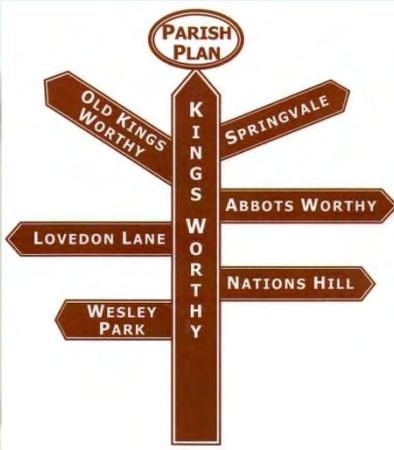




# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*



Prepared by the Parish Plan Steering Group  
 December 2011  
 based on consultations with the Parish 2009-10



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Introduction*

### **What is a Parish Plan?**

Parishes, villages, towns and neighbourhoods are constantly changing. We cannot prevent change but what we can do is influence it. A parish- or community-led plan helps us to manage change and to have a greater say in our own affairs and in the future of where we live.

The process of drawing up a plan sets out to:

- Identify the key facilities, services, and activities that you value and would like to safeguard for the future;
- Identify local problems, issues and concerns to be addressed;
- Make it clear how you want your parish, village or town to develop in the future;
- Create a plan of projects and actions (the Action Plan) that will help you to achieve this vision.

### **How the plan was developed**

November 2008	Open Parish meeting	Proposals for a Kings Worthy Parish Plan put forward with speakers from Community Action Hampshire (CAH) and Winchester City Council
February 2009	Expressions of interest	A Steering Group was formed with representatives from the community under the chairmanship of Derek Smithers. Although driven by one of the Parish Councillors, the steering group established itself as a separate group from the Parish Council
April 2009	First Steering Group	Starting the process (as outlined in the CAH Toolkit for Parish Plans)
May 2009	Church Village Fete	Initial Likes/Dislikes Survey undertaken ( <a href="#">Appendix 2a</a> ) to raise the profile of the Parish Plan.
April 2010	Nine Questions Survey	see <a href="#">Appendix 2b</a> . This was carried out to inform the development of the main questionnaire
September 2010	Open meeting	Formulating the Issues
December 2010	The full consultation	Questionnaires sent to all parishioners
March 2011	Open meeting	Deciding the priorities ( <a href="#">Appendix 3b</a> )
February 2012	Action plan	Document completed
March 2012	Presentation	To the Parish Council, to consider the next steps



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## *Introduction*

**AIMS** The purpose of the plan is to provide local authorities, particularly Kings Worthy Parish Council, with a document that can be taken forward and used as a measure of how parishioners view their environment and the infrastructure. The plan was developed as part of an independent assessment carried out by a steering group comprising local residents and representatives of community groups. It has been supported by Hampshire County Council, Winchester City Council and Kings Worthy Parish Council. Throughout the process membership of the steering group has been open to all parishioners.

**CONTEXT** The Parish of Kings Worthy is situated 2 miles north east of Winchester and has a population (as of 2011) of just over 4000 with around 1800 dwellings ([Appendix 1a](#)). In the days when the Domesday Book was written, Kings Worthy was a Tithing of Barton Stacey. Kings Worthy includes the hamlet of Abbots Worthy but the adjoining civil parish of Headbourne Worthy, although closely interlinked, has its own Parish Council. The two parish churches are looked after by a single rector although they also have separate church councils.

The Parish has good links to the adjacent national road network (M3 and A34) although there are issues with noise from both. Public buses run every 20 minutes through the working week, with a less frequent service at weekends and in the evenings. There are public footpaths leading into the surrounding countryside but at present no dedicated cycle ways in Kings Worthy. Although close to central Winchester (approx 4 miles), the Parish is surrounded by countryside, a feature which respondents highly valued.

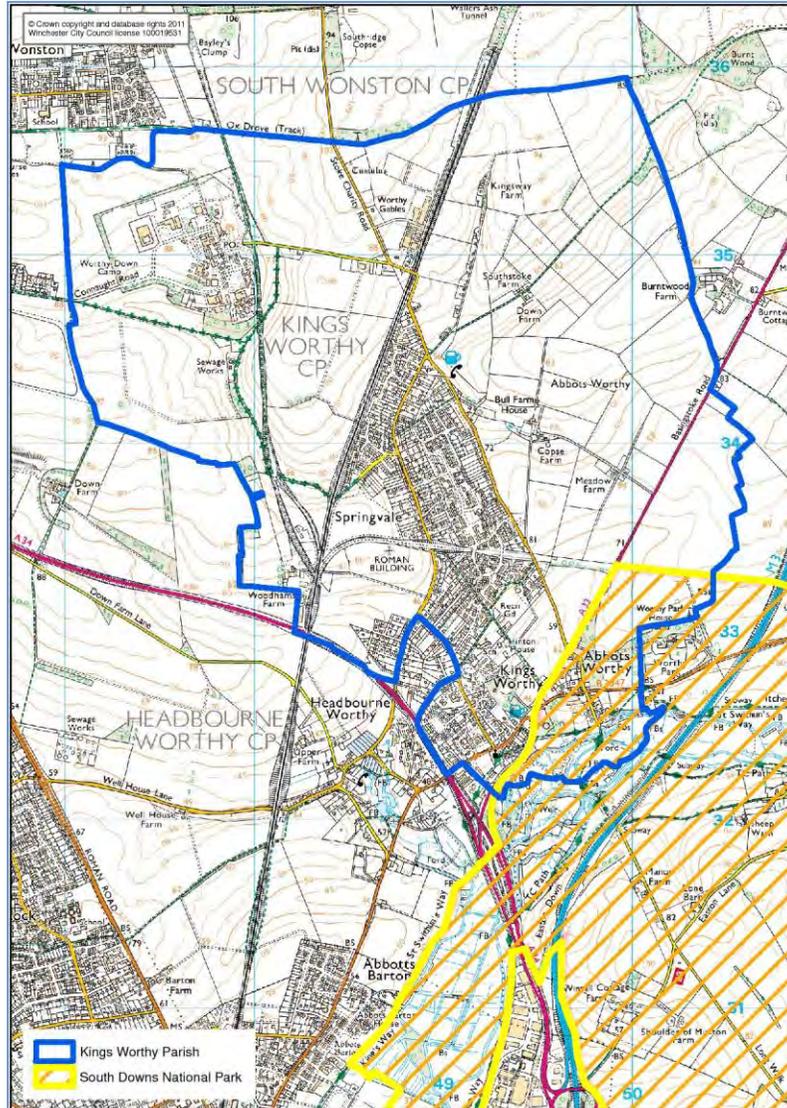
The Parish is generally regarded as a safe place to live and the friendly nature of the people is recognised. Facilities include several public halls, a social club, a range of local shops, playgrounds and recreational spaces. According to the Parish Plan surveys and consultations, it is the environment that most people value about living in Kings Worthy.

**THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN** Following initial consultations at village events and a short survey in April 2010 with targeted groups (ie the school, a youth group, senior citizens' clubs, Sports & Social Club and parish church), a full questionnaire was delivered to all households in the parish in November 2010 ([see Appendices 2a–e](#) for details of all the consultations we undertook).

For the full questionnaire 1800 paper copies were delivered – one to each household with the option for completion online. There were 295 replies. [Appendix 3a](#) shows the age range of the respondents and [Appendix 2e](#) lists the questions asked. The plan has been constructed around five main themes Transport, Housing, Facilities, Law & Order and the Environment. However, two other topics came to light in the final stages of consultation: Communications and Involvement.

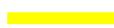


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## BOUNDARY MAP

Kings Worthy civil parish boundary 

South Downs National Park 



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## Overview

Below is an overview of the points raised by the consultation and in the following pages, further information about each point.

### 2. TRANSPORT

- Prioritise improvements to the A33 junctions
  - Create cycle routes within the Parish.
  - Improve bus timetabling and cost

### 1. HOUSING

- Protect Kings Worthy's rural surroundings.
- When developing, favour small family homes
- Maintain the good infrastructure

### 3. FACILITIES

- Ensure the existing good facilities are well maintained.
- Consider new facilities such as tennis courts

### 5. ENVIRONMENT

- Protect the rural surroundings, especially the gap between the Worthys and Winchester
- High priority to woodland and grassy areas including wild flower meadows
- Support sustainability and environment friendly initiatives



### 4. LAW & ORDER

- Maintain the "safe" feel of the Parish
- More "no cold calling areas"

### 6. BUSINESSES

### 7. COMMUNICATIONS

- Improve village communications
- Publicise events and services more widely and in new/different ways

### 8. INVOLVEMENT

Explore ways of encouraging more support (volunteers) for village events and services

For a full report on the questionnaire please [see Appendix 3c.](#)

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## *Housing & Infrastructure*

### 1.1 Recent development

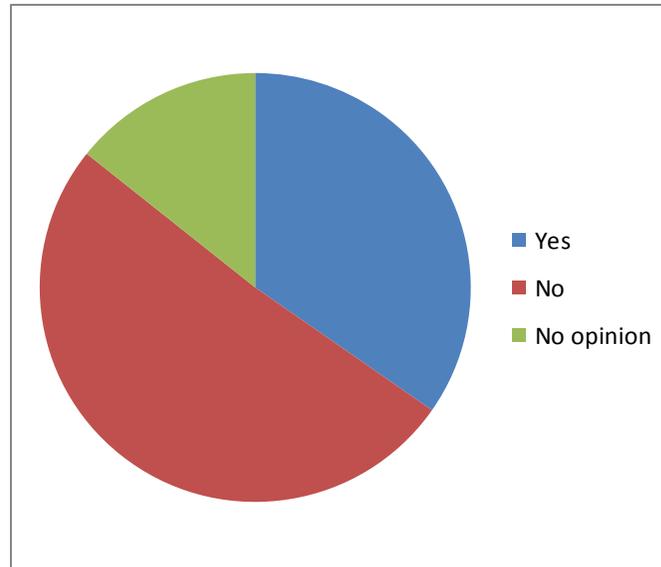
#### **Background**

Kings Worthy has seen a lot of development recently, e.g. Elan Court, replacement of Nations Hill shop, major development on Lovedon Lane etc.

#### **Survey Results**

The results clearly show that the majority of residents do not believe that the recent developments are in keeping with the character of the village.

Q. Do you feel that recent development in the Parish of Kings Worthy is in keeping with the character of the village?



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## Housing

### 1.2 Types of housing development

#### Background

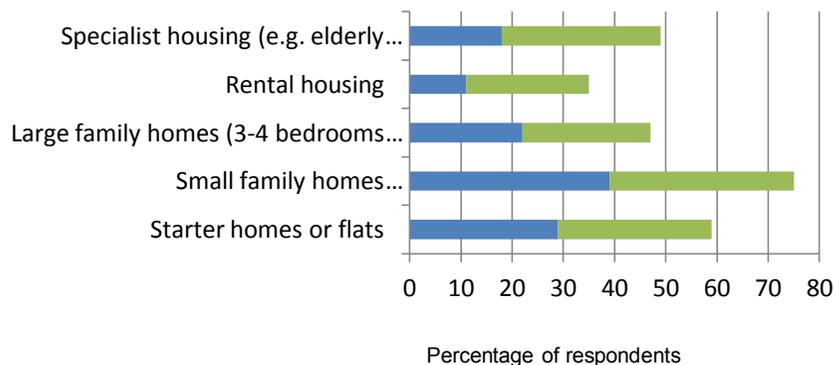
There is a wide range of housing types in the village. The 2001 Census tells us that we have a total of 1666 households, comprising 776 detached houses or bungalows, 678 semi-detached or terraced properties and 212 maisonettes or flats. Of these, 336 properties are identified as 'affordable housing' (20.17%). See [Appendix 1a](#) for more information.

#### Survey Results

The majority of respondents felt that it is better to focus on smaller family homes and/or starter homes and flats, and to focus those developments away from existing housing if possible. Residents clearly feel that there is too much infilling taking place, e.g. gardens being sold for development.

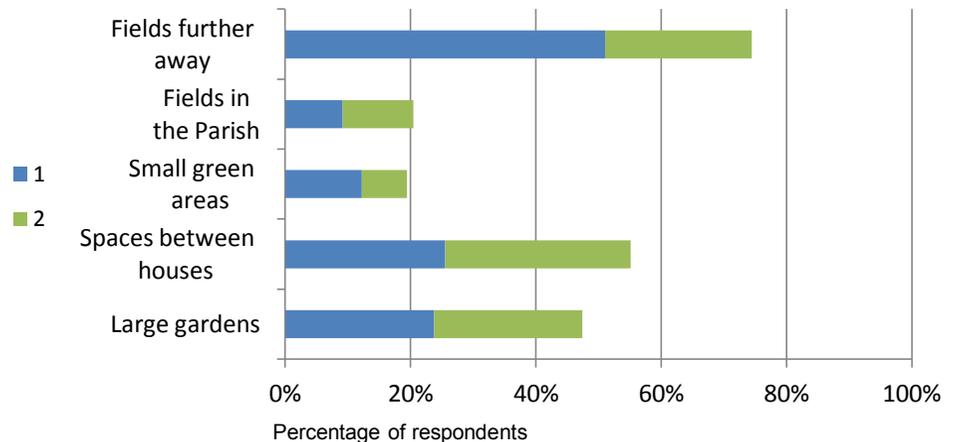
Q. If there is to be more housing development in the Parish, what type do you think should be provided?

Please rate each type between 1 to 4: 1 being the most important and 4 being the least



Q. If there were to be future development in the Parish, on which type of open space would it be most suitable?

Please rate each type between 1 to 4 : 1 being the most important and 4 being the least



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Housing (Infrastructure)*

### 1.3 Infrastructure

#### **Background**

The village has quite a well-serviced, complex infrastructure. As the village develops, adequate consideration must be given to the ability of the local infrastructure to cope. This must include the services and facilities needed to function efficiently and effectively, including adequate provision for roads, parking, drainage, water supply, power and telecommunications etc.

#### **Survey Results**

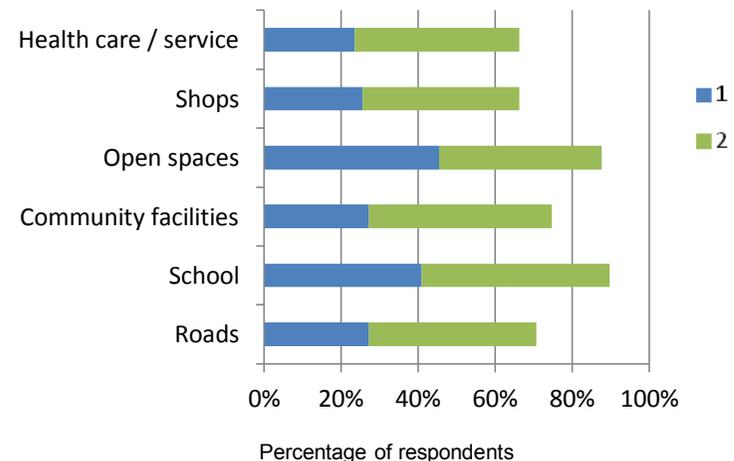
The results clearly show that the majority of residents feel that the existing infrastructure is satisfactory, although there were quite a few comments regarding:

- poor road junctions
- inadequate parking at some locations.
- more healthcare needed
- better broadband required
- existing poor drainage



Q. How would you rate the following infrastructure and its ability to cater for the needs of the population?

Please rate each of the following between 1 to 4 :  
1 being the most important and 4 being the least



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Housing & Infrastructure*

Recommendations	As a result...	Next steps
<p>Improve planning and communications between Parish, City and County Councils in respect of new housing development.</p>	<p>Local infrastructure is able to support future development, specifically with respect to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- amenities, incl. healthcare</li> <li>- parking</li> <li>- utilities, incl. communications</li> <li>- roads and pathways</li> <li>- policing and support</li> <li>- community services.</li> </ul> <p>A good mix of development, more local consultation, stricter adherence to the VDS, and better consideration for housing of local families with more affordable starter homes</p>	<p>Contact Parish, City and County Council representatives to take forward these aims</p>
<p>Revise the existing Village Design Statement (VDS)</p>	<p>Protect Kings Worthy's green space by restricting development on existing gardens and spaces between houses</p>	<p>Refer to the Parish Council and authors of original document</p>



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Travel & Transport*

### **Background**

From the surveys that took place throughout the consultation process the principal concerns centred around the bus schedule, traffic speed and certain road junctions. There were also issues raised about the need to extend the cycle path networks.

Extracts from the three main consultation processes are as follows:

### **Fete survey**

Likes	Bus services	10 (25%)
Dislikes	Traffic: noise – speed	11 (27.5%)

### **Nine questions survey**

More buses needed
Debate on traffic speed
Dangerous road junction at end of Lovedon lane

For further details refer also to the School Travel Plan document in [Appendix 1b](#)



### **Full survey**

Cycle routes are very important to people. Reducing the cost and reviewing the timetabling of the bus route came out as a high priority. There was also a level of concern shown regarding the road junction between London Road and the A33.

## **2.1 Bus services**

### **Background**

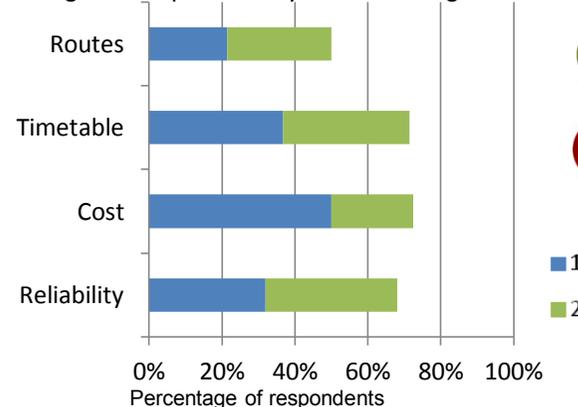
The Spring Stagecoach runs 7 days/week with reduced service on Sundays and in the evenings. During the day buses run every 20 minutes through the village.

