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Harby Thorney Wigsley

Community Led Plan

2015 – 2025

A competition was held for the pupils of Queen Eleanor Primary School to draw and colour scenes from their villages to appear on the front cover. The three winning pictures are on the front cover.

The pictures from the rest of the children that took part are within the plan.

Community Led Plan Logo designed by Harold Paine

Background to this plan.

At the beginning of the new millennium it was announced in the governments “Rural White Paper” that local communities would be given the opportunity to influence their “own back yard”. This was to be based on creating a vision of what was important within the community and became the driving force for this plan.

“When a rural community gets together and plans improvements for its future, a great deal can happen. Through the commitment of people working together on a plan to which everyone has had the opportunity to contribute, rural communities can improve to everyone’s benefit”.

This indeed has been the aim following the successful Harby Parish plan of 2005 to 2015. During 2013 a new plan involving the three communities – Harby, Thorney and Wigsley – was proposed. This was enabled by the support and guidance provided by Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire and funding secured from the National Lottery and a contribution via Cllr. V. Dobson from Nottinghamshire County Council. The power of three individual, but close, communities developing a joint plan for improvement was given enthusiastic support at local meetings in the spring of 2013, and a steering group and village groups were established and started work.

This document is the result of analysis of comprehensive questionnaires circulated to all during 2014 and individual events, supported by an action plan event held on 22nd November 2014. From which, the most important topics, as selected by residents and local businesses, are laid out as a plan. There is a plan for improvement for the three villages together and plans for each individual village to tackle.

As this plan is actioned, we can look forward to our neighbouring villages improving what needs changing and maintaining what is already good, so they become even better places in which to live.

Abbreviations used throughout.			
CLP	Community Led Plan	PC	Harby or Thorney Parish Councils, or Wigsley Parish Representative
SG	Steering Group (Committee drawn from all 3 villages)	DC	Newark and Sherwood District Council
WP	Working Party	NCC	Nottinghamshire County Council
HWP	Harby Working Party	LCC	Lincolnshire County Council
TWP	Thorney Working Party	vol	Volunteers
WWP	Wigsley Working Party	RCAN	Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire
n	Number of people	DAC	Diocesan Advisory Council
NYS	Nottinghamshire Youth Service	PCC	Parochial Church Council

Foreward by our County Councillor Maureen Dobson.

It has been a pleasure to observe the three parishes of Harby, Thorney and Wigsley working together to undertake the research for your Community plan. This is the first time this joined-up approach has been taken.

This type of detailed research of the views of residents provides a clear and concise perspective of everyone's opinions. I believe that this document is of great help to all involved in some way in public service. And we now need to work together even more closely to deliver the change you all desire.

You will be pleased to hear that in a number of respects the changes you have proposed have already had an effect on the service and policy decisions. For instance, there was strong support for an advisory speed limit outside Queen Eleanor's Primary School, Harby – you will be pleased to know that this will happen by April 2015. Highways engineers from the County Council have visited Wigsley aerodrome and have begun to develop a plan which will enable them to tackle the historic flooding problems. Thorney Parochial Church Council is looking at developing a community space inside the Church similar to other villages in the area. We recognise there is still much more that could be achieved over the coming years, particularly since this is a ten year plan.

I would like to thank all of you who took the time to take part in responding to the surveys – a 53% response rate to questionnaires in general is significantly above the average. In particular, on behalf of the residents, we must thank those volunteers and Parish Councils who took an active role – many of whom went door to door to collect the survey forms – for their hard work and dedication to the task. I hope that this level of engagement and volunteer participation will continue well into the future as the parishes seek support for many of the other activities proposed from, Neighbourhood Watch Schemes to Youth Clubs and a Village Shop.

I would also like to thank RCAN (Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire) for their support and guidance that they have given to the volunteers whilst they have been developing this plan and throughout this whole process.

Thank you,

Maureen Dobson.
County Councillor.



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Three village joint issues

1. Improve mobile phone signal
2. Improve broadband speed
3. Improve information on website
4. Improve road and footpath conditions and quality of repairs
5. Reduce speeding traffic throughout the parishes
6. Improve gritting Schedule
7. Reduce incidence of inconsiderate parking throughout the parishes
8. Improve access to Sustrans Cycle Track at Thorney Bridge on Thorney road
9. Remove the 'bump' on Thorney/Wigsley bridge, (making it safer to traverse)
10. Future housing development
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17. Improve appointment availability at doctors' surgeries
18. Improve transport options to doctors' surgeries
19. LIVES
20. Investigate the support/need for additional groups or activities, including Youth Club
21. Improve transport into Town and City
22. Develop Garden Waste Collection Scheme and Recycling Facilities

Harby issues

23. Feedback additional items suggested for Trio
24. Suggestions for improvements for the Village Hall
25. Suggestions for improving the Playing Field
26. Investigate the support/need for additional adult groups or activities
27. Improve promotion of activities and services now taking place
28. Identify volunteers interested in new services and amenities
29. Make people aware of incidents in the village

Thorney issues

30. Consider facilities for a range of community activities for the village
31. Functionality of St. Helens Church
32. Create a safe welcoming recreational area fitting the needs of Thorney residents and their guests
33. Provide residents with greater opportunities for recycling within the parish
34. Invite and encourage appropriate mobile services in the Parish
35. Red Telephone Box
36. Maintain and extend the Voluntary Car scheme
37. Increase the involvement and enhance the enjoyment of residents at community events
38. Improve security within the parish
39. Reduce the incidence of crime and anti-social behaviour in the parish
40. Improve lighting and signage within the parish
41. Improve systems of communication

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42. Hedges, Bushes & Trees encroaching on roadway
43. Speeding
44. Flooding on the road over the airfield
45. Weight of vehicles over the cycle track bridge
46. Communication within village
47. Establish a village centre
48. Improve road and village name signs

JOINT PLAN



Communication - your highest priority

What you said...

Mobile Phone Reception

We asked you about your mobile phone reception near your homes and 88% (329n) of respondents felt their service needed improving.

Internet Speed

Of the 356n respondents who use the internet, 80% (284n) were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the broadband speed available in their home.

Website

Respondents wanted to see a variety of information included on the new joint website:

Table: Preferred topics on the new joint community website		
Topic Area	Respondents (%)	Rank
Social events and activities	87	1
Local facility information	75	2
Parish Council/Meeting information	63	3
Local business contacts	60	4
Local history	55	5
Other	7	6

Samples of residents' comments...

- Very annoying as you can't call or send texts; put up phone masts
- Tesco delivered on Wednesday and delivery man couldn't even get a signal on his machine so that I couldn't sign to say shopping had arrived
- The signal in Thorney is fair for Vodafone, rubbish for O2 and non-existent for Orange
- Need pressure group to keep this issue on the 'boil.' Approach BT / other broadband providers/Councillors /MP's / PM. Keep communication constant, track progress. We set deadlines; local peer pressure
- Develop an urgent plan to put max pressure on BT to improve strength. Thorney (south) gets 6MB; in the USA they complain if they get less than 120MB. Even the moon gets 30MB. Middle of Thorney gets 0.3!!
- If the school pushes for it, that might prioritise it for the rest of the village



How this could be achieved...

Issue 1	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Improve mobile phone signal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up a working group to look into how this could be achieved Lobby mobile phone network providers with weaker signal strength Consult Local Authority on support they can offer, if any Locate other Parishes who have addressed the same problem 	SG MPs and phone companies. DC / CC Other villages who have the same problem / PC	2 – 5 years

Issue 2	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Improve broadband speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult local authority on progress of delivery of fibre optic broadband Gather evidence of actual broadband speed Contact Openreach Approach other service providers in addition to BT 	Representatives from SG / DC / CC to meet with Openreach	Now

Issue 3	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Improve information on website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the current CLP website Appoint a website co-ordinator Provide website developers with content 	SG / PC	2 – 5 years



Highways - your second priority

What you said...

Local Infrastructure

Residents were asked for their views on whether any of the local infrastructure needed improving. The three most frequent areas of concern were the condition of roads, speeding vehicles and gritting. Wigsley residents were also concerned about flooding.

Table: Does any local infrastructure need improving?				
Infrastructure	Respondents (% strongly/agreeing)			
	3 Parishes	Harby	Thorney	Wigsley
Condition of roads	77%	72%	81%	79%
Speeding vehicles	73%	69%	79%	66%
Gritting	67%	67%	64%	76%
Condition of footpaths	44%	52%	37%	40%
HGVs on roads	43%	35%	46%	56%
Flooding	42%	38%	35%	69%
Location of parked cars	37%	58%	22%	19%
Access to cycle track	35%	19%	45%	49%
Farm vehicles	27%	17%	30%	45%
Street lighting	28%	27%	24%	32%

Thorney / Wigsley Bridge

66% of all respondents (314n) felt the 'bump' on Thorney bridge was a concern, with a variation being recorded between villages (72% Thorney, 69% Wigsley and 59% Harby).

Samples of residents' comments...

- Pothole reporting system to be in newsletter and then on website with links to Lincs and Notts and other relevant departments. Earlier reporting system may improve speed of response to mend
- Raised awareness of location of existing salt bins
- Provide Wigsley with grit bins
- Solution for rural areas. Involve farming community as in other countries e.g. France / Austria. Farmers paid to clear snow from roads and pavements and they could be paid to grit a specified area in certain conditions
- Introduce road narrowing islands within the villages. This measure will slow down traffic and inhibit heavy haulage using our village roads as a rat run
- Unfortunately road narrowing islands would prevent tractors etc going through, which we might like, but they have to get to work!



How this could be achieved...

Issue 4	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Improve road and footpath conditions and quality of repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain persistent pressure on County Council Highways dept. via website link and Parish Clerks Contact Highways department for Notts CC to explore improved response time for, and quality of, repairs to potholes, pavements and (where appropriate) improvement for hedge cutting and sweeping of gullies and gutters Make all residents aware that there is a CC 'app' that can be used for reporting road issues 	Parish Clerks All residents PC SG	Ongoing for the life of the plan



Issue 5	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Reduce speeding traffic throughout the parishes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve compliance with legal limits Investigate all feasible traffic calming devices Implement changes 	SG / NCC / PC NCC /SG	2 - 3 years

How this could be achieved...

