

# SEDLESCOMBE PARISH PLAN

## SEPTEMBER 2004 UPDATE

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:

**SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL - A QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL (accreditation received 2004)**

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## Updates

### Page 4 Physical and Environmental Setting.

A. Add the following new section:

On 9 July 2004, Rother District Council announced that the historic core of Sedlescombe had been designated a Conservation Area under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 - Section 69. The schedule details the conservation area as follows:

*Land in the centre of Sedlescombe (The Street, The Green and adjoining areas), East Sussex namely: All that land and buildings enclosed by a boundary which is briefly described as follows: commencing at the B2244 and running eastwards along the northern curtilage of the Brickwall Hotel the boundary turns south crossing Brede Lane to pass between The Surgery and The Queens Head before continuing southwards along the eastern side of the Allotment Gardens before turning west along their southern boundary towards Pollards. On joining the rear garden of The Old Chapel the boundary then turns south to include the pasture between Kester house and Riverside Cottages. At the River Line the boundary follows the river westwards to include Powdermills and then northwards along the western boundaries to the properties fronting the main road (B2244 but excluding Gregory Walk) as far as the northern boundary to Manor Cottages where it turns east to rejoin the B2244.*

The effect of the designation of the conservation area is as follows:

1. Conservation Area consent will now be required for the demolition of all unlisted buildings (other than excepted buildings) in the area.
2. Planning applications for development which would in the opinion of the local planning authority affect the character or appearance of the conservation area must be given publicity and representations received as a result of the publicity must be taken into account in determining the application.
3. It becomes an offence subject to certain exceptions to cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy any tree in the area except with the consent of the local planning authority.
4. The local planning authority is now under a duty to formulate and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of the area.

B. The final paragraph about Pestalozzi should be deleted and the following paragraph inserted in its place:

The Pestalozzi International Village occupies many acres of the parish and has done so for over forty years. It helps bright, young people from low-income families in Africa and Asia fulfill their potential to serve their home communities and build bridges of understanding across the world. The young people now come to the UK aged 16-18 to do the two-year International Baccalaureate Diploma Course at Hastings College of Arts and Technology. They also do community service with local schools (including Sedlescombe), community groups and the general public, as well as running the local Rotaract Club, which is open too, to non-Pestalozzi young people. The Pestalozzi International Development Education Centre (PIDEC) is run

by teachers and an environmentalist to provide a Resources Centre and support for schools and community groups in the promotion of global citizenship. There is a wide range of employment opportunities - both paid and voluntary - at the Pestalozzi International Village.

## Page 7 Population

The results of the 2001 census broken down to parish level have been announced by the Office for National Statistics. These show a snapshot picture at 29 April 2001 in Sedlescombe as follows:

Number of people in 2001	Percent	Age groups
56	4.1	0-4
184	13.4	5-15
132	9.6	16-24
286	20.8	25-44
383	27.9	45-64
331	24.1	Over 65
1372		

The following information may also be useful:

- Of the 1372 population, 673 were male and 699 female (National Statistics).
- From the electoral roll, 1072 over 18s were registered in Sedlescombe in 2001 and therefore, using figures in the above table, we can calculate that there were 60 youngsters living in Sedlescombe between 16 and 18 at that time. However, this can only be taken as a rough number as other breakdowns obtained from the Office for National Statistics show there were as many as 1132 people over 16!
- There were a total of 300 under 18s.
- There were 211 aged over 74.
- 57.6% of Sedlescombe's population over 16 were married or re-married and living as a couple, 8% cohabiting, 16.7% single (never married) not living in a household, 1.2% of married or re-married people not living in a couple and 16.4% of separated, divorced or widowed people living on their own.
- 23.9% of Sedlescombe's population over 16 had never married, 45.6% were married, 10.8% re-married, 2.7% were separated, 8.5% were divorced and 8.6% widowed.
- 89.1% of Sedlescombe's population was born in England, 1% in Scotland, 1% in Wales, 0.2% in N Ireland, 0.7% in the Republic of Ireland, 2.1% in other EU countries and 5.8% elsewhere.

