

Neighbourhood Plan Action Plan

Consultation 2019 - Results



Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone Parish Council

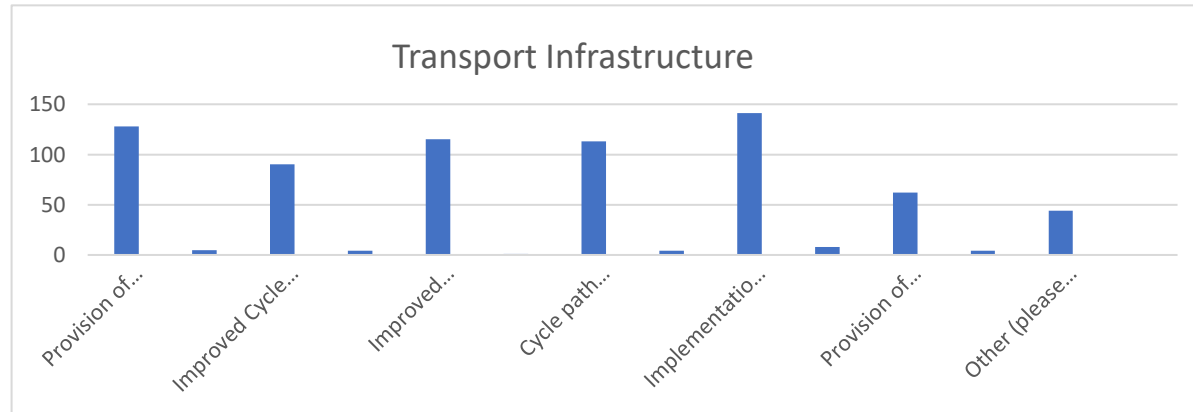
Section 1: Likes and Dislikes

What do you like most about living in Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone?

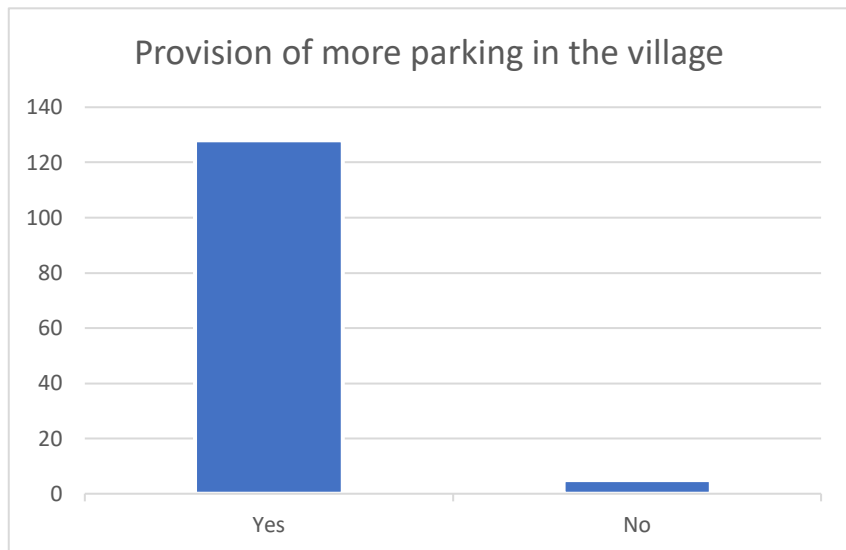
- Good facilities
- Community spirit
- Village environment
- Community / village life
- Party in the park
- Access to countryside
- Friendly and helpful community
- Range of services
- Heritage
- Rurality, friendly and village like feel
- Stunning location next to the Quantock Hills
- Quiet and peaceful
- A vibrant, friendly village with all basic facilities available and most in a central position in the village
- Good village life and friendly people with good facilities for its size
- The location of the village, providing a rural appeal but close to a major town.
- The size of the village
- Good walks from the doorstep in natural surroundings
- Fantastic local events
- Living in AONB
- Access to countryside
- Size of village
- Closeness to motorway
- Overlooking countryside, proximity to the coast, village atmosphere
- Friendly place to live
- The People
- West Somerset Railway
- Access to good train links
- Lots of groups and activities to join and meet people
- An improved village hall and a church.
- The bus service
- All facilities needed for an elderly person, safe and friendly community
- The community, groups and events
- Wonderful natural landscapes
- Greenery
- Dog walking opportunities
- Kings Church Quantocks who meet in the village hall
- Quiet, safe and friendly
- Mixed community
- Good parish council, church community, village hall community and police beat all working hard for the interests of the village
- Good mix of different types of people
- Family connections
- Progressive Parish Council who listen to our views
- Living by heritage railway
- Quiet life in the country
- Easy access to motorway and rail network
- Village not overly big (yet!)
- The sense of community and the coming together at special times of the year

What do you dislike most about living in Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone?

- Poor mobile signal
- The excessive speed people drive through the village
- Centre of village, dangerous stretch of road
- Enforced expansion - housing development without considering the impact on services
- Traffic / parking on Church Street
- No dogs allowed on the village green
- Limited on street parking
- Traffic volume and congestion
- Rapid growth
- Dog fouling
- Parking on bends making it dangerous to drivers
- Poor for both vehicles and pedestrians
- Traffic management through the village
- Difficult to park for the elderly when shopping who cannot carry heavy bags
- The speed of the traffic entering the village from Cothelstone speeds are well over 30mph
- Young people can't afford to live here
- No late buses back from town to Bishop Lydeard
- The destruction of all the long-established hedgerows with no view to replace any with traditional planting
- Litter
- Lack of community spirit
- Lack of amenities swimming pool
- Reduced bus service times, no cycle path to Taunton.
- Without a car many people would be effectively trapped.
- Cross keys junction; the roundabout gives priority to the minor B3227 over the A358 causing very long tail backs
- Surgery not open on Saturday morning
- Losing the library
- Crossing the road near the surgery with poor eyesight
- Poor play facilities
- Poor amenities
- Losing village character
- Price of properties
- Lack of decent food in either pub
- The dangerous junction on to the A358 slip road
- Safety of the A358 going into Taunton for cyclists and pedestrians
- Lack of path / cycle path
- Lack of lighting
- Unsightly parking of vehicles next to play park by Mount Street motors.
- Queuing on the A358
- Youths digging up common land
- Vans parking on the green areas
- Not sufficient bins and poo bins
- The size of the coop store, some people don't use it because of the lack of parking and the traffic congestion
- Difficulty in obtaining young volunteers to assist in running groups
- Bonfires
- Shabby village green used by just a few youths to very occasionally kick around a football.
- The green could be used to provide more general communal area - this would also be beneficial for fetes and gala days
- Small library
- Lack of presence of the dog warden
- Nowhere green to walk dogs
- No monthly cinema
- Dangerous cedar falls junction



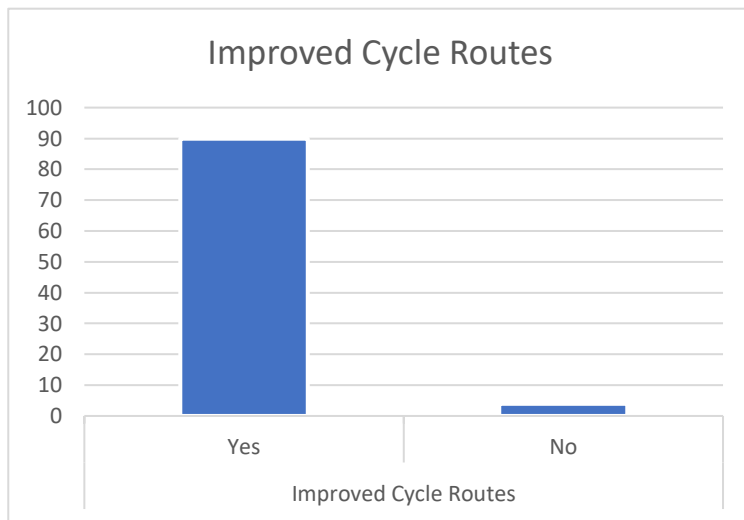
Provision of more parking in the village		Improved Cycle Routes		Improved footpaths		Cycle path connection to Taunton		Implementation of 20mph speed limit		Provision of Community Transport		Other (please specify)	
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Suggestions / comments:

