

# **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE 2007 BRADFORD & COOKBURY PARISH PLAN**

## **TO ILLUSTRATE HOW PARISHIONERS CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED SINCE THAT TIME**

### RECREATION & LEISURE:

It was found that many of the suggestions put forwarded by parishioners at that time to improve our Parish have now been acted upon. It was found that most of the ideas for various clubs and activities do now occur within the parish, in surrounding villages or Holsworthy.

### ENVIRONMENT:

The Brandis Corner Wildlife Group (BCWG) has been formed and is thriving with 100+ members.

Bradford Footpath No. 6, Goosemoor to Laredo, has been re-established and a new signpost erected.

The Gardening Club meets once a month and is flourishing. An annual plant sale is held in the Village Hall, which is always a success, the proceeds going to charity.

Tree Preservation Orders have now been placed on many established trees in the Parish in addition to those already in place since 1949, which are along the A3072 from, and including, the Bickford Arms, towards Holsworthy. It is forbidden to tamper with these trees without prior authority from TDC/DCC.

Strict monitoring is kept on the Devon banks and it is only in exceptional circumstances they may be interfered with, thus protecting nesting birds and keeping the wildlife corridors open.

### PARISH ASSETS

With the decreasing availability of ambulances in our very rural area, the need is arising for night landing facilities for the Devon Air Ambulance helicopter.

The provision of such a facility is being actively investigated by the parish council.

Defibrillators: One is currently available at the Village Hall and another in progress for installation at Cookbury church.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

We understand that some parishioners have been unaware as to who their local Parish Councillors are. Therefore a complete list of Councillors and their details may be found at the end as Appendix A or on our web-site:

[bradfordandcookburyparishcouncil.uk](http://bradfordandcookburyparishcouncil.uk)

Torrige District and Devon County Councillors' details may be found on the Torrige and Devon County websites respectively.

Any parishioner, at any time, must feel free to contact any Parish Councillor with any concerns they may have regarding the Parish.

There is a Parish Council meeting held every month, on the second Wednesday, at 7.30 p.m. in the summer, and 7 p.m. in the winter months, to which all parishioners are invited. The Agenda for these meetings are posted on all Parish noticeboards in advance. Before each meeting is opened, anyone in the Parish is more than welcome to come and voice their concerns or suggestions.

Please, do remember, the Parish Council is *your* Council and works on behalf of you all. Your input is so very important.

## CRIME:

Unfortunately, we understand there is no improvement in the staffing levels of the Police Station in Holsworthy and it is considered that there are still too few Police Officers to cover the area in our opinion. However, there is a crime information email facility which informs parishioners, should they so wish, of the latest crimes to have taken place locally. There is also a telephone service which conveys the same information.

Details of these and our local police may be found at Appendix A

## NEW HOUSEHOLDERS:

When the Parish Council is notified of new people in the Parish, Sandra Holland, a member of the Parochial Church Council, is notified. She then takes round a 'Welcome Pack' to meet them all. This pack contains useful Parish information.

## RECYCLING:

With fewer opening days at Anvil Corner which were, initially, a problem, most people appear to have managed since it was instigated, without having to go to other recycling sites. This is not managed by the Parish Council.

## HOUSING:

This is an ongoing problem. Generally, there has been no objection to ‘in-fill’ housing as and where needed. However, as most of the Parish is a designated green field site, it has already been stated in the Torridge District Plan that no building is to take place in the Parish. There is no proper infrastructure to support any new housing development, within the Parish, particularly on these narrow country roads. DCC still says it is unable to fund any safety signage or compulsory road markings to slow traffic down at the hazardous junction at Brandis Corner, in particular.

## TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS:

With the lack of public transport, except at Dunsland Cross, cars remain an absolute necessity. Many Parish roads still remain below standard and DCC seemingly unwilling to carry out repairs and safety measures the Parish Council wishes to have done (see above), such as the junction at Brandis Corner. The Parish Council is in constant communication with the Highways Department regarding this matter.

We also have the Bradford Dangerous Road Action Group (BDRAG) active on behalf of state of roads within the Parish.

## IN CONCLUSION:

- i. A website for Bradford & Cookbury Parish Council has been set up. Details at Appendix A.
- ii. A Road Warden, Cllr. Mark Smale, for the Parish has been instigated. He should be contacted in case of parish road concerns. Details at Appendix A.
- iii. The Village Hall is frequently used, not only for meetings, but also acts as a sports venue for a variety of activities and for Parish lunches. For booking see Appendix A.
- iv. The Parish now has Waitrose, Riverford, Asda, Tesco and Dunn’s Dairy deliveries.
- v. Broadband speed remains an ongoing problem. Any progress will be reported on Parish noticeboards.
- vi. The bi-monthly Bradford & Cookbury Newsletter contains a wealth of information and is invaluable. A copy is delivered to every home in the Parish by volunteers.

THERE IS A BLANK PAGE ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMARY  
FOR ANY OF YOUR SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS.

IF YOU DO COMPLETE THIS PART, COULD YOU PLEASE  
DELIVER IT TO ONE OF YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS?

## Appendix A

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Parish Council website:-

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Brandis Corner Wildlife Group

[bcwildlifegroup.co.uk](http://bcwildlifegroup.co.uk)

# Bradford & Cookbury Parish Council

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