

CHRISTCHURCH

Village Appraisal

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Front: The Sixteen Foot Drain between Euximoor Drove and Christchurch

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Pancake Day - 1984

Foreward

As the 20th Century draws to a close, it seems appropriate that we should create a “snapshot” of the village in which we live. The Christchurch Community Appraisal aims to capture the size and shape of the community, the issues that concern us and how we want to develop in the years ahead.

The Appraisal has been undertaken with advice and guidance from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and grants from The European Social Fund, The Rural Development Fund, Fenland Rural Development and The Dun Cow.

A Steering Group was formed to manage the process and consolidate the findings of the survey into a single document.

However, this Appraisal would not have been possible without the support of the people of Christchurch – of the 300 questionnaires distributed, 122 were completed, representing 249 people. This return rate of 41% exceeds the turn-out for local and some Government elections – so the major thanks must go to those who took the time to complete the questionnaire.

Many village appraisals have been completed during the last 2 years – ours is unique in that it covers 3 distinct areas – Christchurch, Tipp’s End and Euximoor. The body of the appraisal focuses on the combined statistics, except where there are interesting anomalies from any one location.

Throughout the Appraisal therefore, the word **Christchurch** is used to refer to the communities of Christchurch, Tipp’s End and Euximoor.

We hope that you find the Appraisal interesting and informative – if nothing else, it should provide future generations with an insight into the way we lived.

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1 Summary of Key Findings of the Appraisal

This first Village Appraisal of Christchurch, Euximoor and Tipp's End has been well received, with an encouraging level of response and positive views on many aspects of village life.

Good news...

- Health services (especially the local GPs) are good
- Unemployment levels are low
- Townley school is well regarded and considered to be good
- The Heron is considered to be a good source of local information

Must do better...

- Recycling facilities are required
- The problem of speeding cars must be addressed – a lower speed limit is the most popular proposal
- More street lights are required
- Significant interest in adult education – especially Computing
- Sports and leisure facilities for those under 25 are very poor
- Greater Police presence requested
- There should be more local involvement in the Parish Council – the meetings are open and people should be encouraged to attend.

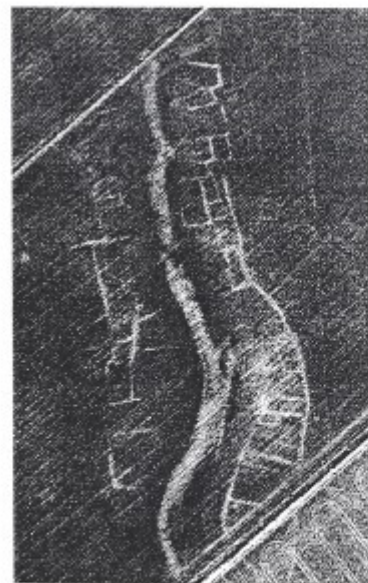
2 A Short History – Christchurch, a People of the Fens

In the beginning there were dry lands, stone age man (and woman) lived on these very fens almost 500,000 years ago - remains have been found which show that hunter gathers moved across the low plain into the large landmass that is now Europe and Asia.

....Then came the floods, around 8000 BC the Fenland basin was formed, silts and peat formation, fen edge and clay island occupation, and then submergence. In AD 900 the first sea defences were built and Fen lives recorded. Upwell the Manor was recorded in AD 970 together with Outwell under the banner of King Edgar when the Abbot was confirmed at 'Hutwele.'

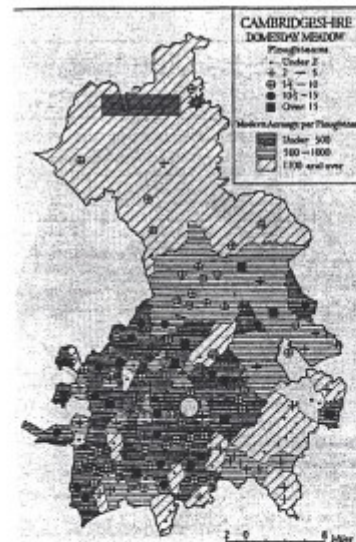
As can be seen from the aerial photograph, salt making was a major industry in the Romano-British era and the largest salt making site was in the village we know today as Christchurch (Landranger 143 OS TL 4996). The fields were marked out (delineated) in a series of grids called centuriation, Christchurch fields do not fulfil this classification entirely, the less formal grid indentation would suggest that the "limitatio" method was used, which in turn suggests that these field formed part of an imperial estate. The Roman Fen Causeway passes to the right of the village of Christchurch and over into Euximoor.

(Courtesy of "The Ancient Fenland by Coles and Hall)



It would seem that Fen people lived a good life; they fished, hunted a vast number of fowl and eggs and grew staples. Even after much of the produce went to the Lords of the Manors, the Monasteries or even the crown (Tithes to each were as much as 20 per cent), their living seems to have been very hard but fruitful. The attached map shows how much of Cambridgeshire was under the plough and how much modern farming techniques are able to manage today.

(From *Proc. Camb. Antiq. Soc.* xxxvi 53 (1936))



The first recorded sight of the village now known as Christchurch was in 1255 when an area referred to as *Eusmore* was where the actual village stands today - *Eusmore Fen* was called *Upwell Common*. On the 1684 Sir Jonas Moor map (courtesy of the Cambridge Collection) of the *Great Levell of the Fenns* (sic), Christchurch village is shown quite clearly as *Eximore* or *Euximore*, the Sixteen Foot Drain as Thurloes Drain and Drove and Euximoor Fen as *Eusimore Fenn*. One 500 acre plot shown on the map was still intact in 1926 when it was sold to the Day Family of Euximoor.