- 96.1% of Sedlescombe's population were white, 0.7% of mixed race, 1.5% were Asian or Asian Black, 1.8% were Black or Black British, none were Chinese or of other ethnic group.
- 75.8% of Sedlescombe's population described themselves as Christian, 0.2% Buddhist, 1.6% Hindu, 0.3% Muslim, 0.6% other religions, none Jewish or Sikh, 15% no religion and 6.5% religion not stated.
- 17.3% of Sedlescombe' population described themselves as having limiting long-term illness of which 6.3% were of working age. 67.1% described their health as good, 24.9% as fairly good, 8% as not good, 136 provide unpaid care.
- 60.8% of people aged between 16 and 74 described themselves as economically active. Of these, 66.8% were employees, 24.9% self-employed, 4.9% unemployed and 3.4% full-time students.
- 39.2% of people aged between 16 and 74 described themselves as economically inactive. Of these, 53.5% were retired, 16.7% students, 15.4% looking after home/family, 6% permanently sick/disabled and 8.4% as "other".
- 3% of people aged between 16 and 74 were unemployed (about 30 people). Of these 31% were aged 16-24, 44,8% aged 50 and over, none have never worked, 41.4% are long-term unemployed (about 13).
- Of the males aged 16-74 in employment, 5.5% worked 5.5 hours a week, 10.3% 16-30 hours a week, 8.4% 31-37 hours a week, 42.1% 38-48 hours a week and 33.8% worked 49 hours a week or more.
- Of the females aged 16-74 in employment, 4.5% worked 1-5 hours a week, 17% worked 6-15 hours a week, 30.7% worked 16-30 hours a week, 17.8% worked 31-37 hours a week, 18.2% worked 38-48 hours a week and 11.7% 49 hours a week or more.
- Of the people aged 16-74 in employment:

Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4.3%
Energy and water; Extractive industries	0.5%
Manufacturing	10.9%
Construction	11.9%
Wholesale/retail distribution, repair of motor vehicles	16%
Hotels and catering	6.4%
Transport, storage & communication	3.9%
Financial and business services	14.8%
Public admin, education and health	27.2%
Other	4.1%

- Of the people aged 16-74 in employment:

Managers and senior officials	19.6%
Professional occupations	12.2%
Associate professional and technical occupations	10.2%
Administrative and secretarial occupations	11.3%
Skilled trades occupations	16.3%
Personal service occupations	7.2%
Sales and customer service occupations	6.4%
Process, plant and machine operatives	5.1%
Elementary occupations	11.7%

- Of the people between 16 and 74, 27.6% had no qualifications.
- Of the people between 16 and 74, 18.7% work mainly at/or from home, 4.5% travel to work by train, underground etc, 0.7% by bus, minibus or coach, 1.1% by motorcycle, scooter or moped, 65% driving or as passenger in a car or van (about 362 people), 0.5% by taxi, 0.5% by bicycle, 7.9% on foot and 1.1% other.
- Of the dwellings, 22 were 2<sup>nd</sup> or holiday accommodation, 55.9% detached houses or bungalows, 20.4% semi-detached, 12.2% terraced, 6.6% purpose-built flats, 2.5% part of a converted or shared house, 0.9% in a commercial building and 0.9% in a caravan or other mobile or temporary structure.
- Of the households, 10.9% had no car or van, 46.4% one, 31.4% two, 8.5% three, 2.7% four or more. There were 852 cars or vans in the parish.
- Of the households, 43.6% owned their property outright, 31.8% on mortgage, 1% shared ownership, 2.4% local authority, 13.4% Housing Association, 4% private landlord and 3.8% other.
- The average household size was 2.25.
- Of the households, 93.5% had central heating and all had sole use of a bath/shower and toilet.
- 1.2% of households' lowest floor level was a basement or semi-basement. 93.9% at ground level, 4.8% at 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> floor level. There were no households whose lowest floor level was the 5<sup>th</sup> floor or higher.
- 28.4% were one person households.
- In one-family households, 16.3% were all pensioners, 34.5% were married couple households, 6.5% co-habiting couple households, 8.3% lone parent households.
- 49.3% of pension-only households are one person.
- Of the 36 lone-parent households with dependent children, 6 had a male lone parent and all of them were in full-time employment, 30 were female of which 54.5% were in full-time employment and 45.5% in part-time employment.

