

Title	Village Hall Roof		
Author	Clerk to the Council		

6.1 To receive an update on the Village Hall Roof

The invitation to tender was sent out on the 14th of May 2026 to 4 companies who had already expressed an interest in bidding for the project. The parameters of the project were clearly expressed and the timelines emphasized.

Two of the companies arranged to make site visits though ultimately only one actually came as scheduled.

By the deadline for submissions on the 4th of June only two companies submitted bids. On review one has expressed some doubt about being able to fulfil the contract in the allotted timescales. They have also specifically ruled out an optional extra requirement to visually check and replace any damaged or missing roof tiles on the rest of the roof within the contract price.

The second bidder made a site visit and seems to meet all requirements. They have also expressed confidence in being able to work to our timelines.

The Quotes and details are in the Confidential papers.

The Trustees of the Pre-school have been in contact with queries about the project and timescales. To date and with current information, we have been able to confidently allay any concerns about impact to the pre-school beyond the 31st August 2026.

A project Risk Register will be created and shared with the Cllrs.

Title	Public Spaces and Tree Matters		
Author	Clerk to the Council		

7.1 To receive an update on invitation to quote for tree survey on two trees on the rec.

In April 2025 a Horse chestnut tree on the recreation ground had a number of branches fall in the high winds. This tree (T58) had since been identified as weak and partially dead in the whole parish tree survey completed last June.



The Tree surgeons who did the emergency work to make the tree safe recommended that it was assessed again in 6 months to a year after the works to ensure no further branches were in danger of coming down in a high wind.

Quotes have been invited from Arboriculturists which proved to be quite high.

Beechwood Tree care advised that they would be happy to come and look at the tree gratis and advise if a full survey was in fact wholly necessary.

Appendix B

Taking advantage of their offer I have also asked them to look at the mature Lime tree (T27) whose roots were most impacted by the construction of the resin path. It appears to be in good health so this is purely a precautionary measure.



The clerk is seeking quotes for work to remove sucker growth from several trees on the recreation ground and also any dead recently planted trees. These have not been received yet.

Title	Clerk's Report		
Author	Clerk to the Council		

8.1 To review the General Action Tracker

Action Item	Assigned to	Created on	Due Date	Priority	Status	Progress %	Notes
Borehole. Feasibility exploration	Cllr KD	16/7/25		Low	Parked	12	
Seek advice on costs for Public Toilet Build	Clerk	20/8/25		Low	Parked		
Put together costs for ongoing running and maintainance of public toilet	Clerk	20/8/25		Low	Parked	10	
Request usage stats from the 3 schools re the Car Park in term times	Clerk	28/8/25		High	In progress	33	Emailed Heads of the 3 schools 3/9/25. Cabin pre-school says they use 1 space everyday and 2 more occasionally. Carpark and traffic meeting held Langtree school have sent partial survey results received.
Conduct a survey/count of car park users on a school day in the AM and PM	Clerk	28/8/25		High	Completed	100	Data for 4 weekdays in March 2026 collected.
Update Parish Website	RFO	15/9/25		Medium	In progress	70	In progress
Dog fouling signs and poo bin	Clerk	29/05/2025		Medium	In progress	75	In progress

Appendix C

Creating a list for HART (Highways Asset Response Team)	Clerk	3/11/25	1/1/26	Medium	Completed	100	HART Team has responded and for EVERY item I have been told to report it on Fix My Street.
Contact with Highways re additional SIDs on Reading Road	Clerk	3/11/25	20/5/26	Medium	In progress	100	Installed and operational.
Invite Village residents to put forward suggestions to PC for actions to improve the village. To bring to a future PC Meeting	Clerk	20/11/25	15/4/26	Medium	Completed	100	Review meeting has identified suggestions to explore.
Car park signage (two way Exit/Entrance)	Clerk	20/11/25		Medium	In progress	50	Car park line paint on order.
Hire of Disabled access portaloo for installation outside Village Hall for 3 months.	Clerk	19/2/26	3 months in 2026	High	Completed	95	Two months of usage uniformly approved of by resident responses.
Order parts and repair practice Football Goal	Clerk	13/4/06	asap	Medium	In progress	75	VH Handyman to fix and install.
Explore improving public transport other than the x40	Clerk	6/5/26	none	Medium	Parked	10	Going Forwards Buses have put services on hold due to the untimely death of their director. No other services exist at present.
Explore PC subsidising access for village residents to Oratory sports facilities	Clerk	6/5/26	none	Medium	In progress	25	Have been in contact with the lead at the Sports centre and the Headmaster and the Burser are going to get in touch directly. Exploring use of tennis courts at Langtree.
Excplore PC funding Youth Services	Cllr TO	6/5/26	none	Medium			Clerk has sent M Maddock's contact detail to Cllr TO.

Water bottle filling station near Village Hall Carpark playground	Clerk	6/5/26	none	Medium	In progress	25	£1694 for the unit. Sonning Common said it cost them about £1000 to install. Water source close to playground being investigated - we will ask the Primary school if we can install a metered spur. Unfortunately a pipe from the Village Hall or the storage garage would require digging up the rec car park so unsuitable. https://www.drinking-fountain.co.uk/bottle-filler-fountains/outdoor-bottle-filler
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Enter the Best Kept Village competition (or similar)	CIlt SC	6/5/26	none	Medium			
Install planters by the 3 main village gates.	CIlt SC	6/5/26	none	Medium			
Ask for a quote to repair and paint the 3 village gates.	Clerk	6/5/26	asap	High	In progress	25	Quote sought from Chiltern Woodcraft (who repair village benches and fences)
Ask Highways if the parish may install bins at the Reading Road bus shelters	Clerk	21/5/26	asap	Medium	In progress	50	Permission from Highways given. Sites for bins agreed, bins arriving 17th June.

9.2. To consider proposing Tidmore Lane as a Quiet Lane.

Tidmore Lane was due to be designated a 20mph road as Phase 2 of the Oxfordshire 20mph programme. The programme has since ended and Tidmore Lane must have been forgotten. I have enquired of OCC Highways if they had any evidence or reason to support the decision to make it into a 20mph road that we could use as part of any proposal to turn it into a Quiet Lane.

OCC Highways is also following up with the 20Mph team about the status of remaining roads on their list.

9.3. To consider a quote for the renovation of the white entrance gates, on Goring Road and Red Lane.

To be received.

9.4. To receive an update on the proposal for a Woodcote – Goring bus service, and agree actions.

See Action Tracker

9.5. To receive an update on the proposal for use of Oratory School sports facilities, and agree actions.

See Action Tracker though the Clerk has not yet been contacted back by Oratory School. Meanwhile an initial approach to the Head of Langtree School, Mr Bamford, about possible parish residents usage of the school tennis courts was very positively received.

9.6. To receive an update on the proposal to install a water bottle filling station and agree actions.

See Action Tracker. Costs have been obtained for the filling station but until we have a picture of the available water source a realistic cost for installation cannot be estimated. Cllr Booker has given the Clerk guidance on tracking down utility locations but Thames Water has not sent their maps yet..

9.7. To consider how to weed parish council areas of responsibility, including paths and playgrounds.

A resident and user of the Play Ground pointed out that the grassy areas contained a lot of spiky weeds in the long grass. The Grass cutting contractors have been approached about the overdue cutting. They have moved to the updated schedule as per the new contract but have said it is taking some time to bed in with their team. Meanwhile the weeds have been removed.

The PC used to have the weeds sprayed and now that we no longer encourage that, would the PC consider contracting for manual removal at suitable intervals during the growing season? The playground grassy areas should not be an issue when the regular mowing and strimming kicks in but there are cracks in the surfaces and around the bin areas where weeds are springing up. The same is true of the basketball court on Folly field.

9.8. To consider hiring office space in the Community Centre whilst the Village Hall is closed this summer.

The Work Hub would be available to book at a cost of £14.00 per hour. The PC would have use of the space and printer facilities. Drop ins would be possible.

So that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk can continue to hold Open Office on Wednesdays during the Village Hall Roof fix project we propose that the PC consider hiring the small office facility or Work Hub in the Community Centre from 10 to 12.30 each Wednesday from the 27th of July to the 31st of August.

9.9. To consider a proposal for a Village Appraisal and agree actions.

The **2000 Village Appraisal** is appended to this document. We had a resident enquire about instigating an updated one at our last full meeting. Unfortunately we can't find a digital copy and the scan is of poor quality (I've also compressed an otherwise giant document).

The document is included so that should the PC resolve to undertake another we are all clear as to the amount of careful consideration be given to the construction of the questionnaire. No attempt to estimate either effort or total cost has been conducted yet.

9.10 To consider quotes for 5-a-side football goals and agree on supplier.

As per an action at a previous meeting a request for a grant was made to help fund some all-weather. 5-a-side goals for use on the small recreation ground. The grant application was successful and the parish has received £1000 towards the cost of the equipment.

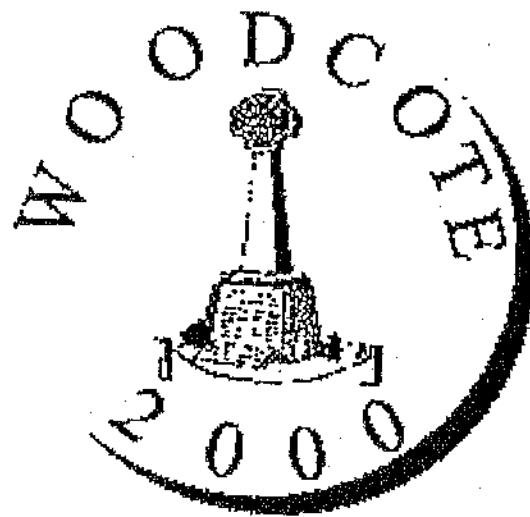
Quotes have been sought of 3 sports suppliers and are detailed in the confidential papers.

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DETAILED QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS



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WOODCOTE VILLAGE APPRAISAL

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE



Please read carefully before answering the questions.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather some details on what your household thinks about housing, education, leisure and other facilities within the village.

When you answer the questions with boxes, please tick more than one if appropriate.

If you wish to make additional comments, please feel free to use a separate piece of paper. A Volunteer Slip is included if you wish to offer some help in village activities.

Your answers will be completely anonymous and therefore personal confidentiality is assured.

GENERAL

1a How many people, including children, are there in your household? Insert number

Average per household

1b How long has your household lived in Woodcote?

☐ 100	Less than two years
☐ 112	2-5 years
☐ 101	6-10 years
☐ 210	11-20 years
☐ 156	21-29 years
☐ 138	30+ years

2a Why does your family unit live in Woodcote?

☐ 147	Family reasons
☐ 289	Job location
☐ 234	Availability of suitable housing
☐ 469	Country area
☐ 229	Village community
☐ 95	Schools
☐ 99	Retirement

2b Where did your family unit come from?

3a Does your family hope to remain in Woodcote for the foreseeable future? ☐ 706 Yes ☐ 82 No

3b If NO, please give your reason(s) for not staying (please specify)*

☐ 24	Job location
☐ 18	Lack of suitable housing
☐ 3	Transport difficulties
☐ 3	Lack of facilities (please specify)*
☐ 25	Retirement

Other reason(please specify):

HOUSING

Your present position

a Do you currently live in a :

☐ 42 Flat/maisonette ☐ 180 Bungalow ☐ 30 Terrace
☐ 219 Semi-detached house ☐ 305 Detached house ☐ 27 Sheltered accommodation

b How many bedrooms does the property have? ☐ 53 1 ☐ 153 2 ☐ 265 3 ☐ 274 4 ☐ 46 5+

Future plans

a Are you likely to move within the village? ☐ 137 Yes ☐ 637 No

b If YES, please tick the type of property you wish to move to:

☐ 2 Flat/maisonette ☐ 35 Bungalow ☐ 0 Terrace
☐ 10 Semi-detached house ☐ 84 Detached house ☐ 5 Sheltered accommodation

c How many bedrooms will the property have? ☐ 5 1 ☐ 21 2 ☐ 39 3 ☐ 73 4 ☐ 13 5+

Are you likely to extend your home in the future? ☐ 99 Yes ☐ 561 No

If YES, please give details

Other family housing needs

If anyone in your household has had difficulty obtaining housing in Woodcote in the last 5 years, please explain

Are any members of your family likely to need additional housing in Woodcote? ☐ 86 Yes ☐ 530 No

If so, who

Young people ☐ 80 Yes ☐ 0 No

Elderly relatives ☐ 25 Yes ☐ 0 No

YOUR CHILDREN

If you have no children aged 18 or under, please go on to Question 16

If you have any children aged 18 or under in your household, please indicate the number in the grid below to show their age and sex:

	Under	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Boy	☐ 14	☐ 13	☐ 14	☐ 19	☐ 8	☐ 14	☐ 24	☐ 11	☐ 12	☐ 14	☐ 20	☐ 18	☐ 19	☐ 18	☐ 22	☐ 18	☐ 11	☐ 10
Girl	☐ 18	☐ 18	☐ 14	☐ 14	☐ 13	☐ 15	☐ 12	☐ 13	☐ 16	☐ 11	☐ 20	☐ 17	☐ 18	☐ 15	☐ 25	☐ 11	☐ 17	☐ 8



PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN (under 5)

8a

If you have children under 5, please tick the activities in which they participate:

In Woodcote

Outside Woodcote

☐ 28	Parent and Toddler Group	☐ 6	Parent and Toddler Group
☐ 37	Pre-school group	☐ 9	Pre-school group
☐ 14	Swimming classes	☐ 14	Swimming classes
☐ 0	Gym classes	☐ 3	Gym classes
☐ 9	Music classes	☐ 10	Music classes
☐ 3	Dancing/ballet classes	☐ 2	Dancing/ballet classes
☐ 2	Nursery school	☐ 11	Nursery school
☐ 8	Childminder care	☐ 7	Childminder care
☐ 0	Day-care nursery	☐ 5	Day-care nursery
☐ 3	Sunday school	☐ 3	Sunday school
☐ 4	Other	☐ 6	Other
☐ 13	None	☐ 7	None

8b

Do your pre-school children have any needs which are not currently being met in Woodcote?

☐ 32 Yes ☐ 70 No

8c

If YES, please specify:

CHILDREN AGED 5-11

Please complete Questions 9-11 only if you have children aged between 5 and 11.

9

Which schools do your children attend? Please give names of schools

10

How do your children get to school ☐ 61 walk ☐ 6 bus ☐ 70 car ☐ 18 bicycle ☐ 10 car share ☐ 3 school bus

11a

Please tick:

Please enter the number of children against the activities in which they participate:

In Woodcote

Outside Woodcote

☐ 20	Rainbows/Brownies/Guides*	☐ 8	Rainbows/Brownies/Guides*
☐ 26	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts*	☐ 6	Beavers/Cubs/Scouts*
☐ 36	Swimming classes	☐ 13	Swimming classes
☐ 19	Football classes	☐ 18	Football classes
☐ 3	Cricket classes	☐ 6	Cricket classes
☐ 12	Gym classes	☐ 6	Gym classes
☐ 8	Music classes	☐ 16	Music classes
☐ 18	Dancing/ballet classes	☐ 7	Dancing/ballet classes
☐ 12	Sunday School	☐ 2	Sunday School
☐ 1	Martial Arts	☐ 3	Martial Arts
☐ 14	After school club	☐ 16	After school club
☐ 9	Youth club/Drop in	☐ 1	Youth club/Drop in
☐ 1	Drama	☐ 2	Drama
☐ 8	Other	☐ 23	Other
☐ 21	None	☐ 13	None

*enter Goring Heath Group under Woodcote



CHILDREN AGED 5-11 (CONTINUED)

1b Are there any needs for this age group which are not currently being met? ☐ 32 Yes ☐ 70 No

11c If YES please specify:

CHILDREN AGED 11-18

N.B. Children aged between 11 and 18 are being asked for their views in the Youth Questionnaire.

Please complete Questions 12 -14 only if you have children aged between 11 and 18.

2

3 How do your children get to school? (Or full time work if applicable). Please tick:

☐ 98 walk ☐ 26 bus ☐ 51 car ☐ 7 bicycle ☐ 9 car share ☐ 18 school bus ☐ 10 train

4a Are there any needs for this age group which are not currently being met? ☐ 42 Yes ☐ 71 No

4b If YES please specify:

Please complete the following questions for all children aged 5-18

5a Would you support a school holiday play/activity scheme in the village?
Please tick relevant box:

Yes

No

☐ 49	5-7	☐ 38	5-7
☐ 64	8-11	☐ 46	8-11
☐ 49	12-18	☐ 78	12-18

5b Would you be willing to help in such an activity scheme? ☐ 30 Yes ☐ 173 No

If YES, please complete the Volunteer Slip



FACILITIES IN THE VILLAGE- SHOPS

16	Where does your household do its main food shopping, and how do you get there?	Bus	Car	Sharedcar	Other
	Woodcote	7	196	0	109
	Pangbourne	0	40	0	1
	Goring	0	20	0	1
	Sonning Common	0	12	0	0
	Wallingford	23	192	0	4
	Henley	10	125	0	1
	Didcot	3	110	0	1
	Savacentre	1	125	0	1
	Oxford	5	36	0	1
	Reading	41	371	0	4

Other location, please specify:

17a Are you satisfied with the existing shops in Woodcote? 571 Yes 200 No

17b Do you have any comments on the existing shopping facilities in Woodcote?

17c Are there any retail outlets you would support in Woodcote?

17d Would you use a supermarket delivery service? 208 Yes 546 No



MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES

18a How many people in your household are registered at Woodcote Health Centre? Insert number

18b How many people are registered elsewhere? Insert number

18c Are the facilities at Woodcote Health Centre adequate for your family needs? Yes No

18d If NO, or you have any comments, please specify

18e Have you encountered a problem in getting an appointment in a reasonable time at the Health Centre? Yes No

18f If you answered YES to Question 18e, please explain what happened:

19a How many people in your household are registered with the dental service in Woodcote? Insert number

19b How many people are registered elsewhere? Insert number

19c How many people in your household never go to the dentist? Insert number

19d If you have any comments about the dental service, please specify

HOUSEHOLD SERVICES

20a Does your household use any of the following refuse & recycling services?

	Yes	No
Oakley Wood tip, near Wallingford	525	99
Skip in village hall car park	505	143
Green SODC garden refuse bags*	84	314
Bottle & can banks	537	91
Green box paper & cans collection (SODC)	553	88
Clothes bank (outside Somerfield)	257	213

* These are available at Woodcote Garden Centre and are collected in the weekly refuse collection.

20b Do you have any comments about the refuse services?



HOUSEHOLD SERVICES (CONTINUED)

20c What other recycling facilities would you support in Woodcote?

20d Is your household satisfied with the standard of these household services?
N.B. if you do not have or use any of these services, please tick the "Not applicable" (N/A) box

	YES	NO	N/A
Water supply	723	46	2
Electricity	726	45	1
Gas	663	7	77
Household refuse collection	710	48	8
Street/footpath cleaning	489	195	27
Green box collection (SODC)	590	52	96
Street lighting	617	114	19
Sewerage/mains drainage	657	24	21

20e If NO, please comment:

20f Do you have Internet access at home? Yes No

POLICING

21a Are you satisfied with the level of policing in the village? Yes No

21b If NO, please comment

21c Has any one in your household suffered from any of the following ,
in Woodcote, in the last two years?

Car Theft Car Vandalism Vandalism
 Burglary/Theft Personal violence Other

If YES

21d Were the police informed about the above incidents? Yes No

21e Was the police action at the time satisfactory? Yes No

21f If NO, it would be helpful if you would give us brief details:



POLICING (CONTINUED)

21g Does your household belong to a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme? Yes No

21h If NO, would you be interested in establishing a scheme in you area Yes No

If you are willing to act as a Co-ordinator for your local neighbourhood, please complete the Volunteer Slip

PARKING

22 How many vehicles does your household have and where are they kept?

Car where are they kept Driveway/Garage Street

Boat where are they kept Driveway/Garage Street

Motorcycle where are they kept Driveway/Garage Street

Caravan where are they kept Driveway/Garage Street

Lorry where are they kept Driveway/Garage Street

Van where are they kept Driveway/Garage Street

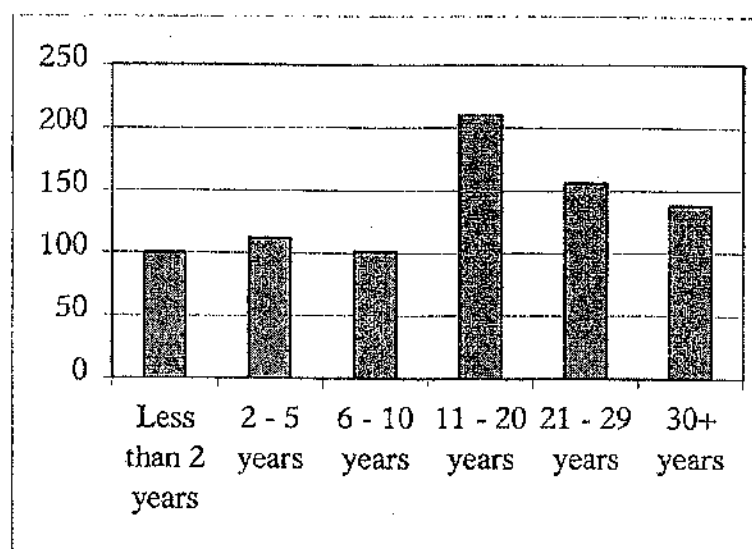
GENERAL

23 If you wish, please comment on any other matter(s) concerning the village.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP



Question 1b

HOW LONG HAS YOUR HOUSEHOLD LIVED IN WOODCOTE

Question 2b

WHERE DID YOUR FAMILY UNIT COME FROM

Response	Number of responses
Within Woodcote	58
Reading/Caversham etc.	166
Goring/Streatley/S Stoke	40
Crays Pond/Whitchurch/Pangbourne/Goring Heath	31
Nettlebed/Nuffield/Ipsden/Stoke Row/Checkendon	39
Henley/Peppard/Sonning Common/Kidmore End/Gallowstree Common	39
Wallingford/Cholsey/Benson	28
Oxfordshire – unspecified	25
Berkshire – unspecified	32
Buckinghamshire	19
Hampshire/Dorset	31
East Anglia	31
Midlands	13
London	52
Northants/Bedfordshire/Hertfordshire	18
Wales	8
Gloucestershire/Wiltshire	9
Somerset/Devon/Cornwall	16
North of England/Scotland	34
Ireland	3
Europe	8
Africa	6
Asia	2
Total responses	708

Question 3b REASONS FOR NOT STAYING IN WOODCOTE

Response	Number of responses
Retirement	25
Job location	24
Lack of suitable housing	18
Transport difficulties	3
Lack of facilities (not enough shops)	3
To move closer to family	3
Woodcote is overdeveloped	2
Cannot afford to stay	1
To move closer to Henley	1
Moving to a smaller house	1
No particular ties to village	1
New stage of life -- want to move to Australia	1
Neighbouring residential home too noisy	1
Total responses	84

Question 5d HOUSE EXTENSIONS

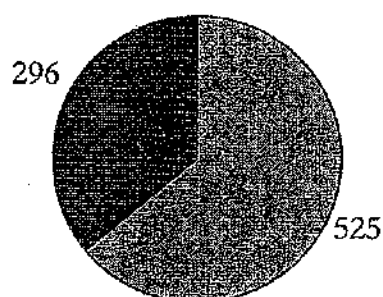
Response	Number of responses
Add a conservatory	19
Add an extra bedroom	18
Convert the loft	8
Add an extra bathroom	5
Add a study	5
Add a workshop	1
Add a utility room	1
We may extend if our family chooses to move to us	1
We may decide to stay here and extend the side of our house to create another bedroom	1
To accommodate 4 bedrooms in total and provide a dining room	1
Extension	1
Total responses	61

Question 6a

DIFFICULTY OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS IN OBTAINING
HOUSING IN WOODCOTE DURING THE LAST 5 YEARS

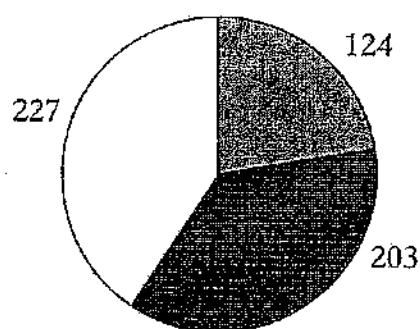
Response	Number of responses
Too expensive	9
Not enough starter homes	2
Impossible for children to afford to live independently in the village. Too few flats and too expensive	3
Shortage of council houses	2
First on list for single housing for 5 years but nothing has been offered	1
Council waiting list too long	1
Son & fiancée unable to afford house in village & do not qualify for Housing Association property because do not have children	1
Brother divorced with 2 children but given no help whatsoever	1
My ex-partner could not find anything he could afford	1
2 bed sheltered accommodation needed	1
Grandparents wanted to move to Woodcote but lack of suitable properties for sale	2
Planning permission turned down first time	1
Not enough houses of the right price coming up for sale	1
Lack of property for sale	1
Total responses from 25 households	27

Households with Children



■ Households with no children ■ Households with children

Number of children within age ranges



■ Under 5 ■ 5 - 11 □ 12 - 18

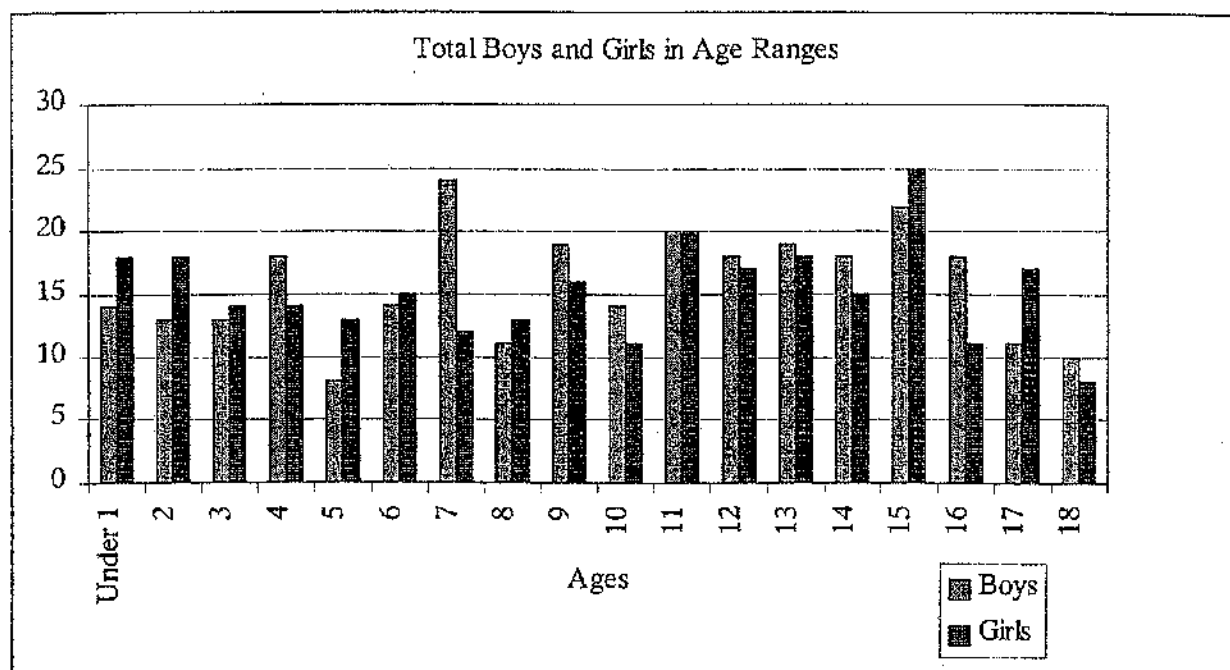
Question 8c CHILDREN'S NEEDS NOT MET IN WOODCOTE (UNDER 5s)

Response	Number of responses
Day care nursery (open year round)	6
More child care facilities	2
Good quality nursery school e.g. Ipsden	1
Tumble tots	3
Toddler group (more friendly, more frequent)	2
Better playground for toddlers	1
Sunday School - weekly & where children can come into end of service	1
Weekend activities so working parents can be involved	1
Leisure swimming (not classes)	2
Total responses	19

Question 9 SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY PRIMARY CHILDREN AGED 5-11

Response	Number of responses
Woodcote Primary	83
Basildon Primary	2
Bishopswood	1
Checkendon Primary	30
Cranford House*	2
Englefield	1
EP Collier	1
Goring Primary	10
Kidmore End primary	2
Manor Prep*	2
Moulsford Prep*	2
New College Oxford*	1
Oratory Prep*	9
Presentation College*	1
Sacred Heart Primary	2
Sonning Common Primary	1
St Andrews*	1
St Martins RC	1
Stoke Row Primary	7
Streatley Primary	4
Total responses	163

* Independent schools



Question 11c

CHILDREN'S NEEDS NOT MET IN WOODCOTE (5-11years)

Response	Number of responses
More out of school activities/events	2
After school club	1
Child care & play schemes - school holidays	2
Youth Club for younger ages	1
Leisure swimming at weekend (not classes)	2
Cycling paths	1
Junior tennis	1
More sports	3
Athletics Club	1
Beavers & Scouts in village, not Crays Pond (transport problems and oversubscribed)	2
Drama	1
French Club	1
More arts & crafts	1
Total responses	19

Question 12

SCHOOLS/COLLEGES ATTENDED BY CHILDREN AGED
11-18

Response	Number of responses
Langtree	114
The Abbey School*	1
Abingdon School*	8
Altwood 6 th Form RC*	1
Bishopswood	1
Boarding Schools*	3
Chiltern Edge School	6
Cranford House*	3
Denefield	1
Didcot Girls School	12
Downe House *	1
Gillots	3
Guildford Academy of Music	1
Heathlands School for the Deaf	1
Hemdean House*	1
Henley College	17
Kendrick Girls	4
Luckley Oakfield, Wokingham*	1
Our Lady's Convent, Abingdon*	3
Oxford FE College	1
Pangbourne College*	3
Presentation College*	2
Queen Anne's, Caversham*	3
Radley College*	1
Reading Blue Coat*	2
Reading School	1
Reading FE College	1
St Andrews*	1
St Helen & St Katherine*	4
The Oratory School*	15
Wallingford	1
Southampton University	1
Oxford University	1
Higher Education	3
Total responses (secondary/FE)	222

* Independent school

Question 14b

CHILDREN'S NEEDS NOT MET IN WOODCOTE (11-18 years)

Response	Number of responses
More sports facilities (badminton & tennis courts, sports training)	4
More evening activities (e.g. discos)	2
More after school clubs	1
Weekend swimming for leisure, not classes	1
Holiday club for teenagers. Include sports, fashion, beauty etc	1
Better bus service to reading	1
Athletics Club	1
Church Youth group	1
Meeting place for 16-18 year olds with activities	1
<i>'Youth Club needs to have different ages on different nights. I would not feel it would be beneficial for my 10 year old daughter to be mixing with much older children - some of them smoking and swearing.'</i>	1
Total responses from 11 households	14

