



# Worldham Parish Plan 2010

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# Introduction

Worldham Parish Council resolved at its meeting on 10 May 2007 that the Parish should produce a Plan that would show what changes residents believe would improve the Parish, and what they would like retained. Such plans were encouraged in the November 2000 'Rural White Paper'.

The purpose of Parish Plans is to enable parishes to influence their future by detailing community concerns and preferences, and addressing them through agreed short and long term measures. In addition, these Plans will enable parishes to influence decisions by executive authorities, to the benefit of the affected communities.

A request for volunteers to form a Steering Committee for the development of the Worldham Parish Plan was made in the April 2007 issue of the 'King's World', the Parish magazine. In response to this request the Steering Group was formed, comprising Mary Trigwell-Jones, Keith Gordon, Tessa Gaffney, Mark and Philippa Penfold, Nick Tupper, Simon Butler and, initially Diana Barty-King, replaced by Ally Tidbury in February 2008.

The Steering Group first met in June 2007, and consulted with Giv Thornton of Community Action Hampshire in September 2007. A 'Likes/Dislikes' Survey, to be completed by individuals, was carried out in the Parish in August 2007. 170 Surveys were returned and the results were published with the November issue of the King's World.

The results from this Survey formed the basis for the Questionnaire which, with guidance from officers of East Hampshire District Council, Community Action Hampshire and comments from a 'pilot exercise' within the Parish, was developed during 2008, and distributed to all households in the Parish in October. Out of the 151 Questionnaires distributed, 93 were completed, 73 from East Worldham, 9 from West Worldham, 7 from Hartley Mauditt, and 4 from the households in Hartley Mauditt on the B3006.

No demographic information was collected as both the 'Likes/Dislikes' survey and the questionnaire were conducted anonymously.

The Steering Group analysed the raw data, and reported the facts to parishioners via a booklet enclosed with the King's World issue for April 2009. The Group then held a well attended Open Meeting with a wide cross-section of parishioners on 23 April 2009 to discuss the results from the Questionnaire.

Members of the Steering Group identified the actions from the Questionnaire that required attention for the Action Plan, and drafted the supporting narratives. The Group agreed immediate implementation of some of the non-controversial actions. Notification of this Draft Parish Plan were issued with the March 2010 copy of the King's World, and a meeting with the Parishioners to discuss the draft was held on 26th April 2010.

The Steering Group would like to record their thanks to the following for their patience and understanding in assisting the Group in its task, which was almost wholly new to all of them: Giv Thornton, Chris Paterson, Jo Dixon, Jane Hurst, Linda Munday.

## Mission statement

**The objective of the Worldham Parish Plan is to guide and influence the future of the Parish of Worldham, to preserve and enhance the distinctive character of the natural and built environment and to foster the community spirit.**



Public meeting in the Village Hall

**When reading this Parish Plan, it is important to remember that the views, perceptions and concerns of people living in the three villages will vary, and that the predominant population in the Parish is in the village of East Worldham. The Members of the Steering Group took this into account, as best they were able, when drawing conclusions from the results of the Survey and the Questionnaire and writing this Plan.**

## Worldham Parish

Worldham Parish, a civil parish with a population of approximately 336, is within the East Hampshire District. It is situated about two miles south east of Alton. It is about 2.5 miles (4 km) from north to south and about 2.25 miles (3.5 km) from east to west. Worldham Parish consists of three settlements – East Worldham, the largest settlement, West Worldham and Hartley Mauditt and has large areas of farmland and woods. Approximately two thirds of the population of the parish live in East Worldham and one third live in West Worldham and Hartley Mauditt. Much of the parish, but not all, is within the designated South Downs National Park and there are several SSSIs.

The parish is crossed by two busy B classification roads and has a series of narrow sunken lanes. There are three medieval churches and a number of other listed buildings as well as the ancient woodland area of Binswood. Walkers are attracted to the parish by the Hangers Way and other footpaths that provide fine views to Alton, the Surrey Hills and the Sussex Downs.

Many households live in houses built before 1900. During the 20<sup>th</sup> century there was a gradual increase in housing stock, both owner occupied and tenanted. In recent years there have been some small housing developments in several parts of the parish, both private and housing association. Some redundant farm buildings have been converted both to housing and for industrial purposes. There are now two significant industrial developments within the parish. East Worldham has a settlement policy boundary. West Worldham and Hartley Mauditt are both too small to have designated settlement policy boundaries. (See appendix 1 for the map of the East Worldham settlement policy boundary and the definition of the term 'settlement policy'.)

The population of Worldham Parish fluctuates both in terms of numbers and of age groups. There are many retired people, young families, a large number of people who commute to neighbouring towns and London for work and people who are self-employed. There is no school in the Parish so children attend a number of schools in the area. Farming is no longer the dominant occupation of the parish. Farmers in Worldham Parish, as elsewhere, have diversified. The parish contains a golf course, a holiday complex, a lavender farm and a site for the annual convention of a Muslim sect. There are few services – a pub, a limited bus service but no shop and most people are dependent on cars for transport.



Meadow near Binswood



Oast House Conversions



Sign to Hartley Business Park



King John's Hill and Pond



## History of Worldham Parish

The history of the modern civil parish of Worldham is essentially that of several small rural settlements involved almost exclusively in agriculture until recently.

The area has been visited and inhabited for thousands of years as shown by a swathe of hundreds of worked flints found in the fields between East and West Worldham, together with other archaeological finds from the Palaeolithic period onwards.

An Iron Age Hillfort, (c 100 BC, Scheduled Ancient Monument), encircled the summit of King John's Hill, which stands to the east of the village of East (or Great) Worldham. The Roman road from Chichester to Silchester ran across the land below the hill and over Green Street and Pookles Lane. Roman building materials have been unearthed in the churchyard and this area is designated as 'of high archaeological potential'.

During the medieval period the village and farms were mostly above the Hanger and the land below was largely devoted to hunting. At the time of Domesday, Worldham was held by Geoffrey de Venuz, the Marshal. Geoffrey's descendants held the manor of Worldham for about 250 years and were allowed to establish a private deer park. The much debated effigy in the church is likely to be that of a lady of the de Venuz family rather than that of Philippa Chaucer.

The remains of a probable medieval hunting lodge have been excavated on King John's Hill. The name is somewhat misleading. Documentary evidence suggests that a lodge and associated buildings were erected in Worldham in the 1370s by order of Edward III. The hill's alternative name of Lodge Hill shows they were probably sited there. The private park had come into the King's hands a few years earlier and it was then enlarged, taking in some of Woolmer Forest and Binswood. The latter is now an SSSI and owned by the Woodland Trust. Several of the farms gradually expanded into the park in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Extracts from the East Worldham Church Wardens' Accounts and other records give interesting insights into village life centred on the old holdings (farms) of Shelleys, Freres, Sandals and Gurdons (all combined into Old House Farm over the years), Heathers, Clays, Porters, Park, Smiths and Manor Farm, names and buildings that continue in the village.

There are ten Grade 2 listed buildings in East Worldham, and at least as many other sites with long histories. The oldest house may be Old House Farm. Although listed as a 17<sup>th</sup> century building, it is probably much older. In 1472 the property, then known as Gordons, was purchased by Winchester College and for many years was known as Gurdons. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century Sir Adam de Gurdon held land in Worldham. Until just over 100 years ago some of its fields were still recorded in medieval strip form.

Sandals, now listed as a row of three 17<sup>th</sup> century cottages, was the site of one of the holdings which was combined with Gurdons. The property has documents dating back to 1255 including one in 1329 that was witnessed by John de Sandale.

Heather Cottage on Worldham Hill is a picturesque thatched 17<sup>th</sup> century cottage, perhaps named after William Heather who was assessed as a householder with 3 hearths in the 1665 Hearth Tax returns. In 1877 James Christmas sold a very small plot beside the



Sheep grazing near King Johns Pond



Old House Farm



Sandals Cottages

cottage for a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. This was demolished in 1937 and its plot is now the driveway to the cottage.

The Victorian era was a time of great change in East Worldham. In 1862 Dr Fell arrived as the new Vicar and immediately began work on the dilapidated 12th century parish church. The chancel was refurbished and the original apse replaced. Plans were also drawn up for the renovation of the roof and nave. A new village school was built on land donated by Lord Sherborne in time for services to be held there during the church's extensive restoration.

In the same period hop kilns were built on most farms. Many farm buildings and cottages were built or repaired, including new farmhouses for Clays and Porters Farms - the latter being merged with Park Farm.

A major improvement was considered for Worldham Hill (now part of the B3004), a notoriously steep climb up the Hanger. In 1892 Mr Hall of Alton, at his own expense, had plans prepared for 'lowering' the gradients of the hill by smoothing out four sections. The gate near Tylings Cottages that separated the common land of Green Street from the road up the hill was removed later.

An Institute and Reading Room for the village men was built at the top of the hill by Mr John Baigent. This became the Village Hall and is still in use. The first Parish Council meeting was held in 1894 in the schoolroom.

The Three Horseshoes Public House was licensed in 1834. Henry Newman rebuilt the house fifty years later with the Public Bar alongside the present B3004. The entrance has now been changed and the walled garden has become the front car park.

The 1842 Tithe Map shows the land used for pasture and crops to be surprisingly similar to its use today. However, at that time 32 acres of hops were grown. 'Hops were king' of the farming year, as the local saying went, and this very valuable crop increased and continued to be grown until 1996. During the hop-picking weeks travellers and hundreds of pickers came from Southampton, Portsmouth, and London, lived in huts and tented camps on the farms and enlivened the village! The season ended with a Horse Fair on the road outside the pub.

West (or Little) Worldham is thought to have been part of the 'Werildeham' of Domesday. The first mention of West Worldham found so far is in a document of October 1277. At the end of the 12th century, Richard de Annecy granted the church of St Nicholas and land of Worldeham to Hamble Priory. The church, a simple cell building, underwent very considerable restoration in the late Victorian period. The parishioners went to Hartley Mauditt Church while the work was being carried out.

The village originally lay on the direct route south from Alton that went up Windmill Hill and along Water Lane. The opening of the road between Alton and Selborne (now B3006) in the mid-1800s meant that the traffic by-passed West Worldham.

West Worldham remains a small hamlet clustered around the two old farmhouses of Pullens and Manor Farm (both Grade 2 listed) and has grown little since the record in 1428 when there 'were not ten domicilia tenantes'. Pullens has an inscription of 1652 but has the late medieval features of a hall house. Manor Farm house, thought to be built on medieval foundations, is a handsome 18th century property with a range of traditional farm buildings, farmyard and several cottages. There was no school in the parish and the children attended one in Hartley Mauditt.



Worldham Hill



Old Hop Poles



Manor Farm and West Worldham Church



In May 1944 the hamlet narrowly missed damage following a dog fight between a Junkers JU188 and a RAF Mosquito. The Junkers broke up in the air and wreckage was scattered with one piece landing against the church wall. One bomb exploded on hitting the ground. Residents were evacuated for a week, while a team from the Royal Engineers defused the remaining bomb which was then dug out by a Home Guard team from Crosby Doors Ltd, Farnham.

Hartley Mauditt is one of the lost villages of England with the small Norman church of St Leonard standing alone by the pond. Services continue to be held there during the summer months.

Hartley Mauditt was first documented in the Domesday Book as Herlege meaning hart or woodland. It was granted to William de Mauduith and was held by his family for almost 200 years.

The manor house and its buildings that once stood near the church were occupied by the Stuart family from the early 1600s for nearly 200 years. It is said that earthworks show “the former position of about 10 dwellings, croft boundaries and other enclosures” between the church and Jeffries Cottage. In the 1665 Hearth Tax, the main house was assessed as having 15 hearths and there were 21 other dwellings in the parish. Thomas Gatehouse’s entry for Hartley Mauditt in his “Short Survey of the County of Southampton” of 1778 reads ‘A Capital uniform mansion surrounded by the park and largely encompassed by its own demesnes, arable pasture and woodlands’.

The Stuarts had been living beyond their means for many years and their property was put up for sale in September 1779. A sale of the contents began on Monday 26 April (probably 1784) and lasted seven days. The catalogue lists sumptuous personal possessions from pistols and snuff boxes to her ladyship’s toilet table and the contents of a large and valuable library. The property was acquired by Henry, Lord Stawell and the house was later demolished. The Round House on the B3006 was probably a lodge to the big house and the only remaining part of the complex.

The peaceful area around the church and pond is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and Listed Landscape.

There are few remaining houses and almost all are old. Jeffries Cottage is listed as a part timbered 17<sup>th</sup> century cottage and the former rectory and old school date from mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. At least two sites of the five farms in the parish are mentioned in 14<sup>th</sup> century documents, Candevere and Barlie Bridge.

By the early 20<sup>th</sup> century most of the land in the entire civil parish of Worldham was owned by the Dutton Estate and Winchester College. In 1962 the Dutton holdings were sold to seven tenant farmers who each kept the land they farmed and sold the remaining woodlands and properties. Winchester College has also sold the majority of its assets in the parish. During the last 50 years advances in farming practices and the declining demand for English hops have led to significant changes. The questionnaire responses for this Parish Plan Project reveal that the majority of residents consider the local history of the Parish to be important.



