

DURRINGTON PARISH PLAN

2016 - 2026



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Parish Plans provide an opportunity for the community to state its views and provide information regarding how people feel about where they live. The end result should be a plan that reflects these views and an idea of when/how these things will happen.

Our Plan has been researched and developed over the past 11 months with a small committee made up of Town Councillors and members of the public, who have met on a monthly basis. The Plan builds on the work that was completed over the previous 10 years with the 2006-2016 Parish Plan and focusses on recent consultations and the Action Plans that have been drawn up. Historic information about Durrington is still available on the Town Council's website www.durringtontowncouncil.gov.uk under the History Page or in the original [Parish Plan 2006-2016](#).

The content of this Plan was drawn up following public consultation during November 2015, in the form of Wishing Trees that were placed in convenient places throughout the village for residents to annotate their likes and dislikes on specific topics (Roads and Infrastructure, Transport, Youth, Community and Communication and Recreation and Leisure). The response to the Wishing Trees was positive, with over 160 individual responses, many providing comments on similar likes or dislikes about the village. In addition to this, children from Durrington Junior School wrote in excess of 40 letters outlining their thoughts about the village. As a result of the initial consultation the committee drew up a questionnaire based on the responses and this was distributed to 2000 households in February 2016. Between April and July 2016, the committee entered all paper responses onto the Smart Survey website who hosted our online questionnaire. This enabled all responses to be reviewed and the data from them was analysed, with the results outlined over the following pages. Action Plans were also produced; these will be reviewed and updated every 2 years. Information from the Housing Needs Survey conducted in 2015 by Wiltshire Council has also been included in the results.

The Action Plans highlight what residents and the community can do to help make the Parish an enjoyable and safe place to live. It also provides the Town Council with options to consider for improvements, to assist in sustaining the Parish over the next 10 years. Some options may be quick and easy to establish, particularly if the community assists, whilst others may cost substantial amounts of money and will take considerable planning and authority to carry out. The Town Council's committees and representation at a number of local boards as well as the strong relationship with the local Wiltshire Councillor will enable viable options to be pursued. Funding lines will be considered, these may include grant submissions to various agencies, community fundraising and determining the Town Council budgets for future precepts.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the consultation process, your input is very much appreciated and will enable the Town Council to determine the priorities for the Parish based on what you the residents have said. Finally, thank you to the committee, this has been a long process and would not have been achieved without the support of our volunteers who have given up their time and effort over the past 11 months to put together a well-considered Plan from which the whole community should benefit.

The Town Council website www.durringtontowncouncil.gov.uk has a list of councillors and their roles and responsibilities; these are also displayed on our notice boards. Please do not hesitate to contact one of them if you have an issue. Alternatively contact the Town Clerk on 01980 654772 or email clerk@durringtontowncouncil.gov.uk, or call into the Town Council Office next to the Village Hall, High Street, Durrington, SP4 8AD.

S.M. Paines

Sue Paines – Chairman Durrington Town Council

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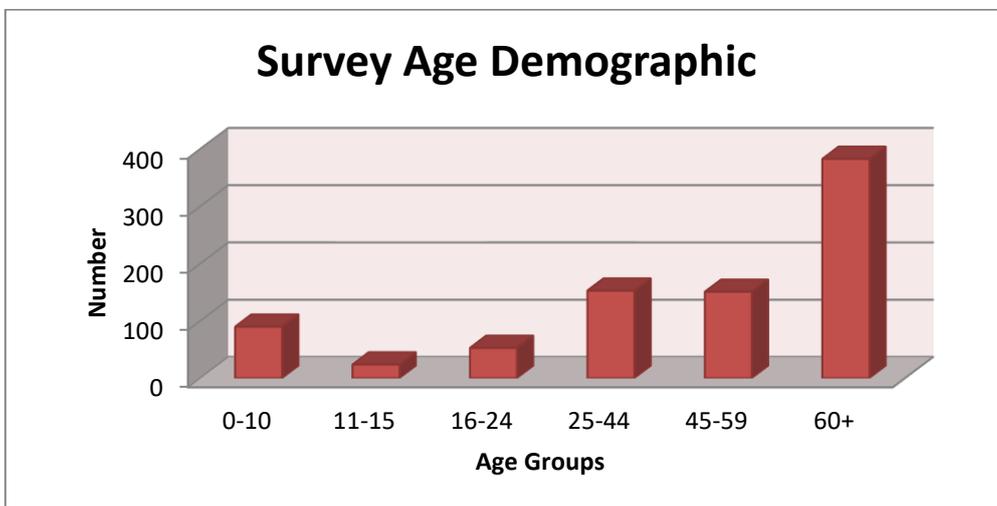
THE PARISH PLAN COMMITTEE



The Parish Plan Committee from left to right: Cllr Sharon Pick (Committee Chairman), Mrs Pauline Highman, Cllr Andy Lund, Mr John Rodell (MBE), Mr William Kingwell, Ms Becky Lock

POPULATION

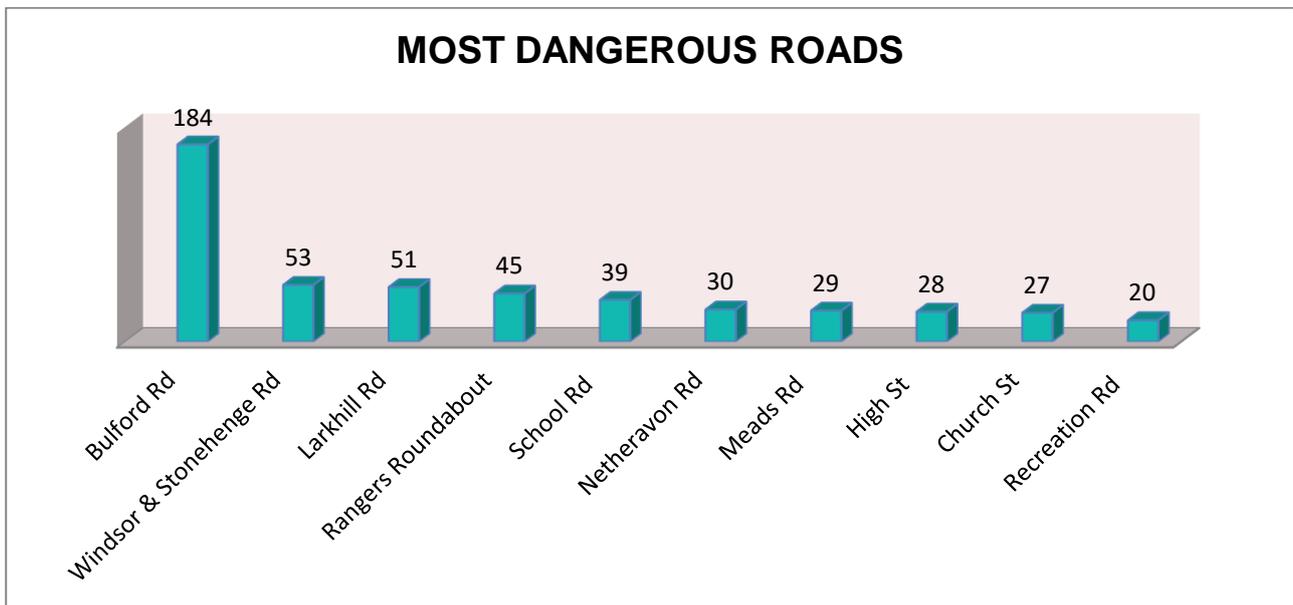
As of the 2011 Census conducted, the population of Durrington and Larkhill (including the Garrison area) was recorded at 7379, living in 2509 places of residence. From the 2000 questionnaires distributed, 387 households responded, which accounted for 854 residents in total. The breakdown of ages for responses is as follows:



ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

This is broken down into three main elements; roads, pavements and lighting.

