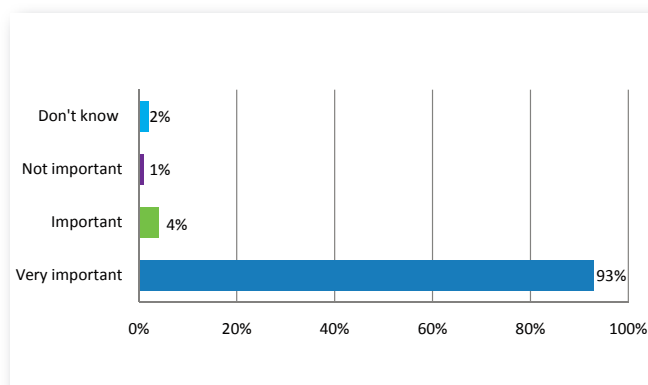


Health and Wellbeing

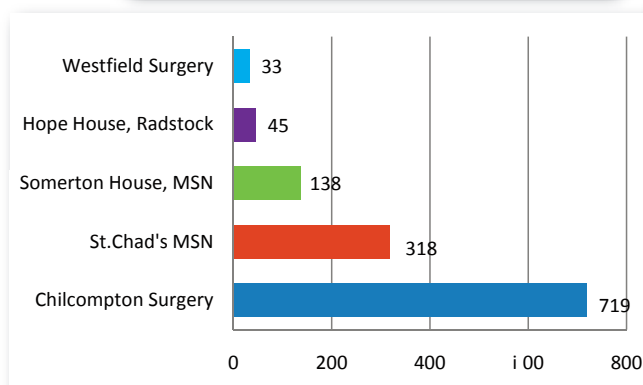
(Questions 16-18)

Responses from the questionnaire show a huge amount of interest in the health provision in Chilcompton, with more than 1200 people responding to which doctors' surgery they use. (Other local GPs were also mentioned, with over 30 people attending Elm Hayes Surgery in Paulton).

It was seen as overwhelmingly important for a surgery to remain in the village.



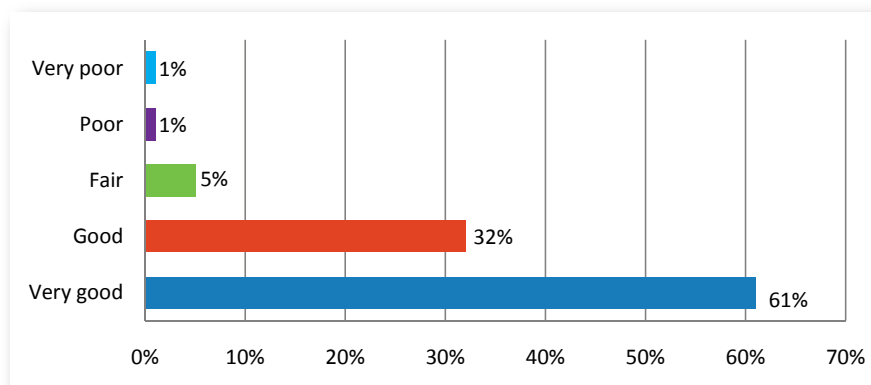
How important is it to maintain a doctor's surgery in Chilcompton?



Which Doctor's surgery do you use?

According to the Practice Management, there are 3000 patients currently registered to the Chilcompton practice (although not all live in Chilcompton). This is a small practice in national terms. Resources are shared with St Chads, allowing a greater choice of services across both practices, and for urgent cases to be quickly seen at St Chads.

Overall, Chilcompton Surgery was seen by respondents in a very positive light:-



How do you rate the service you generally get at Chilcompton Surgery?

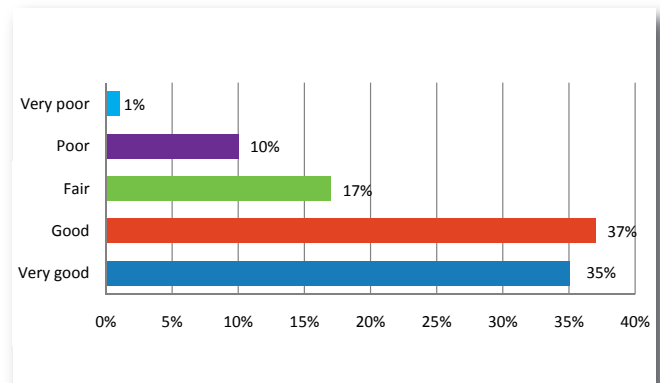
Comments from Questionnaire

- *I think it's a wonderful surgery and hope it will not become over stretched and therefore lose the personal touch*
- *Very good service, always been able to get an appointment, and rarely been kept waiting long*
- *Good to have in the village and MUST remain here - both doctors and dispensing*

The appointment system was a big focus of attention:

There were several comments made about the desire for :-

- *More flexibility with appointments*
- *Increased availability of surgery times*
- *Wishing to only see doctors in Chilcompton*
- *Wishing to see the same doctor at each appointment*
- *Better phone-in appointment system*
- *Better kept appointment times*
- *A day-before appointment system.*

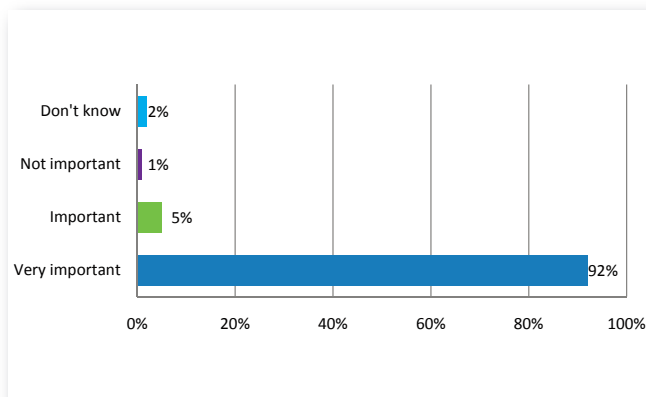


How would you rate the appointment system at Chilcompton Surgery?

Practice Management say that they are already attempting to address all these issues. One third of appointments are same-

day appointments, and every effort is made to accommodate patients in the venue in which they wish to be seen. Anyone not fitted in as a same day appointment, is guaranteed the next day. It is also possible to book an appointment up to 6 weeks in advance. There is now a regular late night surgery in Chilcompton on Thursday evenings, until 7.30pm, and the dispensary is also open during this time.

The dispensary was also seen as a very valuable service:



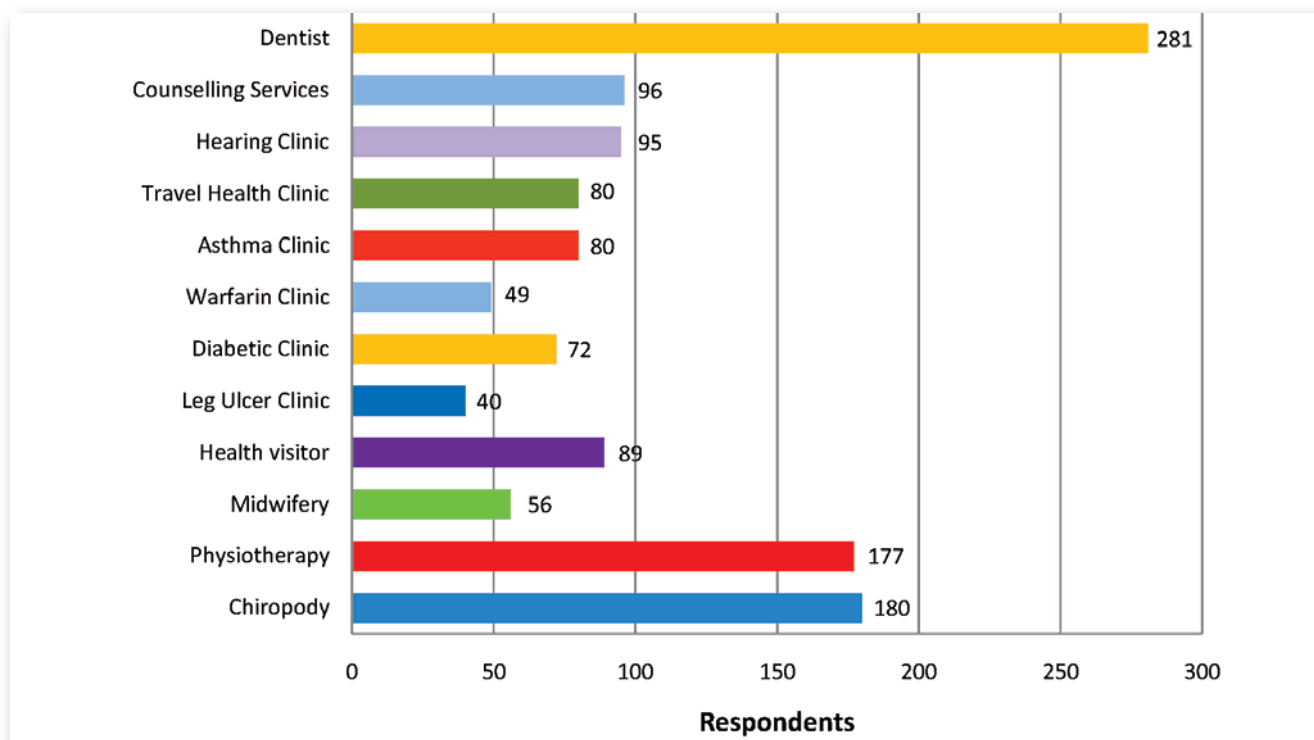
How important is it that Chilcompton Surgery continues to dispense medicines?