The number 67 bus runs from Winchester via Old Kings Worthy to Alresford and beyond, on an approx 2 hourly schedule weekdays (9am – 6pm), 3 hourly on Saturdays (9am - 6pm).

The Mervyn Coach company runs a morning and evening service to and from Winchester plus a link to the superstore at Winnall twice a week.

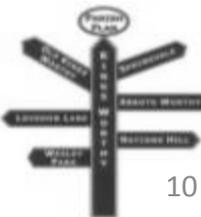
Q. Would you use the public bus service more often if changes were made to the following ?

Please rate each of the options below from 1 to 4, 1 being most important to you and 4 being the least.



### **Additional comments**

- Every 20 minutes  
Free bus pass
- Church Lane too narrow  
Later service needed  
Better Sunday service  
Expensive  
Unreliable



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Travel & Transport*

### 2.2 Cycle Routes

#### Background

There are no designated cycle routes in Kings Worthy. The route to Winchester ends in Headbourne Worthy .

There are cyclists who regularly travel to work in Winchester using road routes.

Roads in Kings Worthy range from 30mph in Church Lane and London Road to 50mph on the A33. The estate roads are 30mph but the other circulatory roads are currently 40mph zones.

Few children cycle to secondary school – the linking roads are fast and crossing the Andover Road is hazardous. Children travelling to primary school by bike can do so mainly off road via linking paths (and the Parish Council’s permissive route across Eversley Park).

There are bridleways used by cyclists which link Kings Worthy with adjoining parishes, eg South Wonston. These are likely to be mainly leisure users.

Barriers to cyclists include the A33/A34 with no link path to the Winnall/superstore area.

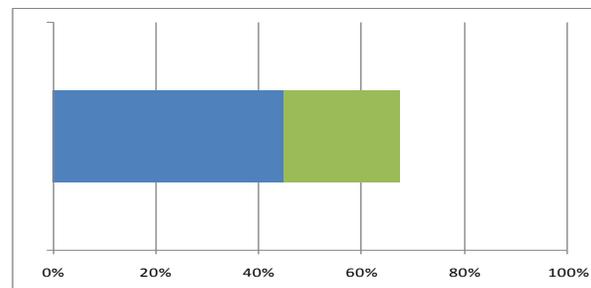
Opportunities include improvements to off-road routes/bridleways to make them more attractive and user-friendly, eg Kim Bishops walk - which could provide a safe crossing point over Springvale Road for children cycling to school if new housing on Greens Hill (aka Top field) goes ahead.



**Q.** There are a few cycle routes around and beyond the village; how important are these to you ?

Please number the box below from 1 to 4, 1 being very important and 4 being the least important.

■ 1  
■ 2



Percentage of respondents



#### Other comments

River pathway

Too hilly  
Better routes into City Centre  
Inadequate lighting  
Poor surfaces  
Path to Winnall



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Travel & Transport*

### 2.3. Traffic Speeds

Opinion was divided over whether speeding traffic was a problem in the Parish. However, problems with the A33 junctions were highlighted by respondents, both at the Lovedon Lane and London Road junctions.

**Road speed limits**-estate roads are 30mph; Lovedon Lane, Springvale Road and Nations Hill are 40mph; London Road and Church Lane are 30mph; the A33 is 50mph through the parish. Considerable infill development along Springvale Road and elsewhere has increased the density of housing and the number of driveways opening onto the main roads.

**Parking** – some respondents were concerned about parking issues with verges often becoming muddy due to being over-run.

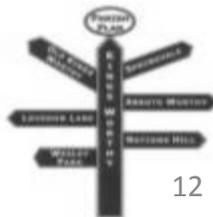
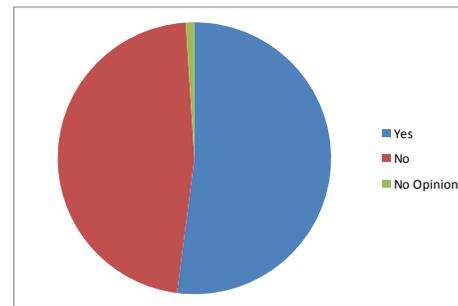
**Church Lane** - deliveries to the school, day centre/residential home , plus the bus route have meant large vehicles using the narrow Church Lane – pedestrians have felt this a hazard at times.

**Q.** Do you think that speeding traffic is a problem in Kings Worthy?

Comments:

Speed limits need reducing  
Not enough parking  
Church Lane too narrow  
Potholes/poor road surfaces

Bus stop positions  
A33 junctions  
More lighting around Tesco's  
More crossings



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Travel & Transport*

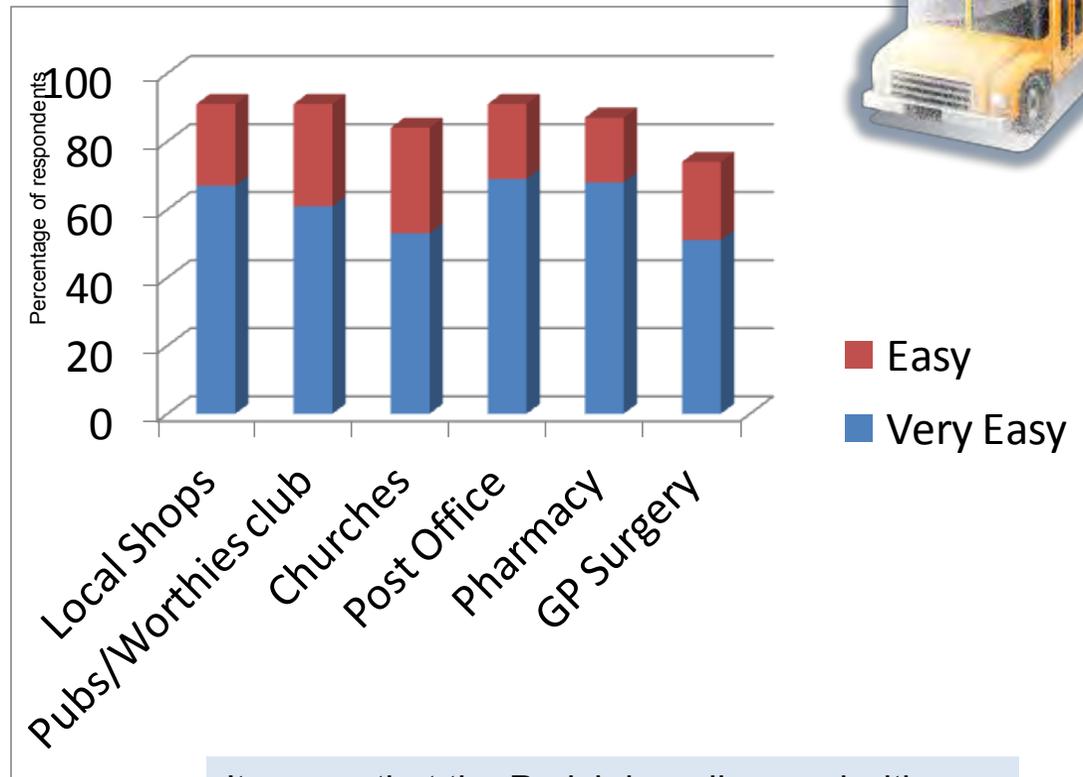
Recommendations	As a result...	Next steps
Prioritise improvements to the A33 junctions	Road safety is improved	Discuss with HCC highway engineers (Lovedon Lane/A33 and London Rd/A33 junctions) and consult local people with detailed proposals
Improve timetabling and cost of bus services	Fewer cars on the road, safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists	<p>Seek discussions with the Stagecoach Bus company regarding their time table for the 'Spring'</p> <p>Discuss with HCC transport planners (evening and weekend timetabling; student/concessionary fares). Seek alternative transport links into town/to key services such as hospital, university, eg community bus services/taxis</p> <p>Use the Transport Toolkit to establish the transport needs of our local community, assess if existing transport services can meet the needs and support us in designing and providing services</p> <p><a href="http://www3.hants.gov.uk/transport-self-help-kit">http://www3.hants.gov.uk/transport-self-help-kit</a></p>
Create cycle routes within the parish	Safer travel for cyclists	<p>Carry out an audit of local cycleways to establish if improvements can be made</p> <p>Set up a focus group to explore where these could be implemented</p> <p>Include routes to school (primary and secondary), routes to work; leisure routes. Discuss with HCC highways engineers and WCC planners</p>

# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## Facilities

### 3.1. Accessibility of facilities and services

Q. How easy is it to get to the following shops and services?



- COMMENTS**
- KW Post Office car parking could be better
  - Condition of Tesco car park is not good
  - Social club is not on a bus route

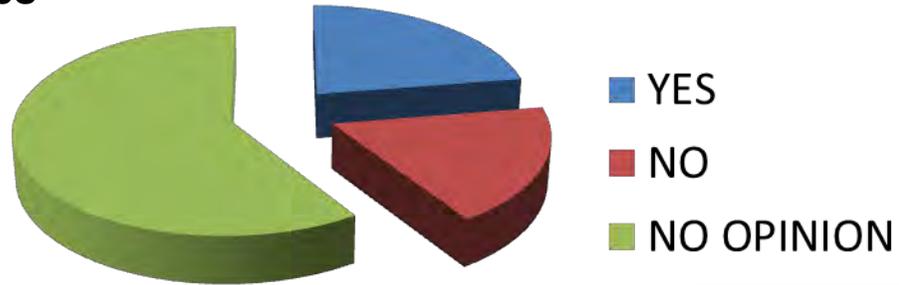
It seems that the Parish is well served with essential facilities and most are accessible by most parishioners, but parking could be improved

# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Facilities*

### 3. 2. Awareness of Services and Facilities

Q. The Worthies Sports and Social Club is a well-used facility. Is there anything that could improve this facility and make you more likely to use it?



#### COMMENTS

Family-friendly

Good events

Supportive of the community

Lack of publicity

Don't know what it offers

Never been in there



Q. Are there any particular pastime/interest groups or clubs that you would like in the parish?

Sewing club, quiz night, gardening club, lunch club, book club,

*These already exist in and around the Parish*

Existing facilities need more publicity so everyone is aware of them and can make use of them. Not everyone knows about the wealth of interest groups, clubs and even some of the larger facilities in the Parish.



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Facilities*

### 3.3 Standard of Facilities

*We have a good range of halls and rooms used for parties, meetings, clubs, etc. but not all have the most up-to-date facilities and we do not currently have public toilets for those who use our large green areas.*

Q. The Parish halls - St Mary's Chapel/Tubbs/Jubilee are valued venues. Is there anything that could improve these facilities?



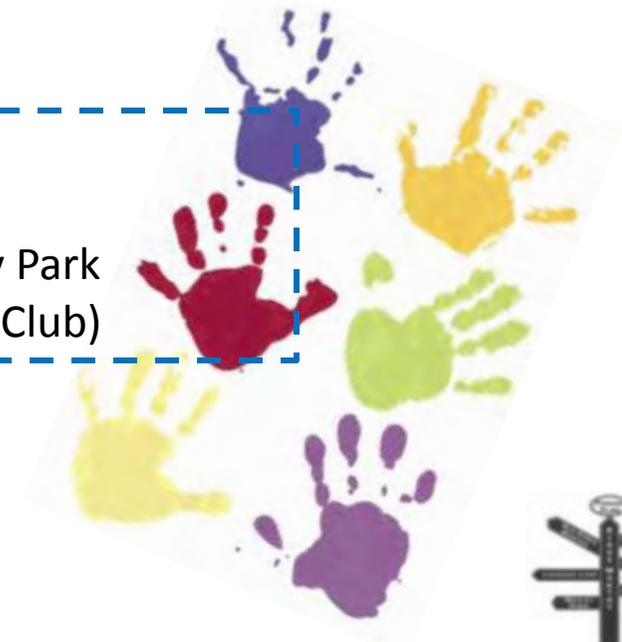
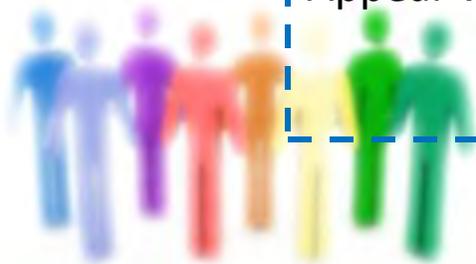
Appear well-used

#### COMMENTS

Need modernising

Better toilets at Eversley Park

Ugly building (Worthies Club)

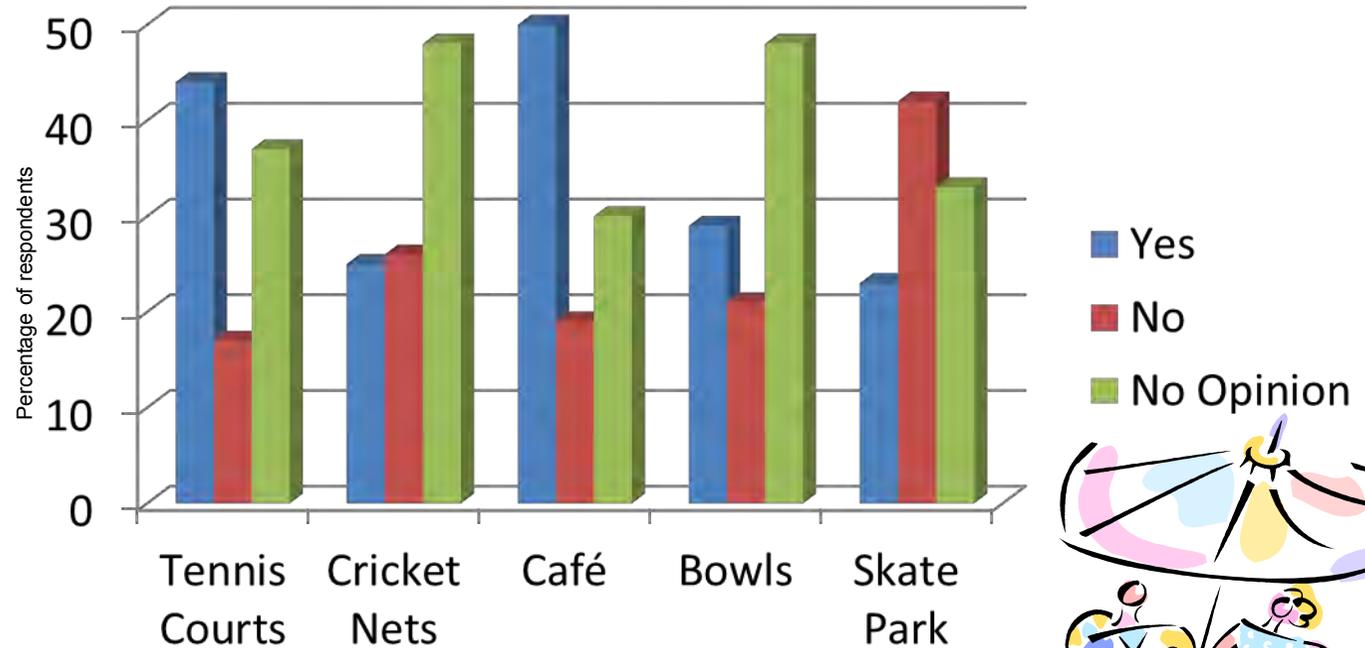


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## *Facilities*

### 3.4 Additional facilities

Q. What additional facilities would you like in the Parish's parks/green areas?



Q. Are there any particular pastime/interest groups or clubs that you would like in the parish?

- Youth café/drop-in, art class, cooking club, film night, bridge night, bowls club, petanque



More facilities would be welcome – a café in the park would be welcomed by nearly half of responders and tennis courts by over a third. Despite the enormous variety of interest groups, there is still demand for more.

# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Facilities*

Recommendations	As a result...	Next steps
Improve parking for some facilities	Less nuisance to neighbours and reduced road safety hazard	Liaise with Tesco/London Road Post Office
Update website/look at other ways of advertising facilities	Improve publicity of existing facilities/groups and community events	Contact Parish Council for website amendments, editors of other parish communications, eg newsletters, magazine, and publicise via clubs/organisations
Improve toilet facilities		Work with committees concerned and the Parish Council to raise funds for decorating/ updating and improving toilet facilities
Canvass parishioners to assess demand for new facilities	Avoid unnecessary effort in unsought directions and raise support for creating and running new facilities.	Start with those with biggest interest as shown by the Parish Plan questionnaire ie café/tennis courts
Canvass parishioners to establish demand for new interest groups/clubs and help and encourage volunteers to run them	As above	Utilise existing village events, clubs and organisations to encourage responses



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Law & Order*

### 4.1 Safety in the Parish

**Background** Kings Worthy, being a rural area, was originally policed from Alresford police station some 7 miles away; however, with the reorganisation some years ago, it was felt more sensible for the village to be policed from Winchester City, only 3 miles away. We used to have our own police officer and PCSO, but later this duty was shared with Winnall, in Winchester, and now the PC has been moved full time to Winnall, and has been replaced with a PC and PCSO responsible for Sparsholt, Crawley, Farley Mount, South Wonston, Sutton Scotney and Micheldever, as well as Kings Worthy.