Issue 6	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Improve Gritting Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase pressure on relevant departments for Lincs. and Notts to explore improved gritting and snow clearance for the parishes 	SG / LCC / NCC / PC	½ year
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a three parish plan for gritting schedule. (Advertise in Trio/on website) 	SG/ Lincs and Notts CC / PC / Editors	1 year
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of and repair/replace existing salt bins. (Trio/website) 	Editors, PC	1 year
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide additional gritting bins, where needed 	NCC / PC	1 year
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of willing parties eg farmers to contract for gritting and snow clearance within the parishes 	LCC /NCC / PC/ SG	1 year



Issue 7	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Reduce incidence of inappropriate parking throughout the parishes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify problem areas from consultation results 	SG/ NCC / PC	1 year
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate provision of parking facilities where appropriate; eg Sustrans access points 	SG	2 - 3 years
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness and seek solutions 	SG	2 - 3 years

How this could be achieved...

Issue 8	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Improve access to Sustrans Cycle Track at Thorney Bridge on Thorney road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out who owns the land currently being used or other possible land owners of suitable access site Lobby Sustrans to make them aware of the issue Speak to local authority – equality issue regarding access 	SG PC / DC /Sustrans PC	Now



Issue 9	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Remove the 'bump' on Thorney/Wigsley bridge, (making it safer to traverse)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase pressure on relevant department for Notts CC to encourage a permanent high quality repair Advertise improvements once completed Explore provision of hump-backed bridge signs 	NCC / PC Editors-Trio / Website. NCC / PC	1 year 1 - 2 years

Planning – your third priority.

What you said...

Residential Development

In Wigsley and Thorney most respondents wanted to see a small amount of development of 1-5 or 6-10 properties, whilst a quarter of respondents in these parishes did not want to see any development. Harby residents felt some more development would be acceptable, with the highest percentage of people stating 6-10 properties:

Table: Desired amount of housing development over the next 10 years in the parish			
New dwellings (n)	Respondents (%)		
	Harby	Thorney	Wigsley
0	8%	26%	24%
1-5	19%	34%	51%
6-10	32%	19%	15%
11-15	17%	8%	3%
16-20	12%	6%	3%
21-25	6%	2%	0%
26+	6%	6%	3%
Respondents (n)	158	157	59

Type of Property

Each parish wanted to see a mix of new properties being developed, with the most frequent response being detached family homes. Harby and Thorney expressed an interest in affordable housing/shared ownership and additional bungalows. Harby also supported further semi-detached houses. In Wigsley there was a low level of support for local authority housing and housing for older people.

Table: Support of different types of new property in the parish			
Type of property	Respondents (%)		
	Harby	Thorney	Wigsley
Detached family homes	58%	66%	59%
Affordable housing / shared ownership	46%	48%	29%
Bungalows	47%	46%	33%
Semi-detached houses	50%	37%	25%
Housing for older people	32%	25%	8%
Local authority housing	22%	13%	2%
Respondents (n)	149	116	49



Type of Housing Development

The strongest level of support for the type of housing development in each village was individual plots, with developments of 1-3 houses also having some support.

Table: Support of different types of new housing development in the parish			
Housing development type	Respondents (%)		
	Harby	Thorney	Wigsley
None	8%	26%	28%
Individual plots	52%	53%	47%
A dev of 1 to 3 houses	34%	27%	25%
A dev of 4 to 9 houses	28%	16%	12%
A dev of 10+ houses	16%	10%	7%
Respondents (n)	155	148	57

Sample of residents' comments...

- Development to the edges of the villages could benefit young and old alike
- We need to encourage affordable housing to increase numbers in school. It is the type of housing needed for families with young children
- More affordable housing would help school numbers; transport to and from needs to be considered
- Nowhere for young people to live, who have grown up here



How this could be achieved...

Issue 10	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Future housing development	• Support the level of development as strongly expressed in the CLP	PC	Ongoing for the life of the plan
	• Support the style of housing as highlighted in the CLP eg. Detached family homes in individual plots or small develop	PC	
	• Water Companies to carry out a review of the effectiveness and capacity of Sewage Treatment	PC / Anglian Water / Severn Trent	
	• For SG committee to meet six monthly to review recent planning applications	SG / PC	

Business Units

Individuals were asked to consider whether they supported some business units being developed in their parish. Overall respondents in Wigsley did not support the idea and in the other parishes just over half of the respondents supported the idea.

Table: Support of new business units in parish			
	Respondents		
	Wigsley	Thorney	Harby
Yes	38%	52%	57%
No	62%	48%	43%
Respondents (n)	45	129	137

Sample of residents' comments...

- Limited new development, would introduce employees / traders to contribute to the social and economic wellbeing of the local community
- Careful consideration needed to ensure infrastructure will support the additional activity in what is in effect a quiet hamlet
- A good idea (small units) if it would provide jobs for local people



How this could be achieved...

Issue 11	Action	Who can help	Timescale
To establish a need for local business units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish if there is a need for this through a further survey, Trio and PC meetings • For Harby and Thorney to resolve to support in principle the development of new and established Business Units • For CLP monitoring committee to meet six monthly to review recent planning applications 	PC / Trio / PC PC SG	Ongoing throughout the life of the plan



Other significant issues in all three parishes

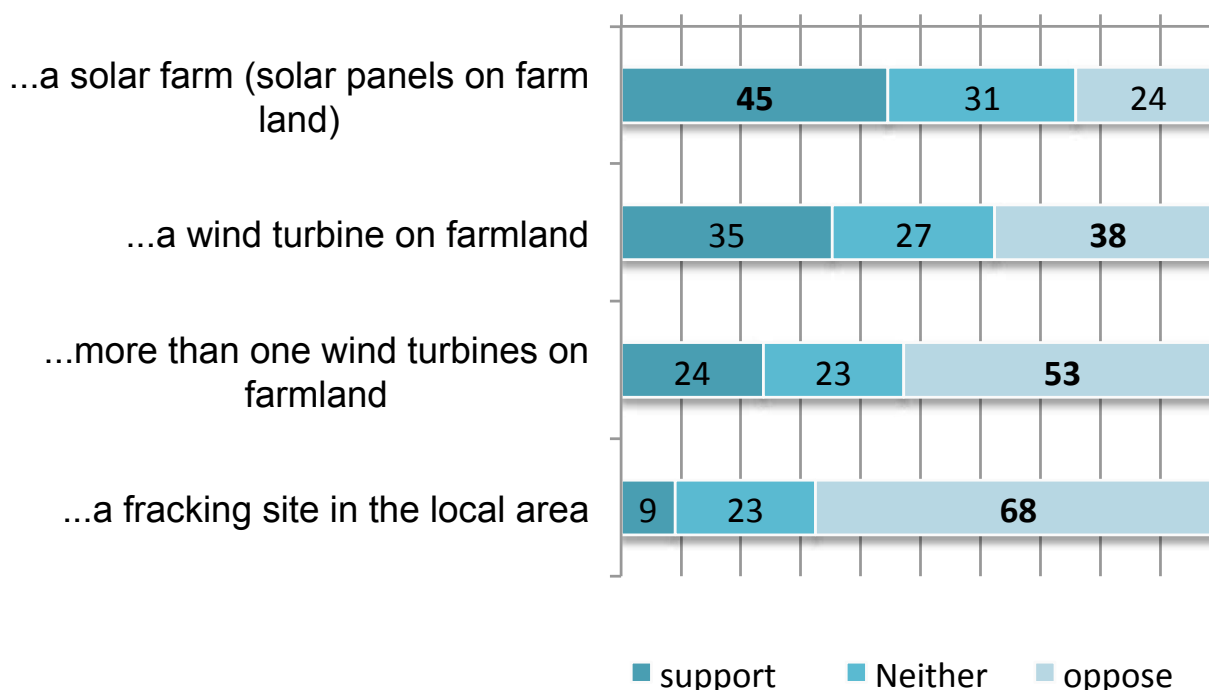
Local Energy

Energy Generation

There were mixed views on energy generation in the local area. The most positively supported type of generation was through a solar farm, with 45% (165n) of respondents strongly/supporting this.

There was little appetite for fracking in the local area, with only 9% (31n) of respondents strongly/supporting the method.

Opinions on wind generation were split, with nearly one in four (38%, 144n) strongly/opposing single turbines and over half of respondents opposing more than one turbine being erected (53%, 194n):



% Support for energy generation methods in the local area

Samples of residents' comments...

- I think wind farms and solar power is the way to go
- This would bring in the opportunity to reduce bills through a joint energy system benefit.
- Renewable energy alone will not solve the coming energy crisis. We must work to a sustainable mix of energy resources
- Worried about being engulfed by turbines
- Biomass is the future and I believe that a joint venture between all Parishes would be the most sustainable and economic investment beneficial to all
- The interests of residents in close proximity to any proposal should be taken into consideration
- Electric point for electric cars at St Helen's Church Thorney and Harby Village Hall

How this could be achieved...

Issue 12	Action	Who can help	Timescale
To increase awareness of energy generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold an event to raise an awareness of different forms of renewable energy Raise awareness of how possible funding from a renewable energy source can support the community 	SG SG / PC	Within 1 year



Crime, Anti-social / Inconsiderate Behaviour and Safety

Feeling Safe

Residents felt very safe where they lived with only 5% feeling very or fairly unsafe after dark, and 2% feeling very or fairly unsafe during the day.

Victims of Crime or Anti-Social / Inconsiderate Behaviour

44n respondents had been victims of robbery/theft in the last year, of which 40 were cited as taking place in the parish where they live. This primarily affected people living in the villages of Harby and Thorney.

23n respondents had been involved in a dispute with a neighbour, 16n respondents had been victims of anti-social behaviour, 11n of vandalism and 3n of violence.

Table: Respondents who had been a victim of crime/ASB in last year				
Crime/ASB	Respondents (n)			
	Harby	Thorney	Wigsley	Total
Robbery / theft	20 [17]	23 [22]	1 [1]	44
Neighbour dispute	14 [12]	6 [4]	3 [2]	23
Antisocial behaviour	13 [13]	3 [1]	0	16
Vandalism	8 [7]	3 [3]	0	11
Violence	1 [1]	2 [2]	0	3
Total	56 [50]	37 [32]	4 [3]	97
<i>Figures in [] = how many occurred in the parish</i>				

Inconsiderate / Anti-social Behaviour

Residents felt there were some issues with inconsiderate / anti-social behaviour in their parishes. All parishes were concerned with speeding vehicles, with Thorney and Wigsley being concerned about fly tipping, and Harby being concerned with inconsiderate parking.

