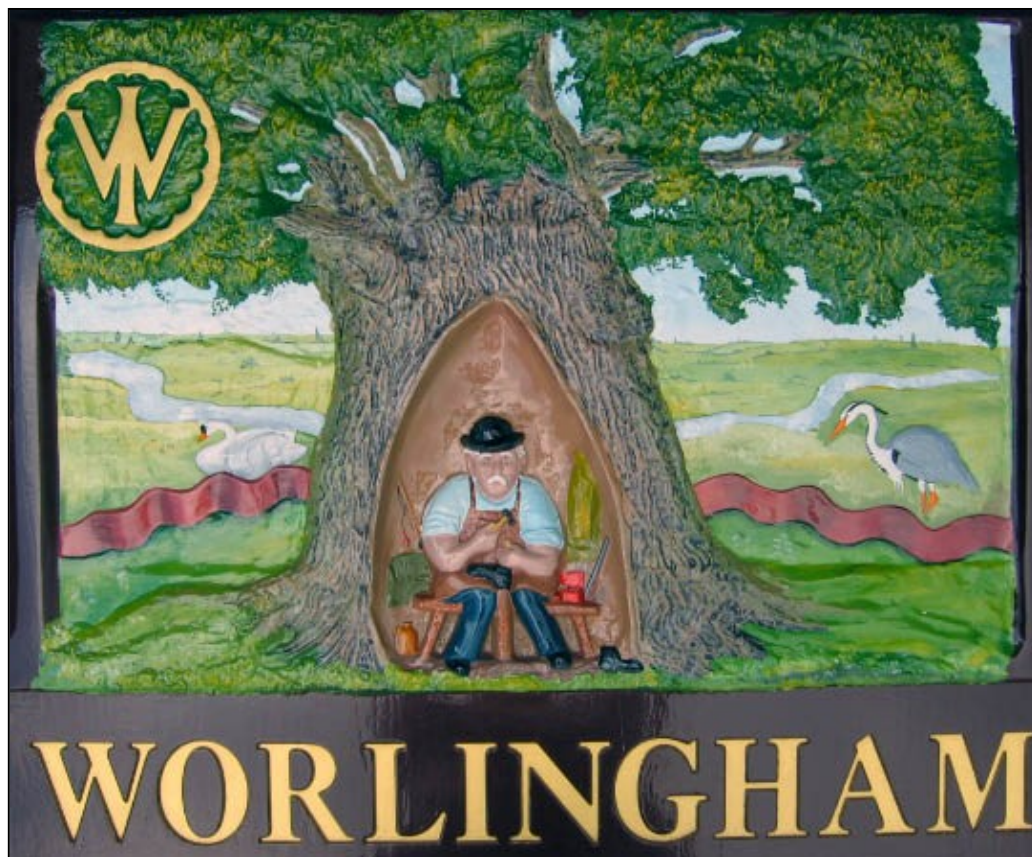


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the Parish Plan for Worlingham. A steering group formed in 2007 compiled this plan after organising a number of consultation activities such as leaflets, a drop-in event, the Cyber Olympics (for young people) and a village wide-questionnaire, all of which took place in 2008. An action plan has been derived from the findings, which will be presented to the Parish Council for adoption.

Here is a summary of some of the main results.

There is a significant number of people in Worlingham who have a health problem or disability which restricts their lifestyle. These people need support with shopping and other aspects of life.

With the rapid expansion of housing in Worlingham, particularly from the 1960s onwards there is a strong feeling that there should be no more major housing developments. However, there is a perceived need for a limited number of starter homes, small family homes, housing for the disabled and sheltered housing for the elderly.

The shops in Worlingham appear to be well used, with convenience and time saving being the main reasons. There is a wish for an extension of the range of facilities available.

There is support for a 'Good Neighbour' scheme (e.g., voluntary help with shopping, transport, etc.) in Worlingham.

The village fete, to be held on 20 June 2009, received strong support, and the Parish Council has already drawn on the list of volunteers gathered through the consultation to form a steering group to organise and run the fete.

There is a desire for adult education classes, after school clubs and holiday play schemes.

A considerable number of people say they are interested in taking an allotment.

Residents tend to find out what is happening in Worlingham through the WNCB News, Beccles & Bungay Journal, the Waveney Advertiser and the Beccles Independent. However, there is a desire for further information services in Worlingham, such as a Citizens' Advice Bureau and travel information.

There is a desire for more sporting facilities in Worlingham with keep fit / aerobics, and badminton coming top of the list across a wide age range. There is also a need for both indoor and outdoor sporting facilities.

Many people think that the social facilities available in Worlingham are inadequate. There is a desire for a number of clubs and activities to be organised, such as rambling and gardening clubs and a social night.

There are six play areas for younger people in Worlingham. The high priorities for improvement are to improve the drainage at some sites, particularly Woodfield Park, and to install more play equipment, especially at the Middle School play area.

Most people thought that our councillors are increasingly less aware of issues in Worlingham the more remote the tier of local government (i.e., in the order Parish, District and County). More opportunities to meet the elected representatives are sought and more information is needed about the activities of the Parish Council.

Most people in Worlingham do not consider themselves active members of a religion. However, they do see All Saints Church as an important historic building and important for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Traffic noise adjacent to Lowestoft Road, dog fouling and offensive smells cause the greatest nuisance to residents. To improve the environment of the village, residents would like to see improved maintenance of road verges, reduction of litter and planting of hedges and trees.

A new community venue / village hall and a pub are top priorities for improving the facilities in Worlingham. There are enough people who volunteered to form a steering group to take this forward.

Better maintenance of existing footpaths and a crossing near Hillside Avenue are high priorities for pedestrians. There is also considerable support for a new footpath from Park Drive to Beccles Common.

Cycle tracks are desired along all the main routes through Worlingham, i.e., along Lowestoft Road into Beccles, to Ellough industrial estate and along the by-pass. Maps of where the existing cycle tracks go need to be displayed around the village.

Most people rate the doctors as 'good' but have difficulty accessing their services and would like a surgery in Worlingham. Transport to the Beccles Medical Centre is a problem, especially for the older members of the community.

Bus services are generally rated as 'good', but accessibility for those with disabilities and the condition of buses were rated as poor, but there have been improvements in these areas since the questionnaire was sent out.

Lowestoft Road, Ellough Road and the Marsh Lane roundabout are seen as traffic problem areas. There is support for many control measures, including more 20 mph speeds limits, flashing warning signs and support for the Southern Link Road.

The young people in the village mainly walk or cycle to school, and rely on parents for travelling further afield. Many consider Lowestoft Road an unsafe place to cross, walk or cycle. They take part in a range of activities (e.g., dance, music and youth club) and sports (e.g., football, swimming, basketball and netball). They have similar concerns about the play areas as the adults. Some are concerned about anti-social behaviour, bullying and smoking. They feel unsafe in dark / unlit alleyways and play areas at night, areas where older youths congregate and in areas of heavy and fast traffic.

There are many items here which need attention and action. We hope that the Parish Council adopts the findings of this report and, subject to the available resources, takes forward the action plan with due urgency.

PREFACE

The views expressed in this report are those of the Worlingham Parish Plan Steering Group. The group has endeavoured to present and interpret the results of the questionnaires (main and youth) in an impartial manner and to provide recommendations for an action plan. The report and action plan are made available to the Parish Council and other bodies to help guide their future decision making and actions to be taken which affect the lives of the parishioners of Worlingham.

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Worlingham Parish Plan Steering Group would like to thank the following for their help in the Parish Plan process:

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Without the tremendous help from the group of volunteers it would not have been possible to distribute and collect all the questionnaires and achieve a 70% return rate.

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- Suffolk ACRE
- John Taylor and Mark Bee (SCC Councillors through their locality budgets)
- Awards for All
- Worlingham Parish Council

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Parish Council Statement

Firstly, the council would like to thank all those involved in the preparation and delivery of the Parish Plan, and especially the Parish Plan steering group. A huge amount of work has been required to produce the end result that is now available and it is only through the hard work and dedication of the steering group that this has all been possible.

The process was started by former chairman Trevor Knights with a view to getting a definitive view of what parishioners wanted for the village and I must thank all those parishioners who gave their time to complete the questionnaires.

This Parish plan is a very comprehensive document that will enable the elected officers of the parish council to guide the partnership authorities in their decisions for the years to come and to enable them to promote and move Worlingham forward in accordance with the wishes of the residents.

Mike Culyer

Worlingham Parish Council Chairman

Suffolk County Council

It would be wrong of me to let the chance go by and not comment on the recently compiled Parish Plan for Worlingham, knowing just how much hard work has gone into this important project.

The Parish Plan is a comparatively new idea, having been launched a few years back with the intention of encouraging as many of a parish residency to get together with there Parish Council, and work-up a comprehensive document, detailing how they would like to see their community evolve in the years ahead.

As a Councillor of several years standing, I have been privileged to have had sight of other Parish Plans, but this plan, constructed by you all as a joint partnership is marvellous piece of work, and shines through as an example of how YOU wish YOUR community to look like in the future, and an example to others who had not that vision.

My congratulations to you all, the hard work speaks for itself, in a very professional document.

Good luck and fortune to you all, Well done.

Yours Faithfully,

John Taylor
Suffolk County Councillor
Beccles Division

WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Plan Committee

I would like to extend my personal thanks to all the parish volunteers who contributed in the many diverse ways; towards the preparation and production of the parish plan.

Also to those who assisted in the distribution and collection of the questionnaires and of course those who analysed the responses and formulated the target of producing such a well laid out booklet.

The preparation of "The Worlingham Parish Plan Booklet" was no mean task and full credit must be given to those who initially took up the challenge; the preparation of the very structured manner in which the format had to be approached was no mean feat.

When one gets involved in such a scheme you are amazed at the diversity and the needs within the local population. Their ambitions and expectations present many difficult challenges and the people of Worlingham proved to be no exception.

But above all, in trying to fulfil these now identified needs, will be perhaps the true gain, it provides those original volunteers with their greatest satisfaction.

On this completion, the time has come to move on we must not lose sight of those identified needs and aspirations discovered after so much individual effort. It is to be hoped that "Worlingham Parish Council" will give their utmost financial support where appropriate and that the rate payers amongst us will recognise a job well done.

Thank you All

Alan Duce

CHAPTER 1 - INTRODUCTION

The process of drawing up the Parish Plan for Worlingham was initiated in May 2007, with a meeting held in the church hall, led by Annette Grey from Suffolk Action with Communities in Rural England (Suffolk A.C.R.E.). There was sufficient support to form a steering group and to compile a list of volunteers who were willing to help. After some initial training by Suffolk A.C.R.E., the steering group set about sorting out its objectives and raising the funding to undertake the collection and the analysis of the data upon which this plan is based.

Worlingham Parish Plan Steering Group Mission Statement

The steering group consists of Worlingham residents who care about the future of our parish. We recognise that all the members of this community are different and have different needs. We want to gather information about these needs, through a variety of consultation methods, to be able to cater for a growing community of all ages. We will produce a questionnaire within a set time frame. This will enable us to achieve a clear vision for the future of Worlingham, taking into account everyone's point of view, leading to an action plan that guides future decisions affecting the parish. The Parish Plan will be available to residents and other stakeholders. Our ultimate aim is a greater sense of community in Worlingham.

The Steering Group

The members of the steering group are:

Paul Gurbutt (Chairman)
John Coulson (Vice Chairman)
Jennie Craig (Secretary)
Michelle Bialan
Ed Ellis
Steve Larkin
Duncan Carter
Jeremy Walden
June Parker-Jones
Richard Tucker
Sylvia Robbins

The following were members of the group for part of the process

Neil Wilson
Sandra Etheridge

Timetable of events

The steering group arranged the following:

Task	Date
Fund raising – sponsors: Suffolk A.C.R.E., Awards for All, Mark Bee (SCC locality budget), John Taylor (SCC locality budget) and Worlingham Parish Council.	May-December 2007
Logo competition – sponsored by Rainbow and Tesco stores.	January 2008
Leaflet to all households about what was good and what was bad about Worlingham and what could be improved – collection points at Hillside News, the Spar shop and the Worlingham Pharmacy. The results from the 155 leaflets returned helped shape the questions in the main questionnaire. The Spar shop donated a prize to encourage the return of questionnaires.	Delivered January 2008; analysed by February 2008
Drop in event for the whole village to further explore issues – the Spar shop sponsored refreshments. 112 residents attended.	March 2008
Cyber Olympics – sponsored by the Parish Council – to explore what younger members of the community thought. Over 80 attended.	March 2008
Development of main questionnaire and youth questionnaire (for 9-15 year olds).	March - June 2008
Trials of questionnaires on volunteers and amendment of questionnaire in light of comments.	July – August 2008
Volunteer meeting to brief the volunteers on delivery and collection of questionnaires.	September 2008
Leaflet drop – the questionnaire is coming.	September 2008
Steering Group members each mentored 2 or 3 volunteers during the delivery and collection (38 volunteers in total).	September – October 2008
Delivery and collection of questionnaires to all households in Worlingham	September - October 2008
Data entry into University of Gloucester software	October – November 2008
Analysis of data	November 2008 – February 2009
Production of report	January – March 2009
Volunteer thank you and presentation evening	February 2009
Presentation of the report to the Parish Council	April 2009
Public meeting to discuss the report	May 2009

Activities anticipating the publication of this report

At the back of the main questionnaire there was a tear-off sheet where residents of the village could indicate where they would be willing to support specific activities. This list of 167 volunteers was made available to the Parish Council in November 2008.

The Parish Council drew on the list of volunteers to arrange a meeting of all those who indicated that they are willing to help with the Village Fete to be held on 20 June 2009. The planning for the fete is now well under way.

Investigation of the possibility of a cycle track from Worlingham into Beccles was reported in Beccles and Bungay Journal on 7 March 2009.

CHAPTER 2 - DESCRIPTION OF WORLINGHAM

Early History

Worlingham has a long history. It was mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086. The meaning of Worlingham is "Village of Werel or Werwulf's people [Suffolk Parish Pack, Suffolk Records Office].

Worlingham grew out of the 2 manors of Great and Little Worlingham each having its own parish church [A Brief History of Worlingham circa 1281 – 1837 by Councillor Stephen Shepherd].

In 1086 the population was some 81 persons. By 1603 this had fallen to 67 adults. In 1674 31 households were recorded. Occupations recorded for the period 1500 to 1549 include 2 yeomen and 1 "rough" mason [Suffolk Parish Pack, Suffolk Records Office].

In 1818 there was a small day school with 10 pupils. There was a Sunday school with 31 attendees. The National School was built in 1845 and then enlarged in 1910. Average attendance in 1912 was 65. [Suffolk Parish Pack, Suffolk Records Office].

This school was demolished to make way for the bypass.

The parish boundary has remained largely unchanged.



Worlingham Primary School



Lowestoft Road

Modern Worlingham

Worlingham has a population of approximately 3,660. It is situated in north Suffolk and is bounded on the north by the River Waveney. It is next to Beccles with Lowestoft 8 miles to the east and Norwich 20 miles to the north.

The greater part is concentrated around the main road between Beccles and Lowestoft including two new housing developments.

The village is surrounded (apart from the border with Beccles) by farmland, much of which is low lying alongside the River Waveney.

Worlingham has a One Stop general store (including Post Office), hairdressing and beauty salon, fish and chip shop, newsagent and pharmacy.

Worlingham currently has two very successful schools; a primary school and a middle school. Following Suffolk County Council's decision to move from a three tier to a two tier system of schools, the Primary School will move into the Middle School premises with its existing site closing. In addition, Worlingham has a thriving pre-school group.

The regular bus service between Lowestoft and Norwich passes through the village. Also there are two services running locally between Beccles and Worlingham.

There is a Community Police Officer but no doctor, dentist or public house.

The only community meeting place in the village was the Church Hall which was closed on health and safety grounds in September 2008.

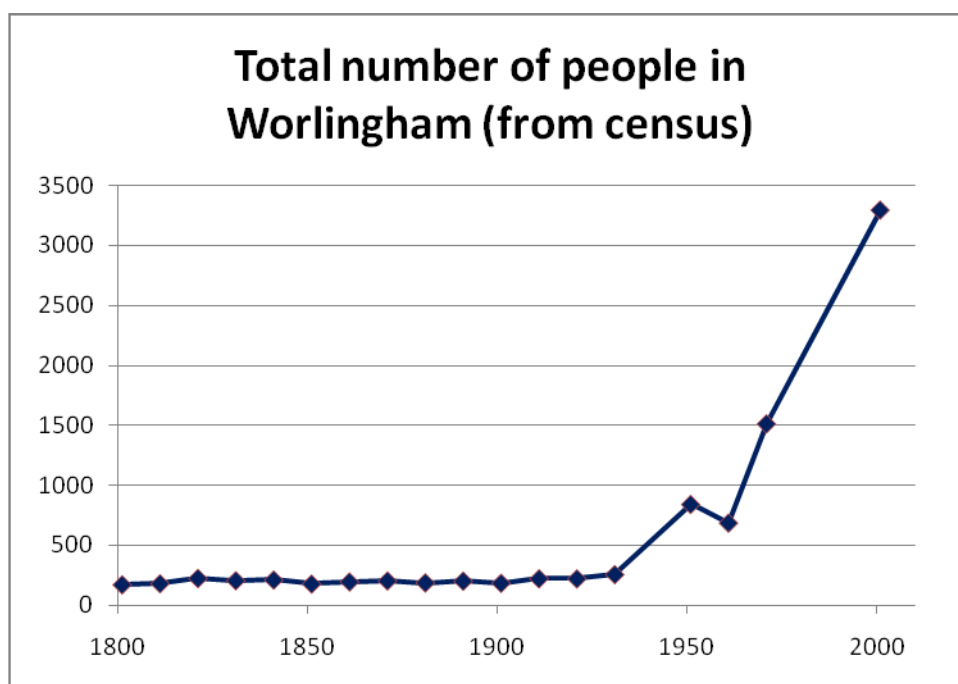
An expanding Industrial Estate is located within the village boundary.

Demographics

Worlingham, in terms of population number, is a large parish. In the year 2006 it was estimated that the population stood at 3,660 [Source: Suffolk County Council (SCC)]. The population trebled between 1971 and 2001.

The population of Worlingham may be large today but it was not always the case.

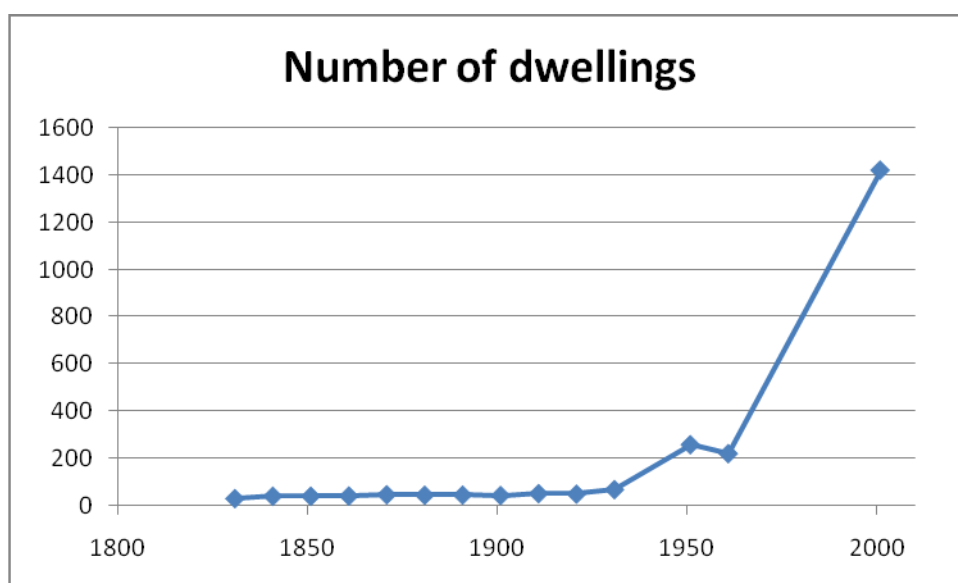
According to the census data for 1801 the population was just 168. By 1971 the population has risen sharply to 1,512. By 2001, the last year for which there is census data, the population stood at 3,298. The graph opposite shows the number of people living in Worlingham for the years 1801 to 2001.



[Source: Office of National Statistics via A Vision of Britain Through Time, www.visionofbritain.org.uk]

Not surprisingly, along with this increase in population size, the number of houses has increased.

The growth in development is particularly marked from the 1960s.



[Source: Office of National Statistics via A Vision of Britain Through Time, www.visionofbritain.org.uk]

In 1831 the main occupation of people was “labourers employed in agriculture”. There were 4 others “capitalists, bankers, professional and other educated men”. 22 women were servants.

Census data for 2001 [Census Area Statistics, Source: Office for National Statistics] reveals the following information on the people of Worlingham.

Gender	Numbers
Males	1,601
Females	1,697
Total	3,298

Age	Numbers
People aged 0 -4	211
People aged 5 -15	465
People aged 16 -24	258
People aged 25 -44	920
People aged 45 – 64	824
People aged 65 – 74	365
People aged 75 and over	255
Mean age	40.17

All people aged 16 & over	Numbers
Single	509
Married	1,748
Divorced or widowed	365
All people with a limiting long-term illness	503
All people whose health was good	2,336
All people providing unpaid care	313

Before the present economic downturn, unemployment was low in Worlingham. However, there is a significant number of people who are economically inactive. This correlates with a relatively large number in the 60+ age group.

Based on data from April 2001, about 87% of the houses in Worlingham are either owned outright or owned via a mortgage. The remainder are rented from the local council, housing associations or private landlords.

The ethnic mix in Worlingham is predominantly White British, with a small number of other white people and much smaller numbers of Chinese, Asian and Caribbean origin.

Worlingham has been ranked with all 32,482 neighbourhoods in England, on a range of topics, giving a 'Total Deprivation' ranking. On a scale of 1 to 20, the most deprived neighbourhood in England has a rank of 1 and the least deprived had a rank of 20.

In 2007, Worlingham scored

- 18/20 for overall deprivation
- 16/20 for income deprivation
- 16/20 for employment deprivation
- 15/20 for health deprivation
- 11/20 for education deprivation
- 17/20 for barriers to housing and services
- 20/20 for crime
- 18/20 for living environment deprivation.

In summary, Worlingham can be described as a relatively affluent and healthy place to live with a low level of crime.



River Waveney

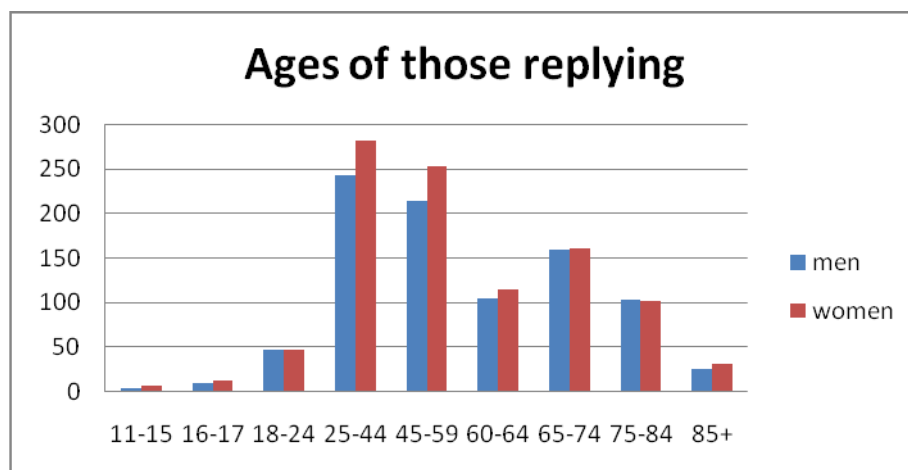


Marsh Lane

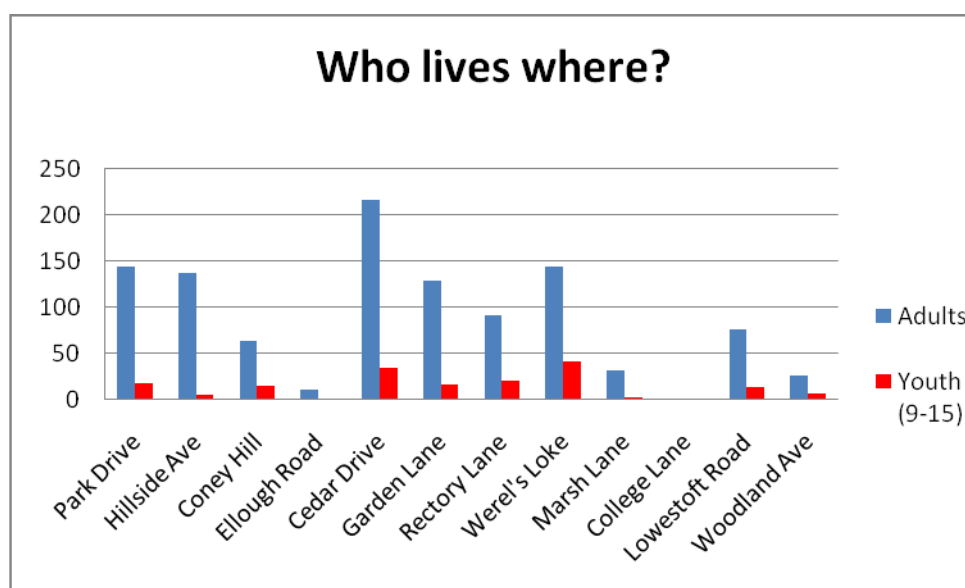
CHAPTER 3 - DEMOGRAPHICS OF THOSE RESPONDING¹

There was a good distribution of ages of those replying.

¹ Questions 4, 6, 7.



When these figures are compared with the 2001 census, it shows an increasing response to the questionnaire with age. In other words a larger proportion of people in the older age groups returned their questionnaire than those in the younger groups. For example, it is estimated from the 2001 census figures that about 40% of those people aged 16-24 answered a questionnaire compared with nearly 90% of those aged 65-74. Consequently, this report is likely to have a slight bias towards the views of the older section of the community.



Those replying covered all areas of the village. The breakdown was done on geographically related areas and not on numbers of people living in each area. It is also clear from the chart that some of the newer areas, such as Werel's Loke and the Cedar Drive / Rowan Way areas have higher numbers of young people replying to the youth questionnaire than the older areas such as Hillside Avenue. The responses to the questionnaire are consistent with the age and geographical structure of the village.