With the cutbacks in police numbers in Hampshire, the 'thin blue line' has become even thinner, but Kings Worthy is regularly patrolled day and night, with emergency cover from Winchester police station. In recent years, patrolling was done by a PC on a bicycle, but nowadays it has been found to be more effective to use patrol cars. These can be redirected to trouble spots more quickly.

**Survey Results** The questionnaire results are quite positive in that generally Kings Worthy is considered to be a safe place to live, with nearly 60% stating that they definitely felt safe. One suggestion (by over 40% of those who responded to the questionnaire) was that more streets should be covered by Neighbourhood Watch. One of the areas highlighted was around the King Charles pub. The problem in the past has been getting volunteers to become co-ordinators. For example, Vale Way was targeted a few years ago with a leaflet drop and not one reply was received.

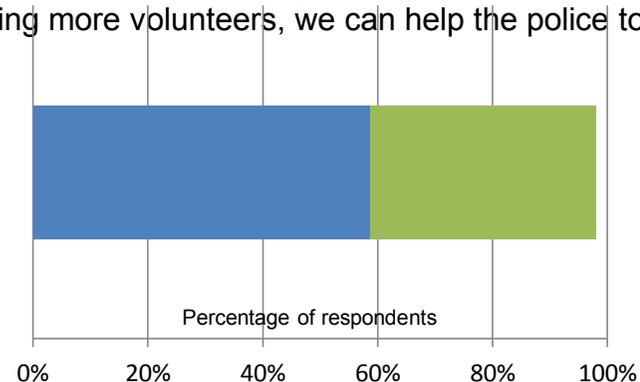
Over 45% of people who responded to the questionnaire said that a more visible police presence was required in Kings Worthy but our streets are patrolled regularly, although it goes unnoticed as it happens at night.

One thing that was highlighted in the questionnaire was for more people to step forward as volunteers for such things as Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and Special Constables. Most of the crime in Kings Worthy is petty, such as criminal damage, anti-social behaviour, under-age drinking and motor cycle noise. By recruiting more volunteers, we can help the police to help us, but in the past it has been found very difficult to find volunteers.

Q. Do you think that the Parish is a safe place to live?

Please number the box below from 1 to 4, 1 being very safe and 4 being the least safe.

■ 1  
■ 2



**Additional comments**  
Better street light  
More visible Police patrols  
Under-age drinking



Generally very safe



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## *Law & Order*

### 4.2 Cold calling

#### Background

This is an initiative set up some years ago by Trading Standards in association with the police. The majority of households have to be in favour of the scheme, and notices are displayed at the ends of the particular road or street. Each house then displays a sticker. This has definitely had an effect on 'cold calling', with salesmen moving on to another area, even though selling in a 'no cold calling' area is not an offence. Kings Worthy now has many 'no cold calling' areas, ie. The Pastures, and there is a backlog of applications at present.

#### Survey Results

Nearly 60% of respondents suggested that more 'no cold calling' zones should be set up in Kings Worthy.

Since the survey was completed in March '11, many more areas have been set up.

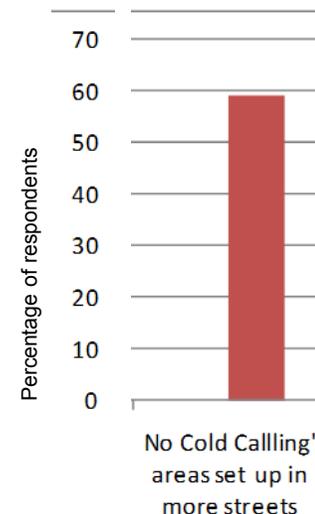
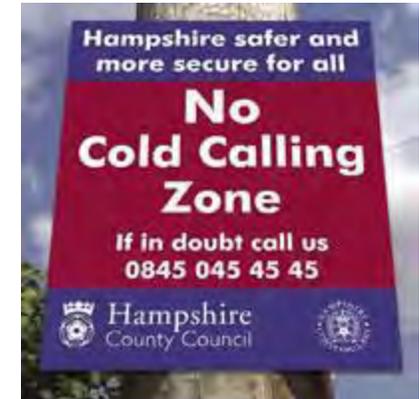
Contact:- Hampshire County Council  
Trading Standards Service,  
Montgomery House,  
Monarch Way,  
Winchester SO22 5PW

Tel. No. 01962 833620

Another useful service of Hampshire County Council in their fight against rogue traders is their 'Buy with Confidence' scheme:

Email: [buy.with.confidence@hants.gov.uk](mailto:buy.with.confidence@hants.gov.uk)

Website: [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk)



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## *Law & Order*

### 4.3 Street Lighting

#### Background

Street lighting in Kings Worthy parish is paid for under the precept, but then maintained by Hampshire County Council. In the past, many streets have been surveyed to gauge support for extra street lighting, with certain areas declining the offer ( the reason for this being light pollution in the more rural areas). Better street lighting has proved to be a deterrent for criminal activity and has lessened motor-related accidents.

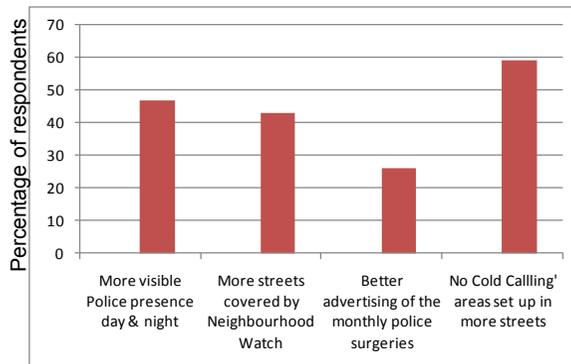
#### Survey Results

Many people who responded to the questionnaire commented that more street lighting was required in Kings Worthy, especially around areas of Springvale Road, Lovedon Lane and Church Lane.

Although the streets of Kings Worthy are considered to be safe to walk after dark, it was felt that more lighting in the areas highlighted would help even further.

However, in a later part of the Parish Plan questionnaire (question 24), we received feedback against street lighting by those who want to make Kings Worthy more environmentally friendly.

Q. What would make Kings Worthy a safer place to live ?



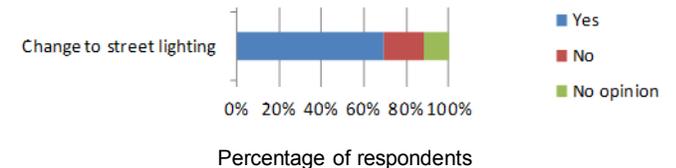
#### Additional comments

Generally adequate



'No cold calling' areas  
Better street lighting  
Solve 'youth' problems

Q. If Kings Worthy were to become more environmentally friendly, which of the following would you support?



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Law & Order*

Recommendations	As a result...	Next steps
Establish more Neighbourhood Watch areas within Kings Worthy	Maintain the 'safe' feel of the Parish	Get existing co-ordinators and/or PCSO's to do leaflet drops
Encourage more people to visit Police Beat Surgeries and meet their 'Safer Neighbourhood' Team	Maintain the 'safe' feel of the Parish	The police should be encouraged to visit senior citizens' homes and chat to the inhabitants more often
Encourage people to be more neighbourly, and look out and befriend the elderly in their area	Maintain the 'safe' feel of the Parish	Work with existing organisations, eg Neighbourhood Watch, Good Neighbours, Neighbourcare
Establish more 'No Cold Calling' areas	Fewer on the doorstep incidents	<p>Make people more aware of the advantages of 'no cold calling' areas through advertising in Parish magazines, Neighbourhood Watch newsletters, etc</p> <p>Encourage people already in 'no cold calling' areas to impress on friends and acquaintances the advantages of the scheme</p>



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *The Environment*

### 5.1 Rural surroundings and views

**Background** Kings Worthy Parish is surrounded by countryside to the north and west. This comprises rolling arable chalk downland, predominantly medium to large arable fields enclosed by mostly clipped, often fragmented, hedgerows with few hedgerow trees. There are some smaller pasture fields to the north and horse paddocks to the west. To the east, the Itchen River borders Abbots Worthy, with the South Downs National Park extending into the Parish ([see map on page 4](#)). To the south, the parish is bounded by Headbourne Worthy.

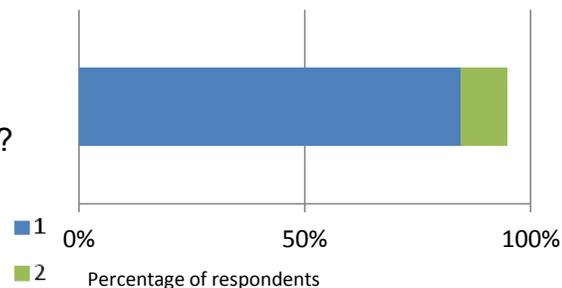
**Survey Results** Over 80% of people who responded to the questionnaire stated that the rural aspect of Kings Worthy was important, “very important” or “essential” to them. They cited this as one of the main reasons for choosing to live in the Parish. People commented that the rural aspect should be protected and that development should be contained within the existing housing boundary.

Due to Kings Worthy’s proximity to Winchester, many of the respondents were particularly concerned that the parish remains a separate settlement from the city. Protecting the green fields between Winchester and Headbourne Worthy and between Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy were seen to be important. For these reasons there was a preference for new development to be kept within the existing housing envelope. In addition, the views of surrounding countryside from vantage points within the parish were felt to be very important to maintaining the rural feel of Kings Worthy.

Public footpaths scored very highly in the questionnaires over three-quarters of respondents felt that the paths were very important to them. Suggestions for improvements included requests for more publicity about existing routes, more circular routes especially to the north of the Parish, and better links to the old Watercress Line.

Q. Many people told us they valued the rural aspect of Kings Worthy; how important is it to protect this for the future?

Please rate the importance below from 1 to 4, 1 being most important and 4 being the least important



#### Summary of comments

Protect - rural character, village setting, beauty, surrounding countryside, distinct from Winchester



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *The Environment*

### 5.2 Woodland and grassy areas.

#### Background

**Open spaces:** There are a variety of public open spaces in Kings Worthy. Neighbourhood open spaces and wide grassy areas alongside estate roads are highly valued. Formal, playground facilities are excellent with a wide range of equipment for both children and adults (fitness trail) together with a new multi use games area (summer 2011). At the Tubbs Hall, there are play features for toddlers and an outdoor gym.

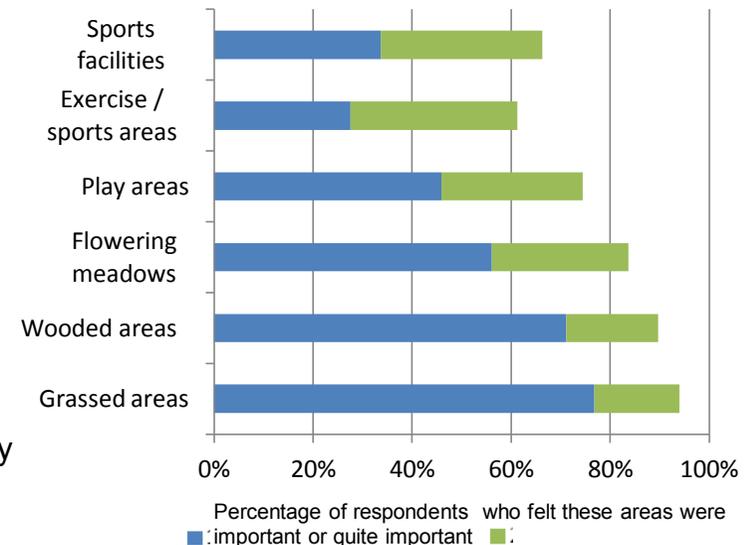
**Woodland:** Kings Worthy Parish has “small sparsely scattered areas of woodland” – the most substantial ones exist between Worthy Park and the A33, on land to the north of the Cart & Horses Public House and an area to the south of Worthy Down army base.

**Meadows:** Wild flowers have been sown in recent years beside the Tubbs Hall and also on part of Church Green. Natural wildflower meadows exist on the wide, steep sided verge between Castle Rise and Lovedon Lane. Roadside verges are also important wildflower refuges, particularly along Lovedon Lane.

#### Survey Results

The majority of respondents felt that woodlands and grassy areas were the most important parts of Kings Worthy’s open spaces. Both these features were voted for by more than 70% of the people who replied. We infer that people like to see varied habitats and plentiful wildlife. A small percentage specifically said that all the open areas are important to them (4%) .

From the previous preliminary consultation (April 2010) we know that grassy areas scored highly – not only the large expanses, eg at Eversley Park, but also the neighbourhood areas where children can play close to home and which contribute to the pleasant green feel of the community.



Other suggestions for the open spaces included:

- Specific dog-walking areas
- More dog-free areas
- More wildflowers
- More open space for imaginative play
- Waymarked walking/cycling routes
- Facilities for girls at Worthy's Youth Football Club

- A gym
- Toddler play equipment (at Eversley Park for younger siblings).
- More open spaces generally & less development



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *The Environment*

### 5.3 Sustainability & environment friendly initiatives

**Background** There was support for sustainability and environment friendly initiatives. A sustainable lifestyle – one which "meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

**Waste:** Kings Worthy currently (summer 2011) has fortnightly collections of household recyclable waste (cardboard, paper, metal, plastic) and for green garden waste. Bottle banks are located at the local shops together with clothing banks. Larger items can be taken to the Recycling Centre in Winchester. **The survey revealed a desire to see kerbside collections of kitchen waste.**

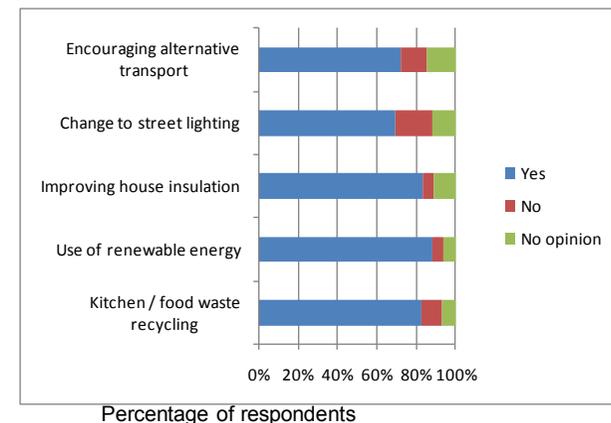
**Energy:** several households in the parish have invested in solar heating tubes or panels. Winchester City Council offers discounted home insulation to senior citizens and those on benefit. The Parish Council is investigating alternative energy sources for its building. **The questionnaire showed that over 80% were interested in improved household insulation and renewable energy.** *Street lighting* is scattered throughout the village; it is at more frequent intervals on newer estates, especially new junctions. Replies were divided over whether to increase lighting levels or reduce them to save energy/reduce light pollution.

**Food growing:** replies to the survey indicated a high interest in food growing projects, community gardening and/or allotments.

**Transport:** there is a frequent bus service – every 20 minutes – during the day (8am – 6 pm) although evening and weekend services are more limited. Kings Worthy residents who meet certain criteria have access to the Hampshire County Council Dial-a-Ride facility (although not for hospital appointments). A voluntary scheme, Kings Worthy Neighbourcare Group, also offers transport to hospital appointments etc. There is a cycle route into Winchester along the main London/Worthy Road. **Many of the survey respondents requested better cycling routes and improved public transport, ie better links to key services (eg hospital) and more evening/weekend services.**



Q. The government would like us all to have a more sustainable lifestyle. If Kings Worthy were to become more environmentally friendly, which of the following would you support?



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *The Environment*

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Revise the existing Village Design Statement (VDS)	Identify any Local Green Spaces of particular significance (for beauty, historic importance, recreation value, tranquillity, wildlife richness) to prevent new development – see new National Planning Policy Framework 2011 Protect existing open spaces within the Parish, especially the small neighbourhood spaces, for informal recreation and visual amenity	Contact the Parish Council and the authors of the VDS to suggest a revision
Make representations to WCC for the retention of the Local Gap between Winchester and the Worthys	Protect the countryside around Kings Worthy, the views into it and the paths through it.	Link in with the WCC Biodiversity Action Plan  Establish links with the South Downs National Park
Investigate new footpaths and links for circular walks in and around the Parish and to local areas eg Micheldever Woods, the Itchen Valley, Wonston Downs	Protect the countryside around Kings Worthy, the views into it and the paths through it	Establish links with the South Downs National Park
Encourage the diversification of habitats in existing open spaces and where appropriate, the creation of more woodland and wildflower meadows	Protect and enhance open spaces within the Parish	Contact Parish Council (land managers) and Worthys Conservation Volunteers



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *The Environment*

Recommendations	As a result...	Next Steps
Promote energy and waste reduction measures and encourage alternative choices to become more mainstream options: composting, insulation, etc	Encourage more sustainable lifestyle choices	Work with Kings Worthy Action on Climate Change, WCC and HCC
Work with community groups eg Neighbourcare and Over 55 forum to investigate voluntary transport schemes; promote car sharing and cycle routes (see transport action schedule)	Encourage more sustainable lifestyle choices	Refer to organisers of Neighbourcare and the over 55s forum
Investigate alternative means of acquiring land for food growing ie allotments or community gardening	Encourage more sustainable lifestyle choices	Investigate leasing privately owned land (ref Locality Licenses), or through Land Share schemes
Review suitability of lighting provision in the Parish	Strike balance between safety and sustainability	Refer to the Parish Council; consider an audit
More conservation information/educational events	Nature conservation “education”	Refer to Worthys Conservation Volunteers & Hampshire Wildlife Trust



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Business & the economy*

### 6. Businesses

#### Background

Kings Worthy has 2 Post Offices, a garage workshop, specialist country sports shop, pharmacy, supermarket mini-store, 2 hairdressers, an egg farm shop, a stonemasons and numerous smaller home-based businesses together with several farms. There are also two public houses and a schools plus a children's centre, pre-school, nursery, centre for adults with learning disabilities, residential home and day centre for the elderly and a respite care home for children.

