

East Hagbourne Parish Council Community Project Planning.**December 2023 update**

This table outlines and evaluates and builds on the community needs identified in the Neighbourhood Plan and elsewhere.

It builds on the Action Plan developed in the East Hagbourne Parish Plan 2012-2015, adding new ideas including those from the EHNP survey.

It is intended as a planning document to help define EHPC projects and objectives for the future.

It is a living document and will be updated as events unfold.

Status codes	
Implement	For EHPC Action
Evaluate	Decide which projects to pursue
Hold	We are interested, but not ready to proceed
Monitor/Watching Brief	Be ready if action is needed
Do not action	No specific EHPC action proposed
Existing situation is optimum or tasks completed	

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1. EHNP Strategy C1. Medical Services					
East Hagbourne has no medical facilities within the parish	Explore the feasibility of improving local access to medical services for those living in East Hagbourne.	This remains a long term objective. The trend at present is for consolidation into central locations.	Provision of a surgery in East Hagbourne seems a very remote possibility at present. However, developments in health care should be monitored.	MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS	Provision of medical services is gaining attention as Didcot expands. Monitor developments
2. EHNP Strategy C2 - Village Shop					
East Hagbourne only has a single shop, including post office, in small premises with limited parking	Investigate the feasibility of growing the village shop whilst maintaining a Post Office service, to better serve the village into the future.	This remains a long-term objective. The Shop Committee currently advises against a change of premises.	Establish a dialogue with the Shop Committee on the future of the shop/post office. Opportunities and needs should be monitored into the future, supporting the needs of the shop committee.	NO ACTION NEEDED	Discussion initiated 4Q20 and continued into 2022. Shop committee are happy with the current arrangements.
3. EHNP Strategy C3 - Community Activities and Facilities					
3.1. EXISTING FACILITIES					
Review how community activities are supported by the existing facilities and how these might be improved.	An overarching action is to be alert to and resist any initiative that could cause damage to or loss of these facilities.	Watching brief	High chance of success	MAINTAIN WATCHING BRIEF	
(a) Hagbourne Village Hall (shared with West Hagbourne)					
NOTE: HVH is owned and managed by an independent charity body	Review HVH strategic plan and identify any areas where we could support	Initial estimate for roof alone is circa £80k		NO EHPC ACTIONS IDENTIFIED	No actions identified needing support at this stage, however HVH committee is preparing plans for energy efficiency improvements including a new roof
(b) East Hagbourne Pavilion and Recreation Ground (owned by EHPC)					
Suggestions for picnic tables for the Recreation Ground.	Consider suggestions and prepare a more detailed proposal.	The Recreation Ground and Pavilion are managed by the East Hagbourne Sport & Recreation Committee. Normal expenditure is funded out of revenue. A PC grant would only be needed in the event of an agreed large project.		DONE	Picnic tables have been installed at Butts Piece, see 3.1(e). The Recreation Ground is well used by informal groups and these are served by benches around the ground. Space for more equipment is limited.

