

# PARISH PLAN

## TARGETS UPDATE - October 2011

### Housing and Planning

The majority wish was for no extra housing, but those who did want it suggested only affordable low cost new housing. In February 2010 a housing survey was carried out for Community First, where all households were invited to participate to ascertain any need for affordable new housing in our parishes. The results of the survey have been received and will be used to inform our next Parish Plan.

### Community Centre

The New Bridge Community Centre opened in July 2011 and is now used for a variety of events, training and activities. For details of the Centre follow the links on our home page.

### Recycling

Our ultimate aim was for doorstep recycling collection at no extra cost and with no loss to the weekly domestic black bag collection. Herefordshire Council has been operating this system since November 2009 and we consider all targets for recycling achieved.

### Local Services

The main aims were to retain the current bus service and the telephone box in Bishopstone. To encourage its use and therefore help to retain it, we advertise the bus service in our newsletter and on our website and publish information about eligibility for bus passes.

We have adopted the phone box in Bishopstone which now houses the Parish Council notice board for the village.

In addition we continue to maintain contact with the local police.

### Roads and Rights of Way

We continue to report any road repairs needed to Street Services (Amey) using the new electronic reporting system. If you notice a defect and think that it should be reported, pass the details on to the Parish Clerk (tel 07980 652868 or 01981 590513) so that she can put it into the system.

We have been successful in obtaining 30 MPH speed limits through the villages of Mansel Gamage and Bishopstone.

We continue to lobby for appropriate signs to be erected to discourage HGVs from using unsuitable minor roads in our parish.

We continue to monitor public footpaths to keep their maintenance and signs in good order.

### Communications

The quarterly newsletter is currently in its 8<sup>th</sup> year and continues to provide much essential information and items of interest. It is a free publication and is delivered to every household in our parishes

The desire for a parish website was expressed and this is well into its fourth year. It is updated with a parish news page every week and in addition to essential parish council information, minutes of meetings and reports, it contains other pages of local information and interest plus the latest newsletter and other back issues. We welcome suggestions for other content for the website and newsletter.