



# Avon Dassett Parish Plan



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## 1.0 Avon Dassett Parish Plan

### 1.1 Introducing the Parish Plan

In September 2005 it was suggested by the Parish Council that a Parish Plan should be prepared as a response to the Government White Paper, Our Countryside – The Future.

The purpose of the Plan was to:

- Provide opportunities for all residents to define the way the community should develop in the 21st century.
- Examine the needs of the community.
- Develop an Action Plan to set out guidelines for the future of Avon Dassett.

The Parish Plan acts as a blueprint for the future of the Parish as defined by the community. It is recognised as proof of public consultation, which is fundamental to any application for external grant funding.

A meeting organised by Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC) in October 2005 gave us an opportunity to meet representatives from other villages that had already completed the process and to learn much about how to proceed to ensure success.

Funding the process became an issue as DEFRA grants had been withdrawn. Progress was initially made with the support of the Parish Council who agreed to fund the production and analysis of the Questionnaire. Later grants were obtained from both Stratford District Council Community Fund and Awards for All. These grants have funded the Results Day Exhibition where the results of the Questionnaire were displayed and discussed, and also the final production of this document.

A small Steering Group was set up in March 2006 to consult with parishioners and to develop a Questionnaire to be sent to all houses in the Parish. The Electoral Register 2006 listed 91 properties in Avon Dassett and 162 registered electors; 9 other households not listed in the Electoral Register also received Questionnaires. 92 households completed the Questionnaires, which represented 92% of households thus giving a high level of representation of the community opinions.

The responses to the main Questionnaire were analysed by Warwick Network Ltd. The Appendices Comments were collated by the Steering Group, and the suggestions are listed in the final section of the Action Plan. All the families with children over 4 years were given a single-use camera and the children were asked to take photographs of what they liked and disliked within the village, adding their comments to the resulting prints.

All the information gained was displayed in the Reading Room early in October 2006. All parishioners were invited by letter and personally, to attend and give further comments. 45% of households were represented on the day, from the youngest



The Children's Display at the Results Event, October 2006.  
(Photograph by courtesy of The Banbury Guardian)

to the oldest members of the community. Much discussion took place and many more suggestions were put forward for inclusion in the Parish Plan. During the production period regular progress updates were placed in the Compton Chronicle, the local villages monthly magazine.

By using all the responses, which represent the wishes of the community, an Action Plan has been drawn up by the Steering Group in consultation with the Parish Council.

The Action Plan sets out:

- The concerns of the community
- The actions to be taken
- The partners
- The priorities and timetable

The Parish Plan fully represents the value placed on village life, its services, facilities and institutions by the community.

The Avon Dassett Parish Council has played an integral part in the production of the Parish Plan and on July 2nd 2007 formally adopted the Parish Plan and Action Plan.

The Parish Council and others have already put in place several of the actions suggested in the responses to the Questionnaire and placed within the Action Plan.

Further working groups will be established to implement the Action Plan, reporting back to the Parish Council who will keep the Action Plan under regular review.

The Avon Dassett Parish Plan Steering Group are extremely grateful for all the support they have received, from the Parish Council, Stratford District Council, Warwickshire Rural Community Council, the Avon Dassett Fete Committee and the community of Avon Dassett Parish. Without this support it would not have been possible to discover and record the wishes of the Avon Dassett community and set out guidelines for its future.

## 1.2 The Parish Plan Process



## 2.0 The Village of Avon Dassett

### 2.1 The History of Avon Dassett

The history of Avon Dassett is a story of continuity and change. The name of the village first appears in the written record in the Domesday Book of 1086. The first element 'Avon' appears to refer to a little stream which rises in the village and joins the Cherwell at Banbury. The second element 'Dassett' refers to wood, or possibly oak wood. The population has remained static for the past two hundred years and the size of the village has changed little from Domesday times. But there have also been some dramatic changes.

The Domesday Book also gives us our first impression of the size and wealth of the community. Before 1066, the manor was held by three thegns (landowners). In 1086 ownership had been transferred to the Count of Meulan. The manor was rated at 10 hides and included 50 acres of meadows.

#### Population of Avon Dassett 1821-2001



We only get fleeting glimpses into the lives of the poor before the nineteenth century. They were supported by levies of the inhabitants and there were also a number of village charities. The church in contrast was wealthy, the living was valued at £13 8s. 9d at the time of the Reformation rising to £450 by the mid nineteenth century. Religious and constitutional conflict came to a head in the locality of Avon Dassett with the first major encounter of the Civil War taking place at Edgehill. Both Royalists and Parliamentarians were active in the area.



