



## TROWELL PARISH PLAN



# INTRODUCTION

This document, **The Trowell Parish Plan**, is a summary of the aims and aspirations of residents for the economic, environmental and social development of Trowell for the foreseeable future

Trowell was chosen as the Festival of Britain Village in 1951. It is a rural parish separated from Ilkeston, Stapleford, and the greater conurbation of Nottingham by open countryside, a railway and a river.

The M1 motorway dissects the Parish of Trowell, and therefore Trowell is known to users of the M1 as a motorway service area. Although the motorway cuts through the centre of the parish, it has little effect on the unity of the community. We believe this is due to an active Church and the popular and successful Primary School.

The parish has historic links with Stanton Ironworks, coal mining and farming, which may also explain the strong community spirit. Ribbon development in the 1930s almost connected Trowell to Ilkeston in Derbyshire. However, the natural barrier of the river Erewash continues to separate the two communities.

There are just over one thousand homes within the parish. The majority of these were built between 1930 & 1960 with the exception of Trowell Park, a 1980s development, which was built on a parcel of land bordered by the A6007, the river Erewash and the M1. The homes in Trowell range from semi-detached two bedroom dwellings to four bedroom detached properties interspersed with a significant number of bungalows. For most residents the aspect they see from their homes is that of open fields.

The parish also has a church, a public house, garden centres, church hall, parish hall, post office, newsagent and general store. Industry in the village consists mainly of farming, with a small area of land dedicated to various small businesses and a haulage firm. The village boasts the only local nature reserve in the Borough of Broxtowe, which is situated on the site of the now disused Nottingham Canal.

## THE STEERING GROUP

This Parish Plan was originally an idea of the Parish Council. The Parish Council felt they needed a clear mandate from the residents and a structured plan for the future of the community. In order to obtain the necessary grants, it was decided to form a local action committee. Thus the Parish Plan Steering Group was inaugurated.

The Trowell Parish Plan Steering Group was formed after an open public meeting in November 2002. Nottingham Rural Community Council and Trowell Parish Council gave active support and help. The cost of the project was expected to be approximately £7500. The Countryside agency donated £5000, and the Parish Council donated approximately £500. The remaining cost was made up of a donation in kind consisting of volunteers' time to the value of £2000.

Information was collected from a questionnaire delivered to every household, and through a number of public meetings.

## OUR VISION

We have now finalised our plan, which is produced in this document. This Parish Plan lays down achievable goals for the parish's future development. The detailed information gained from the questionnaire will remain as a background document for the use of the whole community. Members of the Trowell Parish Plan Steering Group will continue to act as facilitators to push forward and control the plan through specific project committees, action and implementation groups.

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the groups and individuals who have given a considerable amount of time to produce and distribute the plan and questionnaires etc.*

Trowell Parish Plan Steering Group





# THE ENVIRONMENT

The parish is a pleasant semi-rural location, bordered on three sides by green fields.

In the parish there are several farms, a small industrial area and plenty of open spaces, including a disused canal, now designated as a local nature reserve (the only one in Broxtowe). This encourages local walkers, cyclists and visitors.

"A high percentage of residents commented on the pleasant appearance of gardens and properties within the parish. Unpleasant smells, coming from the direction of the Borough of Erewash, have been experienced by local residents on occasions."



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1 Develop a Parish Design Statement to protect and secure the appearance of the parish.

2 Ensure that future planning decisions incorporate the Parish Design Statement and the wishes of the residents.

3 Seek to ensure that any alterations to the M1 motorway are complementary to the environment of the parish.

4 Monitor and report unpleasant smells to the appropriate agency.

5 To promote responsible dog ownership through education and information.

The Parish Plan aims to guide any new housing or development within the parish and surrounding areas, in terms of its quantity, character, design and location.

# HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

*"I feel very lucky to be part of Trowell life; please don't destroy that by making it yet another over populated place."*

The questionnaire revealed that approximately 80% of Trowell respondents were generally opposed to any development. They also believe that any implemented increase of homes within the parish greater than 10% may affect the parish's rural appearance. The primary concern on housing was with regard to any future development. Most respondents didn't want Trowell to be joined with neighbouring communities (coalescence).

