

# Project Summary 2015

## THE STREETS OF **AXBRIDGE** PHASE 1



**Sedgemoor**  
IN SOMERSET



**Core Group Members:** Pete Harding (Chair), Mike Anderson, Tom Littlewood, George Ware, Jane Bridgwater

# Introduction

This presentation shows how we implemented community engagement and consultation as part of the Streets of Axbridge Phase 1 project.

We also show some of the results that emerged.

# PHASE ONE

## OUR MISSION:

“To improve Axbridge by making its’ streets more pedestrian friendly and slowing the transit of vehicles through it”.

# PHASE ONE

## **GOALS:**

To take a first step towards making Axbridge a more pedestrian friendly place.

To provide a focus and a process for residents, business owners and visitors to have a say and discuss the relationship between vehicles and people throughout all of the streets of Axbridge.

To create a more people friendly area in The Square for visitors and local people, young and old.



# THE TOWN SQUARE TRIAL

Throughout 2015 we completed Trial changes to the Square including new street furniture, planting, signage and cycle racks along with reducing the amount of car parking.

The goal of the Trial has been to promote more active community use and inspire and demonstrate our wider intent and give vision and focus for community engagement and consultation.

# **PHASE ONE**

## **as outlined on our website:**

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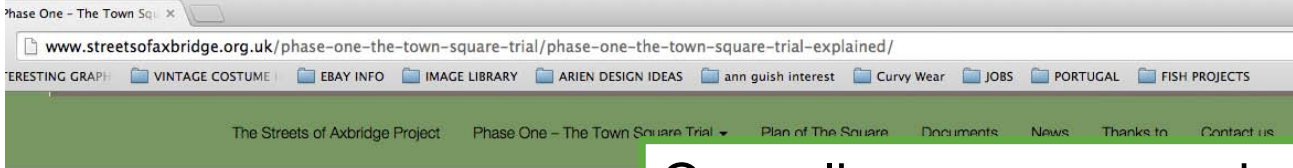
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6. Four less parking spaces to allow for more pedestrian space.
7. A pedestrian link through the center of the square, connecting the West and East side of the Square.

# COMMUNITY FACILITATORS

To assist us in the process of community engagement and consultation  
Barbara Wells and Sharon Anderson were appointed in March 2015  
as Community Facilitators.

# AWARENESS

**How did we raise awareness about the aims and goals of the project?**



Our online presence; website and facebook page

## Phase One – The Town Square Trial

The trial is led by the Axbridge Action Group, who are an independent community organisation made up of Axbridge residents who have been meeting together since 2001. The project is sponsored by Axbridge Community Partnership, and its member organisations.

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Website and facebook page  
managed by Jennifer Trotman

[www.streetsofaxbridge.org](http://www.streetsofaxbridge.org)

[www.facebook.com/StreetsOfAxbridge](http://www.facebook.com/StreetsOfAxbridge)



# MARCH – leaflet distributed with Oyez introducing and explaining the project

## How did the trial come about?

- In 2008 Axbridge Action Group worked in partnership with other organisations to commission an 'Axbridge Streets and Parking Options Appraisal'.
- The 2008 report came about as a direct result of Axbridge Residents input to the Parish Plan in 2006. Eight out of ten respondents to the Parish Plan questionnaire said that speeding traffic was one of their issues of greatest concern. People of Axbridge wanted more pedestrian friendly streets with a particular focus on The Square. Generally people did not seek to exclude cars but wanted spaces where the design of the streets allowed better and safer pedestrian access.
- Axbridge Community Partnership formed in 2011 to bring together representatives from local organisations to ensure good communication and collaborative working to help improve the local community.
- The Streets of Axbridge Project, of which this trial is the first part, is sponsored by Axbridge Community Partnership and delivered by Axbridge Action Group.

## Getting Involved

If you would like to get involved then please let us know. We are keen to work with as many local people as we can, who share our goal of making this community an even better place to live in and to visit.

## THE STREETS OF AXBRIDGE PHASE 1

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Axbridge photos old and new facebook page (for use of images).

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## THE STREETS OF AXBRIDGE PHASE 1



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# THE STREETS OF AXBRIDGE

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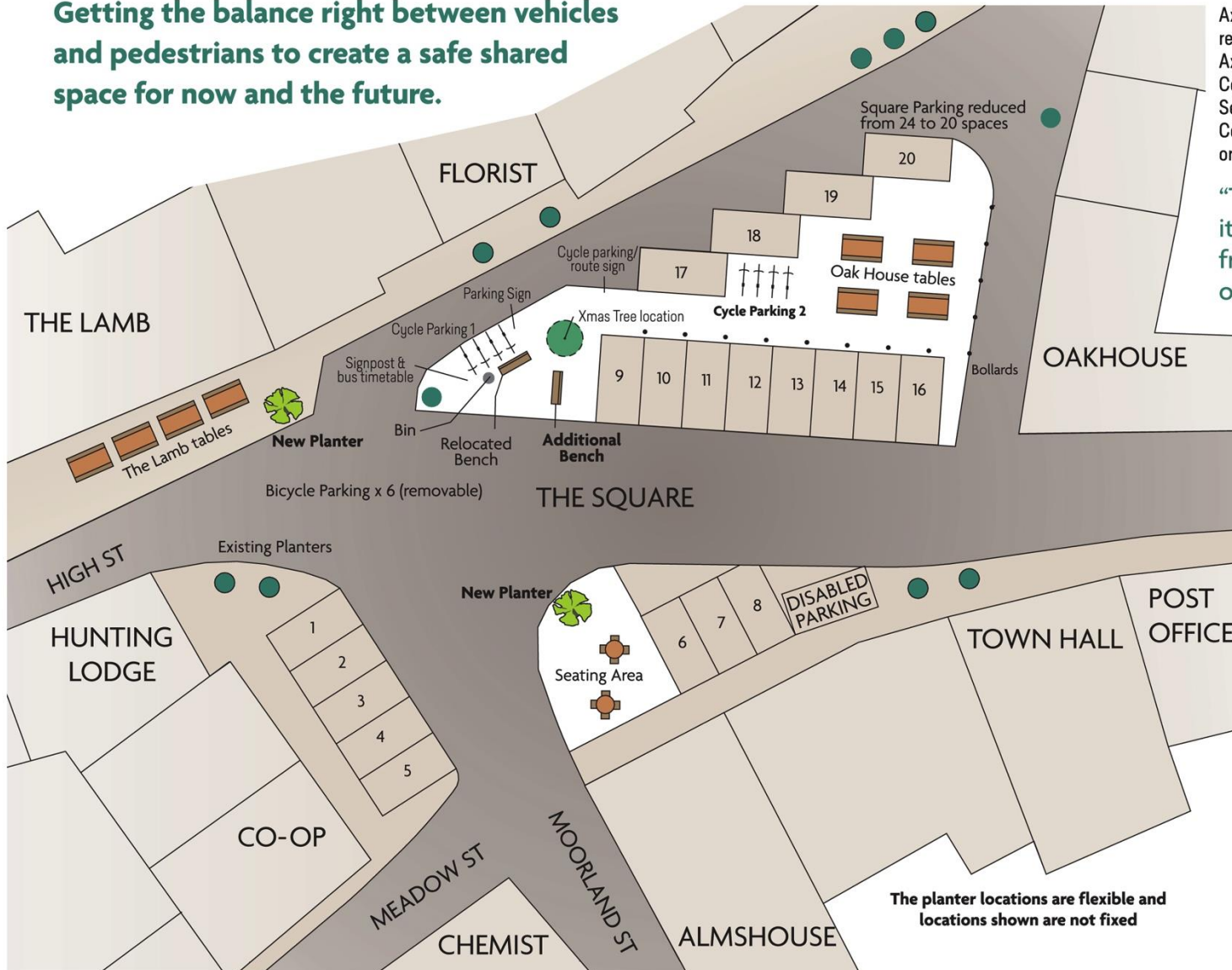
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The planter locations are flexible and locations shown are not fixed

APRIL – Leaflet distributed and posters placed in Axbridge  
MAY – Advert printed in Oyez to promote community engagement

# THE STREETS OF AXBRIDGE

PHASE 1



The Streets of Axbridge project aims to get the balance right between vehicles and pedestrians to create a safe shared space for now and the future.

As part of the first phase of this project, changes have now been implemented in the town square.

This is a community project and its success relies on your invaluable feedback.

Your opinion really does matter; please get in touch with us if you have any feedback or if you would like to know more about the project.

**Call - Barbara Wells on 01934 733779 or Sharon Anderson on 07968 858945**  
**Find us on facebook - Streets of Axbridge**  
**[www.streetsofaxbridge.org.uk](http://www.streetsofaxbridge.org.uk)**



# PUBLICITY

Press releases available to view on  
[www.cheddarvalleygazette.co.uk](http://www.cheddarvalleygazette.co.uk)

19 February 2015 - Cheddar Valley Gazette

## Trial to start soon on changes to town's Square car parking

**By Charlotte Fay-Fineran**

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THE long-awaited changes to Axbridge Square will soon be brought into the town for a test run.