'The Eve of the Battle of Edge Hill, 1642', 1845. Charles Landseer, (1799-1879) Walkers Art Gallery, Liverpool.

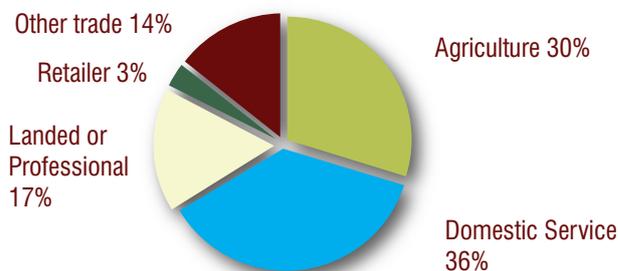
We get our first real insights into the lives of the majority of the population from the nineteenth-century censuses. There are around double the number of households today with half the number of occupants.

#### Households in Avon Dassett 1841-2001

Year	Average Household Size	Number of Households
1841	5.42	53
1851	4.94	62
1861	4.52	62
1881	4.44	61
1891	4.73	51
1901	4.63	49
2001	2.26	93

An analysis of the occupations of the adult population also reveals the changes in the village. In 1841 60% of the population were engaged in agriculture, this figure had halved by 1901.

#### Occupations in Avon Dassett (1901)



The population was far from static during the nineteenth century with a turnover of around a third between each census. There were dominant village families but these too showed great fluctuations in numbers. Perhaps the most important change in the character of the village was the arrival of the Catholic Church, Presbytery and Convent, which were built in the 1850s. These institutions were financed by Joseph Knight, a nurseryman from Lancashire, who had made his fortune in Chelsea in the early nineteenth century, and came to live at Bitham Hall. A number of Catholic families were attracted to live in the village in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries because of the church and convent. Important Catholic residents in the twentieth century included Professor de Zulueta, Lady Victoria de Trafford and the Worrall family.



Avon Dassett village circa 1910

In the twentieth century, the village experienced both financial and political scandals. In 1922 a Captain Owen Peel and his wife Violet were summonsed to appear at Bow Street Court for obtaining money via forged telegrams sent from Avon Dassett Post Office. In 1963 Avon Dassett was again embroiled in scandal when the press besieged the village searching for John Profumo after the MP was forced to resign in disgrace.

Avon Dassett was affected by war in the twentieth century. The village war memorial records the deaths of four men who lost their lives in the World Wars. The social and economic structure of the village was also subject to profound change. Large houses and farms were split up and the church suffered a decline in its fortunes. However in spite of witnessing extensive change, the village retains its strong sense of community.

## 2.2 Avon Dassett 2006/2007

The Parish of Avon Dassett includes a considerable amount of land around the village of Avon Dassett, and extends across the M40 and Leamington-Banbury road to include a small part of the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The village itself is wholly contained within a Conservation Area. It lies about mid-way between Banbury and Leamington, and is situated on a south-west slope of Shooters Hill, part of the Burton Dassett Hills, between two main roads to Banbury, one from Coventry, the A423 and one from Warwick/Leamington, the B4100. Since 1991 the M40 has run through this area almost parallel to the Warwick-Banbury road.

There are three access routes to the village, one from the B4100, one from the Farnborough road, which joins the road from the B4100 at the lower end of the village and one from the road to Fenny Compton. It is via Fenny Compton and Farnborough that access to the Coventry-Banbury road, A423 is obtained.



Church Hill



Edge Hill

## 2.3 Features of Avon Dassett

Most of the houses in the village line the main street running north/south through the village. However, the parish covers a much wider area and includes properties to the Farnborough and Fenny Compton parish boundaries and on the far side of the B4100,

The most noteworthy landscape feature seen from the village is Edge Hill lying on the opposite side of the valley in which the M40 runs.

Avon Dassett contains two churches, one St. Joseph's is Roman Catholic and the other St. John the Baptist which is a redundant Church of England building.

### St. Joseph's Church

St. Joseph's Church, the Catholic church, was endowed by Joseph Knight of Bitham House in 1854. Services are held regularly, and the church is also made available for the village carol service on alternate years.



