

# Nynehead



## The Vital Village Plan

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## The Aims of the Vital Village Plan

**The Aims of Nynehead's Vital Village Plan have been to conduct a comprehensive appraisal of the residents' views and perceptions and to establish the changes or improvements that could enhance the enjoyment of our Village in the future.**

The project started in May 2002 when a steering group was formed under the guidance of The Community Council for Somerset.

A financial plan was developed and presented to the Parish Council for support. The plan was then presented to the Countryside Agency and grant aid confirmed.

Having established financial backing the Steering Group held a number of meetings to decide the precise structure and detail of a comprehensive questionnaire. The group endeavoured to pose questions relating to many issues in the community whilst ensuring the integrity and confidentiality of the replies.



During May 2003 the Questionnaire was hand delivered to every household in the Parish of Nynehead and collected again approximately 14 days later.

Of the 129 forms delivered 96 were completed and collected. This was a remarkable return and confirms the analysis truly represents the majority view.

Each Questionnaire comprised a total of 74 questions with an average of over six options on each, per person! The end result was that almost 30,000 items of information had to be collated. Fortunately we received help from a resident having professional experience of handling such data.

However, even with help, this part of the project took considerably longer than expected and with the interruption of holidays it wasn't until the 25<sup>th</sup> October that we were able to publicly introduce the Analysis Results to the community at the Village Hall.

The Appraisal Group had a formal meeting with the Parish Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2003 to agree the basic format of the Village Plan that will unfold before your eyes in the following pages.

## Nynehead Now and Then!

The Parish of Nynehead lies to the West of Somerset in the Vale of Taunton and is surrounded by the Blackdown, Brendon and Quantock Hills.

From the Village Hall and as the crow flies, Taunton's County Hall lies approximately 8 Km (5 miles) to the East and Wellington about 2.5 Km (1½ miles) to the South. Nynehead is administered by Taunton Dean Borough Council and by Somerset County Council.

In May 2003 there were 136 residential properties and a total of 292 people on the Register of Electors. Including children and others not on the register the total population of Nynehead was about 330.

The A38 from Taunton to Exeter runs to the South of the Parish with Junction 26 on the M5 Motorway about 2 miles away, also to the South.

To write a 'brief history' of Nynehead is virtually impossible because there is so much to tell. Even the recently published Book of Nynehead extending to some 250 pages is unable to fully cover the subject.

However, for a quick review we should start with the Domesday survey of 1086 when there was a brief mention of the village, although there is archaeological evidence of human habitation some 1,000 years before.

The Anglo Saxons probably named the village in the seventh century although the spelling was considerably different to the one we are familiar with today. In 879 AD it was referred to as 'Nigon Hidon' whilst the Domesday book referred to it as 'Nichehede'. In any event, the name means 'nine hides' with a 'hide' being a measure of land roughly equivalent to 120 acres.

By 1000 AD Nynehead was an established mixed farming manor under the estate of the Bishop of Winchester. It is probable that the population was much less than now and the houses – as in most other areas at that time – would have been small and grouped in the hamlets we now know as Lower Nynehead, Higher Nynehead & East Nynehead.

By 1801 the population had reached 353 – not much different from today. By 1829 the Parish covered an area of 1,448 acres, excluding Poole and the railway. In 1830 Nynehead School was opened.

In 1838 the Grand Western Canal was opened and in 1844 the Bristol & Exeter railway was completed. Largely as a direct result the Canal closed in 1867.

By 1901 the population had fallen to 289 but by 1991 had risen to 354. During The Great War the village lost six men who all died on active service. Thankfully there were no losses during the Second World War.

In 1971 the Village hit the headlines by hosting the World Ploughing Championships and a 'Peace Cairn' commemorating the event was built at the corner of Heywood Farm on the Langford Budville road. The National Championships were also held on the same site in 1995.



## Our Assets

### The Village Hall

Nynehead Village Hall was opened in 1950 having previously been a temporary building in Torbay, used during the war years by Prudential Insurance to accommodate re-located staff. It is constructed mainly of timber although the rear gable was rebuilt some years ago with rendered concrete blocks.

It consists of a large single room with stage, together with an adjoining kitchen and storeroom. An adjacent building is leased to Nynehead Club.

The Village Hall Committee considers the existing facilities to be excellent and users undoubtedly appreciate them. However, the community's need for a meeting room, changing areas for dramatic productions, privacy in the gents' toilets and facilities for the disabled are amongst the aspects lacking.



It has served Nynehead well but is now in need of considerable structural and general refurbishment. In addition, substantial alterations will be needed in order to comply with the requirements of the Disabled Disability Act.

### All Saints' Church

All Saints Church has a long and fascinating history, probably dating back to Saxon times. Now built mainly of sandstone, with parts

dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century it is an outstanding focal point of the community, containing many unique artefacts that draw worldwide attention.



Although services are held in Nynehead Court on the first Sunday in the month, services of Parish Communion are held in the Church on all other Sundays. All Sunday services start at 10.30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School meetings are organised by the Church and held in Nynehead Court on the second & fourth Sundays of each month at 10.15 a.m.

Weddings are often held at All Saints, both for villagers and those who live in the wider community.

### Nynehead School

The school was built c.1830 at the instigation of the Sanford family. Currently, 29 children between the ages of 4 and 11 are educated here, although only 11 are resident within the Parish of Nynehead.



### Nynehead Club

Originally founded in the 1950's to provide a Skittles and Social Club, the club is the only licensed facility in the Parish.



Although registered as a 'Private Members Club' - which means that it is normally only open to members and guests, there are a number of social occasions throughout the year when the public are welcome to join in. With membership fees of only £2 per annum the Club's organising committee endeavour to make membership readily available to all residents.

### Jubilee Playing Field

The Jubilee Playing Field is located on the Eastern fringe of Higher Nynehead and provides recreational and play facilities for both children and parents!

Registered as a Charity it is funded partly by Council grants and also from local fund raising activities.



### Nynehead Court



Although a private residential home for the elderly, Nynehead Court is yet another focal point in the Parish as the proprietors have, over many years, made the grounds accessible to the residents of Nynehead.

Eight local people run a much appreciated support group for the residents of the Court.

Nynehead Court is in many ways the historic centre of the Parish probably dating back to 737 AD

### Public Footpaths

With almost 14 Km (9 miles) of public footpaths in the Parish it is not surprising that problems with access and maintenance arise from time to time. According to the Appraisal Analysis however, 36% of respondents experienced no difficulties when using the paths.

As far as possible the footpaths have notionally been linked to create two independent circular walks. One provides a circuit around East Nynehead whilst the other includes the public highway through 'The Hollow' to cover Higher & Lower Nynehead.

The circular walks utilise many of Nynehead's public footpaths - but not all! There are lots of others and maps giving full details are available.

## Our Activities

### Parish Council

The Parish Council consists of five members who are either elected or co-opted every four years. They are assisted and guided by the Parish Clerk who, in law, is the "Proper Officer" of the Council.

Although Parish Councils only need to meet four times a year, including the Annual Meeting of the Council, Nynehead's normally convenes on the first Monday of every month with the exception of August. Meetings commence at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall with the first 10 minutes being reserved for members of the public to address the Council.

Parish Council's powers are granted by Act of Parliament. A simple but important statement - so what does it mean?

*A council must do what Parliament requires it to do.*

*A council may do only what Parliament says it may do.*

*A council must not do anything unless it has a legal power to act, granted by Parliament.*

This doesn't mean that Councils are ineffective, simply that their areas of activity & powers are clearly defined.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Nynehead has had a couple of small Neighbourhood Watch areas for some time, but more recently there has been interest in making these more comprehensive.