Axbridge Action Group has received £12,500 to pay towards the removal of four parking spaces, changes to make it easier for pedestrians

to get around the square, and the addition of bike racks, planters and benches.

The Big Lottery Fund is the major contributor with other donations from Sedgemoor District Council, The Jack Todd Bequest and The Action Group.

Donations have also been received from Axbridge businesses such as the Almshouse, Butcombe Brewery, Enable, the Lamb Inn and Ginkgo Projects.

Peter Harding, of Axbridge Action Group, said: "We are really excited to be able to start a trial on some changes that we hope will not only improve the balance between cars and pedestrians in Axbridge, but will also start a conversation about what the people who live in, and visit, Axbridge want to see in the future."

It was agreed the town council would match-fund and may take on some of the funds to purchase

items such as benches which would then be owned by the council, risk assessed and insured.

A part of the funding is to pay for community facilitators to help with consultation and community engagement activities. The trial begins in April, and more details can be found at [www.streetsofaxbridge.org.uk](http://www.streetsofaxbridge.org.uk) or on Facebook by searching for Streets of Axbridge. To find out how to be a facilitator, call Pete on 01934 733689.

**Weather** Provided in  
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Today's  
weather

**In Cheddar Valley Extra  
on page 26 this week...**

# Axbridge square: Trial to start soon on changes to car parking

By [Cheddar Valley Gazette](#) | Posted: February 21, 2015

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# Square to be reimagined as a friendly place for pedestrians

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RESIDENTS of Axbridge will begin to notice changes in the historic town as an action group try to make the area more pedestrian friendly.

Axbridge Action Group will begin trialling some changes to the use of Axbridge Square.

They have appointed three individuals who will work together as community facilitators.

Barbara Wells, Liz Hamilton, and Sharon Anderson will work together to consult with the local community and visitors, collecting feedback from all parts of Axbridge as to what people would like to see in the future, to improve the balance between vehicles and pedestrians now and in the future.

The trio will collate all the feedback and the results will help identify what else can be done to further improve the balance between vehicles and pedestrians in this community.

Peter Harding, of Axbridge Action Group, said: "We were delighted to get such a big response from people interested in this role."

"We have appointed three highly motivated individuals who we believe will work well together to engage with all areas of the community, and with visitors to Axbridge."

For more details, visit [www.streetsofaxbridge.org.uk](http://www.streetsofaxbridge.org.uk).

## Trial changes

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What do you think of the proposed changes in Axbridge? Write and let us know by emailing [editor@midsomnews.co.uk](mailto:editor@midsomnews.co.uk) or writing to Letters to the Editor, Mid Somerset Series, Southover, Wells BA5 1UH



# Axbridge Square to trial pedestrian friendly changes

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# Pedestrians at heart of street plan

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TIMES are changing for Axbridge Town Square as residents aim to make its streets more pedestrian friendly.

Axbridge Action Group, formed in 2001, has begun placing new furniture in the square and reducing the number of car parking spaces as part of the Streets of Axbridge Trial.

New planters and benches have already been added to the square as part of a mixture of physical changes.

The group wants residents to give feedback during a meeting in July as part of its plans to maintain an in-depth community engagement to find out what the community would like to see.

The project's core aim is to get the balance right between vehicles and pedestrians throughout Axbridge to create a safe shared space for now and the future.

Peter Harding, chairman of Axbridge Action Group, said: "We have had mixed responses to the changes in The Square, as we expected."

"We are listening to what everyone has to say, because this is a trial, and it is taking place to engender exactly this type of debate."

"We welcome suggestions and ideas, and the positioning of the new planters is not permanent. The planters have been made in oak, which will age and grey, rather like the hunting lodge has."

Members of an Axbridge Facebook group have already started discussions giving their opinion on the new features.

## Town Trust re-assured on rights over Square

AXBRIDGE Town Trust has been assured that none of its rights and duties in administering the town square will be taken away under the square enhancement scheme.

## Axbridge call in experts to solve parking chaos

AXBRIDGE Town Trust has called in experts to solve parking chaos in the town square. The trust has asked for advice on how to manage the square's parking spaces more effectively.

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## HAGGLING GOES ON OVER THE SQUARE

A CALL for pavements to be re-installed in parts of High Street, Axbridge, is being made by town councillors following complaints from people in the town.

## Warnings of confusion over traffic in square

THREATS to have serious problems with traffic regulations in Axbridge town square have been issued by Somerset's highways committee, Coun. Des Black.

## Mayor's high hopes during year of office

By Angela Brennan  
MAYOR of Axbridge, Coun. Evan Hughes, is looking forward to his second year of office with great faith.

## Axbridge traders plan stunt to win back customers

AXBRIDGE traders are planning a major publicity stunt to be staged when the town square is closed for work.

## Champagne toast as work starts on Square

CHAMPAGNE corks popped on Wednesday morning as supporters of Axbridge's Town Square enhancement scheme celebrated the start of the £45,000 project.

## Industry ban stirs angry toy town jibe

SEDGEMOOR District Council has been slammed for helping to turn Axbridge into a toy town by not encouraging people to bring business into the town.

## Complaints on slowness with Square work

COMPLAINTS have been made to Somerset County Council over the slowness in completing the town square enhancement scheme.

## EXTRA PARKING PLANS FOR SQUARE REJECTED

AXBRIDGE Town Council has refused to sanction extra parking spaces in the town square, despite a request from a local business.

Alterations to Axbridge Town Square have been debated for decades, as these cuttings from the Cheddar Valley Gazette show

Axbridge resident Alison McManus hinted she was not aware the planters were going to be implemented. "I went for a drink and [the planters] weren't there," she said. "When I came out there they were - I only had two drinks; honest."

Other residents said the modern look was not in keeping with the medieval town. The feedback meeting will be at the town hall on July 18.

**DR WORTH & NOWELL**

Exhibition on 18<sup>th</sup> July mentioned



# Streets of Axbridge trial receives mixed reactions

By [Cheddar Valley Gazette](#) | Posted: June 26, 2015

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Axbridge, and one of the stone planters. Oak ones are now being introduced

# Axbridge children were asked to draw what they like about their town and their pictures are superb

By [Cheddar Valley Gazette](#) | Posted: September 13, 2015

By [newsdesk@midsomnews.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk@midsomnews.co.uk)



Posters designed by Axbridge First School pupils about Axbridge



# Give your views on The Streets of Axbridge changes

By [Cheddar Valley Gazette](#) | Posted: November 09, 2015



Axbridge Town Square

🗨 Comments (0)

The Streets of Axbridge Group which planned the experimental changes to The Square, and is consulting about other improvements to the town, is holding an event



## PRESENCE AT SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET APR – DEC 2015



Speaking to visitors and residents





Photographing vehicles, cyclists and pedestrian movement at Farmers Markets





Photographing car park usage and road parking during Farmers Market

# **RESIDENTS SUGGESTIONS AND FEEDBACK**

**How did we gather data and what did we do with it?**

# INTERVIEWS, WORKSHOPS & DATA GATHERING

Over the months we have been present at every farmers market, photographing and gathering data from residents and visitor. We have been logging how the square and car parks are used, and speaking to residents at set periods of time during business hours and on weekends. To ensure coverage of Axbridge we were present to interview residents and visitors at; Axbridge Surgery, Retirement flats on Houlgate Way, Axbridge Care Home, Pennings, Hippisly Drive and Marion Close, Knight Stone Close, Chestnut Avenue & Marrion Close, Coffin Lane, Cheddar Road the Furlong and bus stops.

We visited and interviewed residents who could potentially be marginalized. We for example assisted and observed how residents of the Pennings, a wheelchair user and partially sighted residents use the streets of Axbridge and logged their feedback.

We have run a workshop at Axbridge First School involving the older children who produced posters to express their opinions. Parents and pupils were invited to see the drawings exhibited and at our first open day. We also worked with the Brownies and Guides who created models of their homes and who told us “why they like living in Axbridge”.



We have interviewed local community groups in Axbridge; Active Living members, the church group, the Independent Women and Axbridge Sewing Group.

Over ten months we spoke to roughly 1500 residents and visitor and have captured just over 2000 comments and suggestions received during either interviews or workshops.

We used the initial data we gathered to inform visitors at our first public exhibition, held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015. We outlined the most common feedback and frequent suggestions received and addressed and clarified “rumours” that were also high-lighted during interviews. Visitors were asked to build on feedback and were invited to join our in depth focus groups.

JUNE – ADVERT PRINTED IN OYEZ AND POSTERS PLACED IN AXBRIDGE

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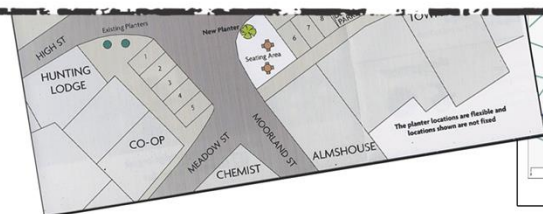
PHASE 1



**YOUR  
OPINION  
REALLY  
MATTERS**

**Do you want to know more about Phase 1  
of the Streets of Axbridge Project?**

**What are your views and suggestions on  
improving all of the streets of Axbridge ?**



**DROP IN FOR TEA AND CAKE TO DISCUSS YOUR VIEWS  
& TO SEE OUR EXHIBITION**

**SATURDAY, 18TH JULY 2015, 10-2PM AT AXBRIDGE TOWN HALL**

The Streets of Axbridge project aims to get the balance right between vehicles and people using the streets for their future.