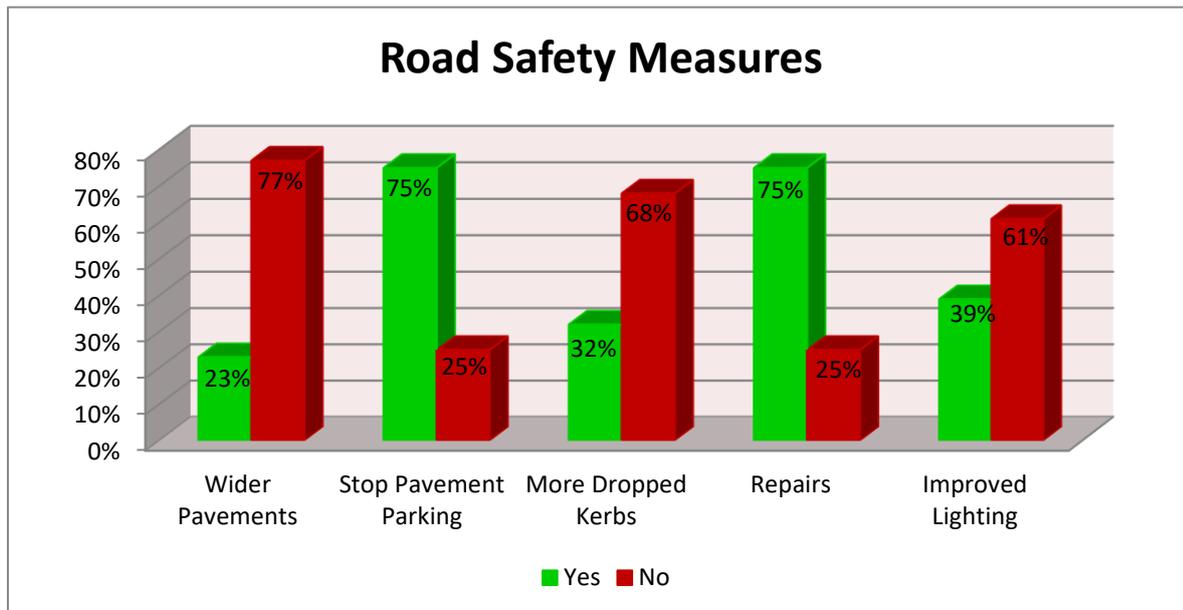
Some of the roads in Durrington are of particular concern to residents, 84% of respondents felt there were major danger spots in the Parish. Bulford Road was overwhelmingly deemed the most dangerous as seen in the chart below. Those who commented about Bulford Road stated that the roundabout at Rangers Garage/Tesco onto the Larkhill Road posed a threat due to the congestion of people waiting to enter the Esso Garage, Rangers Garage and Tesco's. Whilst exiting from Bulford Road onto the Larkhill Road was a concern due to the high board at the Esso Garage impairing the view of traffic down to the roundabout. Further down Bulford Road, concern was expressed about congestion and parking near to Recreation Road and Windsor Road. The parking caused issues with lack of visibility of oncoming traffic for those exiting from Recreation and Windsor Roads onto Bulford Road. Part of the issue on Bulford Road was linked to the excessively wide pavements and cars parking on the narrow road, inhibiting the flow of traffic.



When provided with various options to improve safety on our roads, 75% of respondents believed that preventing parking on pavements would improve safety, with the introduction of 20mph zones a close second.

Most of the roads have been established for many years and were not built to cater for the volume of traffic that they carry now. The flow of traffic is hampered by the amount of roadside parking on narrow streets, particularly during the school run times. Installing double yellow lines at specific points throughout the village to prevent parking is probably the most effective way of preventing parking in certain areas but parking restrictions are most effective if enforced. This would require the employment of a traffic warden/officer, which could be costly; there may be opportunities to train volunteers to conduct this role although over half of respondents suggested they would not want a traffic warden.

The following chart highlights the residents' opinions on road safety measures:



The Action Plan below provides some options to consider:

ACTION		REVIEW
Ser	What we can do as individuals	
1	Only park where it is legal to do so.	
2	Make good use of drives and garages for parking.	
3	Report habitual illegal parkers/speeders to 101 or local police.	
4	Be considerate of other road users.	
5	Reduce speed to what is appropriate rather than what is legal.	
6	Report potholes on the Wiltshire Fault Reporting App or to Town Council Office.	
7	Take photos of hazards and send to the Town Council Office.	
8	Use 20mph zones/20 is plenty signs on walls and waste bins.	
	What we can do as a community	
1	Join speed watch.	
2	Remind people who cause obstructions with parking.	
	What we can do as a Council	
1	Put reminders and requests into local publications.	
2	Consider parking enforcement options.	
3	Investigate traffic calming options.	
4	Explore the possibility of more zebra crossings.	
5	Discourage pavement parking with a wider distribution of leaflets.	
6	Explore the possibility of more double yellow lines.	
7	Re-paint existing double yellow lines.	
8	Work with the Esso garage to re-site signage.	
9	Consider re-siting roundabout signs on Larkhill Road.	

PAVEMENTS AND LIGHTING

Linked to the parking issue on the roads is also parking on the pavements, the majority of respondents (75%) believed that preventing pavement parking would assist in making the pavements safer to use, particularly for those less mobile, those using mobility scooters or pushchairs/prams. The same amount of respondents also thought that many pavements required repairing, particularly along Bulford Road, Meads Road and Windsor Road, as well as some of the alleyways and footpaths. Preventing pavement parking and better repair and maintenance of pavements would hopefully negate a need to investigate pavement widening in most parts of the village, as this would come at significant cost and have an impact on road users.

