



Northwood



Parish Plan

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Foreword

Work started on the Parish Plan in 2003, although it wasn't until 2005 when the IW Rural Community Council embraced the perseverance of the Northwood Community Partnership in seeing the Parish Plan properly funded, and this was when the hard work really began. At that time, Northwood 'broke the mould' in that we became the first unparished area in the country to receive funding from a RCC for its Parish Plan.

With our new Parish Council being established next year, it is with pride that our community has created this Parish Plan based upon the views that Northwood holds most passionately. I hope when reading this Plan it becomes clear how strongly some residents feel about Northwood, and what we can do as a community to preserve, enhance and develop the village for future generations.

By doing much of the work ourselves, we have ensured that sufficient funding remains to allow each household in the village to receive a copy of this Plan.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed, all local and all voluntarily, particularly my predecessors Mike Andrew and Councillor Roger Mazillius, for being 'volunteered' to co-ordinate the Plan when nobody else wanted to! The time to prepare, write and evaluate the consultation processes for the Parish Plan has been immense, and created many sleepless nights for those involved. Many thanks to Pete Brooker, who refined and assembled the articles from the contributors so that the final document made sense as a whole. Also, 'thank you!' to all the groups and organisations (especially the W.I and Northwood School) for thrusting their support behind the Plan.

Although the Northwood Parish Plan is now complete, this is only the start. The Action Plan clearly outlines our community's views, and for this reason the Plan will continue to evolve as a rolling programme for many years to come.

For the future, we look forward to new projects and it is hoped that the Plan can aid this process, be it for the Parish Council, the Community Partnership or for any of other groups and organisations that make Northwood such a rich and vibrant community.

On behalf of the Committee, Thank You!' to all who contributed by completing Questionnaires: by attending exhibitions; and for the many suggestions received throughout this period. Without your support the Plan would not have been possible!

Thank you all for playing your part in ensuring Northwood grows to become an even better village to be a part of!

Paul Fuller - Chairman, Northwood Village Management Committee

An Introductory Summary

This Parish Plan has been some four years in the making. Strenuous efforts have been made over the past twelve months particularly to involve and consult all sectors of our community. The Parish Plan is based on the views of the community as captured by the various consultation mechanisms that have been used, which are recorded later in this document. Engagement with the consultations has not always been as great as wished: the under-45 age group has been relatively poorly represented, even more so the under-18s. Further efforts will be made in the future to engage these sections of our community.

The Parish Plan Steering Committee - all volunteers - has existed in a semi-structured way for just over a year. It built on previous work; and it has been supported in its efforts by the Village Management Committee and the Northwood Community Partnership. Funding to produce and distribute the Parish Plan has come from the IW Rural Community Council. A full listing of acknowledgements is appended in this Plan.

The Parish Plan will be submitted to the Village Management Committee (and subsequent Parish Council) for approval and adoption; and will be lodged with relevant departments of the IW Council. The Parish Plan is not 'cast in stone'. Although it is a snapshot in time, it should and must be a 'living document', reviewed and amended over the coming years to reflect changes, so that it may continue to offer guidance to the Parish Council and IW Council

The Parish Plan aims to examine social and economic factors in our community in a structured way under four main topic headings:

- Social and Community
- Services
- Economic
- Land and Environment

Within each of these four broad headings, specific aspects of our community are discussed in greater detail - for example, 'Access to the Countryside', 'Education and Training' and 'Built Environment' - to name but three. The Parish Plan captures views from the community in this way, and proposes actions to address the issues identified, with timescales and responsibilities. The Parish Action Plan forms one of the final sections of this Parish Plan. Actions may be 'maintaining', 'enhancing' or 'changing' - or a combination of all three!

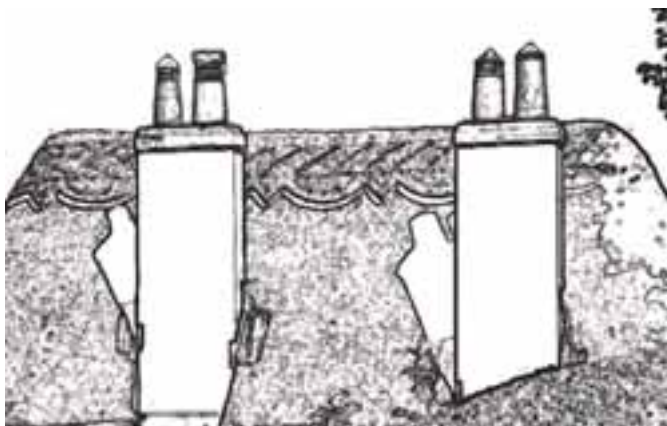
Key Messages

Key messages coming from the consultations are:

- Great regard for the benefits arising from the semi-rural nature of the community, and a determination to preserve them
- Highly valuing the majority of the retail facilities and utility services that support the community (shops, Post Office, refuse collection etc.)
- Concern for traffic volumes, speeds and associated safety issues
- Support for safe neighbourhood initiatives and a concern over low-level 'crime'
- Agreement on the relative lack of provision for the younger members of the community, and the associated need to address and enhance this

The following sections of this Parish Plan aim to show how such a composite picture has come about and what actions are proposed for the future.

Text **not** in a box is essentially narrative; text **in** a box is commentary on questionnaire responses etc. and associated actions.



Background to the Parish Plan

The creation of Parish and Town Plans was originally encouraged by the publication in late 2000 of the government's White Paper 'Our Countryside: The Future - A Fair Deal for Rural England'.

A new programme was set up, administered (then) by the Countryside Agency, to support (initially 1000) towns and villages to prepare Town and Village Plans. National planning guidance was revised to set out the role such plans could play as Supplementary Planning Guidance, 'to give stronger recognition to local views and values in the planning system.'

Two quotations from the latest 'Parish and Community Planning Toolkit' produced by ACRE - Action With Communities in Rural England - help define the potential value of a Parish Plan:

"Communities everywhere are constantly changing. The government wants local communities to take more control of their own lives, to say what they want doing in their own neighbourhoods and to engage with other organisations to get it done. You cannot prevent change, but what you can do is influence it. Parish or Community Plans help your community to make change happen. They mean an opportunity for everyone in your community to make themselves heard."

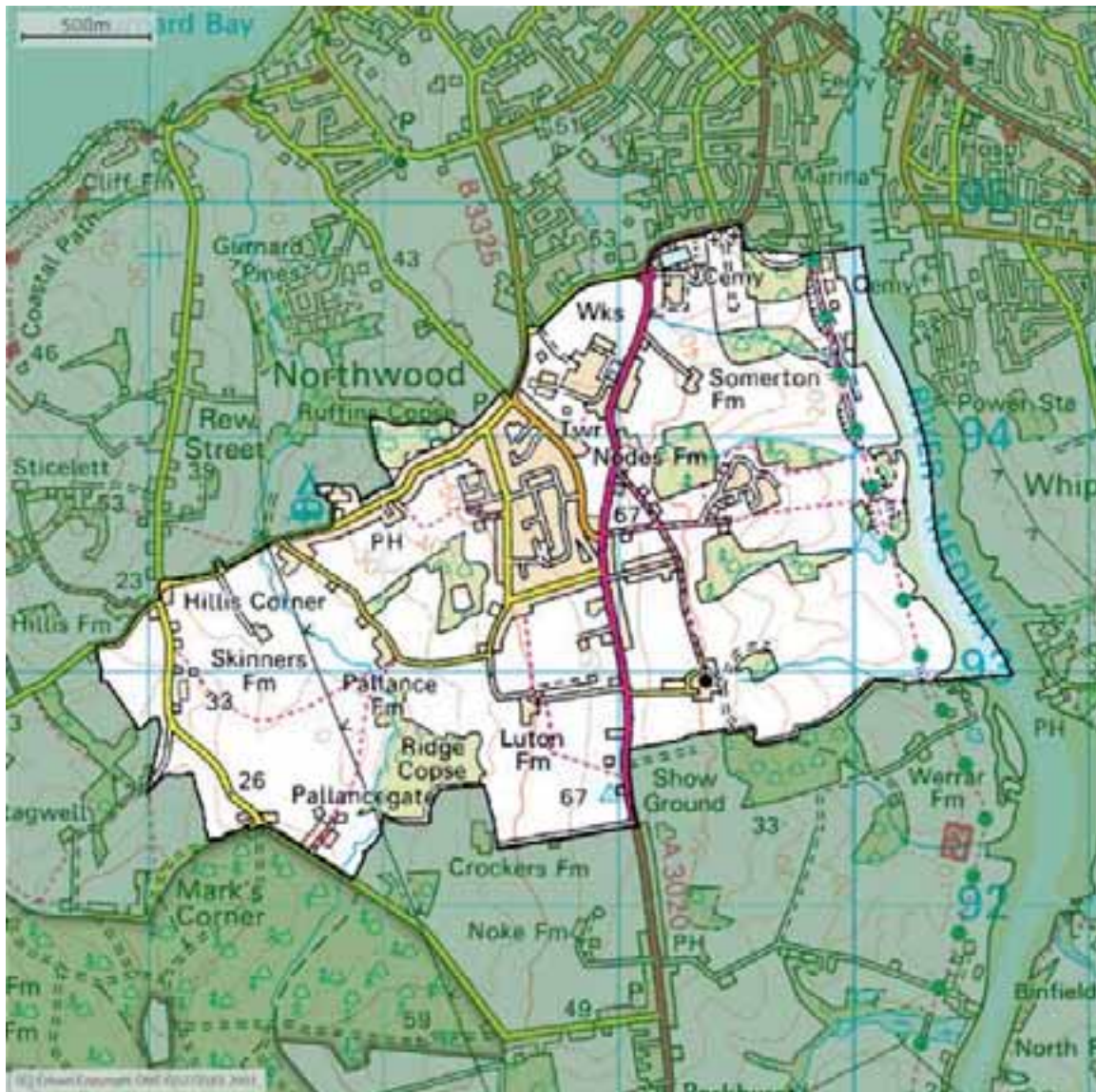
"Parish and Community Plans can make things happen in your community. The benefits of producing an Action Plan within the Parish or Community Plans are many. They:

- Give all local people, not just the confident, the chance to develop a vision for their community, identifying positive and negative issues*
- Influence and inform others, including Community Strategies and Local Development Frameworks*
- Provide clear evidence of community needs and priorities for Town and Parish Councils to plan their resources and efforts*
- Help the community enhance its status*
- Develop increased local voluntary action*
- Create a sense of community spirit, getting people involved and talking to each other*
- Reinvigorate local democracy by stimulating interest in community affairs*
- Gain funding for local initiatives by demonstrating that you have been through a needs assessment with full community participation*
- Highlight projects which need involvement from other agencies*
- Encourage partnership working"*

Our Community - a Brief Overview 1

Location

The community of Northwood lies in the northern quadrant of The Isle of Wight, on the western side of the Medina Valley, between the major settlements of Cowes and Newport. The present Electoral Ward of Northwood (area 556 hectares - 2.1 square miles) does not cover all of the ecclesiastical Parish of Northwood.