Question 16

WHERE HOUSEHOLDS DO THEIR MAIN FOOD SHOPPING

Response	Number of responses
Reading	416
Woodcote	312
Wallingford	219
Henley	136
Savacentre, Calcot	127
Didcot	114
Oxford	42
Pangbourne	41
Goring	21
Sonning Common	12
Caversham	60
Tilehurst (Waitrose)	10
Newbury	3
Bracknell	2
Goring Heath (Old Dairy Farm Shop) (now closed)	2
Thatcham	1
London	1
Marlow	1
Emmer Green	1
Wokingham	1
Peppard	1
Cowley	1
Wantage	1
Home shopping / Internet	2
Total responses (more than one response given by some households)	1527

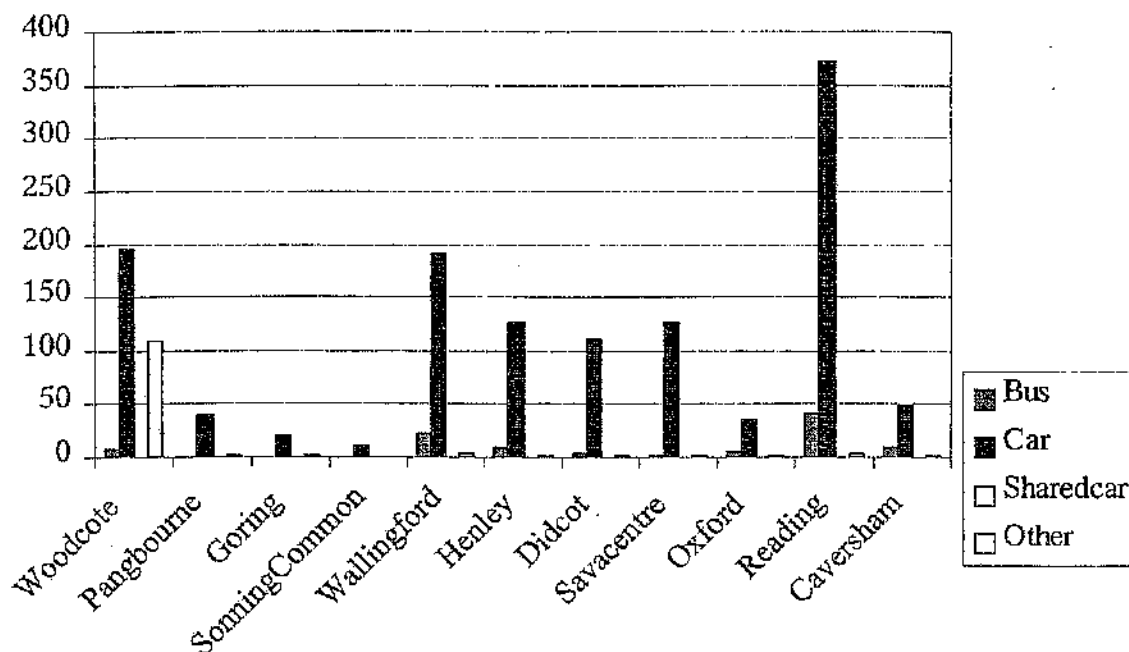
Question 17b

RESPONSES ON WOODCOTE'S EXISTING SHOPS

Response	Number of responses
Somerfield Store – positive responses (15)	
Very good, excellent for its size	6
Excellent opening hours	3
Good range & prices	2
Good for basic requirements	1
Standard and range has improved in the last 5 years	1
Useful & polite store & open at weekends. Saves trips to Reading.	1
Need to make sure that people use it – we don't want to lose the store	1
Somerfield Store - negative responses (53)	
Too cramped to move around for the numbers who use the store	11
Needs to be expanded	9
Popular goods run out too quickly	6
More variety and choice needed	6
Understaffed (especially on tills)	5
More staff training needed/poor service	4
Always queues	3
No room to take in a single buggy or for disabled to move around easily	2
Too small for main food shopping	1
Should stop selling toys, doormats etc & to stock more food	1
Management standard declined since 1998 (when moved to Woodcote)	1
Inadequate parking	1
Could cater better for the needs of the single elderly	1
Poor hygiene levels	1
Needs to better stocked on Sundays	1
Garden Centre (2)	
Impressive	1
More knowledgeable staff needed	1
Post Office (3)	
Cars parked outside are a hazard	1
Impressed	1
Counter staff unhelpful & could be more cheerful	1
Londis (5)	
Very good (especially the bread)	3
Video choice limited	1
Unfriendly for a village shop	1
General responses on shopping facilities in Woodcote (22)	
Better selection/more shops needed	8
Shops are good for size of village	6
Provides essentials and basics	2
Adequate for day-to-day requirements	2
Shops are too spread out	1
Appearance of shops could be more attractive from the outside	1
Shop units were never used for the right purpose (e.g. dry cleaners)	1
Woodcote could not support more shops	1
Total responses from 80 households	100

Question 16

WHERE DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO ITS MAIN FOOD SHOPPING AND HOW DO YOU GET THERE



Question 17c

SUGGESTIONS ON ADDITIONAL RETAIL OUTLETS
WHICH RESPONDENTS WOULD SUPPORT IN WOODCOTE

Response	Number of responses
Chemist	112
Takeaway	84
Fish & Chip Shop	61
Baker	49
Butcher	49
Bank or Cash Machine	30
Chinese or Indian restaurant	28
Greengrocer	17
Hardware/DIY	17
Hairdresser	15
Petrol station	10
Other (various)	25
Total responses	497

Question 18d

FACILITIES AT WOODCOTE HEALTH CENTRE

Response	Number of responses
Excellent/very good Health Centre	5
Very good doctors	3
Excellent doctors and service	3
Dr Richards is a particularly good doctor	2
Good with children	1
Wonderful new facilities	2
More than adequate	1
Advice about referral to alternative medicine is appreciated	1
Front of Health Centre needs to be landscaped ASAP	1
Eye tests	1
Inadequate facilities for mental health problems – at national & regional level. GPs left to cope with crises	1
Would like alternative/holistic medical services (e.g. acupuncture, herbal etc)	2
Chiropodist needed	1
Some injections for foreign travel not available (e.g. Yellow Fever)	1
Evening clinic needed (after 6pm) for people working out of village	5
Not enough doctors	3
Not able to see own doctor unless wait a week – lack of doctors	3
Receptionists not welcoming	3
Some prescriptions have to be ordered -- means a wait	1
Better car parking	1
Would like some drop-in clinics (e.g. evening)	1
Poor service (unspecified)	1
Unable to attend Monday 'weigh-ins' because of work	1
Why is it so difficult to make appointments after all the recent expenses on improvements?	1
Total responses	45

Question 18f

PROBLEMS WITH GETTING AN APPOINTMENT IN A
REASONABLE TIME AT THE HEALTH CENTRE

Response	Number of responses
No appointment available for a week (sometimes even if non-routine reasons: chest infection, injury given as examples)	26
Sometimes fully booked and cannot be seen for 2-3 weeks, especially if want own doctor	5
Only have time for emergency appointments – otherwise have to wait for about 3-4 days	11
Always busy – difficult to get appointment unless an emergency	9
Always a significant delay for non-emergency appointments	5
Cannot get same or next day appointment	4
Often have to get an emergency appointment if want to see doctor within 2 days	3
No appointments when needed	4
Took a week to get appointment, by which time problem had cleared	1
Have to see a different doctor if want to get an appointment in a reasonable time (within 3 days)	9
Impossible on Mondays to get same day appointment	1
Need an appointment within 24 hours – we don't phone unless really ill	1
Difficult to get appointment to fit around work times. Don't want to take unnecessary time off for non-urgent appointment	10
Very hard to get appointments before or after school	1
Family planning -last appt is c.5.10pm, but don't finish work until 5.30pm	1
Difficult to get early morning appointments	1
Miss having a drop-in evening surgery 3x a week	1
Receptionists difficult & can be intimidating. Could be more welcoming. Made to feel request is not urgent.	12
Have to be assertive to get an appointment in a reasonable time	1
Had to explain to receptionist couldn't wait 3 days having had asthma attack	1
Was seeking first aid advice – had to wait 4 days (bad cut following cycling accident). Tonsillitis – had to wait 4 days for antibiotics	2
Not sure what is classed as 'urgent' when asked by receptionist	3
Only 'urgent' get next day appointments	2
Had to insist in order to get an earlier appointment	1
All appointments were fully booked & was advised to take my 2 year old to the Royal Berks Hospital	1
Receptionists try to help but sometimes just cannot fit in appointment	1
Doctor always on holiday	1
Needed appointment for 7 month old son. Had to wait until next day for emergency appt and waited 1.5 hours.	1
Had to wait 2 days even though had nasty cough	1
Appointment times always delayed	2
No appointment available before medication ran out	1
Total responses	123

Question 19d

RESPONSES ON DENTAL SERVICE

Response	Number of responses
Not NHS service – need NHS service	86
Expensive	53
Too expensive for OAPs	2
Only go in an emergency because of cost	3
Did not know there was a village dentist	6
Would change to Woodcote dentist but understand there is a waiting list	1
Not open Saturday mornings	1
Not open evenings	1
Appointments have been cancelled & had to be rearranged	5
Appointment cancelled & difficulty in rebooking for vital treatment	1
Poor availability of appointments	5
Appointments run late	7
Oversubscribed	2
Very good /excellent	31
Satisfactory	4
Friendly, helpful, professional	12
Good hours	1
Convenient. Fortunate to have service in village	4
Good service for children	1
Not friendly	1
Dissatisfied with service (unspecified)	3
Prone to attempt to conceal errors discovered by another dental practitioner	1
Too many staff changes	1
Not too happy with some of hygienists	1
Cannot cope with serious dental problems that fall outside Denplan	2
Not necessary to see both dentist & hygienist	1
Losing confidence in practice/competence	2
Dentist has monopoly in village	1
A shame that NHS patients are restricted to 2 days	1
Parking a problem	2
Disappointed the hygienist service for children has been discontinued	1
Prefer Sonning Common dentist	4
Travel to Lower Earley for NHS treatment	1
Thinking of changing dentist because of cost	2
Go to Theale (private)	1
Not keen to take disabled daughter – go to Henley Community dentist	1
Go to Goring	1
Would transfer if took NHS patients	5
Why is it private?	1
Had to go elsewhere because of cost	1
Tried to register but told not taking new patients	1
Once maternity cover ends, will have to go elsewhere	1
Total responses from 259 households	262

Question 20b

GENERAL RESPONSES ON REFUSE & STREET CLEANING

Response	Number of responses
Skip is always full	51
Leave streets dirty or messy	38
Didn't know about sacks, green boxes/no information	35
Dustmen damage green boxes /throw onto ground	32
Bins/boxes untidily left in road	29
Dog fouling still a problem	25
Dust lorries speeding	17
Overgrown hedges on footpaths/alleys/paths leading away from village	17
Footpaths not cleaned/maintained sufficiently	16
Kerbs and paths not weeded sufficiently	14
Would like wheelie bins	13
No evidence of street/path cleaning	11
Unreliable refuse service	6
Boxes need lids/lids	5
Would like kerbside bottle collection	5
Difficulty in reaching into gutters (parked cars etc.)	5
Clothes bank needs more frequent emptying	3
Would like community composting/shredding	2
Would like kerbside metal collection	2
General responses on litter	21
Specifically around shops, schools and recreation grounds	15
Total responses	362

Question 20c

OTHER RECYCLING FACILITIES WHICH PEOPLE WOULD SUPPORT IN WOODCOTE

Response	Number of responses
Plastics (recycling of plastic bottles now available in village hall car park)	139
Charity collection (e.g. clothes, books, shoes)	5
Local chipping/compost service	5
Tins (e.g. baked beans)	4
Aluminium foil	4
Glass – doorstep collection	3
Card and cardboard	3
Old household appliances/scrap metal	2
Christmas tree recycling	1
Community furniture store for people in need	1
Batteries	1
Oil	1
Cooking oil	1
Total responses	170

Question 20e

STANDARD OF HOUSEHOLD SERVICES

Electricity Supply

Response	Number of responses
Too many power cuts/surges	31
Electricity too expensive	1
Supply unreliable (due to overhead cables)	3
Total responses	35

Of those who complained of power interruptions, the largest group of householders (9) came from one spread-out area on the north and east side of the village, and the other main groups were of 5 and 6 complainants were also thus scattered.

Water Supply

Response	Number of responses
Poor water supply (specifically low pressure 1999)	13
Poor quality/unsafe to drink/murky/high chlorine	5
Lime and hardness	9
Taste of chlorination	7
Expense	2
Delays in repairs	4

Those who complained of low pressure in their supply were spread evenly through the village, with only 3 coming from the Whitehouse Road area, as opposed to 12 households in 1990

Gas Supply

Response	Number of responses
Would like to have a gas supply	1
Gas service contracts unsatisfactory	1
Too expensive	1
No gas available down South Stoke Road	1
Total responses	4

Question 20e (cont) STANDARD OF HOUSEHOLD SERVICES (cont)

Household Refuse Collection

Response	Number of Responses
Rubbish is left lying around	16
Bins are left lying in the road	5
Speeding of refuse lorries through the village	3
Don't always collect all the black bags (Wayside Green)	2
In too much of a hurry	2
Too early & too noisy	2
Bins not collected until the afternoon (health hazard in summer)	1
Should take garden rubbish without payment	1
Disposal of large-scale rubbish should be included	1
Complaints procedure ineffectual	1
Wheelie bins needed for people with long drives	1
Total responses	35

Green Box collection (SODC)

Response	Number of responses
Boxes are thrown across road &/or not put back in proper place. Rough handling of boxes	24
Don't know how to get a green box/Don't have one	4
Paper sometimes blows around on windy days	2
Could we have boxes with lids or lips around edge?	2
Boxes not always collected	1
Contents sometimes thrown in with general refuse	1
Difficult to get replacement boxes	1
Total responses	35

Question 20e (cont) STANDARD OF HOUSEHOLD SERVICES (cont)

Street/Footpath Cleaning

Response	Number of responses
Dog dirt everywhere	22
More weed removal needed along kerbs	15
Never see the streets being cleaned	13
Footpaths are poorly maintained (need weeding, litter clearance and hedge trimming)	12
Too much litter along roads, on pavements & paths, especially near shops and schools	12
Too much litter – general	7
More street cleaning needed ('Bring back the roadman')	6
<i>Wayside Green</i> come too early when there are a lot of parked cars & streets cannot be cleaned properly	3
<i>Wayside Green</i> – need litter bins (none at present)	1
<i>Wayside Green</i> – would like dog refuse bin	1
<i>Walker Close</i> never been cleaned	1
Alleyway <i>Wittenham Close/Whitehouse Rd</i> rarely cleaned	1
Horse fouling everywhere	1
Annual weed killing drifts onto lawn	1
<i>Wood Green</i> roadside cleaning only done when requested	1
Total responses	97

Sewerage/Mains Drainage

Response	Number of responses
<i>Wayside Green</i> drainage inadequate/often blocked	3
Street drainage poor – too many puddles	2
<i>The Close</i> – drains always blocked	1
<i>South Stoke Road</i> – main sewer gets blocked 2-3 times per year	1
<i>Wood Green/Folly Green</i> – drains/sewers get blocked every 10 months	1
Drainage sometimes smells	1
Too expensive to go on mains drainage (have a cesspit)	1
Total responses	10

Question 20e (cont) STANDARD OF HOUSEHOLD SERVICES (cont)

Street Lighting

See also the responses to Questions 9e/f in the Personal Questionnaire

Response	Number of responses
Not enough	10
Too much street lighting – out of character in rural area	7
More environmentally friendly lights needed	3
Lights need to be repaired more quickly	1
One light by <i>Medill Close</i> been off for >1 month	1
Lighting is too dim	2
<i>Walker Close/Dean Wood Close</i> lighting too intrusive	1
<i>Beech Lane</i> more lights needed	5
Older parts of village have inadequate lighting	3
<i>Greenmore</i> more lights needed	3
<i>Whitehouse Rd</i> more lights needed	2
<i>Folly Green alleyway</i> more lights needed	2
<i>Major junctions in village</i> more lights needed	3
<i>Bridle Path</i> street lighting is poor	1
<i>Goring Road</i> more lighting needed	1
<i>The Close</i> more lights needed by grass circle	1
Total responses	45

Grass Cutting

One household commented that cuttings are not collected after grass has been cut

Question 21b

RESPONSES ON THE LEVEL OF POLICING IN WOODCOTE

Response	Number of responses
Police never seen	190
Need to have uniformed officer/foot patrol in the village more often (evenings mentioned)	18
Village bobby needed	7
Police patrol or cars would deter trouble	4
Insufficient resources – have too large an area to cover	2
Would like police house to be in Woodcote, not Crays Pond	2
Only ever see a Panda car - do they still have beat officers?	2
Petty crime/vandalism seems to be a very low priority	2
Only seen outside pubs at closing time	2
Lot of under age drinking around the village (Recreation Ground & Langtree fields mentioned)	2
Badly behaved children, more police presence needed	2
Not enough presence to deal with vandalism (school vandalism mentioned)	2
When Police are called they don't respond straight away (early morning disturbance mentioned)	2
Police not interested when a crime is reported	2
There was no support for neighbourhood watch	1
Having to phone Witney for Police help, not able to contact local station directly	1
Should be at the Black Lion at turning out time	1
No feedback on local crime (after reporting)	1
In summer, more presence would deter intimidation by youths	1
More police should be around at Halloween & Nov 5 th . Vandalism at Halloween is very distressing – by the time the police arrive the culprits are nowhere to be seen	1
Car crime could be reduced if more people used their garages	1
Telephone box at Whitehouse Rd/The Close misused by local children especially during the school holidays. Have reported to the police. The parents have no idea where their children are or what they are up to.	1
Recently needed to report an incident, all stations had answer phones on	1
Police should be around the village green at night when all the litter is thrown around	1
Speeding would be reduced if there was more police presence	1
Now its all Wallingford and Wantage and it takes longer, - could be 2 days	1
What are we paying for within the council tax?	1
Who is our policeman/	1
Only see a policeman after there has been a crime	1
Victim of one car crime, no police attendance	1
Could we have Police advice clinic in the community centre occasionally?	1
Total responses	256

Italicised responses are direct quotes from questionnaire responses

Police – Drugs concern	
Very sad that drugs are available to the young and parents do next to nothing and police do not have the power to sort it out. Try the Village Recreation Ground	5
<i>Adults involved in drugs (parents of young children) – police need to do something about this</i>	1
<i>Occasional police presence in areas where youths accumulate may prevent vandalism of seats, bins, fences and gates on the Recreation Ground – also drug use</i>	1
<i>We can't keep ignoring the fact that kids as young as 10 are drinking and doing drugs – I should know; I nearly got mixed up with it – on the Rec and little park. Need more police action. (respondent aged 20-24)</i>	1
<i>Drugs problem in Woodcote has been going on for many years, but up to now the Police don't seem to have been interested. If a great number of villagers can see what is going on, why can't the police?</i>	1
<i>Drugs – the situation is very serious. It's rife on both Recreation Grounds</i>	1
<i>Drugs are being used by youngsters late at night on the Sports Field.</i>	1
Total responses	267

Question 21f

**POLICING – RESPONSES ON POLICE ACTION
FOLLOWING REPORTED INCIDENTS**

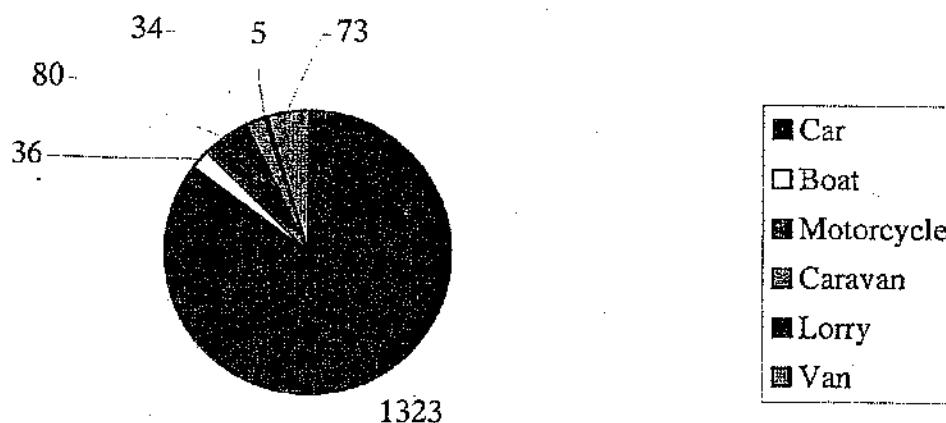
Response	Number of responses
Trailer stolen - no police visit no follow up, incident number issued, no action taken - worth £300+	1
Two cars broken into, police took 2 days to come out and said they could do nothing. They said finger prints a waste of time	1
Trouble with neighbours - son in particular - difficult to police	1
Didn't come to look	1
Garden pot stolen from front of house	1
Car vandalism was witnessed. Not visited by police. Never received feedback on complaints	1
Lack of faith in police meant a later personal assault was never reported	1
Garden vandalism on three occasions	1
Unless someone is killed they don't want to know about it	1
Reported windows smashed in night. No one called to see me	1
Slow response - nothing they could do	1
Neighbour looking after the house was accused of the theft. After the first visit, no one visited as follow up	1
They did nothing except send a form	1
Car dumping, not able to take action. Second dumped car was locally owned but couldn't be persuaded to collect it	1
Property vandalism 3 years ago - brick through the front window. Police response acceptable	1
No action	1

Absolutely no interest	1
Didn't bother informing police due to experience of neighbours on incidents of vandalism - found police were "a waste of space" and had no interest	1
Office broken into, safe and van stolen, all deeds and insurance papers burnt. Got van back slightly damaged. Police did nothing.	1
Initial visit quick and thorough but follow up action slow	1
First time crime number given, nothing more. Second time satisfactory	1
Very little response other than to ask if we were happy with the response. Not surprised that we were not.	1
Police are disinterested in car crime	1
If the PC for your area is not on duty, you wait for them to come on duty - could be a day or two	1
5 days before they appeared	1
Police could not have cared less. I could write a book concerning the matter	1
Items not recovered but this was expected of the police	1
Not interested. Told that being a Range Rover, I will never get it back	1
They came, they looked and they went	1
Total responses	29

Question 22

HOW MANY VEHICLES DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAVE

Average Cars per household: 1.61



Question 23 (Household)
(Personal)

GENERAL COMMENTS

Comments were invited in both the Household and Personal Questionnaires on any other matters concerning the village.

104 households and 137 individuals responded.

Comments related directly to questions, which were asked elsewhere in the Appraisal, have been incorporated into the separate summary of responses to those questions. Care has been taken to ensure there is no duplication of comments between the two questionnaires.

H or P after the comment indicates whether the comment was made on the Household or Personal Questionnaire. *Italicised* entries are direct quotes from the questionnaires.

Woodcote - Positive responses	Number of responses	
<i>A wonderful village & we are very happy living here</i>	1	H
<i>Love living in Woodcote – quiet, friendly & relatively safe</i>	1	H
<i>Really chuffed to be living here. We've wanted to live around here for years and now we do.</i>	1	H
<i>A well-run village. Happy living here.</i>	1	H
<i>Happy we came to Woodcote – a caring village, friendly and with good access to other parts of county/country.</i>	1	H
<i>We have enjoyed living in Woodcote for 27 years and hope to continue to do so for many years to come.</i>	1	H
<i>A lovely place to live.</i>	1	H
<i>Moved here just over a year ago & have loved moving into such a friendly place.</i>	1	H
<i>Generally a nice place to live</i>	1	H
<i>I like Woodcote & admire all those public-spirited folk who give their time & energy to the village services.</i>	1	H
<i>Still a very nice place to live after 27 years here</i>	1	H
<i>Still enjoy the village, its amenities and living here</i>	1	H
<i>Haven't lived here long but it seems a very nice rural village and I intend to get more involved once my children are older and I don't have to work so hard!</i>	1	H
<i>Woodcote is a good place to live because it has such a good community spirit – but if it got any bigger some of this would evaporate & the community would then be poorer</i>	1	P & H
<i>A great village. Has lots of potential. A new improved village hall or similar to bring members of the community together would be good.</i>	1	P
<i>A lovely traditional village – keep it that way.</i>	1	P
<i>Have recently moved to the village. I have found it a pleasant quiet place to live & hope to continue.</i>	1	P
<i>Just happy</i>	1	P
<i>On the whole I am very pleased I have moved to the village with my family but there are a few things that annoy me (traffic speed and lack of police).</i>	1	P
<i>Satisfactory</i>	1	P
<i>As newcomers we have been struck by the friendliness of both young & old</i>	1	P

<i>A well looked after village by most people – just a few who spoil it with litter</i>	1	P
<i>I live in Woodcote with parents – I like the village & would like to settle here if I could find affordable housing.</i>	1	P
<i>New to the village – have found it to be welcoming</i>	1	P
<i>Village is a good mixture of old & new. Has commuters but retains more activities & facilities than most commuter villages – an important asset to be cherished</i>	1	P
<i>An active village with a good core of facilities/activities</i>	1	P
<i>A great village and I love living here. Friends who visit say what a friendly place it is, with excellent facilities and a beautiful setting</i>	1	P
<i>Woodcote offers pleasurable surroundings, shops, good pubs, supermarket and is a fabulous place to live.</i>	1	P
<i>A nice village – I've no complaints</i>	1	P
<i>A village which currently meets the needs of those who wish to be heavily involved in the community & others who enjoy its rural position and accept the limited facilities that by nature this brings.</i>	1	P
<i>A good village</i>	1	P
<i>We moved here for a more rural peaceful existence and lifestyle and Woodcote hasn't disappointed. We've been here a year now and love it.</i>	1	P
<i>Woodcote is a wonderful place to live and every effort should be made to retain its pleasant genuine rural character. The only serious problem seems to be the overall speed of traffic passing through.</i>	1	P
<i>A great place to live – don't spoil it!</i>	1	P
<i>Woodcote provides plenty of social, sporting and educational facilities – provided you get off your backside and join in!</i>	1	P
<i>We really appreciate the location and local area and facilities.</i>	1	P
<i>We are very glad we moved to Woodcote & wish we had done it years ago. Quality of life has improved greatly.</i>	1	P
<i>A very good village with polite and friendly people. Cheerful pub. Adequate, if dull, shops. Cursed by excessive traffic but I'm broadly happy with it.</i>	1	P
<i>Great place for me to be, but wish there was better parking on the estates.</i>	1	P
<i>I feel Woodcote can be justly proud of all the amenities it offers. Sadly I shall be moving away soon and will greatly miss all the things I have enjoyed.</i>	1	P
<i>An extremely friendly community-minded village – I have been very happy here</i>	1	P
<i>We love it</i>	1	P
<i>A safe and comfortable place to live.</i>	1	P
<i>New to the village but in general I like most aspects.</i>	1	P
<i>Very happy living in Woodcote. Wouldn't want to live anywhere else.</i>	1	P
<i>We have had 16 very happy years in a safe environment. Thanks Woodcote.</i>	1	P
<i>Moving to the village was the best thing that happened to me.</i>	1	P
Total number of responses	47	

Woodcote - Negative responses	Number of responses	
<i>Boats kept in garden & orchard. Very ugly village.</i>	1	H
<i>Woodcote Would be a lovely place if it wasn't for outsiders moving in and taking over.</i>	1	H
<i>Woodcote does not have a 'heart'. It is a dormitory village. Not happy here.</i>	1	H
<i>Woodcote is not a village. No 'heart' – sprawls and is ugly. A lonely place.</i>	1	P
<i>Generally unappealing village – no village atmosphere. Too close to Reading.</i>	1	P
<i>We have no children and therefore not part of the school network – feel isolated from the community.</i>	1	P
<i>Village has no 'centre' – more focus needed</i>	1	P
<i>Boring</i>	1	P
<i>I have been very lonely in this village (resident for 3 years)</i>	1	P
<i>Too big to feel a part of – it's not really a village</i>	1	P
Total number of responses	10	

Other	Number of responses	
<i>Tribute to Ann Lidiard needed – in acknowledgement of her devotion to Woodcote</i>	2	P

Village Appraisal	Number of responses	
<i>Woodcote is extremely fortunate in having public-spirited people who are willing to give up their time to organise this appraisal.</i>	1	P
<i>Thanks to everyone for this running this appraisal</i>	9	P
<i>I hope this appraisal gives the same impetus as its predecessors in raising standards</i>	1	P
<i>I am proud to have lived in a village with such a dedicated group of people producing the third village appraisal – and that this is a model for other villages. Thank you for all your hard work.</i>	1	P
<i>A very worthwhile exercise. For some questions the choice of answers did not cover all points of view – but a difficult task</i>	1	P
<i>A good village. Keep together and build on knowledge</i>	1	P
<i>We must try to 'tap in' to younger members of our community. The appraisal is an excellent way of doing this!</i>	1	P
<i>Thank you for taking the time to make sure the village is at its best and improves with age</i>	1	H
<i>A big step towards encouraging a stronger community spirit</i>	1	H
<i>This village appraisal is indicative of the interest and concern Woodcote residents have for their village</i>	1	H
Total number of responses	18	

Community Participation	Number of responses	
Would like to participate in village events but too busy (with work)	1	P
Hope to support more activities in the future	1	P
Have a 'Welcome Club' so people can be introduced and join in	1	P
Hard to get involved because don't have children	1	P
More volunteers needed to help – the hard core of helpers is ageing	2	P
I admire those public spirited folk who give their time & energy to the village services	1	H
Have been actively involved in the life of my community over the last 30 years – everyone should be!	1	H
Total number of responses	8	

Shops & pubs	Number of responses	
VERY important to keep village services and especially Somerfield	2	P
What happened to the fish & chip van?	1	P
Parade of shops needed	1	P
Brakspears beer in the village pubs!	1	P
Red Lion – make it more attractive to appeal more to families/visitors	1	H
Better village pubs (e.g. for quieter clientele or non-smokers)	3	H
Another pub that showed main sporting events	1	H
Reliable fish delivery service would be helpful	1	H
More fresh produce needed in shops	1	H
Bank would be helpful	1	H
Total number of responses	13	

Post Code/Postal Town and related responses	Number of responses	
Postal Town should not be Reading, Berks – we are in Oxfordshire	2	P
<i>Wallingford is closer to us than Reading/Object to receiving mail addressed as Reading, Berkshire when we are in Oxfordshire/(Woodcote is nearer to Oxford than Banbury which has an OX postcode)</i>	3	H
Why do we have to go to Checkendon Post Office to collect recorded or registered mail?	1	P
All buildings/properties should have a number rather than a name – difficult to find places sometimes	1	H
<i>Cul de Sacs in Wayside Green should have different names as no one can ever find the house they want</i>	1	H
Total number of responses	8	

