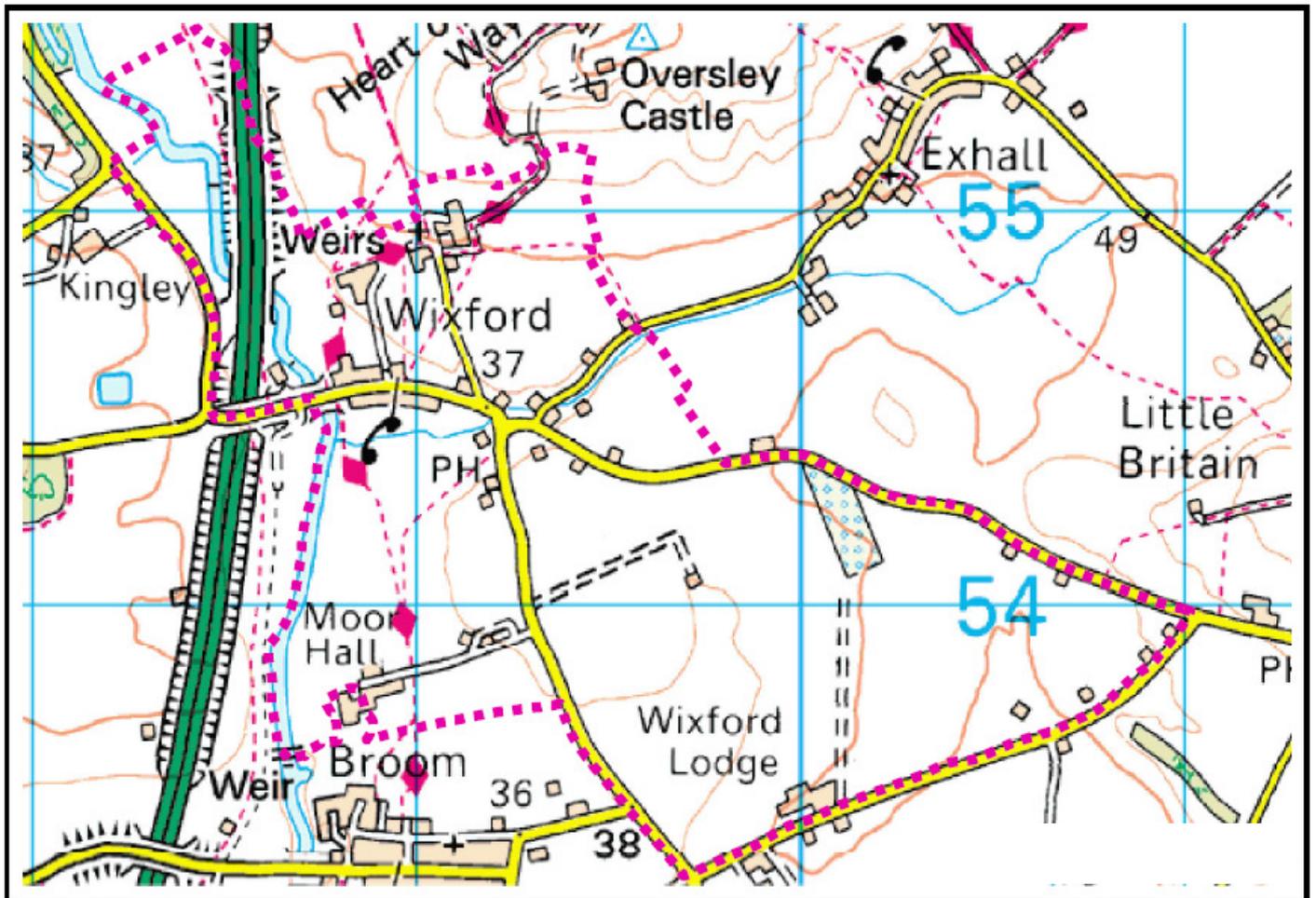


WIXFORD PARISH PLAN



2015

MAP OF WIXFORD PARISH



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Part 1 - Foreword

On behalf of the Steering Committee and the Parish Council we are pleased to present you with this copy of the Wixford Parish Plan. We want to offer our thanks to residents who gave their time to complete both questionnaires which were given to all households. The original survey and the subsequent Parish Plan have only been possible through the enthusiastic involvement of the people of Wixford.

Parish Plans are a Government initiative, which allow the local community to identify important issues and concerns. The main purpose is to give a clear indication of our views, reasons for living here, how we would like Wixford to be in the future and what we would like to keep or change.

The Parish Plan provides the Parish Council with information for future actions. The Parish Plan may be used by any organisation that has a need to involve itself in the life of Wixford. Both District and County Councils will receive copies, and the information contained here will be taken into account when considering aspects such as planning, traffic and amenity services.

To find out about the concerns of the people of Wixford two questionnaires were delivered to each household. The Steering Committee made sure that the responses were accurately recorded and analysed. With this in mind an independent specialist firm was given the job of taking the data from the first survey to produce a more comprehensive questionnaire. The responses from this resulted in an outline plan.

This data was then refined by the Steering Group. Part 2 contains the analysis of the responses to the questionnaire completed by all of us under a number of sections. We have covered what we believe to be the most important issues with bar charts and tables to illustrate the findings. Where applicable, we have identified the issues and given an Action Plan at the end of each section. There is also a complete Action Plan which includes all the sections at the end of the document.

Page 5 gives a short history of Wixford. The introduction on Page 6 gives the background to the Parish Plan, how it came about and the processes involved. Page 8 gives a summary of the key points. We also point out that there may well be financial, legal and environmental issues which may put constraints on the ability of the Parish Council to implement all of the actions. In addition, you will see that many of the actions listed will need a great deal of work done. We hope we can have your support in the future in carrying them out.



A Short History of Wixford

Wixford is situated in the Arrow valley at the head of the Vale of Evesham and about seven miles from Stratford upon Avon. It is 35 metres above sea level rising to its highest point in the parish of 58 metres. The old Roman road, Icknield Street, runs north and south through the Parish.

The name has changed over the years, with the earliest written record of 962 confirming a settlement named Witlakesforde. In 1086, we have Witelavesford and, by 1373, an "x" first appears in its name, Wythlaxford. By 1576, the name becomes Wiggsford and in 1620 Wichford. The name Wixford is first found in 1787.

In 1086 the population was 80. In 1665 (the Plague year), it had dropped to 42 and by 1720 it had risen to 98. By 1841 the population had increased to 130. At present, in 2014, there are 65 properties and a total population of approximately 160.

We are fortunate that Wixford is in an attractive part of the country, with black and white cottages which characterise Wixford and date back to the 16th Century. There are also some very early Victorian workmen's cottages. Wixford Bridge is Grade II Listed and deserves the care and attention of all its users. Wixford also has a number of other listed buildings, i.e.

St Milburga's Church, churchyard cross and stable
Oversley Farm House, barn and stable
Moor Hall
Horseshoe Cottage
Ford Farmhouse and Cottage
44 The Bank, Riverside Cottage, Bank Cottage
The Telephone Kiosk (type K6)

Most communities are experiencing continuous change especially in traffic, population growth, employment and transport. The imminent development of the Three Horseshoes site and Oversley Castle with fourteen residences, present a big change and a fresh challenge for Wixford.



Introduction – The Development of the Parish Plan

In August 2012 the Parish Council recognised changes taking place in the village and instigated the development of a Parish Plan. Such a plan would gain the opinions about what local people liked or disliked and their views for the future.

A Steering Group was assembled as follows:

Fiona Buxton	Dean Morris* (Chairman)
John Cain	Stan Russell
Gill and Paul Evans	Sue and Ken Vincent
Jack Fryer*	

At its launch the Parish Plan was described as a way Wixford can plan for the future and influence the development of the community.

A Parish Plan reflects the vision of how local residents would like to see their area change in coming years. This optional document is community led and gives residents an opportunity to get involved in reflecting the needs of an individual town or village and the surrounding countryside.

A Parish Plan aims to:

- Give all residents the chance to say what is needed and how this might be met
- Identify which features and local characteristics people value
- Identify local problems and possible solutions
- Provide the opportunity for residents to have a say on how they want the parish to develop in the future, and
- Prepare a plan of action to achieve this vision

As mentioned in the Foreword, Parish Plans once adopted are taken into account by the District Council when considering planning applications and other aspects, such as grant applications, traffic issues and amenities. The Parish Plan also gives the Parish Council valuable guidance when considering important and possibly controversial issues on behalf of the local community. It also provides a reminder for the future when long term objectives may be overlooked by short term priorities.



* Parish Council Member

The Parish Plan Process

In October 2012 the Parish Council initiated the development of the Parish Plan.

In November 2012 an initial survey questionnaire was delivered to each property in Wixford. The aim was for residents to identify what they liked or did not like about Wixford and what they would like improving now and in the future. The feedback from this questionnaire resulted in a number of key issues.

These issues then formed the basis of the main survey questionnaire. This second questionnaire was designed by the Parish Plan Committee and is in sections to reflect the issues identified during the earlier survey.

The second questionnaire was delivered to each household in 2014. Replies could be either on the paper form delivered or on line. In the event we received 40 paper replies and 11 electronically. Of the total of 51 replies, 4 had been completed by local businesses. Of the 65 households in the village, 47 households replied giving a return of 72%.

The data extracted from the second questionnaire was analysed by an independent statistician, which then formed the basis for the Parish Plan.



Summary

These are some of the key concerns identified in the Parish Plan.

- All residents have a favourable view of their village. In particular they value the following:

Community spirit

Safe environment

Less traffic disturbance

Free access to the countryside

Modern village facilities

Connectivity

Most have been here for many years, enjoy the village lifestyle and atmosphere, with the advantage of being able to travel easily to their place of work.

- A significant number of residents work from home. These residents and the businesses located in and around Wixford find themselves hampered by the current poor broadband service.
- The current and proposed housing developments are of concern to many.
- The young people who responded to the survey found the same advantages as older people, i.e. the rural nature of the village, the peace and quiet, the friendliness of residents.
- Wixford suffers from an excessive volume of traffic, travelling in excess of the designated speed limits and of a size that frequently contravenes weight restrictions displayed outside the village.
- The continual noise from the A46 trunk road is also annoying to many people in Wixford.
- The village hall is the community centre for the village. However it is in a dilapidated state and needs to be refurbished or replaced.
- St Milburga's Church also needs the support of the people of Wixford.