### Women's Institute

In 1969 a small group of Nynehead residents formed a 'Ladies Group' that soon became a Women's Institute. The WI meets every third Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

### Nynehead Amateur Dramatic Society

The Dramatic Society (NADS) was formed towards the end of 2002 and their first public performance was a pantomime called 'Up the Beanstalk' in March 2003.

This was an extremely successful venture, seen and enjoyed by the vast majority of our community. In September 2003 NADS produced and performed a 'Murder Mystery' evening that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Further events are being planned for 2004 and beyond.

### Nynehead History Society

At the time of the World Ploughing Championships that were held in Nynehead in 1971, a small group of local people arranged an exhibition and produced a leaflet to tell the story of Nynehead. As a result it became clear that Nynehead's history was both extensive and fascinating and as a result the local history Society was formed.

During the winter months meetings are usually held in the Village Hall where various speakers entertain. During the summer period field visits throughout the surrounding area are organised and enjoyed by many of the 50 or so members.

### Nynehead News

Nynehead's quarterly newsletter has been published in its current form since April 2002. In addition to providing a news and activity up-date for all groups in the village, it also lists future diary events and useful points of contact.

Previously un-funded, although help was given with printing, the Nynehead News now operates under the umbrella of 'Nynehead Understanding'. This change makes it possible for more members of the community to become involved in its production and for it to gain financial independence. Editorial prerogative continues however, as it is important that this journal remains independent of external influences.

### Nynehead Community Learning Project

This project was formed in September 2000 in order to provide training in computer skills. Initially very successful with good attendances it has regressed in more recent times due largely to the original tutor being unable to continue.

Although dormant for the last year or so it is being revived under the title of '*Nynehead Understanding*' - with the objective of:

*"Promoting understanding in Nynehead by providing a learning and communication facility to people of all ages"*

### Nynehead Cricket Club

The Cricket Club is actually located outside the Parish boundary as the only suitable field available is at Ham, about a mile or so from the centre of Nynehead.

The club has been playing under the Nynehead name since 1990 and in addition to playing a full fixture list the club also holds a number of fund raising events throughout the year.

Although facilities have been fairly basic a new pavilion is now under construction and should be available for use towards the end of 2004.

### Under 5's and playgroup

Nynehead's Under 5's group operates in the Village Hall every Wednesday - between 9.30 and 12.00 - except during School Holidays. A small charge is made to cover overheads and voluntary help is always welcome.

### Transport

Cooks Coaches operate a bus service to and from Wellington every Thursday and the 'Wivey Link' community bus is available by appointment.

A number of local Taxi companies provide a service to the community.



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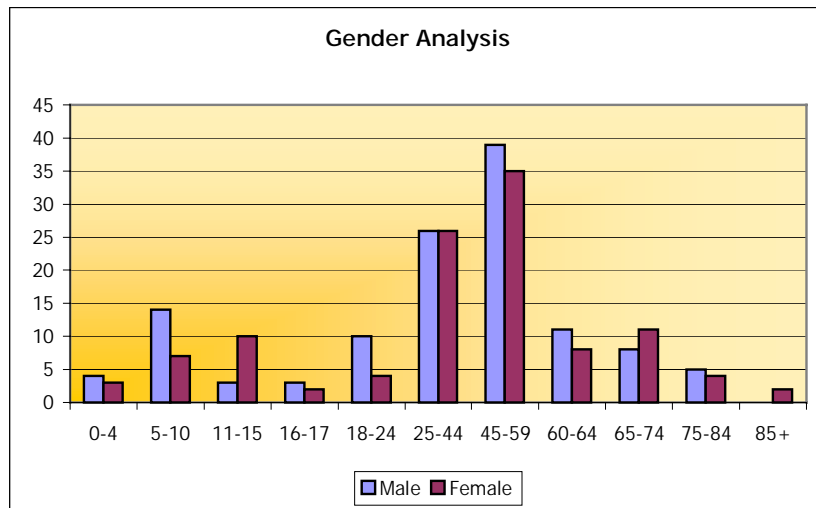
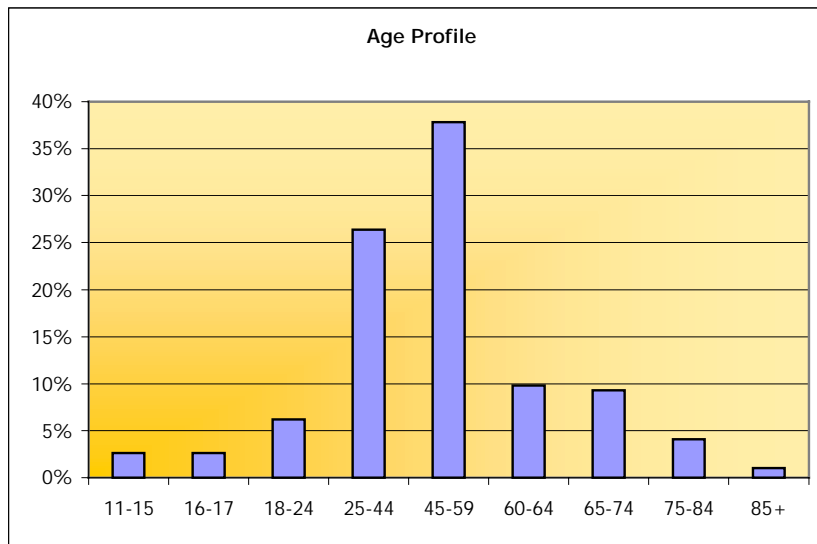
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**The Future!**

## What the analysis has shown!

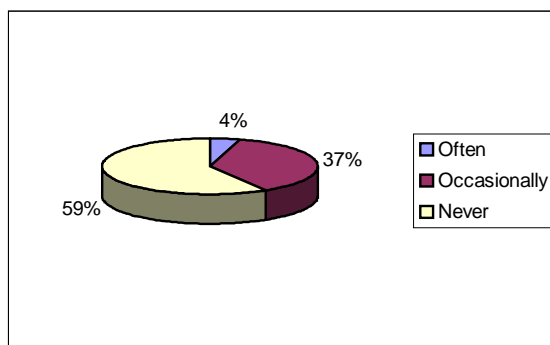
These charts provide an analysis of the ages and genders of 235 people residing in the 96 households that completed this section of the Appraisal Questionnaire.

According to records the total population of the Parish in 1991 was 354 and probably remains similar today. The majority of both males and females fall into the 25 to 59 year age bands.



## Transport in and out of Nynehead

Ready access to transport both in and out of the Village is essential. This chart shows that whilst 59% of respondents stated they have no problems, with a further 37% only occasionally having difficulty, there is an important group of 4%, representing 8 people, who state that they often have difficulty.



As the analysis is based upon the responses actually received, and not on the total population of the Parish, it is possible that up to about a dozen residents could regularly be experiencing difficulty. Although a relatively small minority, these individuals are important to the community and the Appraisal Group believe their needs should be given full consideration.

### Existing Services

In addition to local taxis two public bus services are already available to Nynehead residents, The Appraisal Questionnaire asked whether residents felt the services were important and how often they were used.

