

# **Bures Parish Action Plan**

Following the survey carried out last year  
Bures Hamlet and Bures St Mary Parish Councils  
have agreed an Action Plan which focuses on:

- 1. Countryside and Village Appearance**
- 2. Community Spirit and Communication**
- 3. Community Assets and Values**
- 4. Retail Facilities**
- 5. Housing**
- 6. Traffic Management**

# 1. Countryside and Village Appearance

Survey result – “**beautiful countryside**” was the second most referred to ‘best thing’ about living in Bures.

There is a proposal to extend the Dedham Vale AONB to include Bures. Some development may not be compatible with this designation.

- Your Parish Councils will be mindful of the proposed extension to the AONB when considering planning applications.
- Your Parish Councils will undertake more training on responding to planning applications in order to best have our voices heard.

# 1. Countryside and Village Appearance

Survey result – high levels of support for **protection of wildlife, tree planting and wild area management with volunteer involvement.**

- Your Parish Councils will organise a survey of suitable sites for tree planting.
- Your Parish Councils will support schemes initiated by The Dedham Vale Project, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Essex Wildlife Trust through liaison with Bures Transition Group and other volunteers and will take opportunities to adopt and plant areas.
- Your Parish Councils will undertake hedge and tree management to be in a manner sympathetic to wildlife.

## 2. Community Spirit and Communication

Survey result - “**community spirit**” was the most referred to ‘best thing’ about living in Bures.

- Your Parish Councils believe that community spirit is important and wherever possible they will act to enhance this.
- Your Parish Councils will use a range of communication media to ensure all households have access to information about local community facilities and events.

### 3. Community Assets and Values

Survey result: Transport links were cited as the third 'best thing' about living in Bures and rail transport the third most important asset.

- Your Parish Councils will liaise, through nominated representatives, with the Rail Users Group, Station Adopters and Greater Anglia, along with the bus service providers, for the benefit of residents to ensure that services continue to meet local needs.

Survey result: the School is a very valuable element of village life.

- Your Parish Councils will encourage external use of the School buildings and promote and support the School where appropriate.

### 3. Community Assets and Values

Survey result: The Doctors' surgery is valued by parishioners.

- Your Parish Councils will liaise with Hardwicke House Practice and the Patient Group when issues arise.

Survey result: Public Houses are seen as playing an important role in village life.

- Your Parish Councils will ensure that the pubs are listed as Assets of Community Value

### **3. Community Assets and Values**

Survey result: The Recreation Ground, Common, and Community Woodland and Footpaths are seen as important areas for recreation.

- Your Parish Councils will continue to commit to the provision of high quality leisure, sports and play areas and support of other areas for recreation, including footpaths.
- Your Parish Councils will provide a guide to the footpaths and will look into the feasibility of a cycle path.

### 3. Community Assets and Values

Survey result: There are areas where you would like to see more lighting.

- Your Parish Councils will review the provision in the areas identified for possible enhancement.

Survey result: Some areas of the village do not have good Broadband

- Your Parish Councils will use appropriate channels to push for more equity in provision



## 4. Retail Facilities

Survey result: The Post Office is seen as the most important asset.

- Your Parish Councils will seek to promote The Post Office through the use of the range of media available

Survey result – A large majority of respondents said the current situation does not meet their shopping needs and many would buy more locally produced food.

- Your Parish Councils will seek out and support initiatives to improve the retail facilities in the village.

## 5. Housing

Survey result: More respondents were in favour of some development than were opposed to any. The priorities identified were small family homes and provision for the elderly.

- Your Parish Councils will commit to the support of some development' especially on brownfield sites and will seek to ensure that housing is appropriate for the needs of the whole village, whilst maintaining the essences of village life and community.

## 6. Traffic Management

Survey result: Most respondents reported seeing speeding in and around the village.

- Your Parish Councils are committed to improving traffic management throughout the Parishes.
- Your Parish Councils will promote the Speed Watch schemes
- Your Parish Councils, with their Highway Authorities, to research and evaluate which traffic calming measures are most effective and appropriate.

Survey result: There is a failure to enforce current parking restrictions.

- Your Parish Councils will review local enforcement options and implement where appropriate.