

Thanks

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- the members of the Steering and Working Groups which produced the plan

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- all other partner organisations, with whom we have worked in the past and look forward to working, with renewed direction and commitment, in the future
- Alistair Davis Landscape & Location Photography (01752 895576)



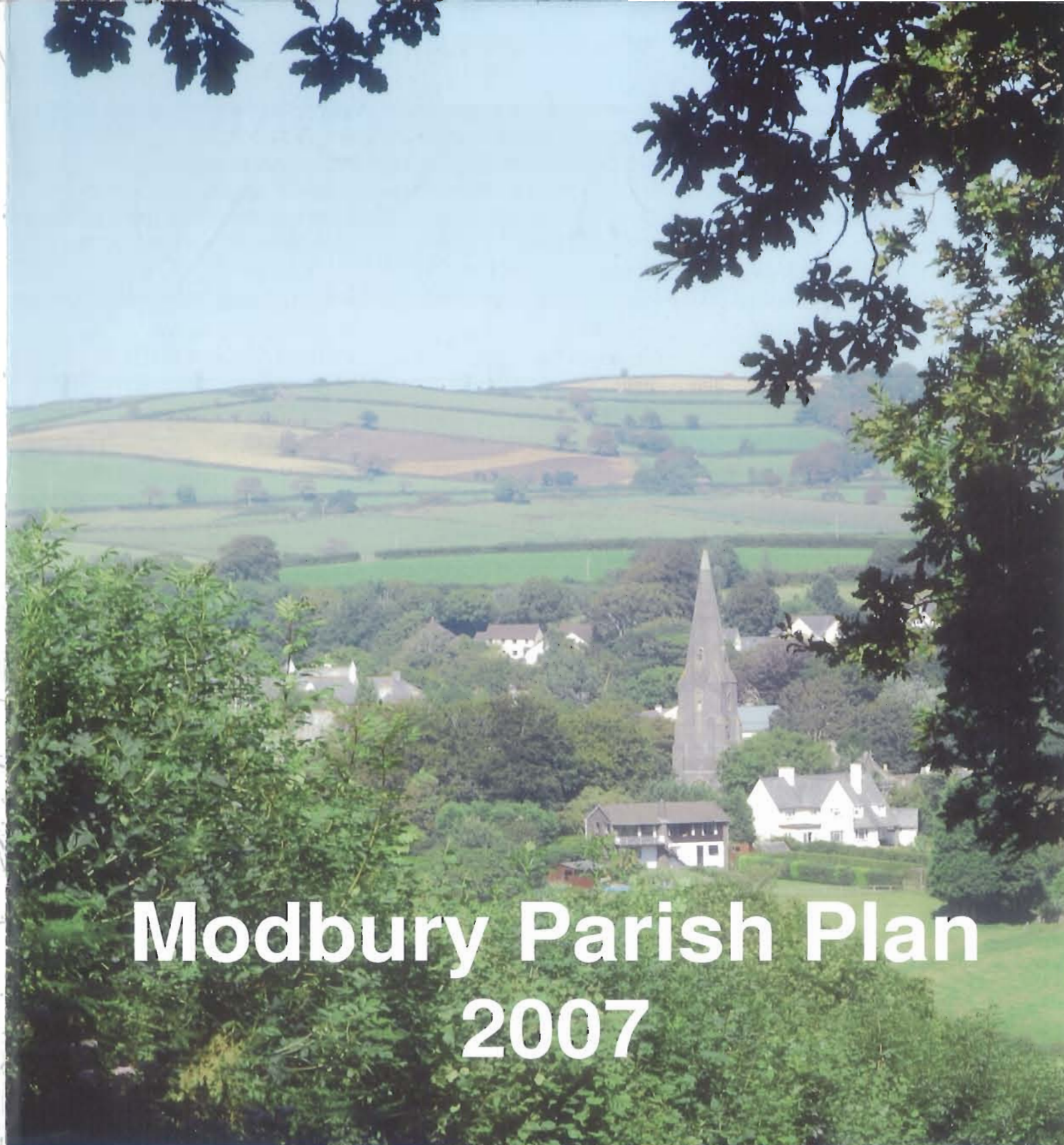
How You Can Help

For the Plan to become reality, active involvement by local residents and groups will be essential. If you would like to become involved in any of the actions, or if you think that some actions are not being given enough priority, then please let us know.