Using the statistics provided by the 2001 census, and generalising, a picture of Sedlescombe emerges as follows:

#### Population

- A small parish of 1372 people
- divided roughly equally male and female
- a good spread of ages with 300 under 18s and 331 over 65s

#### Ethnicity and religion

- majority were born in England and consider themselves as white and Christian

#### Health

- most are in good or fairly good health although some have limiting long-term illness

#### Properties

- nearly half of the properties are owned outright
- more than half are detached properties
- there are a few flats
- all are of a good standard with very few not having central heating
- all have their own bath/shower and toilet
- there is no high-rise accommodation

#### Households

- more than half of the people are married or cohabiting and living with their spouses or partners
- more than a quarter live on their own
- there are a fair number of lone-parent households with dependent children and a few of these have a male lone parent
- the average household size is 2.25

#### Employment

- about a quarter of people in work are self-employed
- about 30 people are unemployed, nearly half of these were over 50 years of age
- far more females than males do part-time work
- about a third of men in employment work more than 49 hours a week while just over a tenth of women work similarly long hours
- all the male lone-parents work full-time while the women in a similar situation work either full or part-time

- nearly half of the population work in financial, business, public administration, education or health while only a very small number are employed in agriculture, forestry or fishing
- nearly a fifth work mainly at/or from home

#### Qualifications

- more than a quarter have no qualifications

#### Travel to work

- well over half drive, or are driven, to work by car or van
- very few use public transport to get to work

#### Vehicle ownership

- the majority of households have a car or van although there are households that do not
- a few have four or more vehicles
- there are 852 cars or vans in the parish

## The Plan was last reviewed in September 2003

### 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

Action	Aim No.	Lead organisations	Date	September 2004 review
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 Commission 28/02/03 to 28/02/07
Publish quarterly Bulletin	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing	Bulletin has been published each quarter, apart from March
Extend availability of Parish Council Bulletin	1.2	Parish Council	2003 onwards	Quarterly Bulletin is now delivered to each household by a team of volunteers and is posted on the noticeboard
Continue to deliver papers relating to Assembly to all Sedlescombe households and business	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing	Papers were delivered in April 2004 and were in the form of an abbreviated Annual Report

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Repeat successful format of 2002 Annual Assembly to include table displays by organisations and businesses	1.4	Parish Council/organisations and businesses	2003 onwards	Repeated success of 2003 in 2004 with 17 displays
Update The Sedlescombe Directory	1.2	Parish Council and funding from local businesses	2003 onwards	Directory was published in April 2003. Council has approved publishing an updated Directory in January 2005
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 Mainwood/NHW group	2002/3 - change to unknown date	Planning permission granted for Post Office extension that will require re-arrangement of boards. NHW has its own glazed cabinet on wall of Post Office
Continue to update and distribute "Welcome to Sedlescombe" packs	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing updated 2004	Packs continue to be distributed. Information about Chapel Hill Church is now included and Bus timetable leaflets have been included recently.
Construct new website with appropriate links	1.2	Parish Council	2003	Sedlescombe community website launched at the 2003 Parish Assembly in April. Agenda and Minutes of all Parish Council meetings regularly posted on the site
Update Parish Plan in Bulletin	1.2	Parish Council	ongoing	Bulletin not suitable
Arrange a primary school citizenship event to inform children about parish councils	1.4	Parish Council and Sedlescombe School	2003 - revise date to 2004-5	Discussions to take place with teacher of years 5 and 6 in the Autumn 2004 term
Carry out parish surveys and produce first Parish Plan	1.4	Parish Council	2002	Completed
Encourage Youth Forum	1.4	Parish Council	ongoing	Councillor has attended meetings
Enter Village of the Year Competition	1.4	Parish Council	2002	Won East Sussex Village of the Year and environment category of the Southern and South Eastern England region
Try to match volunteers with needs	1.4	Parish Council	2003	Attempts made at Assemblies

