

Individual Decision

The attached report will be taken as an
Individual Portfolio Member Decision on:

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Report to be considered by:	Councillor Pamela Bale	on:	8th June 2009
Forward Plan Ref:	ID1748		

Purpose of Report: To seek endorsement of the Shaw-cum-Donnington Community Plan by the Council.

Recommended Action: The Plan be formally endorsed by the Council as an important document.

Reason for decision to be taken: Formal endorsement of the Community Plan; the Plan having gone through the agreed processes with West Berkshire Council.

List of other options considered: None

Key background documentation: Shaw-cum-Donnington Community Plan

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Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 The endorsement of a Community 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 to or, where it can, assist with actions that have the support of the community and have been included in the Parish or Community Plan Action Plan. This is subject to the draft Action Plan having been circulated to the Council by prior agreement and the actions discussed by both parties involved.

Community Led Planning In West Berkshire

- 1.2 West Berkshire Council, working alongside other key partners from the Local Strategic Partnership such as Community Action West Berkshire and the local community, has promoted the development of Community Planning (formerly known as Parish Planning) across the District.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Community 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.
- 1.5 Community 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 undertaken 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.
- 1.6 The process by which Community 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.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 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; the establishment of a Citizen's Advice Bureau outreach point in the eastern part of West Berkshire and work on reduction of CO2 emissions.

- 1.9 Community Planning enables communities to work together and empowers them to pursue joint projects to improve facilities for their communities. For example, the upsurge of interest in allotments in the District has meant that communities are working together to exchange best practice in the setting up of allotment societies, how to find land for allotments and how to manage it. This is supporting the drive to grow local produce for local consumption and gives people a healthy and active outlet as well as providing them with home grown food.
- 1.10 This report (and the accompanying Community Plan) brings to Members' attention the contents of the Community Plan for Shaw-cum-Donnington along with the above accompanying contextual information about Community Planning in West Berkshire.
- 1.11 Shaw-cum-Donnington's Plan (Appendix A) includes projects covering the following areas;
- Reducing anti-social behaviour
 - Maintaining and conserving the character of the village
 - Preparing a Village Design Statement
 - Community events
 - Avoiding flooding
 - Tackling litter
 - Recycling
 - Tree planting and conservation projects
- 1.12 Comments received from the services within West Berkshire Council, Ward Members and Executive Members are listed at appendix B.

Appendices

- (a) Stanford Dingley Community Plan and Action Plan
- (b) Comments from Service Units and Members

Implications

Policy:	Parish Plans are an integral part of the Council's Vibrant Villages theme within the Council Plan.
Financial:	<p>£60,000 annual Parish Plan Grant Funding, where communities are able to bid for £5k in any one year towards funding items of capital expenditure on projects in their Action Plans.</p> <p>Any of the actions in the Community Plan that have financial implications for services will need to be addressed as and when those actions are moved forward and will be accommodated within existing budgets. These actions will be apparent usually at the time that Heads of Service see the Action Plans in draft, prior to endorsement and formal signing off by Individual Decision.</p> <p>If actions require additional resources these will be brought to members for consideration in due course.</p>
Personnel:	There are no personnel implications at this stage
Legal:	There are no direct legal implications at this stage
Environmental:	Community 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.
Equalities:	The consultation (36% response rate) carried out in support of the Community Plan helps ensure that all people have an opportunity to have their views and concerns heard.
Partnering:	Community Plans are an excellent example of partnering between the local community and the Council.
Property:	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.
Risk Management:	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
Community Safety:	There are no specific or direct Community Safety implications

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council: Councillor Graham Jones

Overview & Scrutiny Councillor Brian Bedwell

Commission Chairman:

Policy Development Councillor Quentin Webb

Commission Chairman: Councillor Marcus Franks

Councillor Irene Neill

Ward Members: Quentin Webb, Graham Pask.

Opposition Councillor Jeff Brooks

Spokesperson:

Local Stakeholders: WBC, GCT, Safer Communities Partnership, Voluntary Sector.

Officers Consulted: All Senior Management within WBC

Trade Union: N/A

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Item is Urgent Key Decision		<input type="checkbox"/>

Chairman's Introduction

We are pleased to introduce Shaw cum Donnington's first ever Parish Plan! The Plan would not have been possible without the co-operation of local residents, and, perhaps more significantly, members of the Parish Plan Steering Group who have given up their precious free time to get the Plan off the ground and keep it going. I am forever grateful to the members for their support and assistance.

What is a Parish Plan?

The purpose of a Parish Plan is to provide a vision statement for the future, setting out the aims and objectives of the local community for the next 5-10 years. The Parish Plan is important, as it will be taken into account by others, including West Berkshire Council, when making decisions about funding and how the Parish will develop in the future. It is an opportunity for residents to have a say and to influence what happens on their doorstep.

The Parish Plan was initiated by the Parish Council, and then taken on by an independent Steering Group. The Group is made up of local representatives and residents.

As it is a "people's plan", and as each parish plan is unique, obtaining the thoughts of individuals and groups within the Parish has been of paramount importance for ensuring that the Plan reflects everyone's views and not just those of the Steering Group. The consultation process was therefore an important part of developing the Plan - finding out what people thought about where they lived and the particular issues they had. This included liaising with local community groups (such as the village hall and church), schools and local residents, and, of course, issuing a questionnaire to every household. Many views and ideas came out of this process which, in turn, determined what went into the action plans.

Why Have a Parish Plan?

There are many benefits to completing a Parish Plan. These include:

- Creating a real sense of community spirit and reinvigorating local democracy.
- Encouraging groups and organisations to work in partnership.
- Providing clear defined evidence of community needs and priorities.
- Access to the Parish Plan Grant Fund and other funding streams which may otherwise be denied.
- Highlighting innovative projects which need help from other agencies.
- Strengthening the Parish Council's relationship with the community.
- Providing a basis upon how West Berkshire Council can help determine how local services are delivered in your area.
- Using the Parish Council as a tool to complement and help deliver local planning policies (although they cannot override adopted planning policy).

The Future

However, it is important to bear in mind that views change. What may be seen as important today may not have been important ten years ago, and may not be important in, say, five years' time. For example, flooding. The Plan is therefore a constantly changing document which needs to be reviewed and updated every few years.

The Parish Council has considered and commented on the action plans arising from the consultation process and fully supports the Steering Group going forward. For the Plan to continue evolving it is important to continue to have the moral and physical support of the local community in particular, to implement the various actions arising from the Plan. These actions range from litter picking to tackling speeding in Love Lane, and there is therefore something in it for everyone!

With many thanks again to all those who have been involved to date and to those who offer their support in the future.

Vicky Schollar
Chairman, SCD Steering Group
April 2009

Timeline

November 2005 – Meeting at Trinity School to launch the Parish Plan process and to generate support from the local community to develop the Plan going forward.

January 2006 – Parish Plan Steering Group formed with support from local residents, St Mary’s Church, Vodafone, CAWB, the Parish Council, Trinity School, Donnington Valley Hotel, and the Police.

February 2006 – Group successfully applies for a £1,000 grant from the Countryside Agency which was subsequently put towards developing the Parish’s own website.

April 2006 – March 2007 – Consultation with local community groups and schools and work begins on putting together a questionnaire to send out to local residents.

July 2006 – Parish Plan website up and running.

March 2007 – April 2007 – Questionnaires posted to and collected from over 500 households in the Parish.

May 2007 – August 2007 – Analysis of findings from the questionnaires.

September 2007 – Results of questionnaire fed back to residents at an event held at Shaw House. This event gave the Group the opportunity to seek residents’ ideas as to how the issues raised in the questionnaire could be addressed and to recruit for the action groups.

October 2007 – The Steering Group splits into four main action groups - Environment, Transport and Traffic, Housing and Development, and Community.

July 2008 – Presentation of draft action plans to the Parish Council.

September 2008 – Consultation with Shaw-cum-Donnington Primary School.

December 2008 – Action plans finalised and draft wording completed for Parish Plan document.

March 2009 – Parish Plan signed off by West Berkshire District Council.

Historical Background

The area in and around Shaw-cum-Donnington has a rich historical tradition. The Parish is dominated by two settlements, Shaw and Donnington (“cum” is Latin for “with”), and both place names appear in the Domesday Book of 1086.

Some 300 years after the Domesday Book, Sir Richard de Abberbury (tutor and mentor to the Black Prince) was granted a licence by Edward III to build Donnington Castle. He also founded Donnington Hospital, where “12 poor men” were to be housed and cared for in Donnington Priory. The castle, hospital and priory are all important features of the village today – albeit very much changed.

In 1415 the castle and manor were sold to Thomas Chaucer, son of the famous poet Geoffrey. As a result, a number of, almost certainly false, stories of the poet and Donnington have arisen. A subsequent owner was Charles, Earl of Nottingham, Lord Howard of Effingham, who is famous as the commander of the English fleet that faced the Spanish Armada. By the 1640s the estate had come into the hands of the Packer family whose descendants, the Hartley-Russells, are still very active in the Donnington Hospital Trust.

In 1554 a rich Newbury clothier, Thomas Dolman, purchased the manor of Shaw to the east of Donnington. His son, another Thomas, completed the present Shaw House in 1581. By the time the house was built the local cloth industry had declined, and there was much resentment of the way the Dolmans had moved out of the cloth business, giving rise to the rhyme:

*Lord have mercy on us miserable sinners!
Thomas Dolman has built a new house, and has turned away all his spinners!*

In 1642, on the outbreak of the Civil War, a royalist force occupied and garrisoned the castle under the command of Colonel John Boys. They were to face three years of intermittent siege from 1643 until they finally surrendered in 1646. During this period the castle was reduced to the ruinous state it is in today.

In October 1644 the Second Battle of Newbury took place mainly in the villages and fields of Shaw, Donnington and Speen. Two strong points in the Royalist defences were Donnington Castle and Shaw House. Although the Royalists were outnumbered by three to one, they managed to escape along the Oxford road. Bitter recriminations at this fumbled opportunity split Parliament which in turn led to the formation of the New Model Army and the eventual Parliamentary victory. Thus it can be claimed that the modern British Army was in part born out of the fields of Shaw, Donnington and Speen.

A couple of weeks after the battle, the Royalist Army returned to recover their valuables which they had left in the castle. Once again two armies faced each other across the fields of Donnington and Speen, but made no real attempt to fight. This event was known as the Third Battle of Newbury, a title hijacked in more recent times to describe the environmentalist protests at the building of the A34 Newbury bypass which cuts across the north western corner of the Parish at Snelsmore.

In the 18th century a tollhouse for the Newbury to Oxford Turnpike was attached to the Donnington Castle Inn. All around Newbury new mansions sprang up. James Petit Andrews built Donnington Grove, which he sold, in 1783, to the Secretary of State, William Brummell (the father of Beau Brummell). Donnington Priory, by then a private house, was rebuilt to give us essentially the building we see today.

In 1840 the Rector of Shaw, Samuel Slocock, approached the then owner of Shaw House, Thomas Penrose, who decided to demolish the old Norman church on the basis that it was too draughty and seriously dilapidated. The old church was not quite as rickety as they thought, and gunpowder had to be used to encourage it to collapse. The current church of St Mary is the result, a handsome early Victorian edifice.

For a period Donnington Priory was occupied by Thomas Hughes who wrote Tom Brown's Schooldays, and it was later used by John Buchan as the model for a house in his novel, The Thirty-Nine Steps. A smaller house, Donnington Dene, was the birthplace in 1836 of Walter Money, Newbury's most celebrated local historian whose books are still invaluable references today.

Donnington Hospital continues to flourish although, in 1818, a survey of Berkshire charities considered the charity to be so abused that it should be abolished. Instead it was rejuvenated and the buildings restored in 1822 by Winchcombe Henry Howard Hartley, then Lord of the Manor of Donnington as well as his home manor of Bucklebury, where he was also Rector. The Hospital Trust now manages 50 almshouses in Bucklebury, Iffley and Donnington.

During World War II Shaw House was requisitioned by the military who used it until 1943 when a secondary school in Newbury was bombed and the building was called into use as a temporary replacement. Following the war the house was put up for sale and was eventually purchased by Berkshire County Council for use, once again, as a school. Shaw House School remained there for many years, expanding into premises behind the house (now part of Trinity School). The school moved out in 1985 following concerns over the structural safety of the building. The house then lay unused until 2005 when funding from the National Lottery, Vodafone and WBC enabled the restoration of the house to commence. It is now in use by West Berkshire Council as the local registry office and has meeting rooms to hire. It opened to the public in 2008.

