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# The case for creating a Kings Clipstone Village Council (Parish Council)

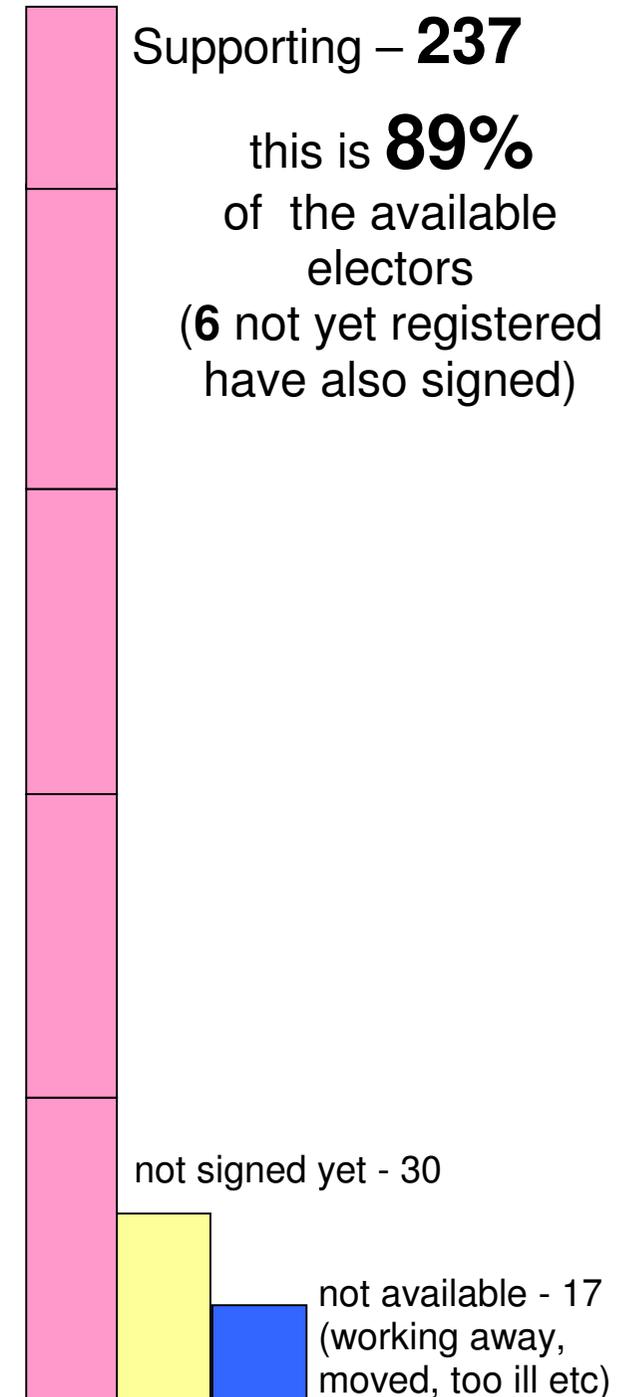
Over 89% of available registered electors in our village support having our own parish council.

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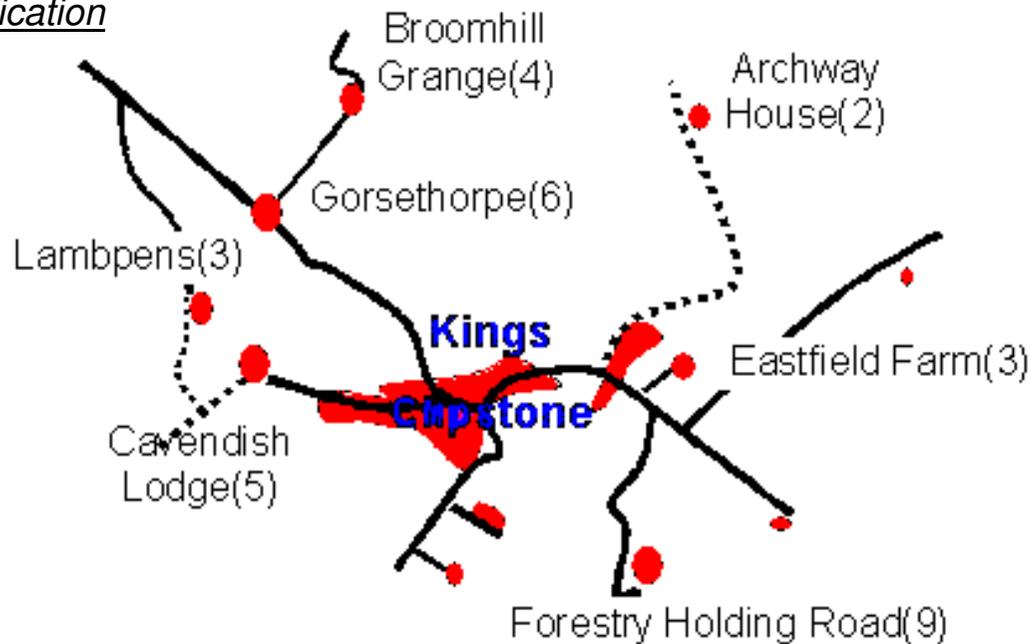


