

NEWS from the SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
May Update

We are fortunate that Carole Vince has generously agreed to become Vice Chair of the Steering Group, so now that long vacant post has a very efficient incumbent. Grants to pay for help from our Consultants have to be reapplied for in this next financial year, so that is underway as I write. We have found the Consultants' experience very useful in giving the correct structure to our efforts.

The Steering Group has been busy with a number of endeavours, which have been broken down so that the jobs are shared out amongst the members. Darren Nichols and Peter Newsom have been identifying Local Green Spaces that are precious to the community and may qualify for Protected Status. Carole Vince has identified our Community Assets, and Carola Thorpe will shortly start work on listing the Heritage buildings in the Parish. Georgina A'Bear (our Chair) continues to keep us focused!

This work will set out the various aspects to our village that exist presently, along with a description of the geological and historical developments, which will give a background to why it has developed the way it has. This baseline description of what we have will also identify what we lack. From this starting point the community will be in a positive position to consider the value of any proposed developments that come forward.

It is important that you give us any opinions you have that you would like incorporated as we proceed with this work, because community involvement is what gives authority to the NP, and statutory status will only be achieved with a positive outcome of the final referendum.

You are likely to find us at the various Community events that will take place through the summer, so please approach us with questions and comments.

The website overhaul has taken longer than expected and we apologise for this delay. All are welcome at the monthly open meetings, which take place on the last Thursday of the month: 26th. April, 31st. May at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

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