

# Individual Decision

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The attached report(s) will be taken as  
Individual Portfolio Member Decision(s) on:

**Wednesday, 10th November, 2010**

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## Individual Member Decision

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<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	<b>Councillor Pamela Bale</b>	<b>on:</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> November 2010</b>
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	<b>ID2069</b>		

**Purpose of Report:** To seek adoption of the Chieveley Parish Plan by the Council

**Recommended Action:** The Plan be formally adopted by the Council as an important document

**Reason for decision to be taken:** Formal adoption of the Parish Plan.

**List of other options considered:** None

**Key background documentation:** Chieveley Parish Plan

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## Implications

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<b>Policy:</b>	Parish Plans are an integral part of the Council's Vibrant Villages theme within the Council Plan
<b>Financial:</b>	There are no specific financial implications arising from this report at this stage. Any of the actions in the Parish Plan that have financial implications for services will need to be addressed as and when those actions are moved forward. If actions require additional resources these will be brought to Members for consideration in due course.
<b>Personnel:</b>	There are no personnel implications at this stage
<b>Legal:</b>	There are no direct legal implications at this stage
<b>Environmental:</b>	Parish Plans often raise many local environmental issues and as such can play a very useful role in conserving and enhancing the environment at a very local level.
<b>Equalities:</b>	The consultation carried out in support of the Parish Plan helps ensure that all people have an opportunity to have their views and concerns heard.
<b>Partnering:</b>	Parish Plans are an excellent example of partnering between the local community and the Council.
<b>Property:</b>	No specific property implications. Any property related matters within the action plan will be addressed by the relevant service as and when the action is moved forward by the community in conjunction with the Council.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	There are no direct risk management issues arising from the plan. As and when actions are moved forward any risk issues will be addressed by the relevant service area.
<b>Community Safety:</b>	There are no specific or direct Community Safety implications.

## Consultation

### Members:

<b>Leader of Council:</b>	Councillor Graham Jones
<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Commission Chairman:</b>	Councillor Brian Bedwell
<b>Select Committee Chairmen:</b>	Councillor Emma Webster (Greener) Councillor Geoff Findlay (Healthier) Councillor Irene Neill (Stronger) Councillor Quentin Webb (Safer)
<b>Ward Members:</b>	Councillors Hilary Cole

**Opposition  
Spokesperson:**

Councillor Jeff Brooks

**Local Stakeholders:**

WBC, Safer Communities Partnership, Voluntary Sector.

**Officers Consulted:**

All Senior Management within WBC.

**Trade Union:**

N/A

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If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval		<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council		<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position		<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Supporting Information

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### 1. Background

- 1.1 Since December 2008 Community Led Plans (or Parish Plans) have been formally endorsed by West Berkshire Council, via the Individual Decision process.
- 1.2 The endorsement of a Parish Plan means that the Council commits to working positively with the community to realise the vision set out in the plan. This means that the Council will give approval or sanction, where it can, actions that have the support of the community and have been included in the Parish Plan Action Plan. This is subject to the draft Action Plan having been circulated to the Council and its Partners by prior agreement and the actions discussed in consultation with the Principal Policy Officer for Community Planning.

### Community Planning In West Berkshire

- 1.3 West Berkshire Council, working alongside other key partners from the Local Strategic Partnership such as the Community Council for Berkshire and the local community, has promoted the development of Community Planning across the District.
- 1.4 The Council's success in pushing forward this work has been recognised nationally; firstly through the award of Beacon Status for the local authority in 2006 as part of the "Empowering Communities Improving Rural Services" theme and more recently through the successful joint local authorities bid to the national Beacon Peer mentoring fund, which the Council led, to further develop work in Community Planning.
- 1.5 Parish Plans are key documents that set out a vision for how a community wishes to develop in the future. They contain an action plan that will help to realise that vision.
- 1.6 Parish Plans are developed through a wide ranging consultation process with the local community. This helps ensure that the resulting plan reflects the needs and aspirations of local people. The Plans are therefore an important source of intelligence about the views and concerns of the community as well as highlighting specific actions that communities wish to see taken in their areas. This information plays an important part in shaping both service planning and delivery across the Council but is increasingly being used to inform Council strategy and policy development.
- 1.7 The process by which Parish Plans are developed involves extensive liaison and engagement with service providers and statutory organisations, most especially the Council. This close involvement and dialogue helps ensure that officers are aware of the direction and aspirations of the community and can help develop meaningful and realistic actions.

- 1.8 This close engagement between the Council and the community at a very practical level helps to provide an excellent platform for improving relationships and communications between the local authority and the communities it serves.
- 1.9 A further benefit emerging from Community Planning is that it has helped bring communities and organisations together to focus on developing solutions to local problems, for example; joint working on environmental issues, such as noise from the M4; allotment provision; growing food locally and development of local business groups.
- 1.10 This report brings to Members' attention the contents of the Parish Plan for Chieveley along with the above accompanying contextual information about the basis and progress on Community Planning in West Berkshire.
- 1.11 The action plan is built around the 5 themes of the sustainable community strategy. This provides an ideal focus for the plan and helps develop clear links between local activities and the overall strategic vision for the district.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is RECOMMENDED that the Plan be formally adopted by the Council as an important document.

## **Appendices**

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Appendix: Chieveley Parish Plan and Action Plan

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# Chieveley, Oare & Curridge Parish Plan

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## Chieveley, Oare and Curridge Parish Plan

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## 1. Foreword

"It is with pleasure I introduce the Chieveley, Oare & Curridge (COC) Parish Plan. It is the outcome of almost four year's hard work by the Parish Plan Steering Committee (PPSC) and many other volunteers.

This plan is supported by your Parish Council and West Berkshire Council and will be used by local and central government to influence future policies affecting our community.

We are very grateful for the excellent response we received from the questionnaire which clearly indicated the issues and concerns you have about the Parish. One clear message that came from the whole community during the consultation process was that, whilst most residents are happy with life in the Parish, there is a wish to maintain and enhance certain aspects and facilities. Already, as a result of your response, improvements are being made. A Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is now in place at Chieveley Recreation Ground after £30,000 was raised using evidence from our Have your Say days. A further £390 has been received from Healthy and Active Parishes Fund to purchase integrated cricket wickets for the MUGA. However, there is still a lot to do!

This document provides some historical background to the different areas within the Parish and an explanation of the way in which the Parish Plan started and has since developed. It summarises the results of the plan questionnaire and gives you the background to particular objectives and actions proposed to address the main issues identified.

The next stage is to implement the list of actions set out in the Action Plan. The acknowledgements section lists some of the many people who have helped so far and we are very grateful for their contribution. If, when you have read this document you find you have a particular interest in any of the objectives and would like to get involved in the plan, please come forward, we need your help. Our contact details are shown on [page .](#)

I hope you will join us 'to make a difference...'

Denis Butcher, Chairman  
Chieveley, Oare & Curridge Parish Plan Steering Committee

## 2. Profile and History of the Parish

The Parish is situated in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) offering outstanding views of the countryside from many parts of the Parish. Within the Parish boundary, lie the villages of Chieveley and Curridge, the hamlet of Oare, Denison Barracks and scattered dwellings in a number of locations such as North Heath, Snelsmore Common and Orchard Park (See figure X on page X). According to the 2001 census the Parish was home to 1481 people and 508 households.

### The Village of Chieveley

Chieveley village lies just west of the A34 and approximately 4 miles north of Newbury on a relatively flat chalk dip slope (where the slope of the ground follows the slope of the underlying rock). The landscape is characterised by gently undulating landforms, shallow slopes, hedgerows and hedgerow trees and winding lanes set within grassy banks. The settlement is cloaked with mature trees, shrubs and hedgerows. Apart from the church tower (about 18.5m in height) and a water tower at the north end of the village, there are no obvious visible structures. Chieveley is therefore ideal from the view of conserving the natural landscape in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The village settlement is overwhelmingly residential, and Chieveley's easy access to the M4 corridor and employment within the Thames Valley, makes it a particularly attractive and convenient place to live. Over the past 25 years the number of residents has increased with the addition of some small housing developments, most recently this has taken place on land between Chieveley and Downend. The Chieveley community also benefits from having its own church, shop, bakery, pub, surgery, toddler group, pre-school, primary school, nursery, village hall, recreation ground and lawn tennis club. There is also a number of thriving clubs and societies, such as the Floral Group, Gardening Club and the W.I.

Archaeological investigations undertaken by the Highways Agency reveal that the land has been used since early prehistoric times. Scatters of flint artefacts and burnt flint show that activity was widespread in Neolithic and Bronze Age times. Several pits of Bronze Age date were discovered, but it was perhaps not until the Roman period that the land became more densely settled. A Roman farmstead was discovered near the village, while sporadic Anglo-Saxon finds indicate that the areas continued to be settled and farmed as it has been until the present day.

In Victorian times it was believed the origin of the name is 'Field of Chives'. The first Vicar of Chieveley was Elias, appointed in 1154. It is likely that there was a Saxon church before it was replaced by the Normans and later the Victorians. Chieveley once had its own Maypole, near to Maypole Cottage (on the corner of the High Street and Church Lane). It is believed that during the civil war in October 1644 Oliver Cromwell stayed the night at the Blue Boar (now well known as the Crab), whilst his forces spent the night at North Heath.

[Photo's of Chieveley](#)

[Illustrations of Chieveley – Denis Butcher](#)

## **The village of Curridge**

Curridge is located in the south east corner of the parish and is physically closer to Hermitage village than that of Chieveley village. Part of Curridge is located on the B4009, part along the road to Snelsmore and Winterbourne and along a number of unmetalled lanes such as Crabtree Lane, Chapel Lane, Sandy Lane & Curridge Green.'

There are wooded areas on both sides of the Curridge road and a variety of walks and rides across fields and through woodland. The village benefits from a primary school, two pubs, a hall run by the Women's Institute (W.I.) and petrol station with convenience shop. It also has its own horticultural society, residents' association and riding school.

Like Chieveley, Curridge provides quick and easy access to larger towns and London. However the opening of the M4, junction 13, in the early 1970's and the gradual upgrading of the A34 trunk road has emphasized the separation between both sides of the Parish.

Over the years Curridge has expanded by infilling and in 1987- 89 forty-three houses were built on Bate's yard, a former brick works. The landscape has also changed irrevocably over recent years, due to sand extraction from a large area of land, south of the M4

An exciting historical discovery was made in 1998 when a hoard of 425 brass and copper Roman coins were found by someone with a metal detector in an undisclosed location in Curridge. These coins are now kept in West Berkshire Museum, The Wharf, Newbury.

*Pics of Curridge - Janice & Jean*

## **The Hamlet of Oare**

Oare sits in the north east corner of the Parish and for many centuries was predominately a farming community. At Oare Farm and Manor Farm, a small workforce of men and boys were employed on the land. Several of the present day houses were once small farm workers' cottages or farm buildings. Today the community consists of just 24 dwellings and the two farms are now combined into one.

Of historical interest in the vicinity, there are traces of settlements by Ancient Britons and subsequent occupation by Romans. In 1966, when a bungalow was being built next to Oare Church, Roman artefacts and pottery shards were excavated.

In 968 AD King Edgar gave Oare Chapel to the Abbey of Abingdon and a priory was built on the present site of Oare Farm House. It is believed that the priory was the rest house for the abbots of Abingdon on their walk from Abingdon to Winchester. The fine wall around the garden of Oare Farm House is thought to be the original wall and the pond in the meadow behind Oare Church contained the carp the monks ate on Fridays.

The priory stood until it was pulled down during the abolition of the monasteries in Henry V111's reign. Only the small 'People's Chapel' survived, and Oare was merged with Chieveley. This chapel is thought to have been later destroyed by fire, and it was not until 1852 that the present church was built by the Reverend J E Robinson.

*Pic of Oare 1880 - Mike Taylor*

## **Denison Barracks**

The Royal School of Military Survey is located at Denison Barracks in Curridge. Combined, there are approximately 140 houses at Curridge Piece and the Faircross Estate. This small community is serviced by a convenience store and on site there are barrack blocks, workshops and excellent recreational and sports facilities. At the time of writing, the future of the site is under review.

*(See map, located in Curridge area of Parish)*

### **Snelsmore**

Snelsmore is located in the south west corner of the Parish and apart from a handful of dwellings the landscape is predominantly rural and woodland. There is at Bussock Wood (within private land) a fine Iron Age fortification.

*Pic*

### **The Village Design Statement (V.D.S)**

Chieveley Village has been protected by the V.D.S. since it was published in 2002 and it has been instrumental in helping to preserve the rural environment and limiting development. The V.D.S. has now been adopted by the The Curridge Residents Association (C.R.A.) to cover their village as well. Whilst the Parish sits in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Chieveley village also has a designated conservation area within the central part of the village.

### **The Housing Needs Survey**

A 'Housing Needs Survey' was conducted across the whole Parish in 2006 to establish attitudes and opinions of local residents to further building development and to gauge local housing need. The Housing Needs Survey is a document adopted by the Parish Council and is available on request.

## **3. Map of Parish**

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## **4. Development of the Parish Plan**

The timeline of the process was as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
<i>Early 2007</i>	<i>Formation of a provisional working group</i>
<i>July, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 07</i>	<i>'Have your say' days at Chieveley &amp; Curridge</i>
<i>Summer 07</i>	<i>Collation of comments &amp; views from the 'Have your say days'</i>
<i>Sept 07</i>	<i>Steering committee &amp; focus groups established</i>
<i>Nov 07</i>	<i>Discussion forums with residents at Chieveley &amp; Curridge</i>
<i>Nov – Apr 08</i>	<i>Draft questionnaire produced</i>
<i>May – Sept 08</i>	<i>Draft questionnaire tested, edited &amp; final copy printed</i>
<i>Oct - Nov 08</i>	<i>Publicity campaigns &amp; questionnaire distributed</i>
<i>Dec 08</i>	<i>Questionnaire responses to the Greenham Common Trust for analysis</i>
<i>Mar 09</i>	<i>Preliminary feedback to residents at the annual parish assembly</i>
<i>26<sup>th</sup> Sept &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 09</i>	<i>Open Days at Chieveley and Curridge for residents to view results &amp; make input into action plans</i>
<i>Winter 09 – Spring 10</i>	<i>Final plan drafted and action plan developed</i>
<i>June 10 – July 10</i>	<i>Draft plan submitted to Parish Council and approved</i>
<i>27<sup>th</sup> June 10</i>	<i>Presentation of draft plan at Chieveley village fete</i>
<i>Aug 10</i>	<i>Draft plan submitted to West Berks District Council</i>
<i>Oct 10</i>	<i>Approved plan published and submitted to residents</i>
<i>Winter 10</i>	<i>Approved Parish Plan published .....</i>

Invitations were distributed to all residents across the parish to attend the 'Have your say' days in July 2007. 235 residents attended, aged from under 10 years old to over 85. Topic areas were set out around the rooms and the star attraction was the 6ft x 4ft Parish map with red, green and blue flags, provided to pin-point likes, dislikes and areas residents would like to preserve. These days were so popular that by the end of the map was completely covered with flags. A further attraction was a drawing and photograph competition with prizes sponsored by Dreweatt Neate and a local resident Jeff Mead.

