



Village Plan

September 2005



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Abbreviations

BDBC	-	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
HCC	-	Hampshire County Council
RHC	-	Rural Housing Coordinator
PCC	-	Parochial Church Council

North Waltham



A map of North Waltham by Harrison 1788, showing the village under the old name of 'Cold Waltham'.

(This map was supplied by The University of Portsmouth - www.envf.port.ac.uk/hantsgaz/hantsgaz/s0004878.htm)

Foreword

North Waltham is a compact village of some character, lying in a hollow in the chalk uplands, very conveniently situated with regard to motor routes, being just off the Salisbury and Southampton trunk roads and two miles from the M3 motorway. Basingstoke is seven miles to the northeast. In many respects it might well be described as an 'ideal' or model village, possessing physical characteristics of considerable charm. There is an attractive centre with a pond, a church, a Victorian school, with Victorian architecture and a recreation ground. The central core of the village consists of a number of older houses of mixed architecture circled by a backcloth of fine trees. The settlement lies within an area of great landscape value.

Between 1961 and 1971 the village population expanded by some 50%. The main building took place after 1965.

North Waltham is a 'desirable village' not only in terms of character but also because of its convenience to major employment centres and ease of access to major road and rail networks.

Introduction

The North Waltham Village action plan was started in April 2004 when the Parish Council invited Jo Dixon, a Hampshire Community Action coordinator, to join them at their Annual Parish Meeting. A steering group was formed which included two members of the Parish Council. The steering group was made up of the following members:

Adele Stevenson	Chris Brummell
Mike Curry	Clare Gallagher
Julie Wild	Claire Hughes
Kimberly Galston	Robert Bull

This group also received assistance from:

Karen Waller	Malcolm Dixon	Barbara Curry
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Firstly, suggestion forms were sent out for any ideas or topics that should be addressed and discussed during the questionnaire process. This took place in July 2004. There was a great response to this, 59 suggestion forms were returned.

During this phase the group applied for a grant from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and were awarded £2,000. This was given with the criterion that the plan was created by the summer of 2005.

Our mission statement throughout this process has been 'The steering Group will endeavour to interpret information given by the inhabitants of North Waltham to determine an action plan for the village. This action plan will be made up of achievable targets which will succeed with the involvement of all'.

With this information in mind the steering group then started to put together a questionnaire that was sent to every household within the parish. The questionnaire was finalized in October and delivered to 333 houses. It comprised of 48 questions, the majority taken from the University of Gloucester Village Appraisal software and tailored to our village. The feedback received from the suggestion forms was included.

195 questionnaires were received, representing 527 respondents. The computer analysis was completed in January 2005. The steering group was split into task groups to create an action plan. The steering group continued to meet fortnightly to review the activity by all the groups. The action plan attached is a result of the discussion of these groups and of the whole steering group. Finally the Parish Council and Village Trust reviewed the comments and approved the Village Plan in May 2005.

The age range of respondents who replied was:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
0-4	34	23
5-10	18	21
11-15	11	6
16-17	4	4
18-24	16	18
25-44	74	78
45-59	56	66
60-64	25	22
64-74	17	12
75-84	9	8
85+	3	2

Project One - Housing and Development

Question 41 - Do you think sufficient publicity is given to planning applications?

Yes - 128 (32.9%)
 No - 188 (48.3%)
 No opinion - 73 (18.8%)

Question 42 - What is your opinion of the appearance of new buildings/extensions?

Satisfied - 205 (53.4%)
 Dissatisfied - 93 (24.2%)
 No opinion - 86 (22.4%)

Question 5 - Is any individual in your household, or whole household, currently in need of alternative accommodation?

Yes - 5 (2.6%)
 No - 188 (96.4%)

Question 24 - What kind of accommodation do you think North Waltham needs?

No further homes are needed	206 (54.8%)
Affordable homes	110 (29.3%)
Homes for young people	91 (24.2%)
Small family homes	50 (13.3%)
Homes for single people	36 (9.6%)
Homes for people with disabilities	28 (7.4%)
Large family homes	27 (7.2%)
Executive homes	15 (4%)
Other	11 (2.9%)

Communication on Planning Applications

- How:** Add all planning applications to the village website and report in the monthly Parish Magazine.
- Who:** Web Editor to add to the website. Parish Council to request information added to magazine via Deborah Smyth, its editor.
- When:** Website with immediate effect of application being posted. Parish Magazine once a month.

Question 25 – Would you have any objections in principle to a development that might help to meet housing needs of local people?

Yes - 157(39.3%)
No - 187 (46.8%)
No opinion - 56 (14%)

Affordable Housing

- How:** The Parish Council has been in contact with the Rural Housing Coordinator (RHC) to investigate the possibility of affordable housing in North Waltham. The Coordinator will investigate if affordable housing is still required, what the needs are and the best site for it to be located, with input from the Parish Council. Two sites have been put forward to date. The Village Plan Steering Group has informed the Parish Council of the results of this questionnaire.
- Who:** Mike Curry has forwarded statistics to Parish Council & BDBC. The Parish Council will progress with the RHC.
- When:** The feedback from the questionnaire was given to the Parish Council for their monthly meeting in February 2005. They will await the outcome from the Basingstoke and Deane Public Inquiry on the local plan review prior to any work taking place. (Autumn of 2005)



Available properties in North Waltham

Question 6 - If your household is unable to move to accommodation of the type needed is this because?

Not applicable	164 (84.1%)
Price	19 (9.7%)
Lack of suitable stock	10 (5.1%)
Lack of local authority homes	6 (3.1%)
Lack of private rented homes	4 (2.1%)
Lack of key worker homes	3 (1.5%)
Or suitable sheltered housing	2 (1.0%)

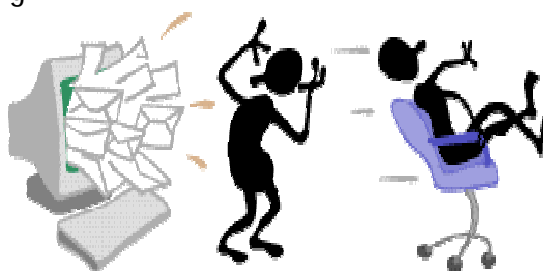
- How:** Make information more readily available for people in North Waltham who are looking to move home.
- Who:** Web Editor to offer the option of placing information on houses to rent or to purchase on the village website. The Web page will be printed off once a month and posted in the shop.
- When:** As and when people inform the Web Editor.
webeditornorthwaltham@hotmail.com or send to 2 Pond View Cottages.



