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St Briavels



Parish Council



Gloucestershire

Rural Community Council

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## **Introduction.**

*In 2004 with the help of the St Briavels Parish Council and the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council a group was formed with the intention of drawing up a plan for the Parish of St Briavels. The group was made up of six people from the parish and two representatives from the St Briavels Parish Council.*

*In order to help with the planning process a grant was applied for and was successfully obtained. This grant comprised approximately £4,000 from the Countryside Agency providing that there was £1,000 donated in kind from volunteers and £500 from the St Briavels Parish Council.*

*The plan was intended to highlight all the areas that the parishioners were concerned about or would like to see changed in the parish. In order to find out what the people thought of the parish a questionnaire was sent out to every house and several meetings were held. The results of the questionnaire and the meetings are shown in section 3.*

*Now we have a plan, we have to put it into action and that's where you come in. We need you to help out with the actions that have come out of the planning process. If you are concerned about any of the issues that have been raised and could spare a few hours here and there we'd like to hear from you.*

*Over the coming months we will be helping to set up groups that can focus on specific areas raised in the plan and we hope that with your help we can make our parish a better place for everybody.*

*It doesn't matter if it's litter, speeding cars or organising events if you're interested we need your help – without it nothing will change!*

*So the ball's in your court, we've found out what your issues are so help us to help you sort them out – don't leave it to somebody else as they'll be thinking the same.*

## High Priority Actions.

### CRIME & SECURITY.

Number	Description	Action
1	More than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the people who responded would like to see more visible policing in the parish. The village currently receives some random police visits as well as the "bobby bus" and there are also patrols by police community support officers.	1.1 Contact police to discuss policing levels in the parish. 1.2 Advertise & promote the Bobby Bus. 1.3 Advertise & Promote the non-emergency police contact number, 0845 090 1234.
2	Better organised and planned neighbourhood watch scheme. 40% of people who answered said that they would like to join.	2.1 Neighbourhood Watch to launch recruitment scheme. 2.2 Neighbourhood Watch to hold public meeting. 2.3 Neighbourhood Watch to be invited to the annual parish meeting.
3	34% of respondents said there was a problem of theft from home or vehicles.	3.1 Contact police to discuss policing levels in the parish. 3.2 Neighbourhood Watch & Police to advertise & promote ways of protecting house & cars etc. 3.3 All theft however minor should be reported to the police.
4	38% of respondents expressed a concern with vandalism in the parish.	4.1 All vandalism should be reported to the police.

### TRANSPORT.

Number	Description	Action
1	Speed limits are not sufficiently enforced in the parish (69% agree). Consideration should be given to introduction of traffic calming measures e.g. <b>speed bumps</b> and <b>matrix signs</b> on B4228. The crossroads on the B4228 (Bream turning) is identified as particularly hazardous – this is where traffic calming and enhanced signage are needed.	1.1 Liaise with the Highways Agency and the Police to discuss speed limit enforcement. 1.2 Contact Highways Agency to discuss traffic calming measures.
2	Introduction of <b>lower speed limits</b> : 49% said yes, but comments suggest that stricter enforcement of existing 30 mph limit is the real answer: <b>mobile speed cameras</b> are needed.	2.1 Contact Highways Agency to discuss introduction of mobile speed cameras.
3	A pedestrian crossing is needed in Barrowell Lane (33% in favour) – siting to be carefully considered to tie in with traffic calming measures (1 and 2 above).	3.1 Contact Highways Agency to discuss the introduction of a pedestrian crossing.
4	Erection of ' <b>accident black spot</b> ' signs on dangerous narrow sections of B4228 between Ghyll House Farm and Aylesmore Court: hardly wide enough for two lorries or buses to pass (Highway Authority).	4.1 Contact Highways Agency to discuss the introduction of an "Accident Black Spot" sign.

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5	State of repair of roads (49% dissatisfied): heavy lorry traffic has damaged many minor roads which are patched, not properly resurfaced: county surveyor should inspect and draw up priority list of minor roads most in need of resurfacing e.g. (St Briavels Close, Lower Road, Rocks Lane, Lower Meend) and action <b>programme of repairs</b>	5.1	Contact Highways Agency to discuss the improvement of the highways.
6	Parking around the school at drop off and pick up time is creating a traffic problem: one solution would be to <b>enlarge the car park bays</b> adjacent to the school (by cutting away more of the grass bank), coupled with introduction of <b>double yellow lines</b> on High Street and B4228 adjacent to school entrance.	6.1	Liaise with School & Highways Agency to discuss the issue of parking around the school.
7	The state of the pavements in the parish is a concern and the lack of pavements in some areas.	7.1	Contact Highways Agency to discuss the improvement of the highways.
		7.2	Parish Council to give consideration to new pavements in potentially hazardous areas in the parish.

## ENVIRONMENT.

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>	
1	There need to be more litter bins in the parish. These to be situated on the BIFFA routes so that they can be emptied. Particular suggestions are near the pavilion, at tourist spots, at appropriate central village locations and in the lay-by.	1.1	Parish Council/District Council to organise additional litter bins.
2	Footpaths need to be maintained, promoted and used. The County Council have very limited resources for