St. Joseph's Church

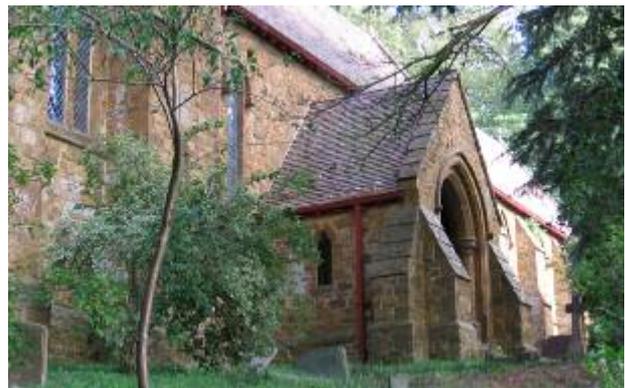
### St. John the Baptist Church

St. John the Baptist Church and churchyard stand on the sharp bend half way up the hill towards Fenny Compton.. There may have been a church here in the 11th century as a priest in Avon Dassett was recorded in the Domesday Book. The present church was built in 1868 on the site of an earlier church. Within the church lies the 13th century tomb of Hugo

thought to be Rector of Avon Dassett. The church was declared redundant in 1983 and is now maintained by the Church Commissioners and the churchyard by the Parish Council and Stratford District Council. It is very occasionally used for concerts and the village carol service on alternate years. Major repairs are currently being undertaken to the spire.



St. John the Baptist Church before renovation in 1869



St. John the Baptist Church - 2006

### The Reading Room

The Reading Room was originally gifted to the village in 1898 by Mr. Thomas Aloysius Perry of Bitham Hall. The Reading Room provides a home for a Post Office on one morning in the week and a few community activities.



The Reading Room, by Mary Edgington

## The Avon

There is one Public House, now called The Avon, but in the past has been named The Prince Rupert and before that The Red Lion. The Avon is the main village meeting place, in the absence of a village shop and very limited opening of the Post Office.



The Avon

## The War Memorial

The new War Memorial, which originally stood in St. John the Baptist churchyard, replaced a previous memorial in the form of a bombshell, which stood on the area where the bus shelter now stands, and is remembered by those who grew up in the village. The new War Memorial was moved to its present site and re-dedicated on Sunday, November 10th 1968. It commemorates those from the village who gave their lives in both the 1914-1918 and the 1939-1945 wars.



The War Memorial

## The Old School

The Parish School was created in 1860 and provided education for local children until its closure on April 13th 1938. The building has since been converted into a private house.

## Avon Carrow and Bitham Hall

In the nineteenth century two large estates were developed, Avon Carrow and Bitham Hall, formerly known as Bitham House. Both houses are now divided into a number of smaller houses and apartments.



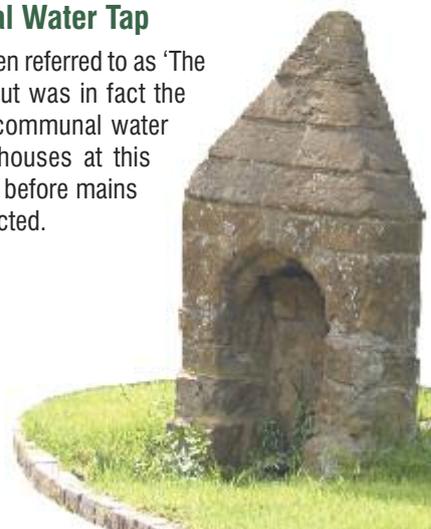
Avon Carrow



Bitham Hall

## The Communal Water Tap

This feature is often referred to as 'The Gnome's Loo', but was in fact the housing for the communal water tap that served houses at this end of the village before mains water was connected.

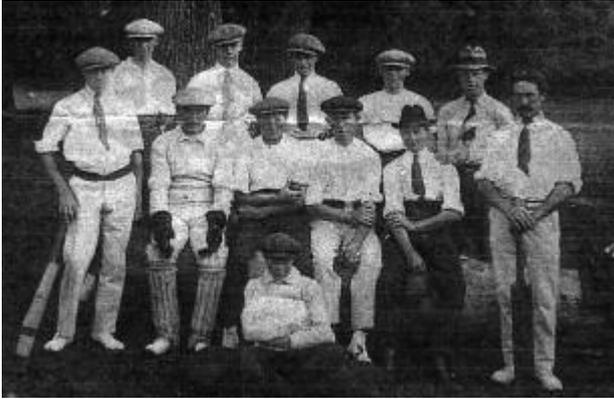


The Communal Water Tap

## 2.4 Village Activities

### Cricket Club

Avon Dassett Cricket Club has a long history. The Banbury Guardian of September 20th 1979 states that 'Avon Dassett no longer has a Cricket Club, but in 1920 the village had a thriving team.'



Avon Dassett Cricket Club (Banbury Guardian, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1979)

In recent years the Cricket Club has been revived and has now, thanks to the enthusiasm of parishioners, formally linked with Radway Cricket Club to share their facilities and together to improve the clubhouse and ground in Radway. This will give the club a permanent home for the future.