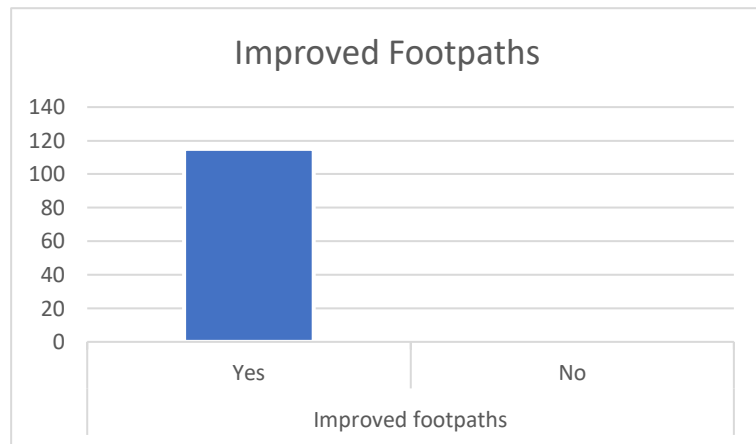
- Church grounds
- Near co-op and on high street
- West Street behind church, relocate play park to extend existing car parking
- Behind church to west street or behind school playground
- Enlarge car park near play area
- Church street area
- On a new site with a shuttle bus?
- Possible purchase of land opposite Lydeard House in West Street
- Move the coop
- Doctors area and coop
- Darby Way

- Station Road?
- Minehead Road?
- Widen hither mead
- Webbers beside Stones Throw
- Remove all yellow lines, it will sort itself out
- Take a strip from the recreation area
- Where the new houses are to be built. Move the coop
- Webbers Yard
- Hard standing area near village hall / surgery to be expanded.
- This should be included in new development
- At rear of Church Street, Mr Backs Old Yard
- In site next to Brendon Road
- Nigel Webbers land opposite the school
- In Quantock view, more parking could be provided by using some of the green
- More parking will cause more congestion - encourage walking and cycling
- Beyond Hither Mead (to east)
- Football pitch end of the village
- Resident permit parking on through fare / main drag
- Garden land to the rear of properties at centre of spine road
- Move coop to Norton Fitzwarren style car parking on site of old folks' home on Taunton Road and put homes near to the church.
- Lydeard Mead
- Include parking areas off road with newly built housing / field opposite the Bird in Hand
- Donkey field?
- The Barns, Mount Street
- Defined spaces around the church and the school
- Area of king estate earmarked for residential homes
- Behind Lydeard Mead or Gore Square Farm
- People should their driveways.
- Narrower pavement opposite church



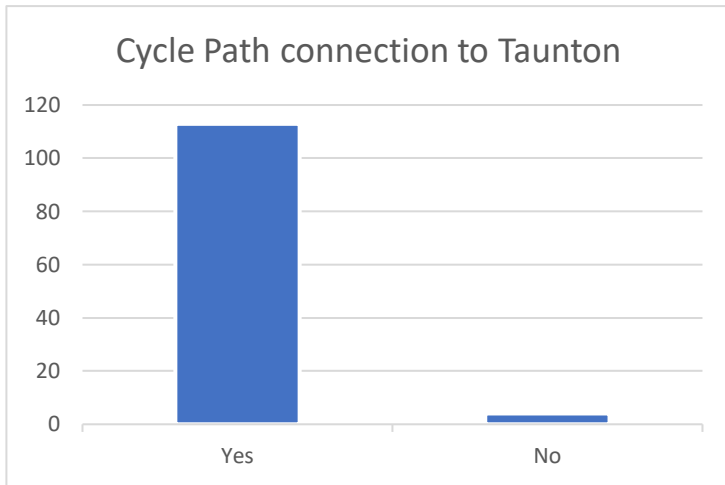
Suggestions / comments:

- Yes, because there are none
- From Bishops Lydeard to centre of Taunton
- Connecting new development
- Include provision for wheelchair users
- Cycle / pedestrian path to Taunton
- To encourage cycling to the local shops cuts down on cars
- Around village and safe access to surrounding villages
- Essential to improve air quality and health and wellbeing
- Get them off the road before more traffic arrives
- Bishops Lydeard, Cotford, Norton to Taunton



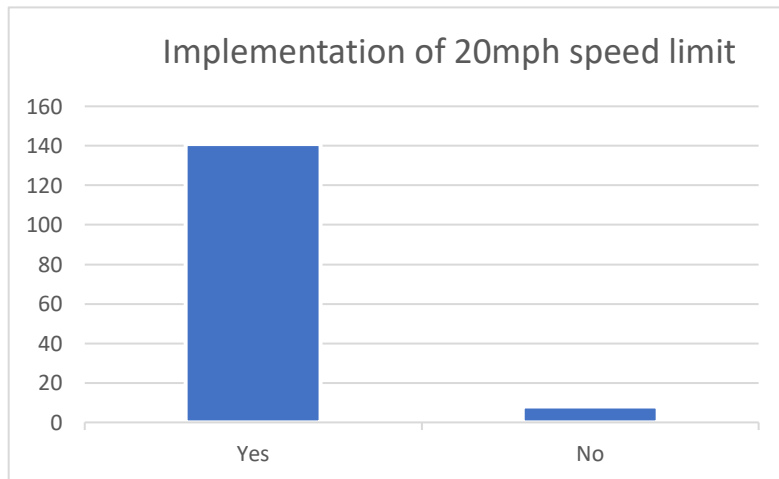
Suggestions / comments:

- Free walking map showing footpaths. Crossing sign for Whiskey Trail
- Confirmation and usage of access at Sandhill Park
- Improved signage and pavement between village and Darby Way
- Maintain existing paths by cleaning, strimming etc
- Especially on Mount Street
- Include provision for wheelchair users
- Quite narrow and dirty most of the time. Dog mess is an issue
- Maybe a longer walking route through the countryside
- A footpath from Bishops Lydeard to Cotford St Luke
- In some areas there are no footpaths at all
- Between Ryepool and Hither Mead bridge running along front parallel to stream. Not been maintained for 40 years. Very rough and pitted and several falls have occurred
- Around the post office
- For a semi-rural village there is a lack of paths
- Essential to improve air quality and health and wellbeing
- Slope to replace steps by the Almshouses to eliminate pushchairs, wheelchairs from using the busy road.



