

**The East Hagbourne Parish Plan.
Report and Analysis of the Parish Survey 2009**

Submission to the Parish Council

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Summary

The Parish of East Hagbourne contains around 850 households and 1850 inhabitants, spread between Millbrook, at the edge of Didcot, via New Road and its surroundings, to the main village itself. In 2007, East Hagbourne Parish Council initiated work on a Plan for the Parish, and a Committee of residents was formed to develop, circulate and report on a questionnaire to solicit the views of everyone living in the Parish. The value of a Parish Plan to East Hagbourne is to provide a framework within which initiatives to improve facilities and activities within the Parish can be prioritized and progressed, as well as to secure and protect important characteristics of village life. Furthermore, such a structured approach is more and more expected when we approach outside bodies to support our projects and activities. This report describes the views of residents in East Hagbourne Parish as reflected in the responses to the questionnaire. There were 300 questionnaires filled in, covering 652 people. This represents 35% of the households in the Parish.

The survey gathered information on a wide range of topics, with the main issues raised being:

- The footpath network seems to be widely used, but there are many suggestions for improvement. Many residents (90 comments) would like to see muddy and overgrown footpaths better maintained and perhaps paving and lighting installed in some places, and better access for prams and pushchairs. The level of complaint about the condition of the footpaths has risen significantly since the last village survey. Additional pavements are requested in the school/cemetery area and from Lower Cross to Great Mead.
- Dog fouling headed the list of social concerns, with 50% overall and 56% of those aged 8-15 saying it was a problem. While some of the proposed actions have already been put in place (more dog bins, bags available from the shop) there is pressure for much more to be done.
- Road safety is a significant concern with speeding being one of the main problems. There are calls for lower speed limits and for the limits to be more strictly enforced. Many people are in favour of traffic calming measures including speed bumps and other measures. The areas around Lower Cross is a particular concern and there is support for changes to the road layout to mitigate the risks from traffic coming round the blind bend. Parking on roads and pavements also drew adverse comment. There is also a call for better signing on roads. These measures will need to be addressed carefully, while preserving the attractive environment of the village.
- While most people have good access to information on village activities, others feel they do not have sufficient information, and more than half the population do not feel they have enough information on local government proposals (such as roads and housing). New and improved communication methods are needed to ensure that everyone is well informed.
- Very detailed information was gathered in the survey on residents' sports and leisure activities. There appears to be general support for a new sports pavilion, with interest strongest from people in the 8-15 and 35-54 age ranges. However, overall, less than a quarter of people said they would definitely use a new pavilion. While current plans for a pavilion are on hold because of lack of funding, the opportunity needs to be taken to reassess the focus and objectives of the proposal.

This report is submitted to East Hagbourne Parish Council who will lead development of a Plan, based on the information from the questionnaires, as well as other issues of importance, such as Didcot development, that may not be covered explicitly here. The expected timescale is that the draft Plan will be developed over winter 2009-2010 in time for a public review and consultation in Spring 2010.

1. Introduction

1.1. Background to the Parish Plan

The Government announced that the purpose of a Parish Plan was to:

“..set out a vision of what is important, how new development can best be fitted in, the design and quality standards it should meet, how to preserve valued local features and to map out the facilities which the community needs to safeguard its future.”

Plans should “identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how distinctive character and features can be preserved.”

The Parish of East Hagbourne contains around 850 households and 1850 inhabitants, spread between Millbrook, at the edge of Didcot, via New Road and its surroundings, to the main village itself. Survey and other consultation results suggest that East Hagbourne is a largely content community, with many community activities.

The value of a Parish Plan to East Hagbourne is to provide a framework within which initiatives to improve facilities and activities within the Parish can be prioritized and progressed. Furthermore, such a structured approach is more and more expected when we approach outside funding bodies to support our projects.

1.2. The Consultation Process

Parish Plans can have a range of appearances, varying from a simple summary of the results of a questionnaire, to a 10 year plan. Discussion started in 2003, culminating in 2007 in the formation of a committee and a public meeting to review and publicise activities currently available in the Parish.

Out of this and other consultation, the Committee developed a list of topics and concerns expressed by residents and organised these into a questionnaire to solicit more formal input. The questionnaire was circulated by hand, with the help of a large number of volunteers, to every household in the Parish. The collated and analysed responses are the subject of this report.

1.3. What Happens Next

This report describes the views of residents in East Hagbourne Parish as reflected in the responses to the questionnaire. It will be submitted to East Hagbourne Parish Council who will develop a Plan, based on the information from the questionnaires, as well as other issues of importance, such as Didcot development that may not be covered explicitly in the questionnaire.

There are, of course, many activities within the Parish that are not within the direct control of the Parish Council, but are firmly rooted in the voluntary sector. Where it is important to include discussion of these, it is expected that the Council will consult with appropriate sectors of the community in developing the Plan.

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2. The East Hagbourne Parish Survey 2008-09

This survey was carried out at the end of 2008, with data collation and analysis during 2009. The questionnaire, shown in Appendix 2, was circulated by hand to each household in the Parish of East Hagbourne, and a team of volunteers attempted to collect the completed documents to encourage as large a response as possible, with the village Post Office proving a valuable collection option. Respondents could choose to remove the front page containing address details so that their reply was anonymous.

A previous large village survey had been carried out about 10 years ago, and where comparison with this is made in the text, it is represented by 'VS'. A survey specifically on sports facilities was also carried out in 2003-04, and this is referred to in the appropriate section. A survey on traffic control was also carried out earlier, but is not specifically referred to here.

Responses have been categorized in many ways, including by area in the Parish using three categories:

- Millbrook
- New Road including Bishop's Orchard etc up to the village shop
- Village, including the Crofts and Blewbury Road

2.1. Who Responded?

There were 300 household questionnaires filled in, covering 652 people. This represents 35% of the households in the Parish. Responses from the Village and New Road areas were both 47%. A similar level was reached for some parts of Millbrook, but a much lower response from other areas brought the Millbrook response average down to 17%. 49 households reported that they contained people who were under 8. Of the responses, about half were from the village and surrounds, with the remainder split between Millbrook and New road areas. There are estimated to be some 850 households in the village and 1850 inhabitants. This is therefore a significant sample, in general terms.

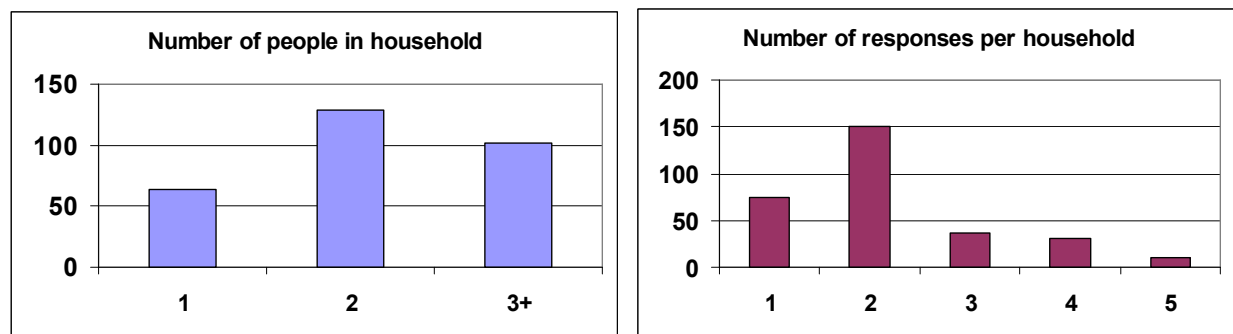


Figure 1: Demographics of households that responded

Of the 300 households that responded, 64 said they lived alone, 129 said there were 2 people and 102 had 3 or more members. The questionnaire allowed up to 5 people to respond from each family: 74 questionnaires contained one response, 150 gave 2 individual responses, while 76 gave 3 or more. Responses were balanced almost equally between male and female.

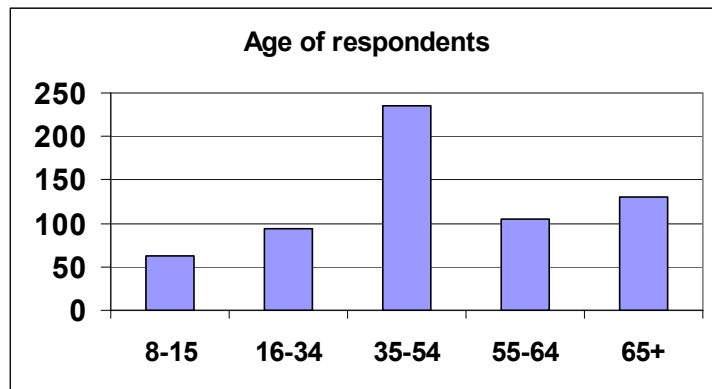


Figure 2. Age of Respondents

36% of respondents declared in the middle (35-54) age range, with a similar number 55 and over. 10% were under 15, with 14% in the 16-34 age range.

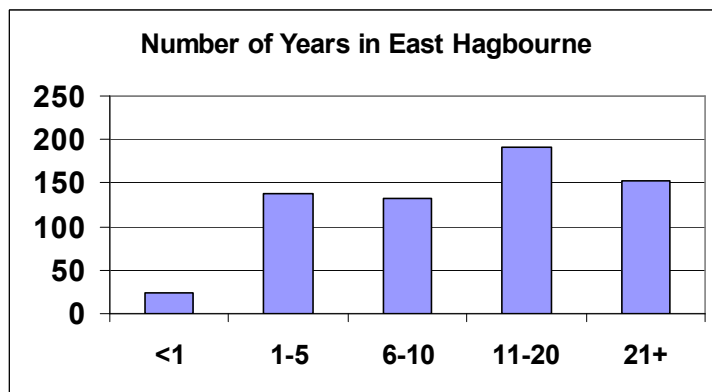


Figure 3. Number of Years Respondents have lived in East Hagbourne

73% of respondents had lived in East Hagbourne for 6 or more years. 26% of them were already involved in a local club or society, and this percentage did not vary much with years of residence in the Parish.

2.2. Footpaths

45% of respondents use the footpath network more than once a week, while 18% use it once a week. These figures are slightly up on the VS. This shows that the footpath network is a valuable resource for the village. For those who are involved with local clubs and societies, the percentage using the footpaths more than once a week rises to 66%, reinforcing the value of the network in social activities. Footpaths were also used more by those living in the village itself, which suggests that journeys within the village play a significant role, as well as walks into the surrounding countryside.

