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3.0 SUMMARY

What is a Parish Plan: Government and local authorities have been keen to encourage local communities to become more involved with developing their requirements and take some responsibility to implementing these requirements. With this in mind Nuffield Parish Council were asked to develop a Nuffield Parish Plan with support from the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC), South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) and the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). A number of other South Oxfordshire Parishes have been developing their plans and some are now in the implementation phase.

How did we start: Nuffield Parish Council and the ORCC called a community meeting at the Crown in Nuffield to introduce the opportunity to develop a community plan and the high level process to be followed. Views were solicited at that meeting as to the main issues, these were a lack of community spirit and safety in terms of speeding traffic on our local roads. A small committee was set up from volunteers at that meeting to identify others issues to be put to the community via a questionnaire.

The Parish Plan process: A questionnaire was developed by a small committee, then through some local events attendees were asked on an ad hoc basis if the issues were being identified as the questionnaire was built up. The questionnaire was redrafted several times following feedback and finally another community event was held at the Crown where copies of the draft were circulated for attendees to review and comment verbally as well as by written comments. The feedback received was used to finalise the questionnaire. As the results were to be analysed by some special software (SNAP) run by the SODC we worked with the SODC and ORCC to adapt the questions for easier analysis (essentially having 'yes' 'no' answers) as well as taking tips from other Parish questionnaires and how they formatted their questions. We also retained a number of questions which allowed respondents to write their own comments which would have to be analysed manually and recorded in spreadsheets. We also added a 'volunteer' sheet so respondents could add their own contact details to assist in particular events or working groups.

Plan Objectives: To have received sufficient feedback from the Nuffield Parish community to set up selected working groups to implement plans coming from the questionnaire. This feedback would be used to influence local authorities or service providers as to the needs and wishes on the Nuffield community.

Description of the Parish: Nuffield Parish sits atop the Chiltern Hills, midway between Henley-on-Thames and Wallingford in South Oxfordshire. The area is classed as an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty', and is bisected by one of the longer footpaths in the UK – the Ridgeway, and another long distance footpath, the Chiltern Way passes through the northern part of the Parish. The Electoral Register notes some 214 addresses with a mixture of households, farms, spread over three main communities: Nuffield (55), Oakley Court (37) and Huntercombe (68). Other properties (54) are scattered across the Parish.

Village history: Nuffield Parish is an ancient Parish (data required) with the Church of England Parish Church of the Holy Trinity probably being the oldest building in the Parish being originally Norman. Some masonry from this period survives on the south side of the nave (source Wikipedia). In the 14th century the Church was rebuilt and the north aisle was added. The Gothic Revival architect Benjamin Ferrey restored the chancel in 1845.

The main road (A4130) runs from Henley-on-Thames to Wallingford on the northern side of the Parish, it was made into a turnpike in 1736 (ceasing in 1873). This road is now limited to 40mph on the main section passing through Nuffield due to a number of fatal accidents over recent years particularly on Gangsdown Hill. Vehicles continue to ignore this limit which is a cause for concern in our community.

Huntercombe Place is situated on the northern side of the Parish and is an Edwardian era Tudor style house designed by Oswald Milne, a former assistant to the Arts & Crafts Movement architect Edwin Lutyens and completed in 1910. Huntercombe Place is now a care home.

Nuffield Place (formerly Merrow Mount) completed in 1914 and purchased by Lord Nuffield in 1933 when it was renamed. Lord Nuffield had the house enlarged and lived there until his death in 1963 and is buried at the Holy Trinity Parish Church. Nuffield Place was bequeathed to Nuffield College but is now in the ownership of the National Trust and will be reopened to the public in April 2012. Access will be by tickets with timed visits to prevent the modest house becoming overloaded with visitors, preventing enjoyment of the home of one of the founders of the British motor industry.

Our only public house, the Crown, has had a very mixed 'life' in recent years with a lack of passing trade and infrequent visits from our local community. In late 2011 the Crown remains closed and this is an issue which will need further investigation to see if there are ways to reopen the Pub.



In the centre of the Parish is Huntercombe Golf Club (see section 10.1.4). Designed and built in 1901 by Willie Park junior, the course was heralded and being one of the finest 'inland' links in the country. Willie was a renowned golfer winning the Open Championship in 1887 and 1889 after which he became a credited golf course designer. The rolling countryside, gorse bushes and brisk breezes coming up the Chiltern hillside proved a very enjoyable place to play golf. Ian Fleming, the creator of James Bond, was also a member and had James Bond playing the infamous Goldfinger on the course in the book of the same name.

Issues: The major issue for the Nuffield community has been the loss of its community spirit. Since the closure of the Primary School the heart has been lost from the village. The school presented a centre for the community to meet at local school events as most had either been there themselves or had children attending. The challenge now is how to rebuild a community spirit that will help to drive new events and plans. In 2010 we held our first village fete which was very well attended. A further fete was held in 2011 and it is hoped this will become an annual event.

Communication is an issue to overcome to bring our community together more. Hence, the Nuffield Parish News has been re-established on a quarterly basis. A Parish website will also be developed, and a notice board is to be installed at Huntercombe.

Oakley Court being a more recent development has managed to establish its own community activities and learnings can be taken from them. Also, at Huntercombe, community activity is building through its own local newsletter and hard work by volunteers to encourage events. Moving forward we will need to encourage sharing the learnings from these communities to rebuild a Parish community spirit.

3.1 About the Respondents who completed the questionnaire:

268 people completed the questionnaire. We had approximately a 50:50 split male and female. One third of the respondents lived in Nuffield, one third in Huntercombe and the remaining one third spread over Oakley Court (14%) and the outlying homes and farms spread over the Parish.

