

SIFT Southminster In Future Times Parish Plan Group

Who are we?

A Group of people working to produce a Parish Plan which should be launched in April 2008.

We started with a Village Appraisal:

Workshops and consultations with people of all ages and on different occasions e.g.

Parish Room May 2006

Inaugural general meeting Nov. 2006

Crouch Valley Festival Day Jun. 2007

Southminster Show July 2007

We used the comments gathered in the appraisal to draw up three questionnaires:

- a) a general one delivered to every household;
- b) one for young people delivered through schools, youth organisations and families;
- c) one for businesses to cover local workforce.

We have been supported by the Parish Council.

This support has been expressed in writing and with a small financial commitment as a necessary part of our application for a grant through the Rural Community Council of Essex. To facilitate this we have been appointed as an advisory subcommittee of the Parish Council. The RCCE has been guiding and supporting us throughout the year.

Our members have attended conferences and training sessions set up by the RCCE.

Helpful literature about Parish Plans is on display.

Our committee members represent various other local groups which serve our community:

The Dengie Project Trust

The Church in Southminster

The Essex Adolescent Service

The Climate Change Group

The Cycle Path Group

Friends **O**f **S**outhminster **C**ommunity **O**pen **S**paces

Maldon MIND (previously Blackwater Task Force)

Saint FM

The Community Rail Partnership

We have had practical support from several local people – individuals and businesses.

We thank them all.

During the year our committee has shrunk a little as some people, for various reasons, have had to withdraw. We thank all who have been part of the group at some stage during the year.

Now: We need more members. How about joining us?

There's lots to do - but if we share it there won't be a burden for just a few people.

Let's work together and make a positive difference in Southminster for everyone in Southminster.