Part 2 - Findings from the Questionnaires

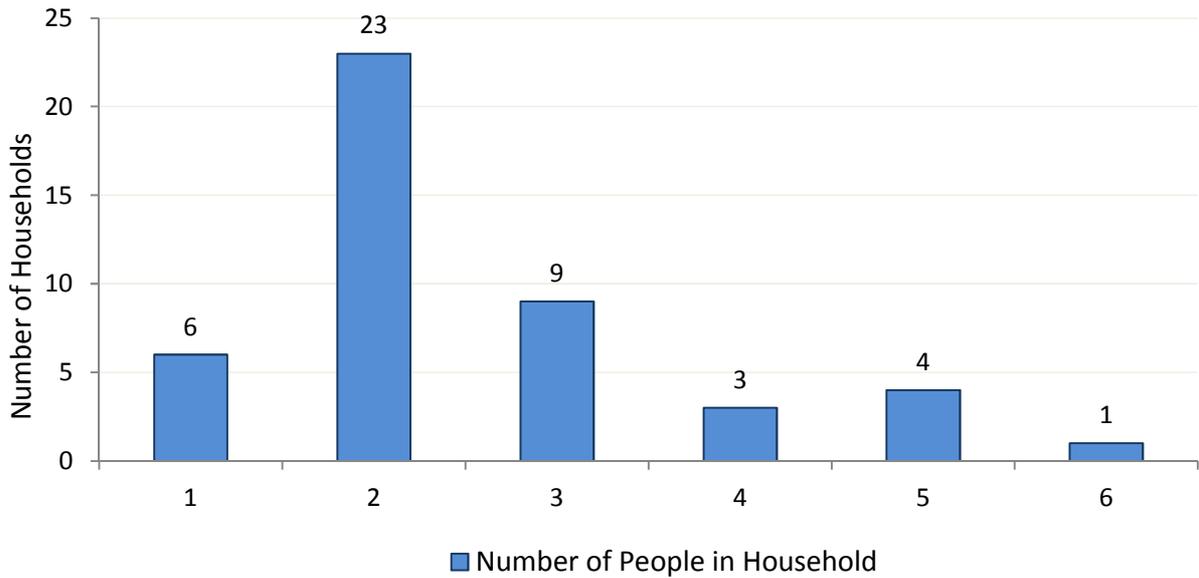
This part is divided into the following sub-sections:

1. Village Profile
2. Traffic and Transport
3. Housing and Development
4. Recreation & Leisure (including Facilities and Amenities)
5. Utilities and Services
6. Local Environment
7. Security and Safety
8. Local Businesses



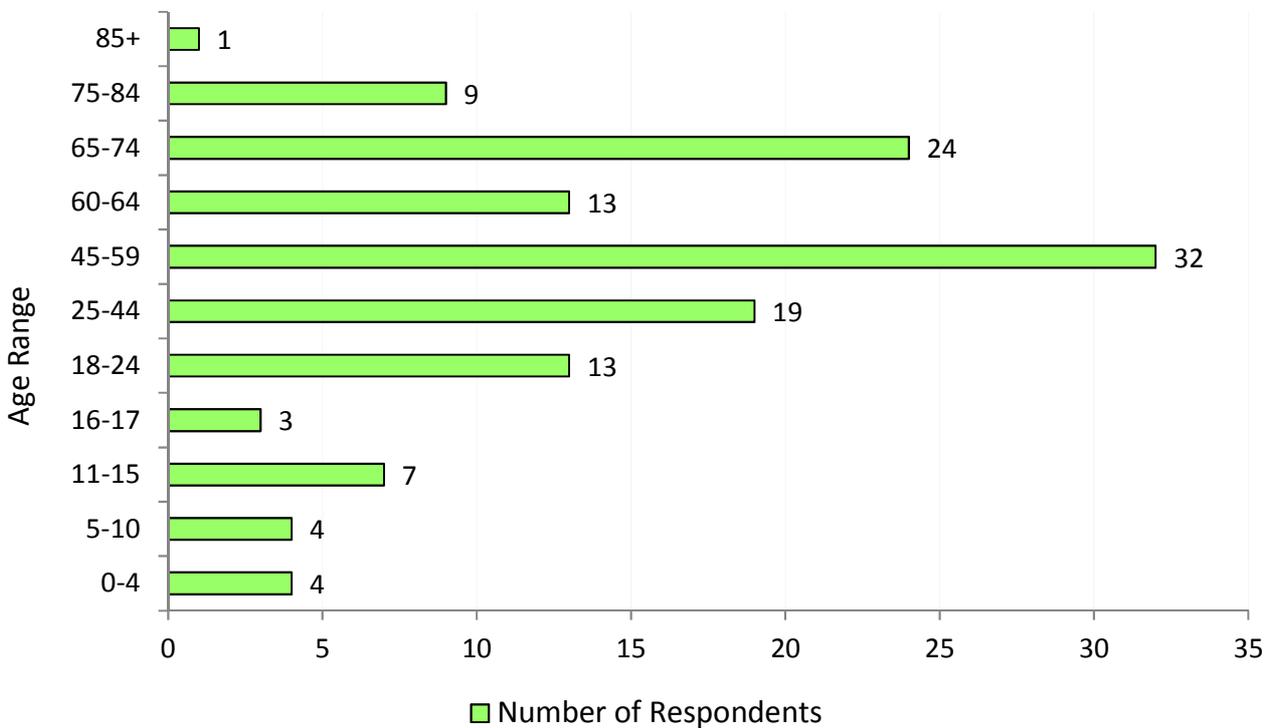
1. Village Profile

Households and Residents



The split by the size of household is shown in the graph above.

Age Profile

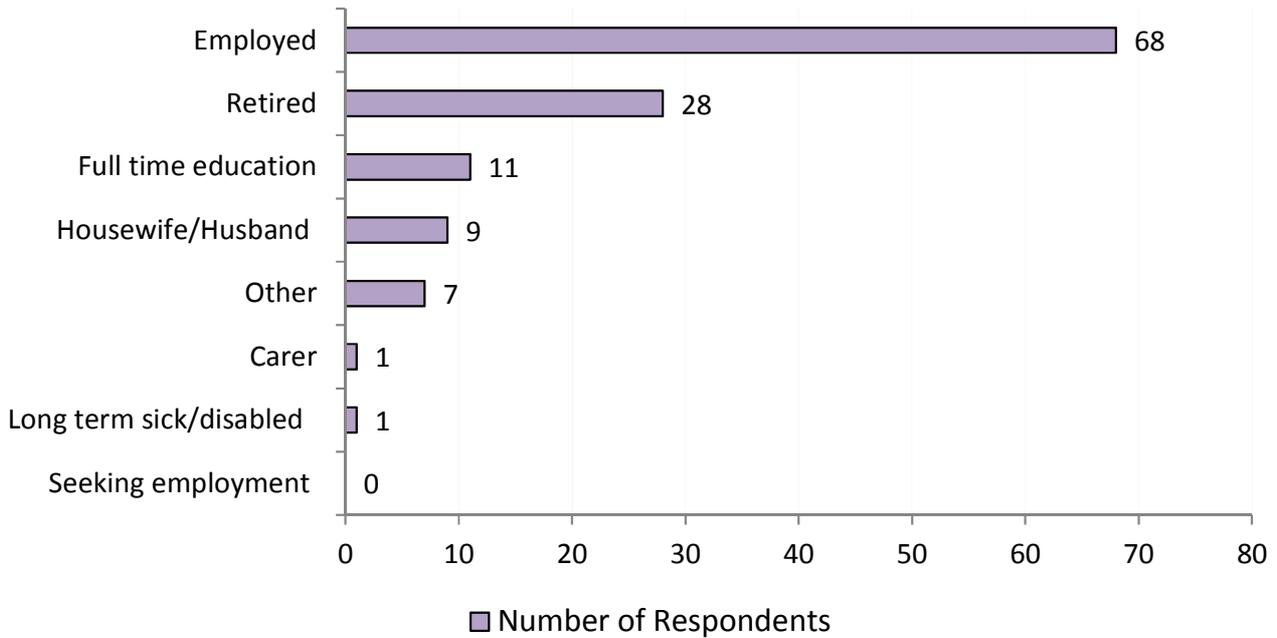


Those over the age of 60 make up the largest group accounting for just over a third of respondents, followed by those in the age range 45-59 making up a quarter of respondents. Those under 18 accounted for 14% of respondents.

Young People

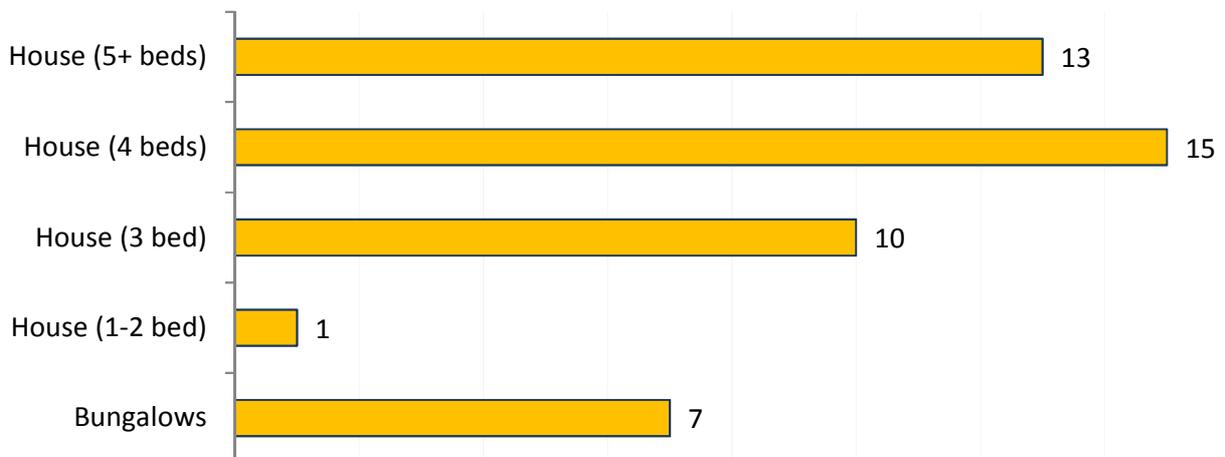
There were 10 respondents in the age range 11 to 17. They all valued the peace and quiet of the village. None indicated that they took part in any activities or belonged to any organised groups within the village. However almost the same number of young respondents indicated they did take part in activities outside the village.