The first chair of Parish Plan Steering Committee was Chris Carter-Keall. Focus groups and focus group leaders were:

**The Key Topic Areas:**

*Highways and Transport*  
*Recreation Facilities*

*Housing and Development*  
*Local Government*

*Education*  
*Environment & Sustainability*  
*Community & Infrastructure*  
*Business & Employment*

**Focus Group Leaders:**

*Paul Turner*  
*Janice Bridger & Kathy Titcombe*  
*& Tracy Snook*  
*Nick Hodge*  
*Hilary Cole*  
*Jean Fayle, Martin Lindeman*  
*Mike Taylor*  
*Hilary Cole*  
*Chris Carter-Keall*



A 'Discussion Forum' was held in Nov 07 to which all residents and businesses were invited. The event was advertised on the radio, with posters, village newsletters, websites and a leaflet drop. The aim was to identify the key issues per topic area to address in the Parish Plan Questionnaire and to begin drawing up questions.

The draft questionnaire was drawn up using the recommended software package produced by the Countryside & Community research Unit, University of Gloucestershire and with support from the Greenham Common Trust. In May 2008 this was tested on mixed sample of 20 residents and the final questionnaire produced. A vigorous advertising campaign was launched prior to the distribution of the questionnaire in Nov 08. A 'LOST' (figure X ) publicity campaign was launched in October with posters put up in key places around the Parish. This informed residents to 'look out for their questionnaire or their chance to have their say will be lost'.

The questionnaire was distributed by a large team of volunteer distributors', across the Parish. Each Distributor hand delivered questionnaires to 20-30 households within their nominated area and notified residents when they would return to collect the completed document. The process was very effective achieving a very high return rate of 80%.

During the two weeks that residents were given to complete the questionnaire, a second poster campaign was launched. This was a 'Countdown' (Figure Y) to the final deadline by when all questionnaires had to be returned. A number of volunteers changed the posters each day in key locations around the Parish. The countdown also took place on the Chieveley Website Homepage and also had a link to the Curridge Village website.

Chieveley and Curridge Primary School councils first engaged with Parish Plan team members in 2007 and in October 2009 this was followed up with a 'Youth questionnaire' relating to leisure and recreation, given to pupils of Chieveley Primary School. Responses were received within a two-week time frame and can be seen in section 6. For teenage residents a Youth Blog was launched on line at [www.mychieveley](http://www.mychieveley) which was also linked to Curridge Village website and advertised around the Parish. Teenagers could go on line and make comments, again on leisure and recreational facilities in the area.

During 2009, after data input and analysis by the Greenham Common Trust, the steering group and focus group leaders began to formulate the plan, attended a number of parish plan workshops, met with service providers to explore issues and identified actions and possible funding. Feedback was given to residents at the 2009 annual parish assembly and at Open days using powerpoint presentations. Once again, residents contributed to the development of the plan by adding their views on possible solutions and actions.

By the Autumn of 2010 the final action plan was approved and adopted by West Berkshire Council.

We would like to thank Sarah Ward, from the Community Council for Berkshire (CCB) who has attended many of the steering group committee meetings and provided assistance and support through the development of this document.

## **Business & Employment**

Although local businesses and employers were sent a written invitation to the 'Have Your Say' days in 2007 and welcomed to take up a position on the Parish Plan Steering Committee, no response was received.



However, as most of the employers within the Parish are also residents, the PPSC felt they were given the opportunity to be included in the plan process by receiving and completing a parish plan questionnaire. Any issues relating to their business could be expressed through the 'additional information' feedback sheet.

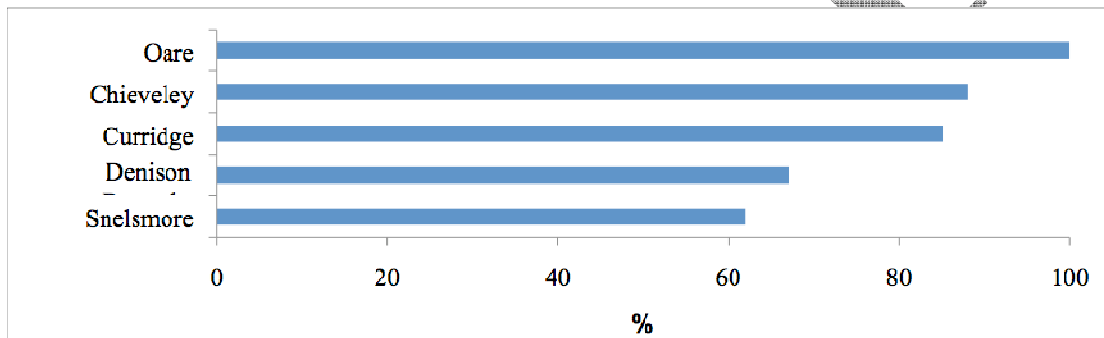
A few local businesses are likely to be involved in helping achieve some points in the Action Plan but, generally, response from the business community has been quiet.

- Pic – “my vision of the village”*
- Pic’s from events – Have Your Say Days, Discussion Forums, Open Days.*
- Pic: lost poster*
- Pic countdown poster*
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### 5. Questionnaire Results, Key Issues & Objectives

The overall return rate received from the plan questionnaire was an exceptional 80% overall, with Oare achieving 100%. In total 716 questionnaires were completed and returned’.

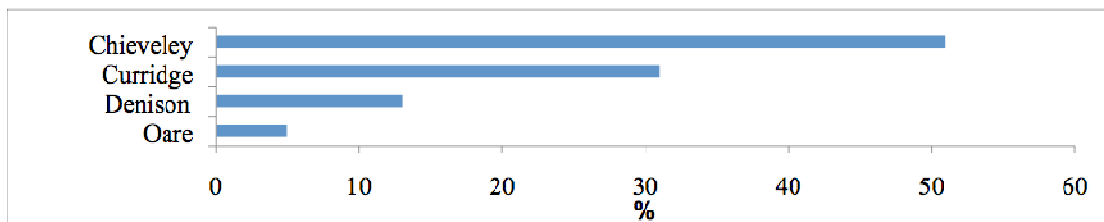
#### Response rate by area



Results are also available on request (see 'Contacts' on page x ) for the areas of Chieveley, Curridge, Oare and Denison Barracks (see map on page.....). Some results for these areas are given in this document where they differ from the whole parish.

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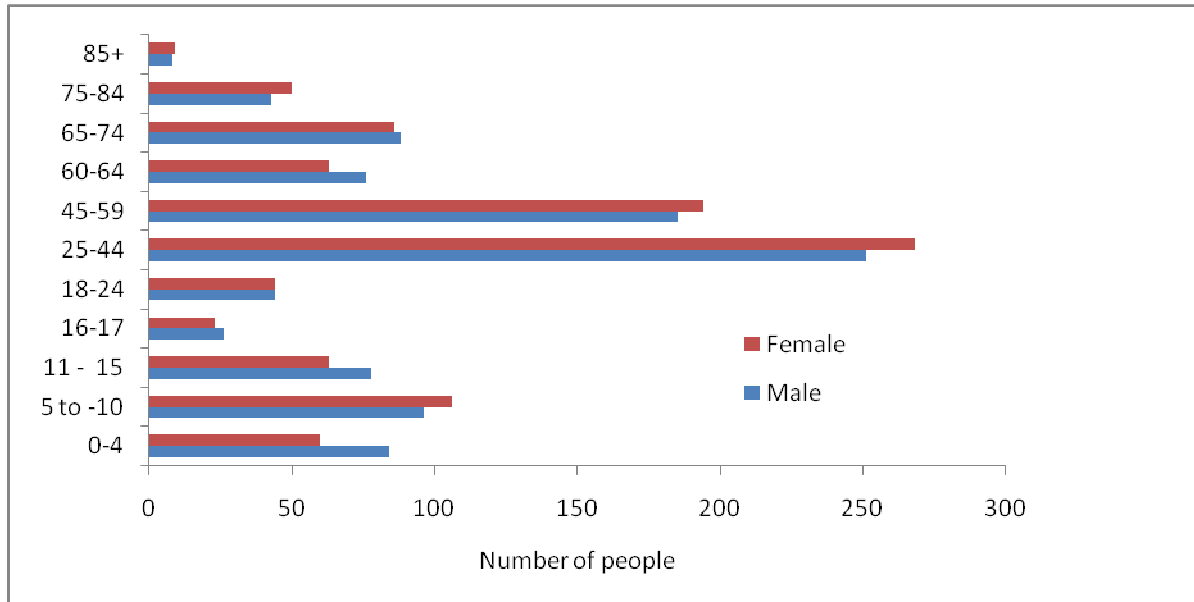
Where does your household live? (716 number of households)



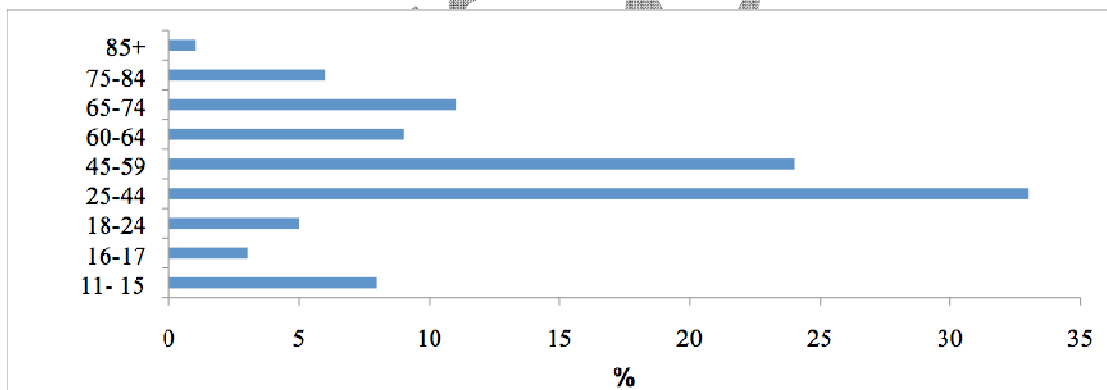
How many people including children normally live in your household? (716 number of households)

Total number of people = 1945  
 Average number of people = 2.7

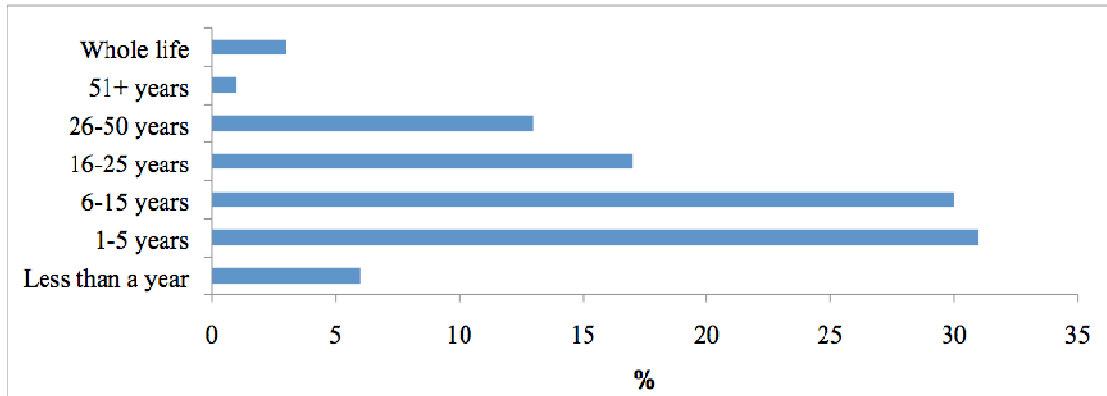
Number of people in each age group (716 number of households)



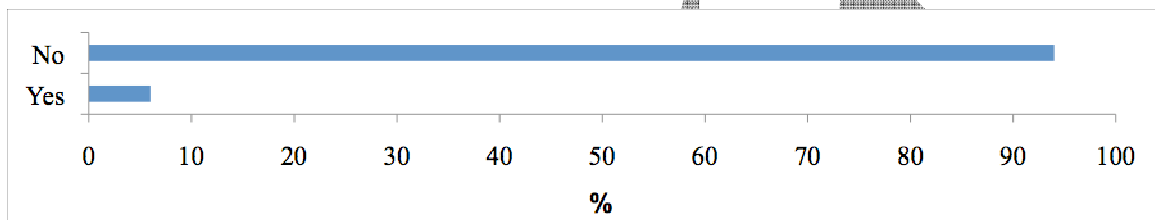
What age group do you belong to? (1532 respondents)



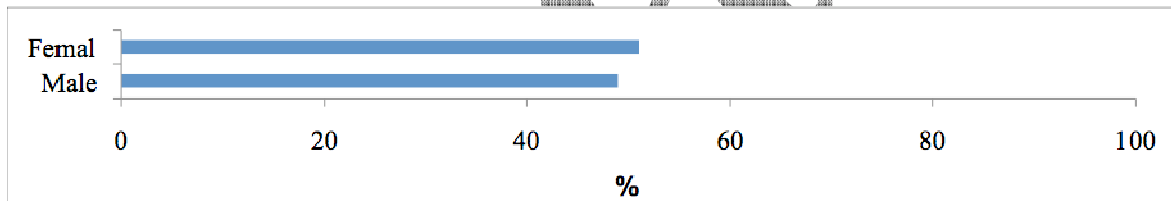
How long have you lived in the Parish? (1500 respondents)



Do you have any health problem/disability which restricts your lifestyle? (1498 respondents)