CHAPTER 4 - RESTRICTIONS ON LIFESTYLE AND MOBILITY²

There is a significant number of people in Worlingham (248 out of 1,888 or 13%) who have a health problem or disability which restricts their lifestyle. 77% of these people are over 60. As can be seen from chapter 3, the over 60s comprise 42% of those people answering the questionnaire.

Of the 481 people who said they needed help while shopping, carrying goods, getting to the shops and access to high shelves seems to cause the most problems.

Most of those who expressed an opinion on the social facilities for people with disabilities think that they were poor across all age ranges.

This link between the number of over 60s and the number with a restricted lifestyle or mobility is hinted at in other data. For example, the type of housing provision identified as being desired was homes for people with disabilities (157 out of 742 or 21%) and sheltered homes for the elderly (226 people out of 742 or 36%). If offered, the use of a shuttle bus to the medical centre increases with age over 60.

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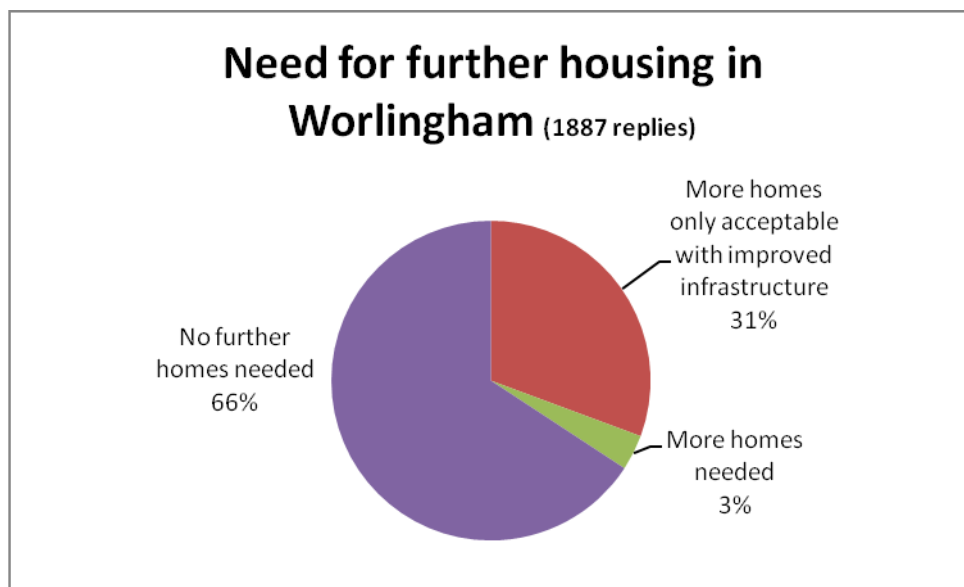
- **The Parish Council should consider working with the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Primary Care Trust to establish ways of supporting those with restricted lifestyle or mobility, either by a Good Neighbour Scheme or other voluntary or statutory provision.**

² Questions 8-10. Rural themes: access to health care; community transport; shopping & services; voluntary & community action

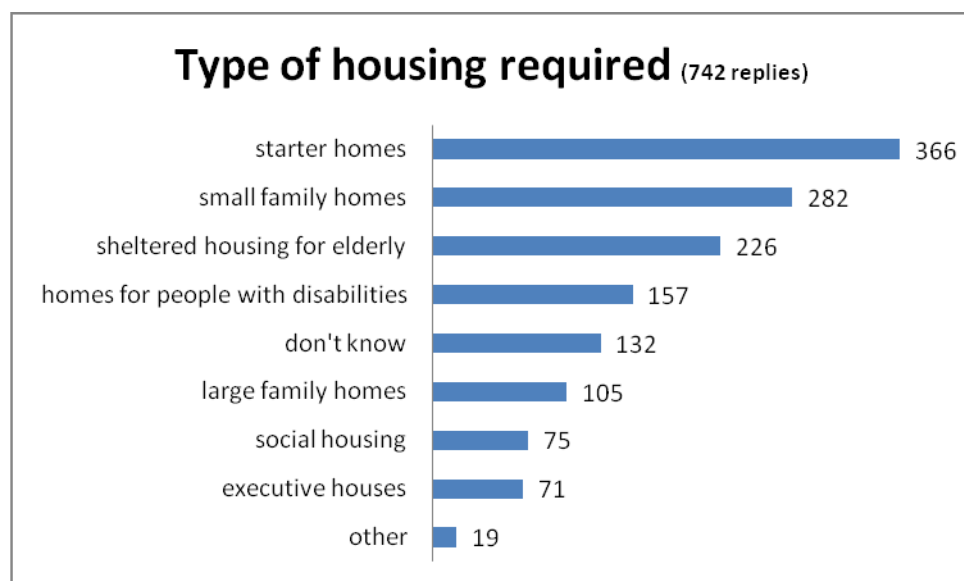
CHAPTER 5 - HOUSING³

The questionnaire sought the views of residents' future levels of need for housing.

The overwhelming response is that no further homes are needed in Worlingham. However, nearly one third says that further housing would be acceptable if there is improved infrastructure.



Those who saw a need for further housing say that the highest priorities are for starter homes, small family homes, sheltered homes for the elderly and homes for people with disabilities. There is little support for large family homes, executive homes or for social housing.



³ Questions 11-18. Rural themes: local democracy; affordable housing; market housing

The majority feel that redundant buildings should be used and any developments should be of a small scale with fewer than 10 houses. A significant number of those who responded want to see housing which is eco-friendly.

There is no significant variation from area to area of the village, with generally 50%-70% in each area wanting no more houses, 30%-40% wanting more only with improved infrastructure and a small percentage feeling that more housing is needed.

Recommendation:

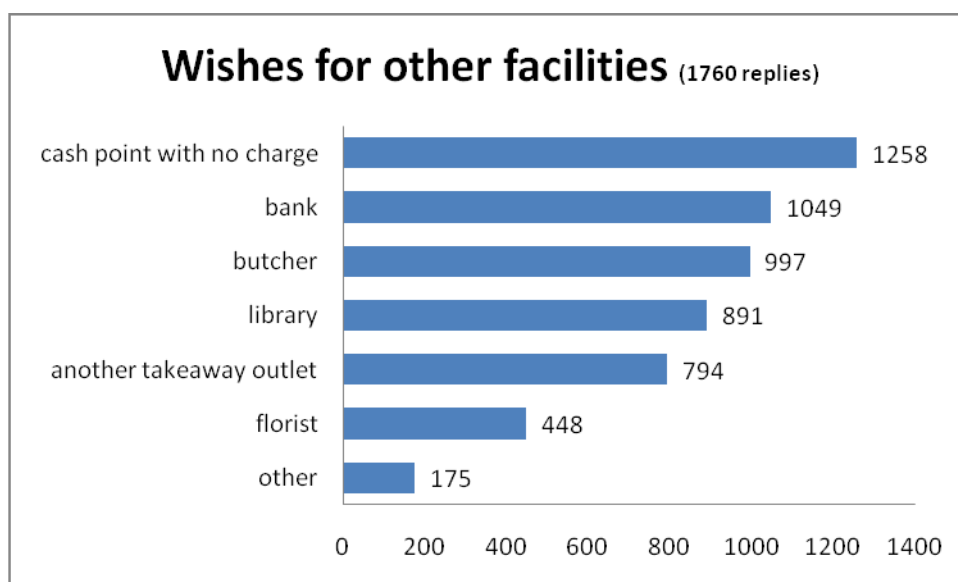
- **Inform the Local Planning Authority of these results and request that they are taken into account in the development frameworks (Waveney Local Development Framework and Core Strategy Development Plan).**

CHAPTER 6 - SHOPPING IN WORLINGHAM⁴

The questionnaire included four questions concerning shopping in Worlingham and all of these had a high response of around 1800+. Over 1400 people thought the range of shops was reasonable or poor.

Most of the shops appeared to be well used with varying degrees of frequency, with convenience and time saving being the main reasons.

There is clearly significant interest in having more retail facilities in Worlingham but whether demand is sufficient to make them viable is difficult to assess. A “no charge cash point” is now available.



Recommendation:

- **The Parish Council should investigate the feasibility of encouraging additional shopping facilities.**

⁴ Questions 14-17. Rural themes: shopping and services

CHAPTER 7 - FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES⁵

These questions sought to discover whether the people of Worlingham were interested in various opportunities.

A Good Neighbour Scheme, as run in some villages, was described as a register of local people who were willing and able to help people on a regular basis or respond to occasional requests for assistance such as help with shopping, transport to hospital, house watch and gardening help. 935 people say that they would support this with 139 who would not and 806 who do not know. **49 people volunteered to help in this scheme.**

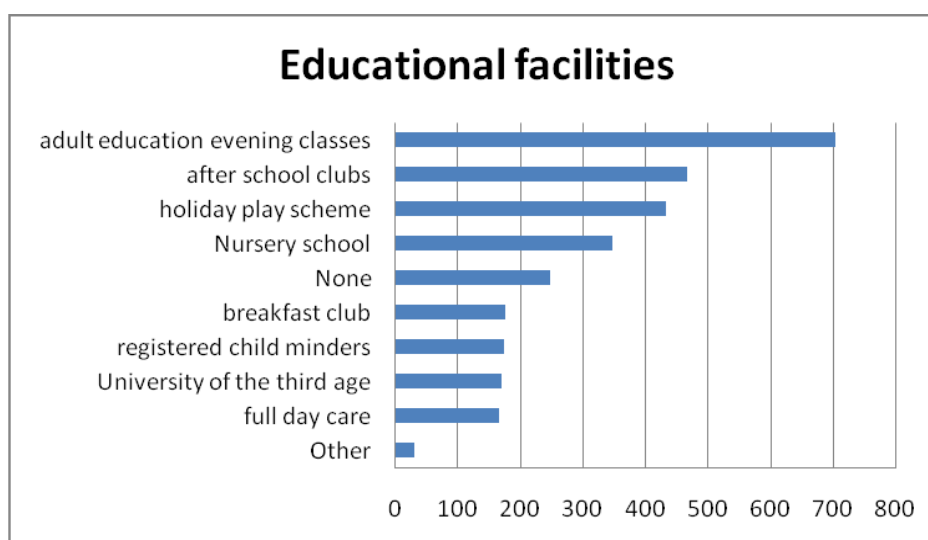
The census data for 2001 also identifies where the need for such a scheme might exist. In particular, it may well help to support the not insignificant proportion of the population who are over 75 years old [255], those with a limiting long-term illness [503] and those 313 people who provide unpaid care.

The issue raised in Chapter 17 about accessing health services is also of relevance.

Recommendation:

- **The Parish Council should research further the need for and the development of community and volunteer based services, such as a Good Neighbour Scheme, along with agencies involved in the provision of social care, i.e. Suffolk County Council, other local and national voluntary organisations.**

There is strong interest in holding a village fete in 2009, with 1528 saying they would attend and 659 saying they would support the fete in other ways, such as running a stall or helping to prepare on the day and clearing up. The Parish Council held a meeting to draw on this pool of volunteers and the organisation of the event is well underway. The fete, which will incorporate the Primary and Middle School fetes, will take place on 20 June on the Middle School field.



The response to the question about future educational opportunities shows clearly that there is a need for further education and child care support in the village as can be seen from the previous chart. There are 703 people requesting adult education classes and strong support (over 400 each) for after school clubs and holiday play schemes.

⁵ Questions 18-21. Rural themes: Facilities for teenagers; Facilities for young children; Facilities for older people; Cultural, sporting & recreational facilities; Voluntary /community self-help

Finally, a substantial number of people [253] say that they would be interested in taking an allotment, with a further 274 people possibly interested.

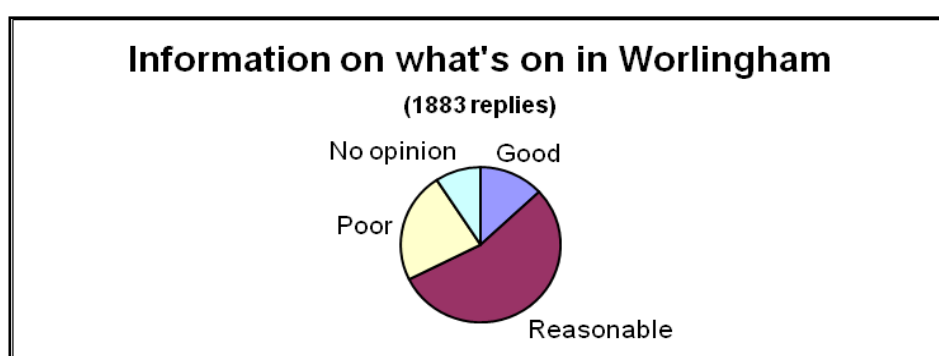
In addition to the opportunities asked about here, a whole range of sporting clubs and social activities that the residents of Worlingham would like to see are identified in Chapters 9 and 10.

Recommendations:

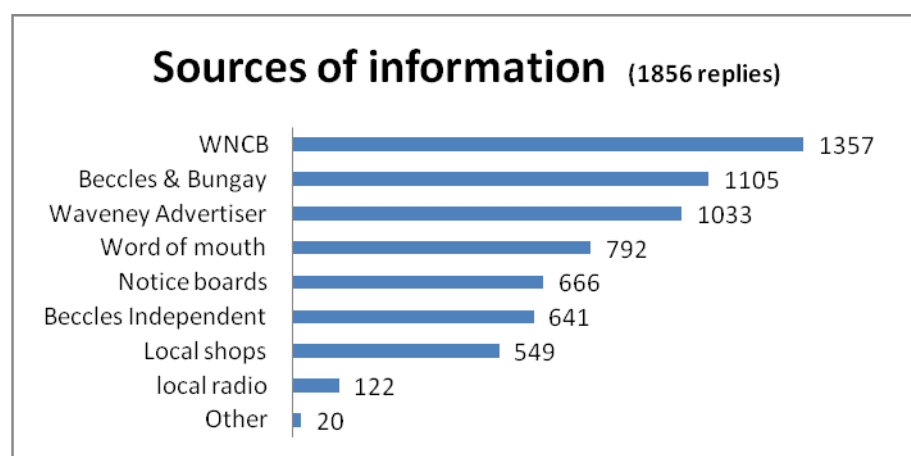
- **The Parish Council to advise the relevant authorities of the interest in adult education, after-school clubs and holiday play schemes.**
- **The Parish Council to explore all possibilities for obtaining land that could be used as allotments.**

CHAPTER 8 - ACCESS TO INFORMATION⁶

The overwhelming majority (1273 out of 1883 who answered – 68%) feel that access to information in Worlingham is reasonable or better, whilst less than a quarter (437-23%) feel that it is poor.

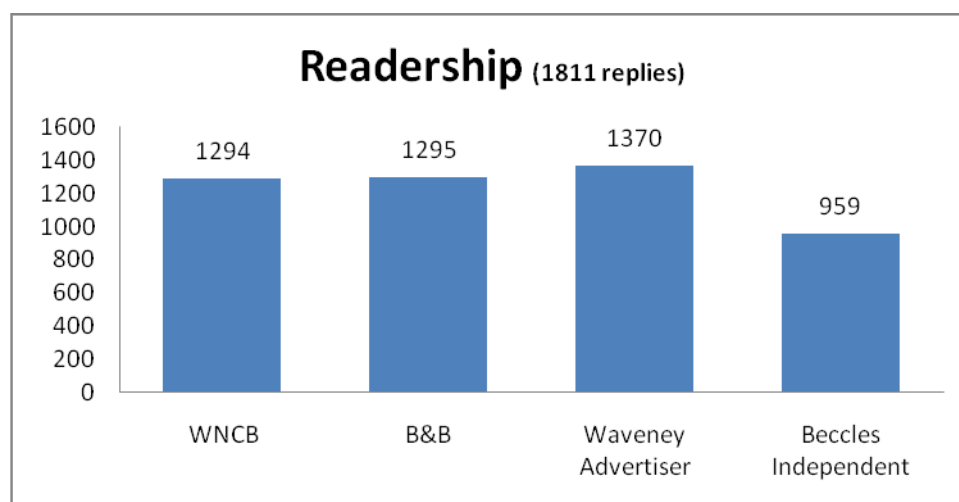


The most popular source of information about Worlingham is the Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby (WNCB) News. The Beccles and Bungay Journal and Waveney Advertiser are also used widely. Word of mouth and notice boards are used by over a third of people who responded and local shops by just under a third. Local radio seems to be used by only a small percentage of respondents and the Beccles Independent is the least used newspaper.



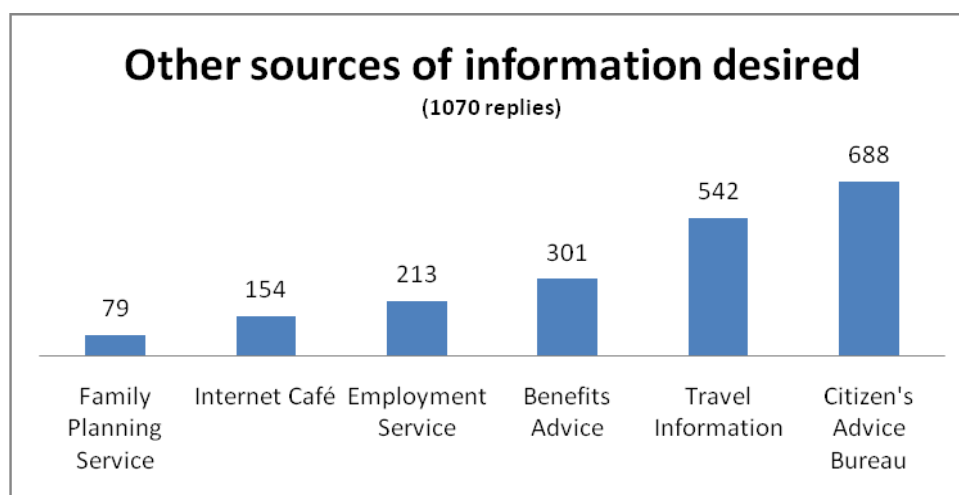
⁶ Questions 22-25. Rural theme: access to information

WNCB News, the Beccles and Bungay Journal and Waveney Advertiser are all read by over 70% of people who responded, with the Waveney Advertiser most popular at 76%. Over half of people who responded read the Beccles Independent.



There is clearly a demand for some other sources of information as can be seen from the chart below.

Whereas the Citizen's Advice Service and Travel information is required across all age ranges, over half of those who want the Benefits Advice Service are over 60. The under 60s have more of a preference for family planning advice, the Employment Service and an Internet Café.



Recommendation:

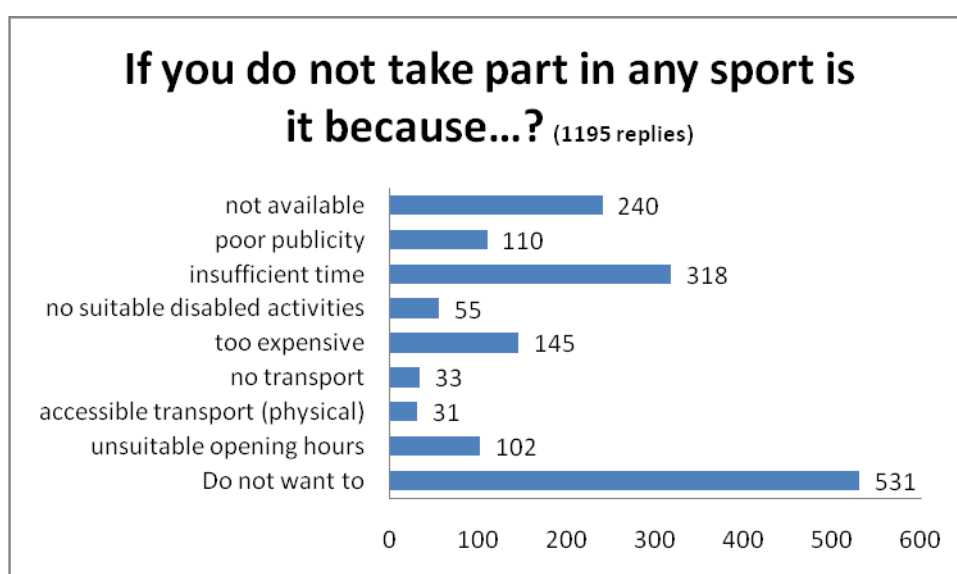
- **The Parish Council should investigate the feasibility of provision of the above information services.**

CHAPTER 9 - SPORTING ACTIVITIES IN WORLINGHAM⁷

Residents were asked about their current level of participation in sporting activities and their reasons for not participating. Residents were also asked what facilities they wished to see and what particular sporting activities were of the greatest interest to them. In summary, these questions sought to find out the viability of any new sports clubs.

Asked whether they took part in sporting activities in Worlingham, 526 respondents (28%) say that they do.

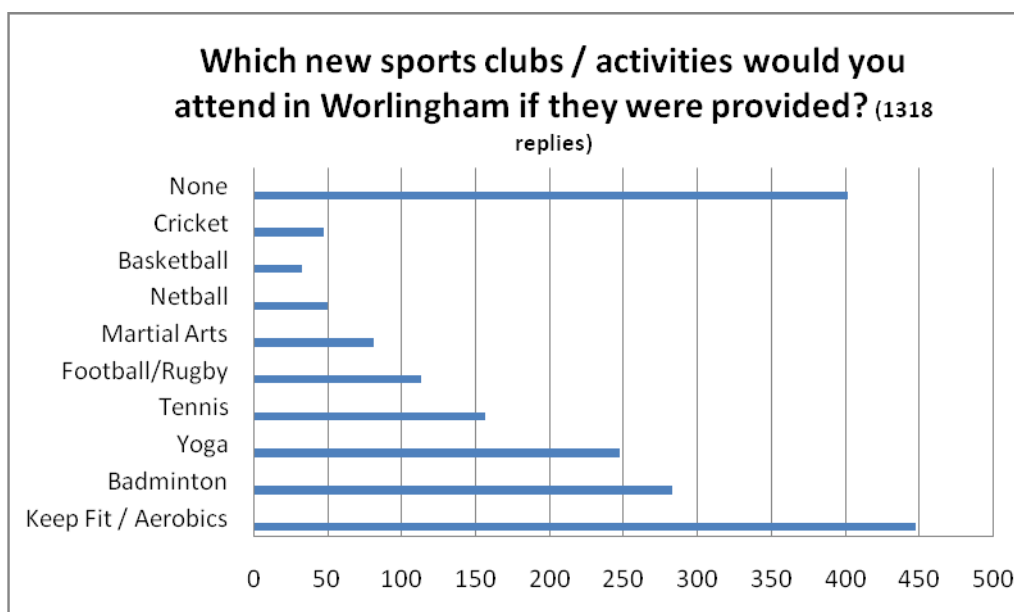
The main reason why people do not take part in sporting activities is that they do not want to. There were other reasons as shown on the following chart.



20% of respondents said that they do not take part in sporting activities within Worlingham as the sport is not available.

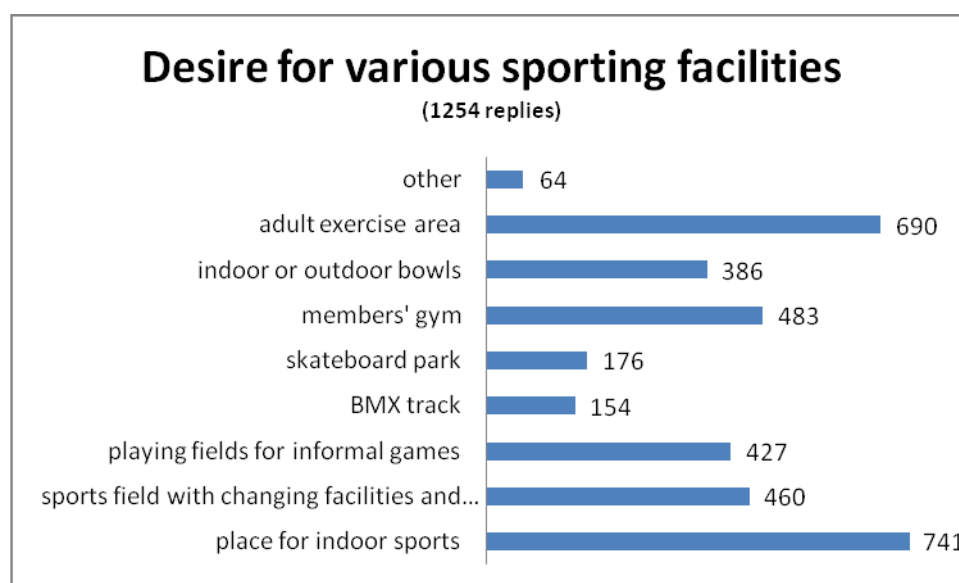
There is strong support for the provision of a range of sports activities which are not currently available in Worlingham. These are shown in the next chart.

⁷ Questions 26-29: Rural themes: Facilities for teenagers; Facilities for young children; Facilities for older people; Cultural, sporting & recreational facilities; Community assets; Voluntary / community self-help.



As might be anticipated, the greatest demand for most sports is in the age ranges 18-24, 25-44 and 45-59. A significant number of people in the 60-64 and 65-74 age groups would like to see badminton and keep fit / aerobics facilities.

The next question asked which sports facilities Worlingham needed. The results are shown in the following chart;



In conclusion, there is a strong demand for taking part in a range of sporting activities and a strong desire to have somewhere to pursue them.

