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INTRODUCTION

This report explains what a Parish Plan is for and how it has been produced. At its core is a picture of the needs, problems and opportunities within the villages in 2004 and the action plan in response to these. So that this can be seen in context, the villages of Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves are described below.

Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves

Woodhouse parish comprises the rural villages of Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves. There are 824 households in the parish and Woodhouse Eaves is the largest and newest settlement [Electoral roll]. The villages are located in Charnwood Forest, that part of North West Leicestershire between Leicester, Loughborough and Coalville. The parish lies between the M1, approximately 4 to 5 miles to the west, and the A6 to the east. Loughborough and Nottingham are easily accessible to the north, as is Leicester is to the south. Many villagers work in these centres. The Nottingham East Midlands Airport is 20 minutes away by car.

The term 'forest' is misleading although it is part of the National Forest. It is scattered with woods rather than being covered in woodland. Its special character is its rugged hilly nature. The rocky outcrops are some of the oldest in Britain. This is most obvious in Woodhouse Eaves which is more than 400 feet above sea level and 250 feet above the Soar valley. This contrasts with the local towns that are mainly in the river valley. The ridge of land is very well drained and the mainly deciduous woodland adds to the atmosphere.

Woodhouse, the older village, has a population of 430. Woodhouse Eaves, a mile to the south west, expanded with the growth of slate quarrying in the 19th century and has a population of around 1670. Parts of the parish are conservation areas. Some areas are designated as areas of particularly attractive countryside [APAC] and there are also sites of special scientific interest [SSSI]. Farm land surrounds the villages, and the country parks of Beacon Hill and Broombriggs Farm attract walkers and riders. The villages also attract sightseers, with many homes having walls of locally quarried granite and roofs of locally hewn slate. The villages have an old and fascinating history and this is described on page 26.

Woodhouse - The only community amenity is the church of St Mary in the Elms that provides services for Anglican and Roman Catholic congregations. The village developed to support the Beaumanor estate. The current hall is now an education and conference centre run by Leicestershire County Council. An adjacent Ministry of Defence sixth form college is currently under construction. It will have 350 pupils and is due to open in September 2005. This is being built on the site of the former Royal Signals establishment where German communications were intercepted and sent to Bletchley Park for decoding following the breaking of the Enigma code in World War II.

Woodhouse Eaves - St Paul's C of E Church occupies a prominent position overlooking the village. The Baptist and Methodist Churches are at the other end of Main Street. The village has a post office, newsagent, a pharmacy, a butcher's shop, general food store and a small number of more specialist shops. There is a GP surgery and St Paul's Church of England Primary School and Community Centre. There are 4 public houses and a restaurant. Both villages benefit from access to a playing field, tennis courts and children's playground, village hall with annexe and scout hut.

Purpose of the Parish Plan

This plan has been produced to set out the key issues that affect the quality of life for villagers of Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves; the problems to be tackled and the action to be taken. It aims to cover everything of relevance – from village facilities to local government. It was written by villagers for villagers and also for the organisations, agencies, local groups and businesses that affect life in the parish.

Woodhouse Parish Council has been involved in the process from the start – it has contributed to the funding, has endorsed the action plan and is committed to implementing those parts of the action plan that are within its control.

Background to Parish Plans

Parish Plans are part of the Countryside Agency's *Vital Villages* programme that was launched in 2001 to help deliver the commitment to parish plans given in the Rural White Paper *Our Countryside, the future* [2000]. The national goal is to achieve socially and economically active communities that address their own priorities and are equipped to shape their own future.

Leicestershire's *Rural Strategy* 2004-9 reaffirms this commitment. Its vision is of communities that are thriving socially and economically; communities where there are good facilities and services accessible to all and an environment that is recognised as an important asset to be protected and enhanced.

Our Process

The process has given all residents of the parish the opportunity to have their say and become more involved in the life of the village.

The starting point was a public meeting hosted by Leicestershire's Rural Community Council and the Parish Council to describe the benefits of a Parish Plan and ask for volunteers to develop the plan. This led to the formation of the Woodhouse Parish Plan Group that has a core group of 20 active members as well as 57 people on the mailing list, many of whom have helped at some stage. The first of a series of monthly meetings was held in November 2003.

The group decided at an early stage that the most effective way of identifying the issues that were of greatest concern was to carry out a household survey. A draft questionnaire was consulted upon and piloted during the spring of 2004.

The final questionnaire was delivered to each household in June 2004 and, following a period of collection, data entry and analysis, the Parish Plan Group developed a draft action plan for comment by the Parish Council and other relevant agencies.

This research was supplemented by an 'open' coffee morning, a young people's questionnaire and a consultation exercise carried out by the pupil council at St Paul's C of E Primary School.

The outcome of this process is the Action Plan which starts on page 17 of this document. Many of the actions have already started and there is confidence that this will continue and improve village life.

PEOPLE AND FACILITIES

Profile of the community

The populations of Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves have fluctuated over the past decade especially with the departure of the army and the nursing home, but the numbers of households on the 2001 census [799], 2003 electoral roll [824] and those found during 2004 Parish Plan survey broadly correspond. The 2001 census indicates around 675 of the households in Woodhouse Eaves and 124 in Woodhouse, with populations of 1668 and 430 respectively [total 2098 residents].

The census and survey figures for the composition of households also generally correspond [494 households in the survey responded to this question - all % are rounded]. The average household size is 2.23 persons, which is similar to the 2001 census figures for Charnwood [2.4] and England and Wales [2.4]. In around one fifth of the households someone was living on their own, in almost half [46%] two people made up a household, whilst only 13% were in a family of four.

The question asking how long people had been living in the village suggests a very settled population, with 45% of households reporting at least one person having lived there for 20 years or more.

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Figure 1: Gender of population [Q105-107]

Gender	2001 Census	2004 Survey
Males	960 [48%]	559 [47.5%]
Females	1053 [52%]	617 [52.4%]

Figure 2: Age of population

Age	2001 Census	2004 Survey	Actual numbers
Under 17	19%	18%	208
16-24	6%	7%	82
25-44	25%	19%	226
45-64	28%	34%	397
65+	22%	22%	263

Several questions were included to give an indication of the general socio-economic status of residents.

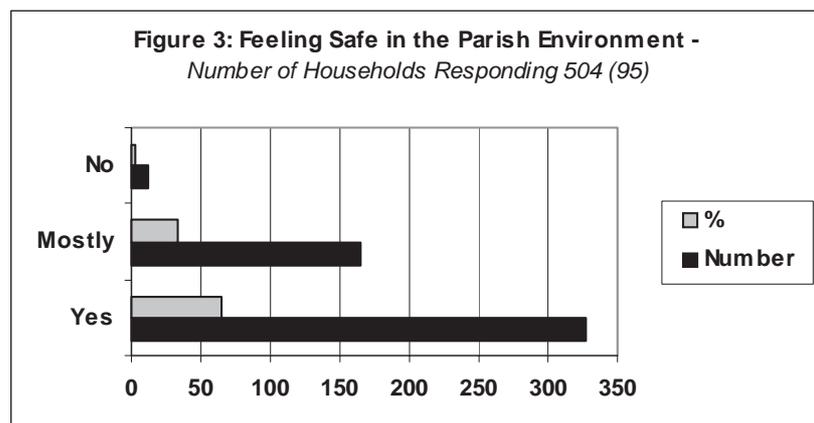
The responses showed that over half [54%] of the households have 2 or more cars [36% in Charnwood and 30% in England & Wales] and 83% live in owner-occupied accommodation [78% in Charnwood and 69% in England & Wales]. Car ownership is high, as might be expected in rural villages [503 households responded to this question]. Unemployment is low [only 31 unemployed residents noted in the census].

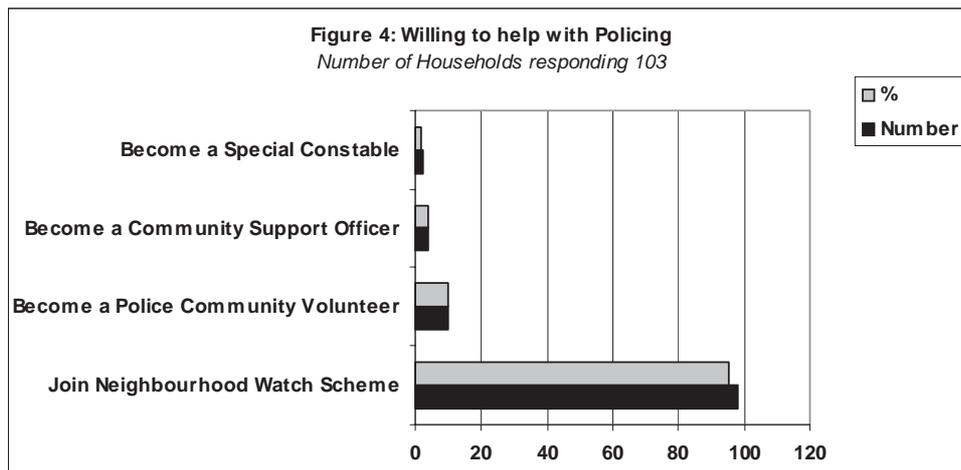


Public Services - Crime & Safety

A majority of households feel safe or mostly safe in the villages. Crime is at a low level in relation to neighbouring areas although there is a significant contribution to village crime from outside 'visitors' especially during the summer season.

There is a strong response identifying concern at the low visibility of the police in the village. A very positive response of 103 volunteers for Neighbourhood Watch and community support duties shows that there is great potential for residents to do a lot for themselves. This group has





the potential to make a significant impact on village activities by establishing links to all village communities to enable relevant information to be communicated.

Public Services - Health and Wellbeing

The health and well being of parish residents is generally good. Of those who responded to these questions, half of the households were involved in clubs and societies [49%], over half joined in with community activities [58%], three quarters felt that they knew their neighbours fairly well [72%] and most felt that they knew their work colleagues fairly well [88%]. The Children's and Youth surveys [see page 10] showed a high level of interest in a range of activities that are not available locally. Ownership of pets is high. Slightly more households owned dogs than cats [121 to 100]. Other pets reported included bats, birds, chickens, a donkey, fish, frogs, horses, lizards and newts, rabbits, rodents, and tortoises.