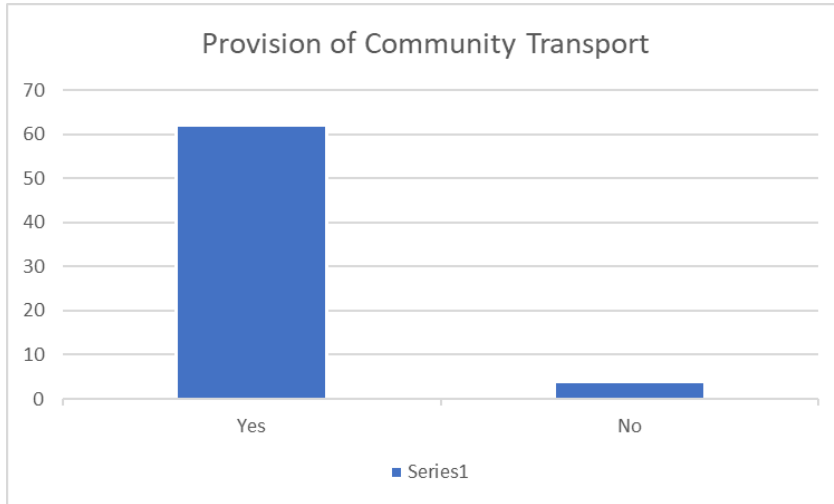
Suggestions / comments:

- Alongside train track
- Could this run beside the WSR to Norton Fitzwarren
- This has been a requirement for such a long time and needs urgent attention with cycling increasing in popularity
- Wherever causes the least destruction of wildlife habitats
- A358 is far too dangerous to cycle
- Need to follow A358
- Essential for safety and for the environment
- We need to offer a safe active travel alternative for people to get to town.
- Better for health, the environment and not the deadly A358
- Essential to improve air quality and health and wellbeing. Ideally cycle path should be separate from road network to increase safety
- Especially Pen Elm Hill and Rose Cottage corner



Suggestions / comments:

- Only if it can be sensibly enforced
- Include Hither Mead
- And speed limit / speed bumps coming into village from Cothelstone Hill
- High Street
- But no humps
- ASAP particularly at school drop off and pick up
- Whole village to be covered
- And over railway bridge on Station Road
- From Almshouses to the Bird in Hand
- Little point unless regular enforcement. Issue with large agricultural machinery using narrow village road (often at speed)
- Speed should be much slower heading all ways to the new roundabout
- Mount Street / Gore Square area
- Include Station Road and Mount Street, Taunton Road and Minehead Road
- Questionable evidence of effectiveness without additional traffic calming measures.
- Main roads through the village (Mount Street) is used by high performance cars at night which is a safety concern. Speed bumps would prevent this.



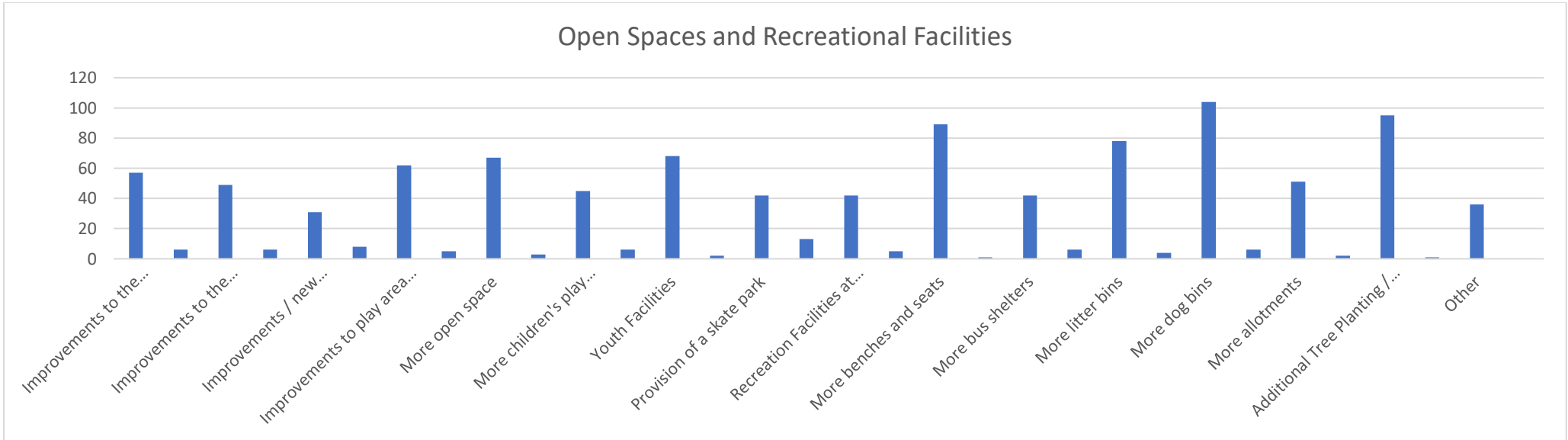
Suggestions / comments:

- Especially elderly without own transport
- With disabled facility
- Run along the lines of the Wivey Link transport
- Greenway needs more regular bus route for elderly
- Maybe needed in the future if bus services are reduced. Village lacks bus routes direct to hospital
- Vitally important as population is largely elderly
- Very important provision for elderly to ensure independence and community integration - it also reduce carbon emissions
- Restore winter weekend frequency to Taunton e.g. 28A Taunton, Cotford, BL, Taunton.
- Current bus routes enough
- Use a bus - like the slinky bus in Taunton i.e. drop off at hospitals a main shopping i.e. Asda
- Bus to include going to Cotford

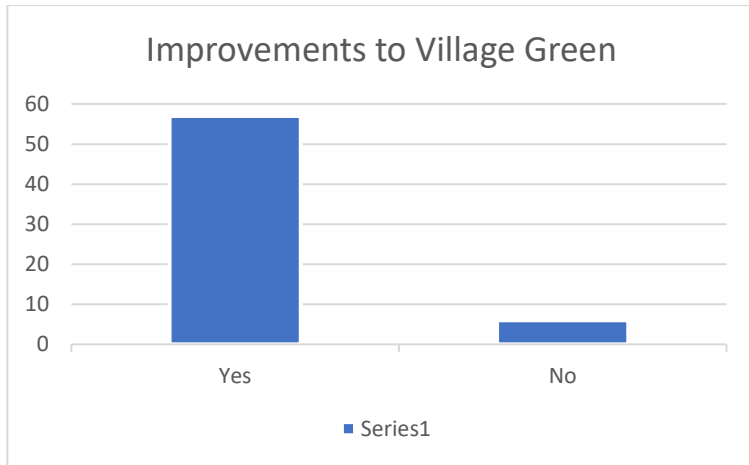
Other (please specify)

- New footpaths through church across lawns to Whiskey Trail or end of Lydeard Mead along stream to Whiskey Trail
- Traffic warden
- Traffic calming / Speed Camera
- The 30mph speed sign going out of the village towards Cothelstone needs to be further out. It is much too close to the football fields
- Join the railway to Taunton
- Electric car charging at Mount Street Car Park
- WSR link to Taunton.
- Cycle map and promotion
- Cycle path to Cotford St Luke
- Would like buses to come to Greenway as people that can't walk to the bypass
- Maintain current level of bus service
- Development of a community shop / post office
- Speed bumps / traffic speed reducing measures
- Bus service to include Broadgauge park as a standard route
- Please address parking on pavements
- Cancel building of any houses
- A play area for children of Station Green, Greenway that does not involve them crossing A358
- Better maintenance of pavements and paths
- Amenities poor. Village getting bigger but not a lot being put into village
- Library
- Implementation of speed reduction ideas on Hither Mead
- Sort out the parking at various locations in the village
- Recycling
- Lighting for the ramp onto the bypass on Taunton Road
- Verges cut back properly and hedges. Weeds removed from pavements.
- Increased number of publicised circular routes of varying lengths beginning and ending in the village to encourage outdoor activity
- Pharmacy delivery
- Trim trail along route of improved footpaths
- Would be beneficial to have community centre / get together hub that elderly people could socialise weekly or more
- Make Mount Street one way
- Shop for new housing on Taunton Road