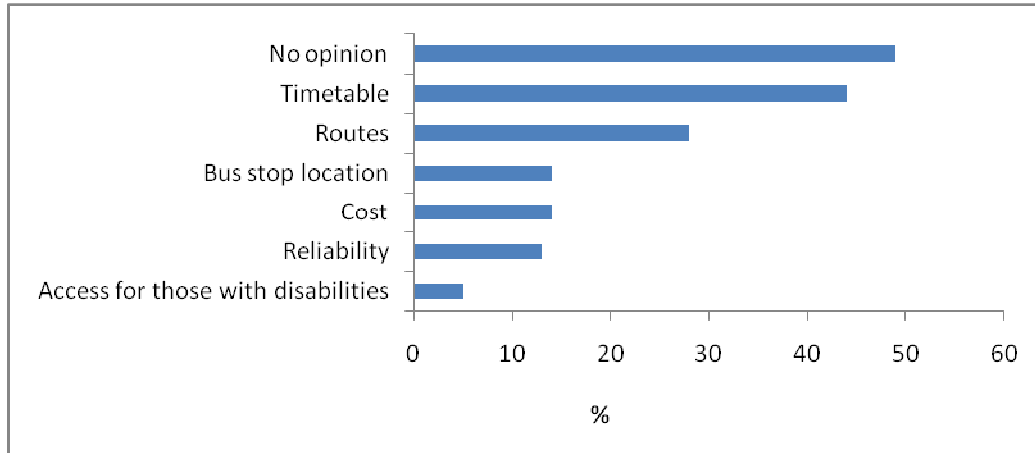


Are you male or female? (1522 respondents)

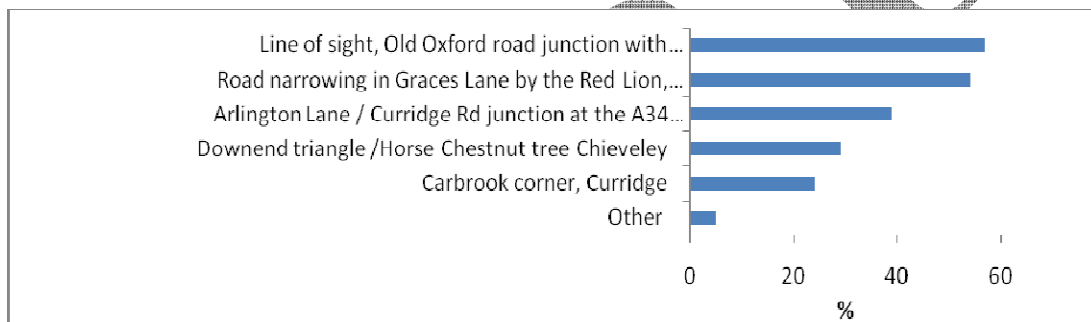


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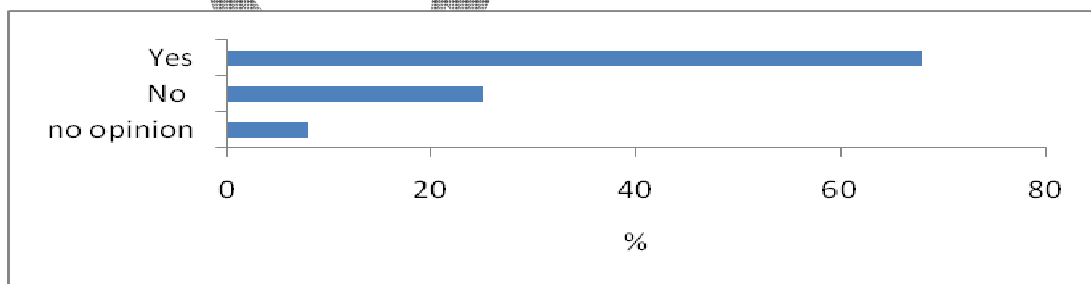
Q8 Would you like to see any improvements to the bus service with regard to: (1444 respondents)



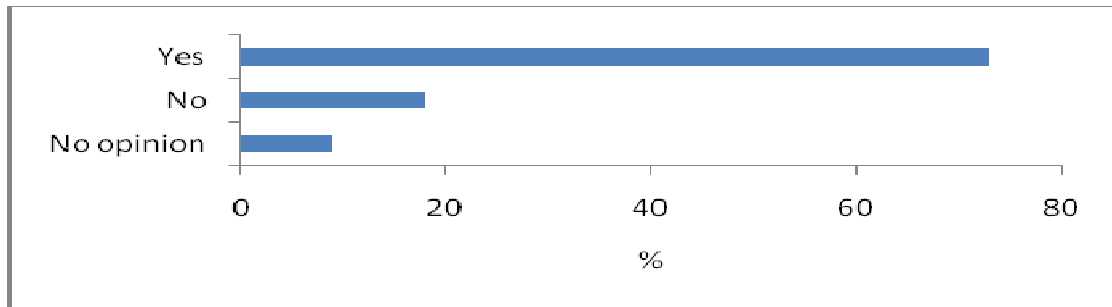
Q9 Would you support action to improve road safety in the following 'danger spots'? (1198 respondents)



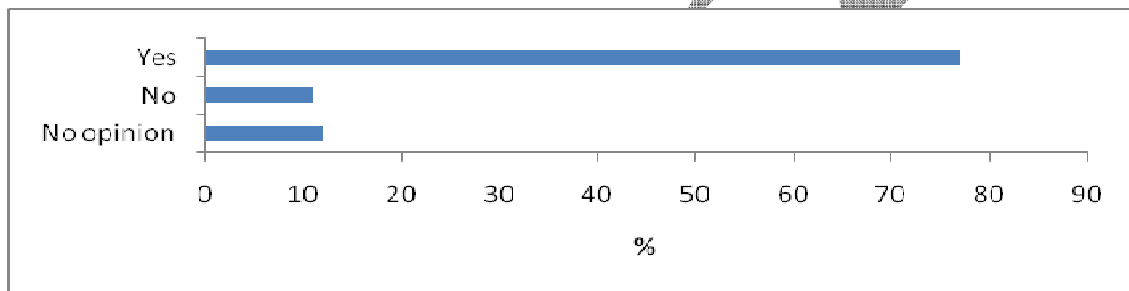
Q10 Do you think speeding traffic is a problem in the parish? (1466 respondents)



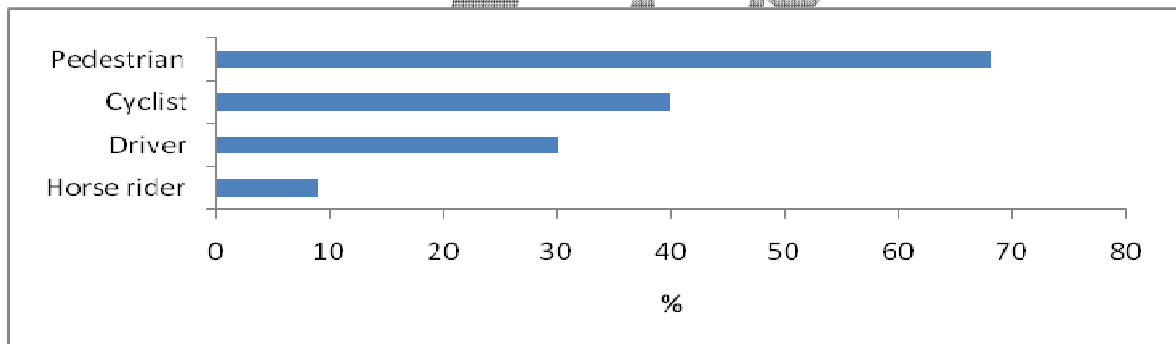
Q11 Would you support speed control measures? (1456 respondents)



Q12 Would you support action to limit HGV access in your village? (1460 respondents)



Q13 Do you have concerns for your safety when using local roads as a: (1439 respondents)



### Issues:

#### 1. Improved Bus Service

Improvements to both timetable and routes were identified as key factors that would encourage an increase in bus use.

#### 2. Road Safety

Speeding traffic through the Parish was highlighted as a major concern, with a large majority of respondents (73%) in favour of some form of speed control measures. Safety was also a concern for all road users, particularly at a number of identified danger spots. Considerable support (76.8% of respondents) was expressed for limiting Heavy Goods Vehicles.

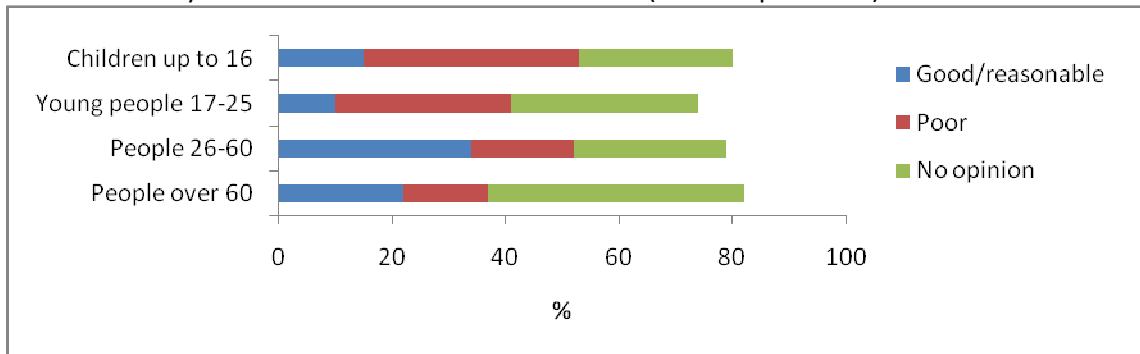
**Objectives:**

1. Improve public transport services in the Parish
2. Monitor and reduce speeding traffic in the Parish.
3. Improve road safety for all road users at perceived danger spots; the Old Oxford Road junction with Downend Lane, the narrowing road on Graces Lane by the Red Lion Pub and the Arlington Lane and Curridge Road junction.
4. Reduce HGV traffic within the Parish
5. Make road users feel safer
6. Improve public awareness of road safety issues in the Parish and measures available to keep people safe.

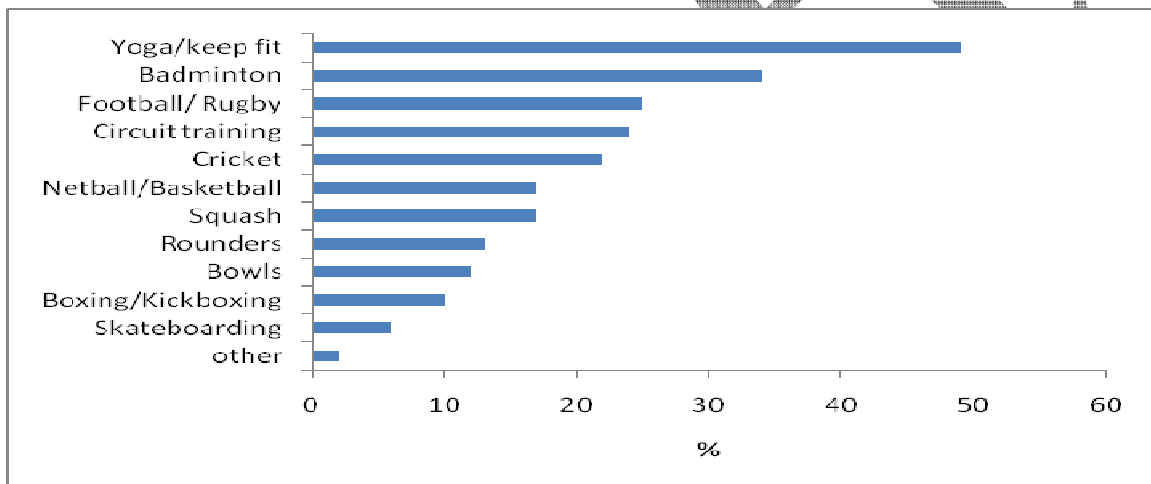
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## Section C: Recreation Facilities

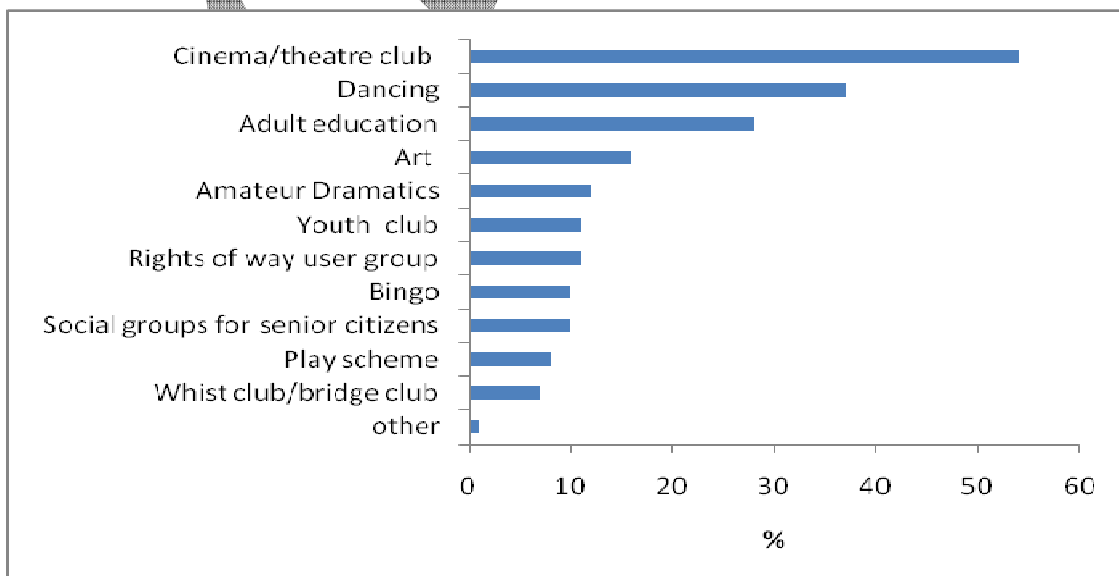
Q14 What are your views on local social facilities for: (1399 respondents)