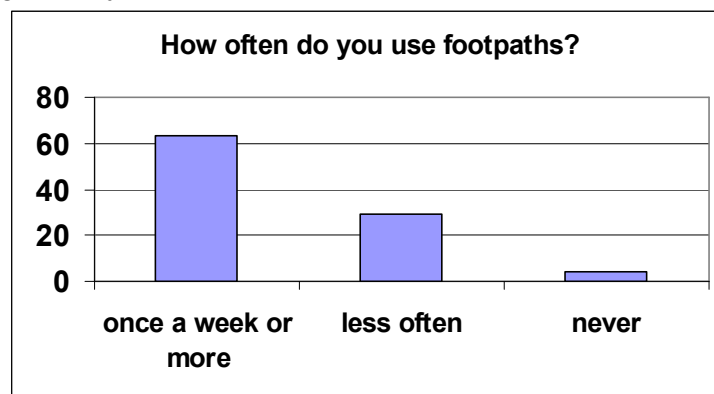


Figure 4. Footpaths are frequently used

Many comments and suggestions were received on improving the footpath network, again emphasizing its importance to residents (See Appendix 1, Question 8 for detailed responses).

The comments can be broadly grouped under 4 headings:

Access (90 comments)

- A large number of people (58) reported that footpaths are often muddy, waterlogged, and/or overgrown, and asked if they could be better paved and maintained.
- 7 people asked for additional lighting on some footpaths
- Footpaths can be particularly difficult for children and pram pushers.
- There were a number of requests for extension of the footpath network
- The level of complaint about the condition of the footpaths has risen significantly since the VS.
- Note: In the section on road safety, there were requests for additional pavements at the side of key roads - see Section 2.6

Cleanliness (37 comments)

- 29 people commented on dog excrement and the need for more bins. See Section 2.7 (Social Problems) for more information
- Horse manure on paths was also a concern for some respondents
- A small number of comments called for more litter bins

Safety (28 comments)

- 14 people expressed concern about cars, bicycles, motorcycles and horses on areas used by pedestrians
- Lighting was again requested by some people

Information (10 comments)

- Several people requested more detailed maps of the footpath network, both on information boards, and available on paper.

2.3. Sporting Activities

As part of the strategy for redeveloping the Recreation Ground and Sports facilities in East Hagbourne, a survey of Parish residents was carried out in 2003-04 to determine the demand for sporting activities and the potential to draw new people into sport. As a result of this, plans were drawn up for a redevelopment of the Recreation Ground at Great Mead, East Hagbourne to provide improved football changing facilities in a new pavilion which would also include a sports hall, and to install floodlit Multi-User Games Areas (MUGAs) primarily for tennis, but with capability also for netball, basketball and some football training use. In addition, new equipment would be installed in the children's play area.

The new Playground is now open, but plans for a new sports pavilion are currently on hold, because it has not been possible to obtain the necessary funding. A period of consideration is therefore needed, and the new results from this survey will be valuable in re-evaluating the plans.

As in 2003-04, tennis topped the list of sports where people expressed an interest in participating (Table 1). There was also moderate interest in basketball and netball, suggesting that provision of MUGAs could potentially be developed for these activities also.

Outdoor		Indoor	
Tennis	137	Badminton	125
Clay Shooting	80	Pilates	99
Running	70	Yoga	87
Football	68	Dancing	83
Cricket	56	Table tennis	81
Basketball	48	Aerobics	77
Netball	42	Indoor Bowls	67
Athletics	41	Ballet	33
Skateboard	36	Boxing	31
Softball	31	Karate	28
Mini-rugby	31	Judo	24
Hockey	29		

Table 1. Number of people who expressed interest in different sports¹
(Total of all responses - weekly, fortnightly, monthly or occasionally)

Of other outdoor activities, running and athletics together received 111 responses, football received 68 mentions, cricket 56. Clay pigeon shooting also received a high vote with 80 responses.

Among indoor activities, badminton headed the list of sports with 125 votes, followed by table tennis with 81, and indoor bowls with 67. Fitness related activities (pilates, yoga, aerobics) together totalled 263 responses, with smaller numbers for the martial arts. Ballroom dancing and ballet together received 114 votes

The results suggest that there is a broad interest in both outdoor and indoor activities (a total of 1400 votes from the 636 respondents), but that the interests are widely spread over many activities. The above figures also lump together male and female, adult and junior responses, so the numbers in each individual category will be lower.

¹ Based on preliminary analysis, March 2009

Overall, 36% of those interested in outdoor activities said they would participate weekly or fortnightly, compared with 55% who said 'occasionally' (the other were either monthly or not stated). For indoor activities, the figures were slightly higher, with 47% saying they would participate weekly or monthly, compared with 42% 'occasionally'.

Some activities, for example football, provide separate activities according to gender and age range, whereas others, such as yoga or pilates can be enjoyed more easily by mixed groups. As examples, the spread for football, tennis and pilates are described below. To indicate those people prepared to make a regular committment, the figures show those who said they would participate either weekly or fortnightly.

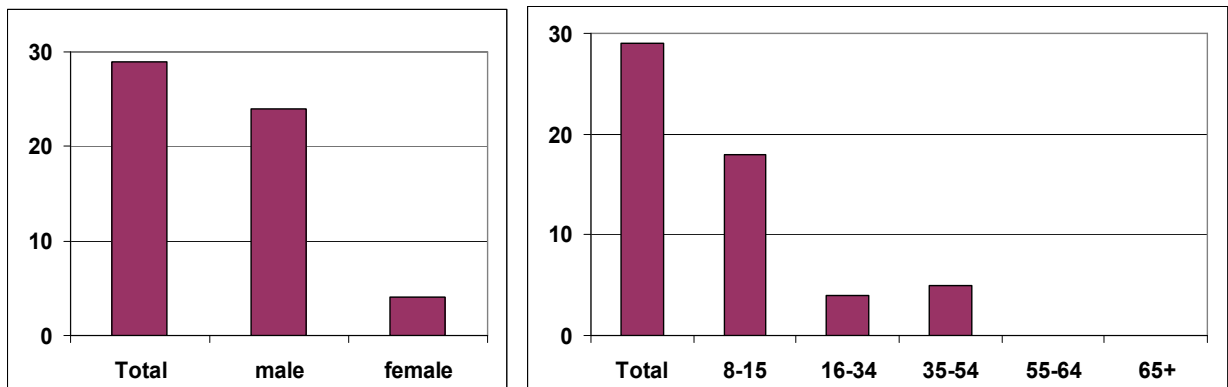


Figure 5. Respondents expressing interest in football either weekly or fortnightly.

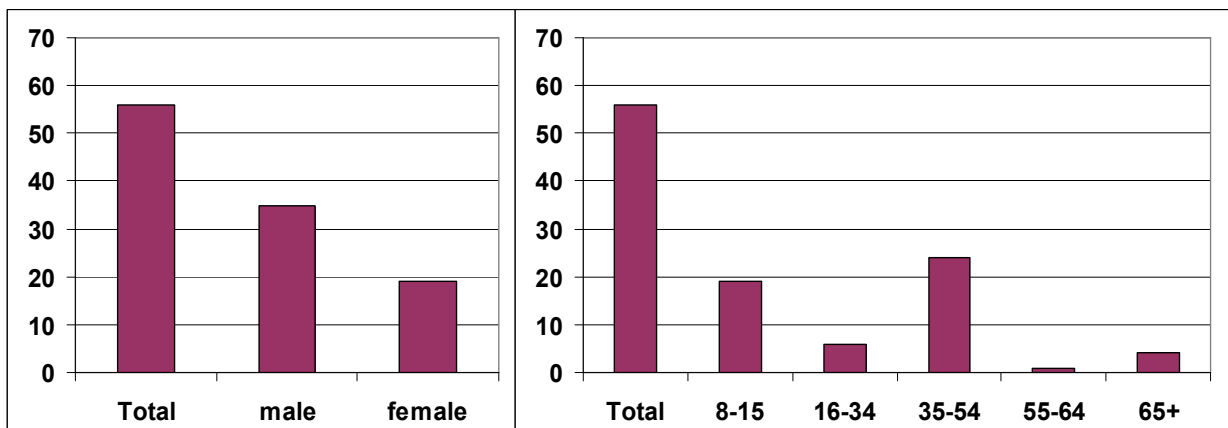


Figure 6. Respondents expressing interest in tennis either weekly or fortnightly.

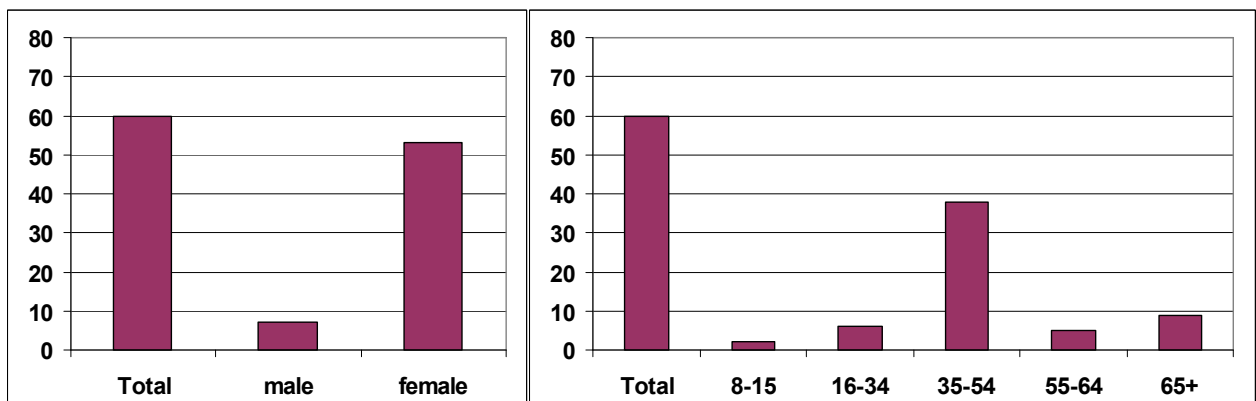


Figure 7. Respondents expressing interest in pilates either weekly or fortnightly.