Individuals who would like to be actively involved are invited to contact the **Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr David Hansford, on 01548 830222 or e-mail modburypc@tiscali.co.uk**

Measuring Progress

The Parish Council will be monitoring progress and local residents always have the opportunity to attend Parish Council meetings to ask about projects which interest them. The Annual Parish Meeting will also provide the opportunity for the Parish Council to report back on progress achieved. Regular progress reports will also be featured in the Modbury Messenger.



Modbury Parish Plan 2007



Purpose of the Plan

- Identify what people want and create an Action Plan to enhance the quality of the Parish and the lives of those who live and work in it.
- Provide a useful guide for local projects and point of reference when seeking funds or assistance from outside agencies.
- Act as a dynamic reference document for statutory bodies (e.g. the district and county council) when making decisions and policies that affect the Parish.
- Inform every household about the process and outcomes of developing the Parish Plan so as to provide a focal point for community interaction.

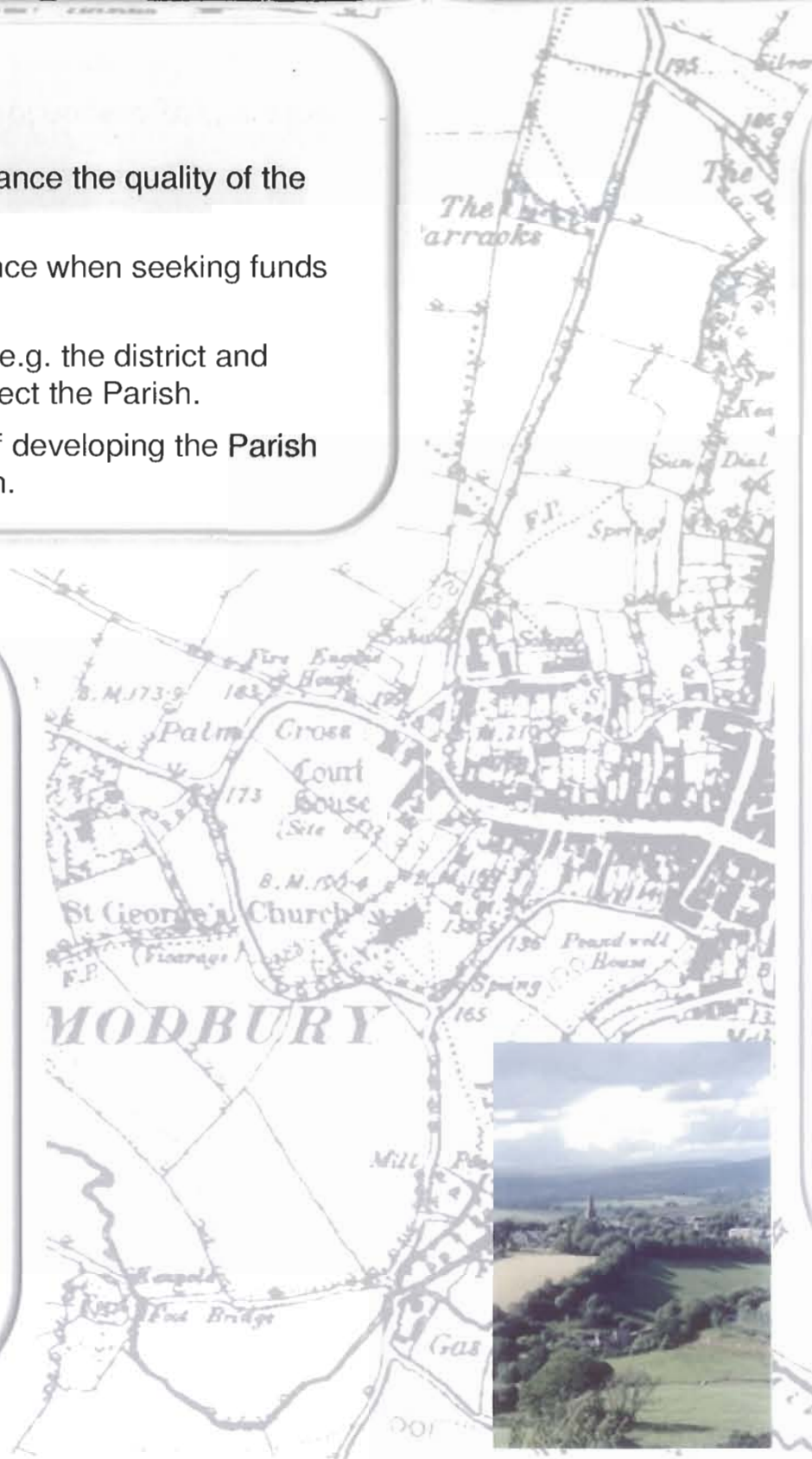
Producing the Plan

- Initiated by Parish Council in Feb 2006
- Led by Steering Group with Parish Council representation
- Questionnaire to all households – over 75% response
- Results analysed and presented at well attended White Hart exhibition
- Working Groups established to focus on specific questionnaire outcomes
- Steering Group reviewed Working Group outputs
- Regular progress updates to Parish via Modbury Messenger
- Presentation of draft Plan to Parish Council, discussion and refinement
- Formal adoption of by Parish Council 13 August 2007

Implementing the Plan

The Parish Council “own” the Parish Plan and are the focal point for its implementation. Responsibility for implementing elements of the plan will be delegated to local Working Groups. Action will be coordinated through a Parish Plan sub-committee.

The Parish Plan has already received positive acknowledgement from South Hams District Council (SHDC). It will be “lodged” formally with both SHDC and Devon County Council (DCC).



Look What Modbury People Can Achieve

Plastic Bag Free Modbury

From May 1st 2007 Modbury officially became the first town in the British Isles to stop issuing plastic shopping bags when goods are purchased. Every trader joined together in this venture, and from the 1st May onwards there has **not been a single plastic shopping bag** available in the entire town of Modbury.



Millennium Gardens