The majority of the respondents have lived in Nuffield Parish for more than 20 years, with the majority in the age group 30-75+. Just about half of the respondents moved here because they found the house they were looking for, loving the country life and then because of work.

3.2 Results from the questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q1	What gender are you?	Male	135	50.4%
		Female	133	49.6%
Q2	How old are you?	Younger than 8	0	0
		8-11	9	3.3%
		12-15	13	4.8%
		16-19	10	3.7%
		20-29	19	7.1%
		30-44	71	26.4%
		45-59	74	27.5%
		60-74	61	22.7%
		75+	12	4.5%
Q3	How many years have you lived in the Parish of Nuffield?	Less than one year	18	6.7%
		1-5 years	70	25.9%
		6-10 years	67	24.8%



		11-20 years	42	15.6%
		20 + years	73	27%
Q4	Why did you come to live in the Parish of Nuffield?	Born here	26	9.7%
		Grew up here	21	7.8%
		Because of work	59	21.9%
		Ease of commuting	28	10.4%
		Family reasons	49	18.2%
		Availability of housing	36	13.4%
		Found the house of choice	133	49.4%
		Love of country life	81	30.1%
		None of the above	9	3.3%
Q5	Where do you live	Nuffield	89	32.6%
		Huntercombe	89	32.6%
		Oakley Court	39	14.3%
		Gangsdown Hill	19	7%
		Port Hill	10	3.7%
		Other	27	9.9%

3.3 Actions

As the majority of respondents have moved to the Parish as they found the house they want care has to be taken on how Nuffield might (or not) change over the coming years.

Since the start of the Nuffield Parish Plan community activities have been developed i.e.: the Fete; walks; farm visit and events at Nuffield Church. A local Newsletter has returned. Inter community communications are improving, people are starting to work together on various activities. Effective and prompt communications around the Parish will be vital to encourage participation in local events.

4.0 AMENITIES AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

As part of the process of developing the questionnaire, the parish held a number of events to gather people and their opinions. One of the key things that came up time and time again was the importance of community and the apparent lack of it in Nuffield. The events were popular with large numbers of the community attending and supporting the events. In the questionnaire, fifty people said they prepared to help at events with the majority wanting to attend an event (77%). The majority (71%) are prepared to pay to attend events. Some of the events that were organised as part of the parish plan have continued for a second year and there are plans for next year too.

Nuffield doesn't have a shop or a post office. The pub is going through a difficult time (currently shut and looking for new tenants) and the officer's club at the prison is no longer available. It's clear from Question 11 (see below) that these amenities are important to a lot of people – but it is a significant minority rather than a majority that consider these facilities essential. Only 18% would actively support a community shop. That said, more than 50% consider them important or very important and there may be some way of combining the most important amenities into a single viable location. This could be in the pub or at Nuffield Place which is just about to be taken over by the National Trust and may provide a facility for people to meet.



4.1 Actions

- Support for a meeting place – Nuffield Place.
- Provide insurance for events
- Provide a web site to advertise events and inform the community of Parish information.
- Support the re-opening of the Crown Pub.
- Look at the possibility of the community taking over the running of the pub.
- Encourage the integration of a shop / post office with the pub.

4.2 Results from questionnaire

Q11 - What amenities/services do you think are essential for our community? For each amenity/service please select a score between 1 (lowest) and, 5 (highest).

		N/R		1		2		3		4		5	
	Totals	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Shop	274	42	15%	43	16%	17	6%	40	15%	24	9%	108	39%
Post Office	274	44	16%	47	17%	27	10%	37	14%	29	11%	90	33%
Pub	274	40	15%	25	9%	22	8%	52	19%	41	15%	94	34%
Parish Church	274	44	16%	29	11%	26	9%	52	19%	36	13%	87	32%
Community Centre	274	74	27%	30	11%	28	10%	53	19%	35	13%	54	20%
Outside play area (improvement)	274	93	34%	22	8%	14	5%	34	12%	39	14%	72	26%
Local bus service	274	36	13%	17	6%	13	5%	26	9%	52	19%	130	47%
Allotment group	274	66	24%	58	21%	39	14%	59	22%	29	11%	23	8%
Garden club	274	63	23%	75	27%	45	16%	56	20%	23	8%	12	4%
Book club	274	69	25%	83	30%	49	18%	47	17%	16	6%	10	4%
Walkers group	274	60	22%	64	23%	49	18%	61	22%	22	8%	18	7%
Yoga class	274	64	23%	99	36%	34	12%	34	12%	22	8%	21	8%
Toddler group	274	65	24%	55	20%	27	10%	52	19%	40	15%	35	13%

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q6	Did you attend the following	One of the walks around the parish	27	21.4%
		Farm Visit and BBQ at Mays farm	22	17.5%
		Nuffield Fete and Church Flower festival	77	61.1%
		Bonfire and Fireworks evening	50	39.7%
		Community suppers at the crown	23	19.8%
Q7	In 2011 which events would you wish to see and would you support or attend? (mark all boxes that apply)	Walks	74	32.9%
		Farm Visits	74	32.9%
		Fete and Flower Festival	113	50.2%
		Bonfire and fireworks evening	124	55.1%
		Community suppers at the crown	64	24%
		Car boot sale (on Huntercombe Rugby Pitch)	114	50.7%



Q9	Would you be prepared to	Organise a community event	13	6%
		Run a stall at the fete	50	23%
		Attend a community event	194	77%
Q10	To help pay for events would you	Pay to attend a community event to raise funds for other events (yes)	172	71%
		Make voluntary donations to support community events	97	47%
Q13	Which of the following do you use or have you made use of, or benefited from?(mark all boxes that apply)	The playground in Churchfield Rd	38	17%
		Fred's Field for activities	62	26%
		Huntercombe Golf Course	66	28%
		Summer School golf lessons (funded by the NCPST)*	38	17%
		A grant from the NCPST* for additional educational activities.	39	18%
Q14	Would you be interested in developing a community shop in Nuffield?	Yes	43	18%
		No	194	82%
Q38	What events / activities would you welcome at the crown	Community gatherings (3 mthly)	93	42%
		Quiz evenings (Monthly)	77	34%
		Live entertainment (Monthly)	71	33%
		Guest beers	59	29%
Q39	Would you come to a "Village supper at least once a years	Twice a year	96	39%
		Three times a year	26	11%
		Four times a year	44	18%
		Never	83	34%

5.0 HOUSING

Questions 88 – 627 respondents answered. 40% were in favour and 60% against.