94% of respondents thought the dispensing service was good or very good. However, Practice Management stress the importance of continued usage, otherwise the service could be lost

The final question looked at other types of health provision and care that residents would like to see at the Carters Way Surgery.

Suggestions made by respondents included- fitness advisor, well woman clinic, chronic pain clinic, and complementary therapies such as massage and reflexology.

There were over 70 responses to the open questions addressing other suggestions and comments about services that could be provided at Carters Way Surgery, and because of this volume it was decided to consult with the St Chads and Chilcompton Surgery Practice and Dispensary Managers, who were very interested in the comments and suggestions made in the questionnaire. They were keen to impress that the Practice is forward thinking, they constantly review its service, and try very hard to respond to patients' comments and suggestions, but sometimes services are bound by financial restrictions or by commissioning from elsewhere.



What other types of Health Services would you like to see at Chilcompton Surgery?

The management staff are already working on many suggestions, further details are available from the Surgery.

Some services mentioned are already available at Chilcompton, including physiotherapy and diabetic clinic; many services are available to Chilcompton patients at St Chads (due to the size of the building at Chilcompton, and numbers of patients needing each service). The shared nature of the two practices allows Chilcompton patients to have a wider choice and variety of services than would be possible if the small Chilcompton practice stood alone. It is worth noting that some services are not commissioned by the joint surgeries therefore remaining outside the control of the surgery these include: - chiropody, midwifery, anti-natal care and district nurses.

Conclusion

Most respondents rated the standard and quality of health services available as very good, and many had suggestions about other services they would like to see. Practice staff have welcomed these opinions and would like to encourage patients to continue to make suggestions, and provide a suggestions box at Chilcompton Surgery; there are regular patient information leaflets for news of new and different services.

This report was written by Justine North

Religion and Spirituality

(Question 19)

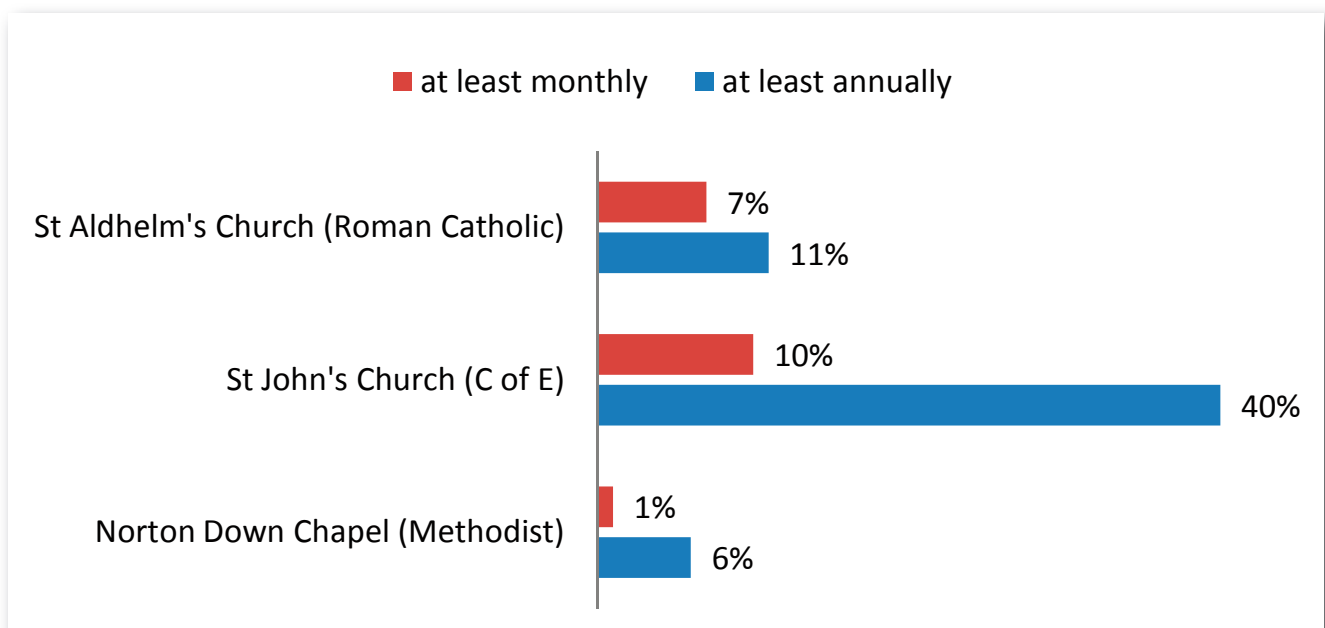
Chilcompton has two churches within the Parish (St Aldhelm's, Roman Catholic and, St John's, Church of England), but for the purposes of the questionnaire Norton Down Methodist Church was also included because of its proximity to the village.

Of those who chose to answer this question (385 people in total), the following said they attend one of the three referenced churches:-



St. John the Baptist Church

Attendance of Local Churches



However, results do not represent the numbers of people that travel into the village to attend these churches. Also, some villagers travel to other churches in the area such as St Vigor's in Stratton-on-the-Fosse (10 people), Downside Abbey (5), churches in Midsomer Norton(18), or Wells Cathedral (4).

Other religious activities cited were membership of a weekly Bible study group, spiritual meditation, parish activities at Downside or St Hughes, Armistice Day and Regimental services, receiving Holy Communion at Greenways as well as other spiritual activities such as participation in Reiki, and belief in Paganism.

There was a wide range of views expressed about what the local churches could do differently, ranging from providing a more traditional approach to services, to making church more informal and lively; demonstrating the diversity of people's views on this subject.

Some other constructive ideas and comments include:

- *'Open air services in the summer'*
- *'Leaders should be seen more around the village'*
- *'Offer Confirmation classes'*
- *'Young people's services/groups'*
- *'Men's group'*
- *'Sunday afternoon services'*
- *'Better facilities for children'*

Conclusion

It would seem that a small but dedicated number of villagers attend local churches on a regular basis: 18 per cent of respondents equating to 119 people on at least a monthly basis, and much larger numbers on an annual basis, presumably to celebrate Christmas, attend weddings or funerals. Two respondents felt that the questionnaire should not ask about matters of faith, however many villagers made comments and suggestions about what they would like to see in their local churches.



St Aldhelm's RC Church



Norton Down Methodist Church

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Environment Report

Built Environment and Transport

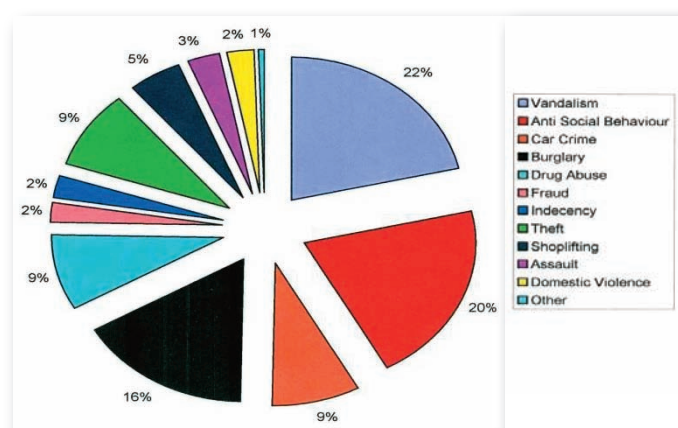
(Questions 20 – 26)

Concerns in Chilcompton Vandalism (22%), Anti-Social Behaviour (21%), and Burglary (16%) were the main concerns cited; car crime (9%), drug abuse (9%), and theft (9%) were also widely mentioned. Of lesser concern were indecency, assault and fraud. Many people also mentioned dog fouling, speeding, litter and inconsiderate parking (particularly outside the Co-op) as additional concerns.

The overwhelming majority of people (86%) had no reason to call the police in the last year, of those that did (71%) were happy with the response that they got.

21% of respondents were aware of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in their street; an overwhelming 75% said they would join if they could. 14% would be prepared to take on a leading role. Over half (56%) were against more CCTV. However 51% would like to see more policing in the village. Thus the

current intermittent police presence in the village is only considered 'fair to very poor' by 59% of villagers. However in the general absence of crimes, 59% could not rate the police response. Of those that had used the emergency services, 61% considered the ambulance service very good to fair, with 38% unable to decide. The fire service was 25% very good to fair, with 74% undecided, and the police service was 34% very good to fair, with 53% undecided.