For football, there was a total of 29 responses interested in weekly or fortnightly play, of which 24 were male and 4 female (the remaining one did not specify). Interest was strongest from the 8-15 year age group with 18 responses, with 9 from the 16-54 year age ranges.

For tennis, 56 people said they would play weekly or fortnightly, of which nearly 35 were male, 19 female. Interest was again strong from the 8-15 year group with 19 responses, but also from the 16-54 age range with a combined 30 responses, and 5 people aged 55 or over.

For pilates, there was a total of 60 weekly or fortnightly responses, and this time predominantly female (53 responses). Those aged 35-54 were the most interested, with 38 responses. There were only 2 responses from the 8-15 year group.

These illustrations form just a small fraction of the data from the questionnaires, but do illustrate some general points:

- There was a strong interest in both outdoor and indoor sports, but spread over a wide range of activities.
- Overall, 240 people expressed an interest in participating in outdoor sport on a weekly or fortnightly basis, and 346 a similar interest for indoor activities.
- There is a strong interest from younger people (8-15) for some active sports, with interest declining in the higher age groups
- Other activities, illustrated here by pilates, are more attractive to adults.
- Depending on the activity, there may be a strong difference in the level of interest between male and female respondents.

Much more information is available in the data file, which may be valuable in shaping future plans for sports and recreation activities in East Hagbourne.

25% of respondents to the survey said they were already members of a club or society. The list is shown in Appendix 1, Q11 and includes a very broad range of activities. While many people are members of activities in East Hagbourne, some travel further afield.

Question 12 of the questionnaire asked ' Q12. If a range of activities is provided, how likely are you to use the facilities in the proposed pavilion at the East Hagbourne Recreation Ground?'.

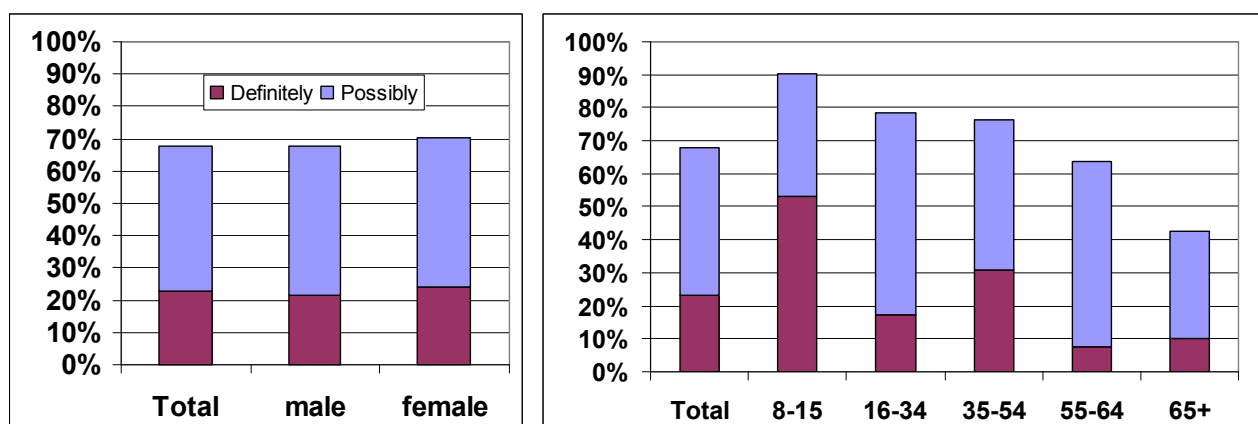


Figure 8. How likely are you to use a new Pavilion?

Overall, just under a quarter said they would definitely use a pavilion, while adding those who would possibly use it gave 68%. Interest was strongest among the 8-15 year age group and the 35-54 group.

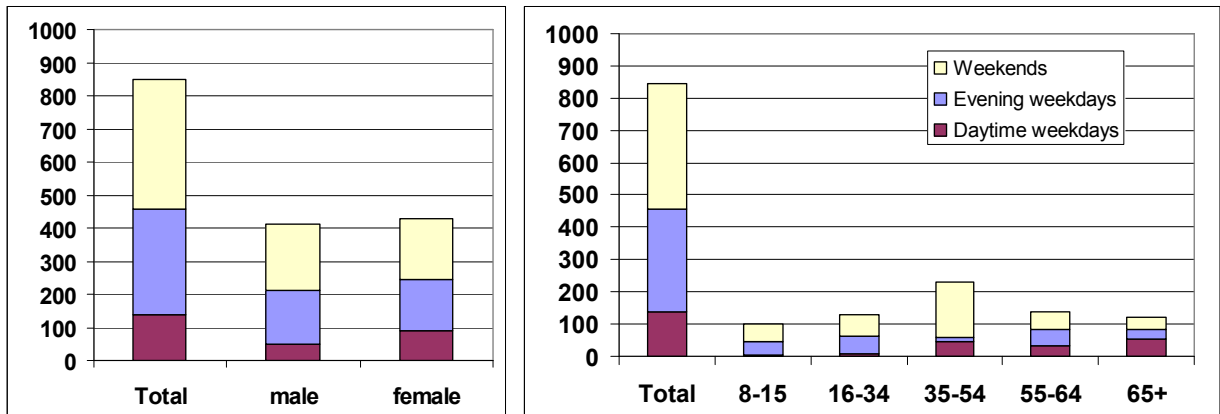


Figure 9. When would you use a new pavilion?.

Not surprisingly, considering work and school committments, interest was strongest in using a new pavilion during evenings and weekends. A potential pavilion could therefore be available for other community activities during the working day.

2.4. Other Leisure Activities

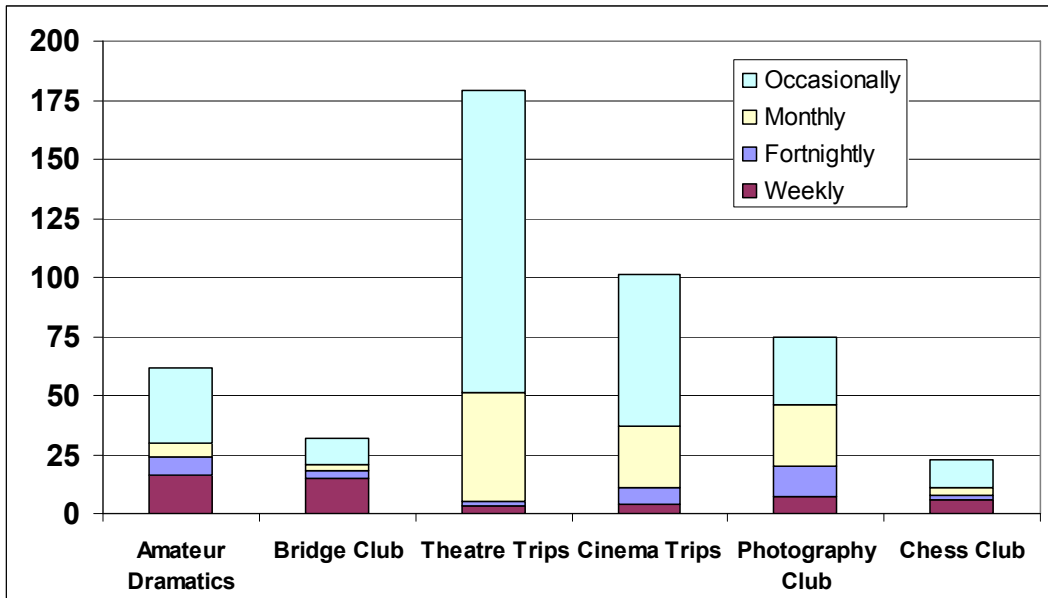


Figure 10. What other activities would you take part in ?

Although interest in a new pavilion naturally centres around sporting activities, there are aspects of 'preserving valued local features and a village's distinctive character', which are more difficult to measure. A new pavilion also has the potential for enhancing the social life of all villagers, and the provision of greater social cohesion as a 'heart' of the village. The questionnaire touched on this aspect by enquiring about residents' interests in other leisure activities.

As shown in Figure 10, theatre trips in particular seem to be a strong area of interest. Encouragingly, a significant percentage of those willing to participate were also happy to help organise, at least occasionally.

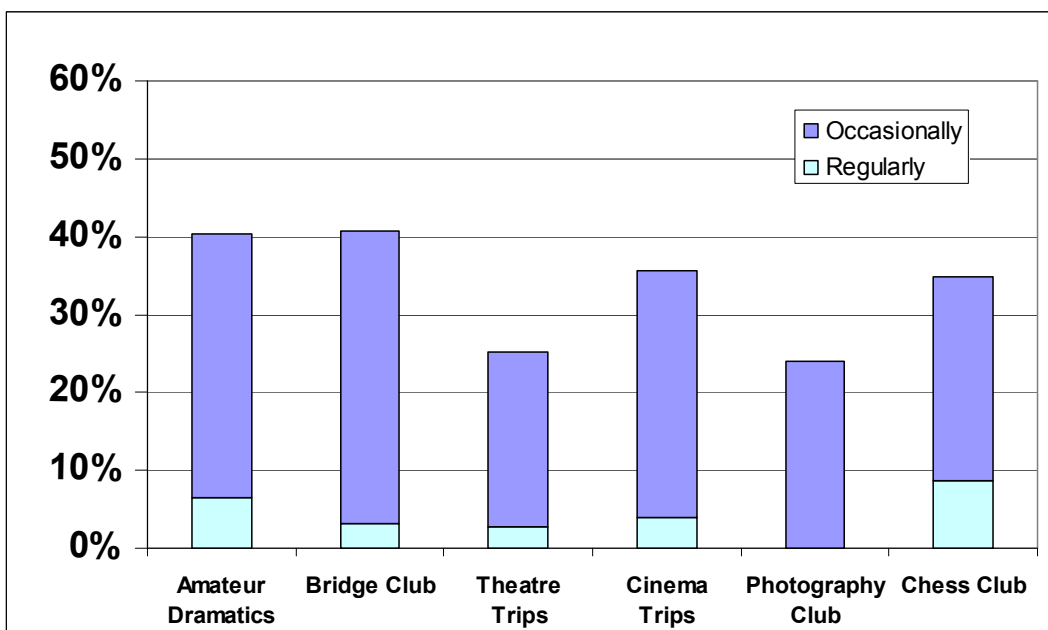


Figure 11. Percentage of potential participants willing to help

2.5. Communications

59% of respondents said that they received enough information about village events and activities. This percentage was fairly constant regardless of age range or how long people have lived in the village, but was significantly higher (78%) for those who were members of a group, club or society in East Hagbourne.

