



Developing a NDP

- Early consultation and evidence gathering
- Community views gathered through Questionnaires/surveys
- Hardwicke Parish Council declared its support for a NDP
- Support received from Stroud District Council
- Hardwicke NDP Group (HNDPG) instigated by Hardwicke PC
- Presentations to the community

- Open Public meeting held in September 2013
- NDP aims and objectives workshop held in November 2013
- 109 Questionnaire responses from full Parish survey in March 2014
- Hardwicke Parish Assembly presentation in April 2014
- 22 Employment survey responses in December 2014
- 239 (11%) Housing Survey responses in February 2015
- Public Consultation NDP presentation in March 2015

- Draft Plan
- Final Plan
- Submission and Examination
- 6 week publicity period starting in April 2015
- Proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Examination
- Local referendum on the NDP for the community of the Parish

Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) empower a community to express their views on how they wish their neighbourhood to develop in the future. A Hardwicke Neighbourhood Development Plan Group (HNDPG) of local volunteers was formed to develop the Hardwicke Neighbourhood Development Plan (HNDP).

The plan (NDP) is a measured and carefully considered document reflecting the community views based on evidence. Prior to its use the NDP is subjected to a mandatory 6 week community consultation before being subjected to Planning Inspectorate scrutiny and neighbourhood referendum. Once approved at referendum the plan is adopted and applied to all local planning decisions.

The NDP provides the local community with a powerful tool to guide the long term future of Hardwicke and its surrounding countryside to 2031.



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The Community



Hardwicke Neighbourhood Development Plan

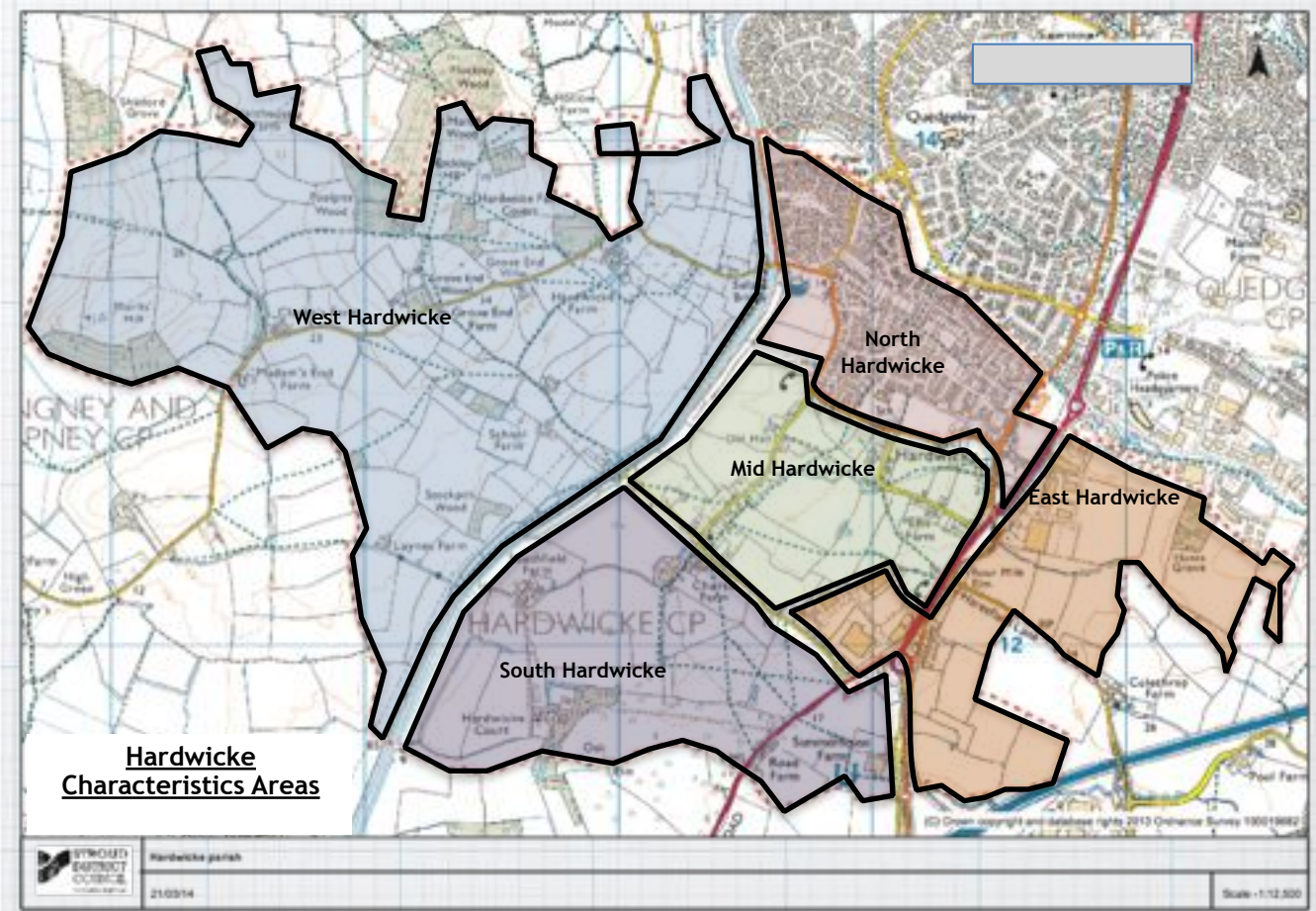
Hardwicke is a rural community of c 3,900 people. The Parish has been in existence since c 12th century.

