

Much has been achieved in Bleadon over the past few years thanks to the efforts of many in our community.

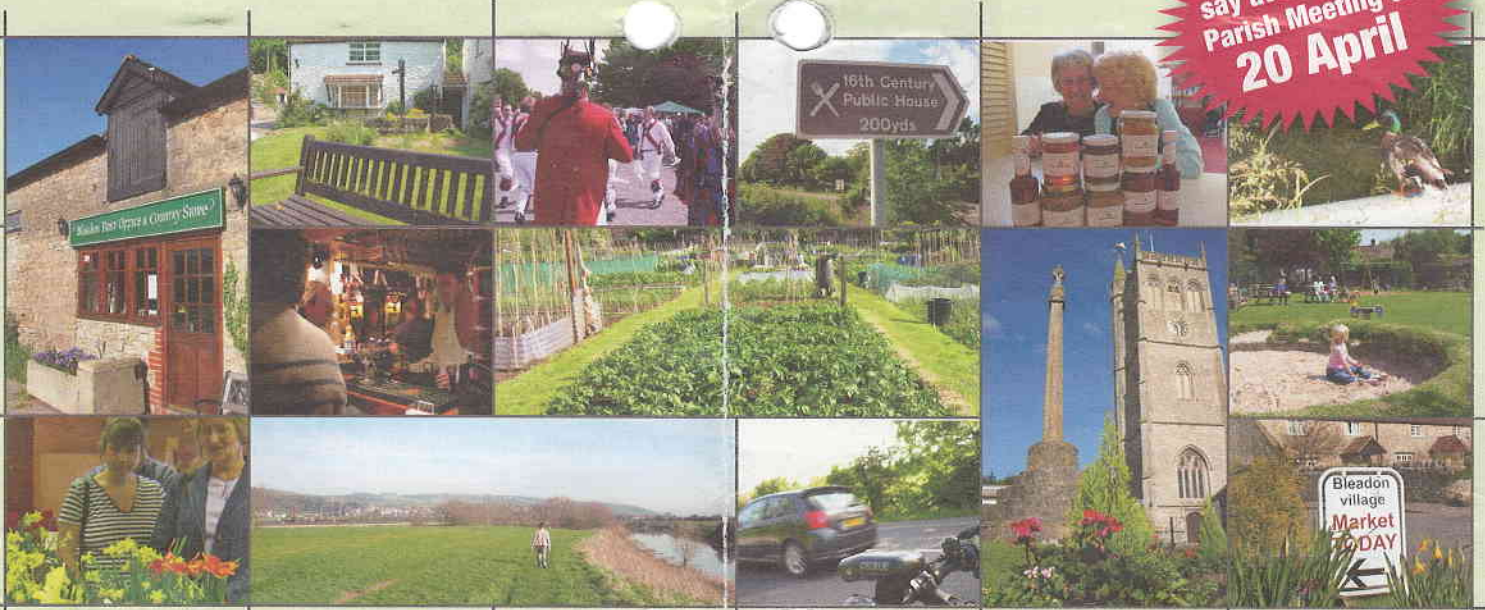
This summary of key points from the Bleadon Action Plan 2009 shows some of what still remains to be done.

The parish council alone cannot make these things happen. We will work with you, North Somerset Council and other authorities to make things right for people in Bleadon.

Pleasing all of the people all of the time is an impossible task, and we cannot deliver everything that people want. If you have something to say about these plans please let us know.

103 improvements for a better Bleadon

Have your
say at the Annual
Parish Meeting on
20 April



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Annual Parish Meeting
on **Monday 20 April**
at **7.30pm**
in the **Coronation Hall, Bleadon**

Since we started work on the Bleadon Parish Plan in early 2005 many of the improvements you asked for have been delivered. There remains much still to do.

Here are **103 improvements** for the next phase of the Bleadon Action Plan.

See the background to the Bleadon Parish Plan and the full Action Plan at www.bleadonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Find out more

and keep up to date on the
Bleadon Parish Plan at:

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Well-being, transport and community safety

Improve facilities and increase use of bus services in the parish

- Provide a bus shelter and bus lay-by at Purn Way
- Increase frequency of bus services to the Veale
- Secure the bus links with the hospital
- Provide raised kerbs at bus stops to enable access
- Promote the bus service with clear timetables
- Promote and support Dial-a-Ride bus services
- Promote and support the school bus service

Encourage use of car sharing

- Create a network/directory of participants
- Promote the benefits of car-sharing

Improve cycle use

- work with NSC to provide a dedicated cycle route to Weston
- Promote cycling in the community



Reduce the amount of on-road parking

- Increase parking availability for users of Coronation Halls at peak times
- Discourage irresponsible and anti-social parking
- Encourage businesses in the village to provide for responsible parking
- All new development should have sufficient parking

Improve traffic management and safety at traffic junctions

- Install better road markings and road signs at junction of Purn Way and Bleadon Road and consider alternative traffic management at the junction
- Improve pedestrian safety on A370 at Purn Farm bus stop and install pedestrian walkway
- Improve traffic management and safety at junction of Accommodation Road, Bleadon Road and A370



- Reduce traffic speeds on A370 junctions
- Improve traffic management by creating a new access road or managed traffic flow to and from the A370
- Improve road marking and traffic signs at junction of Celtic Way, Coronation and Shiplate roads