On the map from the Cotten Collection in the British Museum dated 1604, *Eusmore* becomes *Eusimoor* and *Upwell Common* becomes *Eusimoor Fen*. It is not surprising that the place names change over the years, since they were passed phoenetically by word of mouth rather than being written – only Lords of the Manor, monks and priests were educated enough.

In 1650 the Manor of Upwell was acquired by the Beupre family and represented a constant populace of about 200. (Townley School in Christchurch was named after one of the latter descendants of the Beupre family; Rev. CS Townley who was one of the benefactors of the new school in 1932.)

The later maps in the 17th and 18th century record the name of the village as Brimstone Hill. Although there are numerous theories for this name, there is no universally accepted explanation. The most commonly held belief is that it is named after the Brimstone butterfly.

The area was well served by Public Houses - in addition to The Farmers Boy and The Dun Cow which still remain, a pub called The Crown stood on the junction of Padgetts Drove and the Sixteen Foot Bank while less than 200 yards away, The Wheatsheaf Pub stood next to the Hereward Way footpath. Both The Farmer's Boy and The Dun Cow have significant history of serving drovers with refreshments for drovers could quench their thirst and take a break from their hard labours.

The late Georgian style house that stands on the Sixteen Foot Bank, has recently been excavated. Evidence suggests that the clay island on which it stands may have been a home for some 1000 years. Beth Davis, who was previously the Fenland District Conservation Officer, believes that the parkland fronting the Sixteen Foot River (which in the 12th century was called Thurloes Dyke) had a series of dykes on which the populace paddled small coracle type boats to and from the medieval buildings on that site. Evidence of these dykes can still be seen in the untouched and uncultivated areas of the spinney.

If Hereward and the peoples who followed him could see the changes in the last hundred years or so what they would have made of them? Radio, television, computers even libraries and museums have all helped in our search to find the truth behind the legends and the sources and resources of the people of Christchurch, Tipp's End and Euximoor - the amazing **People of the Fens**.

3 A Profile of Christchurch

The majority of households in our community lie within the village of Christchurch with Tipp's End and Euximoor having almost equal numbers

	Number	Percentage
Christchurch	102	83.6%
Tipp's End	12	9.8%
Euximoor	8	6.6%

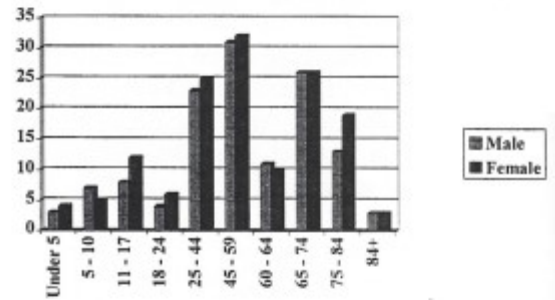
Christchurch is one of the smaller villages within the Fenland district – the following table taken from the 1991 Census Data shows us as the third smallest in the area in terms of both number of households and population.

	Households	Population
Benwick	248	659
Chatteris	2,980	7,260
Christchurch	283	714
Doddington	641	1,620
Elm	1,227	3,269
Gorefield	332	903
Leverington	1,232	2,919
Manea	483	1,188
March	6,960	16,843
Newton	249	631
Parson Drove	374	966
Tydd St Giles	359	886
Whittlesey	5,380	13,838
Wimblington	611	1,469
Wisbech	7,626	18,585
Wisbech St. Mary	1,067	2,690

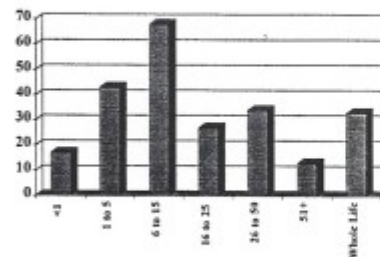
However, the population density is reflected in the size of the area – the parish of Christchurch covers 2,800 hectares, compared to only 1,800 for Wisbech, yet Wisbech has 25 times the population of Christchurch!

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The people of Christchurch are distributed over a wide age range – with the majority being in the 25 to 60 age range but significant number over the official retirement age of 60 (though later results will demonstrate how active this group is!). The relatively low number of people under 18 raises issues with regard to education and training. There is a healthy mix of the sexes – reflecting the national average of 50:50.



The village clearly attracts a loyal following – over 75% of the population have lived here for more than 6 years and 1/3rd of the population have lived here for more than 25 years.



The reason for living in Christchurch also varies – the sorted responses show a high number of people staying in the village from their birth, but the other reasons for choosing Christchurch are fairly evenly split.

Reason for living in Christchurch	No.	%
Born Here	45	17.0%
Retired here	39	14.7%
Came with family	34	12.8%
Marriage	33	12.5%
Love of country life	32	12.1%
Availability of housing	27	10.2%
Work in area	24	9.1%
Love of village life	16	6.0%
Setting up home	12	4.5%
Other	3	1.1%

We are also shown to be a caring community, when asked what was most important to them about the village, 27% people responded “The Community”, 24% said “The Environment”, 40% said “Family” and only 11% said “House Prices”.

4 Local Services

Services within the home

All areas are well provided with Mains electricity, water and telephone. The two Mains services which are not provided to most of the community (Drainage/Sewage and Gas) are catered for in a variety of ways.

