

QUALITY OF LIFE.

1. History & Heritage

THE PRESENT SITUATION

The Parish has a long and in some ways unique history. The western part of the Parish is largely covered by the Wyre Forest, which is one of the country's ancient forests; some of the clearings in the Forest, which now form agricultural or residential pockets, date from the Dark Ages or Earlier. The eastern part of the Parish is largely subsumed within the Arley estate, an undertaking which has existed for several centuries.

St. Peter's Church is probably one of the oldest buildings in the Parish, dating from Norman times. There are also other historic buildings.

One of the most significant historical areas of the Parish comprises Naboth's Vineyard and Arley Arboretum; the Arboretum had its beginnings in 1820.

Issues

- Severn Navigation Trust
- Footbridge is not worthy of its prominent position
- Litter and offensive and dangerous articles on the river banks
- Keep the river banks as they are

<u>Actions</u>	<u>Stakeholders</u>	<u>Timescale</u>
Provide more, and larger, litter bins on the riverside areas	PC, WFDC	Short term
Ensure that dangerous and offensive articles are cleared from riverside paths	PC, WFDC	Ongoing
Repaint footbridge consulting the Parish Council before commencing work	WCC (Bridges)	Ongoing
Resist large-scale changes to the character of the river	PC	Ongoing
Carry out repairs to embankment carrying car park approach road	Arley Estate	Short term

Policy Statement

The Parish Council will not support any proposals for further development of the riverbanks, apart from work to maintain embankments, etc.

The Parish Council will take action, with others, to reduce the amount of litter and dangerous and offensive items near to the riverbanks.