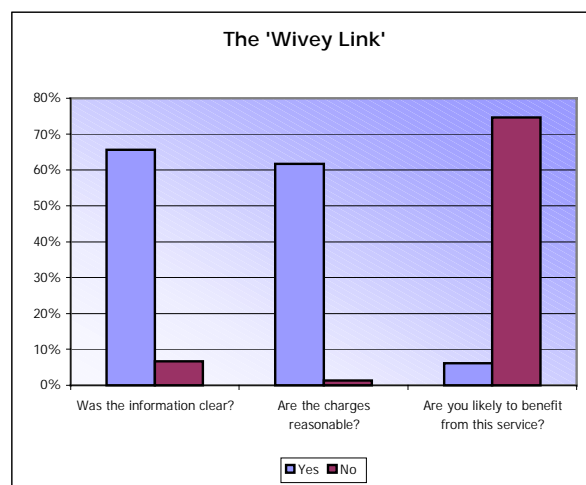
Based on 209 respondents	Yes	No
Were you already aware of this service	63	114
Have you ever used it?	1	179
Are you ever likely to use it?	21	144
Should the stops be clearly marked?	97	36
Should timetables be clearly displayed?	129	17
Do you think it is of value to the community?	158	7

When asked about the bus service operated by Cooks Coaches it becomes clear that although the vast majority think it is important to the community most state they have not used it and are unlikely to do so in the future. However there is a requirement for the bus stops to be clearly marked and timetables to be displayed.

The Appraisal Group supports these requests and will work with the Parish Council and others to ensure appropriate action is taken

The 'Wivey Link' provides a service on a door-to-door basis - much like a taxi - and by appointment! However as part of a community service the charge between Nynehead & Wellington is only 50p each way.

The majority stated that the information provided about the service was clear and the charges reasonable. However, as only 5% feel they might benefit from using it there must be grave concern regarding the viability and future of this potentially excellent service.



The Appraisal Group wishes to see better communication regarding booking procedures, as, apart from the telephone numbers printed on brochures, there appears to be little public information available.

The Appraisal Group will contact the appropriate authorities initially and request the Parish Council to monitor future activities.

## Highways

This turned out to be one of the most controversial aspects of the Appraisal Questionnaire with strong views being held regarding the danger spots and need for traffic calming measures. Nearly 67% of the respondents believe there are major danger-spots in and around Nynehead, with the 'hot favourites' being:

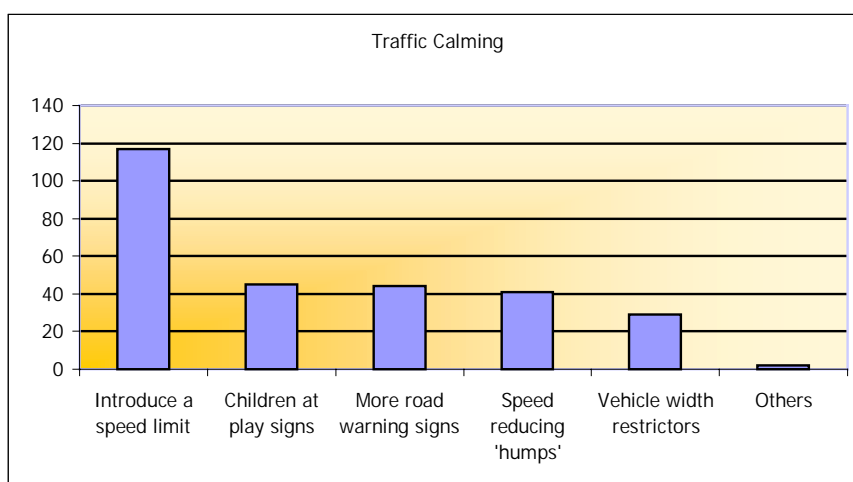
Location	Votes
The Hollow	10
Higher Nynehead (Hall to Playing Fields)	9
Poole Tip to Nynehead Road (Including Junction)	9
Old Rectory bends & top of Hollow	6
Poole Cross to Island Cottage	6
Heywood Farm area (Ploughing 'Cairn' to The Lynch)	5
Oakridge junction	5
Ash Lane	4
Oake Road	4
Island Cottage	3

The Hollow, the road through Higher Nynehead, and the actual junction from Nynehead Road to Poole clearly cause most concern. Two other problems identified were the poor quality of road water drainage, often due to blocked drains, and the danger to pedestrians in the Hollow.

In respect of the Hollow and the possibility of a by-passing footpath the Appraisal Group urges the Parish Council to conduct a specific survey of those who actually use it - by foot or cycle - in order to assess the need, or otherwise, for taking action.

### Traffic Calming

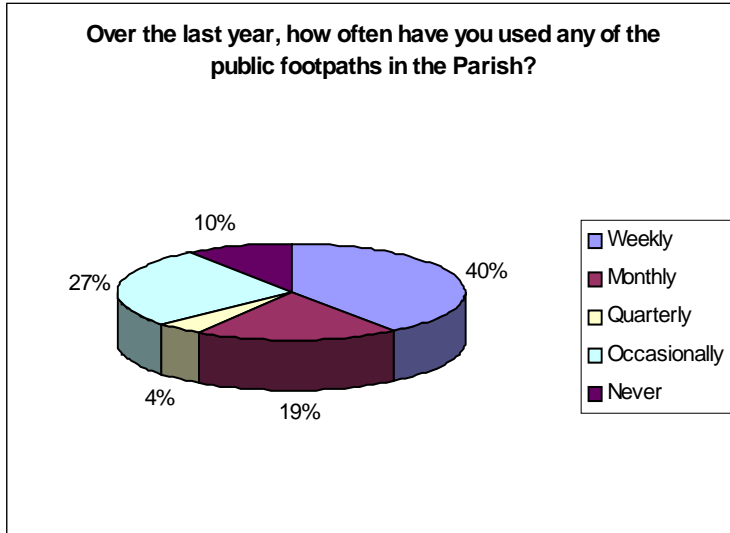
The Appraisal Questionnaire asked: *"Would you support the following speed control measures?"*  
This chart summarises the responses



The Parish Council, Highways Department and the Traffic Police are in consultation with a view to agreeing suitable locations for speed limit signs. The Appraisal Group asks those concerned to ensure that full consideration is given to all views of the residents.

## Footpaths

Nynehead is fortunate in having almost 14 Km of public footpaths within its boundaries and a number of questions were asked to establish how our community regards them.



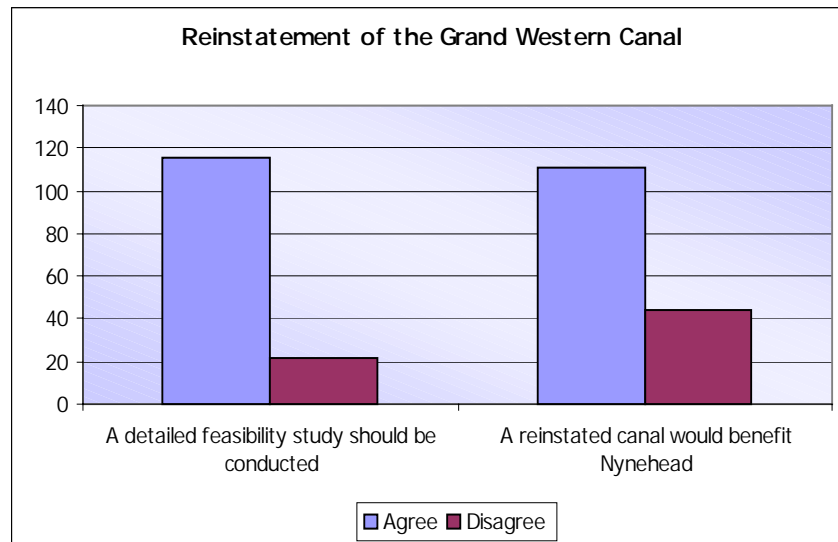
Based on 180 respondents it is clear that the footpaths are well used with a total of 72 people using them weekly.

