

# Kirtlington

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## Plan 2011





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About The Authors

Many villagers have contributed to the development of this Parish Plan. The whole process has been coordinated by a volunteer Kirtlington Plan Steering Group, which first convened in April 2009. The process and the production of the Kirtlington Plan has been supported throughout by all members of the Kirtlington Parish Council.

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- Richard Sadler (Parish Council Liaison)
- Rob Cooke (Secretary – retired)

The Steering Group would like to thank ORCC and all members of the Parish Council and all volunteers who helped with the start-up of the planning process, with the distribution and collection of the village questionnaire and who gave their time and invaluable contributions at various key points in the process.

The Kirtlington Plan Process

The Kirtlington Plan is a Community Led Plan. It was initiated in February 2009. Following a thorough village-wide consultation process and careful analysis and discussions of the results from the consultation, the Kirtlington Plan Steering Group (an independent group of volunteers) has prepared this Kirtlington Plan.

The Kirtlington Plan records the actions and priorities for our village development over the next few years and, as such, it has been prepared with the utmost care – a time-consuming but worthwhile process. Here, we summarise some of the main steps that led to the development of this Plan:

1. The Parish Council suggested that the village work on a Kirtlington Plan, with the guidance of the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council in early 2009.
2. First meeting in the village hall (February 2009), introduced by Aimee Evans of ORCC, where villagers made numerous suggestions about issues that they would like to see addressed in the Plan. A Steering Group of independent volunteers – the Kirtlington Plan Steering Group (KPSG) – was set up and met for the first time in April 2009.
3. Further consultations led by this group took place with each village society (talks at their meetings) and the main village institutions (church, school, village hall and businesses) and at various village events such as the Annual Fete. The steering committee also organised a number of events for consultation such as the Ceilidh, Societies Fair and a Barbeque for the young people (summer and autumn 2009).
4. A questionnaire was drafted on the basis of issues and ideas put forward by villagers – it was discussed, finalised and distributed to every parishioner (Summer 2010).
5. The completed questionnaires were collected in Autumn 2010. We received 330 completed questionnaires. The results were recorded in electronic form and then analysed over Winter 2010-2011.
6. The Kirtlington Plan Steering Group met with the Parish Council to discuss the results from the village questionnaire (March 2011).
7. The main findings and action points to be included in the Plan were presented as posters at a well-attended meeting on 2nd June 2011 and again at the Village Fete on 9th July. Villagers contributed further ideas for actions on the basis of the consultation.
8. The results of the questionnaire were presented to the relevant institutions in the village whose representatives were asked to respond with actions for the Plan – the church, the school, the pub, the hotel, the shop and post office. Voluntary groups in the village were also asked to suggest actions to be included in the Plan within their areas of expertise.
9. July/August 2011: drafting of the Plan including the actions emerging from the consultation and from the various institutions and voluntary organisations, followed by submission of the draft Kirtlington Plan to the Parish Council, ORCC, Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council for comments and further suggestions. This was followed by final approval, adjustments and printing.



The Role of the Parish Council

The Parish Council is the principal body responsible for overseeing the Kirtlington Plan. Progress on putting the plan into practice will be reviewed at the Annual Parish Meeting when all parties have opportunities to update.

The Parish Council represents the interests of the community and aims to improve local quality of life and the local environment. Parish Councils are the tier of government that is closest to the community. Each Parish Council has a range of powers and duties which define the scope of their actions as local authorities. They also help other local groups and societies fulfil their aims. Kirtlington Parish Council levies a charge on parish householders – a precept – which is collected by Cherwell District Council as part of council tax. Kirtlington Parish Council decides the total sum and the Precept for 2010 – 2011 was £15,500. Parish Councillors are volunteers who are elected every four years – they do not receive a salary. The Parish Clerk is not a council member and does receive remuneration.

Any member of the public may attend Parish Council meetings. Local electors are particularly encouraged to raise issues of concern for the Council to act on by prior notification to the Clerk. Notices are posted on the village notice boards announcing forthcoming meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of each month except August. A PC Annual General Meeting is held each spring at the village hall at which an annual financial report is distributed and each society, association and trust is expected to report. The Parish Council has no executive powers in deciding planning applications; this is the prerogative of Cherwell District Council, which is the planning authority. It is mandatory for the planning authority to consult the Parish Council on all applications in its area, but the planning authority can disregard the Parish Council views. The full list of Kirtlington Parish Council powers and duties will be published on the Kirtlington Website.

The Parish Clerk is Ruth Powles (Tel. 350995) and the current Parish Council comprises the following Councillors:

Name	Special Interest
David Pratt	Chairman / Planning, Finance
Helen Macbeth	Vice Chair / Sports Field & Recreation
Wendi Brock	Public Transport
Alex Charlesworth	Highways, Planning, Finance
Anna Kennedy	Recreation
Shelley van Loen	Play Area
Richard Sadler	Finance, Village Hall Management Committee

A Summary of the results of the questionnaire will be available on the village website and the complete document will be held by the Clerk to the Parish Council and accessible on request.



# Introduction

The village of Kirtlington lies ten miles north of Oxford between Bicester and Woodstock. It sits on a rise above the Cherwell Valley, set in gently rolling farmland. This was an important farming area and today several of the surrounding farms have diversified: one is now a golf course and another a stud farm, while former agricultural land close to the centre of the village is home to small housing developments.



To the east of the village the bulk of the land belonged to the eighteenth-century Grade I listed Palladian house, Kirtlington Park, and is now run separately as a private estate. Some of the land is occupied by the lively Polo Club, which accounts for the large numbers of horses to be seen in and around the village. Parishioners are fortunate in having access to much of this land, with its wealth of ancient trees and the lake created as a focal point for the house by the landscaper 'Capability' Brown.

To the west of the village, there are footpaths through the wooded hillocks of the former cement quarry, now managed as a wildlife reserve, along the canal and River Cherwell, and to the historic settlement of Northbrook. On this side of the village there are also long-cultivated allotments for those wishing to grow their own food.

Traces of former times may be seen in many buildings in the village, in the central situation of the Church, The Old Vicarage, Chapel, and the sixteenth-century Manor House on South Green.

The population of the village at the time of the 2001 census was 872. Since then the village has grown through infilling and small developments and there are now approximately 450 households in Kirtlington. The village population is a mixture of people whose families have lived here for generations and more recent arrivals. The speed with which houses in the village are sold suggests that Kirtlington is seen as a very desirable place to live. New housing has brought a steady inflow of newcomers, often with young families, which has ensured the survival of the primary school.

The chief amenities of the village are its Post Office Stores – a real hub of village life - the school, the village hall (designed by local architects and built largely through fund-raising efforts involving the whole community), the Oxford Arms public house, the Dashwood Hotel and Restaurant and the Parish Church, recently refurbished to provide a light-filled peaceful space and new venue for village events.





