

Join a Character Assessment walk

Please join us for a walk in your area. Our intention is to create a record of what we have now, look at what works well, and think about what could be better. Please bring a pen and paper for notes and a clipboard if you have one.

Where and when

Weekend walks start at 2pm, weekday walks at 7pm. They usually take a couple of hours.

Please send us an email to let us know which walk you'll be joining.

- **Conservation Area/Village Centre** (residential & commercial) 27 May and 31 May. Meet at the War Memorial.
- **Ditton Road** 9 June and 14 June. Meet outside Tesco, Horton Road.
- **London Road** 23 June and 27 June. Meet at The Royal Stag.
- **Horton Road** 15 July and 18 July. Meet at Datchet Parish Council offices on the Recreation Ground.

Find out more on our website...

www.datchetneighbourhoodplan.org/character-assessments.html

DATCHET'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN NEEDS YOUR HELP

What works well
where you live?
What could be improved?
Join us for a
Character Assessment walk
and tell us more

Get in touch

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Steering Group

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Via our website:
www.datchetneighbourhoodplan.org

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With your help, we aim to

- **PROTECT** what we all love about Datchet
- **INTEGRATE** the new with the old
- **ENHANCE** village life for us all

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

The Government is encouraging all local communities to produce a Neighbourhood Plan to create a vision of how we'd like our area to develop in the next 10-20 years. A Neighbourhood Plan is about the use of land. It can guide future development, regeneration and conservation in Datchet and will allow us to say, as a community, how we'd like to see any new development (residential, commercial, business), designed and located, and how we'd like our heritage to be safeguarded.

THIS IS OUR PLAN
It's a chance for all of us
to say how we see
Datchet's future

Datchet's Neighbourhood Plan can consider topics which are part of the Local Authority planning process, eg housing, recreation, infrastructure and new facilities. It can't promote less development than the Borough Local Plan and its scope is also limited by the flood zone, Green Belt and Conservation Area. It must also have regard for national policies.

Gathering evidence

As with all planning policies, a Neighbourhood Plan needs to be based on a clear understanding of the place it relates to, and backed by solid evidence. Datchet's Neighbourhood Plan team has already started gathering evidence to support policies which may be included in our Plan. This is a huge task which will take many months. Character assessments will form part of this evidence.



*“The people who know
an area best
are those who
live and work there”*

What is a Character Assessment?

A Character Assessment describes the appearance and feel of a place. It considers the key features and characteristics that combine to give an area its unique identity. Good architectural design, that is both attractive and functional, stems from an understanding of the character of the local area. This understanding can help to ensure that new development proposals are of an appropriate design; one that respects and complements the existing local character.

CHARACTER ASSESSMENTS
will help ensure that
new development is in
keeping with the
look and feel of Datchet

People who live or work in an area have a unique perspective which can add valuable detail to a Character Assessment. This local knowledge can help us ensure that any new development is in keeping with the feel and appearance of our village.