The main problems with health services concerned access to GPs and allied health services, and transport to hospitals in Leicester. Very few respondents reported physical disabilities, but enough to warrant some action: 73 said that their household included someone with a disability whilst 39 households commented on things that made life difficult for them when getting around pavements [33], shops [20], and roads [11].

The questionnaire asked about participation in adult education activities [Q 81]. Village groups and Rawlins Community College in neighbouring Quorn came out as the most important single centre/ source of adult education for people in the village. In total, 121 of the households reported participating in groups or classes *in* the parish [51 in the village hall, 49 at St Paul's Community Centre and 21 in church groups]. 147 of the households reported participating in groups and classes *outside* the villages, the most frequently attended centre being Rawlins Community College [57 households] followed by the local universities and further education colleges. A number of households also reported being involved in adult education from home [e.g. the Open University or online learning from home]. St Paul's Community Centre and the village hall are clearly very important centres of activity. Another question asked the households what would help solve unmet educational needs [Q82]. There were 18 responses. Several requested access to GCSE subjects locally, some asked for courses that are currently not offered, and some reflected transport difficulties to centres outside the villages.

Employment and Business

Neither employment nor unemployment is a particular problem in the parish as there are opportunities within the parish and in neighbouring towns. But going to and from work or education is a challenge for anyone without personal transport. However, few households would be interested in car sharing [only 22 from 414 although 27 actually listed a destination] and most rarely or never use a bicycle [189 from 296 responses]. Walking is more popular with 280 from 422 claiming to walk anything from once a week to several times a day [67%]. The minority of households that rely on the local bus service [around 15% of 515 households responding] want improved frequency at peak employment and social times, and greater reliability. This is especially true for young people, who want transport for leisure and recreation venues [e.g. to cinemas and sports events].

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A large proportion of the local community uses the local shops and other businesses - some for much of their needs and others only as a top-up or in emergencies. Greater use of the facilities will increase the ranges of goods and services available and is likely to reduce prices in the long term. The local public houses and restaurants meet the social and leisure needs of some of the residents whilst attracting visitors from outside the parish, as do some of the shops. When added together local businesses make a considerable contribution to the employment base in the community.

Woodhouse Eaves is fortunate in having a varied selection of retail outlets and businesses and to maintain this position, continued support is needed from the whole parish. The Parish Council fully endorses this.

Village Facilities

This section asked residents about village facilities. The allotments are used by only 21

[4.3%] of households but a further 8 households would like to know how to get one and 49 said that they might use one in the future. 18 respondents, not necessarily users, had concerns about them including smoke from bonfires, weeds, security and appearance. In general, they are used by and affect only a small minority.

There were 408 responses regarding meeting facilities. In general there was satisfaction with the overall level of provision with only 21 reporting problems finding somewhere to hold a meeting. There was, however, widespread support for the proposed community room in Woodhouse.

There were many concerns about the quality of the existing accommodation and services. A major area of concern was seating and tables in both the village hall [38.1%] and the annexe [27.6%]. Also of concern was the overall standard of decoration plus concerns about the kitchen and toilets with 25%-30% of respondents covering these points. Access to the annexe also caused concern for 20% of the households that said they had used it. Suggestions for improvements to the village hall or annexe included redecoration, re-siting of the ladies room, improvements to kitchens, additional security lighting and improving the appearance. Only 9 households mentioned the scout hut, describing it as in very poor condition.

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Local Government and Communication

Of those responding, most households seemed to have few concerns over the performance of local councils.

Figure 5: Shopping Frequency in Woodhouse Eaves
Number of Households Responding 514 (91.7%)

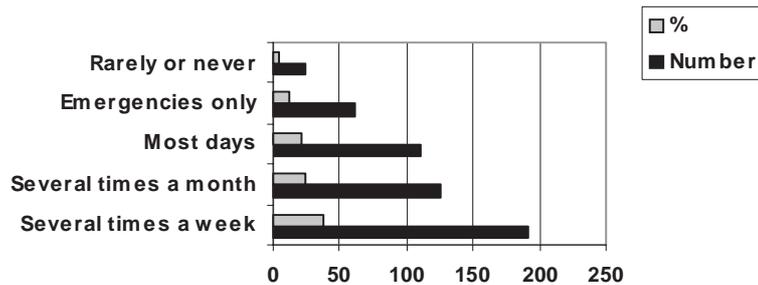
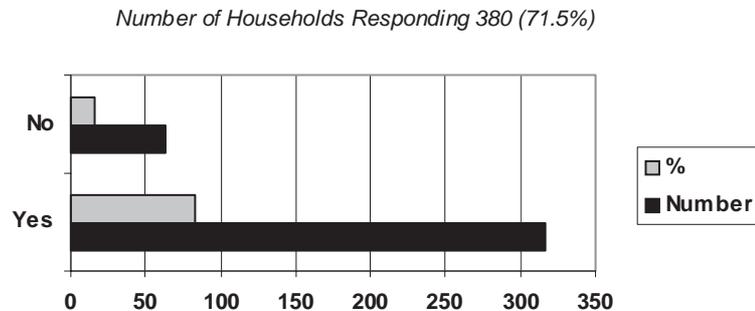
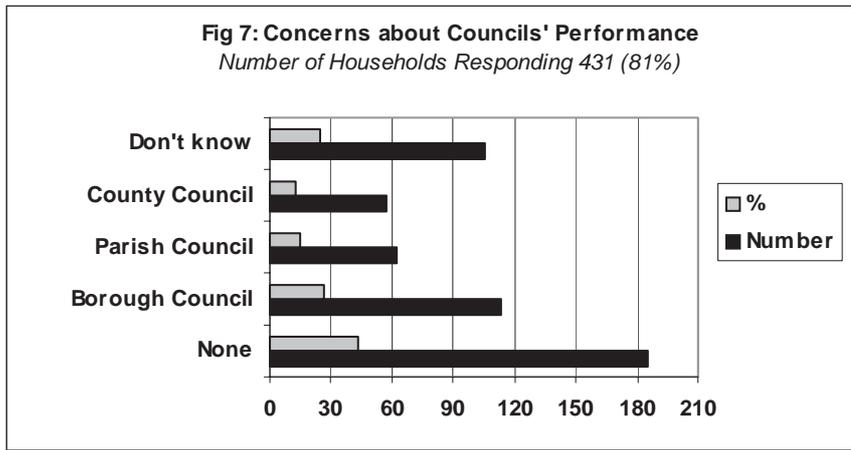
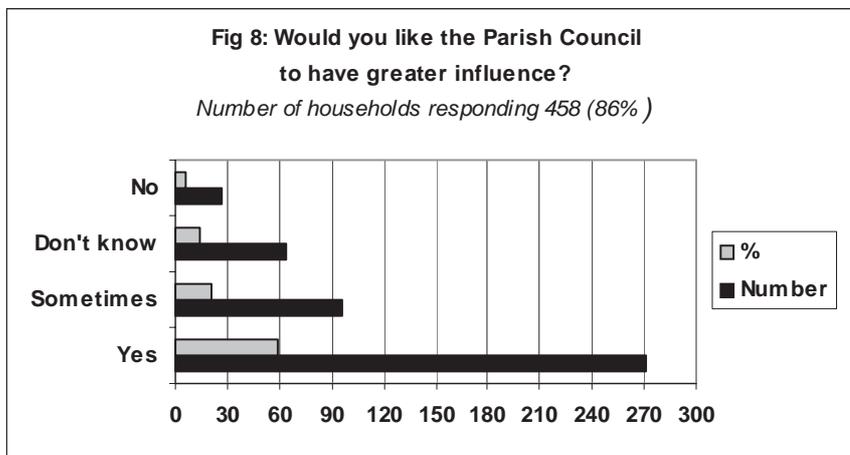


Fig 6: Supporting Proposed Meeting Room in Woodhouse
Number of Households Responding 380 (71.5%)

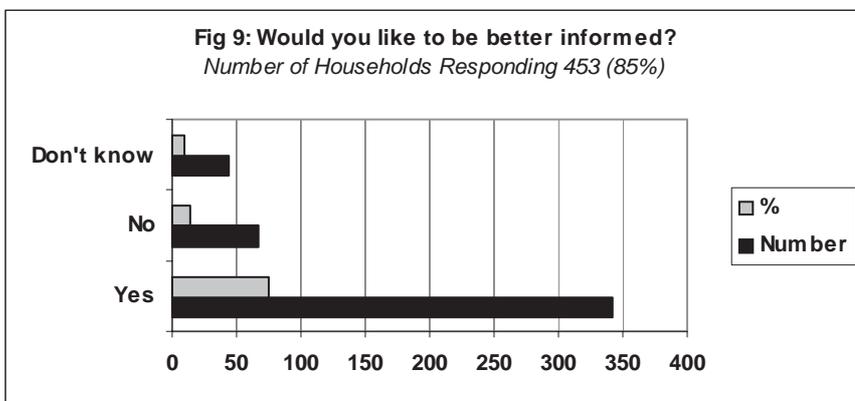




A third of respondents wanted more influence on key issues *via* the Parish Council, and almost two thirds wanted the Parish Council to be able to have greater influence on decisions affecting our villages.



Over three quarters wished to be better informed about Parish Council activities - 87% saying that they would be willing to read a regular newsletter covering this. Although the majority read something that covers local activities [70% claimed to read the villages' magazine *Roundabout*, 63% the *Loughborough Echo*, and 53% notice boards], a substantial proportion do not regularly see information they would like, suggesting a distribution issue that could be resolved in one of several ways.