A momentous change was the building in the 1970s of the dual carriageway link (now the A339) north out of Newbury, which split the Parish into two. The Parish became home to one of Britain's largest companies when mobile phone giant Vodafone moved to its new corporate HQ on the old Newbury Showground site in 2002.

Shaw-cum-Donnington is a Parish steeped in history. There are reminders of the past everywhere, but there is a future too. This Parish Plan is an attempt to influence the direction of the immediate "history to come" in a manner that respects and learns from the past.

The Parish Today

Introduction

The Parish of Shaw-cum-Donnington is located just north of Newbury and is partly a suburb of the town. It is still possible to distinguish the village of Donnington to the west, situated between the River Lambourn and Donnington Castle. Shaw is a little harder to define because much of the area now known as Shaw is outside the Parish boundary to the east. However, St Mary's Church and Shaw House/Trinity School act as focal points that help to define the eastern end of the Parish. Forging links between the western and eastern ends of the Parish are the village hall and three schools – Castle School, Shaw-cum-Donnington Primary School and Trinity Performing Arts College – all situated in Love Lane.

Throughout the Parish are buildings of architectural and historical interest. In addition to Donnington Castle and Shaw House, these include the almshouses in Oxford Road and Donnington Village, and Donnington Priory, also in Oxford Road, which houses the auctioneers Dreweatt Neate.

Population – size and distribution

There are approximately 680 households in Shaw-cum-Donnington. At the last census in 2001, the population numbered 1,680. Since then, a few small housing developments such as Donnington Elms and Denbil Court have taken place, so population figures are likely to be slightly higher now. In terms of spread within the Parish, the majority of people live in the south. As can be seen from the map in this document, much of the Parish is semi-rural – the area along Long Lane and north of Love Lane, for example, on the Old Oxford Road, has only a few farms and houses.

Land Use

Most of the farmland is arable and there are several small areas of woodland. Apart from Snelsmore Common, much of the Parish to the west and north of Donnington Village is taken up by two 18 hole golf courses. In Donnington, there is a large recreation ground. The land on either side of Love Lane is mainly residential with some land used as playing fields for the three schools. A small area behind the village hall is devoted to allotments.

The headquarters of Vodafone are situated on the north-east side of Love Lane. The River Lambourn flows through the Parish west-east and forms the southern boundary. There is a small park opposite Shaw House which appears to be inside the Parish but comes under the jurisdiction of Newbury Town Council making it something of an anomaly.

Amenities

No shops exist within the Parish boundaries any more. Three pubs (The Castle, The Three Horseshoes and the Fox and Hounds) and two golf courses (Donnington Grove attached to a country club and Donnington Valley attached to a 4* hotel and health club) provide leisure and entertainment facilities. Football and cricket enthusiasts can

practise their sports on the recreation ground in Donnington and there is a small recreation ground off Kingsley Close.

North of Donnington Village is the site of Donnington Castle, now managed by English Heritage. From here, a number of footpaths fan out towards Snelsmore Country Park and across the two golf courses. There is an all-weather sports pitch opposite Trinity School. St Mary's Church Hall is the venue for a number of meetings and activities every week. The village hall hosts a number of daytime and evening courses, clubs and activities, as well as the local pre-school. Trinity Performing Arts College has facilities for community use and also houses Maestros, the West Berkshire Music School.

Transport and Travel

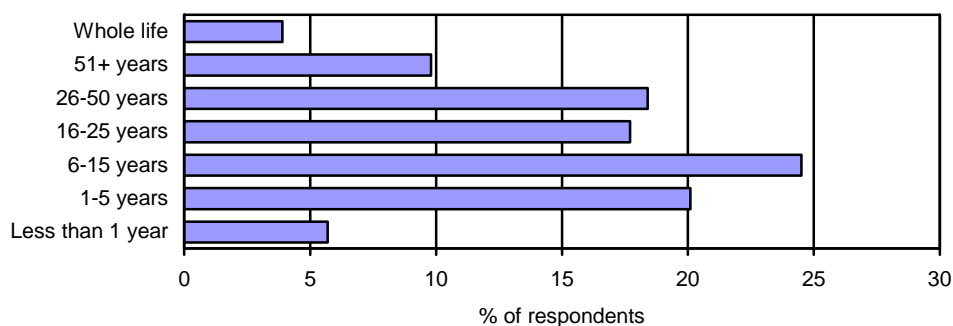
The Parish is physically split in two by the A339 which links the M4 and A34 trunk roads with Newbury and the south. Love Lane forms the main east-west route, with most of the semi-rural land to its north, and the built up, residential land to its south. Long Lane, the B4009, forms the eastern boundary and leads to the villages of Curridge and Hermitage and beyond to the Downs and the Thames Valley in south Oxfordshire. The Oxford Road goes past the village of Donnington and continues up to the M4 while the Wantage Road leaves the parish at Snelsmore and continues up to Wantage and The Ridgeway.

Community and Youth

Shaw-cum-Donnington has only around 1,700 residents, so the questions of “community feel” and facilities for the community as a whole, and youth in particular, assume great relevance. Specific questions in the survey of residents were therefore geared towards this topic.

Community facilities in the Parish include three schools, a church with a hall, a village hall, a recreation ground with a pavilion and three pubs. Around half of the people who responded to the questionnaire have lived in the Parish for 16 or more years, which we feel demonstrates how much the Parish has to offer the community.

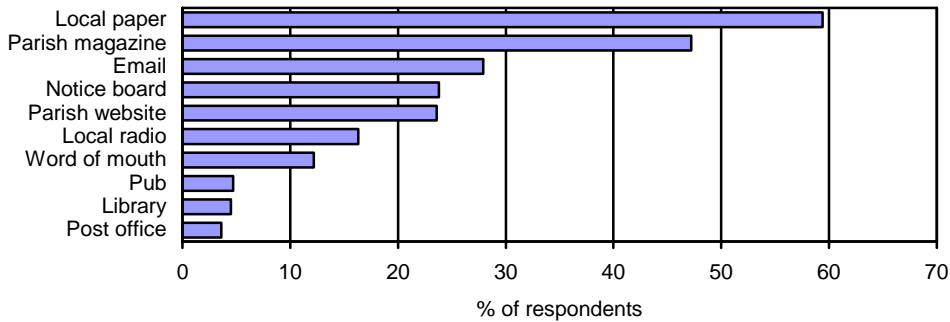
How long have you lived in Shaw-cum-Donnington?



The questionnaire results highlighted that people wanted to see more “community spirit”. One of the ideas to help foster community spirit and to provide support to more vulnerable groups in the Parish is to look into starting a Good Neighbour Scheme. This type of scheme involves local volunteers helping other people in their community with small services ranging from giving lifts to checking smoke alarms.

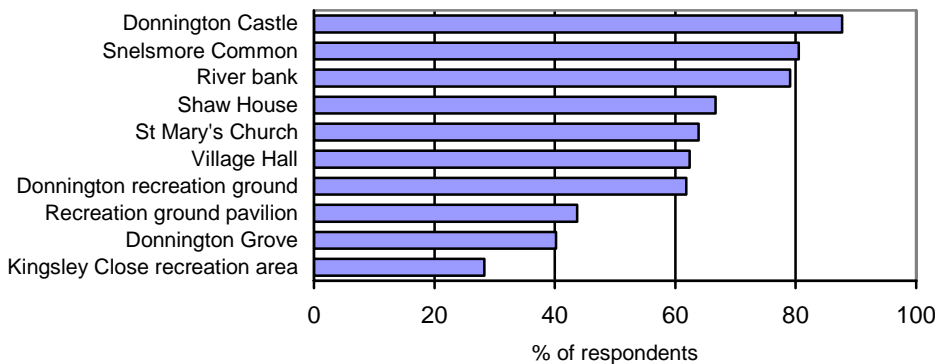
When asked what single thing they would most like to see happen in Shaw-cum-Donnington over the next year, many people suggested holding Parish events such as a village fete, barbeque, concerts, garden open days etc. In fact, there are various activities on offer throughout the community, but responses to the questionnaire highlighted that awareness of these was relatively low. This may be because of the spread of the Parish, which makes it more difficult to communicate, and the fact that there are several places where activities take place such as the Village Hall, Church Hall and at the schools. The Community and Youth Action Plan therefore focuses on raising awareness of activities in the Parish. One of the main tools for doing this is the development of a Parish website, which is now up and running (www.shawcumdonnington.org.uk). The website has an Events Calendar with Upcoming Events and links to useful sites. The website is publicised on all of the Parish notice boards and we will use the local paper to publicise major news and Parish events as and when appropriate as another means of communication.

How would you like to get information about events taking place in Shaw-cum-Donnington?



Questionnaire responses including ‘one single thing’ comments highlighted the importance people placed on facilities/places in the Parish, for example Donnington Castle and Snelsmore Common. The Community and Youth Action Plan therefore includes actions for the Parish Council to work in partnership with the groups responsible in order to support these and other key facilities in the Parish. One of the main projects will be the children’s play area on Donnington recreation ground, which will be replaced and the equipment improved – this was highlighted as a need in the questionnaire responses and has also been raised directly with the Parish Council.

Would you like to see the following places protected/maintained for the future?



Many of the comments and ‘one single thing’ answers regarding youth related to having more things for young people to do in the Parish. The development of the recreation ground at Donnington will go some way to address this but it is important that, as well as the ideas gained through the questionnaire, we obtain specific views on the Parish from young people. To do this we have enlisted the help of Community Action West Berkshire and the Downlands Youth Trust. Workshops are being held at local schools and feedback from these will be incorporated in the Community and Youth Action Plan moving forward. It is important that we engage with the young people in the Parish so that they can help shape its future and continue the trend of remaining in the Parish for many years.

SHAW CUM DONNINGTON PARISH ACTION PLAN - COMMUNITY

Number	Objective	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Finish Date	Project Manager/Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification (refer to community support from consultation)	Completed (give date)	Head of Service
	Healthy (e.g. fostering a sense of place and belonging, improving health and well-being of local people and young people, promoting independence of vulnerable people)									
1	Raise awareness of activities already taking place in local area as many of the requests from the questionnaire are already taking place.	Do a leaflet drop which says we have taken on board ideas from questionnaire and just to let you know what is on e.g. village hall events and church groups etc. Produce leaflet and Gather volunteers	Low	June, 2008	August 2008	Community sub group (Angela Weston, Nicky Mernagh)	Volunteers	Identified in Parish Plan questionnaire. 47% wanted information provided via Parish magazine. As we do not have a parish magazine a newsletter delivered to people's doors as a magazine would be seems logical alternative.		
2	Update signage on the Donnington Recreation ground to show what is allowed and to make it more welcoming.	- Raise as AOB item at Parish Council meeting to get clarification of what activities are allowed. Purchase new sign	Low	June, 2008	Sept.08	Community sub group (Emma Stephens)	Parish Council	Clarity around use of Rec was brought up in the questionnaire responses in particular by those in the Oxford Road/Wantage Road area.		
3	Enhance the Events list on the Parish website.	- Speak to local activities providers e.g. Village Hall, Church, local clubs and get plan of events or links to their web sites. - Pass information to Parish web site administrator for update. - Put in place	High	July, 2008	Sept.08	Community sub group (Emma Stephens)	Web site administrator (Bill Ashton), Village Hall, Church, other clubs in the area e.g. Shaw Social Club, Judo Club	Identified in Parish Plan questionnaire	Website developed to include 'What's On' page which is updated regularly by Bill Ashton.	