Local businesses were invited (via flyers) to attend the consultations in November 2008 and September 2010. There are a greater number of businesses in neighbouring Headbourne Worthy (HW). Discussions were held with HW Parish Council about specifically targeting businesses in their forthcoming Parish Plan consultations.

Recommendations	As a result...	Next steps
Consult local businesses on their views of the Parish	Gain a better understanding of the issues facing local business	Consultation
Explore ways of promoting local businesses to local people and beyond	More local people employed locally	Local press coverage, Parish council website, PC newsletter, church magazine etc
Protect internet connections	More effective businesses—less likelihood of accidental cut-off	Investigate locations of internet cable boxes and protection from damage
Encourage new businesses	A more vibrant local economy.	Consult with Parish Council
Communicate businesses' needs to the Parish	Better understanding of local practices, eg farming noise etc	Through existing publications, newsletters etc.



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Communications*

### 7. Communications

**Background** There are various Parish-wide communications including a Parish Council website (organised jointly with the adjoining parish of Headbourne Worthy); Parish Council newsletters, currently twice a year; Parish Council noticeboards, with monthly bulletins; a church-run Parish Magazine (delivered to subscribers and available at local shops) covering village and church events; individual clubs/societies websites and newsletters.

**Survey Results** Despite the above, one of the findings of the full questionnaire was the lack of knowledge that parishioners had of existing facilities, groups and services as evidenced by their requests for them.

Recommendation	As a result...	Next steps
Raise awareness of the existing facilities and activities already on offer in the Parish	Fewer complaints or requests and better use of existing facilities	Publicise via existing newsletters and website (Parish Council and local clubs)
Explore different ways to communicate - magazines/newsletters, websites, texting and social media etc-.	A wider range of people will hear about what's happening in the Parish	Clubs, societies, organisations
Promote better communications between village organisations – cascading information down to their members	More of a joined-up approach and sharing of limited resources, eg volunteer time	Clubs, societies, organisations
Find key people to disseminate information eg in snowy weather – using existing networks eg Good Neighbours, or Neighbourhood Watch	News and information is passed through and into the village more quickly and effectively	Parish Council and key organisations

# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Involvement*

### 8. Involvement

**Background.** There are a wide range of voluntary organisations – clubs, societies, groups – within Kings Worthy. The majority find that they rely on a small number of keen volunteers to run their group and in many cases find it hard to recruit new volunteers to ensure their organisation maintains its verve.

**Survey Results.** The questionnaire did not ask for comments on “involvement” per se. However, two key points were raised by the general consultation:

- 1) at workshop meetings, leaders of existing organisations commented on the difficulty they had in finding volunteer helpers
- 2) respondents to the questionnaire requested additional facilities, groups and events for the Parish.

Recommendation	As a result...	Next steps
Explore ways of encouraging new volunteers (for village events and services) including young people Work with communications team, local schools and others to promote volunteering	Groups and organisations revitalised	Clubs, societies and organisations
Target particular people for help with specific events eg litter picking with children/parents from the school Consider matching tasks to particular groups	More focussed support for specific tasks	Clubs, societies and organisations
Consider new events/training, ie providing skills and rewards alongside the volunteering experience to encourage people to come Explore providers of training and grant giving organisations to resource this.	Volunteers’ skills improved; more enjoyment of events; better resourced events	Clubs, societies and organisations



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *The ACTION PLAN Summary*

### Housing & Infrastructure

Recommendations	As a result	Next steps
Improve planning and communications between Parish, City and County Councils in respect of new housing development	Local infrastructure is able to support future development, specifically with respect to <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- amenities, incl. healthcare</li><li>- parking</li><li>- utilities, incl. communications</li><li>- roads and pathways</li><li>- policing and support</li><li>- community services.</li></ul> A good mix of development, more local consultation, stricter adherence to the VDS, and better consideration for housing of local families with more affordable starter homes	Contact Parish, City and County Council representatives to take forward these aims
Revise the existing Village Design Statement (VDS)	Protect Kings Worthy's green space by restricting development on existing gardens and spaces between houses	Refer to the Parish Council and authors of original document



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *The ACTION PLAN Summary*

### Transport

Recommendations	As a result...	Next steps
Prioritise improvements to the A33 junctions	Road safety is improved.	Discuss with HCC highway engineers (Lovedon Lane/A33 and London Rd/A33 junctions) and consult local people with detailed proposals.
Improve timetabling and cost of bus services	Fewer cars on the road, safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists.	Seek discussions with the Stagecoach Bus company regarding their timetable for the 'Spring' bus schedule. Discuss with HCC transport planners (evening and weekend timetabling; student/concessionary fares). Seek alternative transport links into town/to key services such as hospital, university eg community bus services/taxis Use the Transport Toolkit to establish the transport needs of our local community, assess whether existing transport services can meet the needs and support us in designing and providing services <a href="http://www3.hants.gov.uk/transport-self-help-kit">http://www3.hants.gov.uk/transport-self-help-kit</a>
Create cycle routes within the parish	Safer travel for cyclists	Carry out an audit of local cycleways to establish if improvements can be made Set up a focus group to explore where these could be implemented. Including: routes to school (primary and secondary); routes to work; leisure routes. Discuss with HCC highways engineers and WCC planners



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *The ACTION PLAN Summary*

### Facilities

Recommendations	As a result...	Next steps
Improve parking for some facilities	Less nuisance to neighbours and reduced road safety hazard	Liaise with Tesco/London Road Post Office
Update website/look at other ways of advertising facilities	Improve publicity of existing facilities/groups and community events	Contact Parish Council for website amendments, editors of other parish communications, eg newsletters, magazine, and publicise via clubs/organisations
Improve toilet facilities		Work with committees concerned and the Parish Council to raise funds for decorating/ updating and improving toilet facilities
Canvass parishioners to assess demand for new facilities	Avoid unnecessary effort in unsought-for directions and raise support for creating and running new facilities	Start with those with biggest interest as shown by the Parish Plan questionnaire, ie café/tennis courts
Canvass parishioners to establish demand for new interest groups/clubs and help and encourage volunteers to run them	As above	Utilise existing village events, clubs and organisations to encourage responses



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *The ACTION PLAN Summary*

### Law & Order

Recommendations	As a result...	Next steps
Establish more Neighbourhood Watch areas within Kings Worthy	Maintain the 'safe' feel of the Parish	Get existing co-ordinators and/or PCSO's to do leaflet drops
Encourage more people to visit Police Beat Surgeries, and meet their 'Safer Neighbourhood' Team	Maintain the 'safe' feel of the Parish	The Police should be encouraged to visit 'old folks' homes and chat to the inhabitants more often
Encourage people to be more neighbourly, and look out and befriend the elderly in their area	Maintain the 'safe' feel of the Parish	Work with existing organisations, eg Neighbourhood Watch, Good Neighbours, Neighbourcare
Establish more 'No Cold Calling' areas	Fewer on-the-doorstep incidents	<p>Make people more aware of the advantages of 'no cold calling' areas through advertising in Parish magazines, Neighbourhood Watch newsletters etc.</p> <p>Encourage people already in 'no cold calling' areas to impress on friends and acquaintances the advantages of the scheme</p>



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# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *The ACTION PLAN Summary*

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## *The ACTION PLAN Summary*

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# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *The ACTION PLAN Summary*

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- c. Presentation to community leaders
- d. Flyer/Parish Newsletter
- e. Full Questionnaire
- f. Blueprint

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- a. The respondents
- b. Presentation to the Parish
- c. The results



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Appendix 1a*

### **BACKGROUND research**

#### **Demography**

Information was taken from the 2001 census. Information from the 2011 census will be available from summer 2012. Forecasts for 2010 and 2017 are taken from Hampshire County Council's population statistics.

Population	2001	2010	2017
0-4	210	292	291
5-15	538	464	557
16-24	393	445	407
25-44	1,134	1,212	1,257
45 – 64	1,091	1,230	1,332
65 – 74	354	347	421
75 +	324	375	412
Total	4,044	4,365	4,68

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Dwellings	2001	2010	2017
Vacant	34		
Holiday	0		
Detached/bungalow	774		
Semi, terrace, bungalow	678		
Maisonette, apartment	212		
Number of households	1,630	1,853	2,024
Owner occupied	1,263		
Rented from council, social landlord or housing association	279		
Rented from private landlord, letting agent	88		

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# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## Appendix 1b

### BACKGROUND research Transport

Information taken from the 2001 census.

	2001
Travel to work by public transport	191
Travel to work by motorbike, car or van	1,521
Travel to work by other means or work at home	474
Average distance travelled to work	17.5km

	2001
No car or van	198 households
1 car or van	659
2 cars or vans	613
3 cars or vans	160

### Kings Worthy Primary School's Travel Plan

(updated summer 2010)

Survey forms were completed by various members of the community: Pupils took part during lesson times with an introduction from the school travel plan team.

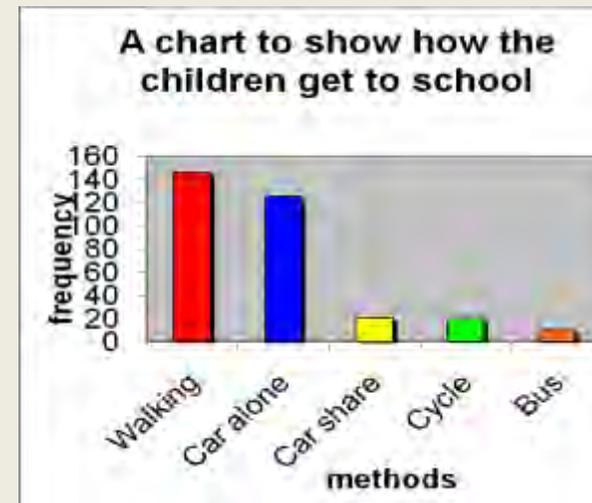
Parents were asked to complete the forms at home.

Staff were offered similar forms to air their views.

Residents were consulted for their concerns.

#### Pupils and parents questionnaires.

Of the 292 forms sent home we had 156 returned of which 45% walk to and 42% walk home from school 42% travel to and 50% travel home by car.

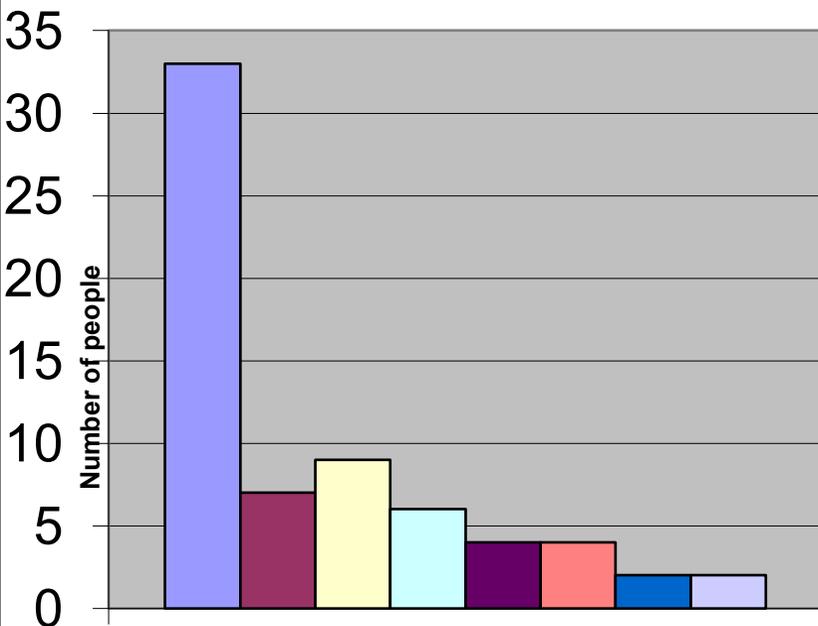


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## Appendix 1c

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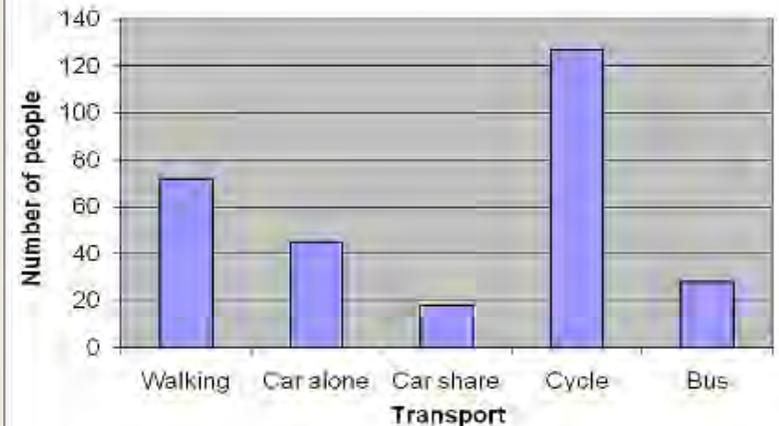
A graph to show opinions about the paths in Kings Worthy



- Would like better footpaths generally [wider, nettles etc kept in check]
- More cycle paths eg Church lane, Springvale road and/ or Nations hill
- Would like path across Eversley Park
- Would like wider path along side/top of Eversley Park (nettles etc kept in check)
- Poor lighting ( Eversley Park, Legions Lane)
- Dog poo
- Lollipop man not always being present

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How would you like to get to school?



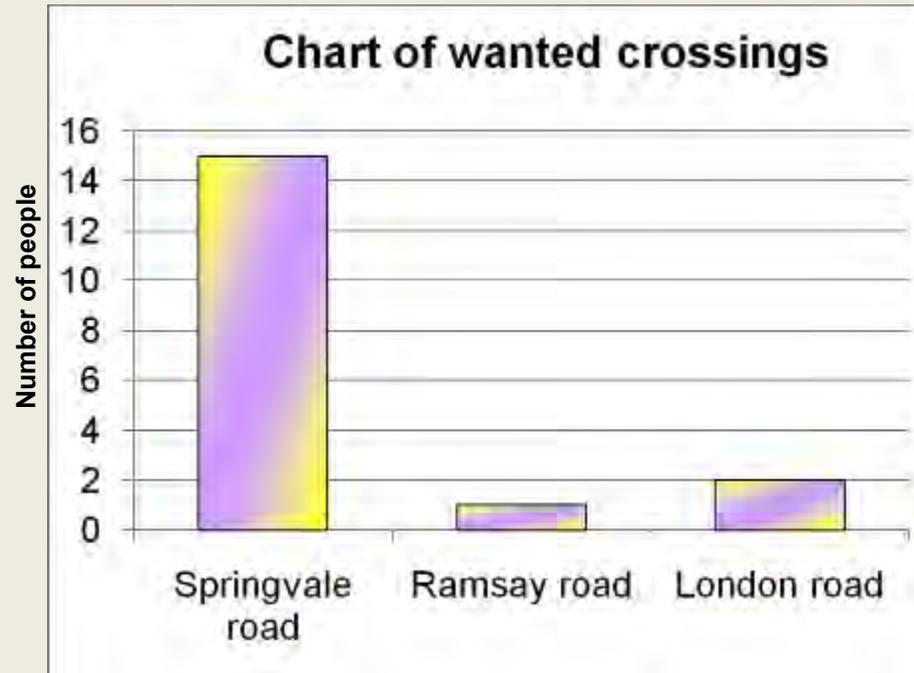
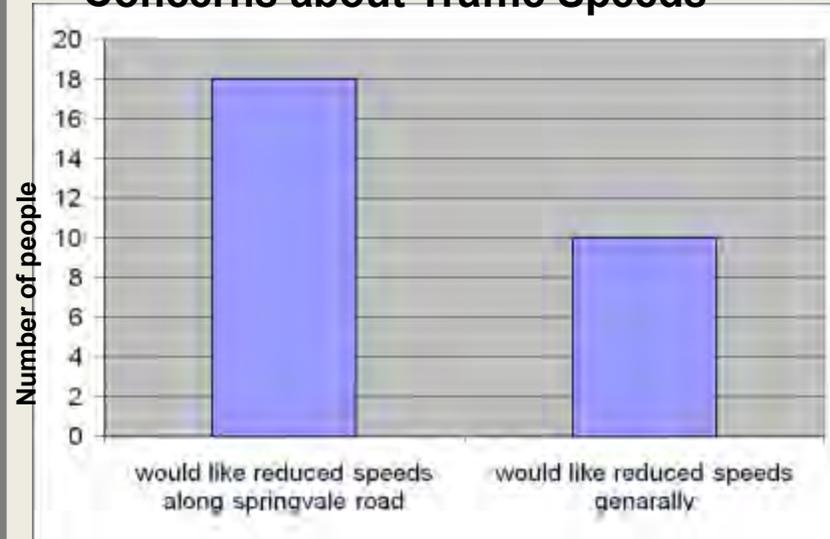
What are the problems with getting to school?