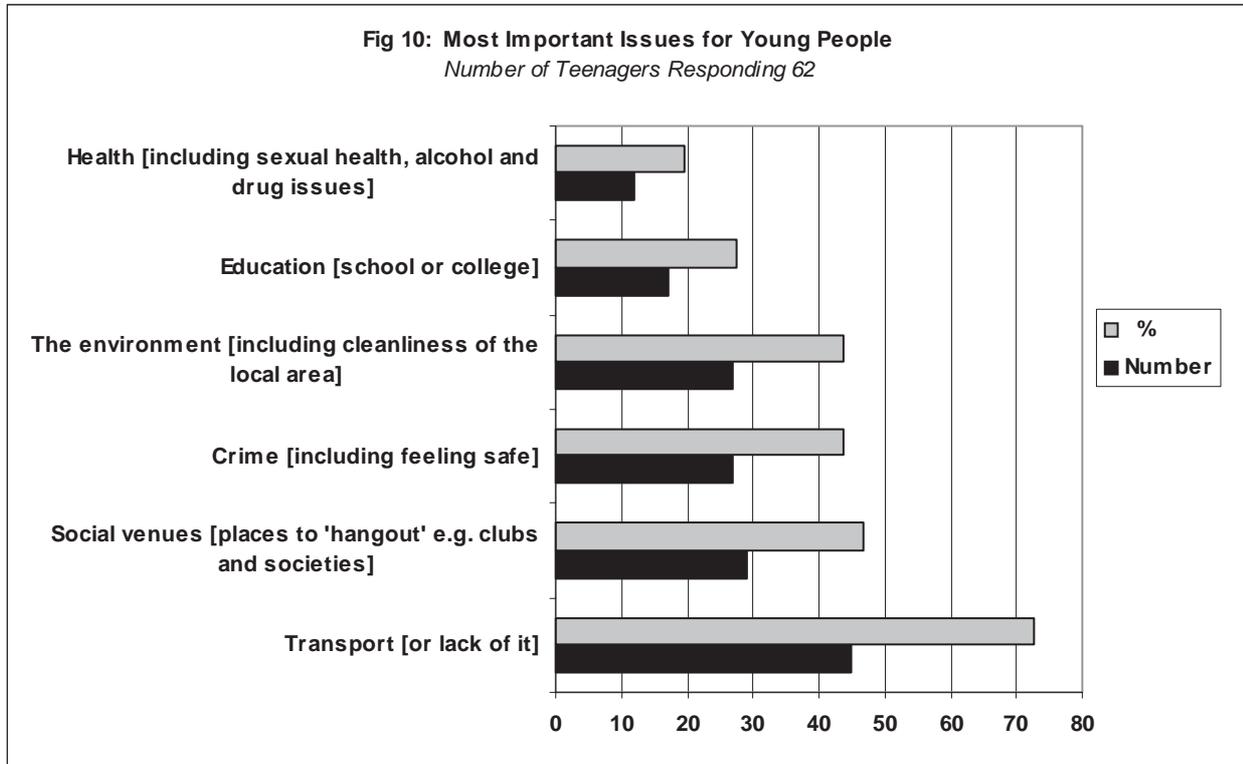


One third of the 244 households responding to question 99 offered to pay more Council tax to improve local services.

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Young People aged 13-19

Young people in this age group form just under 10% of all households [most are at school or college and 85% live in Woodhouse Eaves]. Their main concerns are transport to leisure and recreation venues outside the villages, and places to 'hang out' within them. There are numerous activities that they would like to engage in that are therefore unavailable. Access to a cinema featured in 82% of the responses, with unmet need for access to clubs [46%] and sports [49%] just behind a need to go to bars where people can meet up [50%]. 95% have access to a computer at home. Most like the environment for its beauty and peace, but some find that there is too little to do.



Children aged 6-11

St Paul's School has a School Council with representatives of each year group of pupils meeting every two weeks. They were asked to take the questionnaire to each form, discuss it and then bring back the results. This took place at the same time as the adult questionnaire in June 2004.

Figure 11: Children responding

Age Group	No. of children	Woodhouse Eaves	Woodhouse	From outside the villages
6 - 7	30			
7 - 8	15	9	2	4
8 - 9	16	13	3	
9 - 10	13	11	2	
10 - 11	Number or split between villages not given			
Total	74	33	7	4

There was a lot of commonality across the year groups. The environment is appreciated, children describing it as nice countryside [all year groups], peaceful [age 7-8 and 8-9], no pollution [age 10-11], with nice houses [age 7-8] and nice, polite people live here [age 7-8 and 10-11]. The 10-11 age group feels safe, and those aged 7-10 feel that there is lot for children to do.

The 'flip side' of living in the countryside produced comments such as "It's boring" [age 7-8 and 8-9], not many shops [age 10 – 11], the play facilities are not up to scratch and vandals are an issue.

Figure 12: Children's problems

Problems	Age groups
Teenagers wreck park and vandalism	7-8, 8-9, 10-11
Not many swings	10-11
Not enough places to play	10 -11
There are too many cars	7-8 and 9-10

What children would like to have in the parish is a lot more variety for play, with facilities that it would be difficult to find in a rural area, such as a leisure centre, swimming pool, an ice rink, and a cinema [age 10-11]. Younger children would like an adventure playground, 'kids hideout' with jungle drums, barbecues and a camping club in the wood, and a tree house.

Children wished for more communication. Ages 7-8 wanted information on clubs, and all ages wanted more notices geared to them in more places.

Figure 13: Communicating with children

Notices posted on:	Age group
Bus shelter	7-8, 11-12
Youth club notice board	7-8, 9-10
Village Hall notice board	7-8, 8-9
St Paul's Community Centre	7-8, 8-9
E-mail at home or school	7-8
A youth website	7-8, 8-9

Most children have access to a home computer.

Figure 14: Children's access to a computer at home

Number of children	Age group
12 out of 15	6-7
30 out of 30	7-8
Have access	8-9, 9-10, 10-11

The views of children about the villages are similar to adults. It is worth noting that since the survey most of the play equipment for older children in the King George V Field has had to be withdrawn for health and safety reasons.

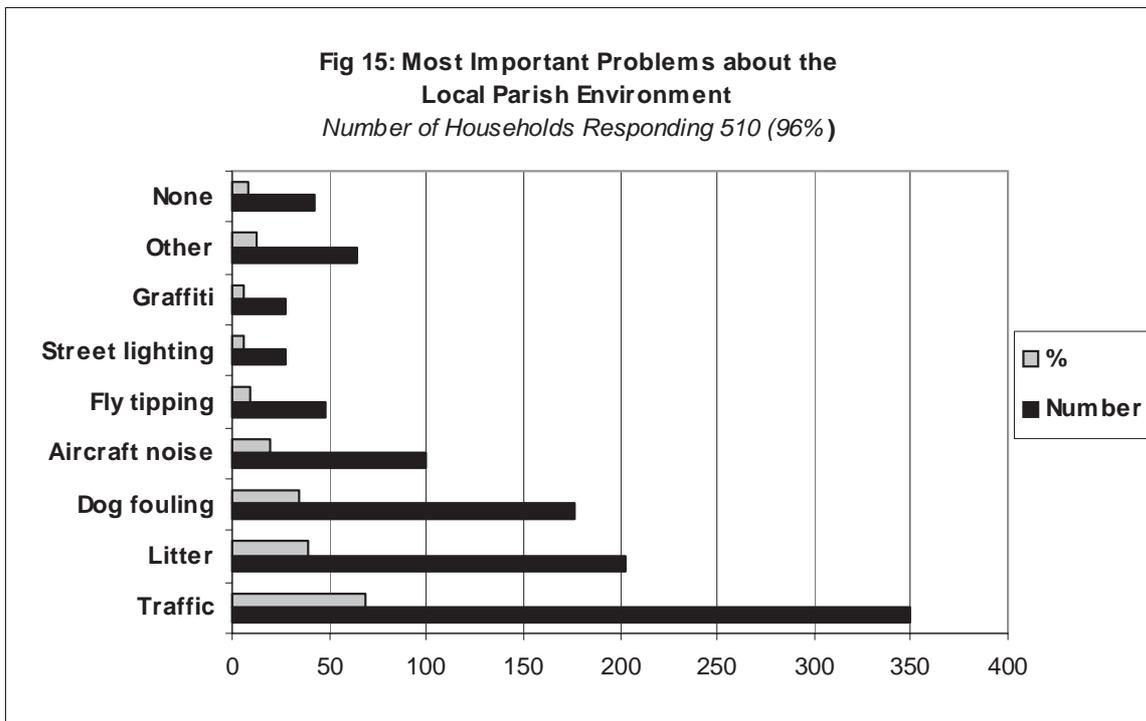
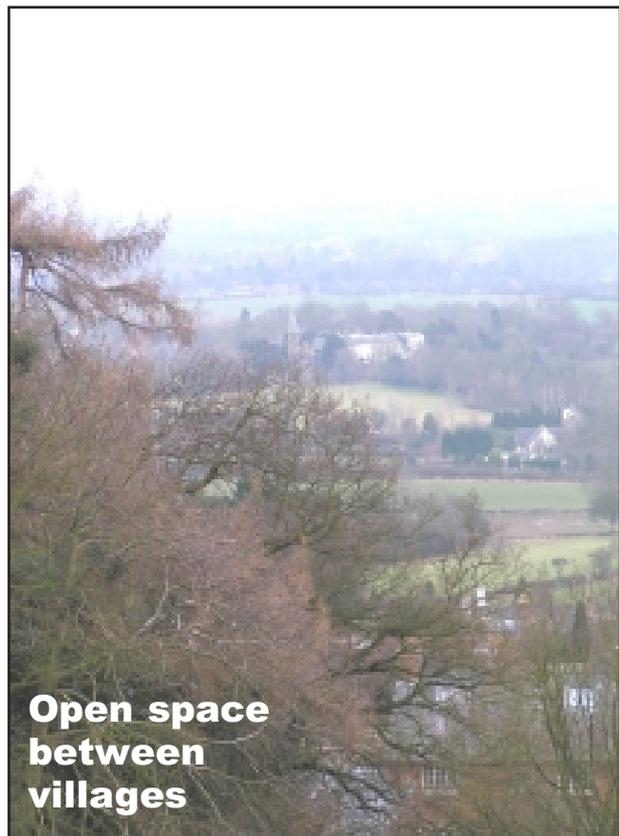
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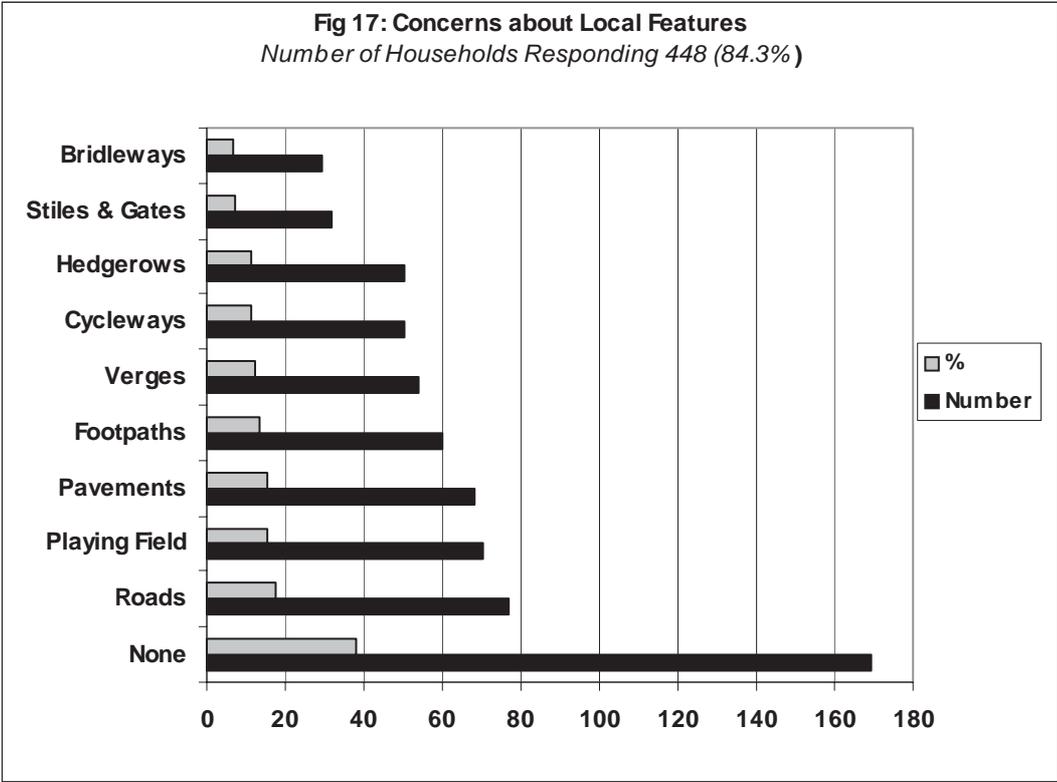
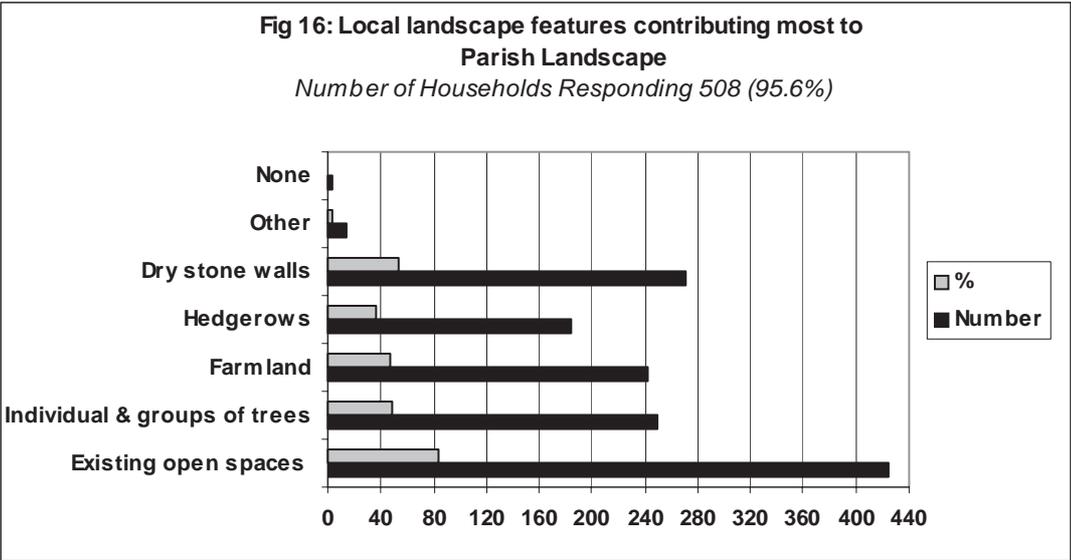
Planning and Environmental Issues