The majority of dwellings have been built within the last fifty years, being predominately two storey dwellings with a large number of bungalows on newer developments. There are just over one thousand homes within the parish. In recent years a number of potential sites have been proposed by developers and planners within the parish and have been met with strong objections from residents.

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1 To identify the parish's character and promote its residents' desires to remain a rural settlement in the future.

2 To identify potential development sites and infrastructure requirements, whilst promoting good design within any redevelopment and extensions to existing properties.





The parish has a housing complex for elderly people with a community room and emergency call system. The Stapleford Volunteer Bureau provides assistance and advice to the whole community, but 75% of respondents said they were not aware of the service. There is a popular weekly and monthly luncheon club and a community bus provides some transport.

Some respondents said they have difficulty collecting medicines and prescriptions, but there is a delivery service available from local pharmacies. 12% have reported having problems with hospital transport. Others would like help with shopping, gardening, or having a break from caring. All would benefit from more information about Stapleford Volunteer Bureau. Some respondents had difficulty accessing shops, the Post Office and bridleways.



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- 1 Publicize full information and contacts for the Stapleford Volunteer Bureau, prescription delivery services and other services already available.
- 2 Liaise with the Church and parish organisations to develop a network of community volunteers to link people with services they need.
- 3 Liaise with the Church about a community information centre and café with a view to providing advice and community facilities.
- 4 Explore the possibilities of improving health facilities by liaising with the local Primary Care Trust.
- 5 Promote disabled access to shops, Post Office, footpaths and bridleways.

Although Trowell has no doctor's surgery, pharmacy or other health facilities in the parish, there is ample provision in the neighbouring towns of Stapleford and Ilkeston.

## HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICE & COMMUNITY SUPPORT



The parish is bisected by the M1 Motorway and is serviced by two 'A' Roads. There is a regular bus service and a railway line passes through the village, but there is no longer a station.

## TRANSPORT

A respondent commented on good access to major road networks. Some respondents commented about the noise from the M1. Inconsiderate parking in some areas was mentioned. Some respondents consider speeding on major roads a problem. The junction of the A609 at the church corner is a major problem at most times of the day.



The M1 is inaccessible from the parish. 4 bus routes between Ilkeston, Nottingham and Sawley serve the parish. Nearly half the households in the parish have 2 or more cars.

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- 1 Implementation of sound barriers, and installation of a noise reduction surface for the M1.
- 2 Set up an action group to deal with parking.
- 3 Explore the reopening of the railway station.
- 4 Tackle the issue of speeding.
- 5 Improve traffic control and access to the A609 at the church corner.



Holiday play schemes were popular with nearly 75% of respondents. Answers in the questionnaire pointed to a substantial demand for adult education courses and leisure activities. Fitness classes, computer courses and language classes had the most support.

People of all ages are interested in the provision of education facilities in Trowell. The Primary School in Trowell provides a high educational standard in a caring environment.



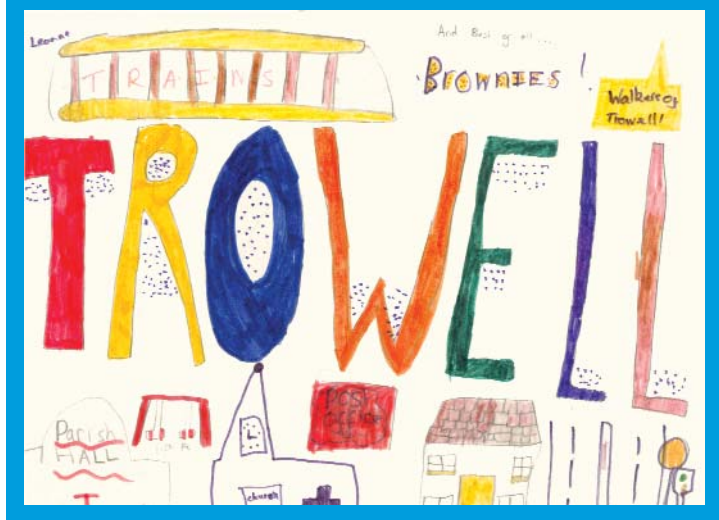
The parish has an excellent playgroup and toddler facility. The lack of nursery provision in the parish was raised by nearly half of the respondents who had pre-school children. However, not all the parish falls within the Trowell school catchment area. Most of the children between 5-11 years attend the local school. Young people must travel outside the parish to access secondary and further education. There was little provision for adult education within the parish, but this has recently improved.