4	Put monthly Events List on Parish Noticeboards for those without access to Parish website.	Website administrator to supply list from web site to the Parish Clerk - Parish Clerk to put on noticeboards when putting up minutes/agendas	Low	July, 2008	Monthly ongoing	Community sub group (Emma Stephens)	Web site administrator (Bill Ashton), Parish Clerk	23.6% wanted information provided by Parish website.	
5	Look into starting Good Neighbour Scheme	- Find out about existing schemes and how they operate. - Appeal for volunteers	High	September, 2008	01 January 2009	Community sub group (Emma Stephens)	Newbury Volunteer Bureau/Nigel Owen from WBC's Community Services Team	Help to foster community spirit which was mentioned several times in questionnaire responses and provide support to more vulnerable groups in the Parish.	
6	To demolish and replace Pavilion on Donnington Rec ground	Identify examples in other parishes; consult on requirements of users' identify suppliers and obtain tenders against brief	High			PC	PC/Lottery/Liaise with sports clubs and local interest groups	43.7% of respondents wanted the recreation ground pavillion protected and maintained for the future.	
7	To build play park on rec: ground, trying to accommodate range of age groups	As above	High				PC/Lottery	27.8% said they felt it was 'very important' to invest in existing recreation areas and 31.8% said it was 'important'.	
8	Explore potential for village fete in 2009 on Donnington Rec.	Check with Parish Council about lease reference public events/alcohol etc Identify potential partners e.g. local businesses Canvass local opinion to gauge support likely for the event	Medium	February, 2009	01 July 2009	Community sub group/PC	Local businesses. Support from local community.	For the majority of areas one of the 'one single things' was about having a Parish event. There were also many additional comments about people wanting to foster more 'community spirit' which a Parish event should help to do.	David Appleton (re Events Guidance)

9	Engage young people in parish to learn their thoughts on the parish and what they want to see available	Debbie Oppenshaw from Downlands Youth Trust in discussions with parish schools. Debbie to also liaise with the Area Youth Team Manager Linda Lay, who is based at the Riverside Centre in Newbury.	Medium	June, 2008	01/12/2009	Debbie Oppenshaw (Downland Youth Network)	Three schools on Love Lane. Sarah Ward (Community Action West Berkshire).	47.4% of respondents said more activities for young people were needed. Rather than assuming activities we want to consult with young people in the area to understand their thoughts and ideas.	DYN & CAWB met with children at Shaw-cum-Donnington Primary School in October 2008. Consultation with older children in the Parish via Trinity School still needs to be carried out.	
10	Work with Shaw-cum-Donnington village hall committee on future projects.	Provide support on projects where appropriate.	High	Now	Ongoing	PC and Community sub group	Hall committee	Work in partnership to support a key facility in the community.		
11	Work with Trinity School on future projects.	Provide support on projects where appropriate.	High	Now	Ongoing	PC and Community sub group	Trinity School	Work in partnership to support a key facility in the community.		Ian Pearson
12	Work with Castle School on future projects.	Provide support on projects where appropriate.	High	Now	Ongoing	PC and Community sub group	Castle School	Work in partnership to support a key facility in the community.		Ian Pearson
13	Work with St Mary's Church on future projects.	Provide support on projects where appropriate.	High	Now	Ongoing	PC and Community sub group	St Mary's Church	Work in partnership to support a key facility in the community.		
14	Work with Shaw House Project Board on future projects.	Provide support on projects where appropriate.	High	Now	Ongoing	PC and Community sub group	Shaw House Project Board	Work in partnership to support a key facility in the community.		David Appleton
15	Explore potential for holding activities such as history walks at the Castle to promote its use in the community.	Investigate whether there are any local history groups who would be interested in holding such events.	Low	January, 2009	01 March 2009	Community sub group (Emma Stephens)	Local history groups/any other groups identified	Promote a key historical landmark in the Parish and also hold events which promote community involvement and spirit.		

Environment and Amenities

The word environment is defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as “the surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates”. This analysis therefore covers a wide range of different issues from litter to street lighting.

Perhaps because of the changes we are seeing globally to our climate, the environment was identified as a particular area of concern to parishioners. Specific questions were asked about the environment in the questionnaire and specific concerns identified included litter, accessibility to the countryside, street lighting, road maintenance, and flooding.

General Results

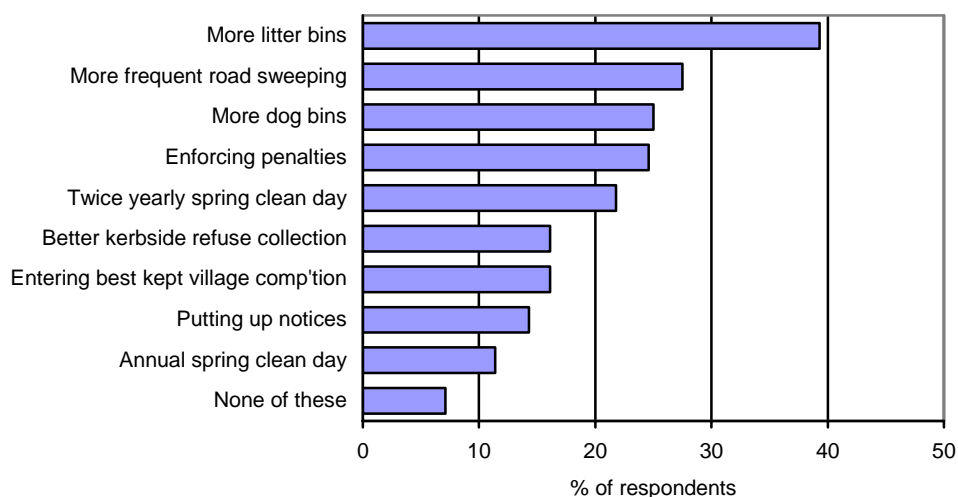
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Litter

48% of respondents felt that litter was a problem in the Parish, with the key areas of concern identified as around Trinity School, the riverbank and Shaw Park (the area just south of Dene Way, which in fact is outside the Parish).

Residents were also asked what they felt would help to keep the Parish clean and tidy. Just under 40% of respondents felt that more litter bins were needed; a need for more road sweeping was identified by 27.5%. Other top proposals were for more dog bins, more frequent emptying of dog and litter bins, and enforcing penalties/fines.

Which of the following would help keep Shaw-cum-Donnington clean and tidy?



To address the Parish’s concerns about litter, it is proposed that a full survey of existing litter facilities and “hotspots” should be carried out to identify whether more litter and dog litter bins are needed and whether signs and fines would help resolve the problem. Community litter picks may also be a more cost effective answer in the short term.

Refuse collection was largely seen to be a good public service with around 50% of respondents rating it as good. Whilst there were many handwritten comments about the need for better recycling facilities, this has largely been addressed with the rolling out of increased facilities for kerbside recycling in June 2008.

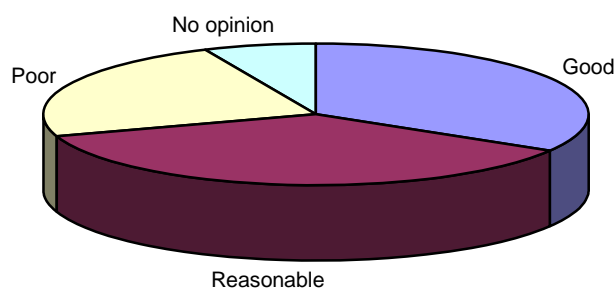
Accessibility to the Countryside

The responses from the questionnaire show that residents want more access to the river and countryside. There is already a vast network of footpaths and bridleways in the Parish, and residents want these to be better signposted and maintained. The responsibility for these footpaths and bridleways lies with WBC and it is therefore important for us to work closely with the relevant departments to achieve this.

Street Lighting and Maintenance of Roads and Footpaths

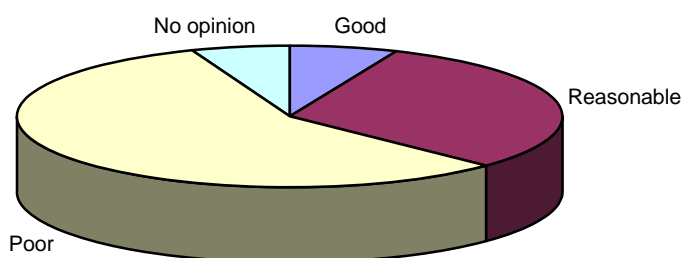
Although over 60% of respondents in total thought that street lighting in the Parish was either good or reasonable, this positive opinion was not reflected in the individual comments made in the questionnaire. Dene Way, Shaw Hill, Love Lane, Church Road and Oxford Road were identified as particular areas of concern where additional street lighting may be needed. Many of the street lamps in the Parish are owned by WBC and we will need to consult closely with them if action is to be taken. The Steering Group is aware that increasing the number of street lights can be a contentious issue and therefore detailed analysis of problem areas, identification of possible solutions, and consultation with affected residents will need to take place before any decisions are made.

What do you think of street lighting?



The condition of road surfaces in the Parish is a major concern with over half of respondents saying this was a poor public service. A significant number of individual comments were also received in the questionnaire about poor road conditions, with the areas identified as most in need being Dene Way, Kingsley Close, Donnington Village and Long Lane. This, again, is something that is the domain of WBC, not the Parish Council, and we will need to work closely with WBC to determine what funds are available and when. Alternatively, if funding is not available in the near future, other funding options will need to be explored.

What do you think of road maintenance?



Flooding

As the questionnaire was issued in March 2007, no specific questions were asked about flooding as, at the time, it was not considered to be a major issue. Some people did, however, comment that more investment was needed to improve drainage in Donnington Village and Church Road, Shaw Hill, and in cleaning up the River Lambourn. Following the devastating floods of July 2007, considerable comment about flooding was received at the event held at Shaw House in September 2007. The problems associated with flooding have already been considered by WBC as part of its Flood Investigation Report and the Parish Council will also be addressing this issue in its Emergency Action Plan. As a Parish we can identify problem areas, and highlight what preventative measures (if any) can be put in place and bring these to the attention of WBC, the Parish Council and the Environment Agency.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON PARISH ACTION PLAN - ENVIRONMENT										
Number	Objective	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Finish Date	Project Manager/ Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification (refer to community support from consultation)	Completed (give date)	Head of Service
1	Avoid Flooding/ Better Drainage Identify whether preventative measures such as appropriate clearing of the river are in place	1 Make contact with the River Lambourn Project, Environment Agency, WBC and FWAG. 2 Contact Shaw Social Club and local residents to see if interested in setting up a Working Party 3 Contact Stuart Clark from WBC to identify schemes planned in the Parish and to identify issues not already mentioned	H	May-08	May-10	Environment sub group	EA, Stuart Clark in Highways at WBC, Shaw Social Club, landowners, FWAG, River Lambourn Project, local residents	49% of respondents said that keeping the river bank tidy was very important. Consultation with local residents at Shaw House event in September 2007 identified flooding as a major concern		Mark Edwards
2	Create Emergency Action Plan	PC to put draft document together once template received from WBC	H	Jun-08	Feb-10	Parish Council	Carolyn Murison at WBC	Requirement of the Parish Council following floods of July 2007		Bill Jennison
3	Identify drainage system weaknesses	Contact WBC with a view to asking them to arrange a drainage survey of the Parish to identify weak spots	H	Jun-09	Apr-10	Environment sub group	WBC, Thames Water, Parish Council	Identified as an area where investment was needed in specific comments made by residents in questionnaire. Also arose as a result of consultation with local residents at Shaw House event in September 2007 during which flooding was identified as a major concern.		Mark Edwards
	Water Management (reduce surface run off and preventing waste)									

Number	Objective	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Finish Date	Project Manager/ Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification (refer to community support from consultation)	Completed (give date)	Head of Service
4	Better awareness of water management	1 Contact Thames Water to see if they already have a leaflet we can distribute to local residents highlighting importance of water management. If not, consider producing one. 2 Parish Council to consider the outcome and recommendations of the Pitt Review (review carried out by Sir Michael Pitt into the summer 2007 floods)	M	May-09	Oct-09	Environment sub group and Parish Council	Thames Water, Stuart Clark in Highways at WBC	This was highlighted as an issue as a result of consultation with local residents at Shaw House event in September 2007		Mark Edwards
5	Awareness of Local Environment	1 Identify existing and consider developing local walks, talks and events in the Parish including "Beating the Bounds" 2 Identify/create a more user friendly map of the Parish to encourage people to get out and about	L	Mar-10	Sep-10	Environment sub group	WBC PROW team, Keith Tomey Countryside Ranger at Snelsmore Common, walking groups, Ramblers Association, WBC, Golf Clubs, Tourist Information	Specific comments from residents		Bill Jennison

Number	Objective	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Finish Date	Project Manager/ Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification (refer to community support from consultation)	Completed (give date)	Head of Service
6	Litter Increase number of bins and litter signs (including signs with fines)	1 Identify existing bin locations and who is responsible for them and enquire as to how frequently they are emptied 2 Identify litter trouble spots and evaluate the source of the problem and possible solutions - are more bins, more frequent collections or more signs the answer? Contact Waste Contract Officers 3 If more bins or signs are needed identify position and cost (including maintenance) and responsibility.	H	Apr-10	Oct-10	Environment sub group and Parish Council	WBC, Parish Council	48% of respondents said that removing litter was very important to them and 39% of respondents (the highest response on this question) said that more litter bins would help keep the Parish tidy. 25% of respondents also thought that the Parish could be kept tidy and clean by more frequent litter/dog bin collections. 14% of respondents thought that putting up signs may help keep the Parish tidy.		Bill Jennison
7	As above for dog waste bins		M	Apr-10	Oct-10	Environment sub group/Parish Council		25% of respondents (the third highest response on this question) said that more dog bins would help keep the Parish tidy. 25% of respondents also thought that the Parish could be kept tidy and clean by more frequent litter/dog bin collections		Bill Jennison

