

Appendices

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Love it or hate it? Like it or loathe it?

What do you like about living in the parish? Are there some things that you don't like? Do you think that some things need changing? Are you worried that some of the things that you like about the parish might be under threat or might get changed?

There are bound to be changes in the parish over the next 10-20 years. The Village Voices exercise (the Buriton Conversation) allows us all to try to make sure that changes are in accordance with the wishes of residents and local businesses. With the backing of the Parish and District Councils, the community is producing its own 'Parish Plan'.

Successful Parish Plans have the potential to influence a wide range of organisations and processes which affect our lives. And many nearby parishes are already producing their Plans and getting support for things that their residents want.

The Village Voices exercise will include views from every part of the community and from all ages. It will gradually produce ideas about important issues facing the parish – and identify actions needed to achieve what local people would like.

Once completed, the plan can be used by our local councils (and other organisations) as a bank of information and public opinion on various topics. They will know what the residents of the Parish would prefer.

Thank you for agreeing to take part in one of the 'House Party' meetings. If you get the chance to think things before the meeting, please consider:

What do you like about life in the parish?
What things do you dislike?

And, most importantly, have fun...



Village Voice – have your say and win a cash prize!

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Please answer the following questions and place this postcard in the Village Voice boxes in the village shop and the two pubs by 00.00.2006

Q1. What do you like **most** about living in Buriton? _____

Q2. What do you like **least** about living in Buriton? _____

Q3. What one thing would you like to **change** about the village? _____

If you'd like to be entered for a prize draw – **first prize is £25** to spend at the village shop and post office – please add your name and address below. First card drawn out of the hat wins.

Your name _____

Your address _____ Tel no _____

And if you'd like to say more please tick the box and we will contact you.

Many thanks for having your say!

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Under 18s – have your say and WIN HMV vouchers worth £25!

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We're doing this to help persuade the people in charge to listen to us when they make big decisions that affect our lives.

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Q3. And what would you **change** about the village? _____

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(If you are OVER 18, turn over for your chance to HAVE YOUR SAY and win a cash prize).



Appendix 2:

Issues raised at the 'Village Voice' workshop event – March 2007

Transcript of the comments from each of the themed tables

Community

Prompts were:

Ambiance / the feel of the place; Clubs, organisations and events; Village Hall and other facilities; Things for children; Things for the elderly; Inclusion; Sizes of the villages; Litter; Crime; the Parish Council

Ambiance / general feel

- I would like to see allotments re-introduced in the village
[+ 12 tick/supportive remarks]
- Community gardening could take place if a small piece of land were available. For food?
- What about a community orchard
- Also, could we have a community recycling / composting bin [+ 3 ticks + brilliant idea]
- How about a parish shredder to shred our unwanted garden prunings?
- Make more use of the village green – put a couple of seats there and a small footbridge over the stream on the pond side. [+ great idea]
- Friendliness and feeling part of a community is what I like about Buriton – and would like more things that encourage it
- A booklet listing skills / talents / loan of equipment etc available to all residents, who would contribute their talent / skill – and points or ££ could go into central fund .. for village? [+ what a good idea – would be easy via internet / email?]

Litter

- Village litter collecting mornings [+ yes and 1 tick]
- And community efforts together: grass-cutting, hedge and ditch maintenance
- + totally agree- fly-tipping on Nursted Lanes, so sad

Village Hall

- The village hall is great – Buriton is a very lucky village with all its clubs, societies and activities – generally so well supported Let's continue to ensure that this remains the case and involve all sections of our community and encourage the young
- And ensure that the Village hall can be booked for one-off events , not always by clubs / societies from outside the village
- Better availability of village Hall for village events – make village hall a village resource in usage and for financial support of village projects. [+ Come to village hall AGM]
- Access to bins for events held in the hall for disposal of rubbish

Playground & Recreation Ground

- Could we have our fence back round the swings etc etc – for security and keeping dogs out – without the wire?
- Fence around swing area [+ 6 ticks]
- It is dangerous with toddlers and the playground has now got dog mess in it [+ ditto]
- More dog bins – fewer dogs
- More discrete bins
- Signs at Kiln Lane entrance to Rec displays signs (no golf practice) – also at the pavilion entrance. But this rule is being broken
- When talking to people in their forties they tell me how they used the Rec for playing Rounders etc – organized by themselves and other games. Could we not encourage people nowadays to do the same?
- A village games day or a side event of the village fete
- More opportunities for the re-formed village cricket team
- Turn basketball courts into tennis court [+ 11? Ticks; 1 cross]
- No, we've already got tennis courts and the basketball court is a rare resource for the wider community [+ that is rarely used!]

- No, turn it into a skateboard/kids cycle playground
- Tennis ball machine [2 ticks]
- Path from car park to tennis courts – not muddy

Public Toilet

- Village Hall toilet – make into public toilet [+ 2 ticks]
- What about the 2 pubs
- Most pubs (and I expect the MR and 5B) allow you to use their toilets if you ask politely (and buy a drink/crisps to support them in return)
- Can we use a local pub – there used to be an agreement in the past [+ hear, hear]
- Why not approach EHDC about this?
- Don't agree with a public loo. Please don't build one
- Don't like this as surely this will attract / open up for abuse of the facility?
- If more people are going to visit the village through the National Park – where are they going to park?
- Public toilets will only be abused [+ no reason to assume this! Public toilets particularly needed by young / elderly – don't discriminate]

Things for children

- More activities for 5-7 year olds. After school club within school as a separate entity
- Golf for children

Events

- More village events – although already good
- But why no Hog the Limelight this year?

Police

- More local police presence [7 ticks; 1 cross]
- For what? We are v lucky to live in a largely law-abiding area with a low crime rate – maybe the Hants Constab need to send resources to higher priority areas? [+ 1 agree with this]

Parish Council

- Even greater communication from Parish Council – meetings/minutes made available via email for those who wanted to sign up – nothing is officially communicated at present [+ 2 ticks + within a week of the meeting]

Countryside / Environment

'prompts' were:

Countryside; Farming; Rights of Way; Views; Wildlife; Trees; Tranquility; Night skies; the National Park

Farming

- Farming will need to change, how can we help?
- Support your local farmers & producers, not Tesco; What about a parish farmers market [these ideas gathered three 'ticks']
- Form a local voluntary group to take practical action in the local countryside (eg. Trim vegetation on rights of way; manage Chalk Pits Nature Reserve; remove litter; monitor wildlife and rights of way). [supported by a couple of "I agree"s]
- Yes, action always better than whingeing. Yes, very much agree
- Are the Parish Council already doing this?
- Support and advice is available from E Hants AONB / S Downs Jt Cttee via QECP

Views

- Want to preserve open views onto downland. Beech hedge by footpath from North Lane to Buriton House blocks view and the strange arrangement of fences and hedge not only looks odd but makes it difficult to know where the footpath goes [+ 4 ticks]
- Keep view across from Greenway Lane clear [+ one tick]

Rights of Way

- review all Rights of Way in the Parish
- report and pursue maintenance issues to HCC

- identify 'dead ends' and propose creation / diversion to provide through routes (eg at southern end of Pitcroft Lane / The Miscombe)
- NB – the law on registering Rights of Way changes in a few years time – there is a limited opportunity to register new paths [supported by 9 ticks + “excellent”]
- Footpaths to be kept open and well maintained – to encourage locals and tourists to use them [+ 7 ticks]
- Needs a local volunteer group to monitor and take practical action
- Is the double, angular, beech-hedge fenced-off path really necessary between Lawn Cottage and Buriton House's property? – ugly, urban, angular and unnecessary [attracted 3 “agrees”]
- Footpath from Greenway Lane (Sesden Lane) at the top, stile broken/removed. Barbed wire wrapped around post. Very, very dangerous

Off-roaders

- Old cart tracks like the Milky Way (and Mead Lane; and Weston) are being ruined by “off-roaders” creating huge ruts that make them difficult to walk up / down. Can they be banned [supported by 12 ticks + yes]
- Traffic Management Order can be applied by Highway Authority (HCC). Has it been?
- What is the status of this track under the latest laws : restricted Byway (no 4WD) or BOAT (4WD allowed)

More footpaths to village

- Encourage use of footpaths in nearby adjacent fields – improve them if necessary (or create them)
- Could do Greenway Lane and North Lane in this way
- Would help people from Weston and Nursted
- Don't want 'urban' style footpaths in our lanes

Footpath over Railway

- The footpath over the railway is old, and a very joyful walk. It must stay open [supported by 6 ticks/yes's]
- Yes, improve safety and reduce annoyance from train horns in other ways

- Install better gates (both sides) – that close, with a latch [+ 11 ticks]
- And a warning system at the trackside (bell?) so that train horns aren't needed
- Make the gate lockable/latch
- Perhaps gates that cannot be opened by small children – but what if they are stuck inside the gates (ie by the trackside?)
- Keep the path open – adults-only gate is surely enough
- Perhaps small (or unreliable) children should be accompanied?

Train Horns

- Lobby for reduction of train horns [+ 6 ticks]

Light Pollution [these ideas gathered 8 ticks]

- It's wonderful being able to see stars at night.
- A mile or so away , in the Causeway, you don't see them because they are drowned out by light pollution
- Don't want this to happen in Buriton
- Too much already? Control in future and reduce present

Ban Helicopters Night Training

- Frighten animals and fly very low over cottages – across fields, Nursted and beyond [supported by 8 ticks, but 3 crosses]
- You may need these lads to defend your country one day
- If they don't do this they won't be as good as they are and they'll get shot down along with 30+ blokes in the back [supported by 2 ticks]
- Yes, reasonable to restrict frequency / ask for notice. Unreasonable to ban completely

Fireworks

- Reduce number of occasions when fireworks are let off [attracted one cross]
- Two week period around 5 Nov & special occasions only – licensed? [one cross]
- Ensure post 11pm ban is enforced [3 ticks]

Urbanisation

- No further ‘urbanisation’ (eg red paint on roads, traffic signs, unnecessary footpaths or kerbing)
- Agree – keep rural feel to Buriton

Lanes

- Seek restrictions on size of vehicles allowed on narrow village lanes [5 ticks]
- How would you get things delivered??
- Concerned re increased traffic through village [+ 13 ticks]
- + Nursted’s sunken Lane
- + Weston Lane

Traffic

- Reduce traffic speed – 20mph in village and 30 mph from outer parts of village
- Add additional pinch points
- Other villages have (quite large) areas outside the village restricted to 30mph (eg S Harting) – can we do the same?

Environment

- Try to make a feature of the various streams which arise from the springs at the foot of the downs (eg the stream down South Lane). [Supported by “a lovely idea” + tick]
- Birds, especially swifts in summer, are wonderful. Life would be horrible without them. Preserve trees and other places [+ 5 ticks]
- Shame we can’t encourage / get swallows too
- All too easy for people to get permission to fell trees these days – worries about “litigation culture”. We need to keep trees, they take decades to grow
- Where are the promised boxes for glass re-cycling? EHDC?

Jacob’s Yard

- Still an eyesore [+ 1 tick]
- When does “light industrial development” happen?
- In meanwhile, can the grass area by the lane and the awful accruing litter inside & outside gate, be moved / attended to?
- Would Buriton Estates put a shrub or two in?

Development

Prompts were:

Character / the look of the place; New houses; Small changes; Property prices; Open Spaces; Industry and jobs

Affordable and key workers houses? [+ 3 ticks]

- I would like affordable houses but don’t really want the village to grow. Small scale re-development to provide one-bed flats?
- It is young families that will keep a village alive and vibrant. They need affordable houses – but not identical boxes too close together!
- Council / Government grants (part ownership) for houses for key workers – for all houses, not just council homes
- What demand? Why build affordable houses which may be bought by people who can afford them. Most young people need to live near their work. It is very difficult to conduct social engineering in such a tiny community... [+ 1 tick]
- Get EHDC to do a survey of needs – or maybe they already know?

Old person’s accommodation

- The village has always needed an old person’s home – in a converted house? I have always wished that I had the ‘means’ to open one as the village people have to leave their (often life long) homes and move elsewhere [+ 1 tick]

Open Spaces

- Make more use of the little 'green' across the road from the village pond – some seats (and a little bridge?) [+ 6 ticks + “What a great idea”]
- Make it a car park? [“no car park” + 5 others disagreeing with the car park idea]
- Can we hold a village event in this location – craft fair? Maypole dancing.
- It may get wet under foot
- Better parking at the pond
- Stop parking in front of church gates [+ 2 ticks] – using flowers/shrubs in pots – not signs!

