

**Southam Town Council  
2006 Town Plan ~ Action Plan - update**

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| Keep a library in the town centre                | There is overwhelming support for the library to remain in the town centre and WCC should be made aware of this   | Nov-08             | Talks are currently taking place with SDC re: The Town Centre Development  | <b>That the Mayor, Cllr B Thomas &amp; Cllr W Hawkins continue to attend the meetings</b>          | <b>Local Authorities continue to meet</b>           |   |
| Police not visible enough                        | The Town Council welcomes the recent appointment of Community Support Officers and plans to continue the existing close liaison that exists with the  | Nov-08             | Posters of the Police Officers are displayed on the noticeboards   | <b>That the matter is raised at the next Community Forum meeting</b>                               |   | <b>On-going to include contact numbers. The clerk to contact Police re: providing photos</b>  |
| NHS dentist                                      | Restart campaign for NHS dental care in the town. Negotiations required with the Primary Care Trust.  | Nov-08             | Wrote to PCT but didn't get a reply  | <b>That Cllr B Thomas raises it at the health care in Warwickshire meeting on 28th November 08</b> | <b>There is now an NHS dentist in Southam</b>       |   |
| Maintaining the market town character of Southam | A development brief must be undertaken for any new town centre redevelopment and this should take account of the Millennium Design Statement and previous appraisals. There should also be full public consultation | Nov-08             | Talks are currently taking place with SDC re: The Town Centre Development  | <b>That the Mayor, Cllr B Thomas &amp; Cllr W Hawkins continue to attend the meetings</b>          |   |   |
| Further youth activities and facilities          | Continue support of Youth Club at the Graham Adams Centre. Investigate inclusion of youth shelter &/or drop in/advice centre in any future town centre development  | Nov-08             | Funding is currently being sought by Katherine Geddes (Dassett Area Co-ordinator) for a Youth Shelter to be installed in Park Lane Rec | <b>Southam Town Council have agreed to financially support the Youth Shelter up to £1000</b>       | <b>The Youth Shelter is now installed</b>           | <b>Youth facilities in The Graham Adams centre only partially used. The Clerk to put the item on the next Town Council meeting agenda. The Clerk to contact Sgt Fretwell re: update on Youth at Park Lane Rec</b> |
| Job Opportunities                                | Continue to respond positively to developments that create local jobs.  | Nov-08             | Holy Well Industrial Estate  |  | <b>Credit Crunch Working Party has been sent up</b> | <b>Ready, Steady, Work course is currently being organised</b>  |

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| Housing for lower income/starter homes      | A Housing Needs Survey is currently been undertaken in conjunction with Warwickshire Rural Community Council. Once the results are know the Town Council must be proactive in trying to satisfy needs e.g. by identifying potential sites | Nov-08      | The survey was completed in February 2005. The 'Old Sewage Works' in Wattons Lane is currently being developed and the Council has been approached regarding their views on housing development at the old 'Airfield' site   | <b>That the Council responds to the letter from Peter Manning re: The Old Airfield Site. To carry out another Housing Needs Survey.</b>  | <b>Another Housing Needs Survey was carried out in 2009 8 new units for rental available</b> | <b>The author of the Housing Needs Survey to come and discuss it's findings with the council.</b> |
| Safer walking routes to school              | The Town Council initiated the development of Safer Routes to Schools some years ago and the first of these is likely to come to fruition in the near future. The Town Council will continue to support this strongly.                    | Nov-08      | WCC have advised that they are prepared to fund a 'Puffin Crossing' in Coventry Street, that they think a 'School Crossing Patrol' in Welsh Rd West is insufficient and a pedestrian crossing in Welsh Rd East hasn't been progressed due to financial restraints, but they will revisit it. | <b>The Town Council have responded to WCC advising that they are not satisfied with the response, although they support the crossing in Coventry Street they consider the priorities to be in Welsh Rd West and Welsh Rd East. Ultimately, they want to see a pedestrian crossing in all three locations</b> | <b>A project has been drawn up for Welsh Road East will know after 26/2/10 re: funding</b>   | <b>To continue to explore 'Gateway Funding'</b>   |
| The installation of additional CCTV cameras | The Town Council already supports CCTV provision financially. The relocation of one of the three car park cameras to the town centre is being investigated  | Nov-08      | The cost was prohibited to relocate a camera from wood street. The Clerk obtained quotes for CCTV in Wattons Lanes but the Council decided not to pursue the matter  | <b>No Action</b>   |  | <b>Request update re: 'REC' activities &amp; CCTV from SGT Fretwell</b>                           |
| Improvement of the Town Centre              | The Town Council will continue to positively contribute as a stakeholder in the Town Centre redevelopment whenever the opportunity arises.  | Nov-08      | Talks are currently taking place with SDC re: The Town Centre Development  | <b>That the Mayor, Cllr B Thomas &amp; Cllr W Hawkins continue to attend the meetings</b>  |  | <b>On-going</b>   |

