

NEWS from the SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
Update

This month we can again bring you good news! We have two new Members of the Steering Group: they are Peter Newsom and Darren Nichols, who we welcomed and they signed our revised Constitution at the last meeting. We look forward to their input as we push ahead with our draft NP. We also met with our Consultants, 'Place Studio', (www.placestudio.com) for the first time; it was useful to meet face to face and for us all to know with whom we will be working. We have already received a 'road map' from them detailing the work ahead: it is a long document and will probably require that the SG meet more frequently to tackle this amount of work. The monthly meetings on the last Thursday of the month, will remain 'open' ones to which all Parishioners are welcome. Our additional meetings will be closed and arranged 'ad hoc' to suit those who are available. Steering Group members, Aldetha Raymond and Sarah Chard are reviewing our website and we look forward to seeing the 'make-over'. Please be patient in the meantime. It will retain the same address, www.seendparishplan.org

We need your thoughts as to which 'Green Spaces' in the Parish you think should be protected. This is important because the NP will reflect your views and it is a wonderful opportunity for the community to shape the way we want our Parish to look. But any policy we write into the NP has to reflect your ideas so we need to collect this information to create an evidence base. An example might be the BRAG picnic site, or the triangle at the top of Spout Lane. When you are out and about take note of what you feel is important, as there will be an opportunity for you to register your ideas later in the year.

"Local communities through local and neighbourhood plans should be able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them. By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances." (National Planning Policy Framework, paragraph 76).

The Steering Group would welcome anyone who is interested in being our Minute Secretary. Please do come forward if you think you could take on this role. Georgina A'Bear (Chair) would be delighted to hear from you for an exploratory chat (828288). The next meetings will be on Thursday 22nd February, and Thursday 29th March, held in the Pavilion. These meetings are open to all Parishioners and we welcome your involvement.

Carola Thorpe on behalf of the S.P.N.P. Steering Group