Recommendations:

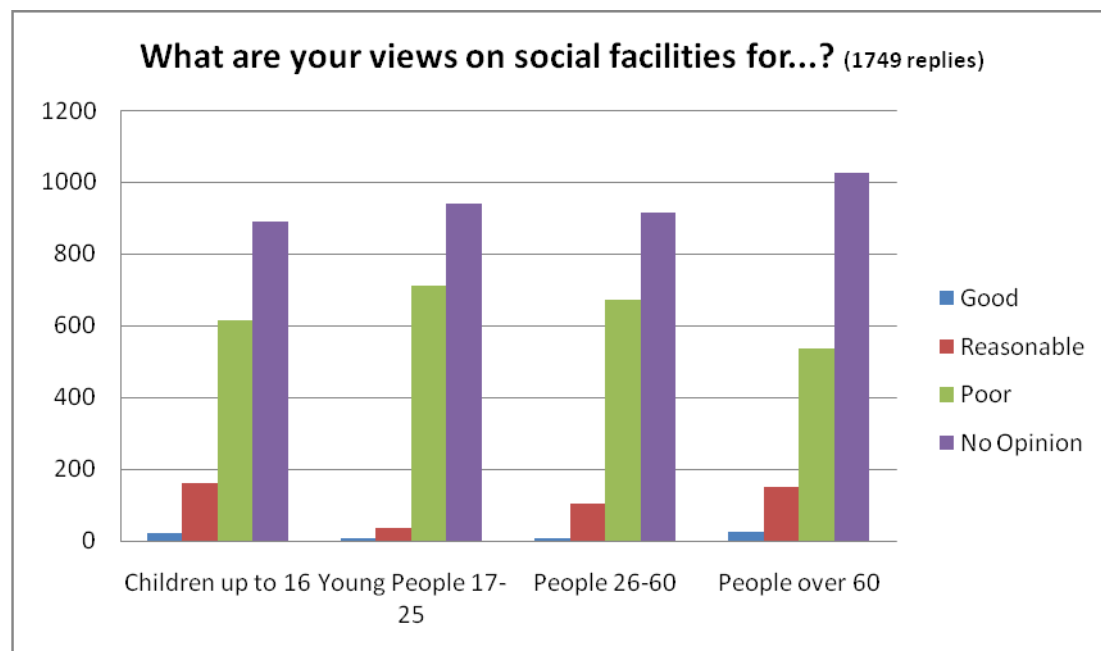
- **The Parish Council to investigate the development of a range of sporting activities / clubs in Worlingham in partnership with the District and County Councils, sports governing bodies and volunteers.**

CHAPTER 10 - CLUB & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN WORLINGHAM⁸

Following on from the questions about sport, similar questions were asked in relation to participation in clubs, groups and social activities.

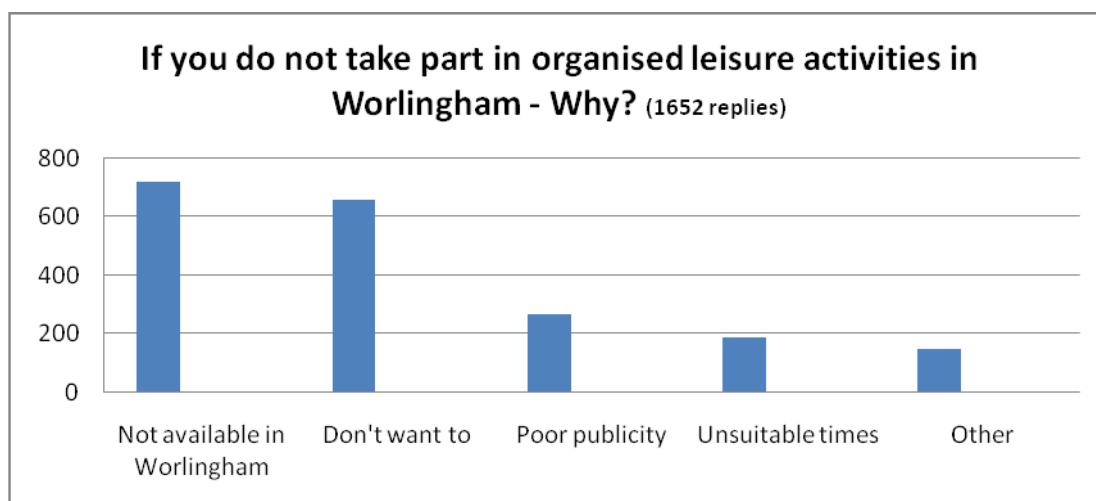
The vast majority of Worlingham residents do not take part in such activities, with only 108 respondents (5%) stating that they do.

Those residents who have an opinion say that the current social facilities are poor across all age groups.

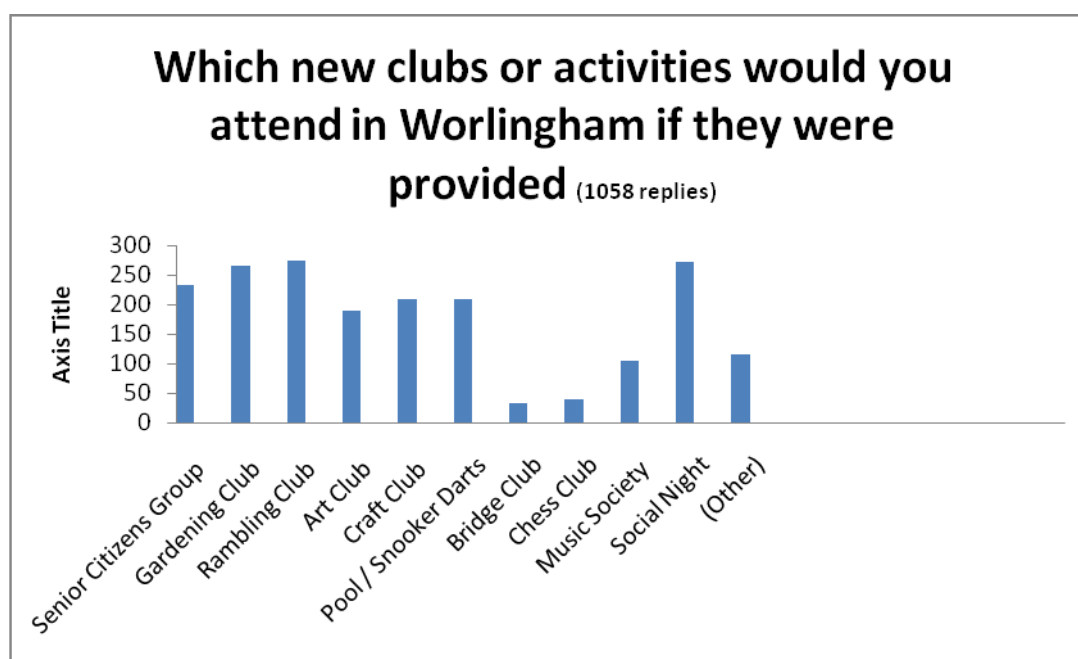


The main reason the residents give for not taking part in social activities in Worlingham is that they are not available here (721 responses). Not wishing to and poor publicity are also given as reasons.

⁸ Questions 30-34. Rural themes: Facilities for teenagers; Facilities for young children; Facilities for older people; Cultural, sporting & recreational facilities; Community assets; Voluntary / community self-help.



There are a significant number of residents who do not wish to take part in leisure activities. However, there are an equally significant number of residents who may well attend leisure activities if they become available.



There is support for a senior citizens' club, gardening club and a rambling club as well as some social nights. The responses indicate that the older age groups have the greatest desire for such clubs.

104 respondents say that they are prepared to help organise clubs, which indicates a desire to launch new clubs.

There is a clear link between what residents say about access to clubs and social activities and what they said about access to, and facilities for, sporting activities [see Chapter 9].

Recommendations:

- **The Parish Council to investigate the development of a range of social and leisure activities / clubs in Worlingham in partnership with the District and**

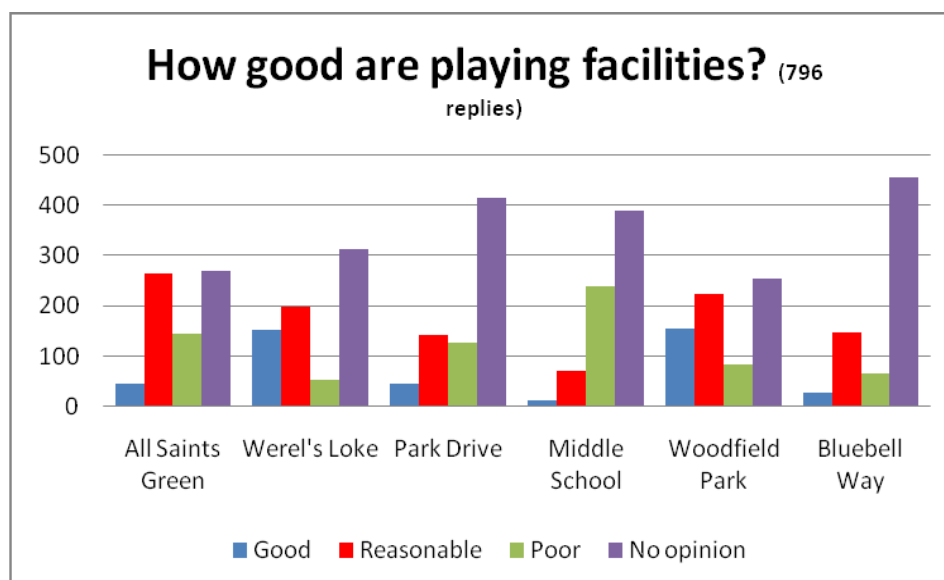
County Councils and with those residents who have expressed an interest in becoming involved.

- **The Parish Council to explore the use of existing facilities and the development of new ones with relevant partners – i.e., the schools, the District and County Councils.**

Note: These two recommendations should be taken together with those relating to sporting activities and facilities [see Chapter 9]

CHAPTER 11 - PLAY AREAS⁹

Worlingham has six play areas for younger people. Opinions were sought from both adults (main questionnaire) and young people (9-15 years old) about the state and improvements required for these areas.



Both Werel's Loke and Woodfield Park (the newest of the play areas) are deemed to be good by nearly 20% of those who answered and reasonable in a further 25% of responses. Only a small percentage found these two play areas poor. As can be seen from the chart overleaf, the most significant improvement needed for both of these play areas is better drainage.

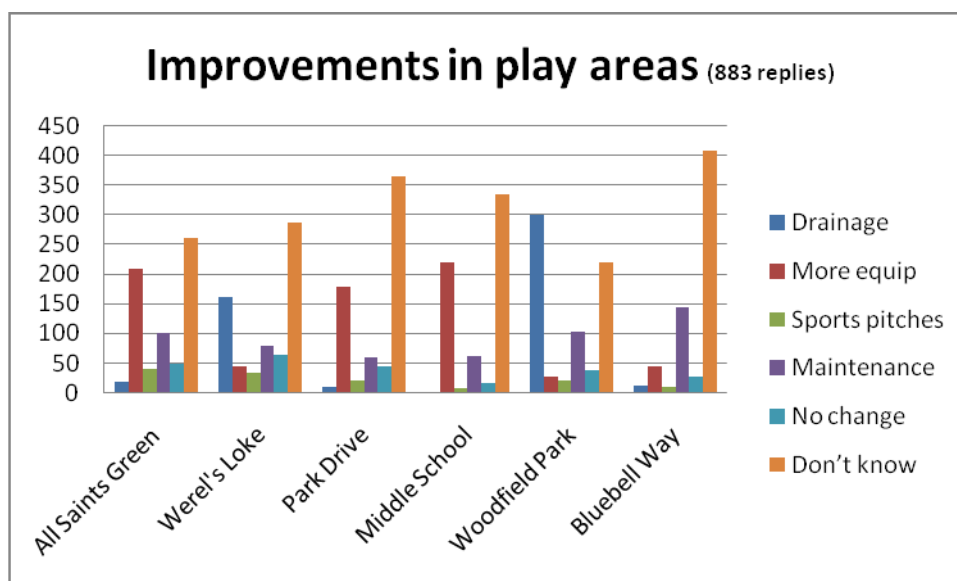
All Saints Green is deemed as reasonable by 33% of those who responded and poor by just under 20%. Park Drive was deemed as reasonable by 18% and poor by 16%. Nearly 33% feel that both these areas need more play equipment.

The Swings on the Middle School field are thought to be mainly poor and more play equipment is needed.

Bluebell Way is deemed mainly reasonable but better maintenance is required.

Similar opinions are expressed in the Youth Questionnaire (see chapter 19), although a higher proportion think that the Werel's Loke play area is good.

⁹ Questions 35-37. Rural themes: facilities for teenagers and younger children

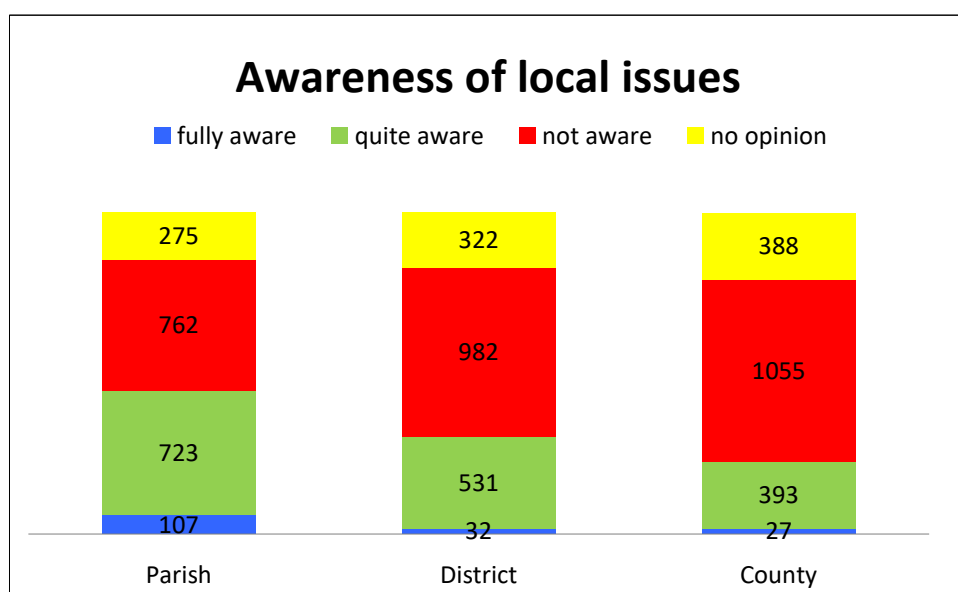


Recommendation:

- **Worlingham Parish Council continue to work with the other Councils to provide better drainage at Werel's Loke and Woodfield Park play areas; more play equipment at All Saints Green, Park Drive and on the Middle School field play areas and improved maintenance at Bluebell Way play area.**

CHAPTER 12 - LOCAL COUNCILS¹⁰

At the time of the questionnaire, Worlingham has a Parish Council and is part of Waveney District Council and Suffolk County Council. This may change as there is currently a review from the Boundary Commission on local governance.



¹⁰ Questions 38-40. Rural theme: local democracy

The residents were asked how aware they thought local councils were of local concerns and about the amount of information they thought was provided about local decisions and activities.

The findings confirm that the further the tier of local government is away from the village, the less the parishioners think that their councillors are aware of local issues. This is despite regular surgeries such as those held by John Taylor, a county councillor for Worlingham.

The overwhelming majority [1,233 out of 1,857] say that they would like more information about the activities of the Parish Council, but 33% do not want any more information.

Overall, all 3 councils are seen by the majority of respondents as providing good or reasonable services. Worlingham Parish Council is seen by the highest number of respondents [458 out 1,834] as providing good services as compared with the District and County Councils.

There were however a significant number of residents who consider that the services of each of 3 councils are equally poor.

Recommendations:

- **Each of the 3 Councils and elected representatives need to be informed of these findings.**
- **Elected representatives on each of the 3 Councils need to ensure that residents have opportunities to meet with their elected representatives on a regular basis, e.g. surgeries, themed public meetings.**
- **Worlingham Parish Council to provide more information about its activities that is readily accessible to all residents.**

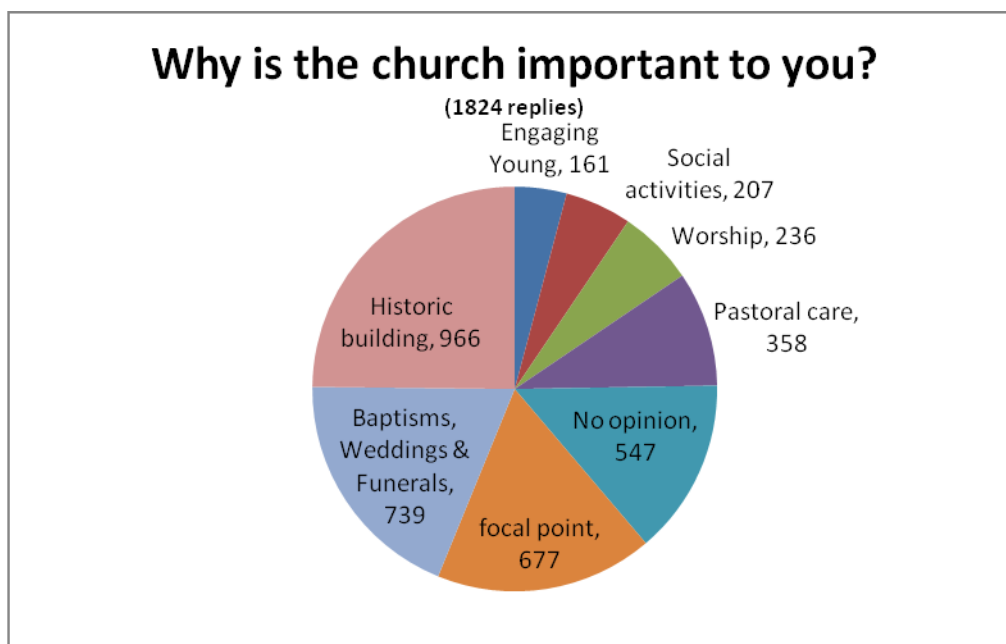
CHAPTER 13 - CHURCH AND RELIGION¹¹

There is only one church in Worlingham (All Saints).

Questions were asked about denomination and attendance, which received some of the highest responses in the whole questionnaire. The consensus for church attendance is 8% nationally, compared with the figure of 12.9% in Worlingham

Out of the 1519 who replied, 251 considered themselves to be active members of a religious group with only 109 people active members of Worlingham Church. From the 1824 replies, it is clear that most of the people consider the church to be an important historic building. Also, whilst the majority do not consider themselves active members of a religion, it is clear that the local church is important to a significant part of the community for baptisms, weddings and funerals and pastoral care.

¹¹ Questions 41-42. Rural themes: built environment; voluntary & community activity



The table below shows the numbers of baptisms, weddings and funerals over the past two years.

Year	2007	2008
Baptisms	7	9
Weddings	7	7
Funerals	14	12



CHAPTER 14 - ENVIRONMENT¹²

Opinions were sought on the environment in and around Worlingham.

1416 people (74%) say the environment around Worlingham is "very important" and a further 400 (21%) said it is "important".

Residents indicate that certain specific landscape features need protection. These include: crinkle-crankle wall in Garden Lane; trees and hedges at a number of locations; the marshes and riverside paths; Worlingham Wall; and ponds. There is also a desire for woodland and open spaces to be preserved.

¹² Questions 43-49. Rural themes: Road & footpath maintenance; Public rights of way; Traffic management; Community safety; Built environment; Natural environment; Environmental health & pollution.

Removal of litter and maintenance of roadside verges are highlighted as being necessary to improve the appearance of Worlingham. Vehicle damage to roadside verges is also an issue.

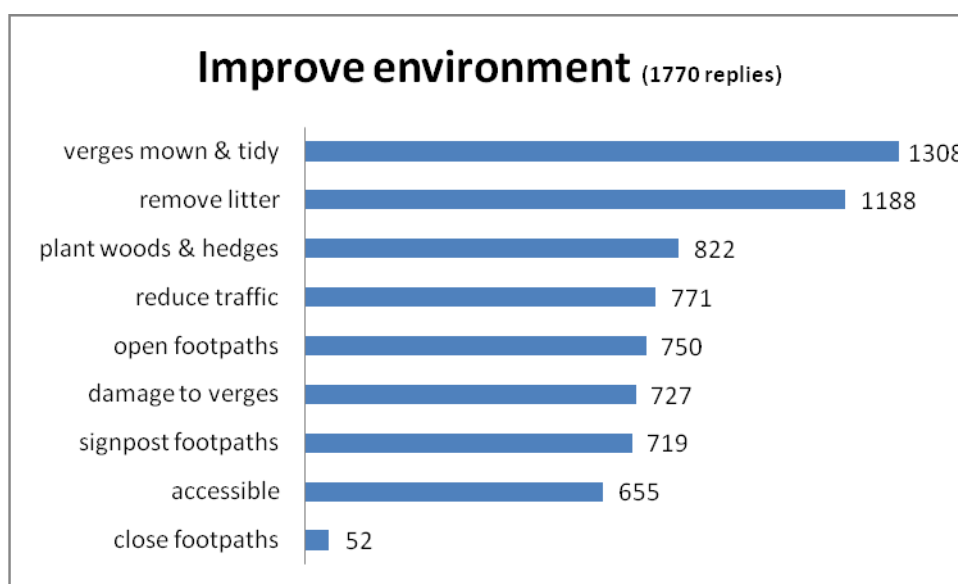
Planting more woods and hedges is also well supported.

More, better signposted footpaths and bridleways with access for those with disabilities is also strongly supported.

Offensive smells are a major issue 83% (1172), especially for the south western and eastern areas of the village.

Traffic noise is an issue for people living adjacent to the Lowestoft Road.

Anti-social behaviour causes some concern but only Hillside Avenue appears to be above the norm, possibly due to the proximity of the shops.



Over 40% of the 1823 residents who responded feel that dog fouling is a problem and over 50% say it is not. It is a particular concern to those aged between 25 and 44. Although most areas of the village are affected, the areas around the schools, playgrounds and footpaths are of most concern. Provision of "dog waste" bins is considered good or reasonable by two thirds of respondees.

Recommendations:

- **The Parish Council should work with local residents and land owners to ensure specific landscape features are preserved including woods and open spaces.**
- **The Parish Council should work with Waveney District and Suffolk County Councils and local volunteers to remove litter, and improve the maintenance of roadside verges, including those being damaged by vehicles and encourage the planting of more hedges and trees.**
- **The Parish Council to work with Waveney District and Suffolk County Councils to ensure offensive smells due to both agricultural and industrial activities are kept within acceptable levels.**

- The Parish Council to work in partnership with the police and local Safer Neighbourhood Team to monitor extent of anti social behaviour and to respond to residents' concerns.
- The Parish Council should use the issue of traffic noise on Lowestoft Road in support of any speed or volume reduction project (e.g., the Southern Link Road).
- The Parish Council to review location and number of dog bins and implement action to raise residents' awareness that there is still an issue with dog fouling in Worlingham



Marsh Lane



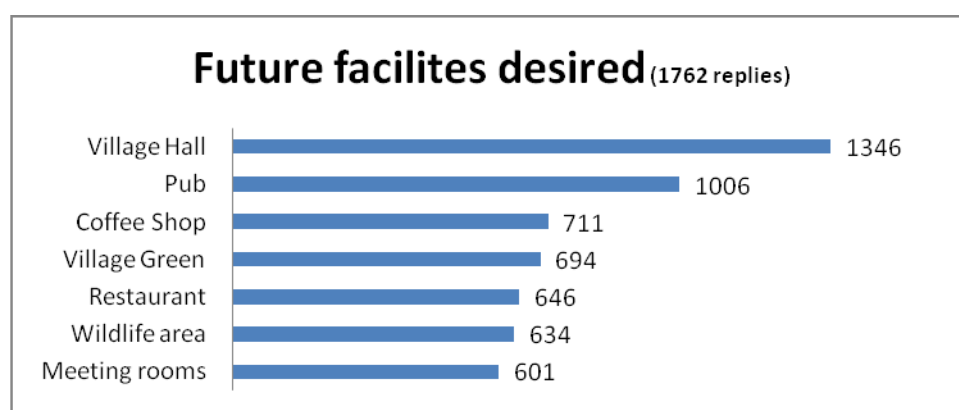
Crinkle Crankle Wall in Garden Lane

CHAPTER 15 - FUTURE FACILITIES¹³

Apart from the two schools and the church, there are now no public buildings in Worlingham. The pub (the Colville Arms) closed down and the building is now occupied by Worlingham Pharmacy. The church hall, a First World War temporary building, closed in September 2008. Significant funding would be needed to bring it up to the standards required by current legislation and without this, it is uninsurable.

1490 out of 1864 (80%), who answered, say that Worlingham needs a replacement community space or venue.

Of the type of community facility required, the highest vote was for a village hall or community centre and this was followed by the need for a pub.

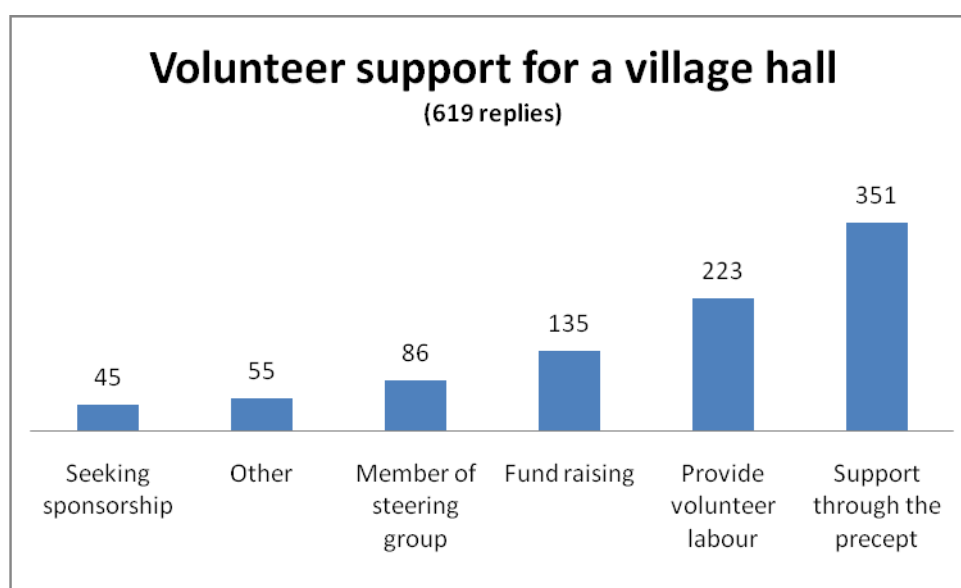


¹³ Questions 50-54. Rural themes: cultural, sporting & recreational facilities; built environment; community assets

The other suggested facilities received similar levels of support (35-40% of those answering). These requirements appear to be consistent across the community, with no obvious age or gender variations.

As can be seen, there is support for a village green and a wildlife area. When asked whether some of these areas should be dog-free for people to picnic or for children to play, bearing in mind that 770 people thought that there was a dog fouling problem in Worlingham, 786 villagers support the need for these dog-free areas.

If a village hall is to be provided, support is needed from within the community and the questionnaire sought to gauge the strength and type of support. From the chart below there appears to be sufficient support for a steering group to work towards the building of a village hall.



The highest response (351 - 56.7%) said that they would be willing to support a village hall through the precept.

