

SEDLSCOMBE 2002 PARISH PLAN

FEBRUARY 2003 UPDATE SUMMARY & ACTION PLANS

The overall aim of this Plan is:

"To make Sedlescombe a vibrant place that values its past but looks to the future and where people are proud to live and work and be part of a caring community"

lead organisation:

SEDLSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Aim No.1

To achieve an Informed and Participating Sedlescombe Community

1.1 Open Parish Council

- To conduct Parish Council business in an open manner with decisions made in public, to encourage understanding of the Parish Council and its work.
- To allow time (Open Forum) prior to Parish council meetings for the public to address and question the Council.

1.2 Keeping residents informed

- To keep residents informed.

1.3 Parish Council links with other bodies

- To receive regular reports at Parish Council meetings from its representatives on village and other appropriate committees.

1.4 Encouraging participation

- To encourage participation by all residents in making a vibrant community
- To consult as necessary for the benefit of the community

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Parish Council action to keep residents informed and participating	Continue to conduct business in open manner with Open Forum prior to Council meetings.	1.1	Parish Council	ongoing	All Council Meetings have been preceded by Open Forum.
	Publish documents in accordance with model issued by Information Commissioner under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing	Parish Model Scheme adopted by Council and accepted by Information Commissioner, 28/02/03 to 28/02/07.
	Continue to publish quarterly Bulletin.	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing	Bulletin published January 03

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	Extend availability of Parish Council Bulletin	1.2	Parish Council	2003	Funds included in 2003/4 budget. Monthly e-mailed newsletter introduced February 03. Team of volunteers to deliver the bulletin being sought.
	Continue to deliver papers relating to the Assembly to all Sedlescombe households and businesses	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing	Planned for April 2003.
	Repeat successful format of 2002 Annual Assembly to include table displays by organisations and businesses	1.4	Parish Council /organisations and businesses	2003 onwards	Planned for April 2003. Businesses and organisations contacted January 2003.
	Update The Sedlescombe Directory	1.2	Parish Council and funding from local businesses	2003 onwards	Work in progress on 2003 Directory. Businesses and organisations contacted.
	Continue to display notices for local organisations on Parish Council noticeboard.	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing	Notices being displayed.
	New noticeboard arrangement, to include Neighbourhood Watch board, outside Post Office following extension of shop	1.2	Parish Council/Mr & Mrs J Mainwood, Sedlescombe Post Office	2002/3	NO ACTION TO DATE - DEPENDENT ON MR AND MRS MAINWOOD. Mainwoods have agreed that NHW board should be put on their pillar
	Continue to update and distribute "Welcome to Sedlescombe packs"	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing	Packs have been distributed. Bus timetable leaflets to be included and, possibly,

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	Construct new website with appropriate links	1.2	Parish Council	2003	information provided by the Churches. Local resident has offered to construct a Sedlescombe community website free of charge. Parish Council to have a mini-site.
	Update Parish Plan in Bulletin	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing	NO ACTION TO DATE
	Arrange a primary school citizenship event to inform children about parish councils	1.4	Parish Council & Sedlescombe School	2003	Consulting with School Head
	Carry out parish surveys and produce first Parish Plan	1.4	Parish Council	2002	Plan completed and printed on schedule in December 2002.
	Encourage Youth Forum	1.4	Parish Council	ongoing	Councillor has attended meetings.
	Enter Village of the Year Competition	1.4	Parish Council	2002	Entered and won East Sussex Village of the Year and Environment category of the Southern and South Eastern England region.
	Take action to match volunteers with needs	1.4	Parish Council	2003	Attempt at Assembly in April

Aim No.2

To achieve a Safe and Healthy Sedlescombe community

2.1 Crime & Safety

- To participate in reducing crime and disorder
- To encourage road safety and traffic calming schemes
- To assist in informing residents of health and safety issues