As part of the first phase of this project, we are asking you for your views.

This is a community consultation.

feedback.

Your opinion really does matter.

or if you would like to know more about the project.

**OUR FIRST PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Call Sarah Wells on 01934 733779  
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## SATURDAY, 18TH JULY 2015 – EXHIBITION IN AXBRIDGE TOWN HALL





# MOST COMMON FEEDBACK & MYTH BUSTERS

## Myth Buster:

“The space outside the Co-op was not changed into a seating area as originally suggested because the Co-op objected.”

“The Almshouse has been given extra seating for their customers.”

“No-one was consulted about the project, it’s a small group of people that makes all the decisions.”

The most common feedback received so far:

Remove the car parking space outside the Co-op.

Slow down traffic and cyclists on High St and West St

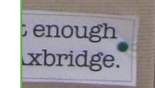
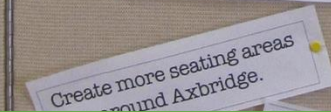
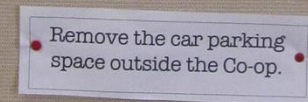
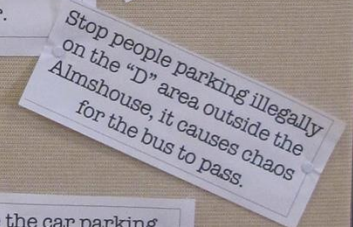
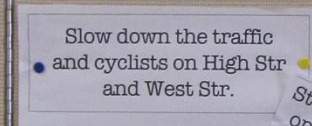
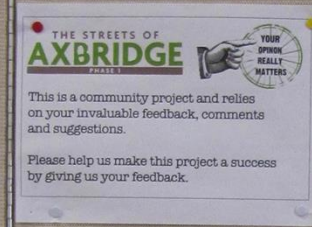
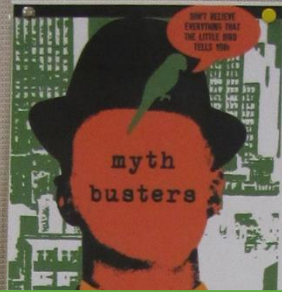
The A371 should be a 40mph road

Stop people parking illegally on the “D” area outside the Almshouse, it causes chaos for the bus to pass

Create more seating areas around Axbridge

Encourage residents to park on Houlgate Way and walk home rather than use public car parking spaces

There is not enough Parking in Axbridge





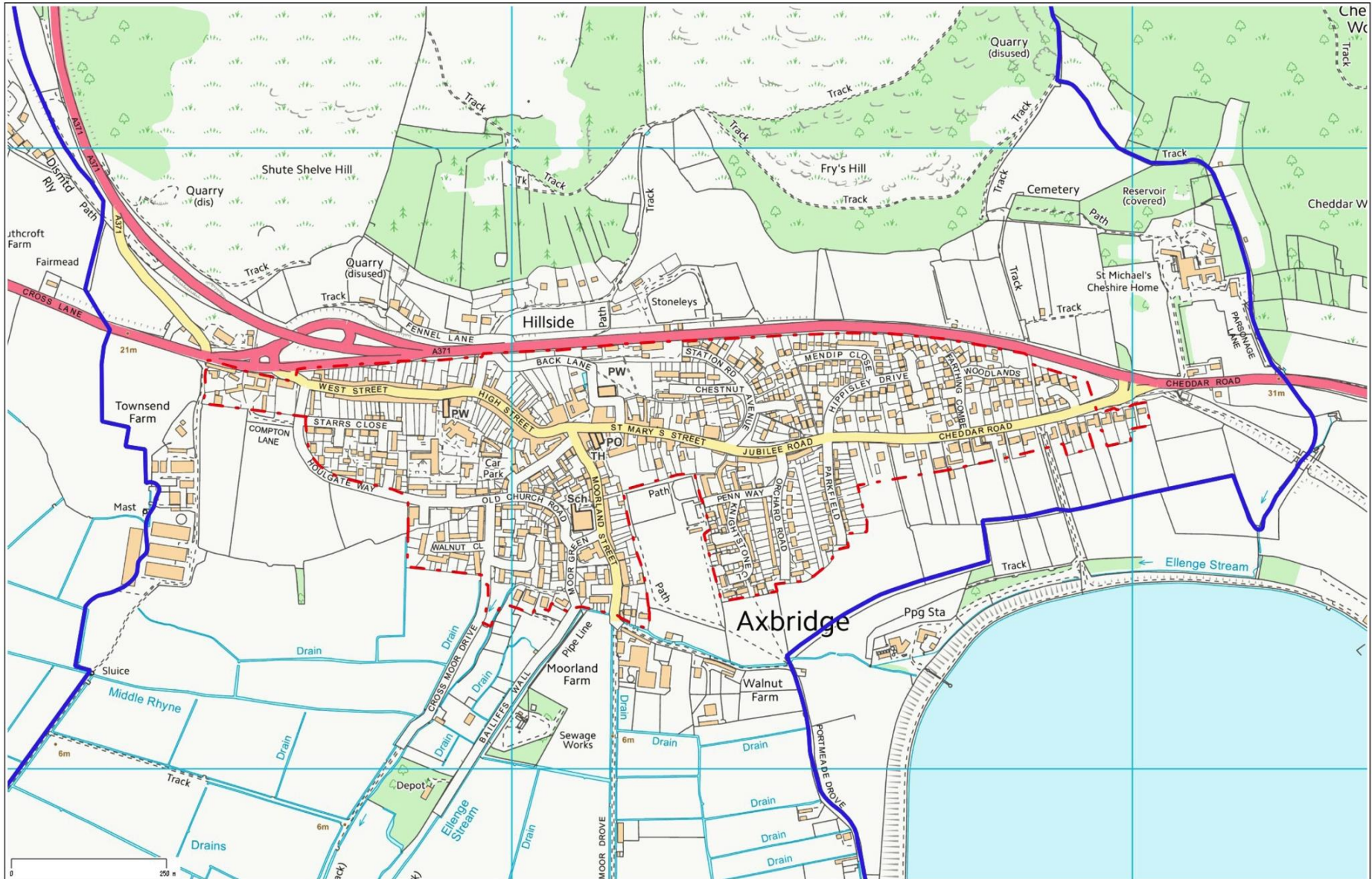
## VISITOR FEEDBACK PROMPT



ALL SUGGESTIONS ADDED TO EXISTING LOG OF FEEDBACK

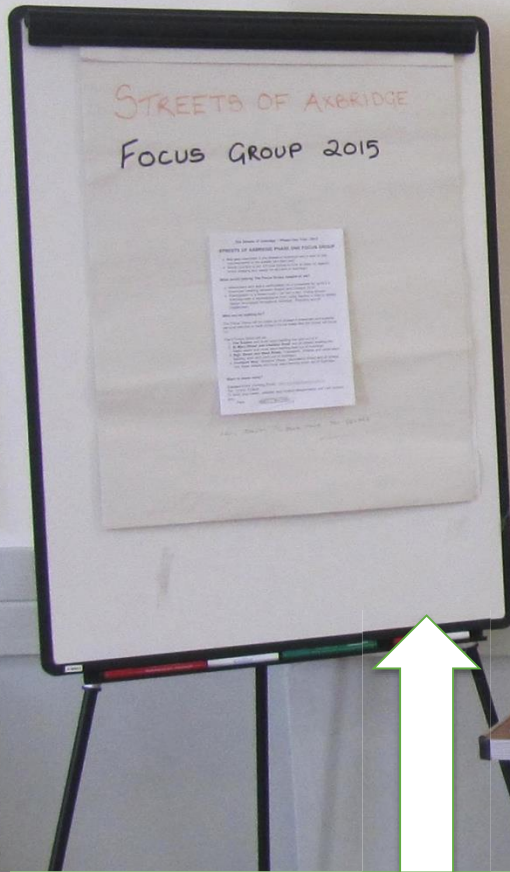


A large printed map of Axbridge, showing the town boundaries. Residents were asked to place a dot on the map of where they reside, and visitors were noted too.





STREETS OF AXBRIDGE HISTORY, DEMONSTRATING HOW THE PROJECT HAS DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS TO THIS POINT.