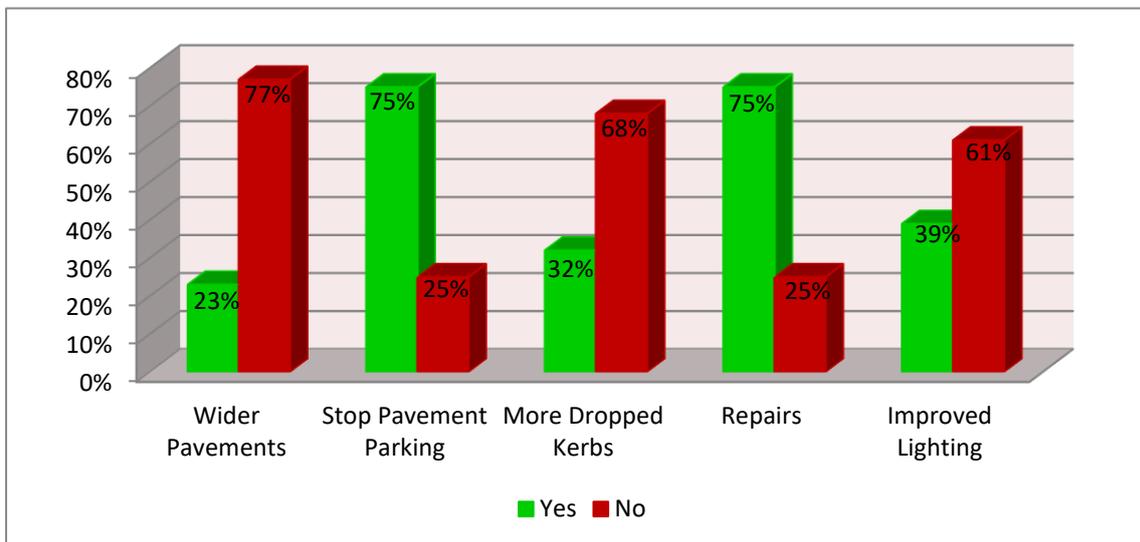
The Avonfields Estate was also highlighted in comments as an area of concern due to the narrow winding roads and vehicles therefore parking on the pavements. Letters have previously been sent to all residents on this estate requesting they make best use of garages and driveways for parking.

Wiltshire Council is responsible for repairing the pavements, potholes should be reported via the Wiltshire Fault Reporting App at the link below, or by calling 0300 4560100:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshireregister.htm

If you don't have access to the internet you can report pavement problems to the Town Council Office. Potholes have to meet a criteria/threshold for being repaired through Wiltshire Council, all reports are investigated and the decision whether to repair or not is provided through email confirmation to whoever reported the issue.

Respondents thought that uneven pavements were a danger particularly at night with limited lighting in certain areas, although only 38% thought there should be improvements to lighting, this was focussed on Bulford Road, Windsor Road, Larkhill Road, Meads Road and around the Marinas. Most of the roads commented on are where lighting exists only on one side of the road. As with potholes, lighting defects can be reported through the Wiltshire Council Fault Reporting App or via the Town Council if you don't have access to the internet.



Comments provided suggested that there was a concern about overgrown hedges, bushes and trees that were causing an obstruction to pavement users. This is an easy fix with the support of residents, ensuring they maintain their hedges, bushes and trees so they don't overhang onto the pavements. If you have concerns about specific overhang onto pavements or vehicles habitually causing an obstruction on pavements, please contact the Town Council Office. It holds flyers that can be posted to residents who cause obstructions on the pavement.

Other comments highlighted that litter and dog mess on the pavements was a concern. The Town Council already spends in excess of £10,000 per year on street cleaning/litter picking/dog bin

emptying. There are 25 dog waste bins around Durrington and Larkhill, mostly on our green/open spaces, whilst there are numerous litter bins around the Parish, these can also be used to dispose of bagged dog waste, and all are emptied regularly. Dog bags are available for purchase at the Town Council Office. The Town Council places regular notices in the Durrington and Larkhill Dispatch about Dog Walkers not picking up their dog waste, there are also posters around the Parish. The Town Council will review the location of the dog waste bins to ensure they are located in the best possible sites.

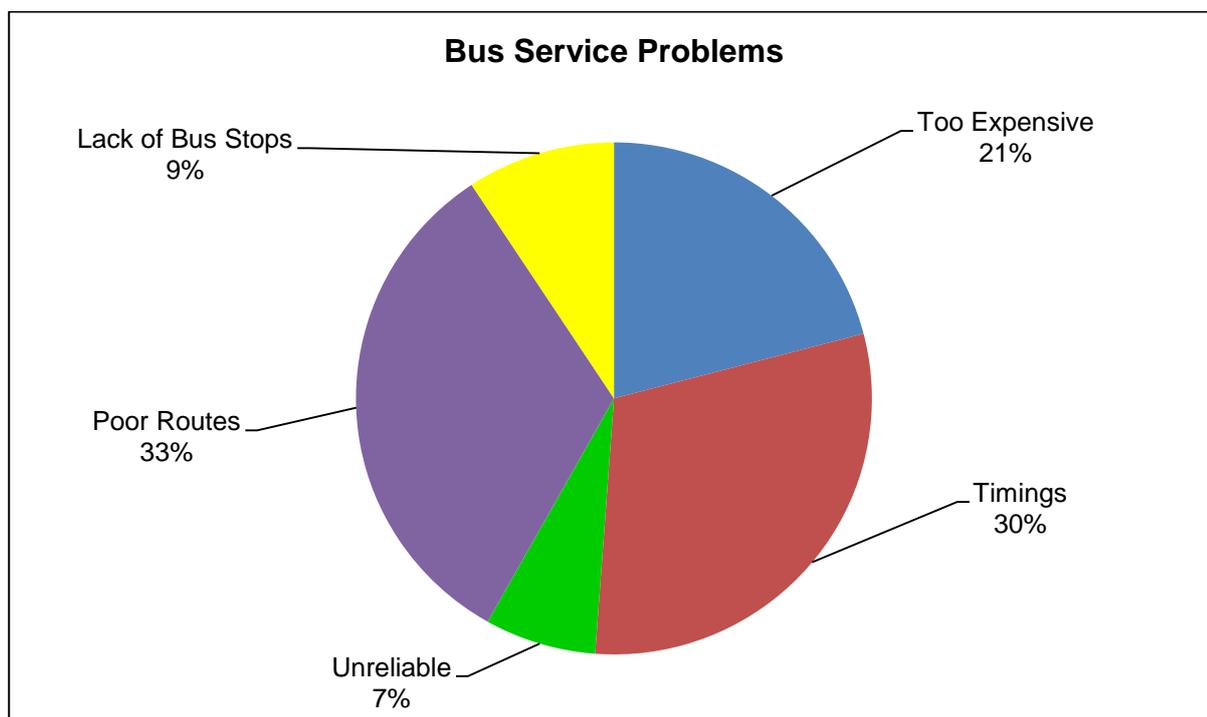
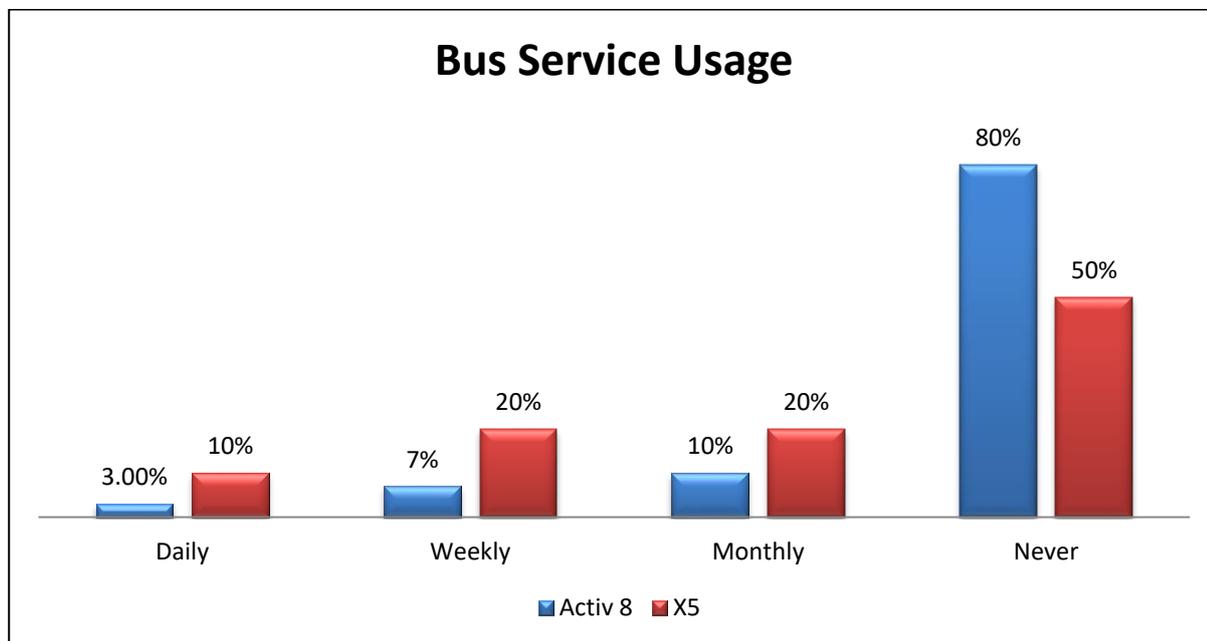
The Action Plan below provides some options to consider:

ACTION		REVIEW
Ser	What we can do as individuals	
1	Avoid parking and blocking pavements, paths, lanes and alley ways.	
2	Keep vegetation trimmed and under control so that access and paths are not blocked.	
3	Looking after and clearing our pavement areas.	
4	Do not allow our dogs to foul the walkways.	
5	Park on driveways or in garages	
	What we can do as a community	
1	Encourage each other to be considerate regarding use of the pavements and walkways.	
2	Confront, and if necessary report owners who do not pick up after their dogs.	
	What we can do as a Council	
1	Take action against those whose parking causes a danger or obstructs pavements for pedestrians.	
2	Look at ways to repair, maintain, upgrade and modify the pavement and walkway areas, making them more suited to mobility aids (more dropped kerbs).	
3	Provide suitable lighting at the places and locations mentioned above and be proactive in identifying others that need better lighting.	
4	Develop a systematic plan and programme to provide better lighting in the village.	
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TRANSPORT

A large proportion of respondents indicated that they never use the X5 and even less so the Active 8 bus services. Despite this a significant proportion of residents who do use the services felt that the bus services satisfied their requirements. Where this was not the case the main complaints raised were related to there being poor routes, timing issues or services being too expensive.



The availability of a 'hoppa' bus service lacked interest from respondents with only a small number expressing an interest in seeing additional services between Durrington, Bulford, Tidworth or Larkhill and Amesbury. Further interest was expressed for a service to Amesbury via Countess Road although these were relatively small numbers.

As of September 2016 Salisbury Reds have altered their X5 service from Salisbury to Swindon to incorporate Countess Road, reducing the travelling time to and from Swindon/Salisbury by 20

minutes. They have also introduced the X4 service, serving Salisbury, Amesbury, Bulford, and Durrington, running twice an hour in each direction.

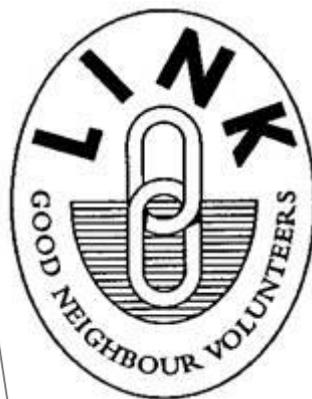
There are also a couple of community transport initiatives available, these are:

- Durrington Link Scheme (01980 594857 or 652755)
- Wiltshire Community Transport (<http://www.wiltshirecommunitytransport.org.uk/>)

Community transport is the name given to any type of transport run on a not-for-profit basis to assist people with transport needs.

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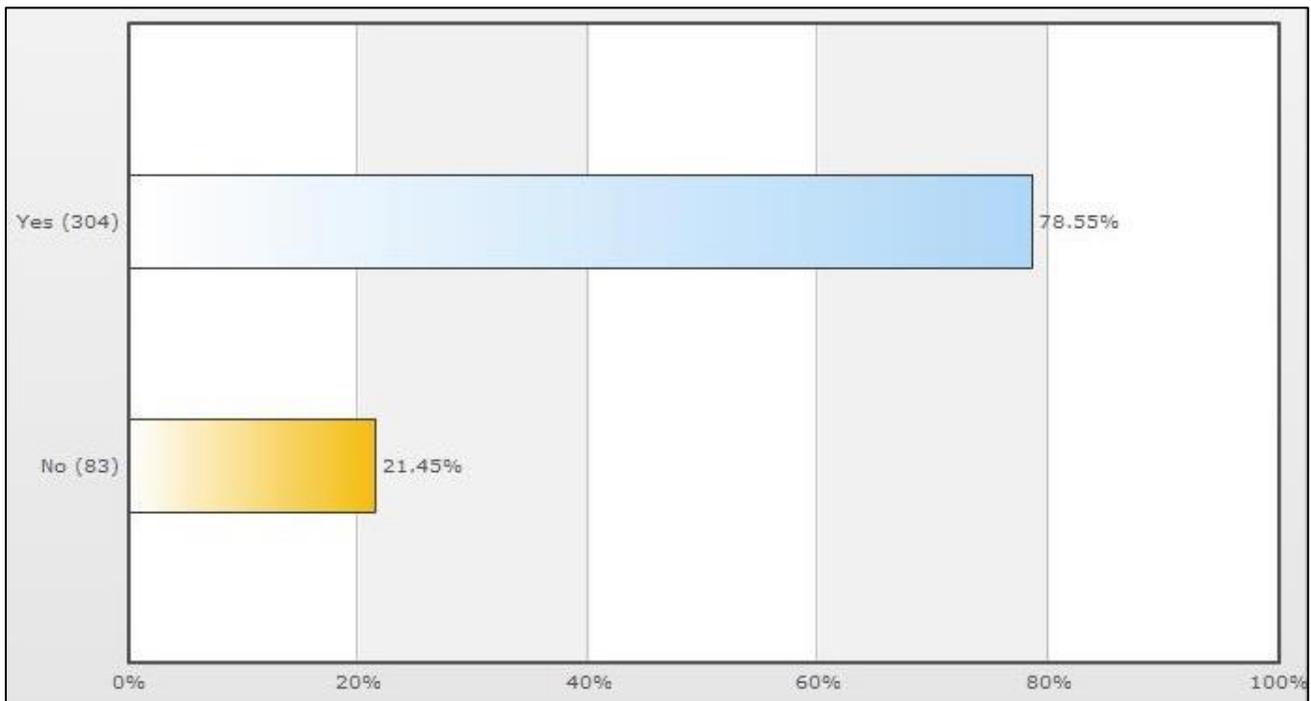
	ACTION	REVIEW
Ser	What we can do as individuals	
1	Be aware of your carbon footprint.	
2	New to public transport? Start with at least one journey a week until you can figure it out.	
3	Car share where possible.	
4	Become a Link volunteer to enable the scheme to expand.	
	What we can do as a community	
1	Encourage schools to adopt a walking bus scheme.	
	What we can do as a Council	
1	Provide Wiltshire Council with the transport results.	
2	Engage with Salisbury Reds to discuss the issues with the current routes.	
3	Explore the options for re-siting bus stops.	
4	Widely advertise the Link Scheme.	