Characteristics

- Rural community
- Main use of land is agricultural
- Intersected by Gloucester-Sharpsness canal
- Close proximity to Quedgeley
- Historic church & listed buildings
- New developments at Hunts Grove, Sellars Bridge, Mayo's land & Plantation
- Active village community



The Parish is served by the Gloucester-Sharpsness canal and the A38 which form significant features within the Parish and helps divide the Parish into five distinct areas of differing characteristics. These areas are identified on the map below:



In developing the **HNDP** the following themes materialised:

- Local Facilities and Services
- Maintaining the Community
- Housing to meet local needs
- Protecting the Environment
- Communication and Transport
- Enhancing the local economy



Our Vision



Hardwicke Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Vision is for our Hardwicke to retain its rural identity by preserving its distinctive character, landscape, and setting that has evolved over eight centuries of history, whilst still meeting the changing needs of the community.

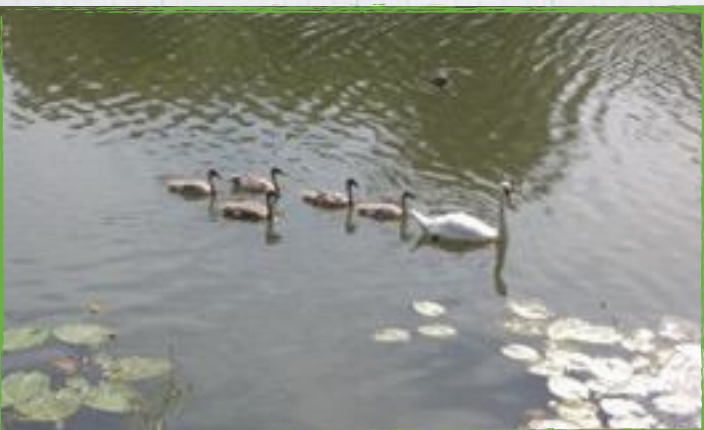
We will achieve this by conserving and maintaining the historic roots of Hardwicke whilst embracing Hunts Grove as our sibling community and Local Service Provider.



Our Strategy



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Our Strategy to achieve the Vision is by the:

Identification of appropriate boundaries to ensure that development at East Hardwicke (Hunts Grove) is contained within its A38 / M5 boundary ensuring the demarcation of geographical and functional distinctness of Hardwicke Village and Hunts Grove is maintained.

This is achieved by:

- ★ Extension of the current Settlement Boundary to include current and approved developments in the Parish
- ★ Introduction of an equivalent Commercial Boundary that defines the limit of exploitation acceptable to maintain the rural character
- ★ Conservation and enhancement of the Hardwicke landscape and built character to ensure maintenance of its rural identity and character
- ★ Continuous improvement of accessibility to the countryside for visitors and residents for leisure, recreation and health reasons with a view to enhancing tourism
- ★ Improvement of Hardwicke Parish by responding to the issues identified by the community in consultation exercises



Justification & Evidence:

The community of the Hardwicke Parish stated clearly in its response to the NDP consultation there were a number of key services and facilities it felt important to the people. Recent developments have provided some of these requirements and others will be ably met by the provision of the new Local Service Centre at Hunts Grove.

