



The Big Conversation

Focus Group: neighbourhood plan consultation

Meeting of Village Organisations



Present:

Stutton Horticultural Society
Stutton Community Council
Stutton Grows
Stutton Community Hall
Stutton Support Network
St Peter's Church
Stutton Community Shop
Stutton Young Explorers/Constable Country Childcare
Stutton Presents
Speedwatch

Village Hall

The Village Hall is changing its constitution to an incorporated charity. The terms of reference will enable activities other than just running the Hall. They are working with the Community Council.

The Hall needs to be upgraded, made more energy efficient, with an easier to use, more flexible layout.

The Hall and the Shop are now the centre of the village.

Attracting more volunteers/involvement in village activities and organisations

How can we get more people involved in the Hall? Put on more events; attract new, younger people.

A Welcome Pack for new people moving into the village could include information about all the village organisations and how to get involved.

The Horticultural Society has involvement from small children but not teenagers.

Young people who are still living at home don't really want to get involved in the same activities as their parents - if they could form their own household in a home of their own they may be more interested. But we need more housing in the village suitable for young people, especially rented housing.

Traffic / Moving around the village

The village is affected by the traffic generated by what's going on in the wider area - eg school transport; more houses being built in neighbouring areas.

If only there was some way that children could cycle through the village and also that older people could walk safely, away from traffic.

We need footpath access to the school, improvements to the junction where the school is.

Could parking for the school be at the King's Head? It used to be years ago.

Traffic calming needs to be carefully thought about - slowing traffic down can sometimes increase traffic queues and carbon emissions.

Natural environment

What kind of farming is there around here - can we talk to farmers/ landowners about eg. hedgerows?

How can we encourage more solar panels?

Could we go plastic-free as a village? Could we do a black plastic collection? Could the shop act as a collection point? No, the shop is a commercial enterprise and can't get into doing additional things like that.

Can we have electric charging points for cars? The Hall would need to convert to a three phase system which is expensive so the grants available would need to be more generous than they currently are.

What's happening to the mobile phone mast - installed but no power connected to it. Apparently may not happen for another year.

Village facilities

Ideas for new activities

Constable Country Childcare would like to run a drop in for parents, a place to come to together and get support from each other. Could also offer workshops on specific parenting topics.

The Church would like to hold more concerts.

Could we hold a Village Fete again?

Entertainment events are always very popular - they do attract people who aren't involved in village organisations.

We should have an annual forum/event for all the village organisations - there should be more contact and co-ordination.

Can we have a helter skelter at the back of the shop/hall

Would like to see more art in the village - could we have an art installation in the village. How about an art exhibition in the shop?

How about an art and film festival?