Overhead cables

- Place utilities (electricity etc) underground with cable TV – would benefit residents and remove unsightly overhead cables, telegraph posts etc [+ 11 ticks + “excellent thought”]
- Also less vulnerable to high winds and power cuts

Industrial development

- Causeway development as proposed must be stopped [+ 5 agrees; 1 disagree]
- Light industry (no HGVs!) close to Buriton should be encouraged and would provide local employment and opportunities. Needs to be on appropriate scale and suitable site(s). + “sounds like utopia; life is not like that” + “So don't even try then?”
- Utilise the lime quarries which is available
- Business and “industry” should be related to the rural environment – look at the successes being made in the National Forest in Leicester/Derby/Notts. Encourage farmers to return excessive agricultural land producing surplus crops into accessible countryside
- More village jobs for children (as well as for grown ups!)
- Small business units in the village – allow conversions
- Industrial development needs to be contained on Bedford Road, close to A3 and walking distance to town centre, railway station and bus services. We should discourage the use of the motor car for commuting [+ 6 ticks]
- Then we need more buses to travel to work and maybe a bus to get our children to school at the right time as the one that we have now is either too early or too late

- School buses in America – idea could be copied here to save mums driving children to school

Other contributions

- Don't like Conservatories unless in keeping / character
- Agree! Most plastic ones look awful
- Don't like street lighting (orange). The Council were giving grants to change this [+ 5 ticks]
- Why do we need street lighting at all? It's amazing what you can see without street lighting [+3 ticks]
- The scrapyard at Greenway Lane is not a nice introduction to the village / National Park. Maybe relocate and use the yard for small development of homes.
- Local exchange trading system (LETS) for villagers [+ 2 ticks, great idea]

Transport

the prompts were

Bus service; Traffic speeds; Pedestrians and cyclists; Conditions of roads and lanes; Parking; Safety; Road signs; Journeys to school

Safer Routes

- Bicycle routes to TPS [+ 4 ticks]
- Could make Bolinge Hill Lane a “gated road” or “quiet lane” – mostly for walkers, cyclists but access for farm and houses?
- A bicycle route into Petersfield would be marvelous – that avoids cycling next to heavy traffic. Even with marked cycle lane, the Causeway can get a bit hairy sometimes
- Make Petersfield Road “Access Only” – this might reduce or stop people using it as a cut through (esp taxis) and make it a safer cycle route towards Petersfield [+ agree + tick]
- Create a usable footpath from Greenway Lane to the village (alongside railway). This would make walking to the village safer – presently too dangerous to walk down the road. A couple of stiles over a gate and 2 wire fences is all that is required [good idea + 5 ticks]

- Agree – I like walking up Sesden Lane but it is dangerous walking along the road and over the bridge to get there from village centre
- Pavement on the main road from Petersfield [+ 4 ticks and pavement/cycle path]
- Avoid urban looking by putting footpath behind hedge (nb after a footpath is built people will ask for street lights)
- When on a bicycle there are a number of dangerous holes in the road when cycling to and from the roundabout. They are difficult to avoid particularly when being overtaken by a car.
- Need a bike route to Petersfield (not muddy) [+ 9 ticks]
- Could Bolinge Hill Road become a ‘quiet lane’ – only for pedestrians, cyclists and access
- Maintain footpath from Buriton roundabout to Petersfield – it’s in an appalling condition and dangerous with all the debris and rubbish
- Cycle routes/bridleways linking Ditcham/Nursted/Buriton? – but not too twee please

Public transport

- Quicker, more frequent bus service to Petersfield (direct) [+ 7 ticks]
- How about a tram service to Petersfield and Buriton – more reliable and cheap to run [3 ticks]
- A railway station at Buriton, like Rowlands Castle [+ 3 ticks]
- Reliable bus service (morning especially) [6 ticks + “definitely needed”]
- Bus price has gone up 50%
- A seat in the bus shelter [+ 7 ticks/yes’s]
- Bus shelter at top of Greenway Lane

Journeys to school

- Bus service for children from Petersfield to village school [+ 4 ticks]
- Also need bus service to get our children to the local secondary school for 8.25am not a 7.45 bus or 8.45 as too early or too late
- Safer cycle routes to schools
- Bus to Buriton primary school
- The school should encourage parents to share cars – and assist by offering a “matchmaking” service as happens in lots of places [4 ticks/agrees]
- Do something about the school run which blocks the High Street every morning. On the recent ‘snowy’ day the High Street was a complete log-jam

- Cooperation between school and local public houses re parking at beginning of school day and end of school (would help reduce congestion on High Street at these times!) [Good idea + tick + yes]
- It would help if the headteacher and governors took a lead to reduce number of parents driving into the village and encourage sensible parking (ie not in front of the bus stop when the elderly and young mothers with push chairs are waiting for the bus)
- People don’t like to park in Heatherfield as very dangerous crossing by Master Robert with lots of cars: 4 directions, children etc
- If teachers used village hall car park, the High Street would not be so congested. Parked cars might help slow traffic down but they do not help the aesthetic look of the High Street
- I realise that teachers do not like walking to car park in the dark evenings – what about some sensor-reactive lights?
- Is High Street congestion such a bad thing? It may help to slow traffic down when the peak of pedestrian movement (inc school children occurs). Do we want a “freeway” through the village [+ no]

Parking

- Could a piece of land be allocated or bought to provide a car park so parking could be taken out of the High Street [yes great + 5 ticks]
- This is the most sensible proposal – convert piece of land into screened car parking and ban parking in the village. Provide adequate pavements. We will all complain for five years and then get used to it [yes agreed + 3 ticks]
- Look ahead! Parking in the proposed Country Park [National Park?]. Suggest that the old Butser Lime works pits be considered for local Country Park parking – keeping excess traffic out of the village [+ 2 ticks]
- No, the car is not king. There are better uses for the Lime Works (eg nature reserve, local craft centre, light industry etc)
- Wouldn’t light industry/small businesses and car park work together since parking most in use by weekend walkers/visitors. Such bi-use would not aid security of business units
- Off road parking for High Street residents ? Pond Green?
- No, don’t let cars take over any more green spaces

Village Hall Car Park

- Proper Car Park – gravel etc [+ 1 agree]
- As long as it is not tarmac
- Top end of village hall car park could do with sorting asap. It is an eyesore and dangerous for unsteady feet: young and elderly
- Yes, but please don't use tarmac
- Village Hall Committee funds could help make a big contribution to costs as all Hall users will benefit
- Resurface the 'Rec' Parking [it would be nice + 7 ticks]
- Heavy rain removes surface of parking area and washes it into High Street where it blocks drains. Resurfacing essential
- The problem is that no drainage is available

Speed Limits

- Reduce speed limit on Greenway Lane – needs to be 30mph especially at the residential end near the roundabout [+ 5 ticks]
- Continue reduction through village to Stanbridge Farm junction
- 30mph from the roundabout and along Greenway Lane
- Also 30mph start exit from Bolinge Hill and from Nursted Hill and top of Halls Hill
- Slow signs in Nursted Lane (but not obtrusive!)
- What about 20mph through village [agree + tick + usually can't go faster]
- Speed limit from roundabout Greenway Lane 30mph into village to be 20mph and back out of village all directions 30mph [+ 2 ticks]
- 30mph sign at bottom of Kiln Lane should be positioned well before the exit of the Recreation Ground [+ 3 ticks]
- In Scotland they use advance warning signs for speed limits which reflect a realistic awareness that drivers can't slow down on a sixpence. They also imply a respect for drivers. Thanks on signs are also 'nice to have'
- 20 mph speed limit in High Street and North Lane (+ Bones Lane) [9 ticks; 1 no]
- It is impossible to do more than 10-15 mph in High street anyway – so why impose unenforceable speed limits? We need to ask why non-residents use the High Street. If it's a rat-run a solution needs to be found. [+ 1 agree] A reduction of traffic is better than knee-jerk traffic calming [+ 1 agree]
- Making it easier for traffic to get through will not solve the problem, just encourage more traffic. So keep/make it difficult to get through and maybe Buriton

a "no-go" area [+ 1 agree]

- Put speed bumps in High Street [2 ticks; 2 crosses]
- Why damage our cars more?
- Park your car and walk? (or drive properly and avoid damage)
- Speed bumps difficult for emergency vehicles and create urban effect – better to use pinch-points
- Speed bumps cause noise and disturbance and people still speed between them

Traffic Calming

- Entering village signs / slow children by entrance to Rec from Kiln Lane - ? Timber fences at side of road and short section of coloured tarmac as in Surrey rather than more road signs. Do people like this 'design feature' of traffic calming?
- How do you slow down traffic traveling north down Kiln Lane? Concern is entrance to Recreation Ground. A few speed bumps maybe?
- Current ugly traffic calming schemes do little to reduce speed. Totally new approach needed to reduce size and speed of traffic. What?
- Path for Master Robert disabled access is an eyesore. Can it at least be reduced? Any ideas?? [2 agrees + 5 ticks]
- Zebra crossing next to Master Robert [very good idea + 4 ticks]
- Incorporate this [the zebra crossing] into more attractive traffic calming – needn't be a 'zebra', but a clear place where pedestrians have right of way to cross the road
- Permanent chicane that fits with pavement (by Master Robert + 1 by Five Bells)

Through traffic

- Need to ensure that village not used by through traffic on Sat-Nav systems – so low speeds posted could stop through running
- How can we check if any Sat-Nav systems do route any 'through traffic' through the village?

Size of vehicles

- We need a more positive deterrent at the entrance to the village in order to stop very large delivery vehicles from coming through. Of course, a certain amount of lorries, vans etc need to come to the village but not the enormous ones that I recently witnessed [+ 4 ticks]

- Maybe limited / restricted delivery times?
- ‘access only’ signs instead of ‘unsuitable for heavy vehicles’ on Greenway Lane and North Lane
- The signs “unsuitable for heavy vehicles” at the end of Greenway and North Lanes should either be made more conspicuous or replaced with “access only” [+ 4 ticks]

Smaller Refuse Lorries

- Yes, village and Nursted Lane
- Yes, our own Council is damaging our lanes
- [collected 5 ticks/agrees]

Road Signs

- Remove as many road signs and road markings – return village roads to how they used to
- Yes, this is a country village – a natural village, not a ‘twee’ place
- Need a (fingerpost) village hall sign – and less road signs [+ 3 ticks]

Street cleaning (High Street)

- More regular cleaning needed to prevent drains blocked with leaves etc which causes flooding. Residents in High Street should be notified of street cleaning and asked to remove cars to give access to drains. This was done in the past but now the street cleaner is restricted [+ agree]
- Fully support this, to be done on a regular basis
- This is a complex problem because it involves car parking by residents and non-residents. A comprehensive notice arrangement is required (to be studied in depth) to ensure that all are alerted before cleaning starts
- Maybe a regular day each month for cleaning road so that residents at least will know that the cars are to be moved

The Rail Crossing

- Remove the rail crossing [2 ticks and 2 crosses]
- Remove Rail crossing by Recreation Ground [3 ticks, 3 crosses + “no, no, no, no, no and again no” + the following:]

- Why close it – this is an established public footpath [6 ticks]
- No – should not use safety as an excuse to reduce horn noise (which would not follow anyway) but see new guidelines introduced next month [2 agrees]
- Remove foot crossing over railway – it’s dangerous to young children [1 yes, 7 crosses + “then educate children, don’t blame others”]
- I agree – it is an accident waiting to happen and there is a lovely alternative route
- But there has never been an accident; it’s safer than crossing the road
- I am not aware of an accident in the last 30 years (several suicides though). Proper gates and warnings are sufficient
- Gates are frequently left open
- Some people are really only worried about the noise of horns – solve that in other ways and improve safety of gates

Train Horns

- Pursue the continuing problem of high sound levels. Conduct a monitoring exercise and make recordings showing the variation of durations and sequences of tones used by various drivers. Some are much more intrusive than others. Is there a standard for Horn Use? What is it? Is it being followed? [agree + 8 ticks]
- This needs to be pursued with South West Trains. There is now agreement that horns should not be sounded from 10pm – 7am – and have discretion of drivers at other times too – but the average driver will always sound horns unless encouraged/ incentivised not to do so
- See docs on RSSB website
- Close the footpath – no need for horns
- No – noise can be sorted without closing footpath

