

June 2013: Community Led Plan Update

Two successful meetings have been held and a preliminary action plan is in place. The key to the success of the Community Led Plan is ***your*** input. The team need you to tell us what you like or dislike about this parish. What would you like to see improved or changed?

There will be a stand at the village fete where we will be talking with people and asking you to put your thoughts on a post-it wall. This will give focus points for a questionnaire which will be delivered to all households in the parish in autumn. The feedback we get from the community will determine the content of the Community Led Plan.

We are talking with the village website administrators to have a webpage which will provide up-to-date information about the Plan and contact details – further details will be in the next newsletter about this. The team is also actively gathering information as they talk with friends, neighbours and contacts in the parish. A full contact list of team members will be on display at the village fete but please do take a moment, if possible, to send an e-mail or make a telephone call to let us know your views to Fiona Hopkins at Fiona@the-hoppies.co.uk , tel: 710045.

What do you think about.....?

August 2013: Community Led Plan Update

The Community Led Plan stand at the village fete went extremely well with lots of people putting their thoughts about our community on the post-it wall and talking to members of the group. The feedback to date has already given clear areas to focus on – public transport facilities; safety; community communication; traffic concerns. There were also lots of positive suggestions about how to develop our community.

We are now working on a pilot plan which will be on display at an open day in autumn (date to be confirmed). This will provide a further opportunity for people in the parish to voice their thoughts and then the final step will be a questionnaire which will be distributed to all parish households with the December edition of the newsletter. The questionnaire responses will be collected, analysed and collated with all the other information we have been gathering and researching and the completed plan will be published in mid 2014.

The Upwood and The Raveleys website now has a tab for the Community Led Plan so more information and updates can be found there, together with an e-mail address to contact us.

October 2013: Community Led Plan Update

An open afternoon will be held on Saturday, 19th October, 2-4pm in Upwood village hall. You are invited to come and find out more information about the Community Led Plan and look at some of the ideas that people are putting forwards for developing the parish.

Teas and coffees will be available and representatives of the working party look forward to talking with as many people as possible to get more feedback that can be incorporated into the Plan.

More information can be found on the Upwood and The Raveleys website, Facebook or contact us on upwoodandtheraveleysclp@gmail.com.

April 2014: Community Led Plan: Update

Parish Questionnaire: What YOU need to do

The CLP steering committee has been working very hard to create a questionnaire covering many important aspects of our community, which is going to be distributed to all the households in the parish with the June newsletter. It has been designed so that every member of every household will be able to complete the questionnaire and make their views known.

Completion and collection details will be attached to the questionnaire.

Parishioners who would prefer to complete the questionnaire on-line need to take the following action now:

- Please register your e-mail address by sending an e-mail with your name to: upwoodandtheraveleysclp@gmail.com

If you require any further information or help please contact one of the CLP steering group committee members – names & contact numbers are on the village website.

[We confirm that we will adhere to the Data Protection Act 1998 and undertake that the data will be protected and will not be shared with any other organisations. The data will be deleted after the Community Led Plan process has been completed.]

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The steering committee are in the process of analysing the data from the completed questionnaires and will publish a summary of the main conclusions in due course. At that point we will seek any further comments that parishioners may wish to make on the conclusions before drawing up the Community Led Plan for Upwood and The Raveleys.

People have expressed an interest about the response rate to the questionnaire. 550 questionnaires were distributed to all households in the parish and the response rate was:

	Surveys returned
Upwood Village	113
Farm Close	10
Fairmead	29
Great Raveley	17
Little Raveley	10
	179

April 2015: Community Led Plan update.

The results of the parish questionnaire have been collated and are available for viewing via the link on the Community Led Plan page of the parish website [<http://www.upwood.org/Community%20Led%20Plan.htm>]. The spreadsheet contains whole parish response details as well as giving the results for each part of the parish (see tabs at the bottom of the spreadsheet).

Some of the issues identified in the questionnaire have already / are currently being addressed by the relevant organisations and there were three key areas identified as needing further investigation. In response to these findings three working parties are being formed to address:

- Roads and road safety:**
- to look at Great Raveley traffic calming;
 - the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing at Longholme Road;
 - the feasibility of a 40mph zone from Bury to the end of Upwood village.
- Housing and Planning:**
- identification of ownership of land within the parish that could potentially be open to development.
- Communication:**
- to raise awareness of the parish website and Facebook;

- to establish a rolling reminder programme of services available within the parish;
- to raise awareness of the role of the parish council and to make it more accessible.

Get involved and make a difference

The working parties will be made up of representatives from the Community Led Plan team, members of the Parish Council and **any members of the parish who are interested in looking at any of these issues**. If you would like to become involved please contact Fiona Hopkins (01487 710045) who will provide further details.

This is an opportunity to get involved in something that will have a positive impact on your local life - all volunteers are encouraged. The time commitment will be under your control and any input or assistance from parishioners would be very welcome.

October 2015: Launch of Community Led Plan

Saturday 24 October saw the unveiling of the Upwood and the Raveleys Community Led Plan. Over two years of painstakingly dedicated research and analysis was on show in the village hall for all parishioners to see where the parish hopes to be heading in the future. The CLP committee is made up of Parish Councillors and volunteers from the community whose role has been to discover people's vision for the future and to oversee the implementation of these ideas. The results of the questionnaire delivered to every household in June 2015 were minutely analysed and form the basis of the final action plan.

A highly informative and interesting afternoon's viewing was experienced by those who attended between 1.30 and 4pm. On hand to answer questions alongside CLP committee members and Parish Councillors were Shailesh Vara, MP; Michael Tew, County Councillor; Adrian Sail representing Strawsons the firm developing Upwood airfield and Brian Robins, Cambridgeshire Police - Speedwatch.

Those present were amazed by the amount of work that had gone into the Plan and were full of praise and gratitude to the committee for undertaking such an extensive and on-going project, which will impact on the lives of everyone in the Parish.

3 sub-committees have been established to tackle some of the issues raised concerning planning, roads and transport and communications. These volunteers will continue to work on your behalf, endeavouring to bring to fruition the action plan. Already the Communications group has been successful in applying for and receiving a grant of £3000 from the Ramsey Wind Farm charity to improve access of information throughout the parish. This money will provide refurbished or new noticeboards in all 5 areas of the parish,

wi-fi in the village hall and colour pages in the newsletter on a regular basis, amongst other improvements.

The parish owes a big debt to the volunteers on the CLP committee, ably chaired by Councillor Fiona Hopkins, and its sub-groups for creating such a comprehensive and far-reaching vision for our future. Hopefully, if the committee does decide to upgrade the Plan to a Neighbourhood plan in the future (which would be a huge undertaking), everyone in the parish will support them in their endeavours to make life in Upwood and the Raveleys remain a very pleasurable experience. A big thank you to everyone involved in making the afternoon such a success.