# Community Life



People living in Kirtlington value neighbourliness and a good community spirit. Many are actively involved in a variety of formal or informal groups, which strengthen the feeling of living in a supportive and vibrant community. There are many village societies and projects run by volunteers with inspiration and enthusiasm, and their work has brought numerous joyful occasions and benefits to the whole village.

## ACTION 1

Continue enhancing village community spirit

Status	Ongoing
Who	Parish Council, societies, everyone
How	Village events; the annual Societies Fair; use of village amenities for social events encouraging participation of diverse groups; Kirtlington Village News, village website, village e-mail list and more notices of forthcoming events.
When	Ongoing

Indeed, the results of the questionnaire showed that what people value most (**171 respondents**) is the strong sense of community, the friendliness and supportive atmosphere (especially with regard to caring for the elderly or looking after the children) and the possibilities for an active involvement in village life. The predominant view among the respondents is that Kirtlington's people are reliable, active and ready to come together for a cause. Respondents also value the key institutions and businesses in the village, which indeed are important for sustaining a community feeling: the shop (**93**), the village hall (**18**), the church (**28**), the hotel (**17**) and the pub (**36**). **105** respondents like the village for its convenient location, its appearance, the beauty of its surroundings and the variety of lovely walks.

During the initial consultation, people showed an interest in setting up new interest groups and in discussing further ways of caring for the elderly, car sharing, and welcoming newcomers. **70** respondents pointed to the busy and noisy traffic through the village as their key dislike. **22** respondents feel that community spirit is lacking and there are divisions. **25** respondents regretted in particular the lack of a traditional public house. The Kirtlington Plan attempts to expand the opportunities for inclusion of diverse groups or individuals through more community events spanning age, background and interest and through offering more opportunities for villagers to find like-minded people, to get involved, share their views and play an active part in the life of the village.

## Welcoming Newcomers

### ACTION 2

Ensure that newcomers are aware of the annual Societies Fair and are invited to come along.

Status	New initiative
Who	Volunteers from societies and everyone aware of newcomers.
How	Through advertising of events and informal networking
When	Ongoing



**37** per cent of the respondents agreed that there should be an event for newcomers in the village. The Parish Council and the Kirtlington Plan Steering Group decided that the best format for this would be the annual village Societies Fair held each September.

## Welcome Pack

### ACTION 3

Create a Village Welcome Pack

Status	New initiative
Who	Parish Council website developers and volunteers
How	Establish a Welcome Pack Group to work with the Parish Council website developers on preparing the Welcome Pack.
When	Call a meeting for all who want to be involved in the Welcome Pack Group before the end of 2011.

During consultation the majority of people recommended the preparation of a Village Welcome Pack and **181** respondents made suggestions about what should be included. These suggestions will also be useful for developing the Village Website.

## Societies and Clubs

We are fortunate to have a Golf Club and a Polo Club close by. The following clubs and societies already exist within the village (see the Directory at the back for more information):

- Allotments Association
- Garden Club
- Kirtlington Morris
- Welcome Club
- Youth Club
- Bell Ringing
- Historical Society
- KWACS
- Women's Institute
- Cricket Club
- KADS
- Sustainable Kirtlington
- Wine Club

Bowls and Badminton Clubs are already active in the village hall and a table tennis table is available. There is also a football pitch.





# Societies and Clubs

Respondents were also keen to get involved in the following activities:

ACTIVITY	Nº People Interested	Other sporting activities of interest:	Activities that parents think their children would be interested in:
Film Club	122	tennis 26	tennis 63
Art exhibitions for local artists	116	cricket 21	football 52
Second- hand books / video / DVD / swap club	108	football 18	karate 42
Wine Club	91	badminton 8	table tennis 32
Guided walks around the village	82	netball 7	cricket 31
Dance Club / Lessons	77		skateboarding 28
Community Choir	48		BMX 24
Create local sports teams	48		
Children's Film Club	39		
Children's Chess Club	38		
Darts / Dominoes / Bingo	33		
Bell-ringing	27		

**ACTION 4**  
Create opportunities for volunteers to come together and establish interest - groups / societies / clubs, etc.

Status	Several new clubs and societies are already in development.
Who	Volunteers
How	The annual Societies Fair, voluntary action, village networking, The Kirtlington Village News, and the village website.*
When	Ongoing

\* Call the Kirtlington Parish Plan Message Centre, Tel. 351398 and leave your name, telephone number and say what activity you are interested in.



# Provision of Tennis Court

**ACTION 5**  
To find a suitable site and build a tennis court

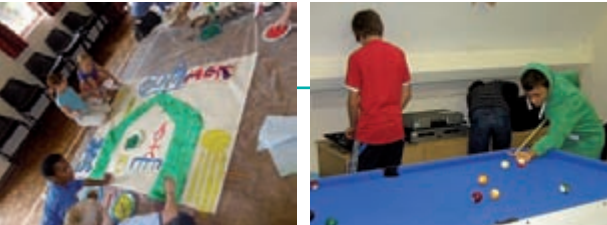
Status	Following the results of the questionnaire, a planning application was submitted by the Parish Council and subsequently declined by Cherwell District Council
Who	Parish Council and volunteers
How	Select a site and obtain planning permission
When	Ongoing

The provision of a tennis court was supported by the majority of respondents (62%) and 40% of all respondents said that they would use a tennis court if there was one.

# Play Areas

Until the 1980s, the only play equipment in the village was limited to some swings, set in a concrete base on the games field near the churchyard. The Budgett family kindly donated an additional strip of land for a play area for young children, which was cleared by villagers and opened in 1991 near the village hall. Today, there are two more small play areas in Kirtlington – after the Airey homes of Crutchmore Crescent were replaced by the houses in Gossway Fields, Cherwell District Council became responsible for a small play area there. Another play area is part of the recent development of Roman Close. None of the village play areas caters for older children.

Regarding the play area next to the village hall, 93 respondents thought that the existing facilities at the playground were adequate and 47 thought that they were not (being small or only suitable for small children). Suggestions included equipment suitable for older children; ZIP Wire (aerial runway), climbing apparatus and swings being the most frequently requested.



The new Kirtlington Youth Club was established in May 2010 and meets on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 until 9.30pm for children between the ages of 11 and 16, with those aged 14-16 now able to stay until 10pm.

Membership numbers fluctuate during the year, peaking at up to 30 children aged between 11 and 16. Members have participated as volunteers in a number of village events and held a Car Cleaning event to raise money for Children in Need. The children have also served cream teas at various village functions and staged a 24 hour non-stop bicycle ride – all to raise funds for their outings. The club is professionally run by a salaried, experienced youth worker, assisted by a small number of village volunteers. The funding for salaries and purchasing equipment has come from several local youth support charities and generous donations from the Village Fete committee.

