

Northmoor Parish Plan 2014



Planning our future...together

**Bablockhythe
Northmoor
Moreton**

St Denys' Church

"Love the Carol Service"

Children's Playground

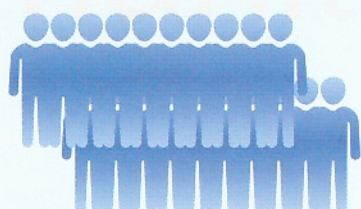


Like

I want a Northmoor Air Force!!



Save the Red Lion!



Venturers are great!!!

We want:

Better Bus Service

Improved Passing Places

Bablockhythe

Moreton

Pot holes fixed

Extended Speed Limits

Northmoor

West End

Transport and roads

The Ferryman
The Rose Revived

The Village Hall
Don't forget the Panto - and the Saturday shopping mornings
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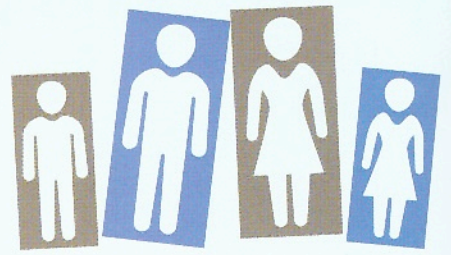
Everybody's going to need Broadband!



NORTHMOOR VILLAGE PLAN

Step 1
Nov 2012
Kick-Off Party!

Party well attended
Awareness raised
Process under way!



Community

What about the kids

Step 2
Family Fact
Finding
Red Lion
Dec 2012

Ask everybody
what they
want/like/dislike

Involve the kids!

Step 3
June 2012
The Survey

Thank you to everyone
who completed the
survey!!

Collate the data

Step 4
Analyse
Survey
results

Analyse and inform

Community



Northmoor Vision

Community

Step 6
Write
The Plan

Step 5
Post-survey
party!

Select the projects

Community

Step 7
Spring 2014
Publish
The Plan

Do it!

Looking for:
Early wins
Short term initiatives
Long term strategy

What we asked ourselves...

Communications

- Questions related to internet access
- Methods of communication within the village
- Use of noticeboards

Transport

- Bus service
- Access for work, education, health needs
- Facilities for the elderly and people with disabilities

Village hall and amenities

- Internal and external decor and furnishings
- Attendance at activities provided
- Activities to extend use of village hall

Church

- The importance of the church to the life of the residents
- Extending the use of the building
- Questions relating to its material upkeep

Pub

- How the residents view the pubs
- What additional services or activities could they provide
- What support is there for the two pubs in the immediate area

Environment

- Issues concerning general upkeep of roads
- Flood defences
- Management of general environment, e.g. housing, hedge and grass cutting, litter picking, etc

Venturers

- Importance of social activities for the young people in the village
- How can they also contribute to the wellbeing of others

What you told us...

- Fast village broadband system
- Improved village email system
- Informal undertaking to neighbours and friends who are without access to other means of knowing what is happening in the village
- Noticeboard for Bablockhythe

- A large percentage of respondents prefer to use their cars
- Public transport does not go where we want to be or at times we require it
- Access for non-drivers is reliant upon partners, relatives, friends and neighbours
- Many are unaware of services for elderly and disabled people

- A small number of respondents wished for better seating and a repaint of the interior
- Various community events in the hall were extremely popular e.g. the pantomime and the monthly market
- Other activities catered well for different sections of the community e.g. Thursday Club for older people and Venturers for the young
- Many suggestions for other activities were recorded

- It was noted that the church is a central catalyst in the community, bringing people together for mainly seasonal events
- Many suggestions were made for increasing the use of the church building
- A significant number of people would be prepared to support the church financially

- The main focus was on The Red Lion
- Major concern that it might close
- Suggestions that it might provide a village shop and delivery/collection point for parcels etc.
- Ideas to make the environment more children/family friendly to suit modern day family needs

- Overwhelming need for mending road surfaces was noted
- Improving flood defences
- Exploring opportunities for affordable housing

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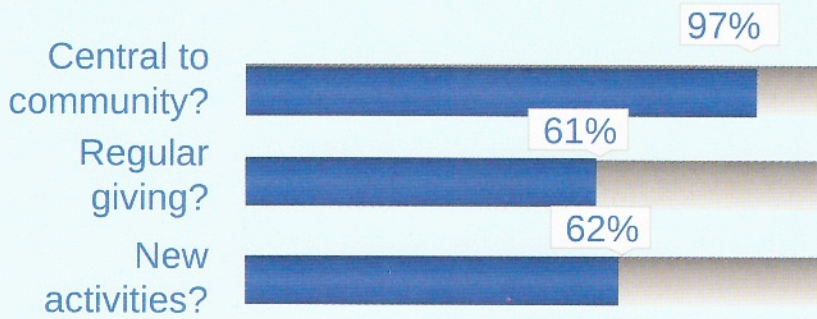
What can be done – and how and when