Occupational Status



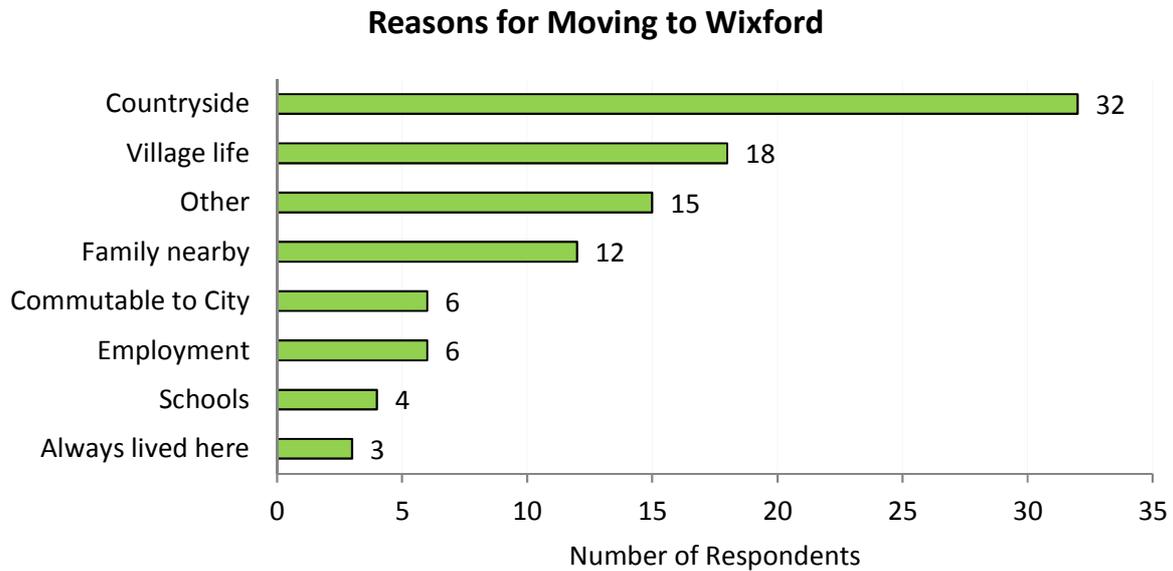
54% of respondents are regularly employed, with 22% retired and 9% in full time education.

Types of Residence

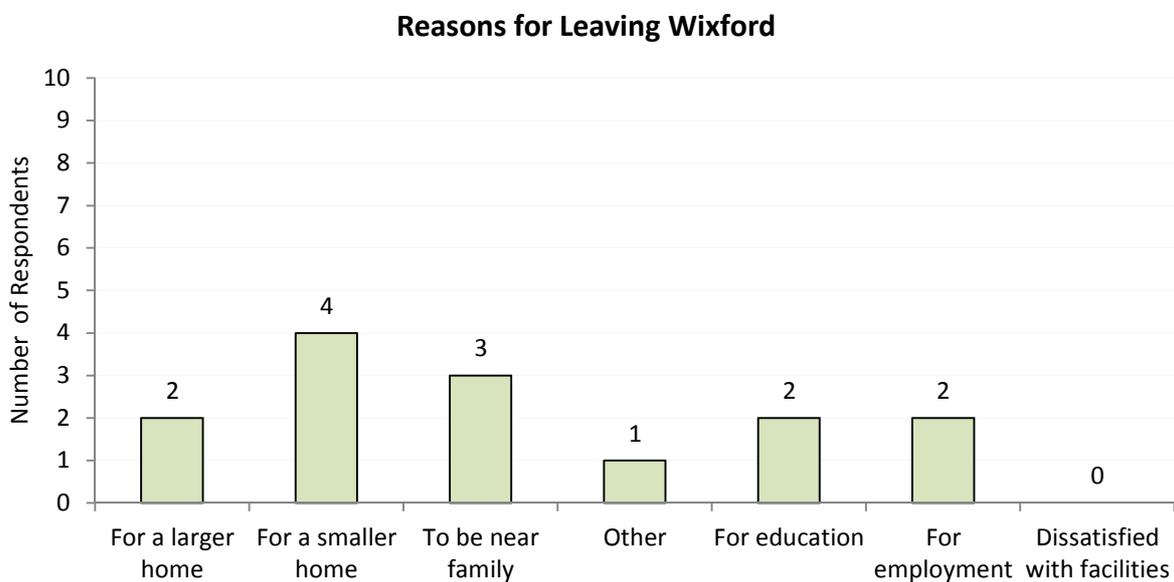


The vast majority of housing is owner occupied and detached. Nearly two thirds of respondents occupy houses with four or more bedrooms.

Why Wixford?

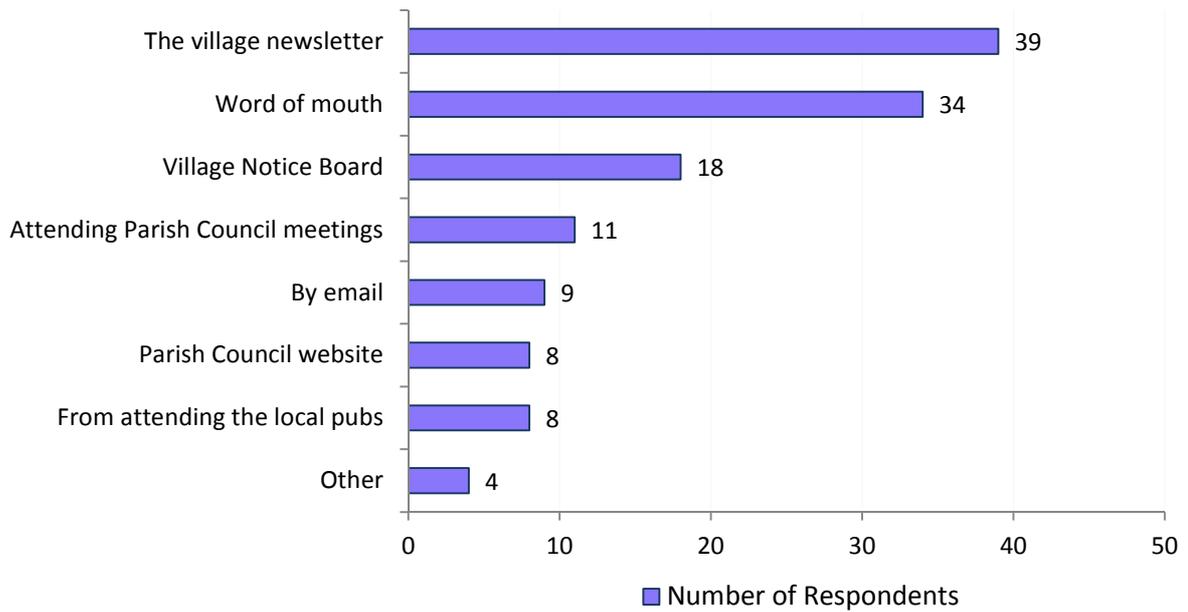


Most people have chosen to live in Wixford because of the countryside and the general idea of village life. The population appears to be very settled, with 75% of respondents not planning on leaving within the next five years. Over 80% of respondents have lived in the village for more than six years.



A quarter of respondents are considering moving away from the village within the next five years.

Communications



Most respondents read the village newsletter, which is the most popular way of finding out what is going on and, as would be expected in such a small community, word of mouth comes a close second. 71% would like more information about events and activities within the village to be available on the internet.

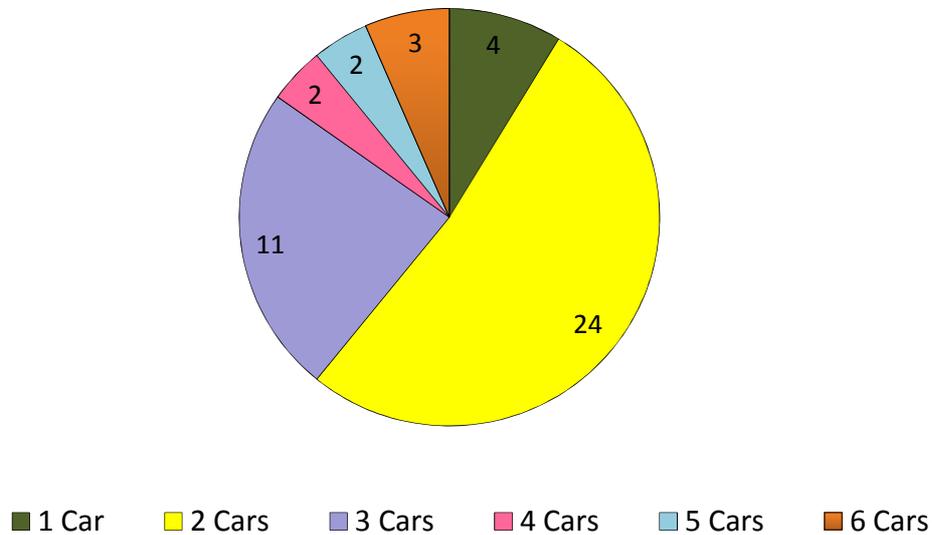
Parish Council

80% of people know what the Parish Council does and 93% know how to contact them.



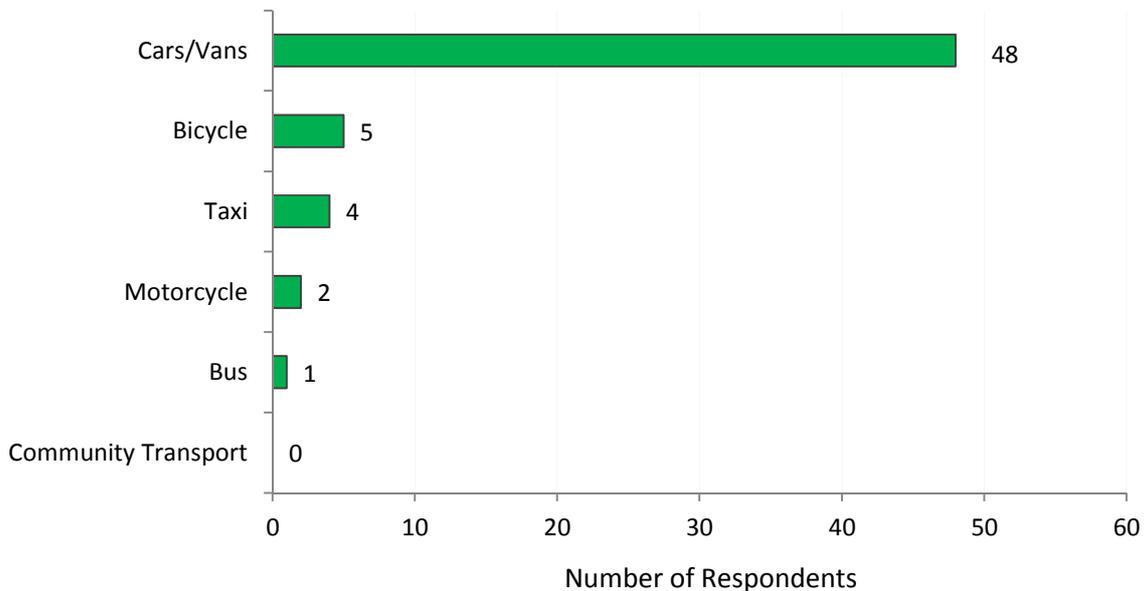
2. Traffic and Transport

Number of Vehicles Per Household



From the survey it would appear that there are no respondents in Wixford without a car or van. Most respondents have more than one and 39% of respondents have three or more cars.