Only 15% of households have Mains Drainage – 50% of the remainder use a Cess Pit, while 35% have a Septic Tank.

Only 6% use (bottled) gas, the rest are fairly evenly split in our choice of heating methods between Electricity, Oil and Solid fuel. It is interesting to note that, if offered Mains Gas, only 50% of households would choose to be connected!

All households had some energy-saving feature, if only to lag the hot water tank and insulate the loft. Half of households and cavity wall insulation – given the fact that the older properties don't have cavity walls, it must be assumed that almost all of the newer houses are insulated in this way.

35% have installed at least one low energy light bulb, yet only 5% use any water saving device – probably not surprising from an area that was once below the water line!

The quality of all services was considered to be “good” or “reasonable”.

External Services

The questionnaire reveals that we are not heavy users of the Emergency Services – over half of all households had never user Fire, Police or Emergency Ambulance. Of those that had, most thought that the Fire Service was “good” or “reasonable”. The Police fared less well, with 25% of the view that the standard of policing was “poor” and over half the households wishing to see a greater police presence.

We have not been able to identify the 6 people who believed that the Coastguard offered a “poor” service!

Reflecting our concern for the environment, over 80% of households would be prepared to separate items from their refuse – most would use a “bank” for Bottles, Cans, Newspapers and Clothing.

Only 3.5% of the households believe that there are enough litter bins in the village (or that they are in the right place).

Commercial Services are limited to the village shop (which doubles as the Post Office) and regular mobile deliveries. It is clear that only the shop attracts regular custom – very few people make use of the mobile services which are essential to the housebound. Those shopping outside of the village do so because of better choice, more competitive prices or ease of parking.



Early Postcard of the Village Shop

Local Service	Every Day		Once a week		Once a month		Less Frequent		Never	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Local Shop	32	16.5%	72	37.1%	28	14.4%	41	21.1%	21	10.8%
Mobile Library	1	0.7%	8	5.4%	11	7.4%	10	6.8%	118	79.7%
Post Office	21	11.4%	79	42.9%	29	15.8%	23	12.5%	32	17.4%
Fish Van	2	1.4%	11	7.5%	1	0.7%	4	2.7%	129	87.8%
Butcher's Van	10	6.5%	21	13.5%	2	1.3%	3	1.9%	119	76.8%
Bread Van	12	7.5%	17	10.6%	0	0.0%	1	0.6%	131	81.4%
Newspaper Delivery	88	45.8%	30	15.6%	1	0.5%	3	1.6%	70	36.5%
Milkman	78	43.1%	39	21.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	64	35.4%

5 Transport

89% of the households consider the car to be their major means of transport with another 10% using the bus services. There was little interest in taking part in any car sharing scheme.

Speeding cars through the village are seen as a major issue, with a variety of proposals to reduce speed. The following table lists the various measures proposed by the questionnaire and the support received for each measure:

Lower the speed limit	115
Weight restriction	82
"Children at play" signs	58
Traffic Calming	55
Introduce a speed limit	33
More road warning signs	33
None of the above	27

A number of additional measures have also been proposed which would ease the impact of the car on the community. 171 households wanted additional or improved street lights, additional cycle paths, footpaths or pavements were also important but there was no perceived need for pelican crossings, traffic islands or roundabouts. However, it is worth noting that a significant number did not believe that any of these should be introduced.

More street lights	129
Environmentally sensitive street lights	42
More footpaths	55
More pavements	39
Cycle paths	29
A by-pass	19
Dropped kerbs	7
Pelican Crossings	2
Roundabouts	0
None of the above	43

6 Community, Health and Welfare

Health Services

The village is able to draw on a wide range of medical services, though none are provided within the village on a daily basis. The following table demonstrates how little the health services are used by the community – with the exception of the GP, which almost everyone agrees to be “good” or “reasonable”, very few of the services are widely used (households which do use these services consider them to be good).

How do you rate the service?	Good		Reasonable		Poor		No Opinion		Not Used	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Doctor	135	73.8%	26	14.2%	3	1.6%	1	0.5%	18	9.8%
District Nurse	31	27.2%	3	2.6%	0	0.0%	3	2.6%	77	67.5%
Chiropody	13	12.4%	1	1.0%	3	2.9%	2	1.9%	86	81.9%
Health Visitor	11	11.0%	4	4.0%	2	2.0%	3	3.0%	80	80.0%
Ambulance	5	5.1%	6	6.1%	1	1.0%	2	2.0%	84	85.7%
Medical Equipment loan	7	7.4%	3	3.2%	2	2.1%	1	1.1%	81	86.2%
Home Help	3	3.2%	1	1.1%	1	1.1%	2	2.2%	86	92.5%
Meals on Wheels	2	2.2%	2	2.2%	1	1.1%	2	2.2%	86	92.5%
Physiotherapy services	4	4.3%	1	1.1%	1	1.1%	4	4.3%	82	89.1%

7 Employment, Education and Training

Employment

The employment rate within the village is excellent, with the level of unemployment (3%) being well below the national average. The relatively low number in education reflects the age distribution across the village.