Need a bigger home?

Offices and work sites

- How:** A survey is required to see if a small amount of office space is required in the village.
- Who:** Village Plan Steering Group to review the option of a survey and feedback the findings to the Parish Council and building owners.
- When:** Request that volunteers put their names forward at the feedback meeting.



Project Two - Transport

Question 15 - How often do you use the following?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
Car	341 (84.4%)	41 (10.1%)	5 (1.2%)	12 (3%)
Train	22 (5.4%)	27 (6.7%)	253 (62.6%)	81 (20%)
Bus	15 (3.7%)	22 (5.4%)	106 (26.2%)	241 (59.7%)
Push Bike	6 (1.5%)	20 (5%)	136 (33.7%)	220 (54.5%)
Motorbike	0 (0%)	5 (1.2%)	5 (1.2%)	370 (91.6%)



Danger Spots

Question 19 - Do you think there are any danger spots?

Shop corner	163 (50.5%)
Maidenthorne Lane (not enough passing spaces)	101 (31.3%)
Fox corner	86 (26.6%)
Chapel Street / Up Street	86 (26.6%)
Wheatsheaf junction	84 (26%)
Stockbridge road corner	78 (24.1%)
Church junction	65 (20.1%)
Haddef / Corndell corner	55 (17%)
Other	47 (14.6%)
Chapel Street / Mary Lane / Steventon Road	42 (13%)

- How:** The village plan Steering Group have written to BDBC following the extensive review of Church Road traffic calming initiatives that have taken place following discussion with the Parish Council
- Who:** BDBC and Parish Council
- When:** Work to start in July 2005



A30 filter lane into Maidenthorne Lane

How: The Parish Council are working with BDBC and Hampshire highways to investigate the possibility of having a filter lane on the A30 for vehicles turning right into Maidenthorne Lane

Who: The Parish Council

When: Investigation in progress

Increase the use of the bus service

Question 16 - What do you use the bus for and how often?

	Often	Occasionally	Never
Shopping	20 (6.6%)	59 (19.3%)	197 (64.6%)
Social / Leisure	15 (4.9%)	64 (21%)	195 (63.9%)
School	15 (4.9%)	3 (1%)	238 (78%)
Other	5 (1.6%)	7 (2.3%)	146 (47.9%)
Work	4 (1.3%)	32 (10.5%)	223 (73.1%)
Medical Visits	3 (1%)	17 (5.6%)	235 (77%)

Question 17 - Would you like to see any improvements in the bus service?

Frequency	93 (37.1%)
Timetable	83 (33.1%)
Routes	74 (29.5%)
No improvements needed	65 (25.9%)
Smaller buses	61 (24.3%)
Reliability	40 (15.9%)
Cost	36 (14.3%)
Access for those with disabilities	33 (13.1%)
Bus stop location	23 (9.2%)

How: Provide 'Countywide' with the results of our questionnaire and encourage a dialogue and an exchange of ideas on all aspects of the service. The Parish Council are writing to HCC urging the continuation of their grant which currently comprises 66% of the bus service funding. (The others are BDBC 12%, Developer contributions 22%). Villagers should use the bus or take the risk of losing the service.

Who: Village Plan Steering Group, Parish Council and residents.

When: Ongoing

Improve road safety in North Waltham

How: BDBC has considered road safety improvement at the invitation of the Parish Council and have designed schemes to reduce traffic speed through the village. Police data on accidents in and around North Waltham have been obtained as a possible source of evidence of need for further measures.

Who: Parish Council.

When: September 2005

Accident Data for North Waltham between 1st January 1999 to 31st January 2005.

This only records accident data for incidents involving injury, in accordance with Home Office guidelines. The description of any accident is an expression of opinion of the reporting officer.

Where	No of accidents	Severity
Wheatsheaf (A30)	4	2 Serious, 2 slight
A30 / A33	4	2 serious, 2 slight
North Waltham	2	2 slight

Reduce Congestion at the School at each end of the school day

How: The headmistress of the school, Mrs Wheeler, has set up a working party to draw up a Travel Plan.

Who: School, Parish Council, Village Trust, Parents

When: 2005

Extension to speed limit

Question 20 - Do you think speeding traffic is a problem?

Yes - 287 (70.5%)
No - 89 (21.9%)
No opinion - 31 (7.6%)

Question 21 - Would you like to see the following speed controls?

Reduce speed limit to 20 mph	196 (49.4%)
Extension of the speed limit	171 (43.1%)
More visible policing	156 (39.3%)
Width restrictions	94 (23.7%)
More road warning signs	66 (16.6%)
Priority Changes	62 (15.6%)
None of the above	50 (12.6%)
Chicanes	36 (9.1%)
Other	32 (8.1%)
Speed humps (requires street lighting)	22 (5.5%)

How: HCC has adopted criteria for speed limits that have been set down by the Department for Transport. BDBC advise that they are satisfied that existing signs around North Waltham are currently in the optimum locations and that no extension would be appropriate.

Who: BDBC

When: n/a

20 MPH at school

How: BDBC advise that a 20mph speed limit may only be applied to roads where existing traffic speeds are a little over 20mph and the placing of 20mph signs would act as an additional warning to drivers. They also advise that there is strong evidence that making 20mph limits without natural build-outs in the road has little or no effect on traffic speeds.

Who: BDBC

When: n/a



Car Share

Question 11 - Do you experience transport difficulties getting in/out of North Waltham?

Often	13 (3.2%)
Occasionally	121 (29.5%)
Never	276 (67.3%)

Question 13 - Do you have any difficulty getting to the following?