Of those in favour 73% thought a mixture of affordable and market priced properties would be best with 74% being in favour of the houses being provided to people with a local connection.

Any housing being built by the South Oxfordshire Housing Association or other registered social landlord would require land being sold at a preferable rate (i.e. less than market rate). Of the types of house design the preference was for semi-detached properties (79%).

5.1 Actions

Based on this feedback Nuffield Parish Council will not be championing additional housing within the Parish.



5.2 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q88	Would you support additional housing in:			
	Nuffield	Yes	106	46%
		No	123	54%
	Huntercombe	Yes	87	42%
		No	118	58%
	Oakley Court	Yes	63	33%
		No	130	67%
Q89	If you answered 'Yes' to any of the above options should these be provided for private purchase or as affordable housing by SOHA (South Oxfordshire Housing Association) or other registered social landlord (RSL)?			
	Private (at market price)	Yes	48	61%
		No	31	39%
	Affordable housing by SOHA or other RSL	Yes	42	53%
		No	38	48%
	A mixture of market price and affordable homes	Yes	85	73%
		No	31	27%
Q90	Should affordable housing be provided:			
	For people with a local connection?	Yes	124	74%
		No	44	26%
	For anyone in housing need?	Yes	54	40%
		No	81	60%
Q91	Should properties be:			
	Detached houses?	Yes	86	68%
		No	41	32%
	Semi-detached houses?	Yes	110	79%
		No	29	21%
	Terraced houses?	Yes	78	61%
		No	49	39%
	Apartments	Yes	45	39%
		No	72	62%

6.0 COMMUNICATIONS

Despite being quite a small parish in terms of numbers of people, we are quite spread out and with no one single central meeting point (with the possible exception of Nuffield Church) such as a school or shop or village hall. Up to now letters have been hand



delivered to houses to inform people of events. Details of meetings are placed on the notice boards in Nuffield and the newsletter (now distributed 4 times a year) has proved popular. Moving forward there is clear support for a web site to hold both useful information about the Parish and local news of past and upcoming events. There are notice boards in the village of Nuffield but there was support for an additional notice board in Huntercombe (which has since been approved by the Parish Council).

6.1 Actions

- Web site for the Parish.
- Continue to financially support the quarterly newsletter
- Build up a list of email addresses for communication (including the distribution of the newsletter)
- Notice board in Huntercombe
- Publish events on the Web site

6.2 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q56	Would you like the Parish Council to have a website?	Yes	162	76%
		No	50	24%
Q57	Do you receive Nuffield Parish News?	Yes	204	88%
		No	29	12%
Q58	Do you like receiving Nuffield Parish News?	Yes	183	86%
		No	29	14%
Q59	Do you contribute to articles in the Nuffield Parish News?	Yes	14	6%
		No	211	94%
Q60	Do you wish to receive Nuffield Parish News	As a hard copy	121	59%
		By Email	84	41%
Q61	Would you welcome access to a Nuffield Parish website for information on events etc?	Yes	154	73%
		No	58	27%
Q62	Do you find the information you require on the Nuffield notice board?	Yes	58	31%
		No	129	69%
Q63	Do you want more notice boards?	Yes	72	36%
		No	127	64%
Q64	If you want more notice boards, where should these be?	Oakley Court	13	14%
		Huntercombe	63	69%
		Churchfield Rd	22	24%
		Other	12	13%



7.0 BROADBAND

Broadband Internet access is widely used in the parish with 85% of respondents replying that they are connected with broadband to their house. Most get less than 2Mbps and a large number of users that have less than 2Mbps would be prepared to pay more for a faster service.

The vast majority of people in the parish that responded to the questionnaire (89% or 233 people) use a computer with broadband at home with just 10% (28 people) responding negatively. These results were spread fairly evenly across the all age ranges from 9-75 years. Most people connect daily and they use it for wide variety of reasons including email, shopping, business and social networking. 64% of respondents are not happy with the speed of their connection (75% of the 30-44 age group) with 55% getting less than 2Mbps. Dissatisfaction with the speed seems to be greatest in Port Hill (77%-No) and Oakley Court (68%-No). In almost all areas the majority of users got less than 2Mbps with Oakley Court (63%), Gangsdown Hill (53%) and Port Hill (56%) fairing the worst. A total of 84 (50%) of respondents who have less than 2Mbps would be prepared to pay more for a faster speed.

7.1 Actions

Fast Internet access is now a crucial service to both houses and businesses. Providing fast connectivity to Nuffield will enable more people to work from home (thus cutting traffic and pollution) and enabling businesses that require good connectivity to be set up in the Parish. The Parish should actively support initiatives to bring super-fast connections such as BT infinity to the Parish and should seek funding to make it viable for providers to put in the necessary connectivity to all parts of the parish.

- Push providers to get all areas up to at least 2Mbps
- Actively support the introduction of super-fast broadband.
- Assess alternative broadband technologies that may provide excellent services to the Nuffield community.
- Keep the website updated with details of the BT Infinity rollout program and when the Parish can expect to have access.