DETAILS ABOUT PLANNED FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS AND SIGN-UP FORMS

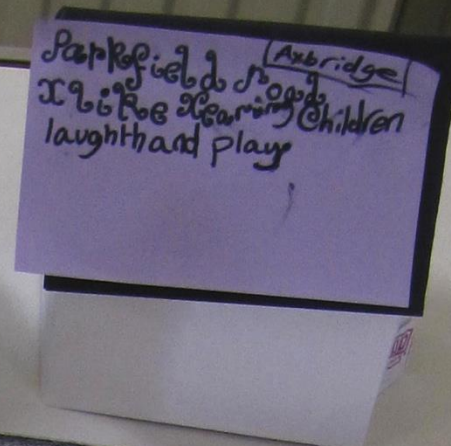
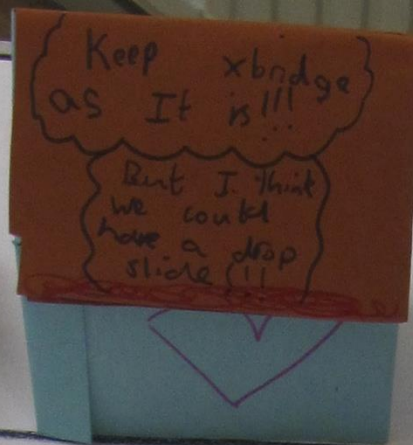
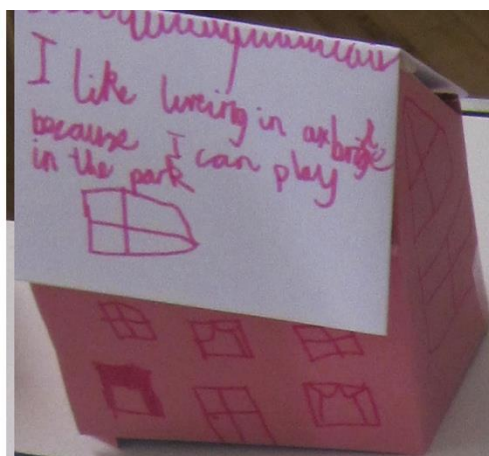




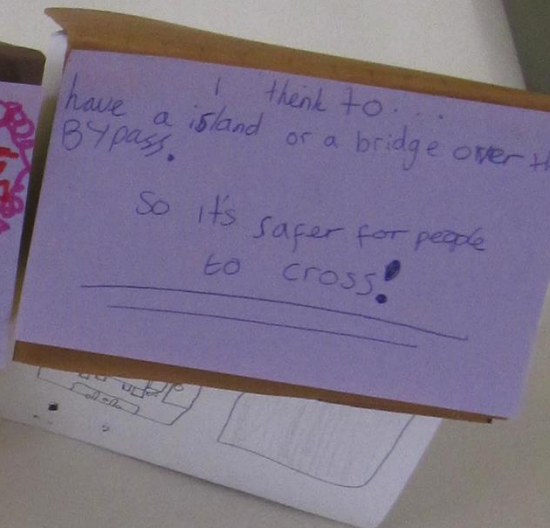
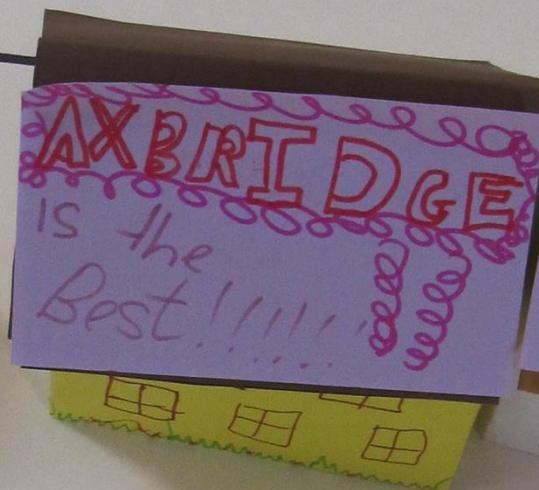
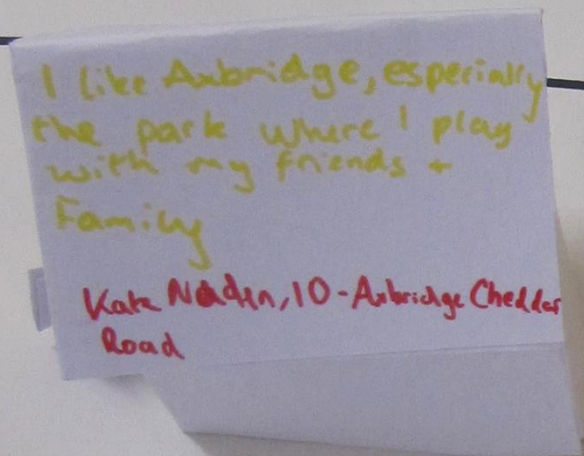
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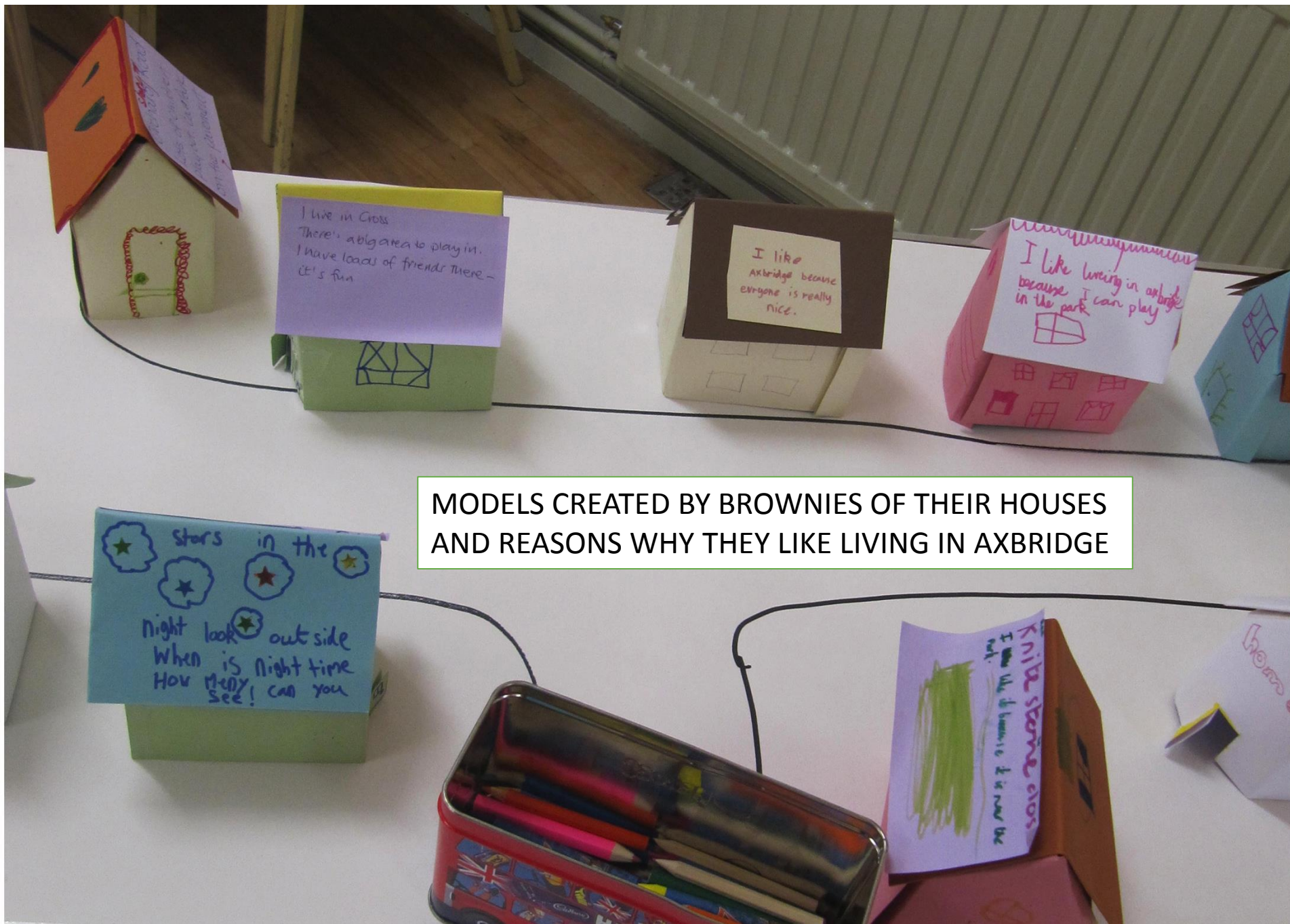




MODELS CREATED BY BROWNIES OF THEIR HOUSES  
AND REASONS WHY THEY LIKE LIVING IN AXBRIDGE







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I live in Cross  
There's a big area to play in.  
I have loads of friends there -  
it's fun

I like  
Axbridge because  
everyone is really  
nice.

I like living in axbridge  
because I can play  
in the park

stars in the  
night look out side  
When is night time  
How many can you  
see!

Killa stone does  
I know like it because it is near the  
end.

home

Jasmine Vizi 4 years

# Improve



Improve on getting a shelter for the bus stop incase it rains.



Hedgehog in a hole in a bush and someone made it into a home for the animals.

Make some habitats to insure animals to live in Axbridge.

