consultation has included focus groups, public meetings, an informal drop in day and ‘The Good, The Bad and The Ugly’ disposable camera consultation with local groups.



Photograph Exhibition

- The parish planning group have met with the Parish Council, District Council and County Council representatives to prioritise projects
- A website, www.keintonmandeville.com has been initiated to keep community informed of progress
- The actions contained within the action plan will be presented to the parish council at an open meeting in February '06 to achieve endorsement from the whole community.
- A mobile phone was set up to receive text messaging, although take-up of this was very low.

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- A photograph exhibition was set up to display the results of the photo consultation along with an enormous range of historical photographs. Further consultation was undertaken at this event which was particularly well supported.
- Publicity has been wide-ranging and frequent to encourage maximum participation in the process. A full colour leaflet will be produced to every household in the area by Spring 06 with a summary of the needs analysis and action plan.



A detail from a Graffiti Wall consultation set up at an Open Meeting

How are we going to make a difference?

The Keinton Mandeville Village Plan group has compiled the strategy and action plan by combining the key statistics (or needs) with the profiling evidence. In addition, the information from the consultation is used to underpin this strategy and action plan.

In taking account of all the work, research and information the Village Plan group identified 9 key priority themes. These are:

- Community Safety
- Economy
- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Environment
- Health Issues
- Housing
- Leisure and Culture
- Transport and Traffic
- Youth Issues



How will the community judge the progress of the action plan?

- Identified success measures will be annually monitored by the Village Plan Group, requested by the parish council
- New projects and services will be developed
- Number of people accessing new services will be measured
- Increased public understanding of what is available
- Increased funding levered into area
- Activity reports in the parish magazine

What plans are there to ensure ongoing community engagement?

- Regular open meetings hosted by the parish council
- Glossy leaflet to be distributed to all households
- Regular input into parish magazine



Review date for plan

- The plan is seen as a rolling draft and will be monitored annually and continually updated
- There will be a major revisit in 2012



COMMUNITY SAFETY

Our Vision

Keinton Mandeville is a village in which its residents feel safe to live and where local measures ensure that community safety issues are kept to as low a level as is possible.

Consultation Results

- There are high concern levels (over 50% of residents) with theft from homes, theft from outbuildings and drug dealing.
- Around a third of residents feel that car theft / damage, vandalism / anti-social behaviour and drug misuse were a problem.
- 59% of people feel that on-street parking is a safety risk in Keinton Mandeville.
- 76% of people feel that speeding traffic is a problem with 59% supporting traffic calming initiatives and 29% a community speedwatch initiative.
- 67% of people felt that the police coverage of Keinton Mandeville was poor
- 40% of residents would like to join the Neighbourhood Watch scheme
- Over 15% of residents expressed a particular feeling of being unsafe when walking to the village hall at night.

Objective 1

To extend Neighbourhood watch scheme to effectively cover the whole community

	Action	Lead Responsibility and/or partners	Timescale
1.1.a	Contact all those who have expressed an interest and invite to open meeting	Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator , Parish Council, Area East Community Safety Action Panel	Spring 06 Major increase already.
1.1.b	Raise awareness of neighbourhood watch by increasing publicity in parish magazine	Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator , Parish Council	Ongoing
1.1.c	Apply for funding to increase signage of Neighbourhood Watch areas	Parish Council , Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Area East Community Safety Action Panel	Summer 06

Objective 2

To ensure that the level of policing is considered adequate by our community and to reduce the fear of crime

	Action	Lead Responsibility and/or partners	Timescale
1.2.a	Publicise local beat manager's contact details and timetable for community support vehicle to establish local police contacts to raise the profile about the level of police support available	Parish Council , Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Area East Community Safety Action Panel	Ongoing
1.2.b	To invite the local beat manager and Police Community Support Officer (when appointed) to parish council meetings to share local community safety information.	Parish Council , Avon and Somerset Constabulary	On-going
1.2.c	Invite Sheduction van to local events (school fete?) to raise awareness about how to increase security. Deliver Sheduction leaflets to all households.	Parish Council , Avon and Somerset Constabulary (Crime Reduction Officer), Area East Community Safety Action Panel	Summer 06
1.2.d	Customise local leaflet that enables quick and easy reporting of local incidents.	Parish Council , Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Area East Community Safety Action Panel	Summer 06
1.2.e	Target specific issues in conjunction with the Area East Community Safety Action Panel	Parish Council , Area East Community Safety Action Panel	On-going
1.2.f	To work actively with appropriate agencies to combat drug dealing and misuse	Parish Council , Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Area East Community Safety Action Panel	On going
1.2.g	To distribute a 'Frequently Asked Questions' community safety leaflet to all households	Parish Council , Area East Community Safety Action Panel	Spring 06

Objective 3

To ensure that residents feel that our roads and lanes feel safe

	Action	<u>Lead Responsibly and/or partners</u>	Timescale
1.3.a	To set up and support Community Speed Watch group	<u>Parish Council</u> , Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Community Safety Action Panel	Ongoing
1.3.b	Investigate possibility of increased signage to highlight dangers – such as ‘children at play’ signs	<u>Parish Council</u> , Area East Community Safety Action Panel, County Highways	Jan 07
1.3.c	Investigate the possibility of other traffic calming measures with the appropriate agencies	<u>Parish Council</u> , Area East Community Safety Action Panel, County Highways	Jan 07
1.3.d	To make the approach to and the surroundings of the village hall feel safer by appropriate lighting and regular trimming of hedges	<u>Village Hall Committee</u> , Parish Council, Area East Community Safety Action Panel, County Highways	Spring 07
1.3.e	Investigate the possibility of speed calming on the road to the village hall	<u>Village Hall Committee</u> , Parish Council, Area East Community Safety Action Panel, County Highways	Spring 07

