

EAST STOUR VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

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1. Village History (Guy Gilding)

The WW1 Centenary in August 2014 is the urgent driver to several ideas shown overleaf, including:

- Research the stories of the village men who went to war, where they lived etc (one mother lost her two sons and never again locked her doors in case they returned
- Commission an external memorial, perhaps located at the Village Hall/playing field. A modern example of a memorial structure has been designed by Janet Swiss in Stour Provost (her initial sketched design is stunning!); leave the existing stone plaques in Village Hall and the Church
- Create the Village History Group for villagers to join

2. Playing Field (John Gould)

- Complete the tidy up of entrance from Witch Lane; paint safety railings
- Prune trees/strimming/clear vegetation cuttings, nettles and scrub including Witch Lane/Back Street corner
- Create circular footpath around field
- Village orchard – perhaps six or so fruit trees?

3. Children's Play Area (David Little)

- Provide baby swings?
- Lay rubberised area(s) around children's play equipment to give better surface and less maintenance?
- Playing Field Commemorative Stone – replace disintegrating stone and reinstate plaque

4. Planting (Penny Brentnall)

- Continue planting many more daffodils etc around the village to include outlying areas
- Bluebells around some trees in playing field

5. Seats (John Gould)

- Purchase and install two seats in the playing field area (kindly funded by Francis Austin-Jones)
- Refurbish existing seats

6. A30 Land near Oswalds Barn (John Gould)

- Landscape the site - including weedkiller (probably April) before grass seeding
- Plant a few trees and a seat facing Duncliffe Hill on inner boundary (i.e. next to farmland) with gravel path?

7. Maintenance Team (John Gould)

- Develop a working team of volunteers to maintain the increased facilities

8. Fund Raising (Penny Brentnall)

- Another Souper Saturday
- Open Gardens Day?
- Further ideas?

9. Village Hall Renovation (David Little)

- What renovations and improvements would you like to see? (*Meeting to be on 27 Jan at 7.30pm in the Village Hall*).

10. Village Action Plan – Where Next? (David Little)

- Set up a presentation in Village Hall to generate a discussion - what more should we do and what support is there?