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Further play/fitness equipment, including for older children.	Suggestions include:			EVALUATE	Space at the Recreation Ground is somewhat limited. Other possible locations include Butts Piece. The St Andrews Crescent development will also provide a small children's play area.
	1. A trim trail - various exercise items placed around the village perimeter to encourage activities		It would be good to know how much such equipment is used in other locations.		
	2. Outdoor table tennis table				
	3. Consider upgrades to existing play equipment	The slide is a good candidate for replacement and would provide opportunities for creative ideas.			
	4. More facilities for teens e.g. 'pods' - hard to damage seating/shelter area.				
Repairs/improvements to car park and path/cycle area paving	Needs professional advice on how to address the car park surface.	Significant	Needs evaluation	EVALUATE/HOLD	Initial investigation has been carried out by EHSRC/EHPC. Currently on hold.
Existing gate is rather functional	Consider a more attractive gate.	Moderate	Best included with car park improvements	EVALUATE/HOLD	New item for consideration
(c) The Community Shop/Post Office	See section 2.				
(d) The Fleur-de-Lys Public House	Maintain liaison. Be alert to any threats to the facility.			MAINTAIN WATCHING BRIEF	The Fleur is included as a community facility in Policy VC2 of the EHNP. It could be eligible to be designated as an Asset of Community Value. However, this should only be considered if the operation comes under threat.
(e) Butts Piece (leased by EHPC, owned by Hagbourne Parochial Charities)					
Suggestion for picnic tables at Butts Piece	Consider proposal			DONE	With the agreement of Charities, two picnic tables have been installed. A bench and a litter bin have also been installed, with agreement, on adjoining SODC land.
Suggestion to open up the wild area for use by the School for outdoor lessons	Discuss level of interest with School and Pre-School & effort needed.	Effort needed to clear the site and then maintain. Could consider paid grass cutting. Initial work could be by volunteers; contractors possible, but more costly.	Will not be successful without substantial input from volunteers. Policing probably necessary to keep site clean.	EVALUATE	The area is rather overgrown. Review future management to meet the objectives of providing a space for people and nature. Could incur cost if volunteers not available to maintain. Concern about cleanliness/dog fouling.
Allotment improvements	Consider a small wildlife area, and maybe a pond, to attract bees, frogs etc. Maybe some rabbit-proofing to the perimeter fence.		Depends on involvement/commitment of the Allotment holders and committee. Note that this is not a publicly accessible space, so any PC contribution should be considered in that light, although PC recovers rent from allotment holders.	EVALUATE	Under evaluation. Perhaps better sited next to the watercourse. Practicalities of excavation and maintenance need to be considered. Consider as part of Climate & Biodiversity Plan.
Long Term future of Butt's Piece	Consider what happens when the current lease expires in 2028			HOLD FOR FUTURE ACTION (2025)	Butt's Piece is an asset of great value to the community. It is protected in the EHNP as a Local Green Space. EHPC intends to discuss longer term future with the Charities closer to lease expiry.
(f) Hagbourne Church of England Primary School					
	Consider keeping closer liaison with the School, if they are interested.			DISCUSS WITH SCHOOL	Discussion delayed by Covid. Make contact to see if they are interested in keeping in contact, and any ideas we/they have.

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(g) St Andrew's Church					
	Maintain liaison to understand needs and common interests.			DISCUSS WITH PCC	Ongoing
(h) The (new) Cemetery (managed by EHPC and WHPC)					
Tree management	Suggestion to to manage the cedars by keeping some as standing dead wood for wildlife habitat. PCC (who own the adjoining 'old' cemetery) concerned about overhanging trees.	Details need discussion between PCC and Cemetery Committee.		MAINTAIN WATCHING BRIEF	<i>Conifers seem robust and not in danger of falling. One ash tree has been removed because of dieback and others will have to go, opening possibilities for some new planting. PCC has removed large trees from the entrance to the old cemetery and installed new gates.</i>
(i) Hagbourne Bowls Club					
	Maintain liaison			WATCHING BRIEF	Ask for any input they may have.
3.2. New Activities/Proposals					
(a) Community/homeworkers Hub					
The concept of a village or homeworkers' hub was mentioned by a few people in the NP community survey.	Evaluate the need in more detail	The concept and need is not well-defined, but fits with the idea of a café as a meeting place.	Focus on the need: this could be an activity rather than a place. If a new physical facility is considered, then thought needs to be given to the location, how many people would actually use it, what exactly would be its purpose and how would it be staffed, if needed.	NEEDS CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF NEED.	<i>Probably an idea that needs to mature over time. A new 'Get Together Group' (formerly Warm Hub) explored the concept during winter 2022/23, but was only moderately well supported..</i>
(b) Community café					
71 of 125 responses in the NP community survey were in favour of provision of refreshments.	Evaluate need and consider practical options.		The Fleur-de-Lys provides food and coffee and the Church has lunches or teas available on several Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year.	WATCHING BRIEF	<i>Difficult to see how a new initiative could be sustainable unless it were incorporated into an existing business.</i>
(c) Archives					
The village archives are stored in HVH. The archive group is dormant and the storage space is limited. The future of the archives needs to be considered.	(i) Discuss interest in the village to maintain the archives more actively and reinvigorate the Archive Group (including the oral history element).		Progress depends on finding interested volunteers.	KEEP ARCHIVES SAFE. PROMOTE COMMUNITY INTEREST	<i>There has been little interest expressed in reactivating the committee. The positive side is that the archives are secure in their storage at HVH, although space is constrained.</i>
	(ii) Consider future storage needs and how they might be met.	Physical storage is in short supply. The material we have is not well-indexed.			
4. EHNP Strategy C4 - Volunteers					
Preserve and enhance the volunteer ethos that animates our vibrant village	EHPC to reinforce the value of volunteers in our community.	An ongoing need. Finding new volunteers requires personal contact.	There are encouraging signs that a pool of community-minded people exists in all age groups, but many people have busy lives.	ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEERS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY	<i>An ongoing activity. Covid showed that there are many people who are willing to help.</i>

