

Parish Plan maps out Loggerhead's future

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Chairman of The Parish Plan Committee, Eric Pemberton, handing over the Parish Plan to Councillor Graham Sedgley, Chairman of Loggerheads Parish Council Ed Martin and Councillor David Loades

A village near Market Drayton is set to unveil a special plan drawn up for its future with the help of residents.

Villagers in Loggerheads have the opportunity to see the finished Parish Plan at a drop in meeting, taking place tomorrow. The plan details the responses of 1,806 residents from the Loggerheads parish who responded to a questionnaire stating how they want the area to develop in the future. The finished article will now be on display tomorrow and has been hailed as the most important document in the parish's history.

Eric Pemberton, Chairman of the Parish Plan Committee, said: "We are overjoyed with the success of this project and the quality of the plan. The high standard of the booklet means people will want to read it, it is professional and a credit to everyone involved.

We now have a document that states exactly what people in the parish want. This is evidence which can be used to move forward and make the area a better place. The plan itself has really brought the community together, there is a new enthusiasm in the village and this is the basis to allow people to get involved."

Ed Martin, chairman of Loggerheads Parish Council, praised the hard work that has gone into the plan. He said: "A fantastic amount of work has been put into this plan. All of the questionnaires were delivered by hand and it has been a huge task to collect all the information and put it together. The plan is fantastic and the professionalism is brilliant it will make a big difference to the area as long as it is used in the right way. We hope residents will come along and give us their views."

Questionnaires

Several meetings were held and questionnaires sent to ask people about the plan. It covers housing, health, environment and heritage, crime and safety, services, transport, youth and sport and leisure.

Loggerheads Parish councillor, David Loades said: "The feedback from the residents who completed the questionnaire has resulted in what can only be described as the most important document ever to influence the future of the parish.

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