Through the generous donation of a parcel of land close to the town Modbury is now well on its way to having a quiet recreation location where locals and visitors alike will be able to sit and walk in a pleasant natural area with a small woodland, orchard, stream and an open space. Two successful grant applications have provided a firm foundation for development in a sensitive manner to benefit the whole community for many years to come.

School Appeal

£30,000 was raised in 2005 as a result of community fund raising and donations. This provided enhanced equipment and technology for Modbury Primary School.

Priorities for Action

The top 5 priorities for immediate action identified in the questionnaire were:

- Keeping local shops
- Traffic congestion
- Housing for young families
- Parking for residents
- Road safety



Housing/Long-Term Development

| Action | Why It is Needed | How It Will Be Achieved | Who Can Help |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of affordable housing for young residents • Decision on location for planned additional 50 houses to 2016 • Balance need for housing with preserving character of Modbury • Plan for refurbishment / replacement of the school • Relief from traffic congestion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing for young people was the third most important priority and 52 people identified a need for a starter home in next 5 years. This is therefore a high short-term priority. • This is a high priority as the Local Development Framework (LDF) review is currently underway. Of the two currently identified sites, more households prefer the site west of Palm Cross Green. • 46% of respondents do not want any more housing. This is an ongoing priority. • More people than not say Modbury should plan for a new school. Such a plan cannot be developed in isolation from a wider vision for the future of the town and the provision of housing /community facilities. Medium term priority. • A majority (59%) think Modbury should plan for a relief road. This is a medium to long term priority. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of a Community Land Trust (CLT), following detailed survey of housing needs. Allocation of a third of new housing to be reserved for the CLT. • Work closely with SHDC during the review of the LDF identifying the requirement and location for new housing, including the pros and cons of various sites. • Continued application of Village Design Statement (VDS) principles when considering planning proposals. • Production of a vision for Modbury and within that context a development plan for school buildings and school field, so that development proposals can be assessed and plans co-ordinated. • Investigate alternative routing of HGVs via Harraton Cross and apply continued pressure for a sensitively designed relief road. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Hams District Council (SHDC). • SHDC. • SHDC. • School and Devon County Council (DCC) Education Department. • DCC Highways Department and neighbouring parishes. |