## The separate identity and interests of our community

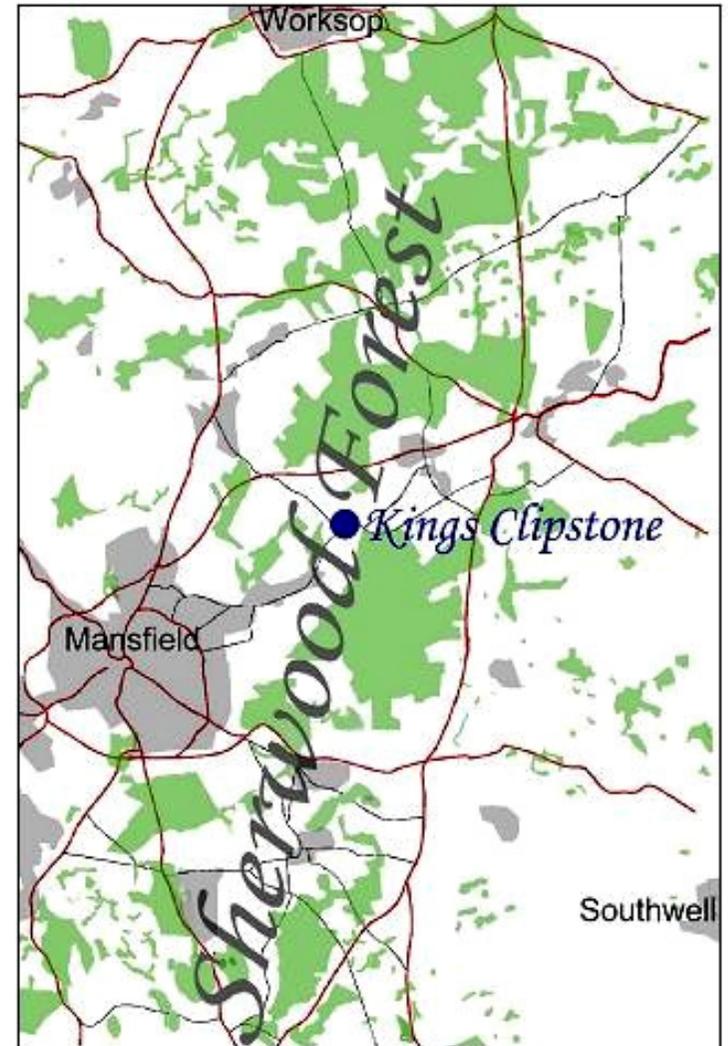
### Petition Statement

Our village is a separate geographical entity with the local road network connecting outlying properties to Kings Clipstone rather than Clipstone. There is a long history of a very well developed community identity. A range of residents' groups are actively working to improve our community. These include: Celebration of Kings Clipstone (social activities), Road Traffic Safety Group campaigning for safety improvements to the B6030, The Kings Clipstone website, Friends of Kings Clipstone (environmental and historical campaign group). Our own parish council would be able to support these efforts by attracting funding that would otherwise not be available.

### Amplification



The village and its hamlets  
showing the road connections



# *Kings Clipstone*

*The royal heart of ancient Sherwood Forest*

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## A vibrant community spirit

The range of resident groups based on the village include

- Celebration of Kings Clipstone which organises our social activities.
- Road Safety Group campaigning for safety improvements to Main Road (B6030). The County Council are currently processing a scheme for a continuous footway, a 20mph limit and traffic calming.
- We have a prototype Kings Clipstone Village Council website.
- Kings Clipstone Project campaigning to safeguard the rich historical and environmental sites in and around the village as well as gathering evidence and submitting claims for links to make the rights of way network cohesive.
- Friends of Kings Clipstone (environmental and historical group).
- Our own Village Newsletters plus separate contributions and delivery of the Clipstone Community News.



## Our most recent event – July 2009



### Above

Traditional tea party for village children.

### Left

The Village Council Campaign. Community day on our playing field to raise money for improvements and maintenance of this and other village facilities. The marquee is one of a pair owned by the village to provide our community facilities.



Left - Spring 2009

More volunteers in action. Friends of Kings Clipstone volunteers carrying out essential repair work on dangerous sections of the National Cycle Route.

Right - 2006

Early days for the Main Road campaign. Residents meeting our MP to explain the problem and lobby for action. Three years later after several abortive attempts to design a solution, a scheme is in the final design stages.



**We need the powers of a Parish Council to enable us look after our community properly.**

## Delivering effective and convenient local government

### Petition Statement

Our own parish council would be able to deliver effective and convenient local government. It would be able to recognise a set of needs, problems and opportunities that are individual to our community. One example being Clipstone Parish Council provision of a street cleaner for the urban areas but not for our village. Our own parish council would be able to ensure that our community receives the proper care it needs with the help of volunteers.

### Amplification

#### The largest village without its own parish council.

The Newark & Sherwood Local Plan recognises our community as a 'large village' in its own right.

See General Housing policies,  
Policy H13, Section 5.86 – list of large villages

This list includes both villages separately, New Clipstone appears as Clipstone and our village as Old Clipstone.

Except for Averham(161), Staythorpe(73) & Kelham(153) which have combined because they are all smaller, **our village is the only one of any reasonable size that doesn't have its own parish council.**

Eakring and Halam are just above our village in size. Both are vibrant villages with good community spirit, social events and a village website. **We have all of these.**

They also have Village Action Plans. **So do we.** But they have a parish council who are able to implement theirs for the benefit of their communities.

The Kings Clipstone Village Action Plan is in appendix 1.