2.2 Responsible Dog Ownership

- To encourage responsible dog ownership

2.3 Healthcare

- To support easy access to healthcare for all residents

2.4 Safety in playgrounds

- To maintain playgrounds in a safe condition

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"999" calls	Improvement of response time and re-constitution of target times.	2.1	Police	2003	The creation of Rother District and Neighbourhood Policing Teams based 24hrs a day at Battle & Rye has already reduced response times (Ch.InspBM). My teams now work to a target time of 15mins for the most urgent calls which is a tough target given the huge Rother area (Ch.InspBM).
Non-emergency calls	Improvement of response times.	2.1	Police	2003	Not measured as a target but significant. We will be attending more crime scenes (Ch.InspBM).
Police presence in rural areas	Greater Police presence in village. Influence Sussex Police to introduce mobile police vans.	2.1	Police Safer Villages Group	2003 2004	We are targeting issues and aim to have a regular pattern of patrols for Rural Rother by 01/04/03., together with Lead Responsible Officers for each ward. We are still exploring the use of funding to provide a mobile police station for the district (Ch.InspBM). Sedlescombe Parish Council has, in principle, approved the idea of appointing a community warden for the village. Local residents would have to agree to provide

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					part funds and other funding will be required. The Rother Crime & Disorder Partnership is putting together a bid for funding.
Burglar alarms	Improvement of response to burglar alarms	2.1	Police	2003	No benchmarking. We will attend in accordance with police which withdraws attendance in line with false activations. Central Station alarms are more suitable to direct Police attendance. Also see above. (Ch.InspBM).
Car patrols	Return of night-time car patrols	2.1	Police	2003	24 hour policing is based across the District and from your NPT area ie Battle. No longer Hastings units. (Ch.InspBM). Night-time patrols are a reality. One passing by the sports pavilion just after Christmas 2002 noticed it was on fire and called on the Fire Brigade who extinguished the blaze.
Investigations	Police to investigate all crimes thoroughly including garage break-ins	2.1	Police	ongoing	Chief Insp Mathews has said the Police intends to do this (Jan 2003)
Call handling centre	Improve attitude and knowledge of area, including use of technology. Ensure proper supervision.	2.1	Police	ongoing	Looking to give more control to non-operational incidents and enquiries back to the local Police Stations. This will be monitored but call handling and 999 remains the main numbers for incidents. (Ch.InspBM).
Intimidation and bullying by and of youngsters	Police to investigate reports of intimidation and bullying	2.1	Police/Schools	ongoing	Will investigate any crime/incidents reported. Also exploring a specific Schools Intervention type post. To deal with specific crime issues (Ch.InspBM).
Vandalism	Police to investigate reports of vandalism. Vandalised objects/property to be cleaned/repared as soon as possible	2.1	Police Parish Council	ongoing ongoing	Local teams will deal with all policing issues. It may be an issue to be pursued with the LRO to consider ways of reporting (Ch.InspBM). Parish Council is applying an anti-graffiti solution to the refurbished Pumphouse pillars.
Burglaries in outbuildings	Make residents aware of risks	2.1	Neighbourhood Watch	ongoing	Neighbourhood Watch e-mail system is making residents aware and copies are being posted on the noticeboard.