Table: Issues with inconsiderate / anti-social behaviour (% strongly/agreeing)			
	Respondents		
	Harby	Thorney	Wigsley
Fly tipping	29%	62%	73%
Inconsiderate parking	49%	16%	12%
Dog fouling	35%	26%	12%
Speeding traffic	69%	73%	59%
Litter	18%	32%	18%
Traffic volume	5%	9%	6%
Vandalism / graffiti	13%	1%	0%
Noisy neighbours	8%	1%	4%
Antisocial behaviour	8%	2%	2%

How this could be achieved...

Issue 13	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Reducing the number of thefts/robberies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create Neighbourhood/Farm Watch schemes in each parish Advertise the schemes: Trio/website Appoint a coordinator in each village Contact local Police Staff Liaison Officer/ Police Community Support Officer. Work in partnership with the police, Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch and other agencies Register schemes at www.nottswatch.com and www.farmwatch.co.uk 	SG SG Co-ordinators Co-ordinators/ Notts Police/ Local Community Police Officer	0 - 2 years



Issue 14	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Reduce the number of anti-social behaviour incidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform residents of existing procedures for reporting such incidents Encourage residents to inform police of serious incident Contact the Anti-Social Behaviour Team at DC (ASBT) either through their website or on 01636 650000 	Editors- Trio / website All residents Residents / Lincs Notts Police Local Community Police Officer	Ongoing for the life of the plan

Feeling Safe

Samples of residents' comments...

- *Improve communication on how to report fly-tipping and who to*
- *Litter thrown from cars is a greater problem than fly-tipping; don't know what can be done about that*
- *Establish a ranger system on motorbikes with cameras etc*

How this could be achieved...

Issue 15	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Reduce the amount of fly tipping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make residents aware of fly-tipping and if possible take vehicle number and let local police know. Residents should be made aware of recognised reporting procedures• Keep note of incidents for two years to see if time, place and type of rubbish shows a pattern that might lead to identification	PC/Trio/SG DC website SG	1 to 2 years and then review



Issue16	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Reduce the amount of dog fouling incidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify problem areas Identify offenders/ owners Contact owners explaining that they have been identified, highlighting risks of continued practice (health and safety) Raise awareness of the hazards of dog fouling Promote the N&S dog warden service 	Residents/PC Residents/PC Residents/PC SG / PC / Dog Wardens SG / PC / Dog Wardens / DC	Ongoing for the life of the plan



Amenities and Services

Health

Local Doctors' Practices

Over half of respondents used the Glebe Practice at Saxilby (56%, 215n), with 21% (81n) using Collingham Medical Centre and 20% (77n) using the Trent Valley Surgery in Saxilby. 3% (13n) used another practice. Those in Harby and Thorney were most likely to use the Glebe Practice, with those in Wigsley being most likely to use the Collingham practice.

Aspects of the Service

Overall there were high levels of satisfaction with the doctors' surgeries in most areas including the doctors, nurses, receptionists and transport to the doctors. The main area for improvement was making appointments which 21% (76n) of respondents stated they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with.

Appointments

Respondents felt the system for booking appointments was not fit for purpose: it is difficult to make an advance appointment and there are no evening or weekend appointments available (especially important for working people).

Samples of residents' comments...

- *When you ring at 8am, it's difficult when you work to pre-book*
- *Making appointments is difficult. If you are unwell you may not get up early so by the time you get up all the appointments for the day have gone*
- *If you don't call at 8am and wait in a queue then you won't get an appointment for that day, and then you have to phone again the following morning*

Receptionists

There were a small number of comments regarding the receptionists' manner at Glebe Practice and Collingham Medical Centre. At the Glebe Practice Saxilby respondents commented on the difficulty of getting the receptionists' attention and having to wait before one came through from the office.

Samples of residents' comments...

- *Can be very slow at getting to the desk...should be someone on it at all times*
- *Receptionists are often missing doing other work, having to wait to see one is not conducive to a good atmosphere*
- *Receptionists very rarely visible but chatting in the back room*

Transport

13n respondents commented on transport difficulties in attending the doctors, referring to the lack of public transport and the fact the Saxilby bus does not stop by the surgery.

Doctors

A small number of comments were made regarding the doctors, these related to being unable to see a preferred doctor, poor communication, and no home visits.

How this could be achieved...

Issue 17	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Improve appointment availability at doctors' surgeries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with the local Doctor's Surgeries and feedback survey results 	SG / GP	Now

Issue 18	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Improve transport options to doctors' surgeries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make people aware of the voluntary car service that is available Consider the development of this and / or other schemes 	SG / PC / Trio / village noticeboards Village welcome packs / village websites	Now



Issue 19	Action	Who can help	Timescale
LIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise awareness of LIVES, if you wish to become a volunteer contact your CLP representative for contact information 	SG	Now

Children and Young People

Education

31 children attended Queen Eleanor Primary school, with 15 more primary school children attending other schools. Reasons for not using the local school were very varied with no common theme.

37 children attended Tuxford Academy, with 22 children attending other Lincolnshire (15n) or Nottinghamshire (7n) Schools.

14 children attended nursery or pre-school and 16 young people were in higher education including university.



Queen Eleanor Primary School Consultation

July 2014

RCAN, along with three representatives from the Steering Group, visited the three classes in school to carry out a consultation exercise; asking the children what they thought about the area they live in.

The children were asked a number of questions which had been reworded from the consultation document. The children discussed the questions and either wrote or drew their responses.

Based on the discussions and the results from the survey in June 2014, the children's opinions were as follows.

Question 1: Highways and Road Safety

Roads (top 3 issues)

- The number of potholes - raised by all three age groups
- Speeding traffic
- Roads are too narrow for vehicles

Pavements (top 3 issues)

- Narrow pavements within the villages
- Bumpy / uneven pavements
- Overhanging hedges

Question 2: Planning

- All agreed that new houses should be built, with small numbers of a variety of types of housing.

Question 3: Safety (top 3 issues)

- Dog poo is an issue, raised by all three age groups
- The amount of litter (particularly on the park)
- Theft and burglaries

Question 4: What they want in the future

- More play equipment
- More youth activities /clubs



Children and Young People's Activities

There was support for starting new activities for children and young people; with the most popular activities being a multi-sports club and a youth club. Other suggestions (15n) included a skate/BMX park (5n), football club (4n), cricket club (2n), gymnastics club (1n), tennis club (1n), basketball club (1n) and arts and crafts club (1n).

Table: Would attend a new children's activity	
Activity	Responses (n)
Multi-Sports	33
Youth Club	33
Dance	21
Circuit Training	19
Tumble Tots	9

Samples of residents' comments...

- Better lighting for Park
- Skate park.
- Facilities for tennis



How this could be achieved...

New Groups and Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and Young people Youth Club 			
Issue 20	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Investigate the support/need for additional groups or activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange open meeting to determine support and availability of volunteers for new groups / activities Contact Sports partnerships or similar in Notts to talk about options for providing activities and establish whether there will be any funding 	SG SG	Within 2 years
Youth Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at recruiting a minimum of 10 volunteers to access training to develop a Youth Club Contact Youth Services to support a Youth Club if a minimum of 10 parent volunteers can be found Subject to the minimum number of adult volunteers needed to establish a Youth Club, suggest they liaise with Playing Field / Village Hall / School / County Council If above are successful the SG to monitor developments every six months 	SG SG / NYS / RCAN SG / Vol SG	Within 2 years



Transport

Bus Transport

There had been some use of the bus service in the last year with 39 residents stating they had used the service in the last year to Newark and 10n residents had used the service to Saxilby. 26 people from Harby stated they went to Newark on the bus at some point during the year.

Table: Use of bus service in the last year			
Destination	Respondents (n)		
	Harby	Thorney	Wigsley
Newark	26	10	3
Saxilby	7	2	1

There were over 80n comments regarding the bus service. The most frequent comment requested a bus to Lincoln (27n) for shopping, college, commuting and the hospital. Some respondents noted they would prefer the Newark bus to be stopped and a Lincoln bus to be put on, or another suggestion was to put on a Lincoln bus through the dial-a-ride method.

19n comments referred to the frequency of the buses, stating they weren't frequent enough to be suitable for work or social purposes and there are no buses at the weekend.

Samples of residents' comments...

- *Totally impracticable for social or work purposes*
- *What service?*

Other comments included requesting better advertising (e.g. in newsletter), too expensive (2n), unsatisfactory service (6n) including having to ring the day before to book. There were requests for a bus stop off the A57 and on Brown Wood Lane Thorney, with some people commenting there were no bus stops near them and they had to walk on the road to get home (2n).

3n respondents remarked on the importance of retaining the service, whilst 4n comments referred to the service not being used.

Samples of residents' comments...

- *The driver must be very lonely as the bus always looks empty*

Travel to Work

Respondents were asked about their travel to work arrangements. These are outlined below:

Table: How far respondents travelled to work/education	
Distance to work/education	Respondents
Retired	29%
0 to 5 miles	7%
6 to 10 miles	19%
11 to 20 miles	19%
Over 20 miles	11%
I work from home	11%
Full time parent or carer	3%
I work in the parish	1%
Unemployed	0%

Travel to Amenities

Overall Lincoln was the most frequently used place where respondents went to for their banking, food shopping, dentist and retail shopping. This reflects the villages being on the boundary of Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire; therefore residents tend to access Lincoln rather than Newark as it is closer.

To visit the chemist, respondents from Harby and Thorney used Saxilby (again in Lincolnshire) most frequently, whilst more respondents from Wigsley used Collingham.

For the Post Office, overall Saxilby was used the most, but slightly more Harby residents used the Harby Post Office than the Saxilby Post Office.

Table: Where respondents travel to access amenities (% respondents)						
Amenity	Lincoln N.Hykeham	Newark	Saxilby	Collingham	Harby	Other
Bank/building society	76	13	1	0	1	9
Main food shopping	80	7	2	0	0	11
Chemist	27	4	50	16	0	4
Dentist	49	14	1	24	0	13
Retail shopping	84	7	0	0	0	9
Post Office	13	4	47	7	17	14

How this could be achieved...