Hartley Mauditt pond



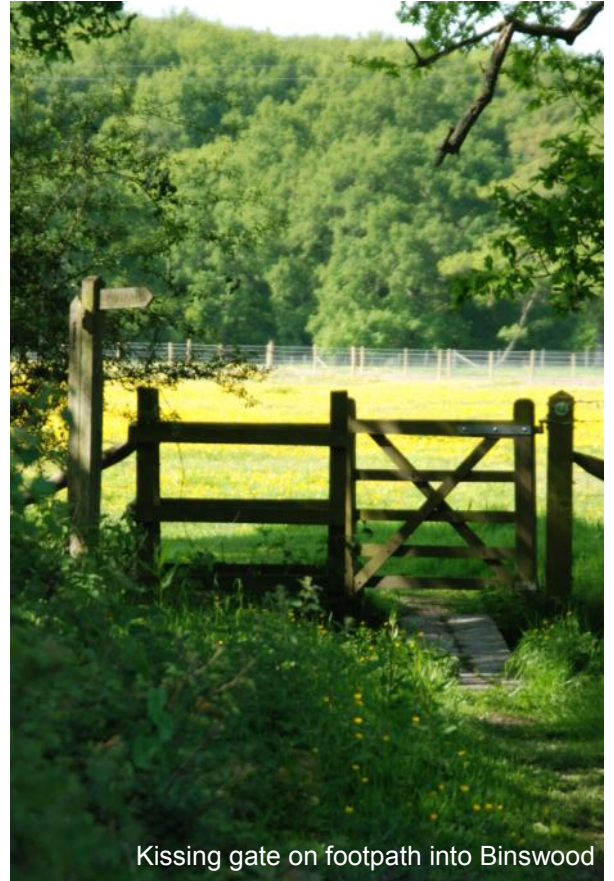
'Wren's Barn', West Worldham

## Section 1—Landscape and the Environment

The predominant, north-west, portion of the Parish lies along the gault clay upland leading down a scarp slope to the lower portion, which is primarily greensand. The Hangers Way, the name 'Hanger' comes from the Old English 'hangra' meaning a wooded slope, runs through the Parish. A part of the Parish lies within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Much of the Parish is, from April 2010, within the South Downs National Park (SDNP) when the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty designation was revoked.

Residents of Worldham Parish were asked what is important to them with regard to the landscape and their environment. There was widespread support for many aspects of living in a rural area, such as open landscape, views, community, local history, good walking, and peace and quiet.

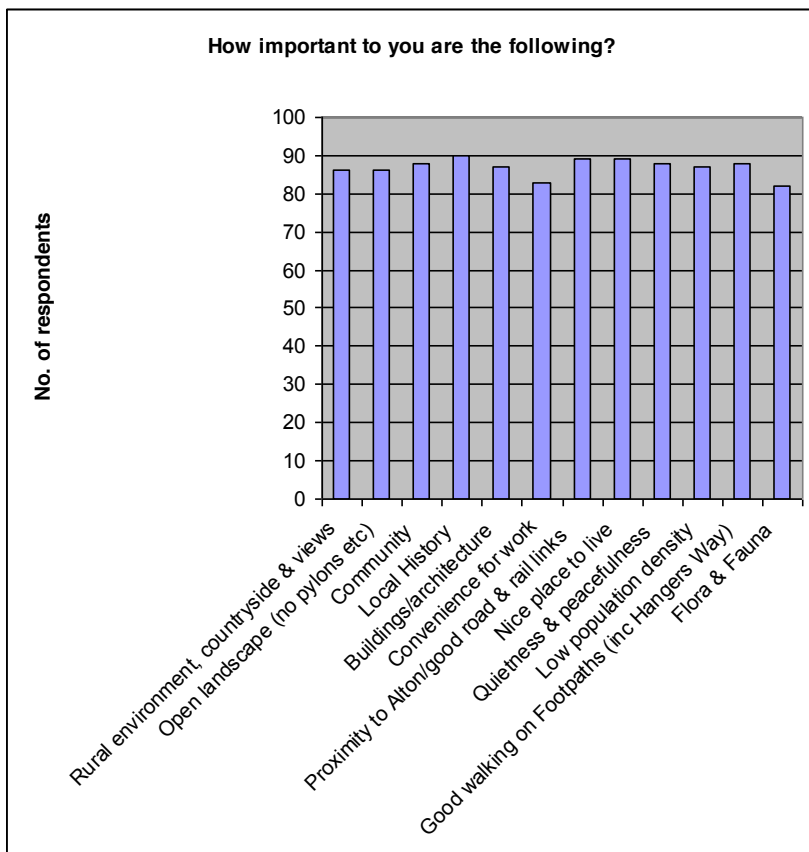
Residents were questioned about various aspects of the environment around them. The main concern was for improved maintenance of the hedgerows/ditch/drains and verges in the Parish. Other concerns were chemical spraying near to houses, maintenance and planting in public areas, e.g. near to the village halls, and disabled access to EW Village Hall. Of lesser concern was access to the countryside for children and cyclists, and maintenance of bus shelters.



Kissing gate on footpath into Binswood



Harvesting



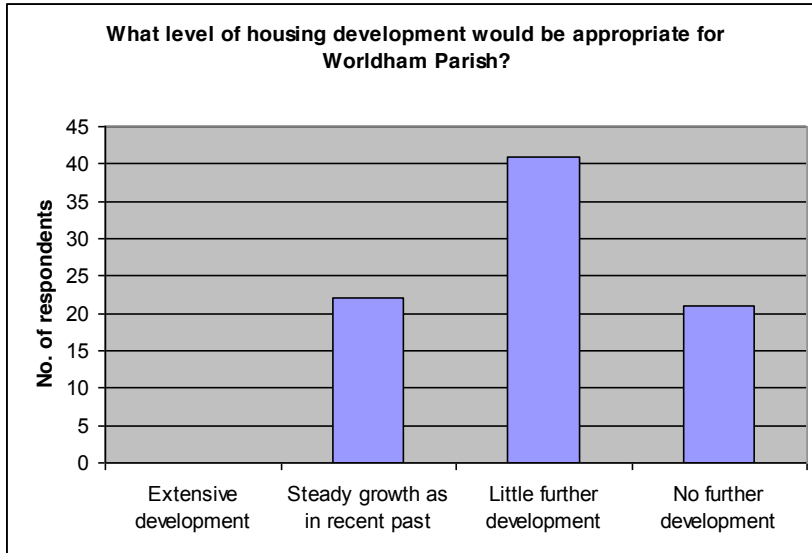
### Action

1. Parish Council to draw the attention of the planners where necessary to the conservation of the rural character of the parish.
2. Parish Council to urge the Agencies involved to meet their obligations to maintain hedges, ditches, drains and verges.
3. Parish Council to seek to improve the maintenance of, and planting in, public open spaces.
4. Local farmers to provide information about chemical spraying and seasonal farming activities for publication to parishioners.

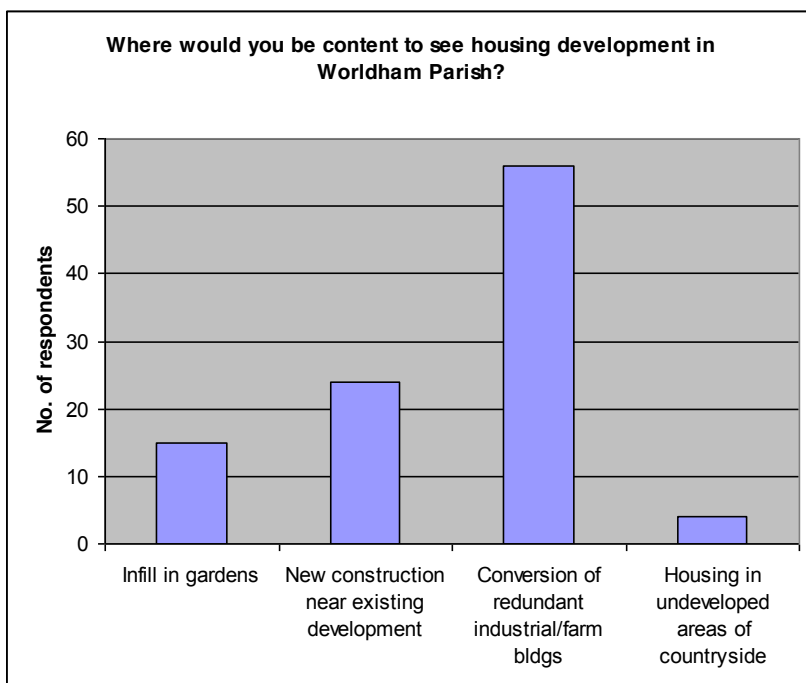


## 1.1—Housing

The Questionnaire included questions aimed to find out what residents felt about future housing development in Worldham Parish. There was a clear indication that extensive housing would not be a choice of the respondents of Worldham Parish, and they would prefer only a small amount of further development.



When questioned in more detail, the respondents felt that, if further development were to be allowed, then the preferred option would be the conversion of redundant industrial or farm buildings. Housing in undeveloped areas of the countryside was the least popular choice for housing development.

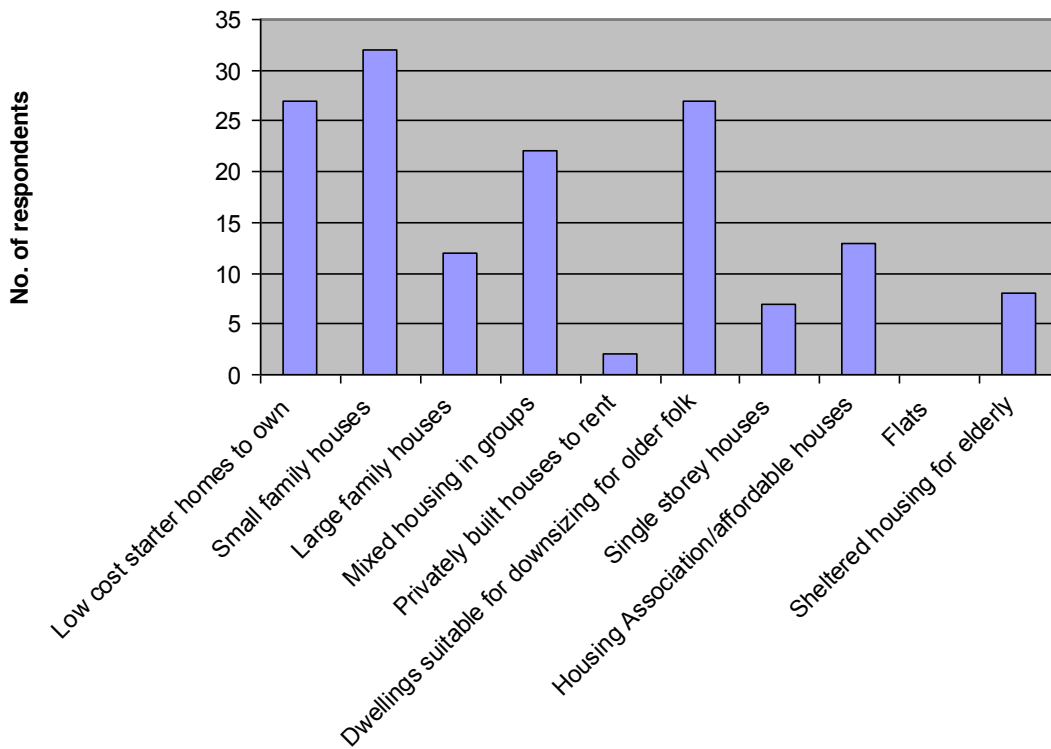


When questioned as to the type of housing needed within Worldham Parish, respondents felt that a variety of housing types might be required. Small family homes, low cost starter homes and homes suitable for downsizing were the most popular requirements, whilst flats were not required at all.

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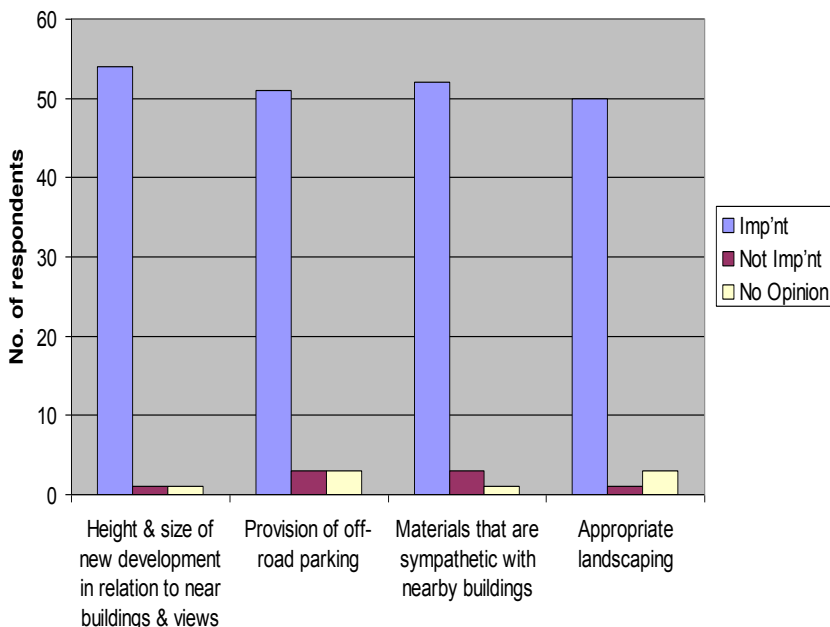
1. Parish Council to request an update every 5 years of the housing needs survey for Worldham Parish held by EHDC
2. Parish Council to ensure that the Local Planning Authority acknowledges the requirement for small family dwellings, low cost starter homes and homes suitable for downsizing in the Local Development Framework.