	Often	Occasionally	Never
Doctor	12 (3.1%)	32 (8.1%)	343 (87.3%)
Dentist	12 (3.1%)	18 (4.6%)	349 (88.8%)
Hospital	10 (2.5%)	30 (7.6%)	340 (86.5%)
Chemist	6 (1.5%)	23 (5.9%)	353 (89.8%)
Chiropodist	5 (1.3%)	13 (3.3%)	324 (82.4%)
Optician	2 (0.5%)	18 (4.6%)	349 (88.8%)

Question 14 - Would you take part in a voluntary car share scheme?

	Often	Occasionally	Never
Doctors Surgery	33 (9.1%)	75 (20.7%)	227 (62.5%)
Basingstoke Hospital	31 (8.5%)	63 (17.4%)	238 (65.6%)
Chemist	31 (8.5%)	62 (17.1%)	236 (65%)
Schools/Colleges	29 (8%)	34 (9.4%)	256 (70.5%)
Social 5/10 miles radius	29 (8%)	56 (15.4%)	240 (66.1%)
Sainsbury / ASDA	27 (7.4%)	68 (18.7%)	249 (68.6%)
Sports	25 (6.9%)	40 (11%)	258 (71.1%)
Train Stations	22 (6.1%)	59 (16.3%)	240 (66.1%)
Basingstoke/Winchester Town Centre	20 (5.5%)	85 (23.4%)	227 (62.5%)

How: We need an enthusiastic person to get this project started.
Who: Village Plan Steering Group
When: Request volunteers put their names forward at the feedback meeting.

Parking

Question 12 - Do you experience the following parking problems at your home?

	Yes	No
Not applicable	285 (75.2%)	9 (2.4%)
Cars blocking entrance	45 (11.9%)	11 (2.9%)
Other	26 (6.9%)	7 (1.8%)
Nowhere to Park	15 (4%)	11 (2.9%)
Tourist Traffic blocking the road	15 (4%)	11 (2.9%)

How: White lines (Parking bays) removed from village centre - outside 1-3 Church Road, 1-3 Pond View Cottages and Thatchings
Who: BDBC have removed the white lines during traffic calming in Church Road
When: Completed

Project Three - Village Trust

Create a new larger car park near the school

Question 18 - Does North Waltham need a larger car park?

Yes - 111 (27.6%)

No - 209 (52%)

No opinion - 82 (20.4%)

How: The results show that no further action was deemed necessary (52% selected no). However, letters were sent to the school, the Church and the Village Trust requesting their specific input. The responses were:

School - have a working party to assess the situation and to produce a travel plan.

Village Trust - 'will not be extending the car park as it's current use is for residents of the village, and for those authorised at the school. The school general car park is a school problem, and can not be solved by eating away of village green space. The car park is of adequate size for our needs'.

Church - 'Car parking will always be required. The main car park at Cuckoo Meadow is vital for weddings, funerals and when other larger services occur. The PCC have no plans to create a Church car park - the proximity of graves and the lie of the land make it almost impossible to create a car park any nearer to the Church than Cuckoo Meadow'.

The current price for installing a fully tarmaced surface to the current carpark is £70,000 with kerbing, or £50,000 without. These figures are considerably beyond the means of village resources.

Who: Village Plan Steering Group have obtained the views of the main village organisations and obtained current quotations.

When: The majority of questionnaire respondents do not want this, and also costs preclude further action.



Question 35 - Do you think the Rathbone Pavilion is adequate for the future needs of North Waltham?

Yes - 155 (39.3%)
 No - 144 (36.5%)
 No opinion - 95 (24.1%)

Question 36 - In relation to leisure facilities, does North Waltham need?

None of the below	166 (45.1%)
Extended village hall (Rathbone Pavilion)	134 (36.4%)
New larger village hall	100 (27.2%)
Indoor sports hall	64 (17.4%)
Skateboard park	26 (7.1%)
Bike park	20 (5.4%)
Other	7 (1.9%)

Rathbone Pavilion - replace or extend?

How: The Village Trust have indicated that the present building cannot be extended, due to the structure of the building. The long-term view of the Village Trust is that the ideal way forward would be for a new multi-purpose building.

Who: Village Trust.

When: Long term, 5 - 10 years.

Quality of the playground

How: Maintain existing and replace old equipment to meet present safety standards.

Who: Village Trust and North Waltham Family Fundraisers (NWFF).

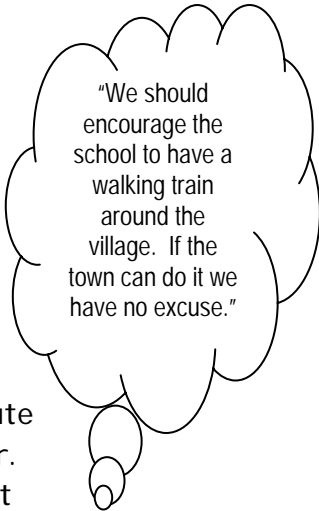
When: Work was carried out in March 2005, with a view to a maintenance schedule to be agreed between Village Trust/BDBC/NWFF.

Do we need a Footpath around meadow?

How: Village Trust is looking into the option of a visually acceptable plastic mesh footpath around the meadow. This would allow the grass to grow through and the mower to go over the top to cut the grass. However the cost of this material is over £12 per square metre! This path could be used as a fitness route if it were extended right round the meadow perimeter. The School Travel Plan group are looking into access at the school and ways to encourage walkers. The Village Trust is investigating if there are other path materials that might be more financially possible, without being an eyesore.

Who: Village Trust and School Travel Plan

When: 2005.



"We should encourage the school to have a walking train around the village. If the town can do it we have no excuse."

Do we need more seats in Cuckoo Meadow?

How: An old bench, currently located in the Old Forge, is to be repaired. This will be placed on Cuckoo Meadow by the pavilion entrance.

Who: Village Trust

When: Once the newspapers have been collected from the Old Forge the bench can be reached to be repaired. Aim is for Summer 2005.



Project Four – Environment

Question 47 – Does North Waltham suffer from any of the following types of disturbance?