### Avon Dassett Gardening Club

The club was founded in the late 1970s and has become a social and horticultural meeting place for those from within the village and adjoining parishes who are interested in plants and gardens. There are some forty members, which



The Arena, Avon Dassett Fete - 2007

unfortunately means that the Reading Room can no longer provide sufficient space for the winter monthly meetings. During the winter months the club meets in Farnborough Village Hall to listen to talks and demonstrations by guest speakers. In the summer months a variety of garden visits and suppers are arranged.

### Avon Dassett Village Open Gardens

The first open gardens weekend was held in 1981. Money was needed to buy chairs and cups and saucers for the Reading Room for village use but more particularly for use by the fledgling Avon Dassett Gardening Club, £454.67 was raised. At that time no other village in the immediate area opened gardens to the public, but it proved so successful that many have followed suit since.

After similar openings in 1982 and 1984, when the money was divided between the village and Myton Hamlet Hospice, it was decided to join the National Garden Scheme in 1986. Avon Dassett gardens have opened annually for National Garden Scheme charities since, with a quarter of the money going to Myton Hamlet Hospice. Over the years the village has raised over £20,000 for these charities, and welcomed over 5000 visitors into the gardens. Three of the village gardeners were each presented with an engraved trowel last year from National Garden Scheme for opening their gardens for 20 years.

### Dassett Men's Club

The Dassett Men's Club was founded in the early 1980s, by Rev. Dr. David Pym, our recently retired Vicar. The club meets in the Reading Room in Avon Dassett every month during the winter. Talks are given on a wide variety of subjects by invited speakers, and are attended by men from Avon Dassett and neighbouring villages.

## The Avon Dassett Village Fete

The Avon Dassett Village Fete has been a local attraction for many years. The Fete Committee, a small and ever-changing group of villagers, meets monthly from October to August to plan and organise each year's events. The aim is not only to raise money for charity and village projects, but also to bring the community together to enjoy a great day. The success relies heavily on the dedication of the committee and the active involvement of villagers.

Over the years, thanks to the generosity of villagers and visitors alike, the Fete Committee has been able to make donations to Katharine House Hospice, Myton Hospice, the Dassett School, Kineton School, Warwickshire Air Ambulance, Macmillan Nurses, Dogs for the Disabled, Birmingham Children's Hospital and Fenny Compton Tots and Toddlers. The Fete Committee has recently dedicated £2,000 to fund village projects highlighted in this Parish Plan.



Gun Dog Display, Fete 2006

## The Playground

The playground land is rented by the Parish Council and has been an integral part of village life for many years. It has recently been enhanced by the purchase of some large play equipment funded by grants and also donations from the Avon Dassett Fete Committee. The Totem Pole was carved by a villager a few years ago and has become a talking point and local landmark. The Parish Council is planning further improvements to the playground.



The Playground

## Best Kept Village Competition

In 2000 Avon Dassett entered the Best-kept Village Competition for the first time for many years and was encouraged to continue by winning first prize in the Small Village category for the Southam area. Further wins followed in 2001 and 2002 but 2003 brought disappointment. In 2004 the rules were changed and Gold, Silver and Bronze awards were to be made.

Since then Avon Dassett has achieved two silvers and in 2006 a gold award. The certificates are proudly displayed in the Reading Room.

## Avon Dassett Coffee Mornings

The coffee mornings first began in the autumn of 2001 as a way of getting people together for a chat during the cold winter months. Since then they have become so popular that they now run throughout the year. Originally organised by the Parish Council the villagers now organise the mornings themselves, though the Parish Council continues to fund the provision of coffee and cake!



The Totem Pole

## 3.0 The Questionnaire Results

### 3.1 Avon Dassett Residents

Of approximately 200 residents, over 50% are aged between 25 and 60 years, 13% between 0 and 10 years with a few teenagers. Curiously, there is a predominance of females in all age groups except the 0-4 years group.

The largest percentage of residents are relatively new to Avon Dassett, i.e. have not lived here for more than 5 years, 20 residents were born here and 10 have lived here all their lives. Another 10 have been resident for over 40 years. Most came to the village because of the love of country-life, although the availability of work in the area attracted a number of residents.

### 3.2 Employment

Over half of the residents are in employment, most on a full-time basis, and 10% of these are self-employed; 7% are in full time education while nearly 20% are retired. Nearly a fifth of the respondents work at home, but the largest number (22%) work within a 10-mile radius of Avon Dassett, while almost as many live more than 20 miles from their main place of work.

### 3.3 Village Matters

The majority of respondents consider Avon Dassett to be a good place to live. Its location, the environment and the local community were the main reasons given. Other important factors include Avon Dassett being unspoilt, clean, quiet, friendly and picturesque. The sense of community and belonging was also considered very important as was the lack of serious crime. Good access to the rest of the country and good local schools are also high priorities for many respondents. Many parishioners also liked the fact that Avon Dassett is in a conservation area where there is no new housing.