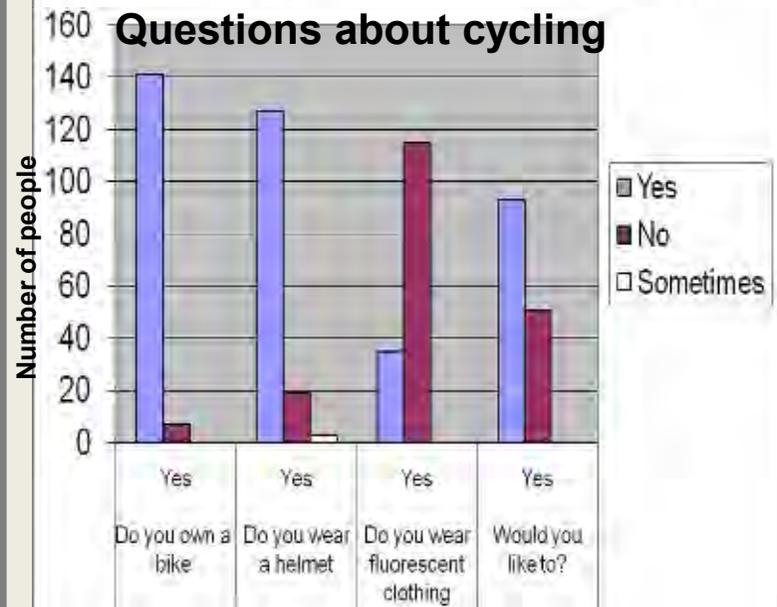
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## Appendix 1d

### Concerns about Traffic Speeds

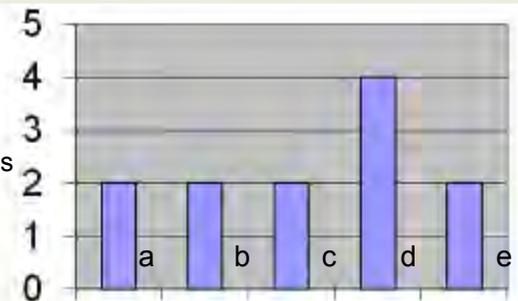


### Questions about cycling



### Concerns about parking

- a) Hinton Fields parking makes walking unsafe
- b) Cars drive too fast in school drive/bigger speed bumps
- c) Drop off zone is ineffective
- d) Poor and inconsiderate parking around school gates
- e) Parents parking in Frampton Way



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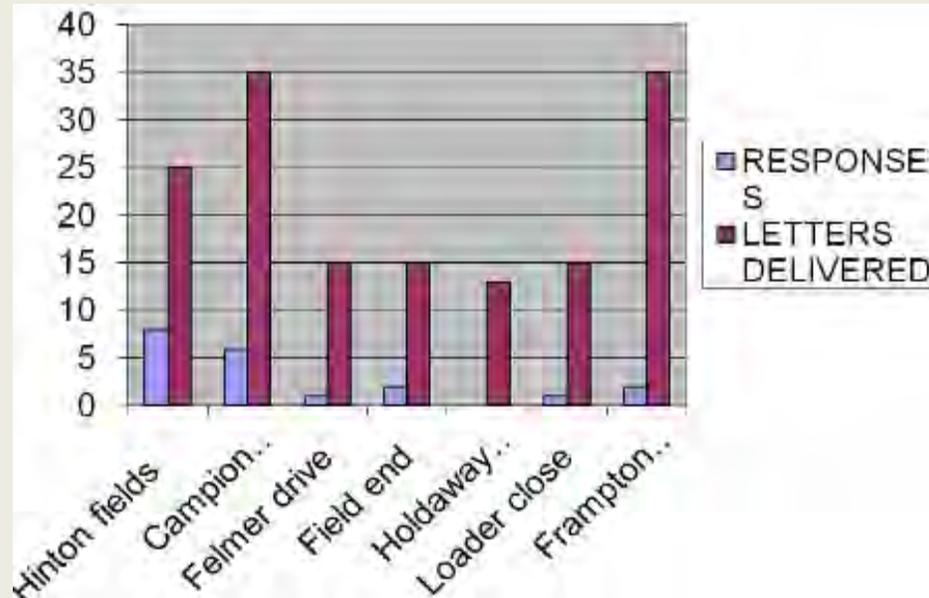
### Results of Residents' Survey

We wrote to all residents living on Hinton Fields, Loader Close, Campion Way, Field End, Felmer Drive, Holdaway Close and Frampton Way, and have had an overall 13% response. We had more returns from Hinton Fields and Campion Way, ie those roads most heavily affected by school starting and finishing times.

Some residents did not feel too badly affected by school traffic, but quite a number were bothered by poor, obstructive, or dangerous parking and others by poor or dangerous driving. Various suggestions for improvements were made, including:

- encouraging more alternatives to the car to get to school,
- strong encouragement of careful and more considerate driving and parking, possibly backed by police enforcement,
- Better co-ordination of any large deliveries or arrivals of coaches to prevent exacerbations of the current congestion at drop off and pick up times.

### Number of responses from local residents

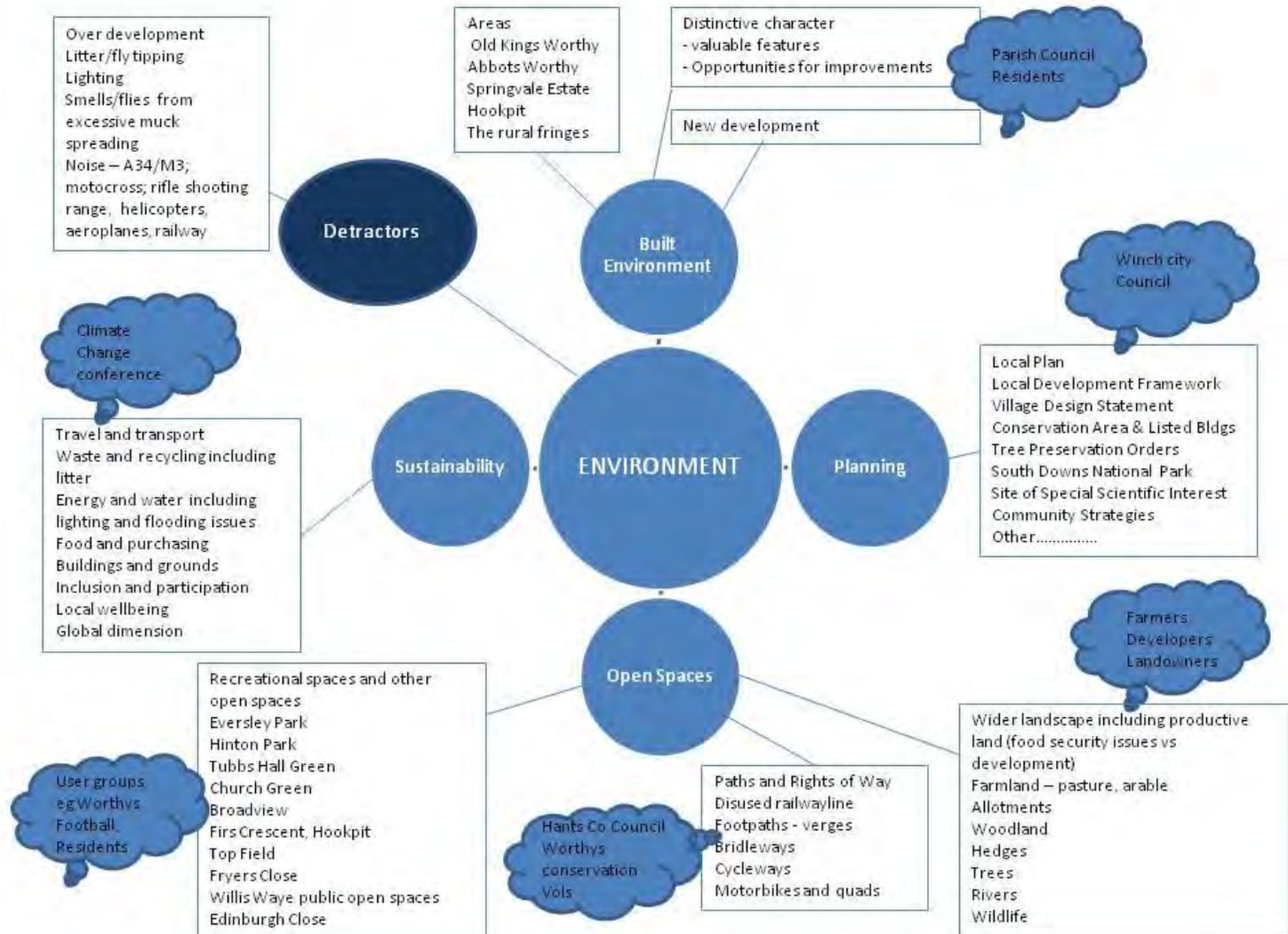


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# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## Appendix 1f

### BACKGROUND research Environment



# Kings Worthy Parish Plan

## Appendix 2a

### CONSULTATIONS

#### 1st Consultation May 2009 – Village fete Likes/Dislikes survey

25 response forms were completed and, making allowance for those completed by couples, probably represented the views of 40 people or 1% of parishioners.

It is doubtful that these responses came from the under 20's or over 80's.

Ignoring one-off comments these are the main likes and dislikes.

Likes	A really friendly, peaceful and rural village feel	14 or 35%
	Open spaces	11 or 27.5%
	Bus services	10 or 25%
	Shops	8 or 20%
	Surgery / Pharmacy	7 or 17.5%
Dislikes	Traffic: noise – speed	11 or 27.5%
	Housing development	11 or 27.5%
	Parking	8 or 20%

Other comments which may need following up are:

- The provision of allotments
- A cycle path to Tesco Jct 9
- The provision of tennis courts

The development of a path across the Springvale road using the 'High Bridge'.

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*Right:* Article in the Parish Magazine July 2009 (circulation approx 500 households).

### KINGS WORTHY PARISH PLAN



"A parish plan helps to identify priorities, manage change, and encourage people of all ages to have a greater say in the future of their locality."

After the initial meeting last November, a small Steering Group has been busy doing the groundwork for the Kings Worthy Parish Plan.

We have been identifying key facilities, services and activities in the village, investigating housing and population statistics, painting a broad picture of the Parish's environment and looking at transport issues.

Our aim once we have finished collecting baseline information, is to start finding out where the gaps are! We will be wanting your views and to that end will be consulting various groups in the village come September.

Later, possibly at the start of 2010, we will undertake a more comprehensive survey and hope this will take a variety of forms to make the whole process more interesting for everyone involved.

After producing the Plan the challenge will be to make sure that things do happen – whether through the Parish Council, Winchester City Council or local groups and organisations.

We will keep you in touch with progress here or do contact Cllr D Smithers via the Parish Office tel 884150 or email [kwpc@btconnect.com](mailto:kwpc@btconnect.com) for more information or to get involved.



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Appendix 2b*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> CONSULTATION - 9 Questions survey April 2010**

**Responses from the following groups of people:**

**This consultation was carried out with**

- Years 5 & 6 at Kings Worthy Primary School – approx 60 children
- Local Youth Group
- Senior citizens at the monthly Lunch Club, Cornerways Day Centre and Tubbs Hall drop in session.
- Parish Church congregation
- Worthy Sports and Social Club members

#### **Results summary**

##### **Likes: Post Office**

Local shops

Safe

Quiet

##### **Dislikes:**

Lack of gritting

Over development

No parking

##### **Demography:**

Over-development (17)

Green space (9)

Ugly modern buildings (5)

Shortage of housing (1)

Infrastructure (1)

Positive (1)

Brown field (1)

School capacity (1)

Too much social housing (1)

##### **Transport:**

More buses at busy times

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#### **Facilities:**

Skate park - Tennis court: 6 (25% approx.)

Dentist - vet: 1

More shops: 7 (30% approx.)

Allotments: 7 (30% approx.)

Restaurant - Take away: 3 (12.5% approx)

Help for Post Office

#### **Law and Order:**

Safe, but don't often see Police

Safe after dark

No /rare police presence

Uncomfortable

Local vandalism

Shed thefts

Parking problems

#### **Environment:**

Parks and play facilities

Traffic noise

Inappropriate development / Over development

Dog mess

Lack of shrub maintenance

Distance to park from home

Pollution

Poor street lighting

Development x17

Infill housing and the loss of open space in private gardens is a concern to many.

Includes over-development, too much social housing, inappropriate Ensuring the design of new housing development in keeping with the scale and character of the village was commented on by 3.

For lower speeds x 6 esp Lovedon Lane and Springvale Rd

Against lower speed limit x1

Car parking esp on grass verges

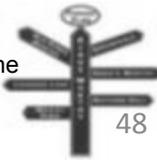
Dangerous road jct end of Lovedon Lane

Traffic generally x5

Noise x 8 (inc A34 x 3 and helicopters x 2). A range of noises were mentioned including that from A34, the railway line, helicopters and low flying planes

Litter x 9

Dog mess x 2 in Eversley Pk, toddler play areas, old rlwy lines and Hookpit farm lane



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## Appendix 2c

### PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan is a parish wide project, aimed at establishing where we want to be in terms of housing, transport, environment, facilities over the next 5 years or so. There is a small steering group representing various interest groups around the parish. They have been doing a mini-consultation to establish what kinds of things are important to residents.



Later in the summer they will be canvassing all Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy residents on their likes, dislikes what they use what they don't use around the villages, what they would like to see the same or different in the



Parish over the next few years. When results have been collated the aim is to write

We will be petitioning all residents in the coming months to see what you want in our village

**WATCH THIS SPACE**

a document for all to itemize priorities and to initiate any wanted changes to take place. If you would like to help with the project, on the steering committee, helping with delivery of the questionnaires, helping collate the results or writing the Plan document, please contact the group



via the Parish Office on 01962 884150 or email

[info@parish-plan.com](mailto:info@parish-plan.com)

Left: article in the Parish Council's spring newsletter 2010 – delivered to every household in the Parish.

## So, what's the next step – getting everyone involved

We need the views of as many people in the Parish as possible to make the Action Plan as representative as possible of the needs and aspirations of those who live here.

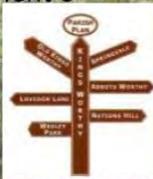
•**your** views matter.

•those of your **neighbours** matter

•our **children's** views matter.

What are your concerns for the Parish now and how would you want it to develop in the next 5 – 10 years? .

**Let us know** by replying to the questionnaire.



Right: **Consultation with community leaders 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010** prior to the delivery of the Full Questionnaire. Representatives included those from:

- Worthys Youth Football Club
- a Parish Councillor from Headbourne Worthy.
- Kings Worthy Parish Councillors
- City Councillor
- Worthy Players/Jubilee Hall trustee
- A Meadow Way resident

A presentation was given on progress with the Parish Plan process. A request was issued for help with distributing flyers to publicise the parish plan ready for the delivery of the full questionnaire in mid/late October.

A question and answer session followed – including acknowledgement of Headbourne Worthy's Parish Plan which is just getting under way.

# Kings Worthy Parish Plan

## Appendix 2d

**PARISH SURVEY**

Your chance to have a say in the future of Kings Worthy & Abbots Worthy

Complete a questionnaire by end December to enter the £100 Prize draw

Forms available here or enter your views online at the survey monkey website

Your views matter!

## PARISH PLAN

As promised the Parish Plan questionnaire should be dropping through your door anytime now.

This is your opportunity to contribute to the vision for Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy over the next 5 to 10 years.

- What is missing from our parish?
- What do we need to preserve?
- What do we need to do better?
- Is there any group who feel they are not well served in our area?

We urge you to complete the questionnaire and return it

To encourage you to do this, there is an optional prize draw to win £100. If you would rather keep your responses anonymous that is fine.

For those with internet access, there is the opportunity to complete the

questionnaire on-line. Paper copies are still very much welcomed and

**HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF THE PARISH**

further copies for other members of your household are available.

The Plan team (who are independent of the Parish Council) hope to have all questionnaires completed by the end of November so they can then begin the process of evaluation.

Once this has been done, the main priorities for the Parish will be established and a document will be compiled reporting this.

The Parish Council and other members of the community will then work towards delivering these

priorities in a timely way. The more responses there are, the bigger the weight we can put on outside agencies to help us in achieving this.

This is an exciting opportunity for us to shape our future. We urge you to contribute your views.



Above left: **FLYER** distribution in September 2010 In advance of the full questionnaire a flyer was distributed to raise awareness

The A5 flyers were sent out to

- Worthies Sports Social Club** – 300 copies with upcoming membership renewal packs
- Jubilee Hall Committee and Worthy Players** plus Claire Goodwin's Arts company
- Scouts, Brownies and Guides**
- Kings Worthy Primary School**

- Cornerways & the Lunch Club**
- Worthies Youth Football Club**
- Worthies Conservation Group**
- St Mary's Church**
- Local Shops**
- Neighbourhood Watch group**
- Some house to house deliveries.

A4 versions were put on the parish notice boards

Above right: Article in Parish Council Newsletter Autumn 2010.

Right: A logo was devised and used as an A4 poster on village noticeboards to raise awareness.



