

Shaw-cum-Donnington

Parish Plan – Action Plan

Draft update of

October 2026

2026 ACTION PLAN

Objective	Action	Priority (HML)	Timeline (SML)	Project Manager / Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification	Progress /Completed
A Safe Community							
Reduce vehicle speeding within the Parish	Look for further ways to aid traffic calming a) speed awareness education for drivers and, b) install meaningful speeding deterrents	High	Medium (12-24 months)	Parish Council	WBC	Despite the parish council's success with a number of measures, speeding is still one of the biggest concerns for parishioners in the 2026 survey, especially on Long Lane and Oxford Road.	Two Mobile Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) were purchased and installed on rotation in 5 locations. Permanent VAS to be installed in Long Lane by WBC, promised in 2023 still awaited. Community Speed Watch since Summer 2023 in several locations and new speed camera purchased. Speed limits on B4494 and B4009 reduced.
	Ask WBC for 30mph roundels on Oxford Road			Parish Council	WBC	Per SID records there are still a large number of motorists speeding on this 30mph section.	As there are no lampposts on the Northern section of the extended 30mph zone, roundels on posts are legal.
	Distribute wheelie bin stickers			Parish Council	WBC	Per SID records there are still a large number of motorists speeding here	These can be distributed to residents in Oxford Road, and Long Lane.
Provide safe passage for pedestrians to cross Oxford Road by the junction with Love Lane	Approach WBC to improve the safety of pedestrians when crossing Oxford Road	High	Medium (12-24 months)	Parish Council	WBC	Residents' concerns when crossing Oxford Rd by the crossroads, due to speeding and sometimes heavy traffic. This was the most mentioned issue with traffic in the 2026 survey.	PC asked WBC for a crossing on Oxford Road by the recreation ground/Castle pub; WBC feedback: no action taken after investigation; no safe place to install a crossing there and insufficient demand at that location. October 2024: petition to WBC submitted, promise of additional VAS warning signs still awaited October 2026.
Create a better and continuous pavement on Oxford Road going North of junction B4494 junction to Donnington Valley Hotel	Ask WBC to ensure this is included as a S.106/CIL condition of any further development in this area.	High	Long (2-5 years)	Parish Council	WBC	There were many complaints about the lack of a continuous/sufficiently wide footpath on the Oxford Road in the 2026 survey. If/when the DWH footpath is built there will be more pedestrians using this road.	ScD PC have asked that this be included in revised Local Plan re additional North Newbury development.

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Review PC's Emergency Plan	Particularly consider flooding and forest fires as a result of global warming, and inform parishioners	Med	Medium	Parish Council		Only 51% of residents felt well informed about the risk of flooding.	
Review and improve Parish footpaths, particularly on Shaw Hill, North and South of Love Lane.	Shaw Hill - improve lighting by cutting back overgrown trees	High	Medium	Parish Council	WBC	Hidden streetlights and overgrown vegetation resulting in poor lighting and a perceived feeling of unsafe transit	Overgrown foliage on Shaw Hill largely cutback by WBC, but an ongoing issue. PC to issue letters to residents to cut back their trees/hedges.
	Consider extra streetlights	High	Medium	Parish Council			Four new improved lampposts installed October 2024, but problem persists – PC to consider low level lighting for pedestrians.
	Review all pavements to ascertain the issues and campaign with WBC for improvements	High	Medium	Parish Council	WBC	63% in 2026 survey complained about the state of footpaths – overgrown hedges, uneven surfaces and poor lighting. Also fly tipping on bridleway by Owen Road Field.	WBC initially advised the parish council that the pavement on Shaw Hill is not sufficiently uneven to warrant resurfacing, but may now consider it. The Parish Council to undertake a survey of the other problem footpaths in the parish. PC to consider how to tackle fly tipping on bridleway.
A Healthy & Stronger Community							
Improve access for cyclists and pedestrians to the local countryside and town; move towards a linked system of walkways across the Parish	Review current routes in the Parish and work with to WBC, e.g. to raise the footpath in Shaw Park to prevent it from being underwater for much of the winter, and light the Vodafone path.	Med	Long	Parish Council	WBC	87% of respondents regularly use parish footpaths and bridlepaths. Safe access for walkers and cyclists to the local countryside and town required to discourage use of cars	WBC has improved signage of cycling and walking route in the parish. A cycle path has been considered to link the Parish with Hermitage, but currently has no funding. DWH not yet installed footpath from DH to Oxford Road – PC to continue to push for this.
Promote events in the parish	Boost local groups and organisations and encourage community participation.	Med	Med	Parish Council		There was a strong desire from those responding to the 2026 survey for more community events in the parish.	Use of Newsletter and social media to promote events such as those at Shaw House and the Village Hall.

