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## Foreword from the Chair of East Woodhay Parish Council

The Parish Plan is the result of time given by a team of local people under the chairmanship of John Angle. As a member I have witnessed the personal effort and dedication that John has given to this important task: in motivating the team; obtaining finance; securing the services of the Greenham Common Trust in the design and processing of the questionnaires; drafting the Plan; and taking it through the stages of critical debate and external advice to its evolution as a document that can be confidently cited as representative of the wishes of residents.

The conclusions drawn from the completed questionnaires have led to the tabulated action points under the key headings. Some of these can be taken up by enthusiastic volunteers as in the case of the Village Market but the greater number require work by the parish council, as the first tier of local government, to obtain support from higher councils. The approach can be strengthened by citing the Plan's findings. In this respect the Plan complements the East Woodhay Village Design Statement that is relevant when responding to planning applications. This, too, was produced by a team of local people.



## Foreword continued

Most of the issues, as might be expected, are not new but have become more important with the growth of the population, both within the area and in Newbury, bringing increased pressure on the infrastructure of our rural parish. This will continue with the demand for more housing and the impact of plans for the expansion of Newbury. We need to be prepared to achieve the best possible outcome to the inevitable proposals for change and its consequences; seizing the opportunities for improvement and objectively opposing the threats to the character and sense of place that we value as residents.

This aim is at the centre of the Parish Council's work. In addition to the support of residents we need people to become actively involved as councillors. My hope is that the Plan will inspire more residents to see the value of making a direct contribution towards its realisation.

Alan Johnson,  
Chairman, East Woodhay Parish Council



## Introduction

Welcome to the East Woodhay Parish Plan, a vision for East Woodhay including Woolton Hill and the Hamlets over the next 10 to 15 years.

### What is a Parish Plan?

Communities everywhere are constantly changing and the government wants communities like ours to take more control of our own lives, to say what we want done in our own neighbourhood and to engage with other organisations to get it done. We cannot and should not prevent change, but we can influence the way it happens and is managed, preserving all that is good and serving the future needs of the residents. It is an opportunity for all in our community to express their views.

A Parish Plan should:

- be comprehensive, considering all aspects of local life including social, economic and environmental issues of concern to our community.
- involve the whole community; everyone should have a chance to have their say and get involved in the Parish Plan.
- be based on information provided by the community participation, surveys and research.
- involve Local Authorities with the process.
- be focused on creating an action plan with a clear statement of Who? What? Why? and How?

## Introduction continued

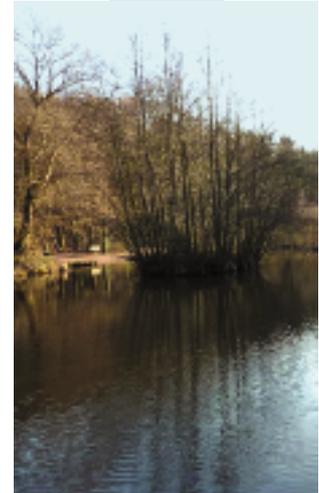
Our Parish Plan consultation process was started in 2007 by asking people attending church fêtes and school fun days what issues within the Parish concerned them most. Based on this feedback and with the help of five focus groups, under the headings Environment, Transport, Recreation, Community Services and Youth, a questionnaire was produced and delivered to every household in the Parish. The Youth group, under the guidance of a senior member, consisted entirely of pupils from our primary and secondary schools and met on a regular basis to help develop the plan. In order to obtain as many younger residents' views as possible, the Youth group put on a free Fun Day where, to gain entry, young people had to answer a few simple questions about their views on what they liked or disliked within the Parish.

After producing a draft version of the questionnaire, the findings were presented at further open meetings to check whether the questionnaire covered all the key issues and whether any of the questions were ambiguous.



The final questionnaire asked both household and individual questions, with all members of the household over 11 years old invited to express their views. There were also opportunities for individuals to comment on the questions and to say what key factors they would like to see change within the Parish, in order to improve the quality of their life and that of other residents. Over 68% of households completed the questionnaire, (this figure compares very favourably with other communities in the locality) so the results, besides showing how passionately East Woodhay residents care about their Parish, should represent how the community wants to see itself develop over the next 10-15 years. The results of all the choice-type questions were input by Greenham Common Trust using their software package to produce the final results. The software is unable to handle comments in the same way and so these were analysed separately. The results of the questionnaire are summarised at the back of this booklet. It should be noted that all percentages and comments are based on the 68% who responded.

We hope you find this booklet of interest and that it encourages some of you to volunteer to drive these actions forward. We may not be able to obtain all the funds we would like, but for our Parish Plan to succeed it needs a considerable pool of enthusiastic volunteers to share the workload.



## Our Community

East Woodhay Parish is a civil parish established in 1882 and encompassing the areas of the ecclesiastical parishes of St Martin's, East Woodhay and St Thomas', Woolton Hill. It is one of 51 civil parishes in the Borough of Basingstoke and Deane and is also served by Hampshire County Council. It elects one councillor to the Borough Council and a maximum of ten members to the Parish Council.

The Parish comprises the village of Woolton Hill and eight Hamlets, namely Ball Hill, East End, East Woodhay, Gore End, Hatt Common, Heath End, Hollington and North End. Woolton Hill falls within a Settlement Policy Boundary under Policy D5 in the Local Plan 1996-2011 and has over two thirds of the total population of around 3000. The Parish lies within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and rises from the River Enborne in the North to Pilot Hill, (at 286m the highest point in Hampshire), on the South West boundary.