ECONOMY

Our Vision

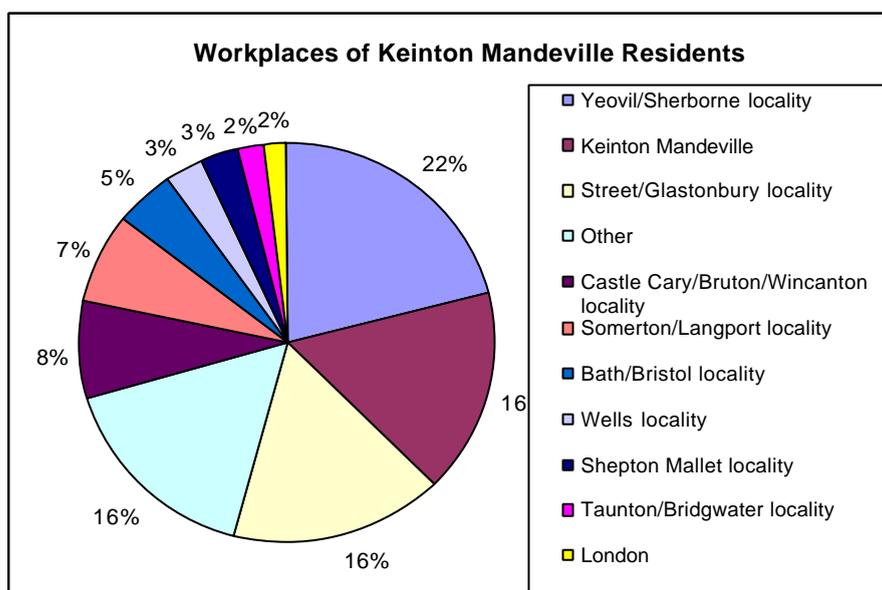
Keinton Mandeville is a village with a very low level of unemployment and a healthy balance between those in work and the retired population. The retail and service outlets, which are well supported locally, meet the requirements and expectations of the villagers.

Consultation Results

- Of the 622 responses, 336 residents of the village are employed (employee and self employed) with negligible unemployment. The remaining 286 residents are in full time education, unwaged housewife/husband, retired or permanently sick or disabled. Of these the retired population - one person in five - is the largest category followed closely by residents in full time education. Those in full time education number 110, with, at a conservative estimate, some 40 entering the job market within the next two to three years.
- The greatest proportion of residents in employment work in the Yeovil/Sherborne area - one person in seven - with Keinton Mandeville and Street/Glastonbury coming a close second - one in nine. The

remaining centres of employment - Taunton/Bridgewater, Wells, Somerton/Langport, Shepton Mallet etc - each take 6% or below of the employed population.

- Of the 68 self-employed within the village 24 are employers of other people.
- The figures also indicate that the majority of self employed work within the village.
- Of the shops within the village, the Village Shop is used by 96% of the 560 respondents at one time or another. This is followed by the Bakery (83%) and the Post Office (70%).
- With respect to problems encountered whilst shopping in KM, the greatest appears to be that of opening times. 10% of the respondents encountered the problem often and 23% occasionally. Next in order of magnitude are: obstructions on the pavement, lack of seating and pushchair access but all below 4%.
- On the question of what mobile services villagers would like to see in KM, three categories came out well above the others: fast food (predominantly fish and chips but also Chinese/pizza/kebab), a fishmonger and greengrocer, receiving 78, 73 and 27 votes respectively. Further down the list with only a few votes each were: mobile library (timings), butcher, knife sharpening and prescription delivery. Notably, 24 respondents indicated that there should be no mobile services, the reasons given that they would add to the traffic problems in the High St/Castle St area and to more litter.
- Finally, input from a small cross section of youngsters (10) shows that all would like a shopping centre/arcade in the village and 4 an ice rink.



Objective 1

To encourage village residents to use the local shops and services

	Action	Lead Responsibly and/or partners	Timescale
2.1.a	Shops and services to publicise business hours and adhere to these.	<u>Shop owners</u> .	Ongoing
2.1.b	PC to address the question of external access and parking.	<u>Parish Council</u> , SCC, SSDC Regeneration Officer	Feb 2006
2.1.c	Shops to ensure that access is not hindered by placards and signs.	<u>Shop owners</u>	Ongoing

Objective 2

To ascertain whether publication of a business register would be beneficial to both businesses and the village population.

	Action	Lead Responsibly and/or partners	Timescale
2.2.a	PC to canvass businesses within Keinton Mandeville.	<u>Parish Council</u> , SSDC Regeneration Officer	March 2006
2.2.b	If positive, publish a business register	<u>Parish Council</u> , SSDC Regeneration Officer	June 2006
2.2.c	Update annually.	<u>Parish Council</u>	Ongoing

Objective 3

To strongly resist change of use of business premises from business to residential.

	Action	Lead Responsibly and/or partners	Timescale
2.3.a	That the above objective is communicated as part of the PC consideration if and when an application is made.	<u>Parish Council</u>	Ongoing

Objective 4

To increase the use, number and range of complementary mobile services in the village.