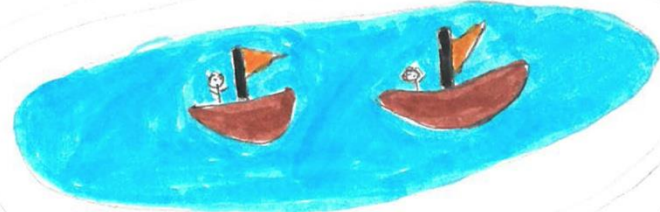
# Like

I like Axbridge because everybody is very kind.



Someone giving a flower to somebody else.

I like the reservoir.



People doing sailing in the reservoir.

Exhibition of Posters created by Yr 4 pupils, during a Streets of Axbridge "fun focus group" held at Axbridge First School. The posters express what students like about Axbridge and what they suggest can be improved.



# !! IMPROVE !!

MAYA  
Age 9

I think you should  
improve the A371 so it's  
Safer for children and adults  
by building a bridge!



# Like!

Tebo, 9



School



CO-OP



# Improve

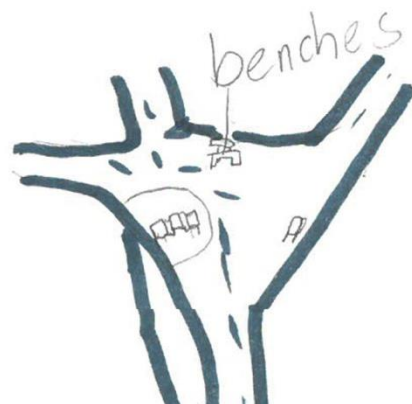
I improve the setting around Axbridge



field benches



benches



benches

## **Feedback from our Year 4 students at Axbridge CofE First School**

(Group of 32 students; 24 pupils residing in Axbridge, 18 pupils other areas)

Q: What do you like most about living or visiting Axbridge?

Park

Reservoir

Furlong

Visiting friends and family in Axbridge

Fetes and Events in the Square

Moors

The stream

School

The Cafe

The Pub

The way the buildings look all nice and old with colours and plants,  
not like in the city.

(The park was definitely the most popular place amongst  
pupils and they had a lot of useful suggestions on how to improve it)



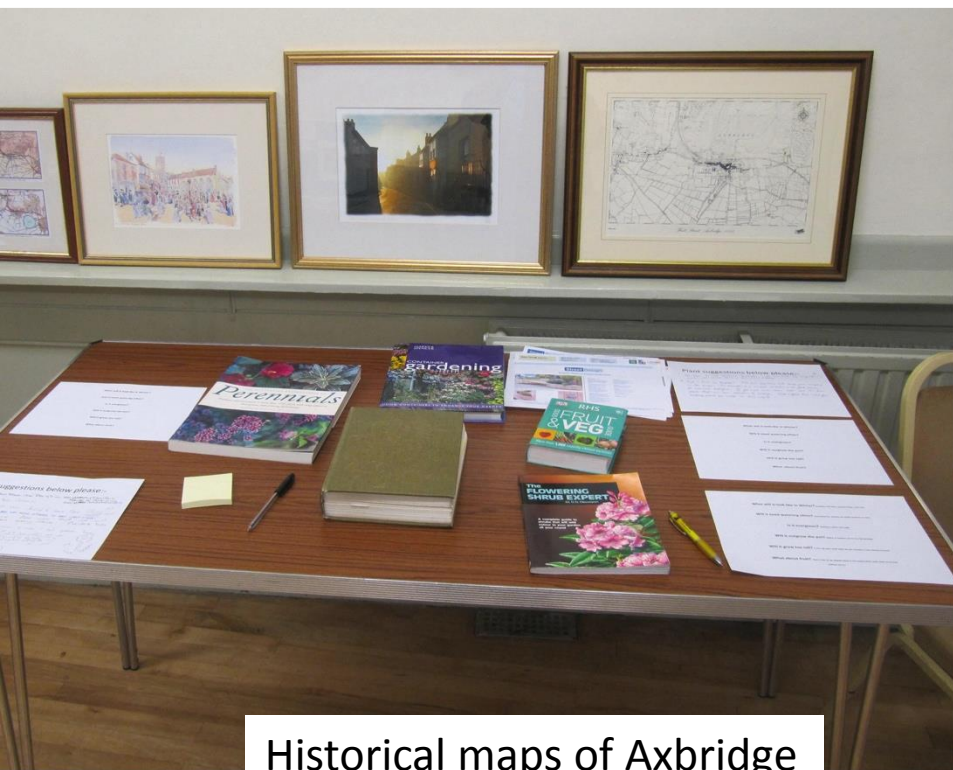
Q: What would you improve in the Streets of Axbridge?

“Please can we have a bridge or pedestrian crossing that makes it safe for us to cross the main road (A371). We can’t cross the road without our parents and even then it does not feel safe. Cars race on that bit of road and sometimes they go so fast they make your hair blow. It is scary to cross that road and we would like to cross safely.”

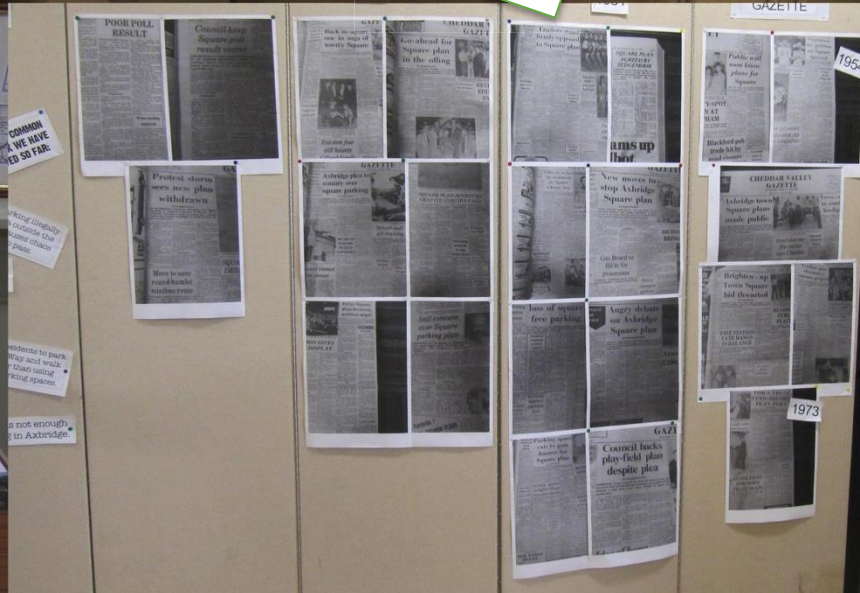
“Please bring back the ice cream fridge in the Co-op!”

“Please provide hedgehog and little animal shelters, bee and bug boxes around the streets of Axbridge to attract more wild life and to help the environment.”

“Please provide more seating all around Axbridge so that people can sit and rest and enjoy the view.”

