

Great Hucklow Parish Plan Progress to 18 September 2006

Village Services group

Sunday papers: discussions have taken place and it has been identified that they could be ordered through the shop in Ashford in the Water and delivered to the Queen Anne or other appropriate venue. Arrangements will only be made if there is sufficient demand and at present there has been no interest.

Coffee morning: these were held fortnightly at the Queen Anne but were poorly attended. It may be possible to try again in the Autumn.

Internet café: The Queen Anne and members of the group have had discussions with 'Pub is the Hub'. Funding is available for two computers, printer and scanner. Quotes for the equipment are being collected and the application form is being completed. All being well the computers will be installed before the end of the year.

Theatre visits: There was a very enjoyable visit to Manchester Exchange Theatre in July

Book Club: This club is running well.

Pilates group: Classes started again in September, and a class in Body Conditioning was introduced. The contact is Jan Persey

Communications group

Hucklow Directory: the Village has received a grant from the Leader+ Access Fund for the preparation and printing of the village directory. Data collection is due for completion on 30 September, and we will be contacting services during October for their permission to publish their details. We anticipate printing taking place in December or January.

Village website: A first version of the village website was on display on Gala Day. The website is under further development and can be viewed as "work in progress" on www.hucklow.net. We plan to launch the website publicly at the Parish Party in October.

Internet tuition: As part of the grant for the Hucklow Directory, we have obtained funding for introductory Internet tuition for women of the Parish. Four ladies have signed up so far, and the tuition will be advertised in the next Community Spirit leaflet.

Noticeboard for Windmill: Two members of the Parish Council including the Chairman paid a visit to Windmill to consider several alternative sites proposed by residents for the noticeboard. Only one site was considered suitable, taking into account road safety issues, and the Chairman has written to the resident concerned.

Telephone trees have been set up in Little Hucklow and Windmill and are working well.

The Community Spirit leaflet has been expanded to eight pages.

The monthly rolling diary of events is about to start and will be on www.hucklow.net and village noticeboards.

Families, Children and Young People Group

A school gardening club has been successfully established.

Children's playground: There is interest in establishing a children's playground but so far no suitable location has been identified.

Heritage, Conservation and Environment group

Four of the sites mentioned in the plan were visited by members of the group, the Vision Project Officer and a Peak Park Ranger. The outcomes were:

Beech trees to the left of the road towards Windmill: The Ranger to have discussions with their 'tree expert' and look at possible funding to ensure continuity of this stand of trees.

Uncultivated land on right hand side of road: it was agreed that it was an excellent wildlife habitat but some of the scrub could be cleared and the pathway cleared to improve access. Peak Park rangers have put in for funding to do a day's scrub clearance in the Autumn and would support local people in maintaining the area in the future. They felt that the land ownership was not an issue if the plan was to maintain the area in its natural state.

Hedge bordering Nightingale Centre land on the road leading out of the village towards Hucklow Edge: after a long discussion it was agreed that the only alternative to the current regime was to cut the hedge right down, allow re-growth and then lay it. This would take a considerable length of time and may be a less acceptable alternative. It was agreed that it would be left as it is and trimmed annually by the council.

Water troughs: although supportive this is not a project which the Peak Park could fund or be involved in. It was agreed that it was complex and expensive. No decision was taken as to how to proceed.

Pavey Lane: it was agreed that this is an important lane, and the archaeologists would be informed of the situation and would make representation to the land owner.

Street furniture: Representatives from the Peak Park have indicated that they would look favourably on suggestions to reduce the amount of 'clutter' on the roads and lanes. John Whately will progress this in Great Hucklow.

Village Green: the Parish Council will arrange for the green in Great Hucklow to be maintained. Discussion will take place over the most appropriate flower/shrub borders and who will look after them.

Seats: funding may be available to purchase new seats in Great Hucklow. This will be followed up in the near future.