	Action	Responsibilities and/or partners	Timescale
2.4.a	To publicise current services through all existing publicity routes	<u>Parish Council</u>	Ongoing
2.4.b	To encourage further mobile services which are complementary to all existing retail outlets	<u>Parish Council</u>	Ongoing

EDUCATION AND LEARNING

Our Vision

Keinton Mandeville is a village where the Primary School remains of significant importance to the local community where a variety of adult education classes would be supported if available.

Consultation Results

- 81% of the respondents believe that the Primary School is of importance to the local community
- almost 50% of respondents would like to see a variety of adult education classes held within the village for example; dancing, computer classes, art and drama, self-defence and keep fit (various), however, a similar number were not interested in any form of adult education
- 37% of respondents would like to see an after school club within the village and a holiday play scheme
- a significant number of people would like to see IT facilities available within the village

Objective1

To inform people of the existence of an after school club at the Primary School and holiday play schemes.

	Action	Lead Responsibility and/or partners	Timescale
3.1.a	Encourage the creation of a pre-school in the Village ideally on the school site.	Primary School Governors , Somerset County Council, Parent Staff Association, Parish Plan Group to meet with School	Jan/Feb 06
3.1.b	More widely advertise the after school club held during term time at the village school.	After School Club Committee , Primary School	Ongoing
3.1.c	To promote the existence of a holiday play scheme that can be held at the school, numbers permitting.	Local Volunteers SSDC to support this work.	May/June 06 subject to volunteers
3.1.d	Ensure details of both the pre-school and After school are contained in the "Welcome Pack"	Parish Council	Ongoing

Objective 2

To encourage the provision of a variety of adult education classes within Keinton Mandeville.

	Action	<u>Lead Responsibility</u> and/or partners	Timescale
3.2.a	Liaise with the education agencies, village hall committee and local school to study the viability of providing a variety of classes, at suitable times from those requested by respondents.	<u>Village Hall Committee</u> , Adult Learning and Leisure, Parish Council	Ongoing
3.2.b	Ensure the appropriate advertising of classes.	<u>Parish Council</u> , Adult Learning and Leisure	Ongoing

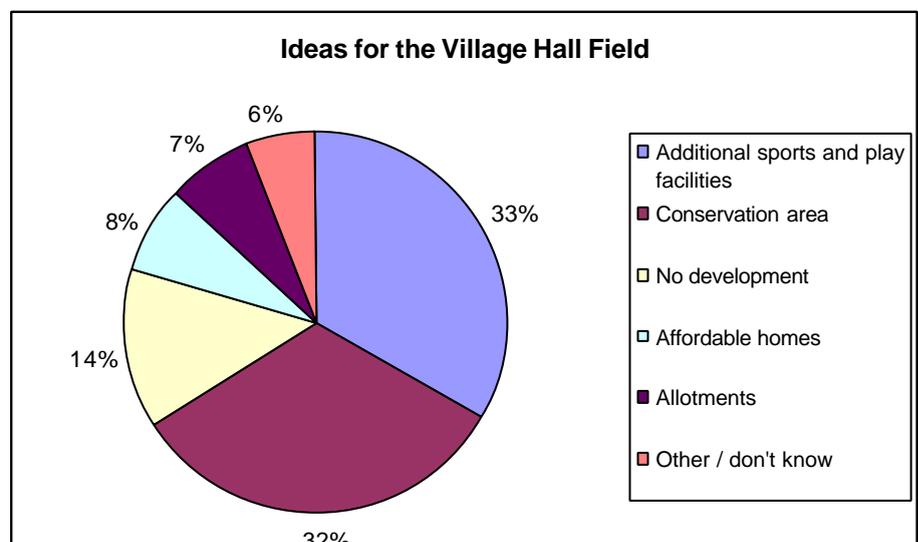
ENVIRONMENT

Our Vision

Keinton Mandeville is a village that seeks continuous improvement of its environment by being sustainable and respecting its surroundings and heritage for present and future generations

Consultation Results

- The majority of people feel that our village hall and open spaces are in a good or reasonable condition but 69% of people felt that removing litter was important or very important and 127 would like to undertake a litter pick.
- 77% of residents know where footpaths are, with 41% thinking they are well signposted. However 40% of people feel that they are not well signposted.
- 34% of people cannot use the footpaths without difficulty. Of these, 57% find mud and water the problem, 50% bushes / nettles and 27% lack of signposting. 105 residents are interested in maintaining footpaths.
- Residents request more information on local footpaths. 72% feel that maps would be helpful and 46% think that a footpath leaflet would be a good idea.
- 44% of residents feel that our orchards need preserving and 24% would like to see more planted. Over 30% of people feel that we should preserve specimen trees, woodlands and hedgerows. 63% would like to see a conservation area. 179 people would like to be involved in protecting wildlife habitats
- A large number of comments were received about the problem of dog fouling.
- 88% feel that street lighting is good or reasonable with 29% feeling that street lighting ought to be more environmentally sensitive
- 41% thought that pavements were user friendly to those with disabilities or pushchairs. However 38% thought that pavements were poor in this respect.
- Just under 30% of people would like to see more dropped kerbs, more pavements and more cycle paths
- 34% of residents felt that a pedestrian crossing would be helpful
- Only 5.8% of residents use the local telephone boxes
- 93% feel that refuse collection is good or reasonable with 68% satisfied with recycling. However, 54% feel that recycling should be enhanced. 27% would welcome community composting
- Only 54% of residents feel that road sweeping is good or reasonable with 27% feeling that it is poor
- 75 people would use allotments in the village
- 361 people felt that traffic noise; noise and light pollution and military exercise were a disturbance. Of these 77% felt that traffic noise was an issue
- Residents were divided as to the future of the village hall field.