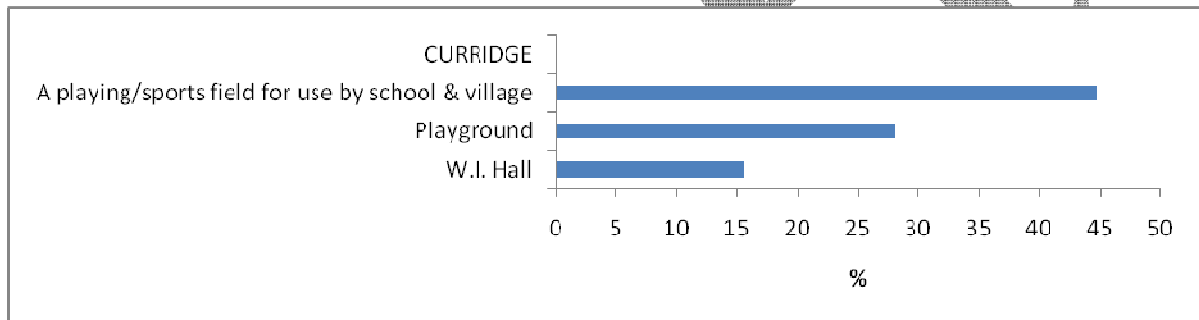
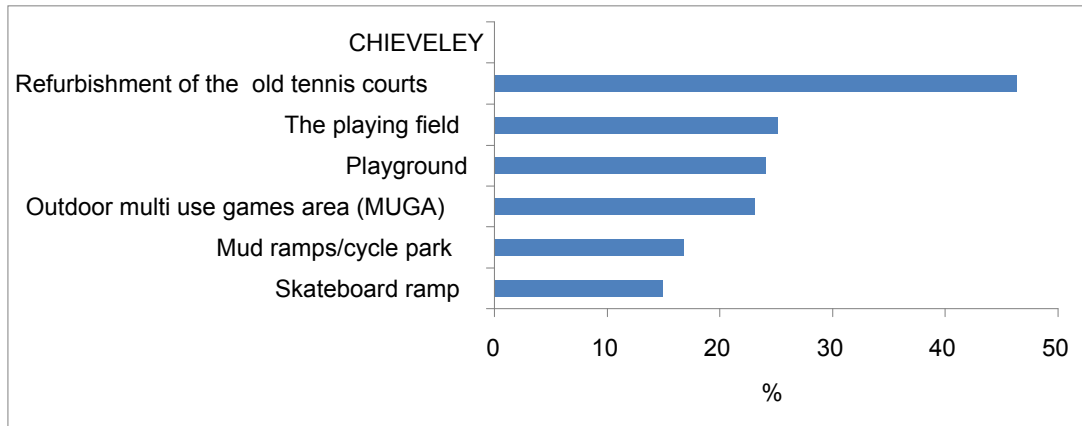
Q 15 Which new sports activities would you attend in the Parish if they were provided? (892 respondents)



Q16 Which new club activities would you attend in the Parish if they were provided? (962 respondents)



Q17 In relation to sports / recreation / leisure facilities, which of the following need to be improved, developed, provided? (949 respondents)



### Issues:

#### Social Facilities

The questionnaire results showed that just under a half of those that responded thought the provision of social facilities was poor for those up to 25 years of age but were good or reasonable for those aged 26 to 60.

In a separate survey, nearly two-thirds of children at Chieveley Primary School aged 4 -11 years said that the number of 'out of school' activities was adequate.

#### Sports Activities

Yoga/Keep fit & badminton were the most popular sports activities respondents would like developed.

#### Social Clubs & Classes

Development of a cinema/theatre (53.5%), dancing (36.6%) and art (16.4%) club attracted the greatest level of interest for new activities. Results from Chieveley Primary School showed the children had greatest interest in a cinema club, rounders and a local Beaver/Brownie or Cub group.

#### Old Tennis Courts in Chieveley & Playing / Sports Field in Curridge

The two most popular facilities chosen for improvement or provision within the Parish, were the refurbishing the old tennis courts in Chieveley (77% of Chieveley residents) and the provision of a playing/sports field in Curridge (92% of Curridge residents).



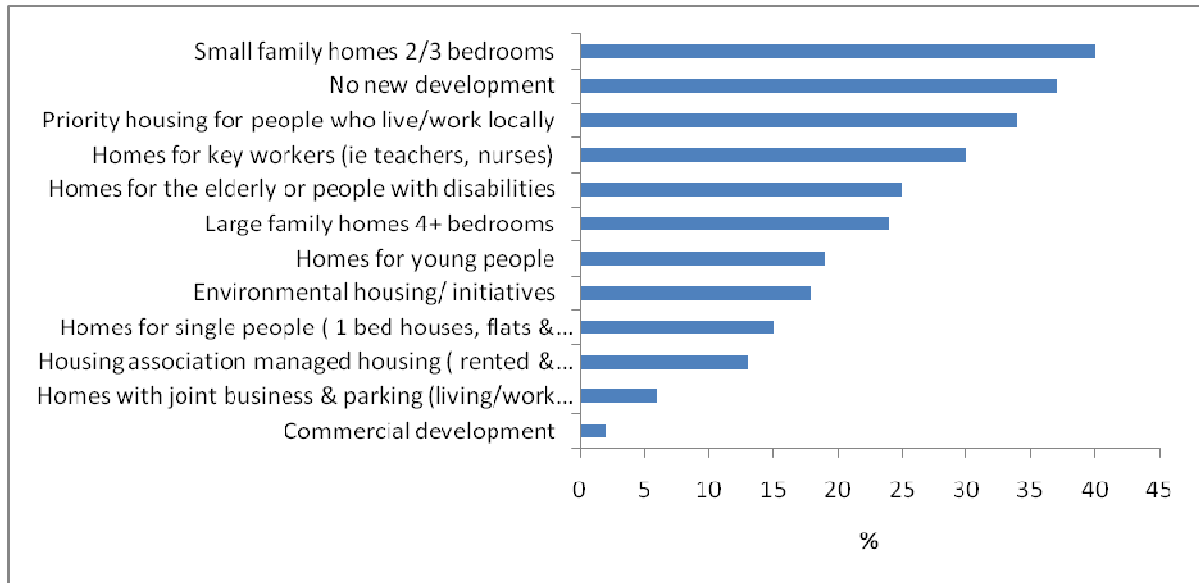
**Objectives**

1. Improve and promote new and existing local social facilities for the villagers, particularly the youth.
2. Raise awareness of the clubs and activities already available in the Parish and to investigate new opportunities.
3. Improve and promote the available sports/recreation and leisure facilities in the Parish.
4. Refurbish the old tennis courts in Chieveley and provide a MUGA for community use.
5. Increase versatility and sporting opportunities on the field at Chieveley Recreational Centre.
6. Provide a playing sports field for use by Curridge School and villagers.
7. Enhance the Curridge playground area to make it more accessible and interesting for the community.

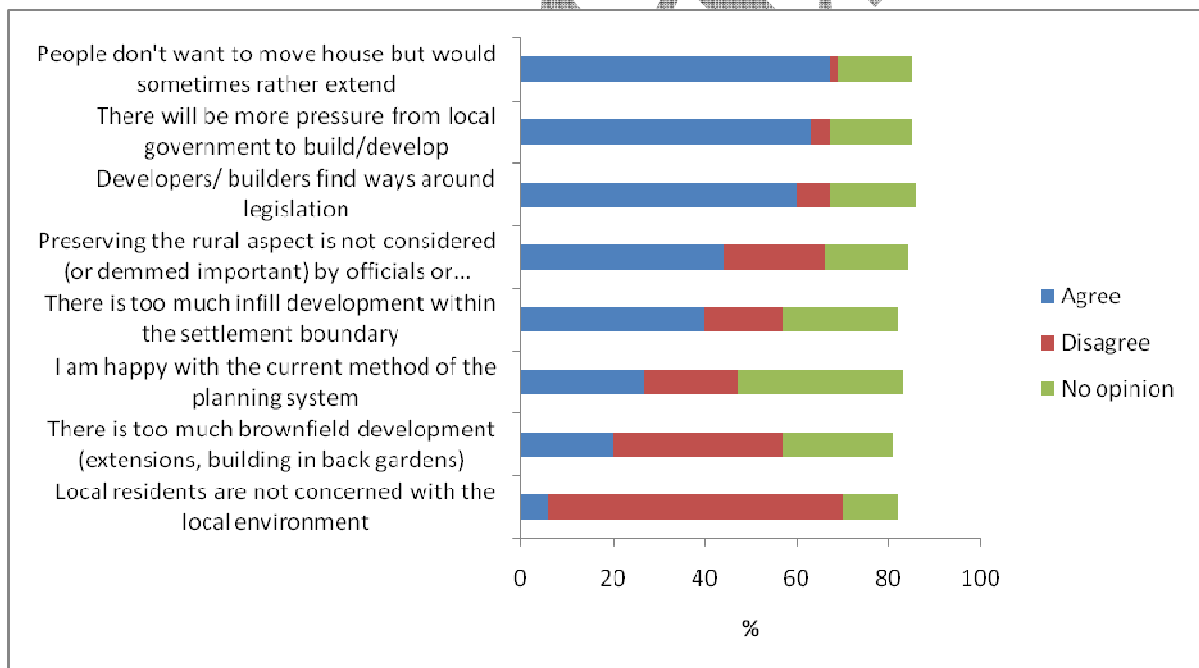
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## Section D: Housing & Development

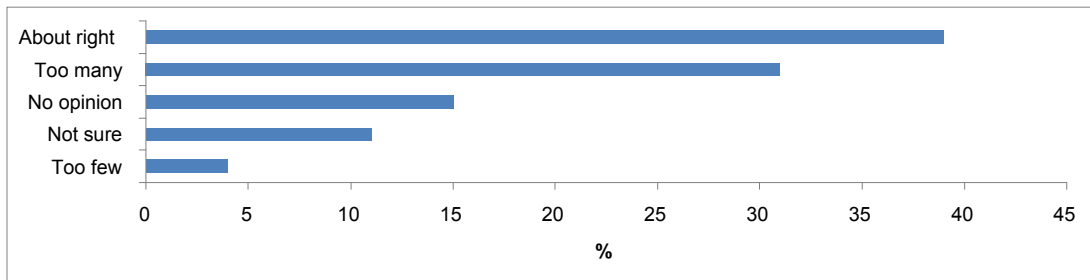
Q20 What type(s) of housing development would be acceptable in the Parish? (1321 respondents)



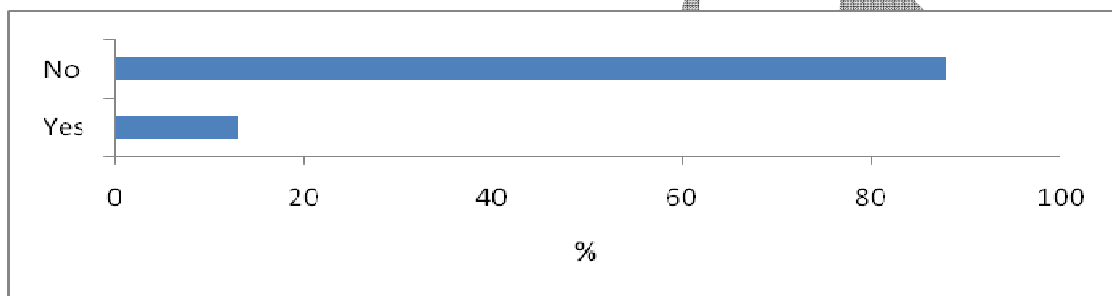
Q22 Please confirm the following statements that you feel apply (1322 respondents)



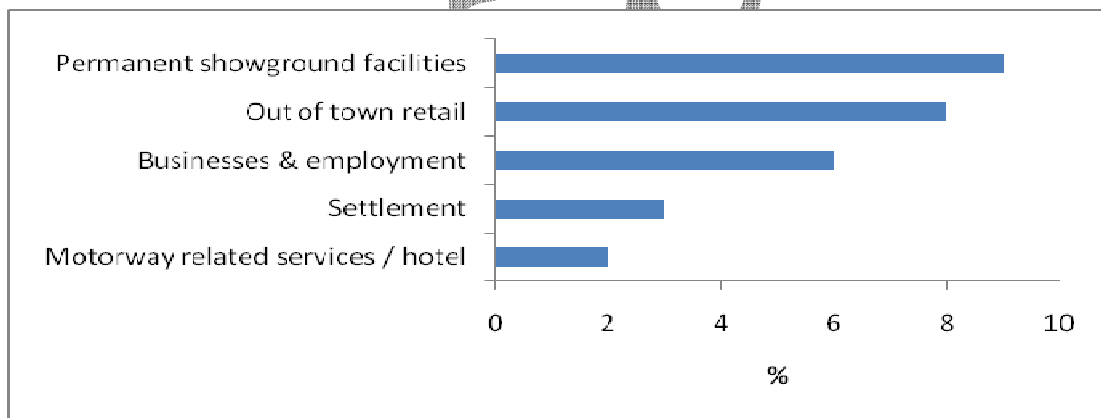
Q23 What do you think about the number of houses that have been built in the Parish (1400 respondents)



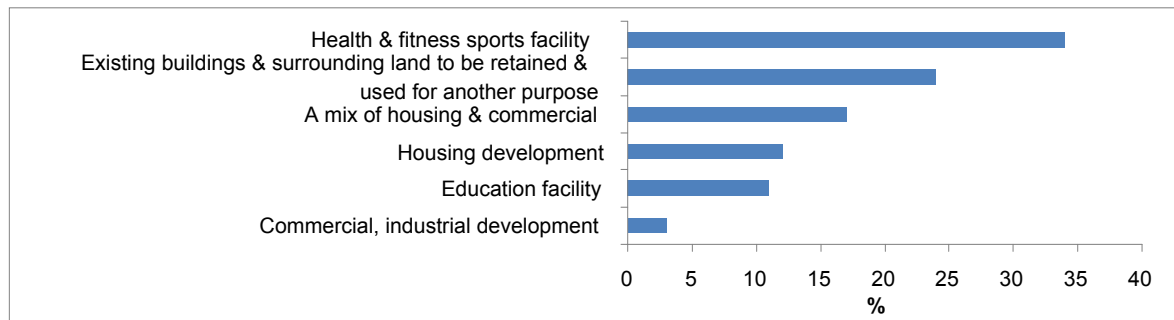
Q24 Do you think there should be further development around the M4/A34 junction 13? (1267 respondents)



If yes, what further development should be allowed (193 respondents)



Q25 What use should be made of the MOD land if the Ministry of defence were to close?  
(1317 respondents)



### Issues:

#### Opinion on Future Development

40% of residents, feel the Parish has had the right amount of development over the past 10 years. Residents expressed priority for housing, if any further development takes place, should be given to small family homes, for those living or working locally, key workers and the elderly or people with disabilities. At the time of conducting the questionnaire planning permission had recently been granted for 75 new dwellings at Bardown. The response of some residents with regard to the amount and type of new development can be viewed in context of this issue at the time. 37.4% of respondents felt that development for business and commercial purposes, including live/work units, was undesirable.

