

BARTON ACTION PLAN

2016 amendments in red

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Previous review by Parish Council in 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2014.

No.	Aim	Priority	Lead Responsibility	Updates from Meetings	Status
A	To improve traffic safety within Barton.				
1	Reduce traffic speed in agreed areas to 30/40 mph.	HIGH	PC Partners: Highways CCC	Speed Review route 29 A603 reported June 10, lobbying by Barton PC continued; Barton PC made contribution; signs implemented Oct 12.	COMPLETED
a	Derestricted area on A603	HIGH	Highways CCC	a. West, restriction to 50mph; East, 40mph.	COMPLETED
b	40mph part of A603	HIGH	Highways CCC	b. down to 30mph	COMPLETED
c	40mph part of B1046	HIGH	Highways CCC	c. 30mph in force + flashing signs.	COMPLETED
d	Derestricted part of B1046	HIGH	Highways CCC	d. 40mph now in place	COMPLETED
e	Set up Speedwatch	HIGH	Police, volunteers, PC	Speedwatch volunteers found, training given, about to set up May 16.	ONGOING
2	Review the problem of parking and improve traffic movements in High Street	MEDIUM	PC Partners: Highways CCC	Agreed	ABANDONED
3	Review the problem of parking and improve traffic movements in New Road outside School.	HIGH	PC Partners: Highways CCC	LHI bid successful for 2016-17. Safer crossing & flashing signs envisaged. Lay-by being considered; School Travel Plan adopted, non-car travel encouraged. Burwash has offered car parking space. "Kiss and drop" system being trialled.	ONGOING

4	Ensure adequate parking in centre of village.	HIGH	PC Partners: Highways CCC	Plan to improve surface of School Lane car park and provide disabled parking signs June 10.	COMPLETED
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5	Improve the New Road /A603 junction.	HIGH	PC Partners: Highways CCC	Barton PC to lobby for roundabout + redesigned access from Roman Hill. Projected housing to the west will cause pressure, as will any P&R or P&C proposals.	ONGOING
6	Improve Haslingfield Road /A603 junction.	MEDIUM	PC Partners: Highways CCC	Barton PC to lobby for mini-roundabout.	PROJECTED
7	Ensure ongoing repair of pot-holes	HIGH	PC Partners: Highways CCC	Budget cuts forced backlog and temporary repair.	ONGOING
8	Ensure gritting of major routes.	HIGH	Highways CCC	Haslingfield Rd now gritted, because weight restriction removed.	COMPLETED
9	Ensure safety of Haslingfield Rd railway bridge	MEDIUM	Highways CCC University	University retained Haslingfield Rd bridge with new box culvert after lobbying took place.	COMPLETED
B	To improve safety and accessibility of routes for cyclists in and around Barton.				
1	Improve the surface of the cycle path into Cambridge.	MEDIUM	PC Partners: Highways CCC	Cycle paths deteriorating. Improvement asked for in Western Orbital consultation March 16. PC to monitor surface quality. A603 cycleway now being gritted.	PROJECTED
2	Improve the cycle crossing at the New Road and A603 junction.	HIGH	PC Partners: Highways CCC	See A5 above. Reduction of speed + roundabout essential to allow children to cross. New speed limit has made slight improvement.	PROJECTED
3	Extend the cycle routes in Barton.	MEDIUM	PC Partners: Highways CCC	Poor state of footpath in New Road on section used as permissive cycleway. Place white lines around obtruding lamp columns.	PROJECTED
4	Improve cyclist safety by offering cycle paths on major roads in Barton.	MEDIUM	PC Partners: Highways CCC	Cycleway now continuous through the village along the A603.	COMPLETED

