

**Kemble, Ewen and Kemble Wick**  
**Parish Plan survey 2006**  
**As at September 2006**

In order to identify the needs and wishes of the residents of this Parish for the next 5 to 10 years, the Parish Council obtained a grant from DEFRA to fund a full programme of consultation. A Parish Plan Working Group was set up, consisting of residents of the Parish and a few members of the Parish Council, to discuss how the consultation should best be carried out.

The consultation started with the launch event back in May, at which at least 70 residents came along to the Village Hall to give us their views on a wide range of issues. Following the launch event smaller groups of residents met to discuss the issues raised and identified good ideas and suggestions to be taken forward. Additionally a youth event was held to identify the issues and interests of some of the younger members of the Parish. Following this consultation a questionnaire has been put together to survey the residents of the Parish as to whether or not they support these ideas, and seek their views on a wide range of things potentially affecting this Parish.

The last Parish Survey was conducted in the year 2000 and led to a number of improvements around the Parish, including: the emergence of Kemble at Play and the play equipment up on the Clayfurlong Playing Fields; the installation of the pedestrian crossing over the A429; and Washpool Lane being designated a quiet lane. We would like to build on this progress, and ensure that we do understand the issues and views important to local residents, with this 2006 survey.

The questionnaires will be distributed to, and collected from, all residents during the first two weeks of September 2006.

If you have received a questionnaire, please do take the time to complete and return it. It is your chance to give us your views. Without your views we cannot act with any certainty as a Parish Council, and may be unable to obtain funding for additional facilities in the Parish.

There is an interests/skills survey sheet attached with the questionnaire. If you would like to offer your help in relation to some of the proposals, or have certain skills that may be useful to the Parish, please complete this sheet (providing your name and contact details) and return it with your questionnaire. It will be kept separately so that the questionnaire remains anonymous.

Once all the questionnaires have been completed, and the results analysed, the findings will be presented back to the Parish in an open meeting. The aim is then to prepare a "Parish Plan" document, which will be a list of the things that the Parish Council would like to achieve over the next 5 to 10 years based on the results of the survey. Obviously some of the proposals cost money. If the survey is completed by a significant enough percentage of the Parish we will have a much better chance of being able to obtain grant funding for these proposals, as many grants require us to demonstrate community wide support.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Jenny Courts  
Chair: Parish Plan Working Group