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| Need for broader range of consumer goods in Southam             | Draw the attention of the Vision 4 Southam Business Club to this demand  | Nov-08      |   | <b>Consult with David Morgan (CVS) and Katherine Geddes</b>   |  | <b>Survey of local business has been carried out and a Christmas Food fair took place. On-going</b>                  |
| Safer cycling routes  | Continue to press for cycle routes to be incorporated in any new developments. Consult with WCC officers and local cyclists to investigate ways of improving cycling safety. Possibly instigate survey to establish where cycle routes are needed.   | Nov-08      | Katherine Geddes is currently pursuing a cycle route from Southam to Stockton   | <b>The cycle route is pursued by Katherine Geddes &amp; Stockton Parish Council. STC continues to support the scheme.</b>   | <b>The Town Council supports this on-going project</b>     | <b>Approach WCC about the possibility of cycle lanes in the Town</b>   |
| Aim to have retail facilities to allow a weekly shop in Southam | If opportunity arises press for facilities that will enable families to do their weekly shop in Southam  | Nov-08      | Talks are currently taking place with SDC re: The Town Centre Development   | <b>That the Mayor, Cllr B Thomas &amp; Cllr W Hawkins continue to attend the meetings</b>   |  | <b>Outline Planning Permission for a Tesco store in Southam has been granted</b>                                     |
| More evening entertainment required for all age groups.         | Continue to support Grange Hall in their endeavours. Note that other venues including pubs, the Sports & Social Club stage regular events and voluntary organisations also do so on an ad hoc basis  | Nov-08      |   | <b>Rural Cinema business plan for Grange Hall</b>   | <b>Rural Cinema takes place at The Graham Adams Centre</b> | <b>The Town Council to encourage the rural cinema. To identify businesses that might come into the Town i.e Café</b> |
| Improvements in current parking system                          | Request WCC to review on street parking provision in town centre, to increase number of spaces and to introduce limited waiting. Ask SDC to enforce restrictions by providing traffic wardens at least weekly but on an ad hoc basis. Review the effectiveness of these measures. Request SDC carries out a study of the Wood Street Car Park in an effort to increase the number of spaces, e.g. echelon parking. | Nov-08      | WCC consulted with businesses and residents regarding proposed waiting restrictions in Coventry Street. Due to their being no support from businesses for such a scheme WCC were waiting for views from Cllr Appleton. Cllr Appleton advised WCC not to progress things any further until the outcome of the Wood Street Car Park charges | <b>To contact Cllr Appleton to ascertain what the next step is going to be now we know the outcome of the Wood Street Car Park charges situation. Traffic plan has been completed</b> |  | <b>On-going (possibly fewer car parking spaces if Market Hill crossing is installed)</b>                             |

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| Stockton tip not meeting current needs  | Again ask WCC to extend opening hours, possibly on summer weekday evenings and request increased recycling facilities, particularly plastic   | Nov-08      | Plastic and cardboard recycling can now be done at home. Opening hours had been extended to include Mondays. This situation was to be reviewed in August 08. |   |   | To write and ascertain the current situation   |
| Improve the level and quality of tourist information and for local people regarding local attractions and events. | Continue to support schemes that promote tourism, e.g. Blue Lias Rings, Holywell project, web site. Investigate the Church's Hidden Britain Project (via the Arthur Rank Centre)                          | Nov-08      | Better Welcome 'finger posts' & Trina Gulliver trail   | To support and continue   | Information boards all installed                    |  |
| Pedestrianisation of some areas in the town centre.   | There are few areas that would lend themselves to this but a survey was undertaken by Vision 4 Southam Civic Pride group early in December 04 on the possibility of the pedestrian of part of Wood Street | Nov-08      | Talks are currently taking place with SDC re: The Town Centre Development  | That the Mayor, Cllr B Thomas & Cllr W Hawkins continue to attend the meetings. That a traffic survey is carried out. |   | On-going   |
| Need for a community development worker   | This is going ahead as part of The Building Bridges Project at the Graham Adams Centre which the Town Council has supported financially   | Nov-08      | The Grahams Adams centre have appointed a Children's Centre Development Worker based at GAC  | No Action   |   | Work with development workers e.g. from Orbit & SDC to ascertain and meet community need |
| Tennis court  | Not sufficient demand   | ~           |  | Review needed   |   | To invite Roger Eadon (Southam College) re: provision for community                      |
| Cinema  | Not sufficient demand   | Nov-08      | Mobile Cinema events have taken place in Southam and continue to do so   | see above re: entertainment   | Rural Cinema takes place at The Graham Adams Centre |  |

Supporting Docum Southam Action Plan Report prepared by  
Town Plan Questionnaire circulated by  
Report of findings on Town Plan Questionnaire  
Additional analysis by WCC Business  
Town Plan Calendar  
Vision4Southam Healthcheck and Action Plan,  
Southam Millennium Design Statement,

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| Southam Town Centre Study by Bruton Knowles<br>Gerald Eve Report |               |             |                   |                 |                |  |