Map Showing Electoral Ward Area

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Historical Background

Until 1894, the sources for local history do not always differentiate what we know today as Northwood from the history of the wider Cowes, Gurnard, Thorness and Parkhurst area, as the ecclesiastical parish of Northwood once included all these places. Its western boundary was the river at Newtown and its eastern one the Medina; its southern boundary was Parkhurst Forest and its northern one the sea. To further complicate matters, Northwood was itself a Living which the incumbent Rector held jointly as Rector of Northwood and Vicar of Carisbrooke.

West Cowes did not become a separate parish until 1894, even though a chapel (which later became St. Mary's church) had been there since 1657.

The parish boundary probably marks old Anglo-Saxon land divisions. Some of the local hedges have been dated as being at least one thousand years old. Neolithic finds have been made at Pallance Farm. A coin of Vespasian was found in Pallance Road and a coin of Marcus Aurelius in Parkhurst Forest. Near the church is an unexcavated Roman site, on top of which evidence of the mediaeval strip field system has been identified.

One local farm was mentioned in the Domesday Book - Luton (Levinton). In the 13thC Northwood was called 'Northewede' and also, in 1295, 'North Wode', becoming Northwood by 1364. Fourteenth-Century Northwood was the site of one of the string of warning beacons across the Island, our one, called 'Roghelonde' existing in 1324.

In 1770, smugglers were apprehended at Three Gates. In the 1820s and 30s, several Northwood residents were tried for smuggling and sentenced to either serve in the Navy or be imprisoned in Winchester Gaol, their main contraband being brandy, spirits, wine, tobacco and East Indian silk.

In 1777, Sir Richard Worsley bought the Manor of Northwood.

Turnpikes were erected in 1813. In 1816 they were moved from Love Lane to 'Dallimore's' - which was somewhere near Smithard's Lane. Also in 1816, the Highway Commissioners removed the three gates on the road from the Horseshoe to Nodes Farm - the fields were to be enclosed with culverts, and drains were to be built on the 'Northwood Road'.

1875 saw a boundary dispute between Newport and Cowes. In 1876 the village was hit by a tornado: a thirty-yard wide strip of trees was blown down in Parkhurst Forest; two houses at Marks Corner and one in Tinkers Lane (Pallance Road) were destroyed before the tornado tore through Cowes.

The Ward family began buying up farms and plots of land in the early 19thC until they owned most of the local farms. These were sold off at the turn of the 20thC when the estate was broken up.

Most of the housing development of Northwood took place during the 20thC, with the Nodes Farm estate (Venner Avenue, etc.) being built in the 1960s. Later, farmland at Medham was developed.

Our Community - a Brief Overview 3

The Present Community

The community today is characterised by several discrete areas and phases of settlement:

‘Central’ Northwood

Most of what residents consider today to be ‘Northwood’ developed when part of Decca Radar relocated onto the old aerodrome site in the late 1950s. Prior to the development of the Wroxall Farm and the Nodes Farm Estates (housing many Decca - later Plessey - employees and families), there were distinctive communities in Furzyhurst close to the school and sporadic houses in Wyatts Lane and Tinkers Lane (Pallance Road). Victorian and Edwardian properties, with some later, inter-war and post-WWII buildings result in a mixed building stock in the older, linear settlements in Oxford Street, Wyatts Lane, Pallance Road, Pallance Lane, Coronation Avenue and the Newport/ Cowes Road. Significant development took place in Harry Cheek Gardens and Cranleigh Gardens in the 1990s - the latter increasing significantly the social housing stock in the community.

A number of new infill developments have been created, most recently Willow Tree Drive (off Venner Avenue) and Wyatts Close. The majority of lower-cost or affordable housing is found within ‘central’ Northwood.

Chawton

The area known as Chawton, around Northwood Church, is the oldest part of the village. In recent years Chawton Farm barns were sympathetically converted into housing.

Pallance Gate

Pallance Gate is a small community of three or four dwellings, former farm-workers’ cottages, off Hillis Gate Road.

Hillis

Hillis refers to the dozen or so households located from Hillis Corner to the road to Parkhurst Forest (Hillis Gate Road). The houses at Hillis Gate Road are a combination of former farm houses and cottages, forest-workers’ cottages and homes to residents once employed at the local brickworks.

Medham

Medham Village is a 1980s development of seventy one properties surrounded by open countryside at the bottom of Medham Farm Lane.

Somerton

Somerton is host to most of the industry in Northwood as well as being a area of housing. There is a thriving industrial estate as well as BAE Systems, Cliftongrade scrap yard, and a branch of the Co-op. Somerton is probably most famous for having the air strip which was in existence from 1916 to 1951 (now the BAE site).

The Present Community - continued

Other Features of the Community

The community has an excellent Primary School, a thriving C of E church, a Post Office/shop, a hairdresser, a newsagent/shop, a large garage/car dealer (the last remaining petrol retailer in the Cowes area) and a Co-operative store. Two public houses, a WI Hall and a Scout Hall also serve the community. There are significant industrial premises, ranging from BAE Systems (450 employees) to SMEs (Small-to-Medium Enterprises) located on Somerton Industrial Estate and at Northwood Business Park. A new Health Centre, serving the greater Cowes area, lies within the electoral ward.

There is ready access to the surrounding countryside, to the coast and to the River Medina shore via footpaths and a cycleway. The community is traversed by the main Cowes to Newport roads, carrying large volumes of traffic. The community is well served by public transport.

Recent residential development has been mostly through small-scale infill and by 'density increase', either replacing an existing property with two or more on the same site, or by turning semi-detached properties into terraces. This latter is proving controversial.



The 2001 Census Data for the Northwood Electoral Ward - Some Key Parameters

Measure	Northwood	IOW	SE Region	England
Persons	2221			
Household spaces	954			
Percentage, persons aged 0 - 19	23.2	22.5	24.7	25.1
Percentage, persons aged 20 - 44	24.5	27.9	34.6	35.3
Percentage, persons aged 45 - 64	32.2	27.2	24.3	23.8
Percentage, persons aged 65 and over	20.1	22.4	16.4	15.9
Percentage, ethnic group - white	99.5	98.7	95.1	90.9
Percentage, declared long-term illness	20.4	22.0	15.5	17.9
Percentage population 16 - 74 economically active (including students and unemployed)	64.0	62.2	70.0	66.9
Percentage population 16 - 74 economically inactive - retired	20.9	18.9	13.4	13.5
Percentage, highest qualification Level 2 (GCSE equivalent)	70.1	69.4	62.2	64.9
Percentage, highest qualification Level 4 (first degree) or higher	14.7	15.3	21.8	19.9
Percentage, homes owned outright	49.7	41.7	31.3	29.2
Percentage, homes owned with mortgage	39.8	34.5	41.9	38.9
Percentage, homes rented	10.2	23.0	26.0	31.3
Percentage, homes in shared ownership	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.6

61 data sets can be found for each ward in the country on the Office for National Statistics (ONS) web site, www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/

Further 2001 Census data appears in later sections of this plan.

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How the Parish Plan Was Created

Following a re-launch of the Parish Plan process in May 2006, a Steering Committee of volunteers was formed under the Chairmanship of Dave Miller. With appropriate support from the Northwood Community Partnership, the IW Council and IW Rural Community Council, Northwood County Primary School, Northwood WI and the Hants and IW Constabulary (plus many willing pairs of hands and feet!) the following consultation mechanisms have yielded the data on which the Parish Plan is based:

Event	Date	Outcome
Northwood School Eco Day - Parish Plan stall	June 2006	7 responses
Camera Project - photographic competition + likes & dislikes	Aug 2006	18 returns from 50 cameras distributed - response rate 36%
Initial Parish Plan Exhibition	Nov 2006	26 responses - 50 attendees
Questionnaire - Tranche 1	Dec 2006	120 returned - c. 940 issued - response rate 13%
Questionnaire - Tranche 2	Feb 2007	211 returned/ collected - c. 940 issued - response rate 22%
Business Questionnaire	Mar 2007	67 distributed - 16 responses - response rate 24%
Planning for Real® Exhibition (PfR)	Mar 2007	202 comments made - 51 attendees
Safer Community Forum	May 2007	61 attendees - 3 priorities identified

In all, 331 residential questionnaires have been returned and analysed. This represents an 18% return rate. As a proportion of the 2001 electorate, the return rate is also 18%. Both figures are poor.

The business questionnaire return rate was also disappointing - only 16 from 67 - 24%.

How the Parish Plan Was Created - continued

The age distribution of questionnaire respondents is as follows:

Age	Number of Responses	% of Responses
Under 18	9	Counted separately
18 - 24	1	0.3
25 - 44	40	11.4
45 - 64	146	41.7
65+	143	40.9
Not stated	20	5.7

Despite ample opportunities, the under-45 age group in the community (48% of the population in 2001) contributed only some 12% of the responses. As a consequence, the over-45 age group is disproportionately represented (at least 83% of responses from correspondingly 52% of the 2001 population). This is a matter of continuing concern. The age distribution of attendees at the Planning for Real® exhibition corresponds roughly to the age distribution exhibited in the questionnaire returns.

The geographical distribution of respondents is as follows:

Location	Questionnaires Returned	Locality % Return
Pallance Road + Hillis	71	22
Newport Road (South), Chawton, Medham	37	11
Newport Road (North), Nodes Road, Cranleigh Gardens	47	16
Venner Avenue, Uplands Road, Greenways Etc.	72	15
Wyatts Lane, Harry Cheek Gardens, Oxford Street	69	16
Not known	35	
Total Distributed = c. 1880 (Both Tranches)	331	Total 18%

All areas of the community were represented, some better than others! Returns from Pallance Road, Chessell Close and Greenways were particularly good; those from Venner Avenue, Chawton Lane and Medham were poor.