Newark & Sherwood Local  
Plan 'Large Village' parishes  
by number of electors



382 Norwell  
377 South Muskham  
362 Caunton  
352 Thurgaton  
325 Upton  
322 Eakring  
317 Halam  
278 Old Clipstone(no parish)  
271 Bulcote  
269 Kirklington  
264 Weston  
251 Kneesall  
251 Harby  
248 Rolleston  
248 South Clifton  
226 Kirton  
219 Egmanton  
212 Thorney  
211 Bathley  
205 Barnby  
191 Carlton on Trent  
183 Cromwell  
175 South Scarle  
174 East Stoke  
149 Besthorpe  
148 North Clifton  
142 Syerston  
109 Girton

## **Improving the cohesion of the local communities**

### Petition Statement

The present arrangements are causing damage to the cohesion of the wider community because of the refusal of the much larger urban area to accept that we have our own identity and community focus. Official recognition would enable both communities to put this divisive issue behind them and move forward. The existing Clipstone Community Action Partnership provides a ready made forum for the parish councils representing the two communities to cooperate for the good of all.

### Amplification

With over 80% of the registered electors having signed the petition, our separate and vibrant community life and the willingness of residents to take responsibility for our environment, all demonstrate not only our separate identity, but also a very high level of community cohesion.

The present arrangements can be shown to damage wider community cohesion. Firstly, the Parish Council has chosen not to include our community in the delivery of basic services provided elsewhere in the parish. Grass cutting and litter removal in our village are currently being undertaken by volunteers, whilst the urban areas continue to enjoy the attention of a road cleaner and grass cutting service.

Secondly, representatives of Kings Clipstone community organisations have attempted to work with Clipstone Parish Council through the Clipstone Community Action Partnership. Unfortunately, the Parish Council has not engaged with the partnership.

The Parish Council, all but one of whom live in the 'new village', recently added insult to injury by refusing to even discuss holding a democratic ballot to sort out the problems caused by having postal addresses of Old Clipstone or Edwinstowe and the name of the village being Kings Clipstone on road signs/Ordnance Survey maps.

The problems and solutions are different for the two villages, with Clipstone Village having typical urban needs. Our village is semi rural in character with a kilometre of open countryside and a national maximum speed limit road between our village and New Clipstone. The road network connecting outlying properties converges on Kings Clipstone giving all the outlying homes direct access to our village rather than New Clipstone.

# The role of our village in the wider community - enhancing the cohesion

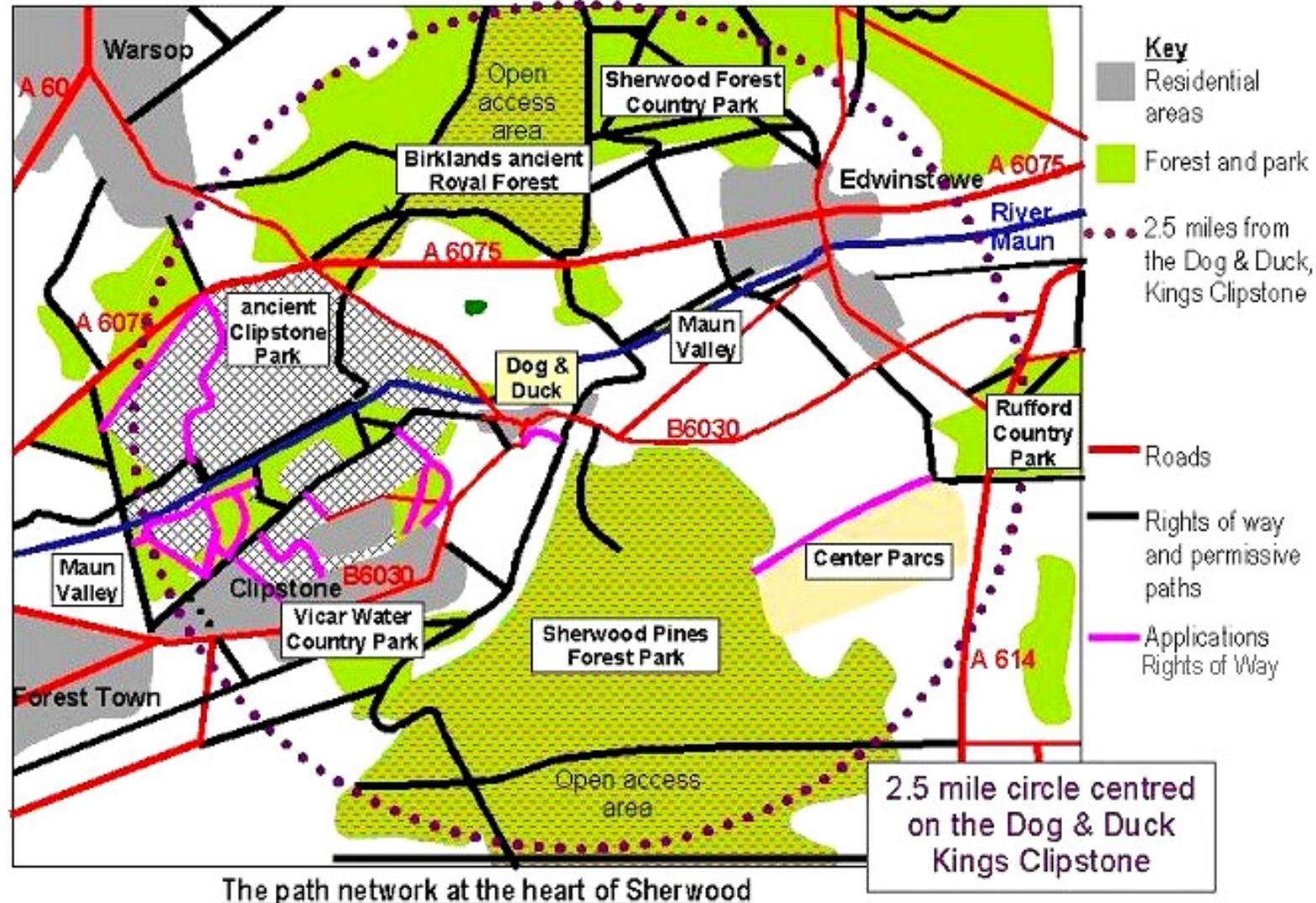
## Petition Statement

It is also important that the regional significance of this part of Sherwood Forest is taken into account. The village has a long and important history having been the key royal site at the heart of ancient Sherwood Forest. The layout of the mediaeval village can still be recognised. For the future of the Forest it is important that the key historical sites in and around the village are protected from urbanisation. Our own parish council would be able to make this a priority.

