

4. CONSULTATION

Initial consultation with the community was carried out during an Open Meeting in March 2005.

Displays of ideas and proposals were made available and residents were invited to attend and make suggestions as to their main priorities for the village.

This led to the formation of the Steering Group and Working Groups and the gathering of a huge amount of information from members of the parish. The issues raised were numerous (details of these are available to interested parties). They were collated and then followed up by the four working groups.

The Public Transport group also made contact with the Hope Valley Rural Transport Partnership, based in News Mills, which offered help with writing to the various transport companies involved and any future negotiations with them. It was then agreed that as detailed a survey of the residents as possible should be carried out in order to press the case with the transport companies. A questionnaire was produced in order to ascertain the residents' requirements and problems. A copy of the questionnaire is appended to this report. (See Appendix 1)

Additionally a visit was made to the Headmistress at Chinley Primary School to discuss the school's use of public transport. The conversation also included other aspects covered by the Parish Plan and a copy of this report is also appended. (See Appendix 2) A visit to Buxworth Primary School revealed that the school rarely uses public transport.

The Highways group also consulted with various offices at Derbyshire County Council Highway Services, North West footpaths, Derbyshire police, High Peak Borough Council and the Head Teachers of both Chinley and Buxworth Primary Schools.

Along side this; further consultation took place through a multi media project with High Peak Community Arts which was available to all the working groups. A variety of people were interviewed at a range of activities including: Chinley Juniors Football Club, Toddler Group, and a Tea Dance in the village W.I. hall. A CD has also been created recording the variety of interviews and consultation sessions held. A copy of the CD is included at the back of the Plan. It is also hoped that video clips and links to this report and associated data and appendices will be available through the Parish Website.

In addition there was a second consultation day held in July, which supported and consolidated the initial consultation efforts.

The top issues raised by over 500 people during the consultation period were:

- Provide bins for dog muck bags throughout the area
- Repair and reopen toilets
- Better drainage for football pitch
- Provide more litter bins
- Provide Sweet Shop/Post Office in Buxworth
- Provide traffic calming through Chinley
- Provide better library facilities
- Provide a pedestrian crossing in Chinley
- Provide better playground facilities in Buxworth
- Provide a community Centre
- Provide a path to the Skate Park
- Provide a better bus service to & from Buxton/Chapel/Stockport/Glossop
- Provide disabled access at railway station
- Provide more parking in Chinley (Derwent Square)
- Provide footpaths on at least one side of roads

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The respective working groups looked at the information provided by members of the community and formulated proposals for addressing the issues. However, some of these issues cut across several of the categories and also across the Parish boundaries. These latter cross-cutting issues will be addressed in the section following the reports of the deliberations of the individual working groups.

One inescapable conclusion from the deliberations over the Parish Plan is that neither this parish alone, nor any one stakeholder group within the parish is well placed to resolve the issues that have been identified. Some of the amenity issues are likely to require the engagement of the local community: children, young people, local trades and professions, non-governmental organisations and the Parish Council. Other amenity issues and certainly structural issues require the cooperation and collaboration of these stakeholder groups across parish boundaries.