Summary of Consultation Outcomes

Source: Northwood Primary School Eco Day Consultation - 7 responses

- **Responses:** Youth facilities, pedestrian safety and concerns over speeding traffic, less density within planning

Source: Camera Project - 18 responses

- **Responses - Likes:** Access to countryside (55 points), Local Access (30 points), Community Spirit (28 points), Shops (17 points)
- **Responses - Dislikes:** Traffic (60 points), Lack of Youth Facilities (23 points), Bad Housing (19 points - whatever this means), Poor Highways (16 points)

Parish Plan Exhibition - 50 responses

- **Responses - Likes:** Countryside (x4), Community Spirit (x3), Shops (x2), School (x2)
- **Responses - Dislikes:** Traffic (x6), Dog Mess (x3), Pavements (x3), Excessive Development (x2)

Questionnaire - 331 responses (full questionnaire results are in the appendix)

Top 3 - importance of service to community:

- Refuse Collection, Cowes Medical Centre, Northwood School

Top 3 - quality of service to community:

- Northwood School, Northwood Playgroup, Cowes Medical Centre + Refuse Collection

Top facility - importance to community: WI Hall

Top facility - quality of provision: WI Hall

Top 3 retail services - importance to community:

- Post Office, Northwood Stores, Medical Centre Pharmacy

Top 3 retail services - quality of service to community:

- Northwood Stores, Medical Centre Pharmacy, Northwood Garage

Top 3 Priority Services for Parish Council

- Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Prevention, Footpaths and Access to Countryside, Support Services for Vulnerable Residents

Top 3 Highway Improvements

- Better Road Surfaces, Safer Pedestrian Routes, Speed-Warning Indicators

continued:-

Summary of Consultation Outcomes - continued

Top 3 Areas for Traffic Calming

- Wyatts Lane, Pallance Road, Pallance Lane

Top 3 Crime Prevention Priorities

- Theft and Burglaries, Graffiti and Vandalism, Violence

Priority for Any New Development

- Good Design, Affordable Housing and Starter Homes

Developer Contribution Priority

- Highway / Footway Improvements

Preferred Location for New Development

- On Land Used for Existing Employment

Young Persons' Priorities

- Youth Club / Meeting Place



Planning for Real® - 51 responses

Traffic Priorities

- Speeding (21), Parking Issues (14), Public Transport (8)

Environmental Priorities

- 'Projects' (31), Dog Mess (12), Green Spaces (8)

Leisure Priorities

- Venner Avenue Playground (7), School Facilities (6)



Safer Community Forum

Crime and Disorder Priorities

- Speeding (31 votes), Vandalism (21 Votes), Youth Anti- social Behaviour (18 Votes)

Summary of Consultation Outcomes - continued

Further Comments on Consultation Outcomes

- The age profile of respondents is biased to the over-45s
- One third of respondents elected not to rate the importance of the school; one half chose not to rate the importance of the playgroup; one third that of the Venner Avenue play area.
- The Royal Mail service, Street Cleansing and Recycling score least for quality of provision.
- Phillips Fine Foods is seen as least important to the community. The Horseshoe Inn, The (Somerton) Co-operative Store and Phillips Fine Foods score least for quality of provision.
- Adult Learning, Affordable Housing and Public Transport are the least popular areas for Parish Council priorities.
- There is relative lack of support for greater parking enforcement and 20mph zones
- Fear of crime is significant. Northwood is, however, statistically one of the most crime-free wards in the country.
- It is not difficult to understand the support for new residential development on 'land currently used for employment': of the five choices in this section, this was the 'least worst' choice.
- The youth survey sample was disappointingly small - just 9 respondents.



Topic Area : Social and Community

Democracy

Northwood is an electoral ward within the IW Unitary Authority. It returns one elected member to serve on the IW Council. There is a current Boundary Commission review of the IW which may see the size of the Northwood electoral ward increased through assimilating additional areas currently in Cowes wards.

In the 1900s Northwood had a parish council within the IOW Rural District Council. Cowes Urban District Council succeeded this RDC, itself to be followed by Medina Borough Council. Prior to establishment of the present unitary authority, Northwood was represented severally as a ward on district/borough councils and the County Council.

Non-elected community representation has variously over the years been through a Residents' Association and the Northwood Community Partnership, with most recently the addition (from April 2006) of a Village Management Committee. It is expected that an elected Parish Council will be in existence in May 2008.

No questions specifically focussed on representation of the community were included in the questionnaire, nor were there any responses commenting on the same.

Subsequent updates of the Parish Plan may wish to consider if this topic needs addressing. Evidence that a new Parish Council is effective would be of value in achieving 'Quality Parish' status.



Information

The community is well served with local information:

- Northwood News is a monthly, church-produced magazine distributed free to every household in the church's parish with a wide range of community news
- The IW Council elected member produces a quarterly newsletter, distributed to all constituents
- Northwood School produces a weekly newsletter to parents which often reflects community information
- There is a village notice board adjacent to the Horseshoe Inn car park
- The local Post Office, shops and pubs willingly display community information, posters etc.
- There is an excellent village web site (www.northwoodvillage.org.uk), formed around school, church and community information. On-line copies of the three newsletters above are carried in addition to much more. However, the reach of this facility is still not clear
- The community also receives Cowes-based, free news magazines e.g. Cowes Beacon, and an allocated space in the weekly County Press
- A mobile library service visits the community regularly

No questions specifically focussed on communication and information within the community were included in the questionnaire, nor were there any responses commenting on the same.

No actions are included in the Parish Action Plan. Subsequent updates of the Parish Plan may wish to consider if this topic needs addressing.

People

Key 2001 Census data on the community has already been given. Further data appears under topic headings.

Topic Area : Social and Community

Public Houses

The community is served by two pubs: the Horseshoe Inn and the Traveller's Joy. In addition to these two existing pubs, Myrtle Cottage (known previously as the Malt and Hops) and the Flowerpot, both in Newport Road, were once licensed premises.

Both current pubs were seen as relatively important to the community (scoring 7.3 and 8 out of 10 respectively) and providing qualities of service rated at 6.6 and 7.9 respectively.

No questions specifically focussed on these facilities were included in the questionnaire, nor were there any responses commenting on the same.

Subsequent updates of the Parish Plan may wish to consider if this topic needs addressing. Possible areas for exploration would be examining the customer profiles (resident / visitor) and extending the community usage of the premises. No actions are included in the Parish Action Plan.

Village Halls and Community Buildings

The community has access to two 'stand-alone' halls, the WI Hall and the Scout Hut. Northwood Primary School also hosts community groups, functions and meetings (in addition to school-related activities), mostly during term time; and Northwood Church can seat up to 150 for meetings, concerts, etc.

The WI Hall is heavily used throughout the year and is in a very 'public' location within the community. It was upgraded in 2005 and offers disabled access, kitchen facilities and significant car parking space. The Scout Hut is well used by the 'primary users' but is not currently available for private hire.

The questionnaire returns showed the community considers both the WI Hall and the Scout Hut of high value (rated at 9 and 8.9 out of 10 respectively); and considered both offer a quality service (8.8 and 8.5 respectively). Community use of the school and church for 'general' activities was not examined separately.

No actions relating to these facilities have been identified. The facts on usage, what each has to offer and their limitations, are well established. What future updates to the Parish Plan may wish to consider is: how secure are the facilities for the future and would a Parish Council wish to offer support; how might the facilities be enhanced if a need were identified; could they fulfil a community need currently met elsewhere?



Topic Area : Social and Community

Young and Old People

Some 20% of our community was aged under 15 (2001 figures) and a similar proportion aged 65 and older.

Northwood Playgroup - in the grounds of Northwood School - provides childcare for children from 2½ years old to school age. Northwood School provides a breakfast club before school and an after-school club (both for school-age children) during term times. There are other pre-school providers and registered childminders in and adjacent to the community. A parent and toddler group meets at the WI Hall.

The provision for outside play in Northwood is limited: there is a green area in Venner Avenue which houses goal posts, a few swings and other play equipment which needs updating. There is no 'informal' meeting place for the young people of the community (that is, other than through Scouts, Guides, Army Cadet Corps etc.) and consequently many of the older teenagers 'hang around the street corners'. Although cases of vandalism and graffiti have been limited, the provision of better and wider facilities might help eradicate this. There are various funding streams available, but most bids need to be made by the young people themselves and at present there is not a Youth Forum to action this.

A survey is being undertaken at the High School and the Middle Schools to ascertain the needs of the young people of Northwood and also to ask if they would form a Youth Forum to help take the action forward. The local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) is building a rapport with many of the local children to canvass their views and assure them that their needs are being assessed.

Statutory service provision for older people remains under severe financial constraint. Voluntary sector organisations are located in Newport and use their best endeavours when needs are identified. The new Cowes Medical Centre is located much closer to our community than was the prior health centre.

There is a wide range of activities within the community which tend to engage older members more so than younger: the Women's Institute (two groups), the Village Produce Association, Northwood in Bloom and the Northwood Community Partnership are some examples.



Topic Area : Social and Community

Young and Old People....

The questionnaire returns rated Northwood Playgroup at 9.2 (importance) and 9.1 (quality of provision) - albeit from sample sizes of 53% and 26% of all respondents. This is not unreasonable considering the target population. The Venner Avenue play area was rated at 8.8 (importance) and 7.3 (quality) from a larger number of responses. Interestingly, children's play facilities were rated no higher than 7th (out of 11) in the spending priorities for a Parish Council. Stronger evidence for supporting and enhancing the Venner Avenue play area, and for better facilities in general for young people, came from the 'Camera Project'; results from the children's questionnaire; 'Planning for Real'®; and indirectly from the Safer Communities Forum. The children's questionnaire showed 100% support for a meeting place (9 returns).

Social care and support - typically for the older members of the community - rated 9.3 (importance) and 7.3 (quality) in questionnaire returns. 'Support Services for Vulnerable Residents' was seen as 3rd priority for a new Parish Council.

The Parish Action Plan contains actions to further address and quantify the immediate and longer-term needs of both these sections of the community. More specific data on the needs of, for example, the disabled or recent newcomers may better inform future actions.

Access to the Countryside

Northwood is fortunate in its location. The community has easy access to the Medina Valley by footpaths and a cycle way. Lanes and footpaths radiating to the North, South and West of the community provide access to the coast, Parkhurst Forest and open countryside. A few footpaths within the community provide convenient and pleasant shortcuts, especially around the church. The Northwood Community Partnership maintains an excellent overview of our Rights of Way.

Valuing the countryside and access to it scored as top 'like' in the Camera Project (55 points), the Parish Plan Exhibition (highest 'like'), the Questionnaire (2nd priority for the new Parish Council) and via the Planning for Real® Exhibition (31 comments). There is a great wish to preserve open, green spaces.

The Parish Action Plan reflects the wishes of the community to preserve and enhance our access to the countryside and the benefits it brings.

Topic Area : Services

Emergency Services

After much debate, the Island Fire Control is to remain Island-based. As local Fire Control has an extensive knowledge of semi-rural areas such as Northwood, and with the nearest full-time manned Fire Station located less than five miles from the village boundary, with access via a main corridor route, Northwood should continue to benefit from good response times and an adequate service provision. A 'retained' Fire Station exists in West Cowes, even nearer to our community.

The most recent measures confirm that the Island Ambulance Service has exceeded national targets for response to emergency calls. Northwood residents benefit from access via a main corridor route from the main ambulance station. The service has also enjoyed an increase in staffing levels resulting in better, non-urgent transport provision.

No questions specifically focussed on the Fire and Ambulance service to the community were included in the questionnaire, nor were there any responses commenting on the same.

Subsequent updates of the Parish Plan may wish to consider if this topic needs addressing. It would seem that no need to do so arises currently.