## Amplification

Kings Clipstone occupies a special place at the heart of Sherwood Forest for two Reasons:

- a. Its key geographical location - the village and surrounding rural area connect the northern and southern sections of the modern forest.
- b. A wide range of sites that enable the mediaeval importance of the Forest to be understood. The village is the centre of a heritage hotspot.



## A sense of place - Kings Clipstone's rich heritage needs protecting and enhancing

Originally a Roman site, by 1164 the manor had become a royal residence. Over a 200year period all the Plantagenet Kings visited. It developed into what a recent English Heritage report described as 'an important provincial royal palace' becoming the favourite palace of Edward I and Edward II.

Other important sites found round the ancient royal hunting park include the Parliament Oak, the Spa Ponds and the Pele, the deer leap and St Edwin's Chapel. Important buildings include Archway House, Cavendish Lodge and the Iron Chapel. The Dog & Duck meadow in the village was the site of the great Pond of Clipstone and is the last remaining fragment of the Duke of Portland's Water meadows.

**The history of the village and surrounding rural area is of very great significance for the**  
***'Story of Sherwood Forest'***

It has taken a resident's campaign for the strategic role of the historical and environmental sites in and around the village to be recognised. Linking the access routes through the forest, creating interpretation material and saving these scattered but important sites will benefit all the surrounding communities such as Edwinstowe, Ollerton, Bilsthorpe, Blidworth, Clipstone, Warsop. It will give residents and visitors alike a much broader experience when they use the Forest for recreation.

**A Kings Clipstone Village Council would not only significantly enhance our campaign but would be able to deal with all these neighbouring Councils on an equal footing. This would promote community cohesion over a wide area by avoiding the rivalry to each other felt by the larger communities.**



One of our successful community campaigns .  
The ruins of King John's Palace undergoing a  
£106,000 stabilisation programme.

# Our proposal

## Petition Statement

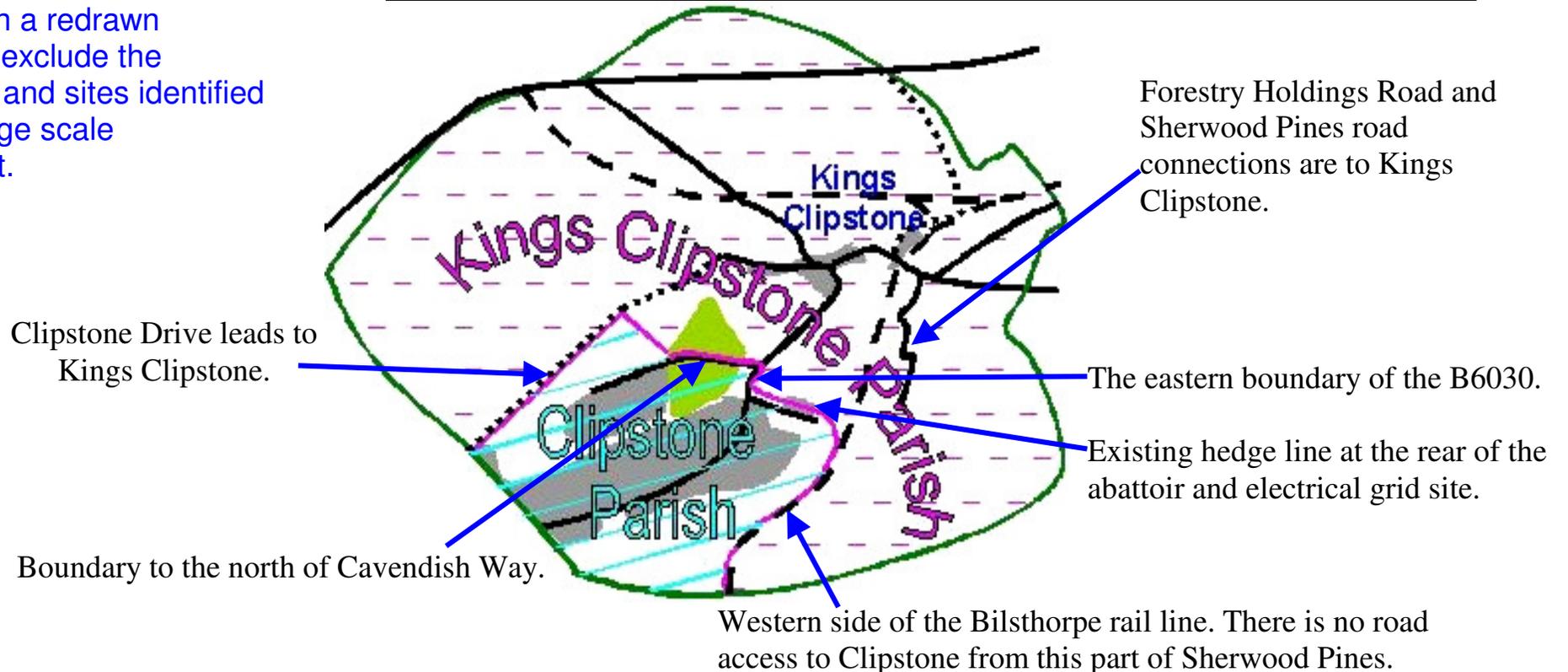
**We the undersigned want a new parish council called Kings Clipstone Village Council to serve our community.** The previous attempt to give our village effective representation on Clipstone Parish Council by creating a Kings Clipstone Ward has not resolved the problems. Since November the ward has had no representative on the Parish Council. The needs of the different communities would be best served by creating an urban Clipstone parish and semi-rural Kings Clipstone parish.