The area consists mainly of fields, woodland and hedges, with numerous streams draining into the River Enborne, the Thames and finally the North Sea. This environment provides for a wide variety of wildlife, which can be observed from the large number of footpaths and bridleways criss-crossing the parish. The Parish covers an area of 2,095 hectares (5079 acres or nearly 8 square miles) giving a density of population of 1.43 persons per hectare compared with a figure of 2.4 for the whole of Basingstoke and Deane.

Figures from the Census in 1971 and 2001 show a 45% increase in the population of the Parish. This took place primarily in Woolton Hill on the Tile Barn side of the main C5 road whereas the historic centre of the village was almost exclusively to be found on the opposite side of this road. It is not surprising therefore, that with the national decline of rural services, shops and public houses, the village has lost some of its earlier character. Nevertheless, we are fortunate that a Stores, Post Office and Public House remain close to the centre of population in the area known as Broad Layings. We are also fortunate to have St Thomas' Church and Church Hall, local schools, a recreation ground, and a surgery/medical centre within or close by the historic centre of the village. The substantial open space in this area between Church Road and Trade Street, in the ownership of the Parish, is known as the Parish Field and is restricted by covenant to agricultural use. At Broad Layings the public has access to The Chase, 130 acres of woodland gifted to the National Trust in 1944, to remain as a nature reserve and bird sanctuary.

The hamlets of North End and East End are conservation areas and like the remaining hamlets have seen little new development, being restricted to the extension or replacement of existing dwellings. Ball Hill is the exception with significant new house building, relative to its size, in the last twenty years.



## Our Community continued

Although there are some sporting facilities and clubs within the Parish, many youth members feel there is a lack of a suitable range of facilities where they can meet others informally and play casual sports with friends, rather than in a team. Opportunities for informal social contact are important for the young people in our Parish who attend a large number of different schools and colleges within the area.

Over 87% of the respondents' houses are owner-occupied with almost 2 cars per household and with over 54% of people over the age of 15 having been in the parish for 15 years or less.

The car is very important to residents with over 80% using the vehicle on a regular basis.



## Environment

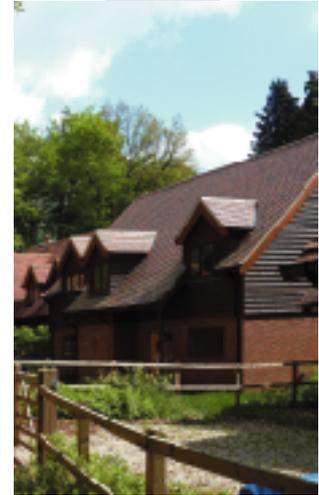
The major environmental issues addressed in the Parish Plan Questionnaire covered the following issues:

- The Development and Infrastructure of the Parish in the context of preserving the character of the area.
- Issues surrounding the safety and living environment of residents.
- Community activities in the context of whether land or facilities in the Parish could be used more effectively for such purposes.

### Development and Infrastructure of the Parish

The main issue related to the extent and nature of housing development within the Parish and the questionnaire revealed that a majority felt that there had been too much housing development, with an even greater majority considering that those houses that had been built were too big or too expensive.

51% of respondents felt that there should be no more development, while 38% felt that up to 50 new houses could be accommodated, with the main requirement being the development of homes for young people.



## Environment continued



From the above it is concluded:

- New housing development should continue to be modest in the interests of maintaining a sustainable community where the scale of change can be accommodated with minimal impact on the character and distinctiveness of the area and should be no more than is proved necessary to meet the housing needs of the Parish.
- New developments should provide a mix of housing types to enable a range of people to live in the community.

### Integration of Schools

On the desirability of combining the schools, the results revealed that:

- 38% of respondents were against the concept of combining the two Woolton Hill schools, more than twice the number who supported the idea;
- 47% of respondents were against combining St Martin's School with the Woolton Hill schools, with a very small minority who supported the idea.

It is concluded that integration of the schools would not be welcomed and that any move on the part of the Education Authority to do so would be resisted.

## Safety and Living Environment

The major concerns centred on road safety and parking, which are covered under Transport. On other issues, 42% of respondents think that a map of the Parish displaying key places would be useful, with 22% disagreeing; and 42% think dog fouling on public footpaths is a problem, with 21% disagreeing.

There were 57% of respondents against more street lighting in the Parish compared to 22% in favour. There was little support for CCTV cameras with 63% against and 12% in favour.

From the above it is concluded that there would be support for action to discourage dog fouling on public footpaths and there is no significant demand for more CCTV cameras or street lighting.



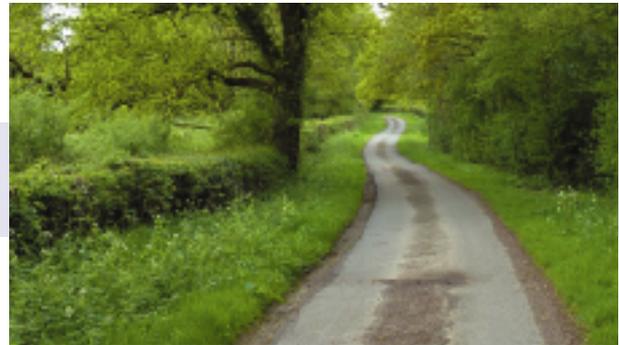
## Environment Action Points

Question No.	Action	Verification	Priority	Target date for completion	Comments/Resource Implications
33, 34 & 35	Ensure housing development is sustainable. Ensure Parish Council consult residents on any proposals that arise for significant new residential development in addition to the ongoing consultation on minor planning applications.	56% think there is too much housing, with 51% saying no more. 50% think new houses too big & too expensive	1	Ongoing	Parish Council should both influence strategic development plans for the Parish and monitor and respond to specific proposals arising from each stage of implementing the Local Development Framework
30	Discourage dog fouling	42% think dog fouling is a problem	3	2010	Parish Council to determine best practical measures
30	Put up map of the Parish	42% would like to see a map with 21% against	3	2010	Parish Council to find suitable site and erect map
43	Provide for recycling	85% would like to see recycling facilities in the parish	2	2010	Re-examine the practicality of providing a recycling facility. Parish Council to discuss with BDBC

## Transport & Accessibility

The road system in the Parish has two distinctly different environments. Within Woolton Hill, many of the roads have pavements and even street lights, creating a somewhat urban character, whereas in the surrounding Hamlets the roads are part of an ancient network of country lanes with grass verges, more suited to a rural way of life.