5	Improve bridleway surface to Grantchester to provide Cambridge cycle link.	HIGH	PC Partners: Highways CCC ; Grantchester PC	Sub-base, membrane and planings surface laid down as far as M11 in July14, to make bridleway 10 available to all users. Some remedial work may be needed at Barton end.	COMPLETED
6	Encourage cycle use within village by providing cycle racks.	MEDIUM	PC Partners: Cycle Officers	Cycle racks installed at Rec, Village Hall, Church, etc, by BeaVers in 2012.	COMPLETED
C	To improve the safety of pedestrians in Barton				
1	Improve the safety of pedestrians crossing at Wimpole Road.	HIGH	PC Partners: Highways CCC	Crossing point still needed near Wallis Garage + pinch points. LHI bid successful for 2015-16, but negotiations with engineers stalled. Speed limit now reduced.	ONGOING
2	Review the effectiveness of the crossing outside Conkers	HIGH	PC Partners: Highways CCC	Red tarmac strip put in, but has faded. Replacement requested by APM April 13, now on order from Cambs CC.	ONGOING
3	Request a pedestrian crossing at the New Road and A603 junction.	HIGH	PC Partners: Highways CCC	Fits in with A5 and B2 above. Needed on both roads owing to continuing danger	ONGOING
4	Ensure adequate footway surface	MEDIUM	PC Partners: Highways CCC	Improve footway surface in Wimpole Road, nos 74-94.	ONGOING
D	To improve the amenities in Barton				
1a	Keep in touch with bus service providers. Ensure viable 18 service.	LOW	PC Partners: Stagecoach and Whippet; CCC.	Liaison meeting took place. No identified greater need, although late night service 18/18A on Friday and Saturday discontinued.	ONGOING
1b	Ensure viable 75 service.	MEDIUM	Whippet; CCC.	Comment on no. 75 route and timetable changes.	ONGOING
1c	Encourage new bus routes.	MEDIUM	SCDC, Dews.	Bikebus scheme introduced on Sundays in July 14. Few passengers, uneconomical, withdrawn. April 16.	ABANDONED

2	Extend the 'Park and Ride' service.	LOW	PC Partners:	Northampton St. stop could be reinstated. Park & Ride car parking charge will deter users and cause on-street parking. Strong feeling against new P&R's in Western Orbital consultation.	PROJECTED
3	Urge the Highways Department to repair footways that are in a bad state of repair	HIGH	Parish Council Partners: Highways Department	High St footways re-done 2012. <i>Footway in New Road currently dangerous for disabled?</i> Lobby through County Councillor. School Lane kerb mended.	ONGOING
4	Investigate the possibility of installing a mains gas supply to the village.	MEDIUM	Parish Council Partners: TRANSCO	No longer applicable, too costly.	ABANDONED
5	Identify suitable plots of land to provide allotments.	MEDIUM	Parish Council Partners: Local landowners	Land offered for rent & discussions held April 10, but allotmenters felt too expensive to be viable.	ABANDONED
6	Ensure retention of services to allow for "vibrant" village	HIGH	Parish Council Partners: SCDC, local businesses.	Burwash Manor provides vital hub of shops and events, in addition to Wallis Garage, PO, Carters shoes and hair salon and two vibrant pubs. CRT has traditional farm. Arbory Trust provides expanded woodland burial ground. Haggis Farm holds Rock Festival yearly. All part of the Quarter to Six Quadrant leisure vision.	ONGOING
E	To ensure the needs of the young people in the village are addressed				
1	Seek the views of the young people in the village and make improvements to the facilities/activities available	HIGH	Parish Council Partners: Youth Leaders	Questionnaires were sent out re possible play facilities; new equipment for 8-13 year olds installed March 10. New Pavilion will encourage more club activity. Youth shelter provided; skateboard revamped; new twisty slide added Aug 13. Organise biennial event to encourage youth. Continue to update equipment. Survey on play area needs April 16.	ONGOING

F	To maintain and improve the environment of Barton				
1	Keep the character of the village and ensure that the Parish Council and residents work together to keep Barton a separate village in ten years time.	HIGH	Parish Council Partners: South Cambridgeshire District Council Planning Department	Publication of Quarter to Six Quadrant vision in May 12 after well attended meeting of four parishes - Barton, Coton, Grantchester, Madingley. Regarded as material planning consideration by SCDC in Local Development Plan. Seek villager views in Western Orbital consultation March 16.	ONGOING
2	Encourage the growth of wild flowers	MEDIUM	Parish Council Partners: Grounds by Rounds	Frequent monitoring. Green Spaces initiative encouraged by District Councillor and CPPF.	ONGOING
3	Provide further areas to appreciate nature.	MEDIUM	Parish Council Partners: SCDC	Church Close Nature Reserve created to allow enjoyment of wildlife.	COMPLETED
4	Alleviate any flooding problems	HIGH	SCDC drains; Highways CCC	Liaise to prevent recurrence of major blockage and flooding at Conkers Pond Dec 12 and surface sewage problems near White Horse. Ensure Highways clears drains and gullies, e.g New Road bend.	ONGOING
5	Reduce dog mess in the village.	MEDIUM	Parish Council Partners: South Cambs District Council	Some success achieved; bins placed at Leys. Other locations, in New Road and near Hoops sought.	ONGOING
6	Install environmentally friendly street lighting.	MEDIUM	Parish Council Partners: Cambridgeshire County Council	Mostly done by May 12. High St. remains Sept 14, with unsatisfactory coverage. Frequent need to negotiate with Balfour Beatty. Jan 13 Green Deal meeting had 80 attendees.	ONGOING