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5. EHNP Strategy C5 - Bus services					
Investigate ways of maintaining and improving bus services and their use by local residents	(a) Maintain liaison with OCC and Downland Villages Transport Group			SUPPORT PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVISION THROUGH OCC AND DVTG	<i>Our Public Transport Representative would appreciate some assistance.</i>
	(b) Support continuation of the bus service.	Support our PTR as needed. Encourage continued use of S106 monies to support bus services.	Increasing emphasis on climate change should encourage more support for public transport.		<i>OCC have advised that the 94 service will continue with a new route from 27 Nov 2023, continuing until at least early 2025.</i>
	(c) Encourage greater use of the bus service	The public seem very resistant to using the bus, although some journey times are well supported.	A tough nut to crack. The level of service has to be high to attract users and demand seems low in the Parish		<i>The new Nov 2023 timetable will provide a more regular schedule and include a school bus service.</i>
	(d) Continue support to DVTG as needed.	No funding support required at present	The weekly Community Bus service to Wallingford market was highly valued by a small number of users, but there is currently no interest and the service is unlikely to restart..		<i>The service is unlikely to restart. Wallingford can be reached by public bus services via Didcot.</i>
6. EHNP Strategy C6 – Transport & Road Safety					
This topic covers a very wide range of issues and potential actions.					
There is extensive experience from the EHPP Action Plan which provides a valuable resource.					
6.1. Footways (Pavements) & Road condition					
The condition of footways throughout the village needs improvement.	(a) The Parish Council is working with OCC to maintain and improve pavements within the village, concentrating on those most in need of attention.	It seems likely that grants and CIL money will be needed where OCC are not able to resource necessary work.	High chance of success if EHPC are willing to commit resources. Response from OCC has improved. This is important, because their permission is needed for any works carried out.	IMPLEMENT WHERE PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE	<i>Extensive discussions with OCC are continuing. In spite of the very poor condition of some stretches, OCC say they do not meet their criteria for action. Possible that we could use EHPC funds, but carrying out work through OCC is very expensive. Work outside the Fleur-de-Lys is being funded by our OCC Councillor.</i>
	(b) A new footway from Manor Farm Lane to the railway bridge has been proposed.	See item 7 EHPP Road Safety Plan: 2012 figures - OCC say a good working figure is £100/msq. Pavement should be ideally 1.5-2.0m wide (1.0m acceptable over a short distance). Additional cost if drains or other work involved. Approximate distance is 200m, so minimum cost is 200m x 1.5m x £100 ==> £30k. Some concrete shoring and rails likely needed at railway end, which would add to the cost. May 2023: Recent discussion with OCC indicates a cost of £118731. 20m length of retaining wall required to match levels at railway end. Pedestrian only.		EVALUATE AND PRIORITISE	<i>This has been extensively discussed in the past. There is interest, but the cost is very high. Needs balancing against other projects. A ramp access was proposed, but this will be provided through the St Andres Crescent development site close by. Recent cost estimated from OCC have been high.</i>

