

Great Cransley

neighbourhood plan



NEWSLETTER

SHAPING THE
FUTURE OF OUR
VILLAGE

2019 - 2031

Welcome to the third issue of our newsletter, keeping residents of Great Cransley Parish up to date with the progress being made in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Leading the Plan is the Steering Group, a set of volunteers from the village all bringing their varying backgrounds and skills to bring the different sections of the Plan together.

We hope that it's not too soon to begin dreaming that maybe, and it's a big maybe, we will be able to hold an open event (in person!) to showcase all the progress that we have made and get your invaluable feedback. We really miss being able to interact with you all and each of us have our fingers crossed that at some point in the near future this will be a possibility. In our next newsletter we can talk about what type of events you would be interested in when we know more about what we're allowed to do and how. As always, if you have any ideas for open events you'd like to see, we'd love to hear from you!

We would like to welcome new residents that have recently moved to the village; we'd love to see you at our next open event and look forward to hearing your views.

In this issue we're recapping the Traffic & Transport survey information. There's a little bit about housing needs and our Planning Consultant! There's History & Heritage and a 'just for fun' competition: Great Cransley in 100 years time! We really want to see your futuristic predictions for life in our village in 2121.

All entries will be included in our Plan and displayed on the Plan website. Plan website you say? Plan website indeed! More about this on the back page.

Note - By the time you receive this newsletter Kettering Borough Council (KBC) will be part of the new Unitary Council North Northamptonshire or NNUC, to keep things clear for this issue we've referenced both.

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PLANNING CONSULTANT

GOOD NEWS!

We officially instructed a Planning Consultant and we are pleased to announce:

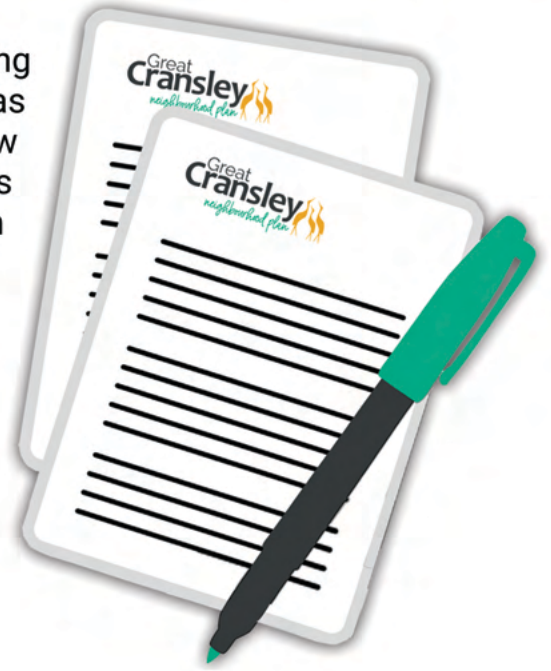
Sally Stroman, Head of Planning - BA(Hons) BTP MRTPI at APC, based in Northampton.

Sally comes highly recommended with over 25 years planning experience in both private and public sectors. Sally has worked on six Neighbourhood Plans since 2014, three are now 'made' * and three are progressing towards examination. This will be her first Neighbourhood Plan in Kettering Borough (now North Northamptonshire Unitary Council).

In her own words, Sally sees her role as "our critical friend, helping to smooth the journey through the various stages of the Plan preparation and ensuring that all the correct procedures are followed".

We are very much looking forward to working with Sally.

* this means voted for by residents and passed inspection



HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

In the previous issue we mentioned one of our many next steps is to carrying out a Housing Needs Assessment.

What is a Housing Needs Assessment?

The short answer is: An unconstrained assessment of the number of homes needed in an area.

Where does it fit within the Neighbourhood Plan?

Housing forms a substantial part of our plan and to ensure any evidence we put forward to support this assessment, and the resulting conclusion, needs to be extremely robust. The Steering Group has been advised that any assessment we undertake and put forward should be assessed by an expert in this field. While Sally Stroman will be helping us with the plan overall, we will be seeking to instruct another planning expert to work with us on the specifics required.