Most households enjoy the parish environment - the peace and quiet, the green spaces surrounding the residential areas, and the rural nature of the setting. Traffic [volume, speed, parking], litter and dog fouling are the main environmental concerns. The top traffic problem locations are Main Street, Maplewell Road, Beacon Road and Forest Road and the critical periods are morning and afternoon rush hours. Litter locations are Bird Hill Road on refuse collection days, both ends of Main Street, and Maplewell Road during school terms. Fly tipping was reported along the parish fringes, especially Deans Lane, Brook Road and Rushey Lane. One of the sites where dog mess is a problem is Mill Road.

Well over three-quarters [83.6%] felt that the surrounding open spaces with their dry stone walls, trees and farmland contribute most to the

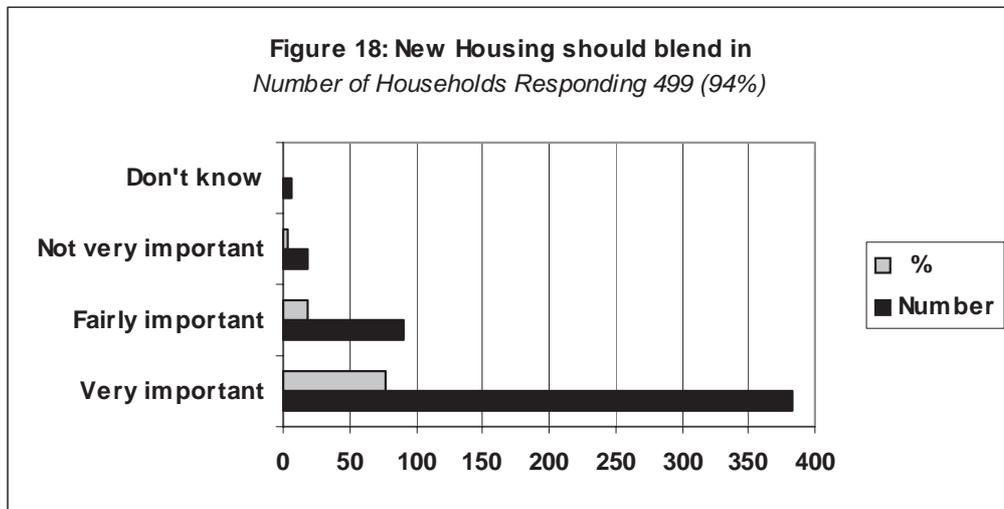


landscape. The protection of these features made almost 94% [of 476 households] want to limit development to within existing settlements boundaries [the development envelope], and 95% [of 499 households] want any new housing to blend with existing development.



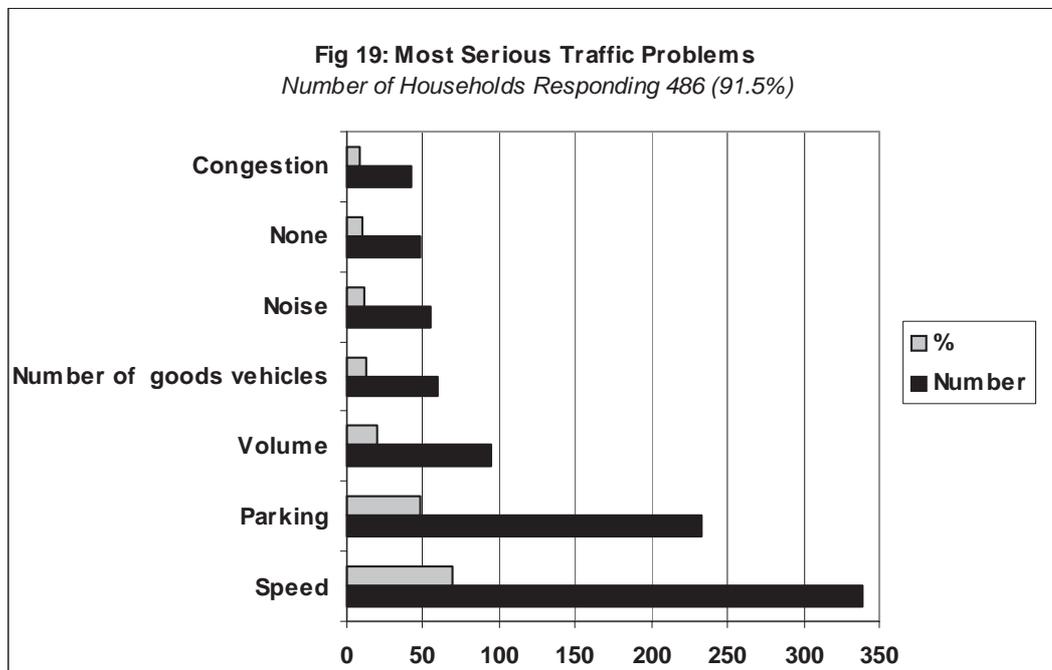
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The planning questions generated some of the highest response rates, with up to almost 300 households also commenting on one or more of three large development sites in the parish*, and 90 volunteering to engage in the production of village design statements. Village Design Statement Groups have now been established in both villages. A healthy number of households [138] were interested in exploring alternative sources of energy i.e. just under one fifth of those responding.



Traffic and Transport

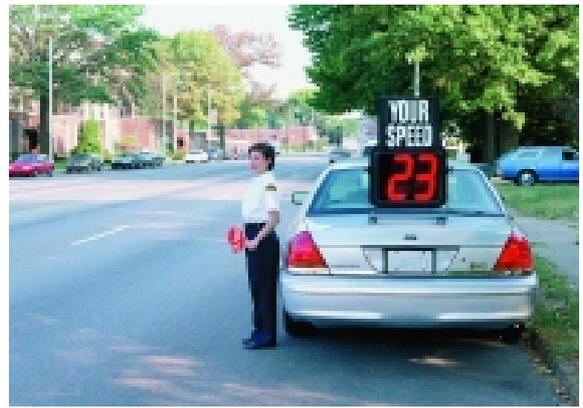
Over 68% of households placed traffic at the top of their list of problems and 70% cited speed as the main issue. One respondent described the main road through Woodhouse as “a racetrack”. Others cited Beacon Road in similar vein. For most people, the greatest problem area by far is the Beacon Road / Forest Road / Main Street junction - the Bull’s Head junction - 144 households mentioned this [40%].