Number	Objective	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Finish Date	Project Manager/ Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification (refer to community support from consultation)	Completed (give date)	Head of Service
8	Arrange regular litter picks/consider more frequent road sweeping	<p>1 Identify scope and scale of litter picks and frequency of road sweeping</p> <p>2 Identify existing/potential wardens/volunteers from the local community and facilitate setting up of "litter group"</p> <p>3 Identify whether a need for more road sweeping and investigate possibility with WBC</p> <p>4 Regularly review to ensure arrangements made are still effective</p>	H	Nov-09	March 2010 (ongoing)	Environment sub group	WBC, local schools, litter groups, local church			Bill Jennison
9	More recycling points	<p>1 Identify whether there is a need now there is increased kerbside recycling</p> <p>2 Encourage the use of kerbside recycling</p> <p>3 Increase awareness of existing recycling points</p> <p>4 If still a need for additional recycling points consider possible locations, costs and maintenance</p>	L	Apr-10	Oct-10	Environment sub group/WBC	Helen Clarke at WBC, Parish Council	36% of respondents said that neighbourhood recycling points were very important		Bill Jennison

Number	Objective	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Finish Date	Project Manager/ Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification (refer to community support from consultation)	Completed (give date)	Head of Service
10	Prevent fly tipping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Identify where this is happening and the source of the problem. 2 Leaflet drop with contact number to report incidents. 3 Consider putting up signs warning against fly tipping 	L	Mar-09	Aug-09	Environment sub group and Parish Council	WBC, Parish Council			Bill Jennison/ Gary Lugg
11	Kerbside Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 To be rolled out in June 2008 - need to monitor success 	L	Jun-08	Jun-09 (ongoing)	WBC	Environment Sub Group, Parish Council	16% of respondents said they wanted better kerbside refuse collection		Bill Jennison
12	Accessibility Open up river path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Investigate whether all public land. 	L	Apr-08	May-08	Environment sub group	WBC, Parish Council, NRA			Bill Jennison
13	Clear and maintain footpaths and bridleways and encourage people to use them more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Ensure regular checks are made on their condition 2 Asking WBC to improve signage 3 Enquire about possibility of creating maps/leaflet of local walks 4 Link to Newbury Town Council web site 	M	Sep-09	Sep-10	Environment sub group, WBC	WBC, Parish Council, volunteer groups, Ramblers Association	27.5% of respondents said they wanted rights of way to be improved and 20% of respondents said it was very important to open more footpaths and bridleways. 24% of respondents said it was very important to repair gates, stiles and bridges. 18% of respondents said they wanted better signage		Bill Jennison

Number	Objective	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Finish Date	Project Manager/ Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification (refer to community support from consultation)	Completed (give date)	Head of Service
14	Maintain/Protect open and green spaces	1 Legally protect - investigate requirements for Village Green status for Donnington Rec, and investigate possibility of extending conservation areas	H	May-08	Mar-09	Parish Council	WBC, Parish Council	60% of respondents said it was very important to protect open spaces/conservation areas		Bill Jennison
15	Enter Best Kept Village competition/Spring Clean Event	1 Investigate requirements	L	Apr-09	Sep-09	Parish Council	Environment sub group/Schools	16% and 22% of respondents respectively thought that entering the Best Kept Village and having a "Spring Clean" twice a year would help keep the Parish clean and tidy		
16	Tree Planting Plant more trees in Parish and identify those which need protecting	1 Identify locations (if any) through consultation with local residents 2 Identify type and cost, inc cost of maintenance 3 Investigate possibility of WBC grant 4 Identify trees which should be felled (if any) and ensure they are replaced - survey	L	Jul-10	Jul-11	Environment sub group,	Parish Council/WBC	44.5% of respondents said that it was very important to them to protect trees within the Parish		Bill Jennison

Number	Objective	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Finish Date	Project Manager/ Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification (refer to community support from consultation)	Completed (give date)	Head of Service
17	Lighting Improve street lighting in the Parish (of particular concern was Dene Way/Shaw Hill/Love Lane/Oxford Road)	1 Liaise with Alan Braisher at WBC for advice on improvements 2 Identify design, location, energy issues and cost of any improvements 3 Consult with residents about the options going forward.	H	Nov-09	Jan-11	Parish Council and WBC	WBC, Parish Council, electricity company	21% of respondents said that it was very important to them for street lighting to be improved and the same % thought that street lighting in the parish was poor		Mark Edwards
18	Roads and Footpaths Improve condition of roads and footpaths in the Parish	1 Identify main problem areas 2 Identify if due for repair and when 3 If not, identify what other options are available 4 If repairs are some time off consider what other options are available	H	Mar-08	Mar-10	WBC and Parish Council	WBC, Parish Council, private companies	48% and 23% of respondents respectively said it was very important to improve conditions of roads and improve surfaces of/widen pavements. 22% of respondents also thought it was very important to stop vehicle damage to road verges. These issues were also identified in the questionnaire as one single thing respondents would like to see done in the Parish in the next year. 53% of respondents thought that road maintenance in the Parish was poor		Mark Edwards

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19	Post Contact Royal Mail to see whether there is a possibility of increasing the number of post boxes in the Parish	1 If so, arrange with local residents and Royal Mail to discuss locations. 2 Ensure Royal Mail implements any changes	L	Jan-10	Jan-11	Environment sub group	Royal Mail,	Individual comments received from questionnaire by residents in Dene Way, Donnington Village, Love Lane East/West and Oxford/Wantage Road		
20	Investigate possibility of setting up a local Post Office (Waitrose and Donnington Village suggested)	1 Identify requirements needed for a new post office and whether feasible 2 If so, arrange for Royal Mail to consult with residents and to take forward	L	Jan-10	Jan-11	Environment sub group	Waitrose, Royal Mail	Individual comments received from questionnaire by residents in Dene Way, Donnington Village, Love Lane East/West and Oxford/Wantage Road		
21	Bonfires; BBQs; Fireworks; Sensor Lights Try to reduce nuisance caused by above	Increase awareness of disturbance caused to others, for example, by developing leaflet/flyer	L	May-10	Sep-10	Environment sub group	WBC	Individual comments received from questionnaire by residents in Dene Way, Love Lane East and Oxford/Wantage Road		

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	Reduce Carbon Footprint of the Parish									
22	Encourage residents to use their private vehicles less and consider using public transport more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Increase awareness of environmental impact of using vehicles, for example, leaflet or project with local schools 2 Contact WBC about possibility of extending cycle routes 3 increase awareness of local bus and train timetables 4 Refer to Traffic and Transport Action Plan 	L	Apr-10	Oct-10	WBC	Thames Valley Energy, Adrian Slaughtier at WBC, Newbury Buses			Greener sub-Partnership Group
23	Reduce energy consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Investigate what the private sector is doing to encourage energy efficiency 2 Work with private companies/WBC to help communicate what can be done to save energy. 3 Endorsements for solar panels 4 Microgeneration (small schemes for small areas) 	L	Apr-10	Feb-11	Environment sub group	Thames Valley Energy, Adrian Slaughtier at WBC, Southern Electric, British Gas and other utility suppliers	25% of respondents said that it was very important to them to have energy saving measures in place.		Greener sub-Partnership Group

Planning & Development

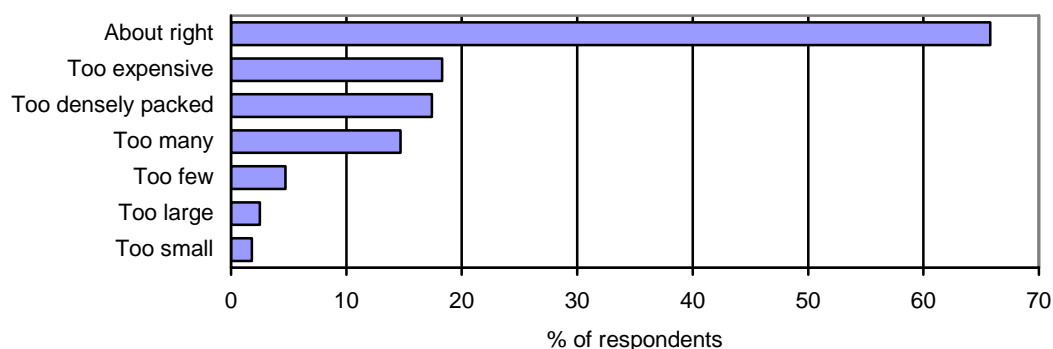
Planning and development is about land use - what can be built and where. This is controlled by the government's planning legislation and West Berkshire Council's Local Plan. The Local Plan, which gives detailed local policies, will be superseded by the Local Development Framework that is currently being developed by West Berkshire Council and is expected to be complete by the end of 2009 and adopted in Spring 2011.

The clear majority of people responding to the questionnaire (65%) believe that the amount of development is about right. At the time of the questionnaire, there was an understandable concern over the price of housing, although the current recession has had an effect on this. There are also some concerns that there has been too much development and that the density is too high. The extension of the existing conservation areas is seen as a way of preserving the character of some areas.

General Results

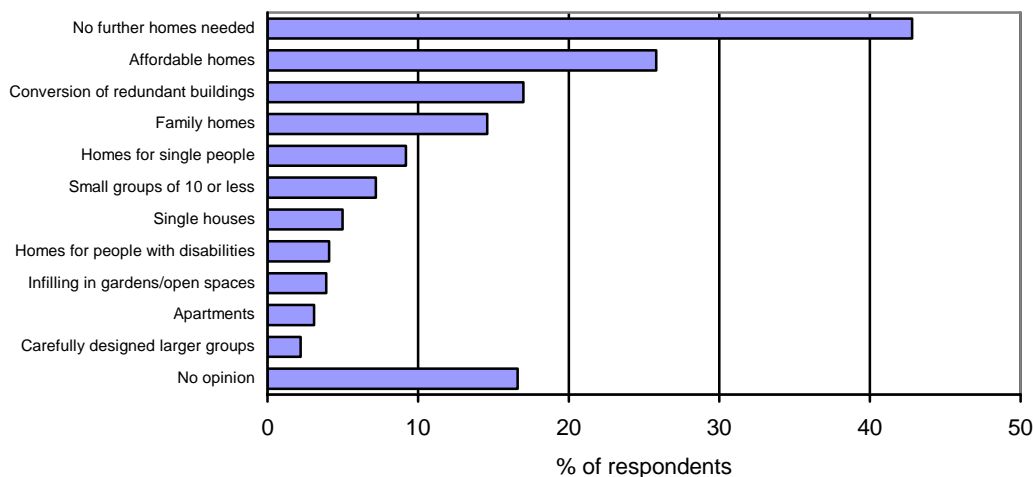
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What do you think about the number of houses that have been built in Shaw cum Donnington over the last 10 years?



In terms of the type of accommodation that is needed, the predominant opinion was that there was no need for any further housing (43%). If there were to be more, then the top request was for affordable housing in the light of high house prices.

What kind of accommodation do you think Shaw-cum-Donnington needs?



Shaw-cum-Donnington splits into 6 distinct areas. The comments made by the residents in each area were not necessarily restricted to the areas they lived in:

- Dene Way

There was concern over the building of new houses in gardens, although following recent in-filling there is now very limited scope for further housing in this area.

- Donnington Village

There was opposition to building in gardens, no doubt following the redevelopment of Donnington Elms. Without redevelopment, rather than garden development, there is almost no scope for such developments. Respondents were also keen to see the existing conservation area reviewed and protected.

- Long Lane

The residents were sympathetic to rounding off (dwellings built in the gaps between houses or other spare land) to allow more family houses, and they encouraged the use of brownfield land. However, there was resistance to further development in Long Lane that would put more strain on the road and local amenities.

- Love Lane East of the A339

There was again a call for affordable housing, although in this area there is almost no scope for further housing beyond the expected new housing on the Trinity playing field. There was concern that the recent Trinity and Vodafone buildings were out of keeping with the area and a view that no similar developments should be permitted.

- Love Lane West of the A339

There was a general feeling that there should not be any new building, particularly housing, as opposed to the redevelopment of existing buildings and a concern that

there should not be any increase in traffic along Love Lane. In addition, there was a desire to maintain open spaces in the area.

- Oxford Road and Wantage Road

Here the call was for no more development, including on Donnington Grove and in Upper Donnington Village, and for no further development by Vodafone.

Conclusion

The analysis of the responses indicates that the desire is to preserve Shaw-cum-Donnington much as it is. This would be to preserve the existing open spaces and to resist any further housing, but also to ensure that any further building respects the character of the area. This leads to three main activities in the Action Plan. The first is for the Parish Council to continue to comment on any planning applications in the light of the desire to preserve the character of Shaw-cum-Donnington. The second, also an action on the Parish Council, is to attempt to influence the policies within the emerging Local Development Framework. The third is to press for the revision of the conservation areas.