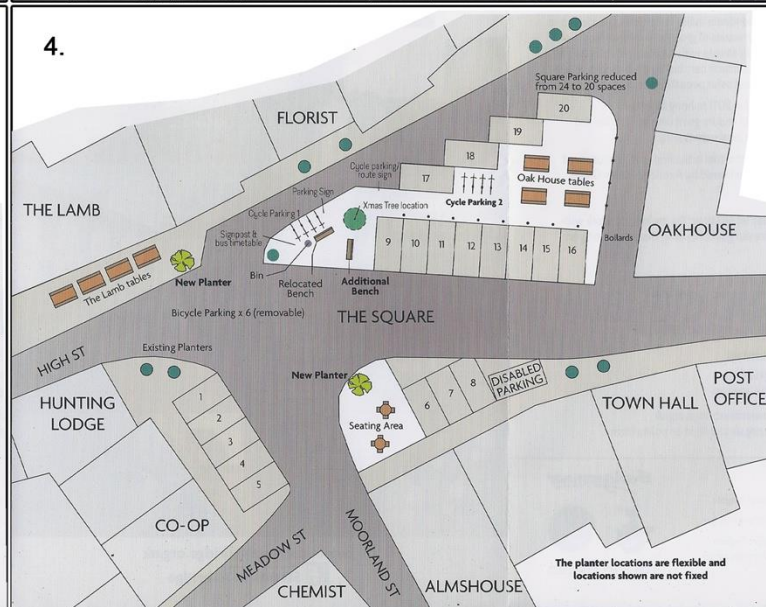
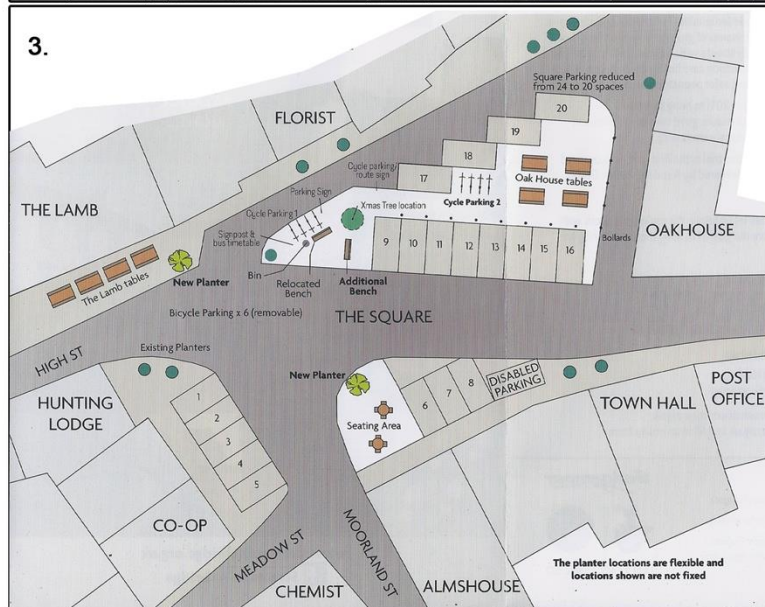
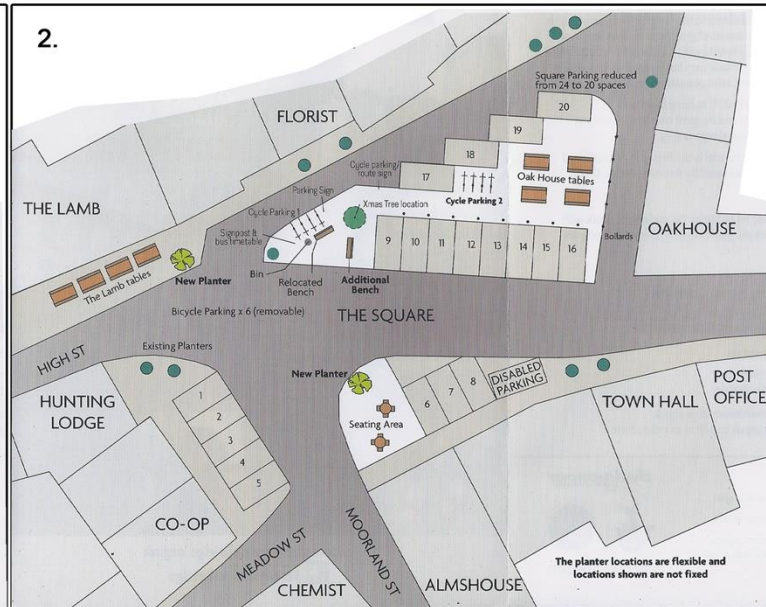
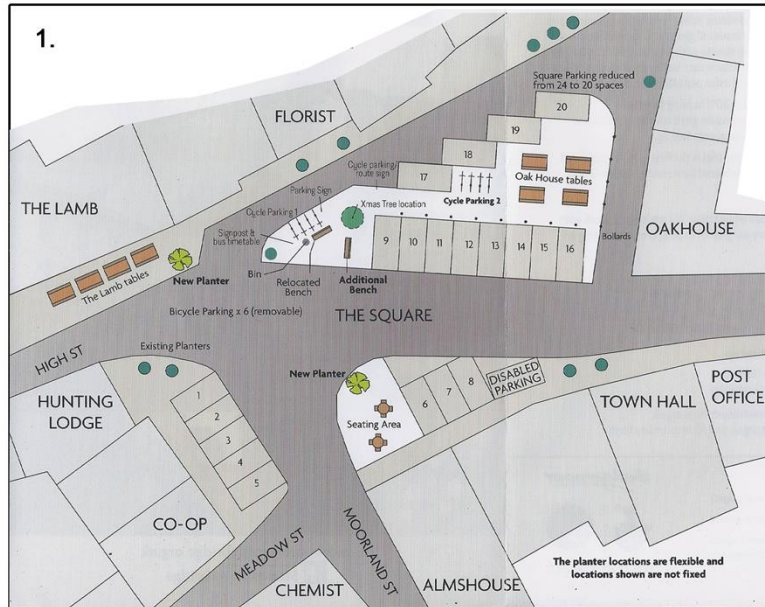


Cheddar Valley Gazette articles dating back to 1950's to present date, that relate to street changes in Axbridge. These clippings demonstrate that this has always been a contentious topic.





# Examples of the data we captured while observing use of the Square



LOG OF USE  
& MOVEMENT  
IN SQUARE

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TIME:

DETAILS:



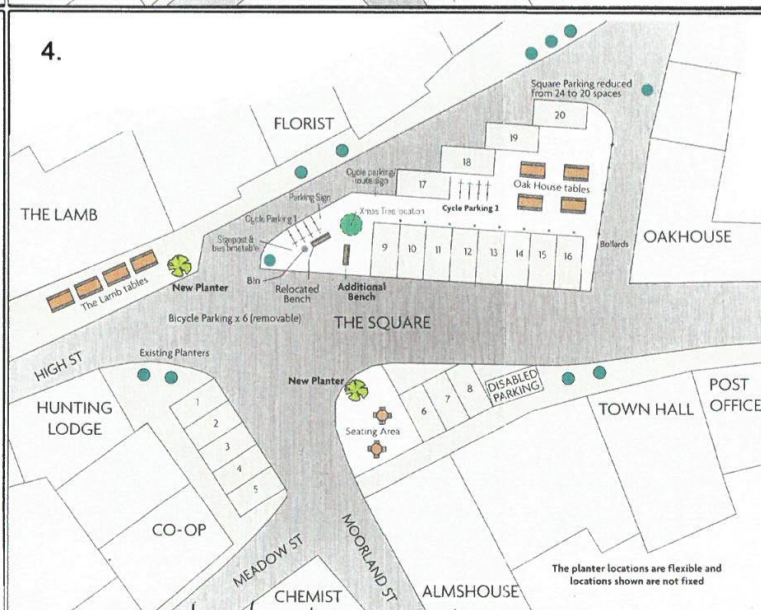
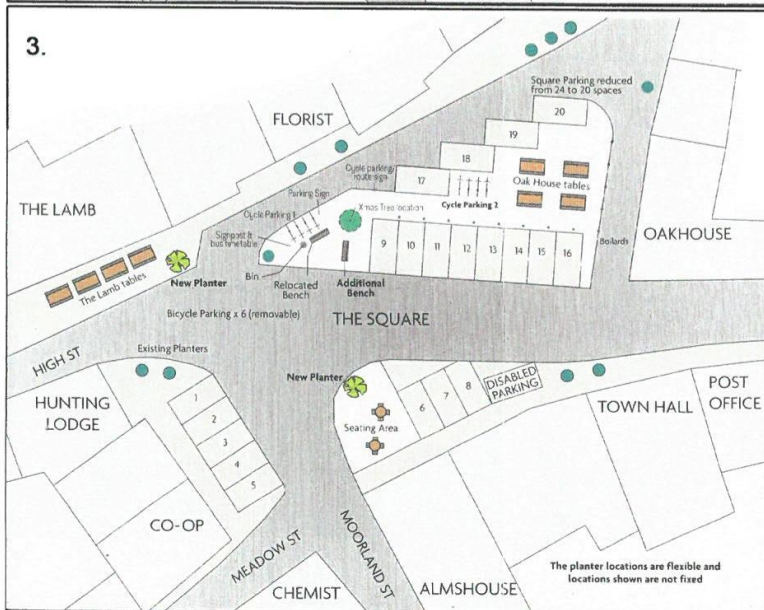
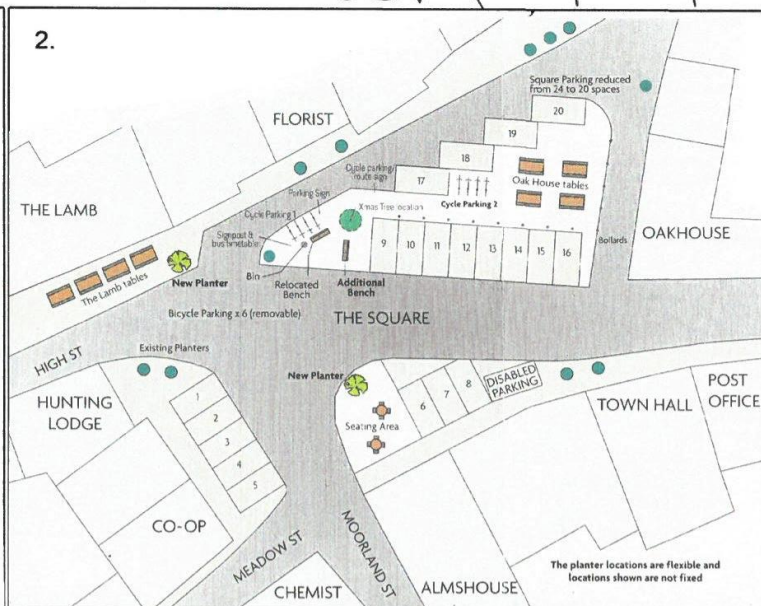
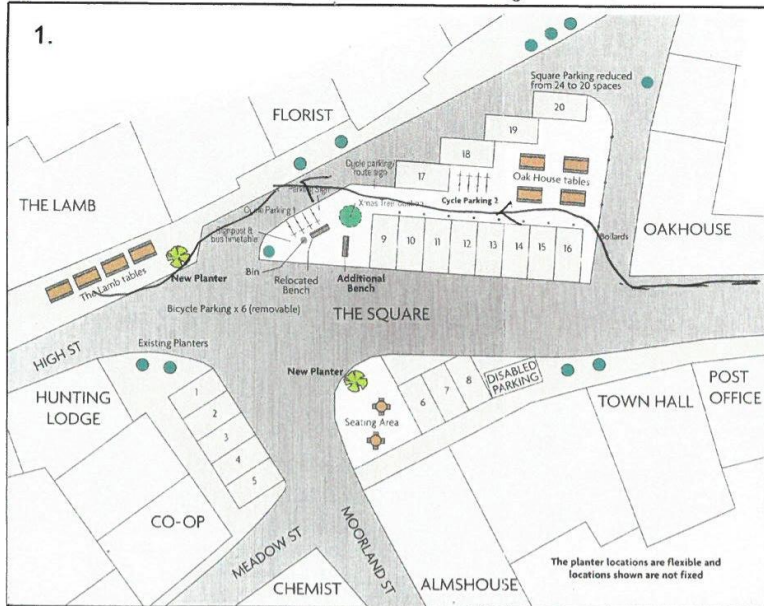
Pedestrians 'Hurrah' 2 people used the middle