The main problems encountered were mud and water, followed by crops, bushes and nettles. Farm animals, high stiles and locked gates were also reported as occasionally being a problem.

There is a positive demand for maps of the footpaths and for information boards to be placed at strategic points.

The Appraisal Group request the Parish Council to work with the Footpaths Liaison Officer, the Environmental Group and with Taunton Deane to ensure that positive action is taken with regard to these requests.

## Grand Western Canal



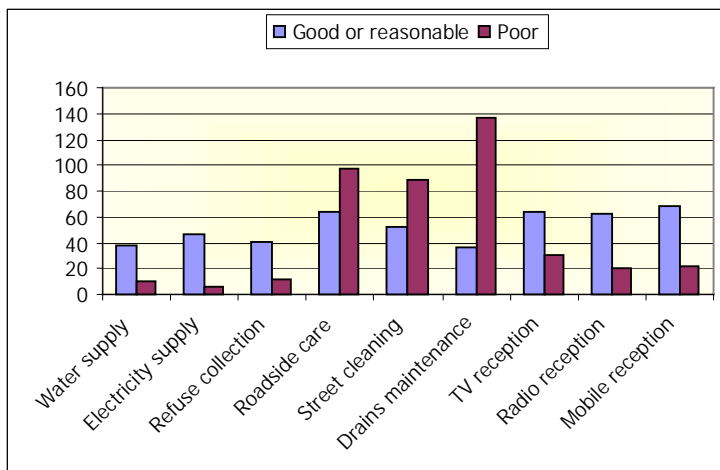
This chart shows that the opinions of those responding consider a reinstated canal would benefit Nynehead, but that a detailed feasibility study should be undertaken. The Appraisal group request the Parish Council to formally notify the Somerset Waterways Advisory Committee of this outcome.

## Public & Environmental Services

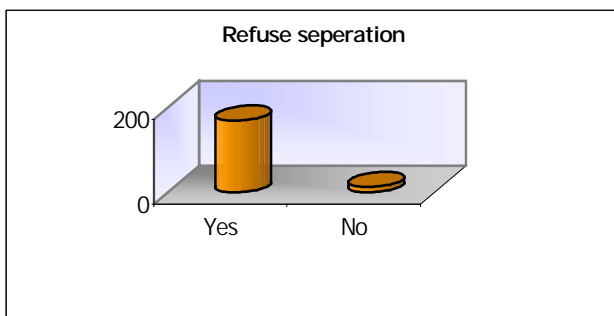
### Public Utilities

As shown in this chart, the majority of services are considered to be 'Good or Reasonable' with the exceptions of Roadside Care, Street Cleaning and Drains Maintenance.

As stated in the section relating to Highways, the Appraisal Group request that the Parish Council continues to monitor these problems on a 'maintenance' basis.



### Refuse Collection

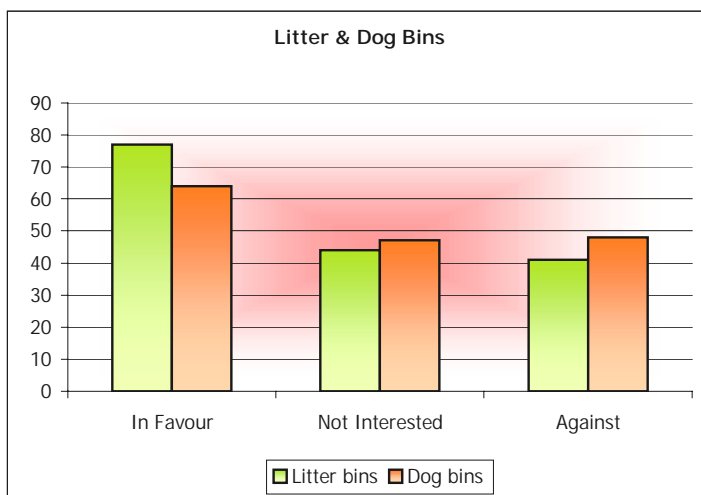


Although most respondents are happy with the refuse collection service, when questioned more closely almost 93% of the respondents stated they would be prepared to keep certain items separate for recycling if different collections were made.

The Appraisal Group request the Parish Council to liaise with Wyvern Waste to ensure this is implemented as rapidly as possible.

When looking at the demand for litter and dog waste bins the responses were less clear, although of those showing an interest, the majority were in favour.

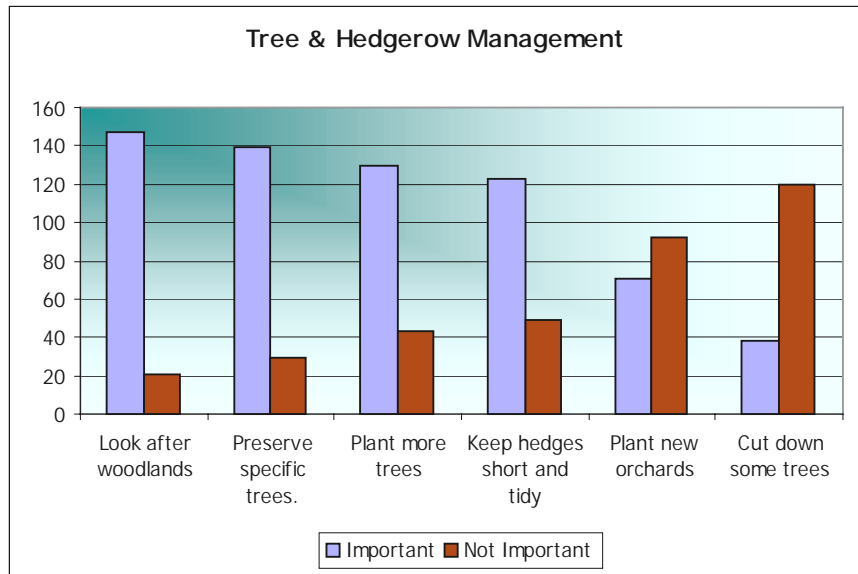
As costs are an important consideration the Appraisal Group ask the Parish Council to ascertain both the cost of supply and collection for both facilities. This information should be published and the public consulted again before any final decision is taken.



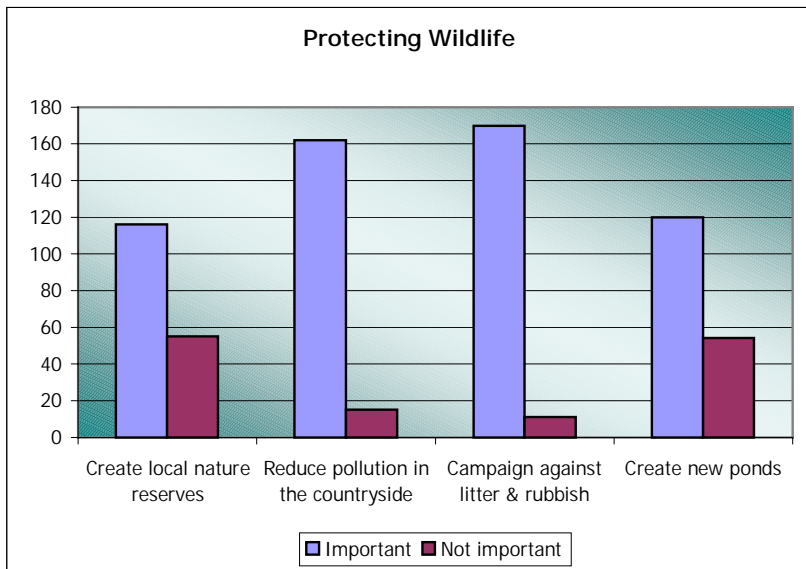
**The Environment**

Environmental issues are important to the majority of Nynhead's residents as demonstrated in these charts.