However, 53% of respondents felt they did not get sufficient information about local government plans (such as roads and housing) that affect the village, against 39% who felt they did. Of those who received the Parish Magazine, a higher percentage (48%) said they received enough information. Satisfaction was particularly low in Millbrook, where only 19% said they received enough information, compared with 43-45% in the rest of the Parish.

61% currently receive the Parish Magazine, almost exactly the same as in the VS, rising to 86% for those who are involved in a local club or society. There were some significant differences across the age range, and between different areas of the Parish.

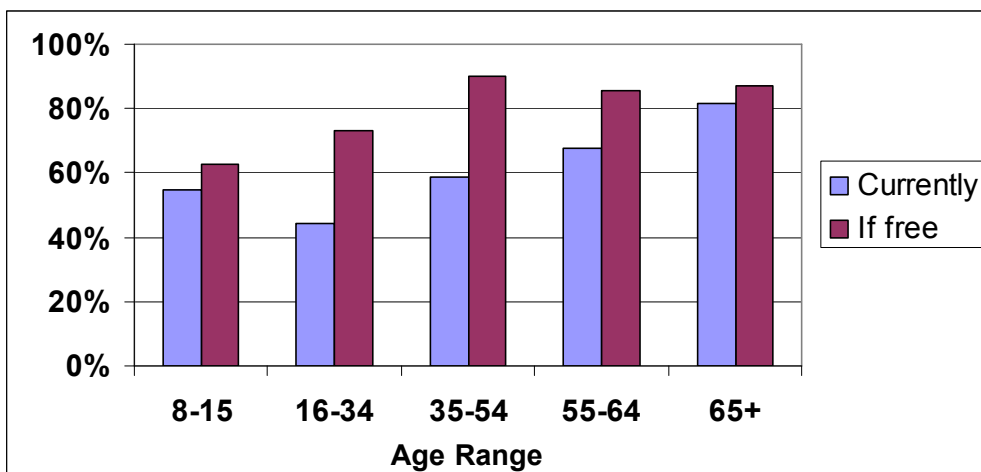


Figure 12. Percentage of people receiving the Parish Magazine, by age

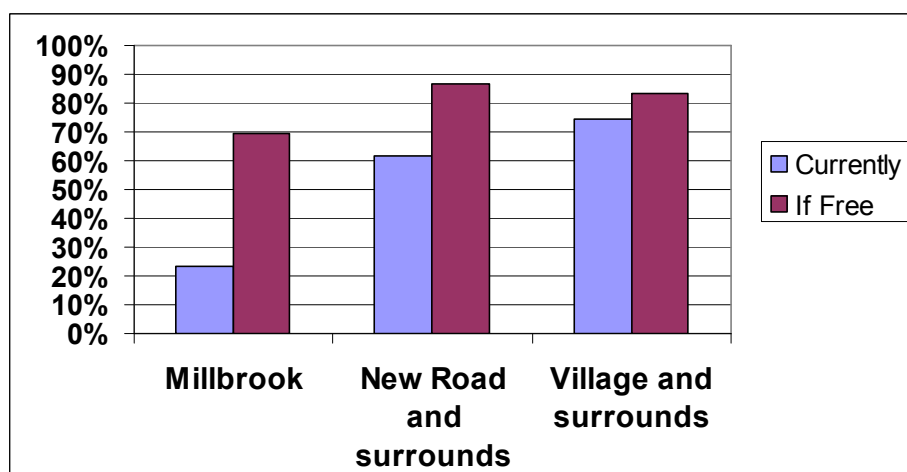


Figure 13. Percentage of people receiving the Parish Magazine, by area

Currently, the Parish Magazine is reaching less than half the people in the 16-34 age range or who live in Millbrook. However, although in Millbrook only 23% of respondents currently receive the magazine, 70% would welcome it if it was free. Over the whole Parish, more than

85% of people aged 35 or over said they would welcome it if it were free, but there was a lower level of interest from younger people.

The second major means of communication in the village is the web site. At the time of the survey, this had not been updated for some time, so it is perhaps not surprising that only 9% said they look at the village web site at least once a month, and almost half never look at it. These figures may have improved now that the web site is more actively maintained and updated.

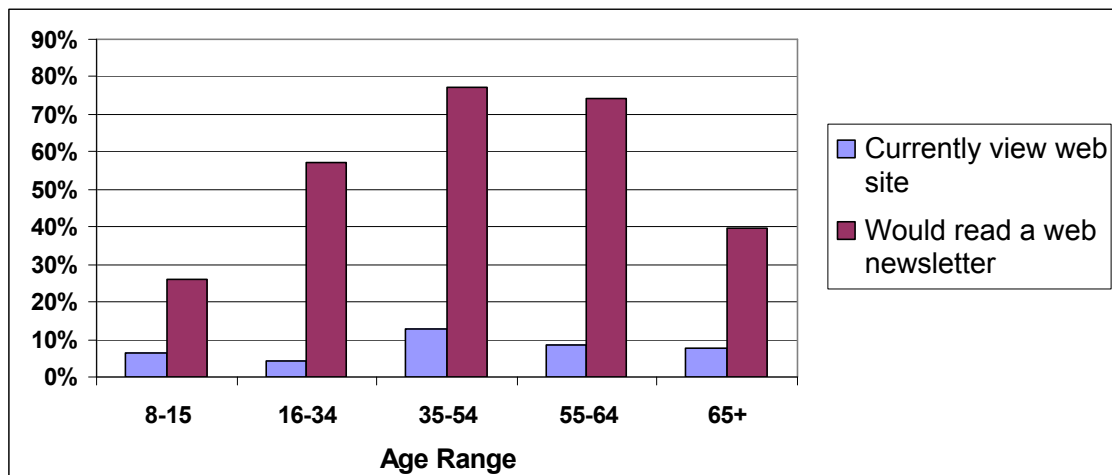


Figure 14. Interest in use of web site, by age

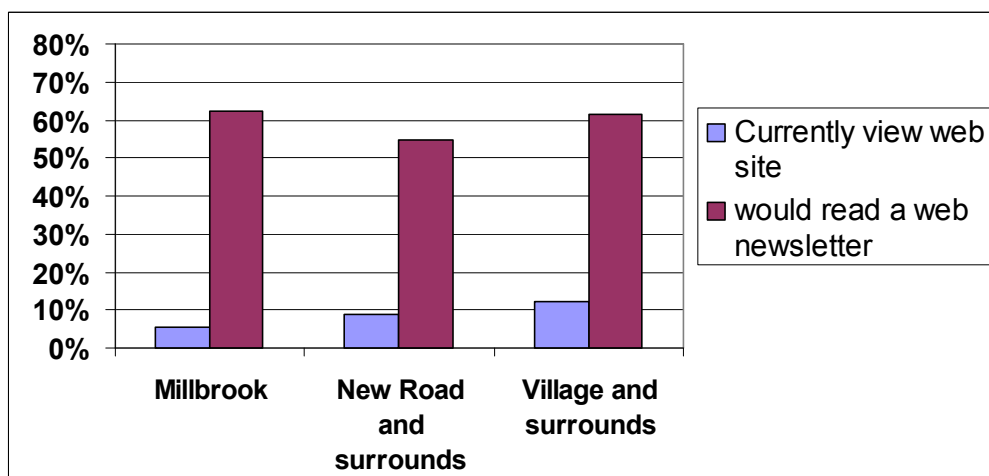


Figure 15. Interest in use of web site, by area

However, 60% said they would read a newsletter if it was posted on the village web site, but as for the Parish Magazine, the figures show less interest from younger people. Overall, more people said they would read a free Parish Magazine than would read a web newsletter.

2.6. Road Safety

There were various questions that related to road safety.

Overall, 35% of respondents thought that speeding was always or often a problem, 33% that it was occasionally a problem, and 28% never a problem (6% expressed no view).

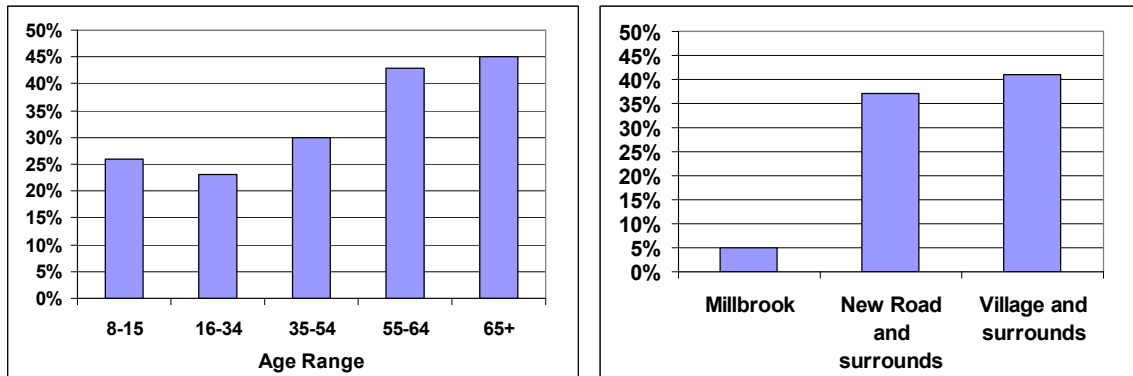


Figure 16. Percentage of people who said speeding was always or often a problem.

People over 55 were more concerned than younger people. Speeding was seen to be less of a problem in the more secluded environment of Millbrook, where 58% said it was never a problem, and only 5% that it was always or often a problem. The level of concern was much higher in the New Road and Village areas of the Parish. These figures are little changed from the VS.

The narrow road through the centre of the village (Main Road) needs particular care to negotiate. Respondents were asked whether they would support a 20mph speed limit through this part of the village.

