

PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

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What do you most enjoy about living in the village?

- Rural aspect x 10
- Being able to see the night sky x 3
- No street lights x 4
- Good community spirit x 9
- Feeling of space
- Friendly people & atmosphere x 2
- Walking in surrounding fields and areas (with dog) x 2
- Views of the South Downs x 2
- Lots of events & activities & facilities, jumble sales, panto x 5
- It's a village
- Peace & Quiet x 3
- So much to do
- Nice pubs
- Playscheme
- Shop and Post Office x 3
- School
- Park - peaceful
- Everything except the traffic
- Railway station x 2
- Socialising in the pubs
- Relatively low vandalism and bad behaviour by teens
- Location - good access to many local centres - Haywards Heath, Lewes
- I can work locally in beautiful surroundings

What do you least enjoy about living in the village?

- Increase in traffic x 3
- Parking on the roadside, verges or pavements x 4
- Speed of traffic x 10
- Speed of traffic outside of village centre x 2
- Station Road (why?)
- Driving through the village is like driving through a racecourse of chicanes
- Poor pavements x 2 - particularly where narrow and large vehicles pass close by
- New residents who want to change things before finding out what a wonderful place it is - its fine as it is!

- Powercuts
- Traffic with fumes getting into houses
- Level crossing x 2 - length of waiting time
- No train service in the middle of the day x 2
- Litter (growing problem) x 2
- Nothing for adolescents to do
- Petty behaviour of some residents
- Clique of newcomers
- Dog mess (or rather dog owners who don't clean up after their dogs!) x 3
- Lorries churning up the verges
- Lack of safety when walking from Green Cross to shop or station
- Concerned re poor appearance of the old Pit Stop Garage, what will happen to it?
- Chain link fencing in Southdowns
- The Plough closing - but hopefully it will re-open
- Overgrown hedges reducing pavement width
- 4 x 4's
- Lack of frequent buses

If you could change one thing in the village what would it be?

- Stop speeding traffic by introducing effective measures x 8
- Reduce speed limit to 40mph in non-urban parts of Plumpton Lane
- Reduce volume of traffic - esp heavy goods vehicles
- Minimise parking on roadside through centre of village
- More frequent bus service esp during mid-day and weekends
- Put automatic gates at level crossing
- Re-impose weight limit in Plumpton Lane
- Better pavements x 2 - need to be safer to walk children to school
- More affordable housing - greater social mix - more young families
- Modernise the childrens playground
- Install an activity/running trail at playing field with exercise stations at intervals
- Council to clean the roads, paths and verges more frequently
- Install Victorian street lights for safety
- One extra train service/ bus journey to Lewes or H Heath on a Sunday afternoon
- More freq train service x 2 - esp during the day to Lewes/Eastbourne
- Can we get the midnight train from London to stop at Plumpton
- Stop cars parking on station Rd esp near the station
- Reduce inconsiderate parking - possibly use white lines near corners/on hills - unlike
- double yellow lines - white still effective but does not req police action

- Replace/remove some of the chain link fencing/concrete posts nr school in
- Southdowns with something less industrial & more attractive & suited to countryside
- Get the four sports clubs, tennis, football, cricket and rugby to use one social facility
- More events at Village Hall such as aerobics, farmers market, craft fair
- Sort out all of the pot holes in Riddens Lane - a danger to old people especially
- Village sign should say "Plumpton Green" not just "Plumpton"
- More childcare, after school clubs
- Coffee shop
- Footpath/cycle path needed between the Plough & Half Moon
- Make the village a "green" village - joint venture with ESCC