YOUTH

Bluez n Zuz Discos were a huge success throughout 2015 and continue to thrive in 2016, with a renaming to Bluez Disco in July 2016 and responsibility transferred to Durrington Town Council. 78 % of respondents stated that they would like to see the discos continue as shown in the chart below. Current attendance is approximately 190 (11-15 year olds) per disco, they are organised by Durrington Town Council and supported by our Wiltshire Councillor, the Amesbury Area Board, Durrington Swimming Pool, Larkhill Garrison, Wiltshire Police and our volunteers.

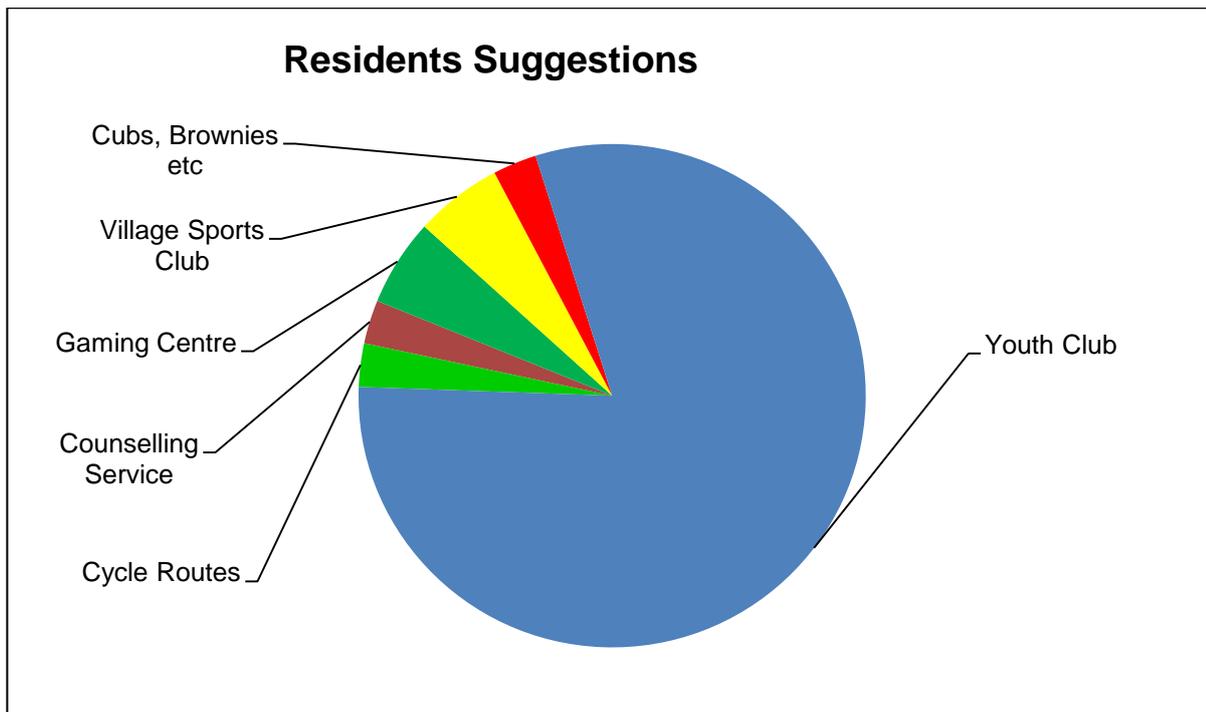
They are held at the Durrington Men's Working Club four times per year. Transport is provided to the discos from Shrewton, Bulford, Larkhill and Amesbury. They are a great way for young people to socialise with friends in a safe environment.



Responses to the question of whether young people would like to have a voice by taking part in groups such as; Local Youth Network; School Council or Youth Committees was poor with the majority stating 'no'.

This may have been due to who was completing the survey on behalf of the household, rather than young people themselves having the input, or lack of knowledge of what such committees could do. These options could be pursued further through the Youth Club to fully determine the interest in such committees.

When responding to the question of what would make Durrington a better place for Young People a Youth Club was priority, as shown in the chart below:



In January 2016 a Youth Club was set up at The Ham Centre, with 2 routine sessions per week for years 7-9 on Tuesdays and years 10+ (up to age 19) on Thursdays, therefore at the time of the questionnaire many people may not have been aware of its existence. An additional session is also run for those aged 13-25 with disabilities on a Monday evening, as well as the routine Kids Friday Club (operating out of the Pavilion on a Friday) for those aged 7-11. The sessions are extremely successful with approximately 45 young people in attendance. There is an aspiration to continue with the Youth Club into 2017, this will be depend on funding availability and a potential requirement to be accommodated elsewhere.