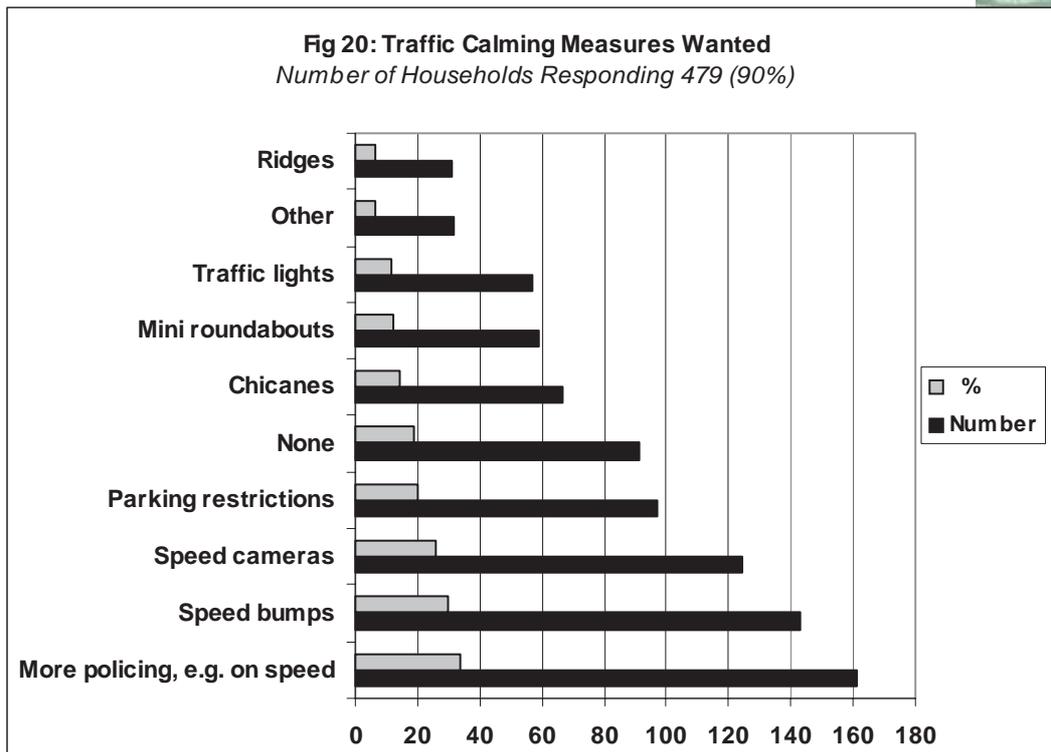
*Bradgate Nursing Home, Chinese Restaurant, Welbeck College



Bull's Head Junction



Some particularly challenging locations are favoured for traffic calming measures, and there are volunteers ready to help collect data and assist police in controlling excessive speed [221 households favour such schemes and 64 are prepared to join one]. Inconsiderate parking near busy shops and for the school run are also high on the list of traffic nuisances. Horses are a vital part of the local economy and landscape [the area has almost half the number of horses as the total number of households], but they may obstruct cars and walkers [128 households from 430 responding to the question]. Residents feel that there are too few bridleways, cycleways and footpaths to the places where they wish to go.



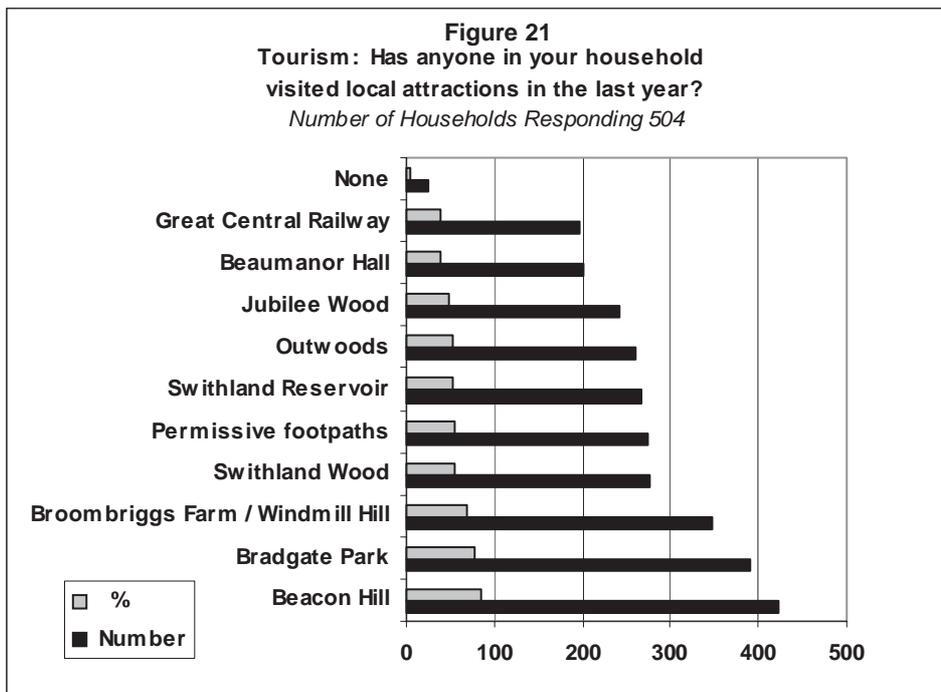
Concluding comments

Residents make the most of their location by visiting local attractions.

Households were asked to say what they most liked about living in the parish: 443 responded [83%]. The responses showed their appreciation for the parish and its surroundings:



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- ◆ Countryside, surroundings, views, scenery, setting, situation, landscape, nature, wildlife, trees, walks, bridleways [261 households]
- ◆ Inhabitants, residents, people, neighbours, friendly, community, helpful, welcoming, sense of belonging, supportive, caring [174]
- ◆ Amenities, facilities, services, shops, restaurants, pubs, post office, doctor, chemist, newsagent, grocer, sports facilities, tennis, golf, school, church [119]
- ◆ Tranquil, quiet, peace, unspoilt, peaceful, serene, relaxed, lack of stress, no hustle & bustle, no rat-race [110]
- ◆ Convenience / access to towns, cities, motorways, airports, trains, buses, public transport [66]
- ◆ Environment, healthy, clean, air, quality of life [40]
- ◆ Safe, relative lack of crime [19]
- ◆ Village, small, size, no new housing estates [16]
- ◆ Born here, belong here, lived here long time / all of life [11]



This is a selection of their comments:

A balanced community in a delightful setting, with a reasonable level of self sufficiency.
 Attractive rural village where my family have lived for several generations.
 Beautiful, peaceful setting with rapid access to other parts of country and nearby large towns.
 I love living in the country. It's an escape from the rat race.
 It is the same now as when I visited it as a child. I loved it and dreamed of living here. It's a time capsule.
 My friends think it's posh - it's not, it's just nice.
 It's beautiful. We are all very lucky and privileged to live here. There is very little to complain about.
 Peace and quiet and green fields and trees, agreeable people, less crime than in a town, and it's my home. I've lived here all my life.
 Peace and quiet and the fact that it's what it is - a village and should stay that way.
 The countryside and the mix of people and housing. It's a real village, young, old, rich and poor - shops, school, church, friendly.
 We love living in a village community within easy access to a larger town - what more could we ask for?

THE ACTION PLAN

Introduction

By the end of the survey period, 531 Woodhouse Parish households returned their questionnaires from a total of 824 on the 2003 electoral roll - a response rate just short of 65%. Some of the most elderly residents declined to complete it, and a few of the other households were in the process of moving out of the villages or had already left.

Parish Plan Group teams have provided indicative priority levels for the proposed actions, and, where possible, have discussed suggestions with relevant organisations and potential partners. Enthusiasts in the Group have already started a number of activities e.g. reading groups and/or consulted relevant organisations that would be the most likely partners for other proposed actions. A lot of the detail contained in the responses has been left out of the Action Plan, but will be made available to groups and organisations recommended to take up the work.

The Action Plan is supported by reference to the data collected from questionnaire responses. In most cases, the proposed actions represent the wishes of a majority of the households answering that particular question. A few are based on a minority of responses that the Group felt were still significant.

The Action Plan is a process. The Parish Plan Group expects to monitor its progress, taking account of responses from those nominated to take action.



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Aerial photo of
Woodhouse
and
Woodhouse Eaves

Woodhouse Eaves





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Key: Question numbers refer to either the main [green] questionnaire or to the separate Youth [ages 13-19] and Children's [ages 5-12] surveys e.g. Y3, C4 etc. The Children's survey was for ages 5-11 and was carried out with the help of St Paul's School. The Youth survey comprised a shorter set of questions from a pull-out section inside the main questionnaire. WPPG refers to the Woodhouse Parish Plan Group.