With the closure of the church hall, several groups, such as the Parish Council, Worlingham Women's Institute and Worlingham Drama Group have transferred to meeting at the Middle School. The village was asked whether the facilities of the Middle School, such as the new sports hall, should be made more widely available to the community. 72% (957) say yes, although there is a significant number (23%) who express no opinion. This facility may be an aid in providing some of the sporting opportunities that are clearly demonstrated as needed. The Suffolk County Council review of educational provision has concluded that the Primary School will vacate its existing site, move into the Middle School buildings and take pupils up to the age of 11.

Recommendations:

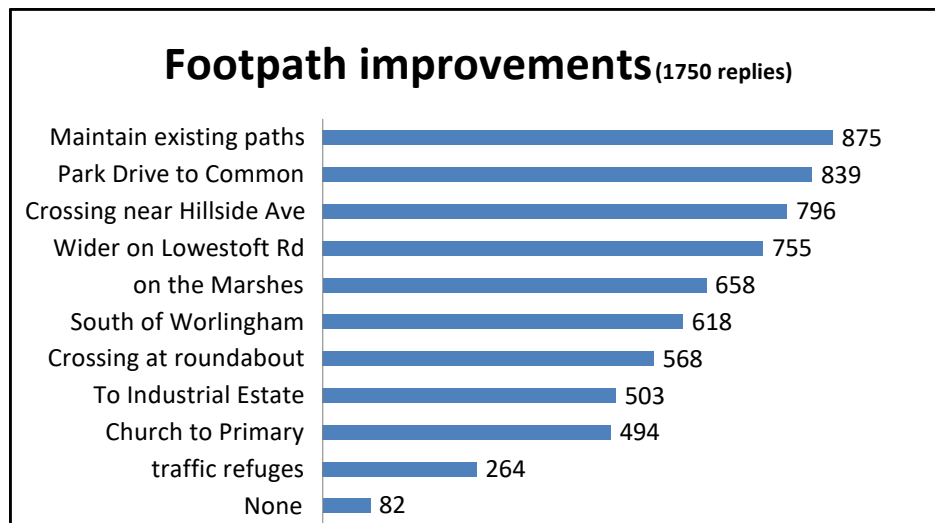
- **The Parish Council should initiate a meeting of residents who volunteered to support a village hall project with the aim of forming a steering group to take the project forward.**
- **The Parish Council should, in partnership with Waveney District Council and Suffolk County Council, explore options for the development of a community facility.**
- **The Parish Council should consider the feasibility of dog-free areas or restricted dog access around children's play areas.**

CHAPTER 16 - CYCLE TRACKS AND FOOTPATHS¹⁴

The questionnaire sought to examine the provision and safety of footpaths and cycle tracks in and around Worlingham.

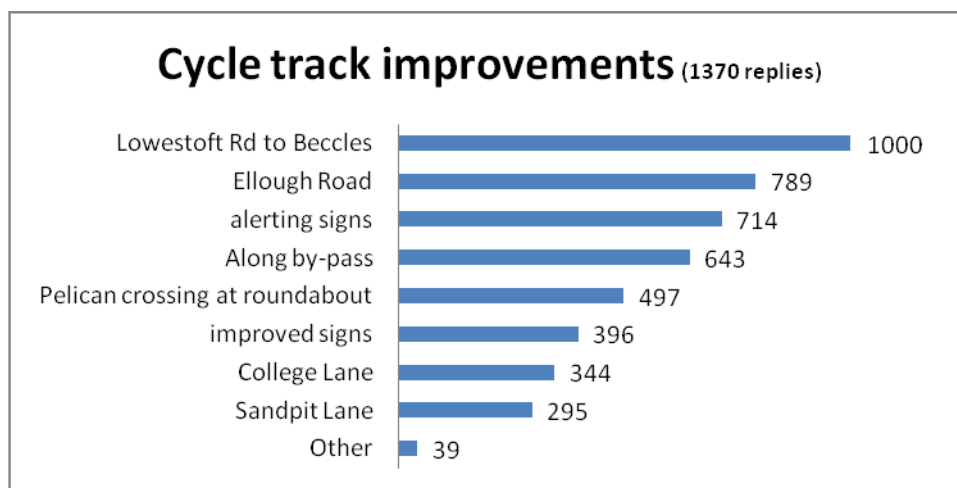
Approximately one third of respondents think that local footpaths and cycle tracks are well signposted and well maintained, but one third think not and one third have 'no opinion'. However, there is significant support (75%) for displaying maps of local footpaths and cycle tracks around the village.

As can be seen from the chart below, many wish to see improved maintenance of existing footpaths. There is also a desire for a footpath from Park Lane to Beccles Common, a crossing across Lowestoft Road, near Hillside Avenue, and wider pavements along Lowestoft Road. There is least support for more traffic refuges, to make it easier to cross the road.



There is a strong support for improved cycle path provision in Worlingham. Three main routes all received significant support: Lowestoft Road to Beccles; Ellough Road to the Industrial Estate and the associated links from residential areas to the Industrial Estate along College Lane and Sandpit Lane; and along the by-pass. To make cycling safer, there is the desire for more signs alerting motorists to the presence of cyclists.

¹⁴ Questions 55-59. Rural themes:



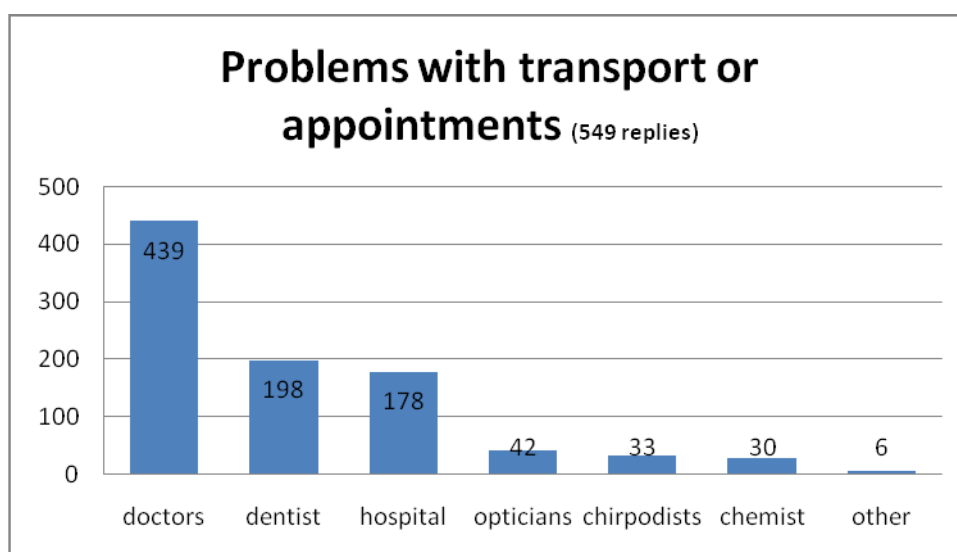
Recommendations:

- The Parish Council should work with the appropriate authorities to improve the safety for pedestrians, especially along Lowestoft Road, by improving maintenance, widening them where appropriate and providing a crossing near Hillside Avenue and at Marsh Lane roundabout.
- The Parish Council should work with appropriate authorities and land owners to seek to provide a pedestrian link from Worlingham to Beccles Common from Park Drive.
- The Parish Council should work with appropriate authorities to improve the safety of cyclists by provision of cycle paths along key routes: along Lowestoft Road to Beccles; to Ellough Industrial Estate; and along the by pass. There should be other improvements to make motorists more aware of the presence of cyclists.
- The Parish Council should display maps of locations of cycle tracks around the village.

CHAPTER 17 - HEALTH SERVICES¹⁵

Overwhelmingly, the residents of Worlingham say that they would like a doctors' surgery in Worlingham (1513 out of 1884 replying with 167 saying 'no' and the remainder having 'no opinion'). This response seems to be approximately the same across all age ranges and for both genders.

The reason for this need may be related to problems with either transport or making an appointment for a range of medical facilities.



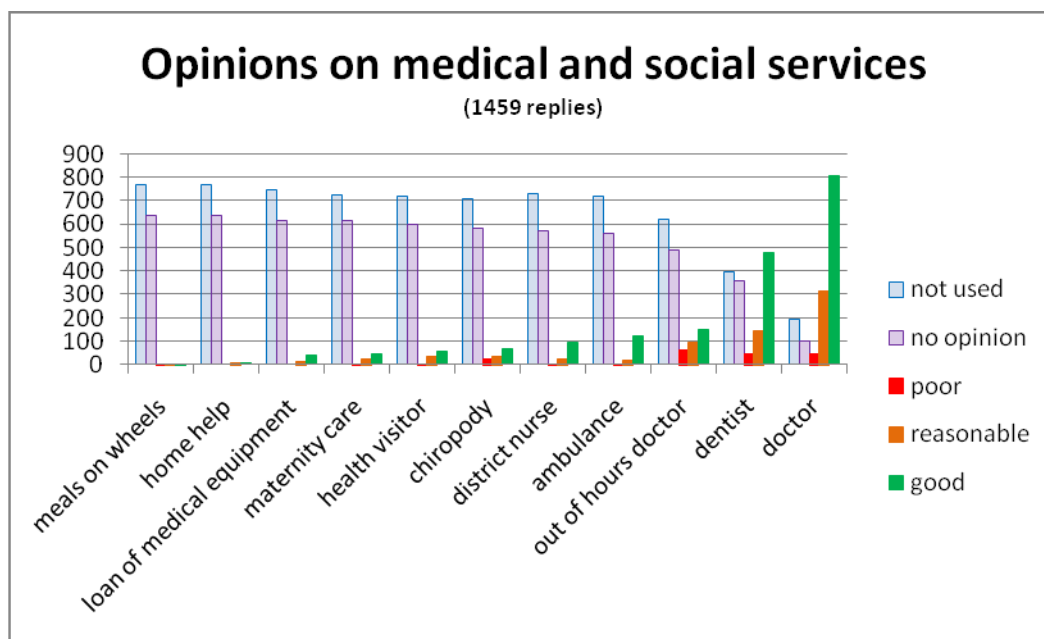
The high response and problems associated with attending the doctors could be linked to the lack of public transport which passes the Beccles Medical Centre and Beccles Hospital and the difficulties in parking at certain times of day, as some residents mention in their further comments.

Those who use the medical services tend to have good opinion of them; indeed the doctors receive a good or reasonable rating from 1126 people, whereas dentists receive a good to reasonable rating from 626 people.

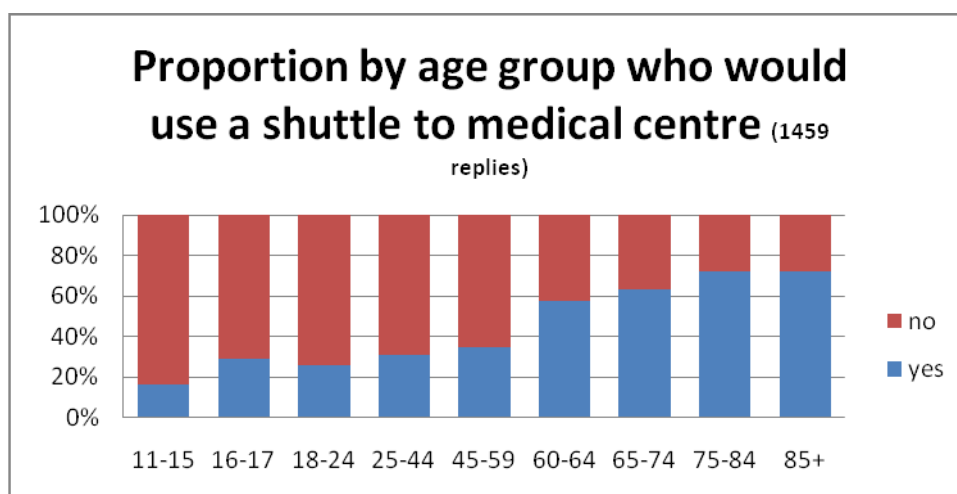
Although relatively few people express an opinion on medical and social services, probably due to limited usage, chiropody, meals on wheels and out-of-hours doctors received some of the highest 'poor' ratings.

Service	Number expressing an opinion	Number who rated service 'poor'	% who rated service 'poor'
Chiropody	122	23	19
Meals on wheels	7	3	43
Out-of-hours doctors	311	64	21

¹⁵ Questions 60-63. Rural themes: access to health services



Bearing in mind the problems of parking and the lack of a bus service which goes past the Beccles Medical Centre, the questionnaire asked if people would use a free or low cost shuttle from Worlingham to the Beccles Medical Centre if no Worlingham surgery is established. Of the 1720 respondents, 792 (46.0%) said 'yes they would use it', whereas 938 (54.0%) said 'no'. It is clear from the graph below that the proportion who would use a shuttle to the medical centre increases with age.



This supports findings about those with life-restricting and mobility difficulties (chapter 3) and the large number who have had difficulties with transport or appointments with the doctors (opposite).

Recommendations:

The Parish Council should inform the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Primary Care Trust of:

- The strong demand for a doctors' surgery in Worlingham
- The issue with access to the medical centre and hospital in Beccles
- Interest in a low cost shuttle bus between Worlingham and Beccles Medical Centre and Hospital
- Potential issues with the provision of chiropody, 'meals on wheels' and out-of-hours doctors.

CHAPTER 18 - TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT¹⁶

With the majority of households owning a car and bicycles, transport is not an issue for the majority of people.

Number of roadworthy vehicles in Worlingham	
cars	1574
vans	83
motor bikes	70
specially adapted vehicles	9
lorries	3
bicycles	1057

There is however a small number (approximately 100) who do have life affecting transport difficulties with:

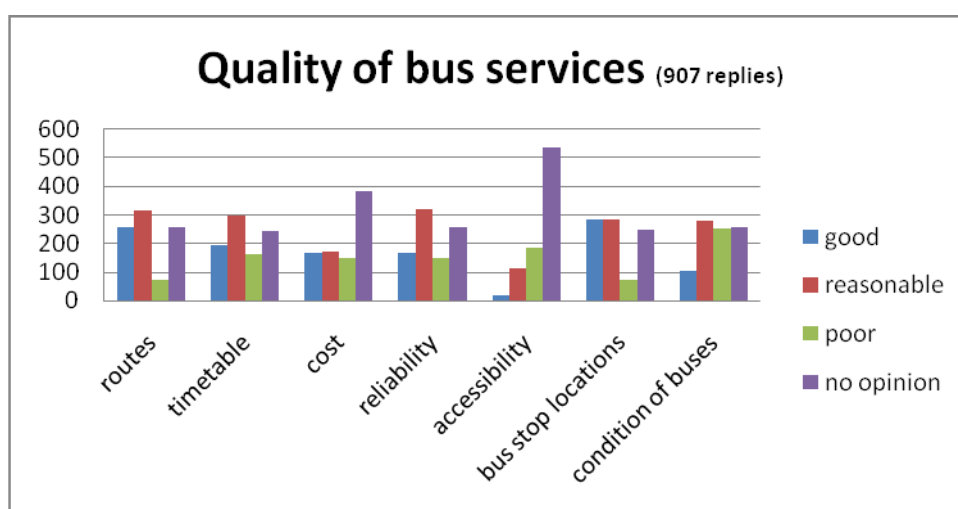
- getting to the shops;
- getting out of Worlingham; and
- being involved in leisure activities.

This is unlikely to be an underestimate in view of the number of people over the age of 75 [255, 2001 Census] and those with a limiting long-term illness [503, 2001 Census].

There are regular bus services (operated by First Eastern) that run along Lowestoft Road to Beccles and onto Norwich (X2) or to Bungay in one direction and to Lowestoft in the other. Other services include those operated by Anglian Buses (C1 and C2).

The nearest train station is in Beccles with services to Lowestoft and to Ipswich and on to London.

The bus services are well used particularly by those of over the age of 65. There is some indication that Coney Hill and Cedar Drive areas make less use of the service.



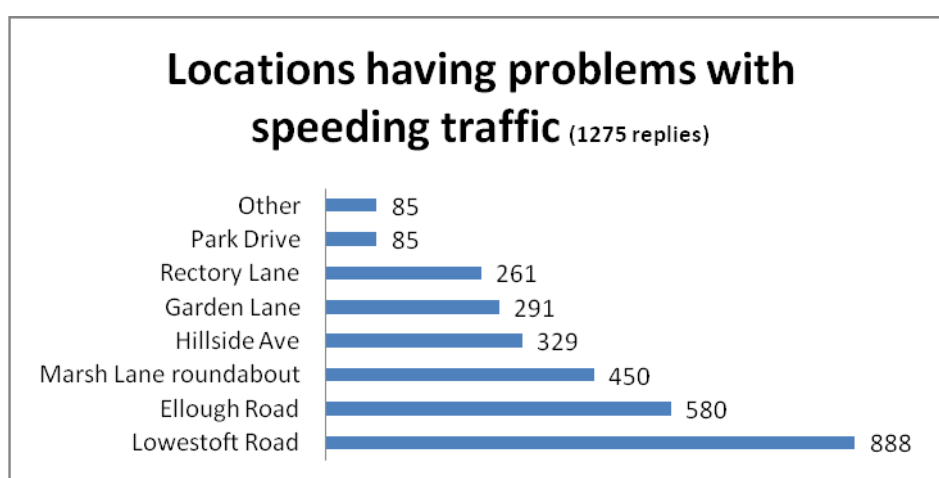
¹⁶ Questions 64-69. Rural Themes: Access to healthcare; Cultural, sporting & recreational facilities; Community Safety; Public transport; Community transport; Traffic management; Parking; Road & footpath maintenance; Shopping & services; Built environment

Most users of all ages generally rate the services as good or reasonable with "condition of buses" and "access for those with disabilities" having a higher "poor" rating. However, since the questionnaire was returned, the buses on the First X2 route (Lowestoft to Norwich) have been improved. Also, there have been recent alterations to the footpaths at bus stops so that the step from pavement to bus is lower, thus improving accessibility.

Speeding traffic is clearly a major issue for Worlingham, being highlighted in both the main and youth questionnaires.

The major areas of concern are:

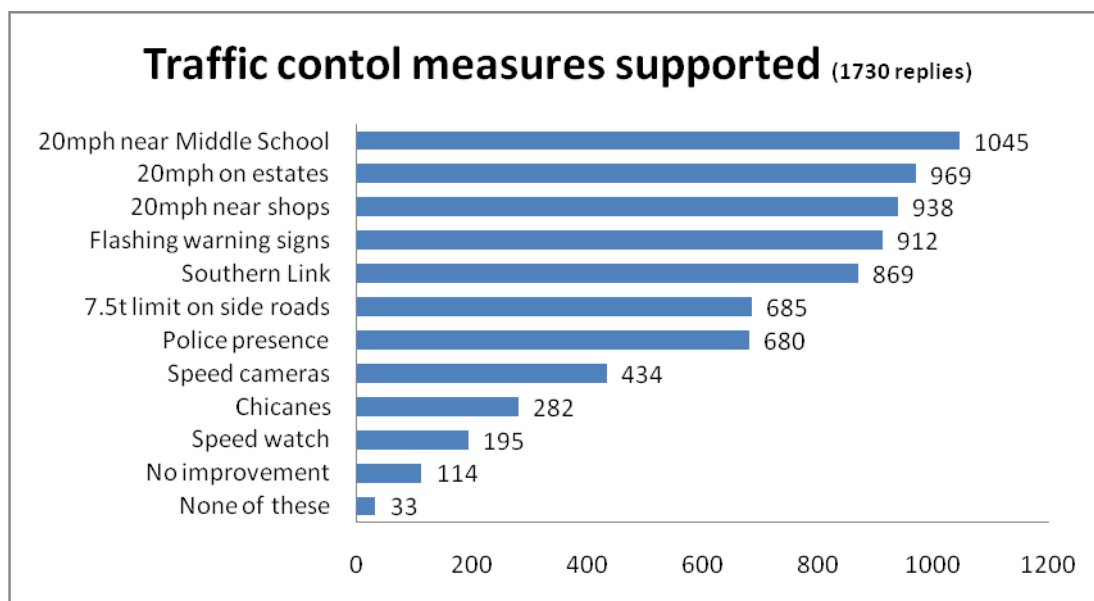
- Lowestoft Road
- Ellough Road
- Marsh Lane Roundabout
- Hillside Avenue
- School areas



Concern about Lowestoft Road appears to be village wide and not just restricted to residents who live close to the road.

Other areas of major concern were, to some extent, highlighted by residents who lived close to those areas.

Residents were asked which traffic control measures they would support.

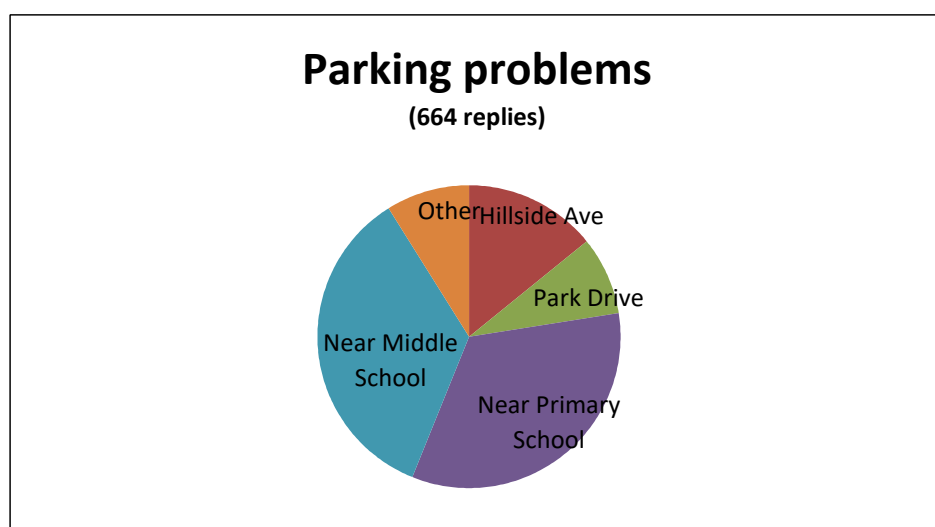


The most popular speed traffic control methods were:

- 20 mph limit near schools, shops and on housing estates;
- Flashing warning lights;
- Southern link road; and
- 7.5 ton weight limit on all side roads.

Traffic speeding and control are clearly important issues for the residents of Worlingham.

Car parking around the Primary and Middle schools is clearly an issue, especially for residents who live close by. Hillside Avenue and Park Drive are also areas of concern, especially for residents who live locally. Parking in Park Drive is a particular issue as it is narrow and used as a bus route.



Other areas having issues with parking were the new estates with Copplestone Close, Cedar Drive, and Rowan Way being cited.

Concerns were also expressed for Crowfoot Community School, but that is outside Worlingham's boundary.

There is a clear link between what residents say about transport and traffic as presented here and what they have said about Future Opportunities [see Chapter 7 - i.e., a Good Neighbour Scheme], accessing sporting activities / facilities [Chapter 9] accessing health services, clubs and social activities / facilities [Chapters 10, 15, and 17].

Recommendations:

- **If a Good Neighbour scheme is implemented, the Parish Council should ensure they are aware of the minority of residents with transport difficulties.**
- **The Parish Council to advise bus service operators of the above findings so as to improve those aspects of the bus service identified as being poor.**
- **The Parish Council in partnership with Suffolk County Council and the police and other relevant authorities to develop a traffic management plan which addresses the issues of speeding, parking and traffic management. Perhaps it should consider forming a Working Group of interested residents to investigate further. This working group should also ensure that issues identified in the youth questionnaire are considered.**

CHAPTER 19 - YOUTH QUESTIONNAIRE

Introduction

The Youth Questionnaire was designed for young people aged between 9 and 15. The aim was to obtain their views on issues affecting them, as youngsters living in Worlingham. Preliminary information gathering was carried out both at the “Drop In” event and at the “Cyber Olympics” where children were asked to complete a computer based “Infonnaire” and write ideas on a graffiti board. This led to development of the separate Youth Questionnaire, which was called “20 Questions about Worlingham”. The questionnaire was broken down into groups of questions on specific topics. 171 Youth Questionnaires were returned.

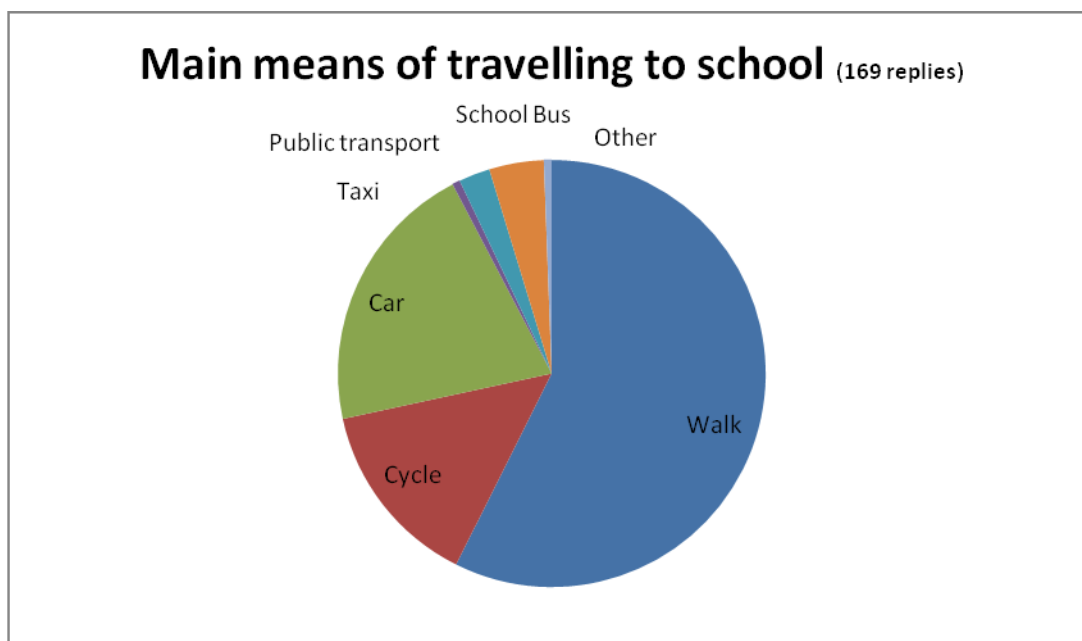
About You

The first group of questions was designed to elicit general information in relation to the age, sex, and location of young people in Worlingham.