A number of factors have considerably increased the quantity of road traffic including, as shown in the replies to the questionnaire: the 45% increase in the population of the Parish since 1971; the increasing number of vehicles per household; the use of the car for most journeys as the main means of transport, particularly because services and employment are centred in the major towns and the Thames corridor four miles or more from the Parish; the traffic associated with our three schools and Thorngrove School (Highclere Parish) - both from resident families and those bringing children from farther afield; and the increasing number and size of commercial and construction vehicles. With the exception of the roads within housing developments, the arterial system of the two C classified roads and the connecting country roads, remains virtually unaltered since the beginning of the 20th century. The damaging effect on surfaces, verges, and the edges of the roads requires regular attention and as demonstrated in Q20 repairs are not keeping up with the rate of destruction.



## Transport & Accessibility continued



It is clear that there is limited provision of and support for public transport, although there might be more interest if the present Cango service were more frequent ( Q23,24 ). Nevertheless, the Cango in its present form provides a lifeline for those who are unable to drive or cannot afford their own vehicle

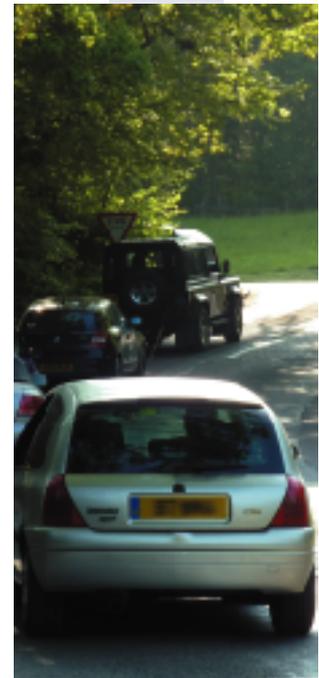
At various times of the day areas of parking congestion can be found near the Post Office and by the Surgery in Trade Street, with Church Road acquiring a long row of parked cars whenever there is something on at St Thomas'. A significant majority of residents felt that parking by the Post Office and Surgery was creating a hazard and that more car parking spaces should be provided.



The increase in traffic has led to parking problems and perceived danger to road users and pedestrians. Lines of parked cars obstruct the free passage of traffic on the stretch of road between the entrances of the two schools in Woolton Hill at the start and end of the school day; this also occurs if there are special events being held outside school hours. 69% of respondents considered that the parked cars created a hazard, with only 7% disagreeing. Traffic-calming measures have been taken to try to improve the situation near the schools, but these do not appear to have worked and have proved unpopular with the local community who believe they have made the road more dangerous.

Parking by Ball Hill Garage was seen as another hazardous area. Concern was also expressed about HGVs, especially construction traffic, and the damage they do to the rural roads and verges. This is often caused when vehicles have to pass each other on narrow roads. 57% of respondents think that construction traffic is harming our roads compared to only 8% who think that it is not; 44% felt that the roads were not kept in a good state of repair compared to 19% who felt they were;

The volume of commuter traffic causes problems at the Penwood Crossroads on the Andover Road, where at peak times lengthy queues build up. This has been the scene of many collisions and is likely to get worse as the traffic volume increases. Although this is just outside the East Woodhay Parish boundary, it has a direct impact on the people living in the Parish and those coming from outside, and many residents feel that something should be done to ease congestion and improve safety. The majority of respondents felt that a roundabout would be the best solution, and there is a large area of grass adjacent to this junction which could possibly be used for this purpose. Alternative measures proposed include filter lanes and part-time traffic lights, although these received less support.

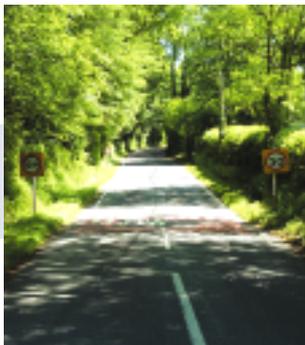


## Transport & Accessibility continued

There is considerable support for reducing the speed limit to 30mph throughout the Parish with a majority of respondents in favour. Most people thought that the speed limits by the schools should be reduced to 20mph, although there were a number of written comments requesting it only be reduced at times of school traffic activity.

In general, residents thought the pavements were in good order, although inconsiderate parking on pavements was often raised as an issue. The main concern was the large gaps on relatively busy roads between one stretch of pavement and the next, e.g. in Trade Street and by Harwood Paddock. There is a need to review the requirement for pavements and how pedestrian access can be improved without losing the rural nature of our Parish.

There is some provision for voluntary transport through Neighbourcare. Although the numbers are not huge, three times as many people said they would be willing to offer voluntary transport as are currently involved.



From the above it is concluded:-

- The present arrangements of build-outs, control of parking, and uncontrolled pedestrian crossings have significantly failed to meet the purpose for which they were designed and the whole scheme should be reviewed taking into account the strong objections raised in Q29.
- More parking space at schools, the Surgery and the Post Office would be supported if suitable plans could be drawn up.
- Improvements are needed at the Penwood crossroads.
- Construction traffic is a problem, and encouraging developers to sign up to Considerate Construction Schemes for new developments might help in this.
- The repair and maintenance of the roads is substandard and needs to be improved in the short term.