## 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

Action	Aim No.	Lead organisations	Date	September 2004 review
Improvement of response times to "999" calls and reconstitution of target times	2.1	Police	2003 updated 2004	Insp Ralph reported (Aug 04) that crimes are graded 1 to 5. Police aim to attend 80% of grade 1 calls within 15 minutes (usually serious crime in progress including criminal damage and road traffic accidents). Residents encouraged to ring "999" where there is <u>any</u> crime in progress.
Improvement of response times to non-emergency calls	2.1	Police	2003 updated 2004	Insp Ralph reported (Aug 04) Grade 2 calls, where offender has made off, the aim is to attend within 4 hours. Grade 3, police expect to attend within 2 or 3 days. Grades (4) & (5) are crimes where details can be taken over the phone where it is judged that there is no possibility of the offender being apprehended (eg minor damage and vehicle crime). Grading is the responsibility of the officer in charge. If graded as a nuisance, it is

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				expected that an officer/PCSO should attend. Attendance to grade 2 & 3 crimes/incidents to be improved. Stats to be provided at Council Meetings.
Greater Police presence in village	2.1	Police Safer Villages Group	2003/4 updated 2004	The Sedlescombe PCSO started work at the beginning of August 2004. Robust use of fixed penalty tickets by PCSO encouraged. PCSO has a range of powers and can, at her discretion, confiscate alcohol from under 18s. Police officer should be asked to assist if a person needs to be searched for tobacco or drugs. All areas are public places unless there is a barrier or sign stating the place is private
Influence Sussex Police to introduce mobile police vans	2.1	Police Safer Villages Group	2003 updated 2004	Insp Ralph reported (Aug 04) that mobile police vans are operative and will attend the village within the next few weeks. They will be manned by the PCSO and NHW volunteers and sited at Gorselands, Park Shaw, EVT and the Post Office focussing upon distraction burglary. Sed PCSO undertaking driver training for the vehicle.
Improvement of Police response to burglar alarms	2.1	Police	2003 updated 2004	Insp Ralph reported (Aug 04) that the police do attend activated burglar alarms if linked to the police station including activated alarms reported by a neighbour. If, however, there are a number of false alarms, the calls will not be attended until the faults have been corrected. The activated alarm call will be graded as (1).
Return of night-time car patrols	2.1	Police	2003 updated 2004	Insp Ralph reported (Aug 04) that police patrols take place most nights in

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				Sedlescombe (although, of course there are 36 towns and villages to cover)
Police to investigate all crimes thoroughly including garage break-ins	2.1	Police	ongoing updated 2004	Insp Ralph reported (Aug04) that feedback to victims of crime will be improved. PCSO will be able to source information if requested. Note included on the crime form to keep the victim informed.
Improvement of attitude and knowledge of area, including use of technology, of call handling centre operators and ensuring that there is proper supervision	2.1	Police	ongoing updated 2004	Insp Ralph (Aug04) accepted that there is a problem with communications and they are working to improve the situation including training existing staff (Battle Police Station). Phone calls to Battle Police Station can be diverted to other stations.
Police to investigate reports of intimidation and bullying	2.1	Police/Schools	ongoing	In 2003, Ch.Insp Mathews said the Police would investigate any reported crimes/incidents . Also exploring a specific Schools Intervention type post.
Police to investigate reports of vandalism	2.1	Police	ongoing updated 2004	PCSO's presence intended to reduce incidents of vandalism
Cleaning/repairing of vandalised objects/property as soon as possible	2.1	Parish Council	ongoing updated 2004	John Cook has carried out repair work asap
Making residents aware of the risks of burglaries in outbuildings	2.1	Neighbourhood Watch	ongoing updated 2004	In 2003 NHW e-mail system was making residents aware. However, in Aug04, Insp Ralph admitted that the e-mail system currently needs improvement. Relevant crime-related issues have been posted on the NHW-dedicated noticeboard. A regular NHW newsletter has been issued.
Making the general public aware that the Pestalozzi estate is private in order to improve security	2.1	Parish Council	2003	Included in January 2003 Bulletin
Provision of smoke alarms	2.1	Safer Villages, Moat, Fire Authority	ongoing	Provision can be arranged on request in Sedlescombe free of charge