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Grant for village broadband approved - implementation planned for 2015 ★ New village email service ● Parish Council will encourage people to keep an eye on neighbours ● Parish Council to provide a Noticeboard for Bablockhythe 	<p>2015 In place Ongoing ASAP</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work with OCC to improve No 18 Bus Service and provide evening service ● Bus timetables to be on noticeboards and village web site ● Encourage local drivers to join Volunteer Link-Up 	<p>Ongoing Done Ongoing</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Appoint a Village Hall Committee to look into material improvements, costing, etc. ★ Seek volunteers to take the initiative and organise events ★ Film and Supper Club started in December 2013* ★ Table Tennis Club for winter fitness started 	<p>Done Ongoing Done (Venturers) Done</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encourage more effective communication via village email/website/noticeboard ● Encourage wider use of church building ● Develop a strategy to involve the community in the material upkeep of St Denys's church 	<p>Now (PCC) Ongoing (PCC) ASAP (PCC)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Little change for the Ferryman ★ Red Lion has been purchased for the community ● Red Lion committee is planning the future of the pub ● Anyone may buy shares! 	<p>Done! Ongoing Apply for shares!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Programme of road maintenance – budget required from OCC ● Flood protection – campaign to ensure that the funds released by the cancellation of the Northmoor Weir renovation be diverted to flood defence improvements ● Support initiatives that support affordable housing projects in the local area ★ Create a volunteer support group to promote and encourage neighbourliness in our community 	<p>Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing (PC) Ducks and Drakes</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep villagers informed of activities and encourage young people to take an active part in the community ● Create an attractive web site advertising Venturers' activities 	<p>Ongoing In progress</p>

St Denys' Church

Stop Press!

Rev. Andrew Tweedy has been appointed as the new Rector of St Denys' church starting his ministry in early May 2014



19 new volunteers!



The survey showed massive support for St Denys' church as an institution although only a small proportion of people worship regularly. Christmas Carol service is favourite!

People want to see the church used for more activities such as concerts, exhibitions,

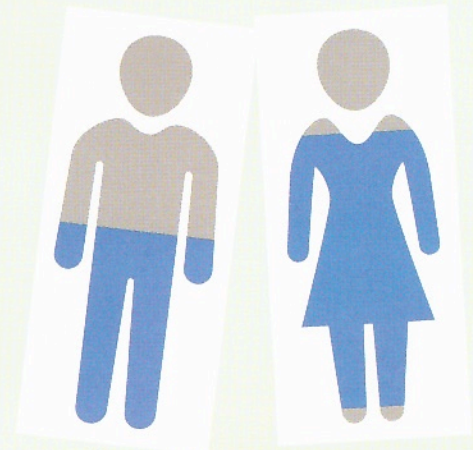
singing groups etc and they would support these activities financially. There is also support for regular giving.

Village Hall

The Village Hall is used for many social and recreational activities.

Most people are happy with the condition of the hall and its facilities, including the children's play area, but the condition of the car park was criticised by some.

There are a good number of suggestions for new activities or clubs and a considerable number of people willing to help.

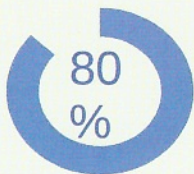


45 people

Would volunteer to help with activities

62 people

want new things – like a monthly film night



like the facilities!

What do you most like about living in the village?

Marion Florey – 53 years in village

The general feeling of support for each other – during personal happiness, worry or grief – and in helping and supporting various interests, events and appeals – local or national”.

Adam Blackwell – Age 10

Everyone is friendly and happy and it is a very quiet place to live. Also there are lots of events that happen and clubs”.

What do you think is important to the future of the village?

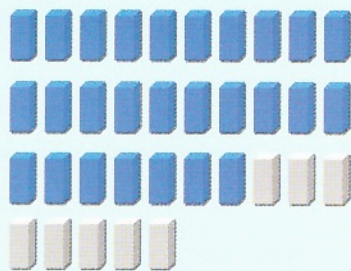
Marion Florey

“Continue a warm welcome to our newcomers. Do not resist a little enlargement. Keep community spirit by helping projects for the elderly and the youngsters. As for the Church, use it or lose it. Add to the general welfare by volunteering your help – don't wait to be asked!”.

Adam Blackwell – Age 10

“The village pub is important because it gets people together. Also try to get more events happening to get people involved”.

Housing



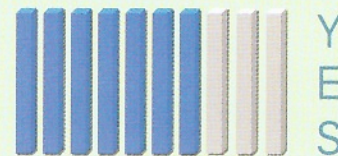
27/35
like
affordable
housing

Most respondents would prefer any new housing to be "affordable" rather than "executive".

Venturers

75% of those who responded

Are you aware of Venturers?