Transport Modes



A private vehicle is the mode of transport for 80% of respondents. There is a small use of motorbikes and bicycles but only three people reported using the bus service regularly. There is some use of local taxis by car drivers on an occasional basis.

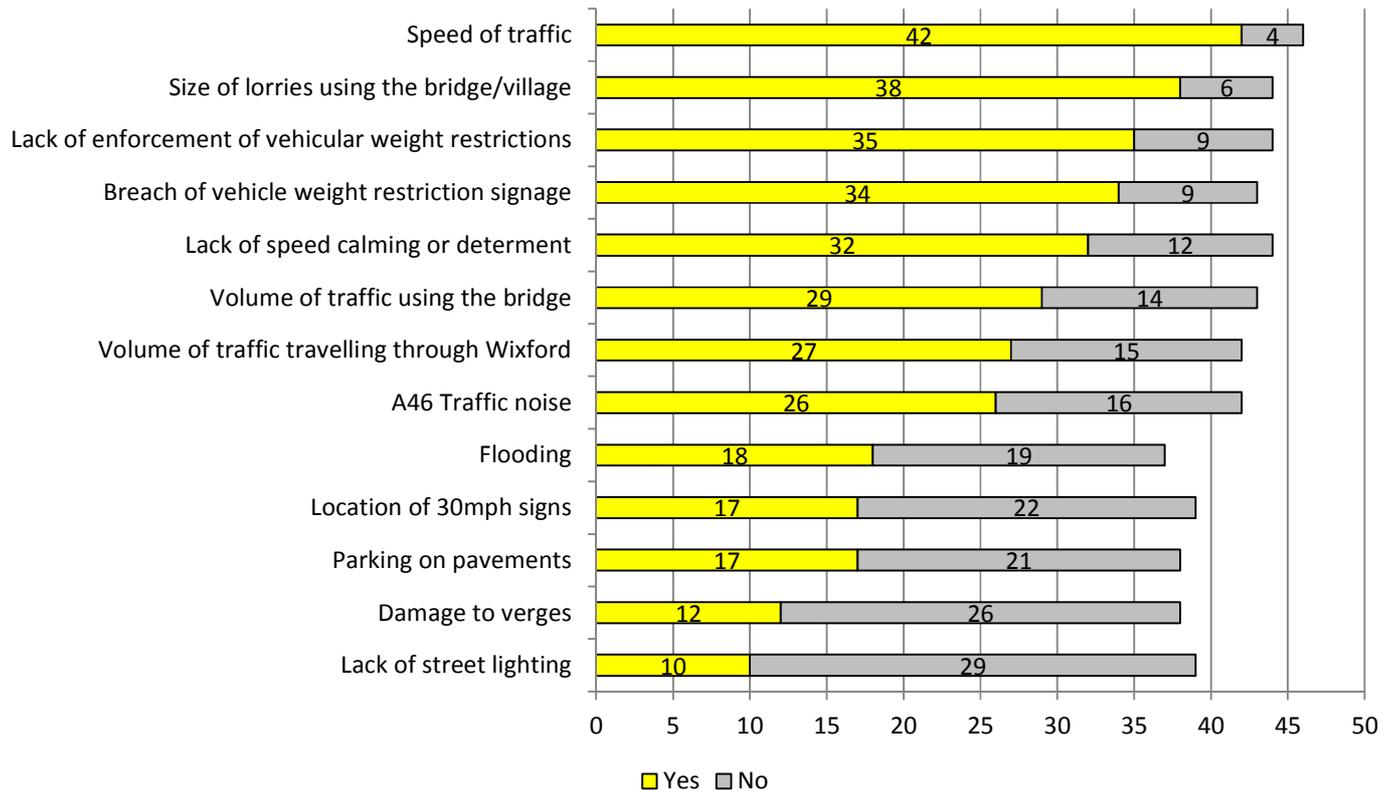
Roadside Parking

Of the 151 vehicles owned by the residents replying to the questionnaire, 148 are said to be parked within the owners' property or elsewhere off-road, with only 3 at the roadside. Nevertheless parking on pavements, and not within the boundary of a property, is said by 44% of respondents to be a problem.

There are particular roadside parking issues associated with one annual event organised locally.

Road Traffic Problems

The chart below shows the relative importance of road traffic problems to the residents of Wixford.

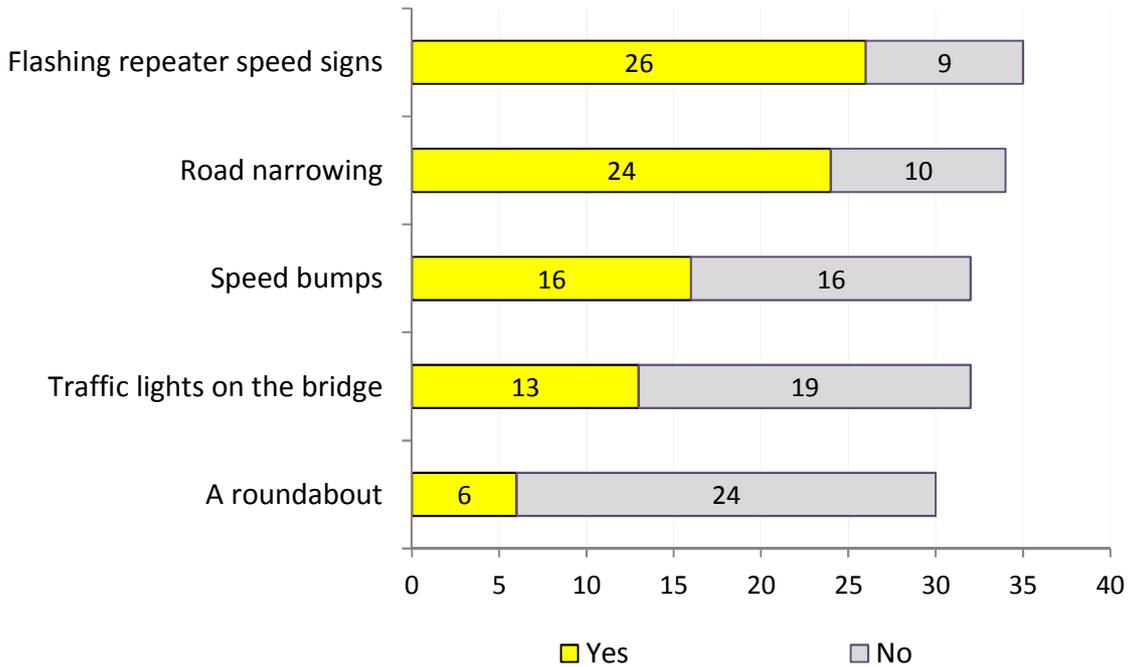


The village has suffered for many years from too much passing traffic which frequently travels in excess of the designated speed limit.

Apart from the Church, the most distinctive and handsome structure in the village is the 18th Century bridge over the River Arrow. The bridge suffers from heavy and potentially damaging lorry traffic. It is believed that weight restrictions through the village are frequently exceeded. In recent years concerns over the condition of the bridge have required expert inspection to be made to confirm its safe condition. There remains widespread concern in Wixford that little is done to monitor the volume of overweight vehicles passing through the village, and ultimately damage may be done to the structure of the bridge which will place it under threat. This overweight traffic then passes down the length of the village creating a detrimental environment for the remainder of the village. The road through the village is used as a rat run by many vehicles particularly in the morning and evening commuting times.

The village also suffers from the proximity of the A46 and the traffic noise which this generates. This is a significant annoyance at certain times and with certain weather conditions to most of the village residents.

Road/Traffic Measures



Over 90% of respondents would be in favour of introducing traffic calming measures to help reduce both speed and volume of traffic passing through the village.

The following traffic calming measures were supported:

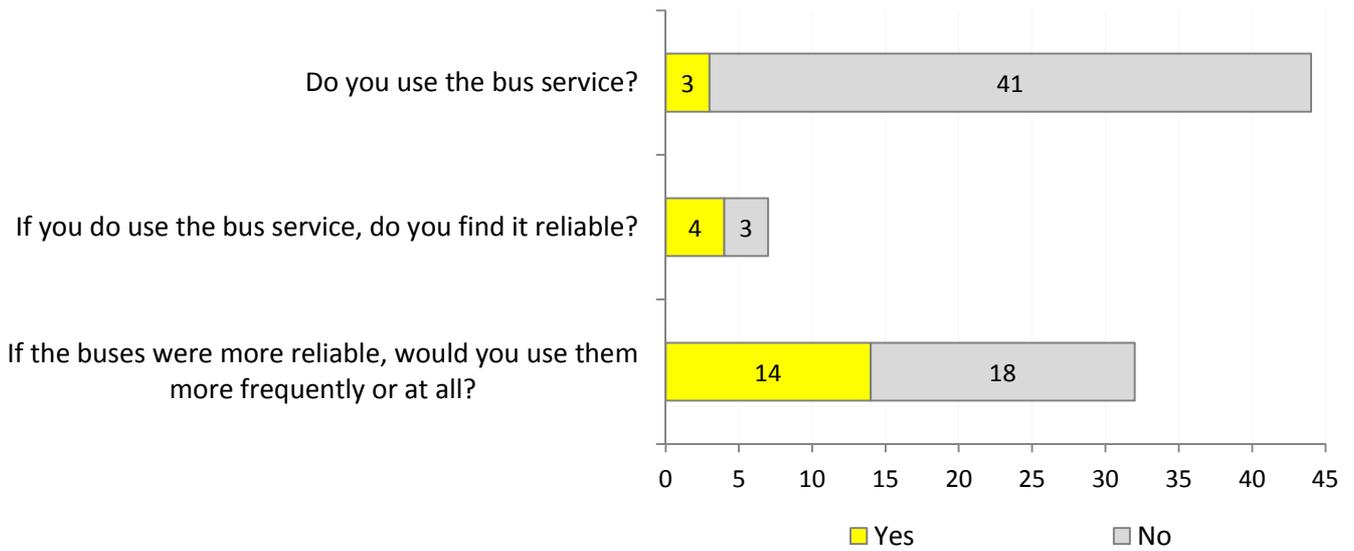
- Radar repeating speed signs (almost 74% in favour)
- The installation of some road narrowing (70% in favour) at the beginning and end of the main area of the village
- Half of the respondents would be in favour of speed bumps

However, 60% of respondents would not wish to contribute to the cost of any traffic calming measures if it meant an increase to their Council Tax.