The gender split was fairly even (53.5% female, 46.5% male). The youth of Worlingham are spread around the village, with the largest groups centred on the major housing developments (Werel’s Loke area, Cedar Drive & Rowan Way area, Rectory Lane and Garden Lane areas).

The next set of questions asked about the schools that the children attend. Not surprisingly, owing to the age range the questionnaire was designed for, the main schools attended are Worlingham Middle School (40%) and Sir John Leman High School (39%).

The following results were received when we asked about the main means of transport for journeys to School.



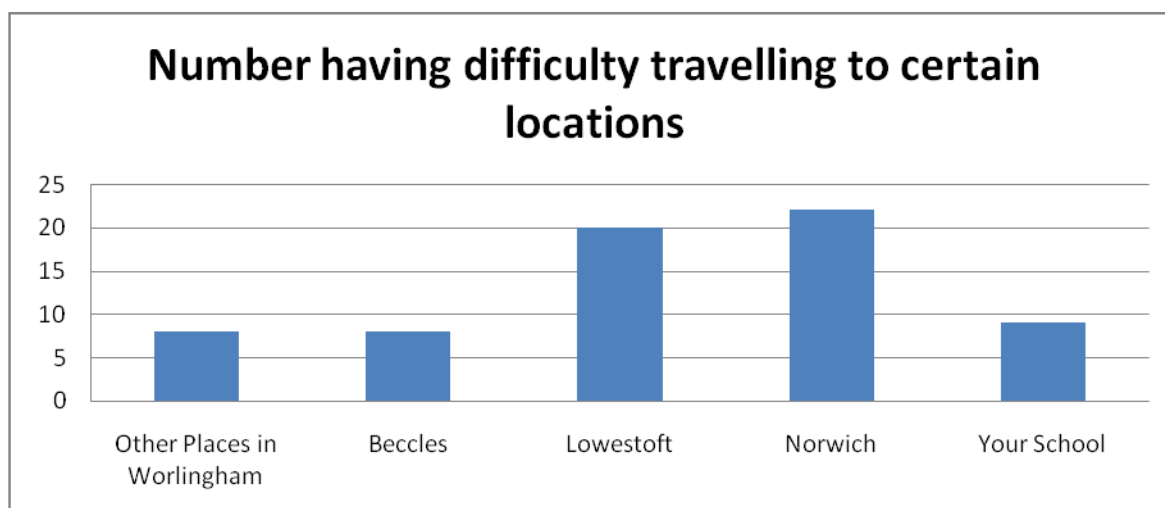
After School Activities

58% of those who responded say that they take part in “After School Activities” (i.e., based in School).

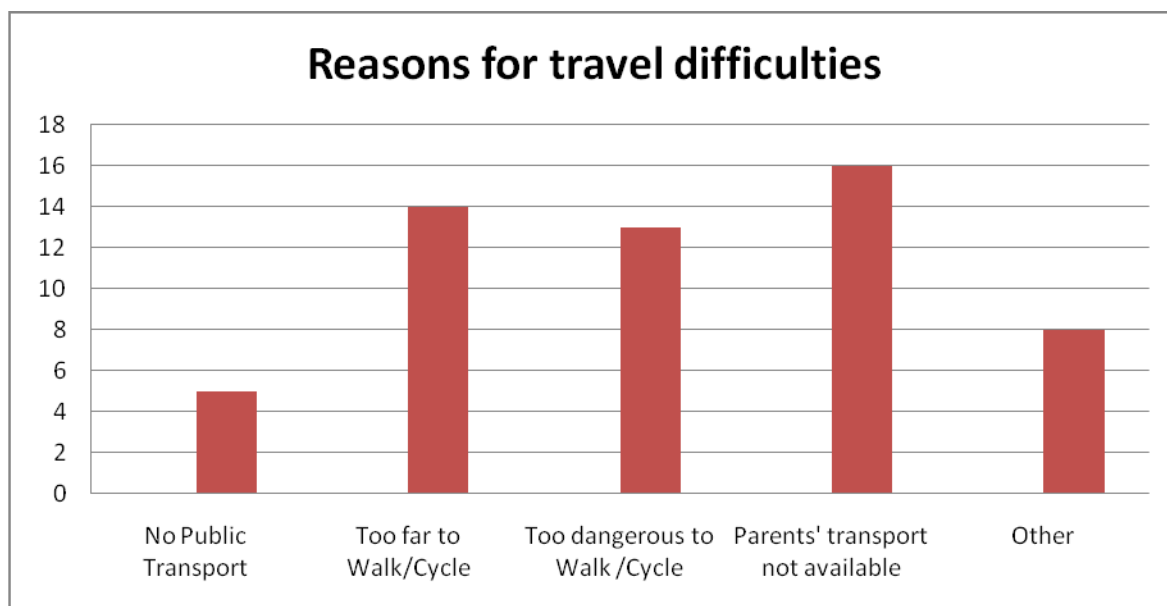
The main reasons they give for not attending after schools activities are “do not wish to” (65%), “my school does not offer suitable activity” (30%), and “parents’ transport not always available” (15%).

Travel & Transport

The chart below shows that the young people who responded have difficulties in travelling to some locations, especially those well outside Worlingham.

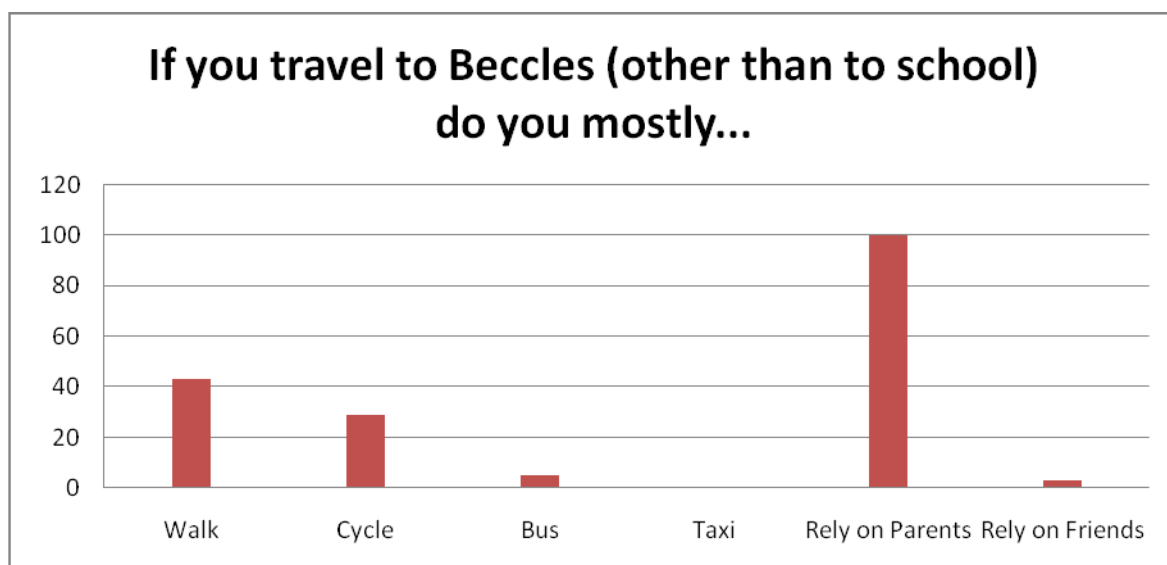


The main reasons for travel difficulties are shown in the chart opposite.



Responses for 'other' include many comments along the lines that "the bus was too full, and so the children were not allowed on" and that the "bus service was unreliable".

When travelling into Beccles, the majority (60%) rely on Parents, but a sizeable group either cycle (17.5%) or walk (26%), highlighting the importance of safe roads and paths to the youth of Worlingham.



The majority say that there are not enough foot or cycle paths in Worlingham.

60% say that there were places in Worlingham where they feel unsafe to cross the road, walk or cycle.

The main areas where children feel unsafe are:

Lowestoft Road (43 comments)

Garden Lane, near the Middle School (15 comments)

Hillside Avenue area near shops (6 comments)

Marsh Lane (5 comments)

Ellough Road (3 comments)

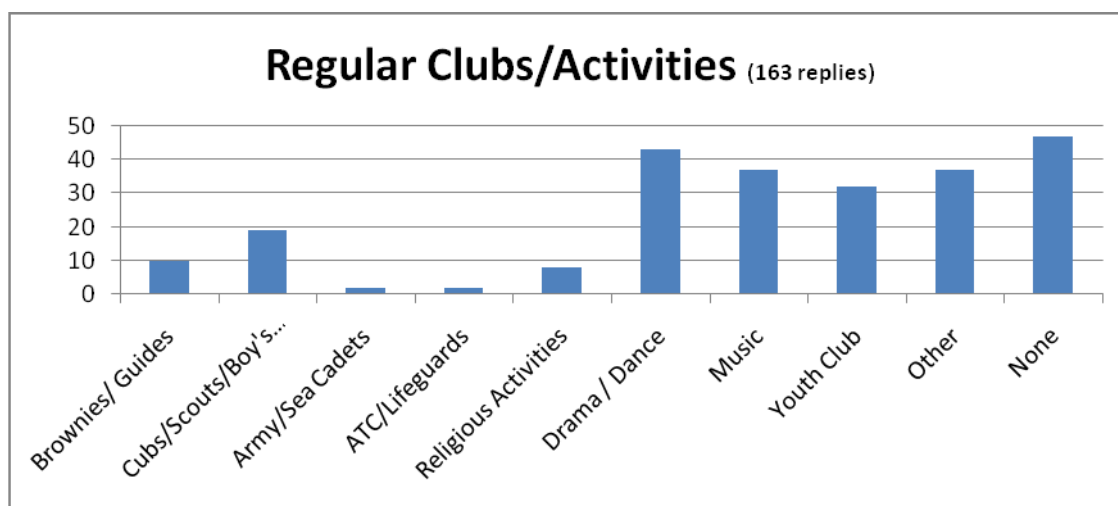
Recommendation:

- **Parish Council to liaise with Suffolk County Council and young people of Worlingham to investigate ways of making children feel safer in these areas.**

Activities

The next group of questions asked about what children do in their spare time, where they played and what they thought of the facilities provided.

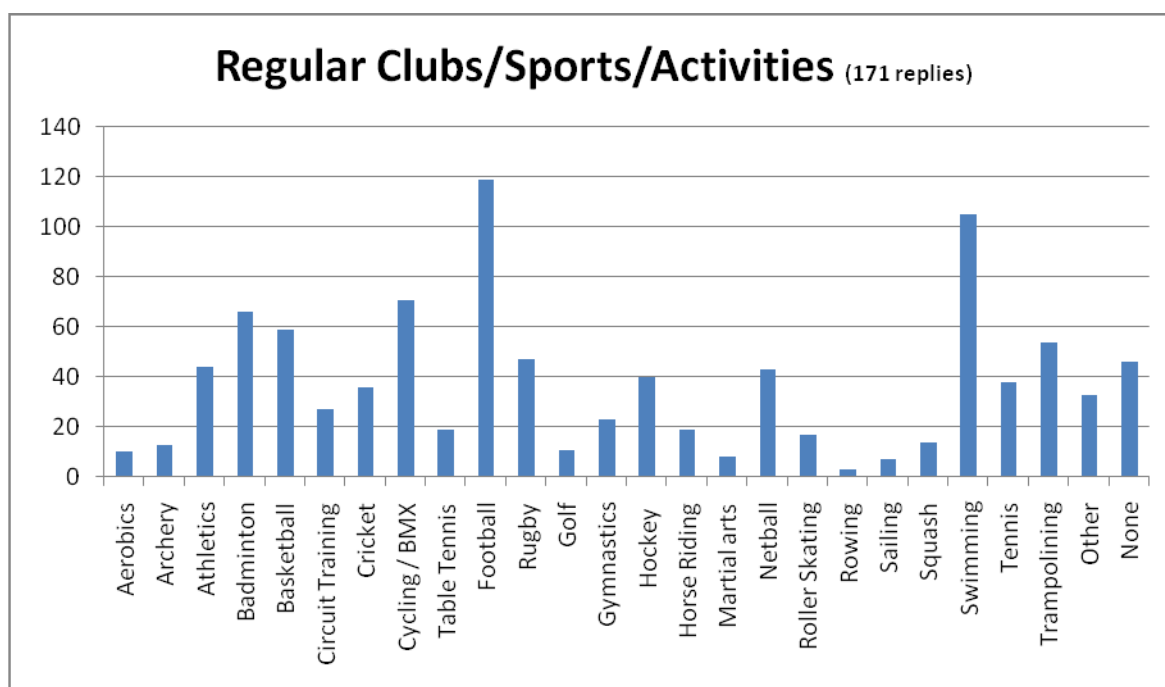
A large majority of the respondents (70%) do not think there is enough for young people to do in Worlingham.



However, they do participate in a number of clubs and non-sports groups, as can be seen from the chart above.

Included in "other" are fishing, cycling, art, martial arts, St John's and rounders.

The young people of Worlingham take part in a wide range of sporting activities during their spare time, as can be seen from the chart below.



The young people say that they would like the following clubs, activities or sports to be provided in Worlingham:

- Football (21)
- Swimming (17)
- Basketball (10)
- Badminton (10)
- Rugby (7)
- Netball (7)
- Hockey (6)
- Tennis (5)
- Roller Skating (5)

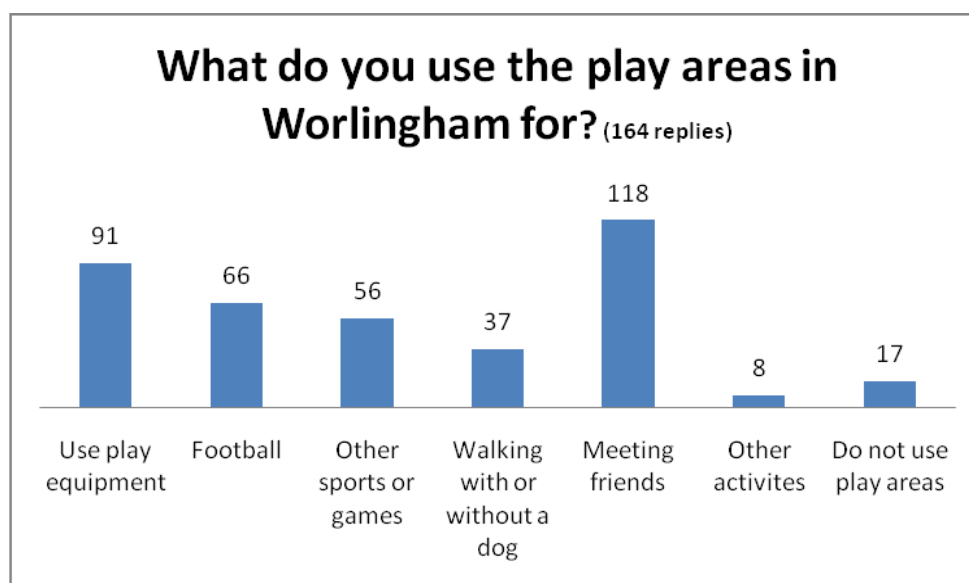
The number of responses is given in brackets.

Recommendation:

- **Parish Council to liaise with Youth Clubs, Schools, etc., to establish feasibility of other clubs, and sports activities.**

Play Areas

Opinions were sought on the play areas provided in Worlingham. They use the play areas for a number of reasons, as can be seen from the chart below.

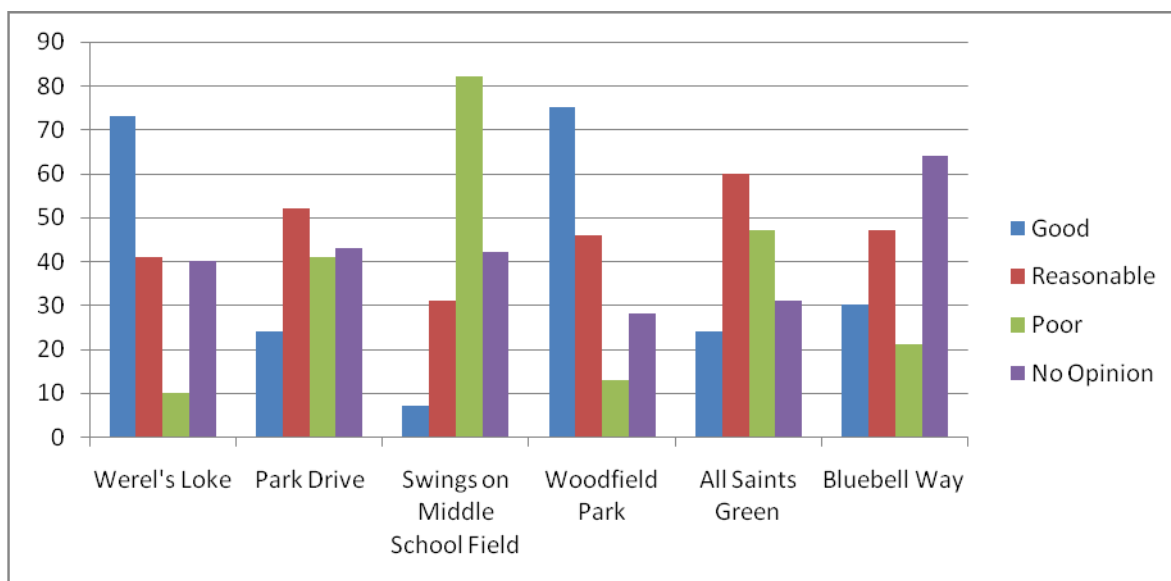


As in the main questionnaire, the youngsters were asked to rate the six 'managed' play areas in Worlingham.

The Facilities at Werel's Loke and Woodfield Park fare well with those that offered an opinion. The others are deemed generally reasonable, except for the Worlingham Middle School swings, which overall is considered as poor. This concurs with the adults' view of play areas.

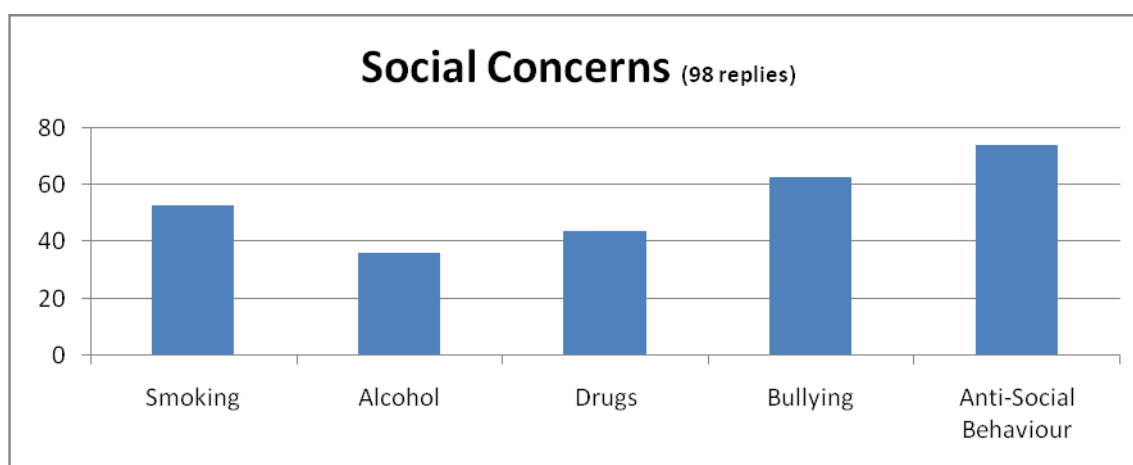
Recommendation:

- **Parish Council to explore the possibility of improving facilities at Worlingham Middle School site.**



Safety in Worlingham

There is a number of personal safety issues that concern the young people in Worlingham. These are shown in the chart below.



Finally, 77% of people completing the youth questionnaire say that there are areas in Worlingham where they feel unsafe.

The areas highlighted as such are:

- **Any dark/unlit alleyways at night**
- **Play parks at night (Woodfield play park especially)**
- **Areas where groups of older youths congregate**
- **Areas of heavy / fast traffic**

Recommendation:

- **Parish Council to liaise with Police Community Support Officer and Worlingham Youth Club to discuss how these issues may be addressed.**

ACTION PLAN

The issues and recommendations in this report have been used to form this action plan. The issues are linked to the “rural themes” identified by Suffolk ACRE. The Steering Group is not in a position to allocate resources or determine the priorities for action. The only action the steering group can lead on is recommending the Parish Council adopts the plan.

Category (rural themes)	Issue	Action	Lead Organis- -ation	Partners ¹⁷	Resources	Priority	Progress
Local democracy	Adoption of Parish Plan	Invite the Parish council to agree to adopt the parish plan	Steering group	PC		High	
	Local development planning	Inform Framework and Core Strategy Development Plan of findings	PC	WDC planning			
	Improve communication between councils and residents	Surgeries, themed meetings, improved direct communication	PC	WDC, SCC			
Access to healthcare	Supporting residents with restricted lifestyle or mobility	Establish Good Neighbour scheme. Work with statutory authorities to improve support	PC	Volunteers, PCT, Suffolk ACRE, SCC, voluntary sector			
	Residents having problems with access to Doctors	Explore options for a doctors' surgery in Worlingham	PC	PCT			
		Investigate establishment of public and/or community transport to Medical Centre	PC	WDC, PCT, SCC			
		Investigate alternative parking availability at Medical Centre	PC	PCT			

¹⁷ See glossary of abbreviations at the end of this Action Plan

Category (rural themes)	Issue	Action	Lead Organis- -ation	Partners¹⁷	Resources	Priority	Progress
		Establish Good Neighbour scheme	PC	Volunteers, Suffolk ACRE			
	Residents' opinion of quality of medical and social services	Inform relevant bodies of residents' opinions	PC	PCT, local social services			
Affordable housing	Residents do not want large housing developments	Develop a housing strategy to meet the perceived needs of the community, i.e., starter homes, small family houses, housing for disabled, sheltered housing for elderly	PC	WDC			
Facilities for teenagers	Need for more social and leisure activities and clubs for teenagers	Explore and develop provision of more social activities	PC	WDC, SCC, schools, volunteers			
	Need for a safe place for teenagers to socialise	Explore and develop a suitable space for teenagers to socialise	PC	Police			
	Need for more sporting facilities for teenagers	Explore and develop provision of more sporting facilities	PC	WDC, SCC, Sport governing bodies, schools, volunteers			
Facilities for younger people	Need for more sporting facilities for younger people	Explore and develop provision of more sporting facilities	PC	WDC, SCC, Sport governing bodies, schools, volunteers			
	Need for more activities and clubs for younger people	Explore and develop provision of more social activities	PC	WDC, SCC, schools, volunteers			

Category (rural themes)	Issue	Action	Lead Organis- -ation	Partners ¹⁷	Resources	Priority	Progress
	Improve play areas	Improve drainage at Werel's Loke and Woodfield Park play areas; more play equipment at All Saints Green, Park Drive and on the Middle School field play areas and improved maintenance at Bluebell Way play area	PC	WDC, SCC			
Facilities for older people	Need for sporting facilities for older people	Explore and develop provision of more sporting facilities	PC	WDC, SCC, Sport governing bodies, schools, volunteers			
	Need for more social and leisure activities and clubs for older people	Explore and develop provision of more social activities	PC	WDC, SCC, schools, volunteers			
Cultural, sporting and recreational facilities	Need for organised recreational facilities (including sporting and leisure)	Explore and develop provision of more recreational activities	PC	WDC, SCC, Sport governing bodies, schools, volunteers			
Community safety	Residents' concern about anti-social behaviour in Hillside Avenue	To monitor extent of anti-social behaviour and to respond to residents' concerns	PC	Police, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Neighbourhood Watch			
Public transport provision	Residents' opinions about local bus services	Work with providers to improve certain aspects of the service identified by Worlingham residents	PC	First, Anglian Coaches, Traveline, SCC			
Traffic management	Traffic problems on Lowestoft Road: noise, speeding and heavy traffic	Develop traffic management plan including support for Southern Link Road and control measures	PC	WDC, SCC, Police			

Category (rural themes)	Issue	Action	Lead Organis- -ation	Partners ¹⁷	Resources	Priority	Progress
	Need for pedestrian crossings at Marsh Lane roundabout and junction of Hillside Avenue/Lowestoft Road	PC to ask SCC to undertake a feasibility study for pedestrian crossings	PC	WDC, SCC			
	Residents' concerns over speeding issues around Worlingham	PC to investigate the need for additional speeding limits, traffic control and calming measures as identified by residents	PC	WDC, SCC			
Parking	Residents' concerns over parking near schools, shops and along Park Drive	Explore and investigate measures to improve parking issues in these locations	PC	WDC, SCC			
Maintenance	Residents' concerns over Lowestoft Road pavements	Widen footpaths Maintain verges	PC	SCC			
Public rights of way	Need for a pathway from Park Drive to Beccles Common	Establish pathway	PC	Landlords, WDC, SCC			
	Need for cycle tracks: along Lowestoft Road into Beccles; to Ellough Industrial Estate; and along by-pass	Work to establish cycle tracks	PC	SCC, cycle transport in Beccles group			
	Need for maps of cycle tracks	Set up notice boards in appropriate locations	PC	SCC, cycle transport in Beccles group			
Shopping and services	Residents' opinions regarding the need for additional shopping facilities	Develop plan to enhance shopping facilities in Worlingham, including identification of suitable locations, encourage inward investment	PC	Local business community			

Category (rural themes)	Issue	Action	Lead Organis- -ation	Partners¹⁷	Resources	Priority	Progress
Provision of local schools	Need for further childcare provision outside of school hours	Work with schools and local groups to develop after school clubs and holiday play schemes, etc.	PC	SCC, schools, child minders, local groups			
Access to training & skills development	Need for adult education classes	Work with providers to develop suitable programmes of adult education, U3A, etc	PC	SCC, local groups			
Built environment	Need for continued maintenance of historic features	Work with appropriate owners to ensure historic walls and buildings are maintained	PC	Church, Wall owner			
Natural environment	Residents' desire for additional open spaces, woodland and hedges	Develop a plan for community spaces in Worlingham and implement any planting or other development, as necessary	PC	Land owners, WDC			
Environmental health & pollution	Ongoing problem of offensive smells	Try to keep within acceptable levels	PC	Farmers, Anglian Water, WDC, SCC			
	Ongoing problem of dog fouling	Establish more dog bins Establish dog-free areas	PC	WDC, SCC			
	Ongoing problem of removal of litter	Establish a village litter pick at regular intervals	PC	Volunteers			
Access to information	Need for additional information services	Explore possibility of more information services in Worlingham (e.g., CAB, etc)	PC	WDC, voluntary bodies, social services			
Community assets	Residents' desire for allotments	Seek suitable land within Worlingham and establish allotments	PC	Local land owners			

Category (rural themes)	Issue	Action	Lead Organis- -ation	Partners ¹⁷	Resources	Priority	Progress
	Need for a community venue ¹⁸	Establish steering group for village hall	PC				
		Investigate all opportunities for a site and funding for a community facility with the local councils	PC	WDC, SCC			
	Need for a community venue for social and leisure activities and clubs	Explore further use of existing facilities (schools)	PC	WDC, SCC, schools, volunteers			

Glossary of abbreviations

WDC	Waveney District Council	SCC	Suffolk County Council
PCT	Great Yarmouth and Waveney Primary Care Trust	PC	Worlingham Parish Council
Suffolk ACRE	Suffolk Action with Communities in Rural England		

¹⁸ The need for a community venue is linked with issues in facilities for teenagers, facilities for younger people, facilities for older people, and cultural, sporting and recreational facilities.

