

Newnham on Severn Parish Plan

In March 2009 the Parish Council agreed the Parish Plan that had been drawn up by the Parish Plan Steering Group based on a very successful survey undertaken in the parish.

Now some 15 months since the Plan was launched the Parish Plan Steering Group feel that it is appropriate they review progress with the Parish Council.

A detailed objective by objective analysis is attached. However it was felt important to highlight the key achievements of the Plan to date.

To help bring about some of the key objectives in the Plan, it was recommended that working groups drawn from a cross section of the parish be set up and the majority of these groups have reported to the Council with the following outcomes:

- A village website was set up in December 09 and quickly became a valued parish asset
- The Village Hall working group recommended that the Newnham Club be developed to become a viable and 'fit for purpose' village hall. The bodies responsible for the three venues in the village are working towards bringing this about
- In April the Parish Council agreed to the Christmas Lighting Working Group's proposals that they take responsibility to install up-lighters in the Chains and around the Clock Tower and raise the funding necessary to bring this about and possibly light other areas in the village in due course. A Quick Win grant, given as a result of undertaking the Parish Plan, has been achieved from the District Council to pump prime the funding of these lights.
- The Working Group concerned with Parking reported to the Parish Council in November 09 that they were unable to identify any additional parking areas in the village other than the Masons land in Station Road.
- Transportation by train or bus was the subject of the Transport Working Group's report. With rail transportation in the hands of the Welsh Assembly they discovered there is no likelihood of a station being opened between Lydney and Gloucester and that bus routes in the Forest are subject to commercial pressures and very unlikely to attract any further County Council funding.