Issue 21	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Improve transport into Town and City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby bus companies to extend route to include request stop in Brown Wood Lane Consult bus Company on viability of direct service to Lincoln 	SG / Bus companies Bus companies / SG	2 - 5 years

Waste and Recycling

Garden Waste

117n residents were willing to pay for a garden waste collection (63n Harby, 31n Thorney and 23n Wigsley) and a further 72n may subscribe if the service was available in the area



How this could be achieved...

Issue 22	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Develop Garden Waste Collection Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consult Local Authority on the availability of a garden waste collection serviceBe included in SG review meeting	PC / Local Authority / Local Councillors SG	Now
Expand Recycling Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consult Local Authority on why glass cannot be collected in recycling bin	PC	Now





An aerial photograph of a large, light-colored stone church with a very tall, dark grey spire. The church has a complex roof with multiple gables and a central square tower. The surrounding area includes a green lawn, a path, and some residential houses in the background under a blue sky with clouds.

HARBY PLAN

Harby

Harby is a small rural village, which has had a mostly quiet and gentle evolution, situated within Nottinghamshire's borders, but a mere seven miles away from the city of Lincoln.

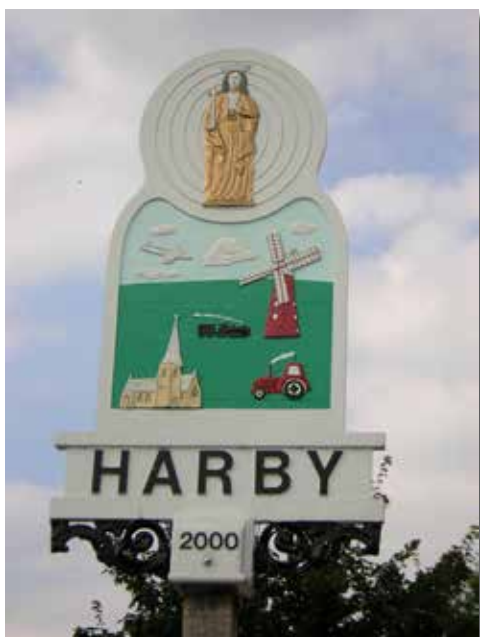
As far as records show, the village began with agricultural small holdings which developed into farming communities together with associated businesses and trades. In the 1800 and 1900's, the village, although almost certainly quite impoverished, was a busy community with trades and employment such as bricklayers, carpenters, a butcher, grocer, several blacksmiths, a shoe and boot makers and a corn mill. The pub was established in 1844 and in the late 1800's, the railway came to Harby.

Moving forward to the present day, Harby still has a strong farming community, with families having a long history within the village and surrounding areas. Local trades and employment have changed somewhat, new businesses such as beauty therapists, chiropractors and IT experts co-exist along side traditional trades such as builders and the pub is still very much in existence. The railway line ceased to operate in the 1980's but is now a much used, traffic free, cycle and foot path – an easy 40 minutes peddling into the city of Lincoln.

Harby even has a historical royal connection, in 1209, Queen Eleanor, wife of King Edward 1, was taken ill and stayed at the Manor House of Richard de Weston in Harby, sadly she passed away at the manor house. Queen Eleanor memorial crosses were erected by the grief stricken King wherever her funeral cortege stopped on the route from Lincoln to London. In the past few years the Harby cycling club have retraced the route, men in lycra on a historical journey!

Today the village enjoys a peaceful setting and can be as quiet or active as villagers want it to be. From the toddlers' group to the bowls club, from the history group to the Monday night bell ringers, add in a pub and school to the mix plus many other village activities and events and you have the perfect recipe for a community.

But, as with any village, at its core are the people who live there, they make Harby what it is and they are, as they have always been, the heartbeat of the village.



Harby residents' priorities for improvement

99 Harby residents responded to the question about the two most important areas which needed improving within their village. The three most frequent responses were:

1. **Highways (63%, 62n):**
Road conditions (including Harby to Eagle), footpath conditions, gritting roads and footpaths, Sustrans, speeding and verge/hedge/tree maintenance, 5 Lane End's junction and HGV restrictions.
2. **Communications (39%, 39n)**
Mobile phone reception, internet speed and reliability (without extra cost)
3. **Amenities (26%, 26n)**
A village shop, pub (village friendly and cheaper), park – more play equipment and nets on goals.

The full list of results is shown below:

Table: Areas that most need improving in the local area	Respondents %
Highways	63
Communications	39
Amenities	26
Transport	13
People in the Community	8
Environment	8
Drainage	6
Access to the Countryside	4
Activities	4
Police	3
Other	8

Other areas suggested for improvement were:

- Transport: A regular bus service including to Lincoln.
- People in the community: Community spirit, involving more people and newcomers.
- Environment: Green waste bin collection, dog barking/fouling, and keeping the village tidy.
- Drainage: Sewers and Wigsley airfield.
- Access to the countryside: Parking for the cycle track and double yellow lines there.
- Activities: More clubs and events including for young people.
- Police: Police awareness and better response to non-emergency concerns.
- Other: More shrubs and plants around village hall, more parking in Darbyshire Close, Jowett's Wood, lost post and parish council information in newsletter.

Highways and Road Safety

Infrastructure

Respondents were asked about the infrastructure in their parish and whether there were any areas they were concerned about. The top three areas of concern for Harby were road condition, speeding vehicles and gritting:

Table: Highways matters in Harby which are a concern...		Respondents % strongly/agree
1	Condition of roads	72%
2	Speeding vehicles	69%
3	Gritting	67%
4	Location of parked cars	58%
5	Condition of footpaths	52%
6	Flooding	38%
7	HGVs on roads	35%
8	Street lighting	27%
9	Access to cycle track	19%
10	Farm vehicles	17%

Respondents provided further details about the areas of concern which are outlined below:

Condition of roads: Refer to issue 4.

- Low Street (near village hall), Cross Lane, Church Road (including towards Swinethorpe over the bridge), between Wigsley and Thorney, Station Road (including from B1190 turn off), Wigsley aerodrome, Church Road/High Street junction and High Street.
- Request for a mirror on Station Road / High Street junction.
- Loose manholes/grates which rattle.

Footpaths: Refer to issue 4.

- Worn or uneven paths on Station Road / High Street corner, Church Road, High Street, Wigsley Road, Low Street (outside Fralea). Siding up work needed and footpaths across fields being ploughed up.

Speeding vehicles: Refer to issue 5.

- Station Road past school (including since speed signs installed).
- North Harby to B1190 including on 5 Lane Ends junction.
- Wigsley Road coming in and out of the village.
- Some farm vehicles including those coming out of Clay Lane.
- High Street including vehicles coming out of the pub.

Gritting: Refer to issue 6.

- Respondents felt the village should be gritted, particularly the bridge, on corners and to the B1190 and Wigsley. Suggestion to grit footpaths particularly on Millfield Close.

Parked Cars: Refer to issue 7.

- This was a particular concern to residents, especially Station Road (39n) by bottom of the bridge, and by school. Suggested double yellow lines or car park.
- Wigsley Road parking on the road reducing visibility and blocking drive access.
- Low street opposite village hall near the corner.
- Church Road when services are on.
- Cross Lane.

Flooding: Refer to issue 45

- Wigsley Aerodrome, Cross Lane and Church Road flooding.

HGVs:

- HGVs using Harby as a cut through, request for weight restriction?

Street lighting:

- More needed on Church Road, Station Road and High Street.

Access to cycle track: Refer to issue 8.

- Improve access point at the Wigsley/Thorney bridge

Farm vehicles

- Speeding and leaving mud and ruts on the road.



Other

- Wigsley Road bus stop an eye sore and cut Wigsley Road allotment hedges.

Advisory Speed Limits

There was strong support for introducing a 20mph advisory speed limit by the school, with nearly three quarters of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing (74%, 118n).

Use of Rural Footpaths and Cycle Track

Over half of respondents (56%, 90n) had used the footpaths over the fields in the last year and nearly three quarters of respondents (74%, 120n) had used the cycle track.

All of these issues have been addressed in the three village section.



Communication

Trio Newsletter

The newsletter was very well received. Nearly all of the respondents (97%, 158n) read all or some of the newsletter, with only 5n respondents not reading it at all

Samples of residents' comments....

- Newsletter is excellent and since I work in Lincoln full time – it is my only contact in terms of what is happening

Suggestions for further development....

- Have more articles, less advertising
- Include a 'for sale' section, poems, gardening tips, basic health advice, bus timetable and a children's section

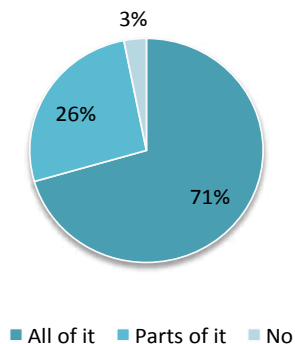


Figure: Do you read the Trio newsletter (114n respondents)



How this could be achieved...

Issue 23	Action	Who can help	Timescale
To feedback additional items suggested for Trio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange a meeting with Editor of Trio newsletter to discuss issues raised in the questionnaires 	Editor of Trio / one representative from each WP	Within 1 year

Amenities and Services

Village Hall

In the last year 103n (64%) respondents had attended a function/activity in the village hall, compared to 57n (36%), who had not.

Respondents were satisfied with the facilities at the village hall with less than half (46%, 60n) wanting the further development. Some suggestions were made for improvement these were:

- Village shop (e.g. shop/newsagents/Londis/farm shop) with banking, a Post Office and cards, (10n)
- Wi-Fi (computer / internet access for those who need it)
- Toilet facilities, baby change in toilet.
- Upgrade facilities.
- Combine the village hall and pavilion, selling the hall site for housing and paying for super facility on the playing Field.
- Social/community events - Harby Ball, pie and pea, classes/activities, U3A, beetle drive, bingo bowls, summer rambles, Kurling, football, badminton, gardening club, dance/exercise, computer cookery and mobile cinema.

Samples of residents' comments...

- *Harby, Thorney and Wigsley residents coming together a couple times a year in the village hall for a social evening and a drink, nibbles, getting to know each other and a good dance*



How this could be achieved...