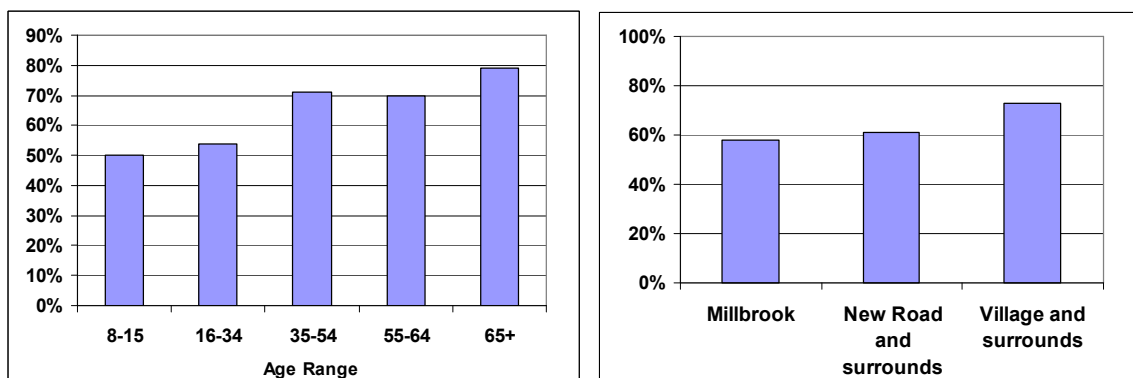


Figure 17. Percentage of people who favour a 20mph speed limit on Main Road.

66% of respondents would like a 20 mph limit on Main Road. Although support was strongest in the village area itself, around 60% of respondents in Millbrook and on New Road were also in favour. Overall, 15% were against the proposal, while 18% expressed no opinion. Support for a 20mph limit was highest among the older age ranges, but was 50% or over for all ages.

The area outside the Post Office and Shop on New Road is also a critical point for traffic, being also the access point to the garage and to the Recreation Ground and playing field in Great Mead. Respondents were asked to comment on two specific proposals, namely installation of a pedestrian crossing or traffic calming measures.

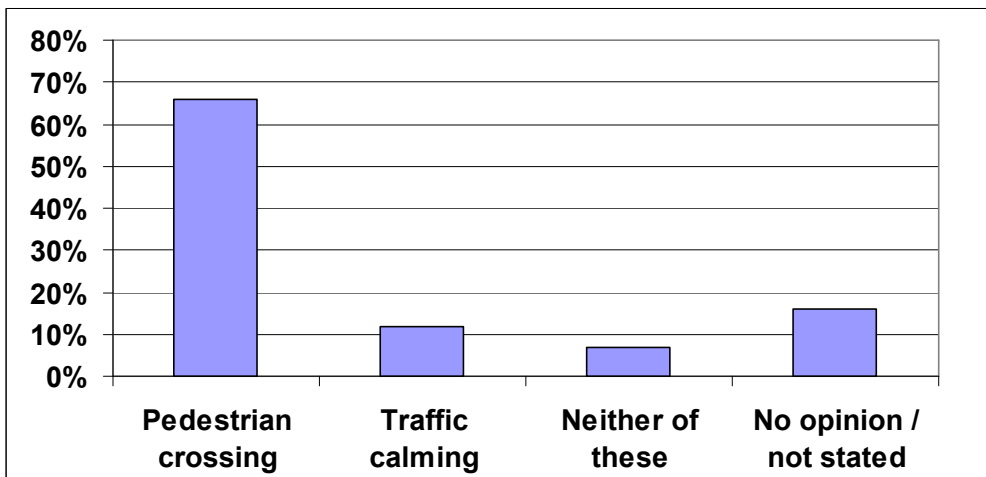


Figure 18. Level of support for traffic measures by the Post Office/Shop.

Only 7% of responses were not in favour of either measure, with 13% of people expressing no opinion, indicating that the majority of people do perceive there to be a problem. A pedestrian crossing was the preferred option, with 66% of people supporting this proposal. Overall, 12% were in favour of traffic calming measures, however the figure was 13%/15% for the New Road and Village Areas, compared with 4% for Millbrook. The responses were broadly similar across the age range.

The corner by the Lower Cross War Memorial, where Main Road meets Blewbury Road and New Road, is potentially hazardous. Vehicles from Blewbury often speed round the bend and cannot see vehicles turning right into Main Road until the last moment. Respondents were asked to comment on one possible solution, which would be to change the right of way, so that traffic from Blewbury has to stop. Traffic turning across New Road into Main Road would then have Right of Way: 63% of respondents supported this proposal. In the earlier VS, no solution was proposed, but 40% thought there was a problem. Support was strongest, at 77%, from people in New Road and surroundings, compared with 57% for both Millbrook and the village area. However, there was opposition from 24% of those who live in the village area, perhaps because such a scheme could risk Main Road being perceived as the main through-route. The clear message remains that there is concern about the traffic situation at the War Memorial and support for change.

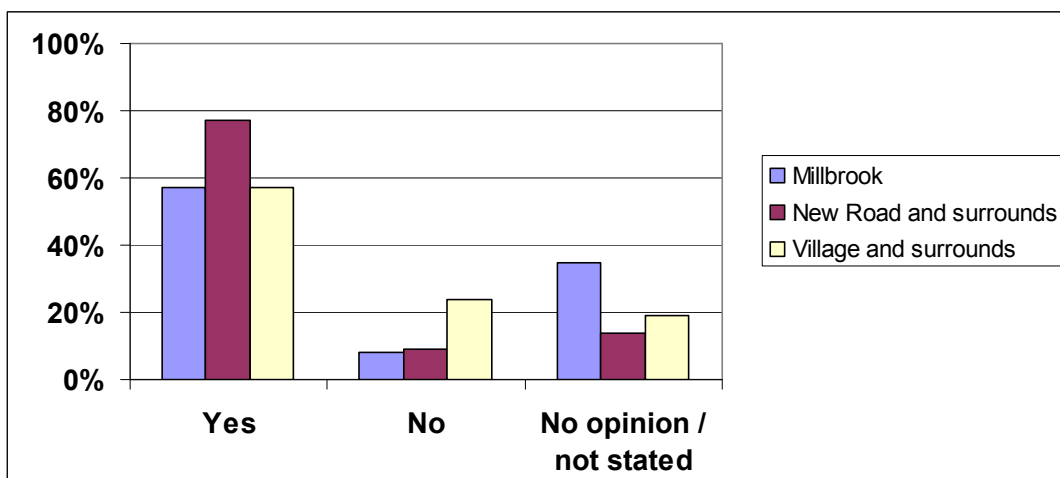


Figure 19. Level of support for changes to road layout at the War Memorial

There were a large number of other suggestions in the written comments, detailed in Appendix 1, Q27.

Speeding generated the most comments (58). There was strong support for enforcing the existing speed limits more strictly, but also for lower speed limits, particularly through Main Road, where a 20mph limit was proposed, outside the Post Office, and at Coscote, where the national speed limit currently applies.

Many comments supported traffic calming measures such as speed bumps, but also mentioning chicanes, road narrowing and flashing warning signs. Since support for traffic calming along Main Road was not directly solicited in the questionnaire, it is not possible to estimate the level of support for such measures in the different areas of the village. However, as shown in figure 18, this option was not strongly supported for New Road. Traffic calming was also evaluated in an earlier survey, and this information will be valuable as the questions is further analysed and addressed.

Parking on roads was raised as a concern in 42 comments, particularly on bends and corners. The area around the school continues to be a concern, mentioned specifically in 9 comments. There were 6 comments about cars parked on pavements.

36 comments broadly related to road layout and traffic restrictions, with a revised layout at Lower Cross heading the list with 10 comments. HGVs were cited as a problem in 5 comments. Visibility was mentioned in 4 comments, with concerns about overhanging hedges and street lighting.

For pedestrian safety, extension of pavements was requested from the School towards the cemetery and beyond (including a request for a safe passage from Coscote), and from Lower Cross towards the Post Office on the east side of the road. This will become more important as the Recreation Ground at Great Mead is further developed. Pedestrian crossings were mentioned as a contributing element to safety. 'Boy racers' and joy riders were mentioned in several comments, including use of cars in the village car park.

The mix of pedestrians and other road users can cause problems on occasion, for example, cyclists do not always use audible warning when approaching pedestrians (see Appendix 1, Q28). It was also suggested that the route of the Walking School Bus could be optimized to be more visible to motorists at road crossings.

2.7. Social Problems

Respondents were asked to comment on what social problems they find to be a problem, with specific questions on vandalism, litter, dog fouling and anti-social behaviour. The overall results were:

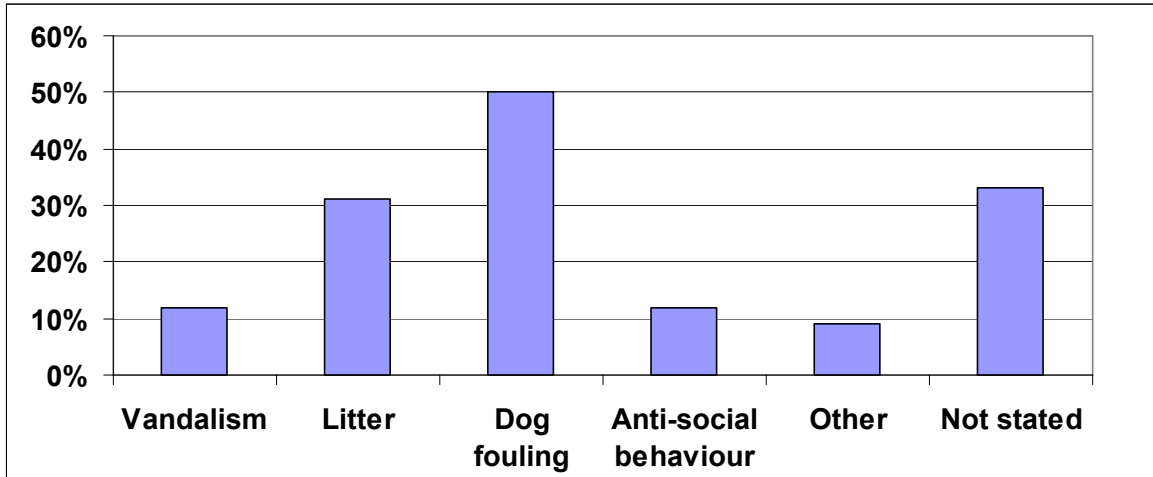


Figure 20. Percentage of people reporting social problems

Dog fouling was mentioned the most times, being cited as a problem by 50% of respondents, followed by litter with 31%. Vandalism and anti-social behaviour were cited by 12% of people, while 33% gave no response, so must be assumed to perceive no problems.