Crime and Safety

Northwood is well served by its Community Policeman, recently augmented with a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). As a result of the Neighbourhood Policing Strategy, links between the police and the community have gone from strength to strength: the police regularly meet with local groups such as the Scouts, Northwood School, Neighbourhood Watch and Northwood Community Partnership; and they now give monthly reports to the Northwood Village Management Committee, relayed to the community via the Northwood News. The welcome, visible presence of the PCSO should be a great help in tackling the low level crime - vandalism, graffiti and youth rowdiness, mainly - which concerns many residents.

Neighbourhood Watch has been a valued feature within the community since its launch in 1992. Since then most streets in Northwood have been covered by a local resident acting as a Street Co-ordinator. 'No Cold Calling Zones' have recently been established.

Statistically, Northwood is a very safe place to live, despite perceptions. In the 2001 census, Northwood ranked 32424 out of 32482 electoral wards (32482 being the most crime-free).

Traffic-related 'crime' issues (speeding etc.) are discussed in the 'Land and Environment' section of this Plan.

98% of Questionnaire respondents cited support for Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Prevention Projects as the TOP priority for the new Parish Council (44% 'very strongly agreed'). Separately, 'Theft and Burglary' was seen to be the priority area for Police focus in the community, followed by 'Violence' and 'Graffiti and Vandalism'. Clear messages came from the Safer Communities Forum on addressing Vandalism (21 votes) and Youth Anti-Social Behaviour (18 votes). In the Planning for Real® consultation, 10 comments were made associated with crime and safety, 6 relating to disorder in the Venner Avenue play area.

Despite the real relative safety of our community, the Parish Plan acknowledges the concerns raised and includes specific actions on these issues (collated with those arising from 'traffic crime').

Topic Area : Services

Education and Training

The Island operates a three-tier educational system. Northwood Primary School plays a pivotal role in the cohesion of the community. Its most recent OFSTED report rated it as Grade 1 - an excellent school. The School promotes a Healthy Living agenda, provides adult learning opportunities and shared lunchtimes. Other Primary Schools are easily accessible should parents exercise choice. Most children in the community transfer to one of two Middle Schools in the greater Cowes area, and thence to Cowes High School, recently awarded 'Pathfinder' status for total replacement.

Tertiary provision is by way of the IW College in Newport, or mainland colleges and universities.

In the 2001 Census, qualifications up to and including Level 2 (GCSE or equivalent) were held by a higher percentage of the community than nationally, Level 4 (first degree) or higher qualifications by a smaller percentage. Of a workplace population of 1263, 78% were between 30 and 59.

52% of the population aged over 16 considered themselves in Socio-Economic Classes ABC1, correspondingly 48% in C2DE.

The top three areas of employment were (then) Manufacturing (184 employed), Wholesale/ Retail/Repairs (152) and Health and Social (131). These figures may have changed significantly over the last six years with the restructuring of BAE Systems and GKN Westland. Surprisingly for a semi-rural area, only 10 persons were employed in Agriculture / Forestry.

The high regard in which Northwood Primary School is held is evident in the questionnaire returns, scoring 9.6 and 9.5 for importance and quality. The School's vital role in the wider context must continue to be supported. There was relatively little support for further Adult Learning initiatives being supported by a new Parish Council - this scored least of all the polled items. The Planning for Real® exercise collected 6 comments on school facilities, all different!

No actions on Education and Training are identified at this time in the Parish Plan.

Health and Personal Care

The community has easy access to the new Cowes Medical Centre, with GP surgeries, an NHS dental clinic and a pharmacy. The District General Hospital, St. Mary's, is less than three miles to the South with full A&E facilities. Other GP and dental practices are to be found in the adjacent areas of Cowes and Newport.

Questionnaire returns rated Cowes Medical Centre at 9.8 for importance to the community, and 9.0 for quality of provision. 'Other NHS Services' scored 9.3 and 7.5 respectively but there was no lower level breakdown under this heading in the question. The pharmacy at the Medical Centre returned scores of 9.3 and 8.5 for importance and quality.

Two specific actions for inclusion in the Parish Plan have come from the consultations: the relatively low score of 7.5 for quality of 'Other NHS Services' is to be investigated further; and it is suggested that a Parish Council (with relevant agencies) look further at support services for vulnerable residents.



Topic Area : Services

Housing

A previous section 'The Present Community' has summarised the settlement characteristics and locations within the community. The owner/occupier level is c. 90%. The 2001 Census electoral ward statistics showed:

954 household spaces, of which
 924 were unshared houses or bungalows, comprised of
 518 detached houses or bungalows (54%)
 346 semi-detached houses or bungalows (36%)
 60 terraced dwellings
with 26 flats/maisonettes
and 4 mobile or temporary dwellings

Of the 954 household spaces (at that time) there were
 937 occupied and
 17 unoccupied, of which
 3 were holiday or second homes
 14 were vacant household spaces

Northwood is not unique in that it remains under pressure for development. It is seen as a desirable place to reside, with a high-quality housing stock. Property prices reflect the demand / availability ratio. Recent development (the last 10 years) has been contained in small scale 'infill' and replacement schemes, building two or more dwellings on a site previously occupied by one, sometimes attached. This latter approach can seriously damage street scenes, but current planning guidance can do little to resist this as gardens are classed as 'brown-field' sites. Affordable housing is essentially served by the rented sector.

The questionnaire returns clearly demonstrated opposition to use of green-field sites for new development - 81% against. Within the options defined, the most favoured location for new development was on land used for employment purposes - 61% agreed: this was clearly considered the 'least worst' choice of the five options given. Amongst other general comments from consultations were: 'less density within planning' (Eco Day); 'bad housing' (not defined further - Camera Project - 19 points); 'retention of open, green land' (Planning for Real® - 8 mentions); and 'excessive development' (Parish Plan exhibition - 2 votes).

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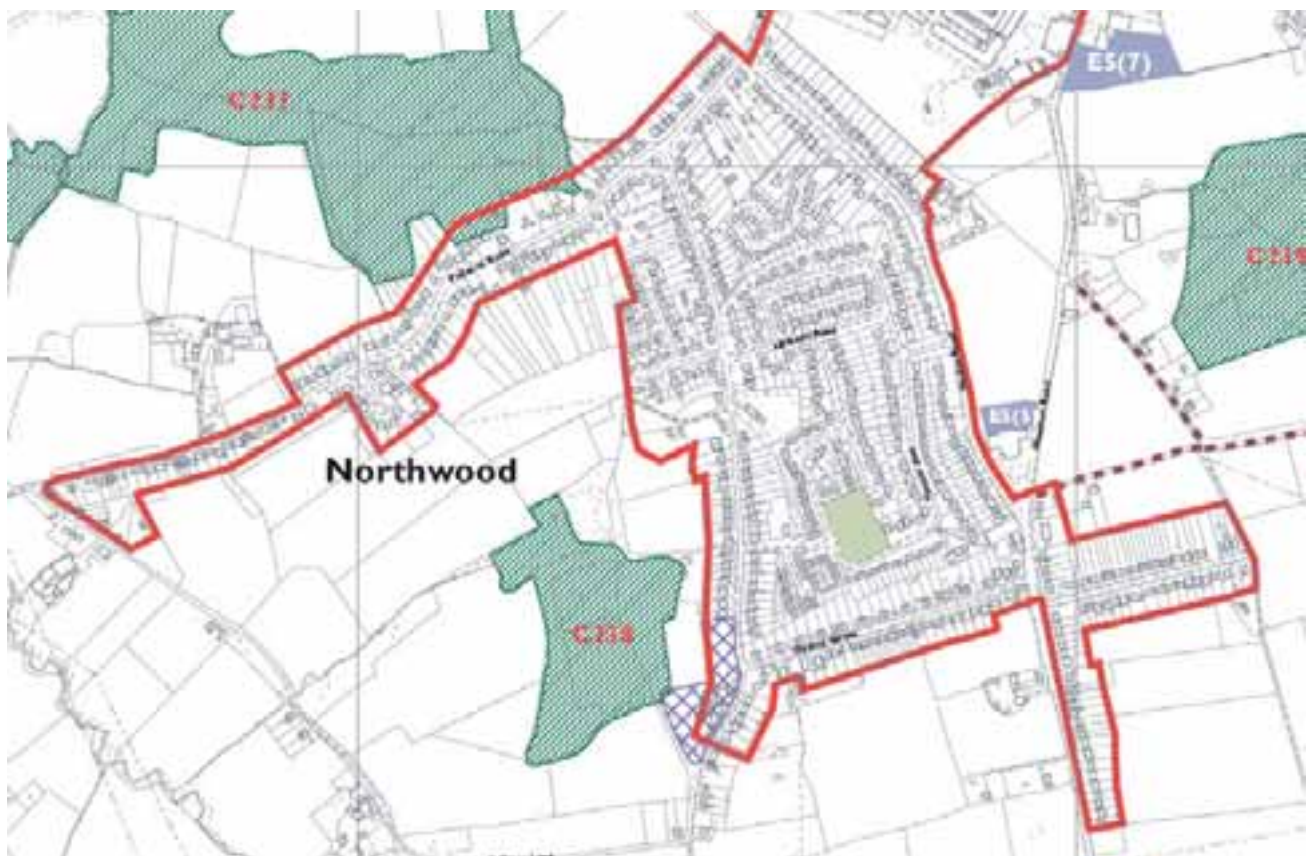
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Further 'Executive-Style or Second Homes' were disapproved of by 88% of questionnaire respondents; 83% supported 'Affordable Housing and Starter Homes' and 72% 'Sheltered Housing'.

Within any new development 'Good Design' was considered of highest importance (98% support). 'Affordability', although the lowest supported of the four options given, still received 91% support. This is not inconsistent with the types of housing receiving greatest support.

Respondents considered that any developer contribution to infrastructure improvement should go to highways / footways.

There are some clear messages coming through which are captured in the Parish Action Plan: to resist development on green-field sites i.e. outside the UDP (Unitary Development Plan) boundary; and to support (and resist) specific factors when faced with further new development. It may be appropriate to undertake a Housing Needs Survey.



Extract from UDP Map : Central Northwood Development Boundary

Topic Area : Services

Public Transport

Some 2001 Census information: 16% of households in Northwood had no vehicle; there were 1189 vehicles in the ward; 884 residents worked other than at home, of whom 5% used public transport to get to work, 10% walked and 77% drove or were a passenger in/on a private vehicle. 94% of people travelling to work had a journey of less than 20km.

Northwood is one of the best-served areas on the Island for public transport. Recent changes have resulted in a bus service along the main arteries to Cowes and Newport with a service frequency varying from 8/hour in each direction (at most times on weekdays and Saturdays) to 4/hour in 'shoulder' periods and Sundays. Through Friday and Saturday 'nights' a service runs until 4 a.m. at 1 bus/hour. This main service links Northwood within minutes to all the retail and medical facilities in Cowes and Newport, including the hospital. Less frequent services connect Northwood with Gurnard, Newtown and Yarmouth.

Services in the main are provided by Southern Vectis; some subsidiary services are run by Wightbus. Free travel is available to all residents aged over 60 at all times: this concession has increased passenger numbers beyond forecasts! Student fares are now subsidised.