The A3

- Public paths cross the A3 at 4 points between Petersfield and Buriton cross-roads. There is not even a single sign on the A3 warning of pedestrians crossing – and crossing at these points is difficult and hazardous. Signs are needed as a minimum. A footbridge would be better
- Better solution is at least a central island so that the road can be crossed in two stages. And reducing width through narrowing will also reduce speeds
- There are central islands already aren’t there? Narrowing could be very dangerous on a Trunk Road
- Noise is a constant intrusion in the countryside on both sides of road – and particularly in Weston

Blue Skies Ideas

- We'd like a community orchard – somewhere with fruit trees planted by children that we can look after in the future [+ 5 ticks] [+ a community vineyard given global warming]
- It would be nice to have allotments in the village [+ 2 ticks]
- More adventurous use of village hall to provide local services (eg learning activities; advice sessions (CAB?); showplace for local trade; hobby centre; arts & crafts etc – not just sports and games). + good idea + 2 ticks
- Similar to Liss Triangle Centre would be great – also offer more jobs too. Fantastic successful local model – see what would be worth imitating?
- + home for occasional parish farmers market to help local farmers
- Internet café in village hall? There's already an optical fibre into the school – easy to extend, very broadband
- It would be good to have somewhere in the village offering internet access for those who don't have home computers [+ 4 “great idea”s]
- Can't people be allowed to go into the school in the evenings and weekends and use school facilities
- Or in village shop / pub
- After school club for 5-7 year olds maybe at the village hall or school.
- What about the fandabadozee group that already runs?
- Who would be willing to run this?
- Great if we could encourage the school for this – since the village hall is already busy most evenings
- An observatory – fab stars, make the most of them
- Low light pollution as well
- Keep it that way
- Village stocks – or ducking stool by pond as part of an illustration of village life in the past
- Slightly more seriously – what about restoring part of the old sheep wash across the road from the pond
- Make a feature of the stream that runs down South Lane
- Sculpture on the Greenway Lane roundabout [+ 3 ticks] – or a tree?
Or flowers: the above may not be allowed due to safety of traffic (accidents etc)
- Plant more bulbs/flowers along verges at village ‘gateways’
But natural / subtle: not too big, bright or bold
- Footpath from Greenway Lane to village across fields
- Identify some ‘heritage’ footpaths / local walks
- Are there some old paths that we could re-open [+ 3 ticks]
- There is a limited opportunity to register old/new rights of way. New law will freeze the position in a few years time
- Cleaner pond
- Introduce pond working party again – or does it still exist?
- More ducks and get some swans – saw some Canadian Geese last week
- Local initiatives to provide environmentally-friendly systems (eg biomass heating system for school and village hall?). Local production of biomass fuels?
- Less village politicking!
- EHDC planning committee appears to lack vision and in many cases (but with some notable exceptions) competence. There must be a better way (apart from hanging them)
- How to engage with planning committee
- Public toilets near pond or near village hall [2 ticks; 3 crosses]
- No new toilets needed – get one or both pubs to provide facility. Opening hours?
- More places to sit on the Rec (hygienic!)
- Ambient music around village [2 ticks; 18 crosses/no's]
- More interesting playground facilities – what?
- Add more to the park
- Playground, swings etc for the older children

- Safe fencing around playground again
- Prevent dogs fouling in play area and keep toddlers safe

- Bicycle rent

- Sport pavilion
- Tennis hut with toilet/kitchen [+ 5 ticks]
- Sports pavilion [+ 6 ticks]
- A shelter from rain [2 ticks]
- Tables & chairs, noticeboard, drinks machine
- General meeting point for all local clubs
- Access to existing sports facilities – changing rooms etc (toilet)
- Football nets
- Football nets to stay up
- Tennis scoreboard
- More tennis courts (eg clay and grass) [+ 4 ticks]
- A third tennis court [5 ticks; 1 cross]
- Four of five tennis courts [5 ticks; 3 crosses]
- Tennis court floodlights [6 ticks; 4 crosses] [2 more elsewhere]
- Cricket nets - for cricket clubs to practice and for small boys and girls
- A swimming pool
- Swimming pool at end of school meadow – joint school/village [14 Ticks; 1 cross]
- Go-Kart track for 12+
- Rope swings in the woods
- Artificial cricket pitch
- Rugby posts and rugby club
- Roller-coaster on the Rec
- Riding stables [+ 6 ticks]
- Croquet lawn
- Outdoor bowls
- Bring back boules by the pond [+ yes please]

Appendix 4: Flyer promoting forthcoming Questionnaire Survey



COMING SOON...

A chance to have your say...
Complete the Big Buriton
Questionnaire and get a
beautiful limited edition
picture print of your parish –
FREE!

You could also win a big
CASH PRIZE!

Watch out for the survey –
it'll drop
through your
door soon...

 **VILLAGE
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The GREAT VILLAGE VOICE SURVEY



We're producing a parish plan to tell the people in power how we want our parish to look in the future. We've gathered lots of information at house parties and at workshops but before we produce the plan we want every household to chip in. Your answers will be confidential, so please HAVE YOUR SAY.

We've made it really easy to complete: questions are in blue; background information, instructions and answer options are in black; and places where you like us to tick, circle or perhaps write something have a white background. At the end of the survey, we'll tell you what to do next...

Community

How does your household rate the feeling of community spirit in the Parish generally? (Tick one box only)

Very good Good No strong opinion Reasonable Poor

Are there any particular reasons for this answer?

What are the views of your household about social activities, events, clubs and societies etc in the parish for the following groups of people: (tick those which apply)

Children up to 11	Excellent	Good	No strong opinion	Needs improvement	Bad
Children 12-16	Excellent	Good	No strong opinion	Needs improvement	Bad
Young people 17-25	Excellent	Good	No strong opinion	Needs improvement	Bad
People 26-40	Excellent	Good	No strong opinion	Needs improvement	Bad
People 41-60	Excellent	Good	No strong opinion	Needs improvement	Bad
People over 60	Excellent	Good	No strong opinion	Needs improvement	Bad

Are there any new clubs or activities that you would attend in the parish if they were provided or any additional amenities / facilities / activities that you would like to have access to? If so, please give details

At a number of the Village Voice House Parties, people suggested that additional activities or facilities may be required for children, teenagers and for the elderly in the parish. What do you think might be required? Please let us have your ideas

Do you feel that you always know about what is going on in the parish? (Tick one box only)

Yes, usually Only sometimes Never seem to know about what is going on

How could information about what is going on be improved?

How often do members of your household use the following local facilities?

Facility	Days per week	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Monthly	Less frequently	Never
Burton village shop	Days per week	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Monthly	Less frequently	Never
Burton village Post Office	Days per week	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Monthly	Less frequently	Never
Burton village pubs	Days per week	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Monthly	Less frequently	Never
Mobile library	Days per week	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Monthly	Less frequently	Never
The Village Hall	Days per week	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Monthly	Less frequently	Never
Recreation Ground / Tennis Courts	Days per week	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Monthly	Less frequently	Never
Swings / slide / playground	Days per week	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Monthly	Less frequently	Never

Do you think that the village Post Office and shop is an important amenity for our community? (Tick one box only)

Yes No No opinion

Are there any changes that you would like to see to any of the village facilities? Please give details

At the House Parties, people have suggested some new facilities / amenities for the parish. Would you use any of the following? (Please circle those that you would use)

Village photocopyer Village fax machine Village internet access point Occasional fish shops Directory of 'who does what' (talents and skills)

Are there any other new facilities that you would like to be able to use in the parish? If so, please give details

Do you have access to the Internet from home? Yes No

If so, is it broadband? Yes No

If you are on broadband are you satisfied with the service speed that you can obtain? Satisfied Not satisfied

Do you have any ideas for assisting local businesses in the parish and people who work from home? If so, please give details

The House Parties have also suggested that some changes to existing facilities may be popular. Should someone look at any of the following? Circle those that you would like to see investigated:

Improving the times that residents can use the Village Hall Allowing greater community use of the school's facilities Allowing wider usage of the Recreation Ground changing rooms Providing access to public toilets

Are there any other changes to existing facilities that you would like to see investigated? Please give details

Would you use any (or more) of the following Educational facilities? (Tick more than one box if necessary)

Nursery Schools Playgroups After school clubs Holiday play schemes Registered childminders Other (give details)

Have you any comments about educational facilities in the parish?

Does your family have any difficulty in getting to any of these medical facilities? (Tick more than one box if necessary)

Hospital Doctor Dentist Optician Chiropodist Chemist / Pharmacy

Other medical facilities (give details)

What is it that makes getting to these facilities difficult?

Have you any suggestions about medical facilities or care arrangements for the parish?

At the Village Voice House Parties, some people commented about some of the following. How do you feel about each? Tick your answer in each case

Issue	Very worried	Slightly worried	Not worried	Not worried at all
Vandalism	Very worried	Slightly worried	Not worried	Not worried at all
Other anti-social behaviour	Very worried	Slightly worried	Not worried	Not worried at all
Crime in general	Very worried	Slightly worried	Not worried	Not worried at all
Safety of children	Very worried	Slightly worried	Not worried	Not worried at all
Safety of the elderly	Very worried	Slightly worried	Not worried	Not worried at all
Safety of electrified railway line	Very worried	Slightly worried	Not worried	Not worried at all

If you have any worries or concerns, please give details

Do you have any difficulty getting to a Citizens' Advice Bureau? (Tick one box only)

Yes No

At the Village Voice House Parties and workshops, some people commented about how well the Parish Council publicises its work. How well do you think that the Parish Council publicises its activities and decisions? (Tick one box only)

Very well Reasonably well Badly No opinion

Do you feel that your elected representatives in local government are sufficiently aware of local concerns and feelings? Tick your answer in each case

Parish Council	Fully aware	Reasonably aware	No strong opinion	Not very aware	Unaware
District Council	Fully aware	Reasonably aware	No strong opinion	Not very aware	Unaware
County Council	Fully aware	Reasonably aware	No strong opinion	Not very aware	Unaware

Are there any activities or projects which you consider may be worthwhile to bring the community together? Give details

Countryside / Environment

Lots of people have told us that they really like the appearance and setting of the parish.

What do you value about the local countryside? (Circle a number of the following attributes)

Rural feel Beautiful countryside The landscape of the Downs Attractive views Well tended farmland Nearby woods and forests Hedge rows and field trees Diversity of bird and plant life Ease of access to the countryside Public footpaths Birdways Attractive rural lanes Sunken parts of local lanes Peace, quiet and tranquility

Have you any other comments?

At the Village Voice House Parties, some people were worried about some of the following. How do you feel? Tick your answer in each case

Issue	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Amount of litter around the parish	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Amount of flytipping around the parish	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Amount of dog muck in public places	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Condition of footpaths, stiles, bridleways	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Changes that spoil views from public paths	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Lack of safe crossings across the A3	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Visual impact of power cables in countryside	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Visual impact of overhead cables in villages	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Noise from the A3	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Noise from military helicopters	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Noise from train horns	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Noise from late night events	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Noise from the church bells	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Bright lights at night spoiling views of stars	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
A gradual loss of tranquillity	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Felling and topping of trees	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Damage to parish's rural lanes by traffic	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Rights of Way damaged by off-road vehicles	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all
Rights of Way safety with off-road vehicles	Very worried	Worried	Slightly worried	Not worried at all

Would you support plans of action for any of the issues that you are worried about? Yes No

Do you have any suggestions for solutions? Please give details

At the House Parties, people suggested ideas for new amenities for the parish. Would you like to see any of these? (Tick as appropriate)

A community orchard or garden	Yes	No	No opinion
Allotments	Yes	No	No opinion
Community composting	Yes	No	No opinion
Extended recycling facilities	Yes	No	No opinion
Making more of a feature of some of our streams	Yes	No	No opinion
Making better use of the green (across the road from Burton Pond)	Yes	No	No opinion
Restoring the old sheepwash by the village pond	Yes	No	No opinion
Or other historic features (please specify)	Yes	No	No opinion
Creating some new public footpaths or bridleways	Yes	No	No opinion

If yes, where?