Dog Fouling

50% of respondents thought dog fouling was a problem when answering Q28a, and this was reinforced by individual comments in the context of footpaths (Appendix 1, Q8 and Q28). There were 37 comments relating to cleanliness of footpaths, most of which referred to dog problems.

The response is much the same as in the VS, suggesting that the steps taken in the last 10 years have had little effect.

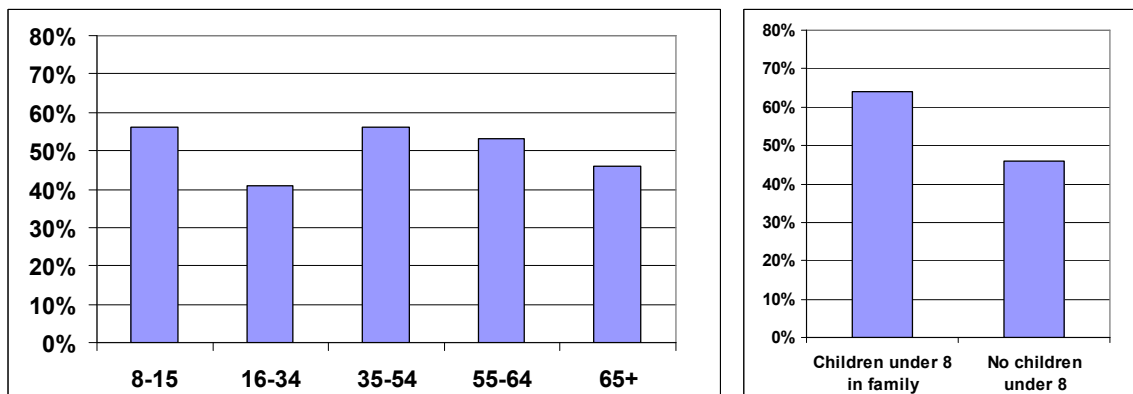


Figure 21. Percentage of people concerned about dog fouling

Although concern about dog fouling was expressed by all areas of the Parish, families with children under 8, and children aged 8-15 felt particularly strongly about it.

Litter

The VS suggested that there was not a litter problem. However, 31% of respondents feel that there is a problem now, and the response was fairly uniform across age range and area of the Parish.

No suggestions were given.

Vandalism and anti-social behaviour

Although the number of people reporting concerns about vandalism and anti-social behaviour are lower than for the above issues, the level of concern is over 15% for families with young children.

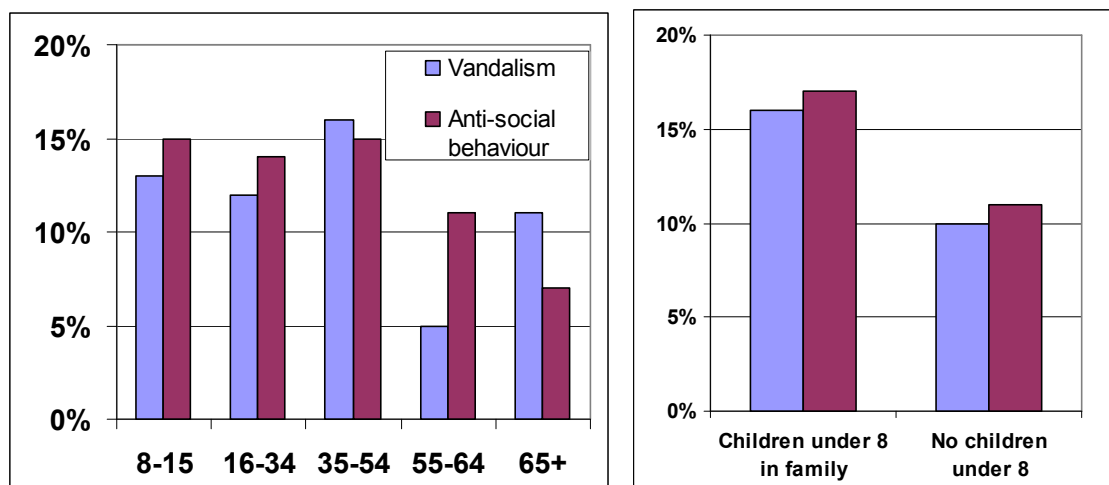


Figure 22. Young people are the most concerned about vandalism/anti-social behaviour

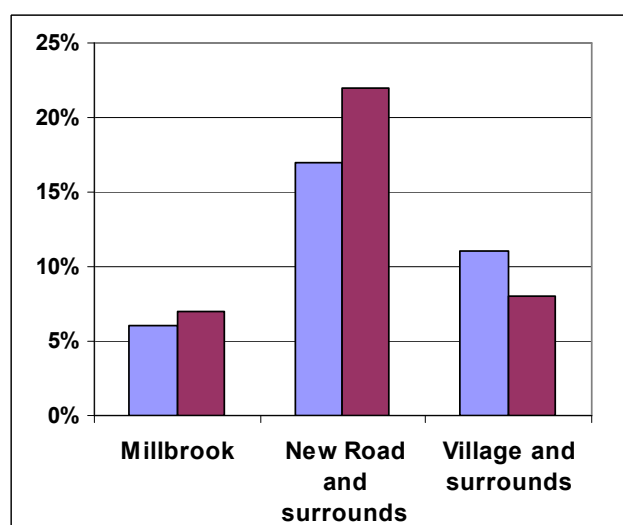


Figure 23. New Road area reports more concern over bad behaviour

2.8. Allotments

The field called Butt's Piece, at the end of Harwood Road was formerly used entirely for allotments, but these fell into disuse some years ago. More recently, there has been a revived interest, encouraged by central government. Butt's Piece is currently being reinstated to include an area that will be used for allotments.

50 respondents were 'Very Interested' in having an allotment, and another 95 were 'Possibly Interested', while 454 people stated they had no interest.

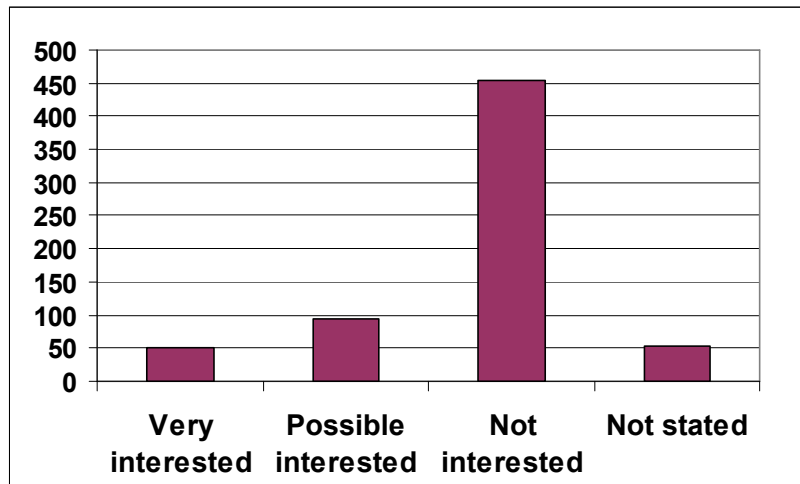


Figure 24. Number of people interested in having an allotment

However, the numbers in favour should perhaps be compared with the number of households in the survey (300) rather than the number of individual participants.

2.9. The Post Office and Village Shop

Question 30 asked 'What suggestions do you have to improve the service provided by the Post Office and Village Shop?' The responses are shown in appendix 1, Q30 and show that there is great support for the village shop and Post Office.

61 comments asked for a greater range of goods and services in the shop and Post Office. 17 comments asked for newspapers and magazines to be available, while a similar number called for more fresh food and bread to be available. Some asked for cigarettes and alcohol to be available. 8 respondents would also like the Post Office to offer a wider range of services including car tax renewal.

The second category of 26 comments related to opening times, with 20 people requesting earlier/later opening, even on a few nights a week.

The location of the current shop is clearly a limitation, both in terms of space, and for vehicle access. 10 people said that reversing out onto the road is dangerous.

In terms of encouraging more use, 6 people suggested more publicity for the shop, also that increased facilities (such as the ability to pick up the Parish magazine) could increase custom.

2.10. St Andrews Church

St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's Parish Church is the oldest part of the East Hagbourne community, and has been a major influence on our heritage and sense of community. The questionnaire asked what part St Andrew's plays in participant's lives.

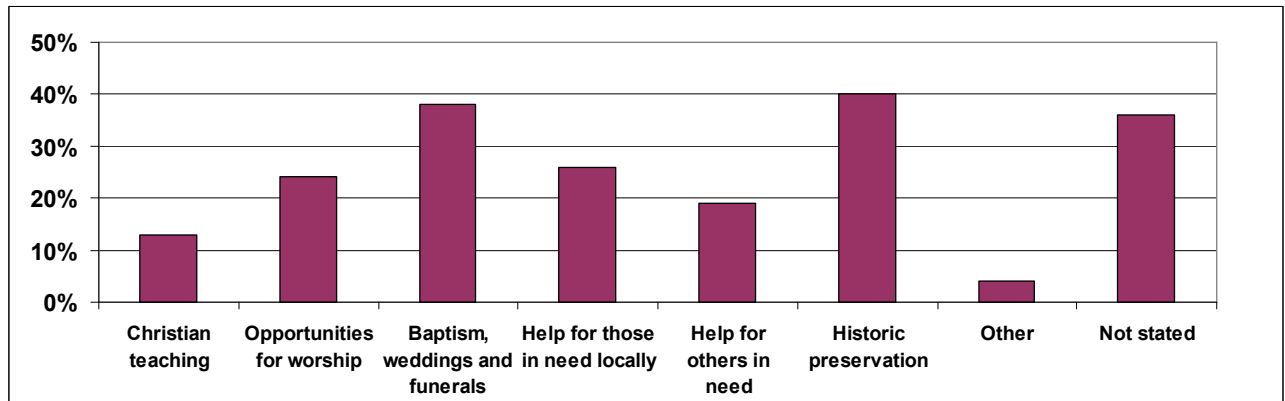


Figure 25. Importance of St Andrew's facilities to respondents

The responses showed that the church is valued by most of the respondents, with only 33% reporting no personal benefit.