Concerns in Chilcompton

Use of Public Transport

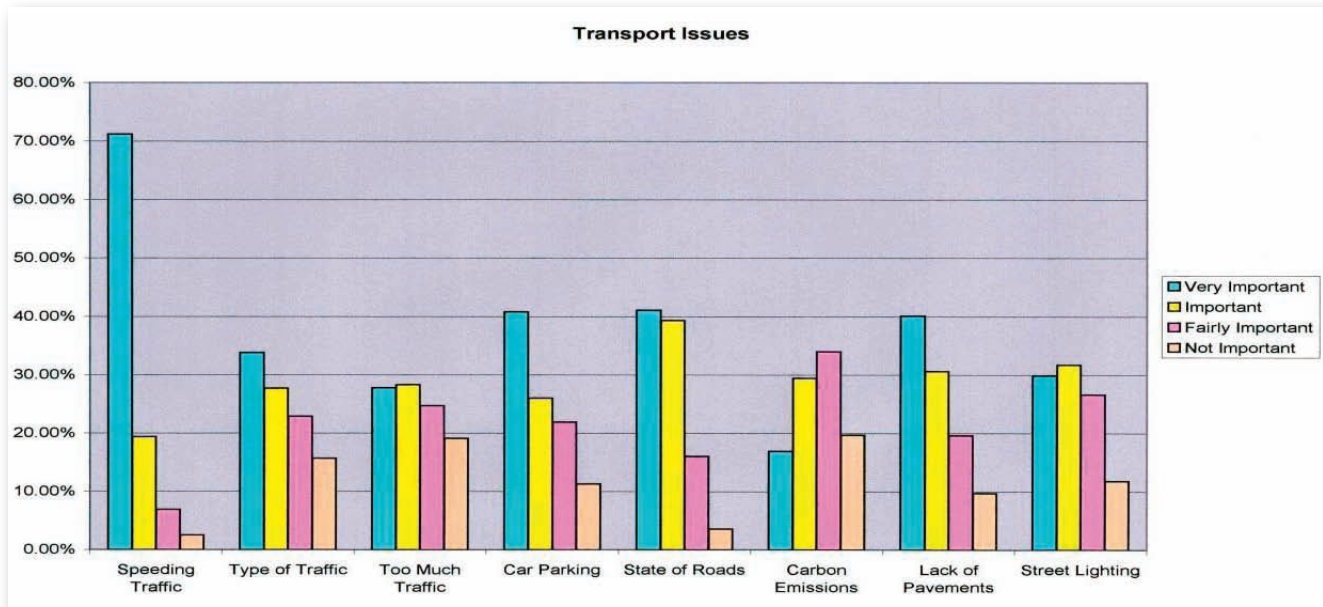
Sixty five per cent of villagers recorded that they rarely, if ever, use the local park + ride schemes in Bath or Bristol; and a colossal 95% have never used the free supermarket buses. Likewise 98% never used Mendip Community Transport, and only 0.4% (3 people) had ever used the dial-a-car service. 48% of people have never used the local bus services, citing cost and inconvenience among the reasons. Probably because Chilcompton no longer has a railway station, 48% of villagers had never taken the train.

Transport Use

	Bath/ Bristol Park & Ride	Supermarket Free bus	Mendip Community Transport	Dial-a-Car	Regular Bus Service	Train
Daily	1.1 %	0.1%	0%	1%	3.9%	0.6%
Weekly	6%	1.1%	0.1%	0%	9.5%	1.4%
Monthly	27.6%	0.4%	0.4%	0%	8.4%	6.5%
Seldom	42.1%	2.6%	1.4%	0.3%	30.5%	44.2%
Never	23.2%	95.8%	98.1%	99.6%	47.6%	47.5%

Transport Issues

Speeding was identified as the most important issue in the village (91%). Other causes of concern were: - state of the roads (80%), lack of pavements (71%), and car parking (66%). Issues such as street lighting (62%), and type of traffic (60%) were also highlighted. Specific comments were made concerning the presence of Heavy Goods Vehicles in the lanes, the lack of 20 mph zones, and the return of village speed cameras.

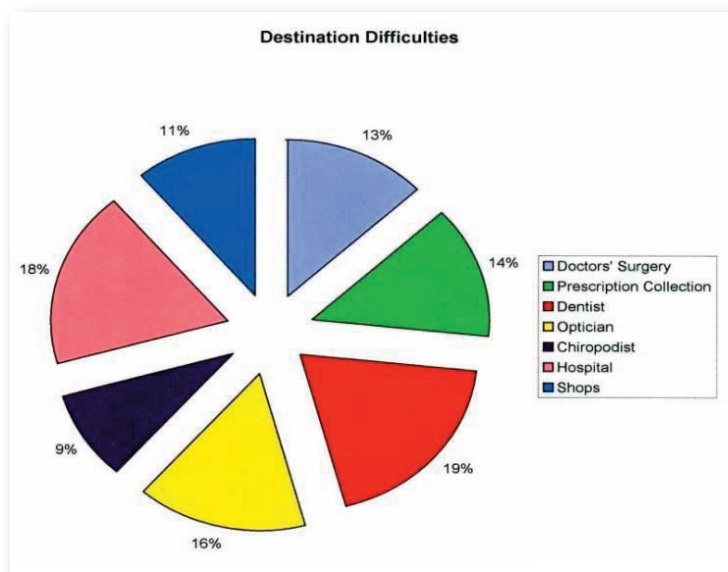


Travelling Difficulties

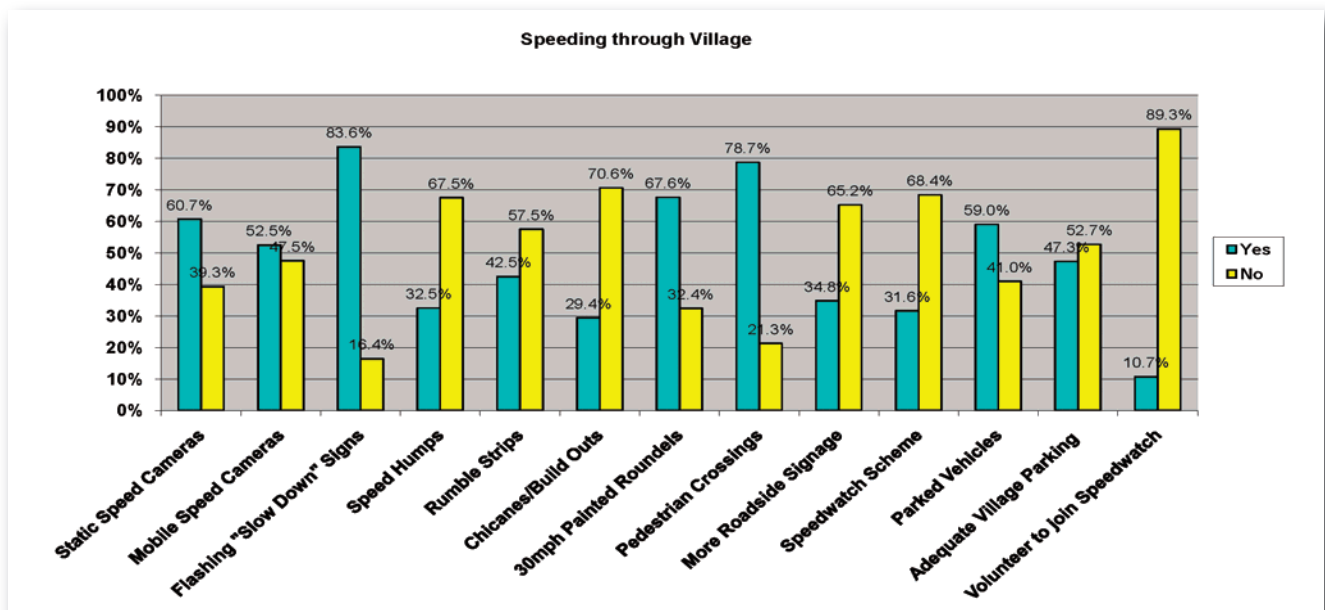
The amenities/services available, which people had the most difficulty getting to, were the dentist (19%), the hospital (18%), and the optician (16%). However it should be noted that none of these services is actually situated in Chilcompton. The main reasons given were difficulties with car transport, and inconvenient working hours meant difficulties obtaining prescriptions from the surgery. If transport difficulties did arise, 48% relied on close family to help them, however 13% had no-one to help them.

Speeding in the Village

Speeding is a concern in Chilcompton, which people thought could be addressed by Speed Indication Devices/flashing 'Slow Down' signs (84%), Pedestrian Crossings (79%), 30mph roundels on the carriageway (68%), static speed cameras (61%) and mobile speed cameras (53%). Parked vehicles were also raised as a concern (59%). Surprisingly 89% were against volunteering for a speed-watch scheme. Parking problems in the village could be alleviated by having more yellow lines, no parking on the main road, free parking at the village hall, and a bigger