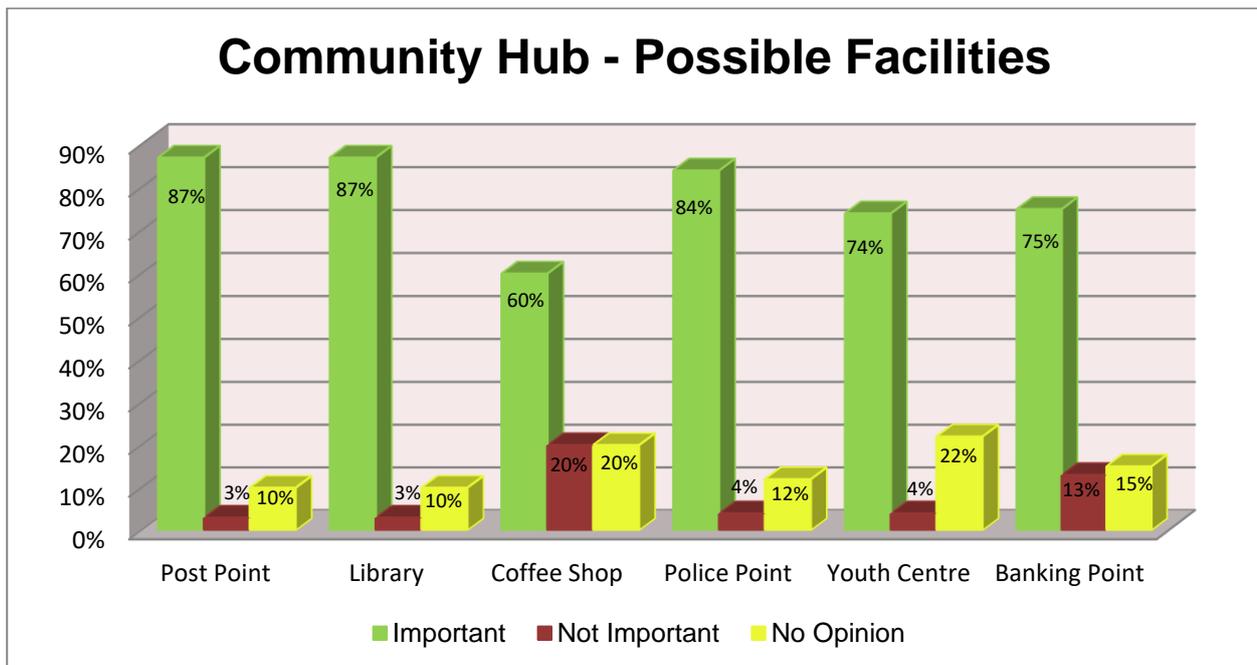
The Action Plan below provides some options to consider:

	ACTION	REVIEW
Ser	What we can do as individuals	
1	Advertise and communicate what areas need support such as Bluez Disco and youth centre.	
2	Attend Youth Clubs/activities.	
3	Support with running Youth Clubs/activities.	
	What we can do as a community	
1	Bluez Disco to continue to be supported by the local community under its new management.	
2	Work together to provide continuous youth provision for the young people in our area under the 'Community Led Model'.	
	What we can do as a Council	
1	For the Town Council to support the running of Bluez Disco alongside its established support.	
2	Advertise youth activities more widely.	
3	Support youth workers in securing premises to provide youth provision after November 2016.	
4	Support youth workers with the continual need for funding.	

COMMUNITY AND COMMUNICATION

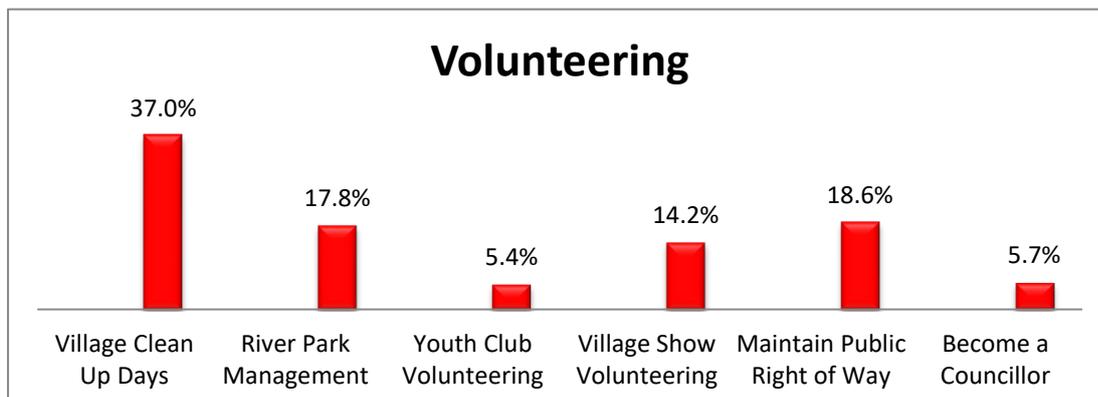
One of the options the questionnaire considered was the creation of a Community Hub, where different services could be provided from one central location. Half of those who responded favoured the inclusion of a post-point and library as top priority; these already co-exist in the village. The other priority would be the addition of a Police Liaison Point.

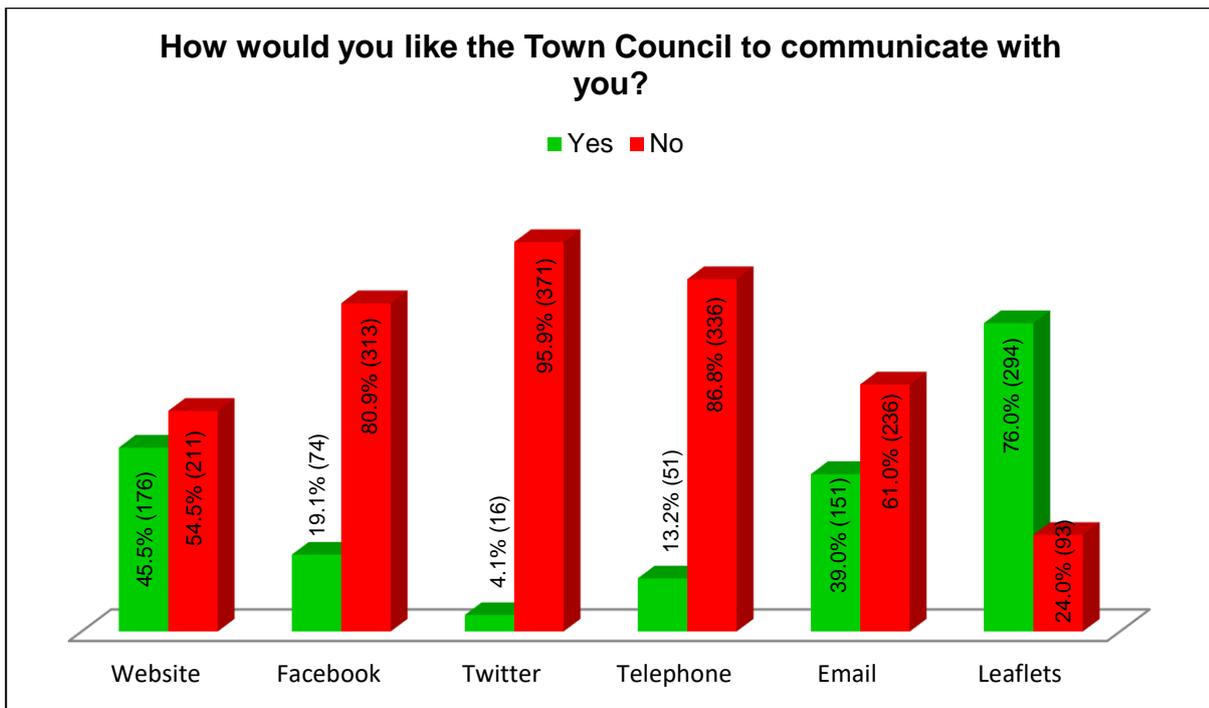
The inclusion of a coffee shop was less desired and this may reflect the existence of facilities at the Cheerful Cuppa on a Wednesday run by local churches (All Saints and the Community church) as well as commercial premises in the village.