Although we have given target dates for all the transport action points it is recognized that many of the issues involved are outside the control of both ourselves and the Parish Council. If and when they are approved, some of the action points will require substantial local authority funding.

One issue, which may take time to evaluate, would be an improved bus service, but once again substantial subsidies may be required.



## Action points for Transport

Question No.	Action	Verification	Priority	Target date for completion	Comments/Resource Implications
23/24	Improve the bus service	39% said they would use if more buses and easier access and 34% if able to board without booking	1	Jul-10	Will need to be subsidised by the local authorities
26	Install 30mph speed limit throughout the Parish	60% in favour, 40% against	1	Dec-10	This should be considered as part of HCC's Village 30mph initiative
29	Resolve parking problems by the:-			Dec-10	In the case of the schools these should be considered as part of HCC's Safer Routes to Schools initiatives.
	Junior & Infants schools	74% in favour, 8% against	1		
	Surgery	58% in favour, 17% against	1		
	Post Office	65% in favour, 21% against	1		
	St Martin's School	41% in favour, 9% against	2		
	Ball Hill Garage	Number of written comments	2		
					In all cases there is a need to come up with a practical and cost-effective solution together with sources of funding.

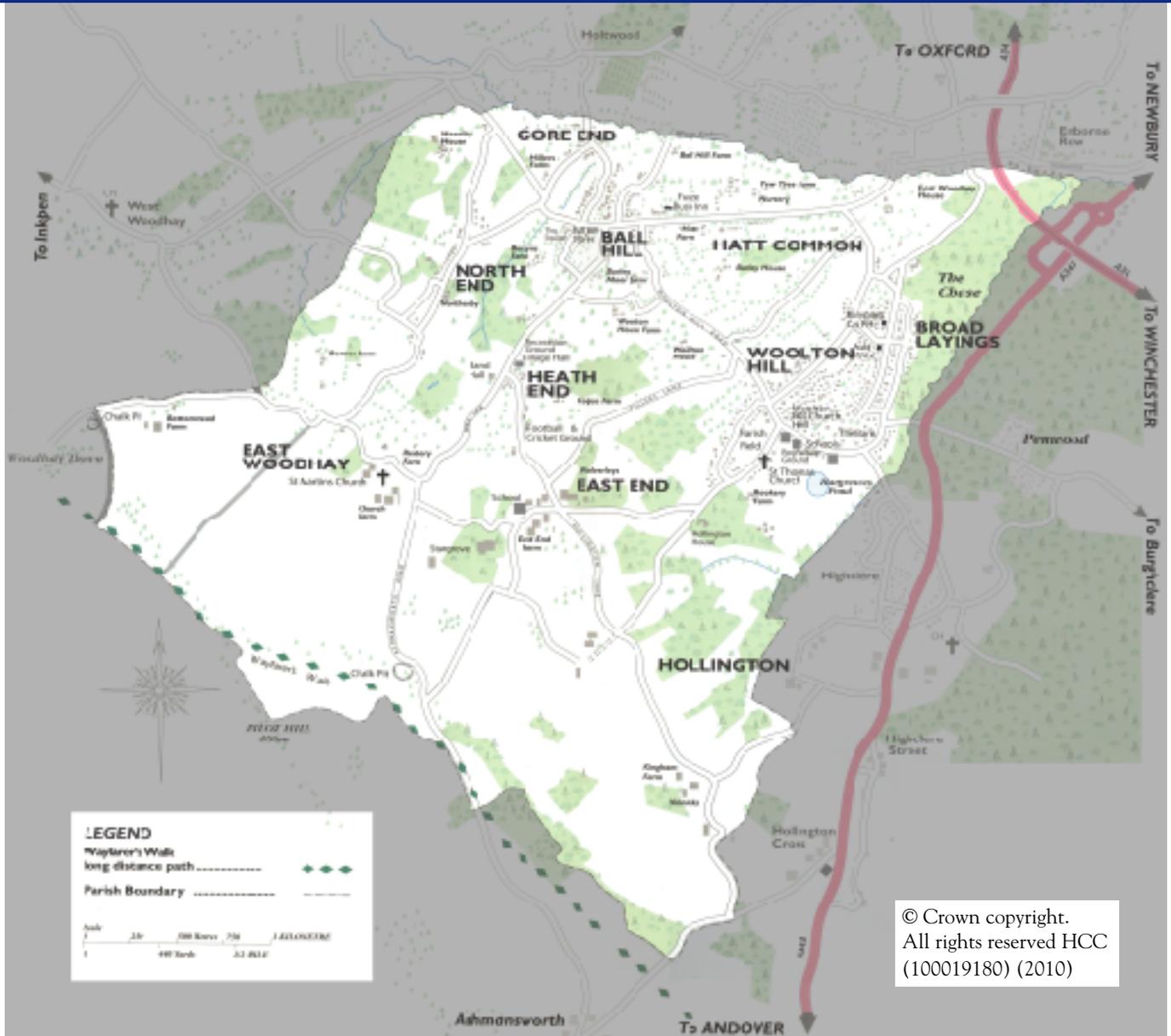
Question No.	Action	Verification	Priority	Target date for completion	Comments/Resource Implications
29	Reduce speed limits to 20mph by schools during times of activity at the schools	67% in favour, 21% against	1	Dec-10	To be considered as part of HCC's Safer Routes to Schools initiatives. May need street lighting
29	Remove yellow bollards & build-outs to make road safer	50% in favour, 31% against	2	Dec-10	To be considered as part of HCC's Safer Routes to Schools initiatives.
29	Install a pedestrian crossing by Junior & Infants schools	55% in favour, 26% against	2	Dec-10	To be considered as part of HCC's Safer Routes to Schools initiatives. May need street lighting
30	Review signage	41% in favour, 26% against	1	Completed	
30	Improve the maintenance of roads	58% in favour, 24% against	1	Ongoing	Liaise with Highway Maintenance