Residents expressed the view that whilst they feel preserving the rural environment is important to them, they are concerned it is not of high concern to authorities. Results show that residents feel there is a pressure from local Government to build and develop the area and that they feel developers and builders will be able to gain permission to do so. However, development of brownfield sites was generally supported.

General opinion provided by the additional comments sheet, was that future additional housing should be planned carefully as the infrastructure is now considered to be under pressure and at its maximum capacity.

A very high percentage (87.5%) of residents wish for no further development at Junction 13, M4/A34.

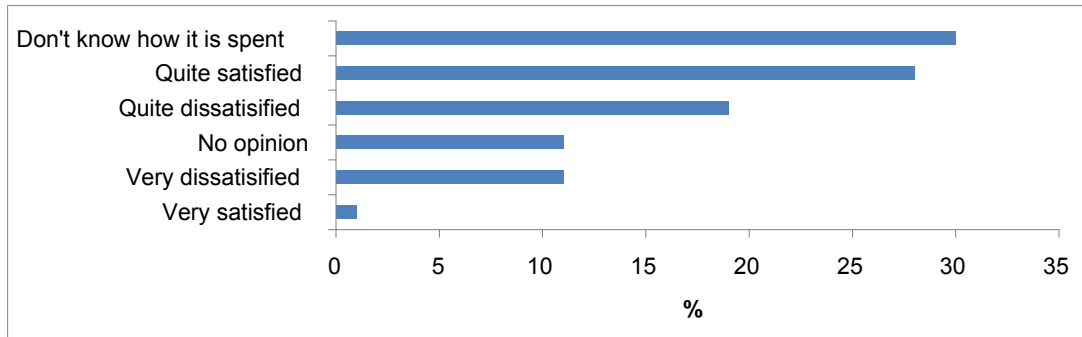
The most popular option over the future of the M.O.D. land at the Denison Barracks was for this to be used as a sports, health and fitness facility.

### Objectives:

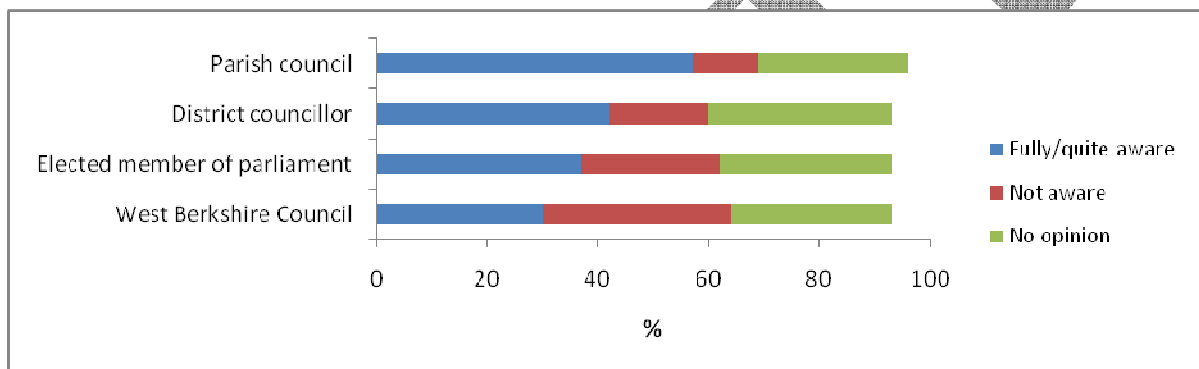
1. Ensure controlled and appropriate provision of housing in the Parish that includes key worker and affordable housing for local people.
2. Ensure controlled and appropriate provision of housing in the Parish through planning policy to reduce impact of infilling, to preserve the rural aspect and to encourage brown fill development.
3. Establish the right balance of housing for the benefit of the community
4. Do not permit M4/A34 junction to develop or expand
5. To work with the relevant bodies to ensure that Denison Barracks does not become derelict and that any changes will benefit the community.

## Section E: Local Government

Q27 The local authority is empowered to raise money through the council tax. Are you satisfied with the way this money is spent? (1409 respondents)



Q28 Do you feel that your elected representatives in local Government are sufficiently aware of local concerns and feelings? (1289 respondents)



### Issues:

#### Council Tax Spending

When residents were asked if they were happy with the way the local council spends money raised by council tax, more were satisfied (28%), than those that were dissatisfied (19.4%) However, many residents (29.5%) said they didn't know how the money is being spent.

#### Awareness of Local Concerns and Feelings

Residents also said how much they feel the following authorities are aware of local concern and feeling:

- 58% feel that the Parish Council is fully/quite aware.
- 42% feel the District Councillor is fully/quite aware
- but only 37% feel local government, including the elected Member of Parliament are fully/quite aware.

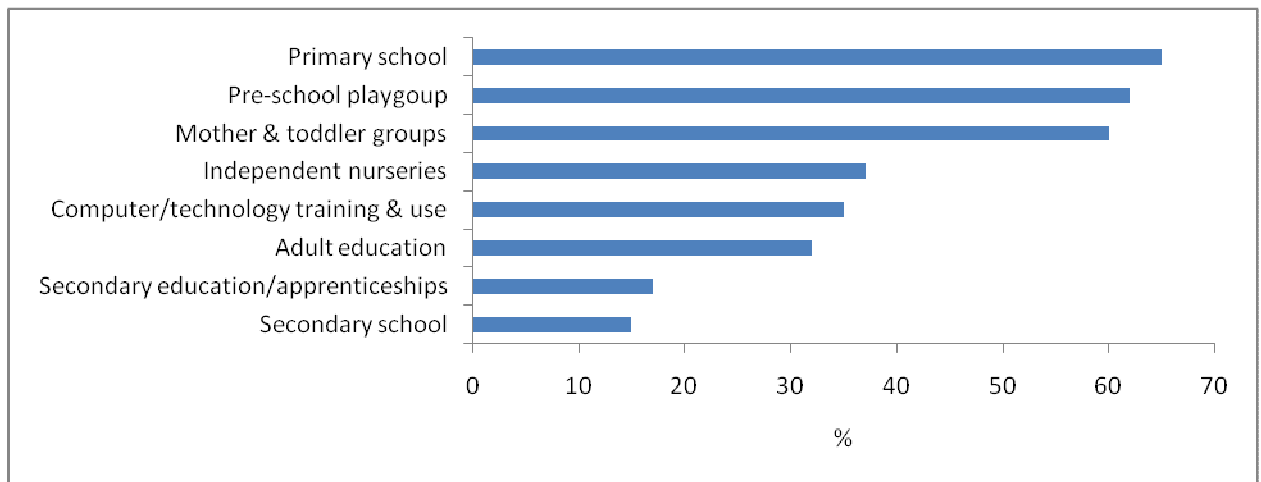
It was also noted that much of the community provided no opinion or response on this topic area.

### Objectives:

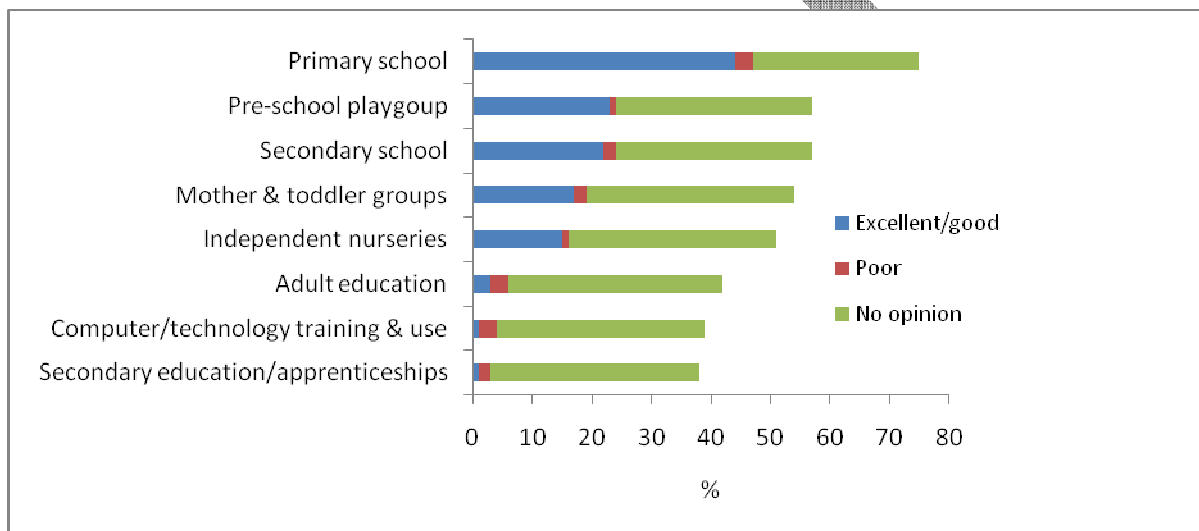
1. Ensure residents are made aware of expenditure and how council tax money is being spent
2. Improve West Berkshire Council's knowledge of local concerns and feelings.

## Section F: Education

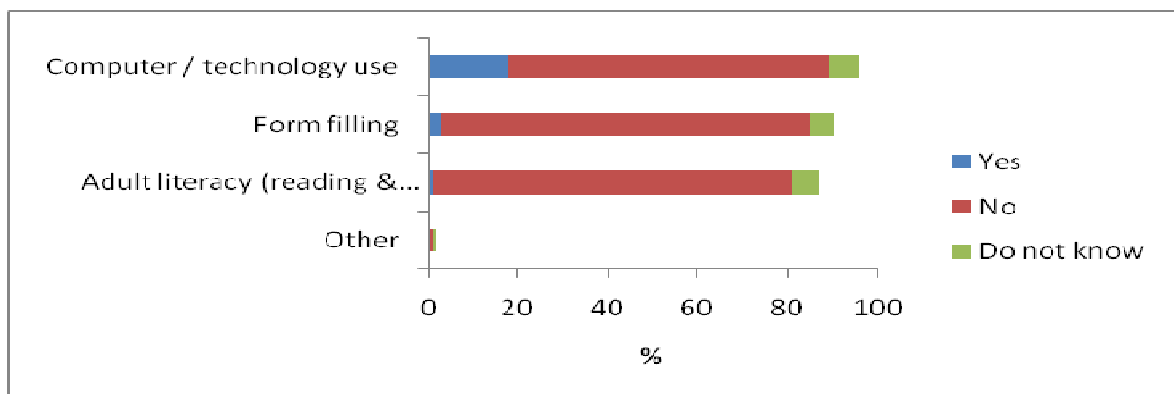
Q 30 Do you believe there is a need for the following in the Parish? (891 respondents)



Q 31 If you use the educational facilities available to residents in the Parish, how do you rate them? (616 respondents)



Q32 Would you welcome help with any of the following? (1065 respondents)



**Issues:**

Education is given high regard in the Parish from early years to full-time education. The Parish is fortunate to have mother & toddler groups, pre-school facilities, two primary schools and two senior schools providing specialised education (The Priors Court & Mary Hare School). An educational facility, particularly for early years and primary level is considered good to excellent by those who gave an opinion.

Adult education within the Parish is available, although limited. Residents have access to facilities outside the Parish, offering a good standard of secondary and further education if required. Computers and technology was the only subject area which a small number of residents (190) expressed an interest.

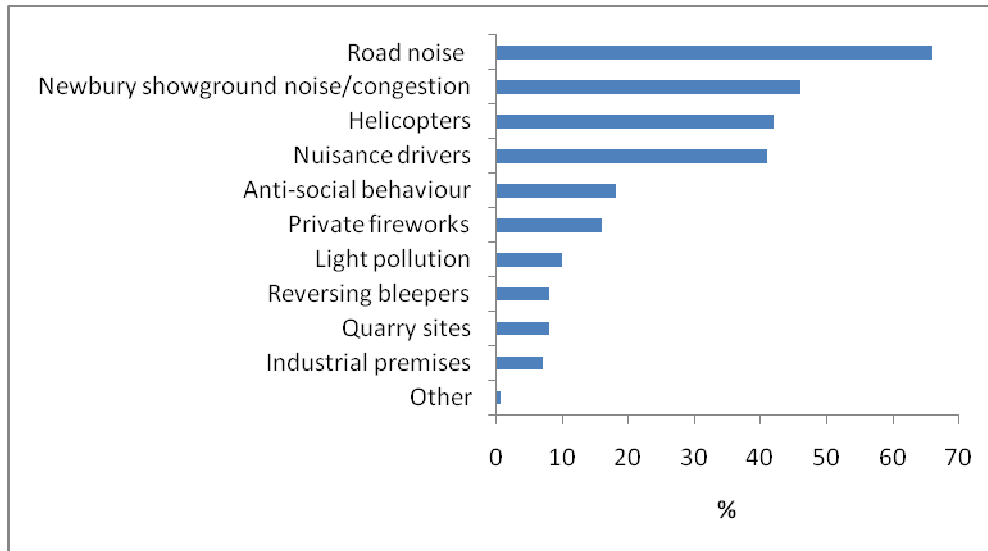
**Objectives:**

1. Ensure existing provision of education is inclusive and accessible to all residents.

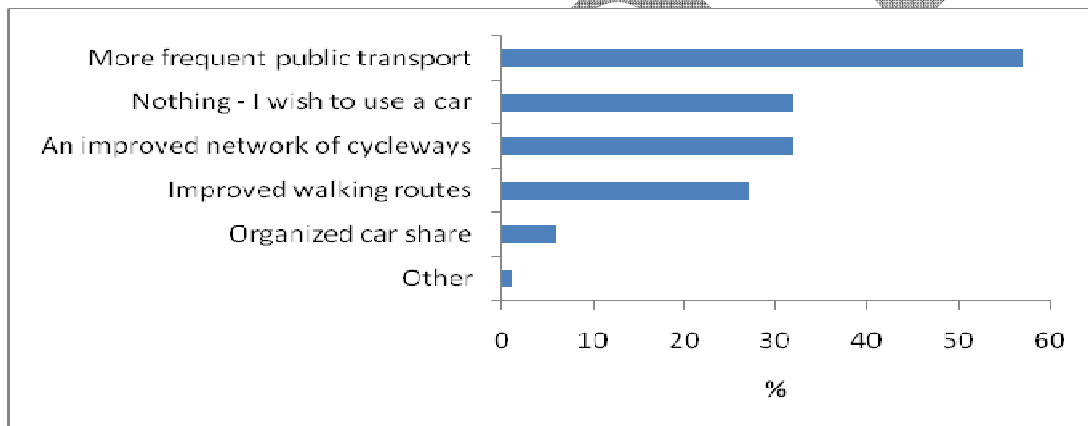
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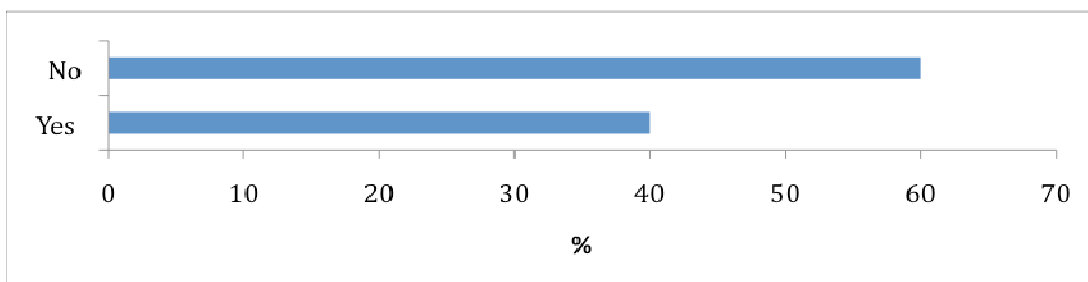
Q33 Does Chieveley Parish suffer from any of the following types of regular disturbance? (1154 respondents)