There is a desire to have active participation in local volunteering activities, this enhances community spirit but in practice, there needs to be a way of reaching potential volunteers more easily. It is encouraging that members of the community already help in our youth work, churches, Library, Post Point and clubs throughout the Parish. Whilst 37% of respondents would partake in Village Clean Up Days, very few provided their details or contacted the Town Council. There is growing pressure on villages to 'do more with less'.

The devolution of services being provided at Wiltshire Council level to local councils is of concern, and whilst the Town Council is able to increase precepts to pay for additional services required the decision to do so is a difficult one to take, hence the need for willing volunteers to conduct Community Days.





When responding to the question of how the Town Council should communicate with its residents, most respondents preferred leaflet delivery, followed by the website. This appears to reflect the population's desire for a less intrusive method of communication with the council.

The Action Plan below provides some options to consider:

	ACTION	REVIEW
Ser	What we can do as individuals	
1	Support existing post-point, library, village facilities, churches, clubs & music groups.	
2	Support events like the cinema, DADS plays/pantomimes & jumble sales.	
3	Join volunteer teams which provide help to the community.	
4	Become a Town or Unitary Councillor.	
5	Support village events like the Village Show, Music in the Rec & Durrington in Bloom etc.	
6	Read council communications.	
7	Volunteer to deliver material on behalf of the Town Council.	
	What we can do as a community	
1	Utilise the website and the Town Council Office.	
2	Provide information and visual material for newsletters.	
	What we can do as a Council	
1	Support community groups financially where required (grants).	
2	Promote community hub type initiatives (e.g. drop in for parents after leaving children at school).	
3	Speak/liaise with Wiltshire Police to see if a Liaison Point/Drop In at Library or Town Council Office is achievable.	

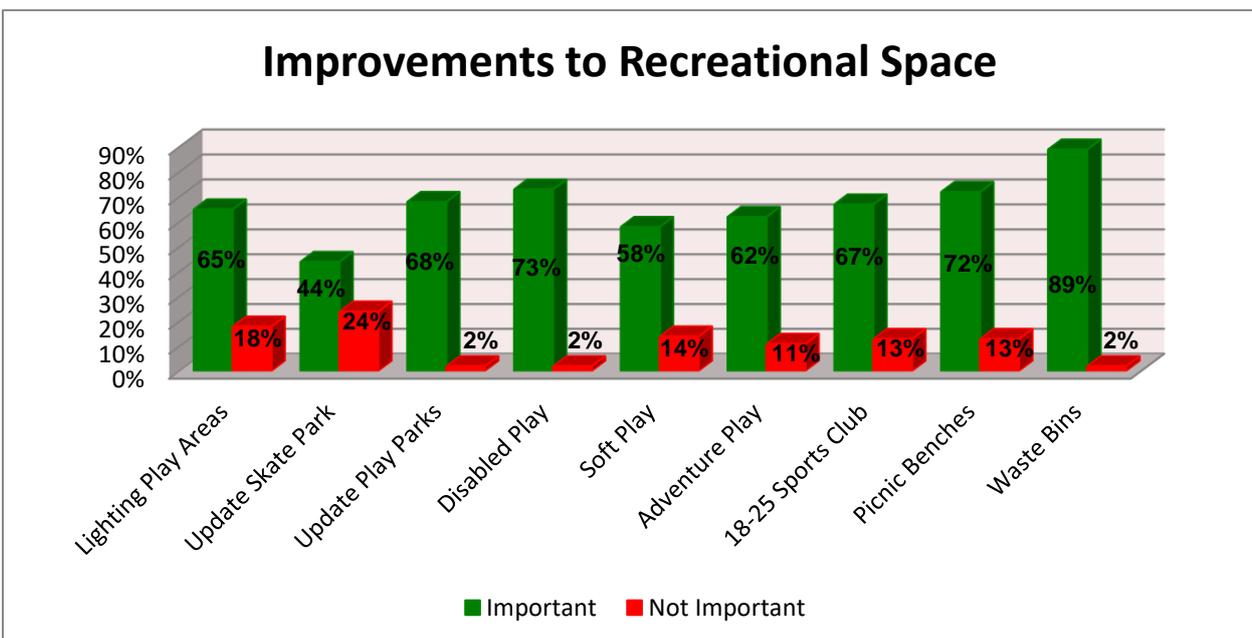
RECREATION AND LEISURE

The retention of amenity areas proved to be either extremely or very important to the majority of respondents with both the Recreation Ground and Millennium Park scoring highly, probably due to their size and accessibility. Whilst residents value all areas of recreational space within the Parish, there are variations in importance; this is likely to be attributed to where respondents live and the location and ease of access to the play parks. This is possibly why more respondents offered no opinion on the retention of Fargo Road Play Park compared with other sites, see below:



Those with children under 10 indicated that improvements or additions to existing and disabled play equipment were a high priority. The priorities of those with children aged 11-15 changed slightly to reflect the more independent nature of that age group with the adventure play park and lighting being a high priority.

For remaining age groups the priorities may reflect parent or Grandparent responsibilities as updating play equipment still featured highly alongside disabled play facilities and picnic benches.



The play park on the Recreation Ground is over 20 years old and whilst it still has life left in it and is very well used, repairs are frequently needed, particularly to the fence line and safety flooring. The Recreation and Amenities Committee reported to the Town Council following their August meeting that it should consider the revamping of the entire play park to bring it up to date, making it more useable for a wider range of ages and abilities. The Millennium Park is currently leased by the Town Council; and will endeavour to retain this as Recreational Space for its residents.

The Action Plan below provides some options to consider:

	ACTION	REVIEW
Ser	What we can do as individuals	
1	Report damages to the Town Council.	
2	Report misuse to the Town Council.	
3	Respect our leisure space and equipment.	
4	Join clean up initiatives.	
5	Report anti-social behaviour to 101.	
	What we can do as a community	
1	Establish new Sports Clubs, including volunteering as leaders and assistants.	
2	Advertise current clubs more widely.	
3	Volunteer to help with the maintenance of the River Park.	
	What we can do as a Council	
1	Purchase picnic benches.	
2	Assess the current locations of dog waste bins, relocate if under-used.	
3	Consider purchasing larger dog waste bins.	
4	Purchase extra litter bins for the Recreational Ground.	
5	Repair and/or replace existing play equipment.	
6	Explore new play equipment options.	
7	Retain the Millennium Park as Recreational Space	



Members of the public joined Councillors for 'Clean for the Queen' in June 2016 which took at the River Park.

