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GET INVOLVED IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN!

You will have heard that the Parish Council has taken the decision to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Great Glen. This will enable people who live and/or work in the Parish to shape how Great Glen will look in the coming years. It will contain policies that will be the basis for planning decisions to be taken by Harborough District Council on important issues such as housing; open spaces and the environment; heritage and community facilities.

Many of you have completed the questionnaire telling us what you think of Great Glen and how you think it can be improved. Those of you still to fill it out can do so online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/greatglen All views are important and the more people that complete the questionnaire the better and the more accurate the findings will be.

The Neighbourhood Plan is being driven forward by the Parish Council which has established a Steering Group for the purpose. It is intended to form 'theme groups', including local people that have a particular interest in one of the key issues of housing; open spaces; heritage and community facilities. This will involve coming together for a detailed discussion about one of these issues and helping the Parish Council to develop appropriate policies. This can include which open spaces to protect from development; what sort of housing is needed to meet the needs of people living in Great Glen; what community facilities are required that are not currently available and which heritage assets to protect for future generations. Please let us know if you would like to be involved in the Steering Group or on one of the Theme Groups.

Grant funding has been secured by the Parish Council to engage professional support to help it develop a Neighbourhood Plan, which will take a further 12 months or so to finalise. We have appointed Yourlocale, a locally based company to work with us on this project and anyone wanting to know more about what is involved or how you can help can contact the Managing Director, Gary Kirk, at gary.kirk@btinternet.com or on 07808 060654. Alternatively pop into the Parish Office.

There will be a stall on the Neighbourhood Plan at the Wheelbarrow race on 30 August so look out for us there, and please do get in touch with us if you want to get involved.