Residents listed potential drawbacks for each type of traffic calming measure to include:

- Stationary traffic queuing in the village and increased noise and emissions if traffic lights were introduced on the bridge
- Increased noise/light pollution (required to accompany speed bumps) and vehicular suspension damage associated with bumps
- It was felt by some respondents that a roundabout may adversely affect the character of the village

Public Transport



The current bus service from the village is used by 7% of respondents. As stated above, cars are the main and only means of transport for the majority of village residents. Just under 50% of respondents say that if the bus service was more reliable it would be used more and that they would like a service to Stratford and Warwick Parkway and a range of other destinations. In practice it would currently be very difficult to demonstrate a significant need to any potential operator.



The Issues

- Speed of traffic through the village is too great
- Volume of traffic through the village is too high
- Weight of vehicles through the village is too heavy
- Traffic noise from A46 is too high
- Roadside parking is a nuisance
- Bus service is too infrequent
- An annual event at one of the public houses on Bonfire Night causes chaos



3. Housing and Development

Current Situation

There are two significant current or potential housing developments in Wixford which will potentially alter and increase the size and character of the existing village.

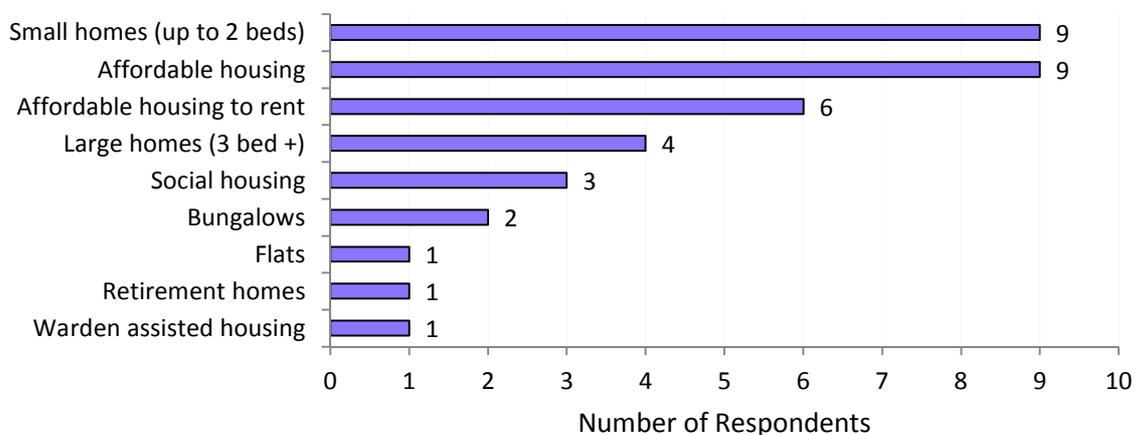
Oversley Castle

Planning permission has been granted for a development at Oversley Castle which will add 14 new dwellings to the adjoining parish. However the access to the development is through the village via Church Lane. Development is well underway.

Three Horseshoes Site

This pub and its adjacent caravan site have been acquired by Avon Estates who own and operate a number of caravan parks in the Stratford upon Avon area. Since their acquisition, they have obtained a Lawful Development Certificate for 56 caravans on the caravan site. As an alternative, and in consultation with the Parish Council, they have proposed a reduced number of higher specification mobile homes and 3 semi-detached houses to run along the boundary with the road between Churchley bungalow and the pub. These proposals are currently in early consultations with Stratford District Council and The Environment Agency and may or may not come to fruition (February 2015). As of July 2015 planning permission has been granted for 5 dwellings along the roadside boundary and 32 park homes on a 10 months per annum occupancy basis.

Housing Needs In Wixford



About 30% of respondents think there may be a housing need in Wixford not met by existing housing stock. Of the respondents, the majority favoured additional affordable housing and smaller homes. If any further development was to be proposed the majority believe this should be on previously developed land, namely brown field and not green field sites.

Infrastructure

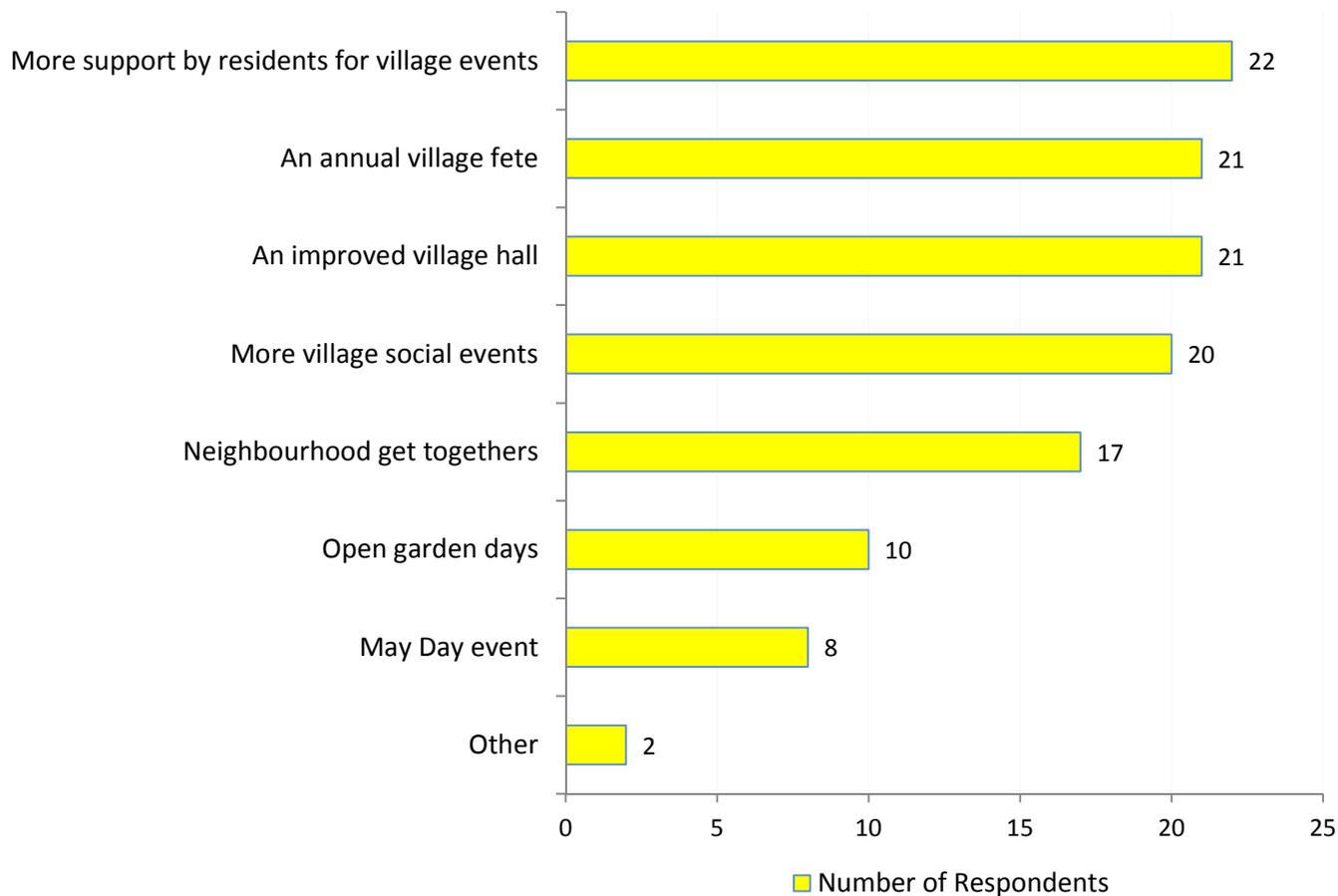
The majority of respondents believe there should be no further development due to the lack of facilities and infrastructure. More importantly, the preference was for the village to stay the size it is.

The Issues

- Support and encourage small and affordable housing developments in the village
- Keep residents appraised of any planning applications affecting the village

4. Recreation & Leisure (inc. Facilities and Amenities)

Community Spirit



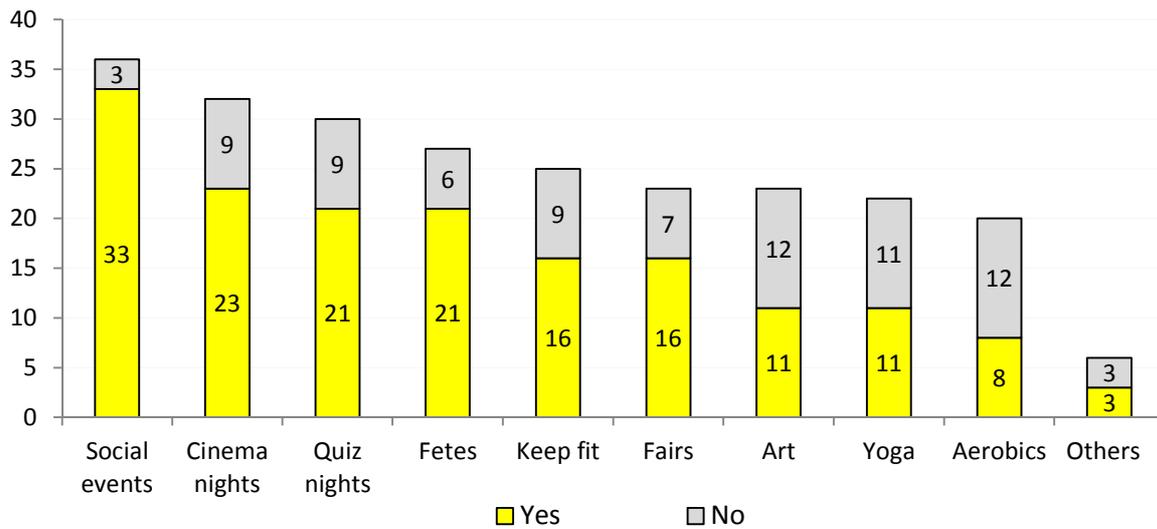
The vast majority of respondents say that community spirit is important to them. About a third feel fully involved in the village and just over half say only in part.

