

## FOREWORD

'Village Plans are all about helping local communities to help themselves, by allowing them to participate in, and influence, local development so that it meets their needs whilst ensuring that it fits the surroundings and is in keeping with local character.

The people of Christian Malford, and their Parish Council, are best placed to strike the balance necessary between the needs of an active community and protection of our environmental and architectural heritage.

Christian Malford has seen many changes, not all of them welcome, and there remain some major concerns today including the need for better transport and more facilities for young and old alike. With the continued backing of the community and the support of local authorities I am confident that this important plan will be a great success and begin to improve everyone's quality of life in the very near future.

This plan will be a useful guide to the Parish and local authorities in helping to ensure that the wishes of the people of Christian Malford are achieved. I congratulate all those who have worked so hard on its preparation.'

### *Original Signed*

Jane Scott  
Leader of Wiltshire County Council

July 2005

'The decision to produce a Village Plan was taken by the Parish Council in October 2003. The Council set up a steering group which was empowered to bring in members of the village community, to drive the process, including initially an appraisal (questionnaire to all households) and the subsequent writing of the plan. The whole process has taken almost two years. The Christian Malford Village Plan is a vision for the future of our village over the next 5 to 10 years, including details of what needs to be done to turn that vision to practical reality. The Plan seeks to maintain and improve life in the community with emphasis on infrastructure, transport, sport and recreation, public services and the environment.

The Action Plan identifies the organisations that are invited to progress individual actions many of which will inevitably lead to further planning and actions. To ensure that our Plan remains active; the steering group will become a monitoring group reporting progress to both the Parish Council and community on a quarterly basis.

The steering group has put in so much time into the production of the plan that has been done on an entirely voluntary basis; the village owes them a large debt of gratitude.

Thanks are due to all those who have funded the work involved in producing the report, notably the Countryside Agency.'

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Ray Hines  
Chairman, Christian Malford Parish Council

July 2005