Planning and development	Number of responses	
We support resistance to the village's absorption into Greater Reading and oppose a third Thames Bridge.	1	H
Do not wish Woodcote to increase in size -keep as a village/ keep the community spirit/don't turn it into a town/keep it as a nice place to bring up children	2 9	H P
No more development - don't want it to lose any more of its rural character	3 3	H P
No large supermarkets in or near village	1	H
Too many outsiders moving into council homes – some don't want to be in Woodcote	1 1	H P
Mobile phone mast – don't put one up	1	P
Lack of consistency in planning approvals – haphazard infilling and builders have ignored some planning conditions (no enforcement)	1	P
General style of housing is ugly – what planning controls are there?	2	P
If people want more shops they should move to Reading	2	P
<i>Some landowners in the village are being 'courted' to sell their land (in the village centre among others). This must be guarded against otherwise Woodcote will become another Sonning Common.</i>	1	P
<i>I am concerned that the large woodland on the Reading side of the village is for sale. I have no idea if a new owner could clear these trees. If it were to go, it would prompt me to leave the area.</i>	1	H
<i>The roads are not designed for more people or shops – parking problem already outside the existing shops which have expanded internally to cope with demand</i>	1	P
Some more economic activity should be allowed so Woodcote is viable as an economic unit	2	H
Parish & County Councils should be more tolerant of planning applications – should encourage people to stay	1	H
Need to improve mobile phone reception	4	P
Total number of responses	37	

District Councillor	Number of responses	
Needs to walk around the village on a Thursday & see the mess left by the refuse collectors	1	H

Village environment – conservation/maintenance/appearance	Number of responses	
Well kept and more attractive than used to be	1	P
Ponds are worth protecting	1	P
Duck pond would be nice – somewhere to go with the children	1	P
Plant a copse/wood/spinney to commemorate the Year 2000 – use the old stones from the old Greenmore reservoir (stored at Hatts yard)	1	P
War memorial looks very nice this year	1	P
Whole approach to village is untidy & uninteresting (need flowers)	1	P
Poor wildlife management in some parts of the village	1	P
Village is too straggly and untidy (appearance of Village Hall & Somerfield needs improving)	1	P
Medill Close needs tidying up	1	H
Trees at bottom of Whitehouse Road need cutting back	1	P
Shrubs outside Garden Centre, beside pavement need trimming	1	P
Total number of responses	11	

Youth Needs/Facilities/Comments	Number of responses	
<i>We must try to 'tap in' to younger members of our community – the appraisal is an excellent way of doing this!</i>	1	P
More facilities needed for young people – places to meet & things to do	4	P
More socials/discos for young people & young adults	1	P
Concerned about young people hanging around – make a mess and seem to have nothing to do. <i>Some use unpleasant language and have nasty attitudes.</i>	3	H
Concern about young people less than 14/15 years of age roaming around as late as 2am causing trouble <i>'Where are the parents? Where are the police?'</i>	1	H
<i>Reluctant to see community money for the Millennium spent on Youth facilities when the present Youth Club has yet again been vandalised. I'm sure only a few people are involved, but the problem should be solved before spending more money.</i>	1	P
Elderly community members and committees have little insight into the needs of this group. Youngsters require facilities to be available daily.	1	H
Drugs – concerned that they are available to the young	1	H
Total number of responses	13	

Village Facilities & Amenities – general responses	Number of responses	
Cash point needed	4	P
Can we have a village notice board or directory for people offering services or people wanting part-time help – not just local shop notices	2	P
Village directory – update more frequently	1	H
Public lavatory needed (<i>'Take a look at Benson – easily cleaned & takes up little space in the car park'</i>)	4	P
More facilities (e.g. doctor, buses) need to be available after 6pm for working people	1	H
Facilities are excellent for a village	1	P
Post box – another one needed on corner of Behoes Lane, adjacent Beech Lane	1	P
Post Box – one needed on Wayside Green	1	H
Public phones – too close together – none on other side of village (e.g. Greenmore or Wayside Green)	1	P
More invalid parking at the Village Hall	1	P
Cycle racks needed at shops & community facilities	1	H
Cycle paths needed (question only asked on the Youth Questionnaire)	1	H
Christmas Tree at or near the Village Hall	1	P
	1	H
Allotments – publicise more to take up unused plots	1	H
Village/community garden	1	H
Children's slide – can't someone build one for less than £5000?	1	P
<i>Museum – could we have a museum of village life giving details of how the village developed, people etc? If room could be made for this, I would willingly volunteer to help set it up.</i>	1	P
Langtree School should be given support in bid for Community Sports Centre (c.f. Wallingford School but with swimming pool)	1	P
Better community use of Langtree facilities	1	P
Oratory School – create a cost effective and first class sport/fitness club for joint use (c.f. St Edwards School, Summertown)	1	P
Woodcote needs a REAL village fete on the Green, not just the School fete. Or a May Day celebration. Or New Year's Eve celebrations (e.g. fireworks on village green, same quality as Woodcote Rally)	3	P
More village activities like Goring – e.g. candlelit Christmas Eve walk	1	H
Nothing much for the middle aged (one comment that 'seems people involved in organisations are often in it for their own ends')	1	P
	1	H
A group of volunteers to arrange entertainment for adults maybe 2x per month?	1	P
More activities that get us out of doors & meeting each other	2	H
Woodcote Rally – great fun & must be safeguarded	2	P
Woodcote Volunteers – wonderful organisation. Don't know what I would do without them.	1	H
Total number of responses	42	

Police comments	Number of responses	
More police should be around at Halloween & Nov 5 th . Vandalism at Halloween is very distressing – by the time the police arrive the culprits are nowhere to be seen	1	H
Car crime could be reduced if more people used their garages	1	H
Total number of responses	2	

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Number of responses	
Have informal arrangement with neighbours	1	H
Tried establishing scheme but no-one interested	1	H
Would be interested, but not as a co-ordinator	1	H
Isn't there a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme already?	1	H
Not much use in Beech Lane because most of the houses are hidden from view. Suggest a secure local service to hold keys and alarm codes to minimise annoyance to neighbours when alarms go off when occupants are away.	1	H
Need more Neighbourhood Watch Schemes	1	H
Total number of responses	6	

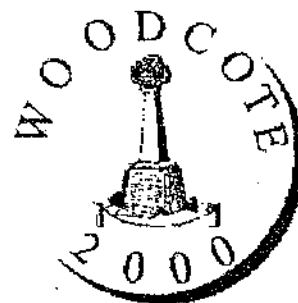
Drugs	Number of responses	
<i>Very sad that drugs are available to the young and parents do next to nothing and police do not have the power to sort it out. Try the Village Recreation Ground</i>	3	H
<i>Adults involved in drugs (parents of young children) – police need to do something about this</i>	1	H
<i>Occasional police presence in areas where youths accumulate may prevent vandalism of seats, bins, fences and gates on the Recreation Ground – also drug use</i>	1	H
<i>We can't keep ignoring the fact that kids as young as 10 are drinking and doing drugs – I should know; I nearly got mixed up with it – on the Rec and little park. Need more police action. (respondent aged 20-24)</i>	1	P
<i>Drugs problem in Woodcote has been going on for many years, but up to now the Police don't seem to have been interested. If a great number of villagers can see what is going on, why can't the police?</i>	1	P
<i>Drugs – the situation is very serious. It's rife on both Recreation Grounds</i>	1	P
<i>Drugs are being used by youngsters late at night on the Sports Field.</i>	1	P
Total number of responses	9	

WOODCOTE VILLAGE APPRAISAL

PERSONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Please read carefully before answering the questions.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to seek individual views and opinions on various matters affecting our daily lives.



When you answer the questions with boxes, please tick more than one if appropriate. If you do not wish to answer any question, please leave it and go on to the next one. If you wish to make additional comments, please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper. A volunteer slip is included if you wish to offer some help with village activities.

This questionnaire is intended for people in the village aged 18 or over. There is a separate Youth Questionnaire for ages 11 to 18. Young people aged 18 may, if they wish, answer either one or both questionnaires. If both are answered, please tick the box at 1c below.

Your answers will be completely anonymous and therefore personal confidentiality is assured.

GENERAL

- 1a Are you ☐ 692 Male ☐ 802 Female
- 1b Please tick your age group:
- | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| ☐ 34 18-19 | ☐ 75 20-24 | ☐ 353 25-39 | ☐ 334 40-49 |
| ☐ 332 50-59 | ☐ 101 60-64 | ☐ 163 65-74 | ☐ 79 75-84 ☐ 25 85+ |
- 1c Did you also complete the Youth Questionnaire? ☐ 12 Yes ☐ 0 No
- 1d Do you have a health problem/disability which affects your day-to-day living? ☐ 130 Yes ☐ 1277 No
- 1e How long have you lived in Woodcote? years

VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

- 2a How do you inform yourself about village clubs, events and activities?
- | |
|--|
| ☐ 243 Village Directory |
| ☐ 1349 Woodcote Correspondent |
| ☐ 565 Village notice boards |
| ☐ 575 Henley Standard |
| ☐ 40 Wallingford Herald |
| ☐ 105 Chronicle |
| ☐ 484 Posters |
| ☐ 762 Word of mouth |
- 2b Do you read the "Woodcote Correspondent" ☐ 1193 Every month ☐ 266 Sometimes ☐ 46 Never
- 2c Have you found it useful? ☐ 595 Always ☐ 828 Sometimes ☐ 60 Never
- 2d Have you found it of interest? ☐ 713 Always ☐ 714 Sometimes ☐ 50 Never

VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

2e Have you ever made use of any of the advertised services? ☐ 62 Often ☐ 908 Sometimes ☐ 471 Never

2f Have you any suggestions for improvement to the Woodcote Correspondent?

2g Do you have access to the Internet at home? ☐ 526 Yes ☐ 930 No

2h Would you use a village web-site if available? ☐ 515 Yes ☐ 879 No

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES / CLUBS / SOCIETIES / CHURCHES

3a Are you a member of any club, society or group in the village? (excluding sports see Q.3d below) ☐ 246 Yes ☐ 1175 No

3b If YES, please list:

3c If there are any activities you feel could be catered for in the village, please list:

3d What sports or fitness activities do you participate in within the village? Please specify:

3e Are there any other recreational or sporting facilities you would like in the village?

☐ 146 Golf ☐ 191 Tennis ☐ 130 Fitness trail ☐ 445 Fitness gym ☐ 77 Other (please specify)*

Please specify

3f Would you be interested in using the Langtree School tennis courts if they were upgraded and made available for community use? ☐ 467 Yes ☐ 826 No

If you are willing to help organise a tennis club, please complete the enclosed volunteer slip

3g How often do you attend a place of worship?

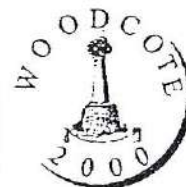
Within the village

☐ 101 Regularly ☐ 418 Occasionally ☐ 733 Never

Outside the village

☐ 95 Regularly ☐ 411 Occasionally ☐ 678 Never

3h Can you identify any new or improved activity or service to the community which the village churches could provide?



VILLAGE COMMUNITY FACILITIES

How often do you go to the Village Hall or Community Centre?

		Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never
4a	As a member of a society/club/group				
	Village Hall	113	60	414	767
	Community Centre	11	24	187	925
		Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never
4b	Other (eg jumble sales, entertainment)				
	Village Hall	5	29	891	460
	Community Centre	1	3	337	763

Do you know how to book a room in the:

	Yes	No
4c Village Hall	607	815
4d Community Centre	345	967

4e What activities/events would you support at the Community Centre?

4f Do you use the Coffee Shop? 12 Weekly 16 Monthly 359 Occasionally 1055 Never

4g Are there any comments you would like to make about village community facilities?

LIBRARY SERVICES

5a Do you personally use Woodcote Library?

151 Weekly 192 Monthly 450 Occasionally 640 Never

5b Do you find the library hours adequate? 643 Yes 283 No

5c If additional library hours could be made available, would you prefer:

69 Weekday mornings 145 Weekday afternoons 350 5:30pm to 7:30pm 237 After 7:30pm

5d Do you find the selection of books and information adequate? 712 Yes 109 No

If NO, please comment

5e If available, would you pay to use: Yes No

Computer facilities in the library

182 1057

Internet services in the library

217 1010



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Have you ever attended evening or daytime courses in Woodcote or Goring during the last year?

☐ 197 Yes ☐ 1247 No

If not, for what reasons?

- ☐ 256 No appropriate course
- ☐ 67 Cost of course
- ☐ 555 Lack of time
- ☐ 25 Lack of creche facilities
- ☐ 74 Insufficient publicity
- ☐ 324 Not interested
- ☐ 44 Other *please specify

Which are the most convenient times for you to attend courses?

- ☐ 119 Weekday mornings
- ☐ 93 Weekday afternoons
- ☐ 99 5:30pm to 7:30 pm
- ☐ 646 After 7:30pm
- ☐ 178 Saturday mornings

Would you be interested if there were more courses leading to recognised qualifications?

☐ 423 Yes ☐ 711 No

Please suggest any course you would like to see provided:

RECREATION AREAS

Do you think the existing children's play facilities are adequate?

☐ 1045 Yes ☐ 150 No

If NO, what changes, additions or improvements would you like to see?

Would you be willing to support fundraising for the new play equipment or additional recreation ground facilities?

☐ 494 Yes ☐ 558 No

If you are willing to help, please complete the enclosed volunteer slip.

PARISH COUNCIL

Do you know how to contact the Parish Council?

☐ 856 Yes ☐ 527 No

How well does the Parish Council publicise its meetings and decisions?

☐ 79 Very well ☐ 647 Reasonably well ☐ 274 Badly ☐ 391 No opinion



PARISH COUNCIL (Continued)

8c Do you have any comments about the activities of the Parish Council?

ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

9a Are you satisfied with the state of repair of roads, roadside paths and footpaths within the village? Yes No

Roads 932 406

Roadside paths 910 388

Footpaths 851 389

9b If NO, please state where improvements or further provision is needed:

9c Are you concerned about Road Safety at any particular place in the village? 970 Yes 317 No

9d If YES, please state where and why, and suggest possible improvements:

9e Are you satisfied with the street lighting in Woodcote? Is there:

45 Too much 337 Too little 965 Sufficient

9f Do you have any comments?

VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

10a What do you particularly like about living in Woodcote? 528 Community spirit
Tick all that apply 1301 Rural surroundings
879 Convenient location
104 Other (please specify)

10b Is it important to you that the village's natural features (such as ponds and hedgerows) are maintained and conserved? 1391 Yes 24 No

Are you willing to get involved in a village conservation group? 272 Yes 888 No

If YES, please complete the Volunteer Slip

10c Do you think any of the following are a problem in the village?

747 Litter 628 Dog-fouling 369 Vandalism 214 Noise 97 Other (please specify)



VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT (Continued)

10d If YES, please comment:

10e If you have any ideas on how to make Woodcote a more attractive village, please explain:

DEVELOPMENT OF THE VILLAGE

11 Are the rural surroundings of Woodcote important to you and worth safeguarding?

☐ 1398 Yes ☐ 26 No

12a Do you think the village should undergo further development?

☐ 285 Yes
☐ 968 No
☐ 155 Don't know

12b If YES, should this be :

please specify

- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| ☐ 170 | Housing-infilling only |
| ☐ 78 | Housing-new development on edge of village |
| ☐ 34 | Housing-other (please specify)* |
| ☐ 34 | Light industrial units |
| ☐ 28 | Commercial (offices) |
| ☐ 196 | Retail-shops etc. |
| ☐ 30 | Low cost / starter |

12c If you think there should be more housing, please identify the type(s) needed:

12d Please identify any particular areas/open spaces which you would like safeguarded from development (please tick)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ☐ 883 | All open spaces |
| ☐ 1185 | Fields/woods surrounding village |
| ☐ 1010 | All recreational areas |
| ☐ 54 | Other (please specify)* |

EMPLOYMENT

3a Are you at present:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ☐ 853 | Employed |
| ☐ 9 | Unemployed |
| ☐ 171 | Self-employed |
| ☐ 2 | In a government training scheme |
| ☐ 21 | In full-time education |
| ☐ 115 | Housewife/husband |
| ☐ 292 | Retired |
| ☐ 17 | Long-term sick/disabled |

3b If you are employed or self-employed, are you ☐ 763 Full time ☐ 258 Part time



EMPLOYMENT (Continued)

13c Is your main place of work at home?
If YES, please go to Question 14d

120 Yes 853 No

TRANSPORT Please indicate your main place of work (or college) and how you get there:

14a	Woodcote	Oxfordshire	Reading	Berkshire	London	Elsewhere	
Bus	5	11	38	6	2	9	
Train-from Goring	0	2	11	2	20	3	
Train-from Reading	0	0	0	2	24	3	
Car Passenger	2	12	11	5	0	8	
Car driver	82	228	197	99	34	115	
Car sharer	5	8	11	7	2	1	
Motorcycle	4	7	3	4	1	4	
Cycle	15	5	7	5	0	5	
Walking	99	0	0	0	0	0	
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
*please specify	Total	212	273	278	130	83	148

14b If you do not use public transport please indicate your reasons:

14c Would you be prepared to take part in a scheme to share private vehicles? **If YES, please complete the enclosed volunteer slip**

744 Yes 54 No

14d How frequently do you use the local public bus services and for what general purpose?

Daily	29	Work	2	Medical	4	Education	5	Leisure	6	Shopping	2	Other
Weekly	15	Work	2	Medical	1	Education	26	Leisure	68	Shopping	4	Other
Occasionally	112	Work	34	Medical	9	Education	185	Leisure	303	Shopping	48	Other
Never	651	Work	562	Medical	559	Education	533	Leisure	523	Shopping	458	Other

14e If you are a public bus user, which places do you go to?

	Reading	Henley	Pangbourne	Goring	Wallingford	Didcot	Other
Daily	35	6	1	3	2	0	0
Weekly	73	10	1	7	25	2	2
Occasionally	377	51	17	55	86	9	0

14f Are you satisfied with the existing bus service? **491 Yes 287 No**

14g If NO, what is the main reason?

TRANSPORT (Continued)

- 4h Do you feel restricted in your activities because of lack of transport? ☐ 142 Yes ☐ 1044 No
- 4i Please state any suggestions you have for improving the public transport service in Woodcote:

TELEPHONES

- 5a Do you have a mobile phone? ☐ 803 Yes ☐ 664 No
- 5b Do you use either of the public telephone boxes in the village?
☐ 4 Often ☐ 212 Occasionally ☐ 1234 Never
- 5c If so, which one do you use? ☐ 121 Beech Lane/Goring Road ☐ 90 Whitehouse/The Close

TWINNING

- 3a Do you think Woodcote should have a twinning partner? ☐ 482 Yes ☐ 647 No
- 3b Would you actively support a twinning exchange (e.g. host a family, visit twin, help with events)? ☐ 227 Yes ☐ 847 No
- 3c Would you prefer : ☐ 197 Short-distance twin (weekends/short trips)
☐ 78 Long-distance twin (longer stays/main holiday destination)

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

- 7a Are you aware that a Citizens Advice Bureau service is available in Woodcote every Tuesday morning at the Community Centre? ☐ 1083 Yes ☐ 368 No
- 7b Is there another time which would be more convenient?

GENERAL

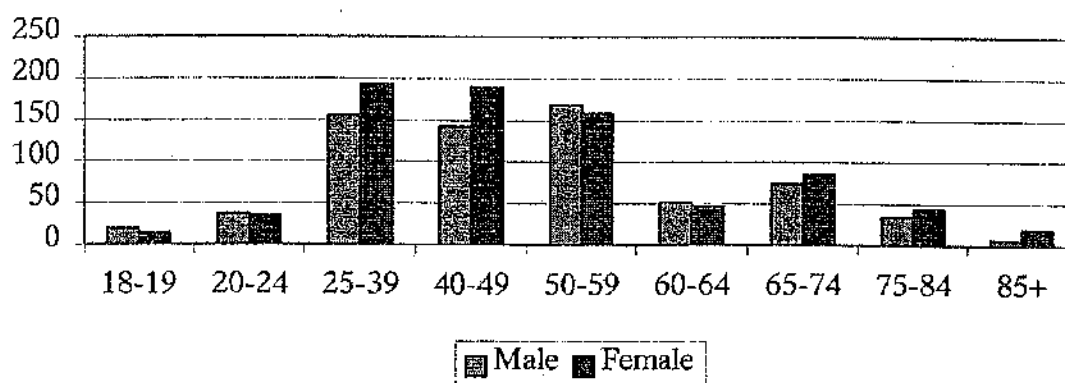
If you wish, please comment on any other matter(s) concerning the village.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP



Questions 1a and 1b

MALE / FEMALE AND AGES



Question 2f

WOODCOTE CORRESPONDENT - SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Response	Number of Responses
More sport	13
For Sale/Wanted column	13
More on local matters	10
More controversy and letters	10
Colour printing	9
Younger bias	9
Local jobs, seekers and ads	7
Change of format	6
More humour	6
More local history	5
Bring up to date	5
More photographs	5
Change cover	3
Be more like the Goring Gap News	4
More variety	4
Quiz Competition	1
Photo Competition	1
Poetry	1
Welcoming New Families	1
Lost and Found	1
Recipes	1
Bus Times	1
Pub Events	1
News from the District Councillor	1
Total responses	118

Question 3b

MEMBERSHIP OF VILLAGE CLUBS, SOCIETIES OR GROUPS

Response	Number of Responses
St Leonard's Church	34
WADS	31
Laurels Club	29
Woodcote Volunteers	26
Woodcote Rally	22
Woodcote Charitable Association	7
Women's Institute	20
Parent & Toddler Group	12
Friends of Woodcote Primary School (FOWPS)	10
Church (Roman Catholic)	8
Woodcote Windmill Committee	6
Woodcote Correspondent	6
Community & Youth Centre Management Committee	6
Youth Club - helper/Committee	6
Parish Council	5
Woodcote Pre-School Committee	5
Library	4
Local Darts Team	4
Woodcote Cricket Club	4
Scouts	4
Guides/Brownies/Rainbows (leaders)	4
Village Hall Management Committee	4
Football Club	4
Mowforth Christian Fellowship	3
Woodcote School Lending Library	3
Cabin Pre-School Committee	3
Bowls Club	3
Recreation Ground Committee	3
Youth Drop-In Centre	3
Bridge Club	3
School Governor	3
Allotments Committee	2
Beekeepers Association	2
Modern Minds	2
Cricket Club (Red Lion)	2
Goring Church	2
Methodist Church	2
Mothers Union	2
Langtree Orchestral Society	2
Crib Club (Red Lion)	2
Woodcote swimming Club	1
Gardening Club	1
Woodcote After School Club	1
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator	1

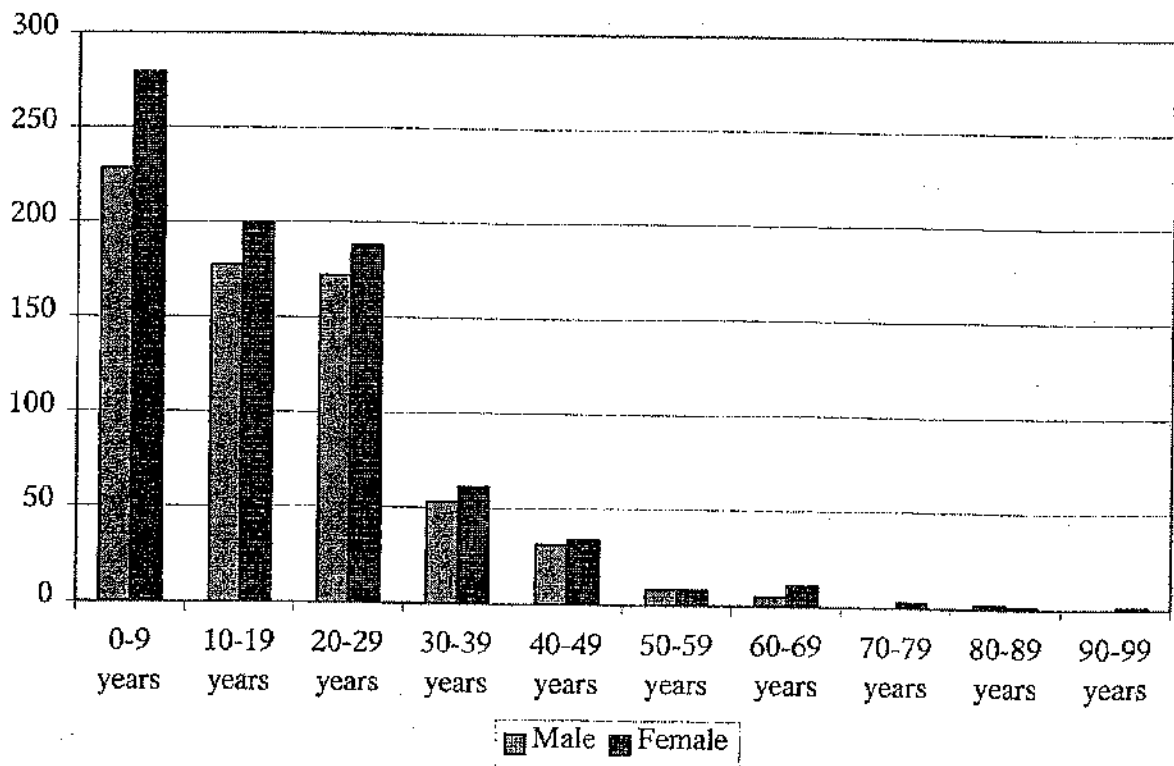
PERSONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Total Personal questionnaires completed 1518

Catechism Class	1
Bible Study Group	1
Football team	1
Choir	1
Babysitting Circle	1
Lace Group	1
Art Group	1
Red Lion Golf Society	1
Langtree School Association,	1
Trustee of Charities (Aid in Sickness & Griffith Higgs).	2
Total responses	318

Question1a / 1e

MALE / FEMALE AND YEARS IN VILLAGE



Question 3c

ACTIVITIES WHICH RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE PROVIDED
IN THE VILLAGE

For suggestions on sports/sports facilities, please see responses to Question 3e

Response - Social/leisure	Number of Responses
Village Social Club (such as the one which closed down)	9
Ramblers Club/walks	6
Over 60's lunch or dining group	4
Gardening Club (could also have a mini-market)	4
Bingo	4
Social club for senior citizens/something for older people to do	4
Chess club	3
Films in Village Hall	3
Bridge Club (evenings)	3
Saturday night dances for 18-25s	2
Dinner dances/barbeques	2
Village Quiz league or quiz nights	2
More drop-in nights at Youth Centre during the winter	2
Other	
Dances at Langtree School	1
Ballroom dancing	1
Old Time dancing	1
Regular country dancing evenings	1
Something for disabled and housebound people	1
Fishing Club	1
Book Review Club	1
Wine/food interest groups	1
Local History Society	1
Debating Society	1
Family Social Club	1
Singles evenings	1
Snooker	1
Response - Music, Crafts, Arts	
Choir - for adults	3
Pottery classes	2
Craft circle (e.g. for sewing)	2
Art club	2
Classical music society	1
Music practice room	1
Bhajans devotional singing,	1
Village Arts Society	1
Response - Other	
Slimming Club	2
Dog walkers/sitters/kennels	2
Dog training club/classes	1
Total responses from 57 People	79

Question 3d (Personal)

PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS OR FITNESS

Question 7a (Youth)

ACTIVITIES IN WOODCOTE

Open-ended question for adults / Choices provided for youth.

