

Environment Objectives

Objective 1: To protect and enhance the distinctive local natural & historic environment

	Action	Sub action	Owner	Priority
1	Develop and support plans that encourage preservation and appreciation of the distinctive local environment	Include in Neighbourhood Plan. Investigate Environmental Stewardships Enlist guidance from other villages e.g. Luston	Parish Council Steering group	Short term
2	Identify and record local natural history and biodiversity	Surveys and children's activities to investigate & record fauna & flora Enlist help from specialist bodies such as Nature Trust	Steering group Steering group	Short term Immediate
3	Identify and record areas of distinctive land-use, historic buildings, and landscapes	Surveys & children's activities to record manmade environment e.g. old houses, farms, orchards, fields, water meadows, quarry, hedgerows, ponds, churches, Sutton Walls Iron Age & Roman settlement, scheduled ancient monument by St. Michaels Enlist guidance from villages e.g. Luston, and Herefordshire Archaeology	Steering group Steering group	Short term Short term
		Research & gather existing information - Graveyard surveys, local pamphlets, local knowledge etc. Compile document/booklet	Steering group	Medium term

Objective 2: To reduce the carbon footprint of the Parish

	Action	Sub-action	Owner	Priority
1	Support local bus service	Support retention and possible improvements to bus service. Actively engage with providers and council Encourage use of bus service Make improvements to the bus shelter	Steering group Parish Council Parish Council Steering group	On-going, as needs arise Long term

2	Promote and investigate car-journey share, car pools, communal vehicle schemes and car hire discount	Promote existing car journey sharing scheme www.twoshare.liftshare.com Possible system on notice boards Promote existing council car pools	Steering group	Immediate Short term Immediate
		Look into communal car schemes e.g. St. James' Hereford www.stjamescarclub.org	Steering group	Long term
3	Support any proposed bicycle paths, and improvements to footpaths and pavements	Linked to Highways	Steering Group Parish Council	Long term
4	Support development of local amenities to reduce the need for journeys e.g. Village Shop, Post Office, Library.	Linked to Facilities section	Steering Group Parish Council	Medium term
5	Develop renewable energy sources	Investigate solar, wind, water or ground energy sources for whole village community. Research where these have been developed e.g. www.shareenergy.coop	Steering group	Long term
		Look into viability of renewables for Village Hall – solar photovoltaic panelling on roof, wind turbine, ground heat sources	Steering group	Long term
6	Encourage local energy efficiency	Inform the community of schemes and grants, through the website & Sutton News. e.g. insulation grants; household energy monitoring; www.energysavingtrust.org.uk CheaperEnergyTogether Community Partnership project providing a collective energy switching service	Steering Group/Parish Council	Immediate & On-going

Objective 3: To reduce the level of litter and rubbish in the Parish

	Action	Sub-action	Owner	Priority
1	Recruit helpers to collect litter	Approach people who offered support on their questionnaire	Steering group	Short term

2	Supply litter picking equipment to collectors and dog walkers	Parish Council through Herefordshire Council to provide equipment	Steering group Parish Council	Immediate
3	Establish Annual or Bi-annual Village Litter pick	Make these into fundraising fun days	Steering group	Short term

Objective 4: To reduce the problem of dog fouling, bonfires and fly-tipping

	Action	Sub-action	Owner	Priority
1	Identify and target problem areas through communication including Sutton News, website	Look into improving dog fouling signage around the village Determine the need, cost and responsibility of providing dog foul bins To report a bonfire causing a disturbance contact: Herefordshire Council, Environmental Health & Trading Standards, Blueschool House PO Box 233. Hereford HR1 2ZB. 01432 261761 info@herefordshire.gov.uk	Steering group Parish Council	Short term
2	Encourage people to report fly-tipping to Parish Council or Herefordshire Council		Steering group Parish Council	Short term
3	Investigate similar schemes to the old Parish freighter scheme to reduce tipping		Steering group Parish Council	Medium term

Objective 5: To reduce the impact of flooding, field and road run-off (linked to Highway section)

	Action	Sub-action	Owner	Priority
1	Develop a map of locations for houses & roads at risk	Identify problem areas through local knowledge and HC advice	Steering group	Medium term
2	Contact HC highways and Amey to resolve problem flooding in roads		Parish Council	Immediate & On-going
3	Communicate the location of sandbags and sand	Keep regular notices of the locations on Sutton News and Website	Parish Council	Immediate & On-going

4	Improve promptness of communicating flood alerts	Add information from Herefordshire council to Website as News Alerts Investigate Shropshire Environment Agency system	Parish Council Ward Councillor Steering group	Immediate & On-going
5	Establish village flood assistance network	Communicate through Sutton News & website. Investigate systems in other places e.g. Bodenham	Steering group	Medium term

Objective 6: To help people feel safe in the village

	Action	Sub-action	Owner	Priority
1	Encourage the development or re-establishment of Neighbourhood Watch and Farm Watch schemes	Provide information to the community, from the West Mercia Police website. Seek further guidance and information from Police, Herefordshire Council, HALC	Parish Council Steering group	Short term
		Create a communication link for those who expressed an interest in developing Neighbourhood or Farm Watches on their questionnaires	CLP committee Steering group	Short term
2	Provide village with advice on home security	Facilitate a village presentation on home security or communicate through website & Sutton news	Parish Council	Medium term
3	Support community groups and individuals in providing transport & accompanying individuals			On-going