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	(c) An alternative to the footway to the embankment in (b), a new footway from St Andreas Crescent to the Cemetery could be considered.	May 2023 discussions with OCC gave a cost estimate of £37796.		EVALUATE AND PRIORITISE	To be discussed
	(d) EHPC publicise our expectations to keep pavements clear of vegetation.		Will require ongoing effort. SODC have cleared some stretches as part of their Big Clean week. Some other areas including overgrown hedges and deliberate rewilding remain a challenge.	ONGOING PUBLICITY THROUGH WEB SITE, NEWSLETTER, PERSONAL CONTACT.	Specific problem locations have been followed up by the Chairman and the Clerk. See also 6.3(c). This is an ongoing challenge, which has been complicated by the push towards rewilding in some areas of the village. The raised footway from Lower Cross along Main Road to Bakers Lane has been cited as a particular problem.
Suggestion for a pedestrian controlled crossing of New Road to facilitate access to Great Mead and the Rec	(e) Consider New Road pedestrian crossing.	See item 3 EHPP Road Safety Plan: 2012 information - would need to be positioned towards Didcot to give safe vision/departure points (around 106 New Road). Cost for Zebra Crossing £20k ; Pelican Crossing £60k ; pavement costs £5.7k.	Zebra crossing allowed if 85%ile speed is less than 35mph, otherwise Pelican Crossing. Survey needed. Need has to be justified: how many people cross each hour?	NO ACTION	Cost is high. Question over whether people would use a crossing if it is remote from Great Mead. EHPC feeling is not to proceed.
Road surface and markings require ongoing maintenance	(f) Continue liaison with OCC to repair potholes and refresh road markings where needed,			CONTINUE TO REPORT PROBLEMS TO OCC THROUGH FIX-MY-STREET	Some road markings have recently been refreshed (2021). Potholes remain a problem and appear faster than OCC can repair them, both within the village and on the road to Coscote.
6.2. Vehicle Speed					
Residents are concerned about vehicle speeds throughout the village.	(a) The Parish Council has worked with OCC to provide a 20mph speed limit through the centre of the village.	OCC provided the new speed limit at no cost to EHPC, thanks to the support from our County Councillor.	In the EHNP, 67% of respondents said that they were concerned about the visual impact of traffic calming measures on the historic and rural nature of the village. Speed humps were not favoured by residents.	COMPLETED - 20mph SPEED LIMIT IN FORCE FOR MAIN ROAD AREA	The 20mph limit is now in force along Main Road through the village and adopted side roads
	(b) 20mph speed limit for New Road and Blewbury Road	Low to EHPC - OCC initiative	Over 150 responses were received from a parish survey conducted in Jan/Feb 2023. Residents are in favour of 20mph speed limits down both New Road (60% yes) and Blewbury Road (68% yes). Residents are strongly opposed to all forms of physical traffic calming measures, but strongly in favour of improved road markings and signs. 8 people felt the priority on New Road was the stretch from the garage to Lower Cross.	EVALUATE	OCC have proposed that 20mph become the new normal for roads in residential areas. EHPC have expressed interest for New/Blewbury Roads, subject to the results of its public consultation. See col 4 for the results of the household questionnaire to gather residents' views.
	(c) Speed signs. The VAS on New Road seems to be a success. Consider similar signs at other village entrances.	Indicative £6k + installation/power supply - cost needs updating		EVALUATE	Consider Blewbury Road at village entry and Main Road at start of 20mph limit. Location would need to be carefully chosen.

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	(d) Village entry gates.	The Parish Council has installed village entry "gates" for New Road and Blewbury Road. Main Road to be progressed through the Deansfield development.		DONE	<i>Gates installed at New Road and Blewbury Road.</i>
				IN PROGRESS	<i>Main Road (cemetery end) agreed in conjunction with Deanfield development.</i>
	(e) Speed monitoring. The Parish Council has engaged in the Speedwatch campaign and some speed check sessions have already been held.	Mostly volunteer effort.	Requires on-going effort, but should be beneficial in heightening motorists' awareness of speed, so worthwhile.	ON HOLD. MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	<i>Funds have been allocated for new and more accurate measuring equipment</i>
6.3. Large Vehicles					
Residents are concerned about road safety, damage to the historic village from vehicles, particularly along Main Road	(a) Discourage large freight vehicles from unnecessarily using Main Road. Consider clearly signed weight restrictions on the approaches to the village in co-operation with Oxfordshire County Council.			DISCUSS WITH OCC	<i>OCC have previously not supported a weight restriction through the village. Outstanding action, needs OCC response. Deanfield are directing site traffic via Coscote where possible.</i>
Agricultural vehicles are recognised as a necessary part of our country environment, but there are concerns about vehicle size, speed and falling straw.	(b) Open and maintain a dialogue with local farmers on vehicle routes and driver behaviour	Personal effort only	The increasing size of farm vehicles probably cannot be reversed. However considerate driving can be encouraged. The local NFU provide a good avenue for dialogue.	DISCUSS	<i>Make part of discussion via NFU in conjunction with environmental questions. General contact with local farmers made, but no discussion as yet.</i>
	(c) Take action to cut back overhanging trees where these interact with vehicle loads, particularly straw.	Clarity needed on who is responsible (OCC, property owners) then discuss how to get action.	EHPC should first of all clearly publicise their position and expectations. Progress probably depends on the level of support from OCC.	DISCUSS WITH OCC FIRST	<i>This has been a matter of concern for the community and also for farmers.</i>
	(d) Encourage sensitive parking, along Main Road at Upper Cross, where traffic has difficulty passing. Damage to verges and adjoining property has resulted.	Effort needed is mainly to encourage sensitive parking. An unbroken line of vehicles parked out from the verge and up to the tight bend make passing difficult.		DISCUSS WITH RESIDENTS	<i>This stretch of road is the centre of a highly valued conservation area. Physical measures and signage would be intrusive and detract from village character. Nevertheless, parking of cars and larger vehicles are causing problems at present.</i>
6.4. Lower Cross					
This topic was extensively evaluated in the EHPP - refer to the EHPP Action Plan for details					
There is long-standing concern about road safety at Lower Cross, particularly the lack of vision for southbound traffic turning from New Road into Main Road	(a) Some actions have already been undertaken				
	(i) New pavement installed from Lower Cross to Great Mead to improve pedestrian safety			DONE	
	(ii) Give Way signing improved for traffic approaching New/Blewbury roads from Main Road			DONE	
	(iii) Hedge cut back on corner of New/Blewbury Roads to improve traffic vision			DONE	<i>Owner has carried out a thorough cut-back of the hedge at the corner and growth along New Road. Control of regrowth will need to be monitored.</i>
	(b) Explore whether mirrors could contribute to increased safety.	OCC are in favour of improving sight lines where possible - discussion with them is needed on mirrors or other approaches.	OCC did not support mirrors in the EHPP discussion - needs on-going effort.	EVALUATE, DISCUSS WITH OCC	
	(c) Road markings and surface [cf 6.1(e)].			MONITOR	<i>Some road markings have recently been refreshed and potholes repaired.</i>