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Burglaries at Pestalozzi		2.1	Pestalozzi/Police	ongoing	LRO to pick upon specific issues (Ch.InspBM) Security improved in co-operation with Police. However, general public need to be made aware that the Estate is private - included in January 2003 Bulletin. (Requested by Pestalozzi)
Vulnerability of Pestalozzi students		2.1	Pestalozzi/Police	ongoing	REMOVE - requested by Pestalozzi
Fire	Provision of smoke alarms for the deaf.	2.1	Safer Villages Group, Moat Care and Repair*	2002.	Smoke alarms that are a strobe and under-the pillow vibration pads now available to people over 60 with hearing difficulties. Display at the 2002 Crime and Safety Open Morning
	Fire Prevention displays at village events.	2.1	Safer Villages Group open mornings	2002 onwards	
Awards	Introduce Good Citizenship Awards	2.1	Parish Council	2004	Award to be made at Assembly. Funding included in 2003/4 budget.
Roselands warden care	Ensure emergency services can easily access the Roselands flats	2.1	Rother Homes	2002	All emergency calls from Roselands now go through Lifeline and Lifeline knows how to get into the flats.
Property marking	Offer engraving service to residents and businesses	2.1	Safer Villages Group	2002	Permanent engraving of postcode onto 10 items is available to anyone in the Village free of charge. Ch.InspBM says "consider the use of digital cameras by safer villages to photograph property and store on a floppy disk for identification purposes".
Improved communication between residents and emergency services	Advise villagers to: Report all incidents; Inform Police if not satisfied; Install CCTV; Install burglar alarms; Clearly display house names & numbers.	2.1		ongoing	Chairman and Clerk met new Chief Inspector in early January 2003. Chief Inspector to attend Parish Council Meeting, Crime & Safety Meeting and Parish Assembly. Crime and Safety Meeting to be held in village hall on 19 March.
Care of vulnerable people	Help the elderly and inform with advice.	2.1	Safer Villages Group	2002 onwards	Local volunteers are providing the following services: Home Security advice and free fitting of home security equipment available to the over 60s. Subsidised Lifeline available to over 60s. Smoke alarms for the disabled available to disabled people
	Help and Advice regarding doorstep sellers. Promote Lifeline Services.	2.1	Safer Villages Group and Moat Care & Repair	2002 onwards	

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	Provide free risk assessments for over 65s.	2.1		2004	<p>over 60. Memo minders available to everyone.</p> <p>Sedlescombe Safer Villages Scheme to work on "best practice" for NHW organisations to discuss such things as meter readers, bogus callers etc. Working party set up headed by Sgt Mears to meet at Battle Police Station. Once a paper has been produced it will be circulated to all co-ordinators for their comments.</p> <p>Useful advice published in Parish News and Battle Observer Village Voice in mid-January 2003 eg Telephone Preference Scheme, Check the Trader etc.</p> <p>Trailer hired and parked in Sedlescombe Village centre on 30 January for people to find out about Neighbourhood Watch, Safer Villages Scheme and Community Wardens.</p>
Traffic calming & Road Safety	<p>Traffic calming in front of post office - already fully investigated</p> <p>The speed of vehicles within the 30mph speed limit is of the greatest concern to residents, followed by number of heavy lorries on B2244, speed of vehicles in country lanes, large number of cars and vans on B2244.</p> <p>The speed of vehicles in Church Hill is also of concern especially near the Church and in Sandrock Hill where there is no footway.</p>	<p>2.1</p> <p>2.1</p>	<p>ESCC</p> <p>ESCC/Police</p>		<p>ESCC wrote in October 2002 that the slip road does not have a history of injury crashes and therefore cannot be considered for traffic calming. The Street has been submitted to Head Office for assessment in 2003.</p> <p>David Betts has been campaigning for a lower speed limit in Church Hill. After consultations with the Police, ESCC and County Cllr Mrs Field, he recommends: 1) Carrying out a survey and perhaps a petition requesting a 30mph speed limit; 2) Finding out cost of imposing a speed limit with possible contribution from the Parish; 3) Lobbying leader of ESCC Transport & Environment Cttee; 4) Arranging a walk with relevant people along B2244 from village to</p>

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					<p>Hurst Lane junction between 8am and 9am during school term.</p> <p>Rother Assoc. Parish Councils is pressing MPs for action on the issue of rural speed limits and traffic calming measures. ESCC can only introduce about 6 of their 200 programmed traffic calming measures each year because of lack of funds. It is suggested by the Area Highway Manager that "if a speed limit is to be lowered to a level below that at which most motorists would wish to drive then it is essential that the limit is enforced by some form of traffic calming measures." He also mentions that the proposed changes to the Traffic Police will result in far less speed enforcement and engineering measures will therefore be essential to decrease average speeds. A dramatic increase in funding is required.</p> <p>Ch.InspBM says "It is hoped by the District Commander that routine speed enforcement will be devolved down to him and that in due course suitably trained volunteers will be able to use speed enforcement".</p>
Double yellow lines	Double yellow lines by Clockhouse Bistro	2.1	ESCC	further investigations	ESCC wrote in October 2002 that there is virtually no prospect of Police enforcement and as there are no other yellow lines in the village why are they needed here?
Heavy lorries	Discourage use of B2244	2.1	ESCC/Police	further investigations	ESCC wrote in October 2002 that they could not support this aim as it is the policy of the CC to allow HGVs to disperse themselves across the network of 'A' and 'B' class roads. Suggest SPC writes again to major companies asking them to use the A21 instead of the B2244.