Response	Number of Adult Responses	Number of Youth Responses
Swimming (Oratory Pool)	88	99
Walking and dog walking	29	
Aerobics	22	
Football	21	40
Cycling	20	
Badminton	20	
Running or jogging	18	
Keep fit (men's & women's)	18	
Short-mat bowls	14	
Cricket	13	7
Aquarobics (Oratory Pool)	10	
Yoga	8	
Table tennis (WI)	5	
Golf (Oratory School)	5	
Real Tennis (Oratory School)	4	
Tennis	3	
Squash (Oratory School)	3	14
Karate	2	
Line dancing	1	
Skateboarding	1	
Gardening	1	
Motorcycling	1	
Scuba Diving (Oratory Pool)	1	
Langtree sports Hall (outside school hours)		42
Playground equipment		73
Other		20
Total responses from 255 adults and 164 young people	308	295

Question 3e (Personal)

Question 7b (Youth)

SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL SPORTS/RECREATION
FACILITIES IN WOODCOTE

Response	Number of Adult responses	Number of Youth responses
Oratory swimming pool with more access to public	35	5
Outdoor bowls	28	
Squash court	9	
Ramblers/walking club	7	
Badminton	7	5
Cycle lanes/paths	5	3
Running Club	3	
Health Walks (as at Sonning Common)	3	
Health Club	3	
Riding Centre	3	1
Sports Centre similar to Bradfield School	3	
Keep Fit for older people	2	
Putting Green	2	
Basketball Court	2	
Rugby Club	2	
Fishing	2	
More yoga	2	
Line Dancing	2	
Netball Club	1	2
Clay pigeon shooting	1	
Hockey Team (male or mixed)	1	
Junior cricket	1	
Decent football pitch	1	
Cycling club	1	
All weather floodlit area	1	
Mountain bike races	1	1
Skateboard ramp		2
Dance studio		2
Crazy golf		2
Kick-boxing		1
Athletics		1
Bike jumps		1
Trampoline		1
Table tennis		1
Total responses	128	28

Question 3h

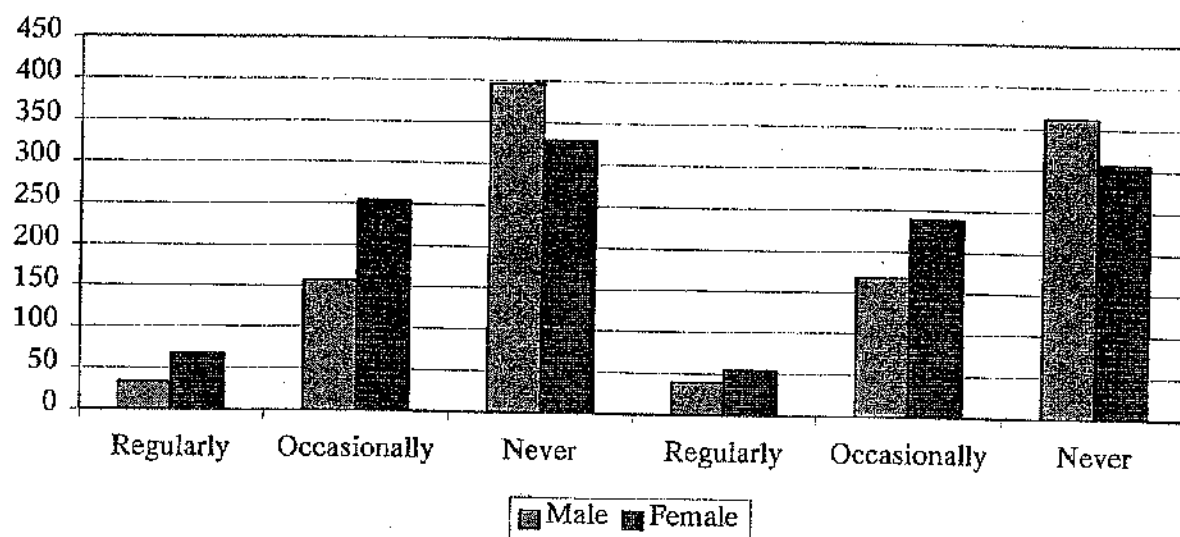
**SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES OR SERVICES TO THE
COMMUNITY THAT COULD BE PROVIDED BY THE
VILLAGE CHURCHES**

Response	Number of responses
Church Services	
Ecumenical Parish service	3
Full choir at St Leonard's	3
Pram services	2
More evangelism	2
Sunday School in Church for part of service every week	2
Regular Sunday School in Village Hall	2
Occasional community hymn singing	1
Go back to 1662 Service	1
Saturday night service at Catholic Church	1
More family services	1
Improve Christmas celebrations	1
Abolish Rite A,	1
Make traditional service more lively (age 18/19)	1
Community & youth activities	1
Christian youth group (possibly including some community activity or commitment)	10
More coffee mornings/afternoon teas/social events (loneliness sometimes a problem) – attended by Vicar	5
More community use of church building (e.g. concerts)	4
Organise more community activities (e.g. bingo, trip to Christmas market for the elderly)	3
Mother & Toddler Group	2
Closer links with the schools	2
Mothers Union in village	1
Bulb planting around the village	1
'Should be the centre of the community',	1
Old people's club	1
More school holiday activities,	1
Adult Bible classes weekday evenings	1
Alpha course	1
Pastoral	
Home visits by the Vicar/care in the community	3
Counselling/pastoral care service	2
Better bereavement support	1
Visit all new arrivals in Woodcote	1
Other	
St Leonard's should open during the day for people to go in to pray	2
Better parking outside church	2
Toilets at St Leonard's	2
Flower arranging	1
Cut grass in churchyard	1
Hearing loop	1

Lych gate to church entrance & iron gate	1
Encourage nesting of bats	1
Total responses from 62 people	66

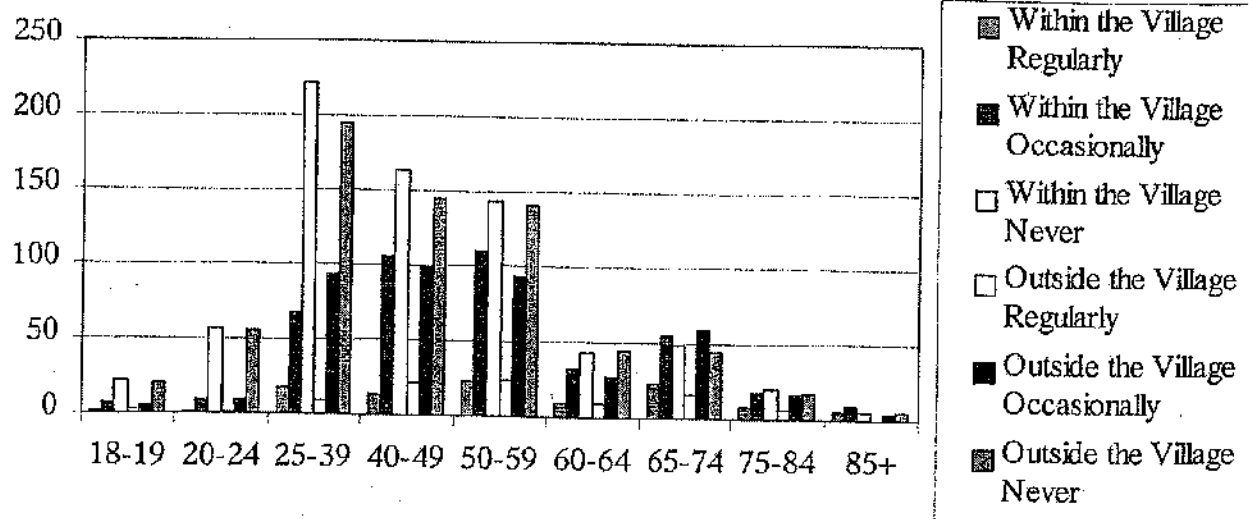
Question 1a / 3g

MALE / FEMALE AND CHURCH ATTENDING



Question 1b / 3g

AGES AND CHURCH ATTENDING



Question 4e

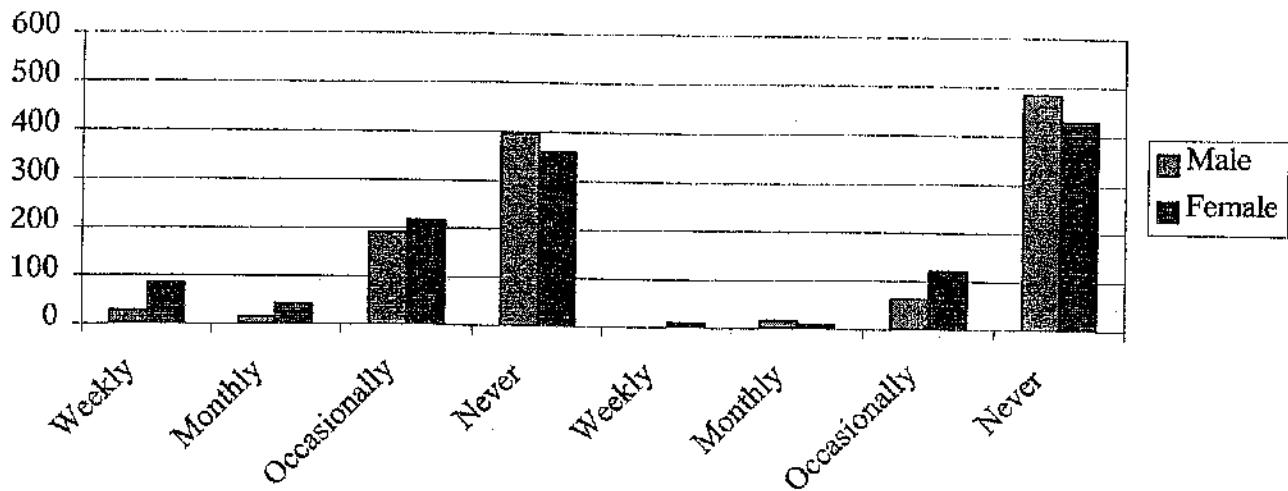
ACTIVITIES/EVENTS WHICH RESIDENTS WOULD
SUPPORT AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Response	Number of responses
Wine & Cheese, Food nights, suppers etc	10
Craft Fairs/craft events/demonstrations	17
Antique Fairs	1
Hobby workshops on Saturdays, craft courses (e.g. decoupage)	2
Plant Sales	1
Sales/fetes etc	5
Fundraising / charity events	11
Anything/most events	10
Charity coffee mornings	1
Quizzes, quiz nights	6
Bingo	6
Whist Drive	2
Scrabble	2
More Talks & slide shows	14
Talks - local history, National Trust etc, antiques, music, poetry	6
Talks - natural history. BBONT etc, gardening, geology	4
Educational activities/seminars	3
Art Exhibition	2
Art Club	1
Pottery classes	1
Exhibitions	1
Party Plan Demonstrations e.g. Tupperware, Chocoholics	1
More where people can drop in during the daytime	2
Self-help support group	1
Counselling services, not just CAB	1
Alternative therapies (e.g. aromatherapy, reflexology, homeopathy)	2
Slimming Club	1
Community meetings e.g. salt depot meetings	1
Film nights	2
French Exchange activities	2
Music/musical activities	6
Live music 1960s & Country & Western	1
Disco	1
Drama	2
Camera Club, photography	2
Lunch Club	1
Anything for older people (social club providing activities?)	3
More activities for the middle aged & adults without young children	2
Anything that would appeal to 18-25 age group	1
More events/activities for teenagers up to 18	1
Activities for children in the afternoon	1
Activities or groups for pre-school children	1

Parent groups (e.g. Mother & Baby) more often than once per week	1
Child-based activities in school holidays	2
Total responses	144

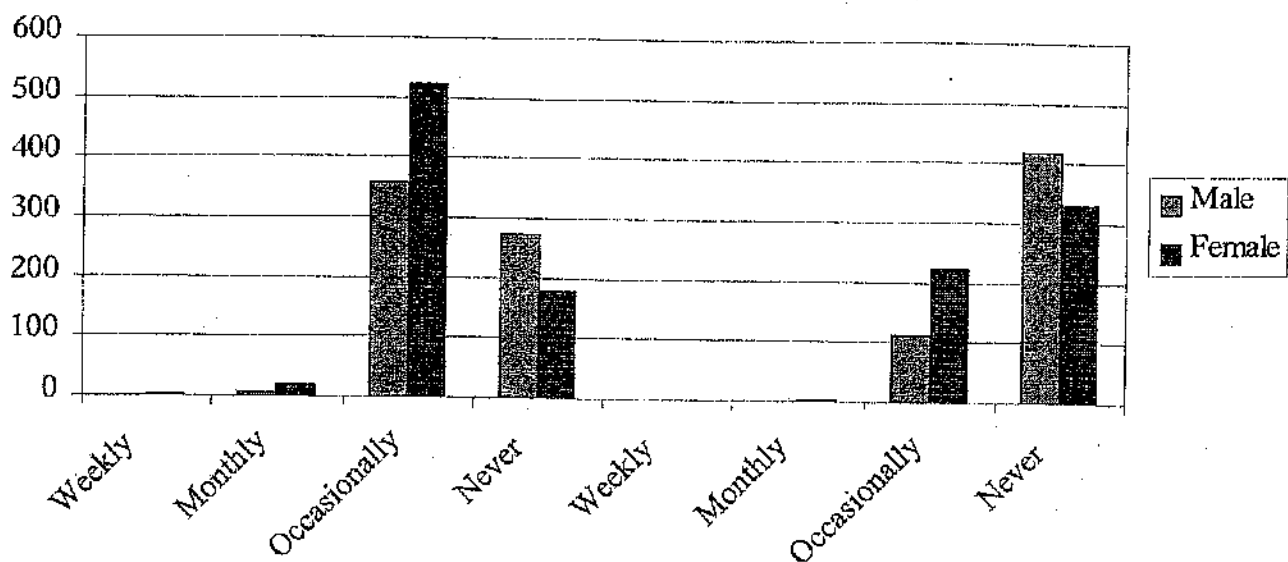
Question 1g / 4a

**MALE / FEMALE AGAINST USING VILLAGE HALL OR
COMMUNITY CENTRE AS A MEMBER OF A GROUPS OR
SOCIETY**



Question 1g / 4b

**MALE / FEMALE AGAINST USING VILLAGE HALL OR
COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR JUMBLE SALES ETC.**



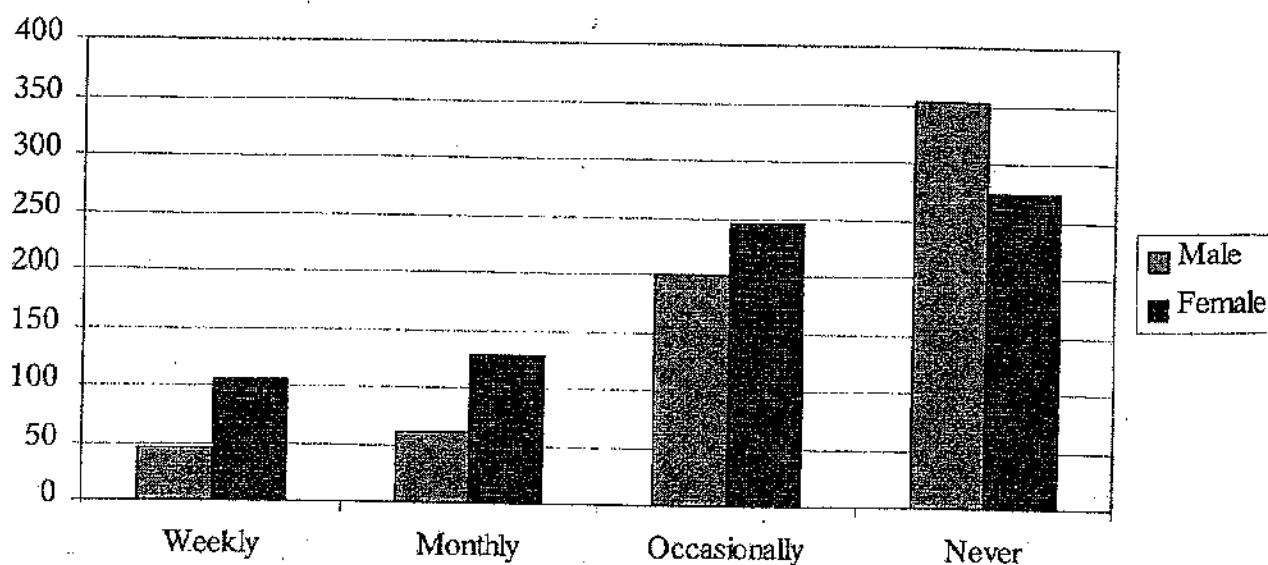
Question 4g

COMMENTS ON VILLAGE COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Response	Number of responses
General	
Facilities very good (especially for size of village)	20
Adequate	1
Facilities need to be upgraded or are lacking/limited	5
Facilities need to be open after working hours	2
Not able to use community facilities - lack of time (work hours)	3
Most of facilities are closed	1
More advertising of facilities & activities	11
Village community noticeboard - for advertising club activities etc (instead of telegraph poles etc)	1
'What's On' section in Correspondent - for things going on in Village Hall & Community Centre	2
Centralised noticeboard needed - job adverts, services etc	2
Hold more community events	2
More volunteers needed for running the facilities - new recruits needed	2
Facilities should be united under one management	1
Pleasantly low key	1
Facilities need to be totally re-thought	1
Not a community anymore - too many townies	1
More benches in attractive areas	1
Smoking ban excludes many imaginative people from taking active part in village life	1
Village Green a great feature	1
Village Hall	
Village Hall should be self-supporting, not given Council funds	1
Use Village Hall for OAP Tea Dances	1
Village Hall needs a lick of paint	1
Village Hall not very attractive	1
Not happy with bar restrictions on Village Hall since premises have been let	1
Reopen working men's club	5
Social Club needed - for people to mix & become a community	1
New improved village hall with courses/activities to bring community together	1
'Could we have a Christmas tree at or near the Village Hall?	1
More invalid parking	1
Community Centre	
Where is the Community Centre?	1
Coffee shop open at weekends/Sat am	15
Coffee Shop - will use now re-opened	5
Coffee Shop never looks open. Not inviting.	3
Disappointed with coffee shop (new management), too expensive	4
New Coffee Shop menus looks good	1
Didn't know there was a coffee shop	1
Need transport to get to Coffee Shop	1

Coffee shop - started closing too early for children to use after school	2
Coffee Shop - people with learning difficulties made it hard to enjoy your cake in peace	1
Coffee shop not open in school holidays	1
Coffee Shop - great benefit to village	3
Coffee Shop - will start to use it	1
A nice coffee bar/cafe needed as alternative to pubs	1
Community Centre - tables & chairs outside in summer	1
Community Centre - good to have access to public toilet	1
Community Centre - open out front entrance to make more accessible/welcoming	1
Community Centre looks like education establishment	1
Youth & other specified needs	
Youth - more drop-in. Youth Club nights or other facilities needed for under 18s	3
Improved Youth Centre needed	1
Youth - alcohol-free bar	1
18-25s - need some social activities e.g. dances. Everything in village is for the very young or very old	1
Need something for 30-40 age range (not smoky pub)	1
Facilities geared towards over 40s or religion	1
Something for over 60s - pubs too expensive!	1
Village Theatre Workshop (e.g. Wargrave)	1
Public toilet needed (e.g. for people coming a long way to village for a wedding or funeral)	2
Need to be for a wider age range	1
Total responses from 120 people	130

Question 1a / 5b MALE / FEMALE AND LIBRARY USAGE



Question 5d (Personal)
Question 10e (Youth)

COMMENTS ON THE SELECTION OF BOOKS AND
INFORMATION IN THE LIBRARY

Response	Number of Adult responses	Number of Youth responses
Library is good	8	
Requesting books – good system	8	
“ “ “ “ – have to wait too long for books ordered	5	
More up to date fiction needed	14	
More classic fiction including 20 th Century	2	
More new books needed	40	6
More non-fiction & reference books*	12	22
More titles suitable for A Level students	4	4
More fiction**		21
Change books more frequently	17	
Non-fiction is out of date, especially books on computing	9	6
More large print books needed	1	
Videos, cassettes & CDs are out of date	3	1
Videos – old westerns	1	
More story times for children	1	
Post box for returning books out of hours	1	
Display list of 'best sellers'	1	
New titles by local authors	1	
A 'Book of the Month'	1	
<i>Other comments</i>		
Didn't know there was a library or where it was	4	
Don't know the opening hours	1	
Poor selection of books compared with Goring	2	
Total responses	136	60

* The types of non-fiction requested by
Young people included History (3), Music, Sport, Plays/Drama (2) and Computers (2) to single requests for Study Guides, Science, Arts & Graphics and Business and Pet Care.
Adults requested wide range (Popular science, technical reference, business, family health, history, politics, dance, horses, cookery, illustrated history, stamp catalogues, engineering, gardening.)

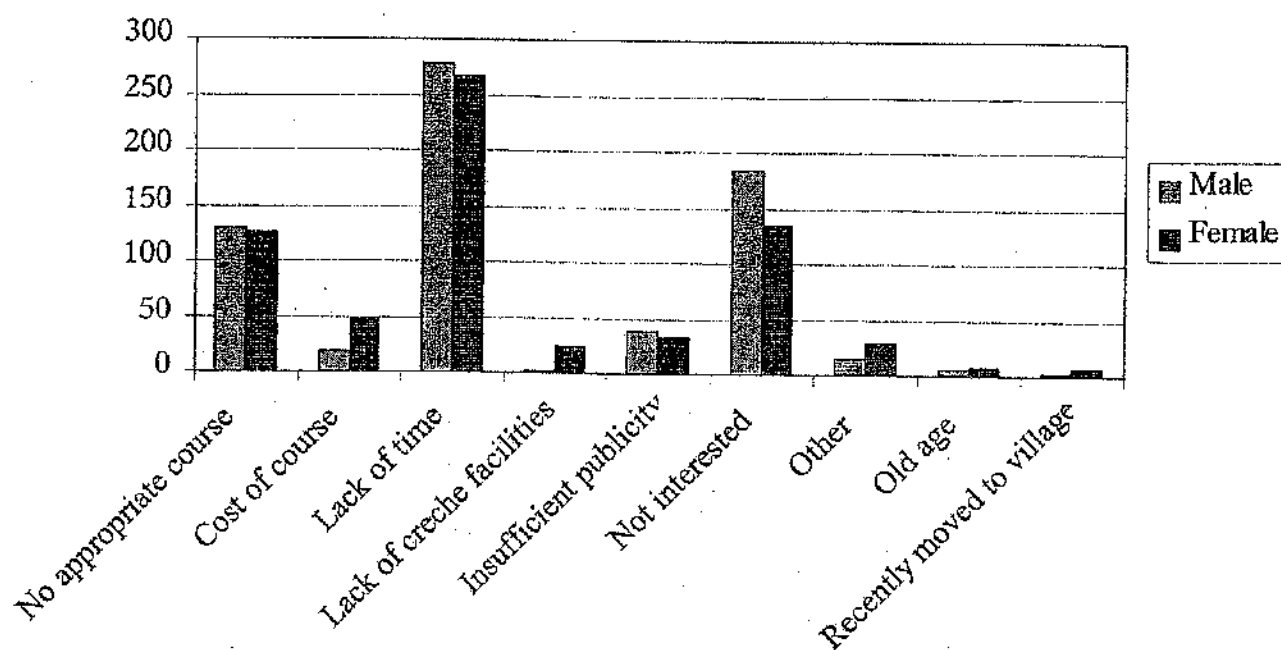
** Young people's requests included books for young adults and teenagers (6), Horror (2), Thrillers, Science Fiction and fantasy.

Question 6b

COMMUNITY EDUCATION – REASONS FOR NOT
ATTENDING A COURSE DURING THE LAST YEAR

Response	Number of responses
Old age	14
Recently moved to the village	11
Disabled	6
Attend a course elsewhere	4
Ill health	3
Work in evenings	3
Shift work pattern prevents regular attendance	2
Attend courses through job	2
Didn't join the course in time	2
Too expensive for retired people	2
Still a student	1
Nothing suitable for 18-25s	1
Course was cancelled due to insufficient numbers	1
Lack of transport in the evenings	1
Wanted an accredited course	1
Have to get a babysitter if want to go out in evenings	1
Course was full (yoga)	1
Total responses	56

Question 1a/6b

MALE / FEMALE AGAINST WHY THEY HAVE NOT
ATTENDED COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSES

Question 6e

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: SUGGESTED COURSES

Response	Number of responses
Home Computing & Business (80)	
Computers – use, applications	32
Internet	12
Computer course – beginners	5
Word Processing	4
Computer technology	3
Computers – intermediate	2
Computers – advanced	2
Computer course for older folks	1
Computer programming	2
Computers – NT, networks	1
Website design	1
IT CLAIT course	1
Business qualifications (e.g. business mgt, marketing, HR)	8
Accountancy	2
Book-keeping	2
Typing/secretarial	2
Art/craft/leisure (65)	
Pottery	5
Photography	5
Art	6
Fine Art	1
Art (Sat mornings)	1
Art appreciation	1
Interior design/set design	2
Sculpture	2
History of Art	2
Watercolour painting	3
Paint techniques	1
Gemmology	1
Sewing/needlework	2
Making silk flowers (Japanese ribbon flowers mentioned)	1
Upholstery	1
Basket making	1
Stained glass making	2
Glass painting	1
Ceramics	1
Cake decorating – sugar craft	1
Traditional crafts – unspecified	1
Wood turning	1
Flower arranging – beginners	1
Flower Arranging	1
Book appreciation	2
Poetry	1
Bridge (evening)	1

Bridge (Beginners)	1
Singing lessons	1
Tap dancing	1
Dance (salsa, rock & roll)	1
Ballroom dancing	1
Contemporary music courses	1
Wine diploma	1
Genealogy	1
Local History	4
Ancient History	1
Archaeology field course	1
Planning for Retirement	1
Health and Beauty (30)	
Alternative medicine/therapies	4
Aromatherapy	5
Reflexology	3
Hypnotherapy	1
Counselling	5
Meditation	1
Massage for relaxation	4
Stress management	1
Yoga	1
Alexander therapy	1
Health and Beauty	3
Indian Head Massage	1
Slimming	1
Skills (61)	
First Aid certificated course	10
Gardening (including design)	7
Parenting/child care	6
Babysitting course	1
Motor vehicle mechanics	4
General DIY & maintenance techniques (plumbing, decorating, electrical etc)	5
Welding & metalwork	3
Carpentry & woodworking	4
French polishing	1
Model making	1
Computer repair & maintenance	2
Indian cookery	3
Chinese cookery	1
Italian cookery	1
Catering	2
Advanced cookery courses	1
Identifying edible mushrooms	1
Conversational French	2
Driving skills	1
Fish farming for beginners	1
Day skipper	1

Coastal navigation	1
BHS & horse owners' qualifications	1
Writing skills for articles and books	1
Income Tax form filling	1
Academic courses (52)	
Spanish	7
Advanced Spanish	1
German	4
Italian	3
French	4
Modern Greek	1
Arabic for beginners	1
Portuguese	1
A Level French	1
"A Levels"	5
GNVQs and NVQs	4
GCSEs	2
GCSE Book-keeping and Accounting	3
General History	3
Natural History	2
Geology	1
Sociology/Psychology	2
MSc in mental Health	2
English GCSE	1
Human Biology A Level	1
Computer engineering	1
Political science	1
Maths	1
Sports (13)	
Self defence, Tai Chi	3
Aerobics	2
Boxing/kick boxing	1
Sports coaching skills	1
Swimming (pay as you go)	1
Aerobics for 18-25s	1
Golf	1
Pilates	1
Line dancing	1
Football training	1
Total responses from 203 people	301

Other suggestions made:

More publicity needed on what is already available

Course share – for people who know they cannot attend every session

Have one day general interest sessions

Question 7b

CHILDREN'S PLAY FACILITIES – suggestions for changes, additions or improvements

Response	Number of responses
Bigger area needed	10
More equipment	14
Safe surfacing	4
Modernise/upgrade equipment	25
'Adventure' play	12
Additional equipment – Under 5's	25
Additional equipment – 5-11	5
Additional equipment – 11+	11
Skate/blade/hockey hard surface area	7
Safe cycling	5
Fencing	9
Basketball	4
Swimming pool	2
Tennis court	2
Fitness trail	2
Concern for safety of big swings	4
Litter	7
Dog fouling/dog free play area	7
Indoor soft play	1
New localised play area (Grimmer Way, Wayside Green)	5
Park at ponds	1
See saw - safety concern	2
Somewhere to play indoors when wet	3
Concern of abuse of equipment	2
Requests for small slide	5
Requests for bigger slide	3
BMX/mountain bike area (link item 6?)	2
Supervision	2
Permanent football goals	2
Sandpit	1
Encourage use of designated play area rather than housing area	2
Fitness gym	2
Removal of all equipment on Folly Field	1
Total responses from 153 people	189

Question 8c

DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL?

Positive responses - 35 in total	Number of responses
Thank-you for all your work/ doing a good job	12
Section in Correspondent useful	1
Work hard & care about community, but not effective at lobbying SODC etc.	1
Thank you for work on salt-store, library, Greenmore mast etc	7
Very few people doing a thankless task	2
Trying their best under difficult circumstances	1
Satisfactory/ "I suppose they do their best"	3
Seem quite active in looking after our interests	1
Good to see grass regularly cut	1
Appear very efficient	1
Good environment ideas	1
Much improved	1
Ann Lidiard will be almost impossible to replace!	1
A permanent reminder of Ann Lidiard to be considered in acknowledgement of her devotion to Woodcote	2
Negative responses - 134 in Total	
Composition of parish council (30)	
Need to encourage younger generation to join Parish Council	1
Need more people from village, not outsiders	3
Recreation Committee needs more youth representation	1
Disappointed there were no elections	3
Some people been on Parish Council too long	1
Too many new people	1
"Too many self-opinionated self-centred people new to the village running things that appeal to themselves."	1
A big commitment for Parish Councillors to attend all meetings	1
Need more willing people to be voted onto Parish Council	1
Too conservative and preservationist. Not representative.	3
Too cliquey	3
Do any members live in the village?	1
Don't know who they are or their interests	2
Some have limited knowledge of village	1
Group of people after their own gain	2
Bunch of no-hopers	1
"Too cliquey - I've lived in Woodcote for 25 years but am still treated as an outsider by certain council people."	1
"Currently a non-elected body spending our money against our wishes & without our consent." "Not satisfied that there are not acting out of self-interest."	1
"Insufficient interest in problems"	1
Lack of commitment	1
Meetings (9)	
More convenient time - e.g. evening at Village Hall	1

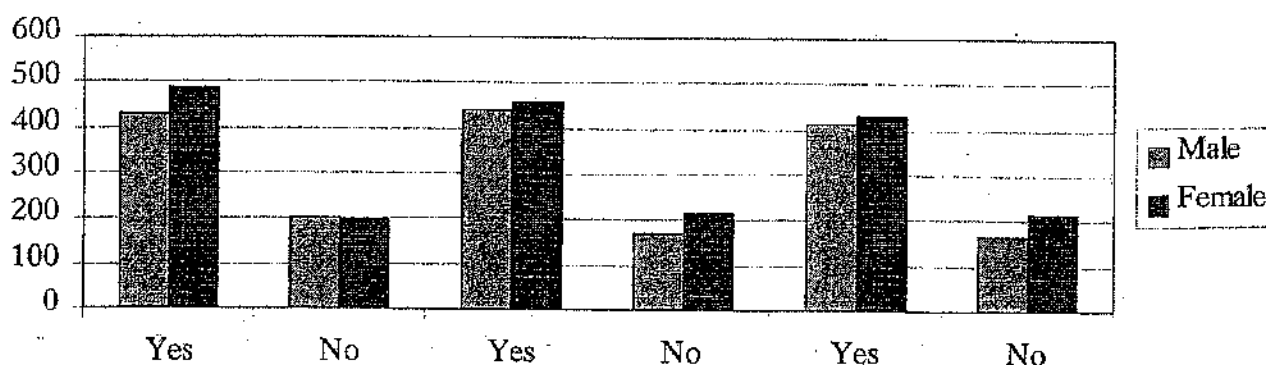
"I know they meet monthly - but what do they do?"	1
Don't know when the meetings are held	2
Meetings take too long	2
Public question time should be towards end of meeting	1
Hold a drop-in clinic in afternoon or evening	1
"Locked away like little tin gods" - never get enough news of meetings.	1
Communication/publicity (46)	
Don't know what they do	18
Publish Newsletter to go with Correspondent	1
Poor communication skills	1
Publicise outcomes of meetings & activities in Correspondent	5
Publicise responsibilities of Parish Council (people might be more willing to get involved)	1
Don't know what decisions are made	2
Difficult to find information on Parish Council	1
More publicity - would like to know more about Parish Council	8
Better reports in Correspondent	1
Parish Council information should be presented in better way in Correspondent (look at Goring Gap News)	1
Dates & times of meetings - publicise in Correspondent. (Have a flyer?)	3
Publicise agendas of meetings	3
Don't know who the Parish Councillors are	1
Consultation (8)	
Need to take account of views and opinions of all members of Parish (one complaint about the letting of the Working Men's Club)	3
Ensure activities & decisions are consistent with & support the Appraisal mandate	1
Seem to do things without letting us know	3
Need to research issues properly!	1
Footpaths* (5)	
Footpaths - need better maintenance & trees etc cut back. PC needs to monitor & be more pro-active	4
Live near a stile on a PC footpath - it's unsafe & I've complained for c. 2 years - said they would replace it, but nothing has been done. They're not interested.	1
Planning (10)	
Planning application not allowed/ not supportive of application	2
Don't appear to have any jurisdiction on local decisions - SODC just override them	2
More publicity needed on planning applications	2
Salt depot nearly slipped through their fingers - more information needed more quickly on important issues. Need to be more pro-active.	2
Over critical on planning issues	1
"Why block plans for health club on golf driving range site?"	1
Lighting* (3)	
Street lighting bad	1
Better lighting in winter months	1
Folly Field lamp needs repairing - have asked PC 3 times & nothing happened	1

Roads* (5)	
Wayside Green parking - all houses have garage & drive - why all the road parking?	1
More effort to cut down speeding on Goring Road	2
More time needs to be spent on road safety issues	1
State of roads should be checked regularly by PC and reported back to OCC	1
Other (19)	
More litter control/collection needed - generally and on the Recreation Ground	3
Litter - if every household gave £1pw to a scheme run by the Parish Council, the village could be kept free of litter.	1
Give more support to other groups in the village.	1
Waste of time, money and effort	1
<i>"Management of accounts has, in the past 12 months, been suspect. Explanation & justifications subsequently given were barely adequate."</i>	1
Money wasted on twinning	2
Twinning - <i>"Council needs to be more pro-active in explaining the benefits of the twinning process to the normal residents of the village"</i>	1
What is happening to all the money? Holiday for Parish Council perhaps?	1
Not happy with the large increase in Council Tax last year. Not seen any improvements or benefits. Hope there will not be a further increase next year.	1
<i>"It's who you know, not what you know"</i>	1
Very few powers	3
Parish Council should be more flexible on sale of small packets of land to adjacent property owners - would raise money & save on maintenance	2
Village Directory - should be updated annually	1
Total responses from 142 people	170

* These comments were made by people in response to the questions on the Parish Council. There were separate questions on each of these topics in the questionnaires & responses to these are reported separately & should be read for a fuller picture of views on these topics.