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8. EHNP Strategy C8 - ensure high speed broadband is available to all areas of the village.					
Access to high speed internet connection is becoming increasingly important for both business and home users. Some areas of the village suffer poor connections and expectations/needs are increasing over time.	Study broadband performance across the village and identify areas that experience poor connections. EHPC role probably advice and support.	Users in the Manor Farm Lane area have recently secured an improved service. They were able to secure grants to cover the cost.	Full-fibre facilities are currently being installed by Gigaclear, which should serve the main built areas of the village. Provision for outlying areas remains unclear..	MONITOR GIGACLEAR PROGRESS AND IDENTIFY ANY GAPS.	<i>Gigaclear activities should provide extensive full-fibre broad band to much of the village. Outlying areas including Fieldside, Coscote and Hagbourne Mill are interested in better service.</i>
9. Environment and wildlife					
NOTE: East Hagbourne Parish Council is working on a new Climate & Biodiversity Strategy. This section will be updated once this is in place.					
Policy E2 of the EHNP aims to protect and enhance biodiversity and the natural environment. Many village residents as well as SODC have expressed a desire for more focus on climate change. EHPC adopted the principles of the Woodland Trust Charter for Trees in Feb 2019. Hagbourne Environment Group has been instrumental in managing the village natural environment for many years and has now been absorbed into the new Hagbournes & Upton Group for Sustainability https://www.hugsustainability.org/					
Biodiversity and Wildlife are key features of the 2023 update to the EHNP, currently in preparation					
9.1. Wildlife and natural environment					
Reinvigorate HEG/HUGS	(a) Reinvigorate Hagbourne Environment Group, through the new Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability (HUGS) group, as a volunteer base to care for our natural places.	The new HUGS group, with its wider remit is a welcome development and could help reinvigorate activities.	Specific actions should be guided by HUGS, however EHPC can give support, guidance and perhaps funding including defining our environmental objectives.	DONE: HUGS IS NOW UP AND RUNNING	<i>HUGS is established and has completed a number of activities around the village including owl boxes, garden competition, wildflower/insect areas at Butts Piece, working with SOHA. HUGS is also managing some areas in agreement with EHPC. This relationship will be better defined as part of the Climate & Biodiversity Strategy.</i>
Conserve and enhance our existing wildlife assets.	(b) Identify those areas of the parish that are most valuable for wildlife.	Low cost, will provide a valuable resource for deciding further actions		DONE	<i>A Strategy for People and Nature in East Hagbourne has been prepared incorporating a review of key wildlife sites and open landscape, and giving guidance where biodiversity improvements would be most effective. It is incorporated in the 2023 update to the Neighbourhood Plan.</i>
	(c) Identify those areas of the parish that contribute to the open nature with expansive view that reflect the historical character of our parish.	Low cost, will provide a valuable resource for deciding further actions	Included in the EHNP, supported by landscape studies, so carries some weight.	DONE	<i>The Strategy for People and Nature in East Hagbourne gives full recognition to the landscape value of our parish.</i>
	(d) Maintain existing hedges in our control and consider new actions to enhance wildlife and biodiversity.	The hedge along Great Mead is in need of some management. HEG have been involved in maintaining Didcot Millennium Wood.	Success depends on sufficient volunteers for HEG.	FP18/17/16/19 LOOP	<i>HUGS is maintaining in conjunction with BGG and has made new plantings at strategic locations along FP18</i>
				HUGS ACTIVITY ONGOING	<i>Further hedge planting has been carried out at Butts Piece</i>
	(d) Establish a closer relationship with local farmers to understand their perspective on community matters including wildlife, footpaths.	Farmland provides much of the rural character of our parish. Agri-environment schemes provide opportunities for farmers to contribute to environmental objectives.	Opportunity for closer relationship with the farming community	REVIEW OF WILDLIFE SITES AND LANDSCAPE HAS BEEN SHARED WITH FARMERS	<i>The survey document (EH wildlife habitats & landscape_20200903.pdf) and the new Strategy for People and Nature were with local farmers - no specific feedback so far.</i>
				LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIALOGUE	<i>The EHNP update process provided for formal comments by the public including landowners, however little comment has been received from the farming community.</i>