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Quiet lanes	<p>Introduce several quiet lanes in Sedlescombe (Transport Act 2000).</p> <p><i>The aim of Quiet Lanes is to make some minor rural roads more attractive for those who wish to walk, cycle and horse ride along them, for business or pleasure.</i></p>	2.1	ESCC	2004	<p>The concept of designating a network of rural roads as a "Quiet Lane" has been put forward by the Countryside Agency. There are currently two pilot projects in Kent and Norfolk and technical information should be published in February 2003. D Cllr Hardy planned to mount a campaign in Rother District to introduce quiet lanes. E-mailed him 03/01/03. He replied that he understood this had been taken up to the Rother District Association. Sedlescombe Environment Group interested in investigating. Parish Council agreed Hurst Lane, Poppinghole Lane, Cottage Lane and Brede Lane might be suitable candidates. If a new footway was constructed in Sandrock Hill, there would be a 2-mile round walk or cycle using Hurst Lane.</p> <p>ESCC wrote in October 2002 that ESCC policy is undertake a trial in the centre of the county. However, given variable success elsewhere and the year on year budget cuts, there is little prospect of such an initiative in the foreseeable future.</p>
Road surface through Village	Improve to limit noise	2.1	ESCC	further investigations	<p>ESCC wrote in October 2002 that the new quieter surfacings all have a black finish and, therefore, we would not be able to have "pink limestone" as in the past.</p> <p>Further information obtained that ESCC will only resurface a road if it is really bad with potholes or skidding problems, otherwise they will undertake surface dressing. Surface dressing will always be a noisier surface. When resurfacing has to be done, the new thinner French or German surfaces are chosen which create lower noise levels. However, the</p>

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					quieter surfaces are smoother and, therefore, encourage higher speeds. The higher speeds have resulted in some accidents. There is also some problem with the length of life of the quieter surfaces. The road surface through the Village is not in a poor state and when the time comes to resurface it, care will have to be taken that the new surface will not exacerbate the speed problem.
A21	Improvements to road that enhance the environment for Sedlescombe residents	2.1	Highways Agency	further investigations	<p>Widening of some parts of the A21 and bypasses proposed December 2002.</p> <p>Following considerable objections from residents of Hurst Green to the improvements to the A21 proposed for their parish, District Cllr Mrs Prochak has put forward an alternative route as follows: "To take the route from the revised junction of the (A21 with the) B2099 and to follow approximately the line of the Kent Ditch to meet the B2244 above the junction with Merriments Lane. Upgrading the B2244 south with substantial improvements at Cripps Corner and the Curlew crossroads. From the south of the vineyard, road to divert south west towards Marley Lane junction by-passing Sedlescombe." Mrs Prochak suggests this would relieve traffic problems for Hurst Green and Robertsbridge and would improve the existing traffic problems for south of Robertsbridge at John's Cross, Whatlington, Cripps Corner, Sedlescombe and Battle. She says it would also give an improved route much further south than Robertsbridge.</p>
Parking	Improve early morning parking problems for School and surgery. Consider parking arrangements for out-of-hours	2.1	School/Police/ Residents	ongoing	A Walking Bus could bring some improvement to parking at the school.