Issue 24	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Suggestions for improvements for the Village Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet with the Village Hall Committee and feedback survey results	SG / Village Hall Committee	Within 1 year

Playing Field Facilities

108n (69%) respondents had attended a function/activity at the playing field over the same period, compared to 49n (31%) who had not.

Respondents were satisfied with the facilities at the playing field with less than half (46%, 57n) wanting further development. Some suggestions were made for improvement these were:

- More sports matches, including for children: cricket/tennis/football.
- Skate/BMX park.
- Football nets and 5-a-side goals.
- More play equipment for all ages – big slide, rope swing or zip wire, like Swinderby
- Outdoor gym or in changing room.
- Events – BBQs, annual Village Fete/garden party, plant swapping.
- Other: bins emptied regularly, access to toilet at all times, car parking outside gate and more small caravan rallies.

Samples of residents' comments...

- *A skate / BMX / scooters / inlines park to get children there instead of watching TV.*
- *Graffiti wall on back of ramp, that can be painted over once a year so there is no vandalism*

New Path

Just over half of respondents (55%, 78n) supported the idea of installing a path on the playing field to the play equipment and pavilion to improve accessibility.



How this could be achieved...

Issue 25	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Suggestions for improving the Playing Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet with the Playing field Committee and feedback survey results	SG / Playing Field Committee	Within 1 year

Awareness of Activities

Overall there were good levels of awareness for activities which are run in the village. Over nine in ten respondents (94%) were aware of the bowls club and bell ringing. Other activities would benefit from further promotion, such as yoga and the toddler group in the school:

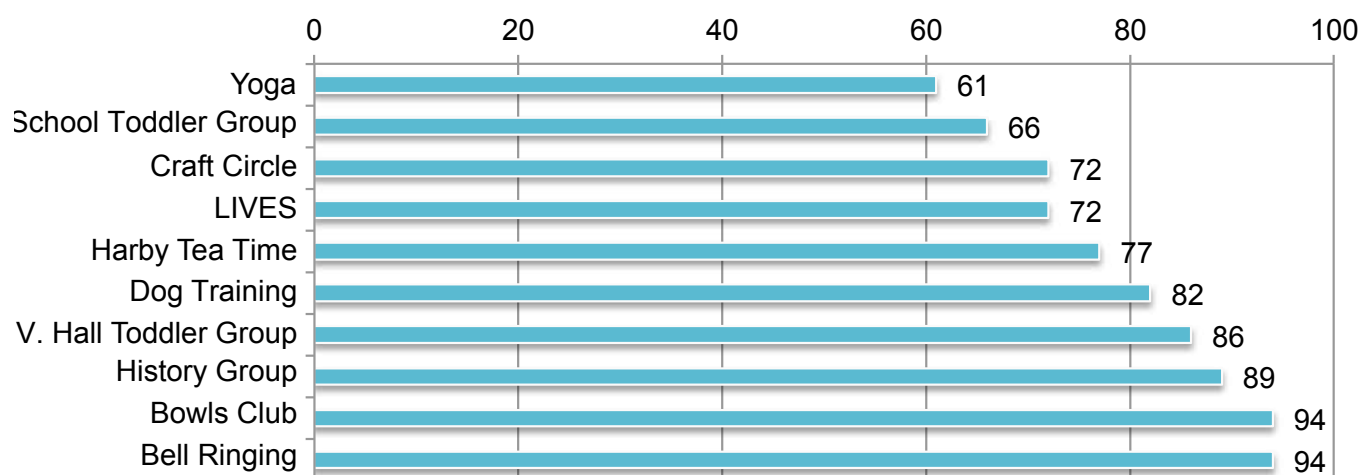


Fig: Aware of clubs in Harby (% of respondents)



New Activities

Respondents were keen for further activities to be developed in the village. The most popular choices were health related, with less active pursuits being less popular. The top four activities were 1. Exercise Classes, 2. Weight Watchers / Slimming World, 3. Dance and 4. Indoor Kurling.

Six respondents made other suggestions: Sport and exercise: Running, Cycling, Circuit training/boot camp, football; Pub activities: Darts, cribbage; and other: Men in Sheds, U3A, W.I., creative writing / poetry appreciation.



Fig: Would attend the activity if it started...	Yes (n)	Maybe (n)	Total (n)
Exercise Classes	41	33	74
Weightwatchers/Slimming World	26	17	43
Dance	24	33	57
Indoor Kurling	19	34	53
Art and Craft Teaching	17	28	45
U3A	16	19	35
Gardening Club	16	35	51
WI / Ladies Club	15	23	38
Chess/ Backgammon	13	7	20
Bridge/Whist	12	15	27
Reading Group	12	24	36
Choir Singing	11	18	29

Samples of residents' comments...

- Sports facilities are good but underused. Volunteer professional sports officers / local authority advice needed
- Gardening Club? Bit like the history group with guest speakers – day visits to garden and garden shows? Maybe once a month or every two months

How this could be achieved...

Issue 26	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Investigate the support/need for additional adult groups or activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research the availability of providers of the leading three requests for adult classes highlighted in the surveys 	SG	Within 2 years
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If above are successful the SG to monitor developments every six months 	SG	

Recent facility to note: Refer to issue 20

A defibrillator has been purchased and placed on the wall of the Village Hall, near the Post Box.

Awareness

Residents were also asked whether they knew about the services that delivered/visited the village. High levels of awareness were recorded for the fish and chip van (95%, 153n) and Woodside butchers (93%, 150n).

Further promotion of Curtis' Bakery Van and the availability of newspaper delivery would be beneficial, and the visiting hours of the library and Post Office could be promoted.

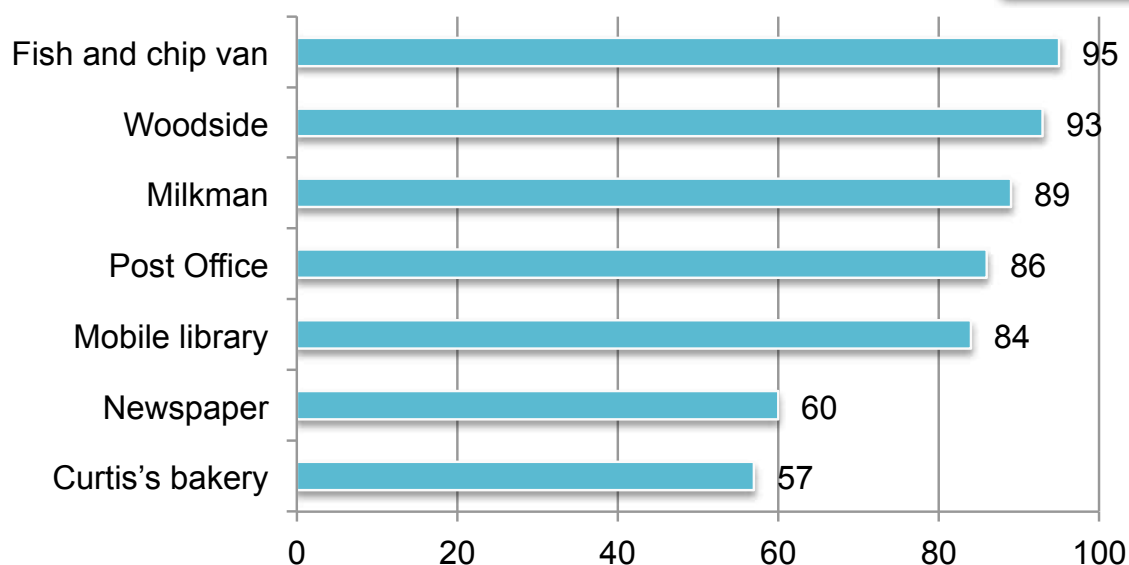


Fig: Aware of services that visit/deliver in Harby (% respondents)



How this could be achieved...

Issue 27	Action	Who can help	Timescale
To improve promotion of activities and services now taking place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use current Trio newsletter to promote a higher level of awareness of activities and services Advertise, in Trio, the Harby Village website where notices can be posted 	<p>HWP / Editor of Trio</p> <p>HWP / Coordinator of website</p>	Within 1 year

How this could be achieved...

Issue 28	Action	Who can help	Timescale
To identify volunteers interested in new services and amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify what needs to be in place to set up a community shop Raise awareness of current mobile services that visit Harby Hold an open meeting with volunteers to investigate the possible establishing of a community shop 	SG SG SG / Vol	Now 1 to 2 years 1 to 2 years



Self Help Groups

Respondents were asked if there were any self-help groups they would like to see in the village. Suggestions included a carers' group, sports activities in school hall e.g. badminton, short tennis, 5-a-side, table tennis, adult education - computer skills, reading/writing classes and arts/drama/music group e.g. Folk Club/folk singing group. Another suggestion was for a village alert system.

How this could be achieved...

Issue 29	Action	Who can help	Timescale
To make people aware of incidents in the village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have further discussions about possible formation / introduction of village alert system 	SG	Within one year

Harby Action Group

53n respondents would like to be part of a Harby group that would occasionally help out around the village, with a further 51n respondents being unsure. The remaining third of respondents did not wish to be involved in the group.

Small Business Support Group

15n respondents were interested in setting up a small business support group for those who were self-employed.

County we live in

There was not a clear view as to whether Harby should move into Lincolnshire if the opportunity arose, with 39% (63n) agreeing, 33% (53n) disagreeing and 29% (47n) being undecided. If this opportunity arose in the future, further more informed and detailed consultation would need to take place.





THORNEY PLAN

Thorney

Thorney is an ancient village, with a history stretching back to Saxon times and beyond. Several properties retain these historic links and add character to the village environment.

Situated to the north of Newark, and only a few miles from the River Trent, it is largely an agricultural area, with several leisure and land based businesses flourishing alongside more traditional farming.

This is a very friendly village, with much care taken of neighbours and close residents when needed. There is always a good response to the various village jobs requiring volunteers, and this willing assistance helps maintain the pleasant country charm of much of the area.

Although called a village, it could better be described as a hamlet (of c.110 dwellings) since it can only boast a village church as a community building. There is no pub, no shop, no longer a village hall (which was originally the village school) and no longer a post office.

The neo-Norman church, which is a listed building and stands on the site of the original Saxon church, is seen as a suitable building to consider as a potential community meeting-place for a variety of events. However, this would need to be done sympathetically, in order to retain it's historic significance.