Improve pedestrian safety

- Create pedestrian footpath on Bridge Road in conjunction with better traffic management and lighting
- On Purn Way and Bleadon Road create pedestrian footpath in conjunction with better vehicle traffic management for access to bus stop and shop
- Better footpaths around access points to the Coronation Hall
- Investigate options for pedestrian crossing/traffic calming in the area of the Coronation Road

Reduce traffic speed throughout parish

- Promote safer driving. Prosecute offenders. Reactivate Community Speedwatch with police support



Reduce crime and fear of crime

- Promote the expansion of Neighbourhood Watch schemes
- Inform residents and businesses to use best possible practices to reduce crime
- Use CCTV and Neighbourhood Watch to identify wrong-doers
- Design anti-crime features into all new building developments
- Provide appropriate lighting in public areas
- Create an environment that discourages crime
- Act quickly to report crime to authorities. Ensure appropriate action is taken
- Regularly publish the real facts about crime in the parish newsletter

Reduce incidents of dog fouling

- Provide dog bins where practical and appropriate
- Educate dog owners and prosecute wrong-doers

Increase the number of houses with a number

- Seek a majority consensus from individual streets not currently carrying house numbers



Environment

Conserve the rural character

- Retain the green space between Weston and Bleadon
- Through the Planning process vigorously question all development outside the Village Settlement
- Protect and enhance bio-diversity and the rural landscape through the District Council's Planning and Environmental policies

Create a green welcome to the village

- Planting of trees and flowers along the A370
- Distinctive floral planting features around the village welcome signs
- Enhance wildlife and flora in the Comb Quarry
- Encourage wildlife through good management of rhynes and woodlands

Improve access and understanding of our countryside by all

- Promote use of footpaths through better signing and interpretation information at key access points

Have a sustainable community

- Build an environment that encourages physical activity to improve health
- Ensure pedestrians and cyclists are given higher priority when developing or maintaining streets and roads

Learning and skills

Provide local education for local people

- Encourage the Local Education Authorities to provide easily accessible quality schooling for Bleadon children
- Encourage NSC and parents to maximise use of home to school transport
- Encourage the provision of local skills development for adults
- Promote and encourage continued learning and development for all
- Provide suitable facilities for learning locally

Encourage our young people to learn and socially develop

- Support the continued success of young groups such as Scouts, Guides and the Youth Club
- Encourage the development of local after-school and holiday clubs



Leisure, recreation and culture

Improve village centre play and recreation open space

- Continue to develop and improve the existing Play Area and adjacent spaces
- Seek additional or alternative public recreation space
- Ensure that our public play space meets national safety standards



Improve public access to footpaths

- Open negotiations with landowners and local councils to develop the footpath along the river Axe to Loxton
- Encourage completion of the Tidal Trail from Uphill to Berrow
- Promote recreational use of footpaths through printed and web information for walkers
- Create and erect interpretation panels at key locations
- Create wheelchair/pushchair friendly access to routes wherever it is practical

Ensure continuation of a thriving community social centre

- Support and promote the Coronation Halls
- Continue to improve and broaden the range of facilities provided by the Coronation Halls
- Support the continuation of successful monthly village markets
- Continue support of community social and activity groups
- Increase use of Coronation Hall through product development and marketing
- Increase use of Youth Club through product development and marketing
- Seek an alternative site and funding for a replacement purpose built community centre



Develop understanding of our heritage

- Collect a written, audio and visual record of Bleadon's history
- Produce a historical interpretation board
- Publish regular historical features in the Village News and on the website

Maintain the library resource in the village

- Support the mobile library or provide an alternative resource

Community and people

Create community cohesion and a sense of belonging

- Strong branding of the parish
- Better communication with hard-to-reach residents
- Maintain at least one free public internet access point in the village
- Improve the welcome pack for new residents
- Continue with the welcome events for new residents
- Encourage all residents to join village organisations and social groups
- Support the retention of a village shop and post office



Be a healthy community

- Support the Baby & Toddler Group
- Work with the Health and Social services to provide local services
- Encourage and help residents to live healthy, active lives

Retain the church building

- Support and promote activities in the church buildings
- Broaden the range of activities in the church and make them available to all
- Keep the fabric of the church in good order

Encourage public participation, and understanding of parish council matters

- Promote public participation at council meetings
- Encourage a wide cross-section of residents to become parish councillors
- Create a parish website that contains all that anyone may wish to know about Bleadon

Prosperity

Support local employment for local people

- Support the development of appropriate new business enterprise in the parish
- Support local business with local custom
- Encourage the development of an appropriately skilled local workforce
- Reduce the amount of commuting to work
- Develop improved networking between local businesses
- Local businesses should be encouraged to train and employ local people
- Improve the quality of commercial premises to meet the needs of current and future business

- Balance any new housing development with appropriate local job opportunities
- All housing to provide facilities for home working



Housing

Have a sustainable mix of housing types

- Encourage the building of affordable housing in all developments of at least 0.5ha or 15+ dwellings
- Ensure that there is a mix of housing types to suit all members of our community

Gain village character

- Ensure that new development remain the scale and style of our Somerset village
- Ensure that all new development remains within the Village Settlement Boundary