Open Spaces and Recreational Facilities

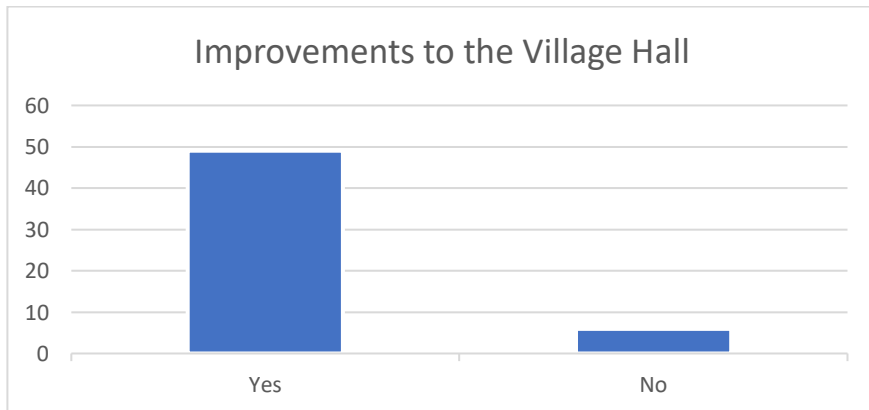


Improvements to the village green		Improvements to the Village Hall		Improvements / new facilities at the Football Club		Improvements to play area next to Village Hall		More open space		More children's play provision		Youth Facilities		Provision of a skate park		Recreation Facilities at Greenway		More benches and seats		More bus shelters		More litter bins		More dog bins		More allotments		Additional Tree Planting / Landscaping		Other	
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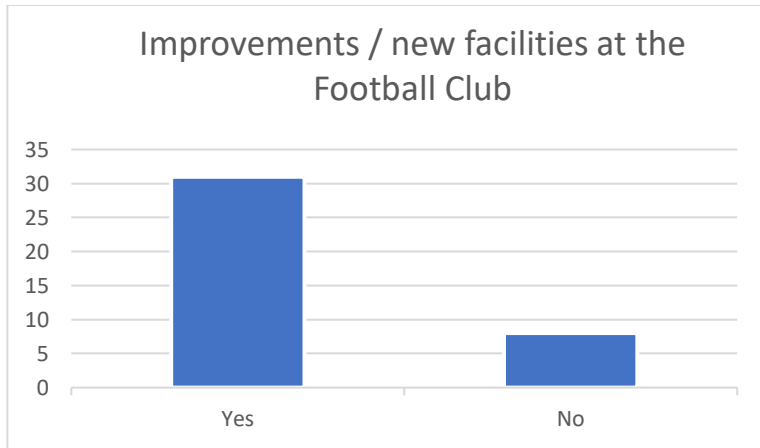
Suggestions / comments:

- Allow dogs, provide dog bins
- BMX pump track
- Keep it as it is and mow regularly
- Plant ornamental cherry trees along the edge of brook nearest Hither Mead
- Outdoor pool
- More parking
- Make less boring
- Dog walk round the outside
- More seating
- Perhaps a picnic area then the green maybe used more
- It's such a nice but wasted space
- More amenities - tennis club? Bowling green / crazy golf
- Make a fenced area for dog playing
- Provision of a sensory garden such as the one at Dunster Castle
- Better lights to play badminton etc.
- Village orchard adult trim trail
- Should be kept for village facilities
- Improve provision for pre-school age group
- Smaller football goals not facing the steam. Smaller pitch.
- Outdoor gym equipment particularly for adults
- Move visual aspect of the shelter - so it overlooks the field and not the play area



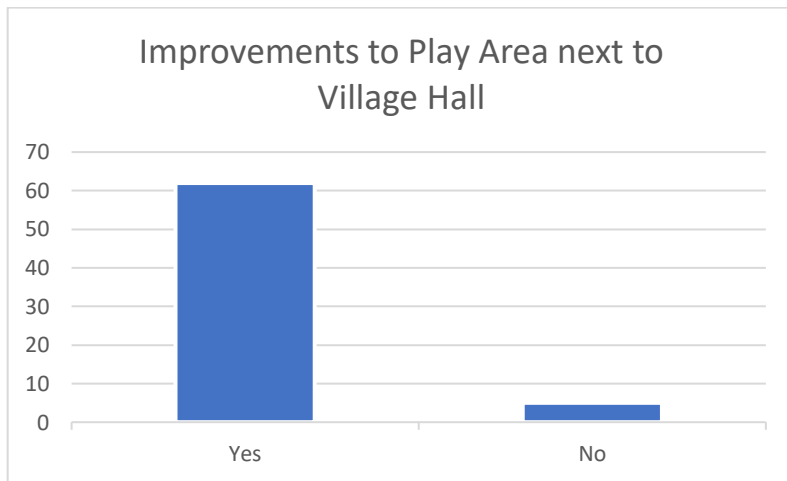
Suggestions / comments:

- They raise their own fund
- New teapots and kettles
- Larger car park
- A lot has been achieved but more could be done, discounts for local residents is excellent
- Modernise the main hall
- The hall is improving all the time
- Increased number of subsidised classes
- Cleanliness could be better e.g. karaoke club = filthy feet.
- Provision of solar cells



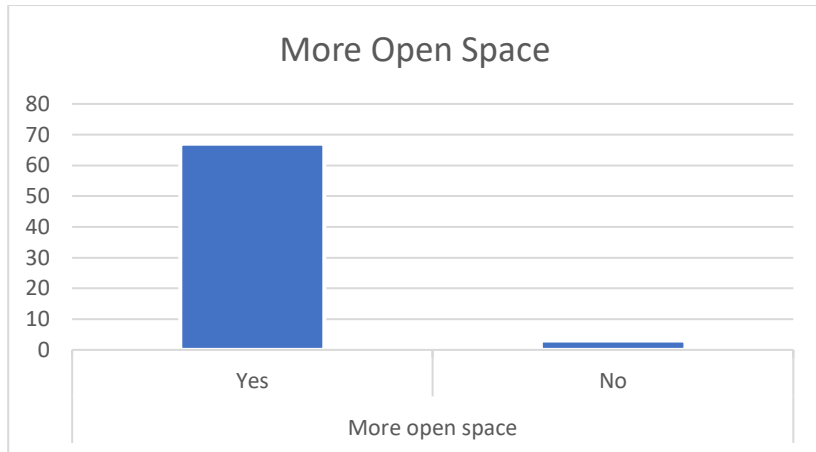
Suggestions / comments:

- No, they raise their own funds
- Great improvements already made
- Training facilities
- Other sports included
- Not familiar with the existing facilities but anything to encourage sport and exercise is a good thing



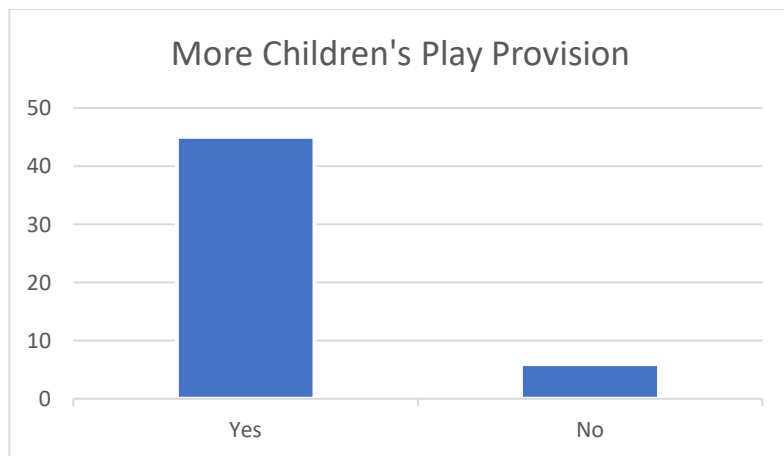
Suggestions / comments:

- Wooden play equipment like at Oake
- Look at the facilities that French Weir they are excellent. Use this example to provide longstanding all age group facilities
- This is well needed and quite good some updating possible especially as village is getting much bigger
- Zip wire for older kids
- Needs some updating, larger slide, maybe remove grass from around a lot of it as it gets muddy in the winter
- Update, relay surface in the MUGA
- Upgrade and enlarge
- Adult exercise equipment i.e. rowing machines (outdoors)
- Need surface that doesn't get waterlogged and muddy after bad weather. More equipment - larger area?
- Wildlife garden to encourage connections with nature and the outdoors
- Artificial surface around playing equipment.
- More / better seating for parents
- Update some equipment for older children, some dated when you compare to Oake / Cotford



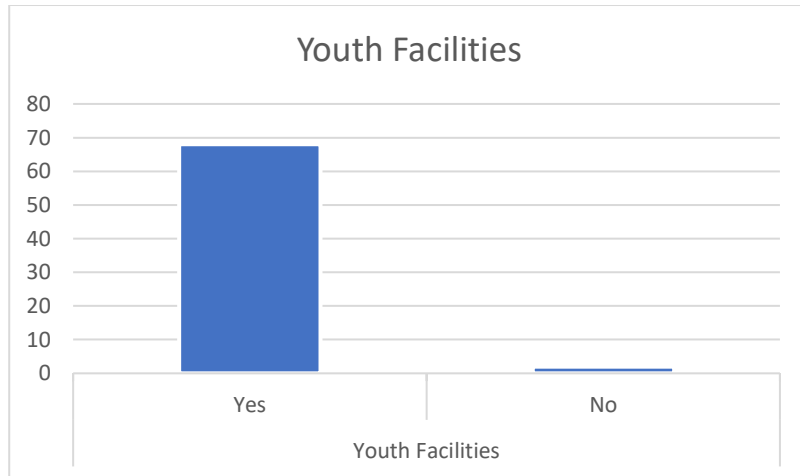
Suggestions / comments:

- Any new housing to include open spaces with footpaths linked to existing footpaths
- The village needs more space to walk dogs and footpaths before it is taken over with housing
- There was supposed to be some community space at the build in Station Green what happened there?
- Retain, improve and expand
- Crossover from the stream to access public walking fields
- Better walking routes in surrounding countryside
- There is no real open space for dog walking
- Always beneficial - consider including nature trail with outdoor gym equipment
- Ensure some open space within new housing
- Develop woodland near A358 underpass
- Could manage existing better e.g. less cutting of the stream bank for wildlife and dredging.
- Manage non-native species



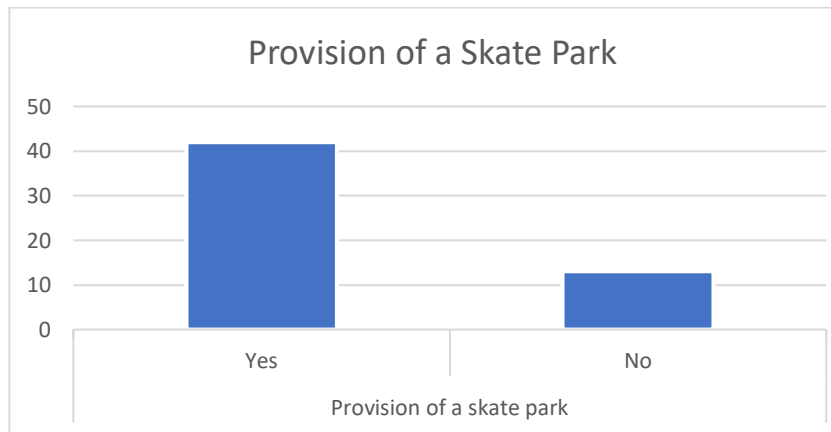
Suggestions / comments:

- When new houses are built green areas should be included for sitting, walking and playing
- Sensory garden / wildlife garden / increase playground size
- On the new development
- Next to the village hall



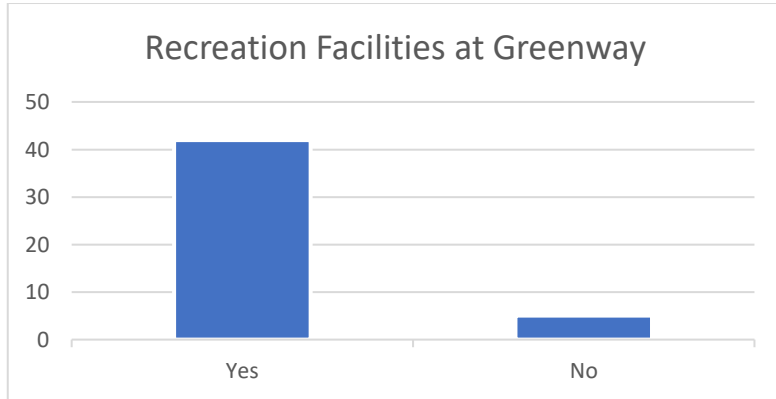
Suggestions / comments:

- Clubs
- Talk to the youngsters to see what they would like
- Disco, club, indoor sports
- More sports clubs. Party in the park.
- More events
- Village hall suitable facility but you will require volunteers to run clubs etc.
- Any older buildings that could be used? Ask them why they prefer
- Bored 11-18-year olds will vandalise and graffiti. They may also engage in other crime and disorder: prevention is better than cure
- To include increased groups and sports facilities such as table tennis
- At village hall
- More user-friendly surface to MUGA.
- Remove bushes and hut by MUGA as encourages antisocial behaviour at night next to the area for young kids and rubbish
- A larger shelter area



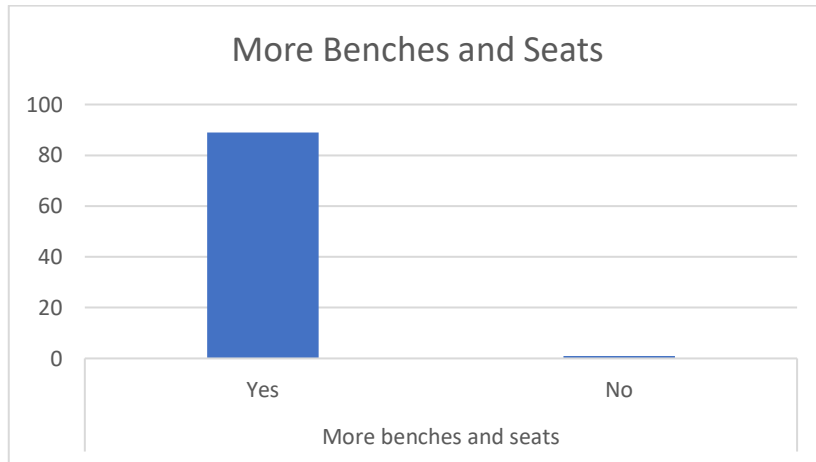
Suggestions / comments:

- At station play park
- Waste of money and an eyesore
- Only if it is away from the village green
- What happened to the skate park at the top of Hither Mead?
- Really good idea
- Should be multifunctional - BMX, scooters, roller skates etc.
- Because of noise it needs to be separate from housing. Possibly next to industrial units
- Part of recreation at new builds, larger than it is.
- Tiverton has an excellent example next to exe valley leisure centre. Remove pump track, wet / overgrown off Hither Mead.



