

# **Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan**

The Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan is now available for your inspection and comment until December 18<sup>th</sup> 2020.

In May 2017 the Parish Council commissioned the Ringmore NP Steering Group to write a Neighbourhood Plan.

The SG commissioned an independent questionnaire from Devon Communities Together and the policies in this Neighbourhood Plan reflect the responses of the majority of parishioners to that survey.

This Neighbourhood Plan's Vision is:-

*'That the Parish continues to meet the needs and aspirations of local people by protecting and conserving the culture, heritage, bio-diversity and aesthetic qualities that make our environment unique. At the same time the economic prosperity needs to be supported and sustained so that the well being of the parish is maintained and it remains a thriving community in which to live, work, visit and play'*

**In Summary:-** The area being considered is the whole of Ringmore Parish which lies totally within the AONB. In addition the area south of the road from Bullhorn Cross to Marwell is in "The Undeveloped Coast".

The AONB and Undeveloped Coast are designations which confer various forms of protection against unsuitable development.

There is a Conservation Area, in the centre of Ringmore Village and the area between the village and the sea is owned by the National Trust.

The opportunity for development is therefore heavily controlled by statutes which are more senior than this Neighbourhood Plan. However, the Plan refines this framework and reflects the wishes of local people.

Tourism is one of the major economic factors in this parish. It brings money and employment to the area but it also brings heavy traffic flows which are of great concern to many residents.

The Tourism policies in this Neighbourhood Plan are designed to support current tourism in the parish and they also have to guard against major changes which would impinge on the resident's quality of life here.

The Plan also has sections on the environment, heritage and transport infrastructure.

There are four communal areas in the parish which have had public access for decades or longer, ie. Town Well, Bowling Green, Bus Shelter and Challaborough 'Boat Green' . The Plan seeks to protect these for the future by designating them as Green Spaces.

Finally the Plan will pass through several other statutory regulations but will finally it will be put to the parish registered voters to accept the Plan via a referendum next year.