

SEDLESCOMBE PARISH PLAN

SEPTEMBER 2005 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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The Plan was last reviewed in September 2004

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	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Continue to conduct business in open manner with Open Forum prior to Council meetings (1.1)	2004		All main 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)	2004		Parish Model Scheme adopted by Council and accepted by Information Commission 28/02/03 to 28/02/07
Publish quarterly Bulletin (1.2)	2004		Bulletin has been published each quarter of the year, apart from March when the Parish Assembly papers were distributed.
Extend availability of Parish Council Bulletin (1.2)	2004		Quarterly Bulletin is now delivered to each household by a team of volunteers and is posted on the noticeboard and on the website.
Use the January 2006 Bulletin to		January 2006	NEW ACTION

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invite organisations and businesses to advertise in the 2006 amalgamated Annual Report (see below) (1.2, 1.3, 1.4)			
Produce and deliver to each household a professionally-printed amalgamated Annual Report to include Annual Assembly papers and Directory		March 2006	NEW ACTION
Use the January 2006 Bulletin to invite table displays for the Annual Assembly in April 2006 (1.3, 1.4) Repeat successful format of previous Annual Assemblies to include table displays by organisations and businesses (1.3, 1.4)	2004	January 2006 April 2006	NEW ACTION Repeat success of 2003, 2004 & 2005 with between 15 and 17 displays
Have "Village Design Statement for Sedlescombe" as the theme of the 2006 Parish Assembly, to include Powerpoint presentation (1.2, 1.4)		April 2006	NEW ACTION
Give Powerpoint Treasurer's Report to annual Assembly (1.2)		April 2006	Well-received when first presentation given in April 2005 - equipment grant- aided from Quality Parish Council Investment Fund
Carry out parish surveys and produce Parish Plan (1.2, 1.4)		2002	Completed
Consider production of Village		2005/6	NEW ACTION

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Design Statement (1.2, 1.4) Review and update Action Plans and prepare for consultations leading towards an Action Plan for the years 2007-2012 (1.2, 1.4)		September 2006	NEW ACTION
Continue to display notices for local organisations on Parish Council noticeboard (1.2, 1.3)	2004		Notices being displayed
New noticeboard arrangement, to include Neighbourhood Watch board, outside Post Office following extension of shop (1.2, 1.3)	2004	Awaiting Mr & Mrs Mainwood	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, 1.3)	2004		Packs continue to be distributed. Orbit Community Support Worker given copies for new East View tenants
Community website with appropriate links (1.2, 1.3)	2004		Sedlescombe community website launched at the 2003 Parish Assembly in April. Agenda and Minutes of all Parish Council meetings regularly posted on the site Local history information added including World Wars 1 & 2 etc.
Arrange a primary school citizenship event to inform children about parish councils (1.2, 1.3)	2004		Chairman & Clerk went into school during Local Democracy Week 2004 and again later to inform children about parish councils. Children formed a school parish council and held meetings.

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Encourage Youth Forum (1.3)	2004		Council worked with Buzz Project. Councillor has attended meetings and has discussed findings of AiRs survey
Enter Village of the Year Competition 2002 (1.4)	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 (1.3, 1.4)	2004		Attempts made at Assemblies

Aim No.2

To achieve a Safe and Healthy Sedlescombe community

2.1 Crime & Safety

- o To participate in reducing crime and disorder

Action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Improvement of response times to "999 calls and reconstitution of target times	2004 - Aim to attend 80% of grade 1 calls within 15 minutes. 2005 Inspector Franklin confirms "more or less the same as last year".	Residents encouraged to ring "999" where there is any crime in progress or the person feels threatened.	Distributed a NHW advice sheet with 2005 parish assembly papers. NHW distributed advice to its co-ordinators in July 2005. Both included advice on ringing "999".
Improvement of response times to non-emergency calls	2004 - Aim to attend grade 2 calls within 4 hours. 2004 - Aim to attend grade 3 calls within 2 or 3 days. 2004 - Grades 4 and 5 crimes' details taken over the phone. 2005 - Inspector Franklin confirms "more or less the same as last year".	Grading responsibility of officer in charge.	Wrote to Chief Constable seeking an improvement in the 0845 call handling system especially reduction in time people are kept waiting and what the information they are given regarding police attendance.
Improvement of attitude and knowledge of area, including use of technology, of call handling centre operators and ensuring that there is proper supervision	2004 - problem with communications. Police working to improve the situation including training existing staff.	Ongoing problem which is discouraging people from reporting crimes.	See above "improvement of response times to non-emergency calls" re letter to Chief Constable.
Greater police presence in village	2005 - Sedlescombe PCSO started work at the beginning of August 2004.	PCSO has a range of powers including confiscation of alcohol from under 18s.	Set up Parish Council Crime & Safety Committee that monitors the work of the PCSO. PCSO regularly attends the meetings with occasionally attendance by police officers and others such as housing association community support worker. Parish Council to undertake crime survey in Sedlescombe in the