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	school use. Encourage considerate parking that does not restrict other road users				A School Travelplan could address some of these problems. Ch.InspBM says "Main role is enforcement. Police patrols will be directed but occasional as this tends to be a problem at schools across the District. LRO will discuss with school who must consider initiatives such as walking buses, longer drop-off times, voluntary one-way systems."
Footways	Improve existing footways. Provide new footways/ cycleways.	2.1	ESCC ESCC/Battle Partnership	ongoing ongoing	Parish Maintenance Gang did some maintenance of the footways in Summer 2002 but still narrow and not cleared of leaves especially Church Hill. Links to SO8 and SO13 of Battle Market Towns Initiative. ESCC wrote in October 2002 that requests for footways at either end of Sedlescombe have been received but neither scored high enough to progress from a preliminary to a full assessment. Also funds for new footways are extremely limited. SPC attempted to get funding for footways from the Countryside Agency Parish Transport Grant without success. Environment Group keen to pursue. To find out ownership of banks on east side of Sandrock Hill.
	Stop cars parking on footways.	2.1	Police		Ch.InspBM says "Will be a low priority for Police. Wardens may help. It will be something patrols consider but crime remains the key focus."
Hedges	Request owners to cut back hedges from roads and footways	2.1	ESCC & Parish Council	ongoing	SPC sends letters to owners as required and refers to ESCC if no action to cut back hedges.

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Street lighting	Although some support also opposition	2.1	ESCC & Parish Council	further investigations	ESCC wrote in October 2002 that this would be a matter for the Parish Council to decide. If the County Council was to adopt a system it would have to be to County Council standards (probably better than the Parish Council would require) and SPC would have to pay a commuted sum for future maintenance.
Walking Bus	Set up walking bus from East View Terrace	2.1	Sedlescombe School/PTA/Battle Partnership	2003	Wrote to Marion Ham 02/12/02 - she is in favour in principle. Cllr Mrs Field gave name of person at ESCC who will contact Clerk. Orbit Housing Association will provide fluorescent jackets.
School Transport Plan	Encourage School Transport Plan	2.1	Sedlescombe School/Parish Council	2003	Wrote to Marion Ham 02/12/02. She has no knowledge of these plans although Kent County Council expects all of its school to produce one. ESCC say they have to be in place in 8 to 10 years time.

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Dog Waste	Further education of owners.	2.2	Parish Council.	ongoing further	Sedlescombe Environment Group to take up.. Notice asking dog owners to place dog waste in dog bin and not litter bin put up in January 2003.
	Prosecute under byelaw	2.2	Rother DC/Parish Council	investigations	NO ACTION TO DATE
	Ensure bins are emptied regularly.	2.2	Parish Council	ongoing	ANY PROBLEMS TO BE REPORTED TO SERCO
	Provide new bins Provide more signage at Sportsfield	2.2 2.2	Parish Council Parish Council	2004 2003	1 new bin in budget for 2003/4 Provided January 2003. Plan to close off gap beside Sportsfield car park gate to deter dog walkers from entering the field at this point. Sedlescombe Environment Group investigating ways of warning dog owners eg. stencilling warning with fines on pavement.
Healthcare	Take opportunities to improve existing services	2.3		ongoing	Correspondence with Surgery and Primary Care Trust re new arrangements at the doctors' surgery from January 2003. Advertised "The Expert Patient Programme" 24/03=31/03/03 14:00-16:30 at Bexhill - a 6-week free course for people living with any chronic illness. Reported that new appointment system seems to be working well.
Playgrounds	Continue weekly inspection and maintenance programme	2.4	Parish Council	ongoing	Contractor appointed for 2003/4 year

ADDITIONAL TASK THAT FULFILS AIM NO.2

Tactile pavement and dropped kerbs	Village of the Year judge suggested we should investigate the installation of tactile pavements at dropped kerbs	2.1	Parish Council/ESCC	2003	Parish Council to consider. Ask ESCC, look at Doctors' Surgery area
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Aim No.3

To help provide Amenities and Services in Sedlescombe

3.1 Public amenities

- To maintain and improve Sedlescombe's public amenities

3.2 Support for local organisations, societies and other bodies

- To encourage local organisations, societies and other bodies that promote social, leisure, cultural and service activities in the community

3.3 Public footpaths and bridleways

- To maintain, improve and promote footpaths and bridleways within Sedlescombe's boundaries

3.4 Activities and services

- To promote activities and services for all residents
- To support Sedlescombe School
- To support the mobile and village libraries