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Fire prevention displays at village events	2.1		ongoing	
Introduction of Good Citizenship Awards	2.1	Parish Council	2003	First award made in 2003 to Mrs Jeanne Fellows (now deceased) for her work over 50 years for the village library.
Easy access for the emergency services to the Roselands flats	2.1	Rother Homes	From 2002	All emergency calls from Roselands go through Lifeline. Lifeline knows how to get into the flats.
Security engraving of property for residents and businesses	2.1	Safer Villages Group	ongoing	Available on request in Sedlescombe free of charge.
Improvement of communication between residents and emergency services	2.1	Safer Village Group	ongoing	Villagers advised to report all incidents, inform Police if not satisfied, to install CCTV, to install burglar alarms and to clearly display house names and numbers.
Help and advice for vulnerable people such as elderly and infirm	2.1	Safer Village Group	2002 onwards updated 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote Lifeline</li> <li>• Home security advice and fitting of home security equipment available free on request.</li> <li>• Advice about doorstep sellers provided.</li> <li>• Memo minders available on request.</li> <li>• Working party on best practice advice for NHW organisations headed by Sgt Mears.</li> <li>• Useful advice published in Parish News and Battle Observer Village Voice re Telephone Preference Scheme, Check the Trader etc.</li> <li>• Provide free risk assessments.</li> <li>• Park trailer in Village Centre to inform people about security issues</li> <li>• Expect PCSO to work on combating distraction burglary in Gorselands</li> </ul>

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			2004	and Park Shaw
Traffic calming in front of post office	2.1	ESCC	2002  2004	ESCC said no history of crashes and therefore cannot be considered for traffic calming. Sedlescombe Traffic Action Group wishes to consider traffic calming. Plan being worked on (Summer04).
Speed of vehicles within 30mph limit, number of heavy lorries on B2244, speed of vehicles on country lanes, large number of cars and vans on B2244, speed of vehicles in Church Hill and Sandrock Hill	2.1	ESCC/Police	2003 updated 2004	In 2004 STAG was formed to consider what could be done to address these issues. Some use of speed indicator device (SID) in Village. PCSO can stand beside indicator and can take numbers of speeding vehicles.
Double yellow lines by Clockhouse Bistro	2.1	ESCC	2002	ESCC not willing to support.
Discourage use of B2244	2.1	ESCC/Police	2002 updated 2004	ESCC not willing to support. STAG to write to major companies asking them to use A21 instead of B2244.
Introduce quiet lanes	2.1	ESCC	2002  updated 2004	Parish Council in favour of making Hurst Lane, Poppinghole Lane, Cottage Lane and Brede Lane into quiet lanes. Mr Furness of ESCC said there was little prospect of such an initiative in the foreseeable future. Supported by STAG
Improvement road surfaces to limit noise	2.1	ESCC	2002	New quieter surfacings all have a black finish and, therefore, Sedlescombe would not be able to have "pink limestone" as in the past. 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

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				resurfacing has to be done, the new thinner French or German surfaces are chosen which create lower noise levels. However, the 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.
Improvements of A21	2.1	Highways Agency	ongoing updated 2004	Decision on proposals for widening A21 awaited.
Improvement of early morning parking for the School and surgery and encouragement of considerate parking that does not restrict other road users.	2.1	School/Police/Residents	ongoing updated 2004	A walking bus could bring some improvement to parking at the school. Red Barn path surfaced by SPC for this purpose. SPC also agreed to contribute one third of cost of surfacing village hall car park with tarmac. However, to date the head has not been able to find three people willing to organise the "bus" without payment. In 2003, Ch.Insp Mathews said the school must consider initiatives such as walking buses, longer drop-off times, voluntary one-way systems. Complaint received about cars parking outside School Hill Cottages blocking light from the windows. Complaints received about cars parking in Chapel Hill on a dangerous bend. Parish