Do you use the public footpath that goes over the railway line from the Recreation Ground to the woods? Yes No

Would you like to see the crossing over the railway line closed? Yes No No opinion

At the House Parties, people expressed a willingness to help with some initiatives. Would you be prepared to help with any of the following? (Circle more than one if necessary and please contact us via Doug Jones: 01730 231326)

Protecting wildlife habitats Maintaining footpaths Litter picking Tidying the pond Cutting grass in cemetery

At the Village Voice House Parties and workshops, people recognised that farming is vital to the future of our local landscapes and countryside. Have you any suggestions about how we might be able to help our local farmers? If so, please give details / ideas

Would you like to know more about our local farms / farming? Yes No

Would you support a farmers' market in the parish? Yes No No opinion

The parish of Burton is likely to be in a new National Park for the South Downs within the next few years, promoting recreational uses of the area and encouraging conservation.

What opportunities does this create for the parish?

What threats does this pose for the parish?

Development

Do you think that the parish can support more development? Housing? Yes No No opinion Commercial / Industry? Yes No No opinion

At the Village Voice House Parties, people suggested the need for some types of housing. If there is to be more development in the parish, what sort of houses do you think should be provided? (Please number 1 to 5 in order of importance, 1 being most important and 5 least important)

Startler homes / flats

Small family homes (up to 2 bedrooms)

Large family homes (3-4 bedrooms and above)

Specialist housing (e.g. sheltered housing for the elderly)

Other (give details)

At the Village Voice House Parties and workshops, people told us they think the parish is a very attractive place. Do you feel that any recent development in the parish is out of character? If so, please give details

Are there any open spaces which you feel might be at risk and should be safeguarded? If so, please give details

Would you agree Burton village is generally hidden from view as you approach it? Yes No No opinion

Would you agree the entrances to the settlements in the parish are generally very attractive and any new development should not detract from this situation? Yes No No opinion

If there is to be any traffic calming in the parish, would you like it to look more in keeping with the character of the villages than the current examples in Burton High Street? Yes No No opinion

What are your feelings about 'visual clutter' caused by signs? There are too many signs and too much clutter, signs should be rationalised and reduced Things are OK, not a problem No strong opinion on the matter

How do you feel about the sub-division of fields with extra fencing, sheds and shelters for pony paddocks? Very worried Worried Slightly worried Not worried at all No opinion

How would you feel about the visual effects of small wind-turbines being fitted to individual houses? Very worried Worried Slightly worried Not worried at all No opinion

People have told us that other villages are gradually losing their attractive appearances and local character because many small changes are made without adequate attention to detail (e.g. inappropriate roadside kerbing, extra bits of concrete or tarmac for car-parking, stark garden walls and other things that remove the 'soft edges' of villages. What do you feel about this issue? It is important for everyone to pay attention to small details and to retain the character of our villages There is no need to encourage people to keep things in character, let them do whatever they want No opinion

The Parish Plan is helping to update Burton's Village Design Statement to help ensure that any new development is designed and located to respect local characteristics and the qualities that residents value. From the comments received, it appears that people feel that most of the Village Design Statement is still valid and important - but that there could be a few additions. Do you feel that the planning authority pays sufficient attention to Burton's Village Design Statement? Yes No Don't know

In the original survey for the Village Design Statement in 1999, over 80% of respondents said that they felt that the gap between the parish and Petersfield was important (to preserve the special identity of the local community, etc). How do you feel about this issue now? It is important that the gap between the parish and Petersfield is preserved? Yes No No opinion

Transport

From the discussions at the Village Voice House Parties, a number of transport issues seem to be key issues in the parish. People have described a range of difficulties with transport into or out of the village. Do members of your household experience transport difficulties in:

Getting to work Often Occasionally Never

Getting to school / college Often Occasionally Never

Getting to other places Often Occasionally Never

Please give details

If you have a car, would you be prepared to offer lifts to other residents or take part in some other form of community transport scheme? Yes No (If yes, please contact us via Doug Jones: 01730 231326)

If you use the bus services, what improvements would you like to see? (Tick more than one box if necessary)

Better information about services available Different routes / destinations Better reliability

Different timings / times of day Lower costs More bus shelters Other improvements

Please give details

If you do NOT use the bus services, would changes of any of the aspects listed in the previous question encourage you to do so? (Tick and / or give details as appropriate)

or nothing (never likely to use bus services)

If the bus service was to be withdrawn, should the community try to obtain and run a community minibus? Yes No

Would you be willing to volunteer to help with a community minibus scheme? Yes No

(If "yes", please contact us via Doug Jones: 01730 231326)

At the Village Voice House Parties, some people have suggested having a "halt" for Burton passengers on the railway line. Do you think that this idea should be explored? Yes No

At the Village Voice Parties and workshops, some people have expressed concerns about a range of traffic issues. Do you think that road safety is a problem in the parish? Yes No No opinion

Do you think that the speed of traffic is a problem in the parish? Yes No No opinion

Do you think that the size of vehicles on roads in the parish is a problem? Yes No No opinion

Do you think that the number of cars bringing children to school is a problem? Yes No No opinion

Do you think that there are road maintenance problems in the parish? Yes No No opinion

Do you think that it is so, where?

People at House Pt

Do you think that it is so, where?

For motorists: Yes

For pedestrians: Yes

For cyclists: Yes

Do you think that it is so, where?

Greenway Lane (off Weston Lane) K3 South Lane North 82146 (Harting Road)

A number of speed limit signs are missing

Would you support the village going to parking needs and no more speed limit signs

Would you support the village going to parking needs and no more speed limit signs

Would you support the village going to parking needs and no more speed limit signs

Have you any other comments?

and finally

Are there any other comments?

Considering all that you have said, in order of priority

1

2

3

Please tell us a few words about your answers

Please enter your name

5-9 yrs 6-10 yrs

How many members of your household are in full or part-time education?

Where is their main place of work? (Please give one place for each worker in the household, including 'work from home')

What is the main means of transport to work (please tick one box for each worker in the household) their own car/van get a lift in another car/van motor cycle / scooter / moped bus train taxi walk cycle other (give details)

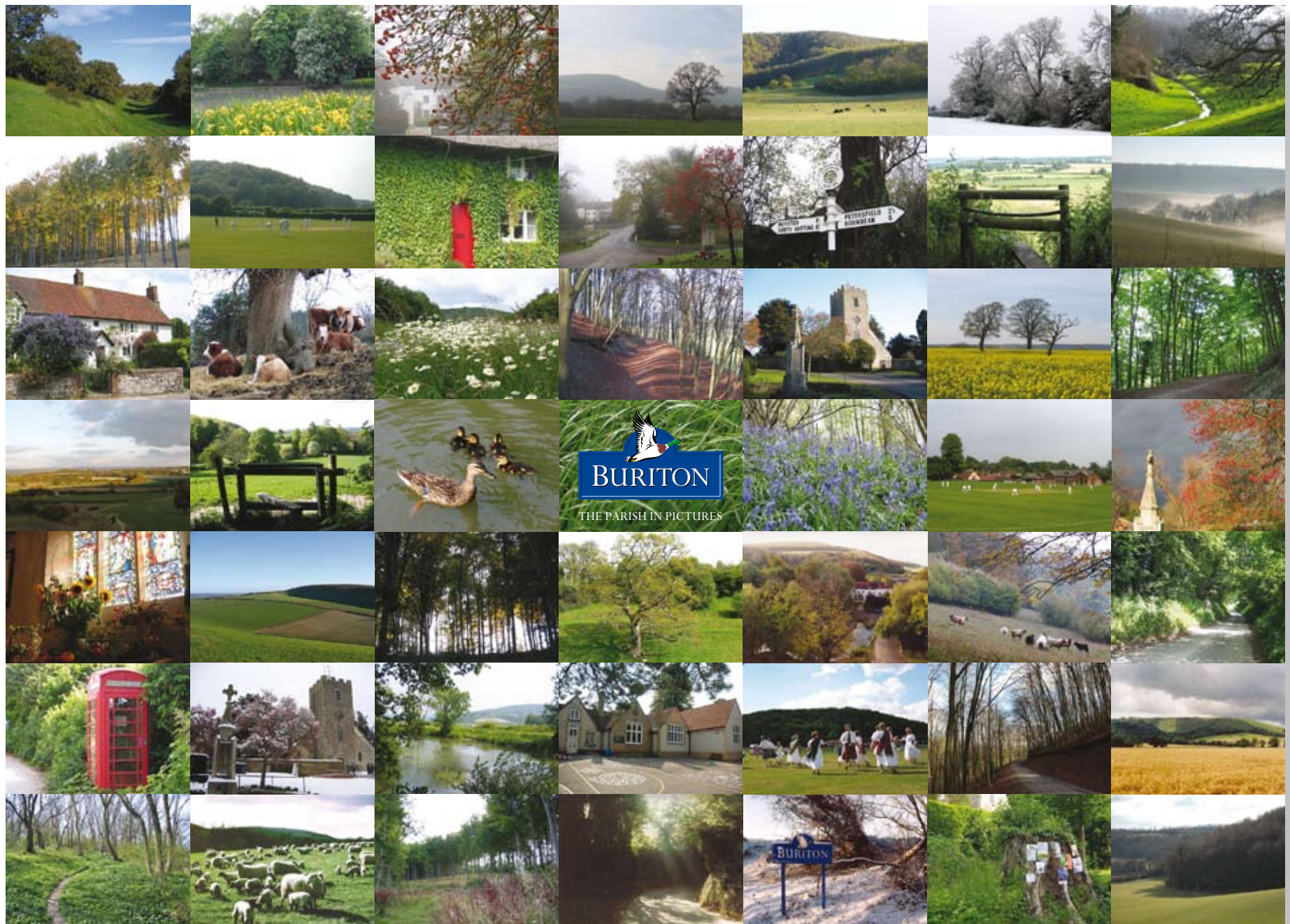
How many in the household are in full or part-time education?

Where do they go? (Please give one place for each pupil in the household)

What is their main means of transport to school / college? (Please tick one box for each student in the household) family car/van get a lift in another car/van motor cycle / scooter / moped bus train taxi walk cycle other (give details)

Your name (optional)

Thanks for having your say! To get your free copy of the limited edition picture print and enter our £100 cash prize draw please bring your completed survey to Buriton Village Hall between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on Saturday 14 July 2007. Or, at the same time on the same date, in Ditcham you can take the survey to Margaret Oates at Old Ditcham Farm and in Weston, to Terry Swan at 3 Wylde Lane. If you can't get to any of those, don't worry, give Doug Jones a ring (before 14 July) on 01730 231326.



Appendix 5: Parish picture poster – received by all repondents (*shown at 35% actual size*)

Appendix 6:

The Great Village Voice Questionnaire

This introduction and the analysis on following sheets appeared in the Winter 2007 edition of the Buriton parish magazine:

There was a fantastic response to the Great Village Voice Survey with over half the households in the parish returning their questionnaires. This is a very good response rate – much higher than most places ever achieve – and it should provide the community with some excellent evidence for whenever we need to argue our case.

There was a good spread of replies from all across the parish and the organisers would like to say a big “thank you” to everyone who took part.

A summary of all the initial results was prepared for display at the Village Show and has also been presented to the Parish Council, but we felt that everyone should be able to see them – so we have prepared this special insert for the Parish Magazine.

In addition to the results summarised on the following pages, there were another 30 questions where we asked for written comments and ideas. We received 1,500 in total.

And there were lots of offers of help for each of the issues where volunteers were sought.

All this information is now available to the Parish Council to take into account in decision-making – and to use when it wants to influence other organisations. And we are very pleased to see that some of the ‘Village Voice’ work has already been influential in helping the Parish Council obtain grants and other benefits for the community.

The Village Voice team will now be using all the answers from the survey – and information from the other workshops and house parties – to summarise all the important issues identified. We aim to publish the results of all our work in a ‘Parish Plan’ in spring 2008 along with an update to the Village Design Statement.

The plan will help the Parish Council to tell other people in power how we want our parish to look in the future – and it will contain action plans to help take important issues forward.

Successful parish plans can influence a wide range of organisations and processes which affect our lives. Many parishes around us are already producing theirs and getting support for projects and services that their residents want.

We hope that our work will also continue to be successful and we thank everyone, once again, for all their help, inputs and assistance.

October 2007

Community

How does your household rate the feeling of community spirit in the Parish generally?