There is undoubtedly a wish for more village social events but, from the questionnaire, the most important contribution to improving community spirit is seen to be that there should be more support by residents for village events.

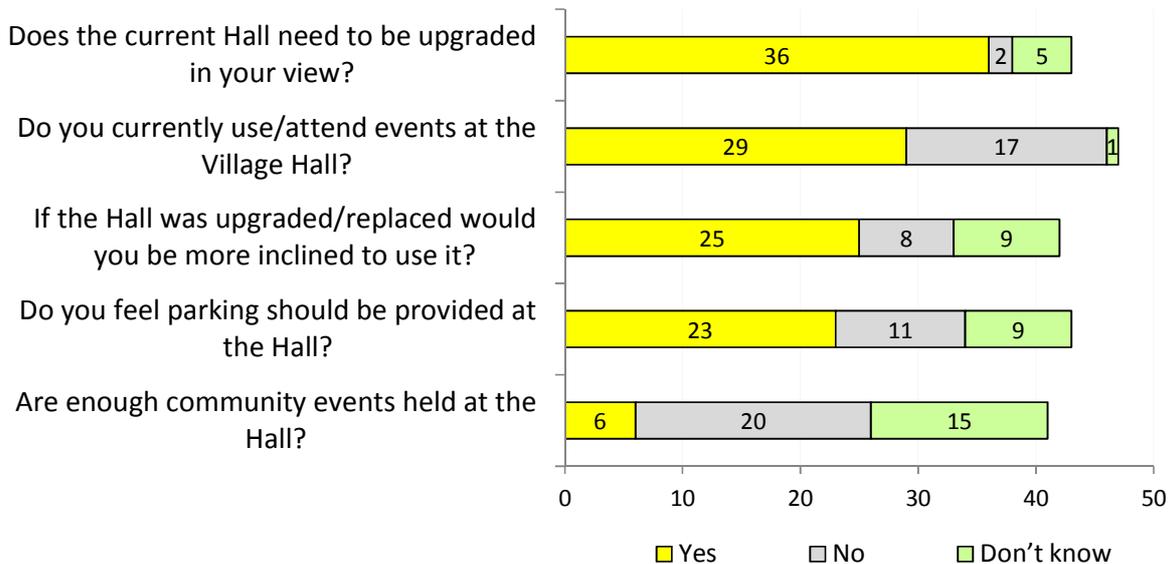
Community Volunteers

From the survey two thirds of respondents in the village would be prepared to give free time to assist with organising village events.

Community Events of Interest



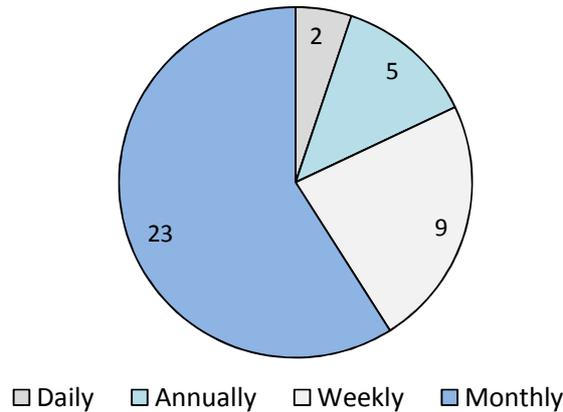
Village Hall



The condition of the village hall has deteriorated over the years to its present unacceptable state of dilapidation. There is no doubt that residents of Wixford value its existence but they deplore its condition. It has been a problem with no easy solution for a number of years due to lack of funds to do anything about it.

Sentiment in Wixford is either the hall needs to be upgraded or a new hall built. 60% of respondents say they attend functions at the hall and about 50% of respondents would like more events to take place there. However the impracticalities of refurbishment, or entering into a long project to raise enough money to rebuild, need careful consideration.

Pub Usage



Over 80% of respondents use one or other of the two local pubs: 25% weekly and 60% monthly. Most people use the Three Horseshoes and The Fish at some time during the year; but the majority of their trade appears to come from the adjoining area more than the village itself.

St Milburga's Church

Despite falling attendance the church is felt to remain at the centre of the village. Ninety per cent of households value it and about half say they use it although only a quarter of those use it regularly.

Village Shop

The village does not have a shop or a post office. Naturally residents in the village would be pleased to have both (over 75%), but people realise that the size of the possible catchment area for customers, and the proximity of the shops outside the village, make the viability of such an enterprise extremely difficult.

Cycling/Cycle Ways



35% of residents cycle for recreation.

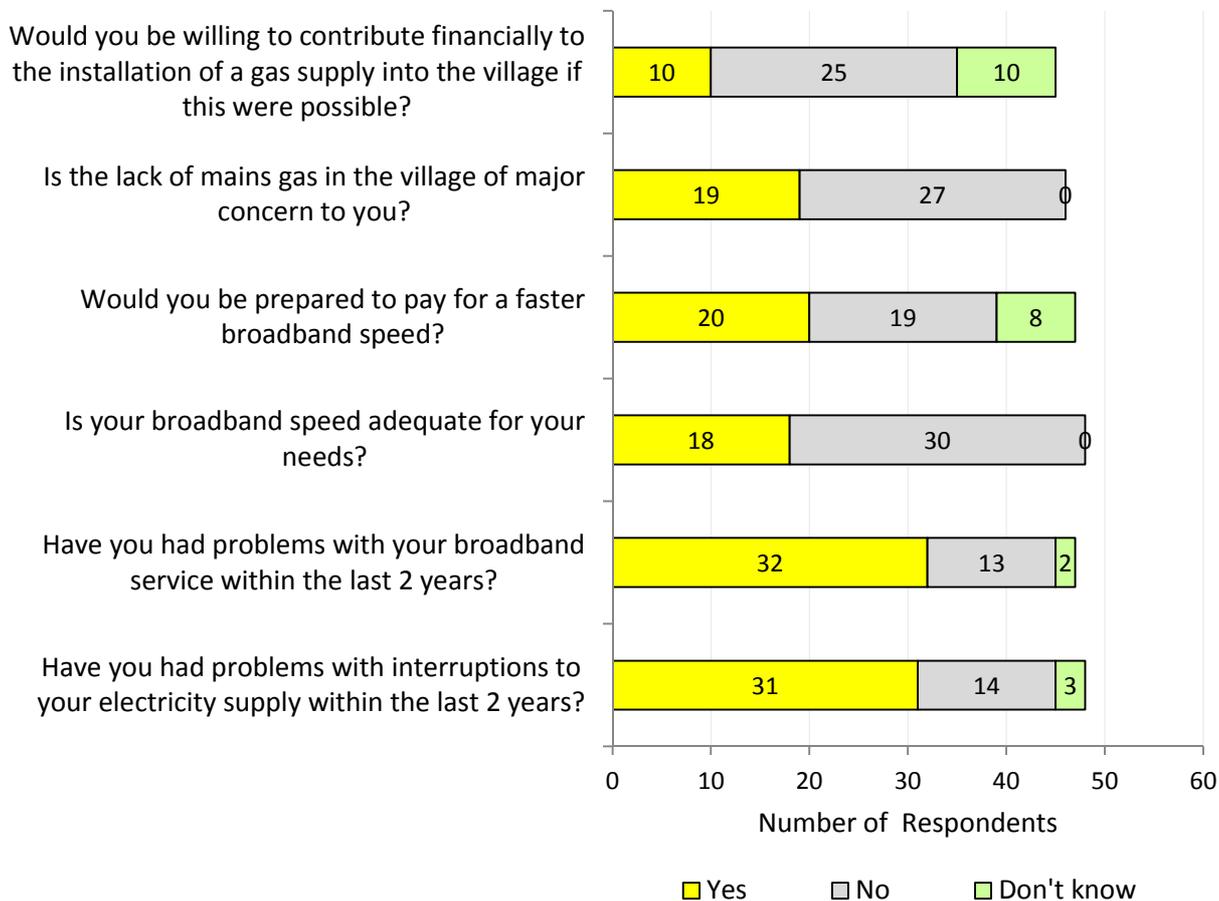
The majority of respondents would like to see more dedicated cycle tracks available from the village. People did not seem particularly keen on measures to make cycling around the village easier. A cycleway to Alcester would probably be well used by over 60% of respondents.

The Issues

- Dilapidation of the Village Hall
- Cycle ways
- Volunteers



5. Utilities and Services



Wixford has some problems with utilities serving the village. The majority of people have had their electricity supply interrupted within the last two years, and internet broadband speeds are considered unsatisfactory by more than 60% of respondents.

In particular the businesses in the village consider the poor quality of broadband to be a limiting factor on their development and expansion. Indeed one such reply suggested it could cause them to relocate elsewhere unless an improvement can be arranged.

It should also be noted that the Bidford Exchange No 4 (that serves Wixford) is due to be upgraded in the near future to Superfast Broadband, which should resolve many speed and reliability problems with the broadband service. The additional costs to access this enhanced service remain to be seen.

Although the provision of a mains gas supply would be welcomed, 41% of respondents regard the lack of mains gas as a major concern. 22% would be prepared to contribute to the cost of introducing mains gas.

About a quarter of the village is not connected to the main sewerage system. However, this does not cause them concern.

Buying Syndicates

Over 70% of respondents indicated they would be interested in looking at joining a buying group or syndicate.

There is a buying syndicate of many houses in the village for the purchase of bulk LPG which results in good reductions to the market rate per litre. If you are interested in joining the LPG syndicate, please contact the Parish Council.

Heating oil can be purchased as part of a syndicate by registering on-line with the following companies:

The Oil Club - www.oil-club.co.uk

Boiler Juice - www.boilerjuice.com

Warwickshire Rural Community Council - www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk

Street Lighting

A proposal for the provision of street lighting would be contentious. The majority of respondents (70%) would be against street lighting in the village. However opinions change to a 50/50 split of respondents who would be prepared to support street lighting to gain the benefit of traffic calming measures.

