

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:



### Update:

511 residents completed a questionnaire giving their views on the area. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group have used this to identify the issues that you would like to see addressed and have prepared some draft aims that should be addressed over the next 10 years. Come along to the Hugo Meynell School on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm to hear a summary of the issues, the draft aims and what this means for the plan.

**Prize winners:** The winner of the prize for £100 for taking part in the survey was Mr Tony Frost from Ashley. The winner of the £50 for completing the survey on the internet was Mr Barrv Foster from Mucklestone.

### How to get involved?

If you would like to get involved in any way in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, then contact the Clerk.

**Next steps:** The draft aims will be agreed, subject to resident's feedback and then converted into "planning policies" as required to comply with national planning guidance.



**Superfast fibre broadband** has arrived in the villages of Loggerheads, Ashley, Knighton and Mucklestone. Cabinets are now live in these areas and if you are within approximately 1.2 km radius of the cabinets you should benefit and be able to order a superfast fibre package with speeds of between 24Mbps and 80 Mbps. This depends on your distance from the cabinet you are connected to.

Even if you are over 1.2km away you should see some improvement in speeds. Residents can check what speeds they can get <https://www.dslchecker.bt.com/>. The key message is that this upgrade is not automatic; you need to contact your Internet Service Provider and place an order for a fibre service. Please note that the Burntwood Estate in Loggerheads is not connected yet. There is still some more work to do here. It is in the Superfast Staffordshire Project and will be live by the end of 2017. Superfast Staffordshire is building on the commercial rollout to bring superfast broadband to 95% of premises by 2017. For more information visit <http://www.superfaststaffordshire.co.uk/>

## =====Volunteers needed=====

The Parish Council is running an Action Group for the youth of the parish in year groups 7 to 10. The group moved back to Ashley Memorial Hall this month.

We need volunteers who can commit one evening every 2 or 3 months to keep the **Youth Project** going. Most youth groups are short of funding. We have the funding so please don't let this project fail because of lack of parental support

**Speed Watch** – help to make the roads in Loggerheads safer by reducing the speed that drivers are driving through the area. Can you spare an hour every 2 weeks?

If you would like to know more please email [loggerheadspc@btconnect.com](mailto:loggerheadspc@btconnect.com) or call 01630 673426 to speak to the Clerk.



### LOCAL VOLUNTEER, ERIC PEMBERTON, RECOGNISED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THE PARISH.

Eric, who lives in Loggerheads, was recently presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor Sandra Hambleton.

Eric retired in 2006 and since then he has been the "can-do" man of Loggerheads and has been involved in the setting up of several local community groups. Back in 2007 he started the Loggerheads Information Shop, and was the man at the front of the team who did the Parish Plan in 2007. He created the Turner Hodgkiss Community Nature Reserve and set up the Blore Rural District Historical Society. He set up and still runs the Voluntary Car Scheme and is an active member of the Parish Festival Committee. If you want anything done, Eric's your man!

The recognition of his significant commitment to the community in Loggerheads is well deserved.