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	(e) Ensure that future planting does not impair the open countryside and wide views identified in the EHNP Character Assessment.	There is a national move towards tree planting, but our parish is characterised by wide spaces, which we would not want to see broken up. Locations for tree planting need to be chosen with sensitivity.	The parish's open nature with expansive views reflects the historical character of the land. Trees and hedges are found principally along the watercourses and trackways.	DEVELOP IDEAS	<i>The Strategy for People and Nature in East Hagbourne specifically addresses areas that are characterised by open space and wide views and where insensitive tree planting could detract from the landscape. It equally gives guidance where sensitive tree planting might be encouraged.</i>
	(f) Encourage a wider engagement with nature	Low	Ongoing. Opportunity to reinforce the value of our garden network as wildlife corridors.	ONGOING ACTIVITY	<i>HUGS/SOHA have developed areas at Ryman's Crescent and Wilcher Close. These visible wildflower areas could act as a focus for community awareness.</i>
	(g) Incorporate wildlife and biodiversity into the EHNP	Moderate	High - supported by NPPF	NEAR COMPLETION	<i>The Strategy for People and Nature in East Hagbourne has been incorporated into the 2023 update to the EH Neighbourhood Plan, together with policy improvements based on the Strategy.</i>
	(h) Develop a Climate & Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for EHPC			DEVELOP & IMPLEMENT	<i>EHPC has already engaged in action on climate and biodiversity, including items listed here. A Climate & Biodiversity Strategy has been submitted to the Parish Council for adoption.</i>
	(i) Develop a local Nature Recovery Plan to complement that being prepared at County Level	Moderate	High. The updated EHNP will provide a framework and high level description of nature assets in the parish as well as policies to conserve and enhance biodiversity.	HOLD	<i>A more detailed action plan has been proposed in conjunction with neighbouring parishes to complement the Oxfordshire NRN. This will be discussed once the NP update is finalised.</i>
9.2. Sustainability and Climate change					
	(a) encourage public transport and cycling	Covered by items 5(a),(b),(c) and 6.6		See items 5(a),(b),(c) and 6.6	
	(b) Consider availability of charging points for electric vehicles.	Cost likely to be substantial, but there may be support from other bodies. Location needs to have metered electricity supply.	Trend to electrification means that facilities might be needed in future. Needs liaison with other bodies in this rapidly evolving situation.	EVALUATE OPTIONS	<i>EHPC discussion considered that the specific purpose needs to be defined. OCC priorities at present are for residents who do not have off-street parking (in EH, this is primarily Wilcher Close). The bus turning circle at Windsor Crescent has been offered as a potential charging site. We do not see a specific need for visitors to the village and do not want to allocate the limited space in the village car park for charging.</i>
	(c) Consider limited tree planting as a small contribution to carbon capture.	The built area of East Hagbourne is fairly well supplied with trees. Other trees and hedges are found principally along the watercourses and trackways. Some opportunities for infill exist without impairing the generally open nature of the countryside.	Local tree planting can offset only a very small amount of our GHG emissions. However, trees also enhance our public amenity and help wildlife, so selected and sympathetic planting insode and beyond the built area can have multiple benefits. Choice of species and locations should be sensitive to the historic landscape of the village and its setting as outlined in the EHNP and its 2023 update.	REMAIN VIGILANT	<i>Trees in the wrong place can be harmful to the overall environment - consideration needs to be given to the wider issues of biodiversity and landscape. The incorporation of these aspects into the 2023 update of the EHNP provides guidance for landowners, but vigilance will still be needed. HUGS has facilitated extensive tree planting in village gardens.</i>
	(d) Develop a Climate & Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for EHPC			See Item 9.1(h)	