From the evidence of the questionnaire, it is apparent that there is a wide spread of ages over the whole of the village, with a significant proportion over retirement age. However, all age groups have expressed needs and desires for the village. Almost all of them were wanting better internet and mobile phone connections, as they consider this plays a significant role in everybody's daily life. The younger age group expressed the need for updated, or provision of, facilities for themselves within the village environment.

Young and old expressed their pleasure at living in a quiet, pleasant rural setting, with no wish to change this aspect of village life, although there were some alterations and additions they would like.

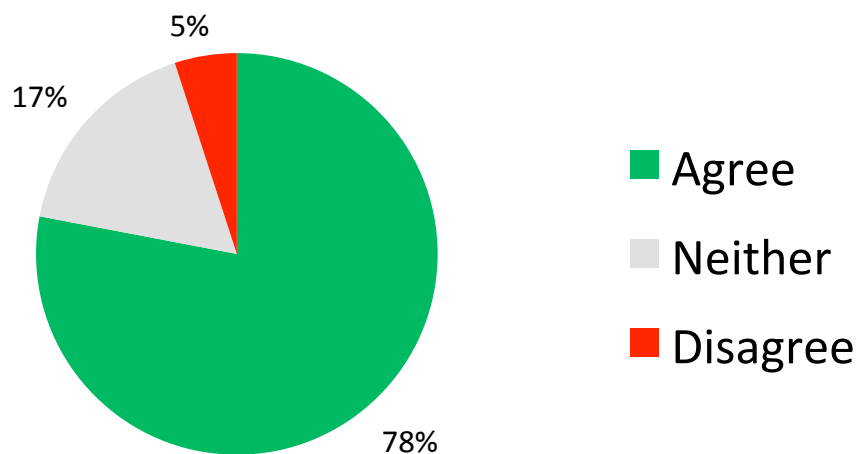


Village Facilities & Services

A Meeting Place

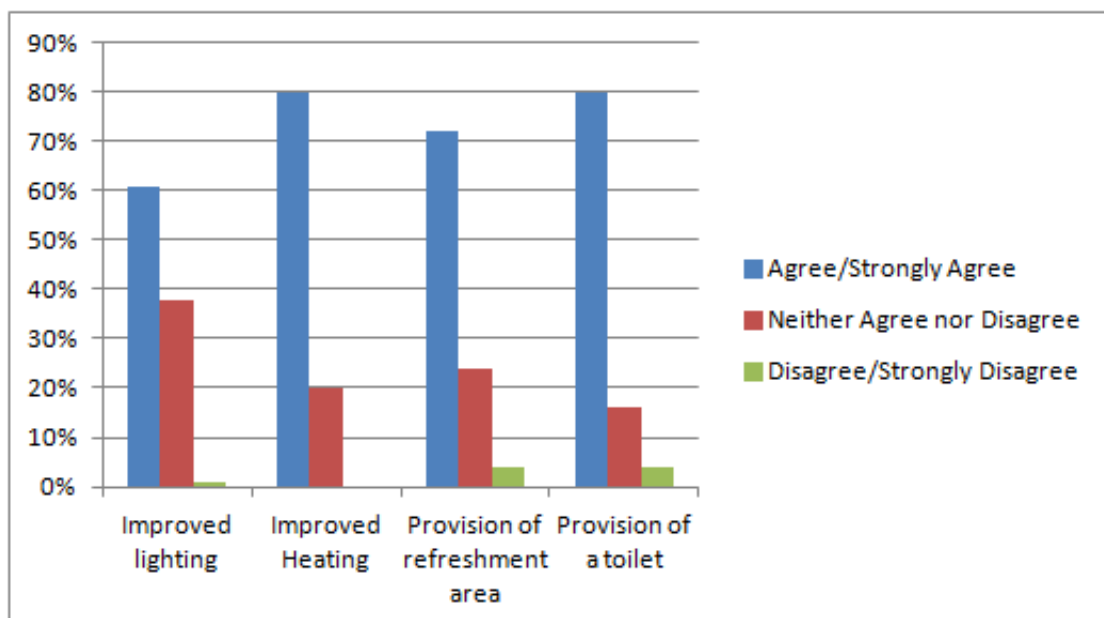
The survey showed strong support for a meeting place with just over three quarters of Thorney residents supporting the use of St Helens Church for social functions and meetings. Respondents who were opposed to developing St Helens questioned its suitability and asked whether building something else would be more viable. Concerns were for inadequate heating, lack of useable space and general lack of comfort.

Church as a meeting place



St Helen's Church

There was also strong support for maintaining the fabric of this historically significant building. A majority of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed to making improvements to the functionality of the building, including: improved lighting, improved heating, provision of a refreshment area and the provision of a toilet. Also respondents were asked to comment on integrating WiFi in the church. However there was no strong support for this idea.



Samples of residents' comments...

A Meeting Place

- Consider all options for a village meeting place before spoiling the church.

St Helens Church

- The more comfortable it is the better it will be used
- Definitely needs a wc and running water in the church if it is to be used continually for events
- Toilet inside or outside?
- Build a meeting room at the back of the church
- Remove lots of pews to make space for tables – Yes!!
- Now or later, never do anything to spoil the architectural importance of the building

How this could be achieved...

Issue 30	Actions	Who can help	Timescale
To consider facilities for a range of community activities for the village whether within or separate from the church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate all feasible solutions to accommodate community activity and function • Present costed solutions • Select the most effective and sympathetic plan • Fund • Carry out changes 	TWG	1-2 years
		TWG	1-2 years
		Wide consultation, PCC, PC, DC, Community	1-2 years
		TWG	2-5 years 6-10 years



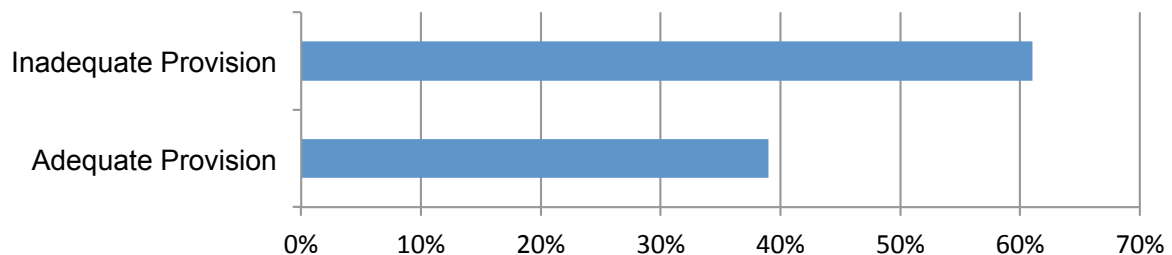
Issue 31 Functionality of St. Helens Church	Actions	Who can help	Timescale
Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate all possible lighting options. Select the most appropriate lighting solution Explore Funding opportunities Install new lighting 	PCC, Electrician, Architect, DAC PCC PCC PCC	Now
Heating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate all possible heating options Select the most appropriate heating solution Explore Funding opportunities Install new heating 	PCC, Electrician, Heating engineer, DAC, Architect, PCC PCC PCC	1 - 2 years 1 - 2 years 2 - 5 years 2 - 5 years
Refreshment area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate all possible positions for a refreshment area Seek appropriate designs for a refreshment area Select preferred costed design Approach possible funding providers Install refreshment area 	PCC plus DAC & interested parties PCC plus interested parties Consult widely PCC plus DAC & interested parties	1 - 2 years 2 - 5 years
Toilet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate possible site for a toilet Select location, costed design solutions Acquire funding Install toilet 	PCC plus interested parties Consult widely	1 - 2 years 3 - 5 years



Village Facilities & Services

Play Area

Respondents were asked to consider whether or not the play area had adequate provision for children of all ages. Two thirds felt it did not have adequate provision. Suggestions for improvement focused on having more equipment suitable for a wider range of ages and making the area bigger and suitable for ball games. Other suggestions included: levelling the ground, goalposts and a skate park. Nearly half of respondents didn't want any exercise equipment for adults.



Samples of residents' comments...

- Wheelie bin needed for playground
- Would be appreciated by the local children/teenagers
- When I was a lad we made up our own facilities!
- Not sure that any facilities within a small village would really meet the needs of today's teenagers
- Needs to be bigger – everybody likes to kick a ball around!
- Convert existing play area as a car park for the church & develop a new playing facility
- More play equipment – a bit boring!
- Ask the children – they will have plenty of ideas



How this could be achieved...

Issue 32	Actions	Who can help	Timescale
To create a safe welcoming recreational area fitting the needs of Thorney residents and their guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the possibility of additional land and/or improvement of current facilities • Explore possible costed designs • Apply for funding • Install 	TWP	1 - 2 years 2 - 5 years

Recycling

Over half of respondents (56%, 85n) asked for more provision for recycling in Thorney. Suggestions included recycling facilities for Glass, Clothes and Garden Waste.

Samples of residents' comments...

- *Do Thorney people know that there are recycling facilities at the Bottle & Glass in Harby?*
- *Do we have newspaper recycling?*
- *Current arrangements do not allow for many plastics, tetrapak or glass products*
- *Would be useful to be able to recycle glass with the established council collection*

How this could be achieved...

Issue 33	Actions	Who can help	Timescale
To provide residents with greater opportunities for recycling within the parish	• Approach Newark & Sherwood District Council	PC and District Council	1 - 2 years
	• Investigate the feasibility of introducing waste recycling 'bins' within the parish	TWP	1 - 2 years
	• Raise awareness of existing facilities for recycling	TWP	1 - 2 years



Mobile Shops and Other Services

27% of respondents said they would use a mobile Post Office, whilst 30% did not know and 44% would not use it. When asked if they would use a mobile Grocer 49% said not, 29% didn't know, whilst the remaining 22% would.

Samples of residents' comments...

- *Could we develop a community shop?*
- *Mobile post office/shop - great*

How this could be achieved...