**ACTION 6**  
To improve playground facilities

Status	Currently there are 3 playgrounds for young children only
Who	Parish Council, Residents
How	Fundraise, apply for grants for improved facilities.
When	Ongoing

# Facilities for Young People

There is a large well-maintained sports field for football, cricket and other sports, three safe play areas for small children, a lively Scouts Group, meeting on Tuesdays (Cubs) and Fridays (Beavers and Scouts) and in 2010 a new Youth Club was founded.

# The Youth Club

Kirtlington used to have a lively youth club and as a result of the Kirtlington Plan consultation in the village, the KPSG formed a youth sub-committee (leader: John Moody, lead volunteer: Rob Cooke; founding members: Tony Brett, Robert Spencer, Dimitrina Spencer, Pat Bishop and Helen Macbeth) who revived it.

**ACTION 7**  
Recruit more volunteers from the village to assist at least once a month with running the Youth Club.

Status	Currently the number of adult volunteers is too small
Who	Youth Club Committee, villagers and parents
How	Call Rob Cooke on Tel. 351370.
When	Ongoing

# Support Groups

## Helping the elderly

There is already a good support network for elderly residents in Kirtlington, including Kirtlington Care and the Welcome Club. The questionnaire also addressed contact and visits for the elderly and infirm and **59%** believe this is important. **114** respondents are interested in helping the elderly with shopping, visiting, transport, and visits to garden centres or musical events; **59** respondents would like to take advantage of a car-sharing scheme to hospitals and **43** people are ready to help with such a scheme.

**Kirtlington Care** organises transport for elderly people to visit the doctors and local hospitals. Some **26** respondents would like to take advantage of this scheme. A further **43** respondents were willing to volunteer help on the scheme. It started in June 2008 and is proving to be a valuable asset to the people of Kirtlington. The Coordinator (Gill Summerfield) currently has a list of **15** volunteer drivers who are willing to take villagers to the Islip/Woodstock Surgeries, Exeter Hall in Kidlington and to the John Radcliffe, Churchill and Nuffield Hospitals.

The system works in this way: the villager contacts the Coordinator (by phone or in person) and provides all relevant details; a driver is then allocated for that appointment. It is important to provide as much notice as possible, so that the right driver is allocated, since some hospital appointments can involve a wait of 2 – 3 hours.

All this is done entirely voluntarily – and there is no cost to the recipient. Listed drivers now have free car parking at the hospitals from Oxfordshire Rural Community Council. The Coordinator is looking for more volunteer drivers to come forward as there are times such as holiday seasons when it can be a struggle to keep up with demand.

**ACTION 9**  
Increase awareness among the elderly about the support available and key contacts in the village.  
Information about volunteering time and transport to become better publicised. Recruit volunteers.

Status	Already in action: Welcome Club (Ron Counter, Tel. 350473) Kirtlington Care (Gill Summerfield, Tel. 351537) There is also informal help between neighbours.
Who	Volunteers, neighbours.
How	Stall and Information at the annual Village Societies Fair, The Kirtlington Village News, the Welcome Pack and the Kirtlington Website.
When	Ongoing

**ACTION 8**  
Develop the elderly / infirm contact network (including existing medical care visits plus additional visits to garden centres, concerts, etc.)

Status	Existing scheme – this action will enhance awareness and take-up
How	Discuss with Welcome Club and Kirtlington Care a way of boosting the service
Who	Kirtlington Care, and additional volunteers
When	September 2011 Village Societies Fair and subsequent village events



**The Welcome Club** (coordinator Ron Counter) exists to provide a friendly and caring meeting space for all over 60. When originally inaugurated in 1970, membership was limited to Kirtlington villagers only, but since then membership has been offered to seniors from neighbouring villages. With over 75 members currently, a quite varied programme of events such as talks, entertainments and outings is arranged throughout the year. These include an annual Garden Party to which a different seniors club is invited each year and a Christmas Lunch at an affordable price. Fundraising is maintained with an annual Christmas Bazaar and Grand Draw together with raffles at every meeting and outing and happily the Club is in a strong financial position. Over the years, a strong social aspect has developed, which helps informally with visits to doctors, visits and generally friendly care, including flowers for sick members.

# Village Communication

## Village E-Mail List

**48** per cent of respondents would like to join a village e-mail list in order to receive up-to-date information about village events.

**ACTION 10** Explore the Creation of a Village E-mail List.

Status	New initiative
Who	volunteers, and possibly the Parish Plan Website Group
How	Explore the practicalities of creating and running the e-mail list
When	Before Christmas 2012.

## Village Website

The Parish Council is creating a village website. Respondents to the questionnaire made numerous suggestions which have been passed on to the Parish Council website group.

**ACTION 11** Create a Village Website

Status	The Parish Council has initiated the preparation of a village website
Who	Parish Council website subcommittee: Alex Charlesworth and Anna Kennedy
How	Use appropriate material from the responses to the questionnaire as well as other useful sources. e.g.: <a href="http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/parishwebsites">www.cherwell.gov.uk/parishwebsites</a> for assistance.
When	In progress

## Using IT for communication

**80%** of respondents use computers at home; **78%** have a broadband Internet connection; and **27%** of respondents are interested in learning how to use computers and the Internet.

**ACTION 12** Create a Village IT club / support group: Kirtlington Digital Champions Group (KDCG).

Status	Currently recruiting volunteers for KDCG
Who	KDCG, volunteers (contact Didi Spencer on Tel. 350137 or via email on <a href="mailto:spencer.dimitrina@gmail.com">spencer.dimitrina@gmail.com</a> if you wish to join KDCG, volunteer or receive help)
How	Create a volunteers group and offer free help to households who need it. Keep Cherwell District Council Informed of progress as they are keen to promote our ideas to other villages. This initiative is undertaken as part of the UK Digital Champions programme.
When	Ongoing

## The Kirtlington Village News

**84** per cent of respondents read the Kirtlington Village News. Copies can be purchased in the shop costing £1.10 per copy or by annual subscription of £6.50 (including home delivery). Most respondents shared admiration and support for the work of the Kirtlington Village News team who produce it on a voluntary basis. **66** respondents made suggestions for its improvement, which have been submitted to the editors by the Kirtlington Plan Steering Group.