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			autumn.
Influence Sussex Police to introduce mobile police vans	2004 - attendance of a mobile police van in the village was expected. It was also expected that they would be manned by the PCSO and NHW volunteers and sited at Gorselands, Park Shaw, EVT and the Post Office focussing upon distraction burglary.	The mobile police van turned out to be a CCTV vehicle which has been parked in Sedlescombe to act as a deterrent. However, it is not quite the same as was envisaged.	CCTV van has to be booked for Sedlescombe but is in use by towns such as Hastings and Rye. To ask County Cllr Jones whether there is any change that a mobile police van will be introduced.
Improvement of police response to burglar alarms	2004 - police 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 (1). 2005 - Inspector Franklin confirms "more or less the same as last year"		
Return of night-time car patrols	2004 - police patrols take place most nights in Sedlescombe (although of course there are 36 towns and villages to cover). 2005 - Inspector Franklin confirms that police do patrol rural areas and in July/August 2005 extra officers have been on patrol.		
Police to investigate all crimes thoroughly including garage break-ins	2004 - feedback to victims of crime will be improved. PCSO will be able to source information if requested. 2005 - Inspector Franklin informs that there is now a "victim's contract" in which victims of crime are given	Not sure whether the police are investigating all crimes as described in the original action.	

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	the choice of how often and when they wish to receive updates from the officer in charge/police.		
Police to investigate reports of intimidation and bullying	2003 - police said they would investigate any reported crimes/incidents. Police exploring a specific Schools Intervention type post. 2005 - Inspector Franklin informs that head teachers must by law have a policy to prevent all forms of bullying among pupils (guidance by Department for Education and Skills in "Bullying - don't suffer in silence", revised 2002). Schools should initially investigate and refer more serious incidents to the police.		
Police to investigate reports of vandalism	2004 - PCSO's presence intended to reduce incidents of vandalism.	The PCSO has been robust in her investigations into incidents of vandalism. However, incidents have, of course continued.	Clerk attended graffiti-removing event and obtained kit. Given to John F Cook who will deal with graffiti as it arises.
Cleaning/repairing vandalised objects/property as soon as possible		Clerk found youngsters were under the misapprehension that the Parish Council had painted the back of the youth shelter at the kickabout area white so that they could draw on it!	Parish Council has arranged cleaning/repair as soon as possible. Some damage has recurred before the bill for the repair has been paid.
Making residents aware of the risks of burglaries in outbuildings	2004 - NHW e-mail system making residents aware although at that time was not working properly. 2005 - system seems to be working well.	<i>Clerk's comment</i> - system sometimes used inappropriately to disseminate information. Suggest should only be used for the purpose it was started.	Relevant crime-related issues posted on the NHW-dedicated noticeboard outside the post office. Regular NHW newsletter has been

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			issued.
Making the general public aware that the Pestalozzi estate is private in order to improve security.	2003 - included in the January 2003 bulletin.	No further problems reported by Pestalozzi to the parish council.	
Security engraving of property for residents and businesses			Carried out by Sedlescombe volunteers

o **To encourage road safety and traffic calming schemes**

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Traffic calming in front of post office	2002 - ESCC said no history of crashes and therefore cannot be considered for traffic calming 2004 - Sedlescombe Traffic Action Group wished to see traffic calming 2005 - Further representations from residents		Parish Council to discuss with the Mainwoods and Paul Thomas
Dangers for pedestrians outside Queen's Head	2004 - Raised by resident, wants footway extended.		Parish Council wrote to ESCC who replied that ESCC does not have the resources for a footway and not sure that it would be feasible. Parking restrictions could increase vehicle speeds, will be urban in nature and lead to further requests; police enforcement minimal. As most traffic is local, drivers should be fully aware.
Accidents at junction of Chapel Hill, Cottage Lane and Crazy Lane			2004 - Parish Council wrote to ESCC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed of vehicles within 30mph speed limit number of heavy lorries on 	2004 by Sedlescombe Traffic Action Group		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STAG drew up a draft Traffic Plan and discussed proposals for action with ESCC