A number of comments expressed concern at the severity of hedge trimming as well as the times of year that it is carried out.



The 'Environmental Group' that came into being as a direct result of the Appraisal Group's activities is already aware of these findings and will be working with those concerned to ensure these items are taken into consideration.



Similarly there is considerable support for the protection of wildlife with particular concerns being expressed in relation to pollution and litter.

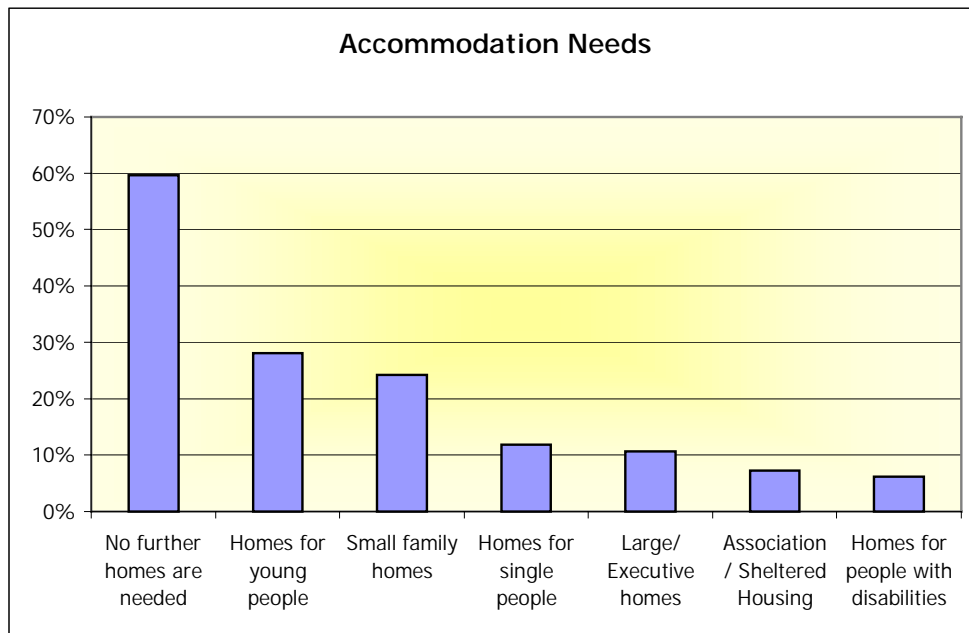
Again, the Appraisal Group ask the Parish Council to support solutions to these concerns.

## Planning & Development

The Appraisal Questionnaire asked:

*"What kind of accommodation do you think Nynehead needs?"*

This chart shows how respondents voted.



Although the largest single vote is for no further development at all, a substantial number feel there is a need for additional homes for the young, small families and single people.

The Appraisal Questionnaire also asked whether tourism, small-scale industrial units in Poole or other employment should be encouraged. This is obviously a difficult area with many different, and in some instances, strong opinions being held.

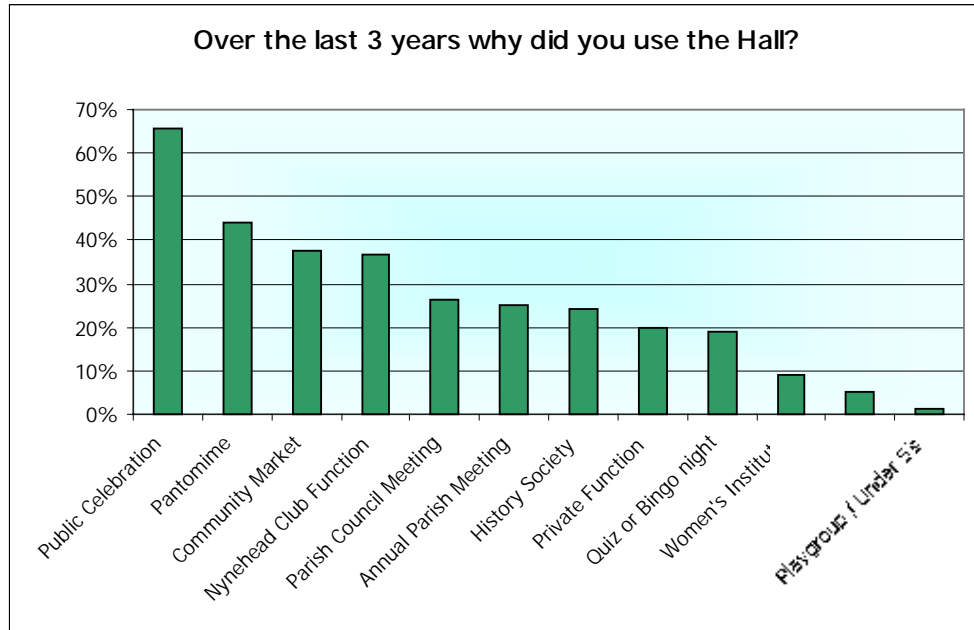
The Appraisal Group can do no more than ask that the Parish Council and higher planning authorities continue to examine all planning applications diligently. We hope the results of this survey may be of some assistance.

## Nynehead Village Hall

The Appraisal Group asked:

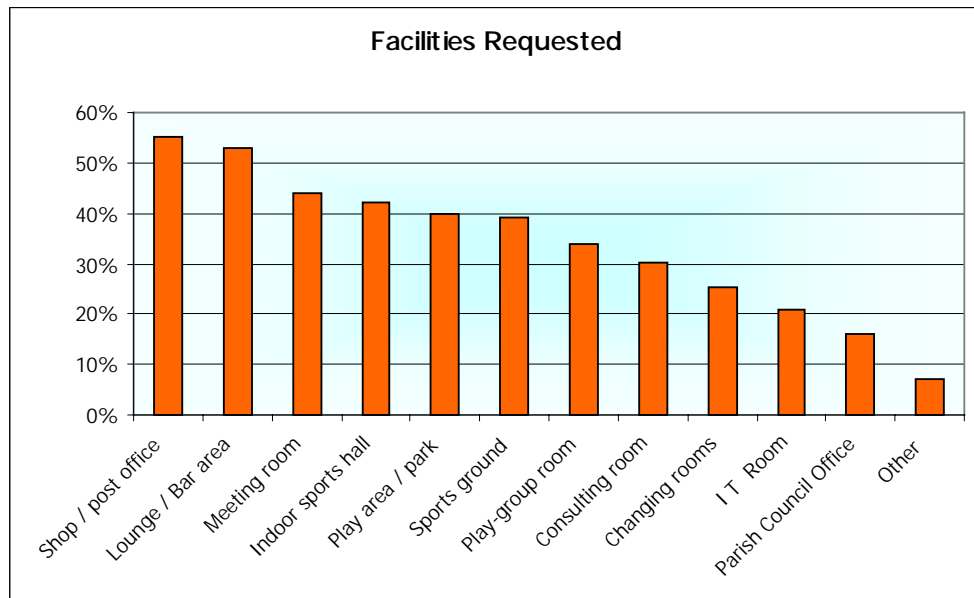
*"If you attended the Village Hall during the last three years, other than for voting, what was the reason?"*

This chart shows the answers given.