Community Feedback:

- Workshop output [these were your priorities]:
- - Post Office (92%)
- - Shops (90%)
- - Health facilities/Doctors (88%)
- Village Centre was an important feature for 81% of respondents
- More facilities/clubs for young people

What has been delivered?

- improved Services & Facilities provided:
- One Stop shop has been opened
- Post Office reopened, with longer opening hours
- Redeveloped Pilot public house
- Improved Bus service

Hunts Grove Neighbourhood Centre [this is what it will provide]

- - multi-faith church
- - sports facilities
- - Health centre
- - school
- - allotments
- - small shopping centre



Policy direction:



- The role for Hunts Grove in the SDC Local Plan is to be Local Service Centre for the Hardwicke Parish, therefore we shall promote the recent investment of services & facilities in Hunts Grove through their use and development for the benefit of Hardwicke as a whole.
- Area of Hardwicke West of A38 is the centre of the rural community of Hardwicke Parish. Services and facilities in this area will be improved in line with the existing structure and facilities, in particular:
 - promote & develop continued use of the Hardwicke Village Hall through regular and annual events
 - maximise community use of the Hardwicke Village Hall Green with additional outdoor equipment and activities
- Actively support and participate in the Hunts Grove development to join community together





Justification & Evidence:

The community of the Hardwicke Parish stated clearly in its response to the NDP consultation that Community spirit, Maintaining a rural feel and having a defined centre were the key issues. 72% of people believed there was a strong community spirit and identified a village feel to come from a Public House, Village Green, Countryside, shops and Church. As the Parish has 5 distinct areas of differing characteristics it is important to pull on the strengths of these areas to promote the Community of Hardwicke Parish as a whole.



Community feedback - Recreation available in Hardwicke:

- Footpaths
- Village Hall
- Royal British Legion
- Football pitches
- Canal towpath
- Walks, Green spaces and lovely vistas
- Cycling routes
- Allotments
- Dog walking
- Wildlife

Community feedback - Amenities available in Hardwicke:

Village Hall Activities:

- Youth club
- WI
- Toddler groups
- Sports fields
- Cricket square
- Children's Play areas
- Post Office
- Public House
- Local shop
- Local Service Centre at Hunts Grove

Hunts Grove Local Service Provider

- New Primary School to compliment the current excellent school in Hardwicke Parish
- Dedicated Neighbourhood Centre - Health Centre etc.
- Dedicated Community Centre
- Dedicated Sports and Recreation facilities
- Allotments

Policy direction:

- Support and enhance health & wellbeing of residents by developing and maintaining access to footpaths, recreational, green and open spaces which have a local amenity or conservation value.
- Develop circular walk/cycle trails around Hardwicke with particular focus on Glevum Way, the Church and the Gloucester and Sharpness canal
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Environment



Hardwicke Neighbourhood Development Plan

Built

Environment: Hardwicke has several large, modern, housing developments with 'buffer zones' of open space between them and an historic village with many listed buildings dating back to 15th Century.



Natural

Environment: Arable and grassland agriculture is the major use of the land which is highly fertile, lime-rich, clayey soil with impeded drainage, characterised by large pastures bounded by hedgerows and intersected by water courses. Trees and woodland [some of them ancient] are also predominant features of the landscape.



Wildlife:

Many protected and priority species of birds, animals and insects also make their home here in our:



Policy direction:

- Fields and other open/green Spaces
- Wildlife corridors linking habitats by water, hedgerows, open space and footpaths
- Water features
- Trees and Woodland
- Hedgerows
- Green road verges
- Allotments
 - ...with some of the above areas designated as Key Wildlife Sites

- Ensure future development design and location maximises use of appropriate green energy, but also minimises impact on our rural landscape and does not damage our important open and green spaces, or block the views and vistas of them, for the benefit of our health, leisure and education.
- Protect our local 'priority' wildlife by preserving their habitats and corridors for the sake of ourselves and future generations living here.