Traffic & Parking

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists • Improved use of public car-parks • Introduction of measures to ease parking problems in specific residential areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very strong support for introduction of additional road safety measures in Modbury and in particular for those that improve pedestrian safety (62% of households). Principal areas of concern were in respect of Broad Street and Church Street and the approaches to the town, Barracks Road, Palm Cross and Dark Lane (short term). • High level of interest (50% of households) in parking in Poundwell car park on a short stay basis if the first half hour were free of charge and implied concern that lack of convenient public car-parking is affecting local shops (short term). • Residents in specific areas (Brownston Street, Galpin Street, Poundwell area and Church Street in particular) have difficulty in parking outside their properties (16% of households). There is support from 27% of households for the introduction of some form of residents parking scheme (medium term). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor accident data and undertake regular traffic flow/speed surveys during peak months/times at representative locations. • Identify and implement appropriate traffic calming options for Modbury as a whole e.g. 20 mph limit electronic signs. • Monitor usage levels in Poundwell car parks over summer. • Redesign lower Poundwell car-park to provide extra capacity and designated areas for domestic and commercial permit holders. • Promote greater use of Poundwell parking permits by local businesses for employees to free-up on-street parking spaces. • Investigate opportunities to provide more off-street parking on vacant land/sites in Galpin Street and other sites. • Make representations to District Council re adequacy of car-parking ratios for any further new developments . • Investigate different resident parking schemes and develop proposals for a comprehensive Modbury scheme. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC to undertake regular traffic flow/speed surveys. • SHDC. • SHDC. • Chamber of Trade (CofT). • SHDC. • SHDC. |
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Local Economy

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote local shops and businesses • Establish local farmers market if feasible | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very strong support for keeping local shops but more than half of households do majority of shopping elsewhere for a variety of reasons (short term). • Very strong support from 86% of households for a local farmers market (short term). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate innovative ways to increase ease of using local shops e.g. "double ticket" scheme whereby parking fee is reimbursed by shop (recently introduced by Coop in Dartmouth) and local delivery scheme. • Develop action plan for promoting local shops and improving their attractiveness to local residents and others (medium-term). • Provide help to those who find it difficult to access local shops. • Compile sponsored local business directory and distribute with Modbury Messenger and include on Modbury community web-site. • Undertake feasibility study, and if appropriate develop action plans, for establishing a farmers market. Such plans to ensure that the farmers market will enhance the viability of existing shop-keepers. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CofT. • CofT. • Modbury Caring. • CofT. |
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Community/Leisure Facilities

- **Improved access to, and use of, facilities**
 - **Improved community relationships/networks**
 - **Greater community participation in decisions that affect their lives**
 - **Versatile and flexible community buildings**
 - **Funding for proposed Pavilion**
 - **Development of children's play areas**
 - **Premises and leadership for youth activities**
 - **Provision of allotments**
 - **Improved visibility of organisations and events**
 - **Provision of Town Square for Modbury**
- Questionnaire results identified a demand for more sports, educational and social facilities (short term).
 - We have an uncoordinated approach to provision of educational, social and recreational facilities (short term).
 - Questionnaire results indicated that residents are interested in decisions that affect the future of the town (short/medium term).
 - Inadequate functionality of Memorial Hall, Recreation Field and their immediate surroundings (short term).
 - Need for Management Committees to have ability to enable them to successfully apply for grants/ funding (short term).
 - Inadequate and outdated equipment in existing play areas to cater for the needs of our young people (medium term).
 - No suitable space for youth facilities both indoor and outdoor (medium term).
 - Demand from 101 households for allotments close to town.
 - Responses to questionnaire suggested that many residents are unaware of existing groups and facilities.
 - Support from 57% to the formation of a Town Square as an attractive central area for town functions including markets.