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				Council letter to owner.
Care about parking arrangements for out-of-hours school use.	2.1	School/Residents	updated 2004	No complaints received by SPC following opening of the School ICT suite.
Improve existing footways	2.1	ESCC	ongoing updated 2004	Parish Maintenance Team sided back the footway to the Parish Church and cut back brambles
Provide new footways/bridleways	2.1	ESCC/Battle Partnership	ongoing updated 2004	SPC has no power to contribute enough for a new footway at Sandrocks. In 2004, Council agreed to take no action.
Stop cars parking on footways	2.1	Police	ongoing	No complaints received by SPC
Hedges	2.1	ESCC & SPC	ongoing	Some herbage overflowing paths and roads
Street lighting	2.1	ESCC & SPC	ongoing	No action
Tactile pavement and dropped kerbs outside Doctors' Surgery recommended by Village of the Year judge in 2002	2.1	ESCC/SPC	2003	Investigated with ESCC. Safety Officer did not recommend this action
Further education of owners about dog waste	2.2	SPC	ongoing	PCSO has the power to issue a fixed penalty notice for dog fouling
Prosecute for dog fouling under byelaws	2.2	Rother DC, SPC	ongoing	PCSO could obtain evidence. Dogs still being allowed off lead in Sportsfield and dog fouling occurring
Ensure dog bins are emptied regularly	2.2	SPC	ongoing	No complaints. Considering new bin at junction of Orchard Way and Park Shaw
Provide new bins	2.2	SPC	2004	No suitable site can be found that is acceptable to ESCC for a new bin at the northern end of the village
Provide more signage at Sportsfield	2.2	SPC	2003	More signs provided
Healthcare	2.3		ongoing	No action
Playgrounds inspections	2.4	SPC	ongoing	Weekly and annual inspection completed 2004

### 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

Action	Aim No.	Lead organisations	Date	September 2004 review
New sportsfield clubhouse and extended car park	3.1	Sports Association/SPC	2003 updated 2004	SPC extended car park in Summer of 2004. Plans approved for new clubhouse
Continued refurbishment of Pumphouse on Village Green	3.1	SPC	2002 onwards	No further work in 2004
Playground improvements and maintenance	3.1	Parish Council/Battle Partnership/Orbit Housing Association	Further investigations	Maintenance work continued in 2004. Edgemaster posts replaced at Riverside in 2004. Request received in 2004 for more equipment at Riverside for small children. Safety surfacing recommended under some equipment. Equipment now more than ten years old. Investigations carried out in 2003 regarding improvements to EVT play area. Insufficient space for additional swing. Space at Kickabout Area but expensive to provide. Mowing contractor complained that ground uneven at Riverside and Kickabout area.. Rolling carried out in play area.

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Provide skateboard facilities	3.1	SPC & Sed Youth Projects Forum	2003 updated 2004	SPC willing to purchase land. Planning permission obtained. YPF obtained funding and charity status but unable to find trustees willing to put their names on a licence.
New club facilities, parking, marketing at Tennis courts	3.1	Parish Council/Tennis Club	updated 2004	No action after failure of negotiations to purchase land presently used for car sales. Some parking on grass near courts taking place. Tennis Club Chairman proposing a 5-year plan to provide another court, club facilities and parking - details awaited September 2004
Improve play areas to meet current needs	3.1	Parish Council/Housing Associations	2005	No action Consideration being given to major playground improvement scheme if a Biffa grant can be obtained
Parish Handyman in co-operation with other villages	3.1	SPC	2005	No action
Form Mother & Toddler Group	3.2	Early Years Childcare Development Partnership	2002 updated 2004	Very successful group meets weekly in the hall
Storage of Playgroup's equipment at new hall	3.2	Early Years Childcare Development Partnership	2002 updated 2004	No further complaints received
Enhance bridleway network	3.3	ESCC	ongoing	No action
Designate new path along River Brede to Rye	3.3	ESCC	2005	No action
Create volunteer group to work on public rights of way, including improvement of signing and maintenance of paths. Volunteers needed to work at Red Barn Field Nature Park	3.3	ESCC/SPC	2003	New footpaths group set up in 2004. Training being undertaken by volunteers. Plans drawn up for upgrading of some of Sedlescombe's paths to improve access for all. SPC waiting for further response from ESCC