7.2 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q17	Do you use a computer with broadband at home?	Yes	233	89%
		No	28	11%
	For those that answered 'Yes' to Q17			
Q18	How do you connect to broadband? (mark all boxes that apply)	By Landline	206	92%
		By mobile connection	30	14%
		By satellite	9	4%
Q19	Are you satisfied with your broadband speed?	Yes	81	36%
		No	144	64%
Q20	Is your broadband speed slower than 2Mbps	Yes	113	56%
		No	89	44%
Q21	If your broadband speed is slower than 2Mbps, would you pay more for a faster speed?	Yes	84	49%
		No	87	51%
Q22	How often do you go on-line?	Daily	196	83%
		Weekly	26	11%
		Occasionally	13	5%



Q23	What do you use Broadband for?(mark all boxes that apply)	Internet shopping	176	75%
		Work / Business	139	59%
		School College work	61	26%
		Personal hobbies	154	66%
		Social (emailing / networking)	191	81%
		Music / Video / Sport	114	48%

8.0 TRANSPORT

From the earliest meetings concern has been expressed about the speeding of vehicles on the main road between Henley-on-Thames and Wallingford as well as some of our more local roads, some of which are single track.

The questionnaire sought views on setting up a Speed Watch programme in conjunction with the Thames Valley Police.

142 (58%) respondents said they would support a Speed Watch programme and 54 (22%) respondents put their names forward to be trained to operate a speed indication device.

A number of respondents (182, 76%) felt that improved local bus services were also an essential service for our community.

8.1 Actions

A small working group to be set up to approach the Thames Valley Police and establish how to set up a Speed Watch programme and a training course for those willing to operate a speed indication device.

The Parish Council to pass the information onto the local bus service providers for a response which will be fed back to the Community via the Nuffield Parish News.

8.2 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q79	Would you support a Speed Watch programme to monitor local traffic speeds	Yes	142	58%
		No	103	42%
Q80	Would you be prepared to be trained to operate a speed indication device	Yes	54	22%
		No	191	78%
Q11	What amenities do you think are essential for our Community – Local bus service	Score 4-5 (highest)	182	76%



9.0 ALLOTMENTS

There are currently no public allotments in the Parish of Nuffield. Oakley court has set up some allotments on private land that is part of the development. These have recently been extended to accommodate additional requests from residents. There is a strong request from residents of both Nuffield and Huntercombe (65 people) for Allotments.

9.1 Actions

- Approach the National Trust about using some of the gardens attached to Nuffield Place
- Identify suitable land that the Parish Council may be able to buy or lease for the use.
- Practical support from the residents of Oakley Court who have recently set up allotments

9.2 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q43	Would you be interested in having an allotment in any of the following places?(mark all boxes that apply)	Nuffield	29	36.7%
		Huntercombe	46	58.2%
		Oakley Court	19	24.1%

10.0 OPEN SPACES

10.1 Open Spaces in Nuffield

10.1.1 Footpaths

Nuffield Parish has many foot and bridle paths including part of the ancient Ridgeway Path. These are well used and the Chiltern Society keeps a keen eye on the paths and making improvements. In 2010 they installed a number of kissing gates to make the use of paths greater for those who are unable to climb stiles and/ or if walking with pets.

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q65	How frequently do you use our local footpaths and rights of way for exercise and walks?	Daily	48	18.3%
		More than once a week	49	18.7%
		Once a week	45	17.2%
		Once a month	72	27.5%
		Once a year	28	10.7%
		Never	20	7.6%



10.1.2 Fred's Field

This field was originally part of the Primary School in Nuffield until the school was closed and sold. The village now pay Oxfordshire County Council for the use of the field and pay a peppercorn rent to the Nuffield County Primary School Trust (NCPST) for the use of the access area from the main road to the field. The field was named after Fred Prue, a well loved former Headmaster of Nuffield Primary School for many years. He served as Headmaster on two separate occasions and the seat in the Field is also dedicated to him.

This open space has been considerably cleared up over the last two/three years.

Huntercombe Golf Club now kindly cut the grass regularly.

Fred's Field is available for all to enjoy (such as the first Village Fete in 2010) or pleasant evenings for locals to hold BBQ's or other community gatherings. Care being taken to inform those whose properties surround Fred's Field. Requests to use the field need to be made to the Nuffield Parish Council.

This area is a great asset to Nuffield village and is much under rated. The fact that 199 respondents declined to help keep it in shape (see table below) shows there is much to be done to promote this Village asset and seek broader support from the local community.

10.1.2.1 Work that has happened in Fred's Field

The hedges have been cut back. The bramble areas have been cleared along with rubbish that has been taken to the tip. The boundaries of the field are now clearer and the wire fence has been replaced along the south and part of the west sides. The west side is soon to have its new wire fence completed all along. The saplings will be removed so the boundary is clearer. The two mounds of earth are going to be flattened out and in due course re-seeded. The flat grass space is a great improvement.

This has been a lot of hard work for several people.

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q67	Would you be prepared to join in a gardening work party at a weekend and clean up Fred's Field?	Yes	43	17.8%
		No	199	52.6%

10.1.3 Nuffield Common

Nuffield Common is 113 acres (but is actually made up of three commons – Nuffield (34 acres), Goose (72 acres) and Little (5 acres)) and provides an open space with large open grassland, rough shrubby areas, spinneys, public footpaths and the Huntercombe Golf Course. The respondents mostly use the common for walking either with pets or just for leisure.

10.1.4 Huntercombe Golf Club

This club was opened in May 1901. In 1900 the champion golfer Willie Park Junior bought Huntercombe Manor along with an adjoining 724 acres later to increase to 928. He designed and then built the course in 7 months. In 1926 William Morris who later became Lord Nuffield bought the club and ran it as the sole proprietor until he sold it to the members in 1963.

