

# **THAKEHAM PARISH PLAN**

## **2. The Thakeham Parish Plan**

The last time a survey of this kind was carried out in our parish was back in 1999 and the results were published in April 2000.

Much has happened since that time and the threat surrounding the mushroom sites (housing development) and Laybrook Brickworks (household & commercial waste tip) coincided with a need for the Parish Council to produce a Parish Plan based on the feedback from the community on these and other issues in the parish.

As production of The Plan has coincided with the production of the Local Development Framework (LDF) by Horsham District Council (HDC) the Parish Plan Committee felt it was essential to obtain a representative opinion of our community needs from the residents.

Each household of the Parish was sent a Questionnaire to complete in 2006 with as much background information as possible provided to put the questions into context.

Open days were held for residents at Thakeham Village Hall where members of the Parish Plan Committee were on hand to answer any questions and/or to help people complete their questionnaires.

Analysis of the returned questionnaires, (in electronic and paper copy) has been conducted over the summer months, with a series of meetings to discuss how the process could best move forward.

At a meeting in October 2006 several groups were identified to each focus on the feedback relating to identified key areas of consideration which needed to be included in The Plan. As a result of this work, the foundation for The Plan has been put in place.

The Parish Plan Committee comprised of the following people:

Claire Goring, Rod Walker, Jean Locker, Peter McBrien, Debbie Peat, Karen Dawes, Tricia Cantrell, Gillian & Mike Bird, John Bearman, Dave Berry, Tony Harwood and Mark Keenan.

The committee is thankful for the support provided by Beverley Turner at HDC with the Plan.