Question 1a / 9a

MALE / FEMALE AND SATISFACTION WITH STATE OF ROADS, ROADSIDE PATHS AND FOOTPATHS



Question 9b

STATE OF REPAIR & PROVISION OF PAVEMENTS & FOOTPATHS

Response	Number of responses
Pavements – General	
Overhanging trees and bushes encroaching onto pavements and footpaths. Dangerous – pedestrians forced out into road	145
Poor maintenance, poor surface on many paths, paths uneven, not cleaned	23
Roadside paths need weeding – doesn't seem to happen any more	13
More dropped kerbs & wider paths needed for wheelchairs, buggies & elderly	8
Some pavements too narrow for buggy & wheelchairs	12
Dog fouling on pavements – better cleaning needed	21
Poor co-ordination between contractors – paths dug up several times & left in poor state of repair	3
Cars parking on footpaths causing obstructions	8
Footpaths damaged by cars parking on them	1
Pavements – The Close (12)	
Conifers at Whitehouse road end need cutting back	8
Pavements too narrow for pushchair	2
Uneven pavement between Abbots Walk & The Close	2
Pavements – Wittenham Close/Whitehouse Road (5)	
Pavements need maintenance (litter, bushes)	5
Pavements – Croft Way to Whitehouse Rd (3)	
Overgrown path	3
Pavements – Whitehouse Road (13)	
Path too narrow for buggy etc	3
Overhanging hedges	2
Repairs needed, paths very uneven	8
Pavements – Bridle Path (1)	
Repairs needed	1
Pavements – Greenmore	
Cut bushes back (near Black lion pub)	6
Water collects on path at bottom by Reading Road	5
Difficult to push buggy over gravel areas	3
From Croft Way to ponds – very uneven in places	1
Pavements – Croft Way	
Footpath needs resurfacing	1
Pavements – Oakdene	
Weeds growing through path	1
Pavements – Reading Road	
Village hall footpath often blocked by cars	2
Pavement obstructed outside Londis	2
Narrow & in poor state of repair	3
Drainage ditches adjacent to path dangerous	2
Too many 'ups & downs' for wheelchair	1
Path outside school needs resurfacing	4
Pavements – Goring Road	
Pavements need resurfacing	2

Pavements – Beech Lane	
Salt footpaths	1
North side – verge cut up by HGVs	1
Pavements – Wayside Green	
Pavements badly repaired (trenches from electrical work)	4
Many kerbstones missing	6
Wayside Green – Deanwood Close	
More barriers needed to restrict cyclists	2
Provision of new roadside paths/pavements	
Woodcote to Crays Pond – path needed	8
Woodcote to Checkendon/Exlade Street	3
Greenmore ponds to Potkiln Lane, Green Lane & Long Toll	1
Memorial crossroads – Oxford Road	4
Goring Road, by Red Lion	2
Behoes Lane	1
Beech Lane	1
South Stoke Road	3
Footpaths – General	
Overgrown – general. More regular clearance needed especially in summer.	44
Dean Wood footpath overgrown with nettles & brambles in summer	7
Hedges in Naked Shaw need trimming	1
Footpath from Massey's Pightle to main road overgrown	1
Stiles in poor state of repair (e.g. steps missing).	3
Stile at Lackmore Gardens – needs repairing	3
Stile at Shirvell Hill to the Dell – broken	1
Too narrow (difficult if have buggy)	1
Footpath from end of Wood Lane too narrow as enters wood	1
Better signposting (also a map & suggestions of circular walks?)	9
More internal footpaths needed around village away from roads	1
Clear 'alley' and 'internal' footpaths	5
Barriers to restrict cyclists (e.g. Wayside Green to Deanwood Close)	2
Footpaths 'taken over' by private concerns	1
Horses & motorbikes in woods of Long Toll	1
Total responses	419

Question 9b

STATE OF REPAIR OF ROADS – COMMENTS

Response - General	Number of responses
Potholes	96
Roads easily flooded (esp. Goring & Reading Roads)	18
Uneven road surfaces, especially after utility repairs. Better co-ordination between utility companies also requested.	20
Manhole covers need to be raised	1
Patching up is unsightly and leaves uneven surface	3
Proper resurfacing & better standard of maintenance needed	30
Dedicated funding needed to enable immediate repairs	1
Estate & side roads not maintained – sunken covers, cracked surfaces etc	2
Road signs dirty	1
Specific roads in village	
<i>Reading Road</i> - recent resurfacing no improvement*. Complaints about chipping technique. Surface lifted after a few weeks. Loose chippings need to be removed.	30
<i>Greenmore</i> – flooding at junction with Reading Road	10
<i>Goring Road</i> – resurfacing needed. Uneven.	6
<i>Wayside Green</i> – kerbstones missing or loose	5
<i>Whitehouse Road</i> – resurfacing needed	3
<i>Wittenham Close</i> – roadway to car park area full of potholes	2
<i>Hagbourne Close</i> – needs resurfacing	1
<i>South Stoke Road</i> – poor surface. Potholes dangerous for cyclists & pedestrians (no pavement)	10
<i>Road past Greenmore Hill Farm</i> – full of potholes (private road)	2
Total responses	241

- A selection of quotes is given below from respondents about the Reading Road resurfacing which was done just a few weeks before the Appraisal:

'The policy of throwing wads of stones over country roads, which are then compacted to produce a poor rough surface which almost immediately begins to wear has always annoyed me.'

'OCC resurfaces local roads regularly by spraying a thin coat of tar and covering it with loose gravel. This surface is worn away within days and the loosened gravel left behind is dangerous to two-wheeled road users.'

'Tar spray and chip is only a temporary surface. The roads in Woodcote have needed proper resurfacing for a long time.'

'The new surface on Reading Road was laid without much needed repairs to the many dips and potholes. Try riding a bicycle along it!'

'Either repair roads properly by totally resurfacing or leave as they are. Chipping serves no purpose except to damage cars.'

'No more resurfacing unless properly rolled to prevent roads from becoming skid pans of loose gravel.'

'Waste of money to resurface roads which is worn off within days of laying.'

'Repair roads correctly, not a quick fix. Former is more cost effective in the long run.'

'Repair the roads before resurfacing them.'

'The recently resurfaced road outside the Memorial Hall is a disgrace.'

Questions 9d (Personal)

ROAD SAFETY – CAUSES OF CONCERN

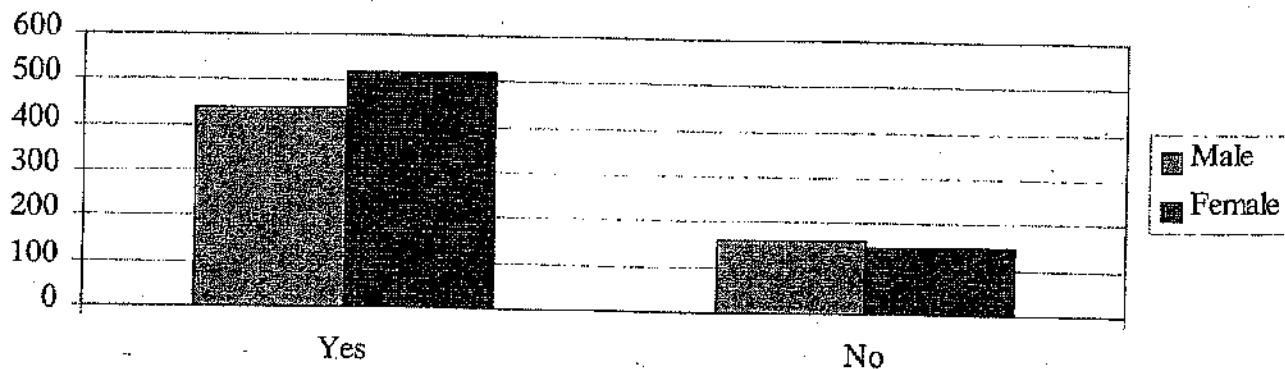
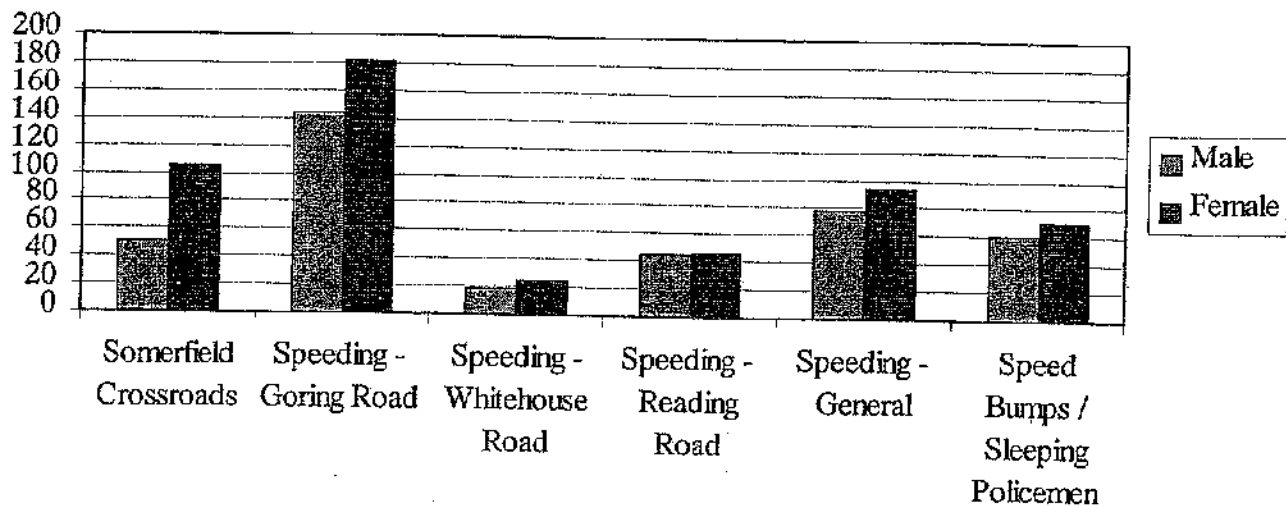
Question 16b (Youth)

Response	Number of Adult responses	Number of Youth responses
Speeding (Adults – 747, Youth – 95)		
General	173	54
A4074 junction with Reading Road	59	1
Goring Road	331	24
Reading Road	90	14
Bridle Path	17	
Whitehouse Road	45	
South Stoke Road	13	1
The Close (especially motorbikes)	19	1
Goring Road (Adults – 4166, Youth – 20)		
Dangerous crossroads at Somerfield	222	5
Dangerous crossroads at Village Hall/Memorial	66	2
Blind spot at Red Lion/Ricci's	55	3
Dangerous crossroads at Whitehouse Road	37	1
Dangerous bends : poor visibility round corners	6	7
Red Lion bus stop: reduced visibility when buses park	5	1
Greenmore	25	1
Reading Road (Adults – 69, Youth – 0)		
Dangerous parking outside schools & library	48	
Dangerous parking outside Londis/Garden Centre	21	
Goring Road & Reading Road (Adults – 30, Youth – 15)		
Danger to pedestrians crossing road	20	15
Bridle Path (Adults – 13, Youth – 0)		
Parking at Somerfield	13	
Whitehouse Road (Adults – 30, Youth – 1)		
Parking outside Post Office	30	1
Wayside Green (Adults – 42, Youth – 1)		
Too many cars parked on estate roads	19	1
Unsuitable for bus route	17	
Dangerous bend by Medill Close	6	
Beech Lane (Adults – 6, Youth – 0)		
Not suitable for buses	3	
Poor visibility at junction with Behoes Lane	3	
Greenmore (Adults – 2, Youth – 1)		
Dangerous junction at Greenmore ponds	2	1
Croft Way (Adults – 3, Youth – 0)		
Too many badly parked cars causing obstructions	3	

West Chiltern (Adults - 1, Youth - 0)		
Too many cars parked badly	1	
Oxford Road (Adults - 36, Youth - 17)		
No footpath to Memorial crossroads	2	5
Parking on kerbs/pavements dangerous for buggies/wheelchairs	3	
Through traffic – speed & volume		2
Dustcarts speeding	10	1
HGVs speeding through the village	10	1
Danger to horse riders	2	1
Danger to cyclists on main village roads	1	7
Bicycles with no lights	2	
Roads not gritted in the winter (main side roads & roads in & out of village)	6	
Total responses from 1364 adults and 149 young people		
	1385	150

Question 1a / 9c

MALE / FEMALE AND ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT ROAD SAFETY



Questions 9d (Personal)

ROAD SAFETY – SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Question 16b (Youth)

Response	Number of Adult responses	Number of Youth responses
Traffic calming		
General traffic calming throughout village	167	58
Speed cameras on Goring Road (1 young person opposed to speed cameras because of affect of appearance on environment)	79	4
Flashing/warning light for speeding motorists	2	
Calming on A4074 junction (Checkendon crossroads) – roundabout most common suggestion	61	1
50mph speed limit on A4074 past Woodcote	2	
Speed bumps (especially on Reading Road outside schools, Goring Road and The Close) NB 5 people objected to speed bumps.	57	2
20mph restriction – especially Goring Road and Reading Road outside schools	25	
Narrowing of roads/bollards etc or one-way priority or staggered gate (as in Theale village, Caversham Park, Haddenham etc)	17	1
Mini roundabouts on junctions with Goring Road in village	35	
Better road markings, signs etc		
Road markings and more signs – especially Goring and Reading Roads	25	
Mirrors on dangerous junctions and bends on Goring Road (opposite Ricci's and the Red Lion mentioned frequently)	14	2
Children Crossing sign near schools		1
Warning sign for drivers to slow down for horses	1	1
Enforcement		
Fining offenders and publicising names & addresses in Woodcote Correspondent	2	
Better enforcement of speed limit with prosecutions	25	
Radar guns & speed traps	3	
Parking		
Improve parking outside schools and Londis on Reading Road (many detailed suggestions e.g. layby outside library, yellow lines outside schools, better use of car parks)	69	1
Improve parking at Somerfield	11	
Improve or restrict parking outside Post Office – double yellow lines on bend into West Chiltern suggested	30	1
Stop parking on pavements	10	
Wayside Green – restrict parking on roadway especially commercial vehicles	1	
Other		
Wall at entrance between Red Lion and Ricci's should be removed to improve visibility	2	

Relocate or improve bus stops (lay-bys etc) on Goring Road – to improve visibility and avoid dangerous overtaking	12	1
Zebra crossing – Goring Road (Somerfield & Memorial crossroads)	19	6
Crossing on Goring Road By Folly Field play area		1
Pelican crossing – where school patrol is on Goring Road	5	3
Zebra crossing outside school	2	11
Restrict HGV traffic through village	3	
Traffic lights at entrance to village from Wallingford	2	
Cycle way around village	2	1
Safe path from Greenmore/Reading Road junction to A4074	3	
Pavement needed one side of Oxford Road towards Dean Way & Tidmore Lane	2	4
Gritting of main side roads in icy weather (Greenmore, Memorial crossroads)	4	
Cut back overgrown hedges to improve visibility	2	
Widen paths, sharpen bends to make roads less user friendly	1	
Improve street lighting on Goring Road		1
Total responses	695	100

Question 9f

COMMENTS ON STREET LIGHTING IN WOODCOTE

Response	Number of responses
Comments on specific areas of village	
The Close – insufficient lighting, especially at top of road	6
Medill Close/Folly Field turnstile light not working	1
Folly Field/Wayside Green alleyway too dark	2
Folly Green – lamp needed on existing telegraph pole outside hedge	1
Whitehouse Road – insufficient lighting	11
Bridle Path (No. 45) – light not working	1
Greenmore – more lights	14
Greenmore – more lights between Oratory School rear entrance and Reading Road	4
Greenmore/Whitehouse Rd junction – light needed	4
Greenmore/Croft Way poorly lit	1
Bensgrove Close – only one street light	1
Reading Road – more light around village hall	2
Oxford Road to Tidmore Lane too dark	2
West Chiltern – too dark	1
West Chiltern path to Bridle Path – more lighting needed	1
Bridle Path – more lighting needed	3
Bridle Path – More lighting at junction with Whitehouse Road	1
Somerfield junction – more lighting	2
Beech Lane & Wood Lane – insufficient lighting. Dangerous for walking.	11
Beech Lane (Goring Road end) too dark – need a torch at night	1
Beech Lane – no lights at end of lane	1

Behoes Lane – lights needed	3
Walker Close – remove high density lighting. Some footpath lighting also unnecessary	5
South Stoke Road – more lights needed	3
Goring Road – more lighting	2
Estate areas – too little lighting	1
More lights on junctions	2
Lights needed at A4074 junction	5
More or stronger lights on major roads in village – especially on junctions	2
Maintenance	
Repairs take too long	10
Who is responsible for notifying unlit street lamps?	1
Some lights obscured by foliage	7
Routine maintenance checks should be made of all lights	1
Level of lighting	
More lights needed	6
More lights in older parts of village	1
Footpaths need more light – not safe for walking at night	3
Some areas too dim – don't feel safe	1
More effective lighting needed – too dim	5
No more lights - don't make the village like a town. Concern also about light pollution.	17
Remove all lights	1
Less lighting needed	2
Annoyed by private security lights	3
Too much intense lighting	2
Remove ugly sodium lights. Shade to cause less light pollution	8
High pressure sodium son provide much kinder light & just as economical as low pressure sodium	1
Too much lighting in some places, too little in others	1
A lot of blind spots between lights	2
Just right – not too bright, can still see the stars. (One comment -Can the lights be turned off after midnight?)	5
Some areas too bright, others very subdued & pleasant	1
Other	
Siting of lights – needs to be where needed & not just on a convenient telegraph pole	1
Langtree School area needs more lights – especially for evening classes	3
Light at night encourages undesirable elements to congregate, encourages crime	2
Asked for more lighting but told it encouraged crime	1
Check with residents before making changes	1
Total responses	180

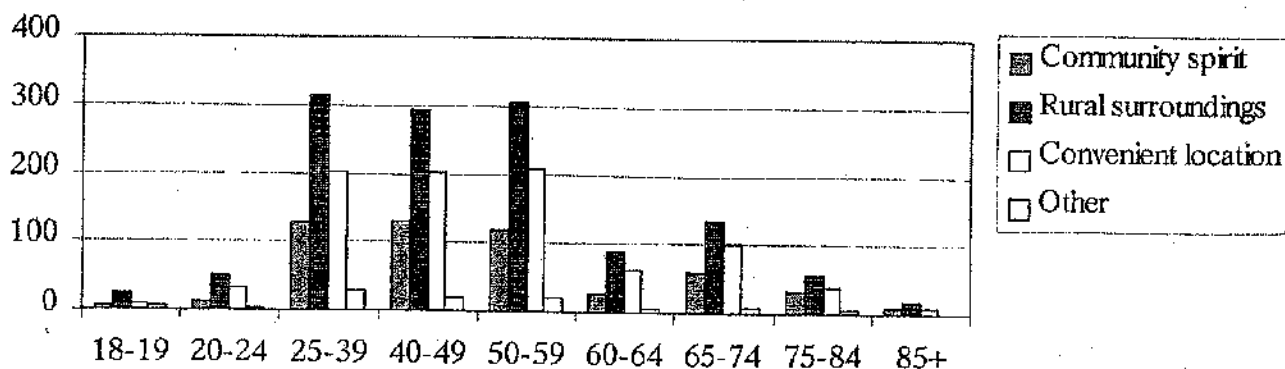
Question 10a

WHAT DO YOU PARTICULARLY LIKE ABOUT LIVING IN WOODCOTE

Response	Number of responses
Other Aspects of rural environment	
Peace and quiet	17
Freedom from heavy traffic	2
Open spaces, good views, pleasant village environment	7
Clean, fresh air	3
Safety to walk/low crime	2
Good local walks	1
Community	
People - friendly, unpretentious, good social mix, genuine community	11
Family ties/roots	4
Village life	3
Good environment to bring up children	2
Amenities	
Good local amenities - library, village hall, PO etc	10
Good medical centre & dentist	5
Good local shopping	4
Public transport	1
Steam Rally	1
Village activities	1
Cheaper than surrounding villages	1
Total from 1420 people	2783

Question 1b / 10a

AGE AGAINST PARTICULAR LIKE ABOUT LIVING IN WOODCOTE



Question 10d (Personal) **VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT - Dog Fouling**
 Question 15d (Youth)

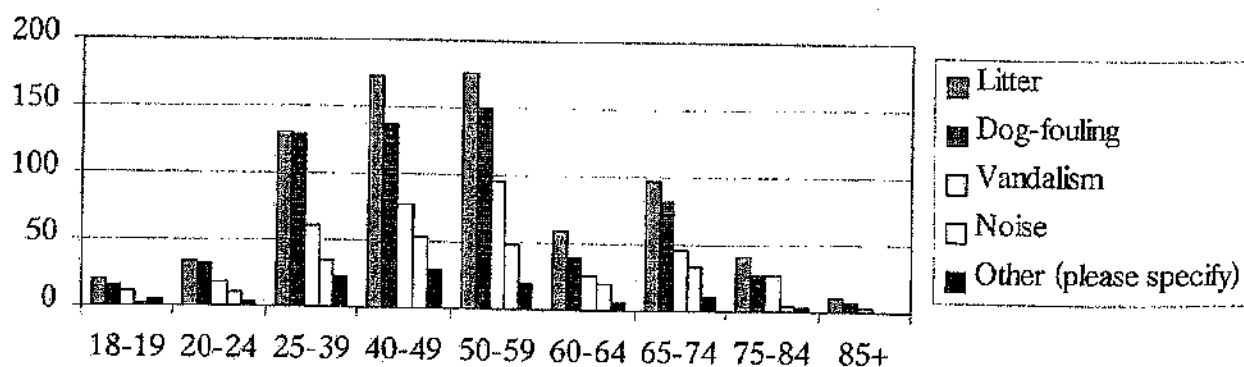
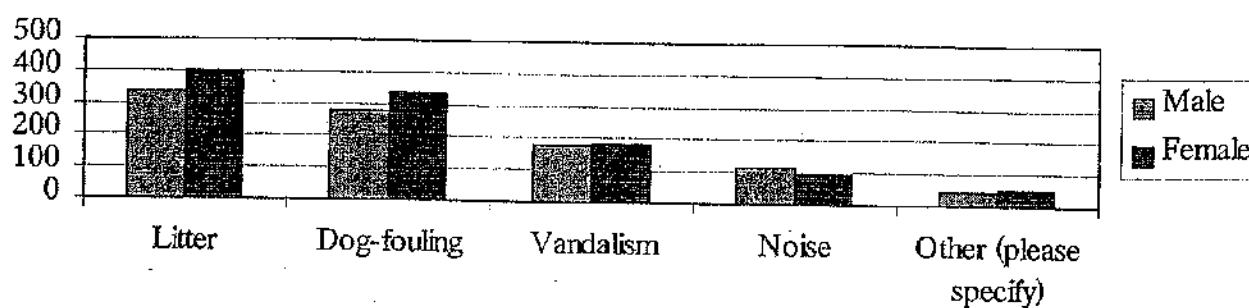
Response	Number of Adult responses	Number of Youth responses
Areas where there is a problem		
'Everywhere'		3
Pavements/paths	27	8
Recreation Ground	13	4
Open plan gardens and gardens generally	14	
Verges	9	3
Folly Field	5	2
Langtree Field	4	
Wayside Green	3	
Area around the ponds	2	
Alleyway between Wittenham Close & Whitehouse Rd	2	
Allotments	1	
Solutions		
More dog bins	5	
Educate dog owners	5	
Encourage use of dog bins	3	1
More notices/publicity about the problem	2	1
Remind dog owners of the legal penalties	1	
Name & shame offending dog owners	1	1
Fines for offending dog owners	1	2
Dog Toilet	1	
Other comments		
I own a dog & always clean up his mess – I wish others would	2	
Still a problem but has improved since the last Appraisal	2	
There are good dog owners as well as bad	1	
Small minority	1	
'Dog fouling is an eternal problem'	1	
'I can't understand why it is so bad in this village' (dog owner)	1	
Other Problems		
Dogs barking	1	
'Hate the smell'		1
'Don't like getting it stuck on my shoes'		1
Not just dogs – cats are a problem too!	3	
Total responses	47	26

Question 10d (Personal) **VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT - Litter**
 Question 15d (Youth)

Response	Number of Adult responses	Number of Youth responses
Areas where litter is a problem		
Recreation Ground	32	13
Reading Road (outside schools and in the ditches)	18	4
'All over'	17	8
Folly Field	12	6
Around the schools	12	
Roadsides	11	
Greenmore/Langtree School playing field entrance	10	2
Fly tipping in Long Toll and the woods generally	9	
Somerfield - frontage and green area	7	1
Langtree field	5	
Wood Green	3	
Footpaths/alleyways	3	1
Alleyway between Wittenham Close and Whitehouse Road	2	
Ponds/Black Lion area	2	
Around the shops	2	
Post Office	1	
Wayside Green	1	
Lanes & woodland	1	
Open-plan gardens	1	
Play areas	1	
Greenmore Ponds		3
Bushes & hedgerows around the village		4
'In public places'		1
Types of litter		
Cans & broken bottles/glass	8	1
Causes of litter problem		
Schoolchildren	14	
Youngsters gathering in the evening	8	
'Older children'/teenagers	5	
Dustbin men/lorries	4	
People too lazy to use the bins	3	
People putting their rubbish out too early for collection (e.g. 2-3 days early)	2	
Bins always full	1	
Bored youngsters with nothing to do	1	
Solutions		
More litter bins	25	15
Better education (by parents & schools) of young people to take their litter home & have pride in their environment	14	1
More frequent street & path cleaning	4	
Bigger bins	4	
Better policing/enforcement	3	

Schools should clean up the litter left behind by pupils at lunchtimes	3	
Regular litter blitz (by schools, guides/scouts?)	3	
Litter bins on the Recreation Ground	2	
More frequent skips	2	
Bins are never used/people need to use the bins	2	
Employ street cleaner	1	
Put up signs saying what fines are payable for littering	1	
Everyone to pick up litter when out & about	1	
Shops to clear litter from around their premises	1	
Everyone to keep the area outside their homes litter-free	1	
Regular litter blitz (by schools, guides/scouts?)		1
Litter bins on the Recreation Ground		4
Litter bins on Greenmore		1
People need to use the bins		1
Employ litter picker		1
Bins with lids on		1
Other comments		
Thanks to Mr Smallbone for clearing litter from the Recreation Ground	3	
Problem has improved since the last Appraisal, but could still be better	3	
<i>'I pick up litter when I go around the village'</i>	1	
Harms animals		1
<i>'Disgusting'</i>		1
Total responses from 181 adults and 57 Youth	270	71

Question 1a / 1b / 10c MALE / FEMALE OR AGE AGAINST VILLAGE PROBLEMS



Question 10d (Personal) **VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT - Noise**
 Question 15d (Youth)

Response	Number of Adult responses	Number of Youth responses
Sources of noise pollution		
General problem	3	2
Problem mainly at night	2	
Transport/machinery noise		
Traffic noise generally	4	1
Speeding cars (especially at night)	5	
Motorbikes	8	
Lorries	6	
Light aircraft (including stunt flying)	28	
Helicopters	5	
Agricultural machinery	1	
Lawn mowers/DIY equipment	2	
Music/alarms		
Music – from cars	3	
Music – from houses/parties	7	
Car horns	1	
Noise from residential home	4	
Car and house alarms	2	
Fireworks	1	
Social		
People leaving pubs/restaurant	2	
People generally	3	
Near shops – reversing lorries etc	2	
Gatherings of teenagers (especially on Folly Field)	12	1
Kids playing	2	
Parties	1	
Other		
Mountain bike events	1	
Air conditioning unit at Ricci's	2	
Dogs barking	1	
Total responses	108	4

Question 10d (Personal) **VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT - Other environmental**
 Question 15d (Youth) **problems**

Response	Number of Adult responses	Number of Youth responses
Damage from bikes/motorbikes	1	
Motorbikes in woods	3	
Bonfires-smoke	5	
Horse fouling	2	1
Horses in woods – damage to paths	1	
Poisoning of fish in ponds	1	1
Flooding		1
Untidy hedges and gardens		1
Unattractive shop fronts		1
Industrial estate – needs screening		1
Thames Water site/land at Greenmore untidy	1	
Gathering of unsupervised children with nothing to do	3	1
Gathering of youths, especially on Folly Field, Langtree Field & Recreation Ground late at night	14	4
Drugs/alcohol		2
Too many people driving to shops	1	
Speeding traffic	9	4
Too much traffic	3	1
Bad parking/insufficient parking spaces	10	
Parking on verges and footpaths		1
Light pollution		1
Cats	1	1
Crime/theft/burglary	3	2
Lack of street lighting		2
Lack of bus shelters		1
Microlights	1	
Total responses	56	19

The main other environmental concerns identified in Woodcote under this question were the amount and speed of traffic, particularly along the Goring Road; lack of safe parking outside shops and in estates; problems arising from youths loitering, especially at night. Wayside Green was particularly highlighted as being spoilt by the excessive number of cars and commercial vehicles parked on verges and pavements.