Number	Objective	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Finish Date	Project Manager/Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification (refer to community support from consultation)	Completed	Head of Service Allocated
	Accessible (e.g. improving accessibility in the rural areas, using innovative ways for services to be accessed by local people)									
1	Maintain Parish land buffers between Shaw cum Donnington comprising Donnington Park and the Castle School Watermeadows separating Donnington, Shaw and Newbury including Shaw Park	- Sub Group to identify areas on map - Parish Council to liaise with WBC		April, 2009	January, 2010	Housing & Development sub group	Parish Council/WBC	The consultation showed that almost all respondents considered the protection of open spaces/conservation areas important or very important		Gary Lugg/June Graves
2	Housing - Identify possible areas for development of low cost housing.	- Undertake Housing Needs Survey with support from Arlene Kersley, Rural Housing Enabler at CCB - Use results to undertake action. - Parish council to liaise with WBC		April, 2009	January, 2010	Housing & Development sub group	Parish Council/CCB	Although about 42% of consultees wanted no new housing the next highest request at 25% was for low cost housing.		June Graves
3	Housing - Consult and (where necessary) develop policies with a view to obtaining local views on possible large new housing developments to the north of the parish under LDF. Also identify whether to retain the existing village envelope.	- Undertake Housing Needs Survey with support from Arlene Kersley, Rural Housing Enabler at CCB - Use results to undertake action. - Parish council to liaise with WBC		April, 2009	January, 2010	Housing & Development sub group	Parish Council/CCB	Land to the north of Shaw has been identified by a developer as a possible area for a major housing development to meet the expected needs of West Berkshire.		June Graves
4	Housing - not being a rural area there is no scope for Rural Exception Sites. (with caveat below	Rural Exception Sites should not be sought.		April, 2009	January, 2010	Housing & Development sub group		Rural housing needs to be considered as Shaw-cum-Donnington is partly rural but being near Newbury there is a wide variety of accommodation near by.		Gary Lugg/June Graves

5	Conservation - maintain character of buildings and insist on open spaces with any developments	Comment on planning applications that do not maintain the visual built quality of the area.		April, 2009	January, 2010	Housing & Development sub group	Parish Council/WBC	Comments in the Questionnaire show that maintenance of the visual aspects of the area are important. This includes both buildings and open spaces.	Gary Lugg
6	Conservation - Review Donnington Conservation Area to protect the village from inappropriate development	Discuss the possible extensions to the Donnington Conservation Area with West Berks Council and consider whether any other properties outside of these areas should be listed. Review existing summary of listed properties.		April, 2009	January, 2010	Housing & Development sub group	Parish Council/WBC Conservation Officer	Need to protect Donnington Village from inappropriate developments identified in the Parish Plan Questionnaire	Gary Lugg
7	Maintain and enhance recreation areas (Donnington Park, Shaw Fields, Trinity Fields, Snelsmore House, Donnington Grove GC, Donnington Valley GC, Donnington Rec and Owen Road Rec). Ensure River frontage areas from Mill house to Donnington Grove (water meadow) are maintained.	Get buy in from owners where appropriate. Audit each area and draw up a plan for maintenance and enhancement		April, 2009	January 2010	Housing & Development sub group	Landowners/Schools/Parish Council/ WBC	Identified in Parish Plan Questionnaire	Bill Jennison
8	Prepare Parish Design Statement to define the different types of development to be encouraged to include areas, quality of design and requirements for infrastructure. This will permit conservation and protection to be argued effectively	Housing & Development sub group to consult the Parish		April, 2009	January, 2010	Housing & Development sub group	Parish Council/WBC	Although not an issue in the questionnaire a Design Statement is useful in influencing the developments in the area.	Gary Lugg

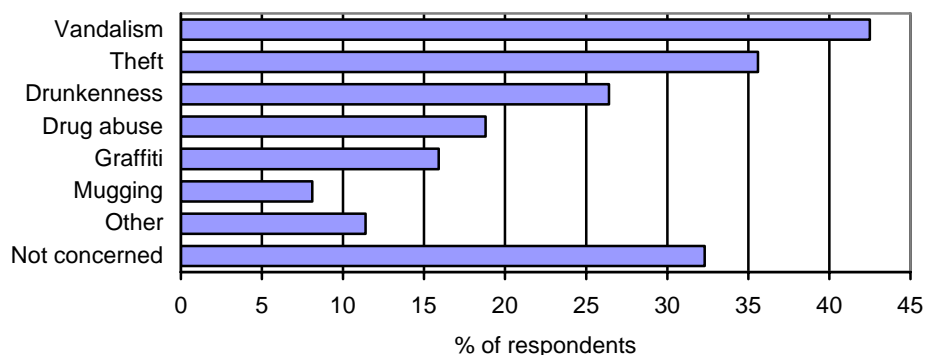
Safety and Crime

It is the aim of any local authority to help provide a secure, crime-free environment for residents. Therefore part of the questionnaire focussed on residents' views on safety and crime in the Parish, and on measures that might be taken to address perceived problems.

General Results

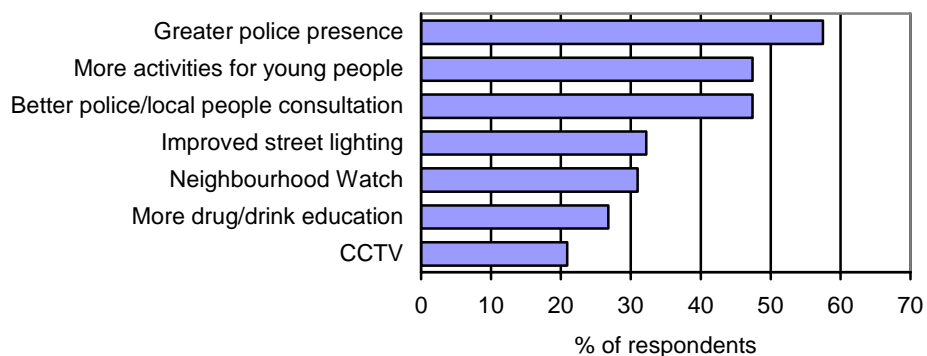
1. Almost one third of respondents to our questionnaire said that they had no concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour, which is a positive for the Parish.
2. However, the balance of over two thirds expressing at least one area of concern suggests that there are some issues that need to be addressed.

Which, if any, of the following crimes and anti-social behaviour concern you in Shaw-cum-Donnington?



Particular concerns included vandalism (mentioned by 42% of respondents to this question), theft (36%) and drunkenness (26%). Areas such as Donnington Recreation Ground, Donnington Castle, Trinity School and Shaw Park were mentioned as targets for vandalism and other anti-social behaviour, partly as a result of the difficulty of supervising them, especially in the evenings. After-hours noise and drunkenness around the two central pubs of the Parish was seen by some respondents as a problem, with concerns on drink driving in Long Lane being expressed by residents of that area.

Do you think that any of the following measures are needed?



Over half of respondents (58%) felt that a greater police presence in the area was needed. 48% thought that there should be better consultation between police and local people, with a similar number believing that more activities for young people were required. Neighbourhood Watch was mentioned by 31% of respondents, suggesting either that more schemes are needed, or that existing ones need to be promoted, or both.

Our Action Plan for Safety and Crime therefore has five main objectives:

1. **Reduce vandalism**, by encouraging ongoing liaison between Neighbourhood Watch schemes and Neighbourhood Action Groups, and by promoting more activities for young people
2. **Reduce noise and drunkenness at local pubs**, by asking police to carry out spot checks after hours and breathalyser tests, and by encouraging residents to report incidents of drunkenness
3. **Address concerns on drink driving in Long Lane**, by encouraging local residents to report incidents
4. **Increase a general feeling of safety amongst residents.** This is a more general objective, to be addressed by measures such as the promotion of Neighbourhood Watch schemes through NHW co-ordinators, the Parish website and Parish noticeboards, better dissemination of Police and PCSO details via the same channels, and a Police “Surgery” in the Parish.
5. **Reduce car racing up to Donnington Castle**, by encouraging local residents to report incidents, looking into the possibility of locking the entrance gates at night, and working more closely with English Heritage

Measures proposed in other Action Plans such as more youth activities, improved street lighting, and traffic monitoring, should also serve to reinforce the Safety and Crime Action Plan.

SHAW CUM DONNINGTON PARISH ACTION PLAN - SAFETY AND CRIME										
Number	Objective	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Finish Date	Project Manager/Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification (refer to community support from consultation)	Completed (give date)	Head of Service
		Safer (e.g. reducing anti-social behaviour, reducing speed on roads, emergency planning								
1	Reduce vandalism in Trinity School area, Donnington Rec, Donnington Castle and Shaw Park	- Speak to PC, WBC, Electric Co and local residents re increasing street lighting. - Contact Police and NHW re moving children on. - Contact Police and NHW re increased police presence. - Contact schools and local groups re more activities for young people - Speak to Trinity School re a 'Community Project' involving the pupils of Trinity School.				Safety and Crime sub group	PC/WBC			Andy Day
						Safety and Crime sub group	Police/NHW			Andy Day
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						Safety and Crime sub group	Local schools and groups			Ian Pearson
						Safety and Crime sub group	Trinity School			Ian Pearson
2	Reduce noise and drunkenness at Three Horseshoes and Castle pubs	- Request random police checks after hours - Request local residents to report incidents				Safety and Crime sub group	Police			Andy Day
						Safety and Crime sub group	Residents			Andy Day
						Safety and Crime sub group	Police			Andy Day
						Safety and Crime sub group	Police			Andy Day
3	Address concerns re drink driving on Long Lane	- Request Police presence on Friday and Saturday nights - Request Police to undertake breathalyser spot checks - Request Police presence on Friday and Saturday nights				Safety and Crime sub group	Police			Andy Day
						Safety and Crime sub group	Police			Andy Day
						Safety and Crime sub group	Police			Andy Day
4	Increase feeling of safety among residents	- Get existing coordinators to promote and advertise NHW meetings in order to increase numbers on NHW schemes				Safety and Crime sub group	NHW coordinators			Andy Day
						Safety and Crime sub group	Police			Andy Day
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5	Reduce racing along Long Lane and racing up to Donnington Castle.	- Arrange for a Police 'Surgery' in the village or designated location every one or two months. - Arrange to have Castle gates locked.				Safety and Crime sub group	Police			Andy Day
						Safety and Crime sub group	Owner of road/gate			Andy Day

		-Use of Speed Data Recorder					Safety and Crime sub group	Police/WBC?		Andy Day
		-Use of Speed Indication Device (SID)					Safety and Crime sub group	WBC		Mark Edwards
	6	Identify whether drug abuse is an issue, and if so where this is.	Contact EDGE				Safety and Crime sub group	EDGE		Andy Day
	7	Remove and prevent graffiti	???				Safety and Crime sub group	WBC Streetcare		Bill Jennison

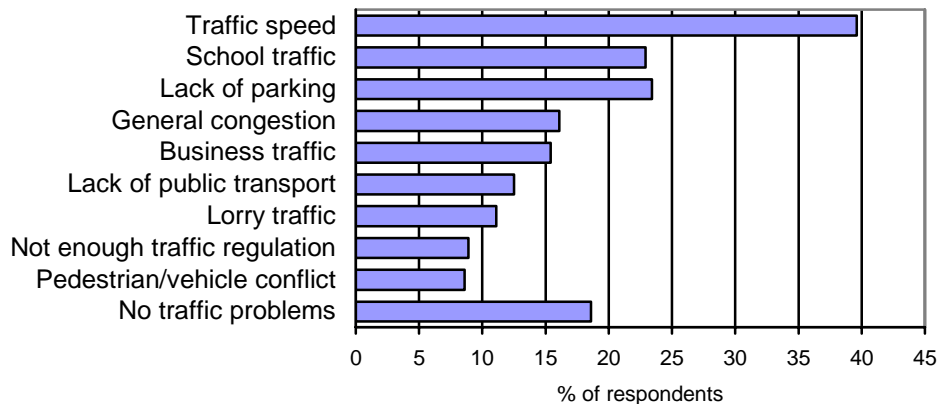
Traffic and Transport

Shaw-cum-Donnington is bisected by the A339, formerly the A34 from Oxford. However, this road does not directly impact the traffic within the Parish. The two main arterial roads through the Parish are the Wantage/Oxford road and the B4009 from Hermitage, joined just north of Newbury by Love Lane, which is frequently used as a “rat run”. Significant volumes of traffic are created by the three schools within the Parish, all lying along Love Lane, and particularly Trinity. Vodafone also contributes to traffic along Love Lane.