Objective 1

To improve the quality and increase awareness of public footpaths, bridleways and pavements

	Action	Lead Responsibility and/or partners	Timescale
4.1.a	To set up a footpath maintenance group	Parish Council , South Somerset District Council Countryside Officer	Jan 07
4.1.b	To produce a locally available leaflet detailing all local footpaths with maps	Parish Council , South Somerset District Council	Summer 06
4.1.c	Parish Council to request more dropped kerbs and more accessible pavements	Parish Council , Somerset County Council, South Somerset District Council, South Somerset Disability Forum	Jan 07 and on-going
4.1.d	Investigate the Parish Paths Stewardship Scheme	Parish Council , SSDC Countryside Officer.	Summer 06

Objective 2

To ensure a clean and attractive environment for all

	Action	Lead Responsibility and or partners	Timescale
4.2.a	Parish Council to provide dog bins in those areas most used by dog walkers and encourage use by local information and enforcement	Parish Council .	Summer 06
4.2.b	Parish Council to encourage regular litter picks and request regular street cleaning from District Council.	Parish Council , South Somerset District Council – Head of Service, Streetscene	On-going
4.2.c	To work with the School on a litter education programme	Keinton Mandeville School , Parish Council, South Somerset District Council and SCC	Autumn 07

Objective 3

To protect our environment by increasing recycling and community solutions

	Action	Lead Responsibility and or partners	Timescale
4.3.a	Lobby to improve the range of door-to-door recycling and local recycling opportunities	Parish Council , South Somerset District Council, Somerset County Council	Jan 06 and on-going
4.3.b	Investigate the feasibility and cost of a community composting scheme	Parish Council , South Somerset District Council, Somerset County Council, Somerset Foodlinks	Jan 06 and on-going
4.3.c	Request environmentally sensitive street lighting whenever there are suggestions to replace or add more	Parish Council , South Somerset District Council, Somerset County Council	Whenever new or additional lighting is proposed
4.3.d	Parish Council to continue search for site for allotments	Parish Council , South Somerset District Council, Somerset Foodlinks, Community Food Network	On-going

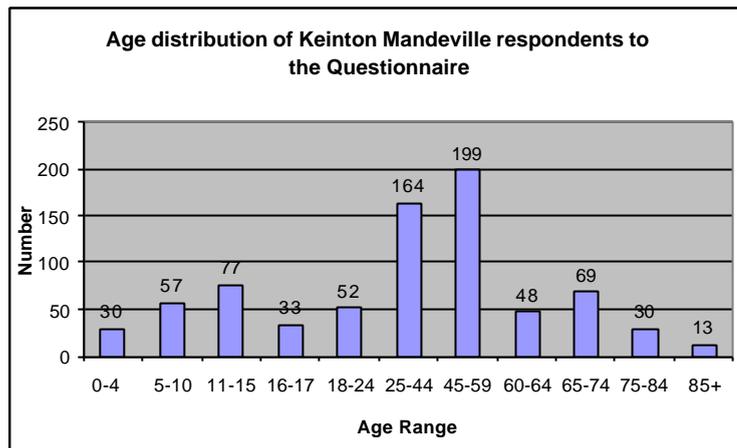
HEALTH

Our Vision

To ensure the community continues to be well served by both medical and social services with peoples needs being met by the full range of resources available.

Consultation Results

- Keinton Mandeville is a village from which 284 households covering 772 residents responded to the Questionnaire. The age distribution of the respondents is shown on the chart. 53.7% are in the age range 18-59 whilst 14.2% are between 11 and 17, 7.3% are between 5 and 10 and 3.8% are below school age. 20.7% are 60 or over.



- Results show a high level of satisfaction with health matters with over 90% having acceptable access to doctors, of those 30% use the practice that holds a daily surgery at the village hall.
- 7.5% declared a health or disability problem affecting their day-to-day living but their needs appear to be met by a friend or relative.
- There appears to be support for a Good Neighbourhood scheme from up to 77% of the respondents who would be prepared to give some time to it, but the informal arrangements that exist at present seem to provide those in need with what they require.
- The village is also served by both a Residential and a Nursing Home with provision for 'meals on wheels' supplied by Castle House Nursing Home meeting the needs of several members of the village either on a temporary or permanent basis.

Objective

To ensure the current standards of medical and social care are continued and improved upon.

	Action	<u>Lead Responsibility and or partners</u>	Timescale
5.1.a	To review the need for a formal Good Neighbour Scheme although the survey indicates that, at the moment, the needs of the villagers are met by the existing informal arrangements.	<u>Parish Council</u> , Surgery and Health Visitors	2008
5.1.b	To ensure the continuance of the doctors surgery in the village hall.	<u>S.S. Primary Care Trust</u> , Surgery and Village Hall Committee	Ongoing
5.1.c	To investigate the possibility of further use of the doctor's surgery for allied medical and complementary therapy consultations.	<u>Village Hall Committee</u>	November 2005 Ongoing

HOUSING

Our vision

Keinton Mandeville should remain a village community in its' design and ambience, with no further large scale housing developments, at the same time recognising the future need for small scale, affordable housing developments using designs and materials in keeping with the overall character of the village.