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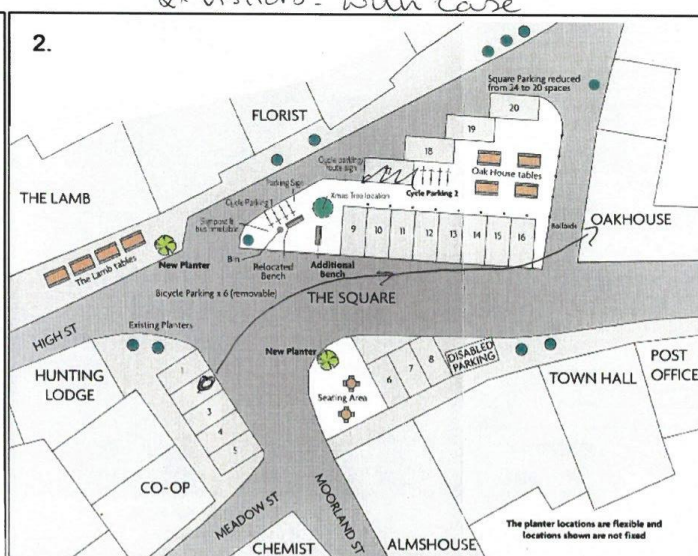
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They were visitors!!!



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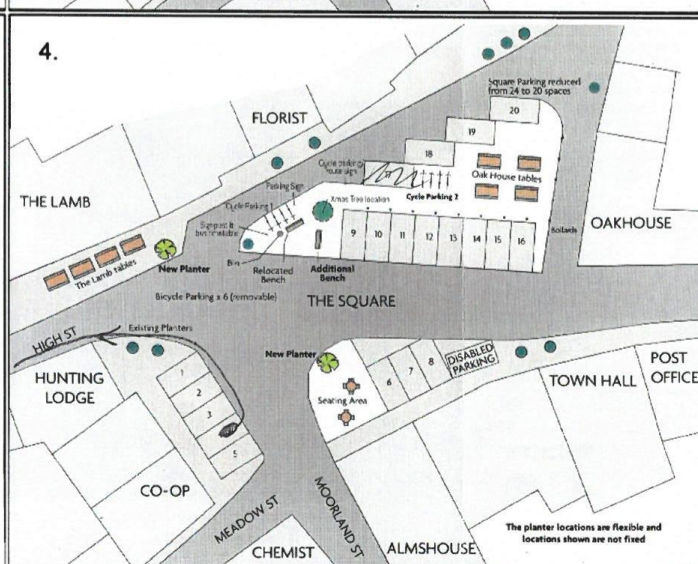
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DATE: 11/9

TIME: 4.30  
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## **Examples of useful feedback received while interviewing visitors and residents.**

(A synopsis of feedback document is attached for further information.

Refer to “Synopsis of feedback” on our website)

Mrs P Bird (Retired Axbridge resident, partially sighted)

“When living in a medieval town you accept that it was not built to accommodate how we live now. I have to use a walking aid when walking to the square to catch the bus, and where the pavement gets too narrow, I step off and walk with my walker in the road. The narrow uneven streets are part of Axbridge’s charm and I wouldn’t expect the pavements to be widened. I do however find it very difficult to get on the bus in the square. The bus stops right next to those terrible dips that make it impossible for not only me but also mothers with pushchairs to get on. I am aware that there are drainage problems and that the channels are necessary but a simple solution would be to get grids fitted to the dips, like the ones they have on the streets of Wells. That would help a lot.”



Visitors wish to remain anonymous, feedback received at Farmes Market  
2nd May 2015

“We are visitors from Weston-super-Mare. We come to the Farmers Market every month to stock up on goodies and we meet our friends who live on High Street, we have been doing so for years. Our friends don't have parking and we know the public parking spaces in Axbridge quite well. We don't try and park in the Axbridge Town public car park on Old Church Road because it is always full. Sometimes we use to get lucky in the one on Moorland Street behind the chemist and we use to try the car park by the Furlong but if there are football matches on, it's difficult to turn around and get out of the chaos. We now park in the car park next to the surgery on Houlgate Way because there are no signs that says it's not allowed. Residents in the flats across the road have on occasions told us not to park in their car park but we believe this is in fact a public car park.

It really isn't clear, and it might be a good idea to put signs up to direct visitors to car parking spaces when the Farmers Market is on.

We don't mind walking to the square, you live in such a beautiful town. We would love to live here.” -

**FOCUS GROUPS-  
incl. Street Audit  
HELD TO INFORM  
OUR SECOND  
PUBLIC EXHIBITION**



## 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015 – STREET AUDIT WITH LIVING STREETS



## STREET AUDIT: ZONE 1 - HIGH ST WEST ST AREA





## ZONE 2

Houlgate Way, Meadow Street and all streets leading into these streets.  
Route ways leading south out of Axbridge.





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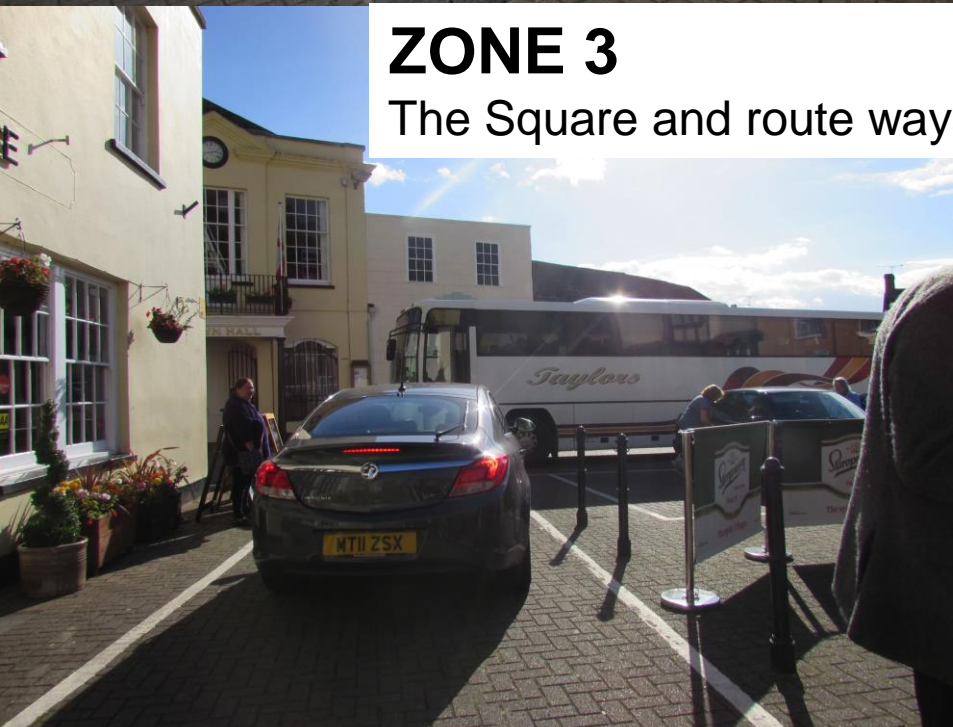






## ZONE 3

The Square and route ways leading in and out of it.







## ZONE 4

St Mary Street, Cheddar Road and all streets leading into these roads and route ways leading east out of Axbridge.





# THE STREETS OF AXBRIDGE

PHASE 1

**Do you want to know more about Phase 1  
of the Streets of Axbridge Project?**

**YOUR  
OPINION  
REALLY  
MATTERS**

**DROP IN TO LOOK AT THE IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE BY  
RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO IMPROVE THE STREETS OF AXBRIDGE.  
WE VALUE YOUR OPINION, SO PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
A COFFEE OR TEA AND GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK.**

**MONDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER 2015, 6:30-9:30PM  
AT AXBRIDGE TOWN HALL**

The Streets of Axbridge project aims to get the balance right between vehicles and people using the town centre now and the future.  
As part of the first phase of this project we have created a new town square.  
This is a new town square. We need your feedback.