Very good **24%** Good **45%** No strong opinion **12%** Reasonable **14%** Poor **5%**

What are the views of your household about social activities, events, clubs and societies etc in the parish for the following groups of people:

Ages up to 11	Excellent 4%	Good 24%	No strong opinion 45%	Needs improvement 22%	Bad 4%
Age 12-16	Excellent 0%	Good 8%	No strong opinion 45%	Needs improvement 36%	Bad 11%
Age 17-25	Excellent 1%	Good 5%	No strong opinion 49%	Needs improvement 35%	Bad 10%
Age 26-40	Excellent 4%	Good 34%	No strong opinion 46%	Needs improvement 13%	Bad 3%
Age 41-60	Excellent 6%	Good 41%	No strong opinion 40%	Needs improvement 12%	Bad 1%
Ages over 60	Excellent 4%	Good 26%	No strong opinion 50%	Needs improvement 14%	Bad 5%

Do you feel that you always know about what is going on in the parish?

Yes, usually **49%** Only sometimes **48%** Never seem to know about what is going on **3%**

How often do members of your household use the following local facilities?

Buriton village shop	1-7 days per week 38%	Monthly 16%	Less Frequently 35%	Never 11%
Buriton village Post Office	1-7 days per week 23%	Monthly 24%	Less Frequently 33%	Never 19%
Buriton village pubs	1-7 days per week 26%	Monthly 28%	Less Frequently 37%	Never 9%
Mobile library	1-7 days per week 4%	Monthly 10%	Less Frequently 6%	Never 80%
The Village Hall	1-7 days per week 14%	Monthly 11%	Less Frequently 54%	Never 21%
Recreation Ground / Tennis Courts	1-7 days per week 39%	Monthly 11%	Less Frequently 20%	Never 30%
Swings / slide / playground	1-7 days per week 18%	Monthly 5%	Less Frequently 13%	Never 64%

Do you think that the village Post Office and shop is an important amenity for our community?

Yes **85%** No **5%** No opinion **10%**

At the House Parties, people have suggested some new facilities / amenities for the parish.

Would you use any of the following?

Village photocopier **26%** Village fax machine **8%** Village Internet access point **10%**
Occasional film shows **57%** Directory of 'who does what' (talents and skills) **50%**

Do you have access to the Internet from home? Yes **73%** No **27%**

If so, is it Broadband? Yes **79%** No **21%**

If you are on Broadband are you satisfied with the service speed that you can obtain?

Satisfied **70%** Not satisfied **30%**

The House Parties have also suggested that some changes to existing facilities may be popular.

Should someone look at any of the following?

Improving the times that residents can use the Village Hall **20%**

Allowing greater community use of the school's facilities **17%** Allowing wider usage of the Recreation Ground changing rooms **14%** Providing access to public toilets **37%**

Would you use any (or more) of the following Educational facilities?

Nursery Schools **9%** Playgroups **8%** After school clubs **13%** Holiday play schemes **14%**
Registered childminders **5%**

Does your family have any difficulty in getting to any of these medical facilities?

Hospital **10%** Doctor **8%** Dentist **10%** Optician **5%** Chiropodist **2%**
Chemist / Pharmacy **5%**

At the Village Voice House Parties, some people commented about some of the following.

How do you feel about each?

Vandalism	Very Worried 10%	Slightly worried 56%	Not worried 29%	Not worried at all 5%
Other anti-social behaviour	Very Worried 10%	Slightly worried 52%	Not worried 33%	Not worried at all 5%
Crime in general	Very Worried 9%	Slightly worried 47%	Not worried 37%	Not worried at all 7%
Safety of children	Very Worried 14%	Slightly worried 41%	Not worried 39%	Not worried at all 5%
Safety of the elderly	Very Worried 9%	Slightly worried 42%	Not worried 43%	Not worried at all 6%
Safety of electrified railway line	Very Worried 21%	Slightly worried 23%	Not worried 33%	Not worried at all 23%

Do you have any difficulty getting to a Citizens' Advice Bureau?

Yes **3%** No **97%**

At the Village Voice House Parties and workshops, some people commented about how well the Parish Council publicises its work. **How well do you think that the Parish Council publicises its activities and decisions?**

Very well **5%** Reasonably well **46%** Badly **37%** No opinion **11%**

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

Parish Council	Fully aware 25%	Reasonably aware 45%	No strong opinion 16%	Not very aware 10%	Unaware 5%
District Council	Fully aware 6%	Reasonably aware 38%	No strong opinion 29%	Not very aware 23%	Unaware 5%
County Council	Fully aware 3%	Reasonably aware 22%	No strong opinion 35%	Not very aware 26%	Unaware 13%

Countryside / Environment

Lots of people have told us that they really like the appearance and setting of the parish.

What do you value about the local countryside?

Rural feel **67%** Beautiful countryside **80%** The landscape of the Downs **74%**
 Attractive views **79%** Well tended farmland **58%** Nearby woods and forests **78%**
 Hedgerows and field trees **65%** Diversity of bird and plant life **64%**
 Ease of access to the countryside **71%** Public footpaths **68%** Bridleways **48%**
 Attractive rural lanes **63%** Sunken parts of local lanes **60%** Peace, quiet and tranquility **70%**

At the Village Voice House Parties, some people were worried about some of the following.

How do you feel?

Amount of litter around the parish	Very worried 10%	Worried 22%	Slightly worried 50%	Not worried at all 18%
Amount of flytipping around the parish	Very worried 9%	Worried 25%	Slightly worried 45%	Not worried at all 21%
Amount of dog muck in public places	Very worried 21%	Worried 24%	Slightly worried 37%	Not worried at all 18%
Condition of footpaths, stiles, bridleways	Very worried 11%	Worried 15%	Slightly worried 39%	Not worried at all 34%
Changes that spoil views from public paths	Very worried 12%	Worried 23%	Slightly worried 33%	Not worried at all 31%
Lack of safe crossings across the A3	Very worried 11%	Worried 21%	Slightly worried 33%	Not worried at all 35%
Visual impact of power cables in countryside	Very worried 12%	Worried 22%	Slightly worried 38%	Not worried at all 28%
Visual impact of overhead cables in villages	Very worried 11%	Worried 24%	Slightly worried 33%	Not worried at all 32%
Noise from the A3	Very worried 10%	Worried 13%	Slightly worried 28%	Not worried at all 49%
Noise from military helicopters	Very worried 13%	Worried 14%	Slightly worried 26%	Not worried at all 47%
Noise from train horns	Very worried 20%	Worried 15%	Slightly worried 20%	Not worried at all 45%
Noise from late night events	Very worried 7%	Worried 10%	Slightly worried 28%	Not worried at all 54%
Noise from the church bells	Very worried 1%	Worried 1%	Slightly worried 1%	Not worried at all 97%
Bright lights at night spoiling views of stars	Very worried 8%	Worried 10%	Slightly worried 29%	Not worried at all 52%
A gradual loss of tranquillity	Very worried 20%	Worried 23%	Slightly worried 34%	Not worried at all 24%

Felling and lopping of trees	Very worried 16%	Worried 20%	Slightly worried 35%	Not worried at all 30%
Damage to parish's rural lanes by traffic	Very worried 31%	Worried 24%	Slightly worried 33%	Not worried at all 12%
Rights of Way damage by off-road vehicles	Very worried 38%	Worried 29%	Slightly worried 20%	Not worried at all 13%
Rights of Way safety with off-road vehicles	Very worried 35%	Worried 23%	Slightly worried 26%	Not worried at all 16%

Would you support plans of action for any of the issues that you are worried about?

Yes **93%** No **7%**

At the House Parties, people suggested ideas for new amenities for the parish.

Would you like to see any of these?

A community orchard or garden	Yes 40%	No 16%	No opinion 44%
Allotments	Yes 42%	No 14%	No opinion 44%
Community composting	Yes 48%	No 14%	No opinion 38%
Extended recycling facilities	Yes 60%	No 14%	No opinion 26%
Making more of a feature of some of our streams	Yes 55%	No 17%	No opinion 28%
Making better use of the green (across the road from Buriton Pond)	Yes 59%	No 19%	No opinion 22%
Restoring the old sheepwash by the village pond	Yes 57%	No 9%	No opinion 34%
Creating some new public footpaths or bridleways	Yes 39%	No 19%	No opinion 42%

Do you use the public footpath that goes over the railway line from the Recreation Ground to the woods?

Yes **62%** No **38%**

Would you like to see the crossing over the railway line closed?

Yes **24%** No **55%** No opinion **21%**

At the House Parties, people expressed a willingness to help with some initiatives.

Would you be prepared to help with any of the following? (Figures express number of volunteers)

Protecting wildlife habitats **31** Maintaining footpaths **35** Litter picking **44**
 Tidying the pond **36** Cutting grass in cemetery **18**

Would you like to know more about our local farms / farming? Yes **65%** No **35%**

Would you support a farmers' market in the parish? Yes **74%** No **9%** No opinion **17%**

Development

Do you think that the parish can support more development?

Housing? Yes 32% No 60% No opinion 9%

Commercial / industry? Yes 16% No 74% No opinion 11%

Would you agree Buriton village is generally hidden from view as you approach it?

Yes 83% No 8% No opinion 8%

Would you agree the entrances to the settlements in the parish are generally very attractive and any new development should not detract from this situation?

Yes 87% No 4% No opinion 9%

If there is to be any traffic calming in the parish, would you like it to look more in keeping with the character of the villages than the current examples in Buriton High Street?

Yes 82% No 4% No opinion 14%

What are your feelings about 'visual clutter' caused by signs?

There are too many signs and too much clutter, signs should be rationalised and reduced 54%

Things are OK, not a problem 30%

No strong opinion on the matter 15%

How do you feel about the sub-division of fields with extra fencing, sheds and shelters for pony paddocks? Very worried 12% Worried 18% Slightly worried 18% Not worried at all 38% No opinion 15%

How would you feel about the visual effects of small wind-turbines being fitted to individual houses? Very worried 21% Worried 10% Slightly worried 28% Not worried at all 37% No opinion 4%

People have told us that other villages are gradually losing their attractive appearances and local character because many small changes are made without adequate attention to detail. e.g. inappropriate roadside kerbing, extra bits of concrete or tarmac for car-parking, stark garden walls and other things that remove the 'soft edges' of villages.

What do you feel about this issue?

Important for everyone to pay attention to small details and to retain the character of our villages 93%

No need to encourage people to keep things in character, let them do whatever they want 2%

No opinion 5%

The Parish Plan is helping to update Buriton's Village Design Statement to help ensure that any new development is designed and located to respect local characteristics and the qualities that residents value. From the comments received, it appears that people feel that most of the Village Design Statement is still valid and important – but that there could be a few additions.

Do you feel that the planning authority pays sufficient attention to Buriton's Village Design Statement?

Yes 11% No 32% Don't know 57%

In the original survey for the Village Design Statement in 1999, over 80% of respondents said that they felt that the gap between the parish and Petersfield was important (to preserve the special identity of the local communities, etc).

How do you feel about this issue now? Is it important that the gap between the parish and Petersfield is preserved?

Yes 92% No 1% No opinion 6%

Transport

From the discussions at the Village Voice House Parties, a number of transport issues seem to be key issues in the parish. People have described a range of difficulties with transport into or out of the village.

Do members of your household experience transport difficulties in

Getting to work	Often 8%	Occasionally 10%	Never 82%
Getting to school / college	Often 9%	Occasionally 7%	Never 84%
Getting to other places	Often 8%	Occasionally 18%	Never 74%

If you have a car, would you be prepared to offer lifts to other residents or take part in some other form of community transport scheme? 44 (Figure expresses number of volunteers)

If you use the bus services, what improvements would you like to see?

Better information about services available 19% Different routes / destinations 13%

Better reliability 13% Different timings / times of day 22% Lower costs 12%

More bus shelters 4% Other improvements 2%

If the bus service was to be withdrawn, should the community try to obtain and run a community minibus?

Yes 94% No 6%

Would you be willing to volunteer to help with a community minibus scheme?

30 (Figure expresses number of volunteers)

At the Village Voice House Parties, some people have suggested having a 'halt' for Buriton passengers on the railway line.

Do you think that this idea should be explored? Yes 53% No 47%

At the Village Voice House Parties and workshops, some people have expressed concerns about a range of traffic issues.