Consultation Results

- When asked to specify what kind of future accommodation was needed in Keinton Mandeville, 583 villagers answered the question:

165 said no further homes were needed and did not answer any other multi-choice questions.
373 voiced varying multi-choice opinions (see chart)

- Some 373 of the respondents referred to above, who did not object to further development, gave multiple answers:

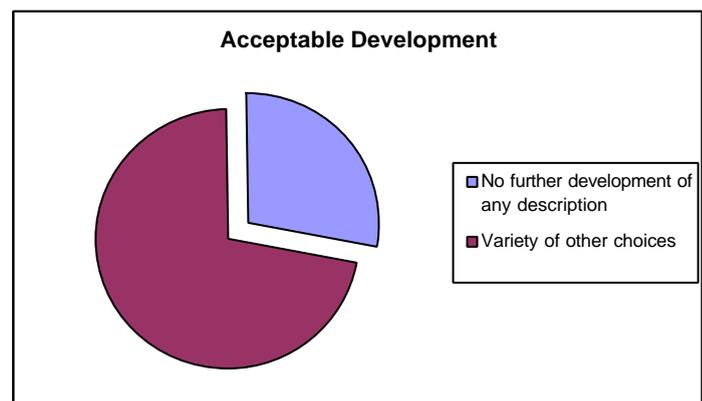
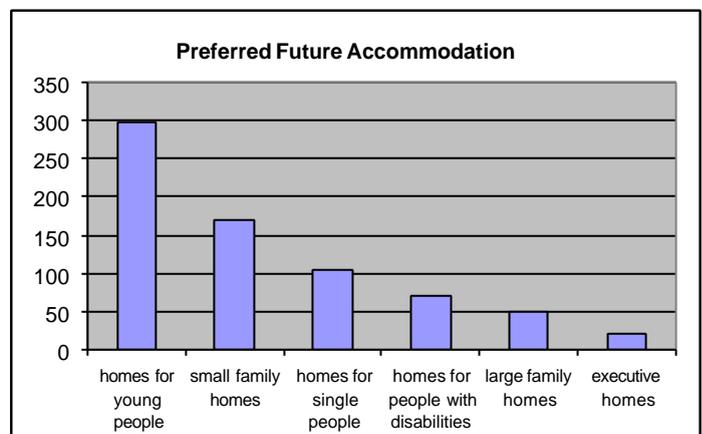
299 favoured homes for young people
171 favoured small family homes
104 favoured homes for single people
70 favoured homes for people with disabilities
49 favoured large family homes
22 favoured executive homes

It can be seen the majority of respondents who favoured further development in the village considered priority should be given to providing homes for young people and families.

- When asked what type(s) of housing development would be acceptable in this village.

146 wanted no further development of any description and ticked no other boxes.
374 voiced varying multi-choice opinions (see chart)

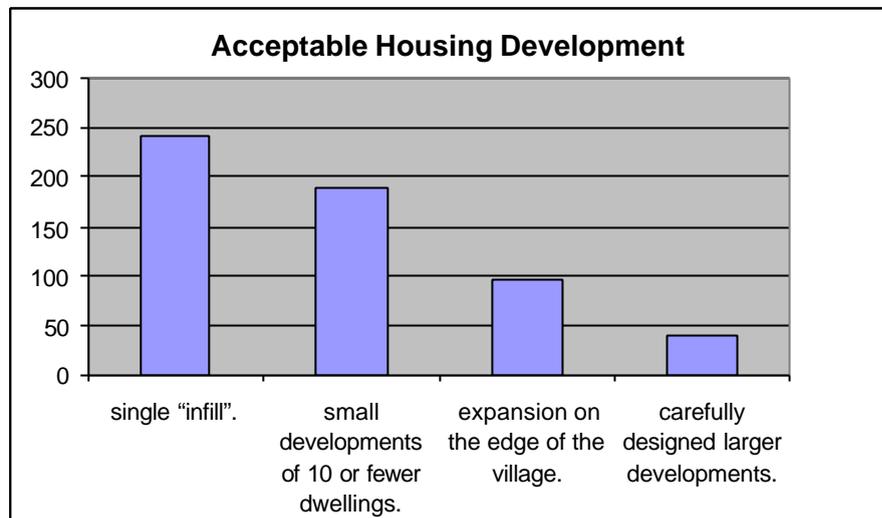
520 villagers answered this question.



- It will be seen from the graph analysing the replies of the respondents who wanted to see further building in the village that the majority were in favour of single or small developments of fewer than 10 dwellings.

This response mirrors the findings of the housing needs survey carried out in 2001 that showed the majority of villagers then considered affordable housing for young people and families to be the priority.

The overall impression gleaned from the survey and other sources is that the majority of the residents of Keinton Mandeville wish to remain living in a village and not in a town. Additionally, many respondents expressed concern that any future building in the village is sympathetic to the overall appearance and character of Keinton Mandeville.



- 409 people supported the principle of providing new affordable homes for local people.

Objective 1

To seek support from the District Council for the means to produce a Village Design Statement, or similar, that will strongly influence and guide any future planning applications and therefore retain and improve the character of the village.

	Action	Lead Responsibility and or partners	Timescale
6.1.a	To encourage Parish and District councillors to reflect the wishes and desires of the residents of Keinton Mandeville.	<u>Individual residents</u> , Parish Council	Ongoing
6.1.b	Where planning permission is supported, to stipulate that the materials used and designs accepted are in keeping.	<u>Parish Council</u>	Ongoing
6.1.c	Initiate the preparation of a design statement.	<u>Parish Council</u> , SSSDC Conservation Planner	Jan 2007

Objective 2

To address concerns about future development putting a strain on local facilities and infrastructure.