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B2244 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • speed of vehicles on country lanes • large number of cars and vans on B2244 • speed of vehicles in Church Hill and Sandrook Hill 	2004 Suggestion made that parking should be prohibited in Church Hill		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Safer Roads Focus Group (part of Safer Rother Partnership) secured £2000 in 2005 for 40 extra visits of SIDs ie 3-4 hours/parish/p.a. Parish Council chose position near village hall followed by further time at the village green. • Parish Council asked for foliage to be cut back from speed limit signs
Double yellow lines by Clockhouse Bistro to stop parking opposite the Green junction	2002 - ESCC not willing to support	Bistro closed at the beginning of 2005 and, therefore, for the time being, the problem has gone	
Discourage use of B2244	2002 - ESCC not willing to support.		2004 - STAG said they would write to major companies asking them to use A21 instead of B2244. However, STAG seemed to cease to exist.
Introduce quiet lanes	2002 - Parish Council originally in favour of making Hurst Lane, Poppinghole Lane, Cottage Lane, Brede Lane into quiet lanes. ESCC said there was little prospect of such an initiative in the foreseeable future. 2004 - supported by STAG.	2004 - Daily Telegraph report noting failure of a quiet lane initiative	
Improvement of road surfaces to limit noise	2002 - ESCC report, see September 2004 update.	A21 resurfaced in November/December 2004 to provide quieter surface.	
Improvements of A21	2005 - Chased by Greg Barker MP.		Chairman and Clerk attended

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	Decisions still awaited.		meeting with other parish councillors and Greg Barker MP in 2004
Improvement of early morning parking for the School and surgery	2003 - Ch.Insp Matthews suggested walking buses, longer drop-off times, voluntary one-way systems 2005 - Walking bus introduced in February. According to a July 2005 newspaper article, 32 pupils have been walking to school with nine parents.	The Local Strategic Partnership plans to encourage schools to adopt walking buses. Additional walking bus from East View Terrace or other areas might be possible. The School has persuaded ESCC to fund flashing school signs in Brede Lane where the patrol crosses each morning and afternoon.	Parish Council encouraged School to start walking bus from village hall. Arranged new path through Red Barn Field and contributed towards car park surfacing. School completed its Travel Plan and will receive a grant of £4500 a year to fund work to make the environment safer for youngsters arriving and leaving
Encouragement of considerate parking that does not restrict other road users	2004 - complaints received about cars parking outside School Hill Cottages blocking light from windows - not further complaints received. 2004 - complaints received about cars parking in Chapel Hill on a dangerous bend.		Parish Council wrote to owner of cars in Chapel Hill and the dangerous parking stopped
Improvement of existing footways	2004 - Parish Maintenance Team sided back footway to Parish Church 2004 - Comment made in an e-mail to Rother regarding a planning application that the footway in Church Hill is very narrow, eroded by vehicles and needs kerbstones to protect walkers.		2005 Parish Council asked Parish Maintenance Team to cut back the grass footway on the bank in Stream Lane. Also to cut back brambles from footway by B2244 behind sports pavilion.
Stopping cars parking on footways/verges	2004 - complaints taken up by PCSO regarding parking on footway opposite car sales area on B2244		2004 - Parish Council asked ESCC to install hazard warning markers in two areas of the village - outside

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	2004 - complaints to Parish Council re triangle of grass at Swailes Green. PC decided to take no action		Manorside and outside School Terrace where cars had badly damaged the grass verges by parking
Hedges overflowing onto paths and roads	2004 - some herbage	Parish Council has been devolved the job of writing to hedge owners. Standard letters provided by ESCC for first two approaches.	No letters written this year
Street lighting	2004 - new ESCC policy introduced. 2005 - request from young people through the Buzz project for lighting between East View and the village centre and of the kickabout area (on a timeswitch)		
Tactile pavement and dropped kerbs outside Doctors' Surgery	2003 - investigated by ESCC Safety Officer - found to be unsafe		
Dropped kerb village green, disabled access to pumphouse			2005 dropped kerb provided
Closure of layby opposite "The Anchorage"	2004 - ESCC waiting for material		
Wooden guide-posts	2004 - 2 wooden guide-posts replaced by ESCC		Parish Council has taken over minor maintenance of the guide-posts. Cllr Rand will undertake painting as required

o **To assist in informing residents of health and safety issues**

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Provision of smoke alarms			Smoke alarms fitted by Sedlescombe volunteers.
Fire prevention displays at village events			

