

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council received a grant from the Countryside Agency in December 2002 to produce a Parish Plan as part of the Vital Villages programme. The Parish Council developed a Parish Plan Group to undertake the Plan.

The Parish Plan Group decided to undertake a two-stage approach starting with a series of road shows promoting the Plan and discovering people's initial priorities. This information then allowed a detailed questionnaire to be designed with help from specialist consultants.

Seven local interviewers were recruited and trained to undertake the interviews with the aim of interviewing as many people as possible. 66% of all households in the parish contributed to the Plan.

While most people felt that there are many positive aspects about living and working in the Stottesdon area, there are some common areas of concern that need improving. These relate to:

- Travel, transport and roads
- Shops and shopping
- Young people and children
- Community activities
- Training and employment
- Housing
- Health
- Information and communication
- Policing and safety
- Household income
- Farming

The Parish Plan Group has produce a detailed Action Plan showing actions, responsibilities, timescales and priorities. The Plan will be used to influence activities of the Parish Council, as well as the activities of other organisations in the Stottesdon area, over the next five to ten years.