**Response from the Kirtlington Village News Editors**

The Team were interested in, and appreciated all of the comments and suggestions made by villagers. Many will be acted on, others are under consideration and some are already being done. All contributions are welcome. Remember, this is your magazine and the Editorial Team will, space permitting, keep you updated in forthcoming Village News editions in regard to your suggestions. Please encourage your friends, neighbours and families to write an article or design a front cover. Suggestions for articles include: interviews with interesting people, review of a book you have read, a film seen, a concert attended, a poem, or an account of your latest local walk. If you would like to submit a quiz or crossword, or announce a birth, marriage or death, we would be pleased to include them. We are taking action on the following:

- Calendar – recent editions now include this and it is continually being updated
- Guest Editor Slot – villagers are encouraged to join the team and edit an issue – a one off or more regularly
- Shop – possible shop window display and two complimentary copies marked “Shop” to be available for browsing in the café
- Short Comments Page – like Twitter, but a page in Kirtlington News – a place where you can keep the village updated on hot issues.
- Subscription form – to be included in copies for people to fill out and drop to the editors.



# Amenities

## The Church

The Church of St Mary the Virgin has existed in Kirtlington for over one thousand years. It has been altered and added to on a number of occasions. It is one of seven neighbouring churches which together constitute the Akeman Benefice. The latest updating has enabled it to continue its roles; for worship, as well as for wider social enablement in the community e.g. public concerts, its coffee mornings held monthly on Thursdays, etc.



Sunday services each month include Holy Communion in both traditional and modern language, traditional Evensong and services on the fourth Sunday of each month for the families and children of the whole Benefice shared in rotation with the other six parish churches. Two short weekday services are usual each week. In addition, services are held in conjunction with public and village events including those of Remembrance Sunday, Harvest Thanksgiving, All Souls Day and Kirtlington's Lamb Ale Festival.

Times of services are displayed on notice boards in the church porch, churchyard, village shop door and its notice board, and elsewhere round the village. Detailed information and the Minutes of all church meetings are available in the church porch.

All the community, newcomers and visitors to the village are welcomed to be part of the congregation, or join the choir, and those with young families will find the Children's Corner helpful. We are also deeply appreciative and grateful for the assistance of non-church goers with churchyard upkeep, church flowers and the rota for unlocking and locking the church (open all day for visits, stillness or prayer).

The Revd. Derek Walker, Rector of the Akeman Benefice, is also rector of each of our parishes. He lives in another village and is shortly retiring. While his successor is awaited, the Rev. Jane Hemmings (a part-time assistant priest, living in The Rectory in Troy Lane) will continue to minister to the 3,500 people in the Benefice's 7 villages, as well as taking assemblies in the three schools. Jane will always respond to a request for a visit. The clergy do not limit themselves to fixed hours, though they are encouraged to take one day off a week except in emergencies.

Some **57** people responded to the Church question in the questionnaire. The majority of responses include comments and suggestions on pastoral care, church administration / services / attendance, involvement of the wider community and extending the use of the church to other community events. The feedback was communicated to the Parochial Church Council for information and action. Contact telephone numbers are at the back in Kirtlington Directory.

## The School

Kirtlington Church of England School must have one of the most attractive settings of any primary school, with access to adjoining woods for 'Forest School' activities and an imaginatively designed 'Sensory Garden'. It provides a very special environment for village youngsters (and others from nearby villages) to begin their learning experience. It caters for 4-11 year old children in 4 classrooms, including a purpose built Partnership Foundation Stage Unit for 3 and 4 year olds. In addition it has a large school hall, an IT suite and beautiful outdoor play areas with purpose built children's play equipment.



### School Governors

The school governors form part of the management team with the head teacher. Any concerns that parents have should always be addressed to the relevant member of staff, then to the head and then to a governor.

The school governors are:

- Rosie Lewis (Chair of Governors)
- Tony Brett (Vice Chair of Governors)
- Fiona Crook (Head Teacher)
- Judy Pearson (Clerk to Governors)
- Margaret Jones
- Pat Vincent
- Sylvia Oldcorn
- Michael Popham
- Glenn Richardson
- Kate Rees
- Lorna Straker and David Day

### The Partnership Foundation Stage Unit (PFSU)

is run jointly by Kirtlington CE School and Kirtlington Pre-School. It is a registered charity run by a committee of parents. **32** respondents to the questionnaire have a child they hope to enrol in the school in the future, or say that they hope to have one day.

September 2010	5	September 2012	4
January 2011	3	September 2013	2
September 2011	8	September 2014	4
Spring 2012	1	September 2015	3

The school is currently at capacity with **108** pupils on the roll. For details of how to apply for a place, contact Oxfordshire County Council.

	Tel. No. / Contact	Meeting Time
School	350210	08.45-15.00
Pre school	350210	15 hours by arrangement

## The Village Hall

The current village hall was built in the mid-1980s following years of village-wide fundraising efforts, especially the very successful annual Oxfordshire Triathlon, public grants, and bank loans taken out by the Parish Council. It was designed by local architects: the main building by Andrew Banks and the extension by Robin Boby. The Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC), incorporating representation from different village clubs and associations, was legally constituted in 1985 to manage the hall. Improvements and ongoing upkeep of the building, décor and facilities continue and recently the hall was upgraded in response to the Disability

Discrimination Act (DDA). VHMC's priorities remain health and safety, disability access and the pursuit of energy-saving objectives. Deterioration of the building fabric also continues to require work. As annual rental income each year falls short of annual expenses, ongoing fundraising events are essential and require village support. Events at the hall are, in general, arranged by the societies using the hall and not by the VHMC.

**For bookings of the village hall**, phone Sylvia Oldcorn on 350892 or e-mail [sylvia@oldcorns.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:sylvia@oldcorns.fsnet.co.uk)





# The Village Hall



During the initial consultation, villagers suggested that the questionnaire should enquire into support for new more comfortable chairs, a shelter and a permanent stage. These were the results:

- **New, more comfortable chairs** - supported by **54%** with **30%** not in favour.
- **A retractable awning or shelter for watching sports events** - supported by **51%** with **33%** not in favour.
- **A permanent stage with dressing room** - supported by **50%** with **32%** not in favour.

Several respondents were interested in creating a social club at the village hall.



Village Hall in Use

## ACTION 13

Explore potential for a licensed or Bring Your Own social club in the village or another space for people to meet socially

Status	Exploratory
How	Volunteers interested in setting it up to explore the possibilities in the village
Who	Volunteers who may be interested in setting it up
When	Autumn – Winter 2011-2012

## ACTION 14

Preparation of Strategic Five Year Plan for Village Hall improvement

Status	In preparation
How	VHMC to develop 5 year plan for rolling improvements based on strategic priorities and villagers' suggestions.
Who	Village Hall Management Committee
When	2011 – 2012

## The Islip Surgery

holds a clinic at the village hall starting at 12 noon on Fridays. Please call the surgery before seeing the doctor in the village hall on 01865 371666.