General Results

1. Only 8% of respondents do not have access to a private vehicle. Private vehicles are used mainly for leisure (82.6%) and shopping (79.8%)
2. Around a third of respondents use their vehicle for transport to work, with just over 20% selecting business journeys (these low percentages may be related to the fact that almost 40% of respondents are retired)
3. 10% of respondents use a car for transporting children to school/college
4. Four fifths of respondents indicated that a car/van was their most frequently used means of transport. Walking (8.5%) is more popular than cycling (3.2%)
5. The majority of respondents have no opinion on the public bus services and never use either Newbury Buses or any community bus service

Do you think that any of the following cause traffic problems in your area?



Actions

Having analysed the results of the questionnaire, the Traffic & Transport Action Plan has been divided into five sections which are described below.

Speeding

Speeding is the major traffic related issue. There is a strong perception that vehicles exceed the speed limit along Love Lane West, Long Lane (B4009) and Wantage Road/Oxford Road through to Donnington Village, and that these roads are used as a “rat run”, particularly when there is a blockage on the M4 or A339, adding to the perception that they can be dangerous for all road users.

We are urging concerted action by West Berkshire Council to continue to assess the position for the benefit of all road users, including walkers and cyclists, as well as drivers.

The greatest concern regarding speeding was expressed by the residents of the Long Lane area with a 72% positive response, and 24 individual comments, on this topic. As a result, West Berkshire Council Highways Department agreed to include a speed limit review in its October 2008 Task Group schedule and as a result the speed limit along part of Love Lane has been reduced to 30mph.

The second highest area of concern was Love Lane, particularly in view of the fact that it has three schools. There was strong support for measures to alleviate this and improve safety at the schools. This issue will be taken up with WBC Highways.

Speeding was also highlighted on the Oxford Road and on Church Road, and actions have been added to the Plan to tackle this.

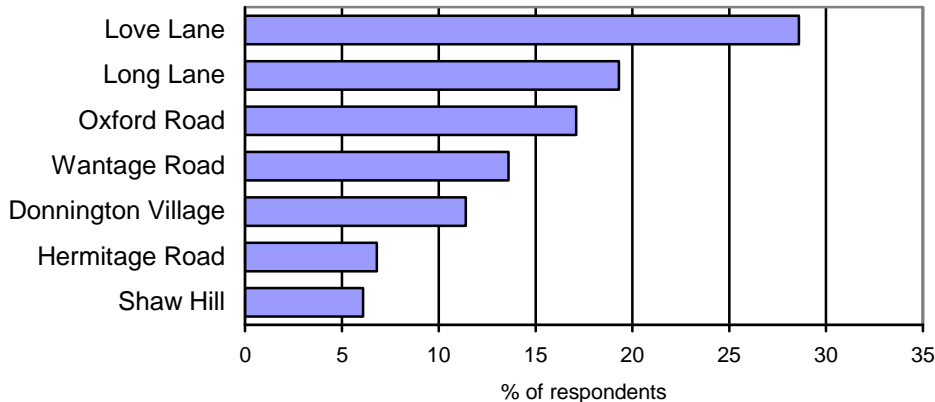
It should be noted that the introduction of Speed Indicator Devices scored a very close second to traffic calming when households were asked which measures they would support to reduce traffic danger spots.

Congestion/Danger Spots

Specific danger spots identified were:-

1. Love Lane - mini-roundabout with Long Lane; outside both Trinity School and Shaw-cum-Donnington Primary School; and the junction with Oxford Road
2. Donnington Village exits
3. Church Road roundabout

Do you think that there are any traffic “danger spots” in the following areas?



The use of Love Lane as a “rat run” and the resulting congestion at the junction with Oxford Road received many comments. It was seen that there was a conflict between improving the junction and reducing “rat run” traffic. Initial discussions with WBC Highways indicated that an improved junction was not feasible due to road safety issues and the Action Plan will therefore focus on the reduction of non-local traffic, especially HGVs. It should therefore be noted that any development which increases local traffic on this road does not have the support of the Plan.

The Love Lane/Church Road junction by Trinity School is also a focus for considerable congestion at school and after school times and at peak hours during the working day at Vodafone’s HQ. This will be exacerbated by the building of the proposed indoor sports centre at Trinity – an issue which must be given careful consideration when the sports centre is under development.

Many comments were also made regarding alternative methods of traffic calming in this part of Love Lane. WBC Highways were asked whether alternative methods of traffic calming outside the school could be considered. Currently, WBC Highways believes that the tarmac “cushions” in place along Love Lane East are the most effective means of traffic calming outside the school. The Transport and Traffic Action Plan includes a request for WBC Highways to consider repair of the cushions which are disintegrating. Traffic calming was the most popular means of reducing traffic danger spots. Of those who selected this option, the majority (74%) chose traffic calming measures other than speed bumps.

WBC Highways was also asked to recommend improvements for the exit from Donnington Village and for the mini-roundabout at the end of Church Road. It is understood that the latter could cost in excess of £250,000, which may be a constraint.

Pedestrian/Cycling Improvements

The Parish Plan Group has requested WBC Highways look at creating pedestrian crossings at Shaw-cum-Donnington Primary School, Trinity School and Oxford Road by Donnington Village, or to advise on other options to improve pedestrian safety in these areas.

Pedestrian crossings were the third highest choice of the questionnaire respondents for reducing traffic danger spots.

WBC Highways has also been asked to consider the feasibility of introducing a pedestrian/cyclist route along the B4009 as residents in this area have no means of reaching Newbury other than by motorised transport. Initial discussions have indicated that funding will be a significant issue.

WBC Highways will also be asked to evaluate the possibility of improving the pavement situation opposite The Castle pub, and comments regarding motorcyclists misusing the Owen Road bridleway will be passed to the Neighbourhood Action Group on the advice of WBC Highways.

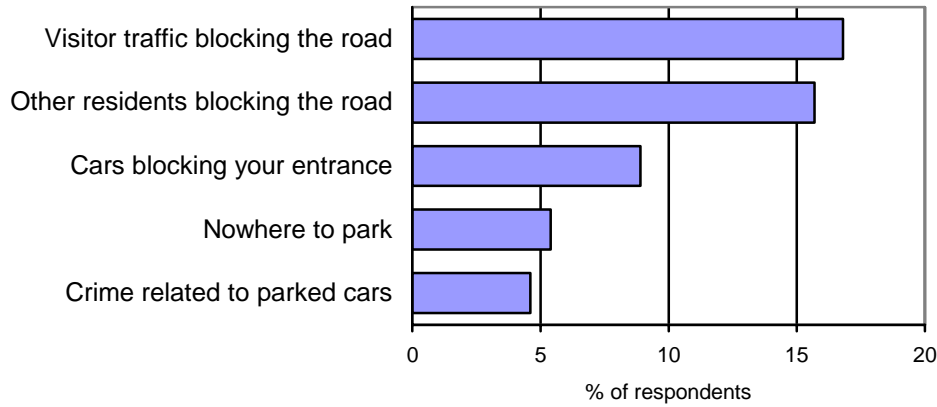
Parking

Over 30% of households indicated that visitors and other residents blocking the road was an issue, with 20% of households reporting a lack of parking.

44% of car owners said that they parked off road.

While parking issues are inevitable in an area where so much of the housing was built before car ownership existed or was widespread, action is required to improve the situation. The Parish Plan Group is awaiting the WBC Policy for Parking on Verges as guidance for what can be achieved in appropriate areas of the Parish. When WBC Highways takes over control of parking offences, the Parish Plan Group will ensure that a communication channel is set up to report residents' issues.

Do you have the following parking problems at your home?



Public Transport

Public transport is not widely used by residents of the Parish. The most common use is for shopping, with 5% of respondents using the Reading Buses service “often” and 8% “occasionally”. Over 50% expressed “no opinion” on the service provided.

Some specific issues were raised around coordinating the timetables with school hours and this will be communicated to the bus company.

Number	Objective	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Finish Date	Project Manager/Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification (refer to community support from consultation)	Completed (give date)	Notes from meeting with HD (supplied only for Parish Council review - not to be included on final version)	Head of Service
		Speeding 1 Verify and tackle speeding issues on Long Lane	H	Oct-08	Mar-09	T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council	This issue received the highest number of comments of any other issue - 30% of total no: respondents identified speed along Love La as concern. Significantly, 77% of Long Lane households added individual comments re: speeding		HD have informed us improved gateway signage due soon on B4009	Mark Edwards
2	Verify and tackle speeding issues on Love Lane West	1 Request a speed survey by WBC HD. Request HD to consider traffic calming e.g. road narrowing / central planting. (Also linked to request for pedestrian crossing at ScD Primary - action 9 and 'rat run' act	H	Oct-08	Mar-09	T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council	Three schools in Love Lane and no traffic calming at west end. 45% of total number of respondents (280) identified speeding as an issue. 49% of Long Lane West respondents concerned at speeding.		HD already plan to introduce flashing lights programme at frontage of all three schools in Love Lane (09/10)	Mark Edwards
3	Verify and tackle speeding issues on Oxford Road from Donnington Valley Hotel south into Donnington	1 Request 'gateway marking' on road to reinforce speed limit. 2 Get Parish council views re requesting a 'village' sign for Shaw cum Donnington by the 30mph sign so that motorists know they are arriving at a village community.	H	Oct-08	Mar-09	T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council	17% of total number of respondents expressed viwed this as an issue		If there is a village sign we can request WBC HD to erect a yellow name and speed sign. These are in the process of being rolled out across West Berkshire.	Mark Edwards

4	Verify and tackle speeding issues on Church Road	Ensure traffic calming to support existing 20mph limit is considered when Trinity next due for Safer Routes to School Programme	Mar-09	Mar-10	T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council	30% Long Lane East respondents consider speeding in their area an issue; 49% Long Lane West respondents view it as an issue	This could take some time as Trinity has already been included in this programme first time round.	Mark Edwards
5	Congestion/Danger Spots Reduce use of Love Lane as 'rat run' with particular reference to HGVs, thereby reducing congestion at Love Lane West/Oxford Road junction	1 Confirm whether HGV size limitation can be included in WBC's Freight Strategy. 2 Ensure impact on Love Lane traffic flow is taken into account evaluating potential housing development sites in the parish. (Parish Council - no vehicular access to B roads)	Oct-08	Mar-09	T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council	53% of Love Lane respondents view this as an issue. Seven specific comments about this junction.	Re junction, various options considered inc mini roundabout (rejected by HD) and using wide pavement space as a left turn filter (HD raised safety issues with this option due to restricted visibility). Conclusion is that the best way to tackle this is to leave junction as is and try to discourage traffic which is not local	
6	Tackle congestion/slowing of traffic at junction of Love Lane and Church Road by Trinity School/Vodafone pedestrian entrance at peak times (particularly in view of future increased car movements as a result of proposed Sports Centre)	1 Request WBC HD to examine state of speed humps as these seem to be in need of repair. 2 Write to Vodafone re requesting improved and regular communication with employees, particularly new employees. re: 'kiss and drop'	Oct-08	Mar-09	T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council / Vodafone / Trinity School	Six comments from questionnaire and two comments raised during the Parish Council AGM. 23% of all respondents concerned about level of school traffic.		
7	Improve access (restricted visibility) from Donnington Village onto Oxford Road at Dreweatt Neate	Request WBC HD investigate and make recommendations (WBC HD have advised that the suggestion of a mirror on Dreweatt Neate's wall could be a safety hazard)	Mar-09	Mar-10	T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council	Ten comments arising from questionnaire about danger of exiting from Donnington Village	HD view is that poor visibility actually makes this junction safer as people take more care	
8	Raise issue of suitability of existing double roundabout at Church Road/Shaw Road junction	Request WBC HD to assess.	Mar-09	Mar-10	T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council	Specific feedback from questionnaire and Open Day at Shaw House in Sept 07.	Due for assessment by HD (likely to cost £1/4m)	
9	PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST IMPROVEMENTS Request pedestrian crossings in the following places:-								