## Action points for Transport continued

Question No.	Action	Verification	Priority	Target date for completion	Comments/Resource Implications
30	Encourage developers to sign up to Considerate Construction Schemes for new developments	64% were concerned about the resulting damage 9% were not	2	Dec-10	Liaise with local councils to ensure every effort is made to obtain sign-ups
32	Install a roundabout at Penwood Crossroads	59% in favour, 34% against	1	Dec-11	Liaise with HCC Most popular proposal
29	Install left hand turn filters at Penwood Crossroads	49% in favour, 35% against	1	Dec-11	Liaise with HCC This is the 2nd choice if roundabout not feasible



# Map of Parish



## Community Services

The Parish of East Woodhay has a friendly and thriving community life, based mainly in Woolton Hill, which is the main settlement, supported by a number of smaller villages and hamlets in the Parish. There is an impressive range of voluntary services and organisations, several associated with the churches, to assist with living in a rural area. Residents value their community and wish to see its appealing character maintained. The Parish is well served by its local schools, Post Office, Surgery (dispensing) and other retail outlets and services. There are also numerous popular clubs catering for a wide variety of interests and hobbies, using the local facilities: East Woodhay Village Hall, Woolton Hill Church Hall, the Churches, Schools and sports and recreation grounds. Private homes host many of the smaller groups. The high usage of the public facilities recorded in this plan shows the importance of continuing with their maintenance and improvement.

Communication within the parish is mainly through the distribution of the community magazine, Spectrum, which celebrated 40 years of monthly publication in 2009. Other sources of information are the Newbury Weekly News and the Advertiser, which is delivered free to many households. The Parish Council has notice-boards around the village and also records its meetings in Spectrum. There is a Parish Diary on the [www.wooltonhill.com](http://www.wooltonhill.com) website, where organisers can note forthcoming events so that major clashes can be avoided where possible. The Schools also issue regular Newsletters and include items of general interest alongside school news. Many people walk the village regularly and contribute to the neighbourly spreading of both friendship and local news.

The parish is fortunate to have an excellent Post Office and Store, providing many goods and valuable services as well as the full postal facility, and serving a far wider area than that of East Woodhay. It is vital that this aspect of the community be supported and maintained. Likewise

our two beautiful Churches, which are open every day with a regular pattern of Sunday and weekday services. Both churches are used by both the two church schools and other schools in the area at Easter, Harvest and Christmas as well as for special services and events during the year. St Martin's has splendid acoustics, which are in demand by recording companies and enjoyed by the regular congregation and those who attend concerts there. Both churchyards are open to provide a final resting place for parishioners and those with a local connection. These historic church buildings are well used and well loved, but do not receive any state funding and are therefore dependent on the whole community for survival.

The increasing popularity of village markets has been mirrored by the interest shown in setting up something similar in this parish, with over 900 residents wishing to see one within the parish. There are many skilled local craftspeople and producers, who might be encouraged to find an outlet for their goods and services close to home.

The Village Market (now operational) and the local churches are the only Community activities requiring any funding - the main requirement being a sufficient number of volunteers to cover the various action points.



## Action points for Community Services

Question No.	Action	Verification	Priority	Target date for completion	Comments/Resource Implications
10	Raise profile of Welcome Pack among local organisations. Promote delivery to newcomers	57.9% of respondents had not received one	1	Jan-2010	Named co-ordinator needed. Team needed to determine content, method of identifying newcomers and effective means of making contact
18-20, 54-58, 61,	Diary co-ordinator  Central register of services and facilities	Many specific comments re communication / information	1	Already implemented on the Woolton Hill website	Need to ensure that all events are being added to the website
37, 39-41	Parish Website to be created.		1	2010	
43	Investigate setting up a Village Market by making contact with potential users and stall-holders	Over 900 residents in favour	2	26th September 2009  Date met and fully operational	

Question No.	Action	Verification	Priority	Target date for completion	Comments/Resource Implications
44, 45	Ensure Post Office remains open	Used by 87% of respondents	1	No target date can be set. Need to be ready to react if closure threatened	Continuing local support essential. Willingness to campaign if needed
62, 63	Ensure both churches remain open to serve the community	1011 positive responses	1	Ongoing	Local financial support essential



## Recreation



The Parish of East Woodhay has a number of recreational activities and facilities, ranging from sporting clubs to coffee mornings for the more senior inhabitants of the community. The Parish boasts two substantial halls, the Church Hall in Woolton Hill and the larger Village Hall in Heath End. There are recreation grounds, which include tennis courts and children's play equipment, in both Woolton Hill and Heath End. The majority of the recreational activities are advertised in Spectrum and are also communicated through the Parish notice-boards, the local schools and the Church. Many of these recreation events within the Parish only exist due to the wonderful community-spirited volunteers who give up their time to organise these events. There is an ongoing recruitment drive for more volunteers within the Parish and anyone interested can contact the Parish Plan implementation team or the Parish Council for more details. The Parish also has numerous sporting teams representing a wide range of sports for different age groups. Some of the facilities need some investment to bring them up to modern-day standards. Despite the availability of clubs and team sports, there is a lack of facilities where youngsters can participate in sporting activities and the provision of a multipurpose court and Youth club would be a major step forward.

59% of residents were in favour of the provision of allotments, but first the Parish Council will need to provide a suitable site.