Retired	89	38.0%
An employee	65	27.8%
In full-time education	18	7.7%
Unwaged housewife/husband	18	7.7%
Self employed - not employing others	17	7.3%
Self employed - employing others	12	5.1%
Permanently sick/disabled	8	3.4%
Unemployed	7	3.0%

Education

Townley School is a major feature of the village with 70 children from “rising 5” to 11 years of age from a wide catchment area. There has been a school in Christchurch since 1865 with a temporary school in use on Euximoor Drove from 1910 to 1932 so that pupils did not have to endure the long walk. The school now hosts the pre-school playgroup, so that transition to the main school is made as easy as possible



Investment in IT enables the pupils to remain in contact with the rest of the county through the use of Video Conferencing and connection to the rest of the world through the Internet. The school has a very high degree of support from the local community; the questionnaires showed that 72% believe that the school is “very important” to the local community.



The number of people in Education beyond 16 appears to be very low – of the households that responded, only 12 people were identified as being at 6th form college, university or on other training courses. However, this should be considered in relation to the number of 16-18 year olds within the village (less than 20).

Adult education received much interest in the survey; 126 responses were received to this question. The table shows Computing highest on the list, followed by more leisure-oriented activities such as crafts, woodwork and gardening.

Almost all of those interested in classes believed that evenings are the best time to attend.

Which of the following classes would you attend?	
Computing	60
Crafts	44
Gardening	38
Languages	30
Woodwork	26
Environmental Lectures	12
Line dancing	10

8 Sport and Recreation

The table below demonstrates the poor opinion held by the people of Christchurch on the provision of local social facilities. There is clearly an overwhelming need for additional sport and recreation for all age groups.

What are your views on the local social facilities for...?	Good		Reasonable		Poor	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Children up to 16	1	1.0%	7	7.0%	92	92.0%
Young people (17 - 25)	0	0.0%	3	3.4%	85	96.6%
People 25-60	0	0.0%	37	38.9%	58	61.1%
People over 60	27	25.5%	52	49.1%	27	25.5%

This table shows the groups that people would attend if they were provided. It is worth noting that since the survey was completed, a Gardening Club has been formed and currently has attracted around 30 members in its first year.

However, it must be noted that none of the activities suggested are primarily aimed at the younger community.

Which new activities would you attend?	No.	%
Gardening Club	36	18.7%
Bingo	30	15.5%
Rambling Club	25	13.0%
Art Club	21	10.9%
Dance Club	21	10.9%
Drama	13	6.7%
Whist drive	9	4.7%
Creative arts for Children	9	4.7%
Choir and Music Society	9	4.7%
Senior Citizens Group	8	4.1%
University of the 3rd Age	7	3.6%
Young people's drama group	5	2.6%

Asked about additional sporting facilities, there was an assortment of sports, covering both indoor and outdoor sports.

Which new sports would you attend?	Number	%
Keep Fit	29	15.5%
Tennis	25	13.4%
Snooker	23	12.3%
Pool	20	10.7%
Golf	19	10.2%
Volleyball	15	8.0%
Yoga	12	6.4%
Youth Football	11	5.9%
Billiards	7	3.7%
Judo	6	3.2%
Skittles	4	2.1%
Other	16	8.6%

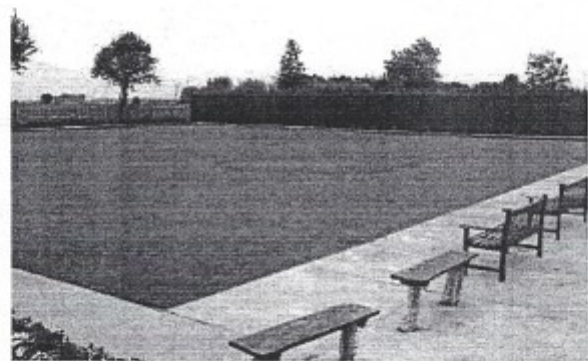
Current sports and social clubs include the following:

Christchurch Short Mat Bowls Club

Formed in October 1990 and meeting on Thursday evenings, the club runs various competitions between members and is associated with the Paget League for more competitive events. In addition to Club social events, money has also been raised for the Memorial Hall and the annual “Children in Need” appeal.

Christchurch Outdoor Bowls Club

The Club recently celebrated its Silver Jubilee as a member of the March and District League and marked the event by planting 1500 bedding plants donated by the local nurseryman Jos Hoek. Its recent history has seen a string of successes in League and Knock-Out events.



The Club enjoys an outdoor Bowling Green with 6 rinks – the Captain of the last 19 years manages the logistics of each season, organising matches and events.

Christchurch Women's Institute

The first Christchurch WI meeting was held in 1928, since when members have enjoyed traditional craft demonstrations and discussions on many topics. The Golden Jubilee Party was held in 1978 when the WI looked back over its first 50 years and ahead to the future.

Today, the WI remains an important contributor to many village events.

*Pictured at the Golden Jubilee Celebrations:
Mrs I Russell, Mrs C Symons, Mrs E Cobb (President),
Mrs C Sparrow, Mrs A Russell*



Christchurch Good Companions

The Good Companions are another long standing group within the village – having met for the last 42 years. Membership is open to the over 50s and aims to provide social events and organise outings.

9 News and Information

As with most small communities, news and information is most effectively transmitted using the local grapevine! However, this is formalised through the publication of *The Heron*, a monthly news magazine which reports highlights of the previous month, notices for the month ahead and carries many advertisements for the local businesses. The effectiveness of *The Heron* is confirmed by the survey findings – 142 of the 195 responses said that they usually get information about forthcoming events from *The Heron*, followed by the local newspapers, Post Office and Notice Boards.

However, the survey also indicates that people would like to see more information, with significant interest in additional Notice Boards, an Information Point, Signposts and a Map.