The Issues

- Broadband speed and reliability
- Reliability of electricity supply
- Street lighting

6. Local Environment

Roads

Most respondents (75%) are satisfied with the condition of the roads but a number of specific points were raised:

- Church Lane, part of George's Elm Lane and the main street suffer from repeated flooding at times of wet weather
- Potholes are frequently not dealt with promptly and are inadequately repaired
- Enniston Lane – problems with potholes and ruts at the side of the road

Pavements

Most respondents (64%) are satisfied with the condition of the pavements but a number of specific points were raised:

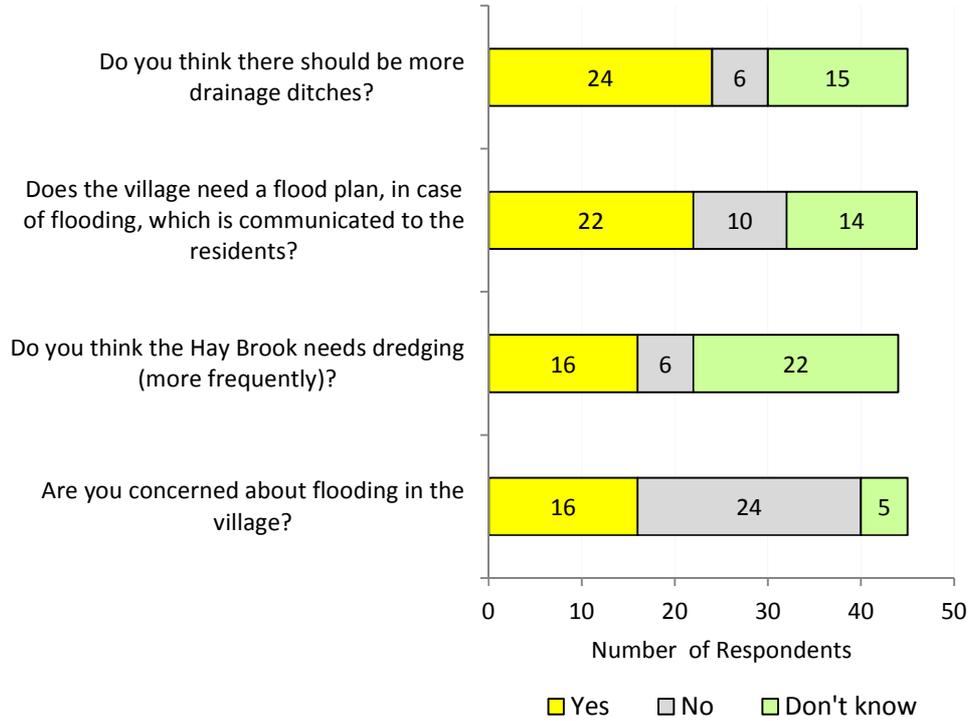
- The surface of pavements is poor in many areas. This makes it difficult walking for elderly residents or people with pushchairs or wheelchairs
- Inadequately repaired pavements with a skim of tarmac which is washed away during the following winter
- 59% of respondents would support a proposal to create a footpath over the bridge
- 35% of respondents would like to see a pavement down Church Lane

Public Footpaths

73% of respondents are satisfied with the general condition of the footpaths in and around Wixford, but a number of specific points were raised:

- Stiles are difficult to negotiate for some people. They should be replaced with kissing-gates as in many parts of the county
- Dog mess is a widespread and increasing problem
- The important Heart of England Way seems to have become unnecessarily overgrown and is becoming impassable in places

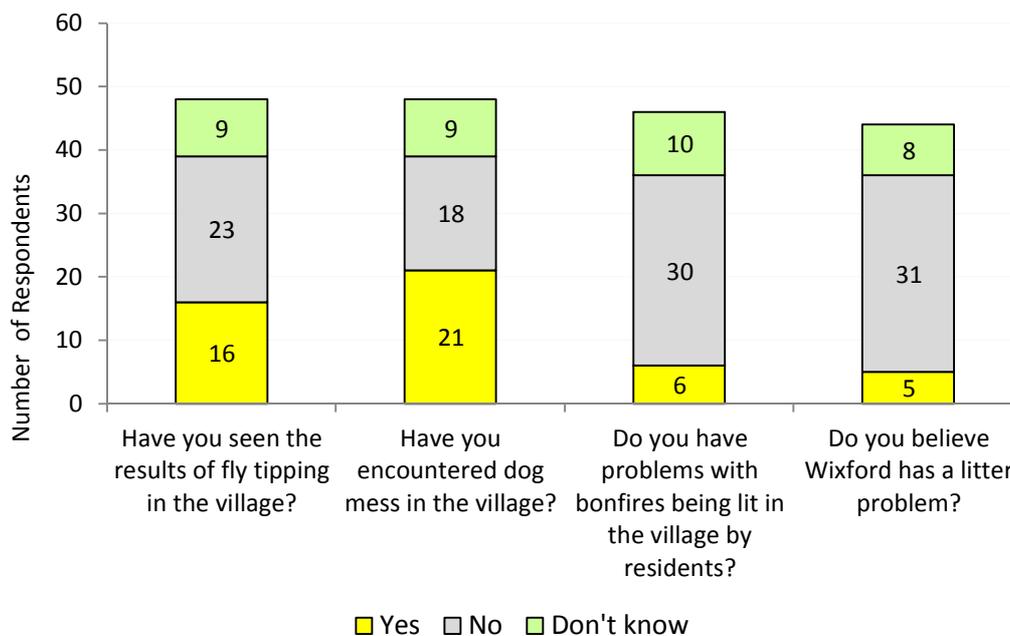
Flooding



The majority of respondents are not concerned about the threat of flooding to the village. There is however support from half of the respondents for a flood plan to be drawn up to cover the village. Also it is felt that the Hay Brook needs more frequent dredging as a precaution: consideration should be given to the advisability of creating additional drainage ditches.



Other Environmental Issues



Dog mess is cited by a number of residents as an increasing problem. A number of respondents have requested that dog poo bins be installed around the village.

Although some people are annoyed by garden bonfires this does not concern the greater majority. A minority of respondents have some concerns about fly tipping, although most people do not think a litter problem exists.

Written comments suggest a number of improvements in the general tidiness and presentation of the village could and should be made:

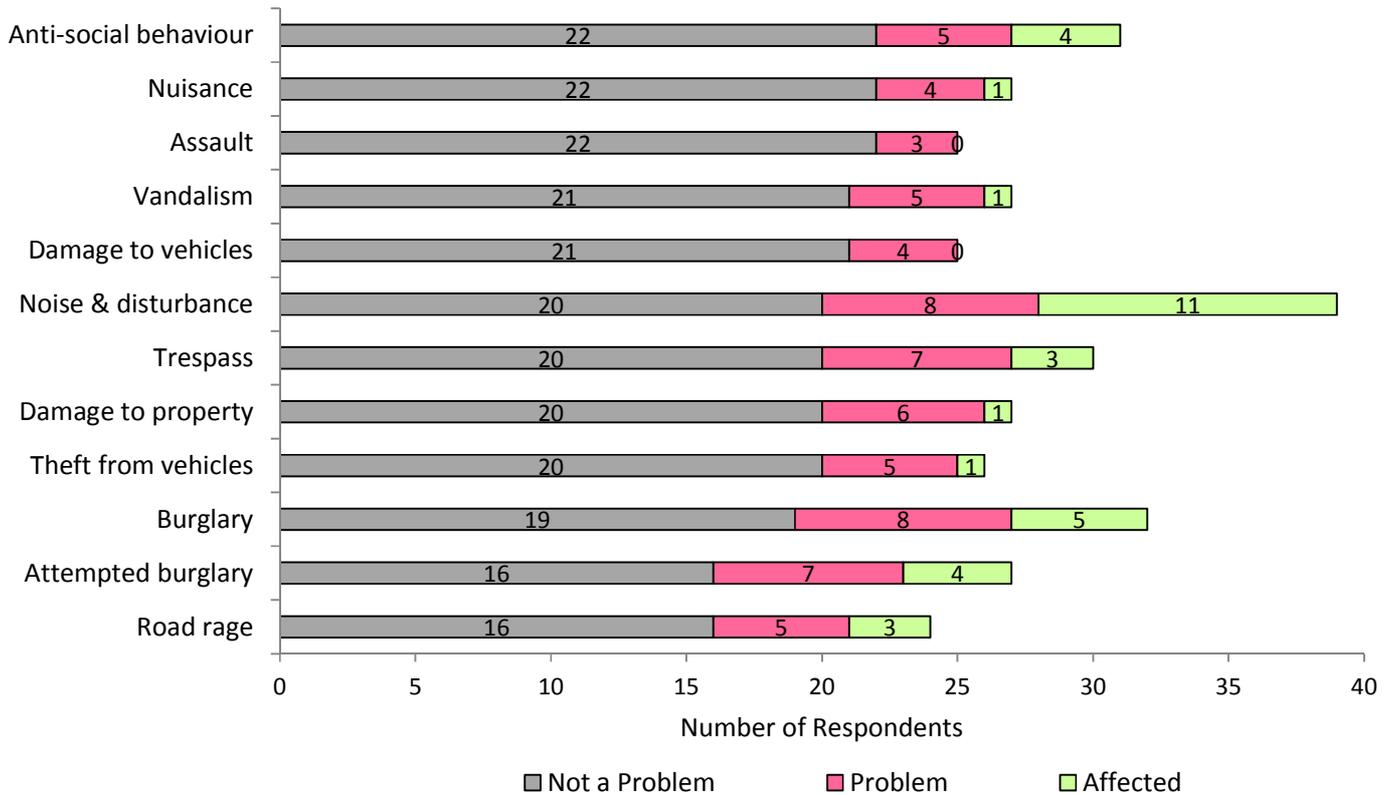
- Verges better cut and maintained
- Fast-food litter collected
- Large flower tubs
- The village notice board better maintained and updated

The Issues

- Potential flooding in the village – Hay Brook
- Condition of roads including potholes
- Condition of pavements
- Condition of public footpaths which are overgrown
- Dog mess
- Improve communication route for reporting problems - the Parish Council is the first point of communication
- Village notice board is dilapidated
- Village tidiness
- Flowers

7. Security and Safety

Crime



According to the questionnaire results there have been 5 burglaries, 4 attempted burglaries, and 1 incident of trespass over the last three years.