#### Village Information

The Questionnaire results showed that over half of the respondents thought that information about what was going on in the parish was adequate or reasonable. Information is obtained from several sources including The Avon, village notice boards, the Compton Chronicle and word of mouth.

**Action** Improve village notice boards.  
Include more local information in the Compton Chronicle.

#### Local Facilities

The responses highlighted the fact that local facilities for young people in the 11-16 age group were considered to be poor. Residents in the up to 10 years and over 40 years groups were considered to have good local facilities.

**Action** Consider what additional facilities could be provided for 11-16 year olds.  
Consider what else could be provided for other age groups.

#### Leisure Activities

A large variety of leisure pursuits are undertaken by village residents. These include going to the pub, walking, and dog walking, horse riding, cycling, coffee mornings, cricket, Men's Club, visiting the park, woodwork, the Gardening Club, Open Gardens and organising the Village Fete and Bonfire Night.



Leisure in the Village

The Questionnaire results clearly show that there is a demand for more leisure activities within the village. Some activities suggested by respondents included: charity events and social evenings, art, computer, language and bridge clubs, and a mother and toddler group.

**Action** Investigate the options for a venue in which to hold these activities.  
Pilot some of the suggested activities in the Reading Room.

## Welcome Pack

Almost all respondents would have liked a welcome pack which included local information about trades people, GP's, societies and groups, transport, schools and churches.

**Action** Apply for external funding to fund the provision of a Parish Welcome Pack.

## The Post Office

The Post Office is used mostly for postal services. Very few of the respondents use it to pay bills, draw pensions or pick up information leaflets.

**Action** The Parish will back any campaign to preserve rural Post Offices.



Avon Dassett Post Box

## Parish, District and County Councillors

The majority of villagers felt that Avon Dassett's Parish Councillors were aware of local concerns and listened to villagers' opinions but needed to improve publicity of decisions and activities. Many respondents felt that it was more difficult to access District and County Councillors.

**Action** The Parish Council should consider ways in which its publicity can be improved.  
Use the Compton Chronicle to make parishioners aware of the contribution of District and County Councillors.

## 3.4 Transport and Traffic

The Parish benefits from good access to both the strategic and local road networks. Whilst this is an advantage in terms of convenient journey times to local towns and the motorway network, it inevitably results in some level of conflict, particularly within the village of Avon Dassett.

### Cars and Parking



We don't like all the parked cars through the village

Picture and comment taken from the Children's Display at the Results Event, October 2006

The private motor car is the primary mode of transport for the majority of residents, and the responses to the survey suggest that approximately 180 vehicles are kept in the Parish. This relatively large number of vehicles therefore results in some pressure on parking places.

Whilst many parishioners have access to off-road parking spaces, some do experience difficulty with parking, particularly in relation to vehicles blocking access points. This was evident from the survey, which showed that over half the respondents considered parking to be a problem in Avon Dassett.

**Action** Consider increasing the provision of community parking within the village.



Parked vehicles can cause problems

## Public Transport

Unsurprisingly, given the high levels of car ownership within the parish, the majority of parishioners have never used the bus service. It was also evident from the survey that even those residents eligible for free public transport do not make use of this service. This may therefore relate to the perception by some respondents that the bus service to Avon Dassett is poor.

## Traffic Speeds

A strong theme to emerge from the survey was the concerns of local residents in relation to vehicle speeds. Approximately 80% of respondents considered speeding traffic to be a problem through the village and within the Parish as a whole, and over half the respondents would like to see a lower speed limit enforced in Avon Dassett.

Specific concerns related to high speeds through the village centre, and at each of the entry points on Dassett Road, Church Hill and Lower End. The junction with the B4100 was also cited as a particular worry given the high speeds and regular accidents at that location.

**Action** Form a local group to monitor speeds. Maintain pressure on SDC and WCC to implement speed reduction measures.

## Heavy Goods Vehicles



HGVs can be a problem on the narrow roads.

movements associated with possible future uses of the quarry, and with safety issues on Church Hill.

Roads through the Parish provide a convenient link between the B4100 and A423 for all vehicles. Given that there are also a number of commercial users in the neighbouring villages, large HGVs are therefore a common sight on the roads through the Parish.

The survey revealed that almost two-thirds of respondents considered HGVs to be a problem in Avon Dassett. Specific concerns related to HGV

**Action** Investigate the possibility of an HGV restriction through the village.  
Monitor future plans for the quarry.

## 3.5 The Environment

Although most of the respondents are appreciative of the general environment in and around Avon Dassett, there are areas of concern arising from the results of the survey, which can suitably be monitored and/or addressed as an on-going project.