Villagers were also asked an open question about any further ideas they had for improvement of the hall. **77** villagers made suggestions and all of these were communicated by the Kirtlington Plan Steering Group to the VHMC for consideration. This is the response from the Village Hall committee: 'As the totality of the above suggestions will require a great deal of money, selection is needed and VHMC has decided to work on a 5 year strategic plan, including rolling improvements and expenditures. This will include consideration of items raised in the questionnaire as well as the VHMC priorities listed above.'

# The Shop



Kirtlington is fortunate to have a shop and post office in these days when so many have been forced to close. Recent refurbishment and the addition of a welcoming little café have made our shop a real hub of the community, a great place to meet for a quick or leisurely 'cuppa'.

**93** respondents listed the shop, the café and the post office as the thing they like most about the village. A further **74** respondents praised directly various aspects of the shop (and in particular the recent renovation, the variety of stock and the post office), its proprietors and staff.

**82%** of respondents use the shop at least once a week and a further **10%** use it at least once a month.

**122** respondents made suggestions about what the shop should provide. The most common ones included: more local vegetables/local produce/allotments surplus (**8**) and more basic/staples (**8**). **12** respondents requested the Lottery, however, Jane Barker, village shop adviser at ORCC advises that the number of outlets selling Lottery tickets is being reduced, and our shop is unlikely to become an agent. **34%** of respondents commented on what would encourage them to use the shop more. All responses were communicated to the shop owners. The shop owners were pleased with the praise and local support. They described the current challenges in running a Post Office in the UK and stressed the importance of villagers supporting the shop, which in turn could compensate for the potential losses of the Post Office. The shop is keen to keep up the good service and improve its quality. The shop is happy to take local supplies but in the past it only received courgettes and marrows and no one wanted to buy them. There needs to be a proper discussion as to how this may be organised efficiently. There is now wireless Internet access in the Café. A more detailed response to the questionnaire results will be published in the Kirtlington Village News.

# The Dashwood Hotel and Restaurant

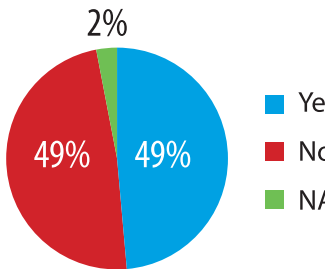


Dashwood Hotel in the winter

A Grade II listed building; the original pub 'The Dashwood Arms' has been completely redesigned as a hotel and restaurant, while retaining much of the old fabric.

Percentage of respondents who had used The Dashwood Restaurant in the six months leading up to the questionnaire.

There was praise for the Dashwood's restaurant and it was listed as one of the key things people like about the village. Praise for the Dashwood included its fish and chips and special menu nights, and its 'meal deals'. The results of the questionnaire were communicated to the owners. The owners were glad to receive feedback and they were very pleased to know that **49%** of respondents had used the Dashwood in the six months leading up to the questionnaire, as illustrated in the pie chart.

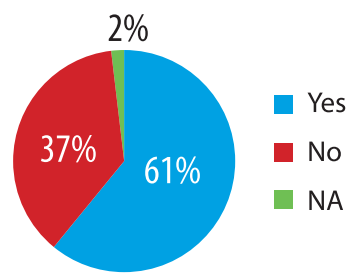




# The Oxford Arms

The Oxford Arms is an oak-beamed 19th century pub with a large fireplace to brighten any winter evening and a spacious outside area for summer use.

36 respondents listed the pub as one of the things they like about the village. 25 respondents expressed their disappointment that the village does not have what they view as a traditional pub where people from the village could socialise on a regular basis. However, pubs across the country have not been able to survive financially as traditional village pubs without diversifying and hundreds have closed. The pie chart below shows the percentage of respondents who had used the Oxford Arms in the six months leading up to the questionnaire.



The results of the questionnaire were communicated to the landlord. In response to some of the comments, it was suggested that a 'traditional pub night' might be viable without affecting the restaurant business. A follow-up discussion has shown that serious consideration is being given by the landlord to some suggestions made in the feedback meeting.

139 people made comments and suggestions including themed nights, changes in menus and pricing, traditional pub activities and maximising catering opportunities e.g. for funerals, cricketers after games, at Lamb Ale and at New Year's Eve.

## Parish Council-Owned Land

The issue of Parish Council-owned land generated a good deal of interest during consultation and the subsequent questionnaire. The majority of respondents (52%) declared that they want a say in the use of Parish Council-owned land.

The Parish Council-owned land comprises: both greens, the pond, the allotments and the quarry pit field (Mill Lane). The land leased by the Parish Council is the sports field. Although not owned by the Parish Council, there is land in the Fuel and Wicker Trust, the trustees of which report annually at the Annual Parish Meeting.

When asked to what use Parish Council-owned land should best be put, over 75 residents responded with comments and suggestions. 25 of them wanted more information about the location and area of the Parish Council lands and the current decision-making process for how the land is used.

### ACTION 15

#### Parish Council Asset and Maintenance Register

Status	In place
How	Since the distribution of the questionnaire, an Asset Register has been produced, showing all of the Parish Council assets including land. A review is under way regarding the maintenance and use of all assets.
Who	Parish Council
When	Commenced and ongoing



Quarry Pit Field

#### The most common respondent suggestions for the use of Parish Council owned land were:

- Affordable / sustainable housing (14)
- Community wildlife meadow, woodland or orchard (8)
- Sports area including a tennis court (7)
- Children's play area, including large play ground, go-karting / skate boarding course (4)
- Cultivation / allotments, including School demonstration farmland (4)

# Traffic, Road Safety and Transport

Transport, traffic and road safety is one of the most significant issues covered by the Kirtlington Plan and matters relating to it came up many times during consultation and in the questionnaire responses. The availability of public transport and the fact that Kirtlington is conveniently located in relation to motorways, train stations and airports are some of the positives that villagers note about life in Kirtlington. The most popular dislike about life in Kirtlington was speeding, 'rat-running' and heavy traffic off the M40 and A34.



## Traffic and Road Safety



The village is dissected by the busy A4095 – the church, village shop, village hall and school are on one side whereas the majority of housing is on the other side. This necessitates multiple crossings by residents and is becoming increasingly dangerous, including outside the shop, outside the Dashwood Hotel, on Bletchington Road and at the Molly Minns Lane junction; also there are blind spots at Troy Lane and outside the post office; and dangerous or unsafe parking throughout the village.

**It is expected that traffic through the village will substantially increase due to ongoing building projects nearby. These include:**

- 1,075 new homes planned for Upper Heyford
- 1,585 new homes currently being built at Kingsmere, south west Bicester
- 393 new homes approved and more planned for the eco-village north west of Bicester.

Owing to its position on the A4095, Kirtlington should be given special consideration by Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council regarding traffic problems and road safety issues resulting from these new developments. It is assumed that a contingency has been set aside by the relevant authorities when approving significant building projects given that nearby villages will be directly affected.