Question 10e

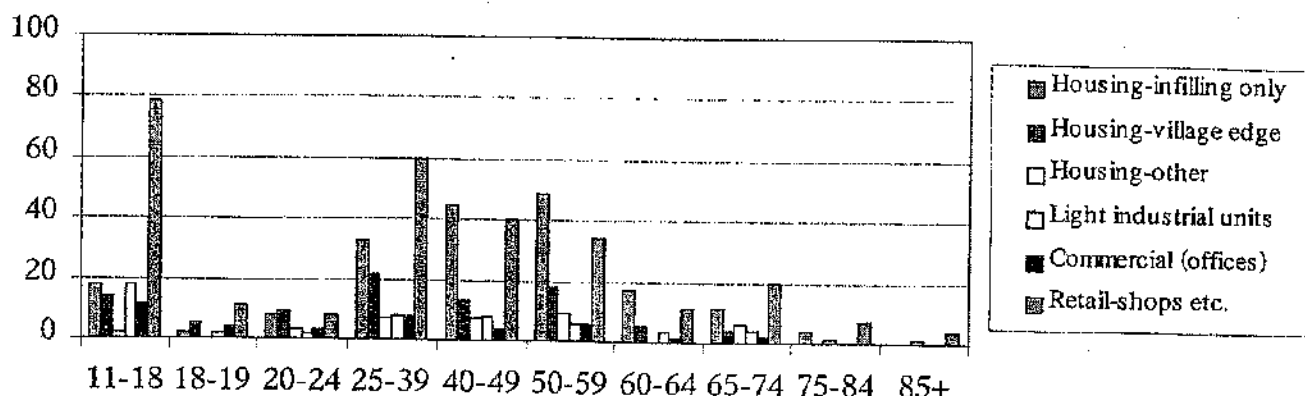
IDEAS ON HOW TO MAKE WOODCOTE MORE ATTRACTIVE

Response	Number of responses
Planting	
More flower beds/spring bulbs/hanging baskets 'plant thousands of daffodils'	36
More trees & shrubs	20
More flowers/bulbs/tubs at entrances to village	11
More flowers/bulbs on verges	10
More landscaping (Somerfield, opposite Post Office, front of Health Centre)	6
Residents to care for own gardens/houses better	6
Community garden in quiet location	3
Put preservation orders on existing trees	3
Screen estates with trees	1
Plant copse/spinney for the Millennium	1
'Ground Force' team to improve village planting'	1
Remove apple/pear trees from Folly Orchard	1
Create park	1
Wild flower trails	1
Plant wild flowers on verges.	1
Planning Issues	
No more development/expansion – keep Woodcote a village	29
Protect open spaces – keep Woodcote rural, not suburbia	13
Make external appearance of pubs & shops more attractive	5
Council should sell pockets of land to residents	2
Make new houses/extensions more attractive	2
Improve public areas – too bland & unimaginative	2
More properly planned facilities	1
More first time buyer housing	1
More stringent planning controls/more consistent materials	1
Improvements to areas/buildings	
Improve village green – e.g. build cricket pavilion, more trees around the edge, shrub areas & not just grass, more seats, evergreen trees, picnic area.	18
Improve appearance of Village Hall – e.g. rebuild hall, keep paintwork in good condition, replace flat roofs, paint in black & white, hanging baskets	17
Protect/improve Greenmore ponds – e.g. more sensitive planting, small paths, ducks, seating, landscaping, open for fishing	9
Create better centre/focus to village e.g. small row of shops, duck pond, place to congregate	8
Somerfield – improve façade/rebuild	6
More public benches (top of Whitehouse Road, ponds)	3
Thames Water to tidy up their land	3
Improve appearance of bus shelter	2
Play areas – upgrade to standard of those in Reading Borough	2
More fairy lights on pubs/restaurants, ,	1
Replace St Leonard's wooden gates with metal lych gate	1
Improve village hall car park (build flower & plant receptacles)	1

Better maintenance	
Council/residents to cut back trees/hedges & overgrown footpaths	15
Better verge maintenance	4
More frequent mowing of communal areas	1
Grass mowing company should remove cuttings	1
Remove ivy from trees	1
Signs/entry to village	
Cleaner, more attractive road signs & signposts – hanging baskets?	6
Tidy up approach roads/more attractive entry signs/clean entry signs/welcome signs to village from A4074	5
Avoid large advertising boards, old doors etc & signs at crossroads	4
Replace old & rusty village signs/street signs	3
Gates/fences to mark village boundary (like Nuneham Courtney)	3
Stop fly posting – provide more central notice boards	2
Remove 'Kill your Speed' signs & road markings	2
Remove unsightly sign from outside Langtree School	1
Something at entrance to village which represents the community	1
Walks more clearly signed with signposts along the route	1
Competitions	
Hold best kept garden competition/best pond/spring garden etc	3
Woodcote in Bloom competition on street, not individual basis	3
Floral competition for local businesses	1
Enter Woodcote in Best Kept Village competition	1
Other	
Remove overhead cabling – put underground	3
No masts in Woodcote	1
Relocate electricity sub station to outside village	1
Improve radio tower for better mobile phone reception	4
Improve parking on local estates, especially Wayside Green	8
Improve parking outside shops	10
Residents to park only in their driveways	7
Health Centre -encourage parking in car park, not street	1
Stop motorbikes in woods	2
Stop ball games in roads & garage areas	1
Campaign against and monitor noise from aircraft	2
Cycle route	2
Make Woodcote more pedestrian friendly	1
Retain granite stone setts & rural guttering along roads	1
Reduce amount of through traffic from M4	11
Happy with village as it is – leave it alone	23
Dislike Woodcote (ugly, sprawling, boring, unfriendly)	9
Total responses	374

Question 1b / 12b (Personal)
Question 1b / 18b (Youth)

AGE AGAINST VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT



Question 12b (Personal) OTHER FURTHER DEVELOPMENT NEEDED
Question 18b (Youth)

Response	Number of Adult responses	Number of Youth responses
Create a village centre - with shopping	3	
Allow extensions to existing homes for extended families etc	2	
Replacement/improvement of property only	2	
A few luxury homes	2	
Individual houses on edge of village	2	2
Limited expansion of e.g. 30 houses over 5 years	1	
Development only in strict accordance with AONB & planning policies	1	
New developments only if serve a community support purpose (e.g. care of the elderly)	1	
Upgrade council houses	1	
Redevelop current estates	1	
Moderate expansion to make village shops more viable	1	
Small units for the elderly which they could purchase outright leaving larger houses for younger people	1	
First time buyers housing with priority to LOCAL buyers - priority to continue when property is sold on	1	
More infilling would make village appear overcrowded	1	
No more council or social housing	1	2
"Sympathetic", non-intrusive development only	1	
Shared equity for local people	1	
Detached housing		3
More council housing		1
More lower cost housing, but not estate or council.		1
Bigger houses with more land		1
Total responses	23	10

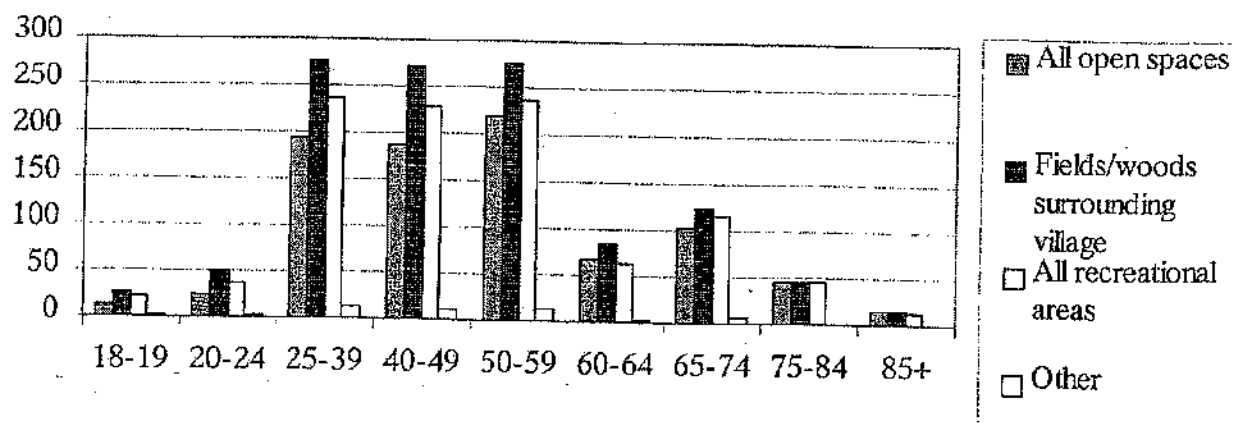
Question 12c (Personal)
Question 18c (Youth)

COMMENTS MADE ON TYPES OF ADDITIONAL HOUSING NEEDED

Response	Number of Adult responses	Number of Youth responses
Starter homes/first time buyers to buy or rent - local people only	23	2
First time homes (flats/studios?) for young people already living in village, not from outside village	11	4
Bungalows	1	1
Small homes (2/3 bed)	3	1
Low cost homes for local people	3	
3/4 bed roomed houses	9	3
4 - 5 bedroom detached houses / larger houses for people to trade up from smaller estate houses	7	4
Good quality housing for elderly - with or without warden control.	11	
Residential home for the elderly	2	
A few detached houses on edge of village		2
Reasonable priced housing - not 5 bed roomed	1	
General Comments		
Any housing built should reflect age profile of village & needs	1	
Better quality - more character	4	
No more estates	3	
Balance of housing needed in village	5	
No more council housing		4
More council housing		1
Need to keep bungalows - most are being converted or rebuilt into houses	1	
Total responses	85	22

Question 1b / 12b (Personal)

AGE AGAINST AREAS TO SAFEGUARD

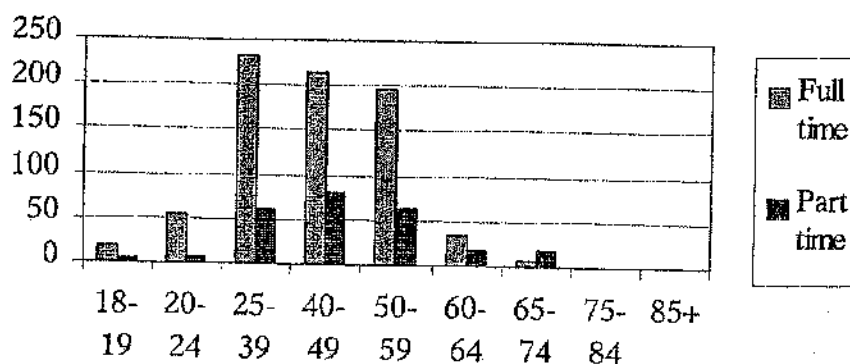
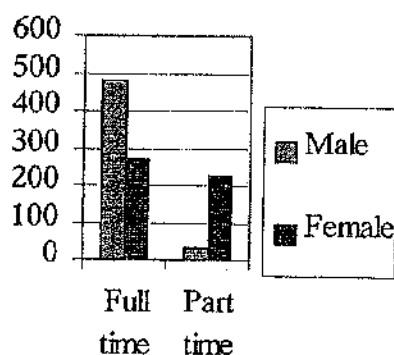


Question 12d

**AREAS WHICH RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE TO BE
SAFEGUARDED FROM DEVELOPMENT**

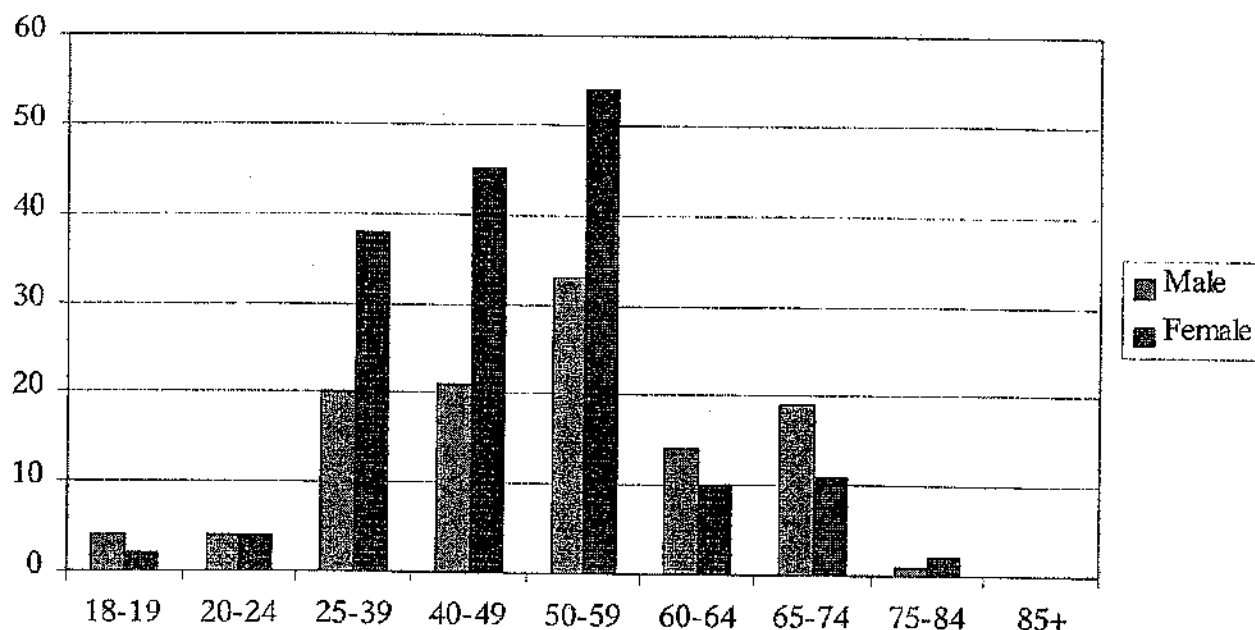
(Multi-choice question)

Response	Number of responses
Whole village - no more building. Large enough as it is.	17
Greenmore ponds	7
Allotments	7
School playing fields	3
Rumsey's field (behind Behoes Lane & South Stoke road)	4
Church Farm fields (Reading Road)	3
Old Rally Field (golf driving range)	2
Greenmore	2
Green area opposite Post Office	2
No back garden development	2
Land adjacent to Summit House (Thames Water)	2
If house is demolished, replace by one not 2 or more houses	1
Remote development - e.g. barn conversions outside village	1
Land beside Walker Close on Wayside Green	1
Total responses	54

**Question 1a / 1b/ 13b MALE / FEMALE OR AGES AGAINST FULL TIME AND
PART TIME WORKING**

Question 1a / 1b

AGE AND MALE / FEMALE AGAINST WORKING IN WOODCOTE



Question 14b

REASONS FOR NOT USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO WORK

Response	Number of responses
Timetable	94
Infrequency	76
Route	50
Cost	22
Shift work/irregular hours	28
Company car/van	26
Car needed in job/carry tools	18
No late bus	11
Lack of information	2
Lack of wheelchair access	1
Total responses	328

Question 14g

REASONS FOR DISSATISFACTION WITH EXISTING BUS SERVICE

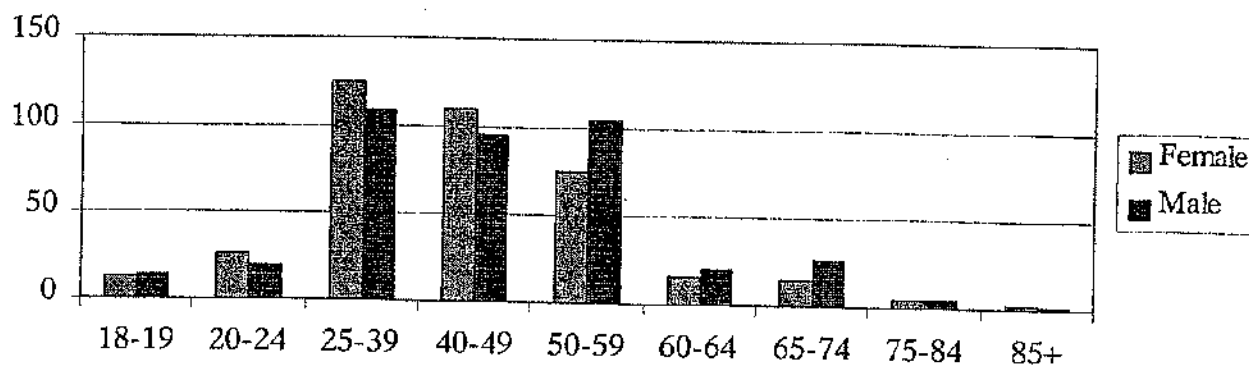
Response	Number of responses
Bus not convenient	95
Bus goes at wrong times	66
Bus doesn't go where I want	60
Bus takes too long	44
Not good for Pangbourne	8
Not good for Goring	5
Shift work/irregular hours	28
Company car/van	26
Flexibility of own car	23
Connections don't work	5
Not enough buses	13
Bus too expensive	11
Need to carry tools	10
Need to carry shopping	6
Need to carry baby	3
Not good for disabled	8
Buses too old	14
Buses too small	4
Buses too polluting	2
Rude drivers	1
Timetable too complicated	1
Sometimes doesn't come	1
Don't like bus using Beech Lane	1
Buses don't run late enough	39
No Sunday service	7
Total responses from 174 people	481

Question 14i

**SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE PUBLIC
TRANSPORT SERVICE IN WOODCOTE**

Response	Number of Adult responses	Number of Youth responses
Timetable		
Later buses	50	1
More frequent buses	14	7
More buses at peak times	9	1
Improved connections	11	
Sunday service	10	
Regular service to Reading	18	4
Regular service to Goring	15	2
Regular service to Oxford		6
Regular service to Pangbourne	6	
Regular service to Henley	4	1
Route		
More destinations		4
Other		
Clearer timetables & availability	8	1
Better publicity	5	2
Better vehicles	6	1
Dial & Ride	5	
Have a station	4	
Low Riders	4	
Cheaper buses	3	
Issue route map	2	
Park & Ride at Caversham	2	
Door to door service	1	
Show prices clearly	1	
Set down in Broad Street (Reading)	1	
Bus shelter in Beech Lane	1	
Buses to run down Greenmore	1	
Family ticket	1	
Routes to surrounding farms	1	
Allow smoking	1	
Link all villages every hour	1	
Day trips	1	
Wider roads used	1	
Public meeting to find out what is really needed	1	
Get subsidy from SODC	1	
Total responses from 188 adults and 29 young people	189	30

Questions 1a / 1b / 15a

**MOBILE PHONE OWNERS IN AGE GROUPS AND
MALE / FEMALE**

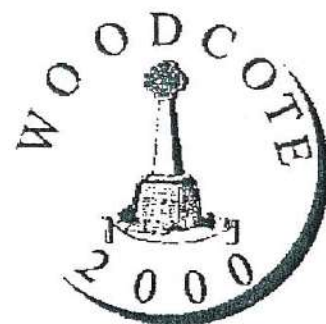
Questions 17b

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER
OPENING TIMES WHICH WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT**

Response	Number of responses
Weekday afternoon	17
Weekday evening	130
Saturdays	61
Evenings 6-8.30	8
Late afternoon / early evening	11
By appointment during evening	2
One evening per month	2
Twice a week	3
All day service	3
Prefer mornings	1
Tuesday morning very good	3
Friday morning	3
Friday afternoon	1
Monday afternoon	1
Wednesday afternoon	2
Thursday afternoon	2
Other Responses	
Happy with Tuesdays.	3
The service needed to be available at times convenient for people who work all day outside the village	14
Total responses	267

WOODCOTE VILLAGE APPRAISAL

YOUTH QUESTIONNAIRE



What sort of Woodcote do you want?

You can make a difference!

A Village Appraisal is your chance to let us know what you think about Woodcote.

In the 1990 Appraisal, 9 out of 10 young people in the village gave us their views.
Amongst the results were:

Setting up the Youth Centre
Drop In Centre
Village Library
Recycling Facilities

Please let us know what you think by filling in the form carefully.
Don't put your name - we just want your ideas

Your voice will be heard

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS

When you answer the questions with boxes, please tick more than one if appropriate.

If you do not wish to answer a particular question, please leave it and go on to the next one.

GENERAL

1a Are you: Male ☐ 113 Female ☐ 121

1b Please tick your age:

11 ☐ 33 12 ☐ 31 13 ☐ 40 14 ☐ 31 15 ☐ 42 16 ☐ 28 17 ☐ 25 18* ☐ 4

*Age 18 Please tick here if you have also completed the Persoanl Questionnaire: ☐ 3

1c Do you have a health problem or disability which affects your day-to-day living? ☐ 9 Yes ☐ 213 No

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

2a Are you in: Full-time education ☐ 219 Yes ☐ 10 No
Part-time education ☐ 3 Yes ☐ 82 No

2b If YES, which school/college do you attend?

3a Are you in: Full-time employment ☐ 7 Yes ☐ 161 No
Part-time employment ☐ 44 Yes ☐ 145 No

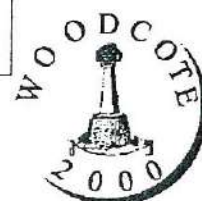
3b If YES, where do you work (i.e. location)?

3c Are you employed as an Apprentice or receiving training credits? ☐ 4 Yes ☐ 183 No

VILLAGE CLUBS/SOCIAL FACILITIES

a Are you a member of any Club, Society or group within the village (not sports)? ☐ 42 Yes ☐ 182 No

b If YES, please list:



VILLAGE CLUBS/SOCIAL FACILITIES(continued)

4c Do you attend any clubs/activities outside the village? ☐ 119 Yes ☐ 108 No

4d If YES, please state type of club/activity and where it is:

4e Have you ever attended any holiday club or activity programme (e.g. St Leonard's Holiday Club, Skilschool, Scamps at Sonning Common, PGL etc.)?

In Woodcote ☐ 84 Yes ☐ 128 No

Elsewhere ☐ 119 Yes ☐ 93 No

4f Are there any other activities you would like in the village? ☐ 73 Yes ☐ 92 No

4g If YES, please list:

YOUTH CENTRE

5a Have you ever used the Youth Centre?

☐ 21 Weekly ☐ 6 Monthly ☐ 83 Occasionally ☐ 115 Never

5b If NEVER, please state why:

5c What other activities would you like to have provided in the Youth Centre (i.e. not necessarily part of the Youth Club)?

☐ 38 Heath/fitness information ☐ 79 More films ☐ 66 Pool tournaments

☐ 60 Drama ☐ 56 Music Practice room ☐ 22 Other *please specify

5d Youth Centre Management. Do you think that young people should help run the Youth Centre? ☐ 173 Yes ☐ 39 No

5e Are you a member of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Youth Award or similar? ☐ 27 Yes ☐ 192 No

5f If YES, would you be willing to be involved with running the Youth Centre as part of your community work? ☐ 9 Yes ☐ 75 No

If Yes, please complete the enclosed volunteer slip

The current Youth Centre is a temporary building which will need to be replaced. At a recent village meeting, it was agreed to seek to replace the current Youth Centre building as the village's Millennium project. This is a major undertaking.

5g Are you willing to support this project? ☐ 109 Yes ☐ 66 No



Thinking about the YOUTH CLUB

a Currently, the Tuesday Night Youth Club, held in the Youth Centre is for age Yes No
9-21. Would you prefer separate Youth Club sessions for different ages?

b If YES, what would be your preference? Separate sessions for ages 9-16 & 14-21
 Other, Please specify

VILLAGE SPORTS/RECREATION FACILITIES

a Do you use any of the following sports facilities currently available in the village? Oratory swimming pool
 Langtree Sports Hall (outside school hours)
 Playground equipment
 Squash
 Cricket
 Football
 Other Please list

b Would you use any of the following facilities if they could be made available to the village? Golf
 Tennis
 Fitness Trail
 Fitness gym
 Other Please list

c Would you like a cycle route to get around the village away from traffic? Yes No

d What other recreational equipment/facilities would you like see in the village?

e Would you like a shelter in the village where young people can meet? Yes No

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

a Have you attended any courses in Woodcote or Goring during the past year? Yes No

If YES, please list:



COMMUNITY EDUCATION (continued)

- 9b If NO, for what reasons?
- | | |
|----|------------------------|
| 79 | Not appropriate |
| 18 | Cost of course |
| 94 | Lack of time |
| 42 | Insufficient publicity |
| 28 | Other Please list |
-

- 9c Please suggest any course you would like to see provided:

LIBRARY

- 10a Do you use the library in Woodcote (apart from school use)?
- | | |
|-----|--------------|
| 36 | Weekly |
| 35 | Monthly |
| 127 | Occasionally |
| 33 | Never |
- 10b Do you find the library hours adequate?
- | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 114 | Yes | 183 | No |
|-----|-----|-----|----|
- 10c If additional library hours could be made available, would you prefer:
- | | |
|-----|--------------------|
| 7 | Weekday mornings |
| 52 | Weekday afternoons |
| 106 | 5:30pm-7:30pm |
| 74 | After 7:30pm |
- 10d Do you find the selection of books and information adequate?
- | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|----|
| 158 | Yes | 56 | No |
|-----|-----|----|----|
- 10e If NO, please make suggestions:

- 10f If available, would you pay to use computer facilities in the library?
- | | | | |
|----|-----|-----|----|
| 71 | Yes | 161 | No |
|----|-----|-----|----|
- 10g If available, would you pay to use Internet services in the library?
- | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 103 | Yes | 125 | No |
|-----|-----|-----|----|

VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

- 11a Do you have access to the Internet at home?
- | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 127 | Yes | 106 | No |
|-----|-----|-----|----|
- 11b Would you use a village web-site if available?
- | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|----|
| 130 | Yes | 94 | No |
|-----|-----|----|----|



TRANSPORT

a How often do you use the village bus services?

20	Daily
40	Weekly
39	Monthly
71	Occasionally
59	Never

b Which places do you go to on the bus?

160	Reading
35	Henley
63	Goring
40	Wallingford
3	Didcot
8	Other Please list

c Would you use a late night bus service if it could be provided?

123 Yes 98 No

d If YES, please tick which you would use

	Fri	Sat	Other
Reading	96	110	31
Henley	26	22	8
Goring Station	64	72	27
Wallingford/Didcot	17	20	11
Other (please list)	6	7	3

Questions 13-14 Ages 16-18 only

a Do you have your own private transport?

22 Yes 60 No

b If YES, please tick as applicable

16 Car 5 Motor-cycle or moped

c Did transport difficulties limit your choice of Further Education or employment?

12 Yes 66 No

d If YES, please explain:

4 If you travel out of the village to attend school/college or to go to work, how do you get there?

11	School bus
22	Bus
23	Parent's car
1	Shared car
8	Own transport



VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT (All ages)

15a Is it important to you that the village's natural features (such as ponds and hedgerows) are maintained and conserved? Yes No

15b Are you willing to get involved in a village conservation group? Yes No

If YES, please complete the enclosed Volunteer Slip

15c Do you think any of the following are a problem in the village?

149	Litter
102	Dog-fouling
99	Vandalism
27	Noise
21	Other, Please list

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15d Please make comments on problems below :

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15e Have you any ideas on how to make Woodcote more attractive?

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16a Are you concerned about road safety in the village? Yes No

16b If YES, please state your concerns:

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DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGE

17 Are the rural surroundings of Woodcote important to you and worth safeguarding? Yes No

18a Do you think the village should undergo further development?

70	Yes
73	No
73	Don't know



DEVELOPMENT OF THE VILLAGE (Continued)

3b

If YES, would this be:

*please specify

- | | |
|----|--|
| 18 | Housing-infilling only |
| 14 | Housing-new development on edge of village |
| 2 | Housing- other (please specify)* |
| 18 | Light industrial units |
| 11 | Commercial (offices) |
| 78 | Retail - shops etc. |

3c

If you think there should be more housing, please identify the type(s) needed:

YOUR FUTURE PLANS

1a

Do you wish to continue to live in Woodcote?

162 Yes 58 No

1b

If NO, please state why:

1c

Do you think there is adequate affordable accommodation for young people?

55 Yes 133 No

1d

Are you hoping to continue your education at university or college beyond the age of 18?

188 Yes 20 No

GENERAL (All ages)

If you wish, please use this space to comment on any other matters to do with the village.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP



YOUTH QUESTIONNAIRE

Total Youth questionnaires completed: 235

Question 2b **SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY RESPONDENTS TO YOUTH QUESTIONNAIRE (ages 11-17)**

Response	Number of Youth responses	Number from Household responses*
Langtree School	112	119
The Henley College	17	16
The Oratory School**	14	15
The Abbey School**	1	1
Abingdon School**	6	8
Altwood 6 th Form RC**	1	1
Bishopswood School		1
Boarding Schools (unspecified)**		3
Chiltern Edge School	6	7
Cranford House School**	5	5
Denefield School	1	1
Didcot Girls' School	11	12
Downe House Boarding School**		1
Gillotts School		4
Heathlands Deaf School	1	1
Hemdean House**	1	1
Kendrick School	4	5
Our Lady's Convent, Abingdon**	3	3
Pangbourne College**	3	3
Presentation College**	1	1
Queen Annes School		2
Radley College**	2	1
Reading Bluecoat School**	2	2
Reading Boys School	3	1
Reading FE College		2
St Andrews School**		1
St Helen & St Katherine School**	5	4
Wallingford School	1	2
Higher Education	5	3
Primary schools	10	
Total responses	215	226

* Household Questionnaire was completed by parents

** Private school

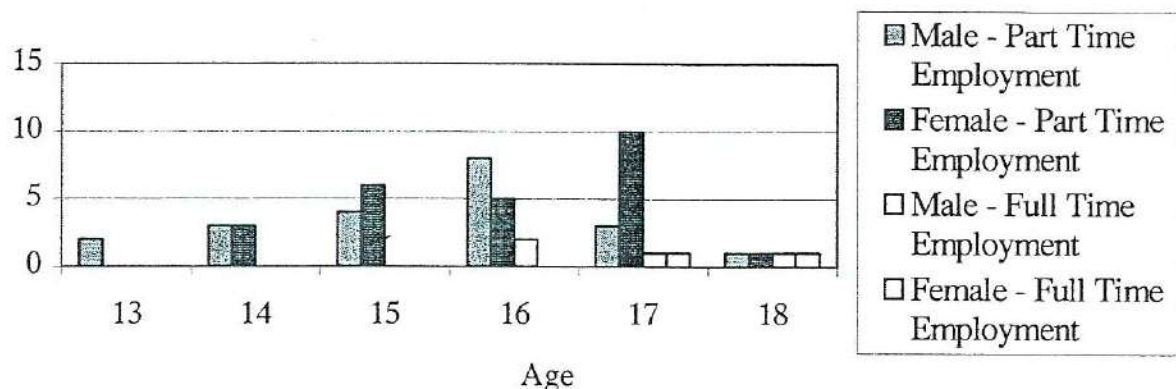
Question 3b WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE WORK

Numbers in full-time employment: 7

Numbers in part-time employment: 44

Response	Number of responses
Woodcote	30
Crays Pond	5
Reading	5
Henley	4
Goring	3
Whitchurch Hill	1
Thatcham	1
Caversham	1
Stoke Row	1
Maidenhead	1
Crowmarsh	1
'Out of the village – miles away'	1
Total Responses	54

Note: three young people said they had two jobs.