### What type of additional housing do you think is needed in Worldham Parish?



When asked what attributes were important in achieving attractive housing developments within the Parish, respondents did not give a clear mandate. The chart below shows that all the features were rated as important by the respondents, with very little difference being indicated between the various choices.

### How important to you are the following in achieving attractive housing developments?



### Action

Parish Council to develop and publish a Village Design Statement (VDS) to provide guidance for development and to influence the way the planning system works locally. The VDS should seek to influence the extent of new development and provide a way of ensuring that any new developments :

- Provide the required housing types.
- Are designed and located in a way that reflects the local characteristics and the qualities that people value in their village and surroundings, especially in relation to scale, parking, materials and landscaping.



## 1.2—Energy

Respondents appeared to be very interested in finding out more about the possibilities of renewable energy, and would be keen to consider mains gas in the Parish if that were possible.

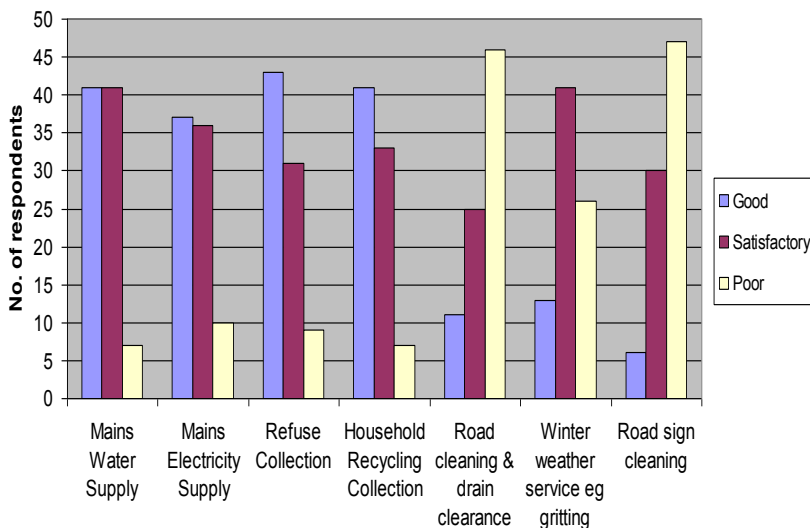
### Action

1. Parish Council to determine the relevant and viable means to:
  - a. Provide renewable energy,
  - b. Provide this information to residents,
  - c. Integrate into Village Design Statement and Local Planning Policies.
2. Parish Council to liaise with energy providers and determine the feasibility and cost of providing mains gas network to the Parish.

## 1.3—Statutory Services

Residents were questioned as to what they felt about the standard of services that are provided within the Parish. The mains water supply, energy provision, refuse collection and household recycling services were seen as good or satisfactory. Roadside cleaning and the cleaning of road signs were regarded as poor.

What are your views on the standard of:

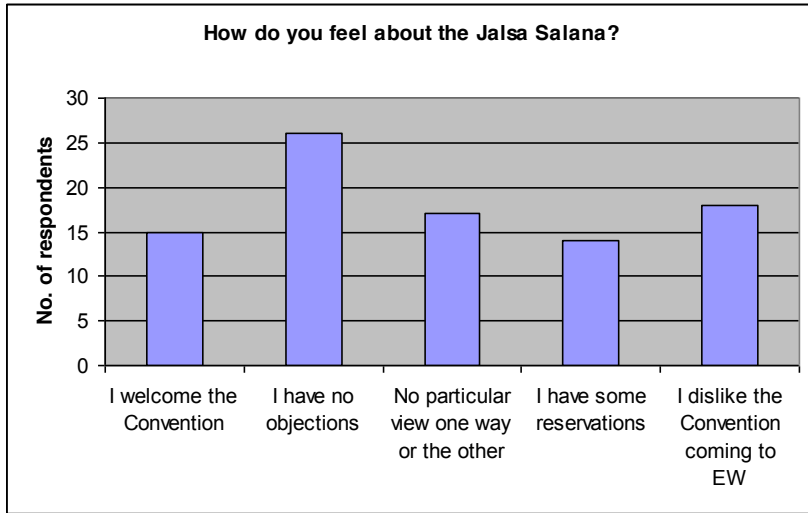


### Action

Parish Council to lobby Hampshire Highways to ensure improved cleaning and maintenance of road signs and drains.

## 1.4—Jalsa Salana

The residents were asked their views about the annual Jalsa Salana convention held at Oaklands Farm, East Worldham. As can be seen from the following chart, the views regarding the Jalsa were almost equally expressed.



Jalsa Salana in July 2009

When asked for suggestions as to how the local community might benefit from this large gathering each year, a number of suggestions were put forward. The majority of the suggestions focused on greater integration between the community and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (AMA). These included attending the Convention, providing accommodation, using local contractors, providing better parking, an open morning or similar for local residents, allowing them to contribute to the local community, inviting members of Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (AMA) to take part in the Fete and to mix more with the village as well as providing access to their land during the year for recreational activities.

Some respondents expressed concern at the traffic generated by the convention.

### Action

Parish Council to make parishioners aware of the work of EHDC preparation meetings to address the traffic issue as well as security, emergencies, access and health & safety.



## Section 2—Economy

Worldham Parish has large areas of agricultural land, several business parks and a public house (The Three Horseshoes).

A substantial area of the Parish is within the South Downs National Park. The effect on businesses of being within the National Park is yet to be understood. It could provide the potential for new business opportunities and income sources for the leisure and tourist industries but conversely, it could impact on established businesses, particularly agriculture.

The majority of respondents (71%) said they wished Worldham Parish to be 'a quiet retirement and commuter area with a limited amount of business'. 16% said they would like the Parish to be a 'vibrant economic place encouraging new businesses.'



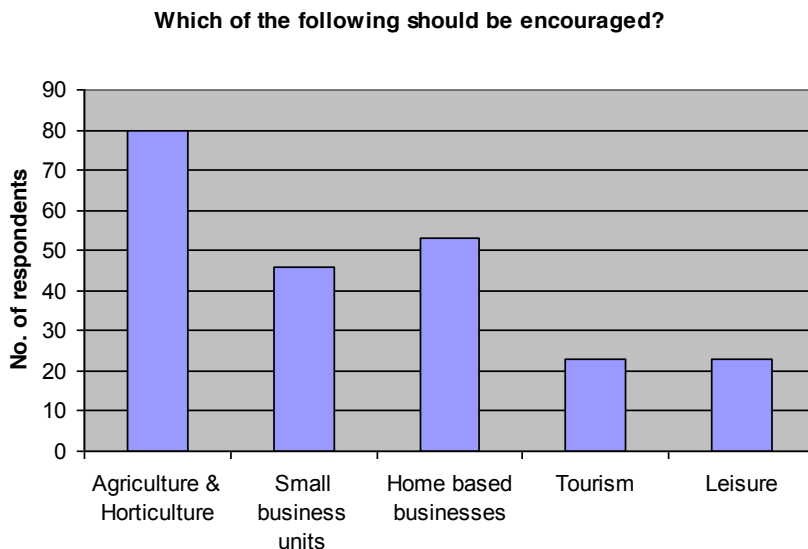
Shelleys Barn business unit



Hartley Business Park

### 2.1—Businesses

The questionnaire suggested five options for types of business that should be encouraged in Worldham Parish. The results are shown in this bar chart:



Romney Huts

Suggested additional businesses include clean and sustainable enterprises and home-working. Improved broadband was suggested as necessary to improve Worldham as a business area.

In response to the question 'what types of retail outlets should be encouraged?', 73% of respondents supported a farm shop, and 55% supported a village shop. There was 19% support for a restaurant/café. Only 8% of respondents thought that no form of retail outlet should be encouraged.

### Action

1. Encourage people to buy local produce.
2. Encourage the establishment of a farm shop.
3. Maintain support for the agricultural base of the Parish.
4. Parish Council to pursue ways of improving rural Broadband.

## 2.2—The Three Horseshoes Pub

The Three Horseshoes, situated in the village of East Worldham, is an important part of community life. The Questionnaire asked respondents to say what would encourage them to use the Three Horseshoes more often. 52% favoured the inclusion of a shop that sold local produce, and 47% asked for the inclusion of post office services. There was also support for it to be developed further as a Family Pub (41%) and 38% said they would use a Tea Garden. There was a wide range of additional suggestions, which included a café area, increased use of the pub for community events, a broader range of beers and wines including real ales and a room for children.



The Three Horseshoes Pub

### Action

1. Provide the landlord of the Three Horseshoes with a list of suggestions received from respondents.
2. Parishioners to explore with the landlord of the Three Horseshoes, the possibility of a community shop.

## 2.3—Government Support for Rural Economies

In response to the question 'Should the Government give more support to rural economy, eg farming?', 77% said Yes, while 8% said No.

## 2.4—Protection of Rural Areas

Parishioners were asked 'How can the rural character of Worldham Parish be protected?'. The support was fairly evenly spread across the options:

Additional suggestions included reducing the size of agricultural fields, using less damaging farm machinery, the planting of trees, improved management of the land, and the development of a sustainable community.

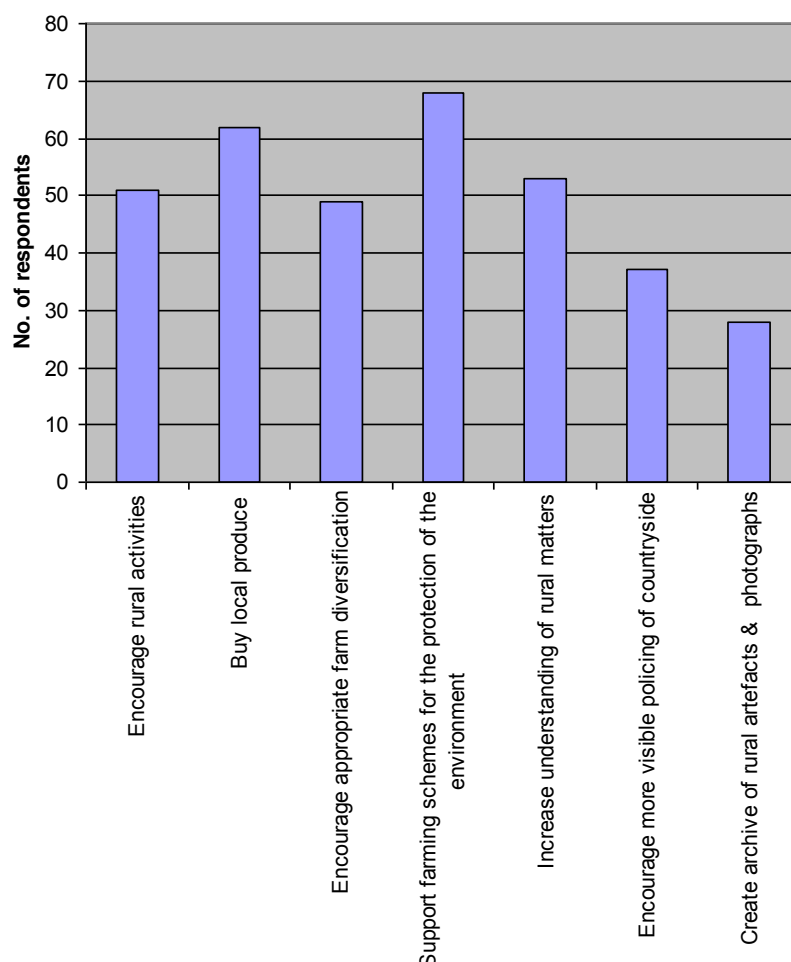


Lavender Farm

### Action

1. Provide landowners and farmers with a list of the suggestions made by respondents that would help protect the rural character of the Parish.
2. Provide educational activities and events on rural matters.

How can Worldham's rural nature be protected?





## Section 3—Traffic, Transport, Footpaths and Access

The rural location of Worldham Parish means that the residents are largely dependent on motor vehicles for access to employment, shopping, schools and amenities. Only a very small number of households do not have access to a vehicle; most households have access to one, or more, cars.

The B3004 and B3006 run through the Parish; many other roads within the Parish are narrow, unmarked lanes often with high banks and hedges. Only the village of East Worldham has a speed limit less than the National Speed Limit. This was lowered from 40mph to 30mph during the period of gathering data for this Parish Plan. Some respondents commented favourably at the proximity of the Parish to Alton. Most residents use the B3004 for access to Alton, but some use the B3006. The B3004 through East Worldham is heavily used by vehicles from the south/east of Alton, for access to Alton Station, industrial estates and schools in Alton and Alton College in addition to the A31 and the A339 to Basingstoke and the M3. There is also considerable traffic going in the opposite direction to Bordon. There are few pavements in East Worldham, and none elsewhere in the Parish.