Q34 What would make you less reliant on your motor car? (1358 respondents)

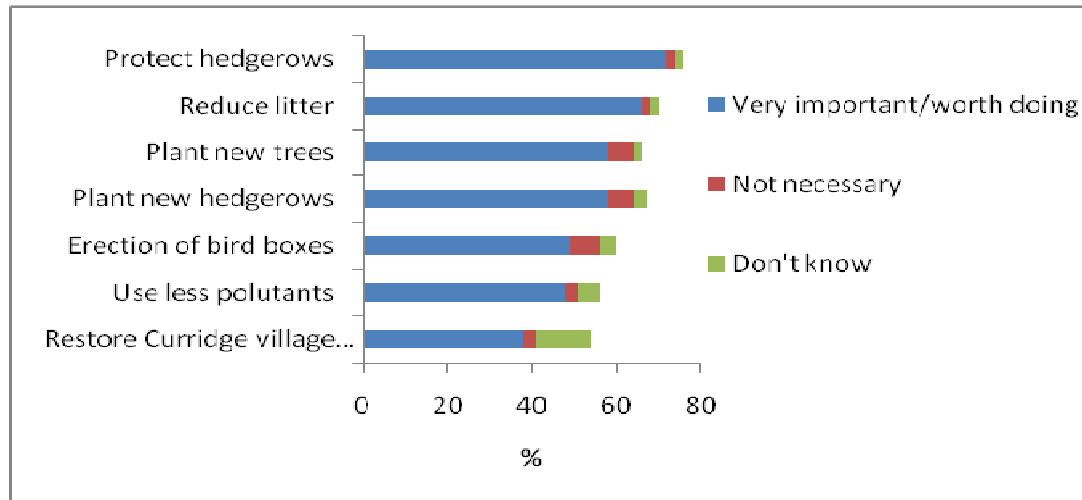


Q35 Would you welcome the provision of an allotment to grow vegetables/fruit? (1312 respondents)

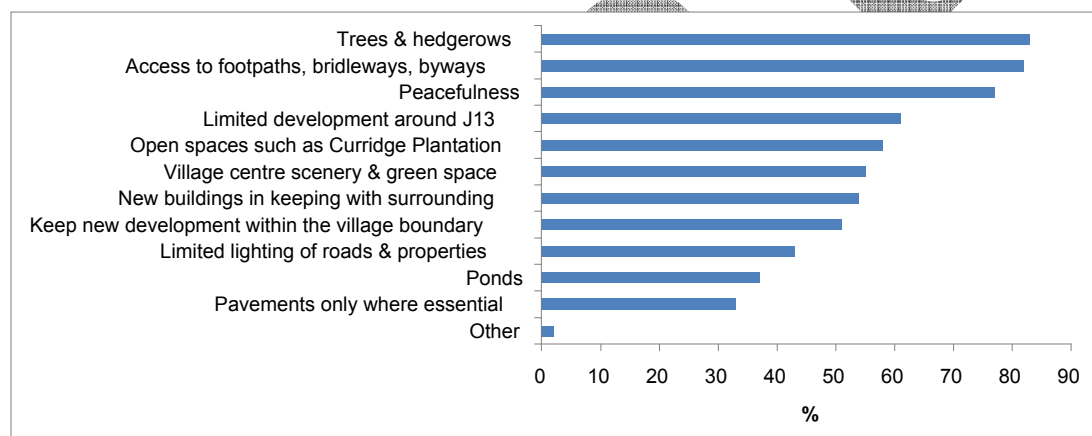




Q 36 What do you think could be done to protect wildlife in Chieveley Parish? (1293 respondents)



Q37 Which elements of the countryside around Chieveley, Curridge & Oare do you value? (1402 respondents)



### Noise & Disturbances

A high number of residents (66%) expressed concern about road noise from the M4 and the A34. The location most affected by this is Oare, where 90% of residents reported that they are affected. (see appendix?) and In June 2000, representation was made by Oare residents to the Highways Agency requesting resurfacing of the stretch running east from Junction 13 with low decibel asphalt. Since 2005, further campaigning has been made by all Parish Councils along the M4 corridor from Yattendon to Wickham, and by the local MP. The Agency's position is that motorways are only resurfaced when their integrity is breaking down, not specifically for noise mitigation purposes, but when resurfacing becomes necessary it will be done with low decibel asphalt. Whilst short stretches of the road have been resurfaced in recent years, it may take some time before more extensive work is carried out.

Noise associated with the Newbury Showground has also been highlighted as a problem, along with congestion on show days. Helicopter noise and nuisance drivers were identified by just over 40% of residents.

### Sustainable (Non-motorised) Travel

Over half of residents (55%) already used footways / pavements, footpaths, bridleways or byways to get to work, school, shops, pub or club on a daily, weekly or monthly basis.

When asked 'what would make you less reliant on your motor car?' 57% of residents said more frequent public transport, 32% said improved cycle ways and, 27% said improved walking routes.

There were over 20 different suggestions put forward to improve non-motorised travel between settlements within the parish and between adjacent parishes for walkers, cyclists, and equestrians.

Suggestions were: off-road routes along Priors Court Rd, the North Heath Rd, the Newbury-Wantage Rd near Bussock Mayne & from BW44 to Snelsmore Common; use of the old railway line to Hampstead Norreys & Newbury; new routes connecting Oare to the old railway line, Chalky Lane to BW49, BR5B to FP14, FP8 to BW7; upgrade footpaths (Winterbourne 15, Chieveley 10, 14, 38); finish the cycling/walking track from the Fox & Hounds public house into Newbury. 49% of residents requested improved pavements/footways.

### Allotment Scheme

524 residents, said they would welcome an allotment to grow fruit and vegetables. Comments suggest that some residents in their advancing years, find they are less able to manage their gardens and may welcome a younger person to work an area of their plot, perhaps in exchange for some of the produce.

### Protection of Hedgerows and Trees

The vast majority of residents valued the rural aspects, which the parish currently provides. The protection of our hedgerows and trees, and the planting of new ones were shown to be a high priority for many residents. Reduction in the amount of litter was also considered an important issue. Additional comments from residents suggest that the scattering of rubbish from car windows along roadside verges is the most acute aspect of this problem as well as fly tipping.

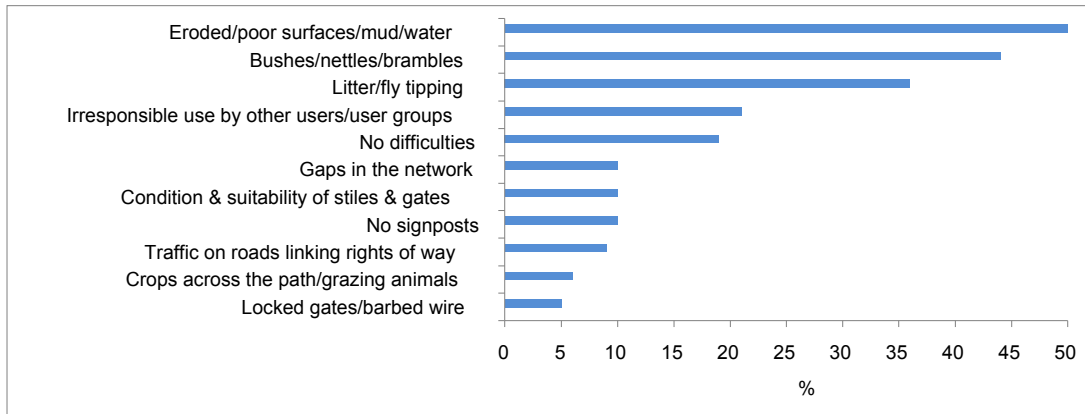
73% of Curridge residents valued access to open spaces, for example Faircross Plantation and half wished to see the pond restored.

### **Objectives:**

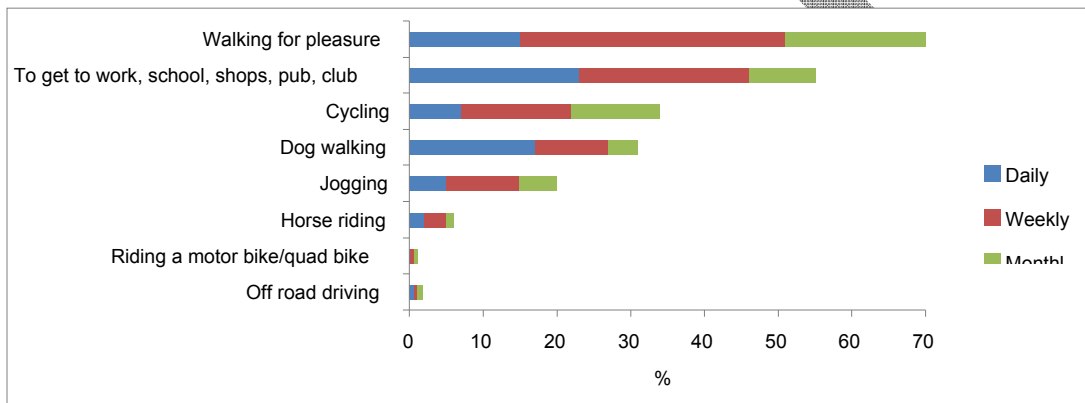
1. Investigate and seek solutions to disturbances affecting residents in the Parish.
2. Improve the PROW infrastructure and public transport service in the Parish.
3. Encourage more people to use non-motorised travel.
4. Promote and facilitate 'A plot holder's guide' initiative.
5. Promote and encourage protection of trees, hedgerows and the wildlife through education, promotion and policy documents.
6. Educate and promote the protection of the wild plants, birds and the countryside around Chieveley Parish.
7. Improve and protect the environment valued by the community through planning policy and community groups.
8. Preserve the rural aspects of our Parish.

## Section H: Community Infrastructure

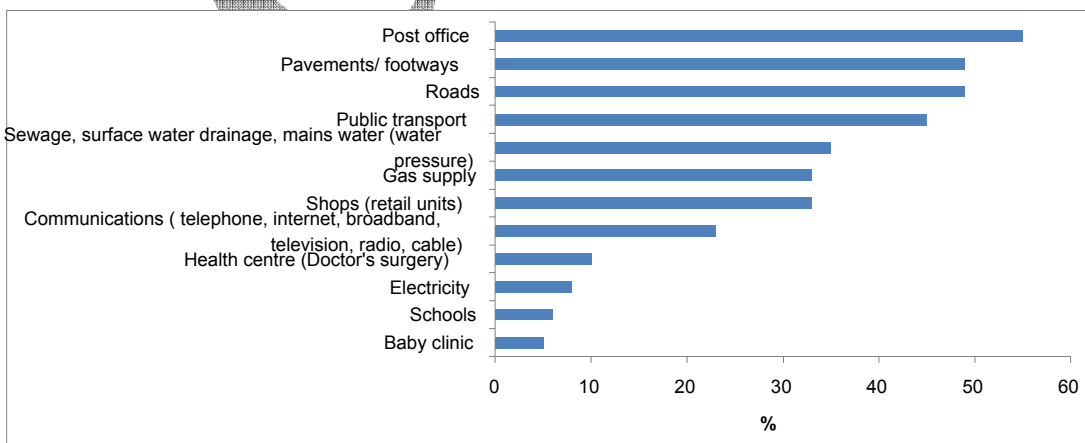
Q18 If you experienced difficulties when using local footways/ pavements, footpaths, bridleways and byways which, if any, of the following difficulties did you find? (1306 respondents)



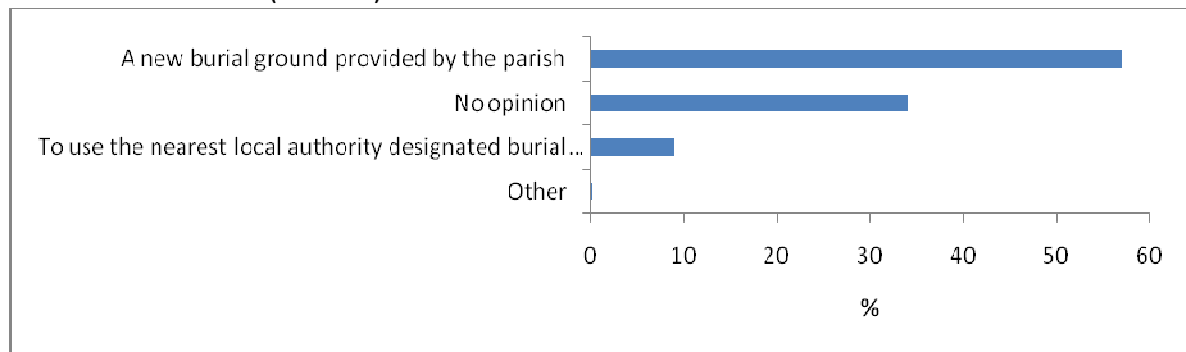
Q19 How often do you use local footways / pavements, footpaths, bridleways or byways in the Parish and for what purpose? (1327 respondents)



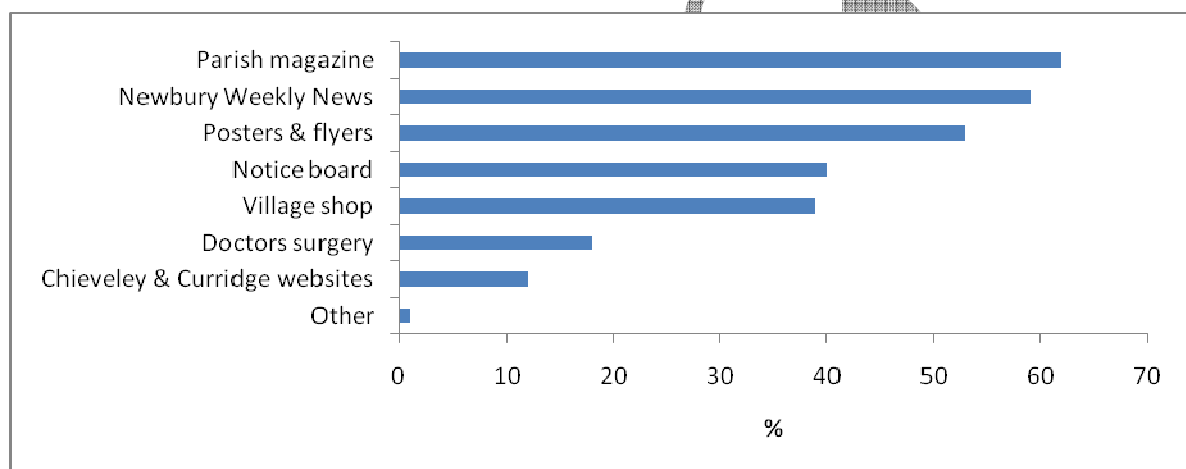
Q21 What facilities in the parish should be improved? (n= 1392)



Q 26 A burial ground in Chieveley will be closing as grounds are nearing capacity. What do you want to see done about it? (n= 1396)



Q29 Where do you usually get information about events (local affairs and facilities) taking place in the Parish? (1312 respondents)



Through the 'have your say days' residents generally felt their area was a safe place to live, with good community infrastructure and facilities. The majority of residents reflected the view that their communities have good social and communication networks and a positive community spirit.