Question 1a / 1b MALE / FEMALE AGAINST AGES**Question 1a / 1b / 2a MALE / FEMALE AND AGES AGAINST FULL OR PART TIME EMPLOYMENT**

YOUTH QUESTIONNAIRE

Total Youth questionnaires completed: 235

Question 4b MEMBERSHIP OF CLUBS, SOCIETIES OR SIMILAR GROUPS IN WOODCOTE

Response	Number of responses
Youth Club	25
Scouts, Crays Pond	9
Guides at Crays Pond	5
Venture Scouts	5
Library	3
Harlequin School of Dancing	3
Rainbow Guides (young leader)	3
Youth Club (Monday night Drop-In)	2
Guides (young leader)	2
Scuba diving (Oratory School)	2
Swimming (Oratory School)	2
Gym Club	2
Catholic Church – catechism	1
Sunday School	1
WADS	1
Tap dancing	1
Dance Club	1
Horse riding	1
Keep Fit evening class, Langtree School	1
Total responses from 56 young people.	70

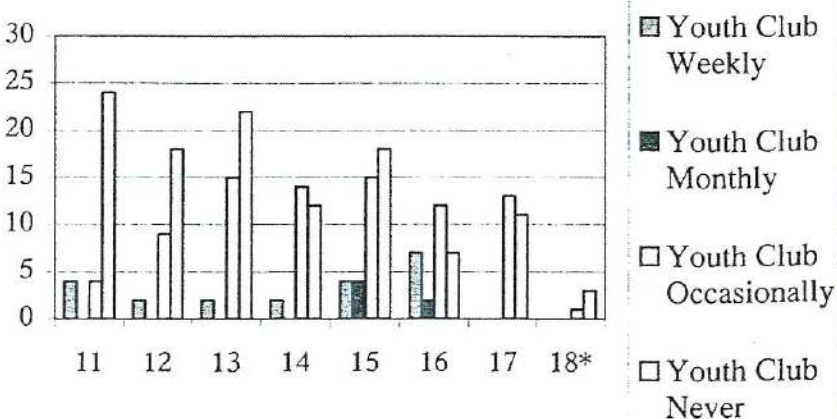
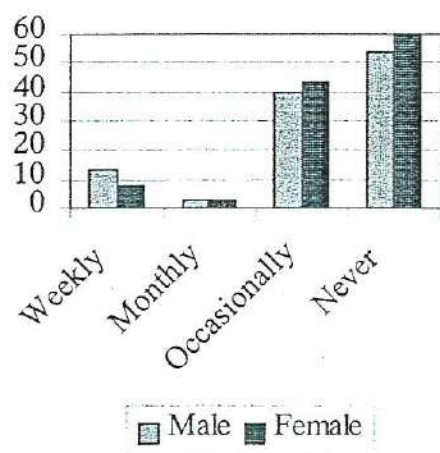
Question 4d STATE TYPE OF CLUB / ACTIVITY

Response	Number of responses
Village Hall dancing	4
Langtree tennis courts	7
Running	1
Oratory facilities	1
Karate	1
Gymnastics	2
Biking	1
Archery	1
Aerobic – Village Hall	1
Total responses from 56 young people.	19

Question 4g ACTIVITIES WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IN THE VILLAGE

Response	Number of responses
Drama Club	6
Small drama group (not like WADS) for ages 12-16	1
More swimming	6
Tennis Club	6
Football teams (Under 15, Under 16 and 14-16, Under 13 all mentioned)	6
Skateboarding Club	5
Cricket Club	3
Basketball Club & coaching	4
More sports clubs - general	3
More youth discos	3
Arts & crafts club	3
Films/film club	2
Writers Club	2
Regular organised trips (e.g. to Ice Rink)	2
Netball Club	2
Cycling Club	2
Hockey Club	2
Female rugby or football club	2
Skating Club	1
Rugby Club	1
Badminton Club	1
Dance classes	1
Adventure Holiday Club (e.g. PGL)	1
Computer Club (e.g. for computer games)	1
More evening clubs	1
Swimming lessons for ages 13-17	1
Total number of responses from 48 (20%) young people	68

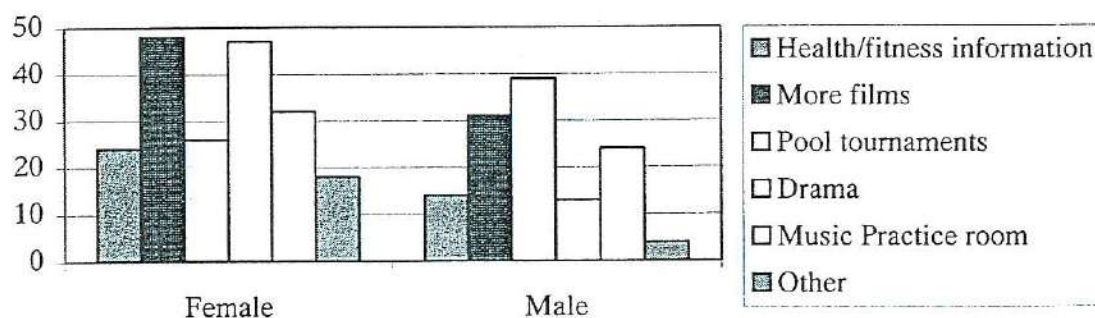
Question 1a / 1b / 5a MALE / FEMALE AND AGE AND YOUTH CLUB USAGE



Question 5b REASONS FOR NOT USING THE YOUTH CENTRE

Reason	Numbers
Lack of information	
Didn't know there was one	16
Don't know anyone who goes/none of my friends go	10
Don't know the opening times, what's on, etc	9
Don't know where it is	5
Didn't know I was old enough	4
Not needed	
Doesn't appeal to me/not interested/don't want to go	25
Too busy /no time/homework	24
Friends are outside the village - spend time with them	4
Attend boarding school	3
Can't be bothered	2
I go to the one in Goring	1
Dislike of Youth Centre	
Wrong crowd go there/have heard it is violent (2 comments)	6
Not a lot to do at the Youth Centre/boring	5
People too young there	2
'Older people go there'	2
Atmosphere unwelcoming	2
Crowded	1
Other	
Youth Club clashes with football/gymnastics	2
Total number of responses	123

Question 1a / 5c SUPPORT FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE YOUTH CENTRE (not necessarily as part of the Youth Club)



Question 5c SUPPORT FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE YOUTH CENTRE
(not necessarily as part of the Youth Club)

Response	Number of responses
Gym	3
War gaming	2
Cooking lessons	1
Table tennis tournament	1
Chess tournament	1
Computers	1
More trips out	1
Athletics social are	1
Chess tournament	1
D OF E	1
Disco 14-18	1
Discos, karaokes	1
Drum kit!	1
Football competition	1
Football table tournament	1
Games e.g.netball, tennis	2
Hangman	1
Swimming	1
Table tennis tournament	1
Total number of responses from 152 Young People	322

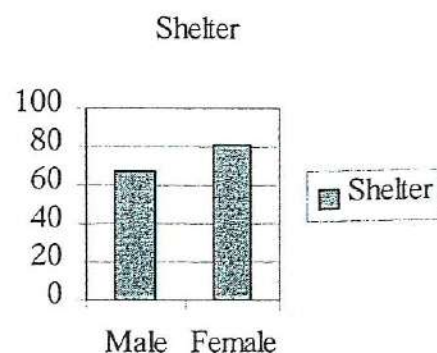
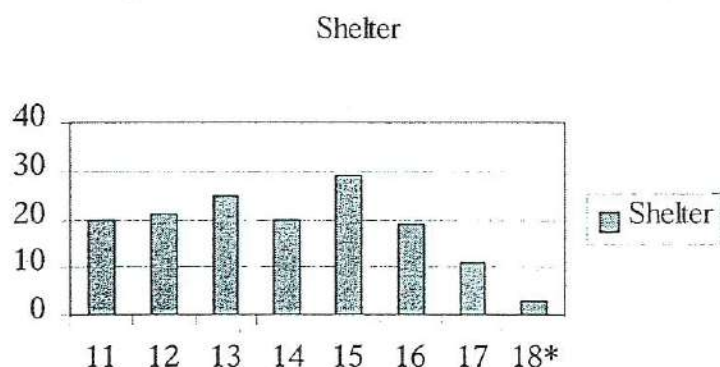
Question 6b WOODCOTE YOUTH CLUB SESSIONS

Response	Number of responses
Three separate age groupings (e.g. 9-11/12, 12-15, 16-21	17
Two separate age groupings but with narrower younger age range	20
Max age of 18 or 19	14
Total responses	51

Question 7d OTHER RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT/FACILITIES WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE VILLAGE

Response	Number of responses
Swimming pool more available to all, not just for lessons	18
Skateboard ramp or roller blade circuit	15
Basketball rings and nets	10
Basketball net on Wayside Green	1
Bike Park with ramps	9
Equestrian Centre	5
Mountain bike trails/track	5
Aerobics	3
Play equipment suitable for teenagers	3
More recreation facilities for teenagers/more places to go	2
All weather football pitch	2
Badminton court	2
Running track	2
Go-karting track	2
Bowling Green	2
Trampoline facilities	2
Bike racks	2
BMX dirt jumps	1
Netball court	1
Floodlit football pitch	1
Swings on Wayside Green, Folly Green, Wood Green	1
Jumps in the woods for horses	1
Motorcycle trials facility	1
More wildlife ponds	1
Music recording facilities	1
Quiz nights for young people	1
Total responses from 78 young people	94

Question 1a / 1b / 8 MALE, FEMALE OR AGE AGAINST WANTING A SHELTER WHERE PEOPLE CAN MEET



Question 9a COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSES ATTENDED BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE LAST YEAR

Response	Number of responses
Babysitting	7
Yoga	4
Gymnastics	3
Streets Ahead Drama Club (Goring)	2
Summer soccer (Langtree)	2
Soccer & Tennis week (Oratory School)	1
Swimming (Oratory)	1
Cycling Proficiency	1
Jewellery	1
Basketball	1
Jazz Dance	1
Total responses	24

Question 9b COMMUNITY EDUCATION – REASONS FOR NOT ATTENDING ANY COURSES IN WOODCOTE OR GORING IN THE PAST YEAR

Response	Number of responses
Nothing of interest	5
Not interested	3
Too busy at school/college	3
Boarder at school	2
Can't be bothered	2
Not old enough	2
No transport to courses in Goring	1
Too young for babysitting course (age 13)	1
Nothing suitable for my age (14)	1
Too young (age 12)	1
Disabled (deaf)	1
'Don't need to'	1
No good facilities	1
Not thought about it	1
None of my friends go	1
Total responses	26

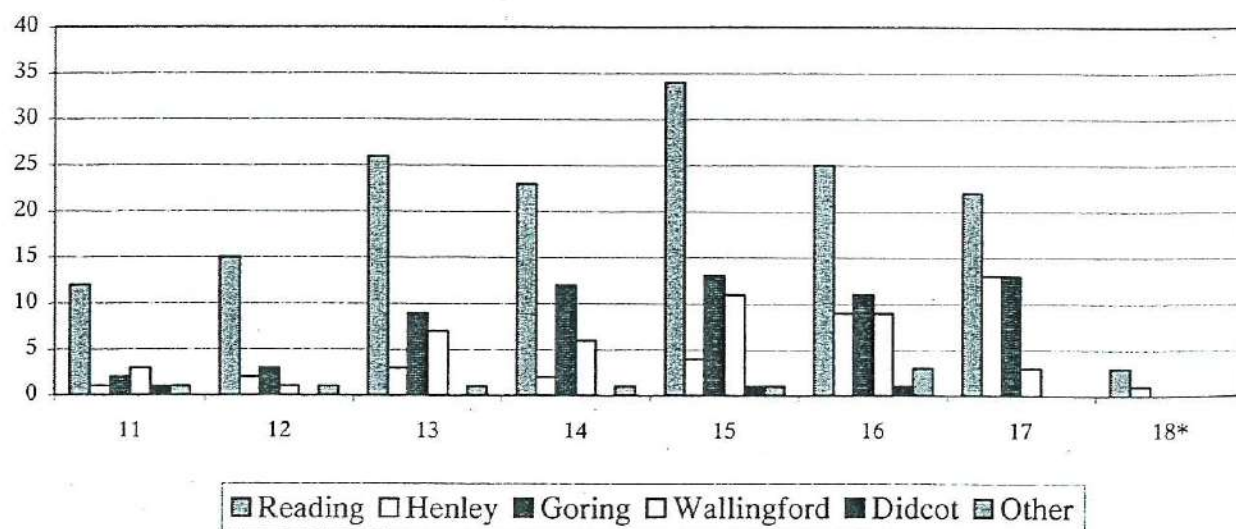
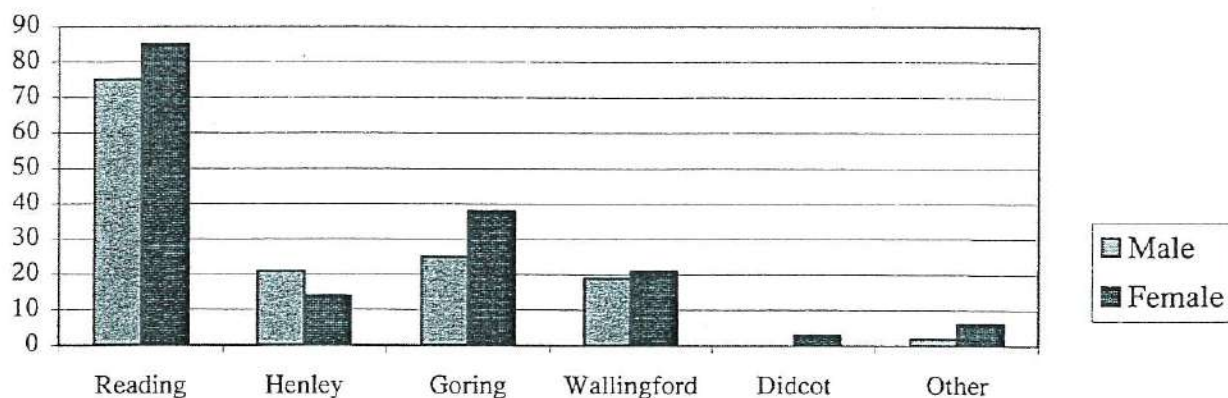
Question 9c COMMUNITY EDUCATION – SUGGESTIONS FOR COURSES

Response	Number of responses
Sports (23)	
Golf	4
Sports – unspecified	3
Trampoline	3
Kickboxing/self-defence for women & girls	3
Outdoor activity weeks in school holidays	2
Tennis	1
Judo for Girls	1
Badminton	1
Netball for under 15s	1
Kayaking	1
Fitness	1
Synchro swimming	1
Yoga for young people	1
Computing (9)	
Computer courses for young people	6
Computing – intermediate	2
More courses with qualifications (e.g. CLAIT, Pitman)	1
Skills (6)	
Babysitting	4
Cookery	1
Driving School	1
Academic (4)	
More language courses (Italian)	1
GCSE – Latin, Russian, Philosophy, Italian	1
A Level Maths	1
History	1
Art/Craft/Leisure (20)	
Art for young people	6
Drama	5
Music	2
Holiday Club (ages 12-16)	1
Art/textiles	1
Dancing	1
Knitting	1
Wood-turning	1
Origami	1
Mechanics	1
Other (14)	
First Aid	14
Total responses from 57 young people	76

Question 12b OTHER PLACES YOU GO ON THE BUS

Response	Number of responses
Oxford	2
Oxford via Wallingford	1
Sonning Common	1
Whitchurch Hill	1
Woodcote Steam Rally	2
Total responses	7

Question 1a / 1b / 12d MALE / FEMALE OR AGES AGAINST A LATE BUS DESTINATION



Question 13d TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES WHICH LIMITED CHOICE OF FURTHER EDUCATION OR EMPLOYMENT

Question asked of young people aged 16-18.

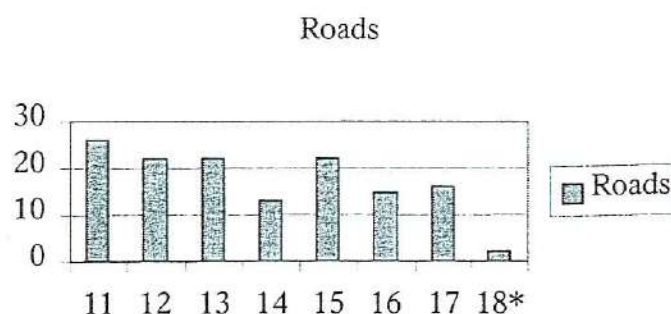
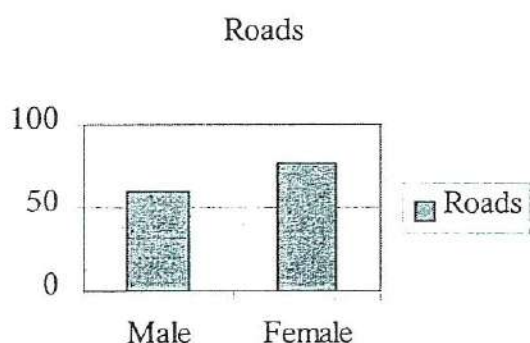
Response	Number of responses
<i>'Difficult to get home from college in Reading if it is not the rush hour. Chose Reading because it had a better course than Henley.'</i>	1
<i>'College, job – both affected by whether there was transport available.'</i>	1
<i>'Not regular enough. No buses on Sundays.'</i>	1
<i>'I could not get to Oxford College.'</i>	1
<i>'There are not enough buses to and from Henley where I work.'</i>	1
<i>'I could not get to Oxford easily or cheaply.'</i>	1
<i>'Have to work either in Woodcote or the surrounding area.'</i>	1
<i>'Can't get anywhere because of inadequate bus services.'</i>	1
Total responses	8

Question 15c VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

Response	Number of responses
Speeding	5
Lack of street lights	2
Gangs hanging around	2
General untidiness	1
Drugs (the Close)	1
Drugs and alcohol abuse	1
Burglary	1
Crime	1
Horse fouling	1
Cat fouling	1
Flooding	1
Light pollution	1
Shortage of councillor candidates	1
Total number of responses	19

Question 15e IDEAS ON HOW TO MAKE WOODCOTE MORE ATTRACTIVE

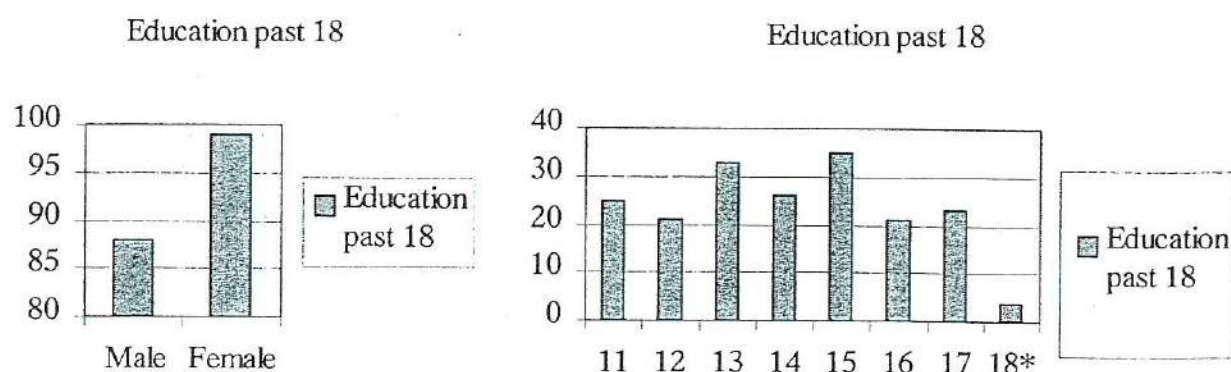
Response	Number of responses
More colourful foliage/plants/shrubs/flowers	19
Plant more trees	14
Clean up the litter	11
Maintain/clean up the ponds	8
More litter bins/more modern litter bins	5
No more development	3
More for young people to do so they do not have to be on the street	2
More benches/modern benches	2
Better painting/maintenance of playgrounds	2
Employ litter collector/volunteer litter collections	2
Employ someone to tidy the hedgerows	2
Encourage people to use the litter bins more	2
Cycle routes	2
Improve village signs & street lamps	2
Offer cheap gardener service to people	1
Remove cuttings after grass is cut	1
Ponds – open up for fishing	1
More ponds	1
Plant prettier trees	1
Encourage wildlife	1
Create a village garden everyone can enjoy	1
Signed footpaths & have markers along the way	1
'Welcome to Woodcote' sign	1
Improve appearance of village hall	1
Medill Close – remove concrete cladding from garages	1
Health Centre – improve area at front	1
Stricter enforcement of dog fouling laws	1
Prosecute vandals	1
More development	1
Total number of responses from 59 young people	91

Question 1b / 16a**MALE / FEMALE OR AGES AGAINST CONCERN ABOUT ROAD SAFETY**

Question 19b WHY DO YOU NOT WANT TO CONTINUE TO LIVE IN WOODCOTE

Responses	Number of responses
Going to university	15
Want to travel/see other places	13
Want more nightlife/more to do/Woodcote is boring	10
Want to move to somewhere with more facilities for young adults	5
Moving to a town – better transport	4
Want to live in a town	3
Want to live in a bigger place	3
Want to live by the sea	1
To get a job	1
To be nearer friends in a town	1
Want to live in a quieter, more remote place with less traffic	1
Want to leave home when old enough and be independent	1
Don't like being told off by a Parish Councillor for making a mess when it wasn't me	1
Might return to Woodcote when older	2
Total number of responses	59

Question 1a / 1b / 19d MALE / FEMALE OR AGES AGAINST CONTINUEING EDUCATION PAST 18



GENERAL COMMENTS

Comments that related directly to questions asked elsewhere in the Appraisal have been incorporated into the separate summary of responses to those questions.

Italicised comments are direct quotes from the questionnaires.

Response	Number of responses
General (4)	
<i>I love the village</i>	1
<i>I enjoy living in Woodcote & I think Woodcote has a good community feeling.</i>	1

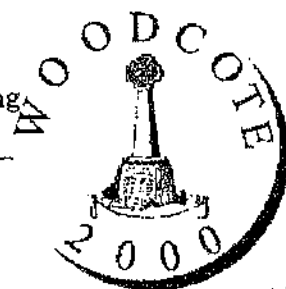
YOUTH QUESTIONNAIRE

Total Youth questionnaires completed: 235

<i>The youth of Woodcote are the most important thing in Woodcote. They should be listened to and respected, as they are the future of the village.</i>	1
<i>I think the village is good as long as there is still the chance to get out.</i>	1
Social activities, amenities etc (11)	
<i>More needed for young people to do in the evenings</i>	4
<i>More library hours</i>	2
<i>Small drama group needed</i>	
<i>Nothing to do for young people in Woodcote, have to sit on the Recreation Ground and get the blame for any bit of trouble. Nowhere to go when it rains or is windy.</i>	2
<i>Better publicity of Youth Club and Youth Centre activities</i>	1
<i>Coffee Shop – hope it stays permanently open – good food at good prices</i>	1
<i>Post Office – staff could be friendlier and make eye contact</i>	1
Buses (20)	
<i>More buses to Reading</i>	3
<i>More buses to Goring</i>	1
<i>Direct bus service to Oxford</i>	1
<i>More direct service instead of going around the villages</i>	2
<i>More frequent bus service</i>	5
<i>More reliable bus service</i>	1
<i>More accurate timetable</i>	1
<i>Proper allocated bus stops</i>	2
<i>Timetable doesn't fit in with school hours. Need a 7.30 bus</i>	1
<i>Put Millennium money into improving the bus service</i>	1
<i>The buses are really appalling. They should be better.</i>	1
<i>Bus destinations limit where I can work or go to.</i>	1
Village environment (7)	
<i>There have been many complaints about motorcyclists in the woods. Maybe it would be a good idea if somebody could suggest an area of land where these young people could go. Many of them don't want to upset anyone or destroy the woods</i>	1
<i>Motorbikes scare horses and ponies when out riding</i>	1
<i>Clean Greenmore pond and restock fish</i>	2
<i>More lighting around lane and sheltered areas</i>	1
<i>Some teenagers drink beer at the Rec and leave their broken bottles on the ground instead of in the bins – harmful to dogs.</i>	1
<i>More car crime recently. Theft seems to be increasing.</i>	1
Planning & Development (13)	
<i>No more housing – leave the village as it is</i>	3
<i>More decent housing needed</i>	1
<i>More shops needed</i>	3
<i>Takeaway needed</i>	5
<i>Pharmacist needed</i>	1
Total responses from 42 young people	55

Woodcote Village Appraisal

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March 2000

EMPLOYERS' SURVEY

Name of Employer/Business:

Type of Business:

1. How long has your business been in Woodcote? ...36.25 (average).....
2. How many employees do you have? FULL-TIME:219.....
PART-TIME:203.....
3. How many employees live in the village?
FULL-TIME: 87.....
PART-TIME:184.....
4. How many employees live outside Oxfordshire?109.....
5. Was your business previously based outside the village? YES 11/NO 25
6. IF YES -
 - (a) Where were you previously based?
 - (b) What were the benefits or attractions of moving to Woodcote?
7. Do you expect to remain in Woodcote? YES 34/NO 1
8. Are there any other comments you wish to make in relation to the village?

Interviewed by:

Date:

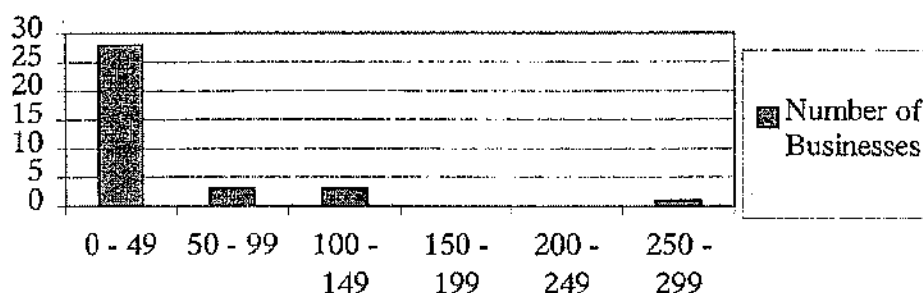
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EMPLOYERS QUESTIONNAIRE

Total Employer questionnaires completed: 36

Question 1

HOW LONG HAS YOUR BUSINESS BEEN IN WOODCOTE



Question 2 / 3 / 4 BUSINESS TYPE AND EMPLOYEES

The survey does not include one employee (or self employee) businesses

Business Type	Total Employees	Number of Employees		Number of Employees living in Woodcote			Number of Employees living outside Oxfordshire
		Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time	Total	
Agricultural 2 Employers	11	8	3	6	3	9	0
Commercial / Industrial 15 Employers	109	97	12	21	10	31	44
Education 5 Employers	195	110	85	42	61	103	48
Medical / Social Services 5 Employers	85	41	44	7	66	73	13
Miscellaneous 1 Employer	3	0	3	0	1	1	0
Pubs / Restaurants 3 Employers	19	8	11	5	10	15	0
Retail 5 Employers	60	15	45	6	33	39	4
Totals	482	279	203	87	184	271	109

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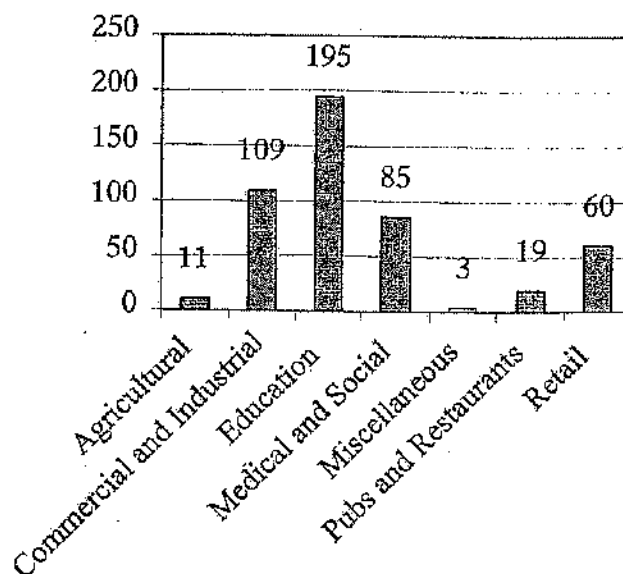
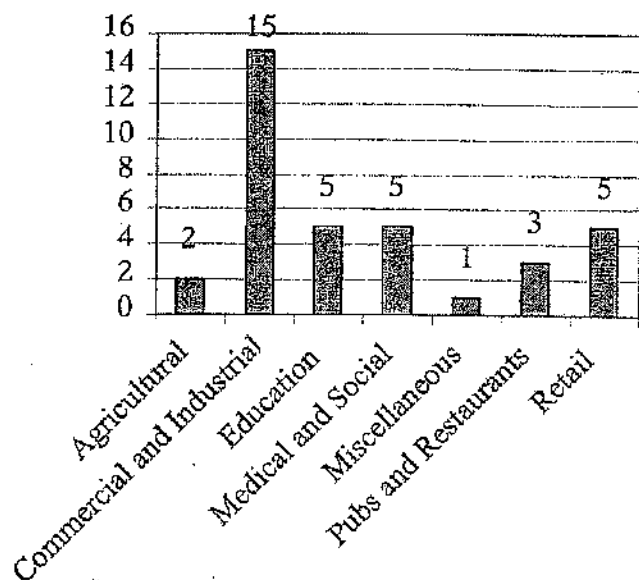
Question 6a WHERE WERE YOU PRVIOUSLY BASED

Response	Number of responses
Caversham	2
Oxford	1
Pangbourne	2
Reading	4
Shiplake	1
Sonning Common	1
Total responses	11

Question 6b WHAT WERE THE BENEFITS OF MOVING TO WOODCOTE

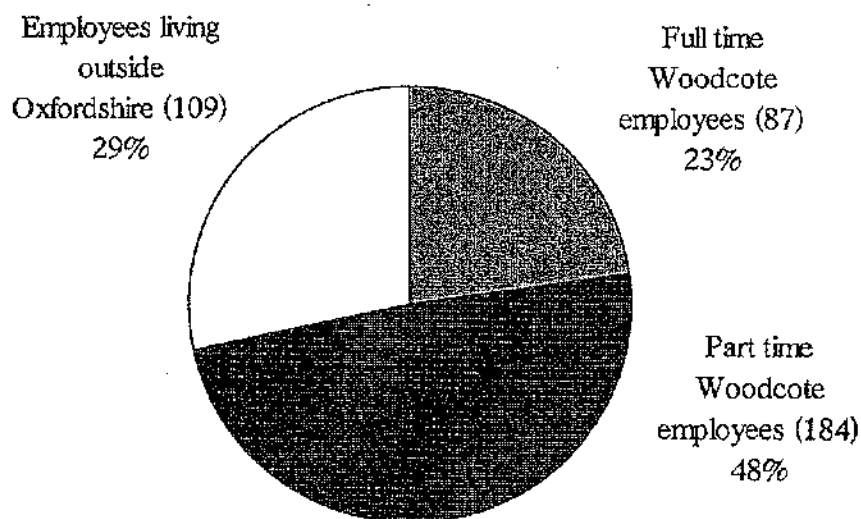
Response	Number of responses
Rural location and suitable offices	1
Vacant premises	4
Location	1
Reading Traffic	1
Expanded Facilities	1
Better business	1
Total responses	9

NUMBER OF EACH BUSINESS TYPE (left hand graph) and NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH BUSINESS TYPE (right hand graph)



EMPLOYERS QUESTIONNAIRE

Total Employer questionnaires completed: 36

Question 3 / 4 HOW MANY EMPLOYEES LIVE IN VILLAGE OR OUTSIDE OXFORDSHIRE1
2
3**Question 8 ANY COMMENTS IN RELATION TO VILLAGE**

Response	Number of responses
Could the sheltered housing be mentioned as an alternative to living alone when you reach your twilight years	1
Would like to employ more people within the village	1
Our centre is shared by Woodcote and surrounding villages including Goring	1
Housing too expensive for people with young children	1
Difficult to get Staff	1
Used to employ more. Most are second generation employees with parents living in village. Young can't afford Woodcote & have therefore moved out	1
Better housing accommodation in the area	1
Rates are very high	1
Woodcote / Checkendon crossroads are dangerous	1
People in village should smile more often and use the restaurant more often	1
Roundabout at Woodcote/Checkendon Junction	1
Should support local businesses more	1
High cost of housing in Woodcote - employees live elsewhere	1
More local Support	1
Total responses	14

RESPONSE RATES

Household: 821 (87.3%) from a total of 940 households
764 (84%) in 1991
743 (84%) in 1983

Personal: 1518 (84%)
1445 (80%) in 1991

Youth: 235 (83%) from a total of 284
228 (90%) from a total of 254 in 1991

WOODCOTE AVERAGES AGAINST NATIONAL OR COUNTY AVERAGES

	Woodcote %	County %	National %
Employment	0.6	1.5	
Full or Self Employed	52		46 (ONS2000)
Mobile Phones	55		40
Internet (access to)	35 (adults) 55 (youth)		25 (The Guardian Jan 2000)

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Title	Finance 2026 - 2027
Author	Responsible Financial Officer
Meeting	Woodcote Parish Council Meeting – 17 th June 2026