HISTORY & HERITAGE

As many residents will already be aware Great Cransley has a really rich history and heritage dating back a very long time. Records show there have been people living within the Parish area since 1086, when according to the Domesday Book the area was home to 28 households, a large settlement for the time. During the building works for Mawsley village, archaeologists discovered evidence of late Bronze age, Iron age and Roman settlement on land that then formed part of Cransley Parish. People have been living in our small corner of Northamptonshire for a very long time! When you dig into the archives there are some really interesting facts and points in history that make our lovely village unique and we hope to bring you more on our village's history in future newsletter.

While the Neighbourhood Plan cannot create new changes or influence/modify changes already made regarding the history and heritage of our village, it can lay out the timeline of how our village has come to be what you see now. It can also list current assets and how they should be preserved, as well as recommend new assets for future preservation and make recommendations to the Parish Council and North Northamptonshire Unitary Council (formerly KBC). We will hopefully have more on this subject in our next issue.

Did you know?

Our church, St Andrew's, has the only stained glass window in the world that depicts Churchill smoking a cigar! The window was commissioned to commemorate the relationship Great Cransley has with the USA and the Atlantic Charter. The Atlantic Charter was a joint declaration released by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill on August 14th 1941 following their meeting in Newfoundland. During the 1930s and 1940s church services were broadcast from our church, by the BBC, on 'the wireless' conducted by Rev Greville Cooke.

Broadcast Dates

- 1930 - 30th March, 1st Aug
- 1931 - 4th April, 20th Dec
- 1932 - 25th Sept
- 1933 - 4th June
- 1934 - 5th Aug
- 1936 - 4th Oct
- 1937 - 22nd Aug
- 1938 - 4th Sept
- 1939 - 2nd July
- 1944 - 25th December

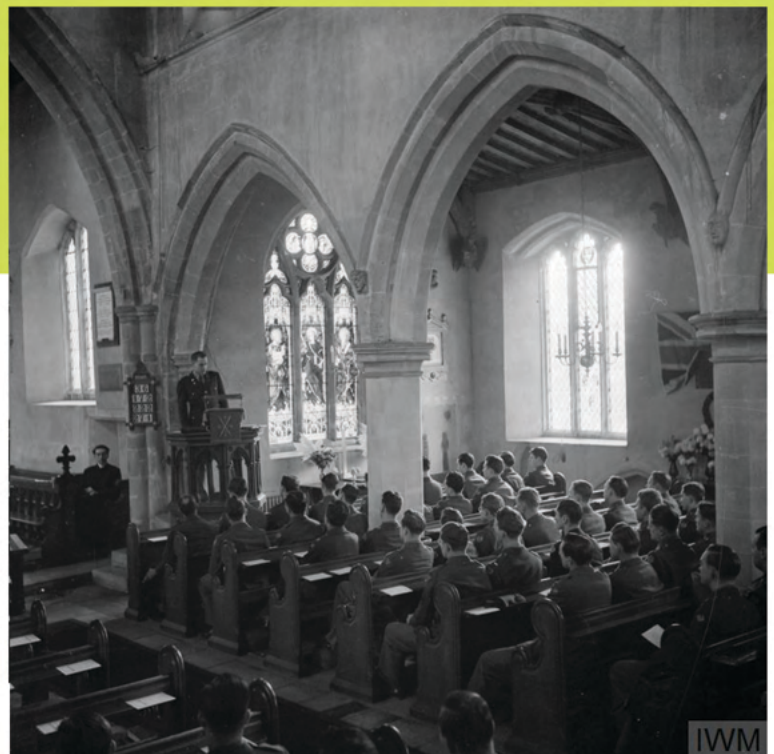


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WHAT WILL LIFE BE LIKE IN 2121 IN GREAT CRANSLEY?

TALKING ABOUT THE HISTORY OF GREAT CRANSLEY, IT GOT US THINKING, THIS PLAN IS ALL ABOUT THE FUTURE, SO WHAT IF WE HAD TO DO A PLAN FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS.