10 Local Government

The Parish Council consists of 7 local people whose aim is to represent local opinion in consultations with both Fenland District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. Meeting regularly at Townley School, the Parish Council has achieved much over the last 4 years, including:

- Provision of a Play Area, Picnic Site, 6 new streetlights and sign posting of the Hereward Way
- Acquired trusteeship of the Recreation Ground
- Lobbied for the retention of the Post Office
- Provided financial help to the upkeep of the War Memorial, churchyard and *The Heron*

Although Parish Council meetings are “open”, only 12% of the survey respondents had attended a meeting. Only 36% of the survey believed that the local council publicised its activities and decisions “very well” or “reasonably well”.

11 The future

Looking to the future, the people of Christchurch are clearly keen to protect the environment, while there is some difference of opinion on housing development.

When asked how wildlife could be protected, there was strong support for three ideas:

- Campaign against litter and rubbish (98 households thought this was “very important” or “worth doing”)
- Create a local nature reserve (79 households)
- Create new ponds (57 households)

There was little support for the view that we should “Discourage too many people from using the countryside”.

Concern over play areas for children was also evident – over 170 households agreed that there should be open spaces for local people to picnic and children to play in.



Housing development met with a more mixed response. The table shows the opinion on the need for more accommodation within the village. The majority of respondents did not believe that there was a need for more accommodation within the village. Of the rest, sheltered housing with a warden is seen as the most important.

None of the following	77
Sheltered housing with warden	50
Local Authority	20
Private Rented	18
Low cost sale	15
Restricted sale to local people	6
Owner Occupied	4
Shared ownership	4
Other	3
Adapted housing	2

Conclusion

This first Village Appraisal for Christchurch, Tipp’s End and Euximoor has created a snapshot of the village as a modern place with solid historical roots, a village with unique qualities yet with the concerns of many similar communities. It will be interesting to compare it to the next appraisal and compare issues, features and personalities!

Question Number : 5 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 122

Does your dwelling have any of the following energy saving features?

Lagged hot water tank	115 (94.
Loft insulation	111 (91.
Dquble glazing	86 (70.5
Secondary glazing	16 (13.1
Cavity wall insulation	53 (43.4
Water-saving device	7 (5.7 %
Low energy light bulbs	43 (35.2
Other	7 (5.7 %
None	0 (0.0 %

Question Number : 6 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 122

Do you have flooding problems with surface water or storm drainage?

Many problems	5 (4.1 %
Few problems	34 (27.9
No problems	74 (60.7
No opinion	4 (3.3 %

Question Number : 7 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 122

Enter the number of children under 16 in your household who attend the following :

Play group	4
Nursery school	0
Primary school	15
Middle school	1
Secondary school	14
School for those with special needs	1
Other	4

Question Number : 8 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 122

Please enter the number of people in your household over 16 who attend the following :

Sixth form college	4
University	1
Apprenticeship	0
Open University	0
Open College	1
Other Training Courses	6

Question Number : 9 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 122

If any of your children under 16 are unable to take part in after school activities, please give the reasons why :

Lack of transport home	4 (3.3 %
Distance between home/school	5 (4.1 %
Expense	1 (0.8 %
Special needs not catered for	0 (0.0 %

PERSONAL SECTION

Question Number : 10 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 247

Sex

Male	115 (46.)
Female	132 (53.)

Question Number : 11 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 249

What age group do you belong to?

11-15	16 (6.4%)
16-17	3 (1.2%)
18-24	8 (3.2%)
25-44	48 (19.3%)
45-59	61 (24.5%)
60-64	21 (8.4%)
65-74	53 (21.3%)
75-84	33 (13.3%)
85+	6 (2.4%)

Question Number : 12 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 235

How long have you lived in your village ?

Less than a year	17 (7.2%)
1-5 years	43 (18.3%)
6-15 years	68 (28.9%)
16-25 years	27 (11.5%)
26-50 years	34 (14.5%)
51 + years	13 (5.5%)
Whole life	33 (14.0%)

Question Number : 13 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 237

How did you come to live in your village ?

Born here	45 (19.0%)
Work in area	24 (10.1%)
Relatives live nearby	14 (5.9%)
Love of village life	16 (6.8%)
Love of country life	32 (13.5%)
Availability of housing	27 (11.4%)
Retired here	39 (16.5%)
Marriage	33 (13.9%)
Setting up home	12 (5.1%)
Came with family	34 (14.3%)
Other	3 (1.3%)

Question Number : 14 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 233

What is most important to you about your village ?

The community	63 (27.0%)
The environment	55 (23.6%)
Where the village is situated	33 (14.2%)
Family	40 (17.2%)

Question Number : 19

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 42

If you are interested in taking vocational training, what training would you be looking for?

Business administration	8 (19.0%)
Clerical/Secretarial	1 (2.4%)
Information Technology/Computing	20 (47.6%)
Professional/Managerial	4 (9.5%)
Engineering	2 (4.8%)
Construction	1 (2.4%)
Skilled/Craft related	3 (7.1%)
Catering/hospitality	0 (0.0%)
Retail	1 (2.4%)
Other	2 (4.8%)
Not sure - would like more information	9 (21.4%)

Question Number : 20

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 28

If you run a business, how many local employees do you have?

0	17 (60.7%)
1-3	11 (39.3%)
4-5	0 (0.0%)
6-10	0 (0.0%)
11-25	0 (0.0%)
26-99	0 (0.0%)
100-199	0 (0.0%)
200+	0 (0.0%)

Question Number : 21

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 25

If you run a business, into which category does it fall?