Voluntary car schemes, Dial-a-Bus and taxi services are all easily accessible to the community.

Despite the relatively low percentage of the population reliant mainly on public transport, only 12% of respondents to the questionnaire disagreed that bus shelters should be supported by the new Parish Council. However, 18% disagreed that developers should contribute to improvements in public transport. The Camera Project secured 30 points for 'local access' as a 'Like' about Northwood, the second most popular choice.

No specific actions have been included in the Parish Action Plan at this time. Other than ensuring that the service provision is maintained into the future, there appears to be little of concern.



Refuse Collection, Recycling, Street Cleansing and Lighting, Sundry Public Services

Refuse collection remains weekly, with a coincident, fortnightly, kerbside recycling collection. A recycling bank is located in the Horseshoe Inn car park.

A metal recycling business is located within the community.

Only the outlying roads in the community have no street lighting at all. All other roads have street lighting to an intermediate or high level.

Mechanised street cleansing and weed control occurs on an infrequent basis.

Postal collection boxes are numerous. There are two public phone kiosks.

Litter bins are provided at various locations. Dog waste bins are provided at eight locations, funded jointly by the IW Council (5) and the Village Management Committee (3). Provision of this facility costs c. £1700 total per year currently.

The electoral ward encompasses two cemeteries; the main local, municipal cemetery for Cowes and the 'closed' churchyard at St. John the Baptist church.

Questionnaire responses for these services were as follows:

- Refuse Collection 9.8 for importance and 9.0 for quality
- Street Cleansing 9.0 and 7.0 respectively
- Street lighting 9.1 and 8.0 respectively
- Recycling 9.2 and 7.5 respectively

Litter bins were 6th priority for the new Parish Council (93% for)

Dog bins were 7th priority (also 93% for)

Dog mess was mentioned at the Parish Plan Exhibition (3 times), through the Camera Project ('dislike' - 16 points - 4th priority), and via Planning for Real® (12 mentions). Dog mess is one of the two topics guaranteed to generate debate!

The Parish Action Plan includes actions to address the relative dissatisfaction with street cleansing and recycling; and reviews the continuing provision of dog waste bins.

Topic Area : Economic

Employment

57% of the resident population of Northwood were of working age (2001 Census). Of the working age residents, 79% were economically active and 21% inactive. The unemployment rate was 5%: at this time the Island unemployment rate was 6.4%.

The ward includes around sixty businesses within its boundary:

- A large radar and systems integration business - BAE Systems - employing 450 personnel plus a number engaged in outsourced activities / contracting
- A medical centre
- A scrap metal recycler
- Approximately 35 SMEs (Small-to-Medium Enterprises) on Somerton Industrial Estate
- Approximately 12 small businesses on Northwood Business Park
- A number of small farms
- A caravan and camping site
- A number of small businesses run from home
- Retail businesses examined in another section of the Plan

It is estimated that only 10-20% of the workplace population in the ward live in the ward i.e. 80-90% travel into our community to work. Most people who work in Northwood live elsewhere, and most people who live in Northwood work elsewhere.

Care must be taken when drawing conclusions from the Business Questionnaires responses. Within the small sample returned, not all answers were completed.

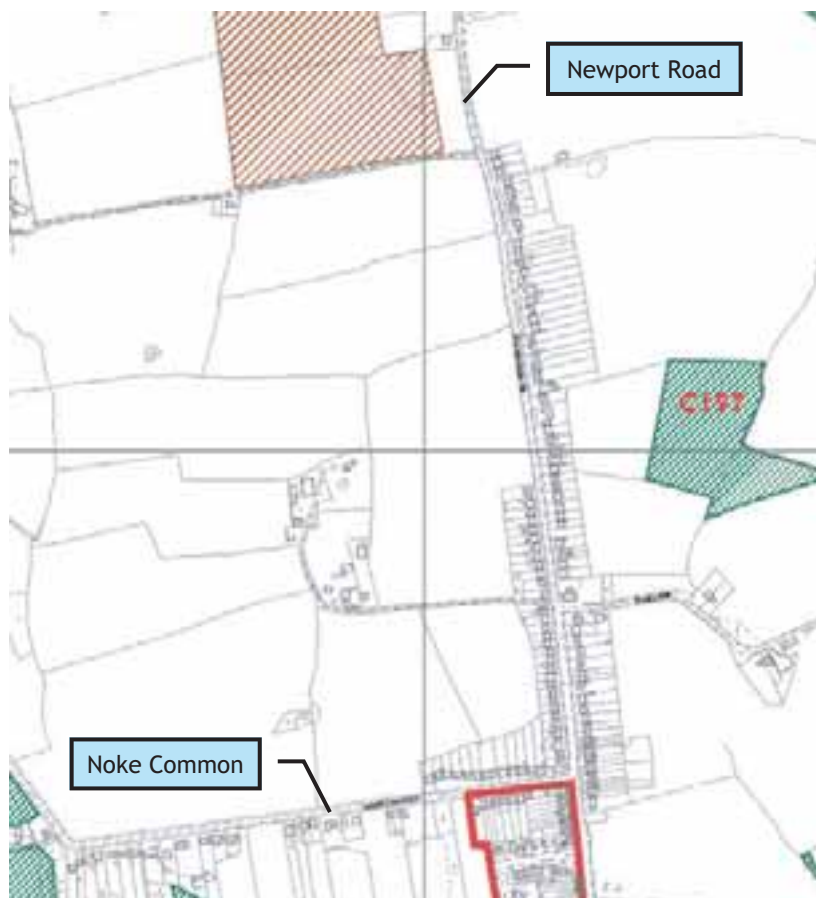
- 63% of business respondents experienced no shortage of skilled labour
- 73% considered their workforce adequately trained
- 67% saw some advantages being located in Northwood
- 38% saw some disadvantages being located in Northwood
- 67% did not consider IW Council actions to assist them were needed
- 88% saw no advantage in meeting with a new Parish Council
- 56% said they would or might sponsor local projects

Employment...

Advantages for businesses being located in Northwood included: access to whole Island; space; and close links to Cowes (marine-based). Disadvantages included: traffic to Newport; accessibility for visitors; and further from ferry ports.

As the workplace population may contribute significantly to the local economy, and as the workplaces themselves have a considerable environmental impact (visual, traffic, hazards etc.), it could be considered important that the new Parish Council strives to 'build bridges', despite the perception from the businesses. There are surely some mutual benefits to be had for the community, school, local retailers and so on.

The only action included in the Parish Action Plan at this time seeks to establish better relationships with local businesses.



Further extract from UDP Map : Northwood - Parkhurst Area

Topic Area : Economic

Retail Services

Northwood has the following retail services:

- Three shops selling food, one of which contains a sub-Post Office and one of which is a newsagent with delivery service
- One retail/ wholesale seafood business
- One chemist / pharmacy (within Cowes Medical Centre)
- Three garages, one of which has a major car sales business and petrol station
- One hairdresser
- Two public houses, already detailed

Access to all retail facilities in Cowes and Newport is good. We have no data on where the community spends its money, locally or elsewhere!

The questionnaire results on our retail services were:

Business	Importance to Village (out of 10)	Quality of Service (out of 10)
Pharmacy, Cowes Medical Centre	9.3	8.5
Co-operative Store	8.6	7.1
Horseshoe Inn	7.3	6.6
Northwood Garage	8.2	8.2
Northwood Stores	9.3	9.1
Pallance Road Post Office	9.5	8.0
Phillips Fine Foods	6.5	7.1
The Traveller's Joy	8.0	7.9

From these results, the level of support for our two smaller shops is apparent. The Co-op is also valued but possibly needed, at the time of the survey, to look to its quality of service. The Camera Project accrued 17 points (4th highest 'like' about Northwood) for our shops, the Parish Plan exhibition a further 2 comments in their favour.

The Parish Plan contains actions to ensure the continuing viability and prosperity of all our local retail services.

Topic Area : Land and Environment

Built Environment

Northwood includes residential and significant non-residential built environment. Some areas are relatively urban, others quite the opposite. Earliest residences are Georgian, with Victorian and Edwardian properties comprising most of the balance of the housing stock until the post-WWII developments, concentrated in the 1960s to 1980s, altered the community hugely. Pressures for development and the current community views have been captured in earlier sections of this plan. Creeping urbanisation is a threat. A Village Design Statement may be helpful to tackle issues on the built environment.

Landscape, Wildlife and Natural Habitats

The whole of the River Medina is designated a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and a SPA (Special Protection Area) for birds.

Within its boundaries Northwood is blessed with many beautiful areas of woodland, and although all are in private ownership with no access to the public, many are bordered by public footpaths. Most are designated as Ancient Woodland. Many contain protected animal and plant species, and as such attract protective legislation regardless of ownership, and are known as Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). Comprehensive information on local flora and fauna is carried on the community website (www.northwoodvillage.org.uk).

Open vistas are evident in many locations in the community; the school must surely have one of the finest possible! Designation of one open area as a Village Green has been applied for.

Actions for the Parish Plan arising in both these topics are detailed in earlier sections of this document.



Topic Area : Land and Environment

Historic Sites and Heritage Features

Northwood has one Grade I Listed Building - the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist. There are several Grade II Listed Buildings, including Hope Cottage and Fryers Cottage, Tara House, Pallance Farmhouse, Wyatts Cottage, Barleyfield Cottage and buildings at Chawton Farm.

St. John The Baptist Church was a chapel of ease in the Carisbrooke Parish until the reign of Henry VIII when it obtained parochial privileges. The building is mostly 12thC and 13thC with some Victorian 'improvements' and repairs being made in 1864. Most of this restoration was financed by Miss Emma Ward. In 1874 the church bell was hung.

The Old Rectory (Tara House) was renovated and enlarged in 1736 by a very rich Rector, Dr. Thomas Troughear - a man connected by marriage to many of the landed families on the Island - but by the end of the 19thC the curate ran a boarding school in the house to supplement his stipend. The church sold the glebe lands surrounding the old Rectory to neighbouring farms in 1918 and finally sold the old Rectory itself in 1953, building the new Rectory in Chawton Lane as a replacement.

In 1855 the school was built in Wyatts Lane on land bequeathed by the Miss Ward sisters.

A certificate was issued in 1777 for a Dissenters' Meeting House and James Day built a Presbyterian chapel.

In 1837 Trustees were appointed for the Independent chapel built at Marks Corner on land purchased in 1806 by James Flux and James Clarke.

1880 the old Wesleyan chapel was deemed insufficient to meet the increase in Wesleyan Methodism in the area and a new chapel and school room were build just below the old one in Tinkers Lane (Pallance Road). This new one could accommodate 130 people. It is now a private residence.

