

# Wiston Parish Community-Led Plan 2013

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## Background and Process

Councillors commenced the process in the autumn of 2012, inviting a representative of Action in rural Sussex to attend the Harvest Supper in Wiston Village Hall.

Following a survey, residents had highlighted issues that were of concern and were able to discuss these with Councillors and AirS, indicating which issues should take priority.



## About Wiston

**Wiston** is a small village in the shadow of the Downs, overseen by the historic Wiston Estate and Chanctonbury Ring. It is a civil parish in the Horsham District and lies on the A283 road 2.8 miles northwest of Steyning. The parish covers an area of 1,360 hectares (3,400 acres). In the 2011 census 219 people lived in 89 households. 164 residents fall within the age group 16-74 of which 142 are economically active.

**Wiston House:** Wiston House, an Elizabethan mansion much altered in the Victorian era, is owned by the Goring family. At present it is let to the Foreign Office as a conference centre, known as Wilton Park.

Adjacent to Wiston House sits St Mary's Church, which had reached such a poor condition by Victorian times that it had to be almost completely rebuilt in 1862. The church has some interesting historic fragments.

**Bunton Manor Farmhouse** is a 15th Century, partly moated farmhouse, surrounded by fields on a working farm. Situated on the route of the Sussex Greensand Way, a Roman footpath between the Adur floodplain and Hardham

**All Saint's Chapel, Bunton:** – This tiny church, almost 1000 years old, is approached by a steep path through a wood above Water Lane. It was built by the Monks of Sele Priory in Upper Beeding as a preaching station. Various materials were used in its construction, from pieces of Roman tile to carved stone arches decorated with small fruits. Inside there are traces of medieval wall paintings. Services are held at Bunton on the third Sunday of the month

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## TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT



### Issues Identified

Improved public and community transport

Speeding and traffic and traffic calming measures / danger to pedestrians /

Lack of pavement in Hole Street

### Action Plan

- To work with our local PCSO and Sussex Police Authority to reduce the number of large and speeding vehicles through the village.
- To work with WSCC School Transport to ask school coaches not to use Wiston village as a cut through.
- To work with WSCC Highways and our local County Councillor to introduce measures that would make residents and pedestrians feel safer.
- To investigate local minibus schemes / lift share options.

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES



### Issues Identified

Village Hall (Concerns regarding the condition and location)

Children' play area (with seating)

### Action Plan

- Liaise with the Wiston Estate and discuss the Village Hall and potential children's play area.
- Undertake a feasibility study.
- Research funding options.

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## ENVIRONMENT / HOUSING



### Issues Identified

Flooding and flood prevention

Low cost affordable housing

### Action Plan

- Flooding – liaise with West Sussex County Council and Wiston Estate to identify problems and properties at risk.
- Work with WSCC and Wiston Estate to minimize the risk.
- Ensure that WSCC and Estate keep ditches, drains, culverts and gullies clear in the future.
- Support residents at risk of being flooded.
- Identify housing need and investigate options

## LOCAL ECONOMY



### Issues Identified

Support and encourage local shops and businesses

Support for young and old

Job opportunities for young People

Care of elderly

### Action Plan

- Support the Village Shop as the ‘hub’ of the village.
- Use the new Wiston village website to promote social and business activities.
- Create a business directory of local skills and services.
- Encourage local business to provide ‘work experience’ for young people.
- Introduce a ‘buddy’ scheme to allow older residents to call upon the help of other residents.



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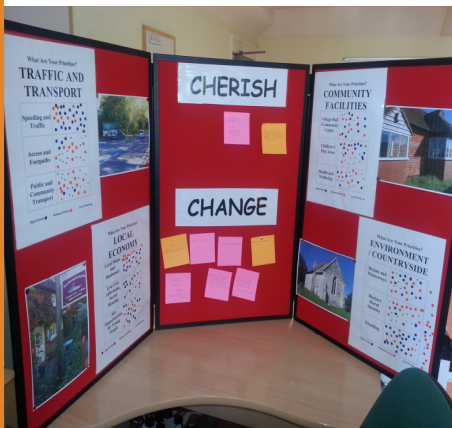
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## Moving Forward

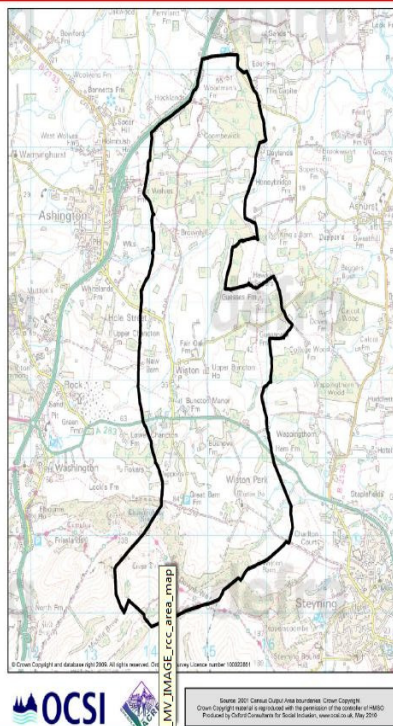
Wiston Parish Councillors are very grateful to residents who took time to complete surveys, providing comments and suggestions. Members look forward to working with the community to find solutions to the issues raised.

### Boundary Map and Facts about Wiston

**County:** West Sussex  
**District:** Horsham  
**Population:** 226  
**Plan Completed:** 2013



Map of Wiston (Parish)



Community profile for Wiston (Parish). © ACRE, RCAN, OCSI 2012.



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