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Message from the Chairman of the Parish Council

The chance to have a say in the future of one's parish is an appealing prospect whether one wishes to witness great changes or fight to preserve the status quo. When government grants are available to fund a consultative exercise run by the residents themselves and culminating in the publication of a plan for the parish over the next 5-10 years, it is too good an opportunity to miss. Whilst the Parish Council was happy to instigate the process it is the hard-working members of the Working Party who have given freely of their time, enthusiasm, energy and many talents to see the whole process through to its conclusion. They have consulted widely within the parish, organised exhibitions to illustrate their work and their findings and their efforts have been rewarded with the publication of this important document. The process now moves on to an assessment of the conclusions contained herein and an action plan to try and turn the objectives into reality. The Parish Council is ready to take the lead in driving this process forward and whilst it will not be possible to do everything immediately it is hoped that the Parish Plan will prove to be a powerful tool in influencing decisions which may affect the parish and unlock the funding necessary to make a real difference to the residents. A difference that they have themselves highlighted as important to them.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has taken part in the production of this Parish Plan and especially the members of the Working Party who have seen the whole process through to its conclusion. Hanley Castle is one of the first parishes in the county to publish a Parish Plan and I commend this fine and important document to you.

Sue Roberts, Chairman Hanley Castle Parish Council, August 2003

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