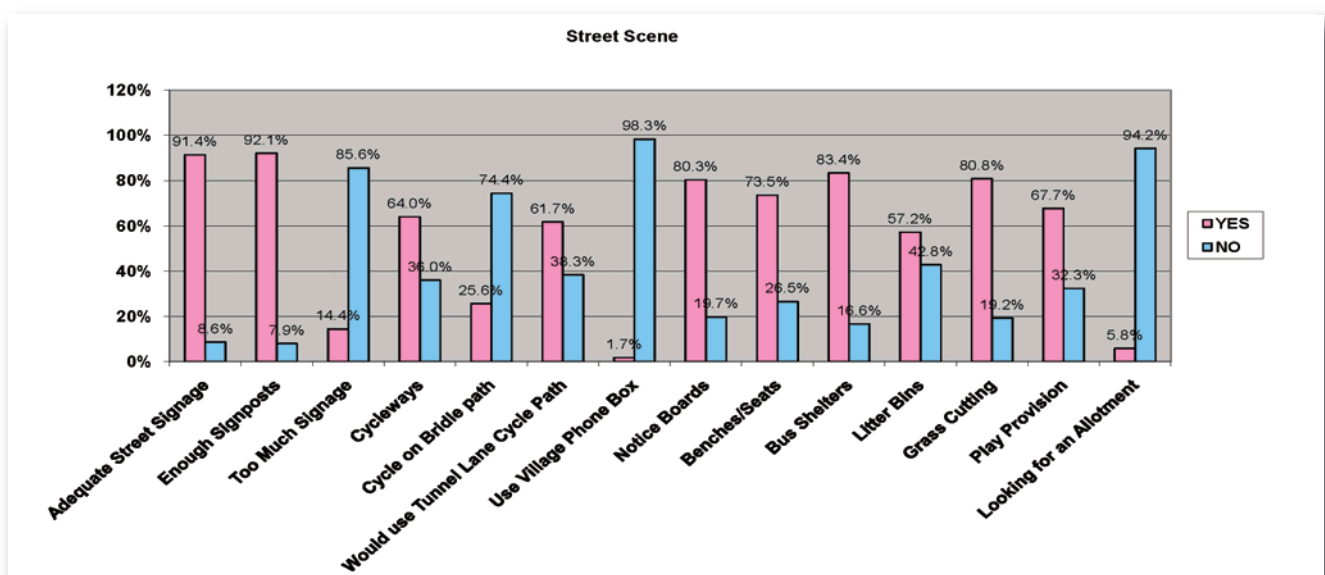


Co-op car park. It was also suggested there should be pedestrian crossings by the school and by the Co-op. To reduce congestion in the village, 81% said they would walk, and 40% said they would cycle. Equally 40% said they would car share if convenient. However some would not cycle because of a lack of cycle paths, and infirmity also meant that some people had to use a car.



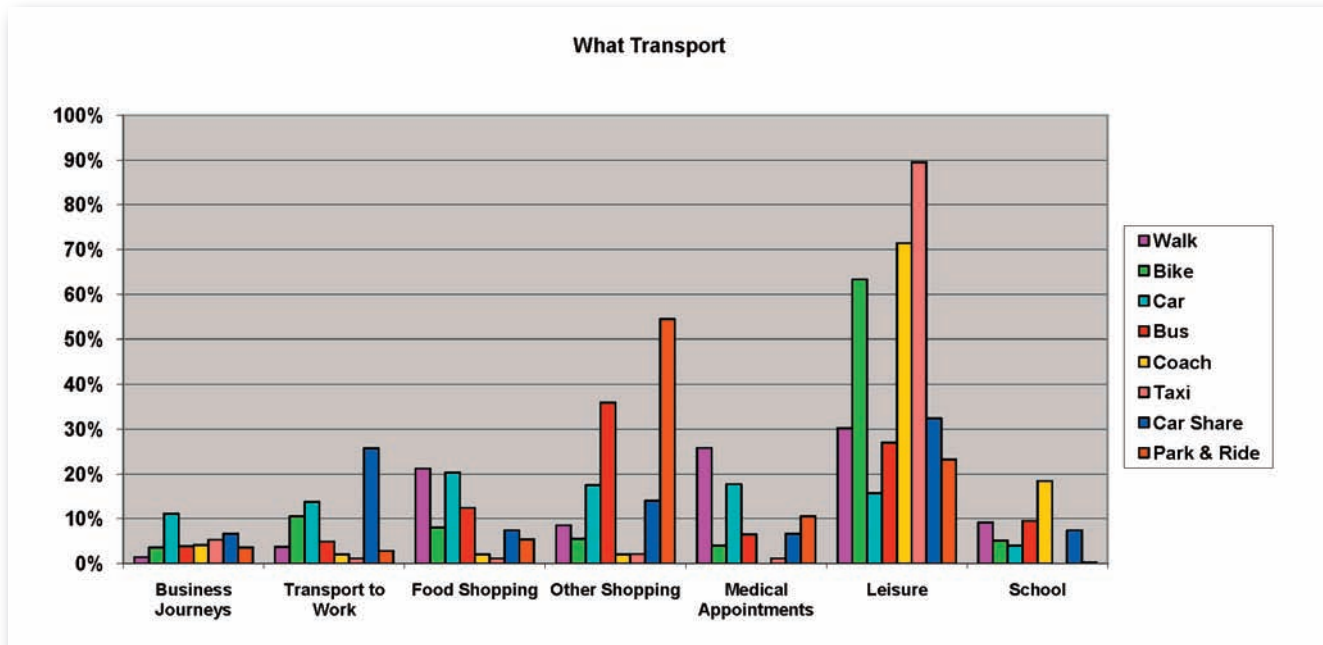
Street Scene

Ninety two per cent say there are enough signposts in Chilcompton which adequately display directions. 64% think there should be cycle-paths in Chilcompton, and 62% would use a cycle-path from Tunnel Lane to Midsomer Norton. Only 2% have used the village telephone boxes. The majority of people are happy with the notice boards (80%), the bus shelters (83%), the litter bins (57%), the grass cutting (81%). The provision of benches (74%), and recreation areas (68%) are also positive. 6% of villagers are currently looking for an allotment. Other things, that the Council could provide, are litter bins in the lay-bys, dedicated dog excrement bins throughout the village, and a village map at the Co-op.



Mode of Transport

Unsurprisingly the main method of transport to work is by car (78%), or car share (6%). The car is most used for food shopping (68%). 21% of villagers do food shopping by foot. 26% of people walk to the surgery, and for general (non-food) shopping, 24% use the park + ride, and 12% use the bus. Leisure tends to be more impromptu – 6% take taxis, 2% take coaches, and 12% use bicycles. Finally 46% use the school coach to Wells, and 12% use the bus. 9% walk to school, and only 3% go by car.



Conclusions

- 1) The main concerns of people in Chilcompton were vandalism, antisocial behaviour, burglary and speeding through the village.
- 2) The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was not widely known.
- 3) Supermarket buses and Mendip Dial-a-Car are rarely used by villagers.
- 4) Main transport issues were speeding and state of the roads, followed by lack of pavements and car parking.
- 5) It would appear that, as would be expected, services situated outside Chilcompton gave the most travelling difficulties.
- 6) Cars are the main mode of transport to work, and also as a means of doing food shopping.

This report was written by David Aldridge

Communication Report

(Question 27)

Publicity

Publicity for events and projects in a village is vital for maximum participation, however current methods for publicising in Chilcompton are not always successful. In the past a Chilcompton Society Directory was given to all households and updated every four years. St. John's Church Welcome Pack was aimed only at newcomers. There was also a village diary mainly to prevent events being planned for the same day, but it only worked if every group registered their events.

Results from the Questionnaire show that the Chilcompton Society Newsletter, published twice a year in Autumn and Spring, followed by word of mouth appear to be the best means of communication. 1040 respondents hear of events by these methods.

The Somerset Guardian and the Midsomer Norton & Radstock Journal were both relied on for information by 911 people. While 375 residents looked at the Co-op notice board, the church magazine helped 283 people plan their social lives. Posters (382 respondents) and Parish Council notice boards (188 respondents) play their part, while 42 people use the village website to check on events. One person used the Mendip Times for diary dates.

Despite the efforts of organisers, information does not always reach every villager. Quite a few people answering the Questionnaire had no or little knowledge of the mobile library and some didn't know what or where the Mill Children's Centre was, although both have been promoted in the Chilcompton Society newsletter and The Mill in the local press.

Conclusion

- While all the above media are useful to relay information, groups and organisations need to consider how they publicise their events.
- Flyers seem to be an effective method to relay information however this is expensive and relies on many volunteers.
- Creating a more informative website for the village may help people keep better informed of upcoming events

This report was written by Marlene Pickford

Natural Environment

(Question 28)

Recycling

Ninety eight per cent of respondents currently recycle household waste using Somerset Waste Partnership's roadside collection scheme. However, 31 per cent would like to see more recycling facilities in the village. Thirty five per cent use the 'brown bin' scheme for garden waste, but many more would do so if it were free. A significant number believe that local shops should stop using plastic carrier bags. Many people commented that *'they use the waste and recycling facility in Midsomer Norton because of cost and distance to other facilities in Coleford, Dulcote or Frome'*



Footpaths

Seventy per cent of people surveyed use local footpaths at least monthly and 82 per cent seldom or never experience difficulty doing so. However, some villagers commented that *'some paths are difficult because of excessive mud, slippery slope, overgrown vegetation, brambles, dog mess and grazing cattle'*. Some sites were reported to be in a poor state, but some remedial work has recently been done. There is support for a footpath map to be made available. None of the village footpaths are readily accessible to disabled people because of gates, gradients and other limiting factors.

The Old Playing Field ('Old Rec')

Regarding how part of this could be better used in the future, 81 per cent of respondents would support an adventure playground. Approximately 65 per cent voted 'yes' to community allotments, garden or orchard. Seventy per cent would like to see some conservation projects, while a picnic area and summer concert venue attracted 86 per cent. A wide range of ideas were put forward ranging from using The Rec. for *'village concerts, fetes, maypole dancing, wassailing and bonfire night celebration.'* However, many people comment that they *'want The Rec. to stay as it is now.'* A need to improve access for the disabled and for small children in pushchairs or buggies was also identified.

Litter

Eighty six per cent would like to see more litter bins and more litter clearing done by the local authority. Particular concerns were expressed regarding litter around the Co-op and on footpaths to and from Downside.

