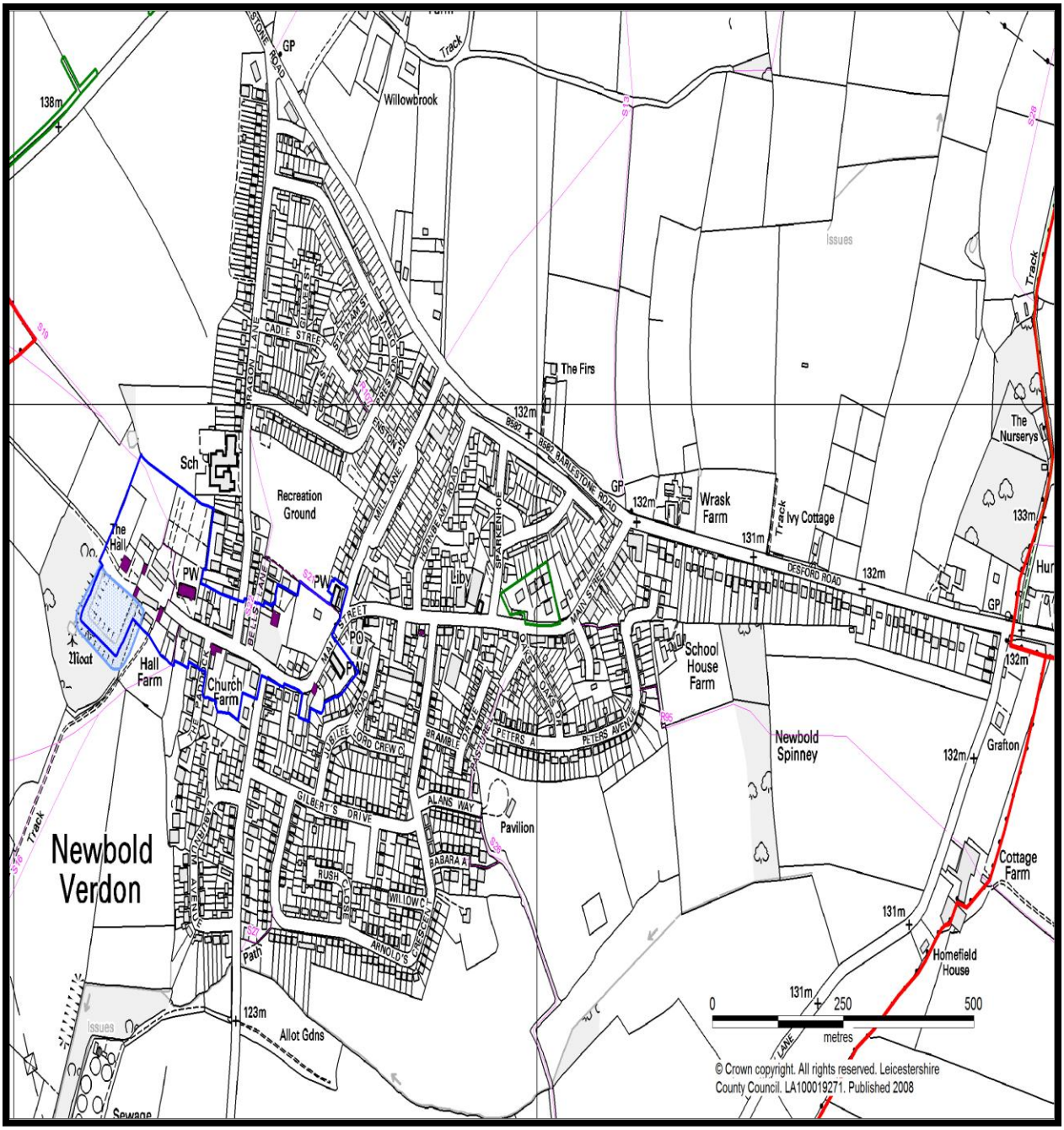


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NEWBOLD VERDON ACTION PLAN

Introduction

A Parish Plan is a comprehensive plan which addresses both the community's issues of concern together with highlighting what is good about the parish in one document. The idea of creating a Parish Plan for Newbold Verdon was first mooted at a public meeting in Newbold Verdon Methodist Hall in October 2008. The Plan Steering Group was formed and a constitution was agreed upon by the end of the year . By June 2009 an adult questionnaire had been written and printed and during July it was distributed to every household and business in the parish. We aimed to make the Plan as inclusive as possible using a variety of means. We offered assistance to complete the questionnaire to those with a disability. For the busy and/or computer-literate with internet access, the questionnaires were available on - line using the confidential access code attached to the hard copy. In addition to the questionnaire, members of the Planning Group, accompanied by officers from Leicestershire Rural Community Council, visited Newbold Verdon Primary school to carry out a variety of practical tasks so that we could illicit the views of the younger members of our community. (More details of this work are included in the report). During May 2010, copies of a Youth Questionnaire were distributed to young people between the ages of 11 and 17, again with the option of completing on-line.

By June 2010, 228 Adult and 71 Youth questionnaires had been returned and/or inputted. The returns represented approximately 17% of the total adult parish population and 24% of the young people, enough to provide a credible and statistically-significant representation of the community's views and opinions. More detailed information about our parish population can be found at the end of the report (Section 14. Adult Demographics).

Where we have included personal comments in the report (with the aim of bringing it to life) they have been chosen to express the widest possible spectrum of views. Towards the end of the document you will find the Action Plan. There you will see the issues which the steering group have identified as requiring action, how they could be tackled, the partners needed and the priorities and assessment of the financial resources required. This final document is large, for which we make no apology. It includes old and new photographs and an excellent article about the village and how it developed into what it is today. We sincerely hope that every member of our community will find something in this report to help, inform, interest and inspire them.

Brief History of Newbold Verdon

In 1086, Newbold Verdon belonged to Hugh de Grandmesnil, held from the Queen.Some land was also held by Howard. By the time of King Stephen (1135 - 54), Newbold Verdon belonged to Robert de Ferrars, Earl of Derby, who gave it to Bertram de Verdon when he married Maud, Robert's daughter. In 1273, the manor of Newbold Verdon belonged to John, Lord of Verdon, at the time of his death and it passed to his 26 year old son Theobald. Theobald and his first wife Maud had three daughters, Johanne [Joan], Elizabeth and Margaret who were his heirs. His second wife Elizabeth gave birth to a daughter Isobel after his death. Joan married Thomas de Furnyval, Elizabeth married Bartholomew de Burghersh, Margaret married Mark de Hose and Isobel married Henry Ferrars. The land in Newbold Verdon was divided between them. All of these families contributed to the development of Newbold Verdon and 1381 Thomas and Elizabeth Crophull held the manor. By 1401 it was held by Walter Devereux and his wife Agnes who was the daughter and heir of Thomas Crophull. Their grandson Walter, Viscount Hereford, succeeded to the manor in 1559. In 1564 there were 16 families in Newbold Verdon. The manor passed briefly to the Earls of Huntingdon. George succeeded Henry and, following the death of George's son Francis, he was succeeded by his son Henry. Henry sold part of the land to William Mounteney, gent., in 1608 and the manor and the rest of the land was sold to Nicholas Herne in 1610. Herne sold it to Sir Thomas Crewe in 1625. In 1630, with Sir Thomas Crewe as lord of the manor, there were four other freeholders: William Mounteney gent., John Chapman, John Haike and Robert Atterton. In 1712 William Mounteney, a descendant of the afe-mentioned William Mounteney, sold part of his land to Ralph Trotter. It was a little farm on which Trotter built a house called Chaterhouse.

In 1801 Newbold Verdon had 80 houses in which lived 90 families, 339 people. Of those employed, 89 worked in agriculture and 116 in trade and manufacture. Newbold Verdon grew quickly during the nineteenth century and by 1846 there was a population of 605 inhabitants, rising to 716 in 1871. By this time too there had been other changes and Sir Edward Hartopp was Lord of the Manor.

Three miles east of Market Bosworth, the parish of Newbold Verdon covers 1, 750 acres and includes the hamlet of Brascote. There is some pasture but most of the agricultural land is arable. The soil is mainly light but heavier in the north and the main crops include wheat, barley, oats and roots. As well as the parish church of St. James, a Baptist Chapel was built in 1833 and later, a Primitive Methodist Chapel. Money left by Lord Crewe, then the Bishop of Durham, when he died in 1720 bought a building for a Free School at a cost of £30. The Manor House, once the home of Lord Crewe, became the home of the Montague family. There was a corn mill on Desford Road in Newbold Verdon and it was operational in 1846. However by 1884 it had been demolished and was not included on the Ordnance Survey map that was published in that year. There is no evidence of the mill today.

St James' Church

The church at Newbold Verdon is dedicated to St. James. There is evidence that a church existed as early as the thirteenth century and, indeed, Niklaus Pevsner has declared the oldest parts of the church to be Norman. In 1811, the church had a tower holding two bells, a nave, chancel and south porch. There was a plain, octagonal font. Repairs were carried out in the mid 1830s at a cost of £700. In 1899, the architects Goddard and Co. oversaw further refurbishment to chancel, nave, north aisle and chancel aisle, and south vestry. A Spire by L.G.D. Ogden was added in 1960.



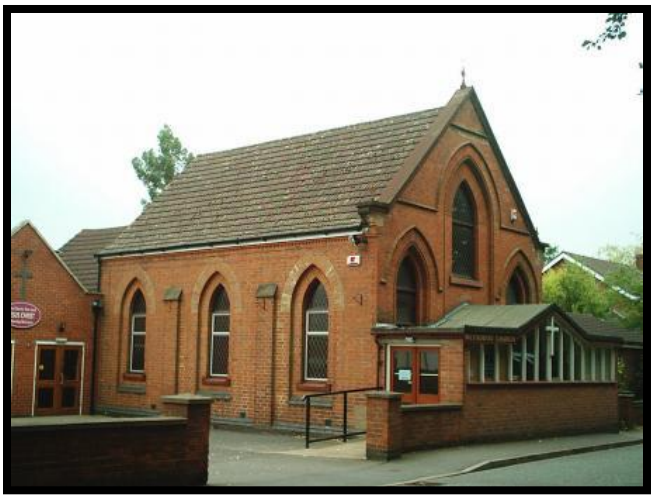
The Baptist Church

The Baptist Chapel was built in 1833 at a cost of about £300. There are no surviving records of this Chapel. Very little is known about those early years. Rev. Edwin Cantrell was the Baptist minister in 1870 but it is not known how long he was there.



The Methodist Chapel.

The Methodist Chapel was built by the Primitive Methodists in 1859 and cost about £100. There are a few records surviving for this chapel from the late twentieth century, but nothing from the early years. This chapel is still in use.



The White Swan

The White Swan is situated on Main Street in Newbold Verdon. In the early years of the nineteenth century, the White Swan was known as the Swan. Since then it has been known, at various times, as the Swan, the Swan Inn and the Old Swan. There is evidence to suggest that as early as 1818, the publican was Richard Flamson who had it until 1826. Nathaniel Blakesley was the landlord for over twenty years and the Jordan family for thirty years. Alfred Smith took over the inn after the First World War and was still there at the end of the second. Now known as the White Swan, this public house is still there.



The Jubilee

The Jubilee first appeared in a trade directory for 1889 – 90 with Thomas Cope as the landlord. Situated on Main Street, it appeared only occasionally in the trade directories but it also appeared on a 1903 Ordnance Survey map. It appeared again in 1922 in the trade directory. It appears to have remained as a public house in Newbold Verdon throughout the twentieth century and is now one of the two surviving public houses in the village.