PEOPLE AND FACILITIES [see Page 5 for details]

Public Services - Crime & Safety							
	Issue	Specific Project / Objectives [derived from the questions noted]	Actions required and further details	Priority	Timescale	Organisations involved / partners	Funding levels & Sources where known
1.	Policing	Improve police visibility to strengthen relationship with the community [Q74-80]	Consider sharing the cost of a Community Support Officer with other villages to establish stronger links with especially young residents	Medium	As opportunity arises	Parish Council, Police	CSO is about £25K p.a. - 20% of a CSO would be £5000 [PCs contribute only 50% of cost]
2.	Policing	Neighbourhood Watch Schemes [Q80]	Invite the interested resident volunteers to an open meeting with the police to re-establish Neighbourhood Watch and expand this to include existing Countryside Watch covering farms, pubs, shops and horses	High	Jan 2005	Police, WPPG, Parish Council, Local Businesses, other watches	Low - grants & income generation
3.	Prevent Crime	Monitor and take up opportunities to prevent crime e.g. anti social behaviour, vandalism, graffiti, hooliganism, car crime and burglary [Q76-77]	Continue to receive monthly reports of crime statistics provided by the police, and take up opportunities as they arise for e.g. CCTV in specific areas where problems occur.	Low	Continuing	Parish Council, Police	CCTV might be grant aided e.g. airport grant or RCC
Public Services - Health and Wellbeing							
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4.	Access to Doctors & others in the GP Practice Clinical Team	Improve access to GPs & alternative health services, especially outside of surgery hours [Q83]	Explore range of possibilities with GP and improve publicity for existing services e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for the Loughborough 'Walk-In' Centre • for alternative services e.g. chiropody • email booking and enquiry services for those at work • webcams/videophones visual contact, especially for elderly residents expansion of services to include dental	Medium	May 2005	Friends of The Cottage Surgery [FoTCS], Quorn practice, Primary Care Trust	Webcams and videophones cost under £100 - possible funds from RuralWeb

			check-ups, especially for children				
5.	Travel to hospitals	Improve access and publicity for travel options. [Q83]	Promote and publicise travel options e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss park and ride facilities for Leicester Hospitals e.g. Royal Infirmary • publicise transport schemes and funding for hospital visits, including the local Dial-a-Ride service • encourage more local clinics by Leicester consultants for common conditions 	Medium	June 2005	FoTCS, Transport Authority, Primary Care Trust, PALS & Dial-a-Ride service	Possibly County Council support for minibus
6.	Health Information & Advice	Develop and promote links to suitable information and organisations in suitable places [Y9-Y10]	Compile list of relevant links [e.g. to www.teenagehealthfreak.org] and organisations and position these in appropriate places [e.g. village notice boards, GP surgeries]	Medium	June 2005	FoTCS & Youth & Young Farmers' Club members	
7.	Wellbeing	Promote and develop activity groups for sport, recreation and education [Q81, 82, 90, Y4-Y6, C5-C8]	Develop participation in activity by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing groups suggested by residents where possible & if impossible, explore transport options to neighbouring areas • continuing to prioritise the use of village premises by vulnerable groups e.g. elderly and children's groups • improving publicity for existing offers [e.g. via extending the Village Directory] 	High	Continuing	Parish Plan Group, St Paul's Community Centre, St Paul's School Council & Youth Club members, Parish Council, Borough Council, County Council	
Employment and Business							
	Issue	Specific Project / Objectives [derived from the questions noted]	Actions required and further details	Priority	Timescale	Organisations involved / partners	Funding levels and Sources where known
8.	Retain and improve local business	Establish local business group, study residents' suggestions, increase publicity for the range of goods and encourage regular customer surveys [Q34-38]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present results of the survey • collect and publish details of shops & services available in both villages in accessible forms such as village website, printed directory [e.g., product ranges, opening hours, deliveries etc.] • develop regular customer surveys 	High	Spring 2005	WPPG, Business Owners and operators	Business enterprise funds via RCC & Leics Economic Partnership
9.	Access by disabled residents	Compliance with Disability Discrimination Act in order to ensure access to streets and shops for disabled residents [Q23, 85]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explore residents' views on difficulties experienced [e.g. obstructed or absent pavements] • explore ways to improve access to local shops [e.g. via delivery service] 	Medium	Spring 2005	Business Owners and operators, Highways Authority,	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> publicise other transport services for disabled residents [e.g. Shopmobility bus] 			Disability Forum	NHS?
Village Facilities							
	Issue	Specific Project / Objectives [derived from the questions noted]	Actions required and further details	Priority	Timescale	Organisations involved / partners	Funding levels and Sources where known
10.	Allotments	Increase awareness and take up of allotments [Q39-40]	Ensure Allotment Manager is aware of questionnaire comments and able to promote their use	Medium	April 2005 - item at Annual Parish meeting	Parish Council Allotment Manager	Not applicable
11.	Churches	Ensure churches are aware of responses to questions [Q41-42]	Provide relevant results to church authorities	Medium	Immediate	WPPG	Not applicable
12.	Parish Premises	Review management, maintenance and facilities of all parish premises [Q44-47, 50-51, 54-59]	Set up two subgroups reporting to the Parish Council and invite members from the Under 5s fundraising team, the Parish Plan Group and other interested individuals to join Parish Council representatives. The remit of both groups will be to recommend the action required to improve the quality of facilities and explore funding options. One group will be concerned with replacing children's play equipment, with the other group focused on the village hall, annexe and scout hut.	High	March 2005	Parish Council	Not applicable
13.	Community Centre	Residents' access problems [Q48-49]	Ensure school are aware of concerns over access	High	February 2005	WPPG	Not applicable
14.	Meeting room: Old Woodhouse	Provision of community room [Q52-53]	Continue to support this project [83% of the 380 responses favoured this development]	High	continuing	Parish Council	Not applicable
Local Government and Communication							
	Issue	Specific Project / Objectives [derived from the questions noted]	Actions required and further details	Priority	Timescale	Organisations involved / partners	Funding levels and Sources where known
15.	Parish Council visibility	Residents' awareness of and involvement in Parish Council activities [Q95-100]	Set up a working group to consider current Parish Council communications mechanisms and the actions that can be taken to respond to the comments made.	Medium	By April 2005	Parish Councillor, Parish Clerk and WPPG	
16.	Borough and	Residents' awareness of and	Propose regular surgeries with local	High	April 2005?	Parish Council	

	County Council visibility	involvement in Borough and County Councils' activities [Q95, 97]	Borough and County Councillors			with Borough & County Councillors	
17.	Parish Income	Annual review of parish income and expenditure [Q99]	Consider the responses from surveys and the issues that they raise when setting the precept and budget	High	Nov/Dec – each year	Parish Council	
18.	Action Plan follow-up	Review progress on the action plan [Q99-100]	Continue to have this as a standing item on the Parish Council's agenda and encourage WPPG members to attend	Low	Continuing	Parish Council	No funding required
Young People aged 13-19							
	Issue	Specific Project / Objectives [derived from the questions noted]	Actions required and further details	Priority	Timescale	Organisations involved / partners	Funding levels and Sources where known
19.	Access to Social and Sports Facilities	Explore ways to provide access to social and sports facilities that are not available to young residents [Q Y3-Y5]	Establish a Young People's working party to meet with Charnwood Youth Service officers to explore options such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation to other venues via volunteer drivers • Extension of YP bus pass hours [& better promotion for this] • Provision of additional activities, especially in school holidays [possibly with Beaumanor & Welbeck and via the WildCard scheme, library service etc] • Increased publicity for existing activities [e.g. via noticeboards, websites, email] • Improving local premises to suit YP needs • Hiring the mobile cinema 	High	July 2005 - set up working party	Youth & Young Farmers' Clubs, Community Centre, Parish Council & Question 61 volunteer residents	Grants are available for a wide range of activities for this age group
20.	Lack of information	Publicise details of existing opportunities available in the locality [Q Y6-Y8]	Improve communication with this age group via community noticeboards, websites, email, videobox, texts and noticeboards [including provision of extra boards in selected locations]. Ask the Young People's working party to commission the fact-finding.	High	Parish Council actions - part of Communication Review	Youth & Young Farmers' Clubs, Q61 volunteers, Parish Council, Community Centre, and existing providers	
21.	Views of young people	Increase awareness of the needs of this age group [Q Y10-Y11]	Consider an annual meeting of Parish Council with young people in this age group drawn from the relevant groups	High	As above	Parish Council, Youth and Young Farmers' Groups	

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Planning and Environmental Issues							
	Issue	Specific Project / Objectives [derived from the questions noted]	Actions required and further details	Priority	Timescale	Organisations involved / partners	Funding levels and Sources where known
22.	Dog Fouling	Control dog fouling and educate owners to clean-up [Q1-2]	Issue educational fliers, suggest sites for more bins, provide free poop bags in local shops etc. Consideration to be given to the provision of additional bins	High	August 2005	Borough Council, Parish Council, Shopkeepers, Residents	Low
23.	Protect Parish Environment	Include survey results in the work of the Village Design Groups [Q1-6, 63-71]	Provide results to VDS Groups [e.g. on the issues of green spaces, unique aspects of rural landscape etc.]	High	February 2005	Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves VDS Groups	
24.	Energy Resources	Investigate local renewable energy strategies and encourage take up [Q12]	Establish steering group to collate data and recommend strategies	High	December 2005	WPPG, Local Authority Energy officer, Specialist Consultants, Power Suppliers Government Agencies	?
25.	Planning Applications	Seek to establish better access to information regarding local planning applications [Q62]	Prepare proposals for consideration by the Parish Council as part of review of its communications (see action for Q 95 – 100).	High	By April 2005	Parish Councillor, Parish Clerk and WPPG	Low
26.	New homes	Housing development [Q65]	Support the Borough Council survey into affordable housing.	Medium	November 2004	Parish Council	
27.	Street scene	Enhancing village appearance [Q112]	Explore the possibility of landscaping small, visible spaces [e.g. via commissioning a landscape architect]	Low	December 2005 - budget precept & precept review	Parish Council	
Traffic and Transport							
	Issue	Specific Project / Objectives [derived from the questions noted]	Actions required and further details	Priority	Timescale	Organisations involved / partners	Funding levels and Sources where known
28.	Speed	Assemble data and video evidence to make a case for: traffic calming measures in locations prioritised by residents [e.g. Beacon & Forest Roads]	Establish a Traffic Watch Group to co-ordinate this work. Seek grant to enable purchase of specialist monitoring equipment. Organise and train monitoring volunteers. Consult with other villages. Prepare report. Six month monitoring period	High	February 2005	WPPG Traffic Watch Group, Parish Council, Local Highways Authority, Police, Resident	Dependent on grant support. £4.5K already requested from Leics Rural Community

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more visible policing reduced speed limits [e.g. on Beacon Road] [Q27-28, 30-32] 	commencing as soon as equipment available.			volunteers	Council
29.	Parking	Assemble evidence and prepare report [Q23-26]	Consult with interested parties. Prepare report with photographs to support case for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improving parking facilities for shoppers [especially disabled residents] and for implementing parking restrictions for inconsiderate and dangerous parking, particularly adjacent to Le Fevre's store encouraging land owners and developers to provide parking facilities 	High	February 2005	WPPG Traffic Watch Group, Parish Council, Local Highways Authority, Resident volunteers, Shopkeepers, Land owners	Low
30.	Traffic Congestion	Explore ways to reduce congestion [Q16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 27-28, Y6]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrict school traffic to designated 'drop off' points. Appoint wardens. Prepare discussion document. Promote walking via the Safe Routes to School campaign and local footpaths. Encourage car-sharing to work or education [e.g. via <i>Roundabout</i>]. Improve publicity for bus services and encourage use with providers. Feedback results of desirable new walking, cycling and bridleway routes to Borough Council 	High	December 2005	Residents, School, Police, Parish Council, Local Highways Authority, WPPG Traffic Watch Group	Low
31.	Horse-riding	Seek more off road routes for horse-riders to ease the flow of traffic and reduce the risk to horses and riders. [Q25-26]	Approach local landowners. Seek the support of local and national equestrian organisations and Local Authority equestrian strategy team	Ongoing	February 2005	Parish Council, Local Authority, WESRRA*, LRBA**, National Forest, Woodland Trust, National Equestrian Organisations, Traffic Watch Gp	Low. Video camera for evidence gathering already obtained by WESRRA

* Woodhouse Eaves and Swithland Recreational Riding Association

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Parish development

The development of the villages was rather different, with Woodhouse growing up around Beaumanor Hall and its needs, and Woodhouse Eaves providing homes for artisans such as framework knitters and domestic workers in the several large houses spread throughout the village. Later came work at the local slate quarries and professional people moved into the parish to manage local enterprises. During World War II many civil service employees took up residence as well as military personnel.