## EDUCATION



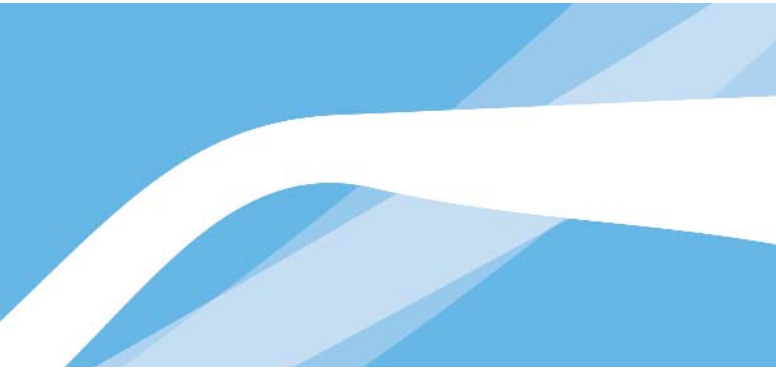
There is an excellent network of uniformed groups within the parish. Various activities are available to young people through Trowell School and the Church. The Church employs a youth worker who works actively with young people within the parish.

## YOUNG PEOPLE



The parish is a good, safe environment in which to bring up children. However, some young respondents and their families are acutely aware of the lack of social facilities for them.

Most young people want specific leisure facilities for themselves exclusively; these include a teenage "hang out" and sporting activities.



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Explore the possibility of nursery provision at the school.

Continuation of play schemes provided during the summer holidays by Broxtowe Borough Council should be encouraged.

Greater use of the school out of hours needs to be investigated by the school, Local Education Authority and Nottinghamshire County Council.

Broxtowe College is now running free adult education courses in Trowell, as part of its Community Development programme. Residents need to be made aware of these courses so that provision may be extended in the future.

To encourage the development of a local youth council.

To develop a working partnership with agencies working with young people.

To create a drop-in centre for young people.

To link with a local football club to encourage the development of a local team.

To improve sports facilities on the Pit Lane recreation area.

To identify a specific area for young people.

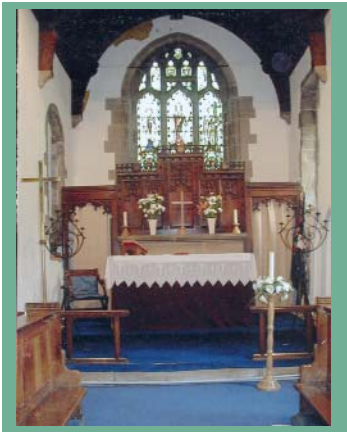


St Helen's Church, which is a Grade II\* listed building, is the only place of worship in the parish and is part of the United Benefice of Trowell, Aysworth and Cossall. It is Anglican by tradition but the wide range of worship styles offered attracts people from differing backgrounds and areas.

# CHURCH

It is a lively, growing Church. The morning service congregation, having outgrown the Church building, currently meets in the Parish Hall and occasionally at the Festival Inn. Teaching is provided for children and young people each Sunday and there is also a crèche. The majority of the congregation also belong to a number of small groups, which meet during the week and provide opportunities for mutual support and social events, as well as discussions on Christian topics. The Youth Worker, who works 20 hours per week and is funded totally by members of the congregation, is developing a range of activities for young people. The Church owns the Church Hall, formerly the village school, and the adjoining cottage. The hall is used for a variety of Church and community activities including Uniformed Groups and Play School. The Church produces a monthly magazine, a termly 'What's On' which is delivered to each house, and also has a website ([www.trowellchurch.com](http://www.trowellchurch.com)).

Trowell is a parish with a strong community spirit and this is also noted within the Church community. 25% of the respondents attend church during the year and many more for baptisms, weddings and funerals. A large number of people use the Church Hall during the week. 60% of respondents would support a redevelopment of the Church Hall site. 30% thought a Church drop-in centre desirable.