	Action	<u>Lead Responsibility and or partners</u>	Timescale
6.2.a	To limit building to small developments of single units or plots of fewer than 10.	SSDC , Parish Council and Individual residents	Now and ongoing
6.2.b	To oppose any large scale (over 10 houses) applications	Parish Council and Individual residents	Now and Ongoing
6.2.c	To establish how any future housing developments might impact upon the school.	School Governors County Council, and Parish Council	Now and Ongoing
6.2.d	To establish how close to maximum capacity the existing services are.	Parish and District Council	Dec 06/Jan 07

Objective 3

To recognise the need for affordable housing for young people and families.

	Action	<u>Lead Responsibility and/or partners</u>	Timescale
6.3.a	To instigate survey of current housing needs.	Parish Council , Community Council for Somerset and SSDC	Spring 06
6.3.b	To identify possible, acceptable development sites for affordable housing within the confines of the village.	SSDC, Parish Council, Local Registered Social Landlord, South Somerset Homes etc.	2006
6.3.c	To identify the possibility of a shared ownership scheme.	As above.	2006

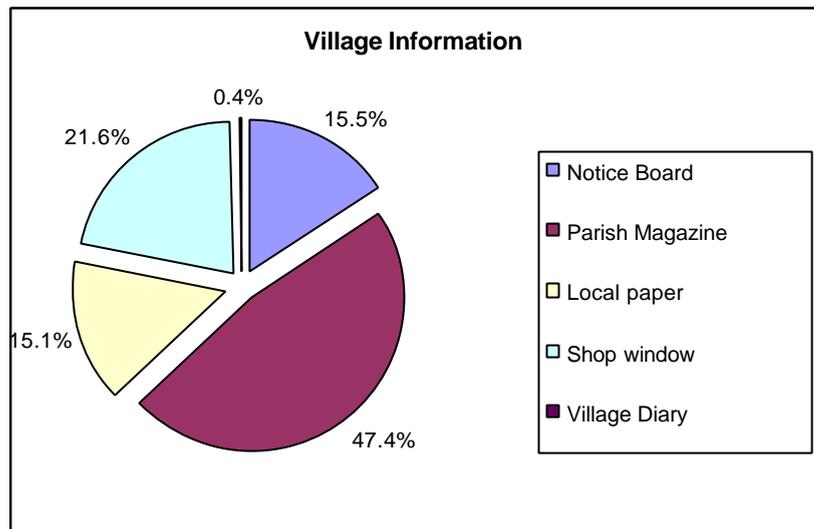
LEISURE AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Our Vision

Keinton Mandeville is a village with leisure and culture opportunities for residents of all ages that contribute to building a strong community spirit.

Consultation Results

- 74% of people think that the amount of local information available to them is reasonable or good.
- However, 87% of villagers are unaware of many activities and would like a 'What's On in Keinton' to be produced and published.
- 89% of people get their local information from the parish magazine with 40% using the shop window. Only 0.4% use the village diary.



- Only 62 people attend classes on a regular basis in Keinton Mandeville.
- 40% of people are not interested in attending classes. However, time of day prevents 29% of people attending. 26% think that the classes available are inappropriate to their needs.
- The request for evening classes was a recurring theme.
- The most popular suggestions in the open-answer question for potential classes in the village were: computing; dancing; badminton; languages and keep fit or pilates; the most popular selections from the question suggesting ideas for clubs/activities were gardening, rambling and art.
- The predominant suggestion from the Wishing tree was for an Ice Rink with other recurring requests for a water park, swimming pool and a running machine in the village hall.

Objective 1

To improve and update all methods of communication, especially for younger people.

	Action	<u>Lead Responsibility</u> and/or partners	Timescale
7.1.a	Continue to support the production of the parish magazine and include more on village events.	<u>Parish Council</u> , PCC, Residents	On-going
7.1 b	To ensure that the Information Pack for new residents includes all activities and is available on the Keinton Mandeville website	<u>Parish Council</u>	On-going
7.1.c	To build the level of information on the Keinton Mandeville website to provide comprehensive information about the village with good links to other local activities	<u>Parish Council</u> with website co-ordinator (yet to be identified) and all residents	Autumn 06 and on-going
7.1.d	To increase awareness of the village diary and also make available online.	<u>Parish Council</u> with website co-ordinator (yet to be identified) and all residents	On-going

Objective 2

To encourage leisure and culture activities

	Action	<u>Lead Responsibility</u> and/or Partners	Timescale
7.2.a	To support those groups already active in the community by encouraging and supporting the volunteers that run them	<u>Parish Council</u> , SSDC	on-going
7.2.b	To work with agencies and the village hall committee to provide suitable activities such as computing, dancing and language courses	<u>Village Hall Committee</u> , Adult Learning and Leisure, SSDC	Summer 06 and on-going
7.2.c	Support the development of new clubs, particularly gardening and rambling clubs	<u>Parish Council</u> and SSDC	on-going
7.2.d	To review the sporting facilities and activities within the village and make proposals for future developments	<u>SSDC Sport and Leisure Head of Service</u> , Village Hall Committee, Playing Field Committee and other local clubs.	Spring 07
7.2.e	To encourage events and initiatives that develop an understanding of our history, culture and heritage (e.g. photo exhibition, local history book etc)	<u>Volunteers in the village.</u>	on-going
7.2.f	To support events in which the whole village can feel involved e.g. New Year's Eve events etc.	Parish Council, all residents	on-going