Picture and comment from the Children's Display at the Results Event, October 2006

## Street Lighting

Over three quarters of the respondents thought that street lighting within the village was adequate, although anxieties were expressed as to the sufficiency of the lighting on the hill in the vicinity of the redundant church. The monitoring of this will be an ongoing process undertaken by the Parish Council.

## Recycling Services

Since the circulation and completion of the Questionnaire, matters have already moved within the media domain with 'carbon footprints' and the suggestions that general refuse collection should be reduced to once a fortnight. 'Yellow Pages' can now be included in paper to be recycled and Stratford District Council is investigating the viability of recycling plastics - a concern of many! Nearly a quarter of the respondents thought that recycling services should be better publicised.

**Action** Avon Dassett Parish Council to increase publicity about recycling services.

## Litter

Two thirds of respondents were of the opinion that litter within the village constituted a minimum nuisance, while less than a tenth thought it was a significant problem. Perhaps those residents who habitually pick up litter are in the latter category!



I think the village needs more litter bins so there is less chance of finding litter around the village

Picture and comment taken from the Children's Display at the Results Event, October 2006.

At the Results Day presentation it was heartening to hear the children express their concern on the impact on the environment of a carelessly discarded packet, can or bottle.

**Action** Parish Council to assess the need for the provision of further litter bins.

Organise a 'Litter Pick Up Day' for all Compton Chronicle villages.

## Quality of Services

Various issues of concern were raised over this important area. Topics ranged from TV reception and Broadband speeds through to the mains water supply.

The three of most concern were:

1. Lack of Police presence within the village.
2. Condition of the roads within the parish.
3. Storm drainage, road flooding.

The state of the pedestrian footpaths, visibility of road signs, blocked drains and storm drainage will continue to be monitored as an ongoing exercise by the Parish Council and the Highways Department.



Centenary Way

## Footpaths and Bridleways

With walking appearing as a main leisure pursuit for over three quarters of the respondents in Avon Dassett, it is not surprising that the availability, upkeep and the need for more knowledge of local footpaths provoked a great many comments.

Whilst some residents wished for better upkeep, and more 'manicured' appearance and easier access to footpaths others wished to retain a natural countryside approach as a valuable habitat for flora and wildlife.

**Action** Include details of various published footpath maps in the proposed Welcome Pack.

Encourage the use of and good maintenance of footpaths within the Parish.

Establish a small library in the Reading Room of books/leaflets covering local rambles for the use of residents.

## 3.6 Crime

A surprising 20% of respondents had been the victims of crime in the village in the past five years, but only two thirds of these reported the incident to the police. Only a third of those who reported the incidents to the police were happy with the response.

**Action** Encourage residents to report incidents to the police.

Make greater use of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to disseminate information.

Publicise the recently launched Safer Neighbourhood Programme.

## 3.7 Housing

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Three quarters of the properties are owner occupied, nearly 15% are privately rented, while just three are rented from a Housing Association. In view of the cost of property within the Parish, it is of interest that less than one tenth of those householders responding to the survey advised that people within the household had been obliged to move away to find affordable/suitable accommodation elsewhere.

However, nearly half of the respondents thought that there was a need for more housing for local people, especially the young wishing to remain in the village. This view was tempered by considerable concern being expressed as to the desirability of any 'new build' that would detract from the attractiveness of the village or would not be of an appropriate style for the conservation area.

**Action** Form a group to produce a Design Statement for Avon Dassetts incorporating the Housing Needs Survey Result as necessary.



Hillview Cottages

## 4.0 The Housing Needs Survey

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### 4.1 The Survey

The Parish Council and the Parish Plan Steering Group agreed to work with the Warwickshire Rural Community Council to conduct a Housing Needs Survey within the Parish. This was carried out during May 2007 and the report received early in June 2007. A response rate of 41% was achieved compared to the 91% response rate for the Parish Plan Questionnaire but the former was considered to be an excellent achievement for a survey of this type.

Differences in the demographic information gathered compared to that of the Parish Plan Questionnaire results occur because of the lower response rate. The Report suggests that people generally respond to such a survey for one of three reasons:-

1. To express a housing need.
2. To offer support in principle to the idea of a small housing scheme to meet local needs.
3. To state opposition to the idea of a housing scheme.

### 4.2 Summary of the Results

Approximately 100 Housing Needs Survey forms were distributed and 41 forms were completed and returned. Three respondents expressed a need for alternative housing.

