

Hambleton Parish Council presents:

Hambleton -

Village Improvement Project

Illustrated whistle-stop tour of Hambleton – showing...

Potential village improvements to be achieved through a mix of

- Self-help – local resident action (free/low cost)**
- Cheap wins – quick solutions (largely inexpensive)**
- Projects & Investments – longer-term (higher financial outlay but long-term benefits)**

Are we on the right track? Views and ideas welcomed!

Signs of the times –

Signs and signage...

- Statutory signs are regulated by size, design, shape...
- There is a legal requirement for some statutory signs to be installed in certain locations...



Statutory Signs

But, such signs are often:

- Poorly sited
- Badly positioned
- Superfluous
- Duplicated
- Redundant



Statutory signs

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- **Ensure mandatory signs are**
 - **well-positioned**
 - **properly sited**
 - **clearly visible**
 - **well maintained (sign fabric)**
- **Repair, remove or replace damaged signs**

Statutory signs

Proposals:

Self Help (village)

- Report damaged signs
- Annual sign cleaning

Cheap wins (HPC)

- Decluttering – remove superfluous signs

Projects & Investments (WCC/HCC)

- Replace damaged signs
- Fix existing signs
- Locate signs appropriately

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Directional signs

- Directional signs must conform to certain standards (e.g. type face size).
- *But*, they don't have to be made to the HCC standardised design (as in photos)
- Many signs around Hambledon are poorly placed and sometimes obscured



How it was...(Chidden)

We're not recommending thatched barns and vintage cars...but,

HPC believes old-style finger posts:

- **Complement traditional building materials**
- **Blend in with other features (e.g. notice boards, benches)**
- **Are both practical and of sympathetic design...**

They suit our Hampshire village well!



Finger posts

Traditional finger posts with a location “roundel” atop are more attractive, visible and robust. But, they are more expensive.

Proposal:

Projects & Investments (HPC)

HPC aspires to:

- Replacing HCC signs with finger posts
- Replace/repair existing damaged posts
- Appropriately locating finger posts
- A maintenance plan (cleaning/repair)

HPC will seek financial support from a variety of sources towards the costs.



Street Name Signs

HPC aspires to replacing modern street name signs with traditional design - as this one

Proposals:

Self-help

- Annual cleaning of name signs

Projects and investments (HPC)

- Standardised signs within village
- Affix to both sides of street at each end
- Generally position above parked car height
- Provide for in currently unsigned streets



East Street

Proposals:

Self-help

- Remove bollards (top photo)

Cheap wins

- Reinstate verge (top photo)

Projects and Investments (HCC)

Chicanes:

- Tie-in chicanes to verge
- Grass over chicanes
- Minimise bollards/white lines



Village Centre

Proposals:

Self-Help

- Keep frontages clean
- Keep noticeboards clean
- Maintain planters (see below)

Cheap wins

- Minimise bollards in front of George

Projects & Investments (HPC)

- Locate planters in front of George
- Replace noticeboards with one triple-panelled board for PC/Community use



Village Centre

Maintenance can be problematic

Do we need a “Village Maintenance Plan”?

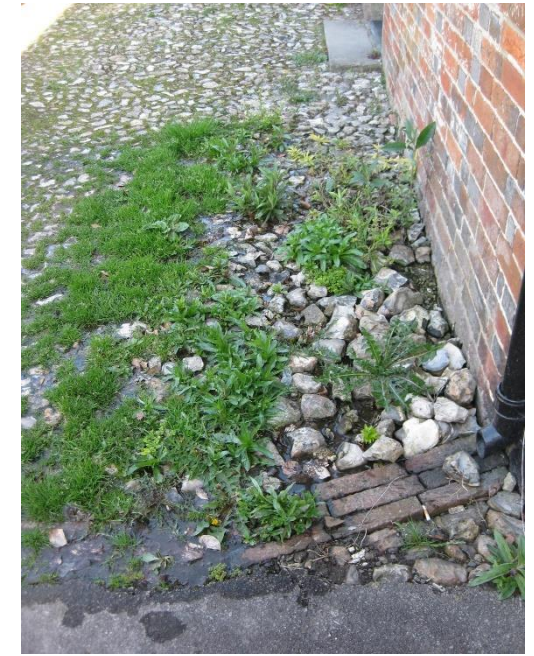
Proposals:

Self-help

- Homeowners to clear weeds?
- Resident volunteers to clean bus shelter?