Before the 19th century and the Enclosures Act most residents had been small farmers with their animals roaming free in the common wastes and open fields. A time of agricultural improvements was about to be entered and people moved into other employment. The large houses provided many jobs of a domestic nature.

At the time of towns becoming industrialised and the air becoming unwholesome people needed to escape to the country. This became even more possible with the advent of the railway. Woodhouse Eaves with all its attractions became a very early tourist spot. Numerous tea-rooms, bed and breakfast establishments, shops and services came into existence. A whole series of recovery and convalescent homes also was established.

More recent changes have been experienced with many residents commuting to work often far from the village. The parish has seen many changes in its population and has always been a welcoming place.

Timeline

1086	Hugh Lupus, Earl of Chester and nephew of William the Conqueror, given the land at Beaumanor Park, Woodhouse
1235	Earliest record of a church in Woodhouse
1239	Dispensers created hunting estate with lodge and deer park at Beaumanor
1327	Beaumonts granted the Beaumanor estate
1338	St Mary's church built, Woodhouse
1450	St Mary's church restored. Heraldic glass installed
1470	Oldest house in Woodhouse built - Golden Cottage, Forest Road
1595	William Herrick buys Beaumanor
1615	William Herrick gives pulpit to St Mary's church
1665	Arrival of Thomas Rawlins, Pest Cottage, Woodhouse, fleeing London's great plague
1690	Herrick chair carved for Beaumanor Hall [<i>now in Charnwood Museum</i>]
1691	Rawlins School, School Lane, Woodhouse founded
1726	New mansion built at Beaumanor
1740	William Herrick the 5 th 's bridal coach built [<i>now in Belgrave Hall Museum, Leicester</i>]
1796	Baptist Chapel built in Main St, Woodhouse Eaves
1799	Old Wesleyan Chapel built, Woodhouse Eaves
1832	William Perry Herrick moved to Beaumanor Hall
1837	St Paul's Church, designed by William Railton, erected in Woodhouse Eaves
1842	Beaumanor Hall re-build commenced - designed by William Railton, architect of Nelson's Column
1843	Woodhouse Eaves National School built, endowed by Charles Allsopp
1844	Ecclesiastical District of Woodhouse Eaves constituted
1844	Parish of Woodhouse formed
1848	Present house at Beaumanor completed, with heraldic glass
1856	Slaters' cottages built, Maplewell Road, Woodhouse Eaves
1860	Schoolmaster's house, Church Hill, built - paid for by Mary Herrick, Woodhouse Eaves
1863	Many old cottages in Woodhouse demolished and re-built over the next 10 years in their present style

1866	Infants school built in Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves
1868	New ecclesiastical parish of Woodhouse and Beaumanor formed
1871	Chancel added to St Paul's church, Woodhouse Eaves
1878	Further restoration of St Mary's, Woodhouse - west gallery removed
1885	Baptist chapel, Woodhouse Eaves, restored and enlarged
1887	Methodist church and schoolroom built, Woodhouse Eaves built
1887	Village hall and reading rooms erected, Main St, Woodhouse Eaves, paid for by Sophia Perry Herrick
1890	Charnwood Forest Golf Club formed
1892	Rawlins school re-founded in Quorn
1895	South porch at St Mary's built, funded by Sophia Perry Herrick
1895	Woodhouse Parish Council formed
1895	Parish of Mapplewell - Longdale merged into Woodhouse Eaves
1895	Woodhouse Eaves Cricket Club founded
1895	Windmill ceased operations as damaged in gales
1899	Great Central Railway opens with station at Quorn/Woodhouse
1900	Cooper Memorial Convalescent Home for Children opens [<i>now Charnwood House</i>]
1904	St Paul's tower re-built. Clock and new bells installed
1906	The National School re-named Woodhouse Eaves Church of England School
1907	Anchor Inn name changed to Curzon Arms
1912	Swithland Recovery Home opened [<i>now Swithland Court</i>]
1915	Sophia Perry Herrick dies and Beaumanor Estate passes to William Curzon Herrick
1918	First recorded meeting of the Women's Institute
1920	Woodhouse Eaves war memorial erected
1920	Sale of many Woodhouse Eaves properties by Beaumanor Estate
1920	Hemp Pit Hill House donated as 'Empitts' Children's Home
1930	Roecliffe Manor Children's Convalescent Home opens [later Cheshire Home]
1935	Village playing fields named after King George V
1937	Zachary Merton Recovery Home opens [<i>later the Bradgate Nursing Home</i>]
1939	War Ministry uses Beaumanor for duration of World War II for military purposes
1940	High explosive bombs dropped across Woodhouse Eaves [<i>Main Street</i>]
1942	Wellington bomber from Wymeswold crashed in Old Woodhouse
1945	Woodhouse Eaves windmill burned down
1945	Miles Martinet aircraft crashed at Blackhill Farm, Woodhouse Eaves
1945	Beaumanor Estate passes to Lt Colonel Assheton Curzon Howe Herrick on the death of Colonel William Montagu Curzon
1946	Beaumanor Estate sale [owing to death duties] at auction. Leicestershire County Council buys Beacon Hill; Ministry of Defence buys Beaumanor Hall
1947	Swedish 'prefab' houses delivered to Beacon Road
1948	Ellen Towle Memorial Home opened
1950s	Houses on many streets re-numbered. Appearance of Bird Hill & Tuckett Roads.
1951	Primary school re-named St Paul's ...
1952	Armed raid at Curzon Arms
1954	Long Close garden, Woodhouse Eaves, opens to the public
1960s	Bird Hill House demolished. Paterson Drive, Woodhouse Eaves, built
1970	Broombriggs Farm presented to Leicestershire County Council for public use
1972	Woodhouse designated a Conservation Area by Borough Council
1974	Beaumanor Hall bought by Leicestershire County Council
1981	Baptist Chapel re-built
1989	Horticultural Show re-introduced
1991	Ecclesiastical parishes of Woodhouse, Woodhouse Eaves & Swithland united. School Lane, Woodhouse and parts of Woodhouse Eaves designated Conservation Areas
1995	Bull's Head at the fountain in Woodhouse, stolen in 1989, replaced with a replica
1998	Royal Signals and Intelligence Corps leave Woodhouse
2004	Bradgate Nursing Home closed
2005	Restored ancient pinfold at St Mary's church opened by Mayor of Charnwood

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Woodhouse Parish Plan Questionnaire [abbreviated]

Most of the questions had a set of boxes containing options for households to tick or write details in.

The Environment

- 1-2 What are the most important problems for your household about the local parish environment? If you have ticked any of the above, please give details e.g. which problem, where the problem occurs, and the time of day [e.g. peak morning rush hour].
- 3-4 Which of the following local landscape features do you feel contributes most to the parish landscape? Would you be interested in joining a local conservation group? ** If yes, please tick the relevant box on the back page and enter your name and address*
- 5-6 Which of the following waste management services are problems for you? If you have ticked any of the above problems, please state which problem and where the problem occurs.
- 7-8 Would you like to have more recycling facilities in your village? If you said yes to the above question, please say what recycling facilities you would like, and where they should be sited.
- 9-10 Which of the following local features do you have concerns about? If you have ticked any of the above, please state which problem and where the problem occurs.
- 11 Do you think it would be a good idea to have a village contact system for notifying the relevant services about litter, fallen leaves, hedges, phone box cleaning, etc.? [e.g. a village helpline to telephone or text, email or internet links, or a box at the village hall for notes to be left]
- 12 There is increasing pressure on our energy resources. There are actions we can take to help reduce demand, such as solar panels, wind turbines, and low energy lighting. Would you be interested in learning how to create alternative sources of energy - e.g. by using waste to generate power, or by having a local electricity-generating scheme? ** If yes, please tick the relevant box on the back page and enter your name and address*

Traffic and Transport

- 13-14 How far does each adult in your household usually travel to work [paid or voluntary] or education? Where to?
- 15 How often does anyone in your household rely on public transport, including trains, taxis and planes, to get to work or education?
- 16 How often do you or your family use a bus service in your village for any purpose?
- 17 What would make you use buses more often?
- 18 Do you have any other comments about the bus services [e.g. additional bus destinations that you would like to see provided]?
- 19 Would you be interested in a car-sharing scheme from your village to get to work or education? ** If yes, please tick the relevant box on the back page and enter your name and address*
- 20-21 How often does anyone in your family use a bicycle or walk to work/education, or for leisure? What would make you walk or use a bicycle more often?
- 22 What places would you go to if you used a bicycle or walked more often [e.g. via Beaumanor to Loughborough]?
- 23-24 If anyone in your household is disabled [sight, hearing, mobility etc], are any of the following facilities inadequate for them? Where exactly are the problem areas in your village for disabled people?
- 25-26 Have you had experience of obstructions of any of the following on local roads? If yes, where exactly are the problem areas?
- 27-28 For your household, which of the following are the most serious traffic problems in the villages? If yes, where exactly are the problem areas?
- 29 Weight restrictions were imposed some years ago on Forest and Beacon Roads [Selby's, Welbeck College and shop delivery vehicles have special exemptions]. Since the weight restrictions, has the volume of heavy goods vehicle traffic through your village altered?
- 30-31 Do you think that any of the following traffic calming measures are required? If yes, what measures and where would you like to see them?
- 32-33 There are existing schemes in other villages whereby volunteers assist the police with speed control. Residents monitor speed and gather statistics to give to the police. Would you be in favour? Would you be prepared to join such a scheme? ** If yes, please tick the relevant box on the last page and enter your name and address.*

Local businesses

- 34 Where do you do most of your weekly shopping?
- 35 How often do you shop in Woodhouse Eaves?
- 36 Are there any changes to the village shops that would make you use them more often? Please specify which shop and which changes [e.g. price, parking, deliveries, opening hours]
- 37 Are there any other reasons why you mainly shop elsewhere?
- 38 Are there any additional shops or mobile services that you would use if they were available locally?