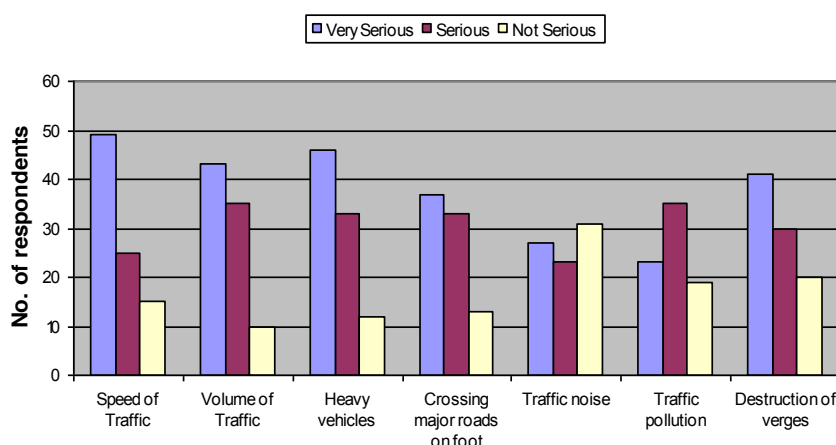
Shelley's Lane –a rural lane

### 3.1—Road Safety

Widespread concern was expressed regarding vehicular traffic through the Parish, in particular the volume, type and the speed along the 'B' roads and the lack of passing places on ancient sunken lanes.

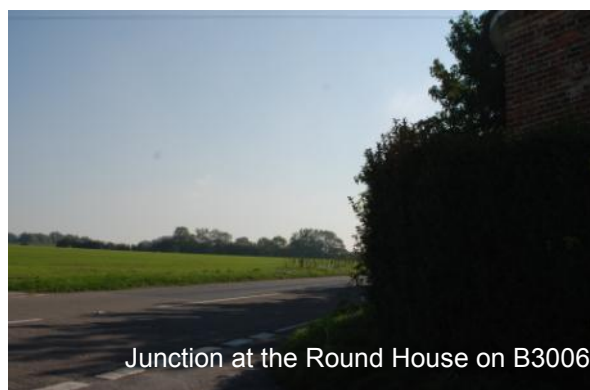
Many respondents commented that the roads within the Parish were unsuited to the type of vehicles now using them. Quoted examples were modern farm vehicles and commercial vehicles. In addition, respondents reported instances where satellite navigation systems had misdirected large vehicles down inappropriate lanes.

How do you regard the following traffic problems in Worldham Parish?



Respondents reported the road junctions on the B3006 at the Round House and the B3004 at the Three Horseshoes as dangerous due to poor sight-lines. Both these junctions require improvements to sight-lines.

A number of respondents noted that Blanket Street was being used as a 'rat-run' between the B3004 and B3006 because it provides easier access from the Selborne area and the A3, to Alton Railway Station and industrial estates in Alton.



Junction at the Round House on B3006



Junction at the Three Horseshoes on B3004

### Action

Parish Council to:

1. Lobby Hampshire Highways to improve the sightlines at the junction of Gaston Lane from Farrington with the B3006 at the Round House.
2. Lobby Hampshire Highways to improve the sightlines at the junction of Blanket Street with the B3004 at the Three Horseshoes.
3. Alert Hampshire Highways Planning Department to consider all implications when planning roads, particularly to avoid routes that would lead to 'rat-runs' along unsuitable roads.

### 3.2—Safety of Pedestrians

52% of respondents wished to have a pedestrian crossing installed across the B3004 between Church Lane and the Village Hall.

At present the pavement down Worldham Hill stops half-way. The result is that the residents of 5 houses on the lower part of the Hill, and the residents of Tylings Cottages, are cut off from the rest of the East Worldham. 53% of respondents wished the pavement to be extended down Worldham Hill.

Whilst not specifically included in the Questionnaire, a number of respondents suggested a footpath adjacent to the B3004 between East Worldham and Alton, would be useful, particularly if this could also be used by cyclists (also see Alternative Transport to the Car on Page 16).

There was little support for the suggestion of street lighting within the Parish. 16% of respondents would support lighting in areas where it would improve safety but there was no consensus of opinion as to the exact location of these areas. 77% of respondents were against the introduction of street lighting anywhere within the Parish.



### Action

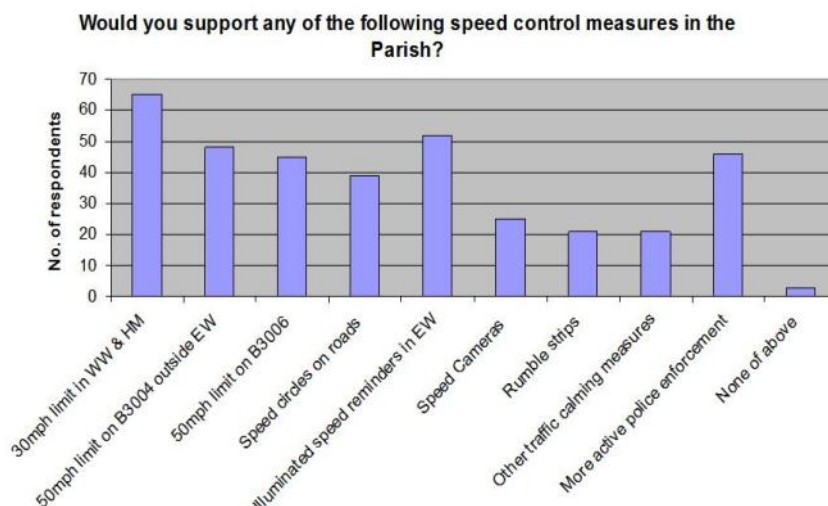
Parish Council to:

1. Lobby Hampshire County Council to consider installing a pedestrian crossing across the B3004 outside the Village Hall in East Worldham.
2. Clarify with residents the need to extend the pavement to the bottom of Worldham Hill. If there is sufficient support from residents for the idea.
  - a. Negotiate a route for the pavement with the appropriate landowners,
  - b. Lobby Hampshire Highways to extend the pavement to the bottom of Worldham Hill.
3. Negotiate with appropriate landowners a route for a foot/cycle path adjacent to the B3004 between East Worldham and Alton. If negotiations are successful, lobby Hampshire Highways to construct a foot/cycle path adjacent to the B3004 between East Worldham and Alton.



### 3.3—Speed Control Measures

A number of respondents commented favourably on the introduction of a 30 mph speed limit through East Worldham. A 40 mph buffer zone prior to the 30 mph speed restriction through the village is now proposed. 71% of respondents supported the suggestion that a 30mph speed limit should be also applied within the villages of West Worldham and Hartley Mauditt. 53% of respondents supported the suggestion of a 50 mph speed limit along the B3004 outside East Worldham, and 50% would like a 50 mph limit along the B3006.



### Action

Parish Council to:

1. Lobby Hampshire Highways to introduce a 30 mph speed limit through West Worldham and Hartley Mauditt.
2. Lobby Hampshire Highways to introduce a 50 mph speed limit for all roads within Worldham Parish.
3. Lobby Hampshire Highways for a 40 mph buffer zone prior to the 30 mph speed restriction through the village.
4. Lobby Hampshire Highways to install speed limit reminders.
5. Lobby Hampshire Police to increase police presence where speed limits are in place.



### 3.4—State of the Roads

9% of respondents thought the roads were in a 'good' state of repair. 53% thought they were reasonable. 38% thought the roads were in a 'poor' state of repair often because of pot-holes and the poor state of the verges. The poor state of the verges was thought to be because many of the roads/lanes in the Parish are too narrow for a free flow of vehicles in both directions, hence vehicles mount the verges to give clearance for oncoming traffic. Damage is also caused by farm vehicles that are too wide for the rural roads/lanes.

Poor road drainage was also stated by many respondents as occurring throughout the Parish. In some cases this is caused by the drains not being at the lowest point in the surface of the road, for example outside Manor Farm Cottages (West Worldham), and Wyck Lane (East Worldham), in some cases the localised flooding is caused by long term blockage of the drainage system for example along the B3004.

The undulating surface of roads in the Parish was also commented on by many respondents. Quoted examples were at Candovers, B3004 between East Worldham and Kingsley, Church Lane (East Worldham).

### Action

Parish Council to:

1. Lobby Hampshire Highways to improve the surface of roads in the Parish, particularly the repair of pot-holes.
2. Lobby Hampshire Highways to improve the drainage to some of the roads.
3. Remind landowners of their responsibility to keep their ditches clear.
4. Lobby Hampshire Highways to find ways of discouraging heavy vehicle movements along country lanes (except for access).

### 3.5—Parking

Although 30% of respondents said there was no problem with parking in the Parish, 49% of respondents thought there was. The areas most mentioned were all in East Worldham, outside the Village Hall (identified by 35% of respondents) and outside St Mary's Church (18%) and Wyck Lane (10%).



### Action

Worldham Parish Council to investigate the possibility of increasing the areas for parking in the identified areas.

### 3.6—Alternative Transport to the Car

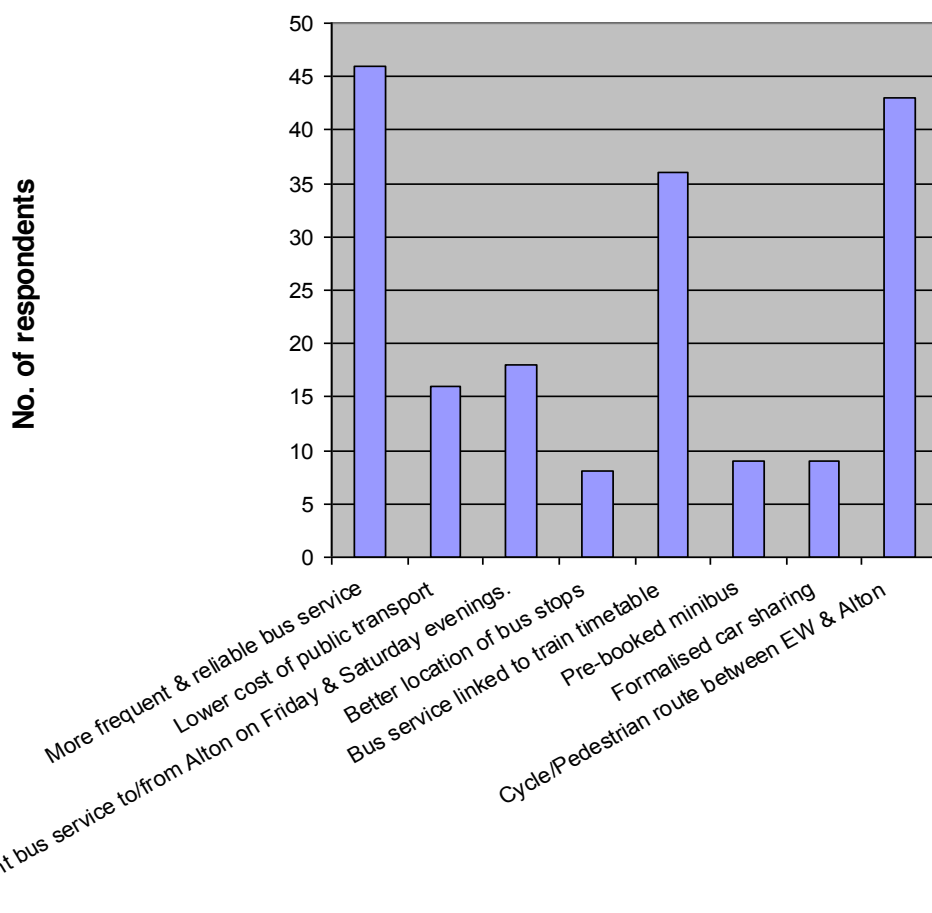
Very few respondents use public transport but 50% of respondents said that a more frequent and reliable bus service would reduce their reliance on their private car. 47% of respondents said they would support the construction of a cycle/pedestrian route adjacent to the B3004 between East Worldham and Alton. 39% of respondents would like the bus timetable to be linked to the train timetable.

#### Action

Parish Council to:

1. Lobby the local bus company to change the bus timetable to make it more useful to residents.
2. Investigate other local transport facilities for example dial-a-ride/ Cango.
3. Investigate the possibility of a cycle/ pedestrian route between East Worldham and Alton

**Which of the following might encourage you to use an alternative to the car?**



### 3.7—Footpaths and Pavements

There is an extensive and popular network of footpaths through the Parish. 64% of respondents thought that footpaths are well signposted and 47% thought they are well maintained. Conversely, only 12% thought signposting was poor and 17% thought that footpaths were not well maintained.

The areas where it was suggested that signposting could be improved included Hangers Way through East Worldham, Hartley Mauditt and Footpath 36 adjacent to the Rectory House development.