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10. Village Improvements (Village Sparkle)					
Our village needs some loving care to look its best. Our village suffers from degraded footways (pavements), regular potholes in roads, blocked road drainage with vehicle splash affecting pedestrians, overhanging hedges, vehicles parked on pavements, blocking pushchairs and mobility scooters, muddy footpaths in places. Some of these aspects are addressed by actions elsewhere in this plan. A well kept village is both safer for pedestrians and enhances wellbeing.					
Some initiatives to encourage wildflowers by leaving grass uncut risk conflicting with this objective. Our actions should aim to support wildlife in a well managed way.					
10.1. Maintenance & Improvement projects					
	(a) Continue smartening benches around the village	EHPC, with support from a SODC grant, has refurbished benches within the village and together with adjoining councils, along the railway embankment.		DONE	Village benches refurbished - a visible and significant contribution to village appearance. In addition, art benches along the railway embankment (across 3 parishes) have been refurbished.
	(b) Consider proposal for a village map/information boards as a guide for visitors.	Needs costing. Suitable locations need to be found - one suggestion is the Lower Cross bus shelter (see item below).		EVALUATE	An idea that needs development. Together with information signage in other locations this could provide pointers to significant features (downs views, chalk springs, village landmarks) and help promote the village's sense of place.
	(c) Renovate and improve the bus shelter at Lower Cross	Could be a possible location for a village map or information board		EVALUATE	The shelter has lost its seating and the roof may need repair.
	(d) Improve footpath surface at HVH.			DONE	HVH path has been improved through volunteer labour and has also been adopted as a Public Footpath.
	(e) Improve footpath surface at Bowls Club to Bakers Lane, also FP4, Wilcher Close to Millennium Wood.			CONSIDER BEST WAY TO PROCEED	An improvement scheme for FP4 is being progressed
	(f) Improve FP6 near the bend where it crosses the stream.	The path edge next to the stream has fallen away and holes are appearing in the path.		CONSIDER BEST WAY TO PROCEED	
	(g) Make other footpath improvements as needs identified, including Parsonage Lane (FP13).			CONSIDER BEST WAY TO PROCEED	A survey of all our footpaths is being carried out to identify priority areas for improvements.
<i>The condition of footways(pavements) throughout the village also needs improvement - see item 6.1(a).</i>					
10.2. Strategic Projects					
East Hagbourne is physically constrained and would benefit from more land for community use.	(a) Consider whether suitable land in the village could be purchased or managed to expand community facilities.	Considerable. Would require use of CIL money.		HOLD	Related topics: 2.2(a/b) new proposals; 3.1(e) Butts Piece; 7 Parking; 9 Biodiversity & landscape; Protect village character. EHPC discussion did not identify any areas for immediate action. Keep under review.
	(b) Consider what such land could be used for.		Use would need to meet the criteria of a community mandate and demonstrated need - for more than just a few people - and build on NP requirements.		
Move overhead cables underground in the heart of the Conservation Area.	(c) The SODC Character Study of 2000 mentioned that some cables had been buried in the area near the Church and recommended that this be extended to other areas of Main Road.	Cost is likely to be substantial, although we may get help from other bodies. Needs exploring		HOLD	No progress has been made on this discussion so far. Priority needs to be established. Would need investment, perhaps from CIL.
Consider whether extensions to HVH or EHP are needed	(d) Linked to Issue 3.	Cost could exceed our resources and need grant support. HVH structure/space may limit options.	Feasible, provided we have a defined need.	NO ACTION	Discussions with HVH and Shop committees have not identified any specific new needs. EHP operation is stable - current facilities appropriate. HVH is embarking on a project for a new roof/improved insulation. Related topics: 2 (Shop) ; 3.1 (HVH) ; 3.2 (Hub/café, Archives)