From modest industrial beginnings with, for example, a blacksmith next to the Horseshoe in the 1820s, this part of the Island became a major source of industrial employment. In 1919 Somerton Works was sold to a manufacturer of motor scooters, in 1927 it was leased to the Vectis Bus Company and in 1935 it re-opened and was re-equipped for the manufacture of aircraft components. Somerton Works finally closed in 1966. The old J S White's sports ground was at Somerton.

Decca opened in Northwood in 1959 before becoming Plessey and going through several name changes until the current BAE Systems.

There were several brickyards in the parish including those at Medham (which was in existence in 1772), Werrar (which was then in the Parish and was pre-1884), Wyatts Lane and Marks Corner.

In 1513 there was a hospital in Northwood. A confraternity called the Brothers and Sisters of St. John the Baptist was founded near Northwood Church about 1513 and was dissolved in 1536. The building housing the confraternity, later known as Church House, was still standing in 1690 and was near St. John's church.

Topic Area : Land and Environment

In 1727 and predating the one at St. Mary's, one of the earliest work houses in the country, instigated by the Revd. Thomas Troughear, was opened near the church. This supplied apprentice labour to many of the local farmers - and also the Rector himself to work his glebe land.

Land was purchased for a cemetery in 1855 (in Newport Road), with two thirds consecrated and one third unconsecrated.

Despite a rich and diverse heritage, which is probably unknown to much of the present community, Northwood has little 'tourism' and visitors are usually to the church.

Whether these assets could be better exploited in the future, even by way of a local history for instance, might be worth pursuing: many such local histories have been enthusiastically supported elsewhere on the Island. A general action is included in the Parish Plan to consider better publicising aspects of our community.



Topic Area : Land and Environment

Traffic Speed and Volume

Northwood has much through road traffic, being on the main routes between Newport and Cowes. Pallance Road is also a main route from Cowes to the Porchfield vicinity. Many of the rural roads within Northwood do not have pavements and are regularly used for equestrian movements, both of which have safety implications.

Vehicle ownership within Northwood is relatively high due to accessibility needs, generally adequate parking facilities and socio-economic factors. Pallance Lane has recently acquired a traffic-calming, priority pinch-point as part of a footway instatement.

Northwood Primary School generates significant traffic flows and parking demands around school drop-off and pick-up times. The non-resident workforce population and commuting traffic between Cowes and Newport create significant 'rush hours' twice a day.

Community consultation has identified desires to improve road safety, particularly along Pallance Road, Wyatts Lane. A traffic calming scheme covering most of Pallance Road is anticipated later in 2007, following a consultation session held earlier in the year. There is also a desire to have less illegal or inconsiderate parking within Northwood. Enforcement of parking regulations has recently transferred to the Isle of Wight Council, and it remains to be seen whether the illegal element is addressed.

Transport featured highly in all the consultation exercises. The Camera Project respondents identified traffic 'crime' (notably speeding and bad parking) as their greatest 'dislike'. In the 'Crime Prevention' section of the questionnaire, residents did **not** consider Speed Enforcement to be one of the top priorities. In roads to be prioritised for 'Traffic Calming/ Speed Reduction Measures', Wyatts Lane (93.0%), Pallance Road (91.8%) and Pallance Lane (80.4%) were given highest priorities.

In the Planning for Real® Exhibition, Transport was the second most contentious subject with 66 comments: 21 comments related to speeding; 14 comments related to parking issues; and 8 comments related to bus service Issues. The 'Safer Communities' meeting agreed that the top priority was to take action against speeding motorists (31 votes).

The top priorities for Highway Improvements within the questionnaire were 'Better Road Surfaces' (99.0%), 'Safer Pedestrian Access' (97.3%), 'Speed Warning Indicators' (91.2%). In the Developer Contribution section of the questionnaire, 'Highway and Footway Improvements' was the top priority (99.0% agreeing).

The various traffic speed and volume priorities have been reflected in the Parish Action Plan.

The Next Steps

- Publication of this plan is only a beginning! The plan will be submitted to the Village Management Committee and the Northwood Community Partnership for their consideration and hopefully their endorsement.
- Many of the proposed actions have implications and timescales stretching beyond April /May 2008, when the current Village Management Committee will be succeeded (if all continues on programme) by an elected and fully constituted Parish Council.
- The new Parish Council will need to take an independent view of the Parish Plan and decide for itself whether to endorse it; or whether to seek its revision.
- Consideration may also need to be given to the consequences - if any - arising from changes to the boundary of the electoral ward once the Boundary Commission decision is known.
- The Plan will be submitted to the IW Council for adoption as soon as is practicable.
- The implementation of the Plan, if endorsed, will be monitored by the Village Management Committee (followed by the new Parish Council) and the Northwood Community Partnership. Continuity of monitoring and 'ownership' will hopefully not be a problem over the next 12 - 18 months.
- The Parish Plan is a snapshot in time; and it is only as good as we have been able to make it from the processes and participation to date.
- The Parish Plan is a document which needs to be regularly reviewed and revised as necessary as the community evolves. When it might be revised, either partially or fully, is not established.
- Much has been learnt over the last twelve months. Were we to do it again, we would definitely change **some** things!
- Should you wish to assist next time around, in whatever capacity, your support would undoubtedly be welcomed. It has fallen to a perilously few individuals to keep going this first time around!



The Following Pages are The Parish Plan ‘Action Sheets’

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Aim 5

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Each **AIM** is addressed via a **set** of contributory **ACTIONS**

NVMC	=	Northwood Village Management Committee
PC	=	Parish Council
NCP	=	Northwood Community Partnership
IWC	=	Isle of Wight Council
H, M, L	=	High, Medium, Low (Priority)
TBD	=	To be determined
iaaw	=	in accordance with

The Parish Plan Aim 1

Preserve and Enhance the Characteristics Our Community Values

Proposed Actions	How It Will Be Tackled	Priority	Responsibility (Lead and Partners)	Timescale	Monitoring Responsibility	Resource Implications
Promote and support development OTHER than on green-field sites	Adoption of Parish Plan as SPG (?) Monitor LDF Scrutinise all planning applications	H	VMC/PC + IWC	Ongoing	VMC/PC	None
Promote features identified as important in any proposed development: good design; developer contributions to highways & footways; energy conservation	Scrutinise all planning applications - comment i.a.w. criteria on left	H	VMC/PC + IWC	Ongoing	VMC/PC	None
Promote and support development of OTHER than 'executive-style' housing or (obvious) 'second' homes	Adoption of Parish Plan as SPG (?) Scrutinise all planning applications - comment i.a.w. criteria on left	H	VMC/PC + IWC	Ongoing	VMC/PC	None
Promote and support OTHER than 'large-scale' developments	As above. Monitor LDF as it evolves for possible changes to development envelope	H	VMC/PC + IWC	Ongoing	VMC/PC	None
Consider and investigate creation of small-scale, affordable and/or sheltered housing	Further discussion PC with relevant agencies - assumes PC formed May 2008	L	PC	May 2008 earliest start	PC	None to discuss Implications TBD
Consider creating a Village Design Statement and how it might assist in combating creeping urbanisation	Further discussion VMC/PC Identify benefits/costs etc.	M	VMC/PC	By end Dec 2008	VMC/PC	None to discuss Support costs TBD
Consider undertaking a Housing Needs Survey	As above, with IWRCC	M	VMC + IWRCC	By end Dec 2007	VMC	None to discuss Support costs TBD
Monitor the evolving Local Development Framework (LDF)	Establish regular update/briefing	M	VMC/PC + IWC	Ongoing	VMC/PC	None
Investigate the benefits of creating - and support for - a 'Village Trail'	Further discussions VMC/NCP	M	NCP	By end Feb 2008	NCP	None to discuss TBD to implement
Monitor and support as necessary the current application for a 'Village Green'	Maintain visibility of application with IWC	M	VMC/PC	Ongoing	VMC/PC	None
Continue to support and publicise 'Northwood in Bloom' and similar initiatives	Ensure NCP funded and publicise as necessary	H	NCP + VMC/PC	Ongoing	NCP	Little in addition to current spends
Investigate possible locations for allotments	Schedule further discussions VMC in preparation for PC to act	M	VMC + NCP	By end Dec 2007	VMC + NCP	None to discuss TBD to implement

The Parish Plan Aim 2

Maintain and Enhance the Community's Facilities and Services

Proposed Actions	How It Will Be Tackled	Priority	Responsibility (Lead and Partners)	Timescale	Monitoring Responsibility	Resource Implications
Establish relationships with local businesses. Explore with them any means of assisting their long-term viability in our community	Further written + personal contact. Invite to meetings. Establish business forum?	M	PC	May 2008 earliest start	PC	Small initially: Admin + Meeting costs TBD
Determine any possible ways of supporting local retailers to ensure their continuing prosperity and viability	As above. Generate local retailer support plan.	H	VMC/PC	By end Dec 2008	VMC/PC	Minimal
Identify all possible actions to ensure community Post Office facilities remain available	Discussions with local PO and Royal Mail personnel re vulnerabilities etc. Generate support plan.	H	VMC	By end Dec 2007	VMC	Minimal If found vulnerable - TBD
Identify opportunities for securing long-term availability to community of WI Hall and Scout Hut; and for opportunities to enhance and exploit these facilities	Initially discussions with those responsible in the community for these facilities	M	VMC/PC	By end Jun 2008	VMC/PC	None initially
Investigate further and establish opportunities to improve IWC street cleansing service and recycling facilities	Try to quantify dissatisfaction Discuss necessary actions with IWC	M	VMC/PC	By end Jun 2007	VMC/PC	None
Review the provision and funding of dog waste bins in the community. Produce recommendation for the new Parish Council re. the 2008/9 provision of same	Schedule further discussion. Further consultation with community	H	VMC	For May 2008 start (assume PC)	VMC/PC	None 2007/8 2008/9 - TBD
Consider investigating relative dissatisfaction with 'Other NHS Services' & IWC Social Care and Support Services apparent in questionnaire returns	Schedule discussion - decide whether to quantify and pursue or not	L	VMC	By end Dec 2007	VMC	None
Consider value in generating a local 'services, organisations and history' guide for the community	Schedule NCP discussions	M	NCP	By end Dec 2007	NCP	TBD as part of cost/benefit analysis
Identify means of improving Royal Mail delivery service to community	Quantify and discuss with local Royal Mail management	M	VMC/PC	By end Jun 2008	VMC/PC	None
Consider further the role of the new Parish Council in supporting services for vulnerable residents	Schedule discussion. Advise PC of conclusions	L	VMC	By end Apr 2008	VMC	TBD if any action identified

The Parish Plan Aim 3

Address Community Concerns on Road Traffic Volumes, Speeds and Associated Safety Issues