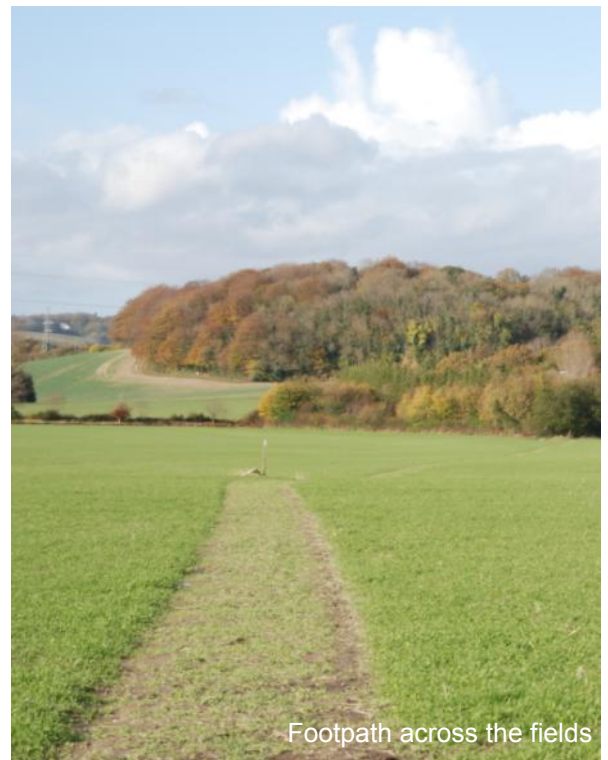




The footpaths identified as needing improved maintenance include those across fields which, when ploughed, are for some time almost impassable and footpaths/pavements that become severely overgrown.

### Action

1. Parish Council to:
  - a. Remind landowners of their responsibilities concerning the maintenance of public rights of way that cross their land,
  - b. Remind Hampshire Highways of their responsibility to keep pavements clear .
2. Residents to report instances of poor signposting and the state of footpaths to the Parish Footpaths Representative.
3. Residents and the Footpath Volunteer Group to assist in the maintenance of footpaths.



Footpath across the fields

## 3.8—Off-Road Motorised Vehicles

72% of respondents said they would support a ban on recreational motorised vehicles going off-road. 7% would not favour such a ban.

### Action

1. Parish Council to lobby Hampshire County Council and other agencies to re-designate Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs) as Restricted Byways to prevent use by recreational motorised vehicles.
2. Parish Council to lobby Hampshire County Council as the local highway authority to carry out its statutory duties for maintenance and provide traffic regulation orders to minimise damage to the ancient byways of the parish (Byways Open to All Traffic (BOAT) and Green Lanes).



A four wheel drive vehicle on a BOAT

## Section 4—Community and Policing

This section covers a wide number of topics ranging from community activities to security and policing.

Worldham Parish is regarded as a place with a good community spirit where many activities are enjoyed by a large number of the population. There are, however, social issues that some people have raised and these are explored in the Parish Plan. Although people feel reasonably secure about living in Worldham Parish, there was wide support for the revival of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme that has now been re-activated.

### 4.1—Community Activities

Community activities such as the fete, lent lunches, the Women's Institute, the Worldham choir, the cricket match, farm and parish walks, the harvest supper, the dog show and garden openings already take place in Worldham Parish. A number of other activities were suggested. Activities for children, young families and teenagers such as a holiday club, a Christmas party, youth club and young families group were suggested by several people. A bonfire party and a barn dance were requested by others. A horse show, a film club, gardening club, bridge, monthly coffee mornings and sports activities were also mentioned.

#### Action

1. Parishioners to give encouragement and support to anyone wishing to organise an event.
2. Steering Group to supply a list of volunteers (from Return Sheet attached to the questionnaire) to people planning community events.

### 4.2—Village Hall

At present there is a village hall at East Worldham. It is owned and funded by the Parish Council. Parishioners were asked what community provision they wanted in the future. 23% of respondents asked for substantial improvements to the existing hall and 34% felt that the existing hall was adequate. Overall 57% of respondents supported the continued use of the existing hall. 37% of respondents voted in favour of a new hall. There was some support for making more use of the churches in the parish for community events but very little support for a new hall in the centre of the parish. Parking and access for the disabled were mentioned as major issues as regards the existing hall and prime requirements for a new hall.

There was strong support for the use of a parish hall for group activities, meetings, social events, fund raising events, public groups and private functions. There was less support for the use of a hall for indoor sports. Some respondents expressed the view that a hall played a major part in inspiring a continuing sense of community and provided a venue for getting villagers together. The Parish Council should continue to maintain and improve the existing hall and its surroundings.

Party by the Pond



Worldham Fete



Social event in the Village Hall



#### Action

1. Strengthen the Village Hall Committee.
2. Carry out a survey of the village hall.
3. Carry out repairs and improvements to the village hall as required and monitor its condition.
4. Investigate possibilities for additional parking.
5. Consider the options for establishing the best means of providing suitable access for the disabled.
6. Explore funding opportunities for further improvements.
7. Parish Council to continue to monitor the need for a new village hall by consulting parishioners about the need for a new village hall and investigating possible opportunities for the construction of a new hall.



## 4.3—Churches

The questionnaire showed that most people valued the three churches in the parish. As can be seen from the chart below they use them for Sunday worship, family services, religious festivals, special family occasions and value them as historic buildings. Many supported the view that the churches were the focal point of the community and many agreed that 'every village should have one'. Again the idea of combining church and hall in one building was stated by several residents.



West Worldham



East Worldham



Hartley Mauditt

### Action

Parochial Church Councils to maintain and strengthen the presence of the churches in the parish for the benefit of local people and the wider community.

## 4.4—King's World Care Group

The question about the King's World Care Group – an organisation based in Kingsley that offers transport and support to people in Worldham Parish as well as other parishes, revealed that only 47% of the 90 respondents were aware of the services and 2 respondents had been helped by the service.

### Action

1. The Kingsley Centre to be asked to publicise more widely the work of the King's World Care Group by mounting displays at public events eg. local fetes, and provide entries on local websites and in the King's World.
2. Steering Group to provide a list of volunteers compiled from the Return Sheets attached to the questionnaire for the Kingsley Centre.

## 4.5—Parish Council

Most people (97% of respondents) were aware or had some idea of the role of the Parish Council. However, a smaller percentage said that they talked about parish concerns to members of the Parish Council. Some people commented that they did not because they were either new to the parish or that they had no reason to talk about issues. A few respondents said that they did not know who were members of the Parish Council, did not know how to access them or felt that their voices would not be heard.

**Note:** Details of the 6 Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk are published on the back page of the King's World and on the website - [www.worldham.org](http://www.worldham.org)

### Action

1. Parish Council to continue to publicise its work and achievements to parishioners by means of reports in the King's World and on the parish website.
2. Parish councillors to be more aware of and respond to the needs and concerns of parishioners.
3. Parish Council to publicise more widely Parish Council meetings and the fact that there is an opportunity for members of the public to raise issues and concerns at any Parish Council meeting.
4. Parish Council to invite parishioners to report at Parish Council meetings on projects for which they are responsible.

## 4.6—Social Issues

Residents were invited to comment in the Questionnaire on various social issues that had been raised in the 'Likes/Dislikes' Survey. A third of respondents felt that there was resistance to change, lack of consideration for others and some intolerance towards others. Very few respondents admitted to feeling excluded from parish activities. The majority of respondents were not concerned about these issues. Some people commented that Worldham is 'generally a pleasant and tolerant community'.

### Action

1. Parish Council to give a Welcome Pack to every new household.
2. Local organisers to invite all newcomers to parish organisations and parish events.
3. Local organisers to organise a variety of events to appeal to as many residents as possible.
4. The community to encourage neighbourly spirit.

## 4.7—Security and Policing

Residents were questioned about their concerns as regards security, policing and anti-social behaviour.

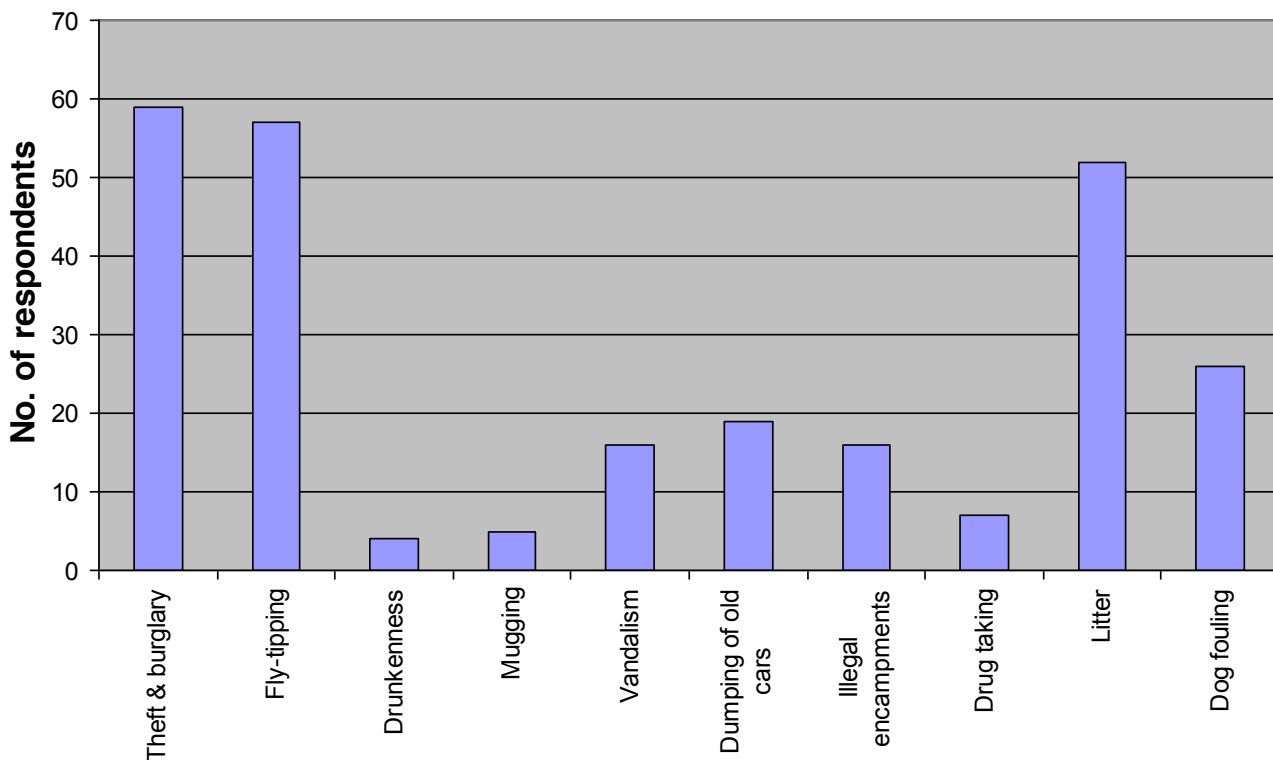
There was a significant demand for more police patrols and more consultation between police and public. Some residents wanted better policing of B3004 and B3006, more police supervision of the farming and industrial areas and more speed controls.

The majority of respondents wished for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to be re-activated (73%).





### Which, if any, of the following concern you as a resident?



#### Action

1. Liaise with police either by individual consultation or by a surgery held occasionally.
2. Parish Council to invite the local police to the Annual Parish Meeting.
3. Parish Council to reactivate the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme by re-registering the scheme, by appointing a co-ordinator and deputies and by holding an open meeting to explain the scheme.
4. Neighbourhood Watch coordinator to set up email notification and a telephone cascade system.
5. Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator to make available information and literature about security and policing issues and to keep people advised of these issues.
6. Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator to encourage parishioners to be watchful and to report unusual occurrences, such as fly tipping and the dumping of old cars.
7. Parish Council to continue to support the work done by the volunteer litter pickers.

**Note:** The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has now been re-activated.

To be included in alerts please contact the Parish Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors.

## 5.0—Recreation and Youth

Current opportunities for recreation within the Parish are based on 3 main public areas - the village hall in East Worldham, a playground for young children in East Worldham and the many footpaths crossing the Parish. Larger, specific gatherings or activities, for example the inter-village cricket match, are reliant on the generosity of local landowners allowing the temporary and specific use of their land. There is no significant useable land associated with the village hall in East Worldham.

There is a broad spectrum of age ranges within the parish. The diversity of schools attended by children means it is more difficult for them to forge friendships within the Parish. Walking within the Parish is difficult due to the lack of pavements. For young people, access to leisure facilities in Alton and further a field is generally reliant on lifts or a dangerous cycle ride along the B3004. It is important to the life of the Parish that an ongoing community spirit is fostered within the young people in the Parish by encouraging and enabling them to get together as well as to participate in Parish activities.



The Village Cricket Match

### 5.1—Recreational Area

A third of respondents supported a recreational area in addition to the young children's playground in East Worldham. Perceived uses for such an area were ball games, barbeques and tennis. A broad range of other activities was also suggested.

#### Action

Parish Council to explore more fully the need for a Recreation Area within the Parish.

### 5.2—Provision of new play equipment in the playground

Whilst the existing playground is well maintained and contains some swings, a see-saw and climbing equipment, there was a feeling that this should be brought up to date. Respondents to the questionnaire suggested a wide range of new equipment for the existing playground.