31.1. To approve the finalised payments list for May 2026, to approve payments for June 2026

MAY

Voucher No	Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier
17	13/05/2026	£444.51	£88.90	£533.41	Ponds Restoration	Peppard Building Supplies
19	14/05/2026	£8.50	£-	£8.50	Bank Fees	Lloyds Bank plc
6	21/05/2026	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00	Mobile Phone SIM Costs	GiffGaff Ltd
7	21/05/2026	£40.32	£8.06	£48.38	MS365	Microsoft Limited
38	21/05/2026	£2,000.00	£400.00	£2,400.00	Consultation zebra crossing	Glanville Consultants Limited
39	21/05/2026	£250.00	£-	£250.00	Internal Audit	Lisa Wilkinson
40	21/05/2026	£23.06	£-	£23.06	Hall Hire	Woodcote Village Hall Trustees
26	22/05/2026	£312.00	£62.40	£374.40	Public Toilet	Mammoth
27	22/05/2026	£1,574.08	£314.82	£1,888.90	Grass Cutting	M & C Landscapes
28	22/05/2026	£372.00	£74.40	£446.40	Public Toilet	Mammoth
29	22/05/2026	£292.50	£58.50	£351.00	Waste collection	Shield Maintenance Ltd
30	22/05/2026	£2.95	£-	£2.95	Waste collection	P Tshering
31	22/05/2026	£7.99	£-	£7.99	Waste collection	Laura White
32	22/05/2026	£45.79	£9.17	£54.96	Waste collection	Amazon Services Europe SarL
33	22/05/2026	£12.08	£2.42	£14.50	Waste collection	Eleven Seventeen Ltd
34	22/05/2026	£8.32	£1.67	£9.99	Waste collection	Wrap It and Pack It Ltd
35	22/05/2026	£16.62	£3.32	£19.94	Waste collection	Discounted Cleaning Supplies LTD
41	22/05/2026	£2,918.00	£-	£2,918.00	Library Grant	Our Woodcote Library (OWL)
42	22/05/2026	£340.00	£-	£340.00	Grant	Woodcote Conservation Group
43	22/05/2026	£40.00	£8.00	£48.00	Training	(OALC)
36	26/05/2026	£83.33	£16.67	£100.00	Internet	British Telecom (BT)
21	31/05/2026	£7.00	£-	£7.00	Bank Fees	Unity Trust Bank
		£3,183.32	£-	£3,183.32	Total Staff	
		£12,002.37	£1,052.33	£13,054.70	Total	

JUNE

Voucher No	Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier
58	08/06/2026	£8.50	£-	£8.50	Bank Fees	Lloyds Bank plc
44	18/06/2026	£30.00	£-	£30.00	Membership Fees	Chiltern Society
45	18/06/2026	£301.96	£60.39	£362.35	Waste collection	Shield Maintenance Ltd
46	18/06/2026	£23.06	£-	£23.06	Hall Hire	Woodcote Village Hall Trustees
47	18/06/2026	£450.00	£90.00	£540.00	Tree Watering	Agricultural Engineering Ltd
48	18/06/2026	£1,574.08	£314.82	£1,888.90	Grass Cutting	M & C Landscapes
49	18/06/2026	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	Playground inspection	The Play Inspection Company
50	18/06/2026	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00	Mobile Phone SIM Costs	GiffGaff Ltd
51	18/06/2026	£20.16	£4.03	£24.19	MS365	Microsoft Limited
52	26/06/2026	£83.33	£16.67	£100.00	Office Broadband	British Telecom (BT)
59	30/06/2026	£7.00	£-	£7.00	Bank Fees	Lloyds Bank plc
60	30/06/2026	£23.75	£4.75	£28.50	Village Green Bins	Value Products Limited
61	30/06/2026	£137.75	£27.55	£165.30	Village Green Bins	Value Products Limited
62	30/06/2026	£1,900.00	£380.00	£2,280.00	Village Green Bins	Value Products Limited
		£3,745.04	£-	£3,745.04	Total Staff	Including July PAYE & Pension
		£8,514.63	£940.21	£9,454.84	Total	

31.2. To note the receipts for May 2026.

Voucher No	Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Customer
9	31/05/2026	£ 582.53	£ -	£ 582.53	Interest on savings	Redwood Bank
8	11/05/2026	£ 37.16	£ -	£ 37.16	Bank Interest	Lloyds Bank plc
		£ 619.69	£ -	£ 619.69	Total	

31.3. To note the reconciled bank balances, up to 31st May 2026.

A	Bank Reconciliation at 31/05/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		398,366.80
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2026 - 31/05/2026		97,707.90
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2026 - 31/05/2026		496,074.70
	Cash in Hand 31/05/2026 (per Cash Book)		25,605.56
B	Cash in Hand 31/05/2026		470,469.14
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/05/2026	0.00	
	Lloyds Current 31/05/2026	441.50	
	Lloyds Instant Access Savings 31/05/2026	84,289.49	
	Unity Trust Current 31/05/2026	24,214.87	
	Unity Trust Instant Access Savings 31/05/2026	160,940.75	
	Redwood 95day Saver 31/05/2026	200,000.00	
			469,886.61
	Less unrepresented payments		
B			469,886.61
	Plus unrepresented receipts		582.53
	Adjusted Bank Balance		470,469.14
	A = B Checks out OK		

Image Shows

Cash In hand (A) = £470,469.14

Adjusted Bank Balance (B) = £470,469.14

A = B, Checks out OK.

Adjusted Bank Balance is made up of

Lloyds Current Account	£ 441.50
Lloyds Instant Access Savings	£ 84,289.49
Unity Trust Current Account	£ 24,214.87
Unity Trust Savings	£160,940.75
Redwood 95day Saver	£200,000.00

STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROLS

For the period 1st April 2026 – 31st March 2027

1. Scope of the Responsibility

- 1.1. Woodcote Parish Council (the Council) is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively.
- 1.2. In discharging this overall responsibility, the Council is also responsible for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of the Council's functions and which includes arrangements for the management of risk.

2. The Purpose of the System of Internal Control

- 2.1. The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Council's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.
- 2.2. The system of internal control is in place at the Council from date of approval for the year ending 31st March 2027 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts in accordance with proper practice.

3. The Internal Control Environment

- 3.1. The Council
 - 3.1.1. The Council has appointed a Chairman who is responsible for the smooth running of meetings and for ensuring that all Council decisions are lawful.
 - 3.1.2. The Council reviews its obligations and objectives and approves budgets for the following year at either its November or December meeting. This meeting of the Council approves the level of precept for the following financial year.
 - 3.1.3. The Council monitors progress against objectives, financial systems and procedures, budgetary control and carries out regular reviews of financial matters.
 - 3.1.4. The full Council normally meets monthly and monitors progress against its aims and objectives at each meeting by receiving relevant reports from the Clerk.
 - 3.1.5. The Council carries out regular reviews of its internal controls, systems and procedures.
- 3.2. Clerk to the Council & Responsible Financial Officer
 - 3.2.1. The Council has appointed a Clerk to the Council who acts as the Council's advisor and administrator. The Council has also appointed a Responsible Financial Officer who acts as the Council's financial advisor and is responsible for administering the Council's finances. Both the Clerk and RFO are responsible for the day to day compliance with laws and regulations that the Council is subject to and for managing risks with respect to each of their roles. They also ensure that the Council's procedures, control systems and policies are adhered to with respect to each of their roles.
- 3.3. Payments
 - 3.3.1. All payments are reported to the Council for approval. Two members of the Council must authorise all payments.
- 3.4. Risk Assessments / Risk Management
 - 3.4.1. The Council carries out regular risk assessment in respect of actions and regularly reviews its systems and controls.

3.5. Internal Audit

3.5.1. The Council has appointed an independent Internal Auditor for the year 2026/2027 who will report to the Council on the adequacy of its records, procedures, systems, internal controls and risk management. The effectiveness of the internal audit is reviewed annually.

3.6. External Audit

3.6.1. The Council has been appointed the External Auditor Moore until further notice. Following completion of the External Audit the annual Certificate of Audit is provided, which is presented to the Council.

3.7. Internal Controls Checklist

3.7.1. The Council uses the attached Internal Controls Check List to monitor the application of the internal controls throughout the year (Appendix 1).

3.7.2. The Internal Controls Councillor (ICC) is selected randomly from the pool of Councillors each quarter, no Councillor may complete the check more than once per year. The ICC for the quarter carries out the checks included on this checklist and the Council receives a report from the ICC at the following main meeting.

4. Review of Effectiveness

4.1. Woodcote Parish Council has responsibility for conducting an annual review of the effectiveness of its system of internal controls. The review of the effectiveness of the system of internal controls is monitored and informed by:

4.1.1. the Clerk to the Council and the Responsible Financial Officer

4.1.2. the work of the Independent Internal Auditor

4.1.3. the External Auditors through the Annual Return and their annual letter

4.1.4. the number of significant issues that are raised during the year.

5. Review of the Statement

This statement was accepted by the Parish Council at its meeting on 17th June 2026 and will be reviewed annually.

Signed:

Dated: 17th June 2026

Cllr S Pritchard; Chair of the Council

Internal Controls Checklist

Internal Controls Method	ICC Initials & Date			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Accounting records: • All credits and payments are inputted into the accounting software immediately. • All transactions are shown to be cross referenced against bank statements. • Receipts are issued where required/requested. Method: randomly selected invoices to be cross referenced against Financial Report, Day Book and Bank Statements. Review any outstanding invoices.				
Payments: • All invoices for payment are printed and filed, invoices are attached to each Scribe entry. • All payments are listed in the Financial Report and approved at each meeting of the full Council. • The Financial Report is included in the meeting minutes. Method: randomly selected invoices to be cross referenced with the relevant meeting minutes to confirm Council approval, and verify included in Scribe.				
Cheques: • All cheque stubs are signed by two Councillors • Cheque numbers are included on the invoice and the Financial Report. Method: cross reference random cheque payments with invoices and the relevant meeting minutes to confirm Council approval.				
VAT: • The accounting software separates VAT amounts for relevant invoices. • VAT is reclaimed quarterly. Method: check the Day Book for invoices that include VAT.				
BANK RECONCILIATION: • The cashbook is checked against the monthly bank statements. • The account balance is included on the Financial Report. • All unrepresented cheques are listed in the Financial Report. Method: check that all Bank Statements have been cross referenced with transactions in the Day Book and that the account balance values are the same.				

REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT

For the period 1st April 2026 – 31st March 2027.

Expected Standard	Evidence of Achievement	Areas for Development
1. Scope of internal audit	Terms of reference were approved by full council in May 2026 Scope of audit work takes into account risk management processes and wider internal control. Terms of reference define audit responsibilities in relation to fraud.	Standing Orders and Governance Documents are formally reviewed throughout the year, with Standing Orders Approved as suitable for use at the Annual Council Meeting. Audit responsibilities are reviewed annually and address concerns of ways to protect against fraud.
2. Independence	Internal Auditor has direct access to those charged with governance (see Financial Regulations). Reports are made in their own name to council. Auditor does not have any other role within the council.	Confirmed.
3. Competence	No evidence that internal audit work has not been carried out ethically, with integrity and objectivity.	Confirmed.
4. Relationships	Responsible officers (Clerk, RFO etc) are consulted on the internal audit plan and on the scope of each audit, (evidence is on audit files). Responsibilities for officers and internal audit are defined in relation to internal control, risk management and fraud and corruption matters. The responsibilities of council members are understood; training of members is carried out as necessary.	Confirmed, though training is determined as it is locally available, based on need. Clerk, and all Councillors are provided information about all opportunities for training, and to support this effort, funds are budgeted each year.
5. Audit planning and reporting	The audit plan properly takes account of corporate risk. The plan has been approved by the council. Internal Auditor has reported in accordance with the plan.	Confirmed. For the audit plan, see Financial Regulations. Internal audit report received by the council on 05 th June 2024 was in accordance with the audit requirements.

Characteristics of 'Effectiveness'	Evidence of Achievement	Areas for Development
Internal audit work is planned	Planned internal audit work is based on risk assessment and designed to meet the council's governance assurance needs.	Confirmed, and reviewed each year.
Understanding the whole organisation, its needs and objectives	The annual audit plan demonstrates how audit work will provide assurance in relation to the council's annual governance statement.	Confirmed, and reviewed each year.
Be seen as a catalyst for change	Supportive role of audit for corporate developments such as corporate governance review, risk management and ethics.	Confirmed. Internal audit and Financial Risk Assessment drives procedural changes for continuous improvement.
Add value and assist the organisation in achieving its objectives	Demonstrated through positive management responses to recommendations and follow up action where called for.	Confirmed. There is a history and ethos in the Council to address any internal concerns and recommendations as they arise.
Be forward looking	When identifying risks and in formulating the annual audit plan, changes on national agenda are considered. Internal audit maintains awareness of new developments in the services, risk management and corporate governance.	Confirmed. This is addressed as changes are notified and is considered in each annual review.
Be challenging	Internal audit focuses on risks and encourages members to develop their own responses to risks, rather than solely relying on audit recommendations. The aim of this is to encourage greater ownership of the control environment.	Confirmed.
Ensure the right resources are available	Adequate resource is made available for internal audit to complete its work. Internal Auditor understands the body and the legal and corporate framework in which it operates.	Confirmed.
Note: Review of effectiveness of internal audit must be reviewed and adopted by council annually during the financial year and before 31 March.		

Review of the policy.

This policy was accepted by the Parish Council at its meeting on 17th June 2026 and will be reviewed annually.

Signed:

Cllr S Pritchard, Chair of the Council

EXPENSES POLICY

1. Introduction

Woodcote Parish Council will make reimbursement for all or some of the expenses the Clerk and other staff, and the Chairman or Councillors may meet on its behalf when incurred in performing the duties required by the Council.

All expense claims must be submitted using the Travel and Expenses Claim form (Appendix 1 to this Policy) and accompanied by receipts.

2. Staff, including Clerk

Staff of the Council will be able to claim the following expenses:

- Travelling and associated travel expenses on journeys on council business to include mileage at current HMRC Approved Mileage Allowance Payment (AMAP) rates and parking.
- Subsistence which may include overnight accommodation and meals incurred in the performance of Council business ("other expenses") provided that the other expenses have been receipted and approved by the Council.
- Small purchases such as postage or supplies in accordance with Financial Regulations.
- The fixed tax free rate for homeworking as agreed by HMRC, to be paid monthly, only when the Council has officially shut the Council Offices, for example during national lockdown in 2020. (Christmas or other holiday shutdown do not attract this expense payment).

3. Councillors, including Chairman

Parish Councillors are unpaid and only councillors may receive an annual allowance if agreed by Council. When this policy was approved there was no allowance budgeted for any Councillor. There is a budget for a Chairman's allowance to meet the expenses of the position, all reimbursements shall be supported by receipts.

- Councillors (including the Chairman) may also be reimbursed for expenses for travel and subsistence on Council business outside the parish:
 - Travelling and associated travel expenses on journeys on council business to include mileage at current AMAP rates and parking.
 - For the purpose of making mileage claims, councillors are permitted to claim for "allowable journeys" only – made with the prior approval of the Council.
 - All claims are to be made promptly to the Clerk (within 2 months of expenditure) and where relevant MUST be accompanied by a receipt.
- Councillors may be reimbursed for purchases made on behalf of the Parish Council – made with the prior approval of the Council, Clerk, or Responsible Financial Officer.

4. Review

This document was approved for use at the meeting of the Parish Council on 17th June 2026, it shall be reviewed periodically, at least once per council term or if legislation dictates.

Signed:

Dated: 17th June 2026

S. Pritchard, Chair of the Council.

[Appendix 1, Claim Form, follows)

EXPENSES CLAIM FORM

Name of Claimant			
Date of Claim			
Milage Claims			
To	From	Date	Miles Claimed
Total Milage Claimed (number of miles)			
Other Expenses (attach all receipts numbered sequentially to this claim form)			
Receipt Number	Details	Date	Amount Claimed
Total Expenses Claimed (in GBP)			£

DECLARATION BY CLAIMANT

I declare the following expenses have been incurred in executing my duties for the Council, and are being claimed in accordance with the Expenses Policy.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

VERIFICATION BY THE CLERK / RFO

I have verified the expenses and present them to the Council to be formally approved for reimbursement.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY COUNCIL

These expenses were approved for payment at the Council meeting on (date)

_____.

Confirmation Signatures of 2 Council Member

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT REGISTER

For the period 1st April 2026 – 31st March 2027

1 Income

Topic	Risk Identified	Risk Level LxI = Score	Management of Risk	Staff action	Internal Audit Checks (Every)
Precept	Not submitted	L2 x i8=16	Full PC Minute – RFO follow up	Diary	12 months
	Not paid by DC	L2 x i8=16	Check & Report To PC.	Diary	12 months
	Adequacy of precept	L8 x i8=64	Quarterly review of budget to actual	Diary	12 months
Grants – All	Claims procedure	L4 x i8=32	Clerk/RFO check quarterly	Diary	12 months
	Receipt of grant when due	L4 x i8=32	Check & Report to PC.	Diary	12 months
Investment Income	Receipt when due	L2 x i4=8	Check & Report to PC	Diary	12 months
	Investment Policy	L2 x i4=8	Review policy annually	Diary	12 months
	Surplus funds	L2 x i4=8	Review policy annually	Diary	12 months
Invoices:	Invoices not paid to terms	L6 x i8=48	Review relevant policies annually. Do not issue permits until invoices are paid in full.	Check bank regularly for receipts, chase outstanding invoices	Quarterly
VAT	Quarterly Return not submitted on time. VAT 126 incorrectly charged or reclaimed, Council does not receive recovered VAT	L2 x i4=8	Breakdown of VAT is recorded in Scribe. Returns submitted directly from Scribe via MTD. All receipts and payments are reviewed and approved at each monthly meeting of the Council	Month end bank reconciliation	Quarterly

2 Expenditure

Topic	Risk Identified	Risk Level LxI = Score	Management of Risk	Staff action	Internal Audit Checks (Every)
Salaries	Wrong salary paid	L4 x i8=32	Check to minutes	Member verify	12 months
	Wrong hours paid	L4 x i8=32	Check to timesheet/contract	Member verify	12 months
	Wrong rate of pay	L4 x i8=32	Check to contract	Member verify	12 months
	False employee	L2 x i4=8L	Check to PAYE Records & lists	Member verify	12 months
	Wrong deductions – NI	L4 x i8=32	Check to PAYE Calcs	Member verify	12 months
	Wrong deductions – Income tax	L4 x i8=32	Check to PAYE Calcs	Member verify	12 months
Direct Costs and overhead expenses	Goods not supplied to TC	L4 x i8=32	Order system	Approval check	12 months
	Invoice incorrectly calculated	L4 x i4=16	Check arithmetic	Approval check	12 months
	payment is excessive	L4x i8=32	Signatory initials approval	Member verify	6 months
	payment to wrong party	L2x i6=12	Signatory initials approval Scribe Voucher	Member verify	6 months
Cllrs Expenses or Allowances	Cllr overpaid	L2 x i2=4	Check Claim form and minutes	RFO verify	6 months
	Income tax deduction	L2 x i4=8	Check to PAYE Records & lists	RFO verify	6 months
Fiscal Support	Power to pay	L4 x i8=32	Minute power	Member verify	12 months
	Agreement of Council to pay	L4 x i6=24	Minute	Member verify	12 months
	Conditions agreed	L2 x i6=12	Use reasonable condition	RFO check	12 months
	Cheque & voucher	L2 x i6=12	Signatory initials approval	Member verify	12 months
	Follow up verification	L4 x i8=32	RFO check and consider budget	RFO verify	12 months
Election Costs	Invoice at agreed rate	L2 x i4=8	RFO check and consider budget	RFO verify	Whenever

Insurance	Inadequate cover, lapsing of policy, invalid policy, increase in premiums	L4 x i8=32	Check policy schedule, monitor premiums and get quotes from other providers. Diarize renewal dates, RFO check and consider budget	Diary & RFO verify	Renewal or when any changes occur
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3 Other

Topic	Risk Identified	Risk Level LxI = Score	Management of Risk	Staff action	Internal Audit Checks (Every)
Bank Error / Fraud.	Loss of Council money, Loss of reputation	L2 x i10=20	Fidelity Insurance Finance Committee see the original bank statements monthly,(not just downloads) all receipts and payments are signed off by two members after checking the invoice copy / timesheet/ work sheet	Member verify	Monthly
Asset mismanagement	Loss of community assets. Value incorrect for disposal of community assets	L4 x i10=40	Assets checked monthly, repairs carried out promptly subject to budget being approved by full Council. Any assets identified for disposal are subject to professional valuations from appropriate specialists and then put before the full Council for consideration followed by public consultation.	Delegation to Clerk to get the valuations. Full Council Verification	Whenever change occurs

Likelihood	10	20	40	60	80	100
	8	16	32	48	64	80
	6	12	24	36	48	60
	4	8	16	24	32	40
	2	4	8	12	16	20
		2	4	6	8	10
		Impact				

RISK
High
Medium
Low

4 Review of the policy.

This policy was approved for use by the Parish Council at its meeting on 17th June 2026 and will be reviewed annually.

Signed:

CLlr S Pritchard, Chair of the Council

Dated 17th June 2026

1. Introduction

Woodcote Parish Council has a limited budget for the award of grants, which is funded by the residents of the parish. The Council can only award grants using certain legal powers and must be confident that any grant awarded will directly benefit those who live or work in the parish of Woodcote.

Subject to funding being available, grants will be considered as and when they are received by the Parish Council Clerk and must meet the Council's grant criteria set out below.

This policy sets out the general principles and approach that the Parish Council will follow in respect of grants in the Parish.

2. Grant Philosophy

The Council is aware that it does not have the financial resource to fund every request and must often make difficult decisions as to which projects and organisations to prioritise to provide grant funding.

Generally, grants should be awarded for infrastructure projects, such as the purchase of equipment, works to community buildings or facilities and improvements to premises or similar. Grants towards running costs, salaries or consumables, may be considered on a case by case basis.

The Council may consider supporting a community event, festival or other special event.

In order to make the greatest difference across a range of settings, the Council generally does not support year on year applications from the same organisations. Historically, Woodcote Parish Council has given year on year running cost grants for the following:

- Librarian
- Youth Club Running Costs
- St Leonards Churchyard Maintenance
- Village Hall Maintenance
- Woodcote Correspondent

Whilst these have been granted historically, there is no guarantee in any given year they will be granted and every request must be accompanied by the appropriately completed "Grant Application Form". We welcome grant requests from all local organisations including start-ups and new ideas.

3. Grant Requests & Application Process

All grant requests must be made in writing and submitted to the Clerk. The application form can be found in Appendix A to this Policy, a .docx, editable version of the forms can be requested

from the Clerk. For groups who need assistance in completing the form, they should contact the Clerk to the Council in the first instance.

The request must clearly indicate the purpose of the grant, details of the organisation or group, other sources of funding for the group or project that have either been or applied for, the amount requested from WVPC, and how that grant will specifically benefit those who live or work in the Civil Parish of Woodcote. If all information is not provided, the request will be rejected by the Clerk, though the request can be resubmitted with all the necessary information.

When the Clerk to the Council determines the request meets the grant criteria, they will then present the qualifying grant request for consideration at a full Parish Council meeting for consideration.

4. Grant Assessment

Grants will be awarded to voluntary groups and societies, clubs, not-for-profit organisations, service or charities operating in the Woodcote Parish area where the benefit will be specifically for this area. This list is not exclusive and may be amended at the Council's discretion to the specific needs of the Grant being considered.

The Council will determine the request by considering:

- Whether the group/project has followed our grants process and meets the requirements.
- How well the grant will meet the needs of the community, providing positive, impactful benefit to those who live and work in the Parish.
- Evidence of a well-managed group including previous experience and track record.
- Financial stability and viability of the group/project.
- How effectively the group will use the grant.
- Whether costs are appropriate and realistic.
- What the level of contributions has been, or will be, raised and supported locally
- Evidence that funding has been sought from other sources and the level of match funding available
- Evidence of compliance with previous grant award conditions.

The Parish Council will take into account any previous grant made to an organisation or group when considering a new application.

Organisations should not make a presumption that funding will continue on a year on year basis.

5. Applications Which Will Not Be Considered

Woodcote Parish Council will not generally consider funding applications relating to or from the following:

- Organisations that do not provide a service to the community in the Civil Parish of Woodcote.
- Individuals or appeals supporting an individual.
- General appeals.
- Statutory organisations or the direct replacement of statutory funding.
- Political groups or activities promoting political beliefs.
- Religious groups where funding is to be used to promote religious beliefs.
- Arts & sports projects with no community or charitable element.
- Medical research, equipment, or treatment.
- Animal welfare.
- Projects that may take place before an application can be decided.
- Organisations that have a closed or restricted membership.
- Retrospective applications where the expenditure has been made, the project has been carried out or the event has taken place.
- Any commercial venture or for private gain.

Grants will not be awarded to individuals or to regional or national charities unless it is for a specific project in the Parish or where there will be obvious, specific benefit to the Council's area. Groups from outside the Parish who can demonstrate direct benefit to the area may request a grant, though priority will be given to local groups and organisations.

6. Decisions

All grants and their amounts are awarded at the Parish Council's discretion. Woodcote Parish Council's decision is final and there is no right of appeal.

Only one request for a grant will be considered from any group or organisation in any 12 month period, unless agreed at the time of the previous grant, that a further grant application may be welcomed.

All applicants will be notified of the Council's decision.

7. Payments

Grant payment will be made by Bank Transfer, to a bank account in the name of the organisation only. The Council reserves the right to request a copy of a recent bank statement as proof of the bank account details.

In exceptional circumstances, and only by special request, will the payment be made by cheque, made out in the name of the named organisation.

In no circumstances will a payment, be that BACS or cheque, be made to an individual.

8. Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

As a condition of receiving a grant from Woodcote Parish Council you are required to complete a short evaluation form, Appendix B to this Policy.

Groups are expected to provide Woodcote Parish Council with written evidence of what the money has been spent on and the benefit it has brought to the people of the Parish. Such evidence of how the money has been spent should include copies of invoices and receipts, plus attendance numbers, photos, press clippings, etc. where applicable. This information should be submitted within 1 month of the event/project end or by the end of February each year whichever is sooner, so that it can be reported at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

9. General Grant Conditions

- The grant can only be used for the purpose stated in the application and the Council reserves the right to reclaim any grant not being used for the specified purpose of the application. However, if a group wishes to change the purpose of the grant they must seek approval by writing to the Council who will consider whether or not to approve the change.
- Applications for projects where the work has already been completed will not be considered.
- We will not support grants for the repayment of loans or cost of services, equipment, or provisions in anticipation of a grant.
- Small grants must be spent within 1 year of award. Any unspent monies left after this time must be returned.
- Organisations are responsible for ensuring that they are in compliance with all applicable legal and statutory requirements (including those relating to health and safety and equalities).
- Should for any reason the organisation disbands or the project is not completed the Council may ask for all or part of the monies to be paid back.
- Acknowledgement of the financial support received from the Council is required on documentation and any promotional material, including websites.
- In order to receive payment organisations/groups must have a bank account into which grants can be paid; payments will not be made to private individuals.

Additional grant conditions may also be attached to any funding from Woodcote Parish Council and these will be set out in the award confirmation letter. Failure to comply with any conditions attached to a grant may result in the grant being required to be repaid or affect future grant assistance.

10. Review

This document was approved for use at the meeting of the Parish Council on 16th June 2026, it shall be reviewed periodically, at least once per council term or if legislation dictates.

Signed:

Dated: 16th June 2026

Cllr S Pritchard, Chair of the Council

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Complete all sections. Contact the Clerk to the Council if you have any questions.

Section A: The Organisation

Name of Organisation

Main Contact Name

Contact e-mail Address

Contact Phone Number

Contact Address

Are you a newly formed group (less than 1 year)?

Yes ☐ No ☐

How long has your group been operating?

Do you have a voluntary management committee?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you have a formal constitution?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you have an equal opportunities policy/statement?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you have an annual record of accounts?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Please describe your group's main activities:

Please attach copy of most recent accounts and latest bank statement to your application.

Section B: The Grant

What is the Grant For?

Who will benefit from the grant if approved?

How will the Civil Parish of Woodcote benefit from the monies if the grant is awarded?

How much are you applying for?

£

How many people will benefit from the monies?

Have any other bodies been approached for grant funding in relation to this application / Project?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, please provide details.

What will you do if you get less funding than you have asked for? Will all or part of the project still go ahead? Please tell us what could be achieved if you only receive part funding?

If successful your grant will be paid directly in to the bank account detailed on the bank statement given in support of Section A of this form, cheques will be provided in the name of the organisation on the bank statement only in exceptional circumstances. If you require a cheque, please detail why below.

Please provide a full breakdown of the project costs and how they will be funded:

Item	Cost	Funded From
Total Project Cost:		

Section C: The Terms and Conditions

By signing this Grant Application, you are agreeing to the following:

- You are an official representative of your group and are authorised to apply for funding on their behalf.
- Your details can be held with Woodcote Parish Council in accordance with the Data Protection Act to administer the grants process.
- The information provided in this application is a fair and accurate description of your group and the project for which you are seeking funding. Misleading or inaccurate information may result in your application being rejected. Late application or failure to complete any section of the application form may result in your application being delayed or rejected.
- Information about your group and your project may be made available as part of Woodcote Parish Council's decision making system. Personal contact details and bank details will not be made public.
- You have given due regard to health and safety considerations and have controls in place to eliminate or reduce risk exposure.
- You will provide Woodcote Parish Council with any information they request to enable them to assess your application. This may include (but is not restricted to) a copy of your constitution, accounts or bank statements, equal opportunities policy, insurance and relevant health & safety policies.
- You will provide Woodcote Parish Council with any evidence or monitoring information they request to ensure that any grant awarded has been spent in accordance with this application and any other terms and conditions.
- Grant funding may be subject to additional terms and conditions, which will be made available to you if your application is successful.

I confirm that the information given in this application is a fair and accurate description of our group and our proposed project.

I am authorised to apply for funding on behalf of the group and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the grants process.

Name

Position in Organisation

Signature

Date

This completed application forms, copy of your financial accounts, bank statement and any other supporting documents should be returned to: The Clerk to the Council, Woodcote Parish Council

GRANT EVALUATION FORM

Complete all sections. Contact the Clerk to the Council if you have any questions.

Section A: The Grant

Name of Organisation

Year of Award

How much funding did you receive?

£

Did you spend the entire amount awarded?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If No, please explain why the full amount was not spent and detail how much remains?

What did you use the grant monies for?

Section B: Evaluation

What difference has the funding made in the locality/community?

Please include information about the number of people in Woodcote who participated and/or benefited from the grant.

How did your group measure these benefits?

Did you come across any problems in the delivery of your projects, and give reasons.

Please use this space to make any other comments which will help us improve the grants process/programme

Section C: The Terms and Conditions

It was a condition of your grant to fill in this evaluation form. Failure to do so will affect any future grant funding applications.

I am authorised to complete this form on behalf of the group. (Normally completed by the original applicant of the grant)

Name

Position in Organisation

Signature

Date

This completed evaluation forms, and any other supporting documents should be returned to:

Attention: The Clerk to the Council, Woodcote Parish Council

NOTE: If you received money for equipment or capital works please include proof/copies of relevant receipts to this evaluation form.