Agriculture/Horticulture	13 (52.0%)
Food Processing	0 (0.0%)
Retail	2 (8.0%)
Construction	2 (8.0%)
Finance/Professional Services	0 (0.0%)
Manufacturing	2 (8.0%)
Transport	1 (4.0%)
Tourism e.g.hotels catering B & B	0 (0.0%)
Other Service e.g. hairdressing	5 (20.0%)

Question Number : 22

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 25

If you run a business, is it located?

In the Parish	19 (76.0%)
Outside the Parish	6 (24.0%)

Question Number : 23 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 12

If you are an employer, would you consider advertising job vacancies using?

Job Centre	4 (33.3%)
The Heron	3 (25.0%)
Local Press	5 (41.7%)
Job Notice Board	9 (75.0%)

Question Number : 24 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 252

Would you be prepared to take part in a scheme to share private vehicles for?

	often	occasionally	never
Shopping	13 (5.2%)	16 (6.3%)	60 (23.8%)
School	2 (0.8%)	8 (3.2%)	56 (22.2%)
Social or leisure	7 (2.8%)	18 (7.1%)	51 (20.2%)
Work	7 (2.8%)	13 (5.2%)	47 (18.7%)
Voluntary transport scheme	1 (0.4%)	9 (3.6%)	56 (22.2%)
Other	4 (1.6%)	2 (0.8%)	50 (19.8%)

Question Number : 25 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 219

Which of the following is your major means of transport?

Car	195 (89.0%)
Bike	2 (0.9%)
Bus	10 (4.6%)
Taxi	0 (0.0%)
Train	0 (0.0%)
Hire car	0 (0.0%)
Community Bus	12 (5.5%)

Question Number : 26 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 252

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

	often	occasionally	never
Work	0 (0.0%)	3 (1.2%)	100 (39.3%)
Shopping	12 (4.8%)	17 (6.7%)	94 (37.3%)
Medical Visits	0 (0.0%)	4 (1.6%)	94 (37.3%)
Social or Leisure	4 (1.6%)	17 (6.7%)	91 (36.1%)
Other	2 (0.8%)	1 (0.4%)	88 (34.9%)

Question Number : 27 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 52

How do you rate the community bus service for?

Route	28 (53.8%)
Timetable	21 (40.4%)
Reliability	29 (55.8%)
Cost	30 (57.7%)
Access for those with disabilities	15 (28.8%)

Traffic islands	2 (1.0%)
Roundabouts	0 (0.0%)
None of the above	43 (20.9)

Question Number : 33 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 214

Would you like the facilities of the school swimming pool to be made available to the local community?

Yes	112 (52.)
No	26 (12.1)
No Opinion	76 (35.5)

Question Number : 34 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 215

How important is Townley school to the local community?

Very important	156 (72.)
Important	17 (7.9%)
Not very important	3 (1.4%)
No opinion	39 (18.1)

Question Number : 35 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 159

In relation to educational facilities, does your village need any of the following?

Nursery School	24 (15.1)
Playgroup	29 (18.2)
More registered childminders	20 (12.6)
Full day care (attached to College)	2 (1.3%)
After school clubs	84 (52.8)
Holiday play scheme	67 (42.1)
Adult education evening classes	75 (47.2)
Other	10 (6.3%)

Question Number : 36 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 126

If the following classes were provided would you attend?

Computing	64 (50.8)
Languages	30 (23.8)
Crafts	44 (34.9)
Woodwork	26 (20.6)
Line dancing	10 (7.9%)
Environmental Lectures	12 (9.5%)
Gardening Club	38 (30.2)

Question Number : 37 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 140

What is the best time of day for classes?

Morning	10 (7.1%)
Afternoon	22 (15.7)

Question Number : 38 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 158

Is there need for more accommodation of the following types in your village ?

Private rented	18 (11.4)
Local authority/housing association ren	20 (12.7)
Owner occupied	4 (2.5%)
Shared ownership (part owned/part rente	4 (2.5%)
By virtue of employment (e.g. MOD/tied)	0 (0.0%)
Sheltered housing with Warden	50 (31.6)
Adapted housing	2 (1.3%)
Restricted sale to local people	6 (3.8%)
Low cost sale	15 (9.5%)
Other	3 (1.9%)
There is no need for any of these	77 (48.7)

Question Number : 39 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 252

Do you have any difficulty in getting to the following?

	often	occasionally	never
Hospital	11 (4.4%)	30 (11.9)	97 (38.5)
Doctor	7 (2.8%)	23 (9.1%)	104 (41.3)
Chemist	1 (0.4%)	14 (5.6%)	97 (38.5)
Chiropodist	2 (0.8%)	8 (3.2%)	79 (31.3)
Optician	3 (1.2%)	18 (7.1%)	93 (36.9)
Dentist	3 (1.2%)	13 (5.2%)	98 (38.9)
Baby Clinic	0 (0.0%)	5 (2.0%)	62 (24.6)
Family Planning	0 (0.0%)	4 (1.6%)	63 (25.0)
Other medical facility	1 (0.4%)	5 (2.0%)	65 (25.8)

Question Number : 41 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 252

If you have used any of the following services which cover your village during the last year, how do you rate the service?