Flooding

Eight per cent of respondents stated that they have been affected by flooding in the village, yet 90 per cent of respondents think that more emphasis should be given to this issue by planners, to ensure that more flooding problems don't occur in the future.

Dog Fouling

Almost all respondents support the provision of dog waste bins and encourage the use of dog waste bags. They also want more prominent signage, local retailers to stock dog waste bags and for there to be more severe fines for offenders. However, seventy five per cent of respondents would not pay more council tax for these services. This issue generated a large number of comments including: *'fewer dogs would help'*, *'educate the owners'* and *'who would empty dog waste bins?'* Many emphasize that there are no dog waste bins at the moment.

Energy

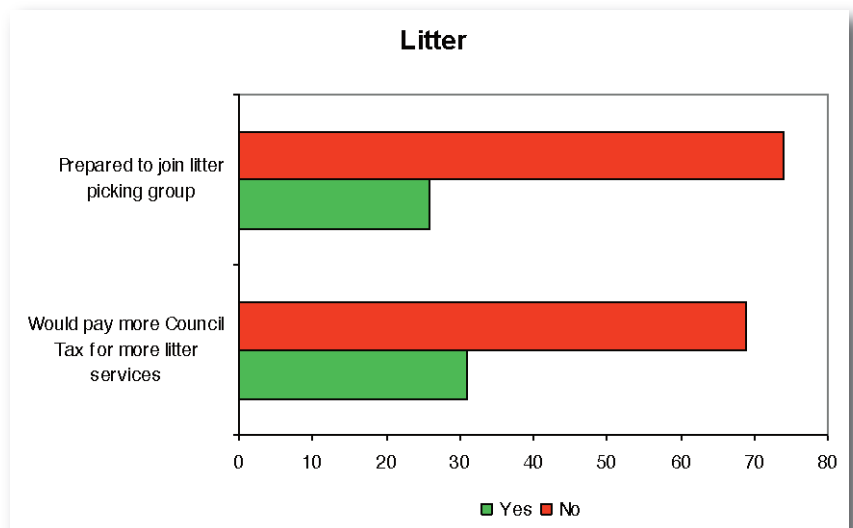
Generating electricity from solar panels is of interest with forty two per cent of respondents saying they have considered it. Seventy nine per cent support the idea of community renewable energy generation. Seventy two per cent think that street lights should be extinguished from midnight to 6 am.

Pollution

Seventy per cent of respondents say they have not experienced noise or light pollution. Road traffic noise was described by 26 per cent as often being a problem.

Trees, Woodland, Open Spaces and Wildlife

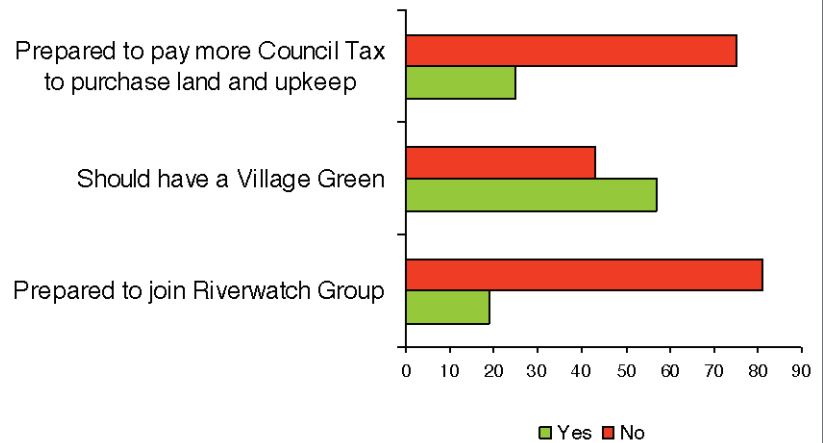
Seventy five per cent want to protect prominent trees with Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) and 85 per cent want to see more trees planted in and around the village. Ninetythree per cent think our open spaces are important while 87 per cent want them preserved from building development. The vast majority want the river managed to prevent flooding whilst preserving its aesthetic value. Respondents were divided 57 per cent for and 43 per cent against the idea of establishing a village green.



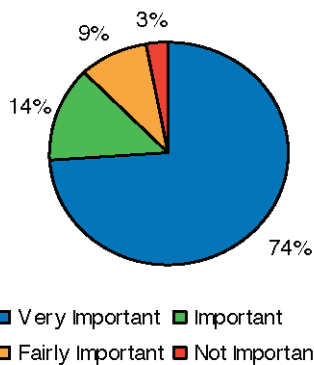
Comments from Questionnaire

- *Noisy motor-bikes*
- *Very noisy radios in passing vehicles*
- *Speeding racers*
- *Off-road motor-bikes*
- *Inconsiderate use of bonfires*

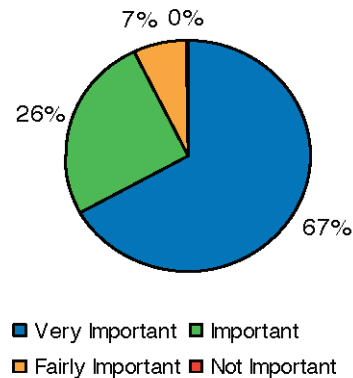
Open Spaces, River, Woodland



Preserving green spaces from Building Development



Managing River to Prevent Flooding and Preserve its Amenity Value



Conclusion

Villagers are actively involved in recycling and are keen to see more facilities being made available. Most of the Footpaths throughout the village are widely and frequently used but some are in need of attention and improvement. Opinions are divided about the Old Recreation Ground but there is support for an adventure playground, community orchard and/or allotments in part of the space.

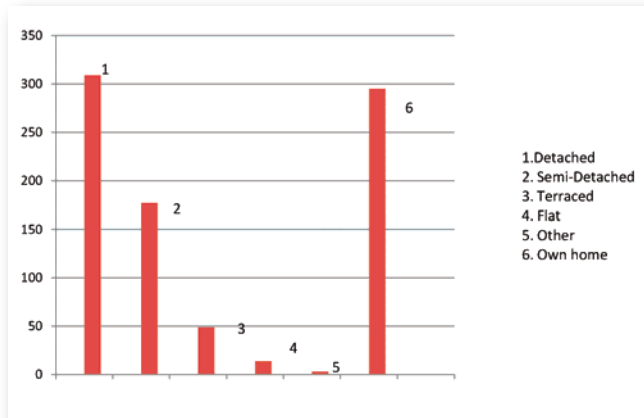
The problems of litter and dog fouling have provoked a great deal of comment and need particular attention. There is support for the provision of dog waste bins. The number of households with solar panels is increasing and many people would support the idea of community renewable energy generation as well as saving energy by switching off street lighting at night. Pollution is not thought to be a major issue. The majority of villagers want to see our natural environment protected especially the trees and open spaces which make our village such an attractive and pleasant place to live in.

This report was written by John Scarterfield

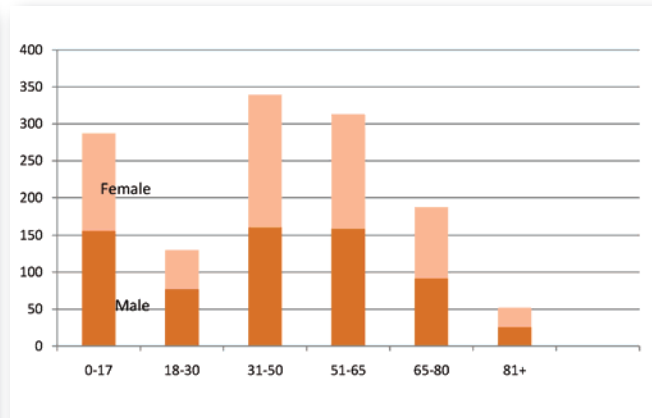
Household Statistics

About You and Your Household

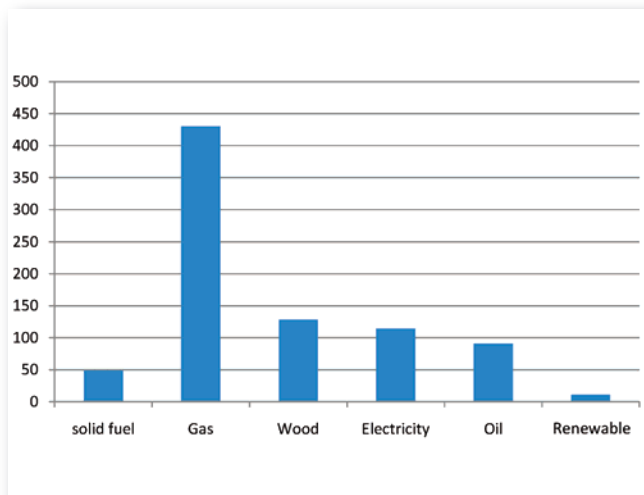
The four bar charts shown below detail information taken from the Questionnaire. It is worth noting that nearly 400 responders have broadband and the comments in other areas of the report regarding the slow speed need to be pursued. 11 respondents stated they have renewable energy.