The Free School

The Free School was built in 1720 at a cost of £30 left by Lord Crewe, Bishop of Durham. Lord Crewe's charities also endowed the school with £20 a year for maintenance. The school was enlarged c.1843 at a cost of £70 which was paid jointly by the trustees and the rector. However, by 1863 the endowment was no longer sufficient to support a school master and so children from Newbold Verdon were sent to Kirby Mallory to school. In 1876, a new Mixed school was built with a schoolhouse at a cost of £1500. The school was extended in 1884 to take 170 children although the average attendance was about 150. The longest serving master at the school was Thomas Carter who took over c.1886 and remained there until about the beginning of the first World War. The school mistress for many years, from 1877 to 1898, was Miss Maria Gilliver who was also the sub-post mistress. The school became known as the National School and later as the Public Elementary School.



An image of the school taken about 1906

The council school was built in 1910 and designed to hold 140 children. This building housed the infants and together the schools provided for the education of the children of Newbold Verdon.



Views of Main Street



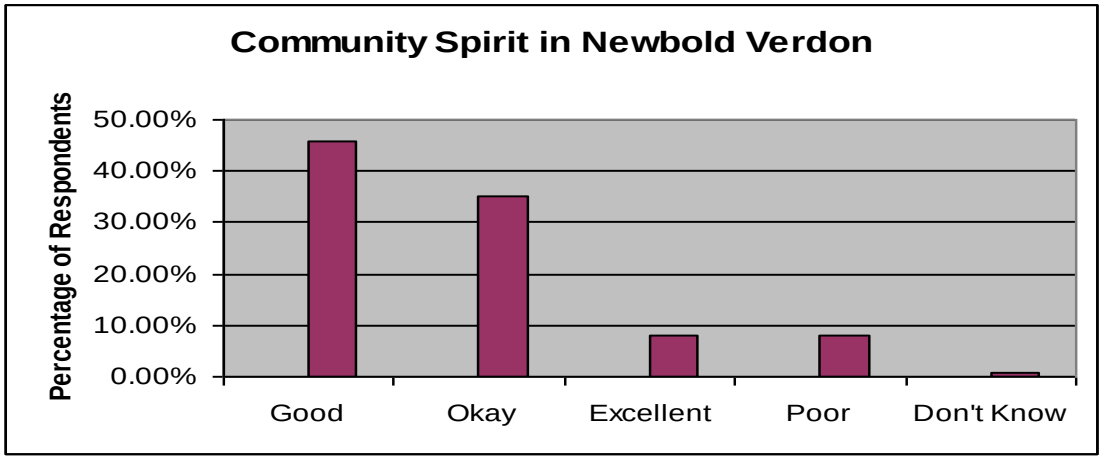




Community Spirit and Equality

1.1 Community Spirit

88% of residents responded positively when asked about the community spirit in the Village. 8% thought the community spirit was poor.



When asked to comment on what they liked about the village 33% 0f respondents commented that we live in a very friendly village. Residents feel a real sense of belonging and enjoy the peace and quiet of a rural location. The village has a good range of amenities, including a variety of shops, a GP surgery, Post Office, pubs and Churches.

Positive comments include:

- Neighbourliness
- Non-pretentiousness
- People are accepted
- People tend to stay
- Sense of community
- Safe village
- Easy access to the countryside
- Good childcare facilities
- Excellent GP surgery and chemist.

When asked to comment on the dislikes in the village, vandalism and anti-social behaviour were a concern for 25% of respondents. A variety of concerns were expressed relating to travellers and traveller's sites.

Other negative comments included:

- No recognised community meeting place
- Amounts of litter and dog mess
- The whole village could do with some TLC
- Scruffy main shopping area
- Absence of police presence, especially on foot.

1.2 Exclusion from Community

76% of respondents said that they did not feel excluded from activities in the village. Of the 7% who said that felt excluded, the following reasons were given:

Reason	Respondents
Poverty	14
Religious beliefs	12
Age	6
Disability	4
Sexuality	3
Culture	3
Harassment	2

Other comments included:

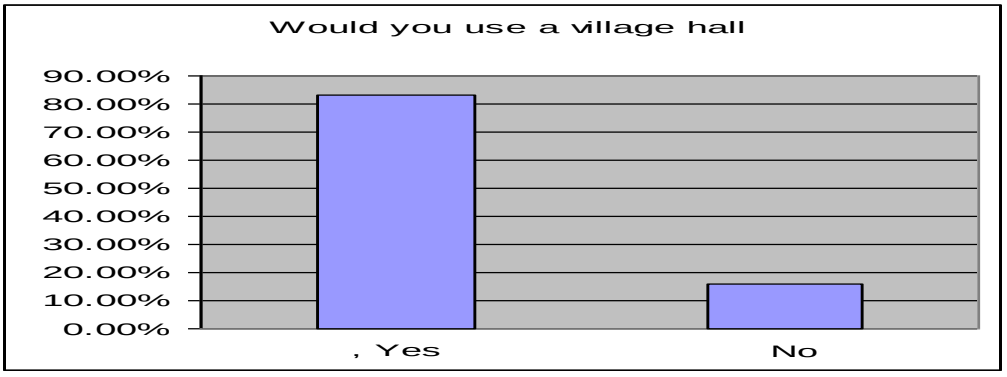
Lack of awareness of village events.
Lack of informal play facilities in safe areas, e.g. marked pitches away from roads.
Lack of support for carers and single parents.

Suggestions to help residents feel more included in the community were:

Improved communication of village activities.
Diary of events in The Graphic.
More done for single parents.

1.3 Village Hall

83% of respondents would use a village hall if one was available.



Other suggestions for activities / usage include:

Educational classes
Wine tasting
Cinema club
Toddler groups
Quiz nights
Whist drives
Keep fit classes
Church bazaars

Some respondents felt it was important that premises had modern facilities and were fit for purpose.

Satisfaction with the access to elected members

	Satisfied	Neither satisfied or Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	No opinion
Parish Council	23%	48%	15%	10%
Borough Council	21%	47%	16%	12%
County Council	13%	48%	22%	13%
M.P.	9%	36%	37%	13%
M.E.P.	5%	30%	37%	21%

Satisfaction with the level of information affecting the village provided by:

	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	No opinion
Parish Council	28%	5%	30%	4%
Borough Council	23%	41%	28%	4%
County Council	16%	44%	30%	7%

"I complained about footpaths and hard standing at the bus stop; no answer received"

"Extremely poor consultation process by Borough Council regarding the traveller site"

"More communication required"

Residents responses as to whether they understand the role of the bodies:

	Yes	No	Not sure
Parish Council	70%	9%	17%
Borough Council	66%	10%	22%
County Council	66%	10%	21%

Satisfaction with the quality of service given to respondents who have contacted the councils or other public services within the last six months:

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	No opinion	No contact
Parish Council	11%	6%	15%	54%
HBBC	46%	13%	3%	28%
County Council	15%	15%	4%	50%
Leics. Constabulary	14%	14%	5%	52%
Leics. Fire Service	3%	2%	4%	74%
Leics. Ambulance	19%	2%	4%	61%
Local Primary Care Trust	13%	2%	4%	65%
Doctor's Surgery	77%	10%	3%	6%

"County and Borough councils lack co-ordination of services"

"When reporting a dangerous dog, neither the police nor the Borough Council would accept responsibility."

"Insufficient police presence at night."

"Police don't turn up, or have a slow response time."

"Too few police officers for too large an area."

"Difficult to get an appointment with the same GP all the time."

"Ever changing Health Visitors."

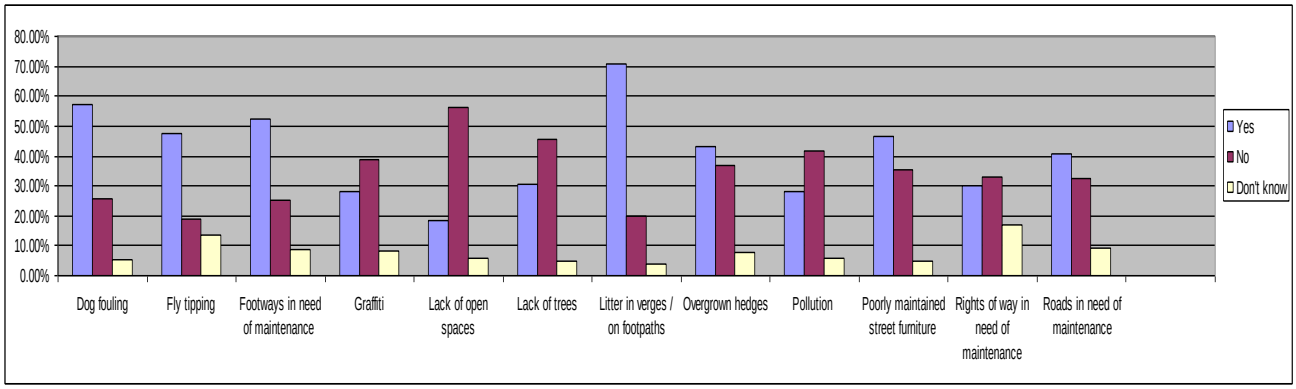
"Appointment system makes no sense."

2. Environment and Planning

2.1 Do you think that the historical and natural environment within your parish are well protected?

The majority of respondents felt that the countryside, green spaces in the village and trees are more at risk than the buildings and private gardens.

2.2 Do you think any of he following spoil your parish?



The graph shows that litter is seen as the biggest problem. The area around the shops and roads approaching the village, which are also used for fly tipping, were cited as the most badly affected.

> "Generally, Main Street close to the shops despite adequate provision of litter bins there are a few irresponsible dog owners again despite adequate bins.'"
>
> "Fly tipping in Kirkby Lane and Newbold Heath Road."
>
> "The village green on Mallory Close is a beautiful open space. Please put some wooden stakes to stop access for cars."

2.3 If you indicated concern at the amount of litter on verges, are you prepared to "adopt" a stretch of road to keep it clear of litter?

34 respondents indicated that they would be prepared to volunteer to help clear litter.

2.4 Do you own a dog?

27% of respondents own a dog.

2.5 Are dog waste facilities adequate?

38% of respondents think that facilities are adequate compared with 31% who do not. Of those who thought they were inadequate 9% felt that they were in the wrong place, 11% felt that they were not available and 9% felt they needed to be better maintained. People suggested numerous locations for new bins.

2.6 What would help you recycle more of your household waste?

Almost 50% of respondents would like to see more types of materials collected with over 35% wanting increased frequency of kerbside collections and larger or more containers. Many people would prefer boxes with lids which would help when storing the items and stop the contents from blowing about or getting wet.

> "I would like to see the recycling bin area returned to the village, a lot of pensioners used them."
>
> "When you do not have transport, large items are a problem because to have things collected is too expensive"

2.7 If you use any of the public rights of way and bridleways within your parish please identify any improvements which would be of benefit.

The most favoured improvement would be leaflets illustrating walks, along with improved signposting and more seating.

2.8 Are you concerned about global warming?

71% of respondents expressed a concern about global warming compared to 25% who did not.