The geographical area covered should be based on the present Kings Clipstone

ward but with a redrawn boundary to exclude the urban areas and sites identified for future large scale development.

The boundary of the proposed parish has been chosen to

- Reflect existing road and lane connections.
- Exclude all the potential urban development sites.
- Achieve separation of the urban and semi rural parts of the existing parish.

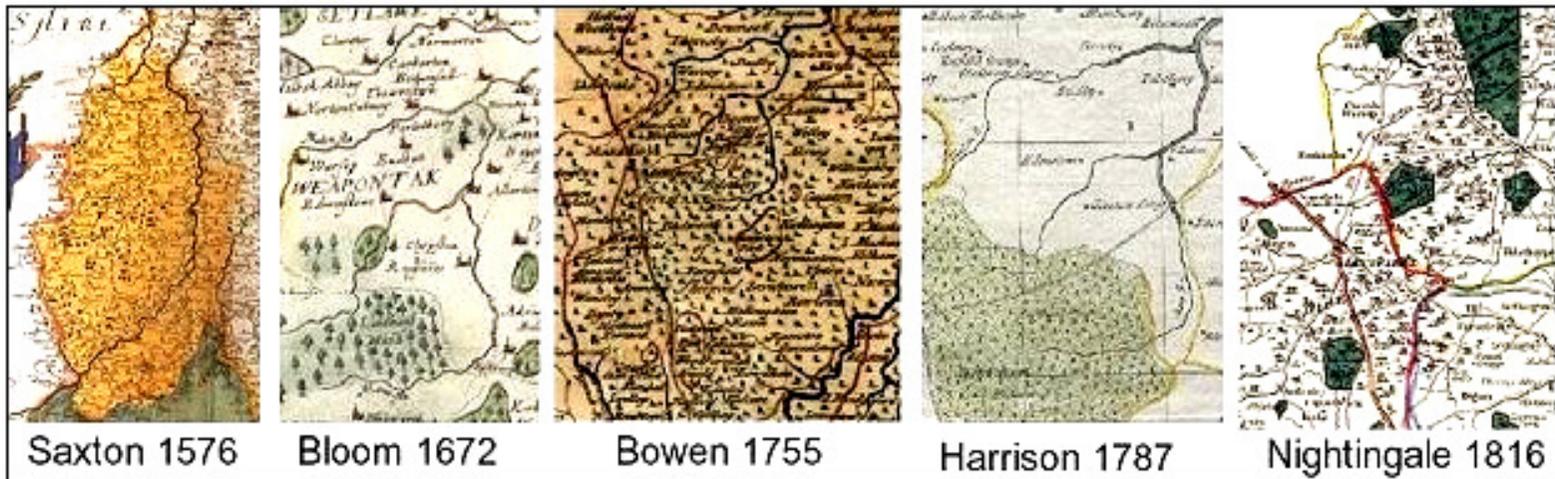


## Why the new parish should be called Kings Clipstone not Old Clipstone?

The Village appeared in the Domesday Book as Clipstone but the name was changed in Royal Records to 'Clipiston Regis' after Parliament was held in the Palace from 27<sup>th</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> November 1290. The royal suffix/prefix continued to appear in records, as illustrated in an example dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1322

*'Pardon to Peter Wicceberd of Kyngs Clypston for acquiring in fee without license a messuage, 1 toft and 1 bovate of land in Warsop, held in chief from Richard de Notyngnam, who had acquired the same in like manner from Richard de Sutton. By fine of `1 mark.'*

### Early maps show showed the village as Clipstone Kings



The name continued to be used until the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Friendly Society Transactions of 1794 record 'James & Lisa Cutt at the Gate Inn, Kings Clipstone' and A. Stapleton published his book in 1890 called 'Kings Clipstone'.

### Recent history

Prior to the 1950s Clipstone was a sub-division of Edwinstowe Parish. Until the 1950s 'our village' was known as either Clipstone or Kings Clipstone with the 'new village' 2 miles away being called Clipstone Village. Each village developed separately and retained its own individual community identity. In 1999 and 2002 residents voted by 96% and 99% to reclaim the ancient title of Kings Clipstone.