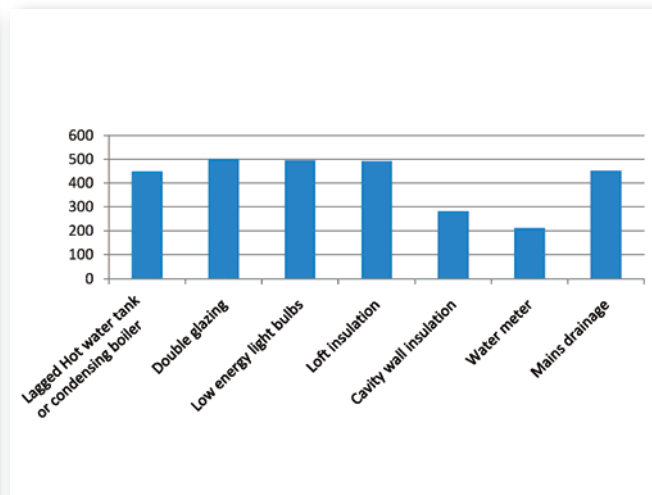
What sort of house do you live in?



*Village population Numbers
Male/Female ages*



How do you heat your home?



Does your home have any of the following?

This report was written by Martin Stanford

Youth Report

Written Conclusions for Chilcompton Surveys



Methodology

The survey was created and written with the group of young people who volunteered to work with Somerset Rural Youth Project (SRYP). The aim was to ensure the survey asked questions which the young people had concerns about, and took into consideration the views of their peers. A total of 42 useable surveys were collected from young people. The surveys which weren't useable were either spoiled (silly answers) or they were incomplete, which for the most part was due to the bus stop sessions being very short. This represents an estimated 11 per cent of young people in Chilcompton.¹

These surveys were collected through a variety of methods. Surveys were collected through the Games evening which was organised and run by the group of young people with whom SRYP worked, funded by Somerset Crimebeat and also through 5 sessions where youth workers at the bus stops approached students waiting for the bus to school. These sessions took place between January and May 2012. Additional surveys were collected through community members passing them on to young people with whom they had personal contact. Although initial attempts were made at approaching the local secondary schools there was no response for us to be able to get surveys completed through the schools. There were only 2 responses to the survey online, despite handing out flyers with the website address and attempting to post the link through the young people's 'support the village plan' using Facebook.

Results

A summary of the results can be found online or are held at the parish council.

About You

Of the surveys which were collected, the largest demographics were of young people aged 11 – 13 years old (50%) and over half (60%) were female. This may well be because of the number of surveys which were gained at the bus stops, and the fact that the younger age group are more enthusiastic about completing surveys. Although the greatest age group to respond was 11 – 13 years, they are the group who are most likely to use and benefit from any changes made to youth provision and play facilities.

About Your Free Time Facilities / Activity Provision

The majority of young people felt that there was a lack of activities and play equipment for children and young people. In the breakdown for the various ages, the only group which the respondents felt had enough activities and facilities were for those aged 0 – 5 years. Given the age of respondents, it is likely that most do not use these facilities, and are typically less likely (though not improbably) to have siblings in this age category.

¹ Based on Population Headcount of 2001 Census, a roughly estimated 388 young people in this age category, and 42 surveys returned completed <http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadTableView>

The views around provision of activities and facilities for other age groups were considered to not be enough. The age group which was most lacking according to responses was activities for those aged 13 – 16 years. This is interesting, as half of the respondents were of a younger age group. This may show concern for those who are younger as to what will be on offer as they grow up and gain more independence within the village. This may also reflect older siblings' opinions. This may also be due to how the ages were broken down, and those aged 11 – 13 years may consider themselves more of the 13 – 16 years cohort, rather than 6 – 12 years. The age group with the second highest consideration of lack of activities was for those aged 17 and above (60%).

When asked what extra equipment and activities they'd like provided there was a high bias towards either more parks, or an improvement to local parks. Of the 23 comments which were made, 10 mention parks. The improvements range from adding equipment, such as swings, to adding a 'lake and lots of fun toys. Swimming pool.' There are 3 mentions of a skate park, and two mentions of swings, one response saying 'swings', and the other requesting 'Fix swings in rec'. This was one of the clearest collective responses from young people throughout the survey.

Future Youth Club

In contrast to the decided views on extra equipment, the responses about a youth club were split evenly three ways, with 33% each saying they would / would not / didn't know about attending a youth club. Although the responses were evenly split, there was a clear consensus for 'Friday' as the favourite evening to hold a youth club, receiving at least 3 times as many votes as any other night. Some respondents circled one night of the week, whereas other voted for multiple evenings. Of those who said they would attend a youth club, (14 young people) 9 said they would like it to be on a Friday evening, 5 voted for alternative weekday nights, and 4 votes for a weekend club. Similar results were seen with young people whose response was they didn't know if they would attend a youth club. Despite respondents giving mixed indications of attending a youth club, young people from Chilcompton have clearly identified Friday as the evening which would gain the largest membership.

Over 50% of young people had ideas about what additional clubs or groups they would like to see in the village. Some ideas were more clearly defined than others.

The greatest single response was 'Don't Know'. The single clearest idea was a Youth Club, with two responses referencing the 'Cave' in Shepton, and a desire for something similar. Other suggestions were centred on more focussed themes or subjects, some of which made reference to sports clubs, including 'adventurous activities'.

Play Equipment / Benches Upgraded

The highest single agreed response from the whole survey from the young people was for the play equipment and benches to be repaired or upgraded. Of the 29 comments which the question generated, 9 mention benches specifically, although no specific location was given from any comment. There are 7 remarks including mention of 'Skate Park', and 8 mentioning play equipment, (swings in particular mentioned twice). There were also suggestions of having play equipment for 'Older' teenagers within the village.

Access to Activities / Facilities

Young people were asked to say what they thought they had access to, both within Chilcompton as well as nearby. Of all of the responses, in Chilcompton it was only agreed by a majority that they had access to 'A place to do sports'. Many said they felt the Rec fulfilled this. Only 26% felt that they had somewhere safe to meet in Chilcompton, as opposed to 62% in a nearby town. The overall responses from the survey suggested a lack of opportunities to access Youth clubs / groups; Places to meet safely; Choice of activities and Disco's and events. In contrast at least 60% felt they had access to these nearby, with the exception of Disco's and events, of which only 40% felt they had access to this in a nearby town / city.

About Your Community

Safety / Road Safety

The majority of young people within Chilcompton feel safe, with 91% at least feeling safe. The biggest community safety issues, which were identified by the Youth steering group and consulted on, centred on road safety, which nationally is the biggest killer of young people aged 10 – 19 years (excepting deaths from illness) . This may be why some of the young people in the village don't feel safe. Of the young people 69% thought a crossing should be in place to cross the road to the skate park and football ground and 64% thought a crossing was needed to cross over to the Village Hall and School. As well as crossings the young people were consulted on pavements; responses were fairly evenly split between Yes, No and Don't Know. Of those who thought extra pavements should be added to the village, there were mentions of Parsonage Lane and references to the 'bottom of the village' which has the highest level of support. One comment said there should be more pavements 'however I don't think any more fields should be harmed / dug up for them', recognising the need for compromise in changes made to the village.

Speeding was highlighted as a problem within the village by 62% of the responses. The suggestions for how speeding should be tackled ranged from the more expected 'Speed Cameras' (mentioned by 11 individuals) to more extreme suggestions, such as 'take their engines out'. There were suggestions around lowering the speed limit as well as 'more signs and markings'.

Of all of the comment boxes it produced the most number of open responses from young people, indicating that it is a subject which lots of young people clearly feel strongly about.

Lighting

There was also a slight leaning towards there not being enough lighting in the village which our experience has shown can contribute greatly to young people feeling safe (backed up by the fact that many groups of young people we work with often congregate around light sources / shops to feel safer).

Bins / Dog Waste Bins

Most young people thought there was either a 'Good' (45%) or 'Poor' (40%) number of bins in the village. Only 14% of responses felt that the number was to the extremes of the scale. As there was no middle ground option it may be that many young people think the number is average, but they didn't have that option.

On the opinion of dog bins, however the young people were clearer on their response, as 64% thought the number of dog bins were either Poor or Very Poor.

Sharing Views

A large majority of young people (79%) said that they did not know how to make their views known in their community. Those who said yes may have been young people involved in the surveying project, and some whose parents have key roles within the community, which has given them personal experience of sharing views.

Of those surveyed, only 29% felt there was something which they wished to say to the Village Plan Committee. The comments made related back mostly to previously covered topics, such as the park, rec and speeding. All of the comments can be found in the results section of this report. 37% of the comments came from young people who did not know how to make their views known within their community. There may be a link between these two statistics, as young people may not have had something they felt passionately enough about to investigate how to share their views. Or young people may not think their views are listened to, and therefore they have not thought about what they'd like to share with the community. Either way, there are a large proportion of young people who do not know how to share their views with the local community.

Young People's Contribution

36% of young people felt they had an idea of how they can contribute to the life of the village / needs of others. One third of those comments were young people who felt they didn't have an answer, but commented to say as much. Suggestions focussed either around negative behaviour which young people could stop (not littering / smoking in public / graffiti) to positive actions which they could take (helping pick up rubbish, helping the elderly, help out with their ideas and being included in village decisions). The positives are definitely something to be picked up on, in particular those which show a willingness of some young people to get involved in their local community decision- making.

The Future

Transport

Access to transport is a regularly recurring theme within the work SRYP does with young people. This, along with 71% of young people wanting access to community transport to go to other places would suggest that transport (and in particular independent transport) is another key issue for young people.