- by Trinity on Love Lane	1 Request HD to undertake census to determine need. 2 Follow up on results of census	H	Oct-08	Mar-09	T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council	14% of total no.respondents in favour. Five comments in support	Part of Trinity Sports Hall application	
- on Love Lane by ScD Primary	1 Request HD to undertake census to determine need. 2 Follow up on results of census	H	Oct-08	Mar-09	T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council	Six comments in support of crossing		
-on Oxford Road by Donnington Village	1 Request HD to undertake census to determine need. 2 Follow up on results of census	H	Oct-08	Mar-09	T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council	Seven comments in support of crossing		
10 Extend pavement on Oxford Road opposite Castle Pub (without impact to existing trees) to safeguard pedestrians from cars cutting round stationary vehicles waiting to turn right.	1 Request HD to evaluate. 2 Parish Plan Group to then reassess.	L			T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council	Two comments only		
11 Create access to pedestrians/cyclists along B4009 (Shaw Hill to Fishers Lane)	1 Request HD to evaluate. 2 Parish Plan Group to then reassess.	L			T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council	Seven comments in support of pedestrian pathway;six xomments in support of a cycle path	HD have told us this will need land owner cooperation as it is not currently possible to have a path adjacent to the road. Funding will also be a significant issue.	
12 Stop misuse by motorcyclists of Owen Road bridleway	Pass a request to the local NAG to add this to their action list.	L			NAG/T&T sub group	ScD Parish Council	Observation made in questionnaire	HD have advised this is an issue for the NAG.	
PARKING									
13 Eliminate parking on Dene Way and Kingsley Close pavements/verges.	1 Once Policy for Parking on Verges is published (late 08) submit request to replace grass verges with hard standing to WBC. 2 When HD take over control of parking (decrim of parking) ensure channel exists for communic	H	Oct-08	Mar-09	NAG/T&T sub group/WBC Highways Department	ScD Parish Council	41% of respondents reported problems with cars blocking entrances to houses or badly parked. 21% considered that poor parking caused traffic problems.		
PUBLIC TRANSPORT									
14 Provision of better scheduled public bus services.	Contact St Barts and Mary Hare and request them to contact Newbury Buses and FGW re: timetabling to align with school hours.	M			T&T sub group/St Barts/Mary Hare Schools/Newbury Buses/FGW		24% of total no.respondents believed public bus service timetabling is poor. Single comment from Mary Hare School parent		

SHAW CUM DONNINGTON PARISH ACTION PLAN - HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

Number	Objective	Actions	Priority H/M/L	Start Date	Finish Date	Project Manager/Lead Partner	Other Partners	Justification (refer to community support from consultation)	Completed	Head of Service
Accessible (e.g. improving accessibility in the rural areas, using innovative ways for services to be accessed by local people)										
1	Maintain Parish land buffers between Shaw cum Donnington comprising Donnington Park and the Castle School Watermeadows separating Donnington, Shaw and Newbury including Shaw Park	- Sub Group to identify areas on map - Parish Council to liaise with WBC		April, 2008	January 2009	Housing & Development sub group	Parish Council/WBC	The consultation showed that almost all respondents considered the protection of open spaces/conservation areas important or very important		Gary Lugg
2	Housing - Identify possible areas for development of low cost housing.	- Undertake Housing Needs Survey with support from Arlene Kersley, Rural Housing Enabler at CCB - Use results to undertake action. - Parish council to liaise with WBC		April, 2008	January 2009	Housing & Development sub group	Parish Council/CCB	Although about 42% of consultees wanted no new housing the next highest request at 25% was for low cost housing.		Gary Lugg/June Graves
3	Housing - Consult and (where necessary) develop policies with a view to obtaining local views on possible large new housing developments to the north of the parish under LDF. Also identify whether to retain the existing village envelope.	- Undertake Housing Needs Survey with support from Arlene Kersley, Rural Housing Enabler at CCB - Use results to undertake action. - Parish council to liaise with WBC		April, 2008	January 2009	Housing & Development sub group	Parish Council/CCB	Land to the north of Shaw has been identified by a developer as a possible area for a major housing development to meet the expected needs of West Berkshire.		Gary Lugg/June Graves
4	Housing - not being a rural area there is no scope for Rural Exception Sites. (with caveat below	Rural Exception Sites should not be sought.		April, 2008	January 2009	Housing & Development sub group		Rural housing needs to be considered as Shaw-cum-Donnington is partly rural but being near Newbury there is a wide variety of accommodation near by.		Gary Lugg/June Graves

5	Conservation - maintain character of buildings and insist on open spaces with any developments	Comment on planning applications that do not maintain the visual built quality of the area.		April, 2008	January 2009	Housing & Development sub group	Parish Council/WBC	Comments in the Questionnaire show that maintenance of the visual aspects of the area are important. This includes both buildings and open spaces.	Gary Lugg/June Graves
6	Conservation - Review Donnington Conservation Area to protect the village from inappropriate development	Discuss the possible extensions to the Donnington Conservation Area with West Berks Council and consider whether any other properties outside of these areas should be listed. Review existing summary of listed properties.		April, 2008	January 2009	Housing & Development sub group	Parish Council/WBC Conservation Officer	Need to protect Donnington Village from inappropriate developments identified in the Parish Plan Questionnaire	Gary Lugg/June Graves
7	Maintain and enhance recreation areas (Donnington Park, Shaw Fields, Trinity Fields, Snelsmore House, Donnington Grove GC, Donnington Valley GC, Donnington Rec and Owen Road Rec). Ensure River frontage areas from Mill house to Donnington Grove (water meadow) are maintained.	Get buy in from owners where appropriate. Audit each area and draw up a plan for maintenance and enhancement		April, 2008	January 2010	Housing & Development sub group	Landowners/Schools/Parish Council/ WBC	Identified in Parish Plan Questionnaire	Bill Jennison
8	Prepare Parish Design Statement to define the different types of development to be encouraged to include areas, quality of design and requirements for infrastructure. This will permit conservation and protection to be argued effectively	Housing & Development sub group to consult the Parish		April, 2008	January 2009	Housing & Development sub group	Parish Council/WBC	Although not an issue in the questionnaire a Design Statement is useful in influencing the developments in the area.	Gary Lugg

Shaw cum Donnington Parish Plan Questionnaire Results (without comments)

INDIVIDUAL QUESTION COUNTS

HOUSEHOLD SECTION

Question Number : 1 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 280

How many people including children normally live in your household? 649

Question Number : 2 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 280

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

	Male	Female
0-4	19	11
5-10	13	23
11-15	14	10
16-17	8	7
18-24	19	19
25-44	57	62
45-59	67	70
60-64	31	32
65-74	46	53
75-84	38	34
85+	4	12

Question Number : 3 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 280

In which area do you live?

Dene Way Area	39 (13.9 %)
Donnington Village Area	59 (21.1 %)
Long Lane (B4009) Area	35 (12.5 %)
Love Lane East	72 (25.7 %)
Love Lane West	37 (13.2 %)
Oxford/Wantage Road Area	38 (13.6 %)

Question Number : 4 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 280

Do you have internet access at home?

Yes	174 (62.1 %)
No	103 (36.8 %)

Question Number : 5 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 280

What type of house is this?

Detached house	90 (32.1 %)
Semi-detached house	103 (36.8 %)
Terraced house	43 (15.4 %)
Bungalow	22 (7.9 %)
Flat/maisonette	13 (4.6 %)
Specially adapted housing	1 (0.4 %)
Other	4 (1.4 %)

Question Number : 6 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 280

How many people from your household attend the following :

Playgroup/nursery in ScD	0
Playgroup/nursery elsewhere	9
Primary school - ScD	12
Primary school elsewhere	29
Secondary school - Trinity	13
Secondary school - elsewhere	16
Castle School	0
Special Needs school elsewhere	1
Newbury College	14
University/Other college	8

Question Number : 7 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 280

Shaw cum Donnington has Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. Would you like to join your local scheme?

Yes	55 (19.6 %)
No	97 (34.6 %)
Already a member	100 (35.7 %)

Question Number : 8 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 280

Do you have the following parking problems at your home?

Nowhere to park	15 (5.4 %)
Cars blocking your entrance	25 (8.9 %)
Visitor traffic blocking the road	47 (16.8 %)
Other residents blocking the road	44 (15.7 %)
Car crime related to parked cars	13 (4.6 %)

Question Number : 9 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 280

Do you think any of the following cause traffic problems in your area?

There are no traffic problems in my area	52 (18.6 %)
General congestion	45 (16.1 %)
Lack of parking	57 (20.4 %)
Lorry traffic	31 (11.1 %)
Pedestrian/vehicle conflict	24 (8.6 %)
Traffic speed	111 (39.6 %)
Not enough traffic regulation	25 (8.9 %)
School traffic	64 (22.9 %)
Business traffic	43 (15.4 %)
Traffic caused by lack of public transport	35 (12.5 %)

Question Number : 11 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 280

Which of the following would help keep Shaw cum Donnington clean and tidy?

Better kerbside refuse collection	45 (16.1 %)
Enforcing penalties	69 (24.6 %)
More frequent road sweeping	77 (27.5 %)
More litter bins	110 (39.3 %)
More dog bins	70 (25.0 %)
More frequent emptying of litter/dog bins	69 (24.6 %)
Putting up notices	40 (14.3 %)
Entering a Best Kept Village Competition	45 (16.1 %)
Having a Spring Clean Day annually	32 (11.4 %)
Having a Spring Clean Day twice a year	61 (21.8 %)
None of these	20 (7.1 %)

Question Number : 12 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 280

Do you think there are any traffic 'danger spots' in the follow areas? Please tell us more on the last page.

Love Lane	80 (28.6 %)
Oxford Road	48 (17.1 %)
Wantage Road	38 (13.6 %)
Hermitage Road	19 (6.8 %)
Long Lane (B4009)	54 (19.3 %)
Shaw Hill	17 (6.1 %)
Donnington Village	32 (11.4 %)

Question Number : 13 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 280

Would you support the following measures in the areas you have identified?

Traffic calming - speed humps	23 (8.2 %)
Traffic calming - other than speed humps	65 (23.2 %)
Increase the speed limit	4 (1.4 %)
Reduce the speed limit	50 (17.9 %)
Introduce a speed limit	18 (6.4 %)
Introduce Speed Indicator Devices	85 (30.4 %)
Children at play signs	15 (5.4 %)
More road warning signs	23 (8.2 %)
Fewer road warning signs	5 (1.8 %)
Double yellow lines	25 (8.9 %)
Pedestrian crossing	38 (13.6 %)
Traffic lights	9 (3.2 %)
Mini roundabout	17 (6.1 %)
None of the above	41 (14.6 %)

Question Number : 14 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 280

What do you think of the following public services?

	Good	Reasonable	Poor	no opinion
Post	142 (50.7 %)	93 (33.2 %)	24 (8.6 %)	2 (0.7 %)
Refuse Collection	135 (48.2 %)	116 (41.4 %)	10 (3.6 %)	3 (1.1 %)
Mobile library	48 (17.1 %)	23 (8.2 %)	7 (2.5 %)	123 (43.9 %)
Street lighting	86 (30.7 %)	93 (33.2 %)	60 (21.4 %)	17 (6.1 %)
Road maintenance	17 (6.1 %)	81 (28.9 %)	150 (53.6 %)	15 (5.4 %)

PERSONAL SECTION

Question Number : 15 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 552

Sex :	Male	267 (48.4%)
	Female	85 (51.6%)

Question Number : 16 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 553

What age group do you belong to?

11-15	16 (2.9%)
16-17	15 (2.7%)
18-24	31 (5.6%)
25-44	116 (21.0%)
45-59	132 (23.9%)
60-64	59 (10.7%)
65-74	100 (18.1%)
75-84	67 (12.1%)
85+	17 (3.1%)

Question Number : 17 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 543

How long have you lived in Shaw cum Donnington ?

Less than a year	31 (5.7%)
1-5 years	109 (20.1%)
6-15 years	133 (24.5%)
16-25 years	96 (17.7%)
26-50 years	100 (18.4%)
51 + years	53 (9.8%)
Whole life	21 (3.9%)

Question Number : 18 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 536

How did you come to live in Shaw cum Donnington ?

Born here	39 (7.3%)
Work in area	109 (20.3%)
Relatives live nearby	44 (8.2%)
Availability of housing	126 (23.5%)
Retired here	37 (6.9%)
Marriage	49 (9.1%)
Came with family	115 (21.5%)
Came for school	11 (2.1%)
Liked the area	173 (32.3%)
Other	45 (8.4%)

Question Number : 19 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 540

Are you at present?

Full time employee	172 (31.9%)
Part time employee	49 (9.1%)
Self-employed	34 (6.3%)
Unemployed	7 (1.3%)
In full-time education	38 (7.0%)
Housewife/husband	25 (4.6%)
Retired	206 (38.1%)
Permanently sick/disabled	9 (1.7%)

Question Number : 20 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 255

If you are working, what is the business of your major employer?

Agriculture/Horticulture	10 (3.9%)
Manufacturing/engineering/construction	28 (11.0%)
Retail/Service industry	37 (14.5%)
Professional	63 (24.7%)
Tourism e.g. hotels - catering - B&B	4 (1.6%)
Local Government/Public Sector	29 (11.4%)
Transport/Communications	8 (3.1%)
Telecoms industry	22 (8.6%)
Other	54 (21.2%)

Question Number : 21 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 530

Which of the following is your most frequently used means of transport?