40% of respondents valued the historical context of the church, compared with 57% in the VS, and 38% cited baptisms weddings and funerals as important to them, against 43% in the VS. Support for these activities was strongest in the Village and New Road areas, with less interest from Millbrook.

Appendix 1. Summary of Written Responses

Q8, What would you do to improve the village path network?

ACCESS		90
Q8	Some footpaths are potholed, muddy/waterlogged and/or overgrown.	58
Q8	More frequent grass cutting/hedge trimming	7
Q8	Extra lighting on some pathways	7
Q8	Some pathways could be wider/ for prams	3
Q8	Continue footpath from village hall to cemetery	2
Q8	Tarmac the footpath from Harwood Rd to the village hall	1
Q8	Can we have a cycle path to Blewbury	1
Q8	Put hardcore down on paths across Butts Piece and by the Millenium Wood	1
Q8	Would like a cycle path from Stonesfield to Park Rd	1
Q8	Can there be a footpath between Coscote and the rest of the village?	1
Q8	Can the path from Fieldside to Parsonage Lane be widened to take prams	1
Q8	There are too many cracked and uneven pavements	1
Q8	Improve links between Didcot and EH	1
Q8	Create more circular walk	1
Q8	Improve surfaces for wheelchair use	1
Q8	Can the footpath network be extended	1
Q8	Can agricultural vehicles be kept off paths	1
Q8	Moor Lane is very rutted	1
CLEANLINESS		37
Q8	More dog poo bins needed beside Millenium Wood and the railway ridge/elsewhere	29
Q8	Horse poo on East to West Hagbourne path. 'No horses' sign	4
Q8	Can there be more litter prevention/ clearing up	2
Q8	Insufficient litter bins	1
Q8	Can we have litter bins at junction of Harwood Rd and old railway	1
SAFETY		28
Q8	Can cars,bikes, motorcycles and horses be stopped from using footpaths	10
Q8	Stop motor bikes on paths	3
Q8	It hard to cross some roads between sections of paths. Can anything be done to help	3
Q8	Can there be improved lighting for safety (e.g. between Harwood Rd/Green Close)	3
Q8	Anti-social youths on paths	3
Q8	Put up notices to make sure cyclists are not oblivious to walkers	1
Q8	Put cycle lanes on main roads	1
Q8	Farmers to advise PC when they are about to spray weed killer near paths.	1
Q8	Make it safer to cross Blewbury/New/Main Road	1
Q8	Signs on bends to try to limit cyclist speed and protect pedestrians	1
Q8	Loose dogs on cycle routes are a danger to cyclists	1
INFORMATION		19
Q8	Can we have a map of all footpaths/cycle paths	10
Q8	Boards put up with pathway maps shown	2
Q8	Improve signage	3
Q8	Better sign posting	2
Q8	All signage should be replaced with materials sympatheritic to the village	1
Q8	Can there be an information board re EH, history etc around the village	1
OTHER		
Q8	Can more woodland be planted	1

Q11. Which clubs/societies do you belong to (whether the club is based in East Hagbourne or elsewhere)?

Q11	Fitness gym	10
Q11	Bowls	7
Q11	Book club	5
Q11	Yoga	4
Q11	Member of fitness centres	3
Q11	Tennis	3
Q11	Indoor bowls	3
Q11	Didcot Town/Other football	3
Q11	Didcot Casuals football club	3
Q11	Junior football	3
Q11	Badminton	3
Q11	Pilates	2
Q11	Netball	2
Q11	Older and Bolder	2
Q11	Hadden Hill GC	2
Q11	Karate	2
Q11	Hockey	2
Q11	Folk dancing, recorders, choir, yoga, swimming, church	1
Q11	Netball	1
Q11	Cricket	1
Q11	National Trust, Choir, bell ringing	1
Q11	Windsurfing	1
Q11	Folk dancing	1
Q11	Walking	1
Q11	Scouts	1
Q11	Jive	1
Q11	Judo	1
Q11	Dancing	1
Q11	Welsh Highland railway society	1
Q11	Rugby	1
Q11	Full range of childrens' sports	1
Q11	Company football and cricket team	1
Q11	Goring football club	1
Q11	Didcot table tennis club	1
Q11	Girls Brigade	1
Q11	Beavers	1
Q11	Junior tennis	1
Q11	Oxford womens boxing	1
Q11	Harwell Football Club	1
Q11	Cubs	1
Q11	Junior football	1
Q11	Junior drama	1
Q11	Mountain biking	1
Q11	Walking club	1
Q11	Nadfas	1
Q11	Sailing	1
Q11	Archery	1
Q11	Short tennis	1
Q11	Mini rugby	1
Q11	Swimming	1
Q11	Choir	1
Q11	Blewbury brass band	1
Q11	Croquet	1
Q11	Gardening	1

Q27 What suggestions do you have to improve road safety in the Village?

SPEEDING/TRAFFIC CALMING	58
Q27 Introduce speed humps/traffic calming (on Main road in particular)	19
Q27 Illuminated 'Slow down' signs/ traffic calming on New Rd/Blewbury Rd/Enforce limit	9
Q27 Enforce speed limits with cameras/ other means e.g. flashing speed signs	6
Q27 20 mph speed limit on Main Rd, but 30 mph on others	3
Q27 20 mph speed limit in village	3
Q27 Can there be a chicane at Upper Cross towards the school	2
Q27 Slow traffic on New Rd/ Main Rd	2
Q27 Reduce speed limits	1
Q27 Can the 20 mph limit apply from the road outside the PO	1
Q27 20 mph limit by school	1
Q27 Lower speed limit on Main Rd as far as the school	1
Q27 20 mph limit in village, but only during school run times	1
Q27 10 mph speed limit between Lower Cross and the School	1
Q27 Can there be a 30 mph limit in Coscote	1
Q27 The 30mph limit, coming from Coscote, should start the Coscote side of the bridge	1
Q27 Cut speed on New Rd (Cousin killed in December)	1
Q27 Speed camera or police activity to ensure speed limit compliance	1
Q27 Introduce speed humps and restrict parking between Shoe Lane and the corners	1
Q27 Speed activated signs at all entrances to village	1
Q27 Speed activated signs near school	1
Q27 Appeal to people to behave safely in the Parish mag/ on the web	1
PARKING	42
Q27 Stop cars parking on bends and corners	16
Q27 Parking on the pavement should be prohibited on New Rd/elsewhere.	6
Q27 Encourage use of car park rather than on the road by school	5
Q27 Extend the no parking zone by the school	4
Q27 Stop vehicles parking on blind corners in Main Rd	3
Q27 Prohibit parking on the road anywhere near the school	3
Q27 Some parking restrictions required at the junction of Main Rd and Harwood Rd	2
Q27 Encourage those with driveways not to park on the road	1
Q27 The PC should support all applications for off-road parking	1
Q27 Parking in Church Close during weddings and services blocks in residents	1
ROAD LAYOUT/TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS	36
Q27 Can we have a roundabout at Lower Cross?	8
Q27 Mirrors to be placed on corners	3
Q27 CAN HGVs be prohibited from using Main Rd	3
Q27 Road narrowing at all entry points to the village	3
Q27 Ban HGV's on Main Rd except for deliveries	2
Q27 Make sure all hedges are cut back to ensure good visibility on corners on Blewbury Rd	2
Q27 Traffic lights at peak times by the school	2
Q27 Make Main Rd/New Rd/Blewbury Rd junction closed to traffic other than for access	2
Q27 Improve lighting on Main Rd	2
Q27 More pedestrian crossings	1
Q27 Improve road signage	1
Q27 Change the priority at the New Rd/ Jubilee Way junction	1
Q27 When roads are resurfaced, can there be varied colours/textures	1
Q27 Traffic should only turn right into Main Rd off Blewbury Rd (no entry sign on other access).	1
Q27 Put 'School Ahead' sign by allotments on Main Rd	1
Q27 Can pedestrian crossings have audible noises for blind people	1
Q27 Safe crossing at Upper Cross	1
Q27 Put traffic priority signs at Lower Cross	1
FOOTPATHS/PAVEMENTS	11
Q27 Continue footpath from School/Manor Farm Lane to cemetery/beyond	5
Q27 Can there be continuous pavement to the school	2
Q27 Continue footpath from Grange Farmhouse to Great Mead	1
Q27 Make sure pavements are well maintained	1
Q27 Can there be a paved pathway to East Hagbourne from Coscote	1
Q27 Make it safe for pedestrians to access the PO from Blewbury Rd. No pavement	1
OTHER	
Q27 Stop joyriders in village hall car park	2
Q27 Build a new southern link road through Millenium Woods	1
Q27 Reduce traffic from Didcot to Blewbury	1
Q27 Move the bus stop at Lower Cross to the lay-by just beyond Passey's garage	1
Q27 Introduce cycle lane on Main Rd	1
Q27 The school walking bus needs to stop away from junctions so that exiting drivers can see	1
Q27 Identify and repair pot holes more speedily	1

The Web site - Questions 18-19

Q18	Can the web site be made to work with software for blind people	1
Q19	The web site is visited but many people believe it is not kept up to date	
Q19	Many people do not know there is a web site	

Q28. What social problems, if any, do you personally find a problem in East Hagbourne?

Q28	Keep dogs on leads when walking the streets to stop them fouling peoples' driveways	1
Q28	Dogs are not always properly controlled by their owners	1
Q28	Boy racers are a problem/joyriding	2
Q28	Can there be a bye-law to insist all cyclists have bells on the old railway cycle track	1
Q28	Attempted break-ins	1
Q28	Noisy agricultural vehicles	1
Q28	Drug dealing in the village hall car park	1

Q30. What suggestions do you have to improve the service provided by the Post Office and Village Shop?