	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion	not used
Doctor	135 (53.2%)	26 (10.3%)	3 (1.2%)	1 (0.4%)	18 (7.1%)
District Nurse	31 (12.3%)	3 (1.2%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (1.2%)	77 (30.6%)
Health visitor	11 (4.4%)	4 (1.6%)	2 (0.8%)	3 (1.2%)	80 (31.7%)
Home help	3 (1.2%)	1 (0.4%)	1 (0.4%)	2 (0.8%)	86 (34.1%)
Ambulance	5 (2.0%)	6 (2.4%)	1 (0.4%)	2 (0.8%)	84 (33.3%)
Maternity care	1 (0.4%)	3 (1.2%)	1 (0.4%)	4 (1.6%)	82 (32.5%)
Chiropody	13 (5.2%)	1 (0.4%)	3 (1.2%)	2 (0.8%)	86 (34.1%)
Loan of medical equipment	7 (2.8%)	3 (1.2%)	2 (0.8%)	1 (0.4%)	81 (32.1%)
Meals on wheels	2 (0.8%)	2 (0.8%)	1 (0.4%)	2 (0.8%)	86 (34.1%)
Counselling services	1 (0.4%)	1 (0.4%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (1.6%)	86 (34.1%)
Physiotherapy services	4 (1.6%)	1 (0.4%)	1 (0.4%)	4 (1.6%)	82 (32.5%)

Question Number : 42 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 12

Due to a disability or health problem, do you need help with?

Dressing	7 (58.3%)
Bathing	6 (50.0%)
Shopping	7 (58.3%)
Cooking	4 (33.3%)
Housework	9 (75.0%)

Question Number : 43 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 63

Is there a need for any of the following in your village ?

Nursing home	7 (11.1%)
Sheltered housing	35 (55.6%)
Residential provision for people with d	7 (11.1%)
Baby Clinic	10 (15.9%)
Family Planning Clinic	5 (7.9%)
Other	6 (9.5%)

Question Number : 44 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 252

What are your views on the standard of the following services in your village ?

opinion	not used	good	reasonable	poor	no
Fire	30 (11.9%)	42 (16.7%)	5 (2.0%)	3 (1.2%)	80 (31.7%)
Police	18 (7.1%)	45 (17.9%)	47 (18.7%)	1 (0.4%)	59 (23.4%)
Ambulance (Emergency)	23 (9.1%)	36 (14.3%)	9 (3.6%)	3 (1.2%)	92 (36.5%)
Hospital (Transport)	8 (3.2%)	15 (6.0%)	11 (4.4%)	8 (3.2%)	108 (42.6%)
Police (Emergency)	7 (2.8%)	21 (8.3%)	20 (7.9%)	4 (1.6%)	97 (38.5%)
Police (Bobby)	6 (2.4%)	17 (6.7%)	46 (18.3%)	11 (4.4%)	79 (31.3%)
Coastguard	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.8%)	6 (2.4%)	111 (44.0%)

Question Number : 45 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 194

Is the service provided by your community police officer?

Good	12 (6.2%)
Reasonable	31 (16.0%)
Poor	39 (20.1%)
No opinion	54 (27.8%)
Do not have one	58 (29.9%)

Question Number : 47 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 202

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

A greater police presence	118 (58.4%)
Better consultation between police and	85 (42.1%)
A neighbourhood watch	82 (40.6%)
Improved street lighting	102 (50.5%)
More drug/drink education/prevention	38 (18.8%)
More activities for young people	125 (61.9%)
Other	10 (5.0%)

Question Number : 48

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 252

What are your views on the standard of the following environmental services in your village ?

	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion	not supplied
Mains water supply	156 (61.1)	29 (11.5)	3 (1.2%)	5 (2.0%)	3 (1.2%)
Mains electricity supply	135 (53.1)	44 (17.5)	6 (2.4%)	8 (3.2%)	3 (1.2%)
Refuse collection	158 (62.3)	28 (11.1)	4 (1.6%)	9 (3.6%)	4 (1.6%)
Street lighting	43 (17.1)	47 (18.7)	71 (28.2)	9 (3.6%)	13 (5.2%)
Roadside care cleaning	20 (7.9%)	72 (28.6)	62 (24.6)	6 (2.4%)	13 (5.2%)
Winter weather service	30 (11.9)	80 (31.7)	27 (10.7)	21 (8.3%)	4 (1.6%)
T.V. reception	99 (39.3)	81 (32.1)	13 (5.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Radio reception	90 (35.7)	76 (30.2)	13 (5.2%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.8%)
Mobile phone reception	33 (13.1)	39 (15.5)	16 (6.3%)	10 (4.0%)	46 (18.3)

Question Number : 49

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 206

If mains gas were available, would you like to be connected?

Yes	106 (51.5)
No	100 (48.5)

Question Number : 50

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 214

Would you be prepared to keep certain items separate from your refuse for recycling if a separate collection was made?

Yes	173 (80.4)
No	22 (10.3)
No opinion	19 (8.9)

Question Number : 51

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 193

Would you use the following?

Bottle bank	159 (82.4)
Skip for garden waste	140 (72.5)
Newspaper bank	151 (78.2)
Clothing bank	130 (67.4)
Can bank	129 (66.9)

Question Number : 52

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 199

Is the number and location of litter bins in your village ?