Quick wins

- Review WCC street cleaning rota (should HPC contribute?)
- Maintain weeding and clear loose debris over gullies at Vicarage Lane (WCC/HPC?)
- Establish Village Maintenance Plan



The Gardens

Proposals:

Self-Help

- Annual clean-up
- Maintain planters (see below)
- Keep bus shelter/bench clean (see below)

Cheap wins

- Phone box due for removal
- Reposition grit bin
- Reposition bus shelter/provide bench on north side (in sun and with views of downs)?

Projects and Investments

- Replace paving (WCC)
- Re-landscape entrance (WCC/HPC?)
- Provide planters/shrubs (WCC/HPC?)



Old Barn Crescent

Oh dear! But HPC *is* liaising with WCC/HCC over ownership deadlock.

Proposals:

Self-help

- Establish agreed parking protocols

Cheap wins

- Grasscrete on verges

Projects and investments (HCC/WCC)

- Create new parking places
- Agree areas for paving, parking, and grass (HCC/WCC)
- Reinstall grass in non-parking areas
- Replace and re-site grit bin
- Repair flint wall (grant aid?)



West Street Village Entrance

A mess!

**Subject of discussion between
HPC and HCC.**

Projects and Investments

- **Appropriate signage (HCC)**
- **Reinstate hedge line (HCC)**
- **Reinstate build-out (HCC)**
- **Path across build-out (HPC?)**
- **Village sign relocated here?**



Green Man Junction

Proposals:

Self-Help

- Maintain flower-beds
- Management of “advertising” signs

Cheap Wins

Are Neighbourhood Watch signs effective?

- Should they be removed?

Projects and Investments (HCC/HPC)

- Standardised street name signs
- Fix street name signs to wall
- Finger post at junction



Green Lane/Stewarts Green Parking

Proposals:

Self-help:

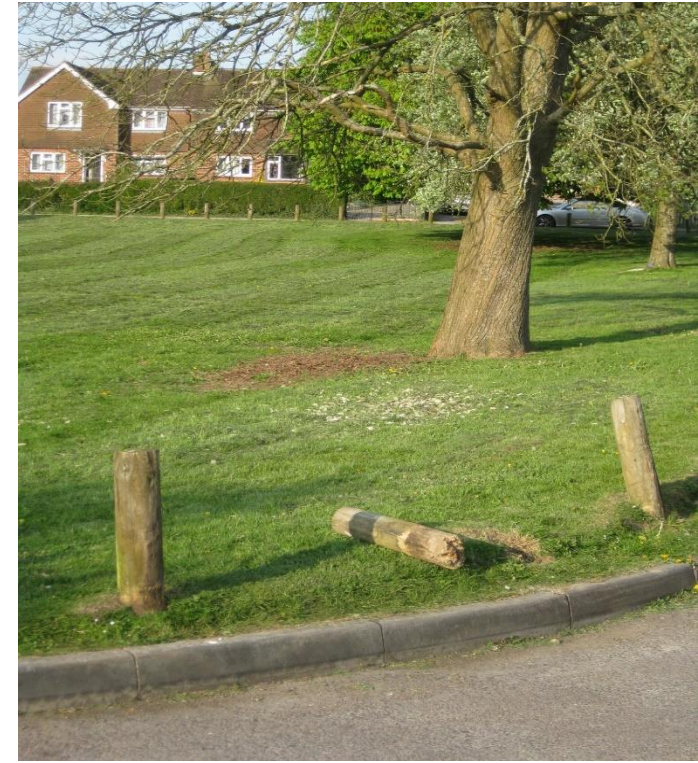
- Avoid parking on verge

Cheap wins:

- Reinstate verge on B2150

Projects & investments:

- Create new grasscrete parking inside hedge (WCC)
- Create car park on vacant plot (owned by WCC)?
- Liaise with WCC - maintain dragon's teeth while also creating new parking at SG



Three Corners (Brook Lane)

Proposals:

Cheap wins

- Remove redundant pole
- Replace/re-site grit bin (nearer to cottages?)

Projects & Investments

- Reinstate grass verges (HCC)
- Refurbish and repair finger post (HPC)



Round and about...

There are many more examples of how Hambledon could be improved – often at low cost e.g.:

- Replacing an overflowing waste bin
- Repairing dilapidated house signs
- Cleaning / repainting finger posts

Here, the entrance to Bury Lodge Lane just needs the ivy removed to make the pillars a feature once more...

We can all work together (residents, local authorities, businesses) to make our village even more attractive!



An aerial photograph of a village nestled in a valley. A prominent church tower with a crenellated top stands out among the houses. The village is surrounded by green fields and rolling hills under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image.

That's it!

Thanks for your help

See you next year...