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1 - RAW DATA FROM MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE¹⁹

HOUSEHOLD SECTION

Question Number: 1 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 1,078

How many people including children normally live in your household? 2573

Question Number: 2 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 1,078

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

Age	Male	Female
0-4	58	50
5-10	98	89
11-15	56	87
16-17	21	35
18-24	73	70
25-44	266	299
45-59	254	267
60-64	111	117
65-74	173	169
75-84	120	102
85+	27	31

Question Number: 3 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 1,078

How many roadworthy vehicles are kept by your household?

Vehicle	Number
Cars	1574
Vans	83
Motor bikes	70
Specially adapted vehicles	9
Lorries	3
Bicycles	1057

¹⁹ list responses to Q44 and 70

Question Number: 4 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 1,078

Where does your household live?

Area	Number	%
Park Drive area	145	13.5
Hillside Avenue area	137	12.7
Coney Hill area	64	5.9
Ellough Road	11	1.0
Cedar Drive / Rowan Way area	217	20.1
Garden Lane area	129	12.0
Rectory Lane area	92	8.5
Werel's Loke	145	13.5
Marsh Lane and Old Lowestoft Road	32	3.0
Sandpit Lane & College Lane	2	0.2
Lowestoft Road & cul-de-sacs off	77	7.1
Woodland Avenue area	27	2.5

Question Number: 5 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 1,078

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

Reason	Number	%
Lack of transport home	6	0.6
Distance between home/school	12	1.1
Expense	17	1.6
Special needs not catered for	3	0.3
Suitable activities not available	40	3.7

PERSONAL SECTION

Question Number: 6 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,969

Sex

Gender	Number	%
Male	925	47.0
Female	1044	53.0

Question Number: 7 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,949

What age group do you belong to?

Age band	Number	%
11-15	9	0.5
16-17	24	1.2
18-24	96	4.9
25-44	532	27.3
45-59	472	24.2
60-64	221	11.3
65-74	329	16.9
75-84	209	10.7
85+	57	2.9

Question Number: 8 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,888

Do you have a health problem/disability which restricts your lifestyle?

	Number	%
Yes	248	13.1
No	1640	86.9

Question Number: 9 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 481

Do you require assistance with the following aspects of shopping?

	Often		Occasionally		Never	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Carrying goods	52	10.8	74	15.4	340	70.7
Getting to shops	43	8.9	62	12.9	356	74.0
Reading signs	11	2.3	17	3.5	410	85.2
Access to shops	25	5.2	32	6.7	387	80.5
Access to high shelves	50	10.4	61	12.7	349	72.6
Using mobility aids in shops	23	4.8	20	4.2	396	82.3
Other	8	1.7	4	0.8	205	42.6

Question Number: 10 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 539

What are your views on social facilities in Worlingham for people with disabilities in the following age groups?

	Good		Reasonable		Poor		No opinion	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Children up to 16	11	2.0	31	5.8	91	16.9	366	67.9
Young people 17-25	9	1.7	21	3.9	102	18.9	367	68.1
People 26-60	8	1.5	37	6.9	103	19.1	355	65.9
People over 60	16	3.0	61	11.3	141	26.2	317	58.8

Question Number: 11 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,887

What do you think about future housing development in Worlingham?

Reply	Number	%
More homes are needed	68	3.6
More homes only acceptable with improved facilities	580	30.7
No further homes are needed	1245	66.0

Question Number: 12 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 742

What kind of accommodation do you think Worlingham needs?

Type of housing	Number	%
Starter homes	366	49.3
Large family homes	105	14.2
Small family homes	282	38.0
Executive homes	71	9.6
Homes for people with disabilities	157	21.2
Social housing	75	10.1
Sheltered homes for elderly	226	30.5
Don't know	132	17.8
Other	19	2.6

Question Number: 13 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 705

What types of housing development would be acceptable in Worlingham ?

Type of dwelling	Number	%
Single dwellings in controlled location	247	35.0
Small groups of less than 10	309	43.8
Carefully designed larger groups	109	15.5
Conversion of redundant buildings	364	51.6
Expansion of the edge of Worlingham	155	22.0
Eco-friendly housing	260	36.9
Other	10	1.4

Question Number: 14 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,913

What are your views on the range of shopping facilities in the Worlingham ?

	Number	%
Good	456	23.8
Reasonable	1054	55.1
Poor	360	18.8
No opinion	43	2.2

Question Number: 15 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,867

How often do you use the following shops and services?

	Daily		On or more times per week		One or more times per month		Occasionally		Never	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Spar	81	4.3	891	47.7	375	20.1	404	21.6	49	2.6
Hairdresser	3	0.2	23	1.2	103	5.5	172	9.2	1360	72.8
Post Office	19	1.0	469	25.1	550	29.5	624	33.4	152	8.1
Fish & chip shop	4	0.2	247	13.2	538	28.8	713	38.2	272	14.6
Hillside News	154	8.2	462	24.8	297	15.9	578	31.0	309	16.6
Worlingham Pharmacy	2	0.1	105	5.6	540	28.9	652	34.9	484	25.9
Worlingham Pet Store	2	0.1	25	1.3	37	2.0	134	7.2	1475	79.0
Other	0	0.0	1	0.1	7	0.4	42	2.2	290	15.5

Question Number: 16 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,864

If you usually shop in Worlingham is it because?

Reason	Number	%
The local shops give good value	277	14.9
You like to support local shops	1129	60.6
You like the social contact	252	13.5
It saves time	1208	64.8
It saves transport costs	868	46.6
You don't have transport to go elsewhere	79	4.2
You need 'last minute' items	1379	74.0
Other	41	2.2

Question Number: 17 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,760

If the following were available in Worlingham, which would you use?

Facility	Number	%
Bank	1049	59.
Butcher	997	56.
Library	891	50.
Another take away outlet	794	45.
Cash point with no charge	1258	71
Florist	448	25.
Other	175	9.9

Question Number: 18 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,880

Is there a need for a 'good neighbour' type scheme in Worlingham ?

	Number	%
Yes	935	49.
No	139	7.4
Don't know	806	42.

Question Number: 19 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,561

How would you be willing to help with the village fete?

Activity	Number	%
Attend the fete	1528	97
Run a stall	106	6.8
Volunteer to help with preparations	145	9.3
Volunteer to help on the day	226	14.
Help clear up afterwards	182	11.

Question Number: 20 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,360

In relation to educational facilities, does Worlingham need any of the following?

Facility	Number	%
Nursery School	347	25.
More registered childminders	173	12.
Full day care	165	12.
Breakfast club	176	12.
After school clubs	465	34.
Holiday play scheme	431	31.
Adult education evening classes	703	51.
University of the Third Age U3A	170	12.
Other	29	2.1
None of the above	246	18.

Question Number: 21 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,845

If allotments were available in Worlingham, would you be interested in taking one?

	Number	%
Yes	253	13.
Possibly	274	14.
No	1318	71

Question Number: 22 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,883

Do you think the amount of information available about what's going on in Worlingham is?

	Number	%
Good	244	13.
Reasonable	1029	54
Poor	437	23.
No opinion	173	9.2

Question Number: 23 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,856

Where do you usually get information about events taking place in Worlingham ?

Source	Number	%
WNCB News	1357	73
Beccles and Bungay Journal	1105	59
Waveney Advertiser	1033	55
Beccles Independent	641	34.
Notice Boards around the village	666	35.
Local shops	549	29.
Local radio	122	6.6
Word of mouth	792	42.
Other	20	1.1

Question Number: 24 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,811

Do you read any of the following?

Source	Number	%
WNCB News	1294	71
Beccles & Bungay Journal	1295	71
Waveney Advertiser	1370	75
Beccles Independent	959	53.

Question Number: 25 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,070

In relation to information services, do you think that Would you use the following information services in Worlingham needs any of the following?

Information source	Number	%
Citizen's Advice Bureau	688	64.
Family Planning Service	79	7.4
Employment Service	213	19.
Benefits Advice	301	28.
Travel information	542	50.
Internet cafe	154	14.

Question Number: 26 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,883

Do you take part in any sporting activities in Worlingham?

	Number	%
Yes	526	27.
No	1357	72

Question Number: 27 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,195

If you do not take part in any of the sports activities, is it because?

Reason	Number	%
Do not want to	531	44.
Unsuitable opening hours	102	8.5
Access problems physical	31	2.6
No transport	33	2.8
Too expensive	145	12.
Suitable disabled activities not available	55	4.6
Insufficient time	318	26.
Poor publicity	110	9.2
Not available	240	20.

Question Number: 28 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,318

Which new sports clubs/activities would you attend in Worlingham if they were provided?

Sport	Number	%
Football	89	6.8
Rugby	24	1.8
Netball	50	3.8
Basketball	33	2.5
Martial Arts	81	6.1
Badminton	283	21.
Keep fit / aerobics	447	33.
Tennis	157	11.
Yoga	247	18.
Cricket	48	3.6
None	401	30.
Other	228	17.

Question Number: 29 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,254

In relation to sports facilities, does Worlingham need any of the following?

Facility	Number	%
Place for indoor sports	741	59.
Sports fields with changing facilities	460	36.
Playing fields for informal games	427	34.
BMX track	154	12.
Skateboard Park	176	14.
Members' gym	483	38.
Indoor or outdoor bowls	386	30.
Adult exercise area	690	55.
Other	64	5.1

Question Number: 30 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,879

Do you take part in any organised leisure activities, clubs or societies in Worlingham?

	Number	%
Yes	108	5.7
No	1771	94.3

Question Number: 31 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,652

If you do not take part in organised leisure activities in Worlingham - why ?

Response	Number	%
Do not want to	657	39.8
Unsuitable times	184	11.1
Unable due to disability	95	5.8
No transport	18	1.1
Too expensive	31	1.9
Poor publicity	267	16.2
Not available in Worlingham	721	43.6

Question Number: 32 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 104

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

Activity	Number	%
Youth Club	12	11.5
Drama Group	9	8.7
Probus	14	13.5
WI	38	36.5
Other	44	42.3

Question Number: 33 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,749

What are your views on local social facilities for?

	Good		Reasonable		Poor		No opinion	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Children up to 16	23	1.3	162	9.3	616	35.2	888	50.8
Young people 17-25	7	0.4	36	2.1	710	40.6	940	53.7
People 26-60	8	0.5	103	5.9	671	38.4	916	52.4
People over 60	26	1.5	151	8.6	534	30.5	1025	58.6

Question Number: 34 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,058

Which new clubs/activities would you attend in Worlingham if they were provided?

Activity	Number	%
Senior Citizens Group	232	21.9
Gardening Club	266	25.1
Rambling Club	274	25.9
Art Club	190	18.0
Craft Club	209	19.8
Pool or snooker or darts	209	19.8
Bridge Club	33	3.1
Chess Club	40	3.8
Music Society	105	9.9
Social Night	272	25.7
Other	116	11.0

Question Number: 35 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,770

Do you have any opinions on children's playground facilities in Worlingham?

	Number	%
Yes	677	38.3
No	1093	61.7

Question Number: 36 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 796

Are the facilities provided in the children's playground?

Play Area	Good		Reasonable		Poor		No Opinion	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
All Saints Green behind Primary School	47	5.9	266	33.4	146	18.3	271	34.1
Werel's Loke	154	19.4	198	24.9	53	6.7	313	39.3
Park Drive	47	5.9	144	18.1	127	16.0	415	52.1
Swings on Middle School Field	12	1.5	72	9.0	239	30.0	391	49.1
Woodfield Park off Cedar Drive	156	19.	225	28.3	84	10.6	256	32.2
Bluebell Way	29	3.6	149	18.7	67	8.4	456	57.3

Question Number: 37 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 834

What is the most important improvement that could be made at each of these children's play areas?

	All Saint's Green	Werel's Loke	Park Drive	Middle School	Woodfield Park	Bluebell Way
Better drainage	20	163	10	5	300	12
More play equipment	209	44	178	216	25	44
Marked sports pitches	39	32	20	6	19	8
Better maintenance	99	78	58	61	103	143
No improvement needed	48	63	44	16	38	26
Don't know or no opinion	261	286	366	335	220	408

Question Number: 38 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,869

How well informed do you feel about decisions and activities of local councils?

Council	Well informed		Reasonably well informed		Poorly informed		No opinion	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Worlingham Parish Council	107	5.7	723	38.7	762	40.8	275	14.7
Waveney District Council	32	1.7	531	28.4	982	52.5	322	17.2
Suffolk County Council	27	1.4	393	21.0	1055	56.5	388	20.8

Question Number: 39 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,857

Would you like more information about the activities of the Worlingham Parish Council ?

	Number	%
Yes	1233	66.4
No	603	32.5
Don't know	21	1.1

Question Number: 40 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,834

Do you feel your elected representatives in local government are sufficiently aware of local concerns and feelings?

Council	Yes they are sufficiently aware		No they are not sufficiently aware		no opinion			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Worlingham Parish Council	458	25.0	604	32.5	735	40.1	34	1.9
Waveney District Council	151	8.2	876	47.8	763	41.6	41	2.2
Suffolk County Council	99	5.4	859	46.8	823	44.9	47	2.6

Question Number: 41 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,519

Are you an active member of?

	Number	%
Worlingham Church	109	7.2
Other church	111	7.3
Chapel	7	0.5
House church	0	0.0
Synagogue	0	0.0
Mosque	0	0.0
Mormons	0	0.0
Jehovah's Witnesses	4	0.3
Society of Friends	3	0.2
Baha'i	1	0.1
None of the above	1268	83.5
Other	16	1.1

Question Number: 42 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,824

Is the Worlingham Parish Church important to you?

	Number	%
For Sunday worship	236	12.9
For baptisms weddings and funerals	739	40.5
For pastoral care in the community	358	19.6
For engaging with young people	161	8.8
For fellowship or social activities	207	11.4
As a focal point for the community	677	37.1
As an historic building	966	53.0
No Opinion	547	30.0

Question Number: 43 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,911

How important is the quality of the countryside around Worlingham to you?

	Number	%
Very important	1416	74
Important	400	20.
Not very important	32	1.7
No opinion	63	3.3

Question Number: 44 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 234

Please name any particular landscape features in Worlingham that you think need protecting such as specific hedges, ponds or woods.

Description		Number
hedges ponds & trees - non specific		69
Aerodrome		1
Woods / trees in	Woodfield Park	3
	Lowestoft Road	6
	Marsh Lane	8
	Holly Close/Rowan Way	1
	Sheridan Walk/Cedar Drive	3
	Werel's Loke	1
	Park Drive to Common	4
	Cedar Drive to Garden Lane	2
	Ash Tree Close	1
	Churchyard	1
	Worlingham Manor	2
	Primrose Rise	1
	By-pass	8
	Rowan Way	2
Open spaces	non specific (green belt)	40
	Between Lowestoft Road & Beccles	1
	All Saints Green	5
	Park Drive Play area	2
Fields	Sandpit Lane	3
	Ellough Road	5
	behind Janet Haddenham Close	1

	Common	1
	Pepys Avenue Park	1
Landscape features	general	2
Mature trees	general	4
	hornbeam on Park Drive	5
Back gardens from development		1
Crinckle Crankle Walls		4
old walls		1
Environment area at primary school		2
Fishing Lakes		1
Hedges on	Orchard Rise	1
	Lowestoft Road	2
Marshes		7
Mediaeval hedge through Werel's Loke		1
Ponds in	Worlingham Manor	1
	Puddleduck Lane	1
River bank		9
Village Hall Land		1
Village sign		5
Worlingham Wall		1

Question Number: 45 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,770

What do you think could be done with the local roads, lanes and paths to improve the appearance and accessibility of the countryside in and round Worlingham ?

Action	Number	%
Remove litter	1188	67
Keep roadside verges mown and tidy	1308	73
Stop vehicle damage to road verges	727	41.
Signpost footpaths	719	40.
Close some footpaths	52	2.9
Open more footpaths and bridleways	750	42.
Make paths accessible to those with disabilities	655	37.
Plant more woods and hedges	822	46.
Reduce traffic	771	43.

Question Number: 46 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,352

Does where you live in Worlingham suffer from any of the following types of nuisance?

Nuisance	Number	%
Traffic noise	286	21.
Light pollution	122	9.0
Noise pollution	158	11.
Anti-social behaviour	238	17.
Offensive smells	1122	83

Question Number: 47 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,823

Do you think dog fouling is a problem in Worlingham?

	Number	%
Yes	770	42.
No	1013	55
No opinion	40	2.2

Question Number: 48 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 295

If you think it is, please say where.

Location	Number
All Saints Green	15
Ashdale Drive	4
Ashtree Close	2
Cedar Drive	12
Cherry Hill Close	4
churchyard	1
Coney Hill	3
Copplestone Close	1
Ellough Road	12
Fairmile Close	2
Foxglove Close	1
Garden Lane	11
Glenwood Drive	6
Highland Drive	2
Hillside Avenue	11

Holly Close	10
Lowestoft Road	18
Manor Close	5
Marsh Lane	5
Middle School	20
Mirbecks Close	1
Newland Ave	1
Not specific	72
Oak Avenue	1
Old Lowestoft Road	4
Orchard Rise	1
Paddocks Green	1
Park Drive	11
Pepys Avenue	2
Primary School	28
Primrose Rise	3
Ramden Places	1
Rectory Lane	29
Rowan Way	5
Sandpit lane	6
Sheridan Walk	4
The Chase	1
The Ridings	1
The Walnuts	1
Werel's Loke playing field	10
Woodfield Park	14
Woodland Avenue	4

Question Number: 49 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,805

Do you think the provision and maintenance of the following is adequate?

Item	Good		Reasonable		Poor		No opinion	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Litter bins	779	43.	640	35.	314	17.	60	3.3
Dog waste bins	610	33.	611	33.	498	27.	71	3.9
Recycling bins	495	27.	801	44.	421	23.	72	4.0

Question Number: 50 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,864

After the closure, on health and safety grounds, of the Church Hall in September 2008 do you think Worlingham needs a replacement community meeting space or venue ?

	Number	%
Yes	1490	79
No	152	8.2
No opinion	222	11.

Question Number: 51 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,762

Does Worlingham need any of the following?

Type of facility	Number	%
Meeting rooms	601	34.
Village green	694	39.
Wildlife area	634	36.
Pub	1006	57
Restaurant	646	36.
Coffee shop	711	40.
Village hall or community centre	1346	76

Question Number: 52 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 619

If you agree Worlingham should have a village hall or community centre, would you be prepared to do any of the following?

Activity	Number	%
Help with fund raising (e.g., applying for grants)	135	21.
Seeking sponsorship	45	7.3
Be on the steering group overseeing design and build	86	13.9
If necessary contribute via precept	351	56.
Provide voluntary labour	223	36.
Other	55	8.9

Question Number: 53 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,330

Would you like the facilities of Worlingham Schools (e.g. sports hall) to be made available to the local community?

	Number	%
Yes	957	72.
No	69	5.2
No Opinion	304	22.

Question Number: 54 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,353

Do you think there should be special open spaces in additional dog-free open spaces in Worlingham for local people to picnic and for local children to play?

	Number	%
Yes	786	58.
No	242	17.
No Opinion	325	24.

Question Number: 55 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,868

Do you think we should have special nature reserves in Local footpaths and cycle tracks well signposted?

	Number	%
Yes	720	38.
No	521	27.
No opinion	627	33.

Question Number: 56 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,809

Do you think local footpaths and cycle tracks well maintained?

	Number	%
Yes	614	33.
No	474	26.
No opinion	721	39.

Question Number: 57 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,801
 Would you like to see maps of local footpaths and cycle tracks displayed in Worlingham?

	Number	%
Yes	1353	75
No	106	5.9
No opinion	342	19.

Question Number: 58 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,750
 Does Worlingham need any of the following to improve safety for pedestrians?

Improvement	Number	%
Footpaths in countryside south of Worlingham	618	35.
Footpath from Church to Primary School	494	28.
Footpaths on marshes in Worlingham	658	37.
Footpath from Park Drive to Beccles Common	839	47.
Footpath to industrial estate	503	28.
Wider pavement along Lowestoft Road	755	43.
Maintenance of existing pavements	875	50.
Crossing on Lowestoft Road near Hillside Avenue	796	45.
Pelican crossing on Marsh Lane roundabout	568	32.
More traffic refuges (creates narrowing of road)	264	15.
None of the above	82	4.7

Question Number: 59 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,370
 Does Worlingham need any of the following to improve safety for cyclists?

Improvement	Number	%
Cycle path along Lowestoft Road into Beccles	1000	73
Cycle path in College Lane	344	25.
Cycle path in Sandpit Lane	295	21.
Cycle path along by-pass	643	46.
Cycle path along Ellough Road to industrial estate	789	57.
Pelican crossing for cyclists at Marsh Lane roundabout	497	36.
Improved direction signs on cycle routes	396	28.
Signs alerting motorists to presence of cyclists	714	52.
Other	39	2.8

Question Number: 60 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,884

Would you like a doctor's surgery in Worlingham?

	Number	%
Yes	1513	80
No	167	8.9
No opinion	204	10.

Question Number: 61 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 549

Have you experienced any problems with either transport or appointments for any of the following?

Service	Number	%
Hospital	178	32.
Doctor	439	80.
Chemist	30	5.5
Chiropodist	33	6.0
Optician	42	7.7
Dentist	198	36.
Other medical facility	6	1.1

Question Number: 62 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,459

If you have used any of the following services which cover Worlingham during the last year, how do you rate the service?

Service	Good		Reasonable		Poor		No opinion		Not used the service	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Doctor	809	55.	317	21.	45	3.1%	97	6.6%	190	13.
District Nurse	94	6.4%	25	1.7%	3	0.2%	568	38.	730	50.
Health visitor	58	4.0%	38	2.6%	4	0.3%	598	41.	717	49.
Home help	5	0.3%	7	0.5%	0	0.0%	635	43.	766	52.
Ambulance	120	8.2	18	1.2%	3	0.2%	559	38.	720	49.
Maternity care	44	3.0%	26	1.8%	5	0.3%	617	42.	722	49.
Chiropody	65	4.5%	34	2.3%	23	1.6%	584	40.	708	48.

Service	Good		Reasonable		Poor		No opinion		Not used the service	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No	%	No.	%
Loan of medical equipment	38	2.6%	12	0.8%	0	0.0%	612	41.	749	51.
Meals on wheels	1	0.1%	3	0.2%	3	0.2%	636	43.	767	52.
Out of hours doctor	149	10.	98	6.7%	64	4.4%	486	33.	620	42.
Dentist	480	32.	146	10.	45	3.1%	354	24.	393	26.

Question Number: 63 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,720

Would you use a free or low cost bust shuttle to Beccles Medical Centre if there is no Worlingham surgery?

	Number	%
Yes	792	46.
No	928	54.

Question Number: 64 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 182

Do you have transport difficulties getting to the shops in the following locations?

Location	Number	%
Worlingham	44	24.2
Beccles	91	50.0
Lowestoft	91	50.0
Norwich	85	46.7
Out of town shops	117	64.

Question Number: 65 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,793

Do you use the bus services that travel through Worlingham?

	Number	%
Yes	654	36.
No	1139	63

Question Number: 66 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 907
How do you rate the bus service for?

	Good		Reasonable		Poor		No opinion	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Routes	255	28.	315	34.	72	7.9%	258	28.
Timetable	193	21.	297	32.	161	17.	245	27.
Cost	169	18.	173	19.	151	16.	384	42.
Reliability	166	18.	319	35.	151	16.	257	28.
Access for those with disabilities	17	1.9%	114	12.	184	20.	539	59.
Bus stop location	286	31.	286	31.	74	8.2%	248	27.
Condition of buses	104	11.	280	30.	251	27.	257	28.

Question Number: 67 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,275
Do you feel in danger from speeding traffic in these areas of Worlingham ?

Location	Number	%
Lowestoft Road	888	69.
Ellough Road	580	45.
Hillside Avenue	329	25.
Rectory Lane near Primary School	261	20.
Garden Lane near Middle School	291	22.
Marsh Lane Roundabout	450	35.
Park Drive	85	6.7%
Other	82	6.4%

Question Number: 68 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 1,730

Would you support the following traffic control measures in Worlingham ?

Measure	Number	%
Southern link road Ellough to A145	869	50.
7.5t weight limit on all side roads	685	39.
20 mph speed limits on housing estates	969	56.
20 mph speed limit near shops	938	54.
20 mph speed limit near Middle School	1045	60
Chicanes to narrow road width	282	16.
Speed cameras	434	25.
Flashing warning signs	912	52.
More police presence	680	39.
Volunteer speed watch	195	11.
It does not need improvement	114	6.6
Other	33	1.9%

Question Number: 69 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 664

Is parking a problem (e.g., you cannot park your car or parked cars cause the road to be obstructed) at the following locations in Worlingham?

Location	Number	%
Hillside Avenue	150	22.
Park Drive	86	13.0
Near Primary School	354	53.
Near Middle School	370	55.
Other	94	14.2

Question Number: 70 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION: 251

Do you have any further comments to make?

(All replies follow as written on the questionnaire. Each reply starts on a new line.)

In 30 years I have never seen any children using the play area in Park Drive. Could this be used as the site of a new village hall?

7.5 ton weight limit on Ellough Road

NO EXTRA council tax - thank you very much

I have filled out the form as I am a resident but wonder if this will change anything, also will the results be published.