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Create permissive path to link 1066 Country Walk to Lower Marley Farm	3.3	ESCC/Parish Council/owner	2003	No action
Walks by arrangement around Sedlescombe area by Dr Patrick Roper - any size group	3.3	SPC Environment Group	2003	No action
Permissive paths	3.3	Pestalozzi Trust and Friends of the Pestalozzi Estate	2002	Creation of a new permissive path completed. ESCC suggested it could be advertised as a "Health Walk"
Provision of "taster" further education classes in Sedlescombe	3.4	Claverham	2002	Hold-up at Claverham end
Cover for Sedlescombe School Pool	3.4	School	2007	No action
Provision of ICT suite for School	3.4	School	2005	Opened in Spring 2004 . Providing computer classes for the community as well as used by the schoolchildren
Improvement of bus timetables in bus shelter	3.4	ESCC/Battle Partnership	2003	Some work towards a new bus stop on the opposite site of the road that would hold timetables. However, work has halted following complaints from owners of properties behind the proposed bus stop. (Derek Allen on 01273 482040 is the contact)
Restart youth club	3.4	Volunteers	No specific date	PCSO has expressed an interest in helping with this sort of work.
Provide peripatetic leader	3.4	Youth service/Battle Partnership	No specific date	Police/Rother/ESCC have published draft proposals for employment of a youth leader by several parishes with the parishes each providing a substantial contribution. SPC will wait until the PCSO has had time to make a difference.
Transport back from after-school activities in the School mini-bus	3.4	Battle Partnership		No action
Encourage use of sports facilities in the hall	3.4	Village Hall Trustees and others	ongoing	No action

Action	Aim No.	Lead organisations	Date	September 2004 review
Improvement of electricity supply to reduce power cuts	3.4			No further action
Extension of gas supply throughout the parish	3.4			No action
Extension of mains drainage throughout the parish	3.4		Updated 2004	Rother DC agreed in August 2004 to employ a consultant to report on the environmental benefits of providing public sewers to Crowhurst, Mountfield and Three Oaks. If requested by an affected household in these parishes, Rother to submit appeals to the Environment Agency against SWA's decision not to provide sewers to these areas.
Provide broadband internet access	3.4			After a campaign spearheaded by Jeff Mainwood, Sedlescombe exchange broadband enabled on 11/08/04.
Financial support for and further advertising of the village library	3.4		2003	Long-time librarian, Jeanne Fellows, died in 2003. Village library still being run by a group of volunteers
Provide film club in village hall	3.4		2003	No action
6 months tennis coaching project	3.4	Tennis Club	2003 updated 2004	Very successful coaching sessions for youngsters run during the spring and summer of 2004 Tennis coach willing to work with the Parish Council to increase use of the courts
Provide transport to the village hall for the elderly or infirm	3.4	SPC	2003	No action