REMEMBER BEING PROMISED ALL SORTS OF FANTASTIC TIME AND LABOUR SAVING TECHNOLOGY? WATCHING TV PROGRAMMES LIKE TOMORROW'S WORLD GAVE GLIMPSES INTO THAT FUTURE AND THE SORTS OF DEVICES WE COULD BE USING IN EVERY DAY LIFE. FILMS AND TV DRAMAS OVER MANY DECADES SHOWED US AMAZING IDEAS AND MADE 'PROMISES' THAT PERHAPS OUR FUTURES WOULD BE FILLED WITH WONDERFUL GADGETS. WE GOT THE POCKET SIZED COMPUTERS, WE GOT A DEVICE THAT INSTANTLY HEATS UP FOOD, WE GOT THE LIFE SAVING TECHNOLOGY.

THERE WERE A FEW IDEAS THAT NEVER REALLY TOOK OFF, WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THESE THINGS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. - AFTER ALL IT IS 2021:

WHAT WE WERE PROMISED: **HOVER-BOARDS**

WHAT WE GOT: SADLY, OCTOBER 2^{1ST}, 2015 PASSED WITHOUT A REAL HOVER-BOARD IN SIGHT.

WHAT WE WERE PROMISED: **FLYING CARS**

WHAT WE GOT: NOTHING. RIEN. NICHTS. NADA. A BIG FAT ZERO. IT'S 2021 AND NOT ONE CAR HAS TAKEN OFF FOR GENERAL USE.

WHAT WE WERE PROMISED: **FOOD REPLICATORS**

WHAT WE GOT: HOT-DOG STUFFED-CRUST PIZZA & ASTRONAUT ICE CREAM.

WHAT WILL DAY TO DAY LIVES BE LIKE, WHAT KIND OF HOUSES WILL PEOPLE LIVE IN? WILL WE FINALLY HAVE FLYING CARS? OR WILL THE 'COMMUTE' TO WORK BE VIA TELEPORTATION? WILL JOBS STILL EXIST? WHAT WILL FASHION LOOK LIKE?

A 'JUST FOR FUN' COMPETITION BASED AROUND WHAT GREAT CRANSLEY COULD BE LIKE IN 2121. WE WANT TO SEE YOUR FUTURISTIC PREDICTIONS. THIS IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF ANY AGE.

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF ANY AGE AND WILL RUN UNTIL 3^{1ST} AUG. (DON'T WORRY, AS THIS ISN'T SERIOUS, WE WON'T BE EXCLUDING ENTRIES IF THEY'RE A LITTLE LATE!) ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE WEBSITE AND BECOME PART OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, WE ALSO HOPE TO DISPLAY THEM AT OUR NEXT OPEN EVENT.

WHAT ARE THE TOPICS? - HOUSING, BUILDING DESIGN, JOBS, TRANSPORT, FOOD, CLOTHING, TECHNOLOGY, GADGETS, THE LIST IS ENDLESS. EVERYTHING INVOLVED IN DAILY LIFE.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR? - IT COULD BE A POEM, A SHORT STORY, ILLUSTRATION, DESIGNS AND ARTWORK IN ANY MEDIA INCLUDING DIGITAL, YOU COULD MAKE A DIORAMA OR PERHAPS DESIGN AND BUILD THE ULTIMATE METHOD OF TRANSPORT FOR THE FUTURE. THE ONLY LIMITATIONS ARE YOUR IMAGINATION.

HOW DO I ENTER? - TAKE PHOTOS OF ANYTHING YOU'VE MADE WITH A DESCRIPTION OF WHAT IT IS, WHAT IT'S USED FOR AND ANY OTHER DETAILS YOU WANT TO INCLUDE. ANY STORIES OR DIGITAL FILES, PLEASE SAVE AS A PDF. DETAILS OF WHERE TO SEND YOUR ENTRIES ARE ON THE BACK COVER. PLEASE TITLE YOUR EMAIL "GREAT CRANSLEY 2121 ENTRY" AND MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME.

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

It's been a while since we presented the results of the Traffic & Transport survey. Good news is that we are able to include the data from this survey in the plan, however as with History & Heritage, what this section can't do is influence or modify changes already made (such as current road layouts and perceived speeding issues within the village). What it can do is layout the information alongside gathered resident's views, making recommendations to the Parish Council and NNUC (formerly KBC) for future planning decisions such as traffic calming measures to be incorporated in and around any new development(s). Here's small snapshot of the data taken (so many numbers!) from the survey we commissioned.