Having moved from a garden city (Milton Keynes) I feel hemmed-in by high-density houses with doors opening onto streets, no grass or open space. Where public space could be created to give breathing space, multiple

houses are plonked instead. If houses that came up to sale in Grove Road could have been bought by the council and turned into parking space, the one-way problem might have been avoided. Too many cul de sac estates mean that no practical bus routes exist - they literally go round the houses.

I am rather reclusive but nevertheless I am passionate about wildlife and the environment. I do hope that whatever changes come out of this plan, due thought will be given to their environmental impact on the environment. The Suffolk Wildlife Trust can be very helpful and I hope you seek their advice whenever appropriate. To be more specific the SWT are keen to turn Suffolk Churchyards into "oasis" for wildlife" and have produced a pamphlet on this subject and will send an expert to advise. Some Suffolk churchyards now attract visitors to view the wild flowers, butterflies and other fauna. All to the glory of God I would have thought, but our Church seems very reluctant to make this move. SWT, Brooke House, Ashbocking, Ipswich, IP6 9JY - 01473 890089

Although Worlingham is "joined at the hip" to Beccles, it is a village and should remain so. The additions of more shops, pitches, tracks and other major facilities would turn it into a mini town which is quite unnecessary with Beccles only a short bus ride away.

Huge problems re fly tipping on Lowestoft Road - CCTV? Marsh Lane does not receive free newspapers. Any rules re spraying chemicals on fields in Marsh Lane? Litter bins at river near marshes please. Some children from Worlingham DO go to Beccles Middle. Seats to sit on by river at marshes. Problems in Marsh Lane with overhanging trees. Rumble strips to slow traffic on bypass at Marsh Lane roundabout urgently required - going to be serious accident!! Archery club in woods at Marsh Lane - is this safe / monitored? Neighbourhood watch schemes USED to work very well. Glass bottle bank urgently needed in Worlingham - ALL in Beccles.

Anglers litter on river bank big problem. Marsh Lane level crossing dangerous to pedestrians. Trains do not signal their approach and cannot be heard or seen from riverside access. Vehicle exit from Marsh Lane dangerous because of obstructed view (over grown) down bypass and across roundabout.

My brother who lives with me, and myself are both housebound, so unable to answer all the questions

The Parish Plan is an excellent project, and if we were younger, we would have offered our services. As pensioners we feel unable to offer that commitment.

More signs of 30 mph in Worlingham - flashing speed signs might help. Cycle lane to Sunday market - or footpath. Just an idea it is too dangerous to walk with traffic. The back road in Worlingham joins the main road?

Worlingham is a quiet and safe place to live in general. Does not need to be spoilt by houses being built on the surrounding countryside or large developments. I chose to live in the countryside not a large built up area. I cannot comment on the children's facilities as I have none but it seems that they do not have enough to keep them occupied.

I believe that Worlingham should remain a largely rural/semi rural community. Unfortunately some of the proposals in this questionnaire sound like Worlingham could become a small town, if they are all adopted. Do we really need this when Beccles is only a short distance away? I agree with many of the suggested improvements but feel a great deal of care and consideration for the existing environment should be incorporated into any future plans.

Re. Q54 - dog owners are tax payers too and need space to exercise dogs and their selves. In fact a group of us meet around 4 pm most weekdays and have formed an unofficial dog club where owners and dogs have a nice time socialising and getting to know each other and it's a lovely doggy time for our pets and sometimes some of the local children join in. It is important to us. This takes place on All Saints Green.

Parking on estate roads in Werel's Loke of cars and commercial vehicles will obstruct access for emergency services.

Our children do clubs after school but not here in the village but in Beccles, so even though we would support the village Brownies, etc and clubs like this are all in Beccles. We love it here think has a great community would hate to see that go. Also I feel we do need a community/village hall of some kinds. Lots of parents I know find it hard to get a hall to hire for kids parties etc.

I think that the A146 at Marsh Lane is too busy for a pelican crossing - is a flyover possible or a bridge? Still a lot of bikes with no lights riding on pavements and roads when dark.

Hillside Avenue has an HGC ban, but more vehicles are ignoring it nowadays.

More sports facilities for everyone or social facilities? Cycle lanes so children travel to school safely. A Doctors surgery in Worlingham PLEASE!! A social centre for teenagers to keep them safe and off the streets. (I have my children enrolled in sports and social clubs and take them to Bungay so they have interests to keep them off the streets)

We tend to get involved in Worlingham as a community. We are happy to use the facilities in Beccles. Whilst my wife has limited mobility, she does not access shops and other places alone, but relies on me and the car.

Feel particularly strongly about dogs mess around the whole village, overgrown borders on paths. Path needed from Orchard Rise to primary school. Also feel strongly about terrible conditions of Woodfield Parks drainage of play area. Doctor's surgery or sessions held at the pharmacy would be great. Definitely need replacement for village hall!!!

Worlingham remains an extremely pleasant place to live, would not like to see too much expansion with housing, without a corresponding increase in facilities, which need improving anyway. One question, what does a policeman look like, as they are a rare breed of animal in Worlingham?

To help the owner of Worlingham Woods keep his piece of precious woodland safe from development and free from rubbish and dog muck. Not to expand the population of Worlingham as the roads and infrastructure of both Worlingham and Beccles cannot cope with any more.

A pub in Worlingham would greatly benefit the adult community. A village fete would also be valuable. Should further development be proposed it is essential that developers should incorporate proposals to provide local services such as a village hall or even a swimming pool. This is common place in many localities. The inability to obtain such a provision from Persimmon reflected extremely poorly on the parish council. The issue of this questionnaire reflects extremely well!!!

Whilst working I have little time to use facilities if provided or at present to use any bus service. However when I retire in two years I would have more time to use facilities locally.

As I have only been in Worlingham for 2 years I have answered this questionnaire only on what I think is needed. One other thing, people with dogs are required to "clean up after" if the animal fouls anywhere. Why does not the same rule apply to people who have horses that foul the roadways as well. Is this one rule for some. If these people are allowed to ride our roadways then they should be made responsible. I have noticed this occurrence is on the increase, especially in the Rowan Way and Cedar Drive areas.

Cyclists using pathway should be encouraged to ring bell when approaching pedestrians from behind - have had 3 near misses to date.

Should be glass and aluminium recycling centre on Werel's Loke estate (currently having to recycle at Tesco's!) Would like more information about Worlingham playgroup and primary and middle schools to be available. Marsh Lane roundabout definitely needs pelican crossing - it is far too dangerous for pedestrians. Werel's Loke play area needs more regular maintenance.

The young kids need more to do as all they do is hang around and scare the older people, or there is a big gang of kids hang around Tesco car park and destroy the plants and shout at people. Something needs to be done, some kids need discipline.

Although we were sorry to see the Pub go, we think that the pharmacy has become a great asset to the village, and that the village council should now put pressure on the Beccles surgery to have a satellite doctors surgery at the pharmacy, as there is ample parking and would not only relieve congestion at the Beccles surgery but would help local people especially the elderly.

Make footpath on Lowestoft Road next to the Church wide enough to take a pram. A centre point i.e. Community centre, middle school or similar building to give Worlingham its own identity and begin to build a sense of community if possible.

Where is the village sign - it looks terrible just a lump of concrete with steel post? Grove Road - needs to be reversed to 'down the hill' and out onto the bypass and town. The way it is now creates a bottle neck up to the car wash along Worlingham Road to Beccles. Or traffic lights at Betts corner need to run on green a lot longer, now only about 4 cars go through.

Regarding the question about contributing to a community centre via Worlingham precept - in my opinion this question shouldn't feature in this questionnaire. Four years ago it was voted against funding a community centre on the precept, and as far as I and my husband are concerned this still applies. Money in our house is even more tight now than it was four years ago, and I am sure this is the case for most people.

P2 - parking facilities at Doctor's surgery in St. Mary's Road are insufficient and can cause anxiety if there is a possibility of missing an appointment due to overcrowding, and is a reason to support the proposal of a doctor's surgery in Worlingham.

If the infant school in Worlingham closes then that building could be used for medical/community centre, being placed in the centre of Worlingham for other activities mentioned in Q51. Everything in Worlingham just seems to be houses. Houses that have been built since 1950. Therefore it is such a shame/crime that the church hall that has a history has to be demolished.

No - a well compiled and clear document

A recycling bin for glass bottles would be helpful

The pavement just before Worlingham car sales is becoming narrower, due to the Lilac hedge base getting wider. Also further along the Elm hedge is not cut back deep enough - people just strip at it rather than give it a proper cut. Would like a grit bin installed on entry into Highland Drive, as very dangerous in winter.

Apart from having more public open spaces I am very happy living here

I wish adjustments to the church hall could be made to give it continued use until a community building is established. Having experienced the loss of the planned hall after so many had given so much time and effort, the task to develop facilities in Worlingham will be a very up hill struggle and I wish you all well!

In my view, College Lane is potentially problematic area. It is used as a cut thro' by a) people accessing the industrial estates. b) mothers taking children to middle and primary schools. c) Other drivers taking short cut out to the bypass. Thus a lot of traffic uses the lane, which is much too narrow. Cyclists and pedestrians are particularly at risk - there's no footpath/pavement - and it is made more dangerous since large lorries frequently obstruct the view and the lane by parking outside Gardwell Coatings. The other difficulty is that coaches too, use the lane and in my view, they should be banned altogether since there is insufficient room if one happens to meet one on the road outside Worlingham Hall.

One of the reasons why Worlingham is so nice to live in is because it's still a community - making it any bigger would potentially take this away. Drawing residents close together can only be a good thing. Thank you to those involved in this plan - it's much appreciated.

Is this questionnaire a total waste of time and money?

This is a very poor questionnaire. Worlingham is not a village in a rural hinterland. It is a suburb of Beccles. Most Worlingham and Beccles residents could not tell you where the boundaries are. Local facilities are important and local facilities may not be in the parish or Worlingham. Indeed developing facilities in Worlingham may be inconvenient for Worlingham residents and may damage (by dividing effort and finance) existing established local facilities/clubs/groups. THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT WHAT YOU MEAN. NB. This questionnaire is full of closed questions. If you had cut out the cartoons etc, there would have been a chance to express opinions freely. Very disappointing.

Removal of large lorries using Lowestoft Road is necessary

I have completed the questionnaire but should like to add one point: Worlingham is not really a village but a suburb of Beccles. It would seem better that people should use the various services in Beccles (leisure, commercial, social etc) and provide them with necessary support rather than duplicating them in Worlingham and risking insufficient support in both places. And most people would be using a car to reach anything in Worlingham, not just Beccles, as it is such a very spread out area. For this reason also it is difficult to envisage Worlingham ever feeling a real 'community'.

Could we please have a bottle bank as I have to get a member of the family to off load bottles, jars etc to the bottle bank at Rainbow Beccles. If or when Rainbow closes, so might the bank. I believe Worlingham had one at some time in the yard back of pub. Could this space now the pharmacy, have one placed there as is plenty of room. Worlingham is a very large village so definitely needs one. I am disgusted that the new One Stop Shop should stay open until 11pm each night - this is going to cause more teenagers hanging about.

Why has the need for a new hall been reintroduced? The village voted against a new hall on Dec, 6th 2004. We already have a hall, Samford Court Community Hall and also use of the middle school hall.

This village needs a pub / wine bar / restaurant. Also cyclist and pedestrian routes to Ellough industrial estate.

Location of bus stops: it would be very helpful to have a bus stop at a midway point either along the old Lowestoft Road or the same stretch of the main A146, Also a post box along the old Lowestoft Road. Fly tipping is also a problem along this road.

Many people do not clear dogs mess up on the footpaths in Garden Lane and Rectory Lane.

I think when the infant school closes this would be an ideal site for community/church halls, doctors surgery, club/meeting rooms. It is already in situ. Worlingham greatly needs a meeting centre for groups. Needs ability of such a place for the future of all age groups.

Since the removal of the route covering Morrison's was removed from the town bus in January it is not possible to shop there unless one drives a car, uses taxis both ways, has a lift, is fit and healthy and can carry shopping. Morrison's has no online shopping, doesn't have an email contact address, only replies to a letter with a "standard" letter. I know - I've tried it. Widowed in January 2008 - no transport. Arthritis - thank god for Tesco online ordering and delivery. P.S. There was absolutely nothing in local papers about Spar closing and re-opening - why?

We are fed up with neighbour's cats disturbing us at night and making a mess in our garden. We are also regularly awoken (at 4.00 a.m.) by milk delivery man.

Sandpit Lane and Rectory Lane is becoming a death trap during the periods of the school run estimated speeds at 60 mph - 70mph or more have been observed. There is no pathway. Tipping of rubbish and car components very evident in Sandpit Lane (maintained by residents to keep it clean).

We like living in Worlingham. The previous plans for financing a community centre were very poorly managed. Please keep the church as it is and do not 'build on'

The speed signs from the Marsh Lane roundabout and those from Beccles are not clearly seen and are not large enough. Hence drivers race through Worlingham - Lowestoft Road at great speed. Do something about it. If we are to recycle more - please put some recycling bins - especially for glass in Worlingham.

The speed limits for Lowestoft Road and Ellough Road past the Crowfoot School should be raised to 40 mph.

How are you going to improve Worlingham when you say we have got enough money to do so.

Re Environment. Dog fouling is a very real problem (especially to those with children). It is anti-social and a risk to health. I have contacted SCC about this in the past and have been informed that it is virtually impossible to enforce regulations due to lack of staff. Dog bins are not the answer as those who do not clear up after their dog have no intention of doing so. Perhaps an awareness/shaming campaign/team approaching dog owners (don't make others clean your dogs mess off their shoes and carpets). We are concerned about the impact on change to schools in Worlingham will have a) use of land where primary school is? b) increased traffic/parking at Middle School? c) Transportation of 11 year olds to Sir John Leman?

NHS dentist surgery needed. Congratulations on well thought out and nicely presented user-friendly survey! Well done! I hope the responses are used/interpreted in the same way. Thank you all.

Any amenities introduced to Worlingham (pub, general practice, library etc) will have a positive effect in curbing congestion in Beccles. This can only make life a lot more agreeable for both sets of residents.

I do not use public transport because I have my own private transport. My use of sports clubs and social activities is limited by my physical condition and my age.

Understand that it may be possible to obtain junior school hall as community hall in future but possibility not available for four years. Is it possible that a way could be found to assist in upgrading present church hall to satisfy health and safety regs., since it is obvious church authorities will find it impossible to sell present hall and build replacement attached to the church in the foreseeable future? Marsh Lane roundabout - could speed reducing road signs be erected on approach to the roundabout - i.e.: 50 mph, 40mph, and 30mph - much more effective than reduce speed now.

Pelican crossing required near pharmacy.

Worlingham (and Beccles area) desperately needs the use of an indoor swimming pool in order to enable all youngsters to learn to swim and every age group to exercise all year round. At present the swimming lessons at Bungay pool have waiting lists so long that it takes many months to reach the top. Once 'in' parents are faced with the time and expense of trips to Bungay often at inconvenient times, sometimes late into the evening, to give their children the chance of gaining the all important ability to swim or compete. For many decades now the council has promoted Beccles outdoor pool as the local swimming amenity, but this obviously ageing, uninviting and inadequate 12 week a year pool literally drains away useful money which could be put to better use. Benefit could be provided to a much wider range of the community rather than to the few dedicated (but selfish) pensioners currently paying little but making noises about keeping the outdoor pool in future years. In today's world of stress, obesity and general lack of daily physical exertion, an indoor pool could provide enjoyable, regular fitness exercise for a good cross section of this community involving children, teens, young people, families and grandparents.

Traffic tends to speed along Lowestoft Road (heading towards Beccles) between junction with Woodland Avenue and The Spinney. Need more repeater/flashing 30mph along this stretch, especially on approach to junction with Hillside Avenue. Road widens and drivers forget they are still in 30mph limit.

Cyclists on the pavement are a danger to pedestrians and vehicles leaving the owners property.

Completing this has made me realise there are areas of Worlingham I have not visited / considered / were aware are there. As relatively new to the area perhaps Worlingham should be 'selling itself' more.

Still no lollipop person on Garden Lane

We would like to see all footpaths made so 2 people can walk side by side into Beccles i.e. Northern side of Lowestoft Road. At the moment if somebody comes towards you somebody has to step into the road (i.e. Cut hedges back and cut grass banks back). Bring back the roadman and road sweeper to look after drainage into ditches etc and keep roads and paths clear. We like living in the country, we don't want to become too suburban.

Some of the questions are ambiguous and pointed in certain directions.

I would like local buses to circle Highland Drive as the walk back from the shops/town is exhausting for the elderly with shopping.

We regularly have horses ride through out close and foul over the road near the path. It is left there to rot away or get washed down the drain by the rain. We feel something should be done to make them clean it up as it is no different to dog fouling.

Worlingham needs to be attractive for: 1. Inhabitants 2. Visitors - the village needs attractions in terms of recreation in order to bring in income. We should do much more with a) Worlingham Parish Church - arts centre b) Marsh/river area - recreation centre for boating/fishing/walking/picnicking etc

Having moved to Worlingham just over 2 years ago I can't shake off the idea that it's just one big residential development bolted onto Beccles. Anything to help establish its own identity is a good thing.

More visible 30 mph signs on main road. Speed cameras as drivers drive around Worlingham like idiots at fast speed. More visible signs warning dog walkers about their family pets. They walk in front of dogs without looking back to see Fido squatting and doing its business. Dogs should be accompanied and not left to roam.

The questionnaire is of value only if it is acted upon. With the current state of finances at local, national and international level, then I have no doubt it will be put on the back burner for many years.

Although we have no opinion on provision of play areas, if it is identified that there is a need for additional play area(s), we would say that it is essential that all play areas are supervised or lit at night. At least one play area has been abused by teenagers/adults using it for illegal purposes.

All shops, offices by law must be accessible to people with disabilities. No steps up to premises etc, yet all buses have steps up to driver. One bus on route x2 a coach I can never get on. Also service C1 and C2 Anglian again have 3 steps up to driver. We need more, low deck buses in Worlingham to Beccles as mostly elderly people use these buses. As the council does not collect empty glass etc, could not a collection point for glass be sited outside Spar. It is a long journey to the dump for a handicapped person? Cannot the council arrange collection perhaps every month etc?

I cannot use local bus service because of high step. I cannot use the bus that stops in Worlingham pharmacy car park. It is used to help people use computers and meet other people. I cannot climb stairs so feel very left out.

Children play football outside our house even though there are 'no ball games' signs. They hang around in groups of 5 to 10 people, because parents don't want children out of their sight. More signs and police presence are needed to stop this, as balls damage cars and property and children are going to get hurt as they play in the road. Police patrols would be a good thing. Parking is also a problem as most houses have at least 2x cars.

If the doctors could man a surgery for one session per day every day in Worlingham and would see any patient (as the sameday team) it would be helpful, especially as there is a pharmacy in Worlingham.

1. Control expansion (and type) of industrial estate (Ellough and Boasts) 2. Screen industrial estate from domestic dwellings. 3. Limit speed on Rectory/Garden Lanes. 4. Widen footpath/reduce traffic/speed on Lowestoft Road.

We feel existing buildings in Worlingham, such as school sports halls and the old church hall, should be made full use of for evening and sports activities. If there is any additional funds available, we feel it would be better spent regenerating the church hall instead of spending on a new building. This would limit damage to the landscape and environment. A new building would probably stand empty most of the time at a cost to the tax payer.

Please keep the attractive little village of Worlingham unchanged. More housing will create more traffic as we now get more from Beccles since the new buildings were made. It would be much appreciated if there are more seating areas with some green to look upon.

Reduce speed limit on all side roads to 20 mph

I think that the lack of any evening bus link to Lowestoft/Norwich leaves residents isolated at these times.

Throughout the Parish cars park on verges or on paths - this is illegal and should be enforced. Remove or repair village sign.

Parked cars cause a problem near primary school at dropping off and collection times (3 times). Two thirds of Rectory Lane is affected. Please note it is not just near the school.

We feel that the quality of maintenance on the lovely estate that we live on is poor, and could be improved. Better and cheaper to make more car parking areas and keep the roads and pavement clear, especially at weekends when everyone's home.

Hedges need cutting back half way over the footpath opposite Worlingham pharmacy and blind bend Ashdale Drive.

We have lived in Worlingham for three years and are very pleased with the whole community at this point in time. Many thanks.

This is a great place to live, but the chaos caused by altering routes, one way streets, made by someone who obviously does not live in Worlingham/Beccles. A link road is desperately needed through Ellough Road to 145. Traffic jams are horrendous every day - too many lorries passing through. Bus is definitely needed on Saturdays so that OAP's can shop at supermarkets in Beccles and various routes in Worlingham.

Ellough Road past Crowfoot school has become a "trucking route" from the industrial+C726 estate - this needs to stop before a child is killed going to and from school. A weight limit on this road should be enacted to prevent heavy vehicles passing Crowfoot school at certain times of the day.

College Lane presents real problems. Used as access to industrial estate. Short cut for vehicles to and from Ellough Road, Lowestoft Road, by-pass, Middle and Primary Schools. Dangerous speeds (parents, taxis, buses, lorries). I seldom drive above 20 mph for fear of meeting vehicles in the middle of the road. Q on information - use of internet for a Worlingham website with email.

I think it is sad that no one has repaired the Worlingham sign which has been knocked over for well over a year now.

Please stop cars parking on the Pepys Avenue Road, on the bends and at junctions, before there is a bad accident. Also the cars cut the bends on Pepys Avenue as there are no road markings. We also think there is a great need for a bus shelter, at the bottom of Pepys Avenue. The other need is a post box on the Werel's Loke estate - the pensioners find that the one in Sand Pit Lane and the Lowestoft Road, are a bit too far, when you have trouble walking.

Don't spoil Beccles or Worlingham - keep it rural - not too much development or further housing. Parking along Ellough at junior school is a great problem now we have the new development of housing.

We would like to see the passage closed that starts through Primrose Rise, Worlingham.

An increasing number of heavy goods vehicles are turning into Pepys Avenue. They are mostly from the Continent (presumably using satellite navigation) on their way to Ellough Industrial Estate. They realise their mistake and then have great difficulty turning around to return to the Lowestoft Road. A weight limit may need to be considered if the frequency increases.

Just to thank you for all the work you have put into this questionnaire.

We moved to Worlingham over 20 years ago when it was much smaller. We have used the facilities that were available in the village e.g. Playschool, church hall, pub. Sadly 2 are no more. I feel that the village! is now big enough and does not need anymore housing. I feel that the infrastructure needs improving to support the population that we now have. We desperately need a community centre to bring people to a focal point and increase participation in activities. We could have had one now but due to misinformation this was voted against.

We need a social centre like a public house,

I should not have ticked camera's as I believe there are far too many speed cameras and not enough actual speed signs.

We do need a village hall and parking for cars for people who attend church and graves, its dangerous for people crossing the main road.

I feel more police presence in the park at the top of Pepys Avenue will reduced the amount of vandalism and litter being left by the odd few teenagers. I do think this parish plan is a good idea but I feel pensioners who have worked all their life and those people, like myself, will be unfairly in having to subsidise this. Those layabouts who refuse to work and get out of bed in the morning should be MADE to give something back instead of taking all the time from those who work. They should be MADE to put these things into practice free.

In relation to Q61 - I haven't had problems with transport but problems parking when attending doctors or hospital appointments.

Hedges overgrown onto path - Glenwood Drive to entrance to Worlingham Hall past Rectory. Unsafe walking children to school because of reduced width of path - not sure who is responsible.

I feel that white indication lines on roads in Werel's Loke development should be put down, including slow/stop lines where necessary at junctions. The grass verges should be cut more frequently, including the children's playing area in Werel's Loke - child friendly matting should be installed at play area for safety and all year use. Road kerbside weed growth is not being dealt with.

I would like to see buses coming to the Old Lowestoft Road. They could come in one end and out the other, people living there would need to talk to Worlingham or North Cove to catch a bus.

If we have a community hall it must be able to pay for itself. Kesgrave has a very active community hall which attracts business groups and the like, which pulls in money. Would strongly advise a visit!

Desperately need a social hot spot e.g. café, pub/restaurant as the little there is, they are primarily for the older age brackets. To bring some sense of community to this occasionally lifeless village you need somewhere that

will appeal to everyone. A village pub is a good idea! Doctor's surgery would improve life here and reduce parking in Beccles.

It would be nice to have a bank in Worlingham, a café so people can socialise, and most of all it would be great if we could have a doctor's surgery as the population of Beccles, Worlingham and other areas is too big for the surgery. Appointments are not available when needed and there is nowhere to park. Also in general to try and park is a nightmare, as I have also got parking tickets because there has been nowhere to park outside Crowfoot school.

Is it really necessary to have a corner shop open 'til 11pm on a residential estate???

A village hall is very important. More activities for young people in evenings. And local Pub.

There should be speed bumps outside play park areas i.e. Park Drive.

8 years ago the parish council were given the land and money for a 'Community Forum' it also had above £100,000 in the bank - why has nothing happened? The parish council knew years ago that the church hall was unsafe and did not have any ...?... facilities - and that the church would have to cover it - so why have the parish council done nothing to replace it?

I would like to see the three bench seats in Lowestoft Road, which have obviously been donated in the past for the community, to be regularly maintained in the future.

Re emphasise the need to maintain reasonable widths of pavements for wheelchairs etc. Overgrowth by individual hedges of adjacent houses as well as lack of council full maintenance.

I personally would like to see the community get on well with each other as neighbours, and have a happy and healthy environment to live in, for future generations to want to live her, so as to be proud of and invite relations to come for holidays we need a pub or community hall. My son would like a sociable place to entertain with his friends and family.

Worlingham is a lovely village but I have found that the parish council have no interest in youth projects etc. Several projects including a Police project did not get off the ground because the parish council vetoed everything proposed. The young people at the parish council meeting I attended were so disgusted with the behaviour of some members of the council that they vowed never to attend another meeting, and that included my daughter. We have never been back to a meeting since and the youth are still being ignored.

Parking: there is a dangerous practice of parking all the school day on the road outside the middle school which restricts the road to one lane. It is a known fact that parked cars directly outside of a school is dangerous. The school car park is always nearly empty. A 20mph speed restriction would be an adequate road safety precaution.

If any more housing estates are to be built then it must be insisted that adequate roads within the estate are built. Most of the roads within the latest estate, Werel's Loke, are a joke. They are of insufficient width for cars to be parked and frankly unsafe for the number of cars owned by the estate residents. Cul-de-sacs should have a turning area - it is dangerous to have to reverse out.