# Traffic and Road Safety

The questionnaire addressed several speeding and road safety issues and some **324** residents responded. **78** percent of respondents believe speeding is a problem in the village, with the majority of respondents in favour of suggestions to improve road safety and control of speeding, as detailed below:

Speed Reduction Measures	% in favour
Flashing speed sign from Woodstock direction	55%
Flashing speed sign from Bletchingdon road direction	52%
Pinch points on entering Kirtlington (as in Islip)	57%

## ACTION 16

Improve road safety and calm the flow of traffic through Kirtlington

Status	Under review
How	Revive and enhance the inactive A4095 Action Group. Lobby Oxfordshire County Council for a safe pedestrian crossing point. The Steering Group recommends they review again the continuation of the pavement opposite the Dashwood Hotel, parking problem solutions, speed reduction solutions and other safety measures.
Who	To be determined
When	End 2012

**51%** of respondents were in favour of a continuation of the pavement along South Green (opposite the Dashwood Hotel) to reduce the number of road crossings required for pedestrians to move in a north-south direction through the village.

**72%** of respondents were against street lighting and therefore no further action will be taken on this issue.

# Parking in Kirtlington

Roadside car parking is considered a problem by an overall majority (**59%**) of villagers. However, it is worth noting that **7** respondents in the Bletchingdon Road area and **13** respondents along the A4095 stated that roadside parking was beneficial as it helped to slow down traffic and acted as 'pinch points'. When asked for details of the areas where parking was problematic, the following were identified:

Area	No. of respondents
Bletchingdon Road	85
School	80
Shop	20
South Green (large)	26
South Green (small – to Dashwood Hotel)	26

## ACTION 17

Encourage more use of the Village Hall Car Park and encourage creation of new parking places at appropriate locations

Status	Under review
How	Create better publicity about the location of village hall car park, noting that it is free and available for all. Explore options for new parking places with local residents.
Who	To be determined
When	End 2012

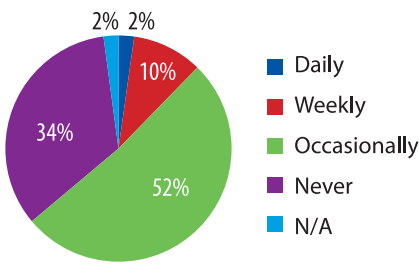


As a result it is proposed that the village Transport, Traffic and Road Safety Group take action to encourage greater awareness of and use of the village hall car park, especially for visits to the school. It is also suggested that the group considers identifying and collaborating with OCC on marking out additional parking spaces at suitable locations throughout the village.

# Public Transport

Only **2%** of respondents use the bus daily, **10%** weekly and **52%** occasionally.

It is likely that a number of factors can explain the relatively poor use of the bus service, including inconvenience and fares, although bus prices are competitive with travelling by car and parking in Oxford (fares to Oxford and Woodstock are £3.40 single and £5.70 return at the time of writing).



## ACTION 18

Encourage Kirtlington residents to make more use of the buses by promoting the current services. In addition, support community transport schemes such as Kirtlington Care and Dial-a-Ride Services. Look into other alternative community transport schemes.

Status	Banbury Community Transport Association (BCTA) run a dial-a-ride service, but this will be withdrawn in March 2012. The token scheme is no longer available as an alternative to the concessionary bus pass.
How	Contact OCC for current time-table information and publish in Kirtlington Village News and on notice boards. Consult and liaise with OCC, CDC, Parish Council and local residents to look into community transport schemes, and link with ORCC community adviser.
Who	Parish Council
When	End 2012

# Car-sharing rota



Some **49** people expressed an interest in a car-sharing rota to cover getting to work and shopping.

## ACTION 19

Initiate a car-sharing rota for getting to work and shopping

Status	New scheme
Who	Volunteers
How	Advertise inaugural meeting for interested villagers
When	Before the end of 2011



# Housing



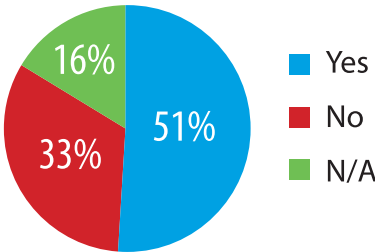
Some of the traditional houses in Kirtlington

## Affordable housing

Age and gender had little bearing on the answers to the question. When respondents were asked if they were looking for affordable housing either for themselves or for other family members, **31** respondents answered YES to this question and **23** households are currently looking for affordable housing.

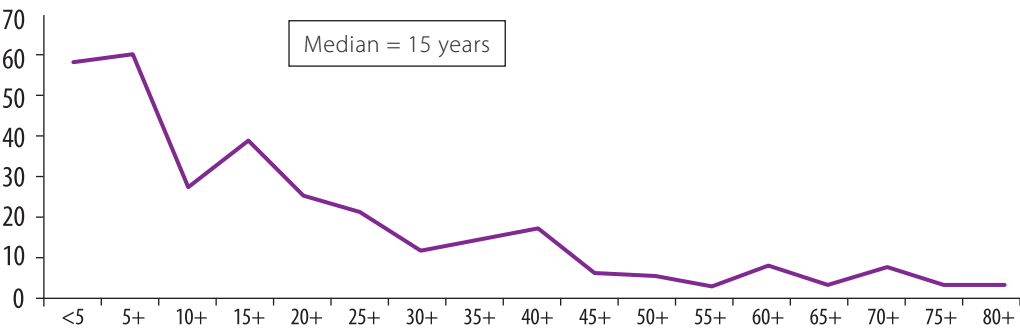
Kirtlington consistently tops the Cherwell league as the most unaffordable ward so it is not surprising that there are so many households in need. Cherwell District's Housing Needs Survey also identified a significant need. Cherwell District Council is currently appraising sites for affordable housing development which were proposed by the Parish Council.

Villagers were asked if they thought that affordable housing was required in Kirtlington and the chart below shows that **51%** thought that it was.