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# *Kings Clipstone Village*

## *Action Plan*

*April 2009*

- 1. Village Character*
- 2. Road Safety*
- 3. Environment*
- 4. Village Life*

# The village and hamlets with a strong sense of place and community

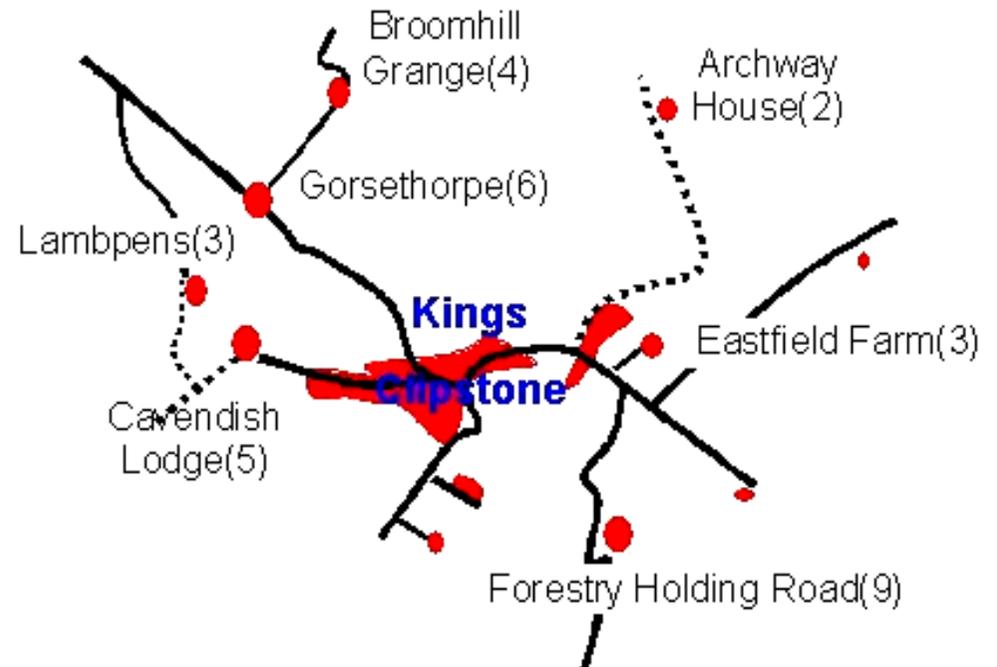
Kings Clipstone has a long and interesting history. Originally called Clipstone, it was given the alternative name of Kings Clipstone (Latin – ‘Clipiston Regis’) after Edward I held Parliament at the Palace in 1290. The name was used in royal records, on maps as ‘Clipstone Kings’ and in various other records until about 1900.

Clipstone Parish was, until the 1950’s, a sub-division of Edwinstowe Parish. During the 1920’s the mining village, called Clipstone Village was built two miles away on the edge of Forest Town. The new village has grown steadily to dwarf Kings Clipstone but there is still a kilometre of open countryside between them. Both villages are included separately in the Local Plan list of large villages with Kings Clipstone having its own village envelope.

Prior to 1945, as part of the Welbeck Estate, the village had been well looked after. Since that date, especially since the 1970’s, the loss of important landscape elements and the neglect of the village character have combined to gradually erode the charm of the village. With many surviving important historical and environmental features in the village and surrounding countryside, it still has a great deal to contribute to the Sherwood Forest Special Landscape Area.

## The most important target in our Action Plan

**One way to make good the neglect, to protect the features and landscape and restore the charm of the village is to have our own Kings Clipstone Village Council, which would be able to focus on our needs and issues.**



# Why our own Action Plan ?

There has been a very long history of poor treatment of our village by Clipstone Parish Council. An attempt to rectify this by creating a separate ward did not improve the situation and did nothing to improve the cohesion of the two communities. The councillors from the much larger urban area lay claim to the village and refuse to recognise that we are a separate community yet won't provide the level of services that the urban parts of the parish receive.

## What is the Action Plan based on?

The Action Plan is based on a 2006 survey of residents in the village plus the 2008 and 2009 Village Condition Surveys. The results of the 2006 survey are shown at the back.

## Why do we need an Action Plan?

The problems and opportunities of the large rural area are being badly neglected. These surveys and analyses of our village will help our community to focus on the most pressing needs and either lobby external providers or organise to meet them ourselves.

## Who are the authors?

Kings Clipstone Village Council Steering Group are  
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### Acronyms used

NCC	Notts County Council
NSDC	Newark & Sherwood District Council
SFT	Sherwood Forest Trust
NWT	Notts Wildlife Trust

### Village Groups

CeIKC	Celebration of Kings Clipstone
RATS	Village road traffic campaign
FKC	Friends of Kings Clipstone
KCP	Kings Clipstone Project
KC&VWV	Kings Clipstone and Vicar Water Valley Trust

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# Village Character (VC)

## Report

The village of Kings Clipstone occupies a very sensitive position at the heart of Sherwood Forest, with the King John's Palace site being of vital importance in making sense of the mediaeval royal hunting forest and park. Recent archaeological investigation has revealed that the site is much more extensive than thought. The buildings extended over the area shown in the photo below. The resident's survey showed 85% wanted to see the ruins conserved. The adjacent Dog & Duck meadow has a double significance. Firstly as the site of the Great Pond of Clipstone, a very important element of the Royal Palace site. Secondly as the last surviving fragment of the Duke of Portland's water meadows, an integrated farming system of European importance during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



The Newark & Sherwood Local Plan carries specific policies that relate to the village and surrounding area. Occupying a sensitive position at the heart of Sherwood Forest, the village is recognised in its own right as a large village. Within the village envelope two policies should apply, *Policy H13 Housing in Large Villages* and *H21 Design & Layout of Housing*. Together these policies require that new developments are in scale and character with existing buildings. This is especially true of any new building along Main Road(photo on the left) with its interesting range of typical village buildings. Two further policies on landscape issues apply, *C22 Scheduled Ancient Monuments & Archaeology sites of Major Local Importance* and *NE9 Sherwood Forest Special Landscape Area*.

In response to a recent planning application on Main Road, 77% of households supported a petition objecting on the above grounds.