Future Projects

There were a good number of young people who were interested in getting involved in a future project. The most interest was gained by 'Setting up a Film Club' (12 responses) and 'Setting up a Youth Club' (11 responses). Of the two responses, 7 young people voted for both, demonstrating that a youth club with a strong film element to it could be a popular option to explore with local young people. 17 young people gave names and numbers to get involved with various projects. Environment Projects and Community Transport both had 5 interested parties. The most number of projects that people were interested in was three out of the five options. It is encouraging that 45% of young people gave contacts details to get involved in a future project.

Conclusion

A total of 42 completed surveys were returned throughout the process, with 11 – 13 year olds and females being represented best.

Under the heading 'About Your Free Time' the clearest message coming through from those surveyed is about ensuring there are enough parks, and within them upgrading and adding to the play equipment and benches within the village, focussing on facilities which can be used by those aged 13 – 16 years. There are mixed views around a Youth Club, but very clear feedback that Friday is the night which would potentially gain the highest level of membership.

The majority of young people feel safe within their community, however the concern around road safety is clearly an issue which they feel strongly about, with several suggestions about how the speeding can be controlled, and in particular a crossing put in place to cross the road between the skate park and football ground, and by the Village Hall and the School. The issue of bins divided the young people on rubbish bins, but there was a stronger thought that there were not enough Dog waste bins in the village.

There are a large proportion of young people who do not know how to share their views and opinions within their local community. The comments made by young people who had something they wanted to contribute to the Village Plan Committee, reflected the findings in the 'About Your Free Time' section, focussing on play equipment and spaces, and road safety. Suggestions of how they could contribute towards the life of the village focussed on either stopping negative behaviour, or increasing involvement in positive activities.

Developments for the future again revealed a strong message that transport is an issue which many young people feel strongly about, with 71% interested in having access to a form of community transport to leave the village. There was a positive level of response of those surveyed expressing a wish to get involved in future projects, with Film Club and Youth Club gaining the most popularity.

*This report was written by Laura Johns from SRYC,
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Children's Report

This report refers to work done by children attending the St John and St Vigor Primary School in Chilcompton. The school is very well attended by village children however there are a few that do come from neighbouring villages e.g. Stratton on the Fosse. There are also some children that travel to school elsewhere. The consultation process involved each school class through members of the School Council, and open days (to enable children that go to school elsewhere to participate).



Each class was asked 'What would your ideal village to live in and grow up look like?' after several discussions each class provided written feed-back for their representatives to take to the school council. Two members of Somerset Rural Youth Project (SRYP) and one member of the Chilcompton Village Plan (CVP) Committee met with the children to discuss their findings.

The children expressed a wish to see attractive and well maintained properties combined with a sharing of skills to help those less able. The children have a very strong sense of living in a rural environment which they fully appreciate and would like to see enhanced and emphasised so they can benefit from the privilege of living and growing up in the countryside.

Safety

- They would like to be able to walk safely between their school and the lower part of the village i.e. when they go to the church as part of their school activities or wish to use the Old Rec.
- They would like the footpaths and bridleways in general to be well looked after and accessible to them.
- The question of separating dogs from play areas also arose with regard to the need to deal with dog-fouling in the village.
- The older children were aware of the concerns of people generally in the village – the number of large lorries using the roads, the need for safety measures such as speed cameras and a controlled crossing, more slow signs and the possibility of using security cameras.



Playing Spaces

There were many enthusiastic suggestions concerning a park to play in with eco-friendly pieces of equipment, and even stones, to play on, with a bigger slide and climbing frame, swing seats, a roundabout, a sand pit, and more adventurous possibilities than currently available, such as a zip wire and a climbing wall. The children from Chilcompton envy those living in Stratton their new play park, and those from Stratton would love a recreation field with pitches like the one in Chilcompton. An extended skate park would be appreciated, bigger goal posts on the Old Rec, and basketball.

Other suggestions

- A place to 'hangout'
- Café with toilets next to play area
- Space to make dens and tree houses
- A Sunday Club
- A youth club
- A puppet group

Physical Environment

The school children love the fact that there is a stream running through the village – every village should have one! - and were excited by the idea of being involved with caring for it and studying it, using it as an environmental resource both educationally and for out-door activities in their capacity as environmentalists in the making.



One child's idea of how the village should look, made at the junk-modelling day

Community Facilities

The children made suggestions that a sweet shop and bakery would be welcome in the village. They really like Chilcompton Celebrates and other local events, however they don't always know what's on and when so ask for better advertising/notice boards. An animal park or sanctuary for animals to be looked after was suggested.

Historical Interest

There was interest expressed in discovering more about the rich history and the historical footprint of the village, with the idea of there being a mobile museum – to be carried around in suitcases, perhaps, and kept in a library for Chilcompton, which would include a children's section and be located in the Village Hall.

Conclusion

Chilcompton planned, as our children see it, would indeed be a village to be proud of and active in its rural environment, and benefiting from that, with a strong sense of community recognising the importance of the safety and well-being of all its residents, socially, environmentally and with some ideas about its economic development too.

*This report was written by Jessica Parry
(In consultation with St. Vigor and St. John's Primary School)*

Additional Comments from the Questionnaire

The last page of the Questionnaire sought comments on any topic of concern regarding Chilcompton. These covered a vast range and the majority are covered in the specific areas of the Questionnaire. The following list gives some of those not previously addressed –

1. *I would like to see emphasis on wild flower planting.*
2. *Please inform Mendip DC that Fry's Well is a bus route, as it never gets grit in the winter.*
3. *The questionnaire is well constructed and easy to complete.*
4. *I started filling in the questionnaire, there is no point filling in the rest, as you will do what you like, whatever suits you. Nobody on the committee listens; there are two sides not one. NOT HAPPY.*
5. *Could we have a street map highlighting public amenities and places of interest? Maybe include local businesses.*
6. *I think that Chilcompton & surrounding areas are lovely, it's very friendly. What I don't like is young boys and girls with bikes standing on street corners, because sometimes you are a bit wary of going passed (sic) them and they block pavements or cycle on them and you sometimes get abuse when asking them to move. How about a youth club? It would be good and somewhere for them to go.*
7. *I feel the Parish Council does a fair job but more transparency is required. Far too much emphasis on youth who are a parenting concern. Too much self-interest groups or individuals therefore name proposer/objectors.*
8. *Please refrain from 'messaging about' with the Old Rec. simply because you can.*
9. *This village is held together by a generation that is prepared to work for the village! The following generation is NOT.*
10. *Eyesore car on private entrance ideally should be moved.*

There were many more comments which will be addressed with a view to 'what can be done'. There will be an answer to some and it is likely that many will be beyond control, but it is worth noting someone's concern.

Please note: these comments were expressed by respondents to the questionnaire; they do not necessarily represent the view of the Chilcompton Village plan Committee.

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Economic				
Item number	Issue	Aim	Action	Priority (H, M, L) Agency
1.1	Broadband speed	Improve broadband speed for the whole village to encourage new businesses and retain those already established here and to enable residents to work from home.	Lobby appropriate agencies. e.g. BT Openreach.	H Parish Council, Somerset County Council, local residents.
1.2	Employment opportunities	Create more jobs, especially for young people, which will improve sustainability.	Encourage firms to come to Chilcompton by providing advice and opportunities. Incorporate the need into the District Plan and Village Design Statement.	H Jobcentre Plus (Frome, Shepton Mallet, Wells.) Local businesses. Parish Council, Mendip District Council.
1.3	Employment land	Preserve brown field sites for light industry. Resist development of brown field land for housing.	Adhere to aim when considering planning applications. Incorporate into Local Plan and Village Design Statement. Reject planning applications for housing and preserve sites for light industry.	H Parish Council, Mendip District Council. Parish Council, Mendip District Council.
1.4	Employment land	Prevent industrial use of greenfield sites.	Incorporate into Local Plan and Village Design Statement. Refuse planning applications for industrial use of greenfield sites.	H Parish Council, Mendip District Council.
Housing and Development				
Item number	Issue	Aim	Action	Priority (H, M, L) Agency
2.1	Majority of any new homes to be of 1,2 & 3 dwellings (with anything above that generally being one-off self build types)	To allow a greater cross-section of homes to be available.	Approach Mendip planners to make them aware of residents' views.	H Mendip DC/Parish Council.
2.2	Developers contributions (where required) to go directly to the village	To support local infrastructure, facilities and green/wildlife spaces.	Approach Mendip planners to make them aware of residents' views.	H Mendip DC/Parish Council.
2.3	Strong support for Residential / Retirement home in the village	To satisfy local demand?	Approach Mendip planners to make them aware of residents' views.	M Mendip DC/Parish Council.
2.4	Minimum garden area per size of house	To restrict over-development of garden land without penalising potentially good sites.	Approach Mendip planners to make them aware of residents' views.	M Mendip DC/Parish Council.
2.5	General design of new homes to reflect character of village (General design guidance to be offered) without stifling creativity.	To avoid soon-to-be dated poor design.	Approach Mendip planners to make them aware of residents' views.	H Mendip DC/Parish Council.
2.6	New housing estates / over-development strongly resisted but natural, progressive and sustainable development to be encouraged instead.	To maintain vitality of village without becoming a suburb and to encourage one-off sustainable self-builds.	Approach Mendip planners to make them aware of residents' views.	H Mendip DC/Parish Council.
2.7	Keep a flexible criteria / open mind to one-off proposals that can assist in wildlife protection, village enhancement, cycle tracks, shops etc.	Improve overall aesthetics of village, general amenity, green spaces and wildlife protection areas.	Approach Mendip planners to make them aware of residents' views.	H Mendip DC/Parish Council.
Community Facilities and Services				
Item number	Issue	Aim	Action	Priority (H, M, L) Agency
3.1	Encourage clubs to reach out to new members from disabled groups	Increase membership of clubs from under represented groups.	Engage with specific bodies to identify potential new members. Provide taster sessions.	M Local Clubs.
3.2	Increase awareness of facility and club availability	Make potential user groups/members aware of opportunities to increase participation.	Improved publicity, including use of village website and other communication means.	M Local Clubs and Facilities.
3.3	Lack of volunteers within village clubs/groups	To increase the number of volunteers within village clubs/groups to guarantee their long term viability.	Extol the benefits of volunteering and reward those who do.	L Local Clubs.