Easy access for the emergency services to the Roselands flats		All emergency calls from Roselands go through Lifeline. Lifeline knows how to get into the flats.	
Improvement of communication between residents and emergency services		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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted Lifeline • Home security advice and fitting home security equipment available free on request • Advice about doorstep sellers provided • Memo minders available on request • Useful advice published re Telephone Preference Scheme, Check the Trader etc. • NHW provided security door chimes at reduced price
Electric blanket testing			2004 - Arranged electric blanket testing morning in Sedlescombe on 06/10/04. Parish Council contributed £250.

2.2 Responsible Dog Ownership

o To encourage responsible dog ownership

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Further education of dog owners about dog waste	2004 - complaints re fouling at playing field and sportsfield. 2005 - new complaints re fouling at East View Terrace and at the village hall car park.	PCSO has power to issue a fixed penalty notice for dog fouling	2005 - under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act, Parish Councils through their clerks will be able to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for dog fouling. They will also be able to make dog control orders. The details are currently being worked out and clerks are expected to receive training. Encams poster meant to shock obtained 2005 - PCSO asked to speak to any dog owner going into the sportsfield or playing field without a bag to clear up
Prosecute for dog fouling under byelaws		New Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act provisions have eliminated dog fouling byelaws	
Ensure dog bins are emptied regularly		No problems reported to Parish Council	
Provide new dog bins	2004 - ESCC has not been able to approve a site as usually too near houses	Price of dog bin emptying has increased by 40% in 2005 and now costs the Parish Council £546 p.a. to empty three bins	
Provide more signage at sportsfield			2004 - Replaced dogs on leads sign at sportsfield.

2.3 Healthcare

- To support easy access to healthcare for all residents

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Infant welfare (2.3)	2004		Infant Welfare Clinic held monthly in village hall
Advertise Doctor			NEW ACTION - include Drs phone number in Directory

2.4 Safety in playgrounds

- To maintain playgrounds in a safe condition

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Playgrounds inspections (2.4)	2004		Weekly and annual inspections to continue and work to be undertaken as necessary

Aim No.3

To help provide Amenities and Services in Sedlescombe

3.1 Public amenities

o To maintain and improve Sedlescombe's public amenities

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
New sportsfield clubhouse and extended car park	2004	2005 - Sports Association working on plans and fund-raising for pavilion.	SPC extended car park in Summer of 2004. Plans approved for new clubhouse. New Parish Council/Sports Association lease agreed 01/08/05.
Continued refurbishment of Pumphouse on Village Green	2004	2005 - to consider resurfacing paths and steps around Pumphouse in 2006/7 financial year	2005 - dropped kerb inserted on The Green side of Village Green to improve disabled access to the Pumphouse. White line to stop parking to be installed by ESCC.
Playground improvements and maintenance	2004	East View under 10s play area was returned to Orbit Housing Association in April 2005. Fences at both the Riverside and Kickabout Area have been regularly damaged even after repair.	Fencing work undertaken at Riverside and East View Kickabout Area. Playground maintenance work to continue where necessary. 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. In 2005, the Sedlescombe Riverside Playground Regeneration Group was formed and application made for major funding from Landfill Tax Credit Scheme.

Provide skateboard facilities	2004	2005 - £1300 still held for purchase of the land for skateboard park although the project is now unlikely to go ahead.	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	2004		Tennis Club left the courts in April 2005 although continued to provide coaching for children on Saturday mornings. 2005 - Council repaired tennis fencing which had been damaged and installed a wire around the base to prevent free access to the courts.
Inspection of tennis courts			NEW ACTION - councillors to inspect tennis courts at same time as playground.
Parish Handyman in co-operation with other villages			No action as currently John Cook fulfils this role admirably
Repairs to bus shelter			NEW ACTION. Undertaken in 2005 following vandalism