- To set up a community support system.
- To provide a community care and information centre and café.
- Explore redevelopment of the Church Hall site for Church and community facilities.
- Explore the possibility of making the church building more flexible for a variety of uses.

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# PARISH COUNCIL

There is a proactive Parish Council made up of eleven volunteers.

*"There should be better communication about how the Parish Council spends its money."*



The Parish Council has the responsibility for providing certain services within the parish, e.g.

- Parish Hall and grounds
- Planning and environment
- Events co-ordination for the parish
- Liaison with borough and county councils and various other agencies and bodies
- Dissemination of information via notice boards, newsletters and the Parish Council website

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- Provide monthly Parish Councillor surgeries.
  - Encourage community activities.
  - Promote greater accessibility to council members outside council meetings.
- Details about the Parish Council can be found on the Parish Council website ([www.trowell.org.uk](http://www.trowell.org.uk)), and the Parish Council notice boards which are located throughout the parish.





## The main methods of communication used in the parish are:

- a) Parish and Church notice boards.
- b) Parish Council newsletter.
- c) Church magazine and newsletter.
- d) Parish Council and Church websites.
- e) Mobile library.

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

A number of respondents recommended contact by e-mail and improved information leaflets. Some respondents did not know when and where the mobile library visited.

The notice boards are updated as required, and the Parish Council newsletter is distributed three times a year. The Church magazine is circulated monthly. The websites are updated on demand and as required. Some residents regularly use the mobile library.



### actions

- 1 Create an e-mail contact list for residents to communicate information.
- 2 Post more information on the notice boards.
- 3 Raise awareness about the mobile library.
- 4 Encourage information sharing between parish organisations.
- 5 Co-ordinate current local publications to one parish magazine.

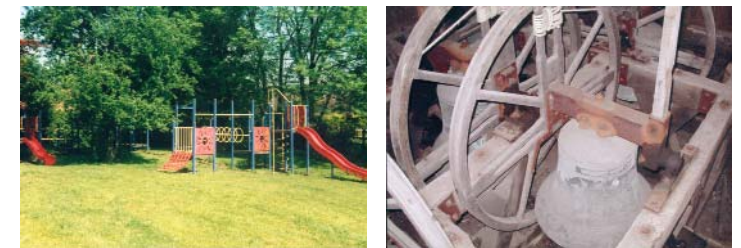
There are a number of groups that offer varied, interesting indoor and outdoor activities (see appendix). The Parish Hall and Church Halls are used regularly for activities such as badminton, bowls, dancing, and the Women's Institute. The parish has within its boundaries excellent outdoor facilities but these are presently under used. The parish is fortunate to have easy access to footpaths and bridleways. Music and drama events are held at various places within the parish.

## Existing recreation and sports facilities in the parish are varied and well used.



## RECREATION & SPORT

Many respondents reflected the desire for improved facilities to accommodate their leisure needs. Some respondents commented on the lack of publicized information available on local leisure activities.



### actions

- 1 To encourage all groups within the parish to share common publicity routes.
- 2 To develop a central collection point for information on activities and functions.
- 3 To develop and increase use of local venues.
- 4 To organise social events for the whole community.



Within the parish there are various retail outlets including a post office, small general store and garden centres.

Generally residents felt that local retail facilities are convenient and want to support them.

Encourage greater patronage of local retail outlets.

# RETAIL & SERVICES

There is an excellent Post Office used by most residents at least 5 times a month, which offers a wide range of services. The Festival Store is in a central location within the parish. There are also 3 garden centres. There is a large, vibrant pub and entertainment centre. There is a small area of light industry and other specialist retail outlets.

## actions



# SECURITY

Trowell is considered to be a relatively safe place to live.

There are very few reported crimes overall, but there are localised hot spots within the parish.

Concern was raised about anti-social behaviour within certain areas of the parish.

## actions



Target problem areas, e.g. Salcey Drive, Church Close and Pit Lane.

Establish Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

Establish a proactive Friends of Church Close group.

Improve/review Salcey Drive play park.