Low flying military aircraft	225 (70.3%)
Traffic noise from M3	164 (51.3%)
Low flying aircraft from Popham	106 (33.1%)
Traffic noise	89 (27.8%)
Noise from shooting	71 (22.2%)
Rodents (rats/mice)	63 (19.7%)
Rooks	58 (18.1%)
Motorcycle scrambling	28 (8.8%)
Social noise (eg parties/pub closing)	24 (7.5%)
Noise pollution	6 (1.9%)
Farm animals in gardens / on roads	4 (1.3%)

The Noise from M3 causes a nuisance

- How:** The Village Plan Steering Group have written to Sir George Young to enlist his support on this issue. Although he was very supportive, he has been informed that this is not feasible at this time. When the surface needs to be replaced, it will be with a new quieter surface.
- Who:** Highways Agency
- When:** As and when the surface needs to be replaced, however this is not foreseen for some years.

The noise from military aircraft causes a disturbance

- How:** The Village Plan Steering Group have written to local Landowners, who accept military helicopters training in their fields and also to Sir George Young on this topic, who was again supportive. The MOD advised that they are aware of the potential disturbance, but essential training must continue. This currently includes use of fields to the north of North Waltham.
- Who:** Village Plan Steering Group
- When:** Completed, landowners have given no response.



The countryside is important to the people of North Waltham

Keep the village a village as much as possible

Question 9 - What is most important to you about North Waltham?

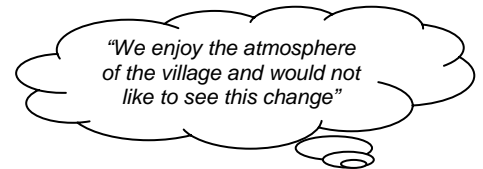
That it's in the country	326	81.5%
That it's a village	314	78.5%
Character	235	58.8%
The amenities	214	53.5%
Where it is located	204	51%
That it's in a conservation area	179	44.8%
The people who live here	167	41.8%
Cuckoo Meadow	141	35.3%
Other	23	5.8%

To promote a rural village environment

Question 44 - How important is the quality of the countryside around North Waltham to you?

Very important - 344 (86.9%)
Important - 43 (10.9%)
Not very important - 3 (0.8%)
No opinion - 6 (1.5%)

How: Ensure housing development is in keeping with the village. Parish Council informs the village via the Parish Magazine and Village Web site as planning applications are posted. Parish Council take their responsibilities very seriously in all planning applications.
Who: Parish Council
When: As and when



Most residents of North Waltham do not want change

How: Inevitably there will be change but the community as a whole should pull together to ensure this is done in a positive manner.
Who: All villagers to work together with the help of the Parish Council
When: As and when

People's views on threats to North Waltham

How: (Shop / Pubs / Cuckoo Meadow/ Public Transport) - Be proactive if any amenities come under attack. We need people to use the local amenities or take the risk of losing them.
Who: Everyone
When: As and when required

Hedges and Trees

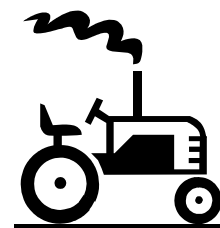
How: Under the Stewardship agreement, more trees are being planted in the local area.
Who: Robert Bull with the assistance of local landowners
When: In progress

Verge Erosion

How: The Parish Council are in communication with Hampshire Highways to discuss the possibility of works being carried out in Steventon Road.

Who: Parish Council and BDBC

When: On-going



Question 43 - What do you think should be done to help protect and enhance the environment?

No more housing	204 (53%)
Reduce traffic	157 (40.8%)
Develop Old Forge	123 (31.9%)
Improved Public Transport	105 (27.3%)
Community composting	103 (26.8%)
Footpath around Cuckoo Meadow	99 (25.7%)
Improved rights of way	82 (21.3%)
More employment locally	50 (13%)
Car sharing	48 (12.5%)
No change	40 (10.4%)
More housing	29 (7.5%)
Other	21 (5.5%)

Question 45 - What do you think could be done to improve the services of North Waltham?

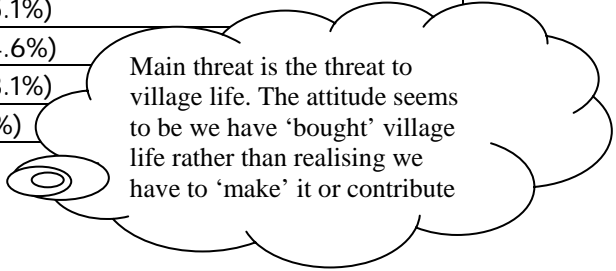
Development of derelict buildings	199 (52.9%)
Prevention of verge erosion	189 (50.3%)
Preserve trees in special places	163 (43.4%)
Improved verge and hedge maintenance	144 (38.3%)
Keep hedges short and tidy	142 (37.8%)
Plant more hedges and trees	131 (34.8%)
More seating	88 (23.4%)
More grass cutting	88 (23.4%)
Let hedges grow naturally	66 (17.6%)
Improved Cuckoo Meadow maintenance	55 (14.6%)
Cut down some trees	32 (8.5%)
Don't Know	14 (3.7%)

Question 46 - Is the appearance of the following?

	Good	Reasonable	Poor	No opinion
Pond	177 (45.9%)	180 (46.6%)	20 (5.2%)	1 (0.3%)
Cuckoo Meadow	168 (43.5%)	195 (50.5%)	4 (1%)	9 (2.3%)
Green near Haddef / Corndell and Old School House	153 (39.6%)	158 (40.9%)	15 (3.9%)	31 (8%)
St Michaels Close Green	119 (30.8%)	190 (49.2%)	26 (6.7%)	30 (7.8%)
Playground	96 (24.9%)	195 (50.5%)	31 (8%)	51 (13.2%)
Local open spaces	95(24.6%)	211 (54.7%)	18 (4.7%)	24 (6.2%)
Triangle at Stockbridge road junction	40 (10.4%)	146 (37.8%)	86 (22.3%)	69 (17.9%)
Green opposite Old Hall	39 (10.1%)	150 (38.9%)	73 (18.9%)	69 (17.9%)
Green by Elizabethan Rise / Old Barn Close	26 (6.7%)	137 (35.5%)	154 (39.9%)	37 (9.6%)

Question 48 - What do you think are the threats to North Waltham?