2.8 Which of the following would you find acceptable to reduce such problems?

Solar panels	56%
Increased use of buses	40%
Low energy bulbs	66%
Wind turbine	40%
Local shopping	40%
Better cycling facilities	33%
Reduced use of private vehicles	26%

2.9 Does your home have any of the following energy saving facilities?

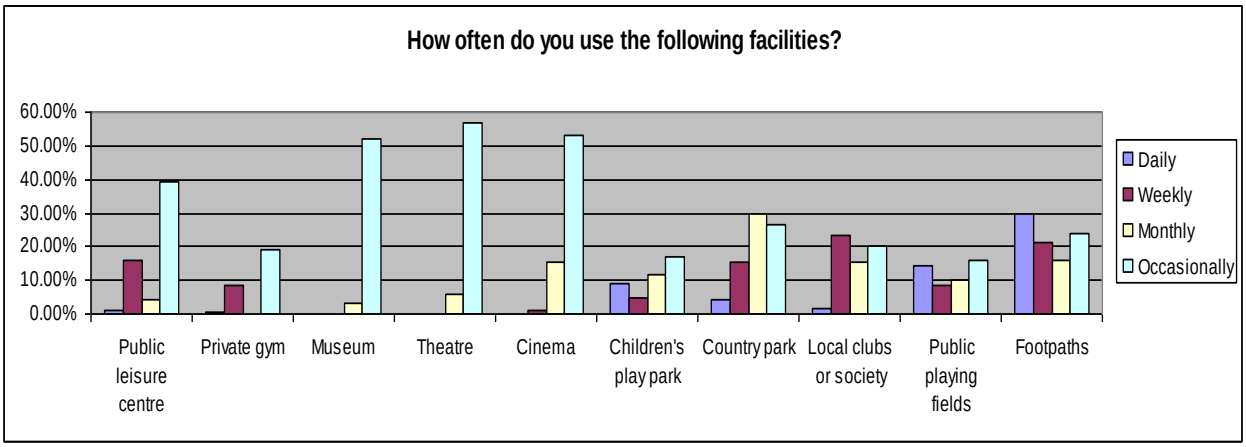
Loft insulation	92%
Water saving devices	20%
Low energy light bulbs	93%
Wood burner	9%
Double glazing	93%
Solar panels for hot water	1%
Cavity wall insulation	71%
Wind power	0%
Lagged hot water tank	61%
None	0%



Sport and Recreation

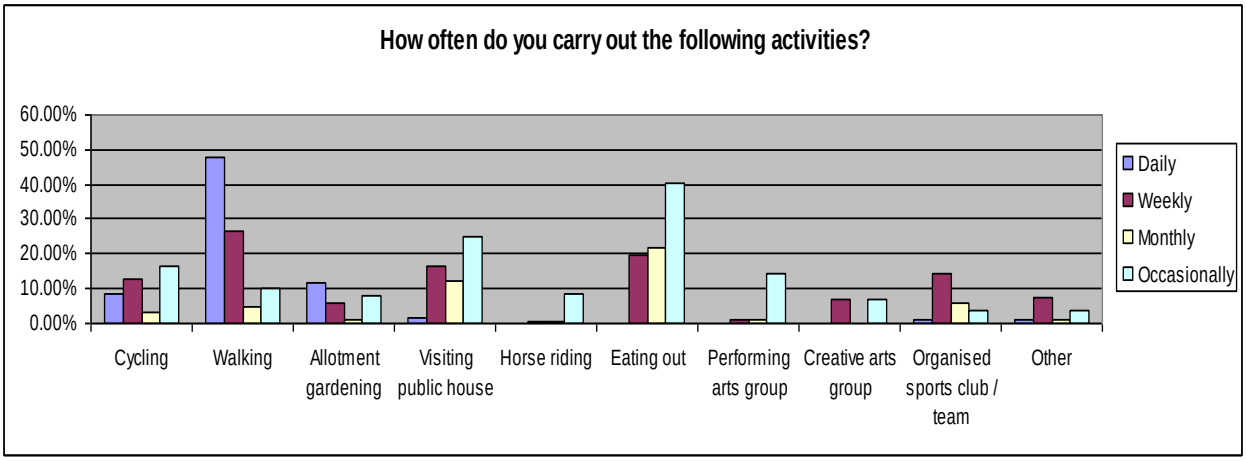
3.1 How often do you use the following facilities?

We asked people to tell us what leisure and recreation facilities they used and how often they were likely to use them. Overwhelmingly the most popular, with over 90%, was using footpaths which indicated that the majority of respondents enjoyed walking and using the footpaths around the village. The “three mile triangle” was cited as being a popular walk for villagers and some concern was expressed over plans to site a Traveller’s camp on the Kirkby Lane. Other favourites were Country Parks, followed by Cinema and Theatre. The graph below displays the full results.



3.2 How often do you carry out the following recreation and sporting activities?

When asked this question walking was again the most frequent response. Eating out and visiting public houses also figured highly but it was not clear if this was within the village. Cycling and allotment gardening were also well represented, although concern was raised about the waiting time for allotments within the parish.



The ”other activities” in which people participate referred to on the graph were: swimming, golf, dancing, keep fit , pilates, dancing, motor sport and caravanning. Many attend local groups and societies, such as the Garden Club, Library Reading Group, Women’s Institute, Ladies Co-op Guild and Local Natural History Society. All of the churches in the village have social events and get-togethers which are well supported.

3.3 If you walk or would like to walk in or around the village, what would encourage you to do so?

Many cited less fear of crime and anti – social behaviour would encourage them to walk more (36%). Better maintained pavements (35.%), more public seating(29%), more organised social walks (22%) and additional pavements (22%), better street lighting (14%), more pedestrian crossings (12%) and a walk to school plan (11%) were all mentioned as being an encouragement to walk within the village.

There were many suggestions from villagers for improvements that could be made. Continuing the footpath along Brascote Lane, past the Windmill Inn and up to the end of the allotments to make it safer for pedestrians who use these facilities. People would also like to see a path right around Brascote Lane / Kirkby Lane as it is a popular walking area.

> “There are safety issues with walkers going around the village block i.e. Brascote Lane / Kirkby Lane. An additional footpath within the top boundary of the new lake area would help.”

Lower speed limits for traffic through the village and a pedestrian crossing near the Post Office, to enable people, especially the older residents, to cross the road more safely, was also a suggestion. Some pavements in the village have a steep slope towards the kerb, making walking uncomfortable.

We asked what would encourage people to walk more in the village.



An illustration of the problems facing pedestrians using Brascote Lane.



A view of the suggested route for a footpath within the boundary of the new lake on Brascote Lane.



4 Crime and Safety

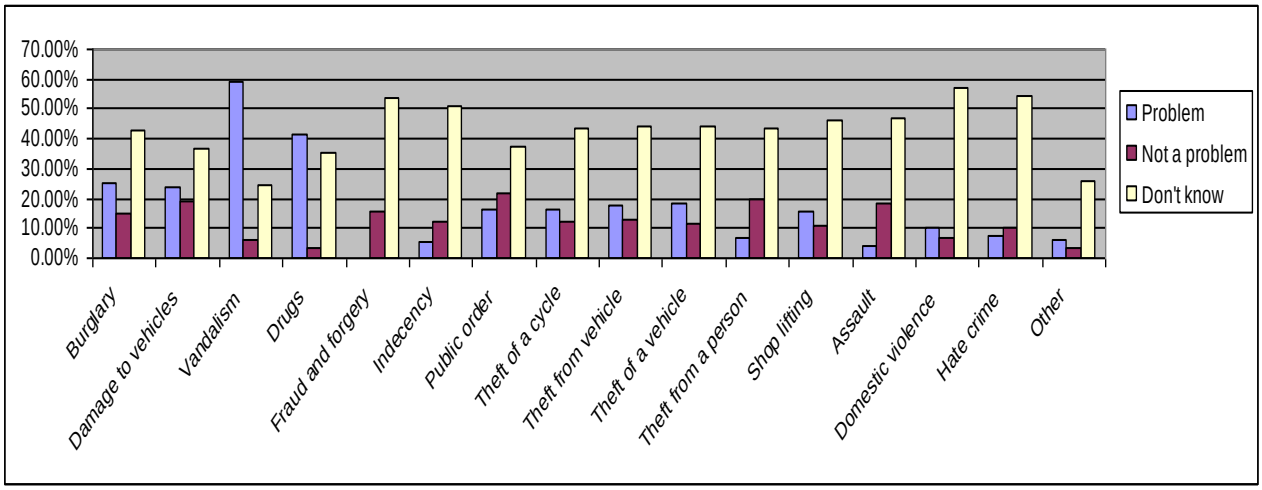
4.1 Knowledge of your local Police Officer or Community Support Officer.

When asked if they knew how to contact their local Police or Community Support Officer 52% of respondents said that they did whilst 45% said they did not. 69% said that they would attend a public meeting to discuss their concerns with the local officer, if such a meeting were organised.

4.2 Tackling crime and improving safety

The most popular option chosen was **more regular police patrols** with 87% of respondents indicating their preference. This was followed by **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** 58% **CCTV in public places** 33% **Countryside Watch Scheme** 23% **Better street lighting** 18% **Business Watch Scheme** 13% 15% of people identified areas where better lighting or CCTV might be improved in an effort to tackle crime and improve safety in the village. These included: the playing fields, the areas around the shops on Main Street and behind the shops near to the scout hut. There were also suggestions that an increased police presence would help the situation. Some respondents felt that increasing social activities for young people in the parish would help.

4.3 Types of offences which cause problems



We asked residents to identify how much of a problem different crimes were in the parish. The graph compares the combined totals of “major problem” and “problem against the “no problem” and “don’t know responses”. **Vandalism** 59% was clearly identified as the problem that had the greatest impact on the community, followed by **Drugs** 41% **Vehicle theft** 18% **Theft from a vehicle** 17% **Theft of a cycle** 16% and **Public order** 16) Seven people wrote personal comments regarding their concerns. Of those, four identified anti-social behaviour and the activities of gangs of young people as being a problem. One raised the issue of parking in the village. Another was concerned that domestic violence may an issue but went unreported.

4.4 Perception of Safety

We asked how safe people felt in and around Newbold Verdon.99% of respondents said that they felt “safe” or “very safe” during the day. The figure changed to 75% during the evening. We asked people to specify areas where they felt unsafe or very unsafe. 15 people offered their views. The following locations were identified: Areas of Main Street between Mill Lane and Oaks Drive, particularly around the shops, ,the pubs, the Working Men’s Club, the bus shelters and the area behind the shops. Parts of Preston Drive and the Recreation Ground. Alan’s Way playing field and pavilion.

5. Childcare

5.1 If you are a parent or guardian of young children, how easy was it for you to find the childcare you wanted.

This question was answered only by pre-school parents or guardians. Of the 58 people who responded, 38% thought that it was relatively easy to find the type of childcare they required for their children. However 20% stated that they found it extremely difficult to find local childcare. When asked about the situation elsewhere, 20% said it was easy to find whilst 20% found it extremely difficult.

5.2 Where do you find information about childcare?

50% of the respondents found the information they required from the local Parent / Toddler groups that run in the village. 43% said that they were able to access the information from friends and relatives. The village notice boards, local publications, the library, the internet and Health Visitors were also mentioned as good sources of information.

5.3 Please specify which of the following childcare and early years services you currently use.

81% of people stated that they used some form of child care within the parish. These included Parent / Toddler groups, after - school care, day nursery and pre- school provision and family. Of those using out of parish childcare facilities, 17% used holiday schemes and 24% had family help with childcare

5.4 If you use any of the above childcare and early years services in the previous question, please identify how satisfied you are with the provision.