# Action Plan

Ref	Issue	Action	Who by	By when	Support needed
VC1	Changes to the built environment that degrade the sensitive areas around the village by being intrusive or out of character.	Monitor planning applications & judge each case on its merits for the effect on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the greater King John's Palace site, including the Dog &amp; Duck meadow, Vicar Water Valley &amp; Main Road.</li> <li>Sherwood Forest Special Landscape Area.</li> </ul>	Proposed village council & residents	On-going	None
VC2	Protecting the village envelope and the buffer of open countryside between Kings Clipstone and New Clipstone	Examine planning applications for new build or large scale extensions outside the village envelope between the villages for erosion of the buffer zone.	Proposed village council & residents	On-going	None
VC3	Restoring the look of the village	Audit village street scene for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positioning/necessity of street furniture and road signs.</li> <li>Environmental improvements required.</li> <li>Maintenance improvements required.</li> </ul>	Proposed village council & residents	On-going	NCC
VC4	Village Design Statement	Consult residents and draw up a design statement as a supplement to NSDC Planning guidance to make planning applicants aware of sensitive issues before they undertake costly design work or make an application.	Proposed village council & residents	On-going	NSDC

# Road Safety (RS)

## Report

This was the top priority in the village survey with 88% of households selecting it. There are a number of aspects. No continuous footway through the village, the pinch points are too narrow for large vehicles to pass. Excessive speeds causing danger to all road users, with three black spots, the Rat Hole at the western end of the village core, the traffic lights at the eastern end and the pinch points in the middle.

RATS, the residents group, have been campaigning since 2006 for improvements. The County Council agree that there is a major threat to all road users. A scheme, involving slight narrowing of the road to provide a safer footway, together with a 20mph zone with traffic plateaus is progressing through the design and consultation process.

Residents also identified, and have voiced concerns about, the lack of footway linking Squires Lane with Main road and the excessive speed through the Rat Hole and the traffic lights as hazards.



Left & below

Large vehicles always have to cross the white line at the pinch point.



Left

Pedestrians on Gorsethorpe Lane

# Action Plan

Ref	Issue	Action	Who by	By when	Support needed
RS1	Pinch point and lack of footway on Main Road plus excessive traffic speeds	Road Traffic Safety Group to continue pressing and lobbying of the County Council during consultation period.	Road Traffic Safety Group	2010	Notts CC
RS2	Traffic entering village at too high a speed	Gateway scheme at the entrances to the village Speed Limit signs need moving to increase visibility. Move Village signs. Construct monument or features.	Proposed village council & residents	2011	Notts CC
RS3	No footpath on Gorsethorpe Lane linking Squires Lane to Main Road	Village Council could buy strip of land if the owner of 3 Hilltop Cottages agrees.	Proposed village council & residents	2012	Notts CC
RS4	Pedestrian link needed for residents & visitors linking Forestry Holdings Road to the village centre	Rural footway link to Forestry Holdings Road as the first part of the link to Sherwood Pines entrance.	Proposed village council & KCP	2010	Notts CC
RS5	Road flooding-Gorsethorpe causing vehicles to collide with buildings	Find a volunteer to monitor gullies & report blockages early.	Proposed village council & residents	2009	Notts CC
RS6	Pedestrian link needed for residents & visitors linking Gorsethorpe to the village centre	Rural footway link to Gorsethorpe.	Proposed village council & residents	2014	Notts CC

# Environment (E)

## Report

The Kings Clipstone Project, with the Friends of Kings Clipstone, has been the main organisation campaigning to protect and enhance the many important sites in and around the village. The village survey showed that residents were keen to see both the natural environment and the important archaeological sites protected and enhanced.



The rural area around the village contains important areas of relict heathland and acid grassland plus areas of natural regeneration (photo on the right).

The Vicar Water Valley is a particularly valuable area because of the variety of habitats which support a range of threatened heathland species. On the former sidings there is a very important area of flower-rich acid grassland (left) plus heathland (above) and birch /oak regeneration.



A priority must be to buy the Dog & Duck Meadow and set up the 'Kings Clipstone and Vicar Water Valley Trust' to manage both the palace site and the meadow site. Grant aid would be sought through the landfill tax scheme to restore the archaeological features of the site and its landscape value plus providing connecting paths. The trust would also then spearhead a campaign to bring the main stakeholders, such as the landowners, to make a bid for substantial funding for a comprehensive scheme to restore the wildlife value of the valley.

# Action Plan

Ref	Issue	Action	Who by	By when	Support needed
E1	Identifying problems & opportunities for improving village environment	Annual condition survey of the natural environment around and within the village.	Proposed village council & volunteers	Annual (April)	None
E2	Palace ruins – danger of collapse	Lobby NCC & English Heritage for grant aid <b>Success</b>	MB & SP	Summer 2009	Notts CC & English Heritage
E3	Safeguarding the Dog & Duck Water Meadow	S & P.A Parkhouse attempting to buy. <b>Out bid</b> – approach new owner when identified	SP & PP	Summer 2009	None
E3a	Managing Dog & Duck Meadow and the Palace site.	Form a Trust to manage site. Draw up management plan. Seek grant aid to carry out work.	SP, MB & AD	End 2009	Notts CC NSDC SFT NWL
E3b	Safeguarding wildlife area on back of the old sidings	Persuade Notts Wildlife to take up the available lease.	SP	Summer 2009	SFT
E3c	Vicar Water Valley habitat restoration	Convene stakeholder meeting to consider strategy and put together lottery bid.	KC&VWV Trust	End 2009	SFT Notts CC NWL
E4	Duckpool & dyke along Gorsethorpe Lane	Investigate potential for semi restoration and management.	KC&VWV Trust	2010	SFT Notts CC
E5	Wildlife area at the back of Monument Green backing onto Squires Croft.	Survey and draw up management plan.	KC&VWV Trust + Proposed village council	2011	Notts CC

# Village Life (VL)

## Report

The hub of our community is the Farm Shop, which acts as a community information point and meeting place. Villagers are kept informed by the distribution of newsletters, reports and via the websites. The village desperately needs a meeting room/convenient storage area. With no meeting room villagers have had to buy two marquees. This involves a great deal of work moving and erecting not only the marquees, but also the tables and chairs before and after social events.