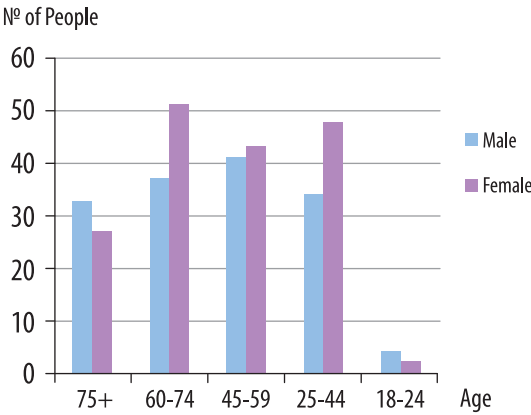
# Household Data

Years lived in Kirtlington (298 respondents)



Years	<5	5+	10+	15+	20+	25+	30+	35+	40+	45+	50+	55+	60+	65+	70+	75+	80+	Total
People	57	59	27	37	24	20	11	14	16	5	5	2	7	3	7	2	2	298

Age and Gender (321 respondents)

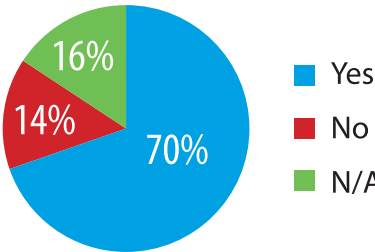


46 respondents live in single households

	Male	Female	Total
75+	6	17	23
60-74	1	9	10
45-59	5	4	9
25-44	0	4	4
18-24	0	0	0
Total	12	34	46

## Retirement housing

When respondents were asked whether retirement housing should be available for elderly residents to stay in the village, **70%** thought that it should be, and **22%** expressed an interest for themselves now or in the future.



## Future housing

Respondents were asked to express any opinions and concerns that they might have regarding any future housing and **120** people responded to this request.

People are concerned that the village should remain unchanged in nature and that the size should increase only slightly with no more large developments or estates. The houses that are built should be of good design and in keeping with existing properties. Concerns were voiced about traffic, access, parking spaces and availability of school places, which might result from any future building.



# Wildlife and Conservation



The Kirtlington Wildlife and Conservation Society was formed in 1997. The Society undertakes practical work and holds meetings on a wide range of topics through the winter season. The practical work includes management of parts of the churchyard for wildlife (by agreement with the Parochial Church Council) and of the village pond (by agreement with the Parish Council). Both of these sites have been the subject of detailed studies and surveys. In addition members have also collected and recorded a great deal of data about the village and its wildlife, in particular its birds, flowers and butterflies. In 2008, the Society collated and recorded these and other information it had collected in a report, which was published as *Wildlife and its Conservation in Kirtlington, Oxfordshire*.

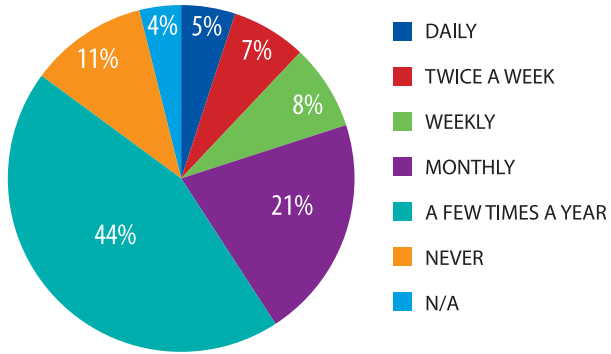
As a result of this earlier and ongoing work, aspects of this plan that deal with wildlife and conservation focus on filling gaps and shortcomings identified during Kirtlington Plan consultation. Below are the new ideas and initiatives that have sprung from the consultation.



## Kirtlington Quarry

The quarry is a Nature Reserve which is managed on lease by Cherwell District Council from the owner, Blue Circle Cement. It is a regionally important geological site and Site of Special Scientific Interest. Over **60%** of respondents visit the quarry several times a year and over **20%** visit at least once a month.

Chart showing frequency of visits to Kirtlington Quarry by local residents



### ACTION 20 Reviving the 'Friends of Kirtlington Quarry Group'

Status	Inactive
How	Advertise inaugural meeting and decide next steps
Who	KWACS and/or volunteer leader – assisted by CDC
When	Before end 2011

More than **90** people expressed various concerns about the quarry, the majority being worried about litter, vandalism and dog fouling. Given these strong feelings, it is no surprise that some **44%** of respondents support greater involvement in the management of the quarry through the revival of the 'Friends of Kirtlington Quarry' group and **45** residents have volunteered to get involved. This is welcomed and would be assisted by Cherwell District Council.

## Village Footpaths Society

As a result of the consultation a Village Footpaths Society was proposed to preserve, maintain and enhance some of the ancient walkways through and around Kirtlington.

### ACTION 21 Establish the 'Kirtlington Footpaths Society'

Status	Concept stage
How	Publicise at the Societies Fair and set up inaugural meeting to decide next steps
Who	Helen Macbeth, Olwyn Mason and other volunteers
When	Before end 2011



Tinkers Ditch

Some **70** residents expressed interest in getting involved with suggested activities, including mapping, maintenance and involving younger people. Cherwell District Council offered help to interpret and promote a circular walk as part of this initiative.

## Wildlife and Conservation Suggestions

### Three important suggestions for improving habitat in the village received strong support:

- Reduced mowing along Crowcastle / Mill Lane (**57%**)
- Habitat improvement under trees between recreation field and Molly Minns Lane (**46%**)
- Planting more trees throughout Kirtlington (**47%**)

Many useful suggestions on specific sites for new tree planting have been made and some **93** residents expressed interest in sponsoring new planting (at approximately £50 a tree). Cherwell District Council's arboricultural officer is pleased to offer advice to support new tree planting.

### ACTION 22 Habitat enhancement activities

Status	Concept stage
How	Discuss with Parish Council and landowners; arrange permissions; fundraise and set up work groups as appropriate
Who	KWACS and or volunteer leader(s)
When	Initiate planning in 2012

Importantly, some **75** residents noted that they are willing to get involved directly in the work of Kirtlington Wildlife and Conservation Society (KWACS).



# Sustainability in Kirtlington



Increasing numbers of Kirtlington residents are aware of the importance of conservation issues.

Sustainable Kirtlington exists to channel ideas from villagers into tangible projects for community resilience. The most ambitious project to date is the hydro scheme at Flights Mill to generate power from the River Cherwell. Profits from the sale of electricity from this project to the national grid will provide grants for parishioners for 'greening' their homes. The recently launched group-buying scheme for photo-voltaic panels will also generate power. Under this scheme, householders and businesses install solar panels on their properties at a discounted rate.



There is much more to be done, for instance in the areas of local food production and water conservation. The Kirtlington Plan offers an opportunity to reflect on these issues, take action, and create a strong basis for future development in Kirtlington. **52** respondents indicated willingness to help Sustainable Kirtlington follow up on these issues, suggesting potential for significant growth.

See [www.sustainablekirtlington.co.uk](http://www.sustainablekirtlington.co.uk) for details.

# Resource Conservation in Kirtlington

## ACTION 23 Increase awareness and take-up of resource conservation practices

Status	On-going
How	Recruit new members and set up working groups on key resource conservation issues; develop and distribute information packs with 'how to' guidance and options for Kirtlington residents.
Who	Sustainable Kirtlington and volunteer leaders
When	Before end 2012

The majority of respondents (**63%**) consider climate change to be a key issue. Even more (**67%**) are concerned about resource conservation. The questionnaire identified details of concern and interest.