Existing play equipment in the playground

#### Action

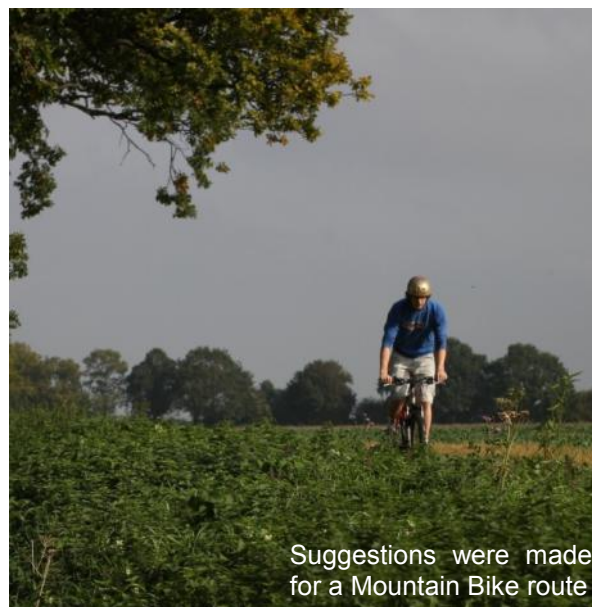
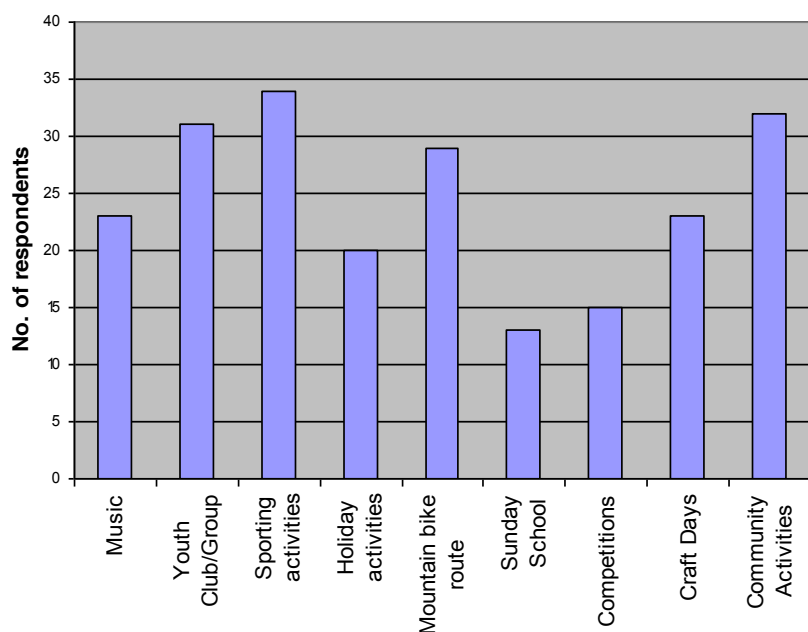
Parish Council to consult with young families and experts on possible improvements to the playground, source appropriate equipment and seek funding.



## 5.3—Young People

Suggestions for events for young people were requested - the majority of replies were for Sporting activities, Community Activities, Youth Club/Group, Mountain Bike Route. The majority of respondents with an opinion indicated a need for a meeting place for young people in the Parish.

**What type of event/activity should be available for young people in the Parish?**



Suggestions were made for a Mountain Bike route

### Action

1. Parish Council to seek volunteers to consult more fully with young people in the parish to identify the preferred activities.
2. Following this consultation the Parish Council to seek funding to implement the activities identified by young people in the parish.
3. Volunteers to continue to support and expand the Young Families Group
4. Volunteers to consult with young people regarding the provision of a meeting place and develop as required.

## 6.0—Communication

In such a widespread Parish, comprehensive and reliable communication on Parish matters is very important. Parishioners need to be aware of what is happening within the parish to enable them to play as active a part in Parish events as they wish.



### 6.1—Methods of Communication

Responses to the question on methods of communication used in the parish indicated that many people rely, and will continue to rely, on a variety of methods. Many used the parish notice boards (46%), posters and fliers (31%), email (27%) and 35% said they would use a website. However 91% of respondents said they used the King's World as the means of finding out what was going on in the Parish.

The King's World is the parish magazine that also covers the villages of Kingsley and Oakhanger. Most people subscribing to the King's World read it from cover to cover but some admitted to reading only parts of the magazine. A large number of suggestions were made about additional topics for the magazine. Some are already included e.g. nature notes, some have been introduced recently e.g. puzzle page for adults and others have been given to the editorial committee for its consideration (e.g. farming information.)



#### Action

Communicate suggestions made to the Editorial Committee of the King's World.

### 6.2—Parish Website

86 households responded to the question about setting up a parish website. 57% wanted a parish website, 19% did not want a website and the remainder expressed no opinion.

Most people indicated that they would use a parish website for finding out about parish events, for posting information for the benefit of others and for reading parish council information. Only a few parishioners indicated that they would use a website for posting blogs. Other suggested uses for a website included buying and selling goods, communication with parish councillors, promoting the parish and parish issues, police news, local news and providing information for potential visitors to the parish.

**Note:** The Worldham Parish website is now operational at:

[www.worldham.org](http://www.worldham.org)

#### Action

1. Parish Council to promote the establishment of a parish website.
2. Parish Council to appoint and support a volunteer group to set up and maintain a parish website.
3. Volunteer group to set up and maintain the website.
4. Parish Council to encourage parishioners and others to provide information for the website.



## Section 7—General

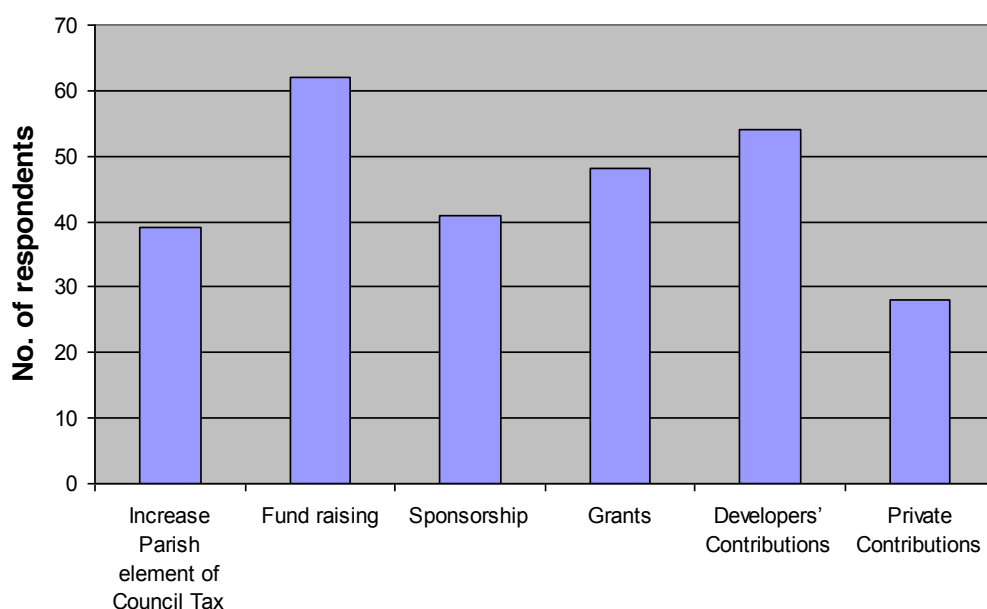
Parishioners were advised that the implementation of most of the suggestions made within the Survey and the Questionnaire would need to be financed from one or more sources. They were asked for their views on the six options that were suggested, although these are not exclusive.

It should be noted the contributions from developers are receivable from developments within the Parish. The community seeks funding from these contributions, and these are constrained by certain rules.

### Action

Parish Council to investigate all possible funding sources where necessary for the implementation of the actions contained in the Parish Plan.

### If money is required to implement suggestions raised by the Questionnaire, how should it be raised?



## Footnotes

During the preparation of the Parish Plan a number of the action points raised through the Questionnaire have been completed, and a number of others are being actively addressed by the Parish Council. These are indicated in the Action Plan. The Action Plan has sought to address only the issues that arose from the Questionnaire. However, three external issues have arisen that may affect Worldham Parish during the next few years.

**The South Downs National Park** The majority of the Parish was officially included in the South Downs National Park in April 2010. The effect of this is as yet unknown.

**Whitehill Bordon Eco-Town.** Parts of Worldham Parish are within 3 miles of the proposed Eco-Town of Whitehill Bordon. The Draft Framework Masterplan (June 2010) for this development raises issues regarding the impact on the surrounding area.

**Political and Economic Influences.** Since the National Elections (May 2010) the new Coalition Government has signalled that it will introduce changes in many policies and regulations. The current economic forecasts are for significant spending cuts. It is not clear how these changes will affect this Parish.

## Worldham Parish Plan—Action Plan

| Issue   | Objectives  | Actions   |  | Priority | Agencies Involved   |
|---|---|---|--|----------|---|
| Section 1. Landscape and the Environment          |   |   |  |          |   |
| Conservation of the rural character of the Parish | To ensure that planning policy acknowledges the rural character of the Parish.                                      | Parish Council to draw the attention of the planners where necessary to the conservation of the rural character of the Parish   |  | Ongoing  | Parish Council, Local Planning Authority, South Downs National Park Authority                         |
| Maintenance of hedges, ditches, drains and verges | To ensure hedgerows, ditches, drains and verges are kept well maintained.   | Parish Council to urge the Agencies involved to meet their obligations to maintain hedges, ditches, drains and verges.  |  | Ongoing  | Local Land Owners, Hampshire Highways, Parish Council   |
| Maintenance and planting in public open spaces    | To ensure better conditions and amenities in public open spaces.  | Parish Council to seek to improve maintenance of, and planting in, public open spaces.  |  | Ongoing  | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways, Local Authority and County Council, and Local Land Owners         |
| Crop spraying                                     | To ensure residents know when crop spraying is to be carried out to ensure that they can take the necessary action. | Local farmers to provide information about chemical spraying and seasonal farming activities for publication to parishioners.   |  | Ongoing  | Parishioners, Farmers and Land Owners   |
| 1.1 Housing                                       |   |   |  |          |   |
| Housing need                                      | To have up to date information on housing need.   | Parish Council to request an update every five years on the housing needs survey for the Worldham Parish held by East Hampshire District Council.   |  | Ongoing  | Parish Council, East Hampshire District Council   |
| Housing development                               | To influence the extent of housing development.   | Parish Council to Develop and publish a Village Design Statement (VDS) to provide guidance for development and to influence the way the planning system works locally. The VDS should seek to influence the extent of new development and provide a way of ensuring that any new developments :<br>a. Provide the required housing types.<br>b. Are designed and located in a way that reflects the local characteristics and the qualities that people value in their village and surroundings, especially in relation to scale, parking, materials and landscaping. |  | High     | Parish Council, Local Planning Authority, South Downs National Park Authority and National Government |

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| Issue   | Objectives   | Actions   | Priority | Agencies Involved   |
|---|--|---|----------|---|
| Provision of required housing stock   | To influence the extent of housing development.  | Parish Council to ensure that the Local Planning Authority acknowledges the requirement for small family dwellings, low cost starter homes and homes suitable for downsizing in the Local Development Framework.      | High     | Parish Council, Local Planning Authority, South Downs National Park Authority and National Government |
| <b>1.2 Energy</b>   |  |   |          |   |
| More information required about renewable energy sources and their use within the Parish  | To identify viable technologies for renewable energy.  | Parish Council to determine the relevant and viable means to:<br>a: Provide renewable energy,<br>b: Provide this information to residents,<br>c: Integrate into Village Design Statement and Local Planning Policies. | Ongoing  | Parish Council, Local and National Government Agencies, specialist advisors, Energy Providers         |
| Provision of Mains Gas within the Parish  | To identify the feasibility and cost of providing Mains Gas to the Parish.                               | Parish Council to liaise with energy providers and determine the feasibility and cost of providing mains gas network to Parish.   | Low      | Parish Council, Energy Providers  |
| <b>1.3 Statutory Services</b>   |  |   |          |   |
| Road cleaning, road sign maintenance and drain clearance.                                 | To ensure improved cleaning and maintenance of roads, signs and drains.                                  | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire Highways to ensure improved cleaning and maintenance of road signs and drains.  | High     | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways.   |
| <b>1.4 Jalsa Salana</b>   |  |   |          |   |
| The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (AMA) annual convention at Oaklands Farm (Jalsa Salana). | To improve the parishioners' understanding of the AMA annual convention at Oaklands Farm (Jalsa Salana). | Parish Council to make parishioners aware of the work of EHDC preparation meetings to address the traffic issue as well as security, emergencies, access and health & safety.   | Medium   | EHDC, AMA, Parish Council   |