#### **Issues:**

Whilst there is a general satisfaction with the community infrastructure, Parish residents wish to enhance certain facilities and improve the quality of lifestyle by developing the utilities available.

#### Public Rights of Way (PROW)

The vast majority of respondents (82%) valued access to footpaths, bridleways and byways. Over half (55%) used footways / pavements, bridleways or byways to get to work, school, shops, pub or club on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. 71% used them to walk for pleasure. Other activities include jogging, dog walking, horse riding, cycling, off-road driving or riding a motorbike. The most common problem reported by just under half of the respondents was eroded/poor surfaces with mud and water.

#### Retail and Post Office:

Whilst a third of respondents would like to see improvements to local retail facilities, question 24 (Housing and Development) showed there is no clear desire to see out of town retail development within the Parish.

Over the last few years the community has been concerned about the temporary loss of the Post Office at 'Chieveley Village Stores'. Over 54% of the community would like to see this service reinstated.

#### Communications - Broadband

The Parish generally has access to broadband, However, the services had not been entirely efficient, and 25% of residents said it should be improved.

#### Sewage & Drainage

Sewage, surface water and mains drainage were a concern to 35% of residents. Water pressure in some parts of the Parish has been reported as very low and some localised flooding occurs regularly in particular areas.

#### Gas Supply

One third of the community have indicated an interest in a gas supply to the villages.

#### Chieveley Burial Ground

As the burial ground in Chieveley is nearing capacity the community have indicated quite strongly, (57%) that a new burial ground site within the Parish should be identified as soon as possible.

As sources of information from which local residents keep informed of local affairs, the Parish magazines, local newspaper, posters and flyers were identified as the most frequently used.

#### **Objectives:**

1. Improve and promote the main community facilities and services in the Parish.
2. Preserve and improve access to the countryside in the Parish using public rights of way.
3. Encourage more people to use non-motorised travel for health, recreational, environmental and economic reasons in the Parish.
4. Explore an opportunity to provide a burial ground in Chieveley.
5. Encourage clubs and societies to use the Parish communication structure.

## **6. The Next Steps**

The Plan Steering Committee will meet at regular intervals to monitor and discuss the progress achieved by each Focus Group and update the group on latest developments. New projects may arise and may be incorporated into the work being undertaken.

This is an exciting new stage of the process and if you would like to be involved you can contact ...

Residents will continue to be updated about progress by village newsletters and websites or you can contact the team (see contacts page).

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Thank you to the Community for all your support at events and giving us your feedback and comments.

**Photographs & illustrations**

## 8. Contacts

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## 9. Abbreviations

COC Chieveley Oare & Curridge  
 PPSC Parish Plan Steering Committee  
 M.O.D. Ministry of Defence  
 FGL's Focus Group Leaders  
 AONB Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty  
 W.I. Women's Institute  
 PROW Public Rights of Way  
 CCB Community in Berkshire  
 CRA Curridge Residents' Association  
 LAF Local Access Forum  
 CPCC Chieveley Parochial Church Council  
 CRC Chieveley Recreational Centre  
 WBC West Berkshire Council  
 NDAS Newbury & District Agricultural Society  
 HA Highways Agency  
 BACYP Berkshire Association of Clubs for Young People  
 CPT Curridge Playground Trustees  
 TVP Thames Valley Police

## 10. The Chieveley, Oare & Curridge Action Plan

## 11. Appendix I Chieveley Primary School Youth Questionnaire

### Other relevant documents:

Village Design Statement  
 Highway Agency's Oare Noise Assessment Report  
 A34 Chieveley/M4 J13 Improvement Scheme Highways Agency Archaeology Report  
 Housing Needs Survey  
 Improving Informal Recreation and Non-motorised Travel using the Public Rights of Way Network in Chieveley Parish  
 Rural white paper  
 Skateboard Ramp Petition

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## Highways & Transport

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
<p><b>What would make you less reliant on your motor car?</b> More frequent public transport (57.4%)</p> <p><b>What facilities in the parish should be improved</b> Public Transport (45%)</p>	Improve public transport services in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form a working group to establish what services are required to make people less reliant on their motor car</li> <li>Provide buses at times that would get people to work, school etc and home again</li> <li>Publicise service changes and transport available</li> </ul>	S106	High	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	PPSC	PC WBC	Greener Stronger Safer
<p><b>Do you think there is a speeding problem in the Parish?</b> Yes (68%)</p> <p><b>Would you support speed control measures?</b> Yes (73%)</p>	Monitor and reduce speeding traffic in the Parish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a speed monitoring strategy with WBC &amp; TVP</li> <li>Train and equip a dedicated team to monitor vehicle speed within the Parish using SID (Speed Indicator Device)</li> <li>Inform with evidence / recommend appropriate speed control measures within the parish</li> <li>Install speed control measures / Signage / Electronic speed warning signs</li> <li>Evaluate the impact of speed control measures / amend the strategy</li> </ul>	Nil	High	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	PPSC	PC Working group WBC Thames Valley Police	Safer Healthier

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
<p><b>Would you support action to improve road safety in the following 'danger' spots?</b></p> <p>Line of sight, Old Oxford Road junction with Downend Lane, Chieveley (56.6%)</p> <p>Road Narrowing in Graces Lane by the Red Lion, Chieveley (53.5%)</p> <p>Arlington Lane, Curridge Road junction old A34 (38.8%)</p> <p>Carbrook Corner, Curridge Downend Triangle</p>	<p>Improve road safety at perceived danger spots</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instigate solutions in Chieveley at the Old Oxford Road/Downend Lane junction, Graces Lane by the Red Lion and Downend Triangle. In Curridge at Arlington lane. Curridge Road/Old A34 junction and Carbrook Corner</li> <li>Encourage residents to report accidents in these locations to the Parish Plan Team using an accident reporting email and a dedicated webpage on the village website</li> </ul>	S106	Medium	Sept 2010	Sept 2011	WBC  PPSC CRA	PC  PPSC  Community	Safer
<p><b>Would you support action to limit HGV access to your village?</b></p> <p>Yes (76.8%)</p>	<p>Reduce HGV traffic within the Parish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with WBC develop a strategy for assessing the scale and significance of HGV's passing through the Parish</li> <li>Carry out a community survey of local roads</li> <li>Investigate measures for influencing driver selection of route/use of freight route network</li> <li>Instigate measures</li> </ul>	Nil	Medium	Jan 2011	June 2011	WBC	PPSC WBC Countryside & Environment PC Community	Safer

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
<p><b>Do you have concerns for your safety when using local roads?</b></p> <p>As a pedestrian (68.3%)</p> <p>As a cyclist (40.4%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make road users feel safer</li> <li>• Improve public awareness of road safety issues in the Parish and the measures available to keep people safe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For non-motorised users, improve the rights of way network within the Parish and to neighbouring parishes by identifying where people want to travel to</li> <li>• Advertise routes</li> <li>• Develop a strategy for delivering road user awareness to all road users in the Parish, road show to schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be explored</li> <li>• To be explored</li> </ul>	<p>Medium</p> <p>Low</p>	<p>Jan 2011</p> <p>Sept 2011</p>	<p>Sept 2011</p> <p>Sept 2012</p>	<p>Community PPSC working group</p> <p>PPSC</p>	<p>Local Access Forum (for non-motorised users) PC WBC</p> <p>WBC PC</p>	<p>Safer</p>

## Recreation facilities

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
<p><b>What are your views on local social facilities for the villagers?</b></p> <p>Children up to 16 Poor (37.7%)</p> <p>Young People 17 – 25 Poor (30.6%)</p> <p>Page 42</p>	<p>Improve and promote new and existing local social facilities for the villagers, particularly the youth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate new activities and options to be provided in Chieveley Parish</li> <li>Promote the facilities and activities in the Parish</li> <li>Enhance and improve the facilities in the Parish including the Curridge Playground, Chieveley Recreation Centre</li> <li>Support initiatives to provide new sporting activities particularly for children and young people i.e. skate park and Cricket Club</li> <li>Investigate how to provide a skate park in Chieveley and action</li> </ul>	<p>S106 Members Bid Grant</p> <p>S106 Members Bid Grants GCT/YOF</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>High</p>	<p>Feb 2011</p> <p>Nov 2010</p>	<p>Sept 2011</p> <p>Dec 2010</p>	<p>PPSC</p> <p>CRC</p>	<p>PC Community Clubs BACyP</p> <p>PC</p>	<p>Healthier Prosperous</p> <p>Healthier Greener</p>
<p><b>What new clubs/activities would you attend in the Parish if they were provided?</b></p> <p>Dancing (36.6%) Cinema Club/Theatre Club (53.5%) Adult Education (27.8%) Art Club (16.4%)</p>	<p>Raise awareness of the clubs and activities already available in the Parish and to investigate new opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To investigate what dancing options are required and establish costs. To run a pilot scheme.</li> <li>Cinema Club. To investigate what is involved with a cinema club, establish options and demand</li> </ul>	<p>To be explored</p> <p>Grant</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>Medium</p>	<p>Nov 2010</p> <p>June 2011</p>	<p>Nov 2011</p> <p>June 2012</p>	<p>PPSC</p> <p>PPSC</p>	<p>CRC PC</p> <p>WBC PC</p>	<p>Prosperous Healthier</p>

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Find out the nearest organisation which runs the classes of interest and advertise</li> <li>Establish demand for the art club and action</li> <li>If required, the Youth Service may be able to engage in a negotiated period of work with teenagers in the community to assist in developing their ideas</li> </ul>	<p>Nil</p> <p>Grants</p>	<p>Low</p> <p>Low</p>	<p>Jan 2011</p> <p>May 2011</p>	<p>May 2011</p> <p>June 2011</p>	<p>PPSC</p> <p>PPSC</p>	<p>WBC</p> <p>WBC PC CRC Curridge W I Community Schools</p>	<p>Prosperous Healthier</p>
<p><b>In relation to sports/recreation/leisure facilities, which of the following need to be improved/developed/provided?</b></p> <p>Refurbishment of the old tennis courts (46%)</p> <p>Outdoor multi use games areas (23%)</p> <p>Improvement to the playing field in Chieveley (25.2%)</p>	<p>Improve and promote the available sports/recreation and leisure facilities in the Parish</p> <p>Refurbish the old tennis courts in Chieveley and provide a MUGA for community use</p> <p>Increase versatility and sporting opportunities on the field at Chieveley Recreational Centre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support community groups to set up new sporting, recreational, leisure clubs i.e. cricket, skate boarding</li> <li>Establish a mechanism for the PC and CRC to work together to improve and enhance the facilities at the Chieveley Recreation Centre for the community</li> <li>Seek funding opportunities</li> <li>Promote existing and new facilities for community use</li> <li>Arrange activities, training for the Parish children and adults</li> </ul>	<p>S106 Members Bid Donations Grants WBC</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Dec 2010</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>PC</p>	<p>CRC PPSC Community Cricket Club Youth skate boarding group</p>	<p>Healthier</p>

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
A playing sports field for use by Curridge School and villagers (44.7%)	Provide a sports field for use by Curridge School and villagers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate what the school requires</li> <li>Determine whether shared school and village use is feasible</li> <li>Provide a brief and required proximity to School</li> <li>Identify source of funding</li> <li>Investigate land available for consideration</li> <li>Establish if the project can proceed and funding is available. Consult with the community</li> <li></li> </ul>	S106 Members bid Donations Grants WBC	High	Sept 2010	June 2012	Curridge School	PPSC WBC Local landowners CRA	Healthier
Improvements to the Curridge Playground (28.2%)	Enhance the Curridge Playground area to make it more accessible and interesting for the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess in what way the current playground does not satisfy demand</li> <li>To seek ideas from the community about what they think could improve the area and make it more interesting /versatile</li> <li>Identify improvement opportunities, seek funding and implement</li> </ul>	S106 Grants	Medium	Dec 2010	June 2012	Curridge Playground Trustees	PC PPSC WBC CRA	Healthier Safer