There are 4 golf playing and 4 social members of the Golf Club together with 7 Artisans who filled in the questionnaire. Generally the Golf Club does not have many members from the population of Nuffield.

Together with the NCPST the golf club has provided golf lessons during the summer holidays. 38 children have benefited from these lessons.

10.1.5 Community Litter Picking

A number of villages conduct a litter picking morning as a means of keeping their countryside clean and tidy as well as meeting people with a like mind and if the weather is conducive having a good time.

120 respondents thought they would support such an activity.



No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q66	Would you be prepared to join a community litter picking morning a couple of times a year?	Yes	120	47.4%
		No	133	52.6%

10.1.6 Allotments

There is quite a demand for allotments in the Parish, as shown in the table below.

Oakley Court recently made some allotments on their own private ground. These are being well cared for and they have started a sharing system for some of the tools and gardening equipment needed.

Huntercombe and Nuffield are yet to find anywhere to date. See actions 9.1 above.

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q43	Would you be interested in having an allotment in any of the following places?	Nuffield	29	36.7%
		Huntercombe	46	58.2%
		Oakley Court	19	24.1%

10.1.7 Village Clamp

Respondents generally declined to work to set up a Village compost clamp. As garden waste increases, or the cost to dispose of such compostable materials this topic may become of more interest in the coming years.

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q68	Would you be prepared to help us set up a village garden compost clamp and use the material for our own gardens?	Yes	47	19.6%
		No	193	80.4%

10.2 Actions

Footpaths: Continue to promote Parish walks and encourage locals to join in and enjoy our local rights of way

Fred's Field: Keep the field in useable condition and promote more Village use for community activities without disturbing the neighbouring houses.

Nuffield Common: continue to enjoy the open views and flora and fauna.

Huntercombe Golf Club: Since the formation of the Nuffield Community Plan it was recognised that we could improve our liaison with the Golf Club, and Alan Simmons agreed to be our liaison officer with the Club. Every 3 months or so he and Geoff Giles meet with the Club Secretary to review any feedback from the Village, inform the Club of our activities (fetes etc where the Club lend us some tables etc) and in turn the Club informs us of any of their activities for us to comment or inform the Village via the Nuffield Parish News. Over the last 18 months there have been no significant incidents between both parties and long may that continue. If any Parishioner have any issues with the Huntercombe Golf Club or its use of the Common they are asked to contact Alan Simmons on 01491 641 442.

Litter picking morning: set up such events several times a year or as required.



Allotments: Nuffield and Huntercombe residents need to find some available land suitable for allotments and for the land owner to allow such use. An allotments group will be set up so that all three (including Oakley Court) communities can exchange ideas and learning's.

Village garden compost clamp: as not much support has been registered for this facility it will remain on hold unless sufficient support becomes apparent or the costs of garden waste disposal makes such a local facility of real interest.

11.0 MEETING PLACES

11.1 Meeting Places in Nuffield

11.1.1 Nuffield Place (Former home of Lord Nuffield)

Since the Parish Plan questionnaire went out in April 2011 it has been confirmed that Nuffield College, Oxford, has gifted Nuffield Place and part of its estate to the National Trust.

The National Trust are very keen to engage with the local community. They are happy to let the local community use their tea room for Parish council meetings, elections and community based meetings. They have generously said there would be no charge for these occasions.

Nuffield Place was completed in 1914. Lord Nuffield enlarged the house in 1933 and lived there until his death in 1963. He bequeathed the house and it's contents to Nuffield College.

From the results below it is clear that there is a great opportunity for the local population to visit Nuffield Place and enjoy the surroundings and meet there.

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q41	Have you visited Nuffield Place?	Yes	91	36.3%
		No	160	63.7%
Q42	Would you support an action to fight closure	Yes	114	50.7%
		No	111	49.3%

11.1.2 Nettlebed Village Club

This Club is situated about three miles away from the village and is outside the parish. It has good facilities and many club evenings.

11.1.3 Huntercombe Hall

Huntercombe Hall is a nursing home and has recently been kind enough to let the Nuffield Parish Council have their meetings there in return for a small donation to the resident and / or staff fund.

11.2 Actions

Continue to evaluate places to meet suitable for events. Nuffield Place is the current (as at November 2011) option for meetings. Outdoor events would favour Fred's Field. Indoor events may favour the Nettlebed Village Club.



11.3 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q76	Which of the following places would you be prepared to meet at?	The Crown	183	83.2%
		Nettlebed Village Club	105	47.7%
		Nuffield Parish Church	90	40.9%

12.0 NUFFIELD CHURCH

Nuffield Church is over 900 years old.

Holy Trinity is a Church of England Parish church in the diocese of Oxford. It was originally Norman. Some masonry from this period still survives on the south side of the nave. In the 14th century the church was rebuilt and the north aisle was added. The Gothic Revival architect Benjamin Ferrey added the chancel in 1845. The church is listed as a grade 2 building.

Lord Nuffield is buried in the church when he died in 1963. His grave is still tendered to this day.

Action: If the church could make improvements to its facilities would enlarge the potential of the church to be used as a community space. Facilities within the Church are limited. Heating is available but it needs to be on for quite a while to make an effective increase in warmth inside the building, particularly during the winter. The Parish council has held meetings within the Church but the current layout is not entirely suitable for such meetings.

A large number of people like having the church in the parish but as can be seen below the number of people using it is very low with the exceptions of weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Regular worshipers to Nuffield church services numbered 6 (2.4 %). 45 (18.5%) respondents attend regular services at other places of worship.

Many respondents felt there was a need to help those in need locally as well as giving help to others through the church.