- Explore ways of improving access to and use of a wider range of sporting, educational and social activities within the town.
- Form one body to represent all leisure and social facilities and develop coordinated approach.
- Regular consultation events by newly formed body e.g. exhibition to highlight proposed projects/events and use of Modbury Messenger to advertise activities on offer.
- Invite local clubs/organisations in/around Modbury to define their needs for facilities/premises to newly formed body.
- Support Modbury Assoc of Recreation & Sports (MARS) working with South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA), SHDC, Lottery and Parish Council.
- Establish future plans of Memorial Hall Trust regarding upgrading the play area.
- Identify a suitable space and/or building for young people in the community and find suitable leaders.
- Establish group to identify potential sites and funding.
- Develop Modbury community web-site to act as a portal for all related Modbury web-sites.
- Investigate feasibility and produce design options,

- DCC Dep't of Education & Devon Youth Ass'n (DYA).
- Joint meeting of MARS, Memorial Hall & Church.
- Newly appointed group representing all leisure and social facilities.
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- MARS, SWRDA, SHDC, and Lottery Commission.
- Memorial Hall Committee.
- DYA to find leaders and SHDC for premises.
- Allotment sub-group.
- CofT, Tourist Information Centre (TIC), Modbury Society.
- Working Group.

Local Services

- **Improved confidence in local policing and protection from crime**
 - **Improved local access to health related services**
 - **Improved local public and community transport**
- High levels of concern re lack of police presence, speeding, vandalism, anti-social behaviour and burglary (short term).
 - Low levels of satisfaction with certain local services, in particular police/traffic wardens, highways maintenance, cleaning/lighting, water supply and refuse (medium term).
 - Very high numbers of households have difficulty in accessing an NHS dentist (short term).
 - A few households have difficulties accessing other health related services such as chiropodist (short term).
 - Some concerns re adequacy of public transport and lack of direct link to Ivybridge (medium term).

- Liaise with Community Police Officer, via Parish Office, to monitor incident/crime reports in/around Modbury and address specific concerns.
- Reinvigorate Neighbourhood Watch schemes within Modbury.
- Establish prioritised register of improvements to road safety, road surfaces, lighting, footpaths and cycletracks in Parish Office.
- Develop a facility on a Modbury community web-site for local residents to log issues with council services for action by local District and County Councillors.
- Investigate what, if anything, can be done realistically to provide access locally to an NHS dentist.
- Investigate how more specialist services can be provided locally e.g. by making a room in the Health Centre available to visiting specialist service providers.
- Develop/implement a Community Travel Plan (CTP) to include links to Ivybridge, other areas accessible by public transport, and parish community transport.

- Community Police Officer.
- Neighbourhood Watch.
- DCC and SHDC.
- DCC Highways.



Environment

- **Greater awareness among local residents of green issues and support for opportunities and facilities for improving the environment**
 - **Improved public transport and car sharing**
- 70% of the community thought there should be more community initiatives aimed at environmental improvements and reduction in energy conservation (short term).
 - 14% of the community expressed an interest in better public transport and car-sharing (medium term).



- Form sub-group of interested residents, with Parish Council representative, to address "Green" issues, including starting a "Green Information Point" within the town, linked to a "Green Corner" in Messenger with advice/tips on conservation, alternative energy, recycling and links to further information and grants.
- Encourage school to be involved in ongoing green awareness and projects.
- Initiate information days and workshops, learning from other local groups, with guest speakers and experts.
- Investigate possibility of conducting a study of Modbury's "Carbon Footprint" and set targets to reduce over periods of time.
- Lobby SHDC to exceed minimum guide lines for energy conservation on planning applications for new housing.
- Investigate better recycling policy for business premises and lobby SHDC to recycle more.
- Investigate possibility of extra doggy bin facilities in Dark Lane/Barracks Road.
- Inform people about existing opportunities for car sharing through Messenger, with links to existing websites, or initiate a local web-site.

- Green Sub-Group.
- Green Sub-Group, School.
- Green Sub-Group, local Sustainability Groups.
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- SHDC.
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- Parish Council to address within Community Transport Plan (see Local Services section).