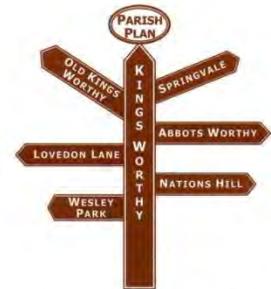
**COMING SOON**

# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## Appendix 2e

### 3<sup>rd</sup> CONSULTATION - The full questionnaire Oct/Nov 2010

1. If there is to be more development in the Parish, what type do you think should be provided?
2. Do you feel that recent development in the Parish of Kings Worthy is in keeping with the character of the village?
3. If there were to be future development in the Parish on which type of open space would it be most suitable?
4. How would you rate the following infrastructure and its ability to cater for the needs of the population?
5. Would you use the public bus service more if changes were made to the following...(list)?
6. What are your concerns about road safety in the Parish?
7. Do you think that speeding traffic is a problem in Kings Worthy?
8. There are a few cycle routes around and beyond the village; how important are these to you ?
9. Do you think that the Parish is a safe place to live?
10. What would make Kings Worthy a safer place to live ?
11. How easy is it to get to the following shops and services (list)?
12. What additional facilities would you like in the Parish's parks / green areas?
13. It has been suggested that we do not have enough facilities for people over 60. Would you favour more facilities for the over-60s?
14. The Worthies Sports and Social Club is a well-used facility. Is there anything that could improve this facility?
15. The Parish halls - St Mary's Chapel / Tubbs / Jubilee are valued assets. Is there anything that could improve these facilities?
16. Are there any particular pastime / interest groups or clubs that you would like to attend?
17. Many people told us they valued the rural aspect of Kings Worthy; how important is it to protect this for the future ?
18. The River Itchen running through the Parish has special protected status do you have any suggestions for improvement?
19. Open green spaces within the village are important for recreation and health. How important are these types of open space to you ?
20. There is a network of public rights of way around and beyond the village; how important are these to you ?
21. Are you interested in nature conservation and if so do you have any ideas for improvements?
22. Some people told us that there were problems with the environment in and around Kings Worthy. Are any of the following affecting you at the moment or in the recent past (last 6 months) (list)?
23. The local rural environment supports a high level of farming and food production. Are there ways you'd like to get involved in rural activities eg community gardening, community orchards, local farms.
24. The government would like us all to have a more sustainable lifestyle, if Kings Worthy were to become more environmentally friendly which of the following would you support (list)?
25. Please feel free to add any additional information or comments below, eg. If you are a local business do you feel there are any areas that need addressing? Please add your comments below.



*It's here!*

Now is the time to complete your questionnaire by 30<sup>th</sup> November either online or to the Parish Office, local shops and clubs where you see this sign.

**THANK YOU**



# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## *Appendix 2f*

### **Winchester City Council's BLUEPRINT Consultation – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

A workshop was organised by WCC in conjunction with the Parish Councils of Headbourne and Kings Worthy. It was attended by 20 parishioners.

This was a separate consultation exercise organised by WC and not part of Kings Worthy's Parish Plan process. However, as it occurred during the preparation of the plan we include their results here for comparison.

In discussion around the different people "types" the following conclusions were drawn:

- The "Worthys" is distinct and separate from the City and has its own identity.
- Although each Parish is separate, the "Worthys" should be considered as a whole.
- A good bus or community transport service is essential into and across the City. Operating hours should include early morning and late evenings.
- A need for a good mix of housing, including sheltered and warden controlled accommodation plus larger homes to allow for increase in working from home. The proportion of small 2 bedroomed single storey dwellings and bungalows should be retained and further development of them not permitted. (*Note: this was a different response from that obtained by the Parish Plan questionnaire*).
- More local facilities and shops required, including open space provision with changing facilities.
- Broadband must be improved.
- Infrastructure must keep up with development.
- Development of locally based small hi-tech companies to be encouraged.
- Concern regarding possible inadequate capacity of local primary school.



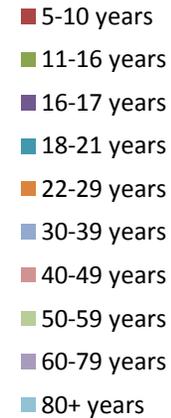
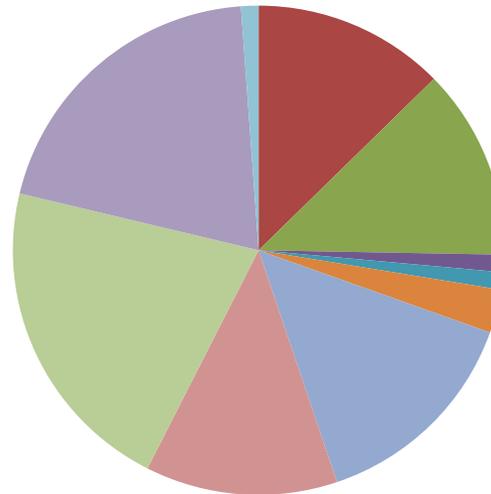
# Kings Worthy *Parish Plan*

## Appendix 3a

### 3<sup>rd</sup> CONSULTATION - The full questionnaire Oct/Nov 2010

Responses from the following people:

under 5 years	0
5-10 years	22
11-16 years	22
16-17 years	2
18-21 years	2
22-29 years	5
30-39 years	25
40-49 years	22
50-59 years	37
60-79 years	35
80+ years	2



# Kings Worthy Parish Plan

## Appendix 3b

### Presentation of Results to invited guests March 2011

These included: the local Scout leader, a representative from St Mary's Church, a City Councillor, Parish Council chairman and councillors, members of the public.

After presenting the results, the following key priorities were noted:

#### Key Challenges/Priorities

**Housing** – provide a balance of housing types but there was currently a need for more small family homes; sustain the current infrastructure; maintain the open spaces.

**Transport** - cycle routes are very important to people; reducing the cost and reviewing the timetabling of the bus route came out as a high priority.

**Facilities** – maintain the existing facilities (analyse the age of respondents to the over 60s question and the skate park question).

**Law and order** - maintain the safe feel (no cold calling areas high priority).

**Environment** - conserve/protect the rural aspect; grass and wooded areas were highly valued; public rights of way need to be maintained; people were highly in favour of sustainability measures.

**Overarching themes: communications and publicity** for existing facilities, events and services eg sports & social club, youth cafe, clubs, river Itchen, conservation and parking issues; ways of stimulating more support for **volunteering/community engagement** were also a common theme.

These key issues were publicised to the Parish through the Parish Council's newsletter, delivered to every household. This forms the basis of the Action Plan.

## Kings Worthy Parish Plan

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parish Plan questionnaire last December. Here are the headline results which will be taken forward to the Action Plan.

### 1. TRANSPORT

1. Prioritise improvements to the A33 junctions
2. Create cycle routes within the Parish.
3. Improve bus timetabling & cost

### 2. HOUSING

1. Protect Kings Worthy's rural surroundings.
  - o When developing, favour small family homes
2. Maintain the good infrastructure

### 3. FACILITIES

1. Ensure the existing good facilities are well maintained.
  - o Consider new facilities such as tennis courts

### 4. LAW & ORDER

1. Maintain the "safe" feel of the Parish
  - o More "no cold calling areas".

### 5. ENVIRONMENT

1. Protect the rural surroundings especially the gap between the Worthys and Winchester.
2. High priority to woodland and grassy areas including wildflower meadows
3. Support sustainability & environment friendly initiatives.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Improve village communications
- Publicise events & services more widely.

### INVOLVEMENT

- Explore ways of encouraging more support (volunteers) for village events & services

If you'd like to see the detailed report contact us [info@parish-plan.com](mailto:info@parish-plan.com)

...and the winner of the Prize Draw was Linda Liddell from Lovedon Lane.

*Appendix 3c*

# Kings Worthy Parish Plan 2010

## **Results Presentation**

Respondents:

Available to all residents online

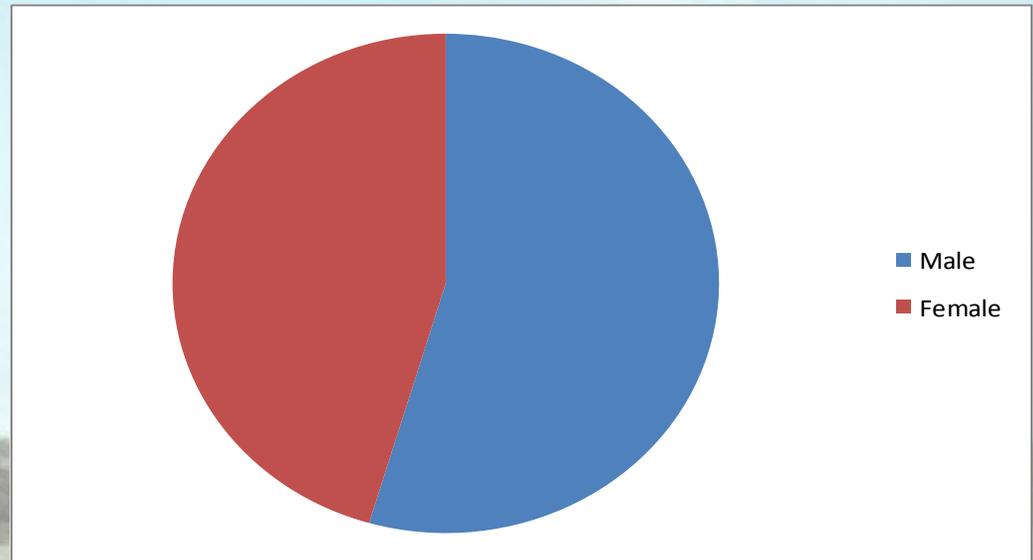
Every household also received  
a paper Questionnaire

295 questionnaires  
received in total

113 online / 182 paper

Please note:

All results are expressed as percentages



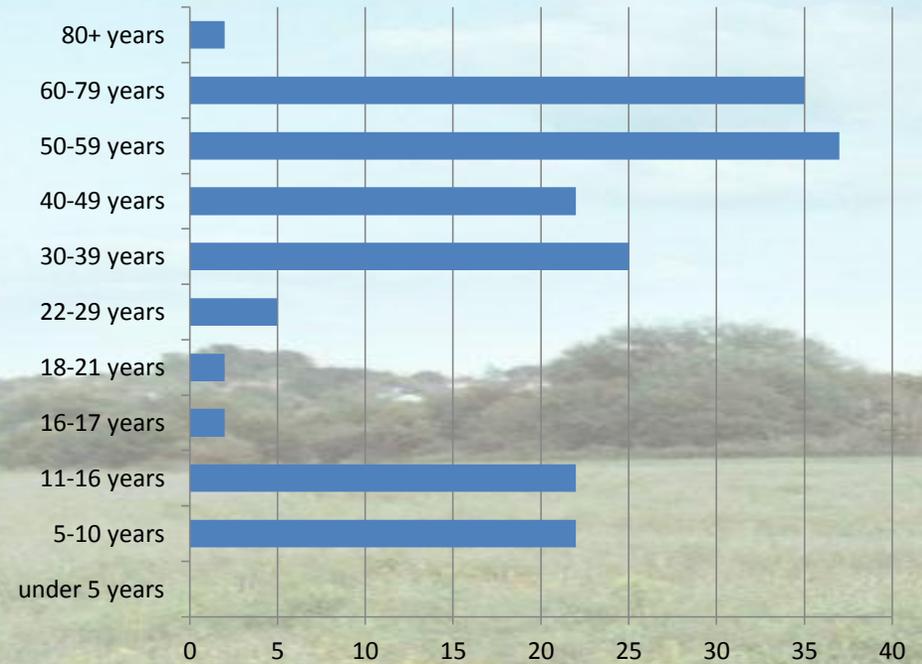
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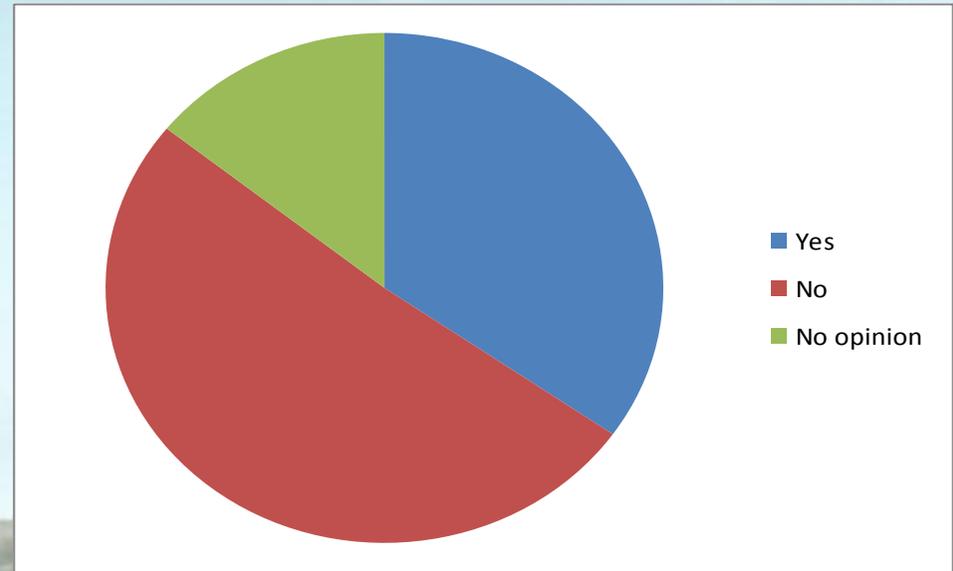


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Housing:

Do you feel that recent development in the Parish of Kings Worthy is in keeping with the character of the village?



Church Green

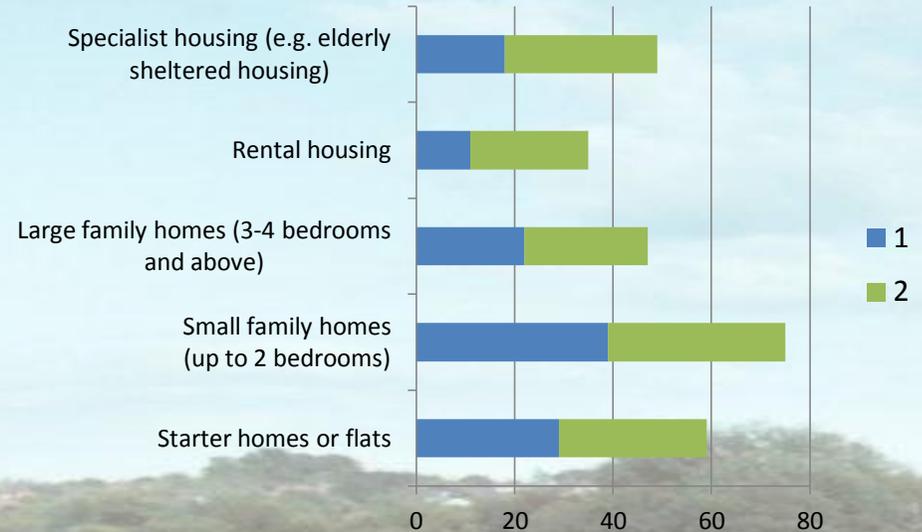
Elan Court (a lot!)  
Nations Hill shop replacement  
Lovedon Lane development  
Infilling  
Out of keeping  
Losing 'village feel'



## Housing:

If there is to be more housing development in the Parish, what type do you think should be provided?

Rate each type 1 to 4, 1 being the most important and 4 being the least



Additional comments

*Likes*



Small commercial  
Affordable housing  
Shops by St Mary's church

*Dislikes*

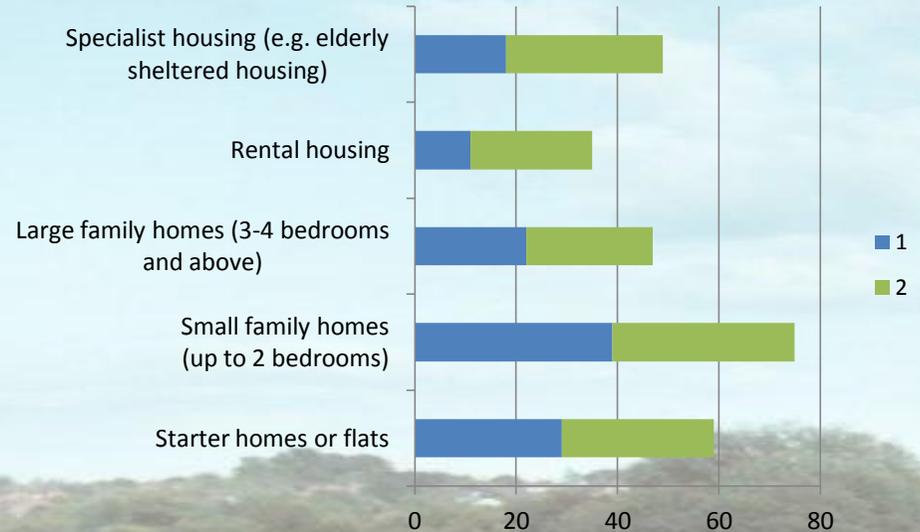
Too much already  
Not enough garages



## Housing:

If there were to be future development in the Parish, on which type of open space would it be most suitable?

Rate each type 1 to 4, 1 being the most important and 4 being the least



Leaving some green areas  
Countryside views remain

Too little space between houses  
Too much traffic already



## Housing:

How would you rate the following infrastructure and its ability to cater for the needs of the population?