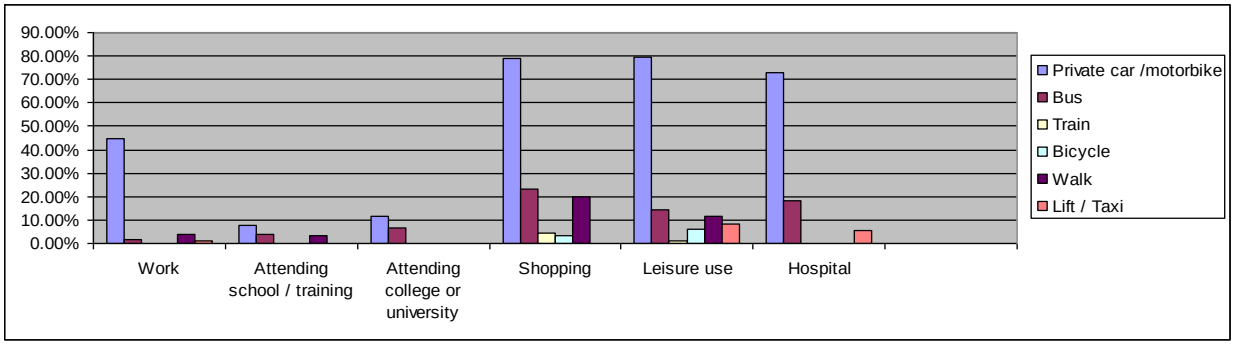
88% stated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the childcare services that they use. Less than 1% expressed dissatisfaction with the services offered.

6. Transport

6.1 Do you own or have access to a private motor vehicle (car, van, motorbike)

93% of respondents said that they have regular use of a private vehicle; only 0.3% have no access at all.

6.2 Please identify the types of transport you use most often for accessing various activities.



The graph highlights respondents reliance on private motor vehicles for shopping, leisure and attending work, hospital and doctors appointments. 79% use a car for these activities. 23% of respondents use the bus for shopping whilst 20% stated that they walk.

6.3 Please identify where you mainly travel for these activities

Leicester is the most common work destination although low response numbers to this question may reflect the make up of the age groups replying. A similar indicator may be the high number of people, 81%, who attended hospital appointments in Leicester or Hinckley. Destinations for leisure activities were spread evenly amongst the destinations. 29% of people regularly shop within the village but 51% indicated that they go to Leicester and 54% stated that they would choose Hinckley.

6.4 if you have children, how do they get to school?

There were a low number of respondents to this question. The majority of under 11 children walk to school with a low number travelling by cycle or car. In the 11 – 16 age group the majority travel by bus, reflecting the location of secondary education in the area.



6.5 What do you think of public transport provision within the parish?

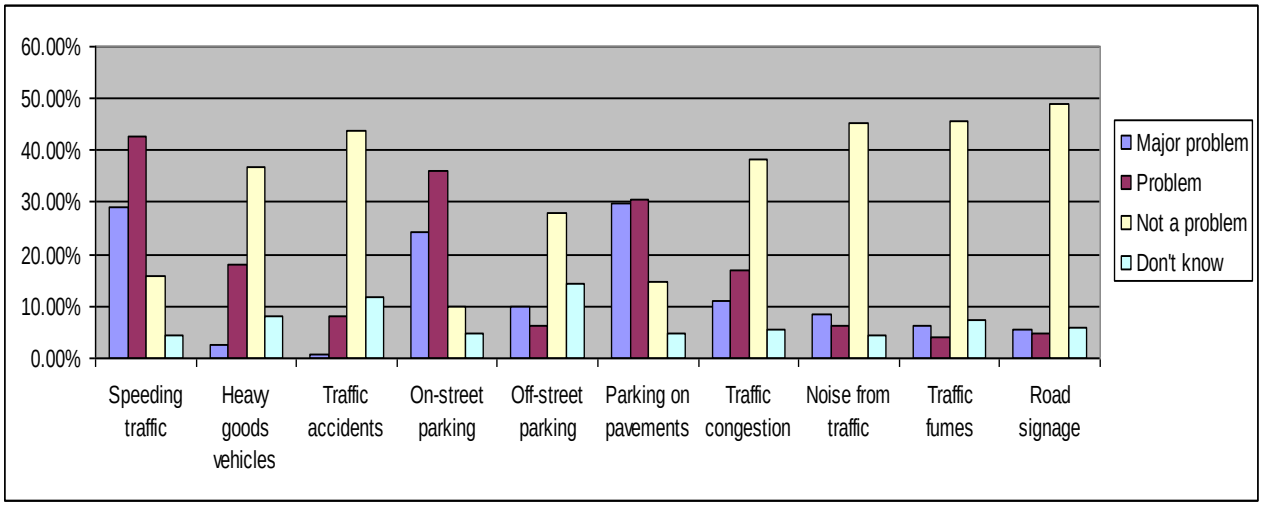
61% of people felt that public transport provision was excellent or good. Less than 10% stated that it was poor. When asked to say why they thought this was the case and to suggest possible improvements, there were 6 responses. The cost, accessibility on to buses and frequency were the main issues highlighted.

> " The cost is far too high to discourage car use and frequency needs to improve. The cost for students at Bosworth College is £3.60 a day."

6.6 If you own a car, or other members of your household own a car, where do they park?

The majority of cars are parked on the driveway with 71% claiming this as their first choice. 30% garage their vehicles, 10% park on the road and 6% use the pavement or verge.

6.7 What do you consider to be traffic issues within the parish?



The graph illustrates residents responses to a question asking them if any of these traffic issues were a problem within the parish. Speeding traffic, parking on pavements, on-street parking were highlighted as the most common concerns. A smaller number of residents felt that traffic congestion (at certain times of the day) and off- street parking were also a problem. Other issues raised were not felt to be major problems.

" Traffic speeding on Main Street is problem"

"On - street parking all over the village… outside The Swan, outside St. James' church, Dragon Lane, Mill Lane , Main Street.

"Pavement parking forcing pedestrians to use the road, reduces the use for pushchairs and elderly pedestrians with shopping trolleys."

"Motor vehicles entering the village via Brascote Lane often speed into the village way above 30 mph limit."

" Parking on the pavement restricts the view of on-coming traffic."

6.8 Although not part of the village, what are your views in the Bull in the Oak junction?

67% of people responded to this question. Traffic speed on the A447 was a big concern Many people were glad that the junction had returned to its original format as they felt it was more clear to drivers than the alterations that had been made. It was stated that at busy times (work / school travel times) many drivers took unnecessary risks. 34% of respondents would like to see a roundabout in place. 37% favoured traffic lights and 22% would leave it as it is.

" A roundabout would improve the safety and also reduce the rush hour queues."

"Traffic lights would make it safer as traffic would be controlled."

"It is a clear layout now."

"Drivers cause accidents, not roads."

7. Housing and Planning

7.1 Do you think that there are additional housing needs within your village?

No additional housing needed	33%
Family homes	13%
Affordable rented homes	23%
Shared ownership housing	18%
Private rented accommodation	4%
Starter homes	44%
Flats	9%
Traveller sites	1%

It appears that a lack of affordable housing within the parish is resulting in younger members of the community leaving to live elsewhere. 21% of respondents have had a member of their household leave the parish in the last 5 years for this reason. 64% of people said that they would be in favour of a small scheme of affordable housing, for rent or shared ownership, for local people. 27% of respondents were against such a scheme. When asked if they would support more houses being built on green field sites in the parish, 70% said that they would not whilst 28% said that they would.

> "Newbold needs affordable housing to enable young couples to stay in the village to increase the number of children on the school roll which has been falling over the last ten years. If this keeps happening there is the possibility of one of the local schools closing and being amalgamated with another local school."

7.2 Do you support the proposals for a permanent Traveller's site on Kirkby Lane?
Less than 1% supported the establishment of a permanent traveller's site whilst 96% answered no.



8. Access to Information

8.1 Where do you access local news within Newbold Verdon?

71% of residents responding to this question indicated that they relied on word of mouth to access local news. 59% said that they used the parish notice boards or the village website, 56% used the local newsletter, 20% used local publications. Less well used were the official County and Borough Council newsletters and websites.

8.2 Where do you access the internet?

Most people, 81%, were able to access the internet at home, whilst 18% did so at work and 13% used the library facilities.10% of respondents stated that they had no access to the internet and didn't use it to access information.

8.3 Leicestershire Villages is a website which has space dedicated for communities to add their own items, publicise local events and access local History information sources.

People were asked if they would be prepared to add information to the Newbold Verdon section of the website. 8% indicated that they would and 9% said that they would attend a training session to learn how to do so.

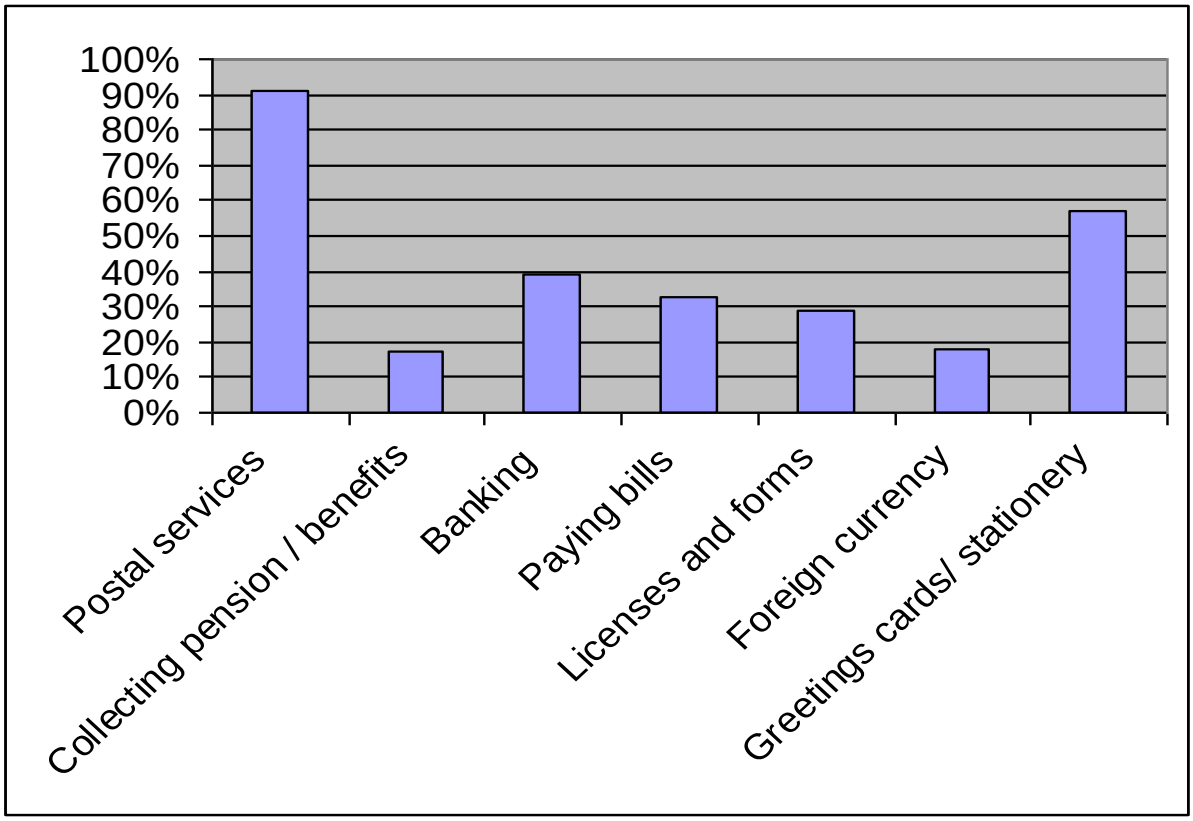
8.4 Which of the following businesses and services located within Newbold Verdon do you use and how often?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Rarely	Don't use
Post Office	15	123	27	43	7	2
Public house	4	27	22	70	9	50
Chemist	2	96	88	31	0	4
Newsagent	49	100	14	31	7	7
Supermarket	41	140	6	17	3	3
Takeaway/ Restaurant	2	29	51	47	36	28
Mobile services	1	5	1	10	2	69

It is apparent from the responses that people use and value local businesses and Services. The Post Office, the supermarkets and the chemists are particularly well used on daily and weekly basis. Local mobile businesses, such as hairdressers, taxi services and chiropodists were also mentioned as important services within the village.