Over development	333 (85.4%)
Loss of rural environment	306 (78.5%)
Loss of local bobby	274 (70.03%)
Loss of shop / pub	269 (69%)
Assimilation into Basingstoke	263 (67.4%)
Loss of Cuckoo Meadow	203 (52.1%)
Village used as a 'rat-run'	196 (50.3%)
Loss of public transport	176 (45.1%)
Loss of school	176 (45.1%)
Anti-social behaviour	135 (34.6%)
Loss of small local business	129 (33.1%)
Poorly maintained environment	78 (20%)



Main threat is the threat to village life. The attitude seems to be we have 'bought' village life rather than realising we have to 'make' it or contribute

Question 10 - If you are seeking work are there any barriers?

Not applicable	356 (90.8%)
None of these	17 (4.3%)
Lack if local business	15 (3.8%)
No office Facilities	8 (2%)
Not the correct	2 (0.5)
Lack of child care	1 (0.3%)

Project Five - Community Facilities

What Clubs / Activities do people want

How: A Committee to be established for the following areas of interest: Keep fit; Yoga; Badminton; Gardening club; Art/Drama. Anyone interested in running these activities should contact Adele Stevenson (see contact page). Residents should be aware in order to keep these groups running and active they need to receive a high attendance regularly. Clubs have been set up in the past and folded due to lack of interest or willing bodies to run them. The Committee will also need to look at facilities and services supplied by other villages. Any interest should be communicated during the feedback meeting.

Who: Committee to be established

When: When interested parties, volunteers come forward.

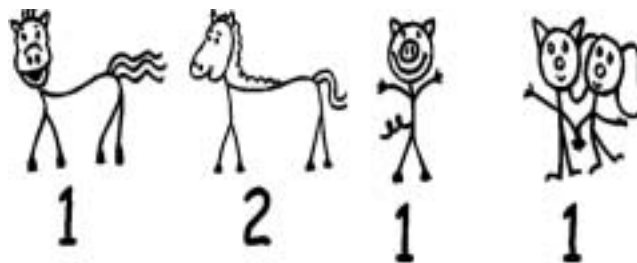
How to create more Footpaths and Bridleways

How: The Village Plan Steering Group will write to all local landowners

(Colin Baylis of Folly Farm, Jeremy Bown of Bassetts Farm Steventon, P P Sweeney of Village Farm, Robert Bowden of Southwood Farm and Peter Pratt of Waltham Farm) requesting land for footpaths and advise them on the financial benefits of using the land in this manor.

Who: Village Plan Steering Group

When: September 2005



Take away deliveries

- How:** Village Plan Steering Group to ask the editor of the Parish Magazine, to place an advert requesting information from any resident who has received a take away delivery to North Waltham. That way information about the types of service available and the contact details may be publicized.
- Who:** Village Plan Steering Group to ask Deborah Smyth to post advert and Village Plan Steering Group to collate results.
- When:** September 2005

Reemin's Indian Take Away	01256 328822 / 352565	Charge £4.00 (This may be reduced on larger sized orders)
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Chemist Delivers Prescriptions

- How:** The Overton Pharmacy van will deliver twice a week between 4.00 p.m. and 5.30pm. To register for this service, apply directly to Overton Pharmacy. Contact is Stephen Budden on 770201. Once registered with the pharmacy, all prescriptions will be delivered. The patient or a patient's representative must be at home to receive the prescription.
- Who:** Overton Pharmacy
- When:** From 1st June 2005

Prescription Collection

- How:** If you need a repeat prescription you can either, post this to the doctors at Overton Surgery, Station road, Overton, Hants RG25 3DZ or you can fax a request to them on 01256 771581. If needed you could use the Delivery Service from the Chemist!
- Who:** Everyone
- When:** As and when required

Cash point – Cash back at shop

How: If you purchase items to the value of £5 in the Village Shop you can request cash back (if paying by debit cards and subject to availability and to the sum of £50). Cash back is also available for a small charge of 50p without purchases or if the value is less than £5. The option of installing a cash point has been investigated but due to security and insurance this is not feasible for a small village.

Who: Everyone who holds a debit card

When: As and when required

Post Office Services

How: Claire and Marco the owners of the Village Shop have investigated the possibility of supplying Post Office services including a collect and delivery service for packages. This is not feasible due to the unknown volume of packages, the unknown cost of postage for packages, the potential size and capacity the shop could hold and insurance considerations.

Who: N/A

When: N/A

Doctor's Surgery in North Waltham

How: Overton Surgery are unable to provide a session within North Waltham. This is not for budget reasons but because the volume of patients being seen is greater at the surgery than would be in the same session held within North Waltham. It is therefore best use of Doctors' time for the practice to hold clinics at Overton.

The W.I. hold a list of members who are willing to take people to surgery. If you require this information it is held with the President.

Overton Village has set up a scheme called Action Cars. This group of people offer a car service to the people in Overton like the elderly or people who are unable to commute to the surgery. During the feedback Meeting we will ask if anyone would be interested in setting up a similar project in North Waltham.

Who: Village Plan Steering Group

When: At Feedback Meeting

What Adult training course could we setup?

- How:** Village Plan Steering Group has contacted Basingstoke College of Technology (BCOT) and are investigating what courses could be held in the village. If a volunteer or an interested party is interested in any particular course, either full time or a day course, they should contact Adele Stevenson on 398487. BCOT has indicated that a one day course would cost in the region of £70 - 90 per hour. This would include a private tutor including costs, enrolment administration, and they would undertake to enter the course(s) in the next appropriate part-time directory. They have advised that a one day Garden Design course could be a possibility to be held in North Waltham.
- Who:** Volunteers to contact Adele. This item will be on the agenda at the feedback meeting.
- When:** As and when required.