Do you think that road safety is a problem in the parish?	Yes 64%	No 27%	No opinion 9%
Do you think that the speed of traffic is a problem in the parish?	Yes 81%	No 15%	No opinion 4%
Do you think that the size of vehicles on roads in the parish is a problem?	Yes 69%	No 21%	No opinion 11%

Do you think that the number of cars bringing children to school is a problem?	Yes 66%	No 18%	No opinion 16%
Do you think that there are road maintenance problems in the parish	Yes 44%	No 33%	No opinion 24%
Do you think that there is a problem with parking in the village	Yes 61%	No 26%	No opinion 13%

People at House Parties have referred to 'danger spots' on roads in the parish.

Do you think that there are any 'danger spots' on the roads in the parish?

For motorists Yes **81%** No **11%** Don't know **7%**

For pedestrians Yes **82%** No **7%** Don't know **11%**

For cyclists Yes **62%** No **12%** Don't know **26%**

Do you think that the speed of traffic is a problem in the parish?

Greenway Lane (between roundabout and railway bridge) **24%**
 Greenway Lane (between railway bridge and Master Robert) **47%** Weston Lane **7%**
 Kiln Lane **18%** Petersfield Road **26%** Sumner Road **7%** Glebe Road **9%** Bones Lane **10%**
 High Street **40%** South Lane **4%** North Lane (pond to edge of village) **34%**
 North Lane (edge of village to Nursted / B2146 junction) **38%** B2146 (Harting Road) **11%**
 Ditcham Lane **5%**

A number of speed control measures have been suggested at the Parish Plan House Parties and workshops.

Would you support any of the following speed control measures in the parish?

Extension of the area covered by current speed limits **41%**
 Introduction of new (lower) speed limits **58%** Improved traffic calming **44%**
 Better / more road signs **10%** No more speed control measures are necessary **7%**

Would you support the suggestion that the traffic and parking situation along the full length of the High Street (from the village pond to the Master Robert crossroads) should be re-examined as a whole, to take account of traffic speeds, parking needs and the safety of pedestrians, schoolchildren and all road users?

Yes **91%** No **9%**

Would you support the idea of creating some safer routes for pedestrians and cyclists – particularly for journeys to and from Petersfield and between Buriton and Weston?

Yes **88%** No **12%**

Appendix 7:

Buriton's Great Village Voice Questionnaire

About 35 questions provided respondents with opportunities to provide written answers and comments

This analysis provides details of all these written comments from the survey forms - about 1,500 in total

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

People were asked "How does your household rate the feeling of community spirit in the parish generally?" and were then asked "Are there any particular reasons for this answer?" Fifty (50) households provided comments and these are all listed below, along with a note of their perception of the general feeling of community spirit (V: very good; G: good; R: reasonable; P: poor)

- V Large number of well supported clubs/activities/events (for all ages): 7 + G 11
- V Lots of really friendly people / friendly community do things together: 7 + G 1
- V Enthusiastic people / willing to give time / organise events: 5 + G 2
- V Two pubs + G 1
- V Initiatives by Master Robert
- V Good mix of people
- V Caring, communicative community
- V Good interaction without being in each others pockets
- V Small enough to feel at home
- G Neighbours / neighbourliness: 2
- G Feel people look out for one another
- G Friendly village
- G Majority of people are welcoming /friendly
- G People talk to each other
- G This Questionnaire is a good example of community spirit

- G Not everybody feels the same
- G But some people do not participate
- G But not much mixing of groups
- G Stronger 20 years ago – turnover of families higher now
- G Residents outside main village generally left out of loop
- G Divide west-east of Petersfield Road
- G Church: 2
- G Village Hall
- G School/Nursery
- G Post Office / shop
- R It's always the same people who get involved
- R Too many cliques
- R Too much political polarisation and private agendas
- P Horses; Planning/change of use; footpaths
- P Not much neighbourliness and "them and us" feeling (born here, as was dad, but only know a handful) N/A: 3

NEW CLUBS, ACTIVITIES, AMENITIES or FACILITIES

People were asked "Are there any new clubs or activities that you would attend in the parish if they were provided or any additional amenities / facilities / activities that you would like to have access to? If so, please give details." Answers and comments were provided on 53 questionnaires, as follows:

- Demise of Over 60s has left a gap: 5
- Occasional film shows / cinema club: 4
- WI: 3
- Gardening club: 3
- Youth club: 3
- Crown green / lawn bowls: 3
- Art club/classes: 3
- Further education classes: 2
- Social club like the old one: 2

Professional music (e.g. Hog the Limelight): 2
 Keep fit class (not yoga): 2
 Badminton Club: 2
 Squash club: 1
 Pilates – early evening: 1
 Lectures: 1
 Outings for elderly: 1
 Classical music: 1
 Choir: 1
 Drama group: 1
 Handcraft workshops: 1
 Garden bird appreciation: 1
 Wine tasting club: 1
 Chess club: 1
 Singles club – dating: 1
 Ladies circle (40s+): 1
 Babysitting circle: 1
 More activities for 5-7: 1
 Sports clubs for children: 1
 Scouts / Brownies: 1
 School holiday place for small kids (arts, sports etc): 1
 School breakfast club: 1
 Open gardens day: 1
 Folk festival: 1
 Reeling: 1
 Opportunities for socialising: 1
 Coffee mornings: 1
 Coffee place (small): 1
 Allotments: 1
 Public toilet: 1
 Changing facilities for tennis: 1
 Notice board at pond +/- map for walkers: 1
 Chalk board to note rare sightings (birds/badgers): 1
 Is there a need for transport to Taro Centre / Petersfield: 1
 No: 3
 N/A: 4

ACTIVITIES / FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN, TEENAGERS or the ELDERLY

People were asked “*At a number of the Village Voice House Parties, people suggested that additional activities or facilities may be required for children, teenagers and for the elderly in the parish. What do you think might be required? Please let us have your ideas.*” Answers and comments were provided on 71 questionnaires, as follows:

ELDERLY

Revive Over 60s: 6
 Drop-in club (Hall or Seward Room): 5
 Coffee morning rota (to help with loneliness): 4
 Better bus service for elderly: 3
 Outings: 3
 Provide tea for elderly / infirm: 3
 Volunteers to help with shopping/collect prescriptions etc.: 2
 Courses / talks: 2
 Cerebral activities for 55-70 year olds
 Adult education
 Music group
 Visiting professional drama groups
 More house parties
 Disabled ramps in High Street
 Residential home

YOUNG PEOPLE

Youth club: 13
 Better buses – independent travel for teenagers: 6
 Skateboard park / ramps: 4
 Brownies / scouts: 3
 A proper playground
 Fence the play area
 School breakfast club
 After school provision
 Survey of youngsters
 Meeting place

Safe place to 'chill'
 Social club
 Fun workshops
 School holiday activities
 Club for 8 – 11s
 Crèche for under 3s (so that mums can do other things)
 Children's music making
 Art club
 Cinema
 Gymnastics
 Ballet
 Bowling
 More indoor activities in winter
 Internet café: 1
 - People prepared to run them: 3
 - N/A: 9

HOW TO IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

As a follow-up question to *"Do you feel that you always know about what is going on in the parish?"*, people were asked *"How could information about what is going on be improved?"* Answers and comments were provided on 62 questionnaires, as follows:

Web site (diary): 13 (+ email alerts by clubs / website monthly bulletin)
 New noticeboards (outside hall, by map at pond, North Lane): 8
 Monthly "what's happening" guide pinned up in lots of places: 5
 Leaflets: 5
 A more expansive Parish Magazine: 4
 More use of village notice boards: 3
 Accurate minutes from Council meetings (email on request): 3
 Newsletter to each house after Parish Meetings: 2
 Make better use of existing notice boards: 2
 Free ads in Petersfield Post Events or news in general: 2
 Village Hall timetable: 2
 Village diary
 Weekly information board in shop
 Coming soon information in notice board at school
 Ease of getting information on to Parish notice board – not locked/larger

Weston notice board
 More posters around the village
 Insert in Parish Magazine to pin-up
 Improve grapevine
 Longer lead times
 Use neighbourhood watch pyramid
 An informal evening to discuss local matters
 N/A: 5

CHANGES TO VILLAGE FACILITIES

People were asked *"Are there any changes that you would like to see to any of the village facilities? Please give details."* Answers and comments were provided on 64 questionnaires, as follows:

Better stocked shop (basics, essentials): 19
 Re-open the Post Office*: 18
 Opening times of shop/Post Office (reliability): 7
 Fence playground again: 8
 Secure play area linked to Hall with seating / Playground extended: 2
 Reduce shop prices: 2
 More use of shop by parishioners
 Keep shop going – psychological benefits
 Shop to sell local produce
 Link shop and Tesco outlet
 Photocopier in Post Office
 Off Licence in shop
 More creative use of Hall (farmer's markets, exhibitions, business centre, craft shows, exciting events, hip hop, break dancing)
 Post Office in Village Hall
 Baby change facilities in Village Hall
 Can't book the Village Hall – always booked
 Hall control by Parish Council – revenue to benefit the whole community
 Improve Village Hall car park
 Extra car parking area (like Froxfield Dell Field)
 More post boxes
 Mobile butcher/fishmonger
 Public toilet

Film shows
Return of WI
Tennis lights and third court
Remove one pub (village doesn't need two)
Greater control on Barn events: noise and parking can clash with church; loud noise most Fridays and Saturdays
Less dog fouling
Clean up pond
Things are good: 2
N/A: 1

★ at the time of the survey (summer 2007) the village Post Office had been unavailable for some time but had not been officially closed. The Post Office (and shop) were subsequently officially closed.

OTHER NEW FACILITIES?

People were asked *“Are there any other new facilities that you would like to be able to use in the parish? If so, please give details.”* Answers and comments were provided on 19 questionnaires, as follows:

Allotments: 3
Community orchard: 3
Picnic tables on Recreation Ground: 2
Public toilets on Recreation Ground
Older children's playground
Directory of equipment available to hire or borrow (a sports equipment library?)
Bakery for morning croissants
Newsagent in Village Shop
Dry cleaning service
Tea Shop
Modest sized meeting room
Crafts workshop
Singles Club
Village Doctor
Swimming pool (if built)
Village shredder for garden waste
N/A: 1

HELP FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

People were asked *“Do you have any ideas for assisting local businesses in the parish and people who work from home? If so, please give details.”* Answers and comments were provided on 26 questionnaires, as follows:

Publish a directory: 4
Advertising in village magazine – annual directory: 2
Monthly pub lunch for exchange of ideas: 2
Weekly network for coffee in Hall: 2
Promote on website: 2
Faster broadband: 2
Annual business forum
Internet forum
Local information forum
Communal shared office
Share specialist services: secretarial, accounting and tax
One respondent offers to share his office facilities
Earlier post delivery
Waste/recycling for small amounts of trade waste
Support them (buy from them)
Leaflet distribution
Discounts for parish residents using local businesses
Incentives
LETS
Better transport system
Village tea room – would bring more people into village
Link village shop to a big store in Petersfield
N/A: 2

OTHER CHANGES TO EXISTING FACILITIES

People were asked *“Are there any other changes to existing facilities that you would like to see investigated? Please give details.”* Answers and comments were provided on 17 questionnaires, as follows:

More cooperation between Hall, School and Seward Room – diary of availability
Greater community use of church

Shop/Post Office open at regular times so you know it's definitely open
Better use of green opposite pond
Fence the play area
Make the Hall a Community Centre like Liss Triangle Centre
Village tea room in Village Hall - raise £ for village?
Repairs to Village Hall roof
Purpose-built Nursery School
Floodlighting for tennis courts
Use of tennis courts for non-members (2)
Re-open rail halt
More control of important heritage sites
Get a red phone box back
N/A: 2

COMMENTS ABOUT EDUCATION FACILITIES

As part of the question about educational facilities, people were asked to give details of any other facilities that they would use. Answers and comments were provided on 4 questionnaires, as follows:

Explore adult education classes: 2
Workshops for older children
N/A: 1

People were also asked "*Have you any comments about educational facilities in the parish?*" Answers and comments were provided on 26 questionnaires, as follows:

School premises should be more available for adult education activities: 8
(e.g. small language class organised within community, silver surfers)
Pleased to see Village School still thriving and excellent: 7
(necessary for the community; important to keep it)
Seems excellent: 4
Parents' car parking in High Street shows little consideration for others (including bus users): 2
Nursery School is excellent: 2
Purpose built nursery attached or close to school: 2
School is not interested in community
Reputation for school can create its own problems
Don't encourage non-parish parents to transport children to village