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Sportsfield	New clubhouse and extension of sportsfield car park	3.1	Sports Association/Parish Council	2003	Draft layout of extended car park produced. Job03/04.17 if funding can be found.
Village Green	Continued refurbishment of Pumphouse	3.1	Parish Council	2002 onwards	Work on pillars completed January 2003. £500 budgeted 2003/4 for further work, probably refurbishment of Pumphouse seats. Job02/04.25
Playground improvements and maintenance	General improvements	3.1	Parish Council/ Battle Partnership /Orbit Housing Association	Further investigations	Removal of slide and seesaw. Job03/04.14 amended, new slide and replacement surfacing IF funding can be found. Replace surfacing IF funding can be found. Reduction in height of trees to reduce problem of shade at

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					playground, Job02/03.5 - held up awaiting refurbishment. Replace edgemaster posts along Powdermill driveway, Job02/03.6 - order given.
Skateboard facilities	Provide facilities	3.1	Parish Council & Sedlescombe Youth Projects	2003	SPC applied for planning permission. Jobs 02/03.14 & 15, site purchase and fencing.
Tennis courts	New club facilities, parking and marketing	3.1	Parish Council/ Tennis Club	further investigations	Purchase of land presently used for car sales being investigated, December 2002.
Parish Handyman	Project in co-operation with other villages	3.1	Parish Council	2005	NO ACTION TO DATE
Mother & Toddler Group	Form group in Sedlescombe	3.2	Early Years Childcare Development Partnership	2002	Started September 2002 - successful at first but children have now moved on to Playgroup and School.
Playgroup	Storage of Playgroup's equipment at new hall	3.2	Early Years Childcare Development/ Battle Partnership	2002	Wrote Village Hall Management Committee
Horse riding	Enhance the bridleway network	3.3	ESCC/Battle Partnership/ Leader+	ongoing	NO ACTION TO DATE
New public footpath along River Brede to Rye	Designate new path	3.3	ESCC	2005	Simon Fathers wrote in Sept 2002 that this would be difficult to complete but would like to discuss further.
Footpaths	Improve signing and maintenance of paths	3.3	ESCC	Ongoing	FO FURTHER ACTION TO DATE
Volunteers	Create volunteer group to work on public rights of way and Red Barn Field Nature Park	3.3	ESCC/Parish Council	2003	Important if action points relating to footpaths are to be realised. Mary

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					Moult and Simon Fathers could help with training etc.
Permissive path	1066 Country Walk to Lower Marley Farm	3.3	ESCC, Parish Council, owner	2003	NO ACTION TO DATE
Further education classes	Provide "taster" sessions for new further education classes in Sedlescombe	3.4	Claverham	2002	Clerk has met Elaine Winzar, Further Education officer re further education classes in Sedlescombe.
Swimming pool	Cover for Sedlescombe School Pool	3.4	School	2007	NO ACTION TO DATE
Information Technology	New ICT suite at Sedlescombe School	3.4	Sedlescombe School/Battle Partnership	2005	School raising funds. SPC agreed to make a grant of £750 from 2002/3 budget. Countryside Agency providing grant of nearly £25,000 for purchase of computers etc.
Bus Timetables	Improve bus timetable boards in bus shelter	3.4	ESCC/Battle Partnership	2003	Derek Allen on 01273 482040 to be contacted.
Youth Club	Restart youth club	3.4	Volunteers	No specific date	NO ACTION TO DATE. NB East Sussex Youth Service concentrates resources on 11-25 year olds in the following priority order: 13-18; 18-25; 11-13. Rural Rother Youth Forum Networking Lunch 28/01/03.
Youth leader	Provide peripatetic leader	3.4	Youth service/ Battle Partnership	No specific date	NO ACTION TO DATE
Transport back from after-school activities	Use of School mini-bus	3.4	Battle Partnership	further investigations	NO ACTION TO DATE
Activities in the hall that might appeal to the young	Encourage use of sports facilities by young. Other.	3.4	Sedlescombe Village Hall Trustees and others	ongoing	NO ACTION TO DATE