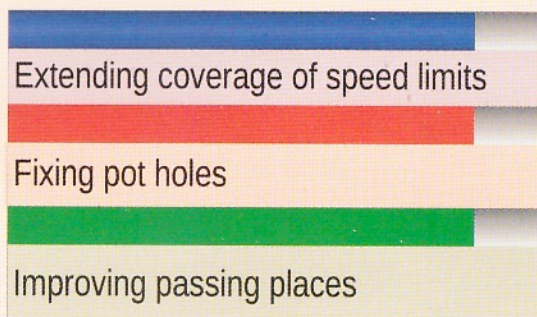


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Both parents and kids are very impressed with the opportunities the Venturers provide for young people.

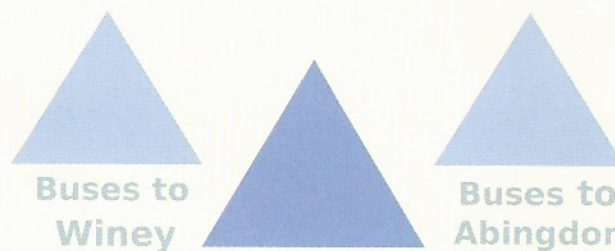
Roads

The survey showed massive support for:



Buses

Fact of Life - most people use cars rather than buses for convenience. However - those who did or might use an improved bus service want:



More buses to Oxford at peak times and evenings

What do you most like about living in the village?

Lisa Ellett – 6 years in village

"I love that there are children from numerous different schools and backgrounds who come together in our community and interact so brilliantly."

Ellie Douglas - 11 years old

"I love the youth club and all my friends".

What do you think is important to the future of the village?

Lisa Ellett

"That this continues with yourh club, panto and community events. The children are the future of this village".

Ellie Douglas

"The safety of the children and lots of activities".

Communications

Most people feel they are kept informed about village life - mainly by email, noticeboard and talking to neighbours.

There is poor mobile network coverage throughout the area.

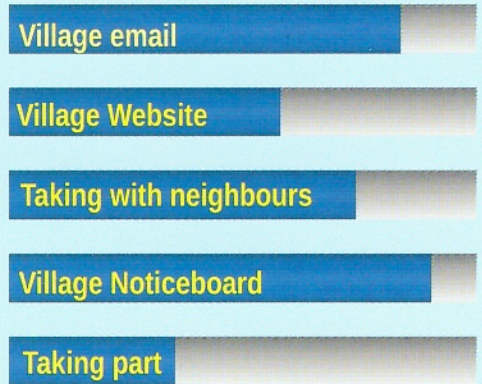
No Broadband at Bablockhythe causes major problems.

Overwhelming support for better, faster Broadband - even if it costs more. But a lower performance/lower cost offering would be appreciated by some.

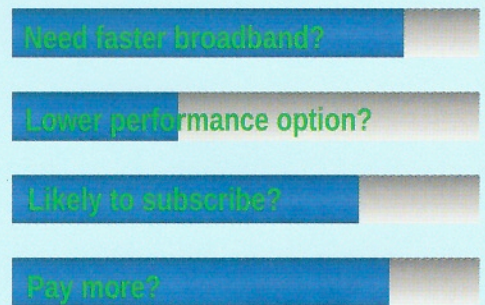
Good Broadband performance is needed for businesses, social contact, home entertainment, shopping, booking appointments, etc.

Needed in rural areas as much, or more, than in towns.

Keeping up-to-date



Broadband



Village Pubs

Stop Press!

The Red Lion has been purchased and will be owned by the community!!

Along with the Church, the pubs are seen as being at the heart of village social life. The Red Lion has just been purchased on behalf of the village community. Any resident will be able to buy shares in the pub.

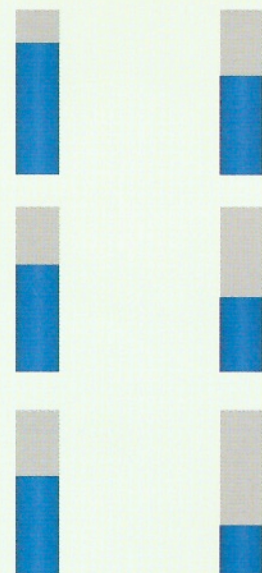
Users of the Ferryman are satisfied with the level of entertainment provided whilst users of the Red Lion would like to have more.

Is the pub important to the community?

Should the pub provide more entertainment?

Should the pub house a village shop?

Red Lion Ferryman



What do you most like about living in the village?

Mrs Eve Bendel – 12 years at Bablockhythe.

"The friendliness of all the people I know in the village and their readiness to help with lifts and advice".

What do you think is important to the future of the village?

Mrs Eve Bendell

"More information passed on from the village to Bablockhythe so they feel part of village life. I am quite happy to deliver letters to all homes at Bablockhythe".