MEDICAL FACILITIES

As part of the question about medical facilities (hospital, doctor, dentist, optician, chiropodist, chemist / pharmacy), people were asked to give details of any other facilities that their family has difficulty getting to. There were 2 answers to this question as follows:

getting to MRI, PET scans
getting to A&E

People were also asked "*What is it that makes getting to any of these facilities difficult?*" Answers and comments were provided on 33 questionnaires, as follows:

Lack of transport / car dependency: 22
(particularly QA and St Mary's hospitals; appointment time v bus timetable; costs of getting to hospitals, taxis expensive for those on low incomes)
Nearest dentist for children not in area: 5
Parking: 2
Stairs at dentist
Opening hours
N/A: 2

People were then asked "*Have you any comments about medical facilities or care arrangements in the parish?*" Answers and comments were provided on 16 questionnaires, as follows:

A local GP 'surgery' for minor complaints (weekly in hall? / dentist / young mums / mobile?): 6
Could offer occasional lifts for prescriptions etc: 2
Provide a shuttle service to doctors for those without transport (weekly?)
Shop to sell chemist goods
Out of hours GP facility is poor to non-existent
Grange Surgery is good
N/A: 3

OTHER 'SAFETY' WORRIES

As part of the question about vandalism, crime and safety issues, people were asked *"If you have other worries or concerns, please give details."* Answers and comments were provided on 24 questionnaires, as follows:

No, because low crime generally: 3
Speed of traffic / safety (incl. ducks near pond): 3
Rail crossing from woods: 3
Rail line is safe if people note the signs
Fly-tipping: 2
Dropping fast food litter from cars
Theft from properties and particularly vehicles
Some disaffected youngsters – will lead to problems
Important for neighbourhood watch to remain active
Inconsiderate loud music, barking dogs and light bonfires
Vandals near tennis courts
Condition of roads
Wheelchairs/kerbs in High Street
Flooding
Bulls in fields with Right of Way
Oak tree at Kiln/High Street corner (safe?)
Ability of PC to absorb Parish Plan
N/A: 1

ANY OTHER IDEAS TO HELP BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

As a final question in the 'Community' part of the questionnaire, people were asked *"Are there any activities or projects which you consider may be worthwhile to bring the community together?"* Answers and comments were provided on 33 questionnaires, as follows:

Recreation and youth projects: 2
Community orchard or allotments: 2
Continue to hold more events like the 'parish picnic': 2
Summer music picnic on Rec (proms in the park) not pop: 2
A summer village party
Winter fete?

Continued support for church events: use the baby grand piano; concerts by pond
Street party every so often
Events in Village Hall
Dances/music shows in hall bring people together
Imaginative things have been good – Walk-for-Water, Advent trail
Tea dances
Barbecues
Evening classes – e.g. Local history
More car boot sales
"What's on" in Petersfield, Waterlooville etc (put in Parish Magazine)
Things to bolster links between Buriton and Weston
Challenge is to bring ALL together
Clean the pond and new plants
Use the green space opposite the pond
Chalk pits projects
Encourage attendance at Parish Council meetings
District Councillor to promote issues at Parish Council meetings
Local planning applications which may affect us would be useful
Councillors to act on concerns
Parish Council newsletter (1 – 2 year)
National Park Boundary
Solution to parking in High street
Litter collection
Tell neighbours if having work done (so they know it's not crime)
N/A: 4

COUNTRYSIDE - OTHER COMMENTS

As a follow-up to the question *"What do you value about the local countryside?"* (which provided a list of attributes), people were asked *"Have you any other comments?"* Answers and comments were provided on 31 questionnaires, as follows:

All the above are essential: 11
It isn't quiet at all: 2 (Weston)
A3 noise and due to be resurfaced: 2 (Weston)
Occasional landowner access / maintenance problems: 2
Keep footpaths open
Right of Way could be improved

Better maintenance of stiles
Some bridleways in ruinous condition
More circular routes, byways and paths to/from village
Generally very pleasant
Setting of pond and church is a major attraction
Queen Elizabeth Country Park valued
Jacobs Yard eyesore
Provide additional footpath along Greenway Lane to Petersfield
Cut hedges on Greenway Lane – dangerous for walkers and motorists
Unnecessary lighting
Amount of fly-posting around parish
Would like Buriton to be part of National Park
All destroyed by train horns
Was fond of walking

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLUTIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL / COUNTRYSIDE WORRIES

As a follow-up to a series of questions about environmental and countryside concerns, people were asked *“Do you have any suggestions for solutions? Please give details.”* Answers and comments were provided on 63 questionnaires, as follows:

Make the Milky Way a bridleway (not a BOAT): 10
Close rail crossing / footbridge: 7
Trees (get more Preservation Orders; regular checks; trees with a bit of dead wood not always dangerous; consult village): 5
Quieter A3 road surfacing/screening: 5
Litter working parties: 4
More dog bins and prosecute offenders (with publicity): 4
Talk to train and helicopter operators about noise (restrict after 11pm): 4
Speed restrictions / checks: 3
Replace key streetlights or turn off at midnight: 3
Put cables underground: 3
Lobby relevant bodies: 3
Check plans affecting views – petition Councils/MP: 3
More litter bins: bus stops, South Lane side of pond: 2
Educate parents and teach children about litter (school): 2
Enforce noise levels at barns, pubs: 2

Ban large lorries through High Street and lanes: 2
Parish Council to promote its Right of Way responsibilities: 2 (employ someone?)
Better stile maintenance
Encourage villagers to report stiles and footpath obstructions (a form?)
More direct/better footpaths
Beech hedge along behind Lawn Cottage ruins view to Downs
Village clean up every three months
Clean up day for chalk pits
Fly tipping
Disguise wheelie bins at Five Bells
Remove sign clutter at Master Robert
Parking to be emphasised
A3 crossing needs signs at minimum
Create a suitable off-road circuit not used by others
Smaller dustcarts – less damage to lanes
Include Buriton in National Park
Allow only one outside light
New entrants to village need to feel welcome
Parish Council to focus on important issues
N/A: 7

OTHER HISTORIC FEATURES TO BE RESTORED

As part of a series of questions about potential environmental and countryside projects, people were asked *“Are there other historic features that you would like to see restored? Please specify.”* Answers and comments were provided on 13 questionnaires, as follows:

Limeworks heritage in chalk pits: 3
Bridge over stream onto green
Pond area
Stream from Wooliff could look nicer (for visitors to cemetery)
Restore interesting historic features
Other sheep pens, hop tanks
Mill race, mill pond
Hydraulic rams
Public picnic area / near of pond
Would like fishing permits for pond

A village well
Red telephone box
N/A: 2

NEW PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

As part of the same series of questions about potential environmental and countryside projects, people were asked if they would like to see any new public footpaths or bridleways and “*If so, where?*” Answers and comments were provided on 33 questionnaires, as follows:

Safe route from Greenway Lane to village: 6
Greenway Lane to village across fields: 6
Connecting footpath between the two paths to Petersfield: 5
Link village to Causeway: 2
Between Buriton and Nursted: 2
Circular routes / figure of eight routes: 2
In the Queen Elizabeth Country Park / Downs: 2
Footbridge over A3
Update path to Petersfield
Make the path pass the old pumping station legal
End of Pitcroft Lane to South Downs Way
From Cockshot Wood along base of Downs towards Harting
From Hoadlands Crundle to the lane
Old House farm to Old Ditcham
Access to Nature Reserve through rail tunnel (this has been shut off by a gate)
Would like to see footpath diverted onto Bridleway No.4
Deans Farm (Weston): extend bridleway through to Stroud bridge
Bridleway from Hundry into Queen Elizabeth Country Park
See British Horse Society Strategic Plan
N/A /anywhere: 7

IDEAS TO HELP LOCAL FARMERS

People were asked “*At the Village Voice House Parties and workshops, people recognised that farming is vital to the future of our local landscapes and countryside. Have you any suggestions about how we might be able to help our local farmers? If so, please give details /*

ideas.” Answers and comments were provided on 45 questionnaires, as follows:

Buy local produce: 11
Possible Parish farmer’s market (open to smallholders too): 7
Awareness/support of farmer’s markets: 5
Local farm shops: 5
Pressure for fair prices / lobby government: 5
Keep to footpaths and dogs under control: 4
Awareness of local produce: 3
Local produce available in village shop: 3
Diversify to leisure (eg. campsites, walkers/cyclists, not motorised): 3
Ask farmers what support/assistance like to see: 2
Offer voluntary labour (at busy times): 2
Improve awareness to respect farmland and livestock: 2
Farm tours/open days: 2
Keep eye on local fields (for fly tipping, loitering with intent etc): 2
Diversify, grow bio fuels (oils, wood and sugar beet)
Introduce bees – honey
Use local produce in pubs
Box scheme
Free advertising in Parish Magazine
N/A: 5 general support

A SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

OPPORTUNITIES

People were asked “*The parish of Buriton is likely to be in a new National Park for the South Downs within the next few years, promoting recreational uses of the area and encouraging conservation. What opportunities does this create for the parish?*” Answers and comments were provided on 74 questionnaires, as follows:

Good for pubs, shop, B&Bs, tea room local crafts, products and other businesses: 28
Curtailing unsuitable development: 14
Better conservation / wildlife: 10
More work (and income) to cater for visitors: 6
Opportunities to get funding for community initiatives: 5
Tourism: 4

More finance to help environment: 3
Better footpath maintenance: 3
Improved recreational facilities: 2
Remove clutter/eyesores
Increased bus services
New Rights of Way
Farm diversification: camp site
Pony trekking, bike hire, organised walks, sale of outdoor gear
Better signposting and car parking
Generate revenue for the community from a parish-owned car parking facility outside the residential area
Suggestion of a voluntary parking meter for contributions (£2 in New Forest)
N/A: 5

THREATS

People were also asked *“The parish of Buriton is likely to be in a new National Park for the South Downs within the next few years, promoting recreational uses of the area and encouraging conservation. What threats does this pose for the parish?”* Answers and comments were provided on 84 questionnaires, as follows:

More traffic (centre of village and lanes): 37
Even more / too many more visitors: 24
More litter: 18
Parking: 15
Loss of tranquillity (noise): 10
Inappropriate buildings/facilities (visitor centre; car parks; signposts; toilets; red cycle paths): 7
More red tape – remote body control: 7
Too much land use control: 6
Overuse of paths, more wear and tear: 6
Unmanaged visitors (including off-road driving): 4
More vandalism/security: 4
House prices increase: 3
Higher taxes: 3
Strain of village infrastructure: 2
Extra costs
Too many careless intruders (not caring for environment)

Uncontrolled dogs/children
Pollution
Holiday/2nd homes
Risk of amenities altering out of character
N/A: 1

IF THERE IS TO BE MORE DEVELOPMENT, WHAT SORT OF HOUSES?