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Electricity	Improvement of electricity supply to reduce power cuts	3.4		further investigations	Wrote Seeboard and received reply
Gas	Extension of gas supply throughout the parish	3.4		further investigations	NO ACTION TO DATE
Mains drainage	Extension of mains drainage throughout the parish	3.4		further investigations	Rother lobbying Southern Water Services
Broadband	Provision broadband internet access	3.4		further investigations	Interested people should be encouraged to register on www.btopenworld.com/votebroadband
Village library	Financial support for library. Further advertising	3.4		2003	No financial support to date but village and mobile libraries have been advertised in the Parish Council Bulletins. Mobile library under threat unless more use is made of it before June 2003.
Film Club	Provide in village hall	3.4		2003	Should be referred to Village Hall Committee
Tennis coaching	6 months tennis coaching project	3.4	Tennis Club	2003	AWAITING INFORMATION FROM CLUB
Transport	Transport to village hall for elderly or infirm	3.4	Parish Council	2003	NO ACTION TO DATE

ADDITIONAL TASKS THAT FULFIL AIM NO.3

Footpaths	Walks by arrangement around Sedlescombe area by Dr Patrick Roper - any size group	3.3	Environment Group	2003	NEW ACTION
Footpaths	A new permissive path was created in the summer of 2002 on the Pestalozzi Estate	3.3	Pestalozzi Trust and Friends of the Pestalozzi Estate	2002	COMPLETE

Aim No.4

To support Business and Rural Employment in Sedlescombe

4.1 Local Business

- To support appropriate local business and suitable rural employment

4.2 Employment

- To publicise appropriate employment

4.3 Training

- To support and encourage training of local people

4.4 Tourism

- To encourage low-key tourism in support of local business

4.5 Postal service

- To support retention of a quality postal service for the benefit of local business

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Local businesses	1) Support tax reductions for rural businesses and shops 2) Support expansion of local businesses where appropriate. 3) Support appropriate diversification.	4.1	Parish Council	ongoing	NO ACTION TO DATE NO ACTION TO DATE NO ACTION TO DATE
Village shop	Protect and support village shop	4.1	Parish Council /Battle Partnership	ongoing	NO ACTION TO DATE
Village pub	Ensure that our last public house remains an essential centre of village life	4.1		ongoing	NO ACTION TO DATE
Farmers market	Support the introduction of a Farmers market in Sedlescombe (or similar market)	4.1		2002	NO ACTION TO DATE
Employment	Publicise appropriate employment	4.2	Parish Council	ongoing	NO ACTION TO DATE

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Training	Support and encourage training of local people [Sedlescombe businesses say they find it difficult to employ the following: general builders, bricklayers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, welders, tree surgeons, salesman, managers]	4.3	Rother District Council	ongoing	Gave names of some local businesses to Rye Bay Countryside office that were planning health and safety courses in the Village hall. Clerk put Battle Careers Officer who is always looking for firms willing to take on apprentices in touch with Rother whose new grounds maintenance contractor has said he is willing to take them on.
Tourism	Encourage opportunities for low key tourism to support local business and benefit residents	4.4	Parish Council/ Rother District Council etc.	ongoing	Parish Council supported Lower Marley Farm in its appeal against refusal of planning permission for 5 new self catering units but it was turned down by the Inspector.
Postal service	Support retention of quality postal service	4.5		ongoing	Some changes to the postal collection introduced in January 2003. Post may be collected by the Post Office throughout the day from post boxes but there is only one set collection which is the evening one. Need to investigate whether this is causing problems and whether there are any new problems with postal deliveries in the Village.

Aim No.5

To protect and enhance Sedlescombe's Built and Natural Environment

5.1 Sedlescombe's built environment

- To protect Sedlescombe's built environment

5.2 Sedlescombe's natural environment

- To protect and enhance Sedlescombe's natural environment

5.3 Waste management to protect the environment

- To encourage efficient handling of waste
- To encourage reduction of waste by reducing the use of materials, reusing materials and recycling more materials
- To support litter control

