

Tasks for the Acton Action Plan (2024-25)

Approved at the parish council meeting on 19 June 2024. Note that the 2023 Action Plan will remain a live document.

It is proposed that the below tasks should form the 2024-25 Action Plan, each task that is added to the plan will be researched and costed before it comes forward to full council for approval

1. Consider installing 2 Streetlights between the end of Old Post Office Row and Coblers Way. Increased usage of this pedestrian route following the new estate development of Tamage Rd.
2. Purchase additional lights for Christmas Tree.
3. Councillors to regularly review the council website to consider adding additional helpful information.
4. Work with SCC Highways and our County Councillor to address excessive vehicle speed and rat running through the village, including speeding during the hours of dark. Acton's through route has narrow stretches of roadside pavement and sections with no pavement, the narrow pavements without green verges places pedestrians (especially children) too close to the moving traffic, suggestions from residents:
 - Village wide 20mph zone
 - Part or entire through route (Melford Rd, High Street & Waldingfield Rd) to be considered for a 20-mph zone.
 - Two crossing points at High Street/Jennens Way and High Street/Lambert Drive link.
 - Pinch Points and or crossing points on village through route.
 - Countdown markers/signs approaching 30 mph gateway along Melford Rd.
 - Other traffic calming measures.
 - New pole and Large SID (smiley face version) for Sudbury Rd.
5. Ask SCC Highways to improve pedestrian safety at the corner of Waldingfield and Ten Tree Road, concern is raised for those walking to and from Gt Waldingfield. As a minimum introduce pedestrians-in-road signage.
6. Plant daffodil bulbs at 8 new village gateways.
7. Add Speed Watch page to parish council website, with social media link. Explanation of the purpose of SW and more volunteers needed.
8. Request Babergh DC to plant Wildflower on Coblers Way bank.
9. Spring bulbs to be planted on areas of grass (cannon Pugh and Babergh close)

10. Continue with process of letters to remind homeowners to keep hedges clear from pavements.
11. Request that Babergh repurpose the unused land at Queensway, plant trees or rewild it. Possible children's pump track site.
12. Consider constructing hard/semi-hard footpath surface onto LTG by the school and link the pathway to the nearby dog bin. Existing route becomes muddy and slippery in winter.
13. Continue to request that SCC Highways improve junction safety at Barrow Hill/High Street junction.
14. Ask school to encourage those picking up children from school to turn off their vehicle engines whilst stationary.
15. Boules Pitch' sign installed either side of village hall boules pitch.
16. Install replacement dog waste pick-up signs to encourage dog owners to clean up. Existing signs are missing or faded.
17. Install dog waste bin at High Street, end of Acton Field.
18. Install dog waste bin at Waldingfield Rd end of Vicarage Lane.
19. Ask village shop proprietor to install a litter bin close to shop.
20. Infill gaps in Jennens Way hedge and reduce height of existing hedge for safety reasons.
21. Clean or replace transparent panels in Queensway bus stop shelter.
22. Financial/grant support for Village Hall maintenance and projects.