All three respondents live and work in the parish, and one has close relatives in the parish. None were born in the parish. Copies of the full report are available for anyone interested, from the Parish Clerk and the Parish Plan Steering Group.

The specific needs identified were for three properties to be rented from a Housing Association. Two of these being 2 bedroom flats or houses and the third being a 2 bedroomed house.

**Action** The Parish Council will work with the WRCC Housing Enabler and the Parish to consider the provision of housing to meet these needs.

## 5.0 The Avon Dassett Parish Action Plan

### 5.1 The Next Steps

In The Parish Action Plan was developed in full consultation with the Parish Council. The formal adoption of the Parish Plan and Action Plan in July 2007 by the Parish Council, and in October 2007 by Stratford District Council, ensures that the document will now become part of future planning for the Parish.

Some of the actions listed have already been implemented some are already under detailed consideration while others will be delegated to villagers as appropriate. More extensive long-term plans will depend, not only, on access to external

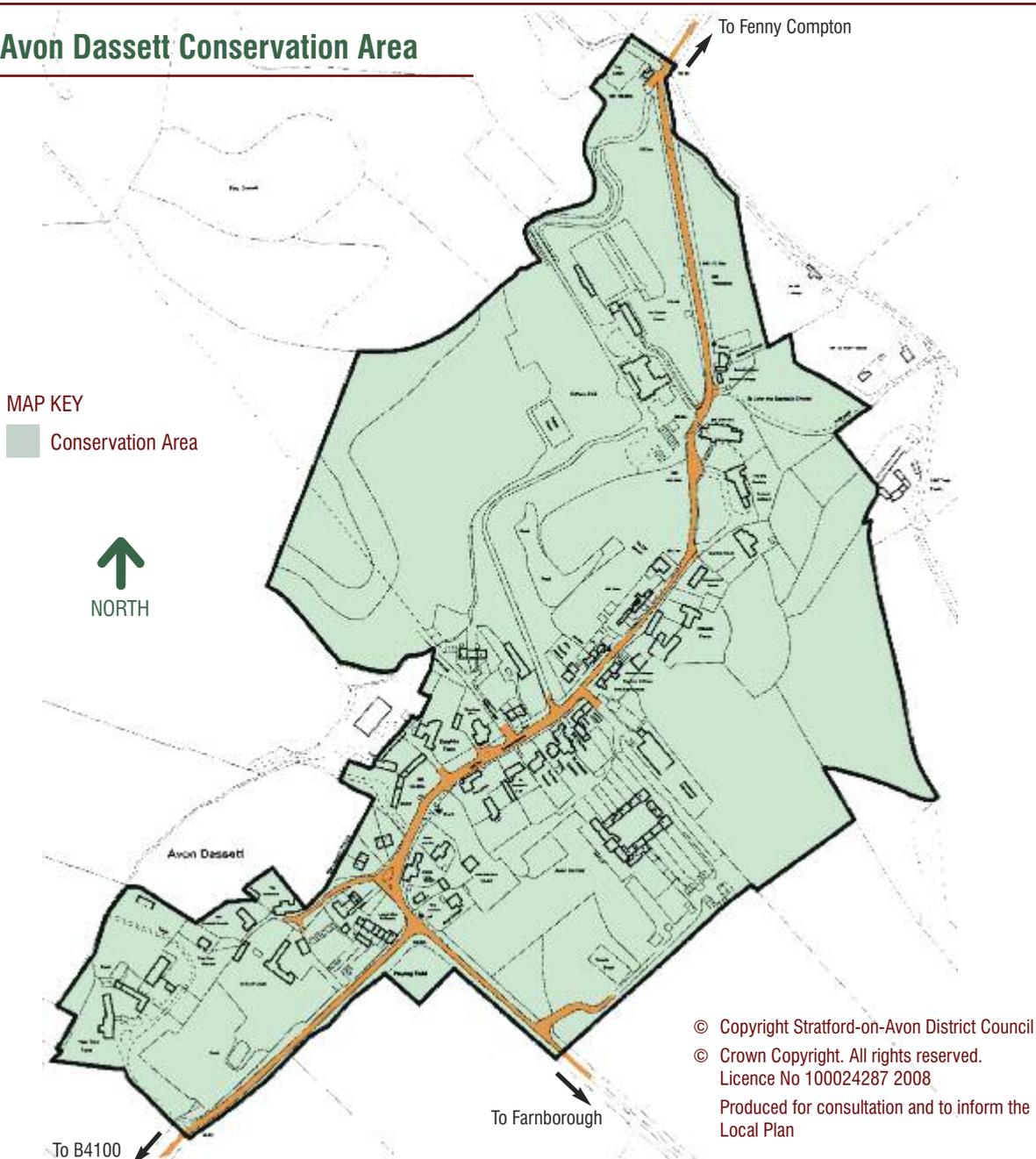
funding but on the level of support given to a range of pilot schemes, which will be run by volunteers. Working groups will be formed reporting back to the Parish Council who will monitor progress and keep the Action Plan under constant review.