## 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

Action	Aim No.	Lead organisations	Date	September 2004 review
Support local businesses	4.1	SPC	ongoing	Supported expansion of village shop. Advertising of Sedlescombe businesses in Directory.
Ensure that last public house remains an essential centre of village life	4.1		ongoing	Local people have not yet returned
Support introduction of Farmers market in Sedlescombe (or similar)	4.1		2002 updated 2004	Although not a Farmers market, the Church run a monthly market in the hall
Publicise appropriate employment	4.2	SPC	ongoing	
Support and encourage training of local people	4.3	Rother District Council	ongoing	Careers office had stand at 2003 Parish Assembly. Orbit HA in co-operation with the Careers office held Careers events at the Scout Hut in 2003 and 2004
Encourage opportunities for low key tourism to support local business and benefit residents	4.4	SPC/Rother etc.	ongoing	
Support retention of quality postal service	4.5		ongoing	No problems reported. Mail order shopping can be delivered to the Sedlescombe Post office and collected during shop hours. Some problems with full post box at the Green

## 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

Action	Action No.	Lead Organisations	Date	September 2004 update
Continue to comment on planning applications and Plans issued by other bodies	5.1	SPC	ongoing	Councillors have continued to inspect sites and report to Planning Committee meetings. Council involved with new Sedlescombe Conservation Area. Council commented on Draft Local Plan. Cllr and Clerk attended Rother Planning Seminar
Advertise Red Barn Field Nature Park and carry out surveys to establish the biodiversity of the site.	5.2	SPC	ongoing	No recent surveys undertaken although Council has approved removal of an area of turf to see what plants emerge
Improve access to the Village Hall through Red Barn Field	5.2	SPC	ongoing	Surfaced path through Red Barn Field completed June 2004. Grant aid from Rye Bay Countryside Office and Local Development Fund. Work carried out by Crime Punishment Team.
Safeguard favourite trees	5.2	SPC	ongoing	Trees within the new Conservation Area will be safeguarded. New tree preservation order made by District Council in March 2004 at Pumphouse Yard, Sedlescombe

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Safeguard favourite views	5.2	SPC	ongoing	No new risks to the views
Protect wider environment including water and river quality	5.2	SPC	ongoing	No new action
"Wildlife" day in village Hall	5.2	SPC		No action to date
Dr Roper to produce a paper on the wildlife and trees found in the district.	5.2	Dr Roper/SPC		No action to date
Produce a wildlife management plan for the churchyard and its environs	5.2	SPC/Environment Group	2003	Action plan produced
Dr Roper to produce a Biodiversity Management Plan for Southern Water	5.2	Dr Roper		
Management Plan for the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	5.2	SPC	2003 2004	Commented on draft. Plan published.
Planting of natural trees on Pestalozzi Estate	5.2	Friends of Pestalozzi Estate		
Encourage reduction of waste	5.3			
Continue to oppose the construction of a waste handling facility at Mountfield	5.3	SPC		Further letter of opposition to the site sent. Donation made towards legal representation at the Waste Local Inquiry. Inspector did not include the Mountfield site in his recommendations
Improvement of waste handling eg doorstep collection, green waste and cardboard collection	5.3	Rother DC/SPC/Pestalozzi	ongoing	Rother has introduced doorstep collection of some items from some properties in the parish. The Environment Advisory Group of the Parish Council has been working with Pestalozzi's Environment Officer, Julie Bromilow. Pestalozzi is applying for funding to provide cardboard recycling facilities in Sedlescombe including a proposal to site a cardboard collection bin in the car park and to collect from businesses and the school to

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				negate the need for a domestic kerbside collection of cardboard. They also wish to expand their composting facilities and to offer composting workshops and advice to the people of Sedlescombe.
Regular emptying of recycling bins	5.3	Rother	ongoing	Parish Council has had to contact Rother several times during the year about the lack of space in the recycling bins. Various excuses have been made. The Clerk will inform Rother each time a bin is found to be full.
General improvement of litter collection	5.3	SPC/Environment Group	2003	The volunteer litter wardens now number 28. The increase in litter collection may be responsible for an increased problem with the amount of litter in bins at the Village Green and Riverside Playing Field
Incentives for using smaller household refuse bins	5.3			No action to date
To encourage children's participation in waste management projects.	5.3			
Management of School's waste paper	5.3			Cardboard may be managed by Pestalozzi
Buses to link with trains to limit use of cars	5.4			No action
Buses to link with hospital to limit use of cars	5.4			No action