Things to take into consideration with this survey.

Data was taken over 7 days: 3rd Dec - 9th Dec 2019

The loam works were not operational for the duration of the survey

Conditions were mainly wet and dark by 4.30pm

The survey was conducted on a corner, blind travelling south

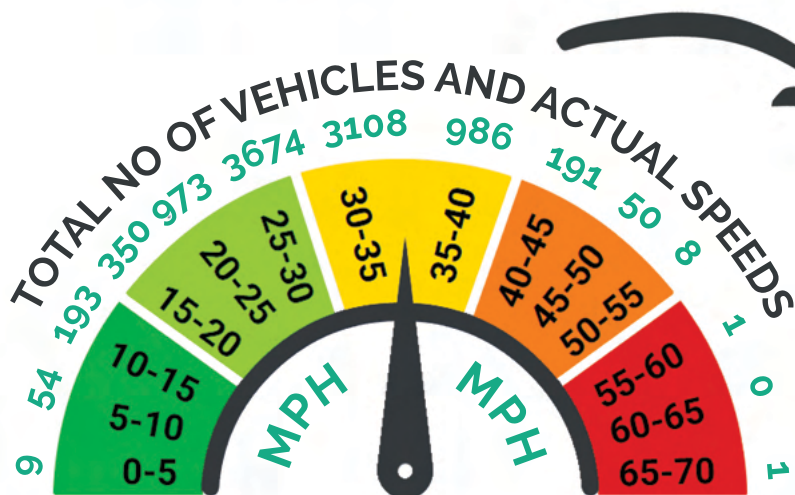
DfT work on compliance being 10% + 2mph = 35mph therefore according to

DfT most traffic is compliant.



TOTAL NO OF VEHICLES 9598

MOTORCYCLES	78
CARS	8631
CARS/SHORT VEHICLES TOWING	40
TWO AXLE TRUCK OR BUS	794
THREE AXLE TRUCK OR BUS	33
FOUR AXLE TRUCK	2
THREE AXLE ARTICULATED VEHICLE	1
FOUR AXLE ARTICULATED VEHICLE	9
FIVE AXLE ARTICULATED VEHICLE	4
SIX OR MORE AXLE ARTICULATED VEHICLE	5
B-DOUBLE OR HEAVY TRUCK & TRAILER	0
DOUBLE OR TRIPLE ROAD TRAIN OR HEAVY TRUCK & TRAILER (TWO OR MORE)	1



45.3%

of drivers recorded were speeding above 30mph that's a total of 4345!

GREEN SPACES & BIODIVERSITY

Further to the last newsletter it is still our intention to hold a couple of Parish Walks. Late April, early May, would seem to be a good time, in view of all the current restrictions.

The intention is to have two or three routes, guided by a map, and few leading questions. We want to encourage residents to think about: valued green spaces, important views, and to look at and consider the various sites that could be potential locations for Affordable Housing.

All to conclude with refreshments, and a chance to discuss thoughts and ideas. Social distancing permitting.



LOCALITY

WHO ARE LOCALITY?

You may have seen or heard us mention this organisation. Locality is the national membership network for community organisations. Great Cransley Parish Council is a member of this network so it makes sense for us to utilise this membership and access as much help as we can, be that through funding or support and advice.

Their goal is simple: to help local community organisations be the best that they can be and to create a support network for their work.



www.locality.org.uk

What support is available? Locality provides support to neighbourhood planning groups on behalf of the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

There are two types of support available:

- Grant (financial support) - this is where our funding comes from
- Technical Support (professional assistance and advice) - this is how we get some of our help

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WEBSITE

The Plan is going online! To coincide with this newsletter we're launching the Neighbourhood Plan website. This site will be maintained and updated by the Steering Group and will give residents access to lots of different documents such as reports from the group, results of surveys as well as reference documents such as maps.

The site will be updated at least once a quarter, however it could be more frequently than that, so it's worth checking regularly for updates.



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