

Newsletter 5, August 2017.

Dear Everyone

Neighbourhood Plan August update

For your autumn diary

We have now almost come to the end of the first part of the process of producing the neighbourhood Plan - gathering information and views.

We will now begin developing policies and strategies and we hope you will comment on them as they emerge. There are three events coming up soon to kick-start this process.

Saturday 9th September Farmers' Market. We will have a stall which will present this process.

Saturday 16th September, Market House (all morning). There will be a professionally run workshop on develop the Neighbourhood Plan. We have about 10 places available and would very much like to encourage a wider interest. Please let me know if you would like to take part.

Saturday 14th October. Market House. (Farmers' market day) Drop-in meeting at the Market Hall to discuss the main elements of the Plan.

We will not have a Neighbourhood Plan stall at the market this week.

Getting around Martock with a push-chair, a mobility scooter or a wheelchair

A couple of years ago South Somerset Council commissioned a study on how accessible Martock Centre was to people living in the north of the village. It was commissioned as evidence for the Lavers Oak development Public Inquiry. The general conclusion is that getting around the village is very difficult and potentially dangerous. In recent weeks a number of people have made the same point to us at the Farmers' Market.

We would like to build a database of problems related to mobility - curbs that need dropping, chicanes on paths that are not wide enough, pavements that are too narrow, unsafe road crossings. And also places where a seat would be welcome to allow people to rest a while.

If the plan is adopted the village will have a much larger say of the spending of the Levy made on developers when they build new houses here. These are the kind of improvements that the funds can be spent on.

Please tell us where these difficult places are. Just photograph them and email us.

A bit more on floods

Thanks to all who have sent flood pictures and dates. They have allowed us to find out much more about the many causes of floods in the village. I have put a post on the website relating to the 1992 and 1993 floods - <http://martockplan.org.uk/wp/2017/08/08/floods-in-1992-and-1993/>

Have a good summer break (always assuming we get a summer)

Andrew