

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

The Issue	Action Method	Review Date	Situation to date	Proposed Action	Action to Date	Future Action - To be reviewed in September 2010
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	That the Mayor, Cllr B Thomas & Cllr W Hawkins continue to attend the meetings	Local Authorities continue to meet	
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	That the matter is raised at the next Community Forum meeting		On-going to include contact numbers. The clerk to contact Police re: providing photos
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	That Cllr B Thomas raises it at the health care in Warwickshire meeting on 28th November 08	There is now an NHS dentist in Southam	
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	That the Mayor, Cllr B Thomas & Cllr W Hawkins continue to attend the meetings		
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	Southam Town Council have agreed to financially support the Youth Shelter up to £1000	The Youth Shelter is now installed	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
Job Opportunities	Continue to respond positively to developments that create local jobs.	Nov-08	Holy Well Industrial Estate		Credit Crunch Working Party has been sent up	Ready, Steady, Work course is currently being organised

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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	That the Council responds to the letter from Peter Manning re: The Old Airfield Site. To carry out another Housing Needs Survey.	Another Housing Needs Survey was carried out in 2009 8 new units for rental available	The author of the Housing Needs Survey to come and discuss it's findings with the council.
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.	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	A project has been drawn up for Welsh Road East will know after 26/2/10 re: funding	To continue to explore 'Gateway Funding'
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	No Action		Request update re: 'REC' activities & CCTV from SGT Fretwell
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	That the Mayor, Cllr B Thomas & Cllr W Hawkins continue to attend the meetings		On-going

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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		Consult with David Morgan (CVS) and Katherine Geddes		Survey of local business has been carried out and a Christmas Food fair took place. On-going
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	The cycle route is pursued by Katherine Geddes & Stockton Parish Council. STC continues to support the scheme.	The Town Council supports this on-going project	Approach WCC about the possibility of cycle lanes in the Town
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	That the Mayor, Cllr B Thomas & Cllr W Hawkins continue to attend the meetings		Outline Planning Permission for a Tesco store in Southam has been granted
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		Rural Cinema business plan for Grange Hall	Rural Cinema takes place at The Graham Adams Centre	The Town Council to encourage the rural cinema. To identify businesses that might come into the Town i.e Café
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	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		On-going (possibly fewer car parking spaces if Market Hill crossing is installed)

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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
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