Proposed Actions	How It Will Be Tackled	Priority	Responsibility (Lead and	Timescale	Monitoring Responsibility	Resource Implications
Identify and support actions to secure speed restriction enforcement and adherence	Further consultation with police and affected residents	H	VMC/PC + IWC Highways + Police	By end Jul 2008	VMC/PC	None
Monitor and support Pallance Road traffic calming measures: the working of the already-introduced phase and the balance of the scheme	Consultation with residents and police + IWC Highways	M	VMC/PC	Ongoing	VMC/PC	None
Identify further traffic calming and safety schemes, with Wyatts Lane as a priority area. Build on known issues within budget constraints to generate 'best fit' plan to implement	Consultation with police + IWC Highways.	M	VMC/PC + IWC Highways + Police	By end Dec 2008	VMC/PC	None
Identify areas where road surfacing is sub-standard and attempt to secure repair	Consolidate local knowledge and approach IWC Highways	L	VMC/PC + NCP + IWC Highways	Ongoing	VMC/PC	None
Identify areas where cycle route, footpath and pavement surfaces are sub-standard and attempt to secure repair	Consolidate local knowledge and approach IWC Highways / Rights of Way	L	VMC/PC+ NCP + IWC Highways	Ongoing	NCP	None

The Parish Plan Aim 4

Address Community Concerns on Neighbourhood Crime and Safety

Proposed Actions	How It Will Be Tackled	Priority	Responsibility (Lead and	Timescale	Monitoring Responsibility	Resource Implications
Support current 'Neighbourhood Watch' and 'No Cold Calling' initiatives. Monitor their effectiveness and identify opportunities to improve further.	Liaison with NCP and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator	H	NCP + Neighbourhood Watch	Ongoing	NCP + VMC/PC	None initially Enhancements - TBD
Work with community Police and PCSO (and other agencies as appropriate) to monitor and address the current issues of concern: vandalism, graffiti and youth behaviour	Continue close, regular liaison with community PO and PCSO. Agree rolling actions. Monitor outcomes	H	VMC/PC+ Police + Neighbourhood Watch	Ongoing	VMC/PC	None initially
Discuss further with Police and PCSO the community crime priorities of 'theft/burglary' and 'violence'. Identify any actions to address	Discussions with police and PCSO	H	VMC/PC	Ongoing	VMC/PC	None
Consider ways of better enlisting and informing the community on matters of crime and safety	As above. Regular publication of statistics etc.	M	NCP VMC to support	Ongoing	VMC/PC	TBD once approach agreed

The Parish Plan Aim 5

Review and Improve Facilities and Services for Young People in Our Community

Proposed Actions	How It Will Be Tackled	Priority	Responsibility (Lead and	Timescale	Monitoring Responsibility	Resource Implications
Support and improve the Venner Avenue play area	Identify actions and funding to improve ground and facilities	H	VMC/PC + NCP + Police	Upgrade plan by Dec 2007	VMC/PC	Within funding to be secured
Undertake with other agencies as necessary a fuller survey to identify the concerns and wishes of younger members of the community	Work with local schools and youth groups to quantify against good cross-section	M	VMC/PC + PCSO + IWC Youth Service	By end Dec 2007	VMC/PC	Minimal
Consider, if suggested, the establishment of a Youth Forum for the community and how this might work with other community groups	Identify ways of implementing and monitoring	M	VMC/PC + NCP + PCSO	By Feb 2008	VMC/PC	Minimal
Consider, if suggested, the establishment of a meeting place for the 12+ age group	Identify options to implement: location/resources/funding	M	VMC/PC + NCP + PCSO + IWC	By Apr 2008	VMC/PC	TBD

Sustainability

The current Parish Plan has been reviewed against a 'sustainability' check list as below. The points where we need to give further thought are evident.

Topic	Action	Yes/No?
Community Participation	Give encouragement to local action and decision making	Yes
	Involve all our community in developing the plan, including under-represented groups	Yes
	Promote local distinctiveness	Yes
Economy and Work	Link local production with local consumption	No
	Encourage access to a diverse range of employment / training opportunities	No
	Improve environmental awareness of local businesses	Yes
Transport	Encourage walking and cycling	Yes
	Encourage use of public transport / car sharing	No
	Discourage use of cars / lorries	No
Pollution	Reduce local pollution e.g. noise, air, water, land pollution	Maybe
Energy	Maximise energy efficiency	No
	Consider energy from renewable resources / local generation	No
Waste and Resources	Reduce waste	No
	Encourage reuse and repair	No
	Encourage recycling or use recycled products	Yes
Buildings and Land Use	Provide local amenities, including access to culture and recreation	Yes
	Improve access for the disabled	Maybe
Health and Safety	Promote good health and ensures access to primary care for all	Yes
	Encourage a safe community for all	Yes
Wildlife and Open Spaces	Encourage the use of open space for community benefit	Yes
	Encourage natural plant and animal life	Yes

The Following Pages are the Appendix

- **Questionnaire Data and Analysis - 3 sheets**
- **Quotations from Returned Questionnaire - 1 sheet**
- **Community Organisations and Contacts - 2 sheets**
- **Acknowledgements - 2 sheets**

Appendix – Questionnaire Data 1

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SECTION 1D

Services that are felt to be a priority for new Parish Council?

	VSA	SA	A	D	SD	VSD	Total	VSA%	SA%	A%	D%	SD%	VSD%	Total % Agree	Total % Disagree
Addnl Public Transport	51	46	126	47	2	3	275	18.5	16.7	45.8	17.1	0.7	1.1	81.1	18.9
Adult Learning	17	26	146	51	3	2	245	6.9	10.6	59.6	20.8	1.2	0.8	77.1	22.9
Affordable Housing	49	51	115	39	11	9	274	17.9	18.6	42.0	14.2	4.0	3.3	78.5	21.5
Bus Shelters	31	71	149	28	2	4	285	10.9	24.9	52.3	9.8	0.7	1.4	88.1	11.9
Children's Play Facilities	54	71	140	16	1	0	282	19.1	25.2	49.6	5.7	0.4	0.0	94.0	6.0
New Litter Bins	68	79	127	17	2	2	295	23.1	26.8	43.1	5.8	0.7	0.7	92.9	7.1
Neighbourhood Watch	137	84	85	5	0	0	311	44.1	27.0	27.3	1.6	0.0	0.0	98.4	1.6
New Dog Bins	74	93	107	15	2	5	296	25.0	31.4	36.1	5.1	0.7	1.7	92.6	7.4
Northwood in Bloom	55	89	157	13	2	1	317	17.4	28.1	49.5	4.1	0.6	0.3	95.0	5.0
Public Footpaths Etc	85	99	113	6	0	1	304	28.0	32.6	37.2	2.0	0.0	0.3	97.7	2.3
Support Services for Vulnerable	107	96	86	6	1	0	296	36.1	32.4	29.1	2.0	0.3	0.0	97.6	2.4

SECTION 2

Highway Improvements and safety schemes supported?

	VSA	SA	A	D	SD	VSD	Total	VSA%	SA%	A%	D%	SD%	VSD%	Total % Agree	Total % Disagree
Existing + New 20MPH	117	72	59	43	3	8	302	38.7	23.8	19.5	14.2	1.0	2.6	82.1	17.9
Speed Warning Indicators	111	83	85	23	2	2	306	36.3	27.1	27.8	7.5	0.7	0.7	91.2	8.8
Safer Pedestrian Access	125	87	75	7	1	0	295	42.4	29.5	25.4	2.4	0.3	0.0	97.3	2.7
Greater Parking Enforcement	97	54	83	42	3	2	281	34.5	19.2	29.5	14.9	1.1	0.7	83.3	16.7
Extra Cycle Links	59	64	114	23	3	1	264	22.3	24.2	43.2	8.7	1.1	0.4	89.8	10.2
Better Road Surfaces	132	90	74	2	1	0	299	44.1	30.1	24.7	0.7	0.3	0.0	99.0	1.0

Roads Best Served by Traffic

Calming / Better Speeding Enforcement

	VSA	SA	A	D	SD	VSD	Total	VSA%	SA%	A%	D%	SD%	VSD%	Total % Agree	Total % Disagree
Hillis Gate	33	36	87	44	6	6	212	15.6	17.0	41.0	20.8	2.8	2.8	73.6	26.4
Newport Rd Somerton	53	35	69	55	8	7	227	23.3	15.4	30.4	24.2	3.5	3.1	69.2	30.8
Newport Rd (Showground/Garage)	56	39	57	67	9	11	239	23.4	16.3	23.8	28.0	3.8	4.6	63.6	36.4
Nodes Rd	57	47	73	51	5	9	242	23.6	19.4	30.2	21.1	2.1	3.7	73.1	26.9
Pallance Lane	60	56	81	35	7	6	245	24.5	22.9	33.1	14.3	2.9	2.4	80.4	19.6
Pallance Road	125	65	69	14	4	5	282	44.3	23.0	24.5	5.0	1.4	1.8	91.8	8.2
Wyatts Lane	122	67	75	13	3	4	284	43.0	23.6	26.4	4.6	1.1	1.4	93.0	7.0

SECTION 3

Crime Prevention - Police Priorities?

	VSA	SA	A	D	SD	VSD	Total	VSA%	SA%	A%	D%	SD%	VSD%	Total % Agree	Total % Disagree
Disorderly Behaviour	115	76	100	10	0	0	301	38.2	25.2	33.2	3.3	0.0	0.0	96.7	3.3
Graffiti and Vandalism	108	98	79	7	0	0	292	37.0	33.6	27.1	2.4	0.0	0.0	97.6	2.4
Indiscriminate Parking	81	55	95	33	3	0	267	30.3	20.6	35.6	12.4	1.1	0.0	86.5	13.5
Speed Enforcement	126	59	82	20	5	1	293	43.0	20.1	28.0	6.8	1.7	0.3	91.1	8.9
Theft and Burglaries	137	85	71	3	0	0	296	46.3	28.7	24.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	99.0	1.0
Violence	138	63	64	11	0	0	276	50.0	22.8	23.2	4.0	0.0	0.0	96.0	4.0

Appendix – Questionnaire Data 2

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SECTION 4

Importance in Any New Development?

	VSA	SA	A	D	SD	VSD	Total	VSA%	SA%	A%	D%	SD%	VSD%	Total	% Agree	% Disagree
Adequate Car Parking	159	81	62	7	0	3	312	51.0	26.0	19.9	2.2	0.0	1.0	96.8		3.2
Affordability	100	66	109	13	4	11	303	33.0	21.8	36.0	4.3	1.3	3.6	90.8		9.2
Energy Conservation	110	88	91	4	0	2	295	37.3	29.8	30.8	1.4	0.0	0.7	98.0		2.0
Good Design	109	109	70	3	0	2	293	37.2	37.2	23.9	1.0	0.0	0.7	98.3		1.7

Developer Contribution to ...?