SERVICES	61
Q30 Expand the village shop to carry a wider selection of goods	17
Q30 Sell/deliver newspapers and magazines	11
Q30 Can the Post Office be upgraded to offer car tax renewals/ TV licence/ other postal services	8
Q30 Can the PO sell alcohol, cigarettes, newspapers, a wider range of food, fresh bread	7
Q30 Fresh bread and veg and frozen meat/fish	6
Q30 Stock local fresh product, and fresh bread on specified days	1
Q30 Can the shop sell local produce, likr the Blewbury village shop	3
Q30 Operate an ordering system for specialist foods	1
Q30 Have DVD's for hire	1
Q30 Print digital photos	1
Q30 Can the shop receive courier parcels for later collection	1
Q30 Can it sell CALPOL	1
Q30 Can the PO have a library for electronic games	1
Q30 Offer coffee	1
Q30 Can the shop sell healthy kids sweets	1
 OPENING TIMES	 26
Q30 Can there be early/later opening - even a few night a week?	20
Q30 Can the PO be open more afternoons	2
Q30 Post Office should be open every afternoon	1
Q30 Can it open on Sundays	2
Q30 Faster service at the PO	1
 LOCATION	 12
Q30 Can parking be improved/backing out is dangerous	10
Q30 Can we have a ramp for the elderly to walk up?	1
Q30 Move to a larger site	1
 OTHER	 3
Q30 More publicity to encourage people to use it	3
Q30 Increase advertising for PO and shop	3
Q30 If the Parish Mag was free it could be collected from the PO	1
Q30 Encourage younger people to help staff the shop	1
Q30 Can there be a Club bulletin board in the shop?	1

Appendix 2. The Survey Questionnaire

YOUR DETAILS

Q1. If you would like to be included in the Prize Draw, please write your family name and telephone number here:

Family name:	
Telephone number:	

Please make sure that everybody aged 8 or over in your household completes this questionnaire individually. There is a separate column for up to 5 people. If more than 5 people live in your household, please ask your Collector for another questionnaire.

For example...

Q2. What gender are you?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
Male	X		X		
Female		X		X	

A is Dad
B is Mum
C is Dave aged 15
D is Millie aged 13
Dan is only AGED 7 and does not fill in the form

Names:

To help you remember who is who, please list either the names/nicknames or initials of each person completing the form.

Person	Name/Nickname or initials
A	
B	
C	
D	
E	

Please answer every question, as far as possible. There is room for general comments and questions at the end of the questionnaire.

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Q2.	PLEASE PUT A NUMBER IN BOTH BOXES
How many people <u>over 8 years old</u> live in your house/flat:	
How many people <u>under 8 years old</u> live in your house/flat:	

To help us understand the results of this questionnaire, please answer Q2-4 to tell us a bit about yourself/yourselves.

Q3. What gender are you?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
Male					
Female					

Q4. How old are you today?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
8-11					
12-15					
16-24					
25-34					
35-44					
45-54					
55-64					
65+					

Q5. How long have you lived in East Hagbourne?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
Less than 1 year					
1-5 years					
6-10 years					
11-20 years					
21+ years					

COMMUNITY

East Hagbourne has some 25 groups, clubs or societies.

Q6. How many East Hagbourne groups, clubs or societies are you involved in?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
None					
1					
2					
3+					

VILLAGE FOOT/CYCLE/BRIDLE PATHS

East Hagbourne has a large number of walkers, as well as riders and cyclists. The area around the village has a large number of foot/cycle/bridle paths.

We want to find out how often the foot/cycle/bridle paths are used by the whole community.

Q7. How often do you use the foot/cycle/bridle paths around East Hagbourne (for whatever purpose)?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
More than once a week					
Once a week					
Less often					
Never					

To encourage more people to use the paths, we are keen to find ways to improve the village path network. This might involve repairs, new paths/routes (eg “from A to B”), restrictions or other suggestions.

Q8. What problems exist with the village path network, and what would you do to improve it?	PLEASE WRITE SUGGESTIONS BELOW
A	
B	
C	
D	
E	

SPORTING ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES

We're interested in knowing whether you belong to a club/society for any of these activities (whether the club is based in East Hagbourne or elsewhere).

Q10. Are you a member of a club or group for any of the activities listed?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
	Yes				
No					

If you ticked "Yes" to the above question, which clubs/societies do you belong to.

Q11. Which clubs/societies do you belong to (whether the club is based in East Hagbourne or elsewhere)?	PLEASE WRITE CLUB/SOCIETY DETAILS BELOW
A	
B	
C	
D	
E	

The proposed pavilion at East Hagbourne Recreation Ground is likely to be used for a range of activities.

Q12. If a range of activities is provided, how likely are you to use the facilities in the proposed pavilion at the East Hagbourne Recreation Ground?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
	Definitely				
	Possibly				
Unlikely					

When would you be able to use the proposed facilities?

Q13. At what times of day would you be able to use the facilities in the proposed pavilion at the East Hagbourne Recreation Ground?	PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY				
	A	B	C	D	E
	Daytime weekdays (Monday-Friday)				
	Evening weekdays (Monday-Friday)				
Weekends					

OTHER RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Research has shown that there are a number of non-sporting activities that could be popular in East Hagbourne.

<p>Q14. Please indicate which of these activities you would take part in.</p> <p>Please leave blank if not interested.</p> <p>Put “W” if Weekly Put “F” if Fortnightly Put “M” if Monthly Put “O” if Occasionally</p>	<p>PLEASE ANSWER EVERY ROW (leave blank, or mark W, F, M or O)</p>				
	A	B	C	D	E
Amateur dramatics					
Bridge Club					
Theatre trips					
Cinema trips					
Photography Club					
Chess Club					

These activities can only happen if enough people are prepared to give their time to help organise.

<p>Q15. Would you be willing to help organise any of these activities?</p> <p>Please leave blank if unable to help.</p> <p>Put “R” if Regularly Put “O” if Occasionally</p>	<p>PLEASE ANSWER EVERY ROW (leave blank, or mark “R” or “O”)</p>				
	A	B	C	D	E
Amateur dramatics					
Bridge Club					
Theatre trips					
Cinema trips					
Photography Club					
Chess Club					

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Circulating information about local news, events, concerns and innovations has been identified as a problem in East Hagbourne.

We want to consider what can be done to improve this.

Q16. Do you receive enough information about village events and activities?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
Yes					
No					

Q17. Do you receive enough information about local government plans (such as roads and housing development) that could affect the village?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
Yes					
No					

Q18. If a Newsletter was published on the Village web site, would you read it?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
Yes					
No					

Q19. How often do you look at the Village web site?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
Every week					
Every month					
Less often					
Never					

ST ANDREW’S PARISH CHURCH

St Andrew’s Parish Church is the oldest part of the East Hagbourne community, and has been a major influence on our heritage and sense of community.

We are interested to know what part St Andrew’s may play in your lives.

Q20. Which of the St Andrews facilities are important to you personally?	PLEASE TICK EACH ONE THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU				
	A	B	C	D	E
Christian teaching					
Opportunities for worship					
Baptisms, weddings and funerals					
Help for those in need locally					
Help for others in need					
Historic preservation					
Other (please specify what):.....					

PARISH MAGAZINE

The St Andrew’s Parish Magazine is produced monthly and contains a wide range of local information, including details of church events, clubs, societies, school news, and other information of local interest.

Q21. Do you already receive the Parish Magazine?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
Yes					
No					

Q22. If the Parish Magazine was free-of-charge would you like to receive it?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
Yes					
No					

TRAFFIC AND SPEEDING

Some concern has been expressed about traffic and speeding in East Hagbourne, and we want to know if there is widespread concern.

Q23. How often is speeding a problem for you on the street where you live?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
Always					
Often					
Occasionally					
Never					

There is some concern over the amount and speed of traffic on Main Road, especially when the schoolchildren are arriving at, or leaving, the school.

We would like to know your views about introducing a 20 mph speed limit on Main Road between the War Memorial and the far side of the school and Village Hall.

Q24. Would you support a 20 MPH speed limit on Main Road?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
Yes					
No					
No view/opinion either way					

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

There has been concern expressed about the danger in crossing New Road near the Village Shop and Post Office, particularly for children wanting to go to the recreation ground. This is likely to increase when the new Sports Pavilion is built.

We want to know your views on action to deal with this problem.

Q25. Which of the following should be introduced by the East Hagbourne Village Shop and Post Office?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON				
	A	B	C	D	E
Pedestrian crossing					
Road narrowing or traffic calming					
Neither of these					
No view/opinion either way					

ROAD LAYOUT BY LOWER CROSS WAR MEMORIAL

The corner by the Lower Cross War Memorial, where Main Road meets Blewbury Road and New Road, is potentially hazardous. Vehicles from Blewbury often speed round the bend and cannot see vehicles turning right into Main Road until the last moment.

They also cannot see pedestrians crossing the road by the Post Office, or cars leaving Hagbourne Garage, until quite late.

A possible solution is to change the Right of Way, so that traffic from Blewbury has to stop. Traffic turning across New Road into Main Road would then have Right of Way.

Q26. Would you support this proposal?	PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER PERSON					
	A	B	C	D	E	
	Yes					
	No					
Don't know						

OTHER ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

Other than the issues that have been raised during our research, we are interested to receive your views on how else the Village can be made safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

Q27. What suggestions do you have to improve road safety in the Village?	PLEASE WRITE SUGGESTIONS BELOW				
A					
B					
C					
D					
E					

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

There have been some complaints about repeated social problems, which we need to find out more about from the whole village.

Q28. What social problems, if any, do you personally find a problem in East Hagbourne?	PLEASE TICK EACH ONE THAT YOU FIND A PROBLEM				
	A	B	C	D	E
Vandalism					
Litter					
Dog fouling					
Anti-social behaviour					
Other (please state)					
Other (please state)					
Other (please state)					

BUTT’S PIECE

The Parish Council has been given a long term lease on Butt’s Piece, a couple of acres of land between the end of Harwood Road and the Millenium Wood.

Whilst this ground will be prepared for the general recreational use of villagers, more and more people are growing their own vegetables and part of Butt’s Piece could be used as allotments.

Q29. How interested would you be in taking on an allotment of c. 40ft x 40 ft?	PLEASE TICK THE BOX THAT APPLIES				
	A	B	C	D	E
Very interested					
Possibly interested					
Not interested					

POST OFFICE AND VILLAGE SHOP

To ensure their long-term future, it is important that the Post Office and Village Shop are used more often.

Q30. What suggestions do you have to improve the service provided by the Post Office and Village Shop?	PLEASE WRITE SUGGESTIONS BELOW
A	
B	
C	
D	
E	

THANK YOU very much for completing this questionnaire.

Please leave the completed questionnaire in the village Post Office. If you are unable to do this, please either give it to your Collector, or they will call for it shortly after the survey closing date of 14th December 2008.

The winners of the 3 x £50 prizes will be advised before Xmas