The full reports are available for inspection, if you are would like to see them please contact Sandra Rice.

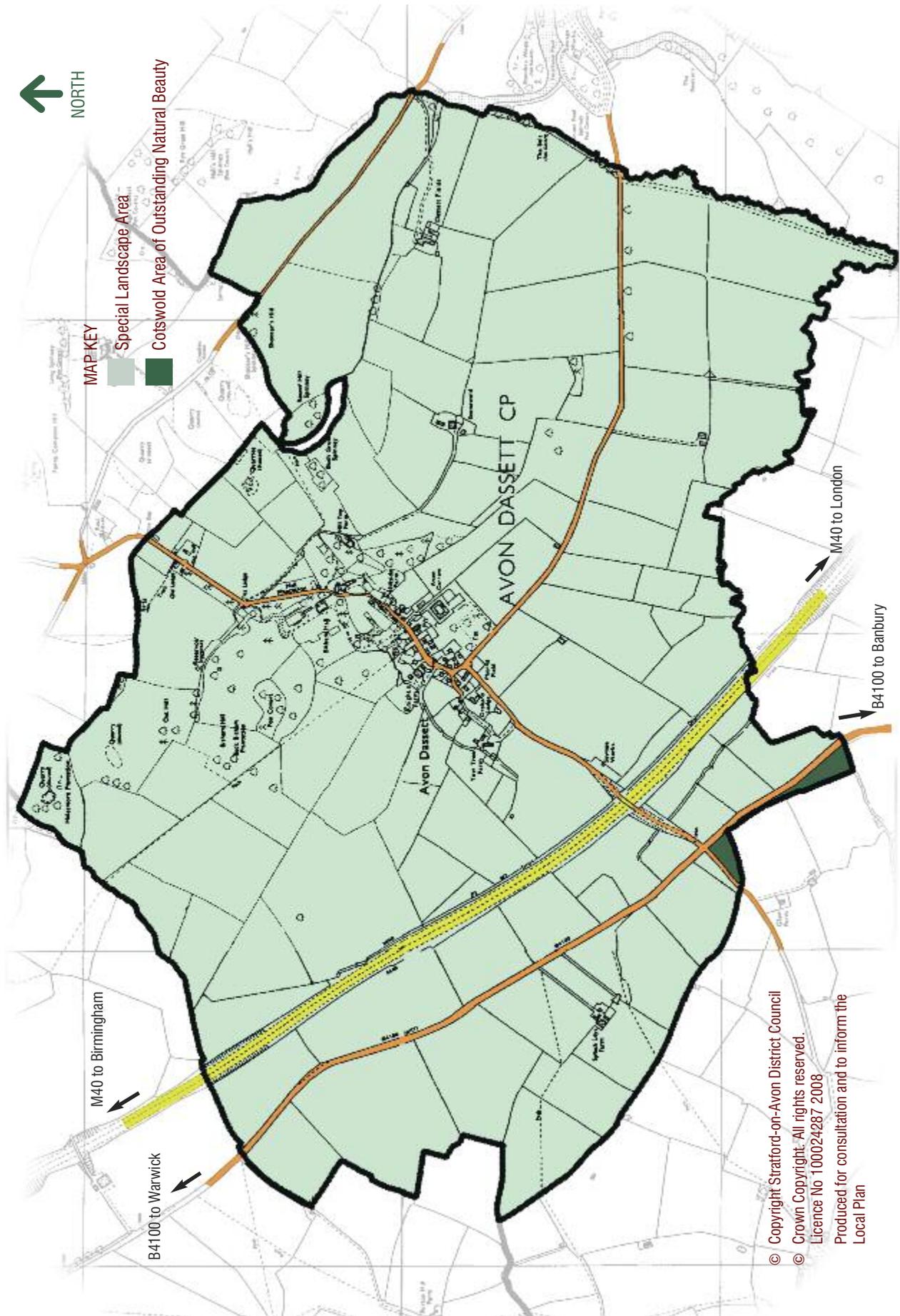
Anyone wishing to contribute help in any way should contact a member of the Parish Council or the Parish Plan Steering Group.

## 6.0 Maps of Avon Dassett

### 6.1 Avon Dassett Conservation Area



## 6.2 Avon Dassett Parish



## 7.0 The Avon Dassett Parish Action Plan

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Aerial View of Avon Dassett