Rate each type 1 to 4, 1 being the most important and 4 being the least



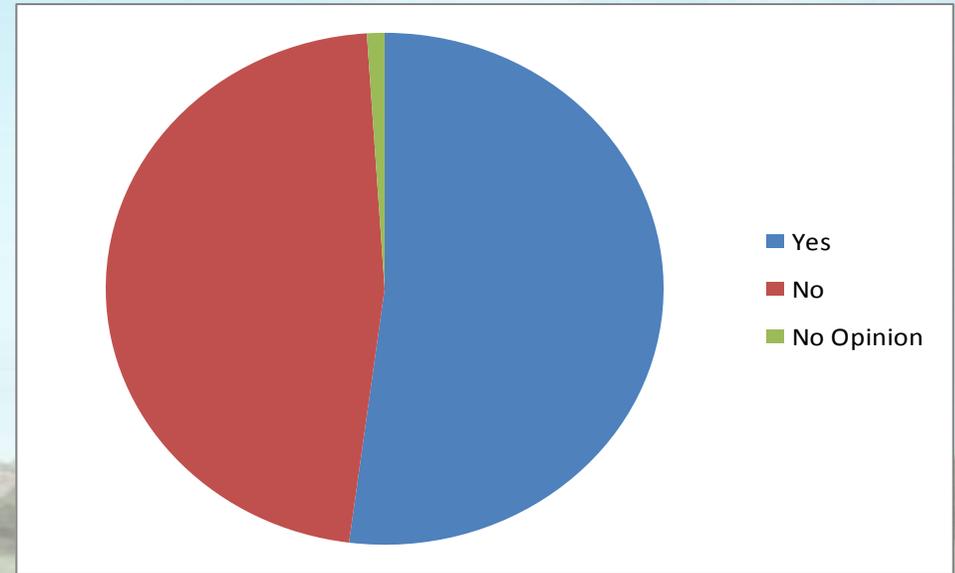
Community services  
Open spaces



Not enough healthcare  
Better broadband needed  
Reduce speed limits  
Poor drainage  
Inadequate parking  
Poor road junctions

## Traffic:

Do you think that speeding traffic is a problem in Kings Worthy?



### Traffic Concerns:

Speed limits need reducing  
Not enough parking  
Church Lane too narrow  
Potholes / poor road surfaces

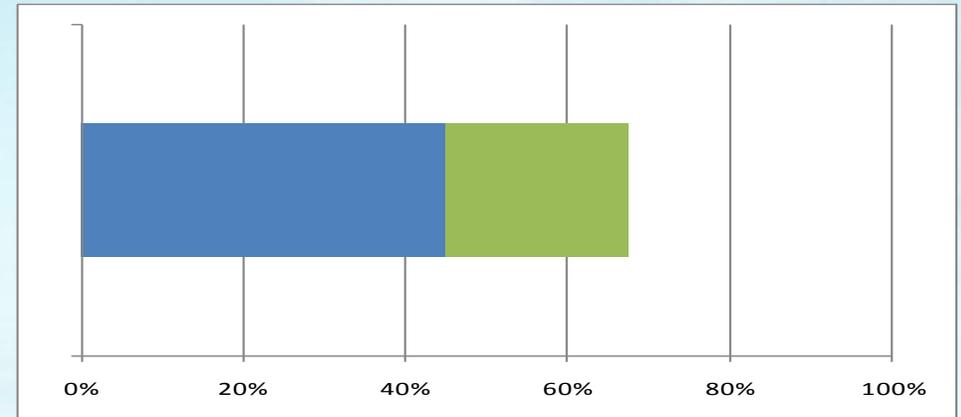
Bus stop positions  
A33 junctions  
More lighting around Tesco's  
More crossings

## Traffic:

There are a few cycle routes around and beyond the village; how important are these to you ?

(Please feel free to comment on any improvements or additional routes you would like to see).

Please rate 1 to 4, with 1 being very important and 4 being unimportant



River pathway

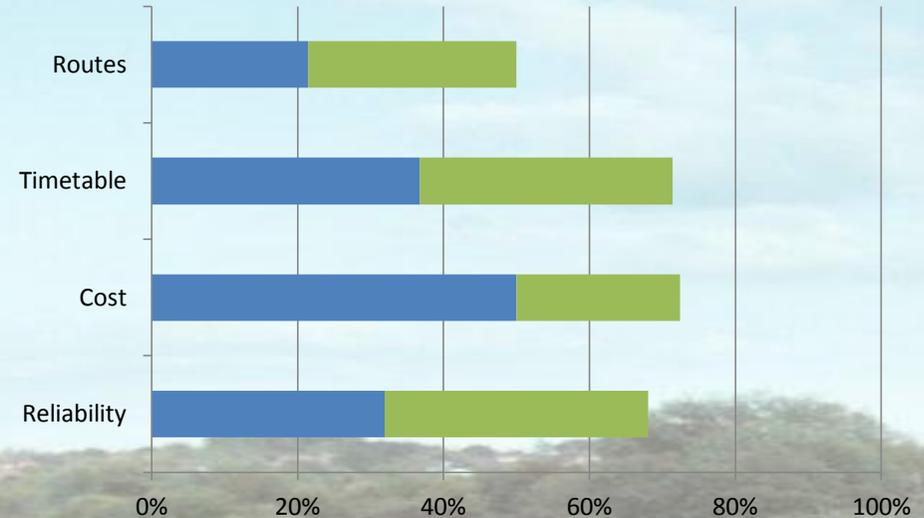
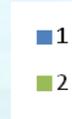
Too hilly  
Better routes into City Centre  
Inadequate lighting  
Poor surfaces  
Path to Winnall



## Traffic:

Would you use the public bus service more if changes were made to the following ?

Please rate each of these topics from 1 to 4 with 1 being very important and 4 being the least important to you



Every 20 minutes  
Free bus pass

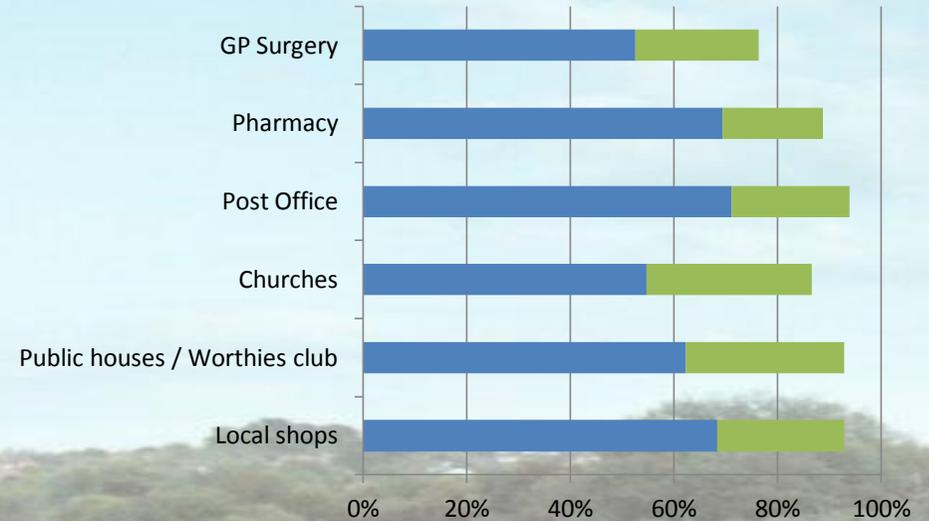
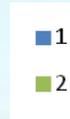
Church Lane too narrow  
Later service needed  
Better Sunday service  
Expensive  
Unreliable



## Facilities

How easy is it to get to the following shops and services ?

Please rate from 1 to 4 with 1 being easy and 4 being difficult.



Good accessibility

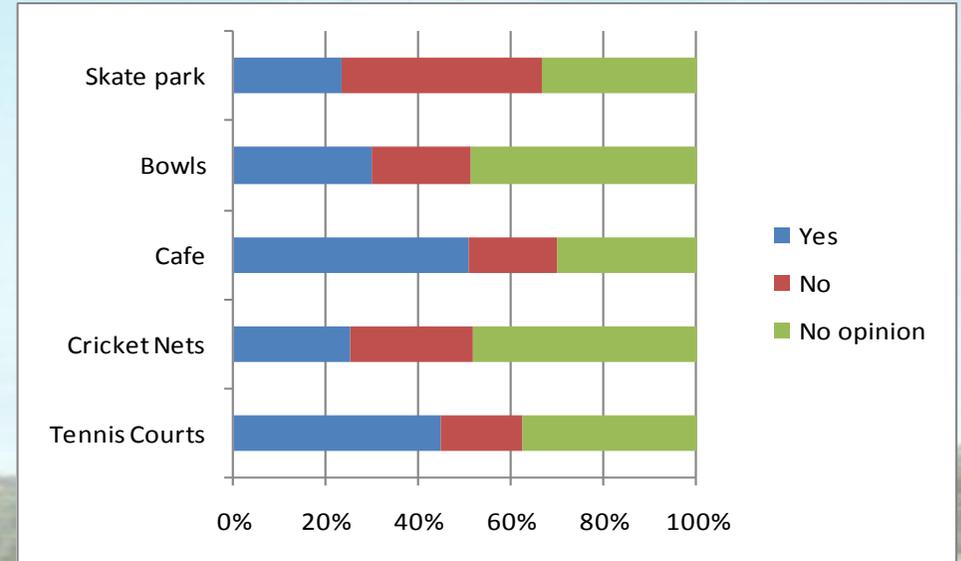
Better street lighting  
KW Post Office parking  
Tesco car park condition  
Worthies Club not on bus route



## Facilities

What additional facilities would you like in the Parish's parks / green areas?

Please comment on each of the facilities



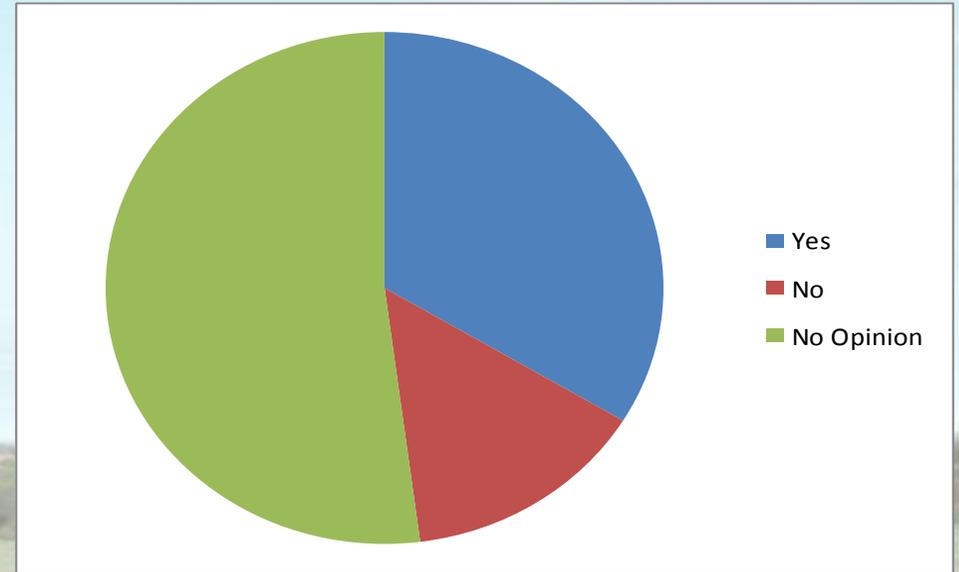
Also:  
- Petanque

Adult keep-fit equipment not used  
Better toilets at Eversley Park  
Skate Park (!)



## Facilities

It has been suggested that we do not have enough facilities for people over 60. Would you favour more facilities for the over-60s?



Generally good facilities

Also:

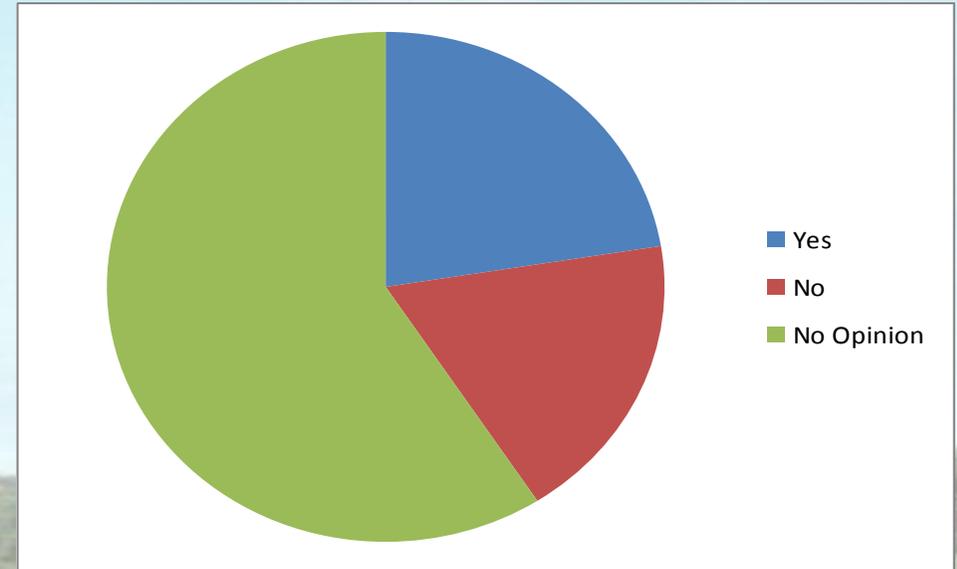
- Lunch club
- Bowls club

What about other age groups?



## Facilities

The Worthies Sports and Social Club is a well-used facility. Is there anything that could improve this facility and make you more likely to use it ?



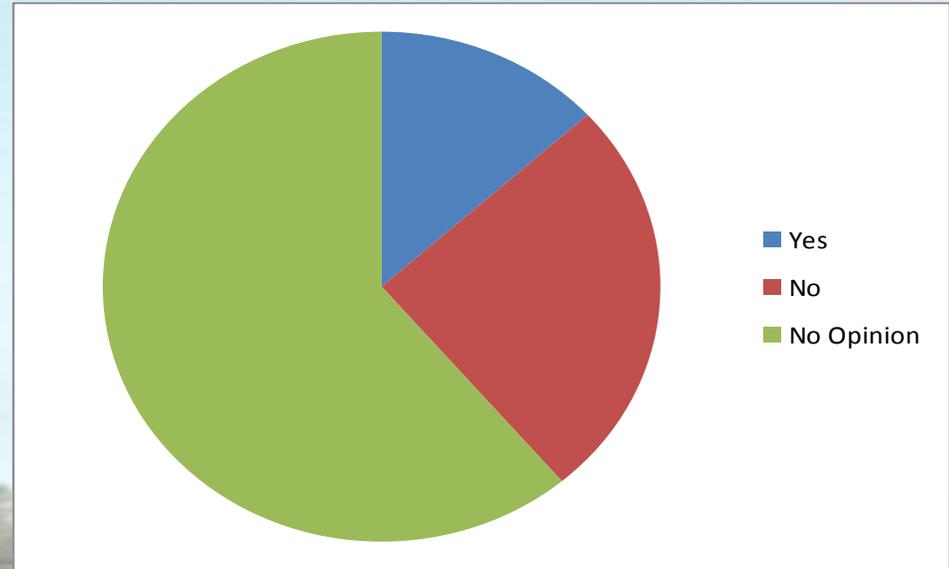
Family friendly  
Good events  
Supportive of community



Poor publicity  
Ddon't know what it offers  
Never been in there  
Ugly building  
Needs more Parish Council support

## Facilities

The Parish halls - St Mary's Chapel / Tubbs / Jubilee are valued venues. Is there anything that could improve these facilities?



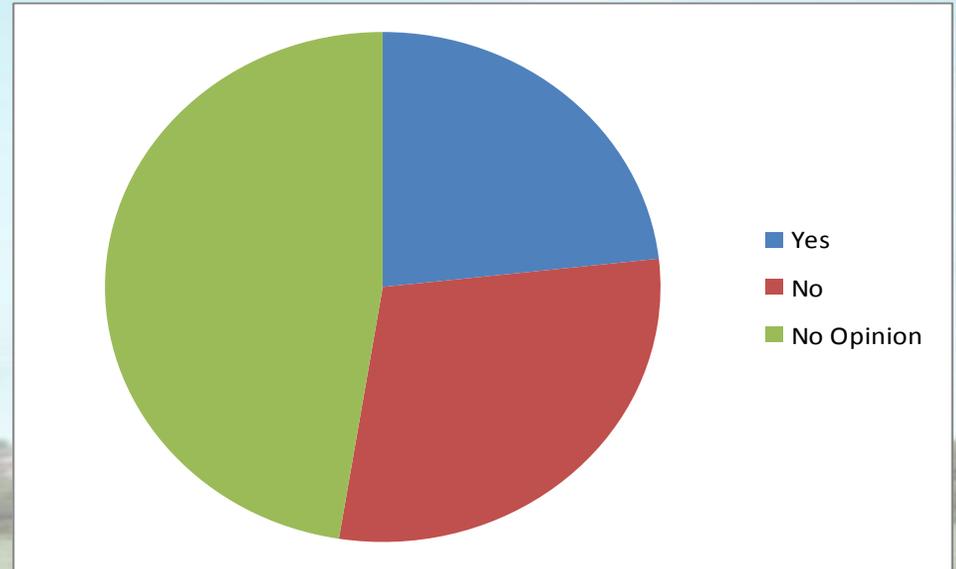
Appear well-used

- Need modernising
- Poor publicity
- Inadequate parking
- Events for younger people



## Facilities

Are there any particular pastime / interest groups or clubs that you would like in the parish?