Police presence

- How:** Village Plan Steering Group have written to Chris Brooks and Hampshire Police Headquarters, thanking them for their support to North Waltham Village. The contents of the letter included that the crime rate is low and that Villagers value the presence of Chris Brooks walking the beat and hope that this service continues for years to come. It has been noted how approachable he is and easy to contact in an emergency. If you need to contact Chris his details are stored on the web site (www.northwaltham-pc.gov.uk) under his own page but for immediate reference:

Contact: Pc Chris Brooks

Email: Christopher.brooks@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
Basingstoke.ruralbeats@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

(Please mark this for the attention of Pc 1298 Chris Brooks)

Tel: 07776 172310
01256 405314,
0845 045 4545

*** In an emergency dial 999 !**

Who: All Villagers
When: Completed

Neighbourhood watch

How: Barley View is currently the only area of the village without a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. We are looking for a Barley View resident to volunteer to be the co-ordinator for this area and to work with PC Chris Brooks to put a scheme in place.

Who: PC Chris Brooks

When: September 2005

Community composting

How: The Village Plan Steering Group have contacted Onyx to investigate the possibility of community composting. They currently only hold a contract with HCC. If you are interested in setting up this project please advise us at the feedback meeting.

Who: Village Plan Steering Group

When: At the Feedback Meeting



Communication

Question 37 - Where do you usually get information about events taking place?

Parish Magazine	357 (91.3%)
Word of Mouth	251 (64.2%)
Shop	206 (52.7%)
Notice board	116 (29.7%)
Local Paper	24 (6.1%)
Website	24 (6.1%)
Other	20 (5.1%)
Free Paper	9 (2.3%)

How: The Communication of all events are posted on the Village web site (www.northwaltham-pc.gov.uk); in the Parish Magazine, in the shop and on posters around the village.

Who: Event organizers to mail both the Web site and Parish Magazine editor with any future events:

Web site - Adele Stevenson, 2 Pond View Cottages, 398487,
webeditornorthwaltham@hotmail.com

Parish Magazine - Deborah Smyth, 10 Mary Lane, 397431,
parish.magazine@btinternet.com

When: As and when required

Question 22 - In relation to paths and streetlights, would you like to see any of the following?

None of the below	176 (45.2%)
More footpaths	135 (34.7%)
More pavements	74 (19%)
Cycle paths	69 (17.7%)
Bridle paths	56 (14.4%)
Street lights	41 (10.5%)
Dropped kerbs	25 (6.4%)
Traffic islands	5 (1.3%)

Please no street lights. North Waltham is beautiful in that we can still see the stars without light pollution.

Question 23 - In relation to education facilities, does North Waltham need?

Continued Youth Club	166 (63.1%)
Adult education evening classes	120 (45.6%)
Uniformed organizations (eg Brownies)	111 (42.2%)
Holiday plan scheme	88 (33.5%)
After school clubs	87 (33.1%)
More registered child minders	28 (10.6%)
Nursery School	18 (6.8%)
Other	11 (4.2%)

Question 26 - Do you think that any of the following measures are needed?

Continued consultation with police	178 (50.3%)
More activities for young people	161 (45.5%)
Overhead mains cables put underground	154 (43.5%)
Mains Gas	152 (42.9%)
A greater police presence	139 (39.3%)
Improved Neighbourhood Watch	93 (26.3%)
Cable TV	46 (13%)
Other	4 (1.1%)

"If you want this, move to Basingstoke"



Question 27 - What are your views on the standard of the following services?

	Good	Reasonable	Poor	No opinion	Not applicable
Mains water	266 (67%)	94 (23.7%)	14 (3.5%)	19 (4.8%)	0 (0%)
Refuse collection	239 (60.2%)	117 (29.5%)	15 (3.8%)	21 (5.3%)	0 (0%)
Mains electric	217 (54.7%)	150 (37.8%)	8 (2%)	17 (4.3%)	0 (0%)
Mains drainage	196 (49.4%)	115 (29%)	24 (6%)	54 (13.6%)	0 (0%)
Roadside care/street cleaning	99 (24.9%)	185 (46.6%)	70 (17.6%)	32 (8.1%)	1 (0.3%)
Winter weather service	59 (14.9%)	166 (41.8%)	79 (19.9%)	79 (19.9%)	1 (0.3%)
Road surface maintenance	54 (13.6%)	237 (59.7%)	87 (21.9%)	14 (3.5%)	0 (0%)
Mobile phone coverage	35 (8.8%)	123 (31%)	190 (47.9%)	38 (9.6%)	1 (0.3%)

Project Six - Parish Council

Question 39 - Have you ever attended a Parish Council meeting?

Yes - 135 (34.6%)

No - 255 (65.4%)

Question 40 - How well does the Parish Council publicise its decisions and activities?

Very well - 85 (21.8%)

Reasonably well - 204 (52.3%)

Badly - 58 (14.9%)

No opinion - 43 (11%)

Increase the number of public footpaths

How: The Parish Council are investigating possible additional footpaths to see what could be created. In the meantime the existing public footpaths in the village area will be publicised on the Parish Council website. The Parish Council has also accepted an offer from Derek Baker to replace or improve the stiles on the existing walks.

Who: Parish Council

When: September 2005

Limit the building of new homes and over-development, preserving our rural environment

How: The Parish Council have responded to the BDBC local plan, which is currently under review. Recently every household received a copy of the SEERA 'Your Shout' document asking for your view on the regional plan for the South-East. The Parish Council are vigilant with all planning applications to ensure the village character is maintained.

Who: Parish Council

When: Ongoing

Put overhead mains cables underground

How: Southern Electricity have given an estimate of £40,000 payable by the villagers for just a limited area near the Old Police House, which would appear impracticable. In addition there would be disruption for older buildings in the centre of the village.

Who: n/a

When: n/a

Increase the number of litter bins in the village

How: A new litterbin has been placed by the pond

Who: Thanks to the Parish Council for their efforts

When: Completed



Question 28 - Is the number of litter bins in North Waltham?

Good - 35 (8.9%)
Reasonable - 186 (47.2%)
Poor - 116 (29.4%)
No opinion - 57 (14.5%)

Improve facilities for pedestrians

How: The School Travel Plan Group together with the Parish Council are investigating the possibility of creating a footpath on the East side of Mary Lane between Cuckoo Close and the meadow entrance. This would greatly improve the safety of young children and their families walking to school and should encourage more parents to walk children to and from school. The Parish Council will take into account all views before taking any action on this potentially sensitive proposal.