Objective 3

To ensure that there are community facilities, open spaces and play areas which meet the needs of our residents

	Action	<u>Lead Responsibility</u> and/or Partners	Timescale
7.3.a	Support Village Hall Committee's plans and objectives	<u>Parish Council</u> , Community Council and District Council	On-going
7.3.b	Support Playing Field Committee's plans and objectives	<u>Parish Council</u>	On-going
7.3.c	To increase the use of the skate park by running events and competitions.	<u>Skate Park Committee</u> and Parish Council, SSDC Healthy Lifestyles Team	Summer 06 and on-going
7.3.d	Integrate the needs of the less able, mothers and children and the elderly into all plans for improve leisure and culture opportunities.	<u>All groups</u> and individual residents	On-going

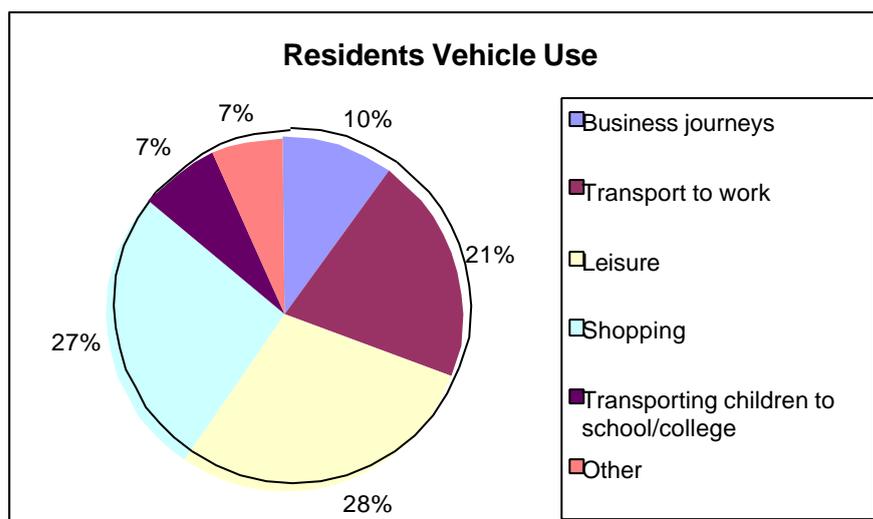
TRANSPORT & TRAFFIC

Our Vision

A Community that is satisfied that all appropriate action is taken to reduce the speed of traffic through the village, its volume, and the use of the main road by HGVs, and that attention is paid to the problems caused by over use and those that occur at specifically identified hazard areas within the village and those caused by thoughtless parking.

Consultation Results

- In the 284 households that responded to the survey 70% were car owners who drive to work with no difficulty out of 84.9% who have daytime access to a vehicle. Out of those car owners 91% use them either for business or to drive to and from work, while 83% use their cars for leisure, and 79.4% use them for shopping.



- 76% of villagers consider traffic speeding a problem in the village and 59.4% supported a scheme for traffic calming whilst a large number, 85.9%, consider the junction at the top of Queen Street a danger spot. Both Chistles Lane and the corner at the bottom of Queen Street were also considered dangerous by over 60%.
- 83.4% can park off road but the question of parking is an important issue to 59.8% of the respondents to the survey whilst further emphasis was made under question 73 where of those who referred to traffic 28.9% expressed concern about parking particularly around the Queen Street/Castle Street crossroads
- A voluntary transport scheme is not the answer to traffic volumes according to 84.8% and only 19.7% would use such a scheme occasionally if it existed.
- Public transport is criticised by 47.2% with routes of concern to 35.3% and timetables to 30.9% whereas taxis are not used by more than 15% of the villagers.
- Parking, speeding, traffic volume and pavement safety were all matters stressed by villagers in their answers to question 73 with 63% expressing concern over speed and volume of traffic through the village, not only along High and Castle Streets, whilst some support was expressed for pedestrian crossings

Objective 1

To institute a scheme to reduce traffic volume and speed through the village and to reduce or completely deter HGVs using Keinton as a rat run.

	Action	<u>Lead Responsibility</u> and/or Partners	Timescale
8.1.a	Seek Parish Council support and action for reduction in volume of traffic by weight or the creation of pinch points at either end of the village to reduce the traffic flow	<u>Parish Council</u> , SSDC and SCC.	Spring 06 & ongoing
8.1.b	Consider improvements to the narrow portion of the road at the head of Queen Street.	<u>Parish Council</u> , SSDC and SCC.	Summer 06 & ongoing
8.1.c	Implement and continue to support the use by villagers of the speed gun and secure police co-operation with enforceable speed checks and fines at intervals in the village.	<u>Parish Council</u>	Ongoing
8.1.d	Investigate the possibility of the installation of flashing speed indicators within the parish limits	<u>Parish Council</u>	Spring 06

Objective 2

To resolve the parking problems within the village in particular those associated with the crossroads, the village stores, and the school.