The vegetation needs to be cut back on cycle path leading from Cherry Close to Cedar Drive. I had to take my own shears to cut back brambles encroaching the path to prevent injury to my child!! Having said that, Worlingham is a pleasant village to reside in!! Which would be spoilt if further expansion is given the go ahead.

No thanks

Question 52 re village hall, all these questions were in place as I understand 4 years ago. The whole village had a vote, and they voted against a village hall and so did the parish council. How can you say that in 4 years it has changed. Hope you will have another open meeting about the hall.

Worlingham needs a public house / restaurant as there is no where to go and socialise and meet people also exercise to take a walk to get there especially in summer evenings

Although I do not require transport assistance, have children, attend church I do appreciate others requirements, youngster need facilities etc. - Also PLEASE - NO MORE houses or housing developments. Let's not spoil Worlingham, it is big enough & an enjoyable place to live.

Marsh Lane needs more police presence to combat fly tippers. Also speeding vehicles on estate Pepys Avenue

Change one way system in Grove Road making it easier to get into town at work & school times instead of sending more traffic to go through town centre. This causes more trouble for people to attend hospital appoints in early morning.

Speed camera to be sited on Ellough Road near the pelican crossing for traffic coming down from the industrial estate/Sunday market area. Heavy traffic to be encouraged to use the bypass instead of Ellough Road, speed bumps or traffic calming measures to be used on Ellough Road in the vicinity of pelican crossing.

I have answered all questions from the point of view of an able fit independent 74 year old widower living on my own. My opinions and ideas will obviously alter in some areas according to changes in my personal circumstances. I enjoy living in Worlingham and think that as much as possible should be done to help the younger members of the community. Some childminders are there in Worlingham.

We need a new village hall!!!

We have to accept that Worlingham is a dormitory of Beccles - Having previously been involved in running a community hall we realise the enormous amount of work and money that is involved. Whilst the dream is engaging the reality is entirely different.

Bus to Beccles hospital does not stop at the hospital you have to walk a fairway and also a bus service to Morrison's

from a professional point of view I totally disagree with use of volunteer speed watch q68

Police checks on the Lowestoft Rd are done at the wrong time of day, they should be done between 7 and 9 and 5 and 7. This is when the excessive speed is done, being fair to motorists there are hardly any signs indicating speed of the road, no flashing sign, no markings or speed signs.

As we have to rely on local bus service, we only have 1 bus that serves this area and that is a 2hr service. If a standard 20p journey per person was introduced surely a 1hr service could be introduced and not ending at 2.45pm daily, Monday to Friday. This means that at present after Friday 2.45pm you cannot go into town until Monday 9.15am unless you get a taxi which is not always possible expense wise.

Anything to restrict the speed of traffic on Ellough Road-Hillside Ave to Cedar Drive

Playing fields need updating and more items to play on. More picnic benches would be good to. Also when grass is cut on playgrounds it should be collected up as it looks untidy and a mess for youngsters to play on. Need more swings and roundabouts for little ones to play on. "Our children are the future of Worlingham"

I moved to Worlingham expecting it to be a dormitory village for Beccles, enabling people to have a better quality house than could be afforded in Beccles. I believe the single thing which would make it more of a centre of activity would be a community hall. There could be a few places of this size without one. I have also found the Spar an excellent shop focal point - and a good place to read village notices. I hope it will be again soon

Fly tipping and litter down old Lowestoft Rd is horrendous. Rubbish bins near 3 Horseshoes Pub for lorry drivers parked up might help

Leave Worlingham as it is as present enjoyable place to live, reasonably quiet except for the odd speeding motorist . We do not need a community centre for the use of only a few and a cost to all. If you want to do something productive get rid of foul smell that occurs every so often. Also council tax far to high get common sense people onto councils and stop wasting money. i.e. how much did this project cost the people of Worlingham? Not anonymous.

Regard dog fouling, extra dog bins will not encourage some people to pick dog mess up. We need something in place to ensure people do pick it up and it is an offence not to do so. This could also include littering I would pay extra tax for this, also fining could pay for it. (Dog Warden)

As a previous employment as a school patrol crossing supervisor - I had no police presence during my 3 year stint. Please could this be rectified?

Can the village sign be replaced? Can the pavement width to the Lowestoft Road be maintained from Shrub and grass etc? Can the pumping station at the top of Park Drive be upgraded? (have had many discussions with Anglian Water - as the toilets along the road block up due to the drain not clearing) Not necessarily due to rain as they say.

We would liked to have completed more but for the first 4 years we have work commitments and then went to USA SO ONLY IN Worlingham for 1 year. Hope to enjoy ourselves

The minibus service to Beccles has been reduced - and no longer goes to Morrison's. Without transport it is impossible to get to the train station without a taxi. (or a good friend with a car)

I think a village hall is necessary but DO NOT wish to contribute to this via council tax

Extend width of the roundabout at the end of Lowestoft Rd and reduce the plant height so you can see traffic on opposite side which will make it safer for pedestrians

The establishment of new areas is a positive development but its not just the creation of areas that is the issue but also the sustainability and maintenance in the years that follow. Initial enthusiasm can soon turn to apathy especially if the project is on too large a scale. Persimmon planted a good embankment of trees alongside Ellough Road, including cherry tree. These are now getting uncomfortably overgrown as no or little maintenance has taken place since it was planted. The cherry trees are suckering into gardens and brambles encroach with increasing persistence.

Worlingham has no centre or focal point for its community. There is no social point for professionals and or divorced persons. Not enough activities for children and young adults.

We live in Worlingham, Ipswich is our County Town yet we haven't got a bus service from Lowestoft to Ipswich. Or should it be Ipswich to Lowestoft. I've wrote to the chief executive and had letters from Mr Brook, Mr Gibbs and their answer is "catch a train". My answer was to them my 1st train from Lowestoft to Ipswich would cost me £64. Now that we've got free bus travel were told to catch a train!!

I would like to see something done about cars that drive far too fast in Hillside Avenue. These are young drivers who seem to use this stretch of road as an invitation to put their "foot down" regardless of other road users! This usually happens evenings and weekends and perhaps a camera installation or regular police presence would help curb these drivers before accidents happen.

Worlingham is a very pleasant village to live in. Radical life-style changes are not required, only the maintenance and cleanliness of the thoroughfares need to be addressed on a more regular basis. It would be reassuring to have higher police presence in the village. Better use of the middle school gymnasium as a meeting place must surely be more cost effective than a grandiose plan for building a new village hall.

30 mph is OK automatically slow 20mph by schools in built up areas. Yes more spaces are needed outside schools as road gets congested.

More dog wardens and associated activity to control anti-social behaviour and noise control and irresponsible dog ownership. Designated play streets and appropriate signs to apply particularly during school holidays. Concern for children's road safety on estate roads due to speeding vehicles and inconsiderate parking.

You indicate on Page 2 re the Parish Plan ... community and go on to say ... is a starting point. One thing puzzles me. I cannot see through which medium(s) any strong feelings especially by the community via this questionnaire will be pursued. Will it be the parish council - already an outdated body with few powers or will it be the community? If it is the latter what powers have been rested in the community to take things forward?

Would be nice to have a doctors surgery in Worlingham

Dog ownership and continuous dog barking every day and evenings. We need a dog control officer with a phone line who can be contacted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week not nine to five and action taken against anti-social owners.

A question relating to how long you have been a resident in Worlingham would have been interesting info.

Congratulations and thanks to all who have gone to so much trouble to produce, deliver and collect this very comprehensive questionnaire.

I have only lived in area for past 13 months having moved from Warwickshire so difficult to complete thoroughly.

Some speed calming on the bend at Hillside Avenue is well overdue. Also 30 mph flashing speed limit signs on the Lowestoft Road would remind people of the speed limit. Let's have speed calming on the bend coming towards Hillside newsagents before there is a tragic accident which no one would like to see or hear about. I think this would be more effective than a 20 mph limit.

After putting street lights on main Ellough Road, street lights in cul-de-sac removed now very dark and dangerous walking etc when leaves on trees during summer as light is reduced. We need a community hall for the village where access is not through a housing estate let the villagers know where Persimmons money has gone!! Dog bin near pelican crossing unhygienic as people use bin then press button on crossing which young children and adults press children lift the lid on bin without using it.

Council need to listen to parents concerns over schooling - closures/re-allocation of pupils and also listen to the teachers concerns. If the primary school closes why not ask the residents of Worlingham their opinion of what could happen to the building (community centre).

Doctors/chemist facilities out of work hours I.e. evenings and weekends

Weight limits and yellow lines are ignored in Hillside Avenue, buses and coaches stop to shop on Saturday and Sunday which is illegal. I am old and inform and cyclists on pavements frightens me to death.

There is no footpath along one side of Rectory Lane for existing older properties. This can make it dangerous when leaving the property on foot or by car.

The One Stop shop in Hillside Avenue should not be allowed to stay open till 11 pm. 9 pm is plenty late enough for this residential area. No newspapers should be sold as we already have a newsagents shop. 20 mph through Hillside is required.

To have a dentist located at Worlingham pharmacy together with a doctor would be very welcome to residents - both could be part-time national health service which would be sufficient for the community's needs.

We have lived in Worlingham for 21 years and have seen it grow into a large housing estate with no character and no community spirit, the attempt to raise funds to build a community centre is a debacle. Question 20 mentions after school clubs but not a youth club (to be held more than once a month and for older teenagers).

What happened to the last questionnaire we filled in and left at the pharmacy. It is not good to ignore peoples views you should let people know what is happening. I expect you will ignore this one as well.

My main concern is the size of Worlingham. I think it has now reached a maximum size at which it can hope to retain its own identity. If it is swamped with more housing developments it will no longer be viewed as a village, merely a mass of housing estates with no character or identity. At its current size it can look to improve social facilities, the attractiveness of the village and its environs. I hope the Waveney District Council housing plan up to 2025 doesn't ruin Worlingham.

Post box on Coney Hill Persimmon Estate. Frequent public transport to James Paget Hospital for patients and carers; and visitors to include evenings for visiting. County/Local/Parish Councils must be knowledgeable of the need of elderly and/or disabled residents on the Coney Hill Estate (a bus service is provided for Rowan Way/Cedar Drive, Queen Elizabeth Drive areas, but not Bluebell Way. Council vehicles e.g. refuse collection come through Bluebell way so why not buses.

To see all front gardens kept tidy and dustbins concealed - Restrict new houses being built in well established older properties in back gardens.

Our primary concern is for the future of a village / community centre once the village has been removed this month.(September). Facilities for young people in this locality are of great concern for now as well as the future. Suggest community hall will have facilities (sports clubs etc.) for all age groups in this community

None thank you

A new community centre cannot be supported by the residents of Worlingham and therefore should not be considered. With the change in school structure in the future, a better option would be to hire a space at the middle school as and when required. Keep playing field grass shorter.

Worlingham is a lovely place to live but if it is going to grow we need more facilities and better infrastructure to provide for all residents and maintain improve quality of life. The parish council should be applauded for the work they do and promote themselves more. In addition the church hall should be better used for community events/activities for the whole community.

I feel Worlingham is a housing estate not a village anymore. This does not mean we should not encourage a community spirit though. If Worlingham had better facilities it would make life easier for elderly and people with poor mobility who live here.

Just to expand on question 69 cars parked on the side of the road of Hillside Ave are a menace to other users of this road particularly on Pepys Ave. There have been many near misses where vehicles have pulled out of junctions and another road user negotiating around parked cars almost colliding with each other, if perhaps a notice to make people aware of the dangers and perhaps double yellow lines to stop people parking on the road. It may also be an idea to paint stop lines at the junction of Sutton Road as people often pull out without stopping / looking.

Yes we feel weekly wheelie dustbin collection is a must for all bins. And a strong no to any community centre that is funded by increasing the local council tax.

Q52 vote overwhelmingly NOT to add to precept to fund centre I trust that this is not some desperate attempt to resurrect this.

A bus shelter is required I'm often getting soaked and it gets very windy. Bus shelter required both sides of the Lowestoft Rd West of Pepys Ave. Worlingham village sign should be replaced

We do not receive free Waveney Advertiser @ Werel's Loke

If less people insist on taking children to school in 4 x 4 's large cars etc. then less traffic problems. Getting worse. Why can't the children walk? It would strengthen them and make them healthier. In 21 years no vicar has ever called at my house. Only kingdom hall members bother to visit/help when unable to get out due to surgery.

Ban lorries from coming through the village, do more to encourage integration to exclusion and bring community spirit back to Worlingham as it would help improve things and it would be very nice to see the Worlingham village sign restored to its previous condition rather than half smashed and broken.

Only we think Worlingham does not need any more housing as Worlingham is plenty big enough

Food being thrown into the crown of the road, causing mess on cars windows and doors attracting large and small sea birds, rooks etc. and sometimes left out overnight attracting rats etc. This is a daily habit and is disgusting and should be stopped

Buses stop running to early to enable to spend the evening in either Norwich or Lowestoft

I am really upset that the village hall has had to close I have been attending dance classes there that were convenient to get to and had been established there for a while. I know that there have been major problems relocating the classes, and also know that many of the children who attended lessons may not be able to continue dancing due to travel issues now created. It seems to me that sport is always very well supported and a lot of emphasis put on these facilities - but dance/drama + arts are viewed as far less important.

I hope most residents will reply to your questionnaire to help Worlingham become a better place

Only lived here for 2 years, unable to give a broader opinion

Southern Link road should be opposed as would have a negative affect on the lovely countryside to Worlingham and Beccles. Better to make Grove Rd two way again to relieve congestion at Peddars Lane traffic lights

Could not fill in Youth Questionnaire as did not receive one

We need our own surgery & dentist. The road into Beccles has not been improved by the new one way system. A superstore would stop some traffic in that direction. I go to the doctors via bypass and back of Beccles to avoid the queues at bust times, then I have trouble parking at the doctors. A shuttle bus is a good idea as i need eye test and cant drive. Also would use the bus to avoid parking. The best solution is our own surgery and clinics.

Speeding motorcycles in Ellough Road

Parking problems in Park Drive mainly caused by parked commercial vehicles

Road markings on Werel's Loke estate roads would help to make it clear to drivers to stop at junctions. This might also help reduce speeds. Grass cuttings need to be cleared away to stop seeds blowing around causing weeds to grow in kerbs and gutters making streets untidy.

Hedges need cutting back badly on Lowestoft Road and some other areas. Stinging nettles and branches make walking single file difficult and with a pram almost impossible (dangerous). A footpath from Worlingham to common would be appreciated

I read in paper recently that lorries will be directed from Ellough Rd to Lowestoft Rd. I object, I used to live in Ellough Rd which had Leggett's lorry yard for about 100 years, I moved to Lowestoft Rd which has always been just residential and deeply resent the fact that now Leggett's have gone to a new estate arrived suddenly after 100 years the people who are used to the lorries & lived there knowing they were there will be free whilst those of us who chose to live on a different road now get speeding heavy lorries just because our road is wider they couldn't speed in Ellough Road. The certainly do in Lowestoft Rd.

There must be a southern link road put in, as the increased level of heavy traffic along Lowestoft Rd has become intolerable for many unfortunate enough to live on this road. Especially with the increase in industry on the Ellough estates

Police patrols especially on Lowestoft Rd traffic lights to roundabout

Worlingham needs a community centre and we are willing to contribute via local taxes we also need evening activities for those of us who work.

Speeding cars after 7pm along Lowestoft Rd between Hillside and the church is out of control. Speed cameras or traps would pay dividends within days.

People feeding seagulls, control of bushes screening approach to main roads, field manuring offensive smells

A very clear interesting relevant questionnaire

We do not want speed humps/ cushions in the area. They do not slow traffic and damage vehicles from my previous experience. When the Primary school in Rectory Lane closes can something else other than housing be considered for site. E.g. adult education centre/sports centre.

Resurfacing road in Rectory Lane by the school

I am unable to participate as I am a full time carer with no help whatsoever! Recently broken bones, shoulder, two ribs and both wrists and pneumonia during in Worlingham is like living on a dessert island.

Sandpit Lane, Rectory Lane, Garden Lane, have increase in number of lorries cutting through to cement asphalt works and should be forced to use Ellough Road + bypass past new ambulance station for access.

Fly-tipping in Sandpit lane regular basis - includes sofas and sometimes small business industrial waste. The guardians of the parish should never have allowed destruction without pleas of substation (*sic*) . Young people under 16yrs should be provided with large open space with indoor and outdoor facilities to keep them occupied

We feel Worlingham is so close to Beccles that we have join clubs there and don't feel part of Worlingham now we are connected to school life. The church life and social side used to be good as held people together. Opening up the schools more might help bringing Worlingham people together again. With all ages mixing together in drama activities etc.

Worlingham is a very nice place in which to live. I should know I have live here since 17th Jan 1942. It just needs catching up with the modern age a bit. We really needed that shop we should have had at Werel's Loke

We all find Worlingham a lovely place to live I do feel that unruly children can be a problem in some areas. Police need to be tougher. Both my children have joined clubs outside of Worlingham but we are lucky to have two cars and the ability to take them. Some people do not have this so any clubs set up would benefit many children.

At present Beccles WI provides me with activities in which I am interested, i.e., drama and music. I used to play bowls but can no longer do so because of arthritic shoulders

do we need to extend opening hours of shop to 11pm 7 days a week we are a village. Does the change require planning approval? It causes anti social behaviour and young people gathering.

Worlingham is a good area/community to live being quite trouble free and green. It does not require dramatic change. Just a sensible quiet approach is required.

Could the village sign please be repaired

As I have just taken up residency in Worlingham I am limited in my opinions at the present time. Although I don't consider myself disabled I do suffer from osteopaenia and have back pain. Transport to church on Sundays is difficult as buses only run every 2 hrs.

We have only live in Worlingham for 5 years but we love living here. As very keen walkers its proximity to the countryside, river and coast is ideal. Although we live in a new home we feel Worlingham doesn't need any more development as the local schools & village infrastructure. Some villages have a community Woodland or Orchard Is there any area near Worlingham where trees could be planted?

Following the proposals in the school organisation review should Worlingham middle become the new primary school and I would be angry if the primary school site be sold for housing. It would be a great site for a new community building.

Lots of complaints about school parking. What will happen when we lose parking at village hall?

Worlingham desperately needs a focal point e.g. a community centre and improved local sports facilities. We also need new village sign erected.

Our daughters dancing group has had to be moved from church hall to Hulver making it impossible for her to attend . We desperately need facilities for groups like this. Sports hall is available to public as far as we know but lack of advertising and poor organisation means people are not aware of this

I feel the bus services are probably reasonably good on the whole but I feel there should be extra bus services to and from Sir John Leman School. My children say people have to stand which is dangerous.

Even though I don't use the buses often I agree that the elderly may require additional services. There should be more services to the doctors' surgery for the elderly

Worlingham needs a village hall but not funded via the parish precept as originally planned- this was an ill thought out suggestion which was forced on us with little consultation. The sums discussed for construction were overpriced +unnecessary.

Dog fouling & children swearing in the playparks is a real problem and should be addressed with more demanding notices a phone number to call to report any incidents.

Worlingham needs to regain its village community by supporting its school it needs a traditional pub. A village green and sportsfield for football & cricket, bowls.

My main concern is speeding traffic on Garden Lane at the brow of the hill by paddock green.

When Worlingham Primary School closes maybe the parish could take over part of the building for a community centre

I think in the area facilities are very poor - we go to Beccles for most things.

Thank you to all who have put together such a thorough questionnaire. Thank you to all the volunteers who delivered them.

Control the traffic around Worlingham Middle school.

I think the closure of local schools would be an ideal opportunity for some much needed public open space wildlife area and village hall

Can we have the Worlingham sign back? Its important for identity

we as a family would love a social or working mens club so we can have a drink and socialise with our friends, also an indoor swimming pool and to restrict parking outside schools on grass verges.

The Ingate Rd near the pub needs to be changed from a one way back to two lanes in and out

Cars go round too fast.

This is a fantastic idea, I hope all Worlingham residents take the time and effort to complete this questionnaire

Worlingham and Beccles need social facilities for all ages but especially young adults and children.

Worlingham is a great place to live + raise a family. I'd like to see it mature but not increase in size too much

Dog fouling at the top of rectory lane by sandpit lane is terrible. So much so we have had to take an alternative route to school

Boy racers in pains close.

If anymore houses are built in the village it will because a town. Not a good thing

More brownfield development needed to provide housing traffic on Lowestoft Road goes to fast

Be able to use the hall grounds for fetes and any outdoor event.

ANNEX 2 - RAW DATA FROM YOUTH QUESTIONNAIRE

Number of Questionnaires answered 171

1. Where do you live?

Area	Number	%
Park Drive area	18	10.5
Hillside Avenue Area	5	2.9
Coney Hill Area	15	8.8
Ellough Road	0	0.0
Cedar Drive / Rowan Way Area	34	19.9
Garden Lane Area	16	9.4
Rectory Lane Area	20	11.7
Werel's Loke	41	24.0
Marsh Lane & Old Lowestoft Road	2	1.2
Sandpit Lane & College Lane	1	0.6
Lowestoft Road & cul-de-sacs off	13	7.6
Woodland Avenue Area	6	3.5

2. Gender

Replies 170

Male 79 (46.5%)

Female 91 (53.5%)

3. What age group do you belong to?

Replies 170

Age	Number	%
8 & under	4	2.4
9	25	14.7
10	22	12.9
11	30	17.6
12	14	8.2
13	26	15.3
14	24	14.1
15	23	13.5
16 & over	2	1.2

4. Which school do you go to?**Replies 169**

School	Number	%
Worlingham Primary	5	3.0
Worlingham Middle	69	40.8
Sir John Leman	66	39.1
Beccles Middle	15	8.9
Crowfoot	1	0.6
Home tutored	1	0.6
Other please state	12	7.1 ⁱ

5. How do you travel to school?**Replies 169**

Mode of travel	Number	%
Walk	97	57.4%
Cycle	24	14.2%
School bus	7	4.1%
Public transport	4	2.4%
Car	35	20.7%
Taxi	1	0.6%
Other please state	1	0.6%

6. Do you take part in After School Activities? Replies 166

Yes 96 (57.8%)

No 70 (42.2%)

7. If you do not take part in after school activities please tick reasons ? Replies 72

Reason	Number	%
Cost	8	11.1
No public transport	3	4.2
Too far to walk home	5	6.9
Too far to cycle home	3	4.2
Too dangerous to walk / cycle	5	6.9
Special needs not catered for	1	1.4
Do not wish to	47	65.3
Parents' transport not always available	11	15.3
On waiting list for activity	2	2.8
My school does not offer suitable activity	22	30.6

8. Do you have transport problems getting to the following places? Replies 31

Place	Number	%
Other places in Worlingham	8	25.8
Beccles	8	25.8
Lowestoft	20	64.5
Norwich	22	71.0
Your school	9	29.0

9. If yes, what are the main reasons? Replies 27

Reason	Number	%
No public transport	5	18.5
Too far to walk / cycle	14	51.9
Too dangerous to walk / cycle	13	48.1
Parents' transport not always available	16	59.3
Other (please state)	8	29.6

10. If you travel to Beccles (other than to school) do you mostly ..? Replies 166

Method	Number	%
Walk	43	25.9
Cycle	29	17.5
Use bus	5	3.0
Use taxi	0	0.0
Rely on parents	100	60.2
Rely on friends	3	1.8

11. Are there enough foot or cycle paths in Worlingham? Replies 169

Reply	Number	%
Yes	57	33.7
No	79	46.7
No opinion	33	19.5

12. Do you think there are any places in Worlingham where the roads are unsafe to cross, walk or cycle?
Replies 167

Reply	Number	%
Yes	101	60.5
No	47	28.1
No opinion	19	11.4

13. Do you feel there is enough for young people to do in Worlingham?

Replies 167

Reply	Number	%
Yes	39	23.4
No	117	70.1
No opinion	11	6.6

14. What clubs or groups other than sports do you take part in during your spare time?
Replies 163

Activity	Number	%
Brownies / Guides	10	6.1
Cubs / Scouts / Boys Brigade	19	11.7
Army Cadets / Sea Cadets	2	1.2
ATC / Lifeguards	2	1.2
Religious based activities	8	4.9
Drama / dance	43	26.4
Music	37	22.7
Youth club	32	19.6
Other (please state)	37	22.7
None	47	28.8

15. What sports do you regularly take part in during your spare time?

Replies 596

Sport	Number	%
Aerobics	10	5.5
Archery	13	7.1
Athletics	44	24.2
Badminton	66	36.3
Basketball	59	32.4
Baton twirling	0	0.0
Circuit training	27	14.8
Cricket	36	19.8
Cycling / BMX	71	39.0
Table tennis	19	10.4
Football	119	62.3
Rugby	47	24.6
Golf	11	5.8
Gymnastics	23	12.0
Hockey	40	20.9
Horse riding	19	9.9
Martial arts	8	4.2
Netball	43	22.5
Roller skating	17	8.9
Rowing	3	1.6
Sailing	7	3.1
Skateboarding	16	7.2
Squash	14	6.3
Swimming	105	47.1
Tennis	38	17.0
Trampolining	54	24.2
Other (please state)	33	14.8
None	46	20.6

16. Which of the following do you use the play areas for?**Replies 164**

Use	Number	%
Use play equipment	91	55.5
Football	66	40.2
Other sports or games	56	34.1
Walking with or without a dog	37	22.6
Meeting friends	118	72.0
Other (please state)	8	4.9
Do not use play areas	17	10.4

17. What do you think of the play areas?**Replies 166**

Play area	Good		Reasonable		Poor		No opinion	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Werel's Loke	73	44.0	41	24.7	10	6.0	40	24.1
Park Drive	24	14.5	52	31.3	41	24.7	43	25.9
Swings on Middle School Field	7	4.2	31	18.7	82	49.4	42	25.3
Woodfield Park	75	45.2	46	27.7	13	7.8	28	16.9
All Saints Green	24	14.5	60	36.1	47	28.3	31	18.7
Bluebell Way	30	18.1	47	28.3	21	12.7	64	38.6

18. Are you worried about any of the following in Worlingham?**Replies 98**

Area of concern	Number	%
Smoking	53	54.1
Alcohol	36	36.7
Drugs	44	44.9
Bullying	63	64.3
Anti-social behaviour	74	75.5

19. Is there anywhere in Worlingham where you feel unsafe?**Replies 161**

Yes 37 (23.0%)

No 124 (77.0%)