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Improved infrastructure for the parish	To push for more community assets (open spaces, play areas, buildings), Doctors, dentists, pharmacies, allotments etc, in the Local Plan and with future developments in the parish	High	Long	Parish Council/ WBC		In the 2026 survey 79% of respondents wanted a doctor's surgery in the parish, 77% wanted more open spaces, 61% wanted a dentist and more than half wanted play areas and a community centre. 58% agreed that the PC should consider taking on more assets.	
Reduce Isolation and loneliness; improve social cohesion in the parish	Introduce trial community café sessions	High	Short	Parish Council	Village Hall Church	72% of respondents would like a local community café.	Since the winter of 2022/23 Shaw Church has run 'Myrtles Café' a warm space initiative in the Church Hall. After a summer break this has recommenced weekly for 2026/27. A pop-up library has been held in the Myrtle Café in 2026/7.
	Expand the community use of the Village Hall	High	Long	Parish Council	Village Hall	93% of respondents said local facilities & social events should be available for various ages & social groups to address loneliness and encourage socialising within the community. Respondents' PC investment priorities were for direct spend on village facilities to link residents together & reduce isolation, care of the elderly and create a community centre for all.	ScD PC is working with the Village Hall committee to plan an extended and improved village hall. Funds permitting work to start in summer 2027. Once built, more regular activities can be arranged. Activities in the village hall are being promoted in the Parish Council newsletter and Facebook page.
Reduce isolation and improve health of residents	To encourage establishment of walking groups in the parish	Med	Med	Parish Council		55 respondents wanted to join a local walking group.	
Improve the parish newsletter	Include what's on at the Village Hall and other events if feasible.	Med	Medium	Parish Council	St Mary's Church/ Village Hall	89% of respondents in 2026 survey said the newsletter contained useful information.	

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Communication of community & parish events	Expand use of the Parish website & social media pages, to grow their following & to publicise events	Med	Medium	Parish Council		Suggestions to have a PC Instagram account to reach more young people that don't use Facebook. To use the News function more on the website.	
A Greener Community							
Improve the appearance of local area & support the environment; reduce litter strewn around.	To hold more frequent litter picks & raise awareness of these events, add a new litter pick in the new estates. Work with Trinity School on litter in the area.	High	Short	Parish Council		61% of respondents the 2026 survey said litter was a problem in the parish, particularly around Trinity School and the parks in Shaw (owned by WBC).	For the last 4 years we have had Spring and Autumn litter picks.
To protect the rural nature of the parish	Work with developers where possible to ensure developments are in keeping with the parish. Input on the WBC Local Plan	High	Long	Parish Council/ WBC	Develope rs	92% of respondents to the 2026 survey wanted to protect the rural nature of the parish.	
To protect and enhance local environment and wildlife areas in the Parish	Work with Newbury Nature Corridors project to enhance wildlife in the parish	Med	Medium	Parish council		62% of respondents wanted Parish investment in local schemes to aid local wildlife protection e.g. putting up nesting boxes with BBOWT & wildlife activities	Native bulb planting organised at Donnington Recreation Ground in 2026.