People were asked *“If there is to be more development in the parish, what sort of houses do you think should be provided?”* People were asked to rank five alternative answers in order of importance: scoring 1 for ‘most important’ and 5 for ‘least important’. Summating the results provides the following overall ranking:

In joint first place (ie. considered to be the most important):
“Affordable housing (by Housing Associations)”: 615 pts and
“Small family homes (up to 2 bedrooms)”: 616 pts

In joint third place:
“Specialist Housing (eg. sheltered housing for the elderly)”: 631.5 pts and
“Starter homes / flats”: 638.5 pts

In fifth place (ie. least important):
“Large family homes (3–4 bedrooms and above)”: 768 pts

OUT OF CHARACTER DEVELOPMENTS

People were asked *“Do you feel that any recent development in the parish is out of character? If so, please give details.”* Answers and comments were provided on 65 questionnaires, as follows:

Tithe House: 23
Master Robert traffic calming and pavement: 5
Traffic calming: 2
House squashed in at end of Bones Lane: 2
Proposed development in fields opposite Greenway Lane: 2
Miscombe Manor: 2
The raised roof on bungalow in Bones Lane: 2

Some large extensions
Some roof conversions
Insensitive style of property
Other modern design houses should not have been allowed
Building in non sympathetic materials to local character of village
Extension to Thatch at bottom of Bones Lane
Next to Poor House
Village Hall
Good balance of tradition and new, just about right at moment
Too many road signs
Signage at Old Forest Barn is too urban
Light industry at Jacobs Yard
Danger of any industrial development
Proposed Corries Development
Unnecessary new hedging on Pond Green
Influx of equestrian uses on agricultural land
Electric train horns
No: 17

OPEN SPACES AT RISK / NEEDING SAFEGUARDING

People were asked *“Are there any open spaces which you feel might be at risk and should be safeguarded? If so, please give details.”* Answers and comments were provided on 67 questionnaires, as follows:

All: 5
Links and adjacent fields behind Bones Lane: 16
Opposite Greenway Lane (Sedens Lane): 7 (+ 2 other Greenway Lane)
Recreation Ground / Play Area: 7
Kiln Lane / fields to Tithe House: 6
Green by the pond: 4
Between Petersfield & Buriton / Causeway: 4
North Lane edge of village: 3
Petersfield Road edge of village: 3
Behind Glebe Road: 3
Fields surrounding village: 3
Green fingers into village: 2
The Clays: 2

Around pond: 2
Jacobs Yard
Halls Hill
School Meadow
Paddocks around New Barn cottages
Pillmead: front lawn
The Railway Crossing
No: 8

TRANSPORT – DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING TO PLACES

People who had expressed difficulties in getting to work, to school / college or to other places were asked *“Please give details.”* Answers and comments were provided on 31 questionnaires, as follows:

Work, school, shops, doctors
Now only bus to Petersfield – not Portsmouth or elsewhere
Limited bus service to Petersfield and Portsmouth – restricted hours
Not enough buses to connect to Portsmouth and Chichester
No early bus for those who don't drive
Lack of early bus service and poor scheduling via routes
Impossible to use public transport at times provided
Appointments and times of buses
Bus timetable was reduced in December/January 2006/7 preventing arrival for normal working day in Petersfield (arrives at 9am – not before). Service needs to start earlier and finish later
I am forced to use taxis
School is tricky
School bus comes too early (i.e. 7.45) or too late for school start time 8.45
Problem with timetable for TPS school and occasionally to station for work
Travel to/from Bohunt School is difficult as school bus and local bus don't always tie up
Too many have to drive to school as no safe/easy footpaths, not good for carbon footprint
Bus services poor – use car or taxi
Buses are infrequent and can be unreliable
Buses not turning up
Service is a bit more reliable now

Access to village hall blocked occasionally/busy at times
Drainage/mud on road make it difficult to walk to school

IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS SERVICES

Users of bus services were asked “*what improvements would you like to see?*” As well as ticking relevant boxes on a list of potential improvements provided in the questionnaire, these people were given the opportunity to “*Please give details.*” Answers and comments were provided on 31 questionnaires, as follows:

Later evening journeys [5]
Times to coincide with TPS school times (both directions) [3]
Earlier departure (for London commuters) [3]
One bus each hour would be nice/more frequent [3]
38 bus never comes into village [3] (particularly for elderly to Waterlooville and Portsmouth)
Lack of connections from village going south [3]
No bus service in Weston [3] (wait at crossroads = time to walk)
Need a bus from Buriton to Petersfield between 1440 and 1640 and (more importantly) from Petersfield to Buriton between 1423 and 1619
Reinstate the 7.20 to Petersfield
Same bus to go to station for 8.15am
Sundays and Bank Holidays
Continue 95 along North Lane – directly into Petersfield
A bus to Taro Centre
Service is so unreliable couldn't count on it to get to any appointments etc
Reliability is better than it was
Recently costs have gone up considerably
Good value school run (price)
Bus shelter at top of Greenway Lane
Bus shelter at Buriton House
Much smaller bus
Comprehensive review needed
Bad experiences:
- First day in new job but didn't turn up
- Turned off for not having right change
- Dumped at crossroads once
Slow buses down in High Street

People who do not use the bus services were asked “*would changes to any of the aspects listed in the previous question encourage you to do so?*” Answers and comments were provided on 30 questionnaires, as follows:

Yes [5]
Frequency [5]
More info about services [4] (put in Parish Magazine)
Reliability [4]
Different timings / time of day [3]
Different routes [2]
Bus and train timetables to connect [2]
Connect with train times to Portsmouth
Sensible times (i.e. School run time for parents and children into village)
Run at same time every hour
More regular services going further afield (e.g. Portsmouth/Chichester)
Don't divert via Broadway Park
Lower costs
Good value school run (price)
Loyalty scheme (e.g. Booklet of 10 tickets at lower price available from pub or shop)
Use of mini bus
Make wheelchair friendly
Retain it – we will all need it one day: 2
Rail service for commuters
Designated cycle lane on Causeway and B2070

Comments by those ticking the “*Never (never likely to use bus services)*” box were as follows:

We use cars [6]
Always use our car or have lifts
One car for 2 people
We cycle or drive when roads are quiet
Parents parking at junction of Kiln Lane

LOCATIONS OF PARKING PROBLEMS

As a follow-on to the question “*Do you think that there is a problem with parking in the village?*” people were asked “*If so, where?*” Answers and comments were provided on

86 questionnaires, as follows:

High Street*: 39
School: 21
North Lane*: 19
Glebe Road (verges): 7
Sumner Road: 2
Master Robert Crossroads (occasionally): 2
Kiln Lane: 2
Top of Greenway Lane: 2
Petersfield Road: 1
Heatherfield: 1
Events in the barn: 1

* in both cases, respondents said that parking was only a problem at certain times of day and that it did help to reduce traffic speeds

DANGER SPOTS FOR MOTORISTS

As a follow-on to the question “Do you think that there are any ‘danger spots’ for motorists on the roads in the parish?” people were asked “If so, where?” Answers and comments were provided on 105 questionnaires, as follows:

North Lane (bend): 32
Greenway Lane: 24*
High Street: 22
Master Robert Crossroads: 19
Nursted (sunken lanes): 7
Petersfield Rd / Bolinge Hill Lane: 6
Weston Lane: 3
Kiln Lane: 2
Glebe Road (corner): 2
B2146 Nursted Rocks: 2
Bones Lane: 1
New Barn Lane: 1
Ramsdean Lane: 1

* 5 respondents specifically cited the rail bridge on Greenway Lane

DANGER SPOTS FOR PEDESTRIANS

As a follow-on to the question “Do you think that there are any ‘danger spots’ for pedestrians on the roads in the parish?” people were asked “If so, where?” Answers and comments were provided on 101 questionnaires, as follows:

Greenway Lane: 38*
North Lane (bend): 24
Master Robert Crossroads: 19
High Street: 15
Kiln Lane: 11
Petersfield Rd / Bolinge Hill Lane: 5
Weston Lane: 4
Nursted (sunken lanes): 3
B2146 Nursted Rocks: 2
By the pond (no pavement): 1
Glebe Road: 1
New Barn Lane: 1
Crossing the A3: 1

* 4 respondents specifically cited the rail bridge on Greenway Lane

DANGER SPOTS FOR CYCLISTS

As a follow-on to the question “Do you think that there are any ‘danger spots’ for cyclists on the roads in the parish?” people were asked “If so, where?” Answers and comments were provided on 70 questionnaires, as follows:

Greenway Lane: 33*
North Lane: 18
High Street: 7
Master Robert Crossroads: 6
Petersfield Rd / Bolinge Hill Lane: 5
Kiln Lane: 4
Nursted (sunken lanes): 4
Weston Lane: 3
B2146 Nursted Rocks: 2
New Barn Lane: 1
Ramsdean Lane: 1

Ditcham: 1

★ 6 respondents specifically cited the rail bridge on Greenway Lane

SAFER ROUTES FOR PEDESTRIANS / CYCLISTS

People were asked “*Have you any particular ideas or suggestions about making safer routes for pedestrians and cyclists? Please give details.*” Answers and comments were provided on 40 questionnaires, as follows:

Footpath / cycleway from Greenway Lane into Buriton: 7

Create pedestrian / cycle routes / pathways: 6

Bolinge Hill Lane: make it for pedestrians/cyclists/access only (inc. horses); could be a gate: 6

Footpath from Greenway Lane across fields: 3

Lower speed limits (e.g. Kiln Lane bridge and Greenway roundabout) and B2146: 3

Tunnel or bridge across A3 at Weston: 2

Keep hedges cut back further: 2

Safe footpath to Petersfield

Cycle route to Petersfield (road or fields) – tourists as well as locals

Cycleway from Mapledurham Bridge to Jolly Sailor

Footpath from upper North Lane via Links to Bones Lane and into village

Footpath from Bones Lane to Sussex Road

Bridge over old A3 Causeway (Buriton – Weston)

Footpaths away from Harting Road

Safety mirror at Nursted Rocks

Passing bays in Bolinge Hill Lane

One-way system: High Street / Bones Lane

Change appearance of roads (residential/pedestrianised)

Educate drivers

Wider roads

AND FINALLY – THREE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES

At the end of the Questionnaire people were asked “*Considering all subjects raised in all the questions, what do you think are the 3 most important issues for the community?*” People were asked to list their priorities 1 – 3 “with number 1 being your top priority for action”. Analysis of this question was used to identify the order of priority of each of the four issues explored in the survey. Summating the results provides an overall ranking. The top three priority areas for action obtained very similar scores:

In first place (ie. considered to be the top priority for actions): Development issues [512 pts]

In joint second place:

Countryside and Environment issues [522 pts] and

Transport issues [524 pts]

In fourth place: Community issues [592 pts]

Priority actions within each issue can be judged from the more detailed responses to the specific questions in the relevant part of the survey.

AND FINALLY - ANY OTHER COMMENTS

At the end of the questionnaire, people were asked “*Are there any other comments that you would like to make? Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.*” Answers and comments were provided on 30 questionnaires, as follows:

Tidy up temporary traffic calming

Traffic calming at Master Robert looks scrappy and unfinished

Remove defunct “temporary” traffic signs

Traffic calming at Five Bells is unsightly and was there for the shop/PO. Replace by sleeping policemen

Improved street cleaning and drain clearance

Parish Council could employ a maintenance person (8hrs/month?) to do visual check on paths, seats, bins, graffiti, damage and repairs)

Repair seat in Recreation Ground by vehicular access

Mown grass on Recreation Ground shouldn't be dumped in hedge
Grass cuttings in cemetery look untidy (collect)
Litter/food paper/cartons/cigarette ends in garden: need penalties
Swift removal of graffiti
We could do with our own policeman.
Local police re-established in Buriton
Develop a network of cycle routes (for exercise and to reduce car use/emissions etc)
Keeping road verges and hedges cut back
Roadside hedges need cutting back
Hedgerows between crossroads and Tithe House not cut for three years
Corner Cottage footpath
Street light in alleyway (Glebe Road - Greenway Lane) is permanently on
Footbridge over A3 from Weston to Petersfield
We seem to have to travel for everything
Noise from train horns is unacceptable
Please don't let village stagnate in the past – let it move forward
Affordable housing is needed for young couples (who we need in the village).
Where to build is the problem
Focus on well-proportioned development instead of assuming all development is bad
Limit notices on tree to notices about village activities, not to be used commercially
Replace new phone box with an old red one
Flower beds around village
Encourage people to walk the land to maintain beauty
Third tennis court
Church becoming more popular for weddings, adding work to clergy and officials:
financial support needed from visitors
Thanks to core of hard working people we have a beautiful village with excellent
facilities and community spirit
Parish Council do a good job
New resident: minimal comments
Difficult to answer some questions as they don't apply to Weston
Some questions are ambiguous and could have been worded more specifically
No mention of church or village's spiritual needs
Local listening will be no good if Local Authorities and Government don't want to
listen
Hope the survey reaps evidence for some action

Some extra comments (from 16 respondents) were also provided in the space
available for people to list their three most important issues for the community:

Help Parish Council focus on important issues
Getting Parish Council to “work” for the parish
Encourage residents to involve themselves in village activities
Creating a sustainable village
Climate change, look at safety from flooding
Too many signs/posters (e.g. by the war memorial)
Cleaning and improving area around pond
Different needs for different age groups
Social awareness
Keep bikes off pavements
Better drainage on North Lane
More mail boxes
last 40 years has seen building of Heatherfield, Glebe Rd and Sumner Rd
Priorities are imposed by local authority
First choice: “maintenance”
All four issues are important – three have more problems than Countryside

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