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|---|---|---|----------|---|
| Section 2. Economy  |   |   |          |   |
| 2.1 Businesses  |   |   |          |   |
| The Economy of Worldham Parish                                | Maintain and improve the local economy.                     | Encourage people to buy local produce.  | Medium   | Farmers, Local entrepreneurs  |
|   |   | Encourage the establishment of a farm shop.   | Medium   | Entrepreneurs   |
|   |   | Maintain support for the agricultural base of the Parish.   | Medium   |   |
|   |   | Parish Council to pursue ways of improving rural Broadband.   | High     | Parish Council, BT, SEEDA (South East England Development Agency—due to close April 2012) |
| 2.2 Three Horseshoes Public House (East Worldham)             |   |   |          |   |
| Public Houses in Villages are finding it difficult to survive | Support for the Three Horseshoes.                           | Provide the landlord with a list of suggestions received from respondents.                              | High     | Steering Group, Landlord of the Three Horseshoes  |
|   |   | Parishioners to explore with the landlord of the Three Horseshoes, the possibility of a community shop. | High     | Parish Council, Grant Providers, EHDC, Parishioners, Landlord of the Three Horseshoes     |
| 2.3 Protection of rural areas                                 |   |   |          |   |
| Reduced resources available                                   | To ensure rural character of Worldham Parish is maintained. | Provide landowners and farmers with a list of suggestions received from respondents.                    | High     | Parish Council, Steering Group, Landowners and Farmers                                    |
|   | To increase understanding of rural matters.                 | Provide educational activities and events on rural matters  | High     | Parish Council, Landowners, Farmers and Volunteers, King's World and Worldham Website     |

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| Issue   | Objectives  | Actions  | Priority | Agencies Involved  |
|---|---|--|----------|--|
| Section 3: Traffic, Transport, Footpaths & Access                   |   |  |          |  |
| 3.1 Road Safety   |   |  |          |  |
| Unsafe Road Junction B3006, Round House                             | To improve sightlines at the road junction of Gaston Lane from Farringdon with the B3006.       | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire Highways to improve the sightlines at the junction of Gaston Lane from Farringdon with the B3006 at the Round House.   | High     | Worldham Parish Council, Farringdon Parish Council, Hampshire Highways, Landowners |
| Unsafe Road Junction B3004/ Blanket Street, Three Horseshoes        | To improve sightlines at the road junction of Blanket Street from West Worldham with the B3004. | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire Highways to improve the sightlines at the junction of Blanket Street with the B3004 at the Three Horseshoes.   | High     | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways, Landowners                                     |
| Rat-Runs caused by poor planning e.g. B3004 and B3006 access to A31 | To avoid road layouts that encourage 'rat-runs' along unsuitable roads.                         | Parish Council to alert Hampshire Highways Planning Department to consider all implications when planning roads, particularly to avoid routes that would lead to 'rat runs' along unsuitable roads.  | High     | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways   |
| 3.2 Safety of Pedestrians   |   |  |          |  |
| Safety of pedestrians crossing B3004 in area of Village Hall        | To introduce pedestrian crossing outside EW Village Hall.                                       | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire County Council to consider installing a pedestrian crossing across the B3004 outside the Village Hall in East Worldham.  | High     | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways   |
| Safety of pedestrians on Worldham Hill                              | To extend a pavement on one side of Worldham Hill.  | Parish Council to clarify with residents the need to extend the pavement to the bottom of Worldham Hill. If there is sufficient support from residents for the idea.<br>a. Negotiate a route for the pavement with the appropriate landowners,<br>b. Lobby Hampshire Highways to extend the pavement to the bottom of Worldham Hill. | Medium   | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways, Residents; Landowners                          |
| B3004 is unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists                        | To introduce safe foot/cycle route between EW and Alton.  | Parish Council to negotiate with appropriate landowners a route for a foot/cycle path adjacent to the B3004 between East Worldham and Alton. If negotiations successful, lobby Hampshire Highways to construct a foot/cycle path adjacent to the B3004 between East Worldham and Alton.  | Medium   | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways, Landowners                                     |

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|--|---|--|----------|--|
| <b>3.3 Speed Control Measures</b>                |   |  |          |  |
| Road Safety in West Worldham and Hartley Mauditt | To reduce maximum traffic speed through WW and HM to 30mph.                           | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire Highways to introduce a 30mph speed limit through West Worldham and Hartley Mauditt.                   | Medium   | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways   |
| Safety along country roads                       | To reduce maximum traffic speed on country roads, including B3004 and B3006 to 50mph. | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire Highways to introduce a 50mph speed limit for all roads within Worldham Parish.                        | Ongoing  | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways   |
| Traffic does not adhere to speed limits          | To remind drivers of speed limits.  | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire Highways for a 40mph buffer zone prior to the 30mph speed restriction through the village              | Ongoing  | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways   |
|  |   | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire Highways to install speed limit reminders.   | High     | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways   |
|  | To encourage drivers to adhere to the speed limit.                                    | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire Police to increase police presence where speed limits are in place.                                    | High     | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways<br>Hants Constabulary   |
| <b>3.4 State of Roads</b>                        |   |  |          |  |
| State of roads is potentially dangerous          | To improve maintenance of the roads.  | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire Highways to improve the surface of roads in the Parish, particularly the repair of pot-holes.          | Medium   | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways   |
| Some roads are susceptible to flooding           | To improve drainage.  | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire Highways to improve drainage of some of the roads.   | High     | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways   |
|  |   | Parish Council to remind landowners of their responsibility to keep their ditches clear.   | High     | Landowners   |
| Damage to verges                                 | To avoid damage to verges.  | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire Highways to find ways of discouraging heavy vehicle movements along country lanes (apart from access). | High     | Parish Council, Hampshire Highways, Hampshire Constabulary, Drivers of large vehicles e.g. Contractors and Farmers |

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| Issue  | Objectives   | Actions   | Priority | Agencies Involved   |
|--|--|---|----------|---|
| <b>3.5 Parking</b>   |  |   |          |   |
| Limited areas for parking in EW, particularly St Mary's Church, Village Hall and Wyck Lane | To provide adequate areas to park vehicles.                            | Parish Council to investigate the possibility of increasing the areas for parking in the identified areas.                        | Ongoing  | Parish Council, East Hampshire District Council, Landowners, Drum Housing Association                         |
| <b>3.6 Alternative Transport to the Car</b>  |  |   |          |   |
| Reduce use of private vehicles   | To improve public transport.   | Parish Council to lobby the local bus company to change the bus timetable to make it more useful to residents.                    | Medium   | Parish Council, Stagecoach Bus Company, Hampshire Transport Initiative  |
|  | To provide alternative local transport.                                | Parish Council to investigate other local transport facilities e.g. dial-a-ride/Cango.  | Medium   | Parish Council, Hampshire Transport Initiative  |
|  | To provide a non motorised route to Alton                              | Parish Council to investigate possibility of a cycle/ pedestrian route between East Worldham and Alton.                           | Medium   | Parish Council, Landowners, Hampshire Highways, Hampshire Countryside Services                                |
| <b>3.7 Footpaths and Pavements</b>   |  |   |          |   |
| Some Public Rights of Way are in a poor state  | To improve state of footpaths, eg surfaces, access points, edges, etc. | Parish Council to remind landowners of their responsibilities concerning the state of public rights of way that cross their land. | Medium   | Parish Council, Landowners, Worldham Council Footpath Representative, HCC Highways, Residents, Steering Group |
|  |  | Parish Council to remind Hampshire Highways of their responsibility to keep pavements clear                                       | Medium   |   |
|  |  | Residents to report instances of poor signposting and the state of footpaths to the Parish Footpaths Representative.              | Medium   |   |
|  |  | Residents and the Footpath Volunteer Group to assist in the maintenance of footpaths.   | Medium   |   |

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| <b>3.8 Off-Road Motorised Vehicles</b>              |  |   |          |  |
| Recreational motorised vehicles being used off-road | To prevent recreational motorised vehicles from using off-road public rights of way. | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire County Council and other agencies to redesignate Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs) as Restricted Byways to prevent use by recreational motorised vehicles.   | High     | Parish Council, HCC & Hampshire Constabulary, DEFRA, Environment Agency, East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire Highways, Local MP |
|   |  | Parish Council to lobby Hampshire County Council as the local highway authority to carry out its statutory duties of maintenance and provide traffic regulation orders to minimise damage to the ancient byways of the parish (BOAT) and Green Lanes. | High     | Parish Council, Hampshire Countryside Services, Natural England, South Downs National Park Authority, CPRE, Ramblers Association       |

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| Issue  | Objectives  | Actions   | Priority                      | Agencies Involved   |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Section 4: Community and Policing                  |   |   |                               |   |
| 4.1 Community Activities                           |   |   |                               |   |
| Encourage community activities                     | To foster community spirit and to involve all age groups.   | Parishioners to give encouragement and support to anyone wishing to organise an event.  | Ongoing                       | Organisations within the parish e.g. Choir, WI, Parochial Church Councils   |
|  | To attract and welcome new volunteers.  | Steering Group to supply a list of volunteers (from Return Sheets) to people planning community events.   | Ongoing                       | Individuals organising community events, King's World, Worldham website, Steering Group   |
| 4.2 Village Hall                                   |   |   |                               |   |
| Maintenance of existing Village Hall               | To maintain and improve the present Village Hall.   | Strengthen the Village Hall Committee   | High                          | Parish Council; Village Hall Committee, EHDC and District Councillor, Community Action Hampshire (CAH), Grant providers e.g. HCC, Private grant providers e.g. East Worldham School Educational Charity |
|  |   | Survey the Village Hall   | Completed                     |   |
|  |   | Carry out repairs and improvements to the Village Hall as required and monitor its condition  | Ongoing                       |   |
|  | To improve parking.   | Investigate possibilities for additional parking..  | High (as opportunities arise) |   |
|  | To continue to investigate provision of access for the disabled.  | Consider the options for establishing the best means of providing suitable access for the disabled  | High                          |   |
| The need for a new Village Hall                    | To increase interest in using the Village Hall.   | Explore funding opportunities for further improvements.   | Ongoing                       |   |
|  | To monitor the need for a new Village Hall.   | Parish Council to continue to monitor the need for a new village hall by consulting parishioners about the need for a new Village Hall and investigating possible opportunities for the construction of a new hall. | Ongoing                       |   |
| 4.3 Churches                                       |   |   |                               |   |
| Continued support for the parish's three churches. | To increase interest in the churches of the parish both as places of worship and as part of the heritage of the parish. | Parochial Church Councils to maintain and strengthen the presence of the churches in the parish for the benefit of local people and the wider community.  | Ongoing                       | Parochial Church Council, Churchwardens, Clergy of Northanger Benefice, Winchester Diocese, Parish Council, Parishioners, Grant providers, members of the Church electoral rolls.                       |

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| Issue  | Objectives  | Actions   | Priority  | Agencies Involved  |
|--|---|---|-----------|--|
| <b>4.3 Churches</b>  |   |   |           |  |
| Continued support for the parish's three churches                  | To increase interest in the churches of the parish both as places of worship and as part of the heritage of the parish. | Parochial Church Councils to maintain and strengthen the presence of the churches in the parish for the benefit of local people and the wider community.  | Ongoing   | Parochial Church Council, Churchwardens, Clergy of Northanger Benefice, Winchester Diocese, Parish Council, Parishioners, Grant providers, Members of the Church electoral rolls |
| <b>4.4 King's World Care Group</b>                                 |   |   |           |  |
| The usage of the King's World Care Group (KWCG) in Worldham Parish | To make people more aware of the scope of the service.  | Kingsley Centre to be asked to publicise more widely the work of the KWCG by mounting displays at public events eg fetes and provide entries on local websites and in the King's World.         | High      | Kingsley Centre, King's World Care Group, Editorial Committee of King's World, Local websites, Volunteers  |
|  | To recruit volunteers to assist with services.  | Steering Group to provide a list of volunteers from Return Sheets to Kingsley Centre.   | Completed | Steering Group   |
| <b>4.5 Parish Council</b>  |   |   |           |  |
| The role and purpose of the Parish Council                         | To make parishioners more aware of the role of the Parish Council.  | Parish Council to continue to publicise its work and achievements to parishioners by means of reports in King's World and on parish website.  | Ongoing   | Parish Council and Parish Clerk, King's World, Worldham website  |
|  | To make parishioners feel more involved with and share an interest in the work of the Parish Council.                   | Parish councillors to be more aware of and respond to the needs and concerns of parishioners.   | Ongoing   |  |
|  |   | Parish Council to publicise more widely Parish Council meetings and the fact that there is an opportunity for members of the public to raise issues and concerns at any Parish Council meeting. | Ongoing   |  |
|  |   | Parish Council to invite parishioners to report at Parish Council meetings on projects for which they are responsible.  | Ongoing   |  |

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| Issue                                      | Objectives  | Actions  | Priority  | Agencies Involved   |
|--|---|--|-----------|---|
| 4.6 Social Issues                          |   |  |           |   |
| Community Spirit                           | To encourage and develop further the community spirit that exists in Worldham parish. | Parish Council to give a Welcome Pack to every new household.  | Ongoing   | Parish Council, Local organisations, e.g. Parochial Church Councils, Women's Institute, Fete Committee, Choir, Organisers of events, Volunteers, Neighbours |
|  |   | Local organisers to invite all newcomers to parish organisations and parish events.  | Ongoing   |   |
|  |   | Local organisers to organise a variety of events to appeal to as many residents as possible.   | Ongoing   |   |
|  |   | The community to encourage neighbourly spirit.   | Ongoing   |   |
| 4.7 Security and Policing                  |   |  |           |   |
| Fear of criminal and anti-social behaviour | To foster good relations with local police.   | Liaise with police either by individual consultation or by a surgery held occasionally.  | Ongoing   | Police, Parish Council, Parishioners  |
|  |   | Parish Council to invite local police to Annual Parish Meeting.  | Medium    |   |
|  | To reactivate the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NW).                                    | Parish Council to re-activate the Neighbourhood Watch scheme by re-registering the scheme, appointing a co-ordinator and deputies, and by holding an open meeting to explain the scheme. | Completed | Parish Council, Police, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and deputies   |
|  |   | Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator to set up email notification and a telephone cascade system.  | Ongoing   |   |
|  | To allay people's fears.  | Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator to make available information and literature about security and policing issues and keep people advised about these issues.          | Ongoing   | King's World, Worldham Website, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Neighbours, East Hampshire District Council   |
|  |   | Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator to encourage parishioners to be watchful and to report unusual occurrences such as fly tipping and the dumping of old cars.                             | Ongoing   |   |
|  | To deal with the litter problem   | Parish Council to continue to support the work done by the Volunteer Litter Pickers  | Ongoing   | Parishioners, Parish Council, Volunteer Litter Pickers  |

