

Village Economy

Working Group, Chaired by Tom Pepperall, consisted of two members, with the following scope:

This group started with the sole desire of resurrecting our Shop/Post Office, but has since expanded its remit to include all aspects of the Parish economy.

Consultation undertaken: LMPC, Questionnaire to Parishioners, discussions with relevant property owners and Post Office applicants.

Key Issues Identified:

Shop/Post Office

It was encouraging to note that in response to our questionnaire Provision of a Post Office and Shop, and provision of (just) the Post Office ranked 6th and 8th respectively in the top ten key issues for our Parish.

Since our Shop/Post Office closed in 2003 many propositions and potential postmasters have come and gone. Our current applicant is approved by the Post Office and is keen to find a new site. LMPC will continue to work with Rural Post Office and others to provide a replacement facility.

Entertainment Economy

We are well served by our local 'pubs', in the form of one central Public House, The Sun Inn, another on our North Eastern extremity at Common Platt, The Foresters, and a third towards our Western end in Greatfield, who cater for our more musical inhabitants, Riffs Bar. Our Parish Hall also provides a facility often used for Wedding Receptions and other evening functions.

Commercial Economy

One of the commercial sections of our village is in the centre and comprises Car Repairs, Bodywork Repairs, and Car Sales, but no longer a Shop/Post Office.

In the hamlet of Lydiard Green, on the edge of the village, we have a small industrial park and a small business centre. In another of our hamlets, Greenhill, we have a group of agricultural businesses.



There are Garden Centres in Stone Lane, and one in Greatfield. Proposed improvements to our footpath infrastructure in Stone Lane and Lydiard Green would improve safer access to all our commercial facilities.

We have a few additional ‘cottage type’ businesses run from houses throughout the parish, but, as you will see, we are a mainly farming, horticultural and residential Parish, and proud of our rural community.

Priority	Action	Partners	Timescale
1	To source a venue for a Post Office, Shop and facilitate its re-opening	LMPC Rural PO Regeneration Officer New Postmaster NWDC	Immediate
2	To encourage further Entertainment initiatives, especially for the youth	LMPC NWDC WCC	Immediate
3	To support existing Commercial Activities and other initiatives proposed which may enhance our Village Community	LMPC Parish Hall Committee Local Commerce Local Support Groups	Medium