# APPENDIX

Existing activities already available in the village, current at the time of publication

### Monday

Playgroup	9am -12noon & 1 - 3.15pm	Church Hall	Mrs Dawn Barker	9170710
Flower Arranging	2pm (2nd Monday)	Church	Mrs Dora Attenborrow	8499744
Rainbows	6.15pm	Church Hall	Mrs Kath Hardy	9490686
Brownies	6.00pm	Church Hall	Mrs Jane Hessey	8495256
Guides	7.30pm	Church Hall	Mrs Denise Bates	9171767
Ladies Choir	7.30pm	Church Hall	Miss Audrey Swindell	9324133
TAAC (Trowell Adult Activities Club)	7-9.45pm	Parish hall	Ian Breeze	9305566

### Tuesday

Playgroup	9am -12noon	Church Hall		
Mothers' Union	2.30pm (1st Tuesday)	Church Hall	Mrs Marjorie North	9171720
Keep Fit	2.30pm (2nd,3th 4th)	Church Hall	Mrs Marlene Cook	9326159
Archery	7.00pm	Church Hall	Mr Doug Hart	9176210
Church Groups	7.30pm	various homes	Revd Joan Whysall	8752677
Music Group	7.30pm	Church	Nigel & Rachel Horridge	9326816
Bell Ringing	6pm	Church	Mr Martin North	9171720
ABC (Adult badminton club)	afternoons	Parish hall	June Bates	9301612
Writer's Club	10.am	26 Derbyshire Ave	Arthur Walters	9329568
Bowls & Keep Fit	mornings	Parish hall	Ken Smith	9171501
			or Doreen Litchfield	9394955
Women's Institute	7.30pm (3rd Tuesday)	Parish hall	Pat Wilson	9301337
Broxtowe College Adult Education Classes, including: Spanish course	10am - 12 noon	Church Hall	Jane Gibbs	9175329

### Wednesday

Playgroup	9am.-12noon & 1 - 3.15pm	Church Hall		
Church Open	10am - 3pm			
Trowell Tots	2 - 4pm	Church Hall	Andrea Wiles	8540854
Cubs	6.30pm	Church Hall	Elaine Brear	8494464
Line Dancing	9am-11am	Parish hall	Kath & Maurice Dickens	930024

### Thursday

Playgroup	9am -12noon	Church Hall		
St Helen's Fellowship	2.30pm (3rd Thurs)	Church Hall	Miss Audrey Swindell	9324133
Working Party	2.15pm (last Thurs)	56 Trowell Gr.	Mrs Irene Cook	9328070
Youth Band	6.30pm	Church	Andrew & Lesley Turner	9300320
Youth Happenings	7.30pm (monthly)	Church Hall	Mrs Sarah Miller	9252204
Church Groups	7.30pm	various homes	Revd Graham Booth	8495195
Dancing Class	7pm - 9.30pm (7.15pm in Summer)	Parish hall	Carol Clower	9267846
Karate	5pm-6pm	Parish hall	N. Starr	07732888324
Broxtowe College Adult Education Classes, including: Card Craft	10am - 12 noon	Parish Hall	Jane Gibbs	9175329
Digital Photography	10am - 12 noon	Parish Hall	Jane Gibbs	9175329

### Friday

Playgroup	9am -12noon & 1 - 3.15pm	Church Hall		
Luncheon Club	12.00noon	Church Hall	Mrs Pauline Hughes	9441977
Beavers	5.30pm	Church Hall	Mrs Helen Baxter	9178811
Scouts	7.15pm	Church Hall	Mr Jeremy Prentice	9490298
Storytelling	7.30pm (3rd Fri)	Church Hall	Mrs Elizabeth Leblanc	8758261

### Sunday

Children's Groups	10.30am	Parish Hall	Mrs Karen Morley	9179682
Youth Worker			Mrs Sarah Miller	9252204
Pastoral Care			Mrs Susie Kirkman	9391236
Creative Arts			Mrs Elizabeth Leblanc	8758261
Alpha			Mrs Eva Hubbard	9499939

### Services at St Helen's Church

8.30am	Holy Communion (2nd & 5th Sunday)
10.30am	Morning Worship usually in the Parish Hall (Groups for children & crèche)
6.00pm	Evening Service (1st 3rd & 4th)
7.00pm	Informal Worship (2nd)

### Wednesdays

10.30am	Church Close Communion (1st)
7.30pm	Prayer and Vision evening in Church (2nd)
7.30pm	Informal Worship (4th)



# Map of Trowell