The Parish has several fêtes during the year, which are well attended and raise money for Parish organisations and a variety of charities. Other events, which are organised throughout the year, include a variety of jumble sales, art exhibitions, quiz nights, plant sales, open gardens and musical recitals (including East Woodhay Silver Band) plus many more.

There was a high level of dissatisfaction expressed about the quality of upkeep of our public footpaths, particularly with respect to overgrown bushes and nettles, deep mud and poorly maintained stiles. The Parish Council is drawing up a plan of action. They have also responded to a recent initiative from HCC in conjunction with Government support for improving access to the countryside.



## Action points for Recreation

Question No.	Action	Verification	Priority	Target date for completion	Comments/Resource Implications
44	Set up Youth Club	65% of all people under 18 said they would use it	1	Sept-10	Needs volunteers and some funding
49	Multipurpose court with basketball tennis & football for the recreation ground in Woolton Hill	88% of all respondents wanted such a facility	1	Jun-11	This will need considerable funds from grants and local authority
50	Review all of our footpaths and bridleways and pursue a programme of necessary improvements in consultation with tenants, landowners and HCC.	76% of respondents expressed some degree of dissatisfaction	1	Dec-10	Parish Council to follow up
51	Provision of allotments	59% of respondents wanted allotments	2	Jun-11	Need to identify suitable area

## Parish Field

In 1959, Mr Eliot-Cohen gave a piece of land in Woolton Hill between Trade Street and Church Road, known locally as the Parish Field, to the Parish Council for agricultural use only, with no buildings to be erected and specifying some conditions to be met should the Parish Council wish to change its usage at some future date.

58% of the respondents were in favour of opening up the field for the recreational benefit of the community (more than twice as many as those against). 40% were in favour of installing some seats and creating some footpaths through the field. All other questions on its use received less than 30% support. This means that there is no case for any development on the Parish Field, but the possibility of it being more accessible and used for village events should be investigated. This will require further consultation against some specific proposals. Any proposals to improve and enhance the open space of the Parish Field would have to show it is of sufficient benefit to the local community. This could include some seating in the open spaces and the utilisation of the field for village events. A substantial majority were against using any part of the Parish Field for car parking for users of the Surgery, Infant School and Church, although in the case of the Surgery more parking spaces could be provided by using the roadside verge.

The first task is to identify what is the legal position and the cost of amendment. Once it can be established that the covenant can be changed, options should be explored, plans agreed and funding considered.

## Action points for Parish Field

Question No.	Action	Verification	Priority	Target date for completion	Comments/Resource Implications
52	Investigate legal issues re changing the use of the Parish Field for community events	58% of respondents in favour	1	Sept-10	Will require legal assistance and funding
52	Develop a range of practical options and consult on these as to local preference	58% of respondents in favour	2	June-12, but may take much longer	Will need to modify the Covenant. Will require funding from local authorities and grants



## Questionnaire Results

Q1: How many people including children normally live in your household?

1891

Q2: Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group:

Male

Female

0-4

43

54

5-10

74

72

11-15

67

64

16-17

23

32

18-24

62

57

25-44

181

206

45-59

236

251

60-64

81

93

65-74

89

79

75-84

54

47

85+

4

22

Total

914

977

Q3: Where does your household live?

Ball Hill

108

15.1%

Broad Layings

101

14.1%

East End

19

2.7%

East Woodhay

18

2.5%

Gore End

19

2.7%

Hatt Common

12

1.7%

Heath End

27

3.8%

Hollington

17

2.4%

North End

22

3.1%

Woolton Hill

372

52.0%

Total

715

100.0%

## Questionnaire Results continued

Q4: Your dwelling is ...

87% owner occupied

Q5: Is your dwelling within a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

Yes

No

Don't know

31%

36%

30%

Q6: Where do your children under 16 attend school?

Woolton Hill Junior

20%

St Thomas' Infants

14%

The Clere

12%

St Martin's Primary

10%

St Bartholomew's

10%

Thorngrove

5%

Park House

4%

School for those with special needs

0%

Other

24%

Q7: If still in education where do your children 16 or over attend?

University

41%

St Bartholomew's

20%

Other advanced training courses

13%

Park House

13%

Newbury College

8%

Queen Mary's Basingstoke

3%

Cricklade Andover

2%

Q8: If any of your children under 16 are unable to take part in school activities after the end of the school day, please give the reasons why.

There were so few responses to this question that the results are insignificant.

Q9: How many roadworthy vehicles are kept by your household?

Cars	1323
Bicycles	651
Motor bikes	59
Vans	52
Lorries	6

Q10: If you have moved to the parish in the last 5 years did you receive a Welcome Pack from the church?

Yes	No
42%	58%

Q11: If mains gas were available, would you like to be connected?

Yes	No
65%	31%

Q12: Sex of person

Male	Female
47%	53%

Q13: What age group do you belong to?

11-24 years	25-59 years	60+ years
14%	55%	31%

## Questionnaire Results continued

Q14: How long have you lived in East Woodhay Parish?

Less than a year	5%
1-5 years	19%
6-15 years	34%
16-25 years	21%
26-50 years	14%
51 + years	3%
Whole life	6%

Q15: Are you at present ...

An employee?	44%
Retired?	22%
Self-employed?	14%
In full-time education?	12%
Housewife/ Househusband?	7%
Permanently sick/disabled?	1%
Unemployed	1%

Q16: What is your main means of transport to work, training or study?

Car	Public transport	Walk / cycle
68%	8%	3%

Q17: Do you use a vehicle for ...

