

EAST STOUR VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

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1. **Village History** (Guy Gilding) - see separate item
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. Plans modified - some areas being managed to benefit wildlife
 - Tree protection frames around our eleven new trees are being made and placed by John Gould - including the London Plane tree planted to commemorate the work of Oliver Salisbury and the other long serving Village Hall Committee members - some serving since 1971!!
 - Spring planting of shrubs - choice to be finalised to encourage birds, butterflies etc
 - Six bird boxes have been made and set up in trees around the playing field by John Gould. One is near the recycling bins - see if you can spot the other five! Sydenhams kindly donated the materials
 - create circular limestone footpath around field - this would be 430 metres long so an ambitious project!!
 - Village orchard – perhaps six or so fruit trees?
3. **Children's Play Area** (David Little)
 - Provide baby swings?
 - More frequent grass cutting around children's play equipment
 - Playing Field Commemorative Stone – replace disintegrating stone and reinstate plaque
4. **Planting** (Penny Brentnall)
 - Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will be enjoying the 4,000 daffodils along Back Street and at the village entry signs!
 - Continue planting many more daffodils etc in the autumn around the village to include outlying areas - where would you like them?
 - Bluebells around some trees in playing field
 - Other ideas??
5. **Seats** (John Gould)
 - Install the new picnic table (funded by the Parish Council)
 - Install two seats in the playing field area (kindly funded by Francis Austin-Jones) and a third seat that Liz Robertson has refurbished
6. **A30 Land near Oswalds Barn** (John Gould)
 - Landscape the site - including applying weedkiller (thanks to Brian Down) before seeding grass and planting some trees
7. **Maintenance Team** (John Gould)
 - Develop a working team of volunteers to maintain the increased facilities
8. **Stours Villages Markets** (Julia Gould) - see separate item
9. **Oil Buying Scheme** (Sandy Mould) - see separate item
10. **Fund Raising** (Penny Brentnall)
11. **Village Hall Renovation** (David Little) - see separate item

As always, a plea for people to come forward and offer to help. All the above work would not happen without willing volunteers. Taking part is very sociable and some tasks are simple but essential - organising meetings, taking and circulating notes, giving ideas and opinions on the ways forward - all helping to improve our village.

Contact details for the names above are in the Action Plan at the back of the Village Plan booklet, or contact me.