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

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Form Mother & Toddler Group	2004		Very successful group meets weekly in the hall run by Parish Church
Storage of Playgroup's equipment at new hall	2004		No further problems reported
Provision of advice on grants for voluntary organisations			NEW ACTION 2005 - Good advice on East Sussex County Council and AiRS websites
Approval of storage container at sportsfield car park			NEW ACTION 2005

3.3 Public footpaths and bridleways

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

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Enhance bridleway network (3.3)	2004		No action
Designate new path along River Brede to Rye (3.3)	2004		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	2004		New footpaths group set up in 2004 and footpath inspection completed. Various training undertaken by volunteers. Plans drawn up for upgrading some of Sedlescombe's paths to improve access for all and some new gates installed. Slow response from ESCC.
Create permissive path to link 1066 Country Walk to Lower Marley Farm	2004		No action
Walks by arrangement around Sedlescombe area by Dr Patrick	2004		No action

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Roper - any size group			
Permissive paths	2004		Creation of a new permissive path completed at Pestalozzi in 2003. ESCC suggested it could be advertised as a "Health Walk"

3.4 Activities and services - to promote activities and services for all residents

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Provision of "taster" further education classes in Sedlescombe	2004		Hold-up at Claverham end
Improvement of bus timetables in bus shelter	2004		Reviewed with Derek Allen of ESCC a new bus stop on the opposite side of the road which was planned to hold the bus timetables. However, no further action because of objections from residents. Whole of Hastings to Frant 254 service is "hail and ride".
Restart youth club	2004		Considered by Buzz Project but insufficient volunteers or paid workers to allow a youth club to restart. Arranged for the NOMAD bus to visit Sedlescombe in the winter of 2005 but this was not a great success because of bad weather, poor attendance and vandalism to the bus. The bus only came for half of the allotted time. Buzz arranged a Taster Day in February 2005 which appeared successful.

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Provide peripatetic leader	2004	No knowledge of whether this scheme has been successful	In 2004, Police/Rother/ESCC published draft proposals for employment of a youth leader by several parishes with the parishes each providing a substantial contribution. SPC to wait until the PCSO has had time to make a difference.
Transport back from after-school activities in the School mini-bus	2004		No action but something similar is being proposed in the 2005 LSP Your Culture & Leisure Report.
Encourage use of sports facilities in the hall	2004	This is a function of the Village Hall Committee/Sports Club	No action
Provide film club in village hall	2004	This is a function of the Village Hall Committee/Sports Club	No action
6 months tennis coaching project	2004	Parish Council allowed Tennis Club to use the courts for junior coaching free of charge in 2004 but charged a fee in 2005	Very successful coaching sessions for youngsters run during the spring and summer of 2004 which was repeated in the spring and summer of 2005
Use of tennis courts		In 2005, seven family season tickets at £40 (+£7 VAT) each were sold	NEW ACTION - sell season tickets from April 2006.
Tennis courts			2005 - One free advert in Wealden Advertiser (some success)
Tennis courts/junior football club			2005 - Consideration being given to the courts being used for junior football practice when the sportsfield is unfit for play.
Improvement of electricity supply to reduce power cuts	2004		No further action
Extension of gas supply throughout the parish	2004		No further action

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Extension of mains drainage throughout the parish	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	2004		Available in the parish since August 2004
Provide transport to the village hall for the elderly or infirm	2004		No action

o **To support Sedlescombe School**

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Cover for Sedlescombe School Pool	2004		No action
Provision of ICT suite for School	2004		Opened in Spring 2004 . Providing computer classes for the community as well as used by the schoolchildren
After-School Club in Pestalozzi building	2004		After-School Club proposed but nothing further heard

o **To support the mobile and village libraries**

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Financial support for and further advertising of the village library	2004		Village library still being run by a group of volunteers. No financial assistance requested.

Aim No.4

To support Business and Rural Employment in Sedlescombe

4.1 Local Business

o To support appropriate local business and suitable rural employment

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Support local businesses	2004		Supported expansion of village shop. Advertised local businesses in Directory.
Ensure that last public house remains an essential centre of village life	2004		Further concern from residents in 2005 about the situation at the Queen's Head where the business does not appear to be thriving. Local people have not yet returned.
Support introduction of Farmers market in Sedlescombe (or similar)	2004		Although not a Farmers market, the Church run a monthly market in the hall

4.2 Employment

o To publicise appropriate employment

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Publicise appropriate employment	2004		

4.3 Training

o To support and encourage training of local people

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Support and encourage training of local people	2004		Advertised Rother Homes building and other training Orbit HA arranged Careers event in Scout Hut in 2003

4.4 Tourism

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

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Encourage opportunities for low key tourism to support local business and benefit residents			Supported Whydown Caravan Park in their successful planning appeal for a warden's caravan throughout the year.