## Housing & Development

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
<p><b>What do you think of the number of houses that have been built in the Parish in the last 10 years?</b></p> <p>About right 39.4% Too many 31.1% Not sure 10.7% No opinion 15.1%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish the right balance of housing for the benefit of the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working together with WBC for the benefit of the community</li> <li>Lobby WBC to restrict the amount of growth in Chieveley Parish if the number of houses are too many</li> </ul>	Nil	Medium	Ongoing	Ongoing	PC	PPSC WBC Community	Prosperous
<p><b>What type of housing development would be acceptable in Chieveley Parish?</b></p> <p>Small family homes 2/3 bed (39.8%) Priority housing for people who live/work locally (33.7%) No new development (37.4%) Homes for elderly or people with disabilities (24.9%) Homes for key workers (29.8%) Homes for young people (19.2%) Large family homes (24.2%)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure controlled and appropriate provision of housing in the Parish including key worker and affordable housing for local people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the Housing Needs Survey to see if the housing need has been met</li> <li>If the need has not been met consult the community to find out if they want to promote a site to meet the housing need (Rural Exception Site)</li> <li>Ensure WBC is aware of the local need</li> <li>Ensure the community is engaged in the planning consultation process</li> <li>Promote the Village Design Statement for Chieveley with the leading stakeholders</li> </ul>	Nil	High	Dec 2010	Ongoing	PC	CCB PPSC WBC Housing Strategy Team	Stronger

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
<p><b>Please confirm the following statements that apply</b></p> <p>I am happy with the current planning system 26.9% Agree, 20.3% disagree</p> <p>There will be more pressure from local government to build/develop 63.1% agree, 7% disagree</p> <p>Developers/builders find ways around regulations 69.1% agree, 7% disagree</p> <p>People do not want to move house but would rather extend 66.5% agree, 2.4% disagree</p> <p>Preserving the rural aspect is not considered (or deemed important) by officials or decision makers 44.4% agree 22.3% disagree</p> <p>There is too much infill development within the settlement boundary 40.2% agree, 16.9% disagree</p> <p>There is too much Brownfield development 19.5% agree, 37.1% disagree</p>	<p>Ensure controlled &amp; appropriate provision of housing through planning policy to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reduce the impact of infilling</li> <li>• preserve the rural aspect</li> <li>• to encourage brownfield development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning policy and consultation</li> </ul>	Nil	High	Ongoing	Ongoing	PC	Community WBC	Stronger Greener
<p><b>Do you think there should be further development around the M4/A34 junction 13</b></p> <p>Yes 12.5%</p> <p>No 87.5%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not permit M4/A34 junction to develop and expand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPSC to work with the PC to restrict/oppose any new development at the M4/A34 junction</li> </ul>	Nil	High	Ongoing	Ongoing	PC	PPSC Community WBC	Greener



Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
<p><b>What use should be made of the MOD land if the Ministry of Defence were to close Denison Barracks?</b></p> <p>Existing buildings and surrounding land to be retained 23.5%  Housing development 11.6%  Commercial industrial development 2.7%  A mix of housing and commercial 17%  Education facility 10.9%  Health and Fitness sports facility 34%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the relevant bodies to ensure that Denison Barracks does not become derelict</li> <li>• Any changes at Denison Barracks benefit the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes at Denison Barracks to be positively planned for</li> <li>• Seek to preserve the existing health and sports facilities at Denison Barracks</li> </ul>	Nil	Medium	Ongoing	Ongoing	PC	MOD Hermitage PC Cold Ash PC WBC	Stronger

# Local Government

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
<p><b>The local council is empowered to raise money through the council tax. Are you satisfied with the way this money is spent?</b></p> <p>Quite satisfied (28%) Quite dissatisfied (19.4%) Don't know how it is spent (29.5%)</p>	<p>Ensure residents become more aware of how the council tax is spent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage West Berkshire Council to inform the residents through different mediums</li> </ul>	WBC	Low	Jan 2011	March 2011	WBC	PC	Stronger
<p><b>Do you feel your elected representatives in local government are sufficiently aware of local concerns and feelings?</b></p> <p>PC Fully 28.9% Quite aware 28.5% District Councillor Fully 12.7% quite aware 29% Not aware 17.8% West Berkshire Council Fully 5.3% Quite aware 24.7% Not aware 34.4% Elected member of Parliament Fully 10/6%, Quite aware 26.5% Not aware 25%</p>	<p>Improve WBC knowledge of local concerns and feelings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a copy of the Action Plan and Parish Plan document for adoption</li> </ul>	Nil	Medium	Jan 2011	Dec 2011	PC	PPSC WBC	Stronger

# Education

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager/Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
<p><b>Do you believe there is a need for the following?</b></p> <p>Mother and Toddler Groups (60,2%)            Pre-School Playgroups (61.5%)            Independent Nurseries (36.7%)            Primary School (62.5%)            Secondary School (14.5%)            Adult Education (31.6%)            Secondary Education / apprenticeships (17.4%)            Computer / Technology training and use (35.4%)</p>	<p>Ensure that the provision of education is inclusive and accessible to all residents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research holding an IT course or IT taster sessions for residents in the Parish</li> <li>• Promote all early years' groups and activities across the Parish</li> <li>• Research opportunities with schools to work with the community to provide IT training with specific age groups</li> </ul>	WBC	Medium	March 2011	Dec 2011	PPSC	WBC PC Secondary Schools Community	Healthier Prosperous

# Environment and Sustainability

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
<b>Does Chieveley Parish suffer from any of the following disturbances?</b> Road Noise (65.7%) Newbury showground Noise/congestion (45.9%) Helicopters (42%) Nuisance drivers (41.5%)	Investigate and seek solutions to the disturbances effecting the residents in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lobby MP. Request low decibel asphalt on rolling maintenance programme for M4 &amp; A34 to reduce road noise</li> </ul>	Nil	High	Ongoing		PC	WBC HA	Healthier Safer Greener Stronger
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write to Newbury &amp; District Agricultural Society to reduce noise and congestion on events days</li> </ul>	Nil	Medium	Jan 2011		WBC	PC NDAS	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write to MOD and WBC to request that helicopters are prevented from flying low over the villages</li> </ul>	Nil	Medium	Feb 2011		PC	WBC MOD	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure road signs and markers are kept in good order</li> </ul>	Nil	Medium	Ongoing		PC	TVP WBC	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the feasibility of electronic speed warning signs in key locations (SID)</li> </ul>	Grant/WBC		Ongoing		PPSC	PC WBC	
<b>What would make you less reliant on your motorcar?</b> Improved network of cycle ways (31.7%) Improved walking routes (26.7%) More frequent public transport (57.4%)	Improve the PROW infrastructure and public transport service in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide buses at times that would get people to work and from school etc and home again</li> <li>Improve PROW networks between the settlements in the Parish</li> <li>Consider forming a working group to assess demand</li> </ul>	S106/WBC	Medium	Dec 2010	January 2012	PPSC	WBC PC Community	Stronger Greener

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
	Encourage more people to use non-motorised travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine the feasibility of the ideas for new routes/public rights of way put forward by the community to provide safe off road travel</li> <li>• Provide a leaflet advertising new and existing routes in the Parish</li> <li>• Work with local schools to encourage walking to school initiatives</li> <li>• Promote current routes and display details at bus stops</li> <li>• Do further work with local schools to support their school travel plans</li> </ul>	Nil/S106	Medium	Dec 2010	January 2012	PPSC	PC NDAS LAF WBC Schools	Stronger Greener
<p><b>Would you welcome the provision of an allotment to grow vegetables/fruit</b></p> <p>Yes (39.9%)</p>	Promote and facilitate 'A plot holders guide' initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a register of participants</li> <li>• To help people with large gardens find people who would be interested in maintaining/growing vegetables in a plot</li> </ul>	Nil	Medium	Feb 2011	Ongoing	PPSC	PC Chieveley & District Gardening Club Curridge Horticultural Society	Green Healthier
<p><b>What do you think could be done to protect wildlife in Chieveley Parish?</b></p> <p>Plant new hedgerows (38.6%) Plant new trees (58.2%) Protect hedgerows &amp; trees (58.2%) Use less pollutants (33.5%)</p>	Promote and encourage protection of trees, hedgerows and the wildlife through education, promotion and policy documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To seek funding opportunities for planting new trees and hedgerows in the Parish</li> <li>• Hold a planting event in the Parish</li> <li>• Identify a suitable location for a new hedgerow or to restore an existing one</li> </ul>	Government grants Donations	Medium	Feb 2011	Nov 2012	PC	PPSC Community CRC Curridge WI CRA Landowners	Greener

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Restore Curridge village pond (23.8%) Erection of bird boxes (29.5%) Reduce litter (52.4%)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use planning policy and guidance to protect trees and hedgerows affected by development</li> <li>• To provide Information by newsletter and village website</li> <li>• To educate people on pollutants and their impact</li> <li>• To restore the village pond project. Organise a working party</li> <li>• Provide bird boxes for people to put up in their gardens or within public open spaces in the Parish</li> <li>• Promote and encourage recycling across the Parish and reduce the impact of litter</li> </ul>						PPSC Community CRC Curridge WI CRA Landowners	Greener
<b>How important are the wild plants, birds and the countryside around Chieveley Parish to you?</b> Very important (74%)	Educate and promote the protection of the wild plants, birds and the countryside around Chieveley Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish notice boards with flora and fauna information</li> <li>• Protect the wild plants, birds and the countryside through planning policy</li> </ul>	Grant	Medium	April 2011	April 2012	PPSC	PC CRC Curridge W I Community Schools WBC	Greener
<b>Which elements of the countryside around Chieveley, Curridge and Oare do you value?</b> <b>Access to footpaths, bridleways and byways (82.3%)</b> Peacefulness (77.2%) Limited lighting of roads and properties (43.4%)	Improve and protect the environment valued by the community through planning policy and community groups  Preserve the rural aspects of our Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect trees and hedgerows in the Parish by educating people using village website and other community newsletters</li> <li>• Appoint Rights of Way Officer on the PC</li> <li>• Educate residents on existing methods of problem reporting</li> </ul>	Nil  Nil	Medium  Medium	Dec 2010  May 2011	Ongoing  May 2011	PPSC  PC	PC  WBC Community Group LAF	Greener Stronger



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the Faircross Plantation for community use</li> <li>• Be proactive through WBC consultations to keep new development within village boundaries</li> <li>• Be proactive through the WBC consultations to protect and enhance the Parish's village scenery and green spaces. Obtain developer contributions to achieve this</li> <li>• Be proactive through the WBC planning consultations to limit development around the M4/ J13</li> </ul>	Nil	High	Dec 2010	Ongoing	PC	PPSC Community	Greener Stronger



## Community & Infrastructure

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
<b>What facilities in the Parish should be improved?</b> Roads (48.9%)  Pavements/footways (48.5%)  Public Transport (45%)  Shops (retail units) (33%) Post Office (54.5%)	Improve and promote the main community facilities/services in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the roads and pavements in the Parish by investigating and reporting to WBC the specific problem areas relating to highways</li> </ul>	Nil	High	Jan 2011	Ongoing	PC	WBC Community Community Groups	Stronger Greener Healthier
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the schools to support and encourage walking to school initiatives and routes</li> </ul>	Nil	Medium	Jan 2011	Ongoing	PC	PPSC	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage better provision and use of public transport to and from the Parish. Investigate what is needed to improve the public services in Chieveley and Curridge villages. Form a working group</li> </ul>	WBC S106	Medium	Dec 2010	June 2011	PPSC	WBC PC Community	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the local shop facilities in Chieveley. Investigate opportunities available with the Post Office. Consider advertising for a person who could run a satellite service who would be acceptable to the Post Office. To seek a location for the Post Office service to resume</li> </ul>	RASP Grants	High	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	PC	PPSC Shop owner	

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Communications/broadband (23.2%)  Sewage, surface water drainage, mains water (34.5%)  Gas supply (33.2%)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve broadband accessibility and speed by investigating improving the services with BT</li> <li>Improve the water infrastructure condition in the Parish</li> <li>To investigate surface water drainage in areas of concern. To investigate sewage capacity in the Parish. Community to report water pressure issues to Thames Water</li> <li>Explore the possibility of providing gas supply to the Parish</li> <li>To form a working group to investigate the cost implications and benefits of gas being brought to the main villages of the Parish</li> </ul>	Nil	Medium	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	PC	PPSC BT	Stronger Greener Healthier
			Nil	Medium	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	PC	PPSC Thames Water Utilities Ltd Community	
			Nil	Low	Jan 2012	June 2012	PPSC	PC Community	
<b>If you are experiencing difficulties when using local footways/pavements, footpaths, bridleways and byways which if any, of the following difficulties did you find?</b> Bushes/nettles (43.4%) Rutting, poor surfaces including water (49.7%) Irresponsible use by others (20.8%) Litter/fly tipping (20.8%)	To preserve, improve the access to the Countryside in the Parish using public rights of way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage residents to report problems</li> <li>More resources from WBC for better maintenance</li> <li>Conduct a survey in spring summer of all footpaths and bridleways. Feedback results to WBC</li> </ul>	Nil	Medium	May 2011	Sept 2011	PPSC	Community Groups PC WBC LAF	Stronger Greener Healthier

Evidence	Objective	Actions	Funding Opportunity	Priority HML	Start Date	Planned Finish Date	Project Manager Lead Partner	Other Partners	Sustainable Community Strategy Themes
<p><b>How often do you use local footways/pavements, footpaths, bridleways or byways in the Parish and for what purpose?</b></p> <p>Up to 36% of people used them on a weekly basis for a variety of utility or leisure purposes</p>	Encourage more people to use non-motorised travel for health, recreational, environmental and economic reasons in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the feasibility of ideas for new routes/public rights of way put forward by the community to provide safe off road travel</li> <li>Work with the local schools to encourage walking to school initiatives</li> </ul>	S106 Grants WBC	Medium	Dec 2010	Sept 2011	PPSC	LAF Community WBC PC	Greener Healthier
<p><b>A new burial ground provided in the Parish (56.9%)</b></p> <p>Page 57</p>	Explore an opportunity to provide a burial ground in Chieveley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify land available to the Parish</li> <li>If available negotiate a purchase subject to contract and satisfactory survey</li> <li>Establishing funding options</li> </ul>	Public Loans Body Donations	High	April 2011	Sept 2011	PC	CPCC Oxford Diocese	Stronger
<p><b>How do you usually get information about events (local affairs and facilities) taking place in the Parish</b></p> <p>Parish Magazine (62%) Newbury Weekly News (58.9%) Posters &amp; flyers (52.8%) Notice board (39.9%) Village shop (39.4%) Doctors Surgery (17.7%) Chieveley &amp; Curridge Websites (12.4%)</p>	Encourage clubs and Societies to use the Parish communication structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage clubs &amp; societies to use the Parish Magazines, local papers and websites to promote local activities and results</li> </ul>	Nil	Medium	Ongoing	Ongoing	PC	Community Webmasters  CPCC	Prosperous Stronger

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