Education and School, Social Services, Medical, Faith and Amenities				
Item number	Issue	Aim	Action	Priority (H, M, L) Agency
4.1	Education and School	Communicate the results of the Village Plan Questionnaire to the School and Children's Centre authorities.	Committee to pass on results of the questionnaire to School Authorities.	M VP committee.
4.2		Staff to discuss feasibility of the suggestions made in the Village Plan Questionnaire within School/Children's Centre.	Staff to discuss feasibility of the suggestions made in the Village Plan Questionnaire within School/Children's Centre.	M Management at School/ Children's Centre.
4.3		Staff at The Mill to be aware of the lack of understanding of the role of The Mill within some segments of the village.	Staff to take action to raise awareness.	M Children's Centre staff.
4.4		Increase numbers of Childminders in the village.	The fact that there is a desire for more Childminders needs to be publicised around the village.	M Children's Centre staff. Word of mouth.
4.5	Chilcompton Co-op	Wider range of goods.	Consult directors.	M Village Plan Committee/Parish Council.
4.6		Better car parking.	Ask directors to redesign space.	M Village Plan Committee/Parish Council.
4.7	Mobile shops, markets	Consider provision of mobile shops and markets.	Research viability.	M Volunteer Group, Parish Council.
4.8	Post Office	Provide more privacy.	Consult Co-op directors.	M Village Plan Committee/Parish Council.
4.9	Garages	Retain both garages.	Advise MDC planning dept. of the need to retain garages for sustainability and of the need of residents. Add to Village Design Statement.	H Mendip District Council, Parish Council.
4.10	Village Hall	Upgrade facilities.	Consult village hall committee.	M Village Hall Committee.
4.11		Extend activities.	Advise V hall committee to consider new uses, cinema, adult classes, PC clerk's office, visiting agencies, markets etc.	L Village Hall Committee.
4.12	Church Hall	Improve publicity.	Advise PCC to improve publicity of events.	L Parochial Church Council.
4.13	Mobile Library	Extend the service.	Advertise the service and encourage the use of the facility.	M Somerset County Council, Volunteers.
4.14	Community Café/ Village Library	Establish need and viability.	Set up volunteer group to consider financial viability, premises and options.	L Volunteers, Parish Council.
4.15	Pubs	Retain and extend activities.	Consult publicans re: special offers, events, diversification.	L Landlords.
4.16	Hairdressers	Retain services.	Preserve shops in the Local Plan and Village Design Statement. Consult with Proprietors.	L Mendip District Council, Parish Council.
4.17	Social Services	Communicate the results of the Village Plan Questionnaire to Somerset County Council.	Committee to pass on results of the questionnaire to Somerset County Council.	M VP committee.
4.18		Staff to discuss feasibility of the suggestions made in the Village Plan Questionnaire within School/Children's Centre.	Somerset County Council staff to discuss feasibility of the suggestions made in the Village Plan Questionnaire.	M Somerset County Council staff.
4.19	Medical	Communicate the results of the Village Plan Questionnaire to the management at the Carters Way Surgery.	Committee to pass on results of the questionnaire to management at the Carters Way Surgery (already done).	VP committee.
4.2		The management at the Carters Way Surgery to continue to discuss and implement suggestions made in the Village Plan Questionnaire.	The management at the Carters Way Surgery to continue to discuss and implement suggestions made in the Village Plan Questionnaire.	M The management at the Carters Way Surgery.
4.21	Faith	Communicate the results of the Village Plan Questionnaire to the leaders of the local Churches.	Committee to pass on results of the questionnaire to management at the leaders of the local Churches.	M VP committee.
		For the leaders of the local Churches to have opportunity to discuss feasibility of the suggestions made in the Village Plan Questionnaire.	Leaders of the local Churches to discuss feasibility of the suggestions made in the Village Plan Questionnaire.	M Leaders of the local Churches.

Built Environment and Transport					
Item number	Issue	Aim	Action	Priority (H, M, L)	Agency
5.1	Vandalism and Anti-Social Behaviour	Eliminate.	Increased patrols by PCSOs.	H	Avon and Somerset Police/Parish Council.
5.2	Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Make more widely known.	Show on village website.	H	Parish Council.
5.3	Mendip Dial-a-Car	Make more widely known and promote advantages.	Show on village website.	H	Mendip DC/Parish Council.
5.4	Vehicle speeds through village	General Speed Reduction.	Implement Speedwatch. Extend 30mph Zones. More traffic calming	H	Avon and Somerset Police/Somerset Highways/Parish Council.
5.5	Car-parking	Increase legal parking spaces. Stricter enforcement of No Parking Zones.	Consult Village Hall committee about temporary parking spaces. More Yellow Lines around Co-op and school.	H	Avon and Somerset Police/Somerset Highways/Village Hall Committee/Parish Council.
5.6	Heavy Goods Vehicles in lanes	Reduce Presence.	More signage.	H	Somerset Highways/Parish Council.
Communication					
Item number	Issue	Aim	Action	Priority (H, M, L)	Agency
6.1	Communication	Inform all villagers at all times of village events and news.	Set up a volunteer group to review existing means of communicating with villagers e.g. newsletter, parish magazine, press, posters etc.	L	Volunteer group. Parish Council.
			Appraise best ways to inform residents.	L	Volunteer group. Parish Council, Chilcompton Society, PCC.
			Encourage website use.	L	Volunteer group. Parish Council, village clubs and organisations.
			Encourage villagers' involvement with letters to the editor for example.	L	Chilcompton Society, Parochial church council, village community.
Natural Environment					
Item number	Issue	Aim	Action	Priority (H, M, L)	Agency
7.1	Recycling Facilities	Improve Facilities.	Consult Somerset Waste Partnership.	H	VP committee/SWP/Parish Council.
7.2	Wider Use of Brown Bin Scheme	Extend Service.	Consult Somerset Waste Partnership.	H	VP committee/SWP/Parish Council.
7.3	Use of Plastic Carrier Bags	Stop local retailers using them.	Consult Co-op and Veale's Garage.	H	VP Committee/Parish Council/Local Retailers.
7.4	Footpath Usage	Improve Footpaths' Provision/Condition and provide map for .	Consult with Landowners/Ramblers Association.	H	VP Committee/Parish Council.
7.5	The Old Recreation Ground	Improve Facilities and Access.	Set up Voluntary Group.	H	VP committee/Parish Council.
7.6	Litter	Provide more bins - District Council to do more cleaning.	Consult Mendip DC. Formalise existing volunteer group.	H	Parish Council/Mendip DC/Litter Group.
7.7	Dog Fouling	Provide dog waste bins and dog waste bags (from Local Retailers. Improve signage.	Consult Mendip DC and local retailers.	H	Parish Council/Mendip DC/Local retailers.
7.8	Flooding	Minimise Flood Problems.	Consult with Mendip DC Planning Dept. and Somerset CC re drain clearing.	M	Parish Council/Mendip DC/Somerset CC.
7.9	Reducing energy use by switching off streetlights	Reduce energy demand at night.	Consult Somerset CC.	M	Parish Council / Somerset County Council.
7.10	Trees/Open Spaces	Provide prominent trees and open spaces.	Consult Mendip Planning Dept. and Council for the Protection of Rural England.	M	VP Committee/Parish Council/CPRE.
Young People					
Item number	Issue	Aim	Action	Priority (H, M, L)	Agency
8.1	Set up a Youth Club, and other youth-based activities, such as Film Club, Environmental Project etc	To start a Youth Club, on Friday evenings; and to look at other clubs/activities.	Interested parties to come together to discuss practicalities.	M	Villagers, with support from Parish Council.
8.2	Road safety	To make our roads safer for all, through installation of crossings by Bennell sports field.	Parish Council to look at this.	M	Parish Council.
8.3	Dog fouling	To have more dog- waste bins.	Parish Council to look at this.	M	Parish Council.
8.4	Having their opinions heard	For the Young people in the Village to have a forum to share their views.	Parish Council to look at this. Youth rep on PC/Youth Council.	M	Parish Council.
8.5	Transport	To have better transport opportunities.	Village Plan to be sent to Bus Company; Parish Council to look at options for Community transport.	M	Bus Company, and Parish Council.



Members of the youth group who devised the youth Questionnaire with Somerset Rural Youth Project and won an award for their dedication.

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