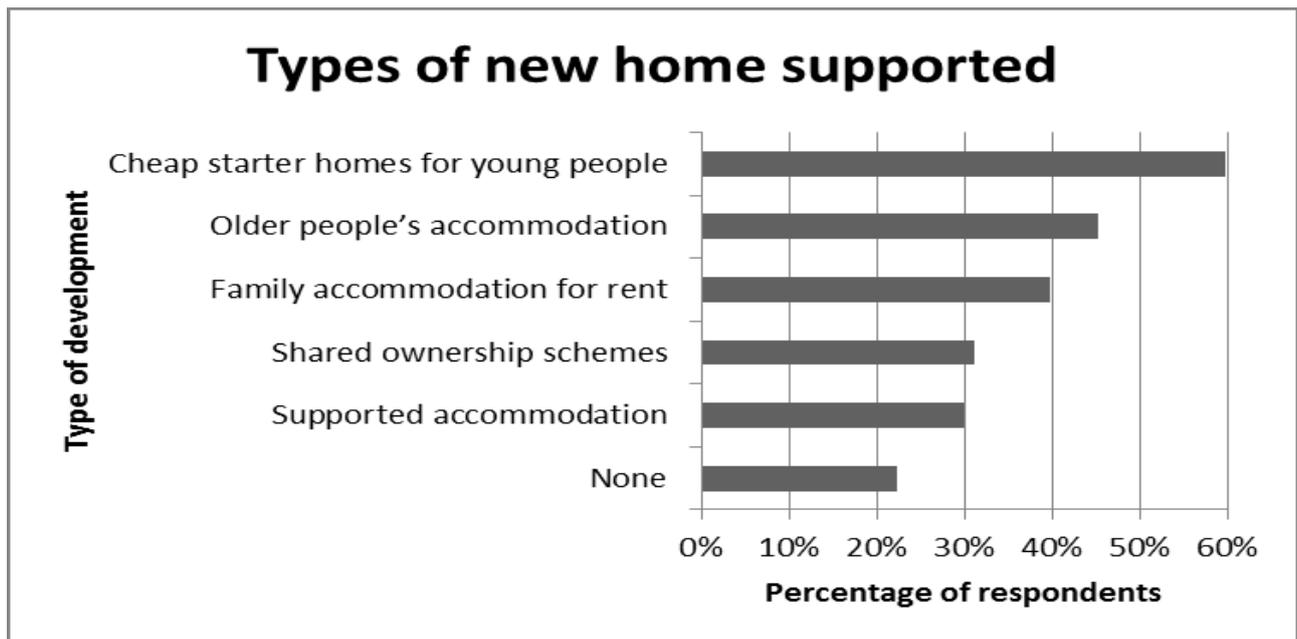
Vegetation was trimmed back and paths cleared making them more accessible.

Keep a look out on our website and in local leaflets for more opportunities to help with Community Days

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY CONDUCTED BY WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

The Wiltshire Council Housing Needs Survey was distributed to 1900 of our households in early 2015 with 492 responses submitted. The Survey sought to determine the requirement for various types of affordable housing for Durrington residents over the next 5 years.

38 households (8%) from the 492 who responded indicated that there was a sustained need for housing in the Parish. Three quarters were in support of some new housing within Durrington (forty plus new homes), with over half suggesting affordable homes for the younger generation were the priority followed by homes for the older generation. Most residents who responded indicated that socially rented homes were the most desired, whilst purchasing a home was the second most popular response. Of these, two bedroomed homes were the most sought after.



Since the last Parish Plan the village has seen the development of Avon Fields Estate, this comprises 140 homes, of which 30% are classed as affordable social housing (rent/split equity etc.), along with other smaller scale developments/properties in the Parish.



At present there are a number of infill builds taking place in Durrington on Philip Road, where 7 properties are being built and a further 4 bungalows for the elderly are planned for Charles Road.

The Parish is quite unique in its location, given the neighbouring MoD land, World Heritage Site and River Avon there are limited opportunities for other larger scale developments. It is assessed that there will always be a residual desire for suitable and affordable housing for local residents, be it for elderly residents wanting to remain in

the village and downsize/move to a bungalow, or younger residents trying to buy or rent their own/first homes.

ARMY 2020 – LARKHILL



Whilst this Plan has focussed mainly on the facilities and infrastructure in Durrington, mainly due to the population centre, Larkhill Garrison is undergoing a large transformation for Army 2020 and the rebasing of soldiers from Germany and around the UK. In Larkhill, 444 new homes for military families will be built near to the Golf Range. Infrastructure to support this development will be provided, consisting of; road junction improvements, including a roundabout on The Packway to enable access to the new families' housing area, cycle and pedestrian routes and enhanced NHS medical provision. A new Junior School, to be named St Michael's has been designed and should be completed by summer 2018, this will accommodate 420 children.

The [Larkhill Community Partnership Action Plan 2016](#) can be used as an Addendum to this Plan and can be found on the Town Council Website along with this Plan under the Community Page.



USEFUL CONTACTS – AS AT 1 OCTOBER 2016

COUNCIL		
Durrington Town Council	01980 654772	http://www.durringtontowncouncil.gov.uk/
Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100	http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/
EDUCATION		
Durrington Day Nursery	655228	http://www.bournevalleynurserygroup.co.uk/durrington-day-nursery/durrington-day-nursery-welcome.html
Durrington Village Hall Pre School	07810 628135	http://www.durringtonvillagehallpreschool.co.uk/
Wind in the Willows@ABC Pre-School	07979 675789	http://www.windinthewillowspreschool.org/#!durrington
All Saints Infant School	01980 652648	http://durringtoninfantschool.org.uk/
Durrington Junior School	01980 652237	http://www.durrington-jun.wilts.sch.uk/
Avon Valley College	01980 652467	http://www.avonvalleycollege.org.uk/
HEALTH		
Avon Valley Practice	01980 652378	http://www.avonvalleypractice.com/
Cross Plain Surgery	01980 652221	http://www.salisburyplain-healthpartnership.nhs.uk/index.aspx
Lloyds Pharmacy	01980 654244	
LEISURE		
Leisure Centre	01980 594594	http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-durrington
Lifestyle Fitness	01980 634872	https://www.lifestylefitness.co.uk/avon-valley-college-fitness-centre
WORSHIP		
Durrington Free Church	07599 843773	http://www.durringtonfreechurch.talktalk.net/
Durrington Community Church		http://www.durringtoncommunitychurch.org.uk/
Durrington All Saints Church	01980 655457	http://www.avonriverteam.org.uk/allaboutdurrington.htm
Jehovah's Witness		https://www.jw.org/en/
ESSENTIAL SERVICES		
SSE Power Distribution	0800 072 7282	https://www.ssepd.co.uk/Home/
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999	http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Safety/Gas-emergency/
Wessex Water	0345 600 4600	https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/
TRANSPORT		
Reds Bus Service	01202 338420	http://www.salisburyreds.co.uk/
Wiltshire Community Transport	01380 73816/17 or 01380 732824	http://www.wiltshirecommunitytransport.org.uk/
Durrington Link Scheme	01980 594857 or 652755	http://www.charitychoice.co.uk/durrington-and-district-link-scheme-76409