

# Neighbourhood Development Plan



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## Whats been happening?

Since our last newsletter in December we have continued to meet twice monthly to review our progress and plan our next steps. We held our open day on 19<sup>th</sup> December, perhaps not the best day to expect people to turn out given that it was a cold wet day in the run-up to Christmas. We were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of those who did attend and their willingness to share their views about the future of the parish. The views of parishioners will form the basis of the final Neighbourhood Development Plan so events like this are really important in engaging with the community. Following that meeting we sat down and analysed all the comments, dividing them into clearly identifiable areas and weighting them according to the number of comments received on each topic.

Another positive outcome from this meeting was getting to know other residents from around the parish. This serves as a reminder that this Plan is not just about buildings, it's about how we live together as a community in the future.

## Whats is happening?

Although the Open Day was successful, attracting approximately 10% of the parish population, we did not feel confident that we had sufficient numbers to give us a mandate to go ahead and create the vision for the parish. So, we decided to identify a larger "focus group" and seek their opinion on the appropriateness of our findings. We have a database of emails and we know that we can reach even greater numbers through the Hatt Chat & Botus Banter Facebook page. We constructed a questionnaire using the main 26 headings from the consultation day. Requests to complete this survey were emailed to individuals and a request was posted on the Facebook page. If you have not yet completed the survey please do so and ask all family members to respond too, especially younger members. If you haven't registered your email address and you are not on Facebook you can find the survey at:

<https://surveyhero.com/c/6e7870e>

**You do have a voice, use it.**

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## Open day, Sunday 5th February, On the forecourt of Hatt Service Station. Have your say.



Members of the committee will be available to discuss issues, answer questions and, most importantly, to record your views. The event will run from 08.00 till 16.00. We will be erecting a gazebo to provide some shelter. So, when you go out to get your Sunday papers we will be waiting for you. We want to record your views and hope that they will reflect the wisdom and experience of the older generations and the hopes and aspirations of the younger ones, including those in the 11-17 age bracket.

If you've not already done so, please send your email address to [botusflemingandhattndp@gmail.com](mailto:botusflemingandhattndp@gmail.com) so we can keep you informed of developments

Want to become more involved? Then come and join the committee. Especially if you can lower the average age of the members.

# How do we get more people to engage with this process?

The members of the committee share the belief that the Neighbourhood Development Plan is a vital tool that will shape the future of the parish and that our neighbourhoods should not be left to the mercy of speculative developers. We also believe that the parish is a wonderful place to live but it lacks the facilities and amenities that promote community involvement and cohesion. These beliefs have been reinforced by most of the conversations we have had with residents. But what about the 500+ residents

who have not engaged? We hear that many people feel disenfranchised and disillusioned with our political system and feel that their views are not listened to. Could this be a factor here? If that is the case then let me reassure you. Nothing will go into this plan unless the majority of residents want it there. You have a say throughout the entire process and then you get to vote in a referendum before the plan can be adopted. This is about people power. Please feel that power and use it.

## Mission statement

To promote a stronger and closer community by empowering individuals and families living in and around Botus Fleming and Hatt to have a say in the future development of the area.

### Meet the team

**Trevor Aughey**. Lived in the parish for seven years. Retired following long career working for the NHS



**Dave Edwards** is a Private Investigator/Security Consultant having served 32 years with the Metropolitan Police/National Crime Squad and Serious Organised Crime Agency. He has lived in Hatt for 6 ½ years.



**Finlay Linford** has interests in local commercial property and is Director/owner of Codfathers the fish and chip business in Saltash, living in Botus for 18 months



**Steve Malcolm** A former Royal Navy Captain, has lived in Hatt and Botus Fleming since 1987 and has yet to find a better place to live in the world. A Parish Councillor and the link between Botus Fleming PC and the Neighbourhood Planning Committee. Most enthusiastic about the

opportunity to support and influence the future of this wonderful community

**Denis Morgan**. Semi-retired after 43 years "experience" in corporate business! Has lived in Hatt for 6 years and loves the area as much today as the day he moved in.



**John Robinson**. I spent 22 years in the military and then 20 years with a security company before retiring in 2005. I have lived in Cornwall since 1982, 23 years in Hatt.

**Helena Vallis** has lived in the parish for seven years. Previously worked in schools with SEN children, now enjoying life being a part-time potter.



**Malcolm Fletcher** has lived in Botus for 12 years. Now retired, his working life was in education, both in the UK and abroad, in different sectors ranging from pre-school to university level.

**Tom Anfield**. 'I moved to Hatt in 2008 from London. I am 58, a self employed luthier ( guitar maker, repairer and restorer). I am also a published recording musician and song writer with a new album released last autumn and I own a small professional recording studio catering mainly for up and coming local musicians. I also do occasional guest talks and lectures on luthiery to local schools, colleges and music institutions.'



**Roger Burns** - Retired nuclear engineer, Hatt resident for 34 years.

**Andy, Trudy Crowley and Michelle** are also part of the team – more details to follow in the fullness of time.