Your opinion really does matter. We need your feedback or if you would like to know more about the project.

For more information contact Sarah Wells on 01934 733779 or Sharon Anderson on 07968 858945

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**[www.streetsofaxbridge.org.uk](http://www.streetsofaxbridge.org.uk)**

**OUR SECOND PUBLIC EXHIBITION**



MONDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 – EXHIBITION IN AXBRIDGE TOWN HALL





# ZONE 1

High Street and West Street.  
Townsend, Hillside and route ways leading  
west and north out of Axbridge.

## STATEMENTS

1. A371 below Hillside to change to a 40mph zone.
2. Provide pedestrian refuges for crossing the A371 at Fennel Lane (Hillside steps) and for the footpath opposite the Sea Cade - not to be dependent on 40mph sp
3. Develop a parking area in the scrub - LAND BY Sea Cadets;
4. High St - West St, make one way west bound.
5. A detailed study to be carried out on pavements and roads on High/West Street with a goal of making the streets more pedestrian friendly. This should include measuring width, camber and state of repair. Review to include if it would be feasible to move some of the kerbs to create pinch-points/calming measures remove double yellow lines, have more car parking spaces, create speed humps and widening foot paths.
6. Create gateway/pinch point at entrance into the top of West Street.
7. Test use of rumble strips on High/West Street as traffic calming measure.
8. Support for the 'Coffin Lane' proposal - pathway going up/down Cross Lane - combine with refuge crossing on A38.
9. Reduce speed limit for traffic using Cross Lane.

## LIKE

## DISLIKE

## COMMENT

# ZONE 2

Houlgate Way, Meadow Street and all streets  
leading into these streets.  
Route ways leading south out of Axbridge.

## STATEMENTS

1. Houlgate Way to be the main entrance into Axbridge from the west.
2. Undertake a process of reviewing all car parking options throughout Houlgate Way - including on-street parking, widening Houlgate Way for parking and opportunities for off road parking by surgery and/or below Compton House.
3. Undertake a process for considering different road surfaces at key junction points, with particular focus on: top part of Houlgate Way /West Street, top of Moorland Street entering Square and bottom of Old Church Road.
4. Undertake a process of considering options for speed limiting road design for Houlgate Way e.g. humps, rumble strips, pinch points.
5. Plants at seating area to be maintained and cut as they interfere with visibility for pedestrians and drivers.
6. Entrance to the Furlong from Moorland St to be improved and upkeep maintained. Lighting to be installed along path.
7. Traffic calming measures around Axbridge First School. Could include murals on the walls or road surface. Parents to be encouraged to use walking bus rather than dropping off pupils in cars.
8. Review location options for additional seating - e.g. by bus stop near doctors and/or by the town car park.

## LIKE

## DISLIKE

## COMMENT



# ZONE 3

The Square and route ways leading in and out of it.

## STATEMENTS

1. Improve bus access by removing the car parking space outside the Co-op.
2. Remove the car parking spaces outside of the florist.
3. Review number, availability and type of bike racks and their positioning – including during farmers markets.
4. Complete a feasibility study surrounding parking and re-locating the bus stop to make entry onto and exit from bus more accessible. See 'options for the Square' for details on ideas.
5. Extend hours of usage of Moorland Street car park to 3 hours.
6. Better traffic management – enforcement in the Square of parking and speeding.
7. Have less parking in the square.
8. Reduce the parking limit time in the Square to 30 minutes.
9. Review the type of plants in the big new planters in the Square.
10. Keep the changes already made in the Square as carried out in the Trial.
11. Have better signage in the Square to where car parking can be found.

## LIKE

## DISLIKE

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# ZONE 4

St Mary Street and Cheddar Road and all streets leading into these roads and route ways leading east out of Axbridge.

## STATEMENTS

1. Improve lines of sight for pedestrians and cars pulling out on Cheddar Rd at Parkway & Orchard roads and consider road markings to designate where it is safe to cross.
2. Undertake a process of considering options for speed limiting road design for Jubilee Road/Cheddar Road – e.g humps, rumble strips, pinch points.
3. Review options for making the road between The Square and The Pennings to be a pedestrian friendly zone - including pinch points, speed humps, different road colouring and gateway/pinchpoint by Pennings and/or at top of St Mary Street by the Old Rectory.
4. Furlong car park - increase parking spaces and make available 24/7.
5. Develop a walking bus – or school drop off zone – at Furlong car park.
6. Have pinchpoint and better welcome signage entrance to town at top of Cheddar Rd.

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# WHOLE OF AXBRIDGE

## STATEMENTS

1. Enforce speed limits and parking restrictions throughout the town.
2. Better signage for entering the town (Consider implications of sat nav directions through town)
3. 20mph speed limit throughout all of Axbridge.
4. Establish a group to help maintain access via footpaths.
5. Co-ordinate existing resources for community transport and a car share scheme.
6. Develop an integrated transport plan - including strategy to promote alternative transport - e.g. To include increased bus service evenings and weekends, community transport and a car share scheme.
7. Considered areas for additional public/resident car parks - Chestnut Ave, off ~~at~~ by pass beside Station/Youth club, next to Doctors Surgery and Furlong Car Park.
8. Have a publicity campaign about anti-social parking and anti-social speeding including cycling. Use the children's paintings that we have already got as part of community engagement and/or a 'scarecrow policemen' competition.
9. Review options to instigate a campaign to promote walking.
10. More market days, events and entertainment.
11. Re-direction of National Cycle Route around Houlgate Way rather than High/West Street.
12. Review the state of footpaths throughout Axbridge and plan a repair and improvement programme.

## LIKE

## DISLIKE

## COMMENTS

LIKE	DISLIKE	COMMENTS
1		Need better signage of parking restrictions on High Street. Also change parking along Houlgate Way to better suit the town.
2		Red timing points for bus service to be considered.
3		20mph speed limit throughout all of Axbridge.
4		Establish a group to help maintain access via footpaths.
5		Co-ordinate existing resources for community transport and a car share scheme.
6		Develop an integrated transport plan - including strategy to promote alternative transport - e.g. To include increased bus service evenings and weekends, community transport and a car share scheme.
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12		Review the state of footpaths throughout Axbridge and plan a repair and improvement programme.

*Handwritten notes on the board:*

- Like 6:** Bring back the train!
- Like 7:** Chestnut Ave, off ~~at~~ by pass beside Station/Youth club, next to Doctors Surgery and Furlong Car Park.
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## MOST LIKED / DISLIKED IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS OF SECOND PUBLIC EXHIBITION

	MOST <b>LIKED</b> IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS*	LIKES
1.	ZONE 3 (1) Improve bus access by removing the car parking space outside the Co-op.	41!
2.	WHOLE OF AXBRIDGE (7) Considered areas for additional public/resident car parks – Chestnut Ave, off of by pass beside Station/Youth club, next to Doctors Surgery and Furlong Car Park.	33
3.	ZONE 1 (5) A detailed study to be carried out on pavements and roads on High/West Street with a goal of making the streets more pedestrian friendly. This should include measuring width, camber and state of repair. Review to include, if it would be feasible to move some of the kerbs to create pinch-points/calming measures, remove double yellow lines, have more car parking spaces, create speed humps and widening foot-paths.	32!
4.	ZONE 3 (10) Keep the changes already made in the Square as carried out in the Trial.	31
5.	ZONE 1 (8) Support for the 'Coffin Lane' proposal - pathway going up/down Cross Lane – combine with refuge crossing on A38;	30!
6.	ZONE 1 (2) Provide pedestrian refuges for crossing the A371 at Fennel Lane (Hillside steps) and for the footpath opposite the Sea Cadet buildings – not to be dependent on 40mph speed limit. !	29!
7.	WHOLE OF AXBRIDGE (1) Enforce speed limits and parking restrictions throughout the town.	27
8.	ZONE 1 (1) A371 below Hillside to change to a 40mph zone. !	25
9.	WHOLE OF AXBRIDGE 20mph speed limit throughout all of Axbridge.	24!
10.	ZONE 3 (5) Extend hours of usage of Moorland Street car park to 3 hours.	22!

11.	ZONE 2 (7) Traffic calming measures around Axbridge First School.	21!
12.	ZONE 4 (4) Furlong carpark - increase parking spaces and make available 24/7.	20!

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!	MOST <b>DISLIKED</b> IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS*	!
!	!	DISLIKE
1.!	ZONE 1 (4) High St – West St - make one way west bound.	21
2.!	ZONE 5 (11) Re-direction of National Cycle Route around Houlgate Way rather than High/West Street.	18
3.!	ZONE 2 (1) Houlgate Way to be the main entrance into Axbridge from the west.	15

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The outcome of our second public exhibition which is presented as “the most liked and disliked ideas from residents”, mirrored and expanded on the feedback we received at our first exhibition.



## **WHAT NEXT?**

The Streets of Axbridge Core Group are now considering the ideas and suggestions that came out of the community engagement and consultation process. They will consider how these ideas can progress and will then present proposals to the Axbridge Community Partnership.