Similarly, the chart below shows the responses to the question:

*"If a new hall or community centre were to be built, what facilities would you like to see incorporated?"*

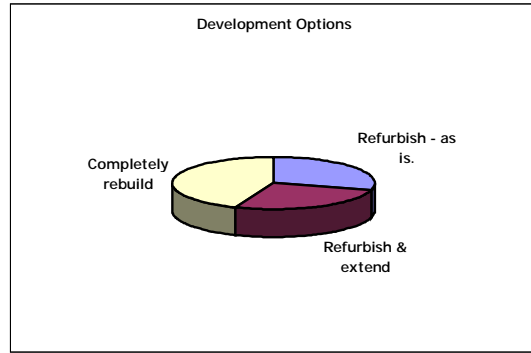


The aspirations are clearly far more diverse than can be provided by a 'single room' hall!

The Appraisal Questionnaire asked:

*"Which option for improving or redeveloping the Village Hall would you prefer?"*

As shown by the previous charts, there is a need for additional meeting, recreational and storage rooms in order to meet the requirement of the community both now and in the future.



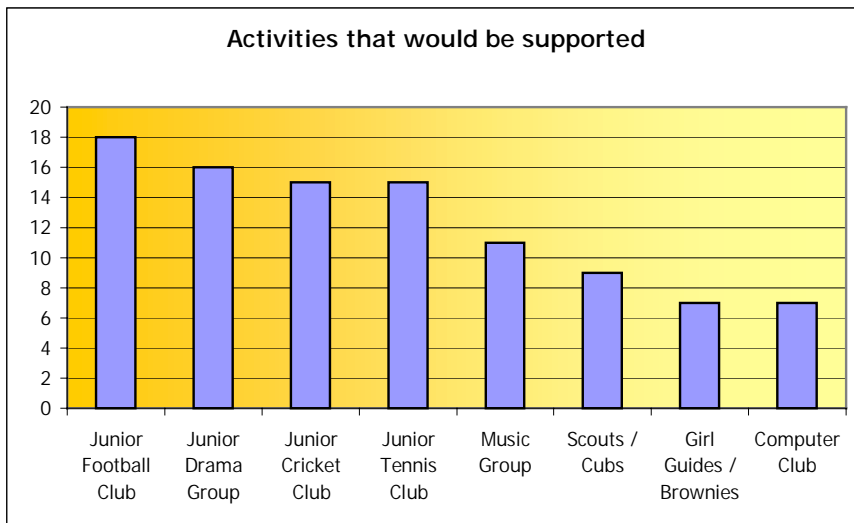
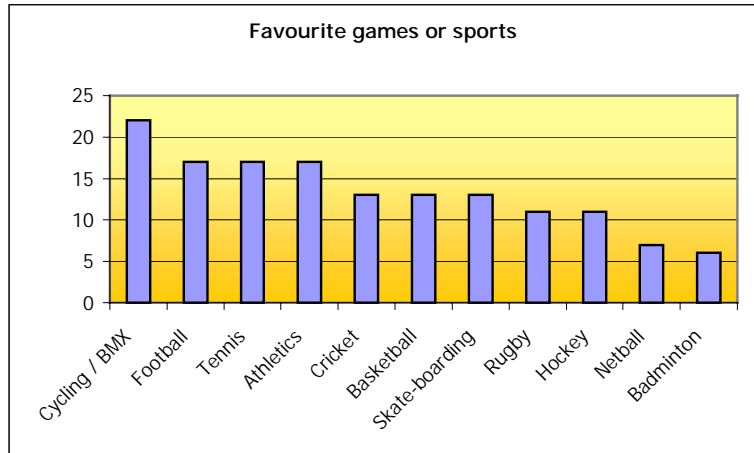
This chart clearly demonstrates that the majority of respondents consider the Hall should either be completely redeveloped or refurbished and extended to incorporate wider ranging facilities.

**In light of this information and the current situation, the Appraisal Group ask the Trustees of the Hall to commission a detailed and professional feasibility study before any further action is taken.**

### Young Persons Survey

This chart shows the games and sports most enjoyed by those under the age of 16, whilst the one below indicates the activities that would be supported immediately, or as soon as age permitted, if they were available.

Many of these activities will be difficult – or impossible – to promote without suitable premises and facilities being made available. This is vitally important as unless there are dramatic improvements in facilities the youth of our Parish will be deprived of the activities enjoyed by others.



*The Appraisal Group believe this information also should be taken into account by the Trustees of the Village Hall and incorporated in a wide ranging professional feasibility study.*

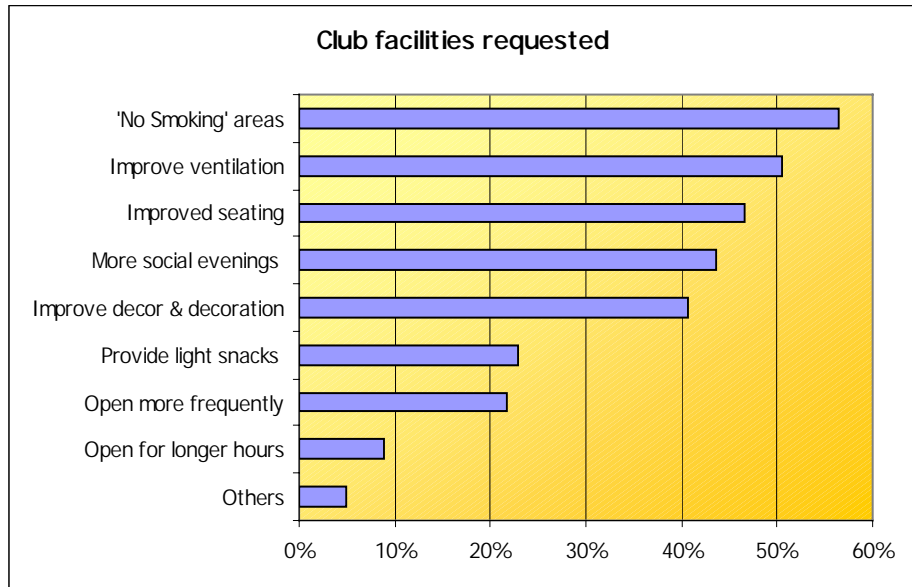
## Nynehead Club

The Appraisal analysis showed that over 40% of the respondents never use the Club.

The question regarding what additional or improved facilities would make the Club more attractive produced the results shown in this chart.

We are aware that an air-extraction system has been installed and that better furniture

has been acquired. We are also aware that extensive alterations are currently in hand but would ask the Club Committee to consider the other items requested – paying particular attention to the provision of 'Non Smoking' areas.