	Action	<u>Lead Responsibility</u> and/or Partners	Timescale
8.2.a	To stop parking on footpaths and other areas not provided for the purpose	<u>Parish Council</u> , SSDC, Highway Authority, Police, PCSO	Spring 06 & ongoing
8.2.b	To restrict parking at the crossroads and by the shop to a short length outside the shop only and to ensure there is observance of the double yellow lines.	As above	Summer 06 & ongoing
8.2.c	To investigate the creation of reduced and safer parking at the village school	As above	Summer 06

Objective 3

To at least maintain and improve local public transport services

	Action	<u>Lead Responsibility</u> and/or Partners	Timescale
8.3.a	To publicise routes and timetables in the Parish Magazine	<u>Parish Magazine Editor</u>	Spring 06
8.3.b	To investigate potential for local community transport solutions	<u>SSDC Strategic Transport Officer</u>	Summer 06

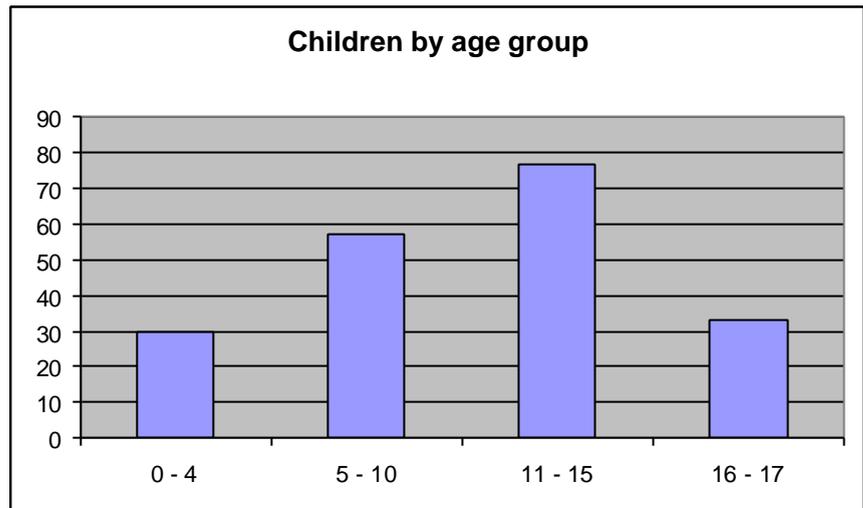
YOUTH PROVISION

Our Vision

As a community we support and value our young people, providing a range of recreational activities to enable them to meet, play and socialise in a safe environment. We encourage their inclusion in a wide variety of village activities.

Consultation Results

- The chart shows the numbers and age distribution of children and young people in Keinton Mandeville (results from 284 households)
- On the question of clubs and activities which people attend or would like to, 197 households responded and 15% attend or would to go to a youth club, and 12% indicated uniformed youth groups and 17% wanted 'creative arts for children'



- There was a lot of support for more sports facilities particularly using the land around the village hall for a playing field for football, hockey, and cricket, possibly with an Astro-turf playing area. There were a number of comments to the effect that if additional facilities were available more use would be made of the skate park.

Objective 1

To ensure that the current clubs and organisations available to our young people are supported and maintained, and improved

	Action	Lead Responsibility and/or Partners	Timescale
9.1.a	To support and encourage the volunteers that run youth organisations	<u>Parish Council</u> , SSDC, Young Somerset, Somerset Rural Youth Project	On-going
9.1.b	Request that the parish council precept sufficiently to grant aid existing youth organisations on an annual basis in order to ensure continued viability.	<u>Parish Council</u>	On-going

Objective 2

To assess the need for additional sports facilities, to enable the youth of Keinton Mandeville to enjoy the best sporting opportunities a village of our size can sustain.

	Action	<u>Lead Responsibility</u> and/or Partners	Timescale
9.2.a	To request that existing sports teams consider running youth sessions (including short mat bowls)	<u>Parish Council</u> , Community Council and District Council	On-going
9.2.b	To request from the relevant agencies, sports coaching sessions on our playing field, tennis courts and in the village hall.	<u>Parish Council</u> , Playing Field Committee, Local clubs, SSDC	On-going
9.2.c	To work actively to encourage participation by girls in sporting activities.	<u>SSDC Community Active Lifestyles Officer</u> , Parish Council, All local groups	Summer 06 and on-going
9.2.d	To work to promote the use of the skate park and consider the possibility of installing lights to extend usage in the winter months.	<u>Skate Park Committee</u> , SSDC, Parish Council	On-going

Objective 3

To support the creation of new initiatives that meet the needs of our young people

	Action	Lead Responsibility and/or Partners	Timescale
9.3.a	Request that the parish council consider the possibility of setting up a youth council or, at the least, appoint a youth champion who can advocate on behalf of young people as decisions are being made that affect the village	Parish Council , Young Somerset, Somerset Rural Youth Project, SCC, SSDC	On-going
9.3.b	To establish via targeted consultation whether older young people would like a meeting place for drop in activities.	Parish Council , SSDC, Somerset Rural Youth Project	On-going
9.3.c	To investigate whether a community transport scheme is possible in order to transport our young people to larger towns to visit the cinema, 10 pin bowling etc.	Parish Council , SSDC, SCC (Slinky Bus) See also 8.3.b	Summer 06 and on-going
9.3.d	To develop a young person's section of the Keinton Mandeville website that can be used to increase communication about what is available locally for our young people.	Parish Council	On-going
9.3.e	Ensure that young people are involved in planning and carrying out new schemes	Parish Council , SSDC	Ongoing
9.3.f	To investigate the possibility of setting up a holiday play scheme for Children	Parish Council , Volunteers from the community, SSDC See also 3.1.c	May 06