8.5 If you use the village post office, which of the following services do you use?

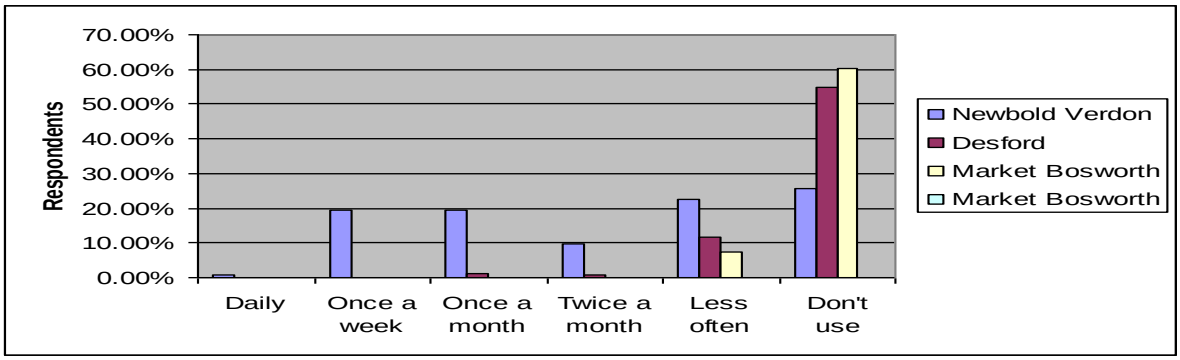
Postal services	91%
Collecting pension / benefits	17%
Banking	39%
Paying bills	33%
Licenses and forms	29%
Foreign currency	18%
Greetings cards/ stationery	57%



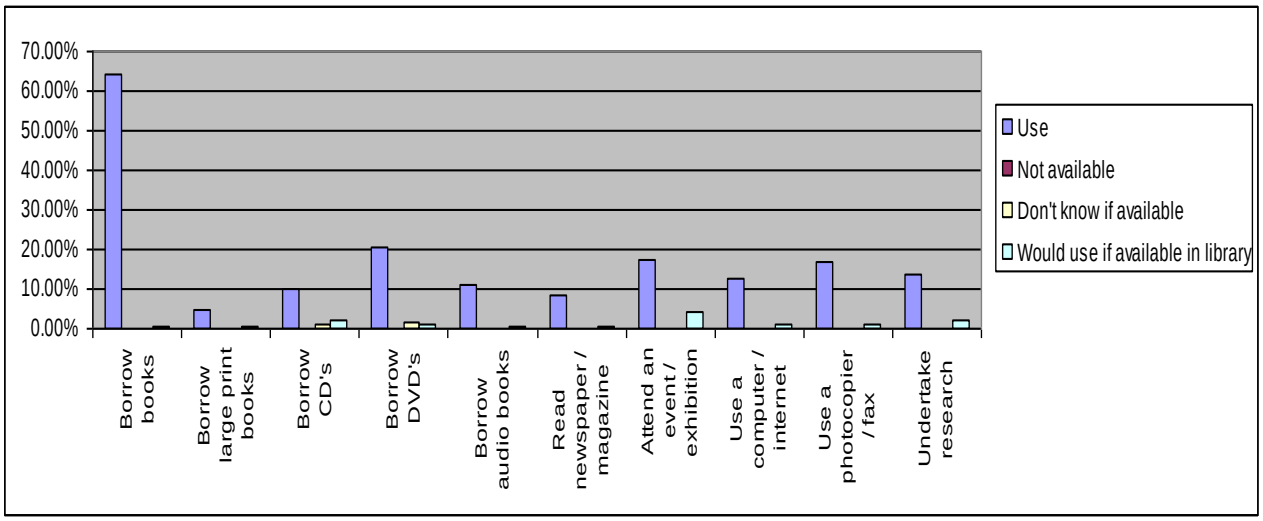
9. Library Services

A temporary library with limited space and facilities has served Newbold Verdon for many years. The village now has a library to be proud of. It has been National Lottery funded and has excellent facilities including a computer suite, community room and a reading garden. The Parish Plan questionnaires were sent out before the new library opened. The replies and comments, therefore, may not reflect the present usage and services.

9.1 Please identify how often you use these libraries.



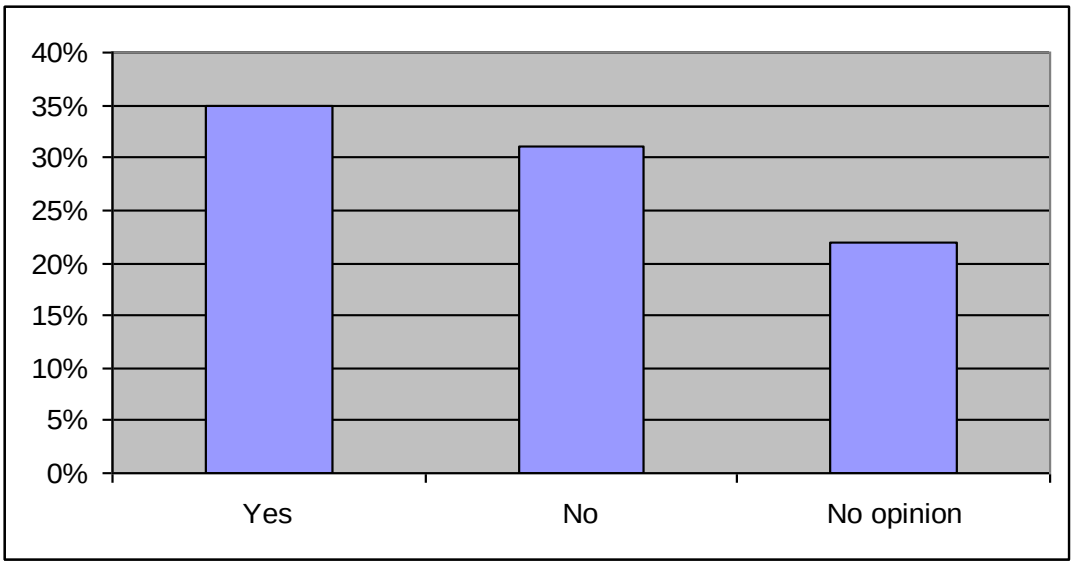
9.2 Which of these library services do you use?



9.3 if you have used Newbold Verdon library, were you satisfied with the service?

67% of respondents expressed satisfaction with the services provided, less than 1% were dissatisfied.

9.4 Would longer opening hours allow you to use the library more?





10. Faith

People were asked how important, and in what context, were places of worship in our village. Of those who responded, 36% said they attended Sunday worship. They were not asked how frequently they attended. As might be expected, the answers showed a greater proportion attended the more formal services. Weddings and funerals amounted to 43.5% and infant baptisms accounted for 39.5%. Nearly half of the respondents, 48%, found them “an important focal point in the community.”

> “As a place to enjoy friendship, learn more about my faith and provide a service to the village, e.g. our Grand tots for grandparents and their grand children, exercise classes, youth drop-ins, women’s meetings etc.

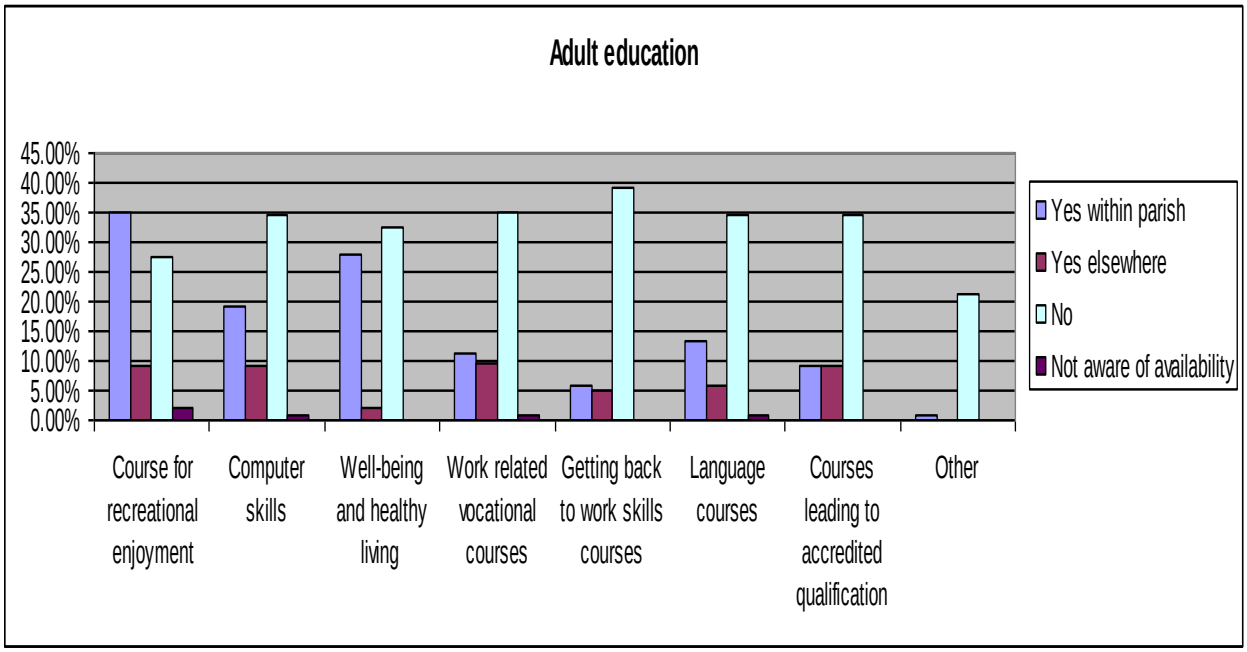
People felt they were important as historic building, 39.5% of those who answered said they were important. Groups of children from the village school visit our churches as part of their studies which may help to keep that interest alive.



11. Adult Education

11.1 Would you attend a course, either for recreational enjoyment or to develop employment skills?

We also asked parish residents if they would be prepared to travel to attend courses for recreational enjoyment or career development. There is some support for recreational courses, well- being and healthy living ,computer skills and language courses to be held in the Parish. However, the survey showed that more respondents said that they would not attend courses. Those wishing to study for work related vocational courses or an accredited qualification were realistic that these would be more readily available outside the parish.



12. What you think of the village.

" As a semi-retired, self employed person, it seems to me that the village does not cater for our interests. On the days that I don't work , the choices seem pretty limited as to what I can do. A bowling green would be very nice or a pitch and putt".

"Please can we have more flowers? Bring back the hanging baskets! If Market Bosworth can do it why not us?"

""Why no disabled questions? A good few people in Newbold are disabled, can not get in the post office, my husband is in a wheelchair."

" Would like to see one or more village signs or monuments in the form of public art such as the signs at Cadeby, would like to see improvements to public park opposite the school i.e. a perimeter footpath ,seating, bins, a park sign, trees and shrub planting."