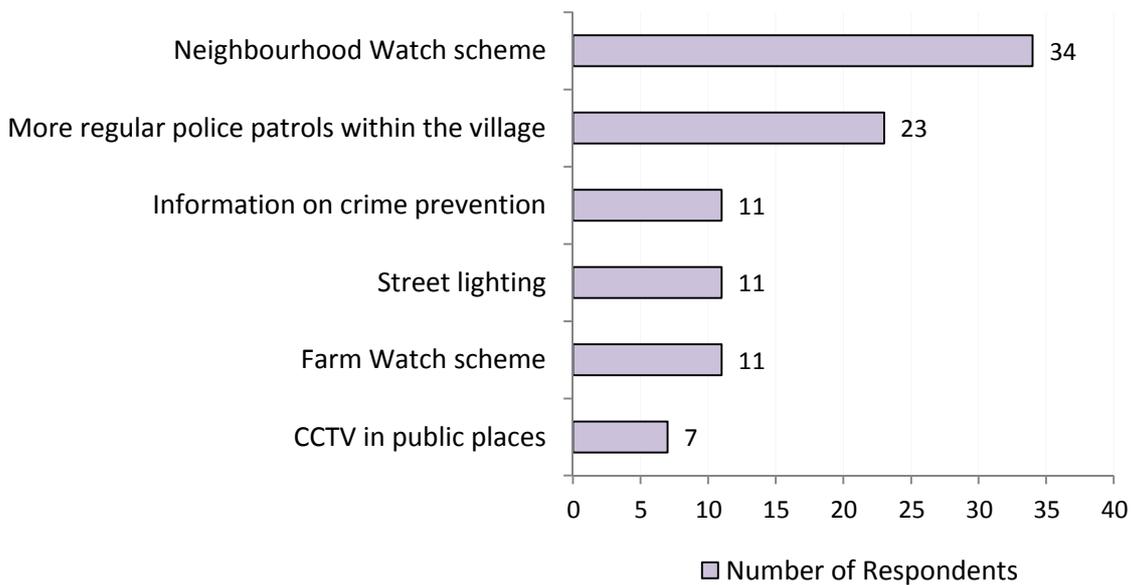
A small number of respondents say they have been affected by noise and disturbance. Overall the village does not seem to be especially concerned at the level of crime. Most people who reported crime had found this easy to do and the police response good or fair.

Victim of Crime	
Yes	9
No	3

Witness of Crime	
Yes	1
No	4

75% of respondents who were a victim of crime reported it. 20% of respondents who witnessed a crime reported it.

Crime Prevention



A significant number of respondents would like to become actively involved with the village Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Feeling Safe

Nobody reported feeling unsafe when walking around Wixford during daylight hours. However, there were a small number of respondents (6) who were apprehensive after dark.

The Issues

- Local crime – effective and pro-active Neighbourhood Watch Scheme needed to reduce crime



8. Local Businesses

24% of respondents indicated they operated a business in Wixford. Of these 4 respondents operated business at the local business park, leaving 16% of respondents who must be operating businesses from home.

	Num.	%
Yes	12	24
No	38	76
Total	50	100



Part 3 - Action Plan

Plan Page Ref	Issue	Action	Help/Advice	Priority (1 to 3)	Timescale for action
PART 1: VILLAGE PROFILE					
14	Assist dissemination of information throughout the village	Arrange refurbishment of the village notice board and ensure it is more widely used for displaying useful and relevant information. Update PC website and ensure it is more regularly updated and contains more information. Consider use of email to convey information to residents including events and PC meetings	PC	3	Mid to end 2016
PART 2: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT					
16/17	Traffic travelling far too fast through the village is a problem to 91% of respondents. Lack of traffic calming is a problem for 73% of respondents; over 90% want to introduce it	Obtain flashing speed repeater signs promised by WCC (74% in favour). Ensure WCC implement match funded traffic calming scheme that the PC have contracted to ASAP. Lobby local police to increase the presence of speed camera visits. Explore the viability of a village speed camera enforcement scheme. Obtain outcome of WCC traffic speed survey through the village. Investigate viability of further traffic calming measures, i.e. Road narrowing (70% in favour) Speed humps (50% in favour) Traffic lights on bridge (40% in favour)	PC WCC/Highways SDC Police	1	Mid to end 2016
16	Volume of traffic is a problem to almost 70% of respondents	Obtain results of last traffic survey carried out by WCC. Request a new traffic survey	WCC/Highways	1	Mid to end 2016

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16	The size and weight of traffic travelling through the village is a problem for over 80% of respondents	Lobby the Highways Agency at WCC for the display of weight restriction limit signs on all approaches to the village. Monitor the integrity of the bridge. Set up a village initiative to spot/report overweight vehicles using the village	PC WCC/Highways	1	Mid to end 2016
16	Traffic noise in the village from the nearby A46 is an issue for over 60% of respondents	Take the lead in forming an action group from Wixford and surrounding settlements to lobby MP/MEP/County and District Councillors for the resurfacing with quiet asphalt on the stretch passing the village	PC MP MEP County/District Councillors	1	Mid to end 2016
16	Parking of vehicles on pavements was an issue for 45% of respondents	Encourage residents to keep vehicles within the boundaries of their own property where possible, to keep pavements clear via newsletter/website. Approach Police and local public house about the annual firework event to ensure adequate off road parking is available	Police Locals Publicans	3	Mid to end 2016
16	Location of 30mph signs is a problem to 44% of respondents	Investigate the positioning of the 30mph signs around the village with a view to ensuring that we have all that needs to be in place and at locations to reduce speed through the village	PC Police WCC/Highways	1	Mid to end 2016
18	Only 7% of respondents use the bus service. Just under 50% say they would be more likely to use it if it were more reliable and it went to other destinations	Revisit public transport demand when proposed new developments are completed. Approach service providers to explore expanding services to other destinations such as Stratford and Warwick	SD Service Providers	2	Mid to end 2016

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PART 3: HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT					
20	Only just over 30% of respondents thought there was a housing need in the village and of those 50% thought the need was for affordable homes and those with up to 2 beds. Of the 42% who said there was no housing need, over 80% said it was because of lack of facilities and infrastructure and over 90% said their preference was to retain the current size of the village	Consider whether there is any requirement to obtain a housing needs survey	PC Warwickshire Rural Community Council	3	Mid to end 2016
PART 4: RECREATION & LEISURE (INCLUDING FACILITIES AND AMENITIES)					
21	Maintain and develop community spirit. 64% of respondents were prepared to offer their time to assist with organising village events	Establish a group of willing volunteers to generate community interest and organise more local events	Volunteers	3	Mid to end 2016
22	The dilapidated state of the Village Hall is a concern with 84% believing it needs upgrading, with 60% being more inclined to use it if it was upgraded	The Village Hall committee to be asked to review the future of the village hall in light of future village requirements and to produce a positive recommendation to update/rebuild/demolish within 12 months	PC Village Hall Committee Various sources of external funding	1	Mid to end 2016
23	Over 75% of respondents would like to see a village shop or post office	Discuss with Village Hall Committee to incorporate into any new village hall. Approach local pubic houses to see if they might consider an integrated shop	PC Village Hall Committee	3	Mid to end 2016

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23	Respondents would like to see cycle paths to Alcester	PC to enquire of SDC as to the likelihood of creating a cycle way to Alcester passing through or close to the village	PC SDC National Cycle Network?	3	Mid to end 2016
PART 5: UTILITIES AND SERVICES					
24	Broadband speed and reliability is noted as a problem to 63% and 68% of respondents respectively	It is noted that superfast broadband is now available to the village residents and speeds of up to about 12 Mb are now readily achievable. Lobby superfast country broadband to get fibre to the village	Service Providers	2	Mid to end 2016
24	The stability of the electricity supply is a problem to 65% of respondents	Write to Western Power Distribution to ask what measures are being taken to increase resilience and reliability of the supply. If none – why?	PC Western Power	3	Mid to end 2016
25	Promote buying syndicates of gas and oil to improve awareness	Add information to website and newsletters	PC Warwickshire Rural Community Council	3	Mid to end 2016
PART 6: LOCAL ENVIRONMENT					
26	Potholes generally and particularly down Enniston Lane were considered a problem	Write to SDC/WCC Highways drawing attention to the Parish Plan survey results and general poor condition of roads in the village	SDC WCC/Highways	2	Mid to end 2016
26	The condition of and lack of pavements – 59% of respondents support a footpath over the bridge	Write to SDC/WCC Highways drawing attention to the Parish Plan survey Results; the absence of a safe passage over the bridge for pedestrians and the general poor condition of pavements in the village	SDC WCC/Highways	1	Mid to end 2016

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26	Heart of England Way overgrown and impassable in places	Discuss the problem of overgrown vegetation on the footpaths with local farmers and WCC	WCC	3	Mid to end 2016
26	Dog fouling on village footpaths and verges	PC to look into the provision of dog poo bins and mechanism by which these can be provided/emptied	PC Dog owners	3	Mid to end 2016
27	Flooding in the village during wet weather	In conjunction with Warwickshire County Council, draw up a Flood Plan. Draw to the attention of the Parish Council the Parish Plan survey results on drainage ditches and particularly the perceived necessity to dredge Hay Brook more frequently. Write to the Environment Agency/Highways Authority to investigate cause of flooding. Investigate what measures the developer of the caravan site intends to take	WCC Environment Agency	1	Mid to end 2016
28	Maintain village cleanliness	Organise volunteer team to collect litter, trim verges and cut back vegetation. Hold periodic village tidy-up. SDC rubbish collection to deal with fly tipping	Volunteers SDC	3	Mid to end 2016
28	Mechanism for reporting problems	Draw the new government funded reporting scheme to the attention of village residents. This scheme provides a mechanism for reporting problems to the local authority concerning matters such as broken pavements, fly tipping, pot holes, blocked drains	PC SDC	3	Mid to end 2016

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PART 7: SECURITY AND SAFETY					
29	A significant number of respondents would support an initiative to help prevent crime	Resurrect the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. PC to approach local Police Community Support Officers and seek willing volunteers	PC Police Volunteers	3	Mid to end 2016
PART 8: LOCAL BUSINESSES					
31	Only 4 respondents ran a business from business premises and 8 from home. Broadband speed was cited as an issue for them	It is noted that superfast broadband is now available to the village residents and speeds of up to about 12 Mb are now readily achievable. Lobby superfast country broadband to get fibre to the village	Service Providers	2	Mid to end 2016