Who: School Travel Plan Group, Parish Council

When: Ongoing

Planning applications be given more publicity

- How:** The Parish Council now lists all new applications in the Parish Magazine and on the village website. There is also a link to the BDBC planning page to enable anyone to view any application in more detail.
- Who:** Parish Council
- When:** Action in place from April 2005.

Develop derelict buildings

- How:** The Forge is owned by HCC and is currently in a state of disrepair and we await the results of HCC's surveys and policy regarding this building, as well as taking into account current use by the Village Trust and the charity newspaper collection before any other plans can be considered.
- North Waltham Farm is owned by a family trust which has been contacted on various matters by the Parish Council. There has been no response to date.
- Who:** n/a
- When:** n/a

Ensure that new building work in North Waltham meets the visual appearance indicated on the planning application

- How:** Make strong representations to BDBC Planning Enforcement Department when breaches are reported.
- Who:** Parish Council
- When:** Ongoing

Preserve trees in special places

- How:** As the majority of North Waltham is within a conservation area, all tree surgery within that area is subject to planning approval. Particular care is taken to preserve trees where possible. The Parish Council is following up BDBC's promise to plant new trees on the green by Elizabethan Rise. Anyone may apply to BDBC for a preservation order to be placed on an indigenous tree of special interest and BDBC will investigate what is possible. Contact BDBC Tree Officer on 01256 845474
- Who:** Parish Council
- When:** Current policy



Improve hedge and verge maintenance and reduce verge erosion

How: Under existing Environmental Stewardship Agreements in place on local farms more hedges are being planted and existing hedges are benefiting from enhanced management from local land owners and farmers.

Who: Local Farmers

When: Ongoing

Improve the appearance of the green by Elizabethan Drive/Old Barn Close

How: The Parish Council is following up BDBC's promise to plant new trees on the green by Elizabethan Rise, and will write to them regarding the untidy state of this area of the village.

Who: Parish Council

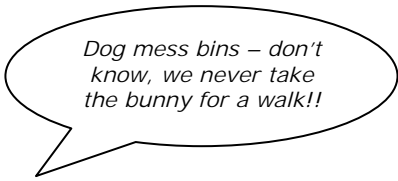
When: Ongoing

Improve mobile phone coverage

How: This depends upon the service providers. O2 are putting in a repeater at Bassett's Farm, Steventon, on the existing Orange mast that will improve the North Waltham coverage for O2 customers. Other providers have no new plans for 2005/6 for our area.

Who: O2

When: June 2005.



Dog mess bins – don't know, we never take the bunny for a walk!!

Dog Litter Bins

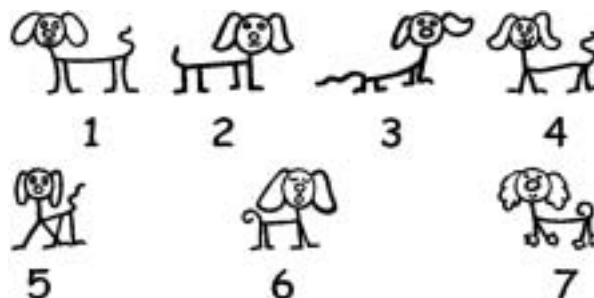
Question 29 - Are 'dog mess' bins required in the following locations?

Cuckoo Meadow	233 (66.4%)
Village centre	163 (46.4%)
St Michaels Green	100 (28.5%)
Level Lane	100 (28.5%)
Not Required	99 (28.2%)
Other	4 (1.1%)

How: An additional wheelie bin has been placed on Cuckoo Meadow. This will allow dog walkers to mix their litter with normal litter. This will be emptied by the refuse collectors each Wednesday. Several residents have agreed to ensure that the bin is placed by the road every Wednesday. If dog bins were placed everywhere in North Waltham, BDBC would not empty them as they only look after their own commissioned ones. The waste in dedicated bins is considered low-grade clinical waste and has to be disposed of correctly. The additional wheelie bin will be emptied, as it is not a dedicated bin for dog waste. The wheelie bin was supplied immediately without charge thanks to BDBC. We could add dog mess bins and find a subcontractor to empty them, but this would cost roughly £4 a bin per week. Presently there is no source of funding for this.



Who: BDBC
When: Completed



Question 3 - Do you have dogs in your household?

Yes - 46 (23.6%)
 No - 147 (75.4%)

What to do with the Old Forge?

How: HCC have already been approached by the Parish Council, The Village Trust and Anna McNair-Scott our County Councillor regarding the villagers' concern over this building and its continuing use as a village amenity. HCC have not yet made a decision on its future.

Who: Hampshire County Council, Parish Council, Village Trust
When: Ongoing

Project Seven - Leisure

How: I identify feasibility, venue, numbers, leaders for all leisure related questions. Add to agenda in the feedback meeting.
Who: Leisure sub-committee.
When: Summer 2005,



Question 34 - Are the facilities provided in the children's playground?

Good - 84 (21.3%)
Reasonable - 167 (42.3%)
Poor - 30 (7.6%)
No opinion - 114 (28.9%)



Lack of transport home

Question 4 - If any of your children under 16 are unable to take part in after school activities, please give reason why

Not applicable	181	92.8%
Lack of transport home	6	3.1%
Expense	5	2.6%
Distance between home/school	3	1.5%
Other	3	1.5%
Special needs not catered for	1	0.5%

Project Eight - Facilities and areas to protect



Question 32 - What new sports clubs/activities would you attend if they were provided?

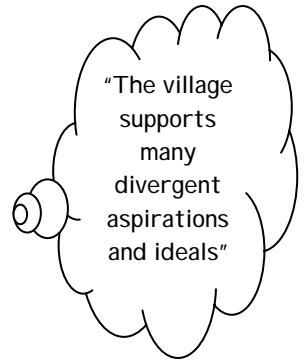
Keep fit	102 (43.6%)
Gardening club	60 (37.5%)
Badminton	81 (34.6%)
Yoga	74 (31.6%)
Tennis	64 (27.4%)
Drama	34 (21.3%)
Circuit training	47 (20.1%)
Bowls	44 (18.8%)
Art club	29 (18.1%)
Creative arts for children	27 (16.9%)
Archery	37 (15.8%)
Music society	25 (15.6%)
Choir	23 (14.4%)
Skittles	30 (12.8%)
Young people's drama group	18 (11.3%)
Other	16 (10%)
Bridge club	16 (10%)
Youth football	23 (9.8%)
Youth rugby	23 (9.8%)
Band	14 (8.8%)
Outdoor volleyball	20 (8.5%)
Judo	11 (4.7%)

Question 38 - Do you think the amount of information available about what's going on is?