Issue 34	Actions	Who can help	Timescale
Invite and encourage appropriate mobile services in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure parishioners are aware of current services• Approach Post Office, Grocers re: Mobile services	TWP	1 - 2 years 1 - 2 years

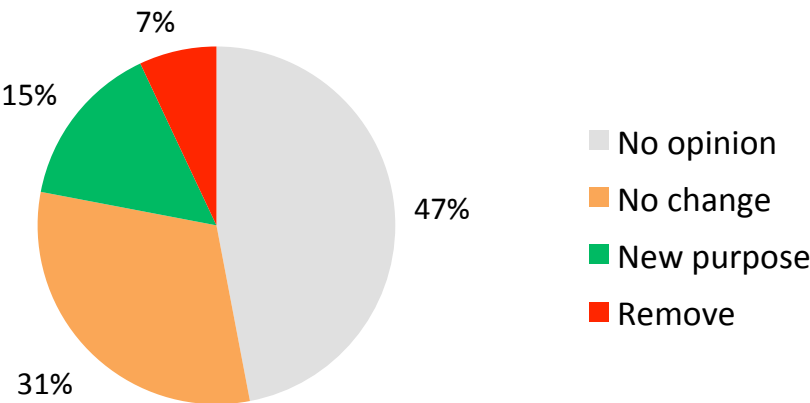


Telephone Box

There was not a clear feeling for the use of the old telephone box with most respondents having no preference. More respondents asked for it to remain as it is either as a shell or to be used for another purpose. Fewer respondents felt it should be removed.

For those who wanted it to be used for another purpose suggestions were: information point, notice area, book swap, first aid purposes (eg defibrillator) and as a floral display.

Telephone box future



Samples of residents' comments...

- Use it as an information kiosk
- Have a defibrillator in it
- Use for village swapshop e.g. books



How this could be achieved...

Issue 35	Actions	Who can help	Timescale
Red Telephone Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider the future use of the telephone box	TWP	1 - 2 years

Voluntary Car Scheme

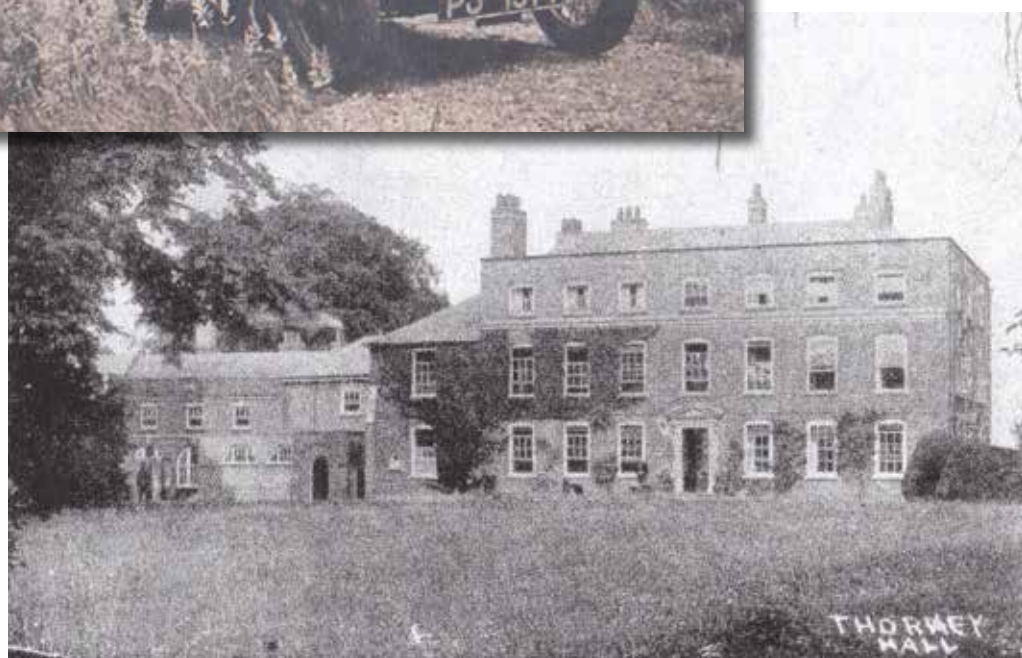
12 respondents were willing to improve and extend the current scheme as either a driver or a fundraiser, with a further 53 'maybe' able to assist. Respondents were also keen to use the service and 11 respondents said they would, with 40 'maybe' wanting to use the service.

Samples of residents' comments...

- *Not aware of this scheme*

How this could be achieved...

Issue 36	Actions	Who can help	Timescale
To maintain and extend the Voluntary Car scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure parishioners are aware of current services• Encourage more people to volunteer their support	TWP	1 - 2 years



Events - Village Activities

Respondents were asked to consider what activities they would be interested in attending if they were available. The top four activities were: live music, history, keep fit and coffee mornings. The full results are as follows:

- 1) Live music nights (59n)
- 2) History (44n)
- 3) Keep fit (39n)
- 4) Coffee Mornings (37n)
- 5) First Aid/First responder training (33n)
- 6) Gardening (33n)
- 7) University of the third age (U3A) (26n)
- 8) Knit and natter (10n)



Samples of residents' comments...

- *Do provide an opportunity for a get together*
- *Are always enjoyed by those who attend*
- *Always need more organisers*
- *A volunteer clear up day!*



How this could be achieved...

Issue 37	Actions	Who can help	Timescale
To increase the involvement and enhance the enjoyment of residents at community events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the formation of a social committee Advertise organised events more efficiently Co-ordinate events with Harby and Wigsley, improving links between villages and taking advantage of existing activities 	TWP Social Committee Social Committee	1 - 2 years Ongoing Ongoing

Security

Policing

Only 8% of respondents were very/satisfied with the police presence within the parish, around 30% were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied. Of the 74n respondents who have required help from the police, there were mixed views on their response times, with the majority of respondents (42%) rating as 'neither good nor poor' and 36% as 'very/good'

Samples of residents' comments...

- *Improve cross county assistance from Lincs police into local Notts villages.*
- *There have been a lot of thefts in sheds in outlying areas.*
- *Very important – not just in village, but in outlying areas.*
- *Never really see a police presence*

How this could be achieved...

Issue 38	Actions	Who can help	Timescale
To improve security within the parish	• Liaise with Notts. and Lincs. Police Forces to discuss ways forward to improve communication between the two	Police Forces TWP	1 - 2 years
	• Set up a Thorney Neighbourhood Watch scheme	Co-ordinator	1 - 2 years
	• Investigate appointment of a special constable for Thorney Parish	Police Force	1 - 2 years



Neighbourhood Watch

There was strong support for a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the community. 75% were in favour.

Samples of residents' comments...

- *Good idea as long as most residents agreed to participate*
- *Yes, asap*
- *More emphasis on the rural area embracing fly tipping & theft on farms/fields*

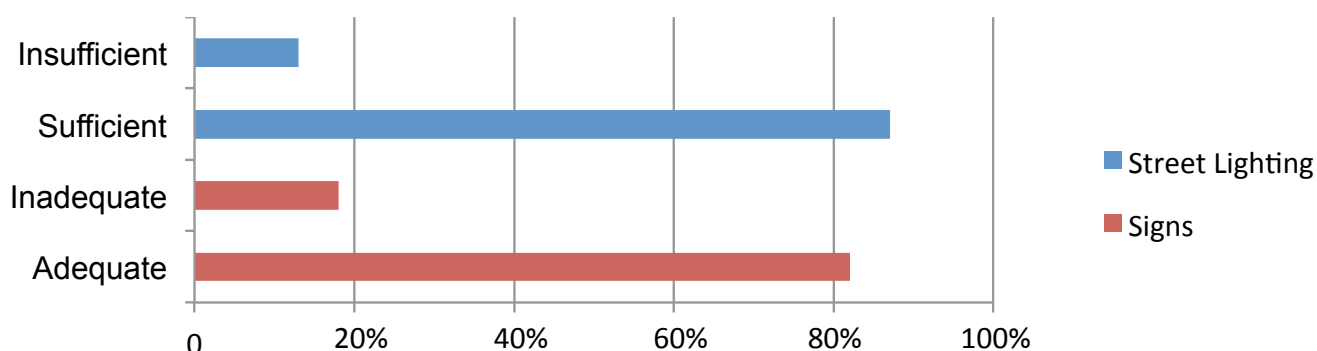
How this could be achieved...

Issue 39	Actions	Who can help	Timescale
To reduce the incidence of crime and anti-social behaviour in the parish by increasing community spirit, co-operation and communication	• Host a meeting for residents interested in the scheme and select at least one co-ordinator	PC TWP	1 - 2 years
	• Contact local Police Staff Liaison Officer/ Police Community Support Officer. Work in partnership with police, Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch and other agencies	Co-ordinator	1 - 2 years
	• Advertise the scheme	Co-ordinator	1 - 2 years
	• Register scheme	Co-ordinator	1 - 2 years



Street Lighting and Signs

Most respondents felt the street lighting was sufficient and that the signs throughout the parish were adequate. However, those who did not feel that the signs were adequate mentioned vegetation obscuring signs, need for improvements to footpath and cycle track signs, replacement of missing signs and their improved maintenance.



Samples of residents' comments...

- Maintain existing lighting
- More street lights please at West Road end
- Improve/update signs in the parish but maintain traditional style
- Maintain footpath signs
- Public footpath between Thorney & Park Farm is overgrown & poorly signposted
- Hazard signs to warn drivers of ridden horses
- I would like to see village boundary signs
- Better designed kissing gates on footpaths



How this could be achieved...

Issue 40	Actions	Who can help	Timescale
To improve lighting and signage within the parish	• Provide/improve directional signs and road information	PC,NCC,LCC	1 - 2 years
	• Provide/improve footpath and cycle track signage	PC,NCC, Sustrans	1 - 2 years
	• Consider additional street lighting	PC,NCC	2 - 5 years
	• Investigate "new" Thorney signs at entrances to the parish and village	PC,NCC	1 - 2 years
	• Investigate the repositioning of speed limiting signs	PC, NCC	1 - 2 years

Communication

Receiving Local Information

Residents were asked to rank their preferred method of receiving information. The results in order of preference were:

1. Newsletter
2. Email
3. Leaflet drop
4. Website
5. Trentside Links Magazine/Trio
6. Notice board
7. Other – 3 respondents suggested word of mouth

Samples of residents' comments...

- *If notice board was by the post box more people would see it*
- *Joint Trio is superb; now we know what events are coming up*
- *Website is best, but leaflets for those who don't have the internet*
- *If we are relying on leaflet/magazine delivery please find additional helpers. Now!*
- *Individuals have to take some responsibility for finding out what is happening*
- *A map of all public footpaths displayed on the notice board*



How this could be achieved...