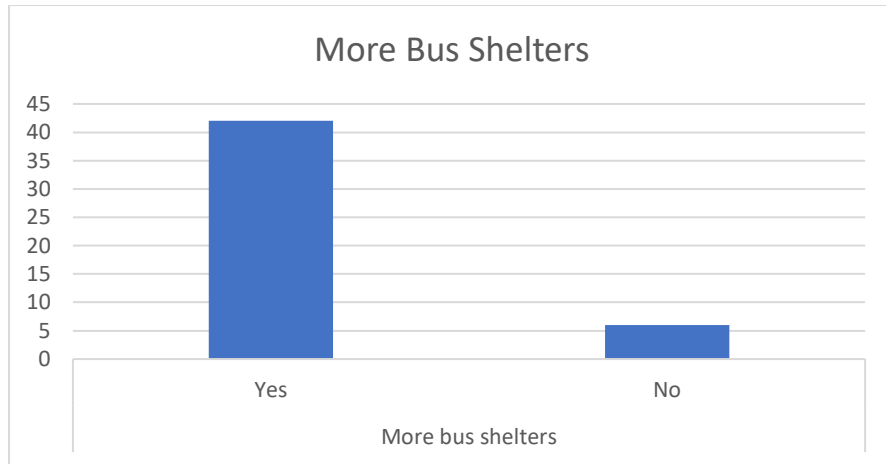
Suggestions / comments:

- Would ease parking issues in the village
- On grassed area at far end of development
- Fed up with footballs, cricket balls being constantly kicked very hard into my garden and hitting cars that are parked on road or in gardens



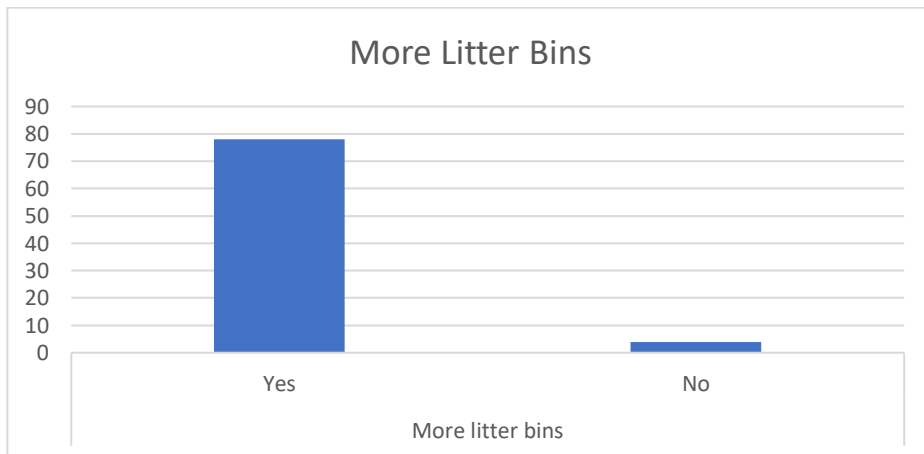
Suggestions / comments:

- On village green
- Spread throughout the village so elderly residents can rest e.g. on wide pavement area at entrance to Quantock View
- Robust picnic tables on the green and greenway in front of hall
- Make them look nice with a village feel
- Only where there is a view
- Perhaps near village hall and various places around the village, near bypass / underpass
- There is a shortage
- Eco one near the stream
- Consider sustainable designs
- Only if a litter bin is provided near it
- Next to the bus stops
- Church Yard
- New Development
- Alongside stream and village area



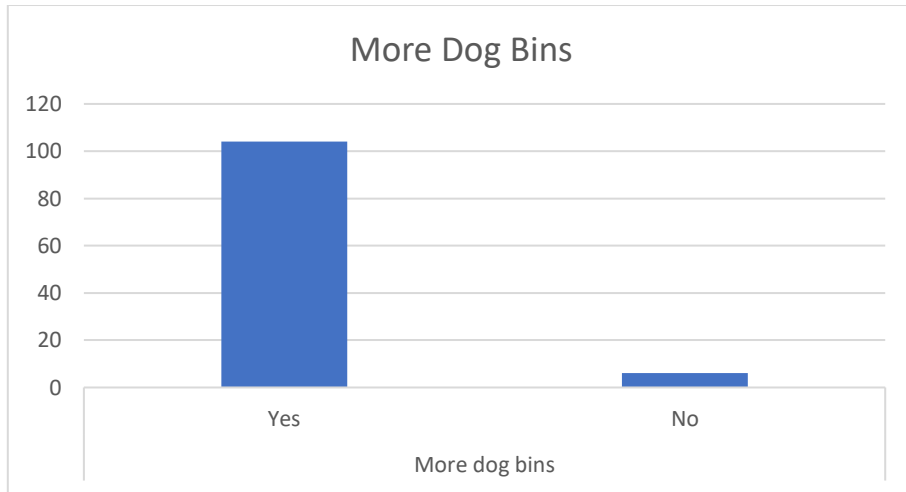
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- Make them look nice with a village feel
- But a sustainable design - consider roundwood cruck frame as used in West Sussex
- Need accurate timetables for both directions in all shelters



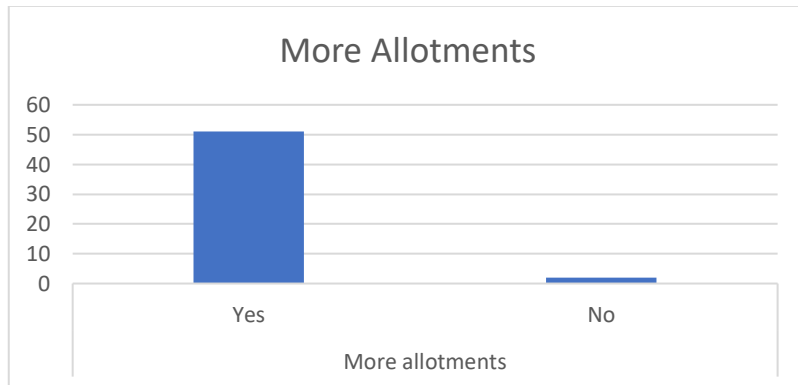
Suggestions / comments:

- Bins just need emptying more frequently
- If they were split for different types of recyclable material
- People should take their rubbish home
- Along paths
- Near the mount street garage
- High Street and Hither Mead
- Positioned at all bus shelters
- By the takeaways and Lethbridge



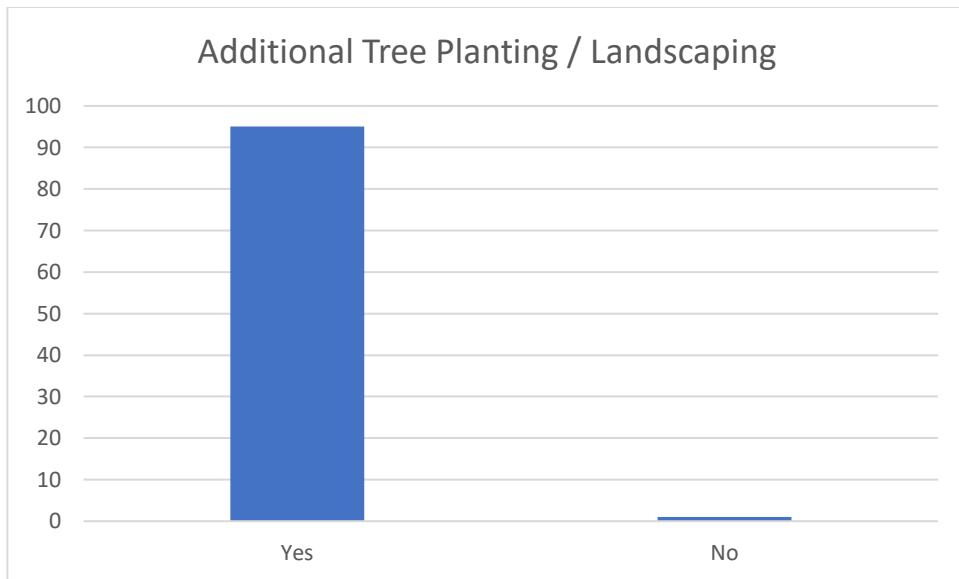
Suggestions / comments:

- Bins need emptying more frequently
- Take it home!
- Make sure they are used instead of bags being thrown in the hedges and gardens
- More enforcement
- More needed but people will still not pick up
- Perhaps around village footpaths may stop pavements being spoilt for walkers
- We need lots more bins as there are lots of dog owners
- Currently no dog bins at all at the top of Hither Mead
- On footpaths by houses facing streams
- Increase incentive to use the bins and improve opportunities for different dog walking routes
- Cheap but should include signage - consider including biodegradable bags and dispensers
- Within the new development
- Recent additions welcome - now we have enough
- Mill Lane



Suggestions / comments:

- With new housing development
- Community spirit and providing food
- As the village expands, gardens get smaller, more demand for areas to grow food, maybe an area in the Hither Mead endless houses maybe.
- Depending on demand - encouraging field to fork thinking is a good idea.
- Are current ones actively used? Restrictions on bonfires welcome! Are these necessary? Composting much better



Suggestions / comments:

- Around new roundabout, in new developments. Around village green
- Especially where trees have to be cut down
- Cherry trees along the brook beside Hither Mead. If Trees have to be removed through disease the each one replaced with suitable species
- Darby Way Green, playing field near village hall
- No fir trees or fir hedges. Re-plant the natural hedgerow along the footpath outside Greenway which was removed to put an excessively wide pavement.
- Including nesting areas for birds
- Certainly, but doubtful about fruit trees. Who will maintain them?
- Walnut trees, herbs.
- Between the stream and new proposed housing
- More colour / flower beds
- Top priority - community orchard with variety of local and regional types, Trees along road network proven to improve air quality. Will build resistance for a future changing climate
- Along streamside where Mount Street garage overflow car park
- Around village green
- Wildflower areas e.g. missed opportunity by new roundabout more scope for wildlife friendly areas.

Other (please specify)

- Narrow the pavement opposite the church and reinstate parking at front of village hall
- General village maintenance
- Improvements to traffic management through the village particularly from the school to the top of the village
- Where hedges and planting narrow or overhang, pavements and footpaths, encourage owners to cut them back
- Tidy area and plant more bushes near green entrance by bridge
- New shop in Broadgauge Business Park
- Village swimming pool
- Improve signage of pathways and bridleways. Brown - pointer signs. Interest signs with history and views explained
- Electric car charging point
- Recycling centre

- It appears that Quantock View is always left out of improvements
- The MUGA is quite well used but will in due course need resurfacing and possible surrounding netting replaced which will entail substantial cost. Also new tennis posts will be required.
- Look at using the grassed area at the top of Quantock View for additional parking
- Better lighting in village hall car park based on movement sensor
- Creation of yellow way marked footpaths for walkers
- Road control speed signs
- Noticeboards with maps of the village and footpath routes
- Tarmac the Whiskey Trail and upgrade the cycle way
- The beautiful blossom tree on the large play area at Greenway are being damaged by the young people of the village i.e. climbing, destroying the

- Indoor toilets, better facilities
- Improve amenities and parking more community group and event
- Support the brewery as they are trying hard to bring new events to the village e.g. street food Fridays and comedy nights
- Dog park. Secure area for dogs to run. Cleaner pavements dog mess is terrible on grassy areas too.
- Habitats for wildlife. We still have more hedgehogs in the village. Building habitats for them plus education of the village about holes in fences etc would help the all greatly.
- Municipal area for gardening / growing veg

trees are not being cared for and they need new stakes to keep the trees upright

- A shop or similar is lacking in Greenway
- Improve underpass
- Library facilities
- More convenience stores near new building sites
- Safer access on to A358 from Hither Mead road onwards
- It would be nice to have some purpose-built tennis courts in the park
- Protection of areas where birds nest
- A bridge over the stream at the end of Spinneyfield
- Convert all parish street lamps to LED

Section 4: Other Comments or Suggested Priorities

Do you have any other comments to make or have any other priorities to suggest that could be included in the Neighbourhood Action Plan?

- Area around school during school pick up and drop off
- Lack of street and footpath lighting
- Organise a Christmas lights committee / provide funding to support those who are putting them up.
- Community events, graffiti artists for underpass,
- Parking is a priority
- It has been rumoured from time to time that it has been suggested that the coop move to the outskirts of the village or to newer, larger facilities when the new estate is built. This I feel could be an absolute disaster - the village would slowly die. At the moment we are extremely fortunate that shops providing every day necessities are close together and more or less central to people living both in Darby Way and in Hither Mead. We are lucky to have a butcher, the coop and the paper shop - which is a veritable Aladdin's Cave - all in close proximity and within walking distance for most people. It was felt when the fruit and flower basket moved out to its present position, but their loss was alleviated by the fact that the butchers and the coop sell basic fruit and veg. These factors are important to village life and they very fact that they are there, helps to make the village the vibrant and pleasant place it is. We are so very lucky!
- We would like to see a ring of land around the village preserved for leisure such as walking, and cycling planted with trees similar to the area at Norton Fitzwarren. A place to encourage families to spend time in the open air.
- Holding developers to account - ensuring the promises they make for community improvement are actually delivered.
- Provision of affordable housing, so the next generation have the opportunity to stay in the village.
- Keep hedges cut and remove dead trees and ivy in hedges to save the walls that are there. Clean all the edges on the road this would make the roads wider and more passable for cars.
- Maintenance of stream
- Reduce the level of light pollution. The new LEDs although environmentally more sound energy wise they are too bright; enough light would be projected with every other one being lit. The roundabout is exceptionally bright or often the lights make you think there is a car coming when there isn't. This is an area of

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outstanding natural beauty and we should even protect our skies reduce the level of light pollution as the village grows. Don't let anymore building other than improvements or individual or unique dwellings.

