

Annual Parish Plan Action Plan Review for Ashurst & Colbury, from the A & C Community Group.

The Ashurst & Colbury Community Group have been meeting bi-monthly since the Parish Plan was launched in March 2008. Progress has been made with many of the Actions which were suggested.

The Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council and the A & C Community Group have taken into consideration many ideas and some of the results may already be obvious to you.

Here is a summary of progress (with reference to B/1-3, C/4, E/5-6, E/7a & c, E/9, E/11-13, F/14-19, F/21-22, H/25-28, I/31-33, J/34-39 in the Parish Plan Action Plan) : -

The Parish Newsletter is continuing to keep villagers informed of local issues & events, with a wide variety of contributors and many different topics.

A village Welcome Pack is in progress, for newcomers to the village.

Disabled parking bays have been requested at the village shops.

A visiting Village Cinema (with Moviola) and a Farm Shop (Longdown Farm Shop) have been established.

The Primary Care Trust have been approached about possible facilities on the Ashurst Hospital / Chapel site – this has been stalled at this stage.

Summer picnics in the appropriate season, & Ashurst Walks throughout the year have been enjoyed by many. These will be continuing – information on local notice boards.

Sports facilities/ Fitness trail for children & adults – discussions are continuing.

Community Events have been enjoyed by many villagers.

A toddler group possibility has been investigated, with further work to be done for this.

Speed limit changes have been effected, with beneficial result.

The pedestrian crossing at Colbury Memorial Hall on the A35 has been improved, with a Toucan crossing (with grateful thanks to the additional team involvement).

Parking spaces within the village have been reviewed, together with pavement surfaces in some locations in the village.

Vandalism and graffiti have been tackled.

A Litter-picking effort by volunteers from the community has been a thorough job, achieved during July 08 & March 09.

The on-going issue of pest control has been investigated.

Village history and the preservation of important local features have been considered.

Resources in the Recreation Ground have been reviewed, with Parish Council management of this amenity.