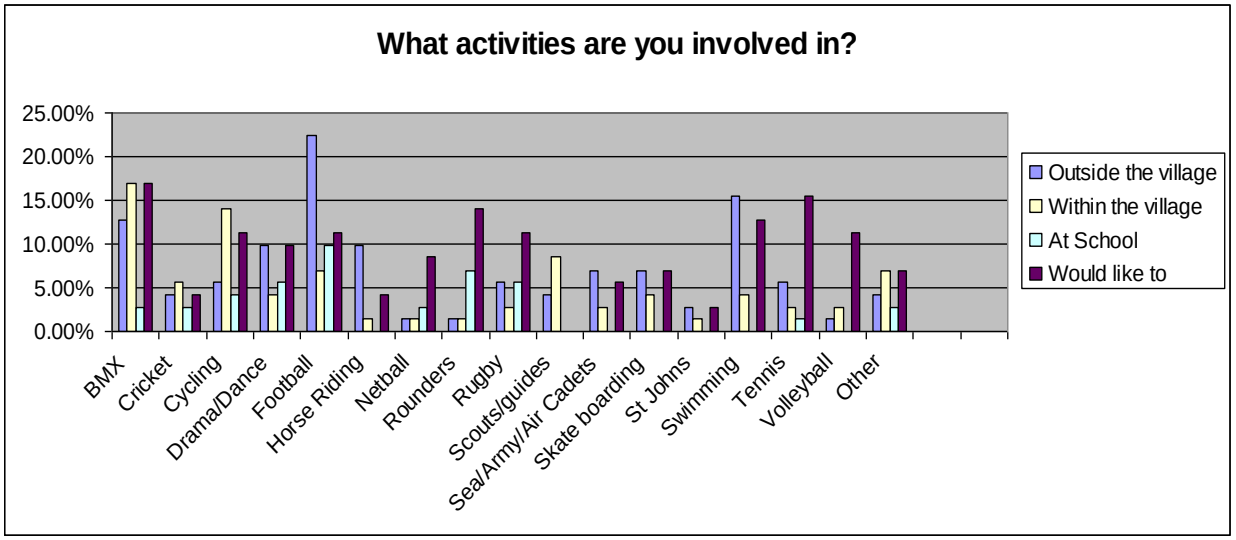
"The need for a central community centre is vital to the village. More facilities for the young people, e.g. cycle tracks etc. This would possibly decrease the level of vandalism in the village."

"Generally the village centre looks tatty, some decent paving outside the shops and a bench in the corner by the Dogroom would improve matters."

13 Youth Questionnaire.

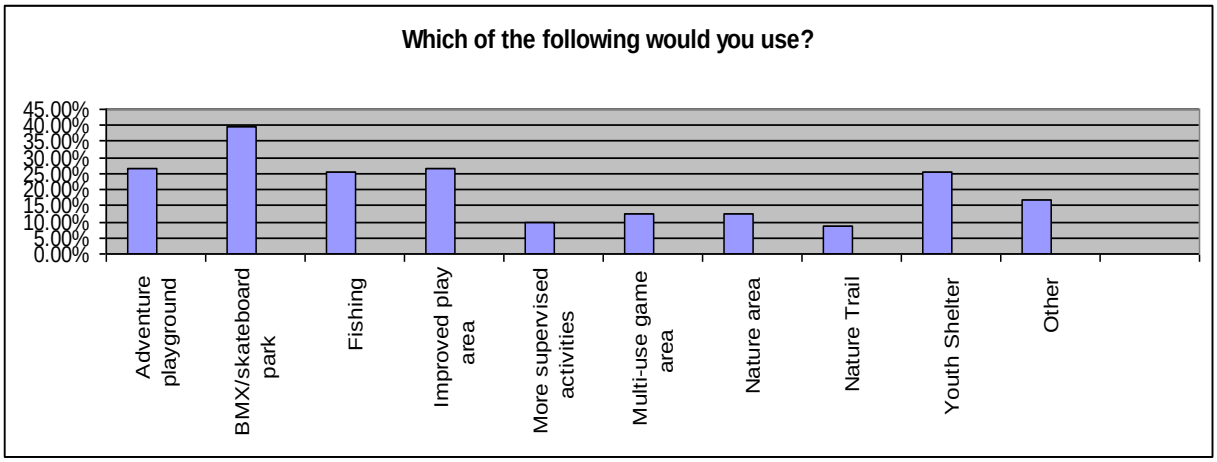
Youth Activities

13.1 Which activity/ activities are you involved in or would you like to participate in?



Clearly the young people of Newbold Verdon already take part in a wide range of activities. 39% of respondents indicated that a BMX park would be a good addition, 27% asked for an adventure playground and 27% wanted improved play areas. .A Youth Shelter was requested by 20% of the young people.

13.2 Which of the following would you like to use in the area if available?



The graph shows that improved play facilities, particularly a BMX track, are high priorities for young people. It also highlights their desire for a place to meet somewhere in the village.

13.3 Have you any ideas for village events you'd like to go to?

Regular cinema nights, a Fun Day in the summer and an organised Bonfire Night were the most popular suggestions. Generally the replies reflected the need for improved facilities in the village for young people.

13.5 Would you like somewhere to meet your friends in the village?

Interestingly, the most common answer with 18% was no. 17% would like a Youth Club or Youth Centre. 8% asked for a skate park and a shelter.

13.6 Would you like to be involved in helping to organise any new activities or events for young people?

18% of respondents said that they would be prepared to help whist 82% indicated that they would not.

Crime and Safety.

13.7 How safe do you feel around Newbold Verdon?

When how safe they felt around Newbold Verdon, 85% responded that they felt very safe or safe, this compares with 99% of adults asked the same question. This figure drops to 61% during the evening, again mirroring the adult responses. 13% of young respondents said that they feel unsafe or very unsafe during the day. This rose to 34% In the evening. This is a much higher percentage than the adult respondents, 1% during the day and 22% during the evening.

13.8 Do you know your local beat Police Officer?

18% said that they did know the local beat officer whilst 78% said that they did not. This figure may have changed since the survey was carried out due to increased police presence in the village. Local beat officers have also been available to speak to people in the library on a regular basis

13.9 Do you think that the use of illegal drugs is an issue in your village?

61% of respondents said that they felt that illegal drugs were an issue in the village, 6% said they weren't and 16% said they didn't know and18% declined to answer.

13.7 Do you think that underage drinking is an issue in your village?
58% said that they thought that it was a problem, 16% said that it wasn't and 13% didn't know. 13% declined to answer.

Living in the Community.

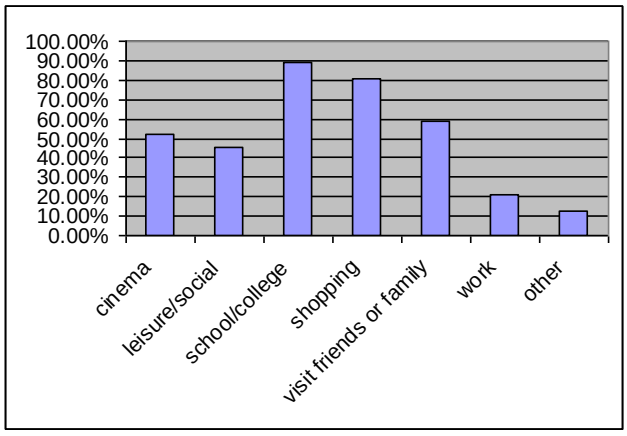
13.10 Please write three things you like about living in your community.
The respondents gave a wide range of things they liked about their community. In many ways their comments reflected the views of the adults who responded to the same question. They liked their friends, the fact that it is a friendly village, the playing fields, the shops and that it is a calm and peaceful place to live.

13.11 Please write three things you don't like about living in the community.
Litter, drug taking and drinking were common dislikes. and especially how these impacted on the parks Travellers coming into the village and causing trouble in the evenings were also a concern for the young people. The lack of things to do also figured highly. The bus shelters were also cited as being unpleasant, although this problem has been tackled by the Parish Council in recent months. Many of the concerns of the young people are shared by the adults in the village.

13.12 Do you consider litter a problem?
63% indicated that they did find it a problem whilst 17% said that they did not. We asked where they thought the main problem areas were. 27% said that both of the parks were bad, the streets and the village generally were also mentioned. We also asked what they thought might help the situation and 28% felt more bins would help solve the problem.

Transport and Young People

13.13 Do you have access to transport to the following activities?



13.14 Do you have to rely on parents or others to give you a lift when you visit another town or village?

55% of respondents indicated that they relied upon parents or friends for transport when visiting other towns or villages. 43% said they did not. Barlestone, Desford, Leicester and Hinckley were the main destinations for visits and all lie on direct bus routes with the village which may explain the high number of respondents who don't rely on others for transport.

Youth Services in the village.

13.15 Would you attend a youth club in the village?

48% said that they would 51% said that they would not.

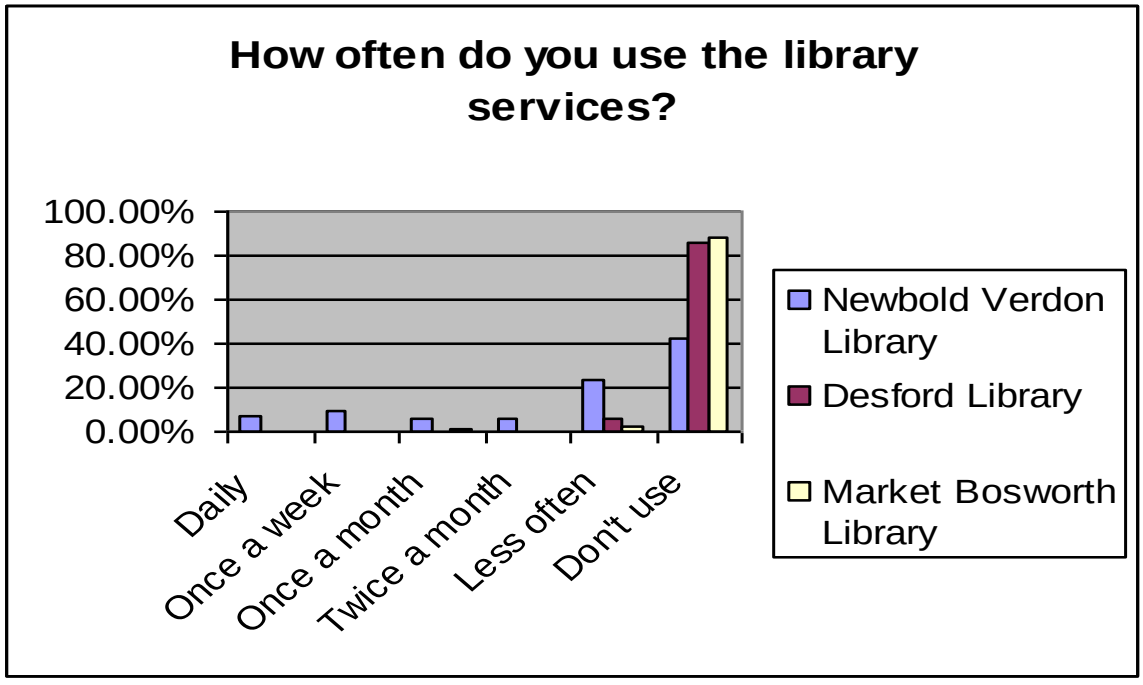
13.16 Would you be prepared to help run a youth club?

18% said that they would be prepared to help with the running of a youth club.

13.17 Do you attend a place of worship?

6% or respondents said that they did attend a place of worship, 90% said that they did not.