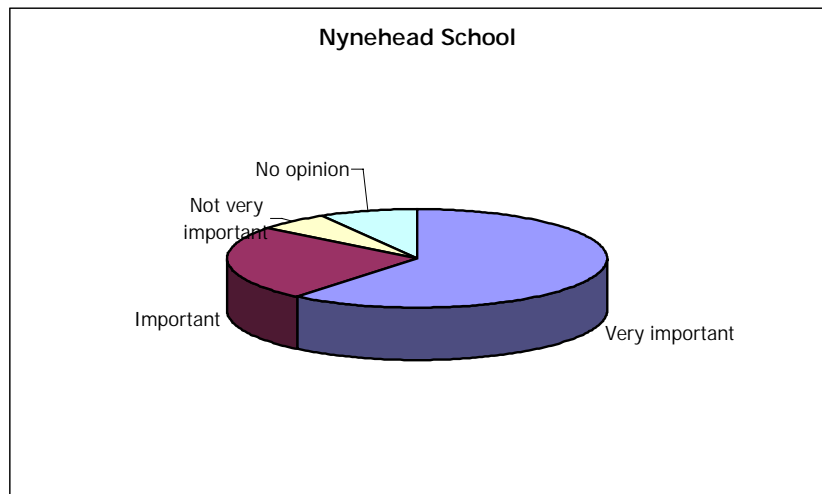


## Nynehead School

As the Appraisal shows the school is considered to be a vital part of Village life.

Following an extensive consultation a new Head Teacher is to be appointed. The falling school roll is a countywide problem that Nynehead School will have to address over the coming years.

Close co-operation with other schools in the area is being planned in order to secure its future for the community.



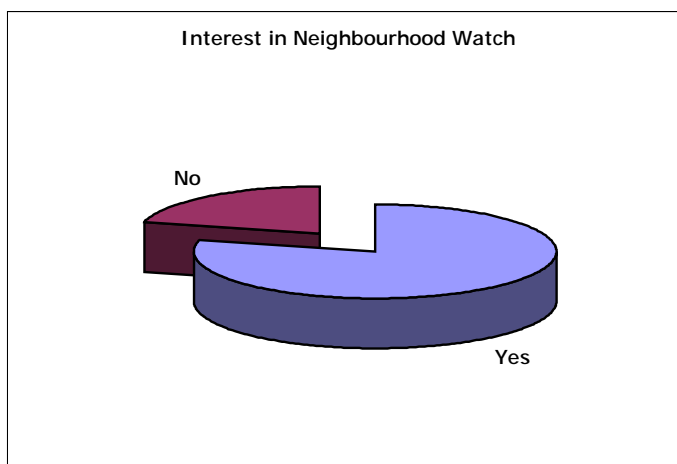
It is also important to recognise that the school's facilities, including the computer suite, have been available to the adult learning programme, now known as 'Nynehead Understanding'. This helps to ensure the facilities are fully utilised and to justify future funding.

## Policing & Neighbourhood Watch

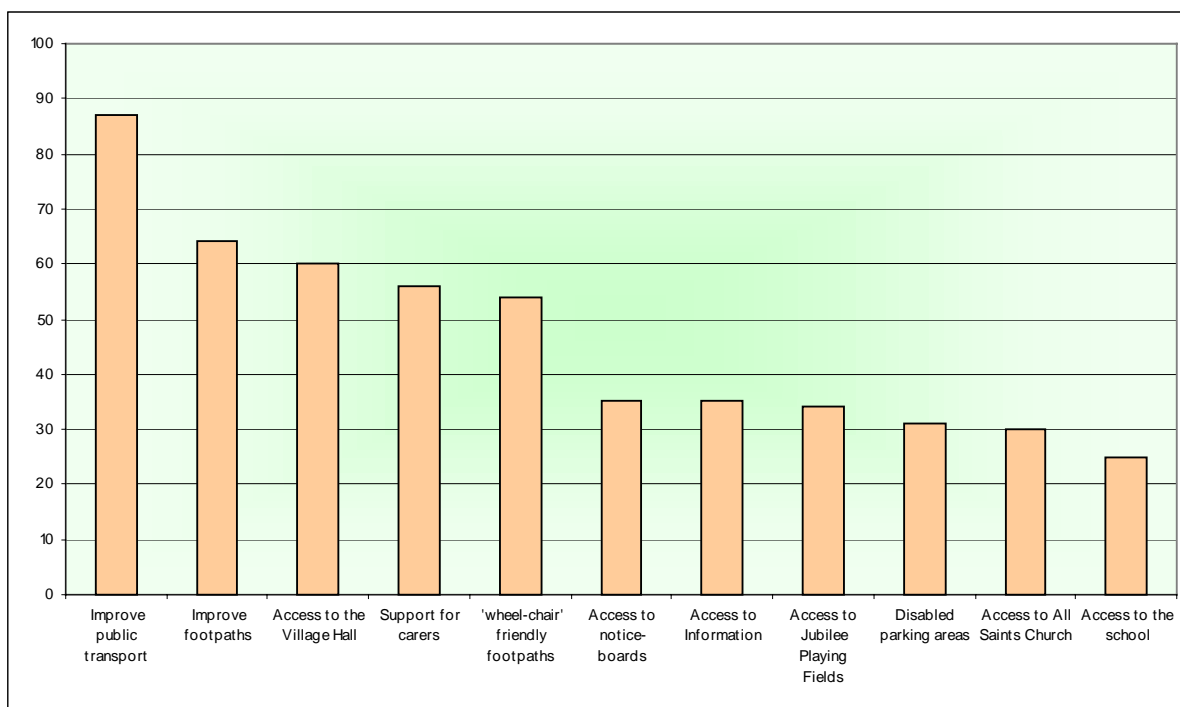
The general opinion is that Police coverage of Nynehead and area is less than adequate.

This perception probably results in the extremely high proportion of respondents indicating an interest in the establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

The Appraisal Group is aware that meetings are already taking place to ensure the project goes ahead. In this respect we ask the Parish Council to provide support as and when required and to liaise with the Police in order to improve and expand their service.



## Facilities for those with disabilities.



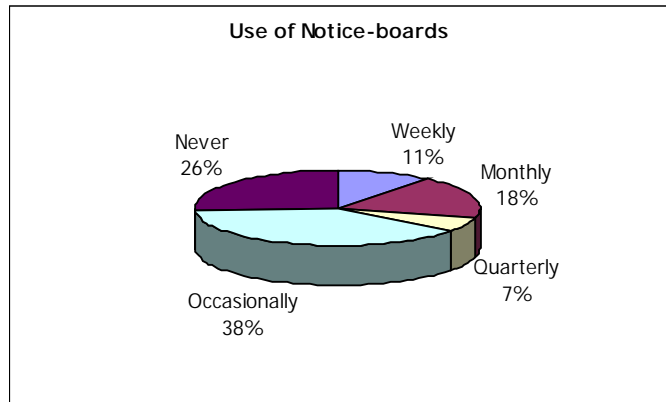
The importance of providing facilities for people with disabilities, and their carers, has become increasingly recognised and the Appraisal Group request all societies and organisations to review their provision in light of the Disabled Disability legislation.

The Appraisal Group requests the Parish Council to consider developing an Emergency Plan that includes details of residents with disabilities and specifies the assistance individuals may require should an emergency occur.

## Communication

Just over 65% of the households responding to the Appraisal Analysis stated they have Email and Internet access. However, as there is no register of Email addresses and many might be unwilling to make them readily available, this medium is not currently suitable as a means of day-to-day communication within the community.

