

Background

Under the agreed terms of reference, the working group had been tasked with identifying strategically important assets that the group consider are important to the character, environment and wellbeing of the Parish.

This has been achieved and this report concludes the activities of the committee.

Engagement

The working group issued a questionnaire regarding community assets at the Annual Meeting of the Parish, held on the 23rd April 2024.

The questionnaire asked the following:

1. What do you consider is a community asset in the village?
2. Do you want assets to be protected or enhanced (if they can be)?
3. Would you be willing to help protect assets for the public good?
4. What missing asset would improve the village?

The responses (anonymised) are shown in the table below:

	List what you consider to be a community Asset?	Would you like to have these assets protected and enhanced if possible?	Would you be willing to assist the PC to protect and enhance an asset should the opportunity arise?	Are there any assets you would like to see in the village that are not currently provided?
1	Royal Oak Post Office Village Hall and green School Church	Yes	Yes	Car park Footpath from village to Steps Bridge
2	Royal Oak	Yes	Yes	No
3	Royal Oak	Yes	Yes	No
4	Royal Oak	Yes	Yes	No

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5	Stepping stones	Yes, foot bridge for stepping stones	Yes	A monthly lunch
6	Royal Oak	Yes	Yes	No
7	Royal Oak Post Office Village Hall and green School Church	Yes	Yes	Footpath from village to Dunsford Woods

We note that the most commonly stated community asset is the Royal Oak public house, followed by the Village Hall and Green, Post Office, school, church and the stepping stones crossing the Teign.

Community assets identified

The committee has summarised what it considers to be a community asset in the following table:

Item	Description	Reason for inclusion	Does provision enhance character and/or amenity of the village?	Ownership	Management
1	Village Green	Only public space, play area for young children	Yes	Trust	Parish Council
2	Village Hall	Community event space	Yes	Trust	Village Hall Committee
3	Royal Oak Public House	Beneficial service, only public house in village	Yes	Private	Private
4	Post Office	Essential service, particularly for less mobile	Yes	Private	Private
5	Village Shop	Essential service, particularly for less mobile	Yes	Private	Private
6	Public Footpath network	Essential walking routes, particularly as lack of	Yes	Private	Private

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		footpaths and recreation space			
7	Berry Lane (de-registered highway)	Beneficial walking route as no traffic	Yes	Local Authority	Private
8	Bus Shelters	Beneficial service	Yes	Parish Council	Parish Council
9	Public Seating	Beneficial service	Yes	Parish Council	Parish Council
10	Noticeboards	Beneficial Service	Yes	Parish Council	Parish Council
11	Red phone box (note Grade II listed)	Essential service and character of village	Yes	BT PLC	BT PLC
12	Allotments	Beneficial service	Yes	Private? Or Teign Housing?	Allotment Committee
13	School and grounds	Educational amenity	Yes	Trust	Academy
14	Church and grounds	Beneficial service	Yes	Diocese	Diocese
15	Stepping Stones	Beneficial service	Yes	Environment Agency	Teignbridge DC / DNPA

The committee has identified two asset types that are not present in the community and recommend that should an opportunity arise the Parish Council seek to obtain them:

1. Sports and recreation ground
2. Community open recreation space

Conclusion and recommendation

The committee, having identified the assets have agreed to stand down the committee and request the full Council take on the role of:

1. protecting the existing assets identified as and when required
2. seek opportunities to establish the desired assets currently not present in our community.