Leisure	Shopping	Work
82%	80%	54%

Q18: If you have a car are you or would you be willing to provide voluntary transport?	Are providing	Would be willing	
	35%	69%	
Q19: If you ticked either box in Question 18, how often could you help as a volunteer for Neighbourcare?	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally
	10%	15%	75%
Q20: Would you use a voluntary car service as a passenger?	Yes	Yes, but no requirement	
	3%	51%	
Q21: Which do you use on a daily basis?	Taxi	Bus	Own transport
	1%	4%	84%
Q22: If you use the bus, what do you use it for and how often?			
Work	12%		
Shopping	38%		
Social or Leisure	49%		
Other	11%		
Medical Visits	3%		
Q23: What would make you more likely to use the Cango Bus service?	More frequent service	Board without booking	
	39%	34%	

## Questionnaire Results continued

Q24: What would make you more likely to use the Stagecoach Bus service?

More frequent service

Lower fares

39%

23%

Q25: If there were a local bus service to and from the local schools would you use it?

Only 12% said yes, as long as the costs are reasonable

Q26: Would you support a speed limit of 30mph throughout the parish?

60% said yes

Q27: Are the road sign directions in the parish adequate?

Yes

No

70%

16%

Q28: How user-friendly are the pavements in Woolton Hill & Broadlayings to people with disabilities, pushchairs or wheelchairs?

Good or OK

Poor

42%

19%



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Q29: Do you think ...				
Parked cars by the Junior & Infant Schools create a hazard	45%	24%	5%	2%
Speed limits by the three schools should be reduced to 20mph	38%	23%	13%	6%
More parking spaces are required near the Post Office/Stores	28%	33%	15%	4%
More parking spaces are required near the Surgery	24%	30%	11%	5%
Pedestrian crossings are required by the Junior & Infant Schools even if that means street lighting by the crossings	23%	26%	13%	10%
Parked cars by the Post Office/Stores create a hazard	21%	27%	20%	7%
The yellow bollards and build-outs by the Junior & Infant Schools make the road more dangerous	27%	19%	21%	7%
Cars parked on the road by Surgery create a hazard	18%	25%	19%	4%
Parked cars by St Martin's School create a hazard	21%	14%	5%	3%
Some of the yellow bollards by the Junior & Infant Schools should be removed to reduce their intrusiveness	23%	12%	20%	9%
The reflective bands covering all yellow bollards by the Junior & Infant Schools should be significantly reduced to minimise their obtrusiveness	16%	8%	24%	11%
Parked cars by the Junior & Infant Schools slow down traffic and improve safety	6%	10%	33%	18%

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<b>Q30: Do you think ...</b>				
Construction traffic is damaging our roads	26%	30%	6%	2%
Additional housing has put too much strain on the transport infrastructure	24%	22%	15%	4%
There should be a map of the parish on display highlighting key places	13%	29%	13%	9%
Dog fouling on public footpaths is a problem	19%	23%	18%	3%
There are too many signs in the parish	19%	18%	19%	5%
Dog fouling on pavements and roads is a problem	16%	20%	25%	3%
Flooding between Ball Hill and North End is a problem	10%	21%	5%	1%
Flooding between the Junior School and Mount Road is a problem	10%	21%	4%	1%
More street lighting is required	8%	14%	26%	31%
The roads in the parish are kept in an excellent state of repair	3%	20%	35%	19%
The Parish Council are good at making residents stop their hedges from encroaching onto the pavement	3%	16%	19%	11%
More CCTV cameras should be installed within the parish	4%	8%	28%	35%
<b>Q31: What positively influences your choice of school within the parish?</b>				
Location		26%		
Small e.g under 120		15%		
Infant/Junior		14%		
Church affiliation		9%		
Primary		9%		

Q32: Although outside the parish boundary, do you think that the following changes to the Penwood Crossroads should be given consideration?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Install a roundabout	30%	16%	12%	15%
Install turn left filter lanes from both Woolton Hill & Penwood	18%	16%	16%	9%
Install peak time traffic lights	13%	14%	18%	18%
Install full time traffic lights	11%	6%	21%	26%
Leave the road as it is	12%	8%	16%	25%

Q33: What do you think about the number of houses that have been built in the parish over the last 10 years?	Too much	About right	Too little
	56%	42%	2%

Q34: What do you think about the type of houses that have been built in the parish over the last 10 years?	50%	29%	29%	22%
Either too big or too expensive	50%	29%	29%	22%
About right	29%	29%	22%	
Too expensive		29%	22%	
Too big		22%		

Q35: Do you think the parish can accommodate the following increase in housing?	None	Up to 50	Over 51
	51%	38%	11%

## Questionnaire Results continued

Q36: What kind of accommodation do you think the Parish needs more of?

None	30%
Homes for young people	43%
Small family homes	29%
Homes for older people downsizing	29%
Affordable housing (shared equity/social renting)	23%
Sheltered housing for the over 55 years	17%
Bungalows	14%
Homes for single people	14%
Homes for couples	14%
Large family homes	9%
Homes for people with disabilities	8%

Q37: Is there a need for any of the following in the parish?

Gardening help	59%
Shopping help	46%
Respite, say 1-2 hours	41%
Baby-sitting	33%
Looking after children	32%

Q38: Would you like to see the following facilities within the parish?

Dental practice	74%
Over-the-counter medicines	59%
Private Chiropodist	27%

Q39: How good is the police coverage of the parish?	Good or OK	Poor
	31%	45%
Q40: Would you like to join a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?	Yes or already in	No
	63%	37%
Q41: Which, if any, of the following crimes and anti-social behaviour concern you in the parish?		
Vandalism	47%	
Theft	43%	
Graffiti	17%	
Drunkenness	15%	
Mugging	8%	
Q42: Do you use the following facilities?		
St Martin's Church	28%	
St Thomas' Church	44%	
St Thomas' Church Hall	40%	
East Woodhay Village Hall	48%	
Facilities at local schools	22%	
Woolton Hill Surgery	74%	
Kintbury Surgery	9%	
Neighbourcare	3%	
Recreational ground at Heath End	13%	
Recreational ground at Woolton Hill	39%	
Highclere Village Hall	21%	

## Questionnaire Results continued

Q43: If the following opened in the Parish would you use them?