Village amenities

- 39-40 Do you have any concerns or views about the allotments in Woodhouse Eaves. **Please also tick the relevant box on the back page and enter your name and address.* How could they be improved?
- 41-42 Is your family/household linked with a religious congregation in your village? If you have ticked 'Other' above, please give details.
- 43 Have you had difficulties finding somewhere to hold a meeting or other indoor event in your own village?
- 44-45 If you or anyone in your household has attended or organised any activity/function in the village hall in the past year or so, did any of the facilities cause you concern? If you have ticked any of the above, please give details.
- 46-47 If you or anyone in your household has attended or organised any activity/function in the village hall Annexe [formerly the Youth Club] in the past year or so, did any of the facilities cause you concern? If you have ticked any of the above, please give details
- 48-49 If you or any of your household used the St Paul's school community centre in the past year or so, did any of the facilities cause you concern? If you have ticked any of the above, please give details.
- 50-51 If you or anyone in your household has attended or organised any activity/function in the Scout hut in the past year or so, did any of the facilities cause you concern? If you have ticked any of the above, please give details.
- 52-53 It is proposed to develop a village meeting room with kitchen and toilet facilities at St Mary's Church, Old Woodhouse to replace the facility lost when the M.O.D. left Garat's Hay. Do you support this? How would you use this?
- 54-55 If you or anyone in your household has used any of the play/sports facilities in Woodhouse Eaves in the last year or so, did any of the facilities cause you concern? If you have ticked any of the above, please give details.
- 56-57 If anyone in your household has used the children's play area in Woodhouse Eaves during the past year or so, did any of the facilities cause you concern? Please indicate for each age group. If you have ticked any of the above, please give details.
- 58-59 Do you think that there should be a separate play area for the under 5s? If you answered yes, please suggest practical equipment that could be considered for it.
- 60 Would anyone in your family use a children's play area in Old Woodhouse?
- 61 Would you be interested in becoming an assistant or leader within a youth group [e.g. Scouts, Guides, Beavers] or to help on their committee? ** If yes, please tick the relevant box on the last page and enter your name and address.*

Local buildings and architecture

- 62 Planning applications are displayed at Charnwood Borough Council offices, in the library, in the Loughborough Echo and outside adjacent properties. They will soon be available on the Borough Council website. They are also discussed at Parish Council meetings. Where would you like to see future planning applications for the Parish more readily available to all residents?
- 63 Do you agree that any future residential development in the parish should be limited to existing boundaries or extended to greenfield sites?
- 64 When new homes are built, should they be mainly detached, terraced, flats, single storey, mixed?
- 65 When new homes are built should one of the priorities be for low cost, affordable dwellings for local people?
- 66 If new homes are built, should they be grouped as singles, 5s, or 10s?
- 67 Do you agree that any new housing should blend in with existing housing [e.g. local stone/slate], in accordance with the good design principles stated in National Planning Policy Guidance?
- 68 If you have any comments on development you would like to see at the former Chinese restaurant/ADP garage site opposite Le Fevre's shop [junction of Church Hill/Meadow Road], please give details.

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- 69 If you have any comments on development you would like to see at the Bradgate Nursing Home site [the former recovery home on Brand Hill], please give details.
- 70 If you have any comments on any existing developments [e.g. Welbeck College], please give details.
- 71 A Village Design Statement [VDS] ... protects the quality, identity and character of the area. ..., Would you be willing to join in with other residents to help produce a Village Design Statement? **Please tick the relevant box on the back page and enter your name and address.*

Tourism

- 72 Has anyone in your household visited any of the following local attractions in the past year?
- 73 Are there any improvements that you would like to see to make these attractions more accessible to village residents, or to reduce any disadvantages?

Crime and Safety

- 74 Do you feel safe in the parish environment?
- 75-76 Has anyone in your household suffered from crime in the past 12 months? If you ticked 'Other', what crimes have you suffered?
- 77 What crime issues in your village need addressing? Please give specific details.
- 78 What would be an effective method for reducing crime in your village?
- 79 Are there any other things that you would like to see happen?
- 80 Would you be willing to help with any of the following? *If you ticked any of the above please tick the relevant box on the last page and enter your name and address.*

Lifelong Learning

- 81 There are several ways in which you can participate in adult education. These can range from instruction in lace-making to academic degrees. There are many opportunities available either within or near to the parish or accessible from it. Do you participate in any of the following?
- 82 If you feel that your educational needs are not yet being met, what would help you?

Health and well-being

- 83-84 Does anyone in your household have any difficulties when they need to use or visit any of the following [e.g. opening hours, transport]? If you have ticked any of the above, please give details of the problem and what service it involves.
- 85 Does any member of your household consider themselves as disabled or have any long-term health problem that limits daily activity?
- 86-88 Is anyone in your household a member of any local club or society? To which local clubs and societies does your household belong? Are there any other groups or clubs in the village that members of your household belong to or attend?
- 89 Do you generally feel interested and willing to join in with community activities in the parish e.g. horticultural show, bring & buy sales, village fetes? ** If yes, and you would like to be more actively involved, please tick the relevant box on the back page and enter your name and address*
- 90-91 Would you be interested in joining with others to help a new activity group to get going in your village [e.g. book club, walking group]? If yes, please say what kind of activity. ** Please tick the relevant box on the back page, and enter your name and address.*
- 92 How well do you feel that you know your neighbours?
- 93 If applicable, how well do you feel that you know your work colleagues?

Getting things done - local government

- 94 Do you have any concerns about the performance of your parish/borough/county council?
- 95 Would you like to have more *influence* on key issues via the Parish Council [e.g. questions at meetings, telephone contact, surgeries]?
- 96 Would you like to have better *access* to the Borough Councillor [e.g. surgeries, telephone, via Parish Council meetings]?
- 97 Would you like to see greater local *influence* by the Parish Council on decisions that affect the villages?
- 98 Would you like to be better *informed* on Parish Council activities [e.g. by email at home, attending meetings, minutes on notice boards, minutes on website, articles in Roundabout or Parish Magazine]?

- 99 Would you be willing to help improve things? *If you have ticked any of the above, please tick the relevant box on the back page and enter your name and address.*

Communications in the parish

- 100 ... Do you feel that you are sufficiently informed of or involved in what's going on? * *If you would like more information on any of these, please tick the relevant box on the back page and enter your name and address*

- 101 Do you routinely look at any of the following ...?

Your household and village

- 102 Please say where you live. It would help if you could enter your postcode
- 103 How many cars do you keep at home?
- 104 Are you able to park every car off the road?
- 105-07 How many people including children normally live in your home? How many females in the following age groups are there in your household? How many males in the following age groups are there in your household?
- 108 How long has the longest staying member of your family lived in the parish?
- 109 What best describes your accommodation?
- 110 If you have any pets, what are they, and how many do you have?

And finally

- 111 What do you most like about living in your village?
- 112 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the parish?

Further information and offers of help [on back page of questionnaire]

Prior to any questionnaires being analysed, a third party will detach this sheet. Your question responses will therefore be anonymous and confidential.

Please indicate if you would like further information and/or would like to be involved in activities arising from the following questions: Please tick all that apply

Q no.

- 4 Joining conservation group: natural & heritage issues / monitoring planning applications
- 12 Interested in local energy schemes
- 19 Interested in a car sharing scheme
- 33 Helping with local speed control activities
- 39 Information on allotments
- 61 Youth help or leadership
- 71 Interested in Village Design Statement
- 80 Joining local 'Watches'
- 80 Becoming a Special Constable
- 80 Becoming a Community Support Officer
- 80 Becoming a Community Volunteer
- 89 Helping with community activities/voluntary work
- 91 Joining a special interest group
- 99 Joining an action group
- 99 Reading a village newsletter
- 99 Helping to produce a village newsletter
- 99 Attending parish council meetings
- 100 Information on Parish Council activities
- 100 Details of local events
- 100 Details of local sports activities
- 100 Details of local societies and clubs
- 100 Interested in local farming matters

Personal questions you have requiring a reply from the Parish Plan Group:

Your name, Address, Telephone number, Email address

Thank you

The Woodhouse Parish Plan

Youth questionnaire [abbreviated] for ages 13 to 19

1. How long have you lived in this area?
2. Which village do you live in?
3. What social facilities would you like to go to if there was public transport, at the right times, to places like Loughborough or Leicester?
4. What social facilities or hangouts would you like to see locally?
5. What sports would you like to take part in?
6. Why can't you do these now?
7. Do you think there should be a youth information service in the area?
8. Where and how would you like to see this?
9. What information would you like to see?
10. Which issues are most important to you as a young person living in your village?
11. Do you have access to a computer at home?
12. Would you like more access to a computer in the local area?
13. When you reach the time to buy or rent your own home would you like to stay here?
14. What advantages and disadvantages are there for a person of your age living here?
15. Are you at school, college or university, employed, unemployed?
16. How old are you?
17. Are you [female, male]
18. How would you describe yourself? [ethnic origin to tick]

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. You are the future of this parish and we value your opinions.

Children's questions [abbreviated] for ages 6-11

1. Which village do you live in?
2. Do you like living in your village?
3. Please complete this statement: What I would really like in this village is ...
4. Do you regularly go to any of the clubs here?
5. Are there any clubs that you would like to have in your village?
6. How old are you?







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