

PRIDE OF PLACE

Corscombe has no centre
informal meeting places
information hub
school
shop or post office

It is a large parish – from the Halstock border to Pipsford and Toller Whelme, from the Chelborough and Rampisham borders to Winyards Gap.

Only two thirds of the electoral roll live in Corscombe village itself.

People say what a quiet, peaceful, beautiful, natural, rural place this is. We love living here and don't want it to change.....but.....

CAN CORSCOMBE SURVIVE IN THE FUTURE
unless we have concerted and imaginative
community communication
community cooperation
community action?

How do we do it? The survey showed BIG gaps.

THE PARISH PLAN 2011

The result of all these discussions will be a vision for Corscombe in the future and a programme of Things to Do – by us and supporting organisations. This will be an Action Plan as a foundation for informed progress. It can and probably will change in response to changing times and needs. That's Community Planning!

FULL SURVEY RESULTS AVAILABLE ON-LINE FROM fredahennessy@aol.com

Corscombe Parish Plan 2011 Steering Committee: Finlay Mc Pherson, Andrew Tomkins, Deborah Childs, Christine Wheatley, Freda Hennessy.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

(Corscombe, Halstock and District Group Parish Council)

Corscombe has five councillors elected by residents every four years – next election May 2011.

It gets its money from your Council Tax.

The Parish Council acts as a forum for local public opinion (vote! come to meetings!);

advises the District and County Councils on local delivery of their services (roads, planning, etc);
can support local groups with grants (your money!).

The new 'Big Society' and Localism may give more powers for community based action via the parish and town councils and voluntary groups. The collateral funding is not likely to be enormous!

Neighbourhood planning is eagerly awaited. "Powers will devolve directly to communities to...take forward...new homes, shops and facilities without need for planning permission, provided there is support of 75% of voters in local referendums AND planning guidelines – national and county – are met."

This means continued constraints on development in the AONB – nothing to alter the beautiful countryside.

There is "clear guidance to avoid sporadic development in the countryside"

What does this mean for the future of Corscombe?

LET'S DO IT no brainers

Ask for more plastic recycling.

Ask for compulsory purchase and development of empty properties.

Reprint 'Corscombe Through the Ages'.

Revise and reprint the Corscombe Walks Book.

Local supply of green sacks for garden waste.

Litter patrols and ongoing effort by all.

Clearly name houses and roads.

DEVELOPMENT "no new houses as no jobs here"

Build up the local economy? Workshops?

(most people said NO)

Housing for older people – smaller units with some support?

Affordable houses for local people?

(OR why *not* a ghetto for the affluent retired?)

Local decision of planning application AND/OR a fairer planning system.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

Comments showed that many people don't know what is going on

The questionnaire showed almost all local information is seen in the Chimes or passed by word of mouth. Is this adequate?

20% said they use the Corscombe website

Should this be expanded?

Are enough residents on line for an email network?

Should we revive the Corscombe Directory?

including the map of houses; welcome pack for newcomers who to coordinate this?

WHICH GROUPS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO RESPOND?

Corscombe, Halstock and District Parish Council (gritting etc)

Corscombe Parochial Church Council (community use of the church etc)

Corscombe Village Hall Committee (community use of the hall etc)

Fox Cricket Club (disposal of rubbish from matches and events)

District & County Councils, NHS Trust, Dorset Police etc will respond to the final Parish Plan.

SUSTAINABILITY: CORSCOMBE IN 2026?

PUBLIC MEETING FRIDAY 28 JANUARY 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

FULL RESULTS OF THE SURVEYS: DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY

REFRESHMENTS!

TRANSPORT AND GETTING AROUND

Bus to Beaminster?

Car share/support Dorset Country Cars scheme?

Safe walking?

RENEWABLE (AND OTHER) ENERGY

Power cuts aren't as bad as they used to be -

but the supply may deteriorate again

How can local generation of power be helped locally?

- by individuals and/or by community effort?

COMMUNITY CENTRE(S)

Massive criticism of the Fox Inn as a 'local'

Need for a casual meeting place day/evening?

More activities in the evenings?

More opportunities for social interaction?

What about the Church and the Village Hall?