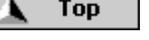
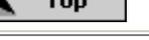


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<p>Action 1: Reduce A34 road noise. </p>	<p>Probably the most requested action. This is constantly under discussion, with little success so far.</p>
<p>Action 2: Improve safety at slip-roads to A34. </p>	<p>The Parish Council now participate in the local transport group with the police and neighbouring councils. The Chair of our Parish Council has been very active in putting forward our concerns.</p>
<p>Action 3: Reduce traffic speed on Hinksey Hill. </p>	<p>New road markings on the Hill have not really solved the problem. Cats-eyes in the road have simply created a new noise problem as large vehicles have to rumble over them.</p>
<p>Action 4: Reduce the risk of flooding. </p>	<p>The Flood group has made progress with action taken by the railway authority to clear drain blockages and clearance of ditches and underground pipes in the village. In the last very heavy downpour there was no flooding in the village. Unfortunately the proposed bund around the village has been abandoned because the Environment Agency could not justify the high expenditure.</p>
<p>Action 5: Improve and repair roads, pavements and footpaths. </p>	<p>We have managed to get limited road repairs done in the village. Cutting back of overhanging hedges and removal of litter particularly on Hinksey Hill has also been done. More pavement and road repairs are needed.</p>
<p>Action 6: Improve parking in the village. </p>	<p>Parking in the village has actually become more of a problem since the pub car park has been fenced off. We are still working on this.</p>
<p>Action 7: Upgrade bridge to New Hinksey to improve cycle access. </p>	<p>Network Rail have agreed to construct a "Wheelie ramp" on the Devil's Backbone bridge</p>
<p>Action 8: Create new cycling and walking routes in the parish. </p>	<p>We are working with Sustrans, the national cycle network, on establishing new cycle trails throughout the parish. Owners have been contacted but progress is slow.</p>
<p>Action 9: Provide more street lighting for Hinksey Hill and Betty Lane. </p>	<p>The Parish Council have ordered new lights for Hinksey Hill.</p>
<p>Action 10: Put telephone and electrical wires underground. </p>	<p>No progress. This would be a huge job.</p>
<p>Action 11: Investigate air quality. </p>	<p>In progress.</p>
<p>Action 12: Reduce litter and fly-posting. </p>	<p>Litter on the A34 was cleared last year but is now building up again. Fly posting is still a problem.</p>

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<p>Action 13: Create a new wetland nature reserve </p>	<p>A wetland reserve may be created on land</p>
<p>Action 14: Extend existing nature reserve at Chilswell Valley Action 16: Plant new woodland adjacent to Chilswell Path. </p>	<p>Plans are well advanced for planting trees on land near the Chilswell Path, joining up with the Chilswell Valley nature reserve. At the moment we are obtaining finance and it is hoped that work will begin in the autumn.</p>
<p>Action 15: Prepare a nature conservation strategy and trail guide </p>	<p>Surveys have been conducted for birds, butterflies mammals and plants More data is also being collected by nature groups who have visited the parish. It is planned to publish a Nature Conservation strategy for the Parish early next year. There is a lot of work to be done in obtaining grants, persuading owners and physically planting trees so if you are interested in improving and protecting our natural environment please let us know. We have also obtained specialist advice from the Oxford City Council and the Woodland Trust.</p>
<p>Action 17: Improve communications in the parish </p>	<p>We do try to keep all parishioners informed of developments. Apart from posters and hand-delivered notices there is an email system, "shinfo". To be included on this, please send your email details to Linda Slater or any member of the FOSH committee.</p>
<p>Action 18: Set up a parish website </p>	<p>You are there!</p>
<p>Action 19: Consider a Good Neighbours scheme </p>	<p>We considered this but decided in the end that it is best done informally</p>
<p>Action 20: Establish an events group </p>	<p>Our Events group is liaising with the pub, the church and the Village Hall committee to coordinate events.</p>
<p>Action 21: Establish an area for community events and recreation </p>	<p>Although there was no consensus for any formal facilities we do need community land to use for events. It is suggested that a piece of land in the corner of the field just behind the village hall would be the most suitable. There would be minimal changes to the appearance of the site.</p>