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| Issue   | Objectives  | Actions  | Priority | Agencies Involved  |
|---|---|--|----------|--|
| <b>Section 5: Recreation and Youth</b>  |   |  |          |  |
| <b>5.1 Recreation Area</b>  |   |  |          |  |
| No recreation area in the Parish  | To provide a flexible and defined open area for recreation that could be used by a broad age range. | Parish Council to explore more fully the need for a recreation area within the Parish.   | Medium   | EHDC, Parish Council, Local Landowners, Grant organisations, Volunteers, Parents                                 |
| <b>5.2 Provision of new play equipment in the playground</b>                      |   |  |          |  |
| Equipment in playground in East Worldham for young children is of limited variety | To enhance the parish playground.   | Parish Council to consult with young families and experts on possible improvements to the playground, source appropriate equipment and seek funding. | Medium   | Parish Council, EHDC, HCC, ROSPA, Playground Advisory Service, Parents, East Worldham School Educational Charity |
| <b>5.3 Young People</b>   |   |  |          |  |
| Insufficient number of suitable events in the Parish for young people             | To entertain young people and foster community spirit.  | Parish Council to seek volunteers to consult more fully with young people in the parish to identify the preferred activities.                        | Medium   | Volunteers, Parish Council, Parents, Young People, East Worldham School Education Charity                        |
|   |   | Following the consultation the Parish Council to seek funding to implement the activities identified by young people in the village                  |          |  |
|   |   | Volunteers to continue and expand the Young Families Group   |          |  |
| There is no suitable place in the Parish for young people to meet                 | To provide a meeting place for young people in the Parish.  | Volunteers to consult with young people regarding the provision of a meeting place and develop as required   |          | Parish Council, Volunteers, Owners of suitable sites, Parents, Young People                                      |

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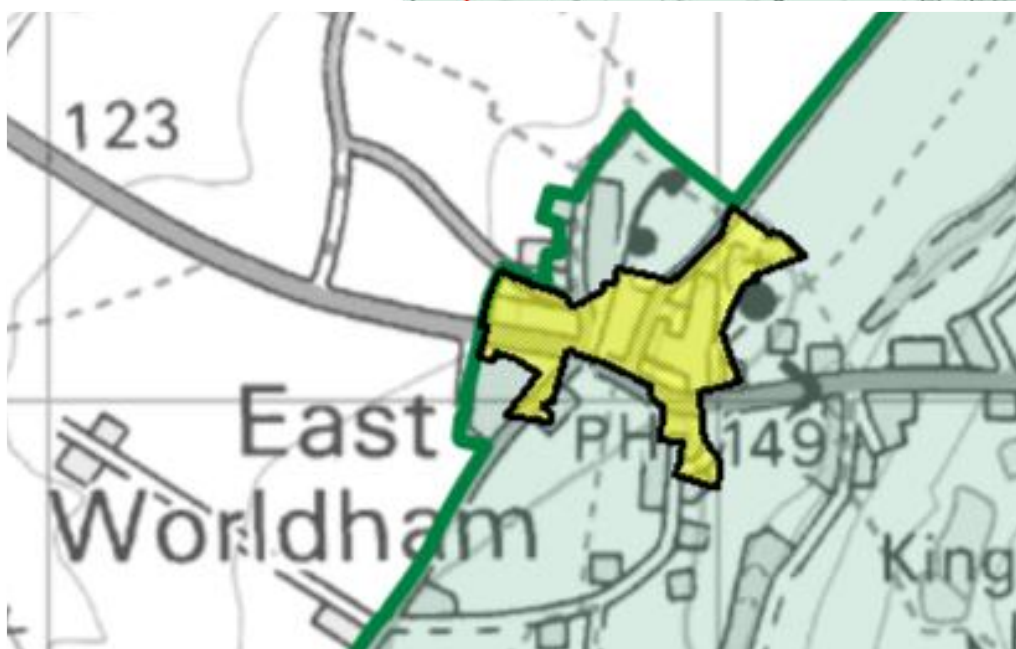
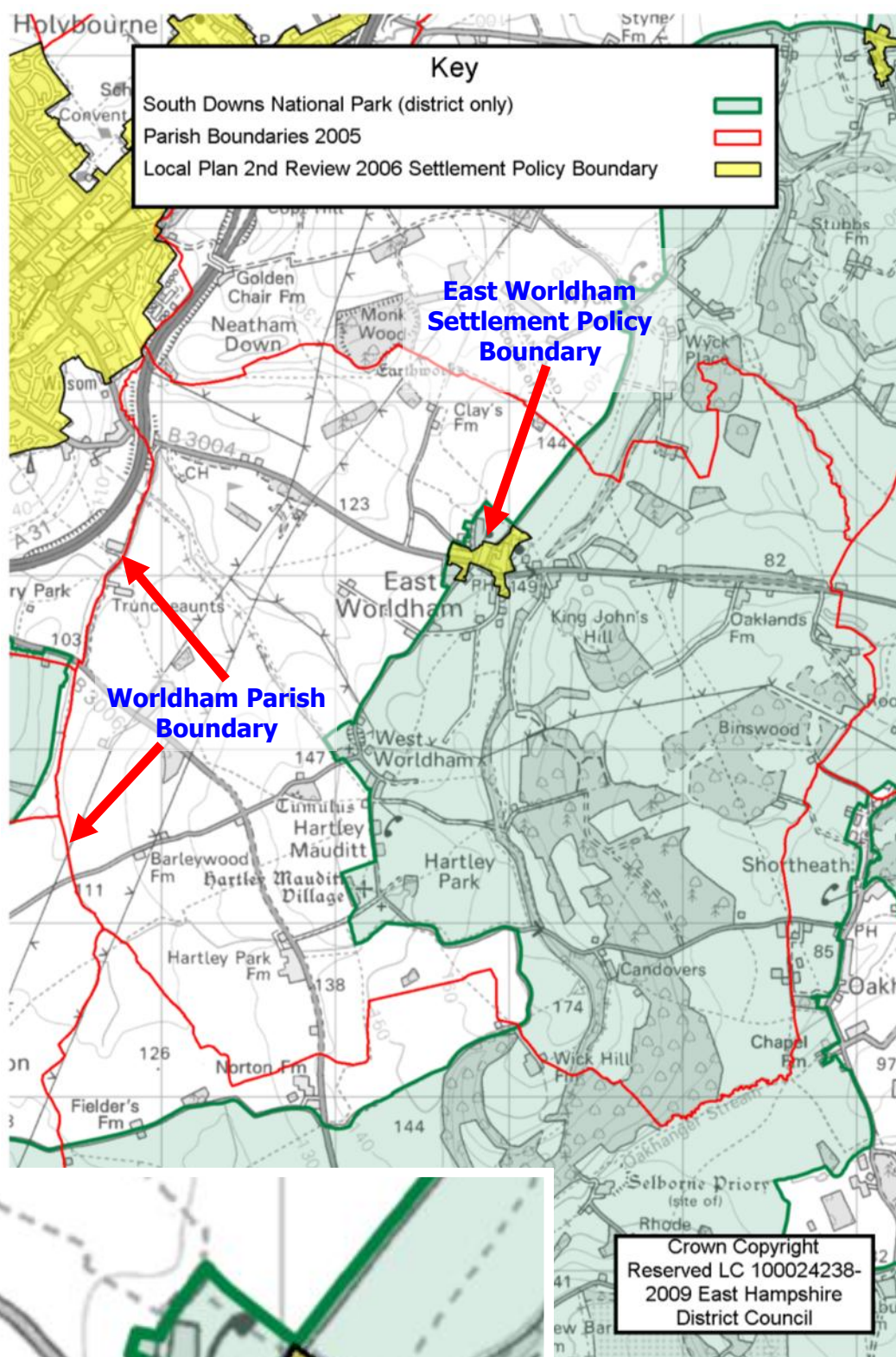
| Issue   | Objectives   | Actions  | Priority     | Agencies Involved                                |
|---|--|--|--------------|--|
| Section 6: Communication                      |  |  |              |  |
| 6.1 Methods of Communication                  |  |  |              |  |
| Improved content of King's World              | To maintain the high standard of the magazine.   | Communicate to the Editorial Committee of the King's World suggestions made.   | Ongoing      | Parish Council, King's World Editorial Committee |
| 6.2 Parish Website                            |  |  |              |  |
| Setting up and operating the Worldham website | To set up a parish website.  | Parish Council to promote the establishment of a parish website.   | Completed    | Parish Council, Volunteer group                  |
|   |  | Parish Council to appoint and support a volunteer group to set up and maintain a parish website.   | Completed    |  |
|   | To operate and update the website.   | Volunteer group to set up and maintain the website.  | Ongoing/High |  |
|   |  | Parish Council to encourage parishioners and others to provide information for the website.  | Ongoing      |  |
| Section 7: General                            |  |  |              |  |
| To fund the suggestions made by Parishioners  | Parish Council to investigate and obtain funding for the suggestions made by Parishioners. | Parish Council to investigate all possible funding sources where necessary for the implementation of the actions contained in the Parish Plan. | Ongoing      | Parish Council and funding sources               |



## Appendix 1—Parish Boundary and Settlement Policy Boundary

### Settlement Policy Boundaries

Settlement Policy Boundaries are a policy tool to delineate in plan form coherent and established built up areas within which further development, will in principle, be permitted. Generally, settlement boundaries define where open market housing will be allowed provided that the development is in keeping with the form and character of the area and can be appropriately accessed and serviced. By defining settlement boundaries, the areas outside of the boundary are recognised for the purposes of planning policy as countryside where new development will be strictly controlled.



**Enlarged section of map indicating the East Worldham Settlement Policy Boundary**

## Appendix 2—Statistics and Demographic Information

### Worldham Parish Profile as at 18th August 2010

Please note that the questionnaire was conducted in 2008 when there were 151 households

**Population as at 18th August 2010 = 336**

| Age Bands of Worldham Parish Residents |       |       |       |       |     |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| 0-10                                   | 11-18 | 19-30 | 31-59 | 60-79 | 80+ |
| 30                                     | 37    | 32    | 153   | 67    | 17  |

| Number of Households in Worldham Parish  |               |                 |            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------------|------------|-------|
| Total number of households is 154 plus 2 being built and 1 wooden temporary building |               |                 |            |       |
| East Worldham  | West Worldham | Hartley Mauditt | B3006 area | Total |
| 110  | 17            | 13              | 15         | 155   |

| Types of Dwellings in Worldham Parish |          |               |          |          |      |       |       |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|------|-------|-------|
|                                       | Detached | Semi-detached | Terraced | Bungalow | Flat | Other | Total |
| East Worldham                         | 44       | 28            | 27       | 10       | 1    |       | 110   |
| West Worldham                         | 8        | 4             | 4        | 1        |      |       | 17    |
| Hartley Mauditt                       | 9        | 2             |          | 1        |      | 1     | 13    |
| B3006 area                            | 5        | 10            |          |          |      |       | 15    |
| Total                                 |          |               |          |          |      |       | 155   |

| Tenure of Dwellings in Worldham Parish |                  |                                     |                          |       |            |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| Owner Occupied                         | Privately Rented | Housing Association/Local Authority | Provided with employment | Other | Unoccupied |
| 105                                    | 29               | 10                                  | 8                        | 1     | 2          |

| Council Tax Bands of Dwellings in Worldham Parish |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| A   | B | C  | D  | E  | F  | G  | H  | Total |
| 11  | 3 | 27 | 19 | 17 | 19 | 48 | 11 | 155   |

| Age of Dwellings in Worldham Parish |               |               |                 |            |       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|-------|
|                                     | East Worldham | West Worldham | Hartley Mauditt | B3006 area | Total |
| Pre 1900                            | 54            | 12            | 7               | 3          | 76    |
| 1901-1950                           | 17            |               | 1               | 4          | 22    |
| 1951-2000                           | 24            | 3             | 3               | 8          | 38    |
| Post 2000                           | 15            | 2             | 2               |            | 19    |
| Total                               | 110           | 17            | 13              | 15         | 155   |

## Appendix 3—References and Acknowledgements

### References

This document can be found in the Parish Plan section of the Worldham website at:

[www.worldham.org](http://www.worldham.org)

The site includes the Survey and the Questionnaire.

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