Car/Van	433 (81.7%)
Public Bus	9 (1.7%)
Private Bus	4 (0.8%)
Taxi	11 (2.1%)
Bicycle	17 (3.2%)
Motor-cycle/Scooter/Moped	0 (0.0%)
Train	5 (0.9%)
Walking	45 (8.5%)
Other	3 (0.6%)
Not applicable	3 (0.6%)

Question Number : 22 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 279

How far do you travel to work/education?

Less than 5 miles	149 (53.4%)
5-10 miles	34 (12.2%)
10-20 miles	30 (10.8%)
More than 20 miles	66 (23.7%)

Question Number : 23 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 494

Do you have access to a private vehicle? What do you use it for

No access to private vehicle	39 (7.9%)
Business journeys	107 (21.7%)
Transport to work	172 (34.8%)
Leisure	408 (82.6%)
Shopping	394 (79.8%)
Transporting children to school/college	52 (10.5%)
Other	60 (12.1%)

Question Number : 24 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 467

Where do you usually park it your vehicle?

In a garage (on this plot)	174 (37.3%)
In a garage elsewhere	10 (2.1%)
Off the road	206 (44.1%)
On the road	35 (7.5%)
Don't have a vehicle	42 (9.0%)

Question Number : 25 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 323

If you use the bus, what do you use it for and how often?

	often	occasionally	never	
RB - Work	1 (0.3%)	3 (0.9%)	218 (67.5%)	RB = Reading Buses V/CB = Voluntary/ Community Bus
RB - Shopping	16 (5.0%)	26 (8.0%)	212 (65.6%)	
RB - Medical visits	8 (2.5%)	13 (4.0%)	204 (63.2%)	
RB - Social or Leisure	3 (0.9%)	27 (8.4%)	207 (64.1%)	
RB - Other	6 (1.9%)	3 (0.9%)	201 (62.2%)	
V/CB - Work	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	110 (34.1%)	
V/CB - Shopping	2 (0.6%)	0 (0.0%)	105 (32.5%)	
V/CB - Medical visits	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)	105 (32.5%)	
V/CB - Social or Leisure	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	108 (33.4%)	
V/CB - Other	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	105 (32.5%)	

Question Number : 26 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 302

How do you rate the bus service for?

	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion
Route	32 (10.6%)	26 (8.6%)	47 (15.6%)	173 (57.3%)
Timetable	13 (4.3%)	15 (5.0%)	72 (23.8%)	158 (52.3%)
Reliability	17 (5.6%)	35 (11.6%)	21 (7.0%)	168 (55.6%)
Cost	13 (4.3%)	30 (9.9%)	28 (9.3%)	163 (54.0%)
Access for those with disabilities	8 (2.6%)	16 (5.3%)	19 (6.3%)	184 (60.9%)
Information about the service	14 (4.6%)	21 (7.0%)	47 (15.6%)	157 (52.0%)
Bus stop location	40 (13.2%)	34 (11.3%)	24 (7.9%)	142 (47.0%)

Question Number : 27 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 241

Are you aware of what is on offer at the following places ?

Shaw cum Donnington Village Hall	140 (58.1%)
St Marys Church Hall	84 (34.9%)
Trinity School Community Learning Centre	38 (15.8%)
Shaw House	66 (27.4%)
Donnington Recreation Ground	121 (50.2%)
Kingsley Close Recreation Area	33 (13.7%)

Question Number : 28 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 466

How would you like to get information about events taking place in Shaw cum Donnington ?

Pub	22 (4.7%)
Local radio	76 (16.3%)
Notice Board	111 (23.8%)
Parish Magazine	220 (47.2%)
Local paper	277 (59.4%)
Post Office	17 (3.6%)
Library	21 (4.5%)
Word of mouth	57 (12.2%)
Email	130 (27.9%)
Parish web site	110 (23.6%)

Question Number : 29 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 272

Do you attend, or would you like to attend any of the following in Shaw cum Donnington?

	Already attend	Interested	Not interested
Art class	7 (2.6%)	35 (12.9%)	128 (47.1%)
Woodwork class	2 (0.7%)	21 (7.7%)	127 (46.7%)
Spinners weavers dyers class	4 (1.5%)	3 (1.1%)	137 (50.4%)
Yoga	5 (1.8%)	44 (16.2%)	117 (43.0%)
Walking for Health	12 (4.4%)	65 (23.9%)	113 (41.5%)
Keep Fit	18 (6.6%)	46 (16.9%)	113 (41.5%)
Horticultural Society	20 (7.4%)	28 (10.3%)	117 (43.0%)
Amateur dramatics	2 (0.7%)	18 (6.6%)	131 (48.2%)
Line Dancing	6 (2.2%)	20 (7.4%)	128 (47.1%)
Pre and post natal club	1 (0.4%)	9 (3.3%)	136 (50.0%)
Weight Watchers	10 (3.7%)	12 (4.4%)	134 (49.3%)
Retirement club	7 (2.6%)	12 (4.4%)	131 (48.2%)
Family history talks	11 (4.0%)	29 (10.6%)	120 (43.8%)
Quiz nights	10 (3.6%)	40 (14.6%)	119 (43.4%)
Car boot sales	44 (16.1%)	48 (17.5%)	106 (38.7%)
Antique Fairs	10 (3.6%)	35 (12.8%)	119 (43.4%)
Music Time (pre-school music)	2 (0.7%)	5 (1.8%)	138 (50.4%)
New Horizons (youth club for those with learning difficulties)	2 (0.7%)	2 (0.7%)	142 (51.8%)
Brownies	2 (0.7%)	2 (0.7%)	137 (50.0%)
Guides	1 (0.4%)	0 (0.0%)	139 (50.7%)
Women's Institute	6 (2.2%)	7 (2.6%)	137 (50.0%)
Badminton	4 (1.5%)	39 (14.2%)	119 (43.4%)
Squash	2 (0.7%)	16 (5.8%)	131 (47.8%)
Tennis	3 (1.1%)	35 (12.8%)	123 (44.9%)

Question Number : 29 contd

	Already attend	Interested	Not interested
Judo	3 (1.4%)	2 (1.0%)	138 (66.0%)
Bowls	2 (1.0%)	12 (5.7%)	133 (63.6%)
Skittles	2 (1.0%)	14 (6.7%)	127 (60.8%)
Snooker/billiards	3 (1.4%)	12 (5.7%)	129 (61.7%)
Football	3 (1.4%)	9 (4.3%)	135 (64.6%)
Cricket	3 (1.4%)	13 (6.2%)	132 (63.2%)
Volleyball	4 (1.9%)	9 (4.3%)	130 (62.2%)
Other activities for elderly	9 (4.3%)	16 (7.7%)	140 (67.0%)
Other activities for pre school	2 (1.0%)	6 (2.9%)	138 (66.0%)
Other activities for children/ young people	4 (1.9%)	25 (12.0%)	131 (62.7%)

Question Number : 30 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 421

Which, if any, of the following crimes and anti-social behaviour concern you in Shaw cum Donnington ?
Please tell us more on the last page.

Theft	150 (35.6%)
Mugging	34 (8.1%)
Vandalism	179 (42.5%)
Drunkenness	111 (26.4%)
Drug abuse	79 (18.8%)
Graffiti	67 (15.9%)
Other	48 (11.4%)
Not concerned	136 (32.3%)

Question Number : 31 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 407

Do you think that any of the following measures are needed?

A greater police presence	234 (57.5%)
A neighbourhood watch scheme	126 (31.0%)
Improved street lighting	131 (32.2%)
More drug/drink education/prevention	109 (26.8%)
More activities for young people	193 (47.4%)
CCTV	85 (20.9%)
Better consultation between police and local people	193 (47.4%)

Question Number : 32 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 448

What do you think about the number of houses that have been built in Shaw cum Donnington over the last 10 years?

About right	295 (65.8%)
Too many	66 (14.7%)
Too few	21 (4.7%)
Too expensive	82 (18.3%)
Too large	11 (2.5%)
Too small	8 (1.8%)
Too densely packed	78 (17.4%)

Question Number : 33 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 458

What kind of accommodation do you think Shaw cum Donnington needs?

Affordable homes	118 (25.8%)
Family homes	67 (14.6%)
Homes for people with disabilities	19 (4.1%)
Homes for single people	42 (9.2%)
Apartments	14 (3.1%)
Single houses	23 (5.0%)
Small groups of 10 or less	33 (7.2%)
Carefully designed larger groups	10 (2.2%)
Conversion of redundant buildings	78 (17.0%)
Infilling in gardens/open spaces	18 (3.9%)
No further homes are needed	196 (42.8%)
No opinion	76 (16.6%)

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Question Number : 34 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 487

Would you like to see the following places protected/maintained for the future?

Donnington Castle	427 (87.7%)
Snelsmore Common	392 (80.5%)
Kingsley Close Recreation Area	138 (28.3%)
Donnington Recreation Ground	301 (61.8%)
Recreation Ground Pavilion	213 (43.7%)
Village Hall	304 (62.4%)
Shaw House	325 (66.7%)
St Marys Church	311 (63.9%)
Donnington Grove	196 (40.2%)
The river bank	385 (79.1%)

Question Number : 36 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 445

How important are the following in helping to protect and enhance the local environment of Shaw cum Donnington ?

	very important	important	not very special	no opinion
Improve conditions of roads	81 (40.7%)	127 (28.5%)	38 (8.5%)	17 (3.8%)
Improve surfaces/widen pavements	103 (23.1%)	103 (23.1%)	77 (17.3%)	19 (4.3%)
Community composting centres	68 (15.3%)	96 (21.6%)	67 (15.1%)	44 (9.9%)
Neighbourhood recycling points	159 (35.7%)	111 (24.9%)	48 (10.8%)	20 (4.5%)
Remove litter	(47.9%)	116 (26.1%)	15 (3.4%)	11 (2.5%)
Better street lighting	(21.1%)	86 (19.3%)	100 (22.5%)	37 (8.3%)
Improve public transport	01 (22.7%)	68 (15.3%)	44 (9.9%)	69 (15.5%)
Introduce a car sharing scheme	9 (2.0%)	33 (7.4%)	87 (19.6%)	111 (24.9%)
Keep roadside verges mown and tidy	130 (29.2%)	145 (32.6%)	48 (10.8%)	16 (3.6%)
Let roadside verges grow for wildlife	47 (10.6%)	54 (12.1%)	95 (21.3%)	48 (10.8%)
Stop vehicle damage to road verges	99 (22.2%)	108 (24.3%)	60 (13.5%)	34 (7.6%)

	very important	important	not very special	no opinion
Signpost paths and bridleways	9 (17.8%)	130 (29.2%)	44 (9.9%)	28 (6.3%)
Remove unnecessary signposts	69 (16.2%)	83 (19.5%)	59 (13.9%)	49 (11.5%)
Repair gates stiles and bridges	102 (24.0%)	132 (31.1%)	34 (8.0%)	16 (3.8%)
Keep river bank tidy	210 (49.4%)	133 (31.3%)	15 (3.5%)	7 (1.6%)
Protect trees	189 (44.5%)	113 (26.6%)	10 (2.4%)	9 (2.1%)
Protect open spaces - conservation areas	255 (60.0%)	88 (20.7%)	3 (0.7%)	4 (0.9%)
Improve rights of way	117 (27.5%)	104 (24.5%)	38 (8.9%)	26 (6.1%)
More cycle paths	87 (20.5%)	97 (22.8%)	56 (13.2%)	43 (10.1%)
Make paths accessible to those with disabilities	102 (24.0%)	131 (30.8%)	30 (7.1%)	27 (6.4%)
Close some footpaths and bridleways	7 (1.6%)	8 (1.9%)	111 (26.1%)	93 (21.9%)
Open more footpaths and bridleways	86 (20.2%)	105 (24.7%)	46 (10.8%)	55 (12.9%)
More recreation areas	41 (9.6%)	80 (18.8%)	65 (15.3%)	60 (14.1%)
Invest in existing recreation areas	118 (27.8%)	135 (31.8%)	28 (6.6%)	21 (4.9%)
More employment locally	58 (19.4%)	73 (24.4%)	45 (15.1%)	70 (23.4%)
Energy saving (e.g. wind turbine)	74 (24.7%)	68 (22.7%)	49 (16.4%)	74 (24.7%)
Reduce low flying aircraft	38 (12.7%)	22 (7.4%)	81 (27.1%)	101 (33.8%)

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