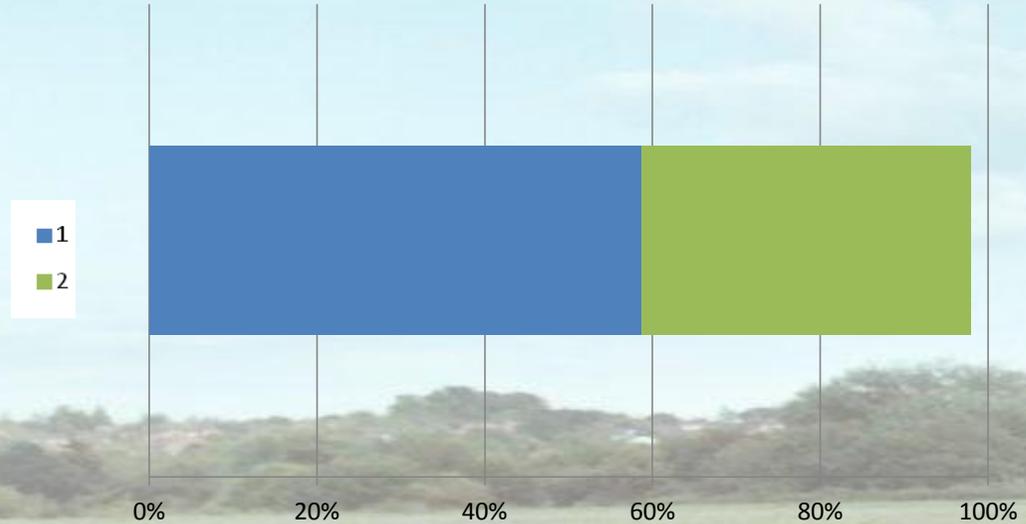
- Youth cafe / drop-in centre
- Art class
- Cooking club
- Film night
- Bridge night

- Gardening club
- Book club
- Sewing club
- Quiz night

## Law and Order

Do you think that the Parish is a safe place to live?

Please rate 1 to 4, with 1 being very safe and 4 being least safe



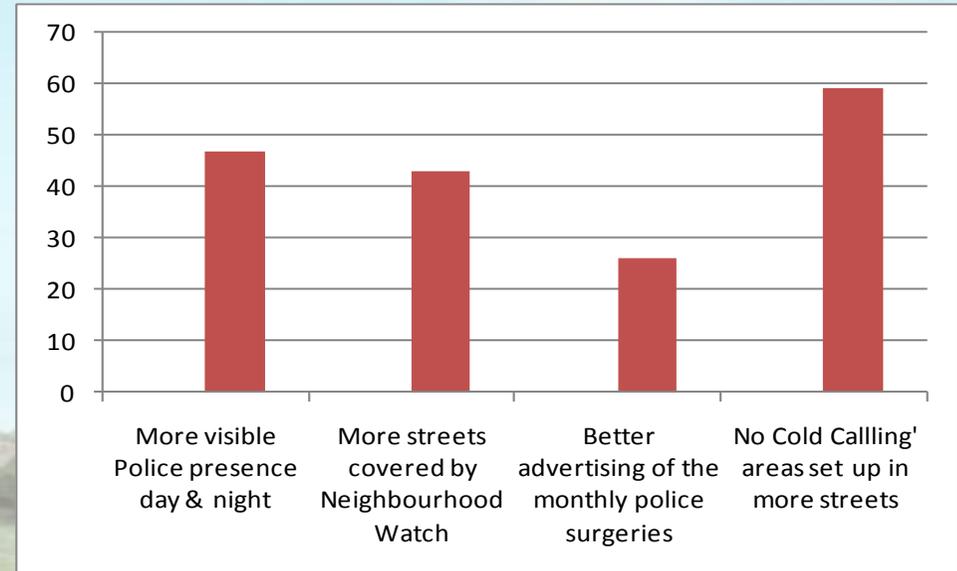
*Generally very safe*

Better street light  
More visible Police patrols  
Under-age drinking



## Law and Order

What would make Kings Worthy a safer place to live ?



*Generally adequate*

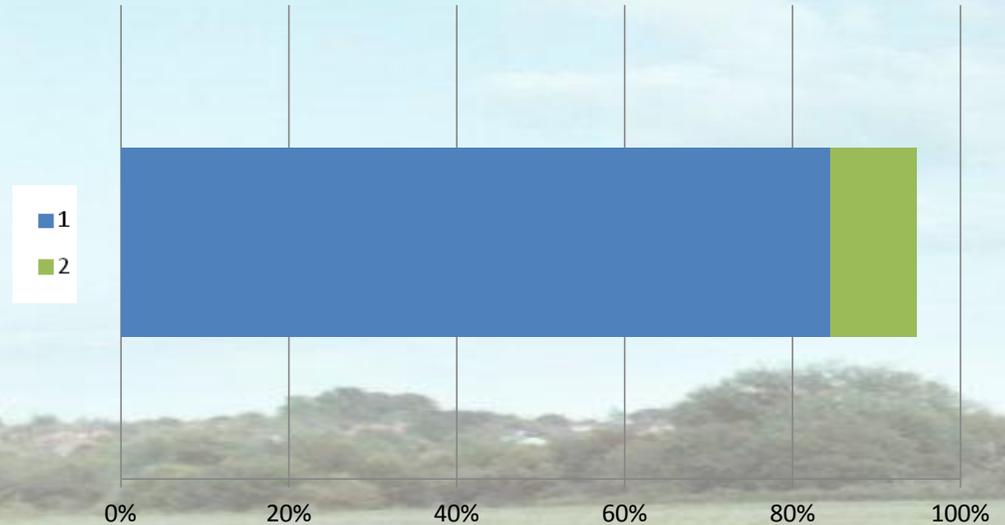
'No cold calling' areas  
Better street lighting  
Solve 'youth' problems



## Environment:

Many people told us they valued the rural aspect of Kings Worthy; how important is it to protect this for the future ?

Please rate the importance on a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 being high importance and 4 being low.

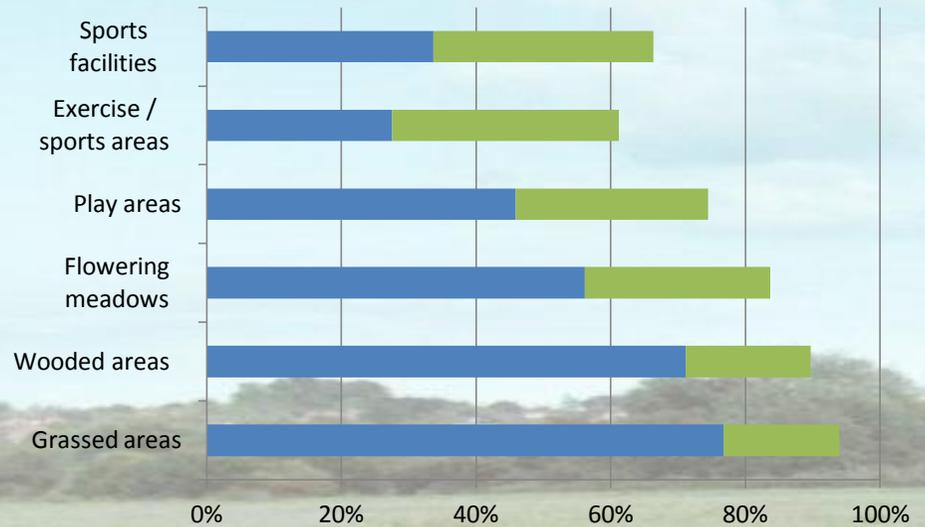


Protect - rural character, village setting, beauty, surrounding countryside, distinct from Winchester

## Environment:

Open green spaces within the village are important for recreation and health. How important are each of these types of open space to you ?

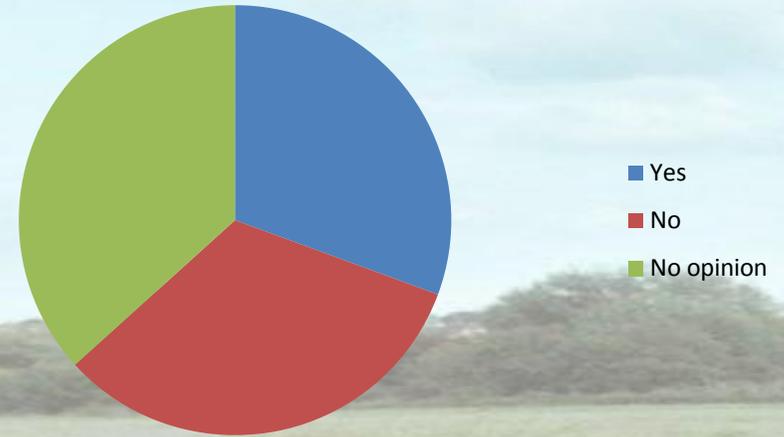
Please rate each of the following spaces from 1 to 4, with 1 being high importance and 4 being low.



Preserve - green spaces, recreation access

Environment:

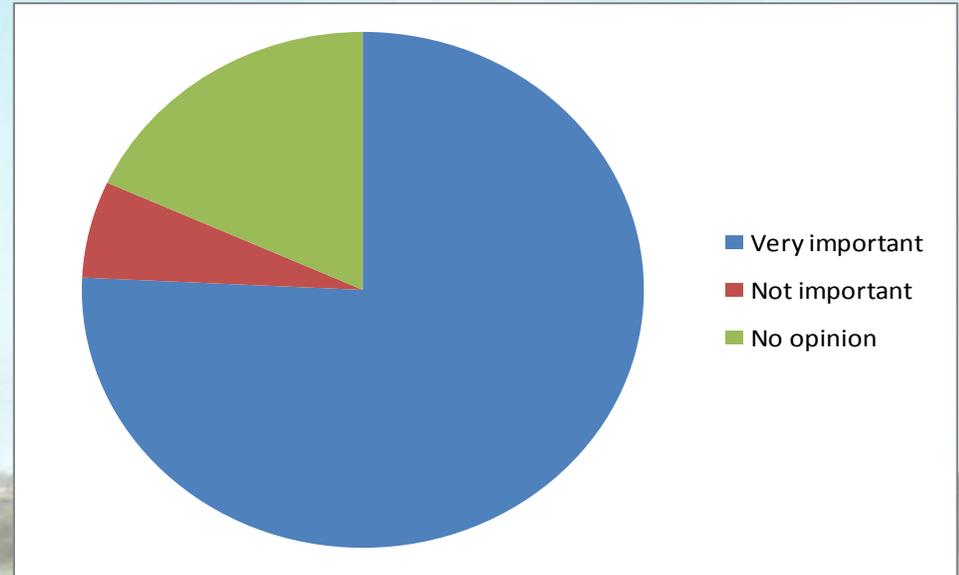
The River Itchen running through the Parish has special protected status, do you have any suggestions for improvement?



Conserve - natural environment, SSSI reserves, wildflowers, woodland, River Itchen

## Environment:

There is a network of public rights of way around and beyond the village; how important are these to you ?  
(Please feel free to comment on any improvements or additional rights of way you would like to see).



Improve - access to countryside, footpaths, trails, signposting, gateway to Winchester / Alresford, cycling

Environment:

Are you interested in nature conservation and if so do you have any ideas for improvements?



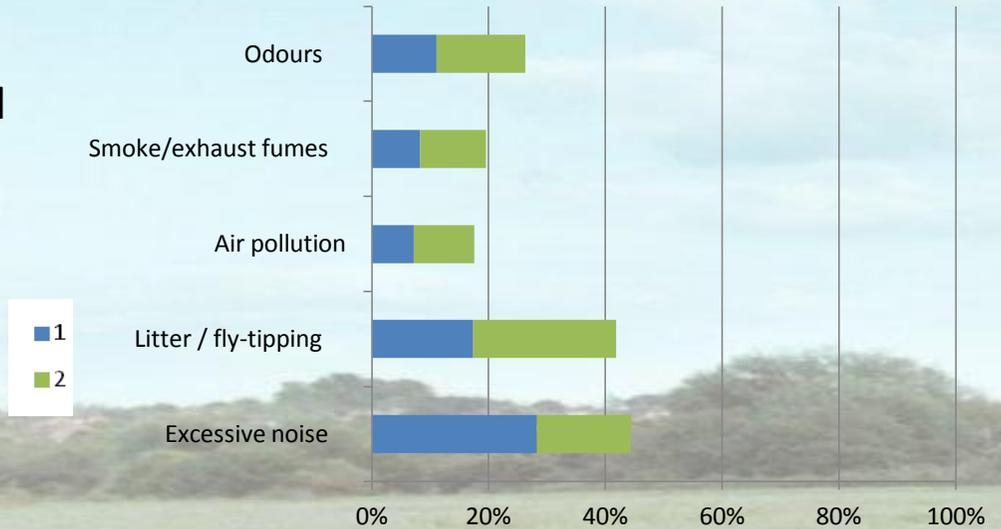
Maintain – footpaths

Learn - inform, wildlife club

## Environment:

Some people told us that there were problems with the environment in and around Kings Worthy. Are any of the following affecting you at the moment or in the recent past (last 6 months)?

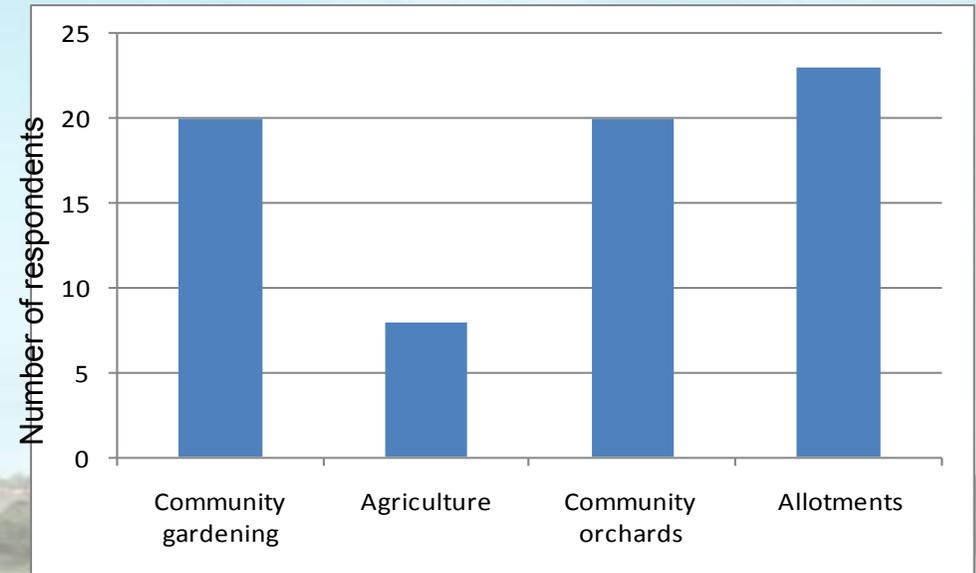
Please rate the level of significance for each issue with 1 being high and 4 low.



Detractors - noise (A33/A34, helicopters), litter, dog mess, motocross, travellers, bonfires, teenagers, smells

## Environment:

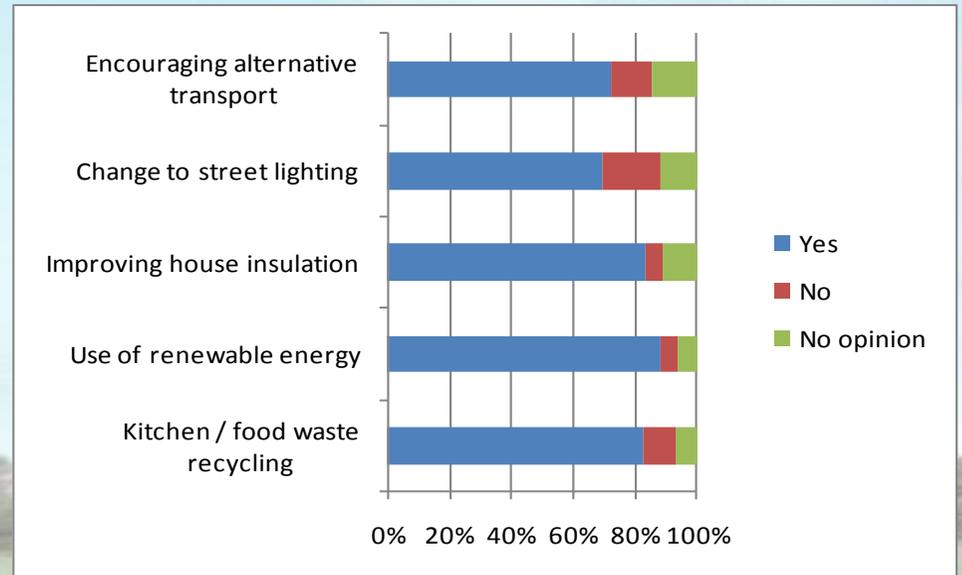
The local rural environment supports a high level of agriculture and food production. Are there ways you'd like to get involved in rural activities such as:



Share - gardens, orchards, produce, compost, knowledge & skills

## Environment:

The government would like us all to have a more sustainable lifestyle, if Kings Worthy were to become more environmentally friendly which of the following would you support?



Inform - recycling, composting, energy use, cycle routes, lighting

## GENERAL COMMENTS

- Good community spirit
  - More pedestrian crossings needed
  - Better provision for cyclists
  - Better maps, especially footpaths
  - Improve road junctions;
    - A33/Worthy Road
    - A33/Lovedon Lane
  - Eversley Park;
    - Sports development
    - Improved toilets/changing rooms
  - Keep footpaths tidy
  - Planning unco-ordinated/out-of-control
  - Tesco's garages need addressing
  - Church Lane blocked by parents' cars
  - Need own village café, like Good Life
  - More youth activities needed
  - Better support for Worthies Club
  - More support for WYFC (youth football)
  - Co-ordinate events (church, club, halls etc.)
  - Better support for BFG and Festival
  - Better/more frequent magazine
  - Events on KW website, like Worthies Club
  - Merge KW and HW Parish Councils
- ...and finally*
- Questionnaire – great idea (lots!!)