	VSA	SA	A	D	SD	VSD	Total	VSA%	SA%	A%	D%	SD%	VSD%	Total	% Agree	% Disagree
Environmental Improvements	100	80	87	4	0	2	273	36.6	29.3	31.9	1.5	0.0	0.7	97.8		2.2
Highway/Footway	123	91	77	2	0	1	294	41.8	31.0	26.2	0.7	0.0	0.3	99.0		1.0
Drainage and Sewerage	144	62	73	11	0	3	293	49.1	21.2	24.9	3.8	0.0	1.0	95.2		4.8
Public Transport	51	64	98	40	4	3	260	19.6	24.6	37.7	15.4	1.5	1.2	81.9		18.1
Recreation Facilities	53	77	111	19	1	2	263	20.2	29.3	42.2	7.2	0.4	0.8	91.6		8.4
School Improvements	48	69	103	23	2	3	248	19.4	27.8	41.5	9.3	0.8	1.2	88.7		11.3

Importance Of.....

	VSA	SA	A	D	SD	VSD	Total	VSA%	SA%	A%	D%	SD%	VSD%	Total	% Agree	% Disagree
Affordable Housing & Starter Homes	81	57	114	35	1	14	302	26.8	18.9	37.7	11.6	0.3	4.6	83.4		16.6
Sheltered Housing	37	55	109	48	12	18	279	13.3	19.7	39.1	17.2	4.3	6.5	72.0		28.0
Executive / Second Homes	3	8	24	107	29	112	283	1.1	2.8	8.5	37.8	10.2	39.6	12.4		87.6

Preferred New Housing Location

	VSA	SA	A	D	SD	VSD	Total	VSA%	SA%	A%	D%	SD%	VSD%	Total	% Agree	% Disagree
On land used for existing employment	29	37	93	59	23	20	261	11.1	14.2	35.6	22.6	8.8	7.7	60.9		39.1
Adjoining existing housing	10	17	64	71	45	69	276	3.6	6.2	23.2	25.7	16.3	25.0	33.0		67.0
Replacing old homes / density increase	10	13	69	75	31	73	271	3.7	4.8	25.5	27.7	11.4	26.9	33.9		66.1
Green field site	12	8	33	61	40	121	275	4.4	2.9	12.0	22.2	14.5	44.0	19.3		80.7

Children's Survey

	VSA	SA	A	D	SD	VSD	Total	VSA%	SA%	A%	D%	SD%	VSD%	Total	% Agree	% Disagree
Youth Club / Meeting Place	2	1	6	0	0	0	9	22.2	11.1	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0		0.0
Extended Opening Hours at School	1	2	3	3	0	0	9	11.1	22.2	33.3	33.3	0.0	0.0	66.7		33.3
Better Playground Facilities	3	2	2	2	0	0	9	33.3	22.2	22.2	22.2	0.0	0.0	77.8		22.2
Youth Council?	3	1	3	2	0	0	9	33.3	11.1	33.3	22.2	0.0	0.0	77.8		22.2

Appendix - Questionnaire Data 3

All Scores Out Of 10

Services	Importance to Village	Percentage Answering	Quality of Service	Percentage Answering
Cowes Medical Centre	9.8	94.6	9.0	88.5
Other NHS Services	9.3	59.2	7.5	48.6
Northwood Church	8.4	72.8	8.5	46.8
Northwood Playgroup	9.2	53.2	9.1	25.7
Northwood School	9.6	65.9	9.5	41.1
Rpyal Mail Deliveries	9.5	95.5	7.6	94.6
IW Council - Refuse Collection	9.8	98.2	9.0	97.0
IW Council - Street Cleansing	9.0	89.7	7.0	86.4
IW Council - Social Care and Support	9.3	52.9	7.3	28.7
IW Council - Street Lighting	9.1	92.4	8.0	88.2
Recycling	9.2	89.4	7.5	83.1

Facilities	Importance to Village	Percentage Answering	Quality of Service	Percentage Answering
Northwood WI Hall	9.0	84.9	8.8	57.7
Northwood Scout Hut	8.9	72.2	8.5	42.0
Venner Avenue Park	8.8	68.6	7.3	43.5

Retailers	Importance to Village	Percentage Answering	Quality of Service	Percentage Answering
Pharmacy, Cowes Medical Centre	9.3	92.1	8.5	81.6
Somerton Co-operative Store	8.6	86.7	7.1	81.0
Horseshoe Inn	7.3	64.4	6.6	40.5
Northwood Garage	8.2	80.4	8.2	66.8
Northwood Stores	9.3	93.7	9.1	85.8
Pallance Road Post Office	9.5	92.4	8.0	83.7
Phillips Fine Foods	6.5	52.6	7.1	35.3
Traveller's Joy	8.0	65.9	7.9	48.3

Some Comments from the Returned Questionnaires...

We only rent a house in Northwood but would love to be able to buy.....

Too many repeat questions... Dog bins: people who use them should pay for them and the emptying...

Tidy up and complete long-standing building work in Pallance Road - a disgrace to the area and environment and an eyesore...

We don't seem to have playground facilities on the Island like the mainland .. Venner Avenue .. big site wasted... It is difficult to walk to Somerton School from Northwood: no safe road crossing...

Green lanes as in Jersey - reclaim our country lanes - impossible to walk safely down Cockleton Lane...

I think a Youth Club or meeting place for children would be a great asset...

Encourage residents to maintain boundaries to public highways...

Please do not forget the residents here in Somerton are part of Northwood...

The footpath from the village to the only local food store at Somerton is a disgrace especially in the wet and the situation could be remedied quite easily...

Very frustrated at the lack of dropped pavements in the area...

A large unacceptable number of children are roaming the area unsupervised and testing their ability to annoy and vandalise the community...

A halt to opportunistic builders who squeeze unsuitable new developments into minute spaces...

No more houses in Northwood - keep it a village, not a town...

Street lighting and cleaning: I pay for it but there is none where I live...

Too much a set of leading questions... Public footpaths to be cleaned by Council and not residents...

Traffic lights required for Medham Farm Lane (junction)....

Please consider variable speed limits in Wyatts Lane and Oxford Street - enforceable 20mph at school entry and exit times...

Too much congestion is caused by parents at school pick-up time by inconsiderate parking ... how would emergency services cope in Oxford Street at such times?

We moved to Northwood 4 years ago because of its beauty and typical IOW feeling: we don't want it to turn into a stereotype mainland village...

Want green waste from garden to go with other recycling - not to have to fork out for costly green sacks... Improve recycling.... Village planting always looks lovely...

More buses for Pallance Road - a long walk for some... Some more buses via Oxford St.- Wyatts Lane?

Newport Road - enforce 30mph zones... Nodes Road is a race track from 6am to late evening: crashes waiting to happen!

I would like to see a defined green belt area between Cowes and Northwood. The loss of Ronson's field to housing and industrial development was very regrettable...

Postal delivery: time of delivery varies tremendously... Parcels not delivered properly...

Community Organisations and Contacts

Northwood Women's Institute

Meetings are held on a monthly basis on the first Thursday of the month commencing at 2pm. in the Northwood W. I. Hall. There is usually a variety of speakers and participation in competitions. There are other events which take place on Thursdays including rambles and Art and Craft.

New members and visitors are always very welcome at the meetings. See Northwood News for details.

Medham Women's Institute

Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month commencing at 7pm. in the Northwood W. I. Hall. Speakers on a selection of subjects and competitions for entering usually take place at each meeting.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at the meetings. See Northwood News for details.

Northwood Floral Art Group

Monthly meetings are held at the Northwood W. I. Hall commencing at 7.30pm. at which visitors and new members are always welcome. Contact 01983 295416 for details.

Northwood Village Produce Association

Monthly meetings are held on the first Friday of the month at 7.30pm in the Northwood W. I. Hall. Each meeting usually consists of a speaker and a competition. A warm welcome is extended to visitors and new members at any meeting. Contact 01983 200452 for details.

Cowes Amateur Winemakers

Meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 8pm. In Cowes Community Hall, Northwood Park. Talks and various events including indoor games "Pub Style" are incorporated in the meetings. See Northwood News for details.

Medham Pond Wardens

A group of Medham Residents are qualified to take regular care of the pond and its surroundings. Contact 01983 289945 for details

Northwood Parent and Toddler Group

Meet at Northwood W. I. Hall on a Tuesday from 10am -11.45am (Term time only). Contact 01983 292208 for details.

Northwood Church

Full details of regular Sunday services and special services and events are in the Northwood News and on the village website. The Rector may be contacted on 01983 298370 and the Churchwardens on 01983 296958 / 01983 526385

Northwood Church Choir

If you are interested in joining the Church Choir, please contact 01983 296981. Everyone is welcome.

Vectis Ballet Dance School

Meet at Northwood W. I. Hall on Mondays from 4.45pm - 7pm. and Fridays from 3.30pm - 7pm (Term time) Contact 01983 292038 for details.

Cowes Radar Ex-Employees Association

Meet at Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes, on a monthly basis (alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays) at 2.30 pm. New members are very welcome. Contact 01983 298154 for details.

Scottish Dancing

The dancers meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month (not during the summer) at the Northwood W. I. Hall from 8pm to 10pm. Contact 01983 614993 for details.

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Community Organisations and Contacts (Continued)

Yoga Classes

Classes are held every Tuesday from 6pm to 7.30 pm in the Northwood W. I. Hall. Contact 01983 294203 for details.

Classes are also held on Monday evenings (during Term time) from 6 pm. at Northwood Primary School. Details obtainable from the School 01983 293392.

Fitness Tai- Chi

Classes are held every Thursday from 7pm to 9pm in the Northwood W. I. Hall. Contact 01983 527434 for details.

Army Cadet Corps

Meet on Wednesdays from 6pm to 10pm in Northwood W. I. Hall. Age from 11years. Contact 01983 533427 for details.

Keep Fit

Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6 pm at Northwood Primary School, for details contact 01983 293392.

Belly Dancing

Classes are held on Thursday evenings from 6 pm. at Northwood Primary School for details contact 01983 293392.

The Supporters of Northwood School (Northwood School PTA)

Northwood School's very active fundraising group contact 01983 293392 for details

Northwood Community Partnership

Meet on the third Tuesday of the month at Northwood Primary School at 6pm. The Northwood Community Partnership is a Sub-Committee of the Northwood Village Management Committee. All Residents are very welcome to attend any meetings. Contact 282242 for details.

Northwood In Bloom

The Northwood Gnomes are responsible for 'planting up' the village throughout the year, sponsored by several local groups and overseen by the Northwood Community Partnership. If you wish to join contact 01983 200452 for details

1st Northwood Scout Group

Beavers : Meet Monday from 5.45pm to 7pm. Age from 6years to 8 years (Exceptionally from 5 ½ years).

Cubs : Meet Friday from 6.45pm to 8.15pm. Age from 8 years to 10 ½ years.

Scouts : Meet on Mondays from 7.15pm to 9pm. Age from 10 ½ years.

All meetings are held at the Scout Headquarters, Wyatts Lane Northwood. Contact 01983 290088 for details.

2nd Northwood Brownies : Brownies is for Girls aged between 7 and 10 years.

Meetings are held on Wednesdays between 6pm and 7.30pm. at the Scout Headquarters, Wyatts Lane. Northwood. Contact 01983 521274 for details.

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