- Need speed control on Station Road
- Speed cameras / enforcement
- A new local delivery service from the coop
- Purchase the land at Greenway Woods and the pond area at Sandhill Park and create a similar area to Ash Prior wood
- Better signage of local footpaths
- Traffic warden for High Street near co-op / church areas. If new housing being built surely a bigger shop with parking is needed
- For me the most important provision is for cycle paths to Taunton and links to the wider area. People drive everywhere and there are few options. We also need an electric car charging point - grants are available
- Speed limits and speed humps
- Solar powered speed warning signs on Taunton Road. Remove the shelter area next to the village hall, attracts anti-social behaviour
- Traffic calming at cedar falls junction. Reduce speeding. Community Care Action
- Shop at planned Taunton Road, Hither Mead development
- I personally can't believe a skate park is an option
- Stop focussing on skate parks and think about community. More provision for elderly and events to gain community spirit, fun runs, party in the park, school and community events, craft fairs, dog shows, car boots on village green. Lack of parking. Village Hall car park too far away from amenities for elderly and young children
- Yes, new library and community centre. Can also help surrounding villages.
- Get the Co-op to move, the parking is impossible and not fair on the houses down the road
- With new houses being built shortly. I am concerned about the volume of traffic coming through the village. Ensuring that the library remains open.
- Private garden hedges reducing the width of the pavements due to lack of trimming by the homeowner
- One of the reasons we have remained in BL is the plan for a cycle path connecting CSL into Taunton. I would love to be able to cycle into work and reduce my car use. Also need a path for pedestrians. The A358 is very dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians.
- The slip road where the new houses are going to be built is very dangerous. The angle means people on their wing mirrors and may not look over the shoulder and blind spot for cyclists. We also need to reduce the speed limit on the A358 between the 2 roundabouts. Encourage more wellbeing and cycle paths to the coop and other shops and to reduce the cars.
- The village is green, and most people seem to take pleasure in their gardens around here. It's a pleasing sight as you walk along the road towards the centre of the village. I'm hoping that the ethos of this lovely place won't be lost on people living here remain respectful towards it. A village consultation from the primary school age children upwards to include 18-year olds need to be asked their opinions - they often see things differently and they will be the future caretakers of Bishops Lydeard so consult them with their fresh pair of eyes.
- Many homes for sale signs in the area have been smashed and damaged. Restrictions on dog barking. Apart from this a lovely village to live in!
- Don't allow permanent parking on main Hither Mead Road. Consideration should be given to a zebra crossing near to the surgery. Crossing from Hither Mead and needing to look in 3 directions for the elderly / poor sighted / hard of hearing is a danger.

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- Funding for the surgery that seems to need some TLC with outside maintenance / decor. Also, for the waiting room new flooring / piped music? Tree maintenance of lower branches of many self-seeded trees along the bank by the Hither Mead river. Over the last 20 years so much of the view has been lost for so many who walk this route daily. Why live in the countryside if we can't appreciate the views due to lack of pruning?
- An area for young children to meet to provide them with some facilities. Pop up milk / ice-cream bar
- Make it much safer to walk along Mill Lane. Make it a one-way road. Make it much safer to cross Gore Square to get from pub / takeaway / post office. Traffic comes around corner from station far too quickly.
- Stop older children from landscaping the flood sumps next to the Hither Mead bridge into a bike park. It spoils the look of the area, and they leave tools lying around which becomes a crime risk.
- Footpath on Mount Street and Quantock View - slope of road into Mount Street very steep for disabled people.
- It would be helpful if the pavements were swept - opposite our bungalow there are lots of leaves from the trees plus seedlings. All the leaves become slippery when wet and experts should clear it up.
- To go up the village as an elderly person is not easy - just past the Bird in Hand.
- Better village noticeboards
- Quantock view green becoming a mud pit due to people parking on it.
- Local plastic re-cycling area - so that all residents of BL can do their bit for the environment
- A monthly market - local produce (Broadgauge business park area close to the railway)
- Please keep Taunton and Minehead from joining up with our village, preserve the village feeling. Please keep our regular bus service.
- Any initiative to encourage exercise and exploring the local area is desirable to improve health and wellbeing in the community.
- The provision of a safe cycle route into Taunton will reduce dependency on vehicle transport, which will improve air quality, combat climate change and improve health and wellbeing.
- The retro-fittings of urban suds to create water gardens and improve biodiversity in the local area should be considered and this will improve flood resilience locally. Grants are available for this. Any new development must include SUDs in their plans.
- A community transport system will allow the older generation to remain independent for as long as possible is essential to improve the wellbeing and combat loneliness. A scheme to link up elderly people (on their own) with families for companionship should be introduced.
- A Community Renewable Energy Scheme (solar or wind) should be explored which can be subsidised by Central Government.
- The central ambition of the village should be to be greener, more sustainable, more integrated, with a view to combating loneliness, climate change, poor air quality and loss of biodiversity
- Please get rid of the youth shelter. It is a magnet for antisocial behaviour
- Make the village more teenager friendly, give them somewhere to go and do.
- Traffic a great problem - have lost my nerve on mobility scooter. Nearly hit twice. Drivers far too impatient and awful parking. Speed limit very important and must be enforced. So many elderly people in the village and very little provided for them. Why does the village agent hold coffee mornings outside the village? Hopeless if you have no transport. How about opening the Day Care Centre in Darby Way again?
- Repair and maintain lower footpath of the stream (river at rainy times) to prevent erosion
- Relief road

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- Pedestrian crossing at the end of Hither Mead with junction with Mount Street. Footpath from Gore Square along Minehead Road to junction of new A358 bypass.
- More provision for elderly. An opportunity to meet at the village hall
- More events to be held at the village hall / green
- Need a village envelope that TDBC will respect and adhere to when making decision on planning applications. Too much new housing will over weaken the existing facilities and roads
- Improved library. A stop to any new housing developments. Stop cars parking on pavements
- More enforcement of illegal parking
- Could Bird in Hand offer some car parking spaces for village?
- Clean air - discouraging bonfires and stagnant air in vale
- More enforcement of dog fouling on pavements in the centre of the village.
- Local youths to paint the underpass in a colourful screen, gives a poor visitor impression of the village
- Parking by the coop is chaotic.
- My main concern is building more houses in a country village, increases in traffic. Need some traffic calming
- Formalise the walk on the left hand of back stream
- Relocation of the Drs Surgery and replacement with the Coop
- Cycleway to Taunton but route alongside the WSR is not viable
- Longer library opening hours
- Resurface all pavements
- Speed control signs implement speed bumps and cameras
- To keep the centre of the village where it is now extra parking provision
- I'd be interested in some culture! A cinema showing well reviewed, challenging films, theatre. Music from visiting banks to Halsway Manor or pebbles. Poetry readings.
- More shopping facilities required
- Weight restriction sign to prevent lorries coming off A358. A traffic management scheme for Mount Street.
- Please get rid of all the overhead power cables on Mount Street, High Street and Church Street
- A new shopping area for a supermarket and shops with parking
- Trees planted at the approach to the roundabout from Bishops Lydeard
- General landscaping and tree planting at the approach to the underpass
- Trees planted at the entrance to Darby Way
- Pavements need attention for mobility scooter users, dangerous and inconsiderate parking, combine new village library with other activities?

Section 5: Demographics

Postcode map

TA4 3NJ	TA4 3NL x 2	TA4 3AP	TA4 3AX x 10	TA4 3DA	TA4 3BZ	TA4 3BH x 7	TA4 3BJ x 2	TA4 3NP x 3	TA4 3BB x 7
TA4 3BQ x 2	TA4 3BD	TA4 3AY x 4	TA4 3DA	TA4 3BY x 3	TA4 3DL x 4	TA4 3DD x 3	TA4 3BE x 2	TA4 4BE	TA4 3DB
TA4 3QX x 3	TA4 3LW	TA4 3LE x 2	TA4 3PH	TA4 3LN	TA4 3LW	TA4 3NJ x 4	TA4 3LE	TA4 3NS	TA4 3DL
TA4 3PX	TA4 3PH s 2	TA4 3PQ	TA4 3NW x 2	TA4 3NS x 2	TA4 3PB x 3	TA4 3PA	TA4 3PE	TA4 3PA	TA4 3DA
TA4 3PE x 6	TA4 3PF x 3	TA4 3PD	TA4 3PA	TA4 3NY	TA4 3BW	TA4 3NY x 4	TA4 3NZ	TA4 3NH x 2	TA4 3AR x 2
TA4 3AP x 2	TA4 3AN x 4	TA4 3UD	TA4 3PH	TA4 3PQ x 2	TA4 3LH x 2	TA4 3LJ	TA4 3UD x 3	TA4 3AS x 2	TA4 3PQ x 4
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Age groups

Under 20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
47	21	18	35	54	69	107