Good - 187 (47.7%)
 Reasonable - 167 (42.6%)
 Poor - 22 (5.6%)
 No opinion - 16 (4.1%)

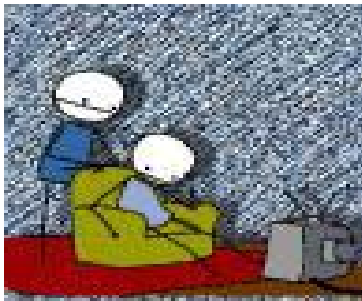
Maintain the rural character of North Waltham

- How:** Encourage planners to do everything possible to resist development without proven local demand, and to ensure that all building in the village is in character with our Conservation Area.
- Who:** Parish Council
- When:** At all times



Maintain the Youth Club

- How:** We urgently need a volunteer to take this on.
- Who:** All villagers
- When:** Add to agenda for the feedback meeting

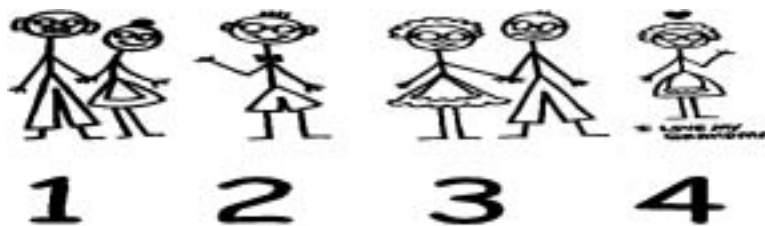


Question 30 - Should facilities in North Waltham be improved for?

Pedestrians	128 (63.7%)
Wheelchairs	87 (43.3%)
Pushchairs	74 (36.8%)
Cyclists	64 (31.8%)
The partially sighted	44 (21.9%)
Horse riders	35 (17.4%)
Other	7 (3.5%)

Question 31 - If the following opened in North Waltham how often would you use them?

	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	never	Don't know
Post Office	131 (33.4%)	78 (19.9%)	138 (35.2%)	19 (4.8%)	10 (2.6%)
Cash Point	125 (31.9%)	38 (9.7%)	129 (32.95%)	57 (14.5%)	15 (3.8%)
Takeaway deliveries	39 (9.9%)	58 (14.8%)	98 (25%)	132 (33.7%)	45 (11.5%)
Chemist	31 (7.9%)	61 (15.6%)	226 (57.7%)	38 (9.7%)	12 (3.1%)
Mobile Butcher	28 (7.1%)	22 (5.6%)	92 (23.5%)	165 (42.1%)	55 (14%)
Mobile takeaway van	14 (3.6%)	33 (8.4%)	68 (17.3%)	199 (50.8%)	55 (14%)
Hairdressers	6 (1.5%)	37 (9.4%)	106 (27%)	159 (40.6%)	51 (13%)
Doctor	3 (0.8%)	27 (6.9%)	280 (71.4%)	40 (10.2%)	23 (5.9%)
Dentist	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.3%)	200 (51%)	131 (33.4%)	33 (8.4%)
Chiropodist	0 (0%)	8 (2%)	103 (26.3%)	184 (46.9%)	63 (16.1%)



Children's activities

Unfortunately our software only records the numbers of children under 11 and does not record their views on the detail of the questionnaire. Nevertheless, we show below the sports interests of older children as indicated by their responses to the questionnaire. If anyone is interested in organising children's tennis coaching or a children's tournament this summer, the indications are that there would be a number of participants.

	11-15		16-17	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Youth Football	5	1	2	0
Youth Rugby	3	0	1	0
Badminton	7	2	1	2
Bowls	1	0	1	0
Judo	1	0	1	0
Keep Fit	1	1	0	1
Skittles	1	1	0	0
Tennis	8	2	3	1
Outdoor Volleyball	2	1	0	0
Yoga	0	1	1	1
Archery	5	1	0	1
Circuit Training	3	0	1	0

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From the Village Plan Steering Group: Adele Stevenson, Robert Bull, Mike Curry, Julie Wild, Kim Galston, Claire Hughes, Clare Gallagher and Chris Brummell.

Appendix one

North Waltham Housing needs survey 2001

The survey forms were analysed by The Rural Housing Trust, 9 Langley Court, Beedon, Newbury, RG20 8RY Tel: 01635 247577. For a full copy of their report please contact them directly or view on the village web site (www.northwaltham-pc.gov.uk)

North Waltham Parish Council has been concerned about the apparent lack of affordable housing for people who wish to remain in the village. In order to establish whether or not this was the case and to obtain people's views on the provision of this type of accommodation, a Housing Survey Needs survey was undertaken in Winter 2000.

Objectors Comments

Comments made by the 23 objectors were that any further buildings might spoil the village and there was also a concern that affordable houses would be sold after the first families moved in and lost to local people. People were also worried that it would lead to open market development, but this would not be permitted as any houses built would be restricted solely to local people through the planning system.

Housing need in the village

33 respondents stated that they were looking for affordable housing. Of those, 23 were in immediate need with 9 requesting Shared Ownership, 10 preferring to rent and 4 stating that either tenure would be acceptable. A further 10 would require housing in the next five years. 10% of the respondents know people who had been forced to leave the village due to a lack of affordable housing.

In summary, of the 33 respondents in housing needs, 15 were looking for shared Ownership accommodation, followed by 11 who preferred to rent and 7 who stated that either tenure would be considered.

Conclusion:

The Survey reveals that 23 respondents are in immediate housing need with the majority requiring 2 bedroom houses through a Shared Ownership scheme. It was interesting to note that a further 10 households will also require predominantly 2 bedroom houses within the next 5 years and evidence suggests that a small scheme for local people is required and would be well received.