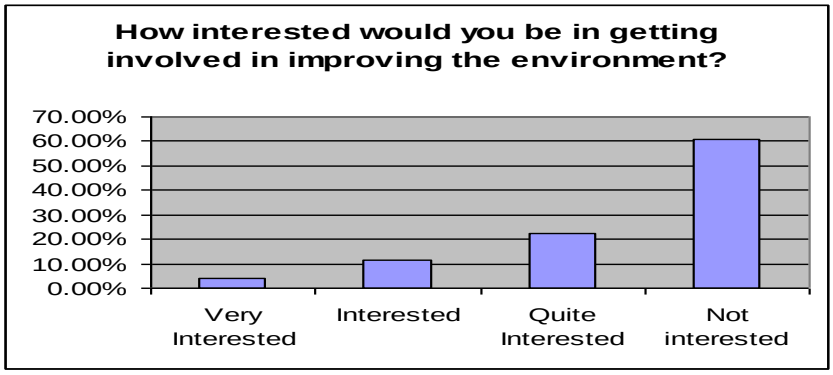
13.18 Please identify how often you use the library services?



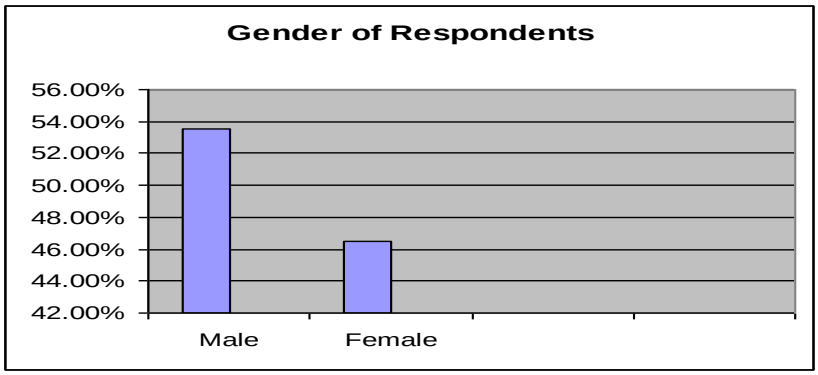
13.18 Do you think there should be a youth information centre and internet café in the village?

69% of respondents indicated that they would like to see this facility in the village whilst 34% said they would not.

13.19 How interested would you be in getting involved in improvements to the environment such as the planting of wild flowers, digging of ponds, tree planting and parks?



About You





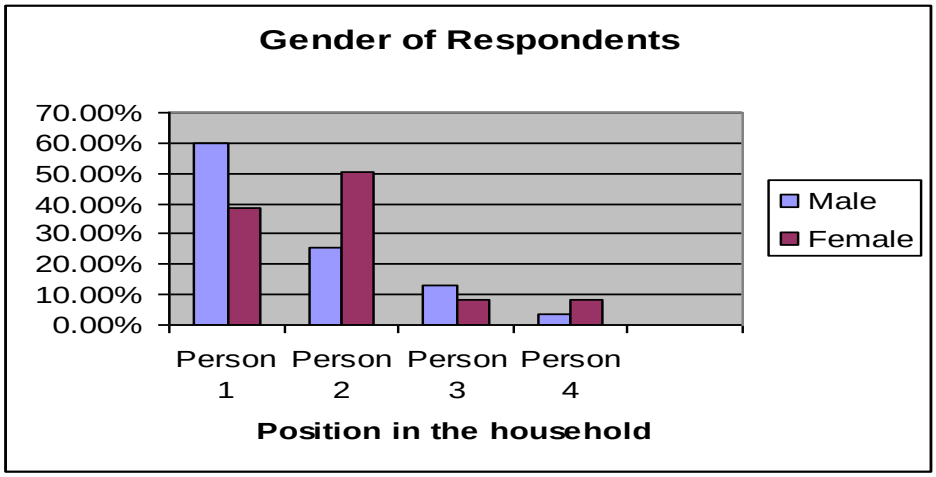
13.1 Newbold Verdon Primary School – planning in action.

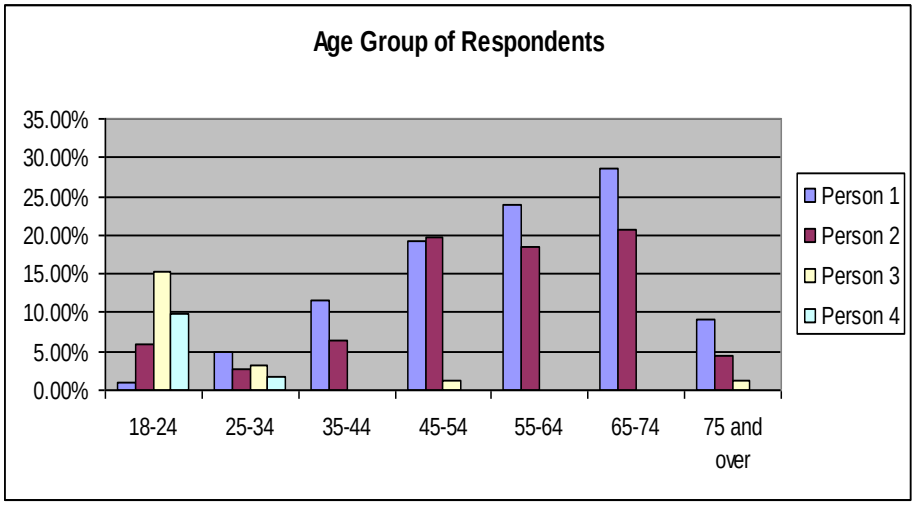
During the week of Monday March 30th – Friday 3rd April 2009 the children of Newbold Verdon Primary School made and painted a model of the village. Years 5 and 6 made models of the houses and other buildings in the village and stuck them onto polystyrene sheets (10 sheets in all) and the younger children in the Reception class painted the model. On Friday 3rd April the older children accompanied by their teachers and other adult helpers walked around the village writing down areas
or improvement as well as negative and positive comments on the village as seen through their eyes. When they returned to school they transferred their comments onto paper flags which they placed in the model at the appropriate places. The model was taken to the Library where it was on show on Saturday 4th April so everyone had a chance to see the results of the children's hard work.

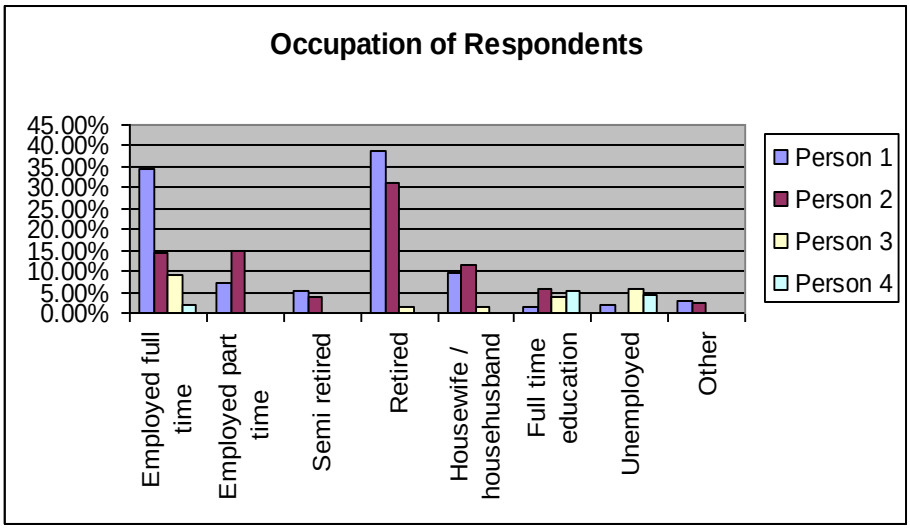
The main positive comments were that there were nice playing areas, nice shops, a new library a tidy graveyard and a good school. The main negative comments were that there was a lot of dog waste around the village, lots of litter, vandalism and graffiti on the play equipment and smelly bus shelters. .There were only a few improvements mentioned and since April most of these have been done i.e. a new bus shelter outside of the Newbold Verdon Working Men's Club, ,tarmacing the parking areas at the school and behind the shops on Main Street.



Adult Demographics







Conclusion

When we first met as a group almost two years ago, few of us realised the size of the task we were taking on. However we have finally achieved our goal and produced a comprehensive Village Plan. Our Parish Plan has been achieved as the result of consultation with everyone in the parish; this has involved talking to people at village events, working with the children at the primary school and meeting with young people at the Baptist Church youth club. Young people have also attended some of the group meetings held in the library. We have also listened to the views of local PCSOs and youth workers based in the village. Questionnaires were sent to every household in the parish, whether or not they chose to return the questionnaires was a personal decision which we could not influence. We now have produced a clear document and prepared an Action Plan for the future which includes ways to address the identified needs.

The next step is for the steering group to evolve into an Action Plan Group, we hope to attract some new members, to take the issues forward and turn them into reality. Our service providers all have a duty to consider our results and recommendations. They may not provide everything that we ask for but they have to give good reasons if our needs cannot be met. Issues raised may be used to help them plan our services, for example, by changing their priorities. They may also be able to help us to meet our own needs in creative ways. Any group can use evidence from the report to strengthen their case when applying for grant funding. Many of the suggestions in the Action Plan will need help from members of the community. You have had your say so please now get involved, if you have not already done so. Joining a project helps you meet new people, learn new skills, enhance the parish and improve the quality of life of all of us.

The Action Plan is extensive and contains issues with short, medium and long time-scales. Some have actually been achieved in the time it has taken to produce the Village Plan. Many of them cannot possibly happen overnight. We shall all grow older in the meantime and inevitably our own needs will change. We must take our “snapshot" of responses collected over two months in summer 2009 and attempt to use them to preserve that which is good, and to improve and enhance that which needs to be improved or indeed, provided. This will provide an opportunity for today’s residents to leave a legacy for the next generation.

Community Spirit and Equality

No.	Category	Issue	Action	Partners	Priority	Resources
C1	Village Hall	The village lacks a village hall that could be the focus for many events and improve community spirit.	Set up a village hall working party to examine the issues of siting, funding and management of a village hall	Community NVPC Funding partners	H	H
C2	Village Spirit	The general appearance of the village needs to be improved.	Identify areas of the village that could be improved.	PCC HBBC	H	L
C3	Exclusion	A number of residents felt excluded due to age, access or poverty.	Examine what provision might be necessary to integrate those villagers into the community.	Community LCC HBBC NVPC Voluntary sector	L	L
C4	Communication	Some residents felt that village events were not sufficiently well communicated.	Better use of the village diary in the library. Events reported in The Graphic	Community	L	L

Environment and Planning

No.	Category	Issue	Action	Partners	Priority	Resources
EP1	Footpaths	The lack of a footpath from the village to Brascote and the danger to residents using the route	A footpath to be provided from the village to the allotments.	NVPC HBBC LCC	H	H
EP2	Footpaths	The danger of walking from Brascote to the Kirkby Lane	A footpath could be included within the boundary of the lake area created at Brascote, thereby avoiding the dangerous bends	NVPC HBBC LCC Tarmac Ltd	H	H
EP3	Footpaths	Poorly maintained footpaths	Repairs to holes, more dropped kerbs	HBBC	M	L
EP4	Dog fouling	Dog fouling was reported as a problem by adults and young people.	Ensure that the waste bins are thoughtfully positioned and maintained. Notices and enforcement.	NVPC HBBC	H	L