4.5 Postal service

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

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Support retention of quality postal service	2004		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

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Continue to comment on planning applications and Plans issued by other bodies	2004		Councillors have continued to inspect sites and report to Planning Committee meetings. Councillors attended Rother Planning Seminar in February 2005 and plan to attend the Seminar in October 2005
Village Design Statement			NEW ACTION - 2006 work on producing Village Design Statement, starting with Powerpoint presentation at Parish Assembly
Sustainability of settlements in the High Weald AONB			NEW ACTION 2005 - Clerk took part in workshop of the sustainability study which included Sedlescombe

5.2 Sedlescombe's natural environment

o To protect and enhance Sedlescombe's natural environment

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Advertise Red Barn Field Nature Park and carry out surveys to establish the biodiversity of the site.			No recent surveys undertaken although an area of turf has been removed to see what plants emerge
Improve access to the Village Hall through Red Barn Field			Surfaced path through Red Barn Field completed June 2004. From Feb.2005, path used by School Walking bus
Safeguard favourite trees			Trees within the new Conservation Area will be safeguarded. New tree preservation order made by District Council in March 2004 at Pumphouse Yard, Sedlescombe
Safeguard favourite views			No new risks to the views
Protect wider environment including water and river quality			No new action
"Wildlife" day in village Hall			No action to date
Information board Red Barn			NEW ACTION 2005-6 - 2 new boards to be provided
Stag-beetle buckets Red Barn			NEW ACTION 2005 - buckets provided
Remove small oak tree near pond at Red Barn			Removed 2005
Hedges at Red Barn			NEW ACTION Jan/Feb 2006 - layered hedge to be trimmed NEW ACTION - survey trees to establish variety Discuss hedge maintenance with neighbouring homeowners
Bird list at Red Barn			NEW ACTION - bird list being prepared by Reg Glew

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Path at Red Barn			Regular weed removal and trimming of sides NEW ACTION 2006 - working with the High Weald Meadows Group, encourage schoolchildren's interest in plants bordering the path
Grass at Red Barn			NEW ACTION 2005-6 - additional winter grazing being arranged together with strengthening of fencing. NEW ACTION 2005 - downloaded High Weald Technical Sheets
Dr Roper to produce a paper on the wildlife and trees found in the district.			Reminded Dr Roper
Produce a wildlife management plan for the churchyard and its environs			Completed
Dr Roper to produce a Biodiversity Management Plan for Southern Water			
Management Plan for the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty			Commented
Planting of natural trees on Pestalozzi Estate			In hand
High Weald Stakeholder Survey			NEW ACTION 2005 - completed Stakeholder Survey form
Bat boxes			NEW ACTION 2005 - Bat boxes for oak tree at Riverside
Swift nest boxes			NEW ACTION 2005 - Environment Group advertised

5.3 Waste management to protect the environment

o To encourage efficient handling of waste

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Encourage reduction of waste			No action to date
Continue to oppose the construction of a waste handling facility at Mountfield	2004	Mountfield removed from Waste Local Plan	

o To encourage reduction of waste by reducing the use of materials, reusing materials and recycling more materials

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Regular emptying of recycling bins	2004		Parish Council has again 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.
Improvement of waste handling eg doorstep collection, green waste and cardboard collection	2004		Rother has introduced doorstep collection of some items from some properties in the parish. NEW ACTION 2005 Environment Group advertised new cardboard collection service at Mountfield NEW ACTION 2005 Pestalozzi have run free composting workshops
Incentives for using smaller household refuse bins			No action to date
To encourage children's participation in waste management projects. Management of School's waste paper			No action to date

- **To support litter control**

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
General improvement of litter collection	2004		Litter warden scheme still functioning. NEW ACTION 2005 Large new litter bin adjacent to Powdermill driveway

5.4 Traffic management to protect the environment

- **To encourage traffic management to safeguard the environment**

Original action	Last reviewed	Additional notes	What we have done/plan to do
Buses to link with trains to limit use of cars			No action to date
Buses to link with hospital to limit use of cars			No action to date