## Local Food

## ACTION 24 Set up village surplus food share scheme

Status	Enhancement of existing practices to ensure wider involvement
How	Discuss with Allotments Association and Gardening Club, organise scheme rules and set up a management group as appropriate. Advertise inaugural meeting and decide next steps.
Who	Sustainable Kirtlington and/or volunteer leader
When	Before end Spring 2012



Consultation with villagers on local food suggested the need for a workable scheme to increase access to locally produced food in Kirtlington:

Two questions concerned the availability and use of surplus privately owned land and the following action is proposed:

## ACTION 25 Set up community surplus land use scheme

Status	Concept stage
How	Discuss with owners of land; organise scheme rules and set up a management group as appropriate. Advertise inaugural meeting and decide next steps.
Who	Sustainable Kirtlington and/or volunteer leader
When	Before end Spring 2012

## Allotments

Interest in securing an allotment is strong in Kirtlington with some **27** residents declaring interest via the questionnaire. However, only **3** people have since asked to be allocated an allotment and all have been accommodated. There is currently a waiting list of **1**. People interested in an allotment can come to the Village Societies Fair or approach the Allotments Association of Kirtlington directly.





# Community Safety

The majority of people in Kirtlington (80%) feel safe in the village. Those who do not feel safe are most concerned about traffic and road safety, in particular speeding along the A4095.

Common safety issues not connected with traffic and road safety include occasional thefts, petty crime, vandalism and burglary. Backing up the general feeling of safety in the village is the fact that the majority of people (62%) are not interested in getting involved in the local Neighbourhood Watch (NW). Nonetheless, a significant minority – nearly 100 questionnaire respondents – were interested in signing up to the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme.



## ACTION 26 Boosting local Neighbourhood Watch scheme

Status	Existing scheme – this action will enhance awareness and take-up
How	Enhance recruitment to local Neighbourhood Watch scheme based on questionnaire interest and using village events
Who	Existing Neighbourhood Watch scheme organisers
When	September 2011 Societies Fair and subsequent village events

Prompted by villager feedback, the questionnaire asked whether places that had been subject to recent theft and vandalism, namely the church, village hall and scout hut, should have security cameras and lights installed and (63%) are in favour of this happening.

Cherwell District Council’s Community Safety Manager advises that well-placed and robust security lighting is usually an effective measure in these situations. He adds that installation of CCTV would require legal advice.

**The Kirtlington Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** has been active for nearly twenty years.

It functions through a network of members who act as conduits and pass information from Neighbourhood Watch local headquarters in Banbury or the Village Co-ordinator (Tony Summerfield) to villagers in their immediate area. Such information could be a warning that there has been a burglary in the area and reminding people to lock their doors, or asking people to be aware of a particular vehicle in the area.

Information also travels in the other direction – sometimes the smallest scrap of intelligence, such as someone acting suspiciously in the village, can be vital and members are encouraged to pass such information to the Village Coordinator or directly to the Police.

Following two very harsh winters, consultation suggested the need for action around ice and snow clearance in Kirtlington. Almost 100 people were willing to get involved in ice and snow clearance working groups.

## ACTION 27 Installing security lighting and CCTV at key village locations

Status	Currently under investigation by the Parish Council
How	Investigation of methods of installing affordable security lighting and CCTV at the village hall, church and scout hut
Who	Parish Council, VHM and Parochial Church Council with possible assistance from CDC Community Safety Manager
When	End 2011

ACTION 28 Setting up Kirtlington Snow Clearance Group	
Status	New scheme
How	Engaging 100+ questionnaire respondents interested in helping to clear snow and ice from public places, publicised at the annual Village Societies Fair
Who	Parish Council, volunteers (using recent Oxfordshire County Council guidance notes)
When	Winter 2011/12 onwards

# Kirtlington Plan Directory

Parish Plan Message Centre: Tel. 01869 351398

NAME	CONTACT	Tel No or E-mail	MEETINGS
Allotments	Mark Foster	351027	
Baby and Toddler Group	Sarah Kreckler	07818 405376	Fridays 09.00-11.00
Badminton Club	John Comfort	350819	Mondays 8pm
Bell Ringing	Kathryn Grant	kathryn.grant@talk21.com	
Bird Watching	Chris Mason	350518	
Bowls Club	Pauline Cherry	350805	
Bridge Club	Edward Macfarlane	351785, edmac@mail.com	
Church Cleric	Rev. Jane Hemmings	350224	
Church Warden	Margaret Forey	351494	
Church Bookings	Gill Summerfield	351537	
Crickets Club	Paddy Whetter	351860	
Film Club	John Moore	351173	As advertised
Garden Club	Diana Barnes	350828	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday / month
Golf Club	Pamela Smith	351133	
Historical Society	Margaret Forey	351494	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday / month
KADS	Georgina Kirby	350302	Thursdays 7.30pm
Kirtlington Care	Gill Summerfield	351537	
Kirtlington Digital Champions	Didi Spencer Alex Bryson	350137, spencer.dimitrina@gmail.com 350116, randomtime1@googlemail.com	
Kirtlington Fete	Tony Summerfield	351537	
Kirtlington Morris	Nigel Holt	350219	Tuesdays 8.15pm
Kirtlington Village News		350801, kirtlingtonvillagenews@gmail.com	
KWACS	Paul Bullock	350804	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday / month
Lamb Ale	Wendi Brock	351504	
Neighbourhood Watch	Tony Summerfield	351537	
Parish Council	Ruth Powles	350995	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday / month
Parish Plan	Robert & Didi Spencer	350137	
Post Office / Shop	Rachel & Amier	350356	
School and Pre-School		350210	
Scouts	Colin Evans	600524	
Sustainable Kirtlington	Celia Hawkesworth	350304 / 01333 312552, hawkesworth304@btinternet.com	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday / month
Tai Chi	Didi Spencer	spencer.dimitrina@gmail.com	Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm
Village Hall	Sylvia Oldcorn	350892	
Village News	Enquiries	350801, kirtlingtonvillagenews@gmail.com	
Village Lunch	Mavis Rollings	350052	Last Wednesday / month at Golf Club
Village Website	Anna Kennedy	351074, anitakennedy2000@hotmail.com	
Welcome Club	Ron Counter	350473	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday / month
Wine Club	Didi Spencer, Sharon Escott and Jackie Hogan	350137, 350303, spencer.dimitrina@gmail.com	As advertised
Women’s Institute	Ann Mowat	350525	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday / month
Youth Club	Rob Cooke	351370	Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm 11-16 yrs 7.30-10.00pm 14-16 yrs



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