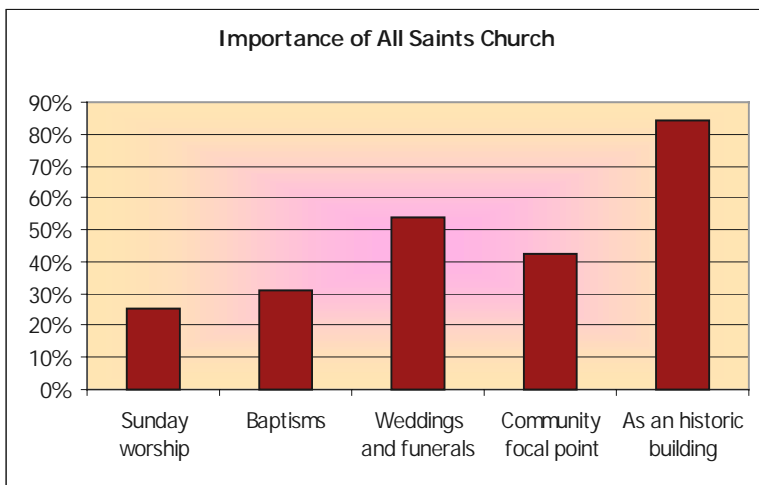
The Analysis also shows that although there are 3 notice boards they are only viewed weekly by only about 10% of respondents, with over 60% saying they only look at them occasionally or never. Another problem with notice boards is that they only 'broadcast' i.e., they have no provision for any response. This is particularly relevant in Nynehead as there is no council office or other point of contact available to the public.



The Appraisal Group accepts there is unlikely to be a total solution to this problem but urges the Parish Council to provide a letterbox at the Village Hall. Parishioners and others would then be able to leave messages, reply to questionnaires and surveys etc. without having to post or deliver items to private addresses.

The Appraisal Group also requests the Parish Council to consider installing a telephone line so that one number can be used by the public at all times. This could operate on a 'divert' basis combined with recording facilities to ensure 24 hour cover and could become an integral part of an emergency plan.

## All Saints Church, Nynehead



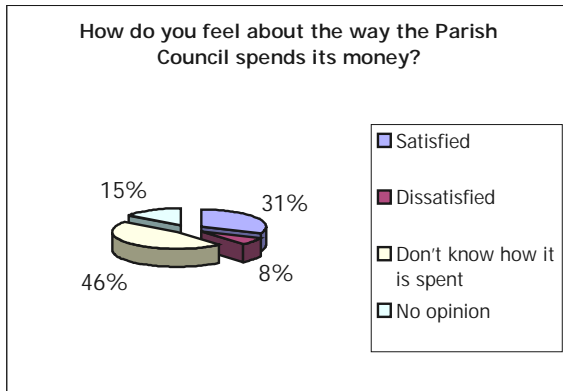
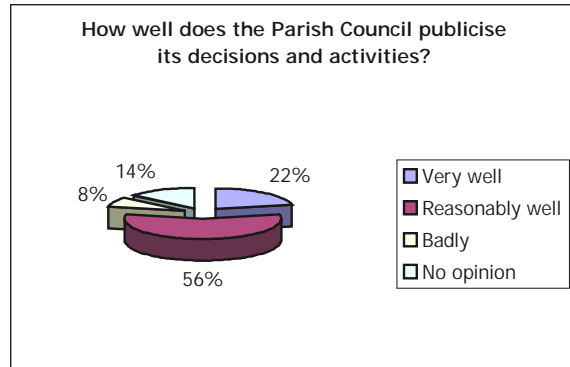
This chart shows how the 162 respondents felt regarding the importance of All Saints Church to the Parish.

Although its importance as an historic building is clear, the number considering the Church to be important for Sunday Worship is also significant.

## Local Government

These charts relate solely to the perception of how well your Parish Council performs.

With 78% of the 185 respondents saying that they thought the Parish Council publicises its decisions very well or reasonably well it would appear that in this respect at least, the problem of communication has been overcome.



When we come to the question of how well people thought the Parish Council spends its money however, the result is less encouraging with 61% stating they either have no opinion or no knowledge!

From this result it is clear that although there is a perception that decisions are reasonably well publicised, more attention should be given to ensuring that the information presented is more digestible!

The Appraisal Group therefore request that the Parish Council pay more attention to the presentation of their decision making process and in particular, to ensuring that all with fiscal implications are clearly explained. The incorporation of an action plan with council minutes, summarising agreed actions, could help resolve this problem.

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# The Action Plan!

As Adopted by

Nynehead Parish Council

On

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2004

Item	Action to be taken	Action by
Transport	Bus stops to be clearly marked & timetables to be displayed	Appraisal Group & Parish Council
	Improve information and contacts for the Wivey Link. Monitor & report progress,	Appraisal Group & Parish Council
Highways	Conduct a survey of foot & cycle users of 'The Hollow' to establish their concerns.	Parish Council
	Pursue the traffic calming measures detailed in the Appraisal Analysis to ensure implementation wherever possible	Parish Council
	Conduct a detailed survey of roads and drains to establish remedial needs.	Parish Council
Footpaths	Update survey of all footpaths and actively support enforcement of findings.	Parish Council & Footpaths Liaison Officer
	Instigate the purchase & display of maps and guides of the footpath network.	Parish Council & Footpaths Liaison Officer
	Investigate disabled access requirements for footpaths and prepare action plan to ensure required standards are achieved.	Parish Council & Footpaths Liaison Officer
Public Utilities	Negotiate structured arrangements for street cleaning and drain clearance.	Parish Council
Refuse Collection	Promote recycling collections with Wyvern Waste.	Parish Council
Litter & Dog Bins	Obtain costings for the supply and servicing of bins & seek views of parishioners regarding implementation.	Parish Council
Environment	Actively promote & support the Environmental Action group	Parish Council
Planning & Development	Submit copy of Village Plan to Borough & County Planning departments to enable local views to be considered and incorporated in planning decisions.	Parish Council & Appraisal Group
Village Hall	Copy of Parish Plan to be submitted to Trustees of Hall so that public opinions can be taken into account.	Parish Council & Appraisal Group
	Trustees of Village Hall be formally requested to commission a professional feasibility study	Appraisal Group

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Action by</b>
<b>Young People</b>	Parish Council & Trustees of the Village Hall to take account of and accommodate requirements of young people.	Parish Council & Trustees of the Village Hall
<b>Nynehead Club</b>	Club to consider the Appraisal results and take action where possible.	Club Committee
<b>Grand Western Canal</b>	Somerset Waterways Advisory Committee to be formally notified of the Appraisal Results and Parish Council to monitor & minute progress.	Appraisal Group & Parish Council
<b>Nynehead School</b>	Continue to provide support for the school.	Parish Council
<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>	Promote and support the development of NW schemes throughout the Parish	Parish Council
<b>Policing</b>	Liase with the police to improve & expand their service.	Parish Council
<b>Facilities for those with disabilities</b>	Promote provisions for the disabled wherever required.	Parish Council
	Verify the needs of those with disabilities in the event of an emergency and prepare contingency plans.	Parish Council
<b>Communication</b>	Provide letter box and telephone system for official communication of the village	Parish Council
	Nynehead Understanding to develop and support Nynehead News.	Nynehead Understanding
<b>Local Government</b>	Review presentation of financial reports to aid public understanding.	Parish Council
	Introduce an Action Plan summary sheet with minutes of meetings	Parish Council

### **Nynehead - Calor Village of the Year**

The Appraisal group is delighted that Nynehead won the "Community Life" category of the Calor Village of the Year Competition for 2003 in the South West and Western England region of the competition, competing against villages from Avonside, Cornwall, Devon, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

The competition judges looked for well-balanced, pro-active caring communities that, irrespective of size, made the best of local opportunities to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all residents.

We believe the Vital Villages project, undertaken by the Appraisal Group, contributed to this success and that the Parish Council's adoption of this Plan will result in similar successes in the future.