

APPENDIX 1 COMMUNITY ACTIONS

Listed below are the actions which are needed to protect and enhance our village, our environment and our community and which emerged out of our consultations with the village. These actions will be taken forward by the Parish Council acting in partnership with village organisations such as Stutton Community Association, Stutton Grows and Stutton Community Shop CIC.

Community Action 1:

Working with Developers

We will welcome the opportunity to work with developers at an early stage to help to ensure the policies contained in the Neighbourhood Plan are promoted and implemented.

Community Action 2:

Registering Housing Need

Throughout the pod covered by the Plan, we will encourage people to register their housing need with Babergh District Council's Gateway to Home Choice.

Community Action 3:

Updating the Housing Needs Survey

Action will be taken to update the Housing Needs Survey in 2024.

Community Action 4:

Community Land Trust

We will explore interest within the village for establishing a Community Land Trust with the aim of developing, and securing for the long term, affordable housing.

Community Action 5:

Working together to encourage best environmental practices.

We will encourage and promote opportunities for landowners and residents to work together on best environmental practices and unlock volunteer engagement in schemes such as hedge and tree planting.

Community Action 6:

Protecting valued trees

Trees are a valued part of our natural heritage and we will take action to protect them and where possible to increase the number of trees in the village. The Parish Council will take into account valued trees when considering planning applications. See Map 3.

Community Action 7:

Working together with Anglian Water.

We will seek to work together with Anglian Water to mitigate the impact of the campsite and other leisure activities on the village and the natural environment.

Community Action 8:

Maintaining and promoting community activities.

We will maintain and promote the sense of community and opportunities for activities and clubs.

Community Action 9:

Supporting entrepreneurial and creative activities.

We will support initiatives to further the existing spirit of entrepreneurial and artistic and creative activity, and of service to the community.

Community Action 10:

Traffic calming and road safety.

We will:

- seek to work with Suffolk County Council to introduce traffic calming measures to enhance the safety of pedestrians walking through the village
- investigate the possibility of a segregated cycle route on the B1080 from Brantham to Holbrook
- negotiate with surrounding schools with the aim of reducing motorised traffic through Stutton

Community Action 11:

Pavements and roadways.

We will undertake a survey of all the pavements and roadways for the adopted highways in the village and, in consultation with Suffolk County Council Highways department and local landowners, develop a remedial plan of action and regular maintenance programme.

Community Action 12:

Greenway.

We will work to create a surfaced Greenway using existing footpaths back from but parallel to the B1080, linking existing and new developments and village facilities. This will be done in three stages:

1. The footpath parallel to Larksfield, and joining this to Alton Hall Lane, along an existing footpath.
2. A Greenway extension from the housing development on the village field, behind the shop, to join Woodfield Lane.
3. A Greenway extension from the footpath parallel to Larksfield to the Alton Water footpath, skirting the Alton Water campsite.

Community Action 13:

Quiet Lanes.

We will work with Suffolk County Council to identify and designate quiet lanes within the village in order to offer protection from speeding traffic for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and other vulnerable road users.

Community Action 14:

Improving provision and access to community facilities.

Village organisations will seek opportunities to improve provision and access to community facilities, in particular to update the Community Hall.

Community Action 15:

Working together to address the climate emergency.

We will encourage the people of Stutton to address the climate emergency by e.g. installing insulation and renewal energy heating systems; recycling; minimising the use of plastic; reducing the use of petrol and diesel vehicles.

Community Action 16:

Directory of businesses and sole traders.

We will create a directory of businesses (including sole traders) within the community to share information such as the field of work and resources that could be of interest to others.

Community Action 17:

Supporting businesses and sole traders.

We will foster support for and among businesses and sole traders, for example by networking events.