Environment and Planning

No	Category	Issue	Action	Partners	Priority	Resources
EP5	Seating	A lack of seating in the village and around the parks.	To liaise with the Parish Council to improve the situation.	NVPC	L	L
EP6	Litter	The problem of litter was highlighted by all sections of the community.	Organise litter picking mornings. Poster campaign to raise awareness. Write to sports groups reminding them of the need to clear plastic bottles etc. after matches.	Community NVPC	M	L
EP7	Fly tipping	Fly tipping remains a problem, particularly on Kirkby Lane and Newbold Heath.	Residents to report to HBBC HBBC to remove ASAP	HBBC	M	M
EP8	Recycling	Older residents have expressed concern over the withdrawal of the recycling area in the village	Look at the possibility of re-establishing the recycling area.	NVPC HBBC	L	L

Environment and Planning

No	Category	Issue	Action	Partners	Priority	Resources
EP9	Recycling	Older residents find it difficult to dispose of larger items of waste, as they cannot get to the tip and collection is expensive.	Liaise with HBBC to find out if it possible for them to arrange for the collection of large items at a reduced rate for pensioners.	HBBC	L	L
EP10	Walking	Residents would like leaflets / maps showing local walks	Liaise with walking group to see if this is possible. Contact HBBC /LCC to see if there any published walks in the area	Community HBBC LCC	L	L
EP11	Graffiti	Younger members of the community feel that the play equipment has graffiti on it.	Look into the issue, clean where it is possible.	NVPC	L	L

Sport. Leisure and Recreation

No.	Category	Issue	Action	Partners	Priority	Resources
SL1	Leisure activities within the village	The provision of a BMX / skate park within the village	Set up a group to explore the siting, funding and management of a BMX / skate park	Community NVPC HBBC Funding partners	H	H
SL2	Leisure activities within the village	Improved play facilities for young people	Look at examples in other areas. Explore the possibilities for extending play facilities in the village	Community NVPC HBBC Funding partners	H	H
SL3	Leisure activities within the village	Meeting place for young people	Examine the possibilities of establishing a youth shelter in the village.	Community NVPC HBBC Funding partners	H	H
SL4	Leisure activities within the village	Newbold Verdon is one of the few villages in the area without a bowling green. There is scope to offer more activities.	Look at extending the facilities on Alan's Way to include a wider range of leisure activities for residents	Community NVPC HBBC Funding partners	M	H

Crime and Safety

No.	Category	Issue	Action	Partners	Priority	Resources
CR1	Anti- Social Behaviour	Noise and disturbance in specific areas of the village	Approach the local PCSO to increase patrols in the village targeting specified areas	Leicestershire Constabulary	H	L
CR2	Watch Schemes	Not all areas of the village are covered by Neighbourhood Watch schemes. No Business, Countryside or Farm schemes	Request presentation on how to set up Neighbourhood , Countryside and Farm schemes.	Leicestershire Constabulary	H	L
CR3	Community Policing	Lack of beat patrols (particularly at night), limited opening hours of police station, slow response on calls, too large an area covered by beat police. Do not know who Beat Officers and PCSOs are.	Encourage parishioners to get to know and liaise regularly with Police officers and PCSOs, improve understanding of their roles and duties.	Leicestershire Constabulary Residents	H	L

Crime and Safety

No.	Category	Issue	Action	Partners	Priority	Resources
CR4	Illegal drugs	Residents were concerned about the use of illegal drugs in the village	Work with agencies to tackle this issue.	NVPC HBBC LCC Leics. Constabulary	H	L
CR5	Underage drinking	Concerns were expressed about underage drinking.	Work with agencies to tackle this issue. Ensure that local shops are not supplying under-age drinkers.	NVPC HBBC LCC Leics. Constabulary	H	L

Childcare

No.	Category	Issue	Action	Partners	Priority	Resources
CC1	Childcare	Improving the provision of childcare	Better provision of information about the childcare available and how to access that childcare.	LCC HBBC	L	L

Housing

No.	Category	Issue	Action	Partners	Priority	Resources
H1	Housing	Consultations show the need for affordable housing in the village for local people, including shared ownership and rented.	Ensure LDF contains plans for affordable local housing.	HBBC RCC NVPC LGA HMG	H	L
H2	Travellers sites	Consultation shows 96% of respondents did not want a travellers site within the village boundary.	Lobby HBBC to take out travellers sites in Local Development Framework in any plans for Newbold Verdon	HBBC LGA NVPC HMG	H	L
H3	Need for private rented accommodation	To help Local Authority to meet the social housing needs of local people, private rented accommodation is needed.	Encourage HBBC to contact private landlords and also look at underused or empty properties in the village to bring them into use.	HBBC LGA HMG	M	L

Travelling and Transport

No.	Category	Issue	Action	Partners	Priority	Resources
TT1	Speeding	Specific areas of the village have issues with speeding motorists.	Investigate installation of vehicle activated (30mph) display signs. Apply to Community Speedwatch.	LCC Leics. Constabulary	H	L
TT2	Parking	There issues of visibility in some areas because of parking on the streets and pavements.	Traffic wardens to check parking. Residents written to. Improved parking areas in the village.	NVPC HBBC Leics. Constabulary	M	L
TT3	Visibility	Overgrown vegetation at junctions restricts visibility for motorists	More regular grass cutting and hedge cutting	NVCC HBBC	H	L
TT4	Safety	The Bull-in-the-Oak junction continues to cause concern.	Install traffic lights or a roundabout	LCC	H	H

Access to Information

No.	Category	Issue	Action	Partners	Priority	Resources
AL1	Information	The Leicestershire Villages website could be better utilised by the village	Contact the residents who expressed an interest in being involved	Parish Plan Group Rural Community Council	M	L
AL2	Information	Access to information from NVPC and HBBC	More use of websites.	NVCC HBBC	M	L
AL3	Broadband	Very slow broadband speeds make access to the internet in the village difficult	Campaign to have broadband speeds upgraded.	BT Cable providers	M	L

Responses to draft Parish Plan from main providers during period of consultation

Action	Service Provider Contact	Response
EP2 Footpaths: The danger of walking from Brascote to the Kirkby Lane. A footpath could be included within the boundary of the lake area created at Brascote, thereby avoiding the dangerous bends	Karen Notman Group Manager Karen.Notman@leics.gov.uk	CC are responsible for keeping existing pavements (footways) in a safe and serviceable condition within the funding available. The appropriate treatment and repair is identified and prioritised through highway safety inspection
EP3 Poorly maintained footpaths: Repairs to holes, more dropped kerbs	Karen Notman Group Manager Karen.Notman@leics.gov.uk	Improvements to the highway network, such as new dropped crossings or additional lengths of footway, are subject to the priorities for available funding as outlined in the LTP3, which is likely to focus on making the best use of the existing network rather than extending it. Local community support may assist in some situations by working with LCC; for example, in finding alternative funding sources for improvement work or keeping local rights of way clear and accessible.

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TT4 Safety: The Bull-in-the-Oak junction continues to cause concern. Install traffic lights or a roundabout	Mike Hay Transport Schemes Development Manager mike.hay@leics.gov.uk	The most recent works to the junction were completed in January 2008. Since then, one injury accident has been reported (August 2010) when a driver entered the A447 into the path of a northbound car. The installation of traffic signals could result in shunt or red running type accidents – particularly in such a rural location – whilst a roundabout could result in main road (A447) over-run type accidents into the junction, a particular risk to cyclists and motor cyclists. There is little likelihood of reducing the recent record of accidents at the junction by engineering measures and hence no justification for the considerable expense involved with installing signals or a roundabout
AL3: Broadband. Very slow broadband speeds make access to the internet in the village difficult. Campaign to have broadband speeds upgraded	Matthew Kempson Rural Partnerships Manager Matthew.Kempson@leics.gov.uk	Broadband connectivity at local village schools could be upgraded and then made available locally through an ISP…but this has proved problematic. It may be something for the future. It seems great sense to use public sector networks. Some examples of areas where they have worked together to achieve better broadband connection: • Lyddington, Rutland DIY broadband with Rutland Telecom - info at http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/8618507.stm info about Rutland Telecom at http://www.relay-rutlandtelecom.co.uk/ • The East Midlands Rural Affairs Forum are due to host information and guidance on their website at www.ruralaffairs.org.uk - unsure if up yet. I will announce the information on the LRP's Oakleaves website www.oakleaves.org.uk. Register at www.oakleaves.org.uk/register . • Useful twitter site http://twitter.com/finalthirdfirst and blog http://finalthirdfirst.org/ At the same time, Community Broadband Network may be able to assist http://www.broadband-uk.coop/

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C3 Exclusion: A number of residents felt excluded due to age, access or poverty. Examine what provision might be necessary to integrate those villagers into the community.	Shaun Cropper Equalities Officer Shaun.Cropper@leics.gov.uk	A link with the local CVS in Hinckley re volunteering activities and Job Centre Plus for benefits can be advisable In terms of the access issue, it would be good practice for them to audit this and to address any issues as it will obviously have an effect on how 'inclusive' the village seems to those with disabilities or other accessibility issues. The access group which covers this area is based in Hinckley. The chair is Dorothy Charles on: 01455 613 767. We also have an Access Officer here at County Hall. Although he deals with Council buildings he may be able to sign post people to the relevant help contact: John Lager 0116 305 8152. On the other hand

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CC1 Childcare Improving the provision of childcare Better provision of information about the childcare available and how to access that childcare.	Jackie Cockcroft Project Manager - CYPS Customer First Programme Jackie.Cockcroft@leics.gov.uk EARLY YEARS Michelle Nicholls Service Manager Michelle.Nicholls@leics.gov.uk	The Family Information Service holds the details about all childcare providers. Also the Early Learning and Childcare service are the team that supports early years providers in developing their services with training and advice etc.
EP10 Walking Residents would like leaflets / maps showing local walks Liaise with walking group to see if this is possible. Contact HBBC /LCC to see if there any published walks in the area		The Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way shows all footpaths, bridleways and byways. Maps for the Parish can be supplied. For further details contact the Rights of Way team on 0116 3057086 or email footpaths@leics.gov.uk. General mapping and details of local walking information is available online @ http://www.leics.gov.uk/paths. The County Council has a programme of signposting and waymarking for paths. The signage on the paths in and around Newbold was renewed last year. This also included access improvement works in the area. However, problems still crop up and to report any issues an online form can be found at www.leics.gov.uk/reportaproblem A further scheme is being carried out this year to paths to the north west of the parish. Alternatively you can report any problems you find on paths to the Customer Service Centre 0116 305 0001. If there is an active group in the parish that want to promote local walking and are interested in encouraging more people in the parish to use and enjoy their local paths contact the Rights of Way team on 0116 305 7655 to discuss options available.

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CR4: Illegal drugs. Residents were concerned about the use of illegal drugs in the village CR5: Underage drinking. Concerns were expressed about underage drinking	Sebastian Mainard - Youth Officer Leicestershire County Council smainard@boscol.leics.sch.uk	Every other Tuesday night, 6.30-8.00pm we take our mobile project and we park on the car park of the library. We did our first session28th Sept and we did an art project with the Library on our first night. This was part of a community project to illustrate community cohesion in the village. Many groups have been involved in this initiative. Police figures have shown that these type of initiatives have resulted in a decrease on ASB in the area. 'The Mobile Youth Bus has been providing support to the area on activities such as rock climbing, DJs, advice session, etc. These sessions have been organised in collaboration with the local library, police, youth service and borough council colleagues. Our intervention on Tuesday evening aims to keep the young people engage in positive and targeted activities. It is part of our curriculum to raise awareness about illegal drugs and under age drinking. Those themes will be part of our activity programme that we will deliver with the young people.

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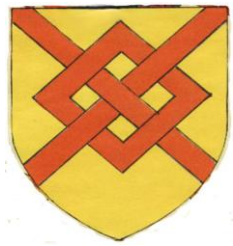
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