



Willingham Community Plan

PROGRESS REPORT

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1. Introduction

The Willingham Community Plan Group (WCPG) was established at the invitation of Willingham Parish Council (WPC) in late 2020 to update the Parish Plan of 2008. The group is formed from volunteers, with Councillor Phil King as our WPC advisor.

The purpose of this document is to report on progress of the WCPG over the last year. The previous report dated May 2023 reports on progress up to that date.

The stated objectives of the WCPG are:

- To discover the hopes and aspirations of those who live or work in Willingham for the future of the village
- To publish a plan which expresses these findings and to present this to the community and appropriate authorities
- To encourage implementation of the plan.

The agreed process to followed is similar to the process of the successful 2008 Parish Plan, including to:

- Produce a questionnaire for the residents of Willingham to discover their hopes and aspirations.
- Correlate the results of the survey with other relevant information to produce a report to communicate the village's hopes and aspirations.
- Hold public meetings throughout the process to seek input and communicate progress.
- To inform implementors within the community and beyond (WPC, District & County Councils, MP etc.) of the desires and wishes of the village.

The project has undergone activities on the last three stages in the past year.

2. Public Meeting

A public meeting was held at Willingham Primary School on 28th June 2023. An invite was set to everyone in the village plus local councillors. The event was well attended.

Presentations were given at the meeting by the members of the WCPG for the section of the survey/report which they authored. Each gave an overview of the results, analysis, comparison to the 2008 report, key findings and recommendations. The audience were asked to provide feedback and suggestions that could be incorporated into the report.

A copy of the presentation was made available online.

3. Report

The results from the survey have been analysed and correlated as described in the previous progress report. Other sources such as the 2021 Census results and the 2008 report have been compared to the results.

All sections of the report are complete, the structure of the report is as described on the previous progress report. The youth section stands along side the main report as a separate volume. A draft version of the report was distributed to Willingham Parish Council and other interested parties. All comments received are incorporated in the report.

It is intended there will be a summary report and a full report. The summary report will be distributed to all households, the full report will be available online and from small number of locations in hard copy.

The report is now undergoing a final edit to give it a consistent and professional feel, before it is finally printed and distributed.

The aim is to distribute the summary report by the end of June using similar distribution methods as the Willingham News.

4. Finance

Our accounts have been published separately. Expenditure has been mainly on software with a balance that will be sufficient for the report editing and printing stage.