Youth club	9%	of all residents
Youth club	65%	of all under 18 years olds
Drop-in /information centre	24%	
Internet café	9%	
Café/Tea Room	46%	
Village market	74%	
Voluntary bus service	25%	
Recycling facilities	85%	

Q44: How many times a month do you use the counter service at the local Post Office?

More than 10	5-10	Less than 5
17%	29%	42%

Q45: If you use the local Post Office, please say what for?

Postal services	95%
Pensions/Allowances	6%
Investments/National Savings/Giro Bank	15%
Vehicle Tax/Other bills	64%
Motor or house insurance	8%
Telephone rental service/Mobile top-ups	14%
Currency exchange	26%
Information leaflets	25%
Other services	35%

Q46: Which new sports clubs/activities would you attend in the parish if they were provided?

Youth Club	12%
Badminton	30%
Keep Fit	39%
Squash	12%
Basketball	7%
Netball	7%
Film Club	35%
Musical activities	24%
Lunch Club/Senior Citizens Group	12%
Drama Club	10%
Whist Drive or Bridge	8%
School summer holiday activities	23%

Q47: Would you be prepared to help organise and run any of the following?

Youth Club	13%
Youth football	16%
Keep Fit	10%
Squash	5%
Basketball	3%
Netball	7%
Cricket	7%
Film Club	27%
Lunch Club/Senior Citizens Group	21%
Drama Club	11%
Whist drive or Bridge	13%
School summer holiday activities	23%

## Questionnaire Results continued

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Q48: Subject to a suitable site being found a new/improved central hall should be provided for a wide range of social events within the parish.	14%	27%	17%	14%
Q49: What facilities would you like to see installed into the Woolton Hill recreational ground?				
Open shelters			24%	
Multipurpose court with basketball, tennis & football			88%	
Skate board facility (may be sited elsewhere)			24%	
Q50: When using local footpaths and bridleways, which if any, of the following difficulties did you find?				
Farm animals			13%	
High or poorly maintained stiles			44%	
Barbed wire			21%	
Overgrown bushes/nettles			76%	
Crops across path			16%	
Deep mud			60%	
Poor signposting			43%	
Q51: Would you like to see provision of allotments within the parish?				
		Yes	No	
		59%	41%	

Q52: Would you like to see the Parish Field used for any of the following?

Parish events e.g. Fêtes	58%
An open space with seats and footpaths joining Church & Trade Streets	40%
Provision of some allotments	27%
Provision of parking by St Thomas' Church	20%
Provision of parking by the Surgery	24%
New playground releasing the existing recreational grounds for other purposes	15%
Sporting events	22%
Small clubhouse with changing rooms & refreshment facilities	15%
New Village Hall with supporting facilities	16%
New centre containing Village Hall & other suitable buildings eg Day Care Centre for both young and old	14%
Provision of nature reserve conservation area	26%
NONE of the above - it should remain an open space	26%

Q53: Would you like to see any of the schools combined?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
St Thomas' Infants & Woolton Hill Junior Schools combined?	8%	10%	16%	22%
Both the above and St Martin's School combined?	3%	2%	14%	33%

## Questionnaire Results continued

Q54: Where do you usually get information about events taking place in the parish?

Parish Notice Board	23%
Church Notice Board	8%
Church Notice Sheet	7%
Newbury Weekly News	45%
Free local newspapers	25%
Spectrum Magazine	74%
Post Office	43%
Surgery	16%
Community Web Site	2%
Flyers pinned to school fences and wooden poles	41%
School Newsletters	13%
Village Diary	4%

Q55: Would you advertise events you organise in any of the following places?

Parish Notice Boards, subject to permission	32%
Church Notice Boards	17%
Newbury Weekly News	49%
Free local newspapers	26%
Spectrum Magazine	75%
Surgery	26%
School fences and wooden poles	34%
Post Office	63%
Parish website if it were available	33%

Q56: Do you think the amount of information available about what's going on in the Parish is...	Good or OK	Poor	
	74%	14%	
Q57: Do you receive any of the following?	Spectrum	Newbury Weekly News	Free newspapers
	74%	70%	48%
Q58: Have you ever attended the Annual Parish (Assembly) Meeting which is open to all the electors of the Parish?	Yes	No	
	16%	84%	
Q59: How well does the local Parish Council publicise its decisions and activities?	Good	Bad	
	41%	28%	
Q60: Would you be prepared to pay a slightly higher parish precept to meet some of the needs of the Parish?	Yes	No	
	34%	41%	
Q61: Do you feel your elected representatives in local government are sufficiently aware of local concerns and feelings?	Fully aware	Quite aware	Not aware
East Woodhay Parish Council	17%	33%	14%
Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	8%	25%	30%
Hampshire County Council	6%	16%	33%

## Questionnaire Results continued

Q62: Are your spiritual needs being satisfied?

Yes	No
47%	5%

Q63: Is the local church important to you?

For Sunday worship	21%
For other worship	15%
For Festivals eg Easter - Harvest - Christmas	52%
For baptisms - weddings - funerals	62%
For fellowship	13%
For musical/social events	29%
As an historic building	71%

Q64: Do you have access to the Internet?

At your place of work or study	55%
At home using broadband	91%
At home using dial up	7%



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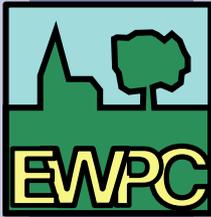


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