Issue 41	Actions	Who can help	Timescale
To improve systems of communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the feasibility of obtaining email/social network addresses for residents 	TWP	1 - 2 years
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and improve an up to date village website 	TWP	Ongoing





WIGSLEY PLAN

Wigsley

Wigsley is a village and civil parish located in the Nottinghamshire Sandlands to the east of the River Trent. The village is the smallest of a trio of settlements (along with Thorney and Harby) which together form a small Nottinghamshire enclave which juts out into the neighbouring county of Lincolnshire.

First officially recorded in William the Conqueror's Domesday Book of 1086, the meaning behind the place-name 'Wigsley' suggests that the village's roots go back even further. Derived from the Anglo Saxon personal name of Wicg and the Old English term *lēah*, Wigsley actually means 'the woodland clearing of a man called Wicg'.

Wigsley's more recent history holds points of interest which relate to both of the previous century's world wars. The village had the good fortune not to lose a single man to the otherwise devastating conflict of the First World War and thus holds the distinction of being a Thankful Village, a term first popularised by the writer Arthur Mee in his 1936 guide to England, *Enchanted Land*. The Second World War saw the construction of the RAF Wigsley Aerodrome along with its uniquely designed three-story control tower (a building which just about survives to this day). Used primarily for training heavy bomber air crews, over the course of the war the base was home to various types of bombers, including Hampdens, Manchesters, Stirlings, and the famous Lancasters. Upon the cessation of hostilities, for a short time RAF Wigsley was put to use as a Displaced Persons' Camp housing mainly Eastern European refugees.

Today, Wigsley remains a place of relative peace and quiet. The village does not have its own church, pub, shop or playing field, and with its somewhat linear development, it lacks a natural place where residents can gather easily. Even so, the recent emergence of the Community Led Plan project within the village has seen the coming together of many residents keen to cooperate on the shared endeavour of making where they live a better place. As a result, a renewed sense of community and connection with others does now seem to be growing within the village.



Local Area

Local Area

What do you like most about the local area?

Residents (53n) were asked what two things they liked most about the local area. These responses provide a real sense of what the community is like, with the three most frequent responses being:

1. Peace and quiet (68%, 36n)
2. Rural countryside location (40%, 21n)
3. People in the community (25%, 13n)

The 'Other' responses included: 'relaxed', 'the atmosphere' and 'not over-regulated by councils'.

Table: Two things you most like in the local area	Respondents %
Peace and quiet	68
Rural countryside location	40
People in the community	25
Convenient location	9
Wildlife	8
Clean and well kept	6
Access for cycling, walking and riding	6
Their own house	6
Privacy	6
Safe	4
Small community	4
Pretty	4
Not over developed	2
Other	6



What most needs improving in the local area?

Residents (51n) were asked what two things most needed improving in the local area. The three most frequent responses were:

1. Communications (61%, 31n):
Internet speed, reliability and mobile phone reception
2. Highways (59% 30n):
Road condition, verge cutting, gritting, Thorney bridge, and speeding.
3. Drainage (35%, 18n):
The airfield, Thorney Road, and waste water ditch on Harby Road. Waste in Thorney Road ditch.

The table below shows the overall results for this topic:

Table: Two things that most need improving in the local area	Respondents %
Communications	61
Highways	59
Drainage	35
Transport	12
Access to the Countryside	8
Parish Representation	6
Amenities	2
People in the Community	2
Environment	2
Other	12

Other areas suggested for improvement were:

- Transport: the bus service having a direct link to Lincoln.
- Access to the countryside: improving the cycle track entrance at Thorney bridge and problems with public rights of way/footpaths near Manor Farm.
- Amenities: Restore the Post Office service at Harby.
- Environment: Deterrents for fly tipping.
- Other: The derelict house, action on unauthorised caravan/mobile developments, and tidying up the airfield.



Highways and Road Safety

What you said...

Infrastructure

Respondents were asked about the infrastructure in their parish and whether there were any areas they were concerned about. The top four areas of concern for Wigsley were:

1. The condition of the roads (79%, 48n)
2. Gritting (76%, 47n)
3. Flooding (69%, 43n)
4. Speeding vehicles (66%, 40n)

The full results are shown below:

Table: Infrastructure areas of concern	Strongly /Agree Respondents %
Condition of roads	79
Gritting	76
Flooding	69
Speeding vehicles	66
HGVs on roads	56
Access to cycle track	49
Farm vehicles	45
Condition of footpaths	40
Street lighting	32
Location of parked cars	19

Respondents provided further details about the areas of concern which are outlined below:

- Roads: Potholes (Thorney Road/ Brown Wood Lane junction, Thorney Road especially on edges), road lines on airfield, overhanging hedges, verges not cut frequently enough and Thorney bridge.
- Gritting: No gritting and requests for grit bins.
- Flooding: On the airfield and Thorney Road.
- Speeding: In village including from Thorney Road, and requests for 30mph limit on Wigsley/Harby Road and earlier on Thorney Road
- HGV's / farm vehicles: Speeding and using mobile phones.
- Cycle track access: Request to hardcore, can be too muddy to use, need to consider people parking if access is improved.
- Footpaths: Overgrown, and fallen down trees, request for proper footpath in Wigsley.
- Street lighting: Requests to improve it.
- Parked cars: Residents parking on Mill Lane corner.

Drainage

Just over half of respondents (54%, 34n) agreed or strongly agreed that drainage on Thorney Road was ineffective, with around a third neither agreeing nor disagreeing (35%, 22n) that there was an issue.

HGV access

Overall there was more support (58%, 35n) than not (42%, 25n) for restricting HGVs from passing through the village.

Hedges

60% (38n) of respondents were concerned about hedges growing over footpaths in the parish. Further comments highlighted respondents were concerned with overgrown hedges encroaching onto roads particularly towards Thorney and Saxilby and overgrown grass verges making it unsafe to pull out of junctions.

Grass Verges

Some respondents (42%, 26n) were concerned with the grass verges being damaged by agricultural vehicles and HGVs.

Mud on Road

Only 27% (17n) of respondents felt that mud on the road from agricultural vehicles was a concern, and more so in winter. It was also noted that there was mud around the Post Box.

Footpaths

There were mixed views as to whether there should be a footpath throughout the village with 39% (24n) of respondents strongly/agreeing, and the same percentage neither agreeing nor disagreeing. 16% (10n) strongly/disagreed. Based on these results there is some support for this development, but it is not a priority for most residents.



Samples of residents' comments...

- HGVs / Tractors driving on verges near our home
- Speeding into village near 30mph sign
- We live in a rural environment - we should expect farm traffic!!
- Hedges encroaching on road
- The hedges overlap the roads
- Airfield needs tidying and drainage
- Farm vehicles tend to speed, flooding on airfield concerned we can't get through



How this could be achieved...

Issue 42	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Hedges, Bushes & Trees encroaching on roadway	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrange to have hedges, bushes and trees to be pruned annually	Landowners/PC/DC /NCC	Ongoing

Issue 43	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Speeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate traffic calming measures including relocating speed restriction signs to extend 30mph zone 	SG	1 - 2 years
Speed of tractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with local farms on reducing the speed of agricultural vehicles passing through the village 	SG/PC	1 - 2 years



Issue 44	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Flooding on the road over the airfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby local authority on reducing the flooding on Wigsley old airfield and standing water on the road near to the bend leaving the village 	C/NCC	Ongoing

Issue 45	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Weight of vehicles over the cycle track bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby County Council for a weight restriction 	PC/NCC	1 - 2 years

Communication

What you said...

A Voice for Wigsley

Parishioners were asked to consider their local representation. The majority of respondents wanted to remain with a parish meeting (48%, 28n). However, if you consider over a fifth of respondents 'did not know' (22%, 13n) and the other respondents wanted to form a parish council (16%, 9n) or join a neighbouring parish council (14%, 8n) it would suggest further exploration of the subject is required.

Samples of residents' comments...

- *Join in with a neighbouring Parish Council*
- *Stay as we are with a Parish Meeting*
- *Form a Wigsley Parish Council*
- *A Welcome pack would be very useful*



How this could be achieved...

Issue 46	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Communication within village. Remain as a parish meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish a Parish Meeting with an elected Chairman	PC, NCC, DC, Residents	1 - 2 years
Welcome pack for new residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a welcome pack for new residents	WWP	1 - 2 years

New Groups and Activities

What you said...

14n (23%) residents said they would like to become part of a Wigsley group that would occasionally help out around the village, with a further 22n stating they 'maybe' interested in becoming involved.

Samples of residents' comments...

- The WWP event held in the summer was well attended and it highlighted the community would value and benefit from a meeting place*
- Very impressed that people are working hard to improve things in the local villages*



How this could be achieved...

Issue 47	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Establish a village centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Secure a meeting place within the village for community eventsExplore the options Village green/park	District Councillor Local Councillor NS Residents	1 - 2 years

Road Signs

What you said...

44% (28n) of respondents wanted street name signs for all roads in Wigsley, with a similar amount neither agreeing or disagreeing (43%, 27n) with the proposal. 17% (11n) of residents strongly/disagreed.

Nearly half of respondents (46%, 29n) felt there should be road signs to warn of horse riders in the village, with one respondent commenting "Horse riding signs needed at all parts of the village including Thorney bridge / close to access of the Sustrans route 64." However it was also noted that "one can encounter horse riders anywhere in the local area so a sign in Wigsley could give a false sense of security elsewhere."

Around half of respondents (49%, 30n) also wanted improved warning signs for the junction of North Scarle Road, Thorney Road and Harby Road. A number of comments were made in relation to this matter: a suggestion to install reflective posts at the junction, raising concern that new access points have appeared on this junction (2n), requesting a 30mph speed limit for the whole village including North Scarle Road (3n) and another respondent noted the Eagle cross-roads need improved warning signs as cars sometimes continue without stopping.

Samples of residents' comments...

- *New village sign similar to Besthorpe/Collingham*
- *Road names*
- *A nicer sign for Wigsley*



How this could be achieved

Issue 48	Action	Who can help	Timescale
Improve road name sign plates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate and secure road name sign plates for each road in Wigsley village 	PC/NSDC/DC	1 - 2 years
Village name sign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the possibility of replacing the current village name signs with more decorative ones similar to Besthorpe 	PC/NSDC/DC	2 - 5 years





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