Despite the difficulties our village has a local history of a strong community life. A very wide range of activities are organised, guided walks, open events at the palace & meadow sites, volunteer activities and social events such as slave auction, arts & craft auction, Mad Hatters tea party & nursery rhymes(left), barn dance, harvest supper, Easter egg hunt, fun day, inter community football matches, teddy bears' picnic, plus carol and nativity services at the palace.

Within the core of the village, the traffic problems on Main Road have had a detrimental effect on the cohesion of the village, especially for Main Road residents and between the two ends of the village. However this is offset by the quiet nature of Archway Road and Squires Lane where it is possible for villagers to have a quiet wander and talk to each other. The outlying hamlets have road connections to the village but this doesn't encourage direct interaction. Providing pedestrian/cycle links to all parts of the community is a priority.



Concert Party at the Iron Chapel (1935) when the community had a room.

# Action Plan

Ref	Issue	Action	Who by	By when	Support needed
VL1	Identifying problems & opportunities for improving village fabric	Annual condition survey of the village fabric to identify problems and opportunities. Carried out in 2008 & 2009	Proposed village council & volunteers	Annual (April)	None
VL2	Organising volunteers	Form a core of volunteers to help maintain the fabric and improve the look of the village and surrounding rural area.	Proposed village council & KC&VWV Trust	2010	None
VL3	Building a sense of community	Organise social and volunteering events. Publish & deliver regular village newsletters. Improve village for pedestrians so villagers can walk around the village and meet each other.	Proposed village council & CelKC	On-going	Notts CC
VL4	Village meeting place	Investigate buying & renovating the Iron Chapel to serve as joint village meeting room & heritage centre.	Proposed village council & residents	On-going	Notts CC, Lottery REN grant
VL5	Improvements to the Village websites	Review the structure and links of Kings Clipstone forum and www.HeartOfAncientSherwood.co.uk site to ensure that all aspects of village life are represented.	DL & SP	2010	None
VL6	Playing field	Investigate provision of a seat. Improve grass cutting – mow a smaller area more frequently. New gate needed.	Trustees & Welbeck Estate	2010	Proposed Village Council
VL7	Access to the countryside	Carry out the annual P3 survey of rights of way to maintain insurance cover for volunteers.	Proposed village council & Friends of KC	Annual	None

## Responses to Village Survey

### Palace site

- 85% Conservation work to preserve the ruins.
- 72% Archaeological investigation of the whole Palace site.
- 65% Interpretative display explaining the history of the Palace and surrounding sites.
- 61% Public access to the area around the ruins.
- 59% Path to link School Lane with the National Cycle Route

### Water Meadows

- 74% A village pond and green
- 72% Nature reserve
- 71% Habitat restoration
- 61% Restoration of the Great Pond of Clipstone.
- 61% Preservation of the water meadow and associated features.
- 60% Path with interpretive display explaining the history of the site.
- 49% Playing field
- 49% Village meeting room / heritage centre (new build)

### The Village

- 86% Safe pedestrian route through the village
- 64% Link to Sherwood Pines for walkers and cyclists (the nearest car park).
- 59% Village meeting room /heritage centre (the Iron Chapel ?)
- 46% Residents only parking in the village.
- 27% Car parks for visitors.

Total replies 84 forms + 3 statements of outright rejection(no form) + 4 that can be inferred from form,

Forms issued to 100 households.

**Response rate 87%**

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## Appendix 2

# Kings Clipstone Village Constitution

**Kings Clipstone Village Council** consists of (*five/ seven*) councillors elected every four years. Newark & Sherwood District Council maintains the Register of Electors.

Kings Clipstone Village Council's vision is "to ensure Kings Clipstone continues to be a vibrant rural village with a strong community spirit, where everyone matters. The aim is for Kings Clipstone to be a prosperous, safe and attractive place in which to live and work for the present generation, and for generations to come". To recognise and act upon the importance of the village's position at the heart of Sherwood Forest.

The purpose of the Council is to work within its statutory powers to maintain and enhance the village's public amenities, and to help the people of Kings Clipstone to improve their quality of life, in accordance with the Council's vision, and to work in partnership with Newark & Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council to achieve this.

The Council will exercise all its powers and duties in accordance with the law and this Constitution, and utilise its limited budget to achieve the greatest good for the community.

Councillors agree to follow the Code of Conduct, which is overseen by the Standards Board for England.

The Council's administrative affairs are dealt with by the Parish Clerk who is a part time employee of the Parish Council, and will normally fulfil the role of Responsible Financial Officer.

The Council meets in public on the first Tuesday of every (*month/second month*) at 7.30pm.

The Council sets up committees to deal with specific matters that require more extensive consideration. These consist of at least two nominated Councillors, who may co-opt other, appropriate members, including non-elected representatives.

The Council operates a freedom of information policy and publishes its agendas and minutes on the parish notice board and website. Any member of the public can inspect Council papers and attend Council or committee meetings. They may also inspect the Council's accounts and make their views known to the external auditor.

# Kings Clipstone Village Council

2010/11 Projected Budget  
cash flow projection only.

General admin	£1,800
Insurance	£300
Election fund	£250
Grass cutting	£1,000
Hire of room	£60
Auditors	£60
Subscriptions/donations	£300
projects/reserve fund/contingency	£4,000
Total	£7,770
Precept per household	£56

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