7	Encourage environmental awareness.	MEDIUM	Barton Energy Group Partners: Parish Council, SCDC Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership	Under auspices of SCDC SPEP Barton Energy Group, set up in Oct 2009, encourages reduced energy consumption. Energy monitors have been lent out to assist with this. Analysis of Energy Performance Certificates for over a third of the housing stock has also helped to identify cost-effective measures that can help. A Thermal Imaging camera has been used to detect draughts and areas where insulation can be improved. The use of low-energy light bulbs has been encouraged and a light bulb library obtained to help in the selection of new bulbs. Information has been provided on solar energy and the use of heat pumps, both of which have been eagerly adopted by villagers. Barton School Eco group' has achieved the silver award of the Eco Schools programme.	ONGOING
8	Ensure maintenance of publicly owned trees in village.	MEDIUM	PC partners; SCDC trees; Highways CCC	Annual inspection and creation of tree map via PC tree warden. Assessment made July 13; CCC arranged trimming or removal. Decision to have stump of chestnut carved Sept 14 abandoned; Conker by shop fell, Nov 15, not to be replaced.	ONGOING
9	Enable provision of small works in village.	MEDIUM	PC partners	BeaVers - volunteer labour works under supervision of previous Clerk - tidying, strimming, clearing, painting, planting, etc.	ONGOING
10	Have defibrillator available.	HIGH	School, PC, individuals	Appeal made, defibrillator installed outside School May 16. Training required.	ONGOING
G	To ensure appropriate housing in Barton.				

1	Protect the Green Belt around the village and the conservation areas within it.	HIGH	Parish Council Partners: South Cambs District Council, Cambs County Council, QTSQ	Continuing partnership. Quarter to Six Quadrant vision with cooperation of 4 parishes - Barton, Coton, Grantchester, Madingley. Regarded as material planning consideration by SCDC in Local Development Plan. Consideration of value of preparing Neighbourhood Plan; Training attended by Councillors March 16.	ONGOING
2	Allow some small-scale developments.	LOW	Parish Council Partners: South Cambs District Council, Housing Associations	No further progress at this stage. Detail of development at Hines Farm awaited May 16.	PROJECTED
3	Enable continuing provision of sheltered housing	MEDIUM	Parish Council Partners: South Cambs District Council,	Residents' petition for retention of fixed carers submitted May 10; meeting re funding for insulation Mar 12; PC wish to support residents' concerns and maintain watching brief.	ONGOING
4	Provide some affordable housing.	MEDIUM	Cambs ACRE, SCDC, Hastoe Housing Association	PC initiated Housing Needs Survey March 16; recommendations from agencies will follow.	ONGOING
H	To ensure there are adequate sporting facilities and activities in Barton				
1	Provide a usable pavilion.	HIGH	BRIG Partners: Tennis and Bowls Clubs, South Cambs District Council	New Pavilion opened May 11. Major grants were received from SCDC, WREN, Donarbon, the Football Foundation and the Parish Council. Now developing wider range of user groups	COMPLETED
2	Enhance Leys approach to New Pavilion and renew Leys footpaths.	HIGH	PC; Highways CCC; funders SCDC, AmeyCespa, WREN.	Provide better surface for parking, widen access footpath, solar lighting, replace fencing. Leys Project obtained funders May 13; work completed Sept 14.	COMPLETED
I	To improve information and communication within Barton				

1	Parish Council to communicate more effectively with the village by advertising dates, times, locations and agenda of PC meetings and to invite the local police officer to the Annual Parish Meeting.	HIGH	Parish Council Partners:	Quality Status achieved in Dec 09; renewed application made Dec 15. Ongoing training programme for Councillors in place 2015-16. All documents on website according to Transparency Code.	ONGOING
2	PC to set up strategy for emergencies.	MEDIUM	Parish Council Partners: South Cambs District Council	PC clerk established list of key players & contacts May 10; list correlated with SCDC Emergency Plan June 13 and revised June 15.	COMPLETED
3	Develop a village website.	HIGH	Parish Council Partners: Web users	Website fully operational Jan 16. http://www.barton-cambs.org.uk Needs frequent revision.	ONGOING
4	Develop IT in public places.	HIGH		Wish to install broadband at Pavilion. Logical to install digital projector at Village Hall.	ONGOING