137 (86%) of respondents agreed for the Church to be preserved as an historic building. The respondents were supportive of development to the church to provide toilet facilities, a small kitchen and the possibility of a meeting room for the community by a low majority of 56% to 44%. However not many people were prepared to contribute towards the building and maintenance costs whether privately or through the Parish Council taxes.

Overall the church is wanted and needed but contrary to this desire there is the conflicting lack of support to enable the desires to be provided!

Full data has been passed to the Parochial Council for their own review.

The Church Fund Raising Team started before the 2010 fete and flower festival. This team has been very successful and led to the Church Fete and Flower Festival in 2011 raising money to improve and maintain the Church. They have held a jumble sale, coffee morning, quiz night and concerts.

From their new funds they have decorated the inside of the church and renewed the path from the gate to the church door. Their next project is to repair the windows which badly need attention. Ground and church maintenance costs are always ongoing.

12.1 Actions

Continue to support the Nuffield Church wherever possible. The challenge is to preserve the Church with very few worshippers.

12.2 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
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Q26	Our Church has been with us for over 900 years			
	Do you welcome having a Church in Nuffield?	Yes	221	90.6%
		No	23	9.4%
	Do you attend regular services at Nuffield Church?	Yes	6	2.4%
		No	240	97.6%
	Do you attend regular services at another Church?	Yes	45	18.3%
		No	201	81.7%

13.0 NUFFIELD CROWN

The Crown Pub is situated on the main Henley to Wallingford road at the top of Gangsdown Hill on the A4120. Since 1996 the pub has had a chequered life with regular changes of landlords and several closures as new tenants come and go as it is at the moment (November 2011).

Over the years the Parish council has held its meetings here in comfort and warmth at the generous discretion of the landlord. When the pub closes then this facility is lost.

The Parish Plan Committee started the ball rolling at the Crown by holding the first Parish Plan community meeting at the Crown. When the Crown closed the meetings moved to the church.

There was good support from the questionnaire for community gatherings at the Crown including village suppers, guest beer and/or quiz evenings, as well as light entertainment. There were respondents who said they would not attend.

13.1 Actions

For the Parish Council to maintain contact with Brakspears to determine if/when they could re-open the Crown, and support efforts to ensure that a normal, thriving, business can return to Nuffield.

13.2 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q38	What events / activities would you welcome at the Crown?			
	Community gatherings with light refreshments and bar service as a private function?	Monthly	34	15.5%
		3 Monthly	93	42.35
		Would not attend	96	43.6%
	Quiz evenings	Monthly	77	34.5%
		3 Monthly	66	29.6%
		Would not attend	83	37.2%
	Live entertainment	Monthly	71	32.6%
		3 Monthly	74	33.9%
		Would not attend	75	34.4%
	Guest beers	Monthly	59	29.6%
		3 Monthly	32	16.1%



		Would not buy	109	54.8%
Q39	In the past we have held 'Village Suppers' would you support these being re-instated?			
		Twice a year	96	39.3%
		Three times a year	44	18%
		Four times a year	44	18%
		Would not support	83	34%

14.0 YOUTH FACILITIES

Lots of work has recently been done by residents to tidy up the field at the back of the old school (known as Fred's field) and the golf club is kindly mowing this quite often to keep the grass at a reasonable height to be able to play ball games. The play area in Churchfield Road has recently had the swings replaced. The Nuffield County Primary School Trust and the golf club offer free golf lessons to the children over the summer holidays. There is a lot of support to improve the outdoor areas (See section 4.0) but there is also general support for a meeting place for the community (see section 4.0) which children could use to meet in the evenings or during bad weather.

There is some support for running a youth club at the church 13 respondents would volunteer and 25 people responded that they would have children that would be interested in attending a youth club at the Church.

14.1 Actions

- Keep the play areas (Fred's field & playground) well maintained.
- Look at the possibility of a youth club in the Church
- Look at the possibility of indoor youth facilities at Nuffield Place.

14.2 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q32	Would you help run a youth club at the church	Yes	13	7%
Q33	Do you have children in your household who would attend a youth club at the church.	Yes	25	12%
Q13	Which of the following do you use or have you made use of or benefited from	The playground in Churchfield Rd	38	16.7%
		Fred's field	62	26.3%
		Huntercombe golf course – summer golf lessons	38	17.5%



15.0 NUFFIELD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL TRUST

TRUST

The Trust was established in 2001 following the closure of Nuffield Primary School. The property had been left in trust to the village by William and Robert Aldworth in 1879 and when Oxfordshire County Council sold the property the proceeds of the sale were used to set up the Trust, which operates today.

Trustees are nominated by the Oxfordshire County Council and Nuffield Parish Council.

Nuffield County Primary School Trust (NCPST)

The aims of the Trust are;

1. Provision of items, services and facilities for the Primary Schools which are attended by the children of the Parish as decided by the Trustees.
2. Promoting the education (including social and physical training) of persons under the age of 25, resident within the parish.

Less than half of the respondents were aware of the NCPST's existence. This is despite write ups in the Nuffield News over the years. Word of mouth was how most people had heard of it.

66 (23.3%) of respondents believed they were eligible to apply for a NCPST grant. 102 (43.8%) were not and 65 (27.9%) did not know if they were eligible despite the aims of the trustees being written just above the questions.

53 respondents had applied for a NCPST grant and 50 had been successful. The statistics from the questionnaire implied that another 49 applications had not been successful. These figures do not add up which suggests there is still some confusion within the community who may be eligible for a grant.

Schools attended

Most children of school age go to Nettlebed Primary School and Langtree Secondary School.

15.1 Actions

Data from the questionnaire has been reported back to the NCPST for them to act upon as they wish.