5.4 Traffic management to protect the environment

- To encourage traffic management to safeguard the environment

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Action	Details	Action No.	Lead organisations	Date	February 2003 update
Planning	Continue to comment on planning applications and Plans	5.1	Parish Council	ongoing	Councillors have continued to inspect sites and report to Planning Committee meetings.
Red Barn Field Nature Park	Advertise, carry out surveys to establish the biodiversity of the site, improve public access to village hall	5.2	Parish Council.	ongoing	Quotes for new path through Nature Park to Village hall received. Applications for grant aid to be submitted.
Trees	Safeguard favourite trees	5.2	Parish Council	ongoing	Two new tree preservation orders in Marley Lane, Sedlescombe made by District Council in December 2002. SEE NEW TASKS BELOW

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Views	Safeguard favourite views	5.2	Parish Council	ongoing	Opposed telephone mast being sited in the valley where it would be very prominent in the landscape.
Wider environment	Protect wider environment including water and river quality	5.2	Parish Council	ongoing	SEE NEW TASKS BELOW
Waste management	Encourage reduction of waste. Continue to oppose the construction of a waste handling facility at Mountfield.	5.3	Rother District Council/East Sussex County Council/Parish Council	ongoing	Article in Parish Council Bulletin about recycling of plastic. Sedlescombe Environment Group held its first meeting in January 2003 and its mission statement is "to raise the awareness of environmental issues locally and invite participation and suggestions from the community in accordance with the aims of the Sedlescombe Parish Plan. A member of the Group was appointed to deal with publicity. A Sedlescombe Recycling Leaflet was produced by Rother in November.
Recycling	Improvement of waste handling eg doorstep collection, green waste and cardboard collection.	5.3	Rother District Council/East Sussex County Council/Parish Council	ongoing	Recycling course for schoolchildren held at Pestalozzi in November 2002 SEE NEW TASKS BELOW
Recycling	Regular emptying of recycling bins in	5.3	Rother District	ongoing	NO ACTION TO DATE

	car park		Council		
Litter collection	General improvement of litter collection	5.3	Parish Council & Rother District Council	ongoing	SEE NEW TASKS BELOW
Station parking problems	Buses to link with trains to limit use of cars	5.4	Parish Council and others	further investigation	NO ACTION TO DATE
Hospital parking problems	Buses to link with hospital to limit use of cars	5.4	Parish Council and others	further investigation	NO ACTION TO DATE

ADDITIONAL TASKS THAT FULFIL AIM NO.5

Waste Management	Incentives for using smaller household refuse bins	5.3	Sedlescombe Environment Group		NEW ACTION
Sedlescombe's natural environment	"Wildlife" day in village hall	5.2	Sedlescombe Environment Group		NEW ACTION
Sedlescombe's natural environment	Comment on the Draft Management Plan for the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	5.2	Sedlescombe Environment Group		NEW ACTION
Sedlescombe's natural environment	Dr Patrick Roper has offered to produce a paper on the wildlife and trees found in the district. Will try to obtain funding from the Lottery "Local heritage initiative fund" to support a coloured booklet.	5.2	Sedlescombe Environment Group		NEW ACTION
Sedlescombe's natural environment	Dr Roper and John Roberts are to produce a simple wildlife management plan for the churchyard and its environs. (There used to be green winged orchids in the churchyard.)	5.2	Sedlescombe Environment Group		NEW ACTION

Sedlescombe's natural environment	Dr Roper is producing a Biodiversity Management Plan for Southern Water	5.2	Dr Roper/Southern Water		
Waste Management to protect the environment	Sedlescombe Environment Group member to contact school re encouraging children's participation in future activities and will pursue the matter of dealing with the School's waste paper.	5.3	Environment Group/School		NEW ACTION
Waste Management	Member of Sedlescombe Environment Group has contacted Greg Barker MP re waste cardboard.	5.3	Environment Group		NEW ACTION
Waste Management	Member of Sedlescombe Environment Group is to contact "Keep Britain Tidy" group for guidance on litter control.	5.3	Environment Group		NEW ACTION - 21 volunteer litter wardens have been identified in the Village.
Sedlescombe's natural environment	A plan is being produced to plant a set of natural trees on the Pestalozzi Estate	5.2	Pestalozzi/ Friends of Pestalozzi Estate		