Good	7 (3.5%)
Reasonable	38 (19.1)
Poor	97 (48.7)
No Opinion	57 (28.6)

Question Number : 53

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION :

252

How often do you use the following shops and services?

	daily	weekly	monthly	less frequen	never
Local shop	32 (12.7)	72 (28.6)	28 (11.1)	41 (16.3)	21 (8.3%)
Mobile Library	1 (0.4%)	8 (3.2%)	11 (4.4%)	10 (4.0%)	118 (46.9%)
Post Office	21 (8.3%)	79 (31.3)	29 (11.5)	23 (9.1%)	32 (12.7%)
Fish Van	2 (0.8%)	11 (4.4%)	1 (0.4%)	4 (1.6%)	129 (51.2%)
Butcher's Van	10 (4.0%)	21 (8.3%)	2 (0.8%)	3 (1.2%)	119 (47.2%)
Bread Van	12 (4.8%)	17 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.4%)	131 (52.0%)
Newspaper Delivery	88 (34.9)	30 (11.9)	1 (0.4%)	3 (1.2%)	70 (27.8%)
Milkman	78 (31.0)	39 (15.5)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	64 (25.4%)

Question Number : 54

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION :

187

If you usually shop out of your village , is it because?

Goods are cheaper there	129 (69.0%)
You have more choice there	160 (85.6%)
It is convenient to your place of work	27 (14.4%)
Nearer local school/nursery	3 (1.6%)
Easy to park	54 (28.9%)
Other	12 (6.4%)

Question Number : 55

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION :

87

Which new sports clubs/activities would you attend in your village if they were provided?

Youth football	11 (12.6%)
Billiards	7 (8.0%)
Judo	6 (6.9%)
Keep Fit	29 (33.3%)
Pool	20 (23.0%)
Skittles	4 (4.6%)
Snooker	23 (26.4%)
Tennis	25 (28.7%)
Volleyball	15 (17.2%)
Yoga	12 (13.8%)
Golf	19 (21.8%)
Other - tick and suggest on separate pa	16 (18.4%)

Question Number : 57

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION :

112

Which new clubs/activities would you attend in your village if they were provided?

Whist drive	9 (8.0%)
Senior Citizens Group	8 (7.1%)
Gardening Club	36 (32.1%)
Rambling Club	25 (22.3%)
Art Club	21 (18.8%)
Drama	13 (11.6%)
Young people's drama group	5 (4.5%)
Creative arts for children	9 (8.0%)
Choir and Music Society	9 (8.0%)
University of 3rd Age	7 (6.3%)
Bingo	30 (26.8%)
Dance Club	21 (18.8%)

Question Number : 63 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 216

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Parish Council ?

Yes	26 (12.0)
No	190 (88.)

Question Number : 64 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 215

How well does the local council publicise its decisions and activities?

Very well	10 (4.7%)
Reasonably well	70 (32.6)
Badly	75 (34.9)
No opinion	60 (27.9)

Question Number : 65 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 97

Which types of development would you support in your village ?

Light industrial	48 (49.5)
Workshops	32 (33.0)
Sheltered workshops	24 (24.7)
Small groups of houses	51 (52.6)
Large estates	4 (4.1%)

Question Number : 66 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 203

Is the Christchurch village church important to you?

Not important	36 (17.7)
For Sunday worship	61 (30.0)
For baptisms	57 (28.1)
Weddings and funerals	87 (42.9)
As a focal point for the community	83 (40.9)
As an historic building	66 (32.5)
Every place should have one	91 (44.8)
Other	5 (2.5%)

Question Number : 68 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 252

What do you think could be done to protect wildlife in your village ?

	v. important	worth doing	not necessary	don't know
Create local nature reserves	63 (25.0)	16 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Discourage too many people using countr	10 (4.0%)	3 (1.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Campaign against litter and rubbish	77 (30.6)	28 (11.1)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Create new ponds	44 (17.5)	13 (5.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)

Question Number : 69 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 204

Do you think there should be special open spaces in your village for local people to picnic and for local children to play?

Yes	171 (83.)
No	3 (1.5%)
No Opinion	30 (14.7)

Question Number : 71 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 174

Are 'dog mess' bins required in the following locations?

Playing field	162 (93.)
Other areas	29 (16.7)

Question Number : 72 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 184

Do you think your village should have a 'conservation area'?

Yes	88 (47.8)
No	12 (6.5%)
No opinion	84 (45.7)

Question Number : 73 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 252

In relation to local footpaths and bridleways, can you answer the following questions?

	Yes	No	No opinion
Do you know where the local paths are?	85 (33.7)	1 (0.4%)	0 (0.0%)
Can you use them without difficulty?	48 (19.0)	1 (0.4%)	0 (0.0%)
Are they well signposted?	19 (7.5%)	1 (0.4%)	0 (0.0%)
Would you be willing to maintain them?	21 (8.3%)	1 (0.4%)	0 (0.0%)

Question Number : 74 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 120

If you experienced difficulties when using local footpaths and bridleways, which if any, of the following difficulties did you find?

Farm animals	9 (7.5%)
High stiles	2 (1.7%)
Locked gates	17 (14.2)
Barbed wire	4 (3.3%)
Mud/water	39 (32.5)
Crops across path	18 (15.0)
Other users	1 (0.8%)
Bushes/nettles	7 (5.8%)
No signposts	35 (29.2)
Other	12 (10.0)
No difficulty experienced	40 (33.3)

Question Number : 75

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION :

219

How should the results of this survey be made known?

By a public report	37 (16.9
By a public meeting	25 (11.4
By an information sheet through every d	115 (52.
On notice boards	22 (10.0
The Heron	113 (51.

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