15.2 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q44	Are you aware of the NCPST's existence?	Yes	111	45.9%
		No	131	54.1%
Q45	If 'Yes' how did you hear of it?	Word of mouth	82	67.8%
		Nuffield News	20	16.5%
		Flyers	11	9.1%
		None of the above	21	17.4%

16.0 PARISH COUNCIL

Nuffield Parish Council is our Community's first level of local Government and the channel by which we communicate with the higher tiers of Government. With the national Government promoting 'Localism Bills' local communities are expected to have a



greater say, and control, on what happens locally as well as have their say on budgets. Also, the range of roles which can be taken on by Parish Councils can be quite extensive and only limited by the local resources and demands of the local community

192 (80%) of respondents think we do benefit from having a Parish Council. However, 96% of respondents do not attend Parish Council meetings, this should be a cause for concern that not more interest is shown by the local community. However, 116 (44%) noted that they do know a Parish Councillor, and so should be able to communicate their views to a Parish Councillor.

95% of the local community have never been a Parish Councillor, again this provides for much more opportunity for local people to become involved with matters affecting the community, bringing new skills, experiences and views to our local government body. However, 21 respondents said they would be prepared to be nominated as a Parish Councillor (many have submitted their names in the green volunteer sheet).

Communication is covered by 6.0 above, however, 162 (76%) of respondents would like the Parish Council to have a website. Also, 183 (86%) like receiving the Nuffield Parish News, unfortunately, only 14 (6%) contribute articles to the paper. This shows a great deal of scope for more articles to appear in our local paper on life in and around Nuffield. Also, 29 (12%) claimed they did not receive the Nuffield Parish News which is hand delivered to all households in the Parish!

84 (54%) of respondents noted that they would wish to receive the Nuffield Parish News electronically.

Notice boards are another means for our Parish Council to inform the local community of meetings and events. However, 127 (64%) said they did not need more notice boards, but Huntercombe did respond that they would benefit from a notice board and indeed this has been granted at the Parish Council meeting in October 2011.

16.1 Actions

For the Parish Council to set up the website soonest and inform the community of its existence and populate the site with current information including the Nuffield Parish News.

16.2 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q51	Do you attend the Parish Council meetings as a member of the public?	Yes	11	4%
		No	248	96%
Q52	Have you ever been a Nuffield Parish Councillor?	Yes	14	5%
		No	250	95%
Q53	Would you be prepared to be nominated as a Parish Councillor?	Yes	21	8%
		No	236	92%
Q54	Do you know a Parish Councillor?	Yes	116	44%
		No	146	56%
Q55	Do you think we benefit from having a Parish Council?	Yes	192	80%
		No	47	20%
Q56	Would you like the Parish Council to have a website?	Yes	162	76%
		No	50	24%
Q57	Do you receive the Nuffield Parish News?	Yes	204	86%
		No	29	12%
Q58	Do you like receiving the Nuffield Parish News?	Yes	183	86%



		No	29	14%
Q59	Do you contribute to articles in the Nuffield parish News?	Yes	14	6%
		No	211	94%
Q60	Do you wish to receive the Nuffield Parish News:			
	As a hard copy?	Yes	121	68%
		No	57	32%
	By email?	Yes	84	54%
		No	72	46%
Q61	Would you welcome access to a Nuffield Parish website for information on events etc?	Yes	154	73%
		No	58	27%
Q62	Do you find the information you require on the Nuffield notice board?	Yes	58	36%
		No	129	69%
Q63	Do you want more notice boards?	Yes	72	36%
		No	127	64%
Q64	If you want more notice boards where should they be?			
	Oakley Court		13	14%
	Huntercombe		63	69%
	Churchfield Rd		22	24%
	Other		12	13%

17.0 RENEWABLE ENERGY

Renewable energy is a popular topic whether you support it or against it! Solar panels to generate electricity are being promoted as being suitable for domestic homes.

40% of respondents supported installing such devices on the roofs of their homes, which is considered an excellent result based on feedback from other villages. It is noted that other countries (ie Germany) are working towards solar panels with some enthusiasm. Other technologies include heat pumps and water heating systems.

Whilst Nuffield is in an area of outstanding natural beauty it is worth exploring technologies and service providers and discussing this with the community as there may be joint projects which may overcome current objections.

17.1 Actions

Set up a small working group to assess technologies and service providers and continue to inform the community of such opportunities, liaising with local authorities as to planning regulations and grants etc.



17.2 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q69	Would you support installing a solar panel on your home as part of a bulk buying scheme?	Yes	97	40%
		No	148	60%
Q52	Have you ever been a Nuffield Parish Councillor?	Yes	14	5%
		No	250	95%
Q53	Would you be prepared to be nominated as a Parish Councillor?	Yes	21	8%
		No	236	92%
Q54	Do you know a Parish Councillor?	Yes	116	44%

18.0 HEALTHCARE

The national Government plan for GP's to control healthcare budgets. We were interested to know how many of our local community are registered with the Nettlebed Health Centre in order to gauge how we might liaise with our local health professionals.

117 (66%) of our community noted they were registered in Nettlebed, 61 (34%) are registered elsewhere.

18.1 Actions

Inform the Nettlebed Health Centre of these results and seek lines of communication from the Centre to our community as required via the Nuffield Parish News and Nuffield Parish Website.

18.2 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q67	Are you registered with the Nettlebed Health Centre	Yes	117	66%
		No	61	34%

19.0 SAFETY: NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, SPEED WATCH

Community safety was raised early in our development of the community plan. This ranged from thefts through to speeding and animal kidnapping!

Through the development of our questionnaire and plans we expanded this feedback into community safety and speeding.

There was strong support for a Neighbourhood Watch scheme 193 (78%) and Speed Watch 142 (58%)

19.1 Actions

Small working groups will be set up to contact Thames Valley Police to develop both schemes. Then seek volunteers to be trained in these schemes. Also to assess roadside devices and signs to warn drivers of speed limits etc.



19.2 Results from questionnaire

No.	Question	Answers	Number	%
Q78	Would you support a Community Neighbourhood Watch programme to protect our community?	Yes	193	78%
		No	55	22%
Q79	Would you support a Speed Watch programme to monitor local traffic speeds?	Yes	142	58%
		No	103	42%
Q80	Would you be prepared to be trained to operate a speed indication device?	Yes	54	22%
		No	191	78%
Q81	Do you belong to a dog watch group ie Dog Alert?	Yes	10	4%
		No	238	96%
Q82	Are you a member of any other protection group that could help our community?	Yes	2	0.8%
		No	247	99%



Appendix 1 – Volunteer responses

142 people submitted their green 'volunteer' green sheet on the back of the questionnaire. As we move forward into the implementation phase of the Nuffield Parish Plan these volunteers will be contacted to set up their own working groups.

Q9a	Would you be prepared to organise a community event	13	9.0%
Q9b	Would you be prepared to assist with a community event	31	21.4%
Q9c	Would you be prepared to run a stall at our fete	40	27.6%
Q9d	Or just be happy to attend as a spectator	109	75.2%
Q10a	Would be prepared to attend a function to raise funds	91	62.8%
Q10b	Would you be prepared to make voluntary donations	51	35.2%
Q12	Do you wish to volunteer for any of the listed groups	13	9.0%
Q14	Would you be interested in developing a community shop	33	22.8%
Q32	Would you help run a youth club at the church	12	8.3%
Q33	Do you have children who would attend a youth club	20	13.8%
Q35	If 'yes' would you be prepared to contribute to the costs	13	9.0%
Q36	Would you be prepared to fund raise for these costs	20	13.8%
Q42	Would you support an action to close Nuffield Place	44	30.3%
Q43	Would you be interested in having an allotment	28	19.3%
Q53	Would you be prepared to be nominated as a Parish Councillor	15	10.3%
Q60a	Do want the Nuffield Parish News as a hard copy	62	42.8%
Q60b	Do you want the Nuffield Parish News as an electronic copy	53	36.6%
Q66	Would you be prepared to join a litter picking activity	73	50.3%
Q67	Would you be prepared to help clean and maintain Fred's Field	33	22.8%
Q68	Would you be prepared to help set up a village compost clamp	31	21.4%
Q69	Would you support installing solar panels on your home	59	40.7%
Q71	How might you use the common - see comments	10	6.9%
Q78	Would you support a Community Watch Scheme	80	55.2%
Q79	Would you support a Speed Watch Scheme	72	49.7%
Q80	Would you be prepared to trained to use a SID	31	21.4%
Q81	Do you belong to a dog watch group	7	4.8%
Q82	Are you a member of any other protection group	7	4.8%
Q85	Would you wish to join a bulk buy heating oil scheme	55	37.9%
Q87	Would you be prepared to meet to discuss collaborative schemes to purchase energy	60	41.4%
Skills	Do you have skills or expertise you could offer our community	21	14.5%



19.3 Appendix 2: Proposed Development Plan

It is proposed to set up small working groups to establish how the identified actions could be implemented and propose some priority based on the level of difficulty to implement the action and suggestions on how to overcome any hurdles identified, ie funding, or convincing local authorities, service providers etc. The dates shown for completion are for guidance only.

The Action	How it can be tackled	Priority	Level of Difficulty	Target completion date	Team leader	Team members
Building Community Spirit:						
Nuffield parish Events ie Fete, BBQ, Fireworks etc	Establish working groups to lead on various events, fund raising, organise helpers, stands etc	H/M/L	H/M/L	End February 2012		
Building Community Spirit:						
Places to meet, to vote etc:	Form working group to review places and report on range of possibilities with feasibility					
Nuffield Church		H/M/L	H/M/L	End March 2012		
Crown Pub		H/M/L	H/M/L	End March 2012		
Nuffield Place		H/M/L	H/M/L	End March 2012		
Huntercombe Home		H/M/L	H/M/L	End March 2012		
Others?		H/M/L	H/M/L	End March 2012		
Amenities						
Allotments	Form working group to meet other allotment holders to list issues and also to conduct feasibility on available land	H/M/L	H/M/L	End February 2012		
Amenities						
Broadband	Form small group to evaluate Broadband options, meet service providers and determine feasibility to initially achieve a more robust and reliable service, then a faster speed (both together would be good!)	H/M/L	H/M/L	End February 2012		
Amenities						



Communications: Website Newsletter (hard copy) Newsletter (electronic) Email list Notice Boards Ad Hoc communications for local events (at short notice ie BBQ's)	Form small group to evaluate options, priorities etc to develop effective Parish communication streams. Suggestion: to elect a Parish Communications Officer to manage electronic communications and meet Data Protection rules	H/M/L	H/M/L	End February 2012		
Environment & Conservation						
Maintaining Fred's Field, litter picking weekends, formation of a village compost clamp etc	Form small working group to determine levels of activity required, frequency etc	H/M/L	H/M/L	End February 2012		
Environment & Conservation						
Energy:						
Bulk oil buying	Form small working group to establish register of oil users who wish to join the scheme.	H/M/L	H/M/L	End February 2012		
Renewable energy systems: costs availability etc	Form small working group to determine sensible options for alternative renewable energy systems and report back to the Parish Community to see if we can bulk purchase preferred options	H/M/L	H/M/L	End February 2012		
Community Safety						
Community Neighbourhood Watch	Form a small group to operate a neighbourhood watch scheme	H/M/L	H/M/L	End February 2012		
Speed Watch	Form a small group to operate a speed watch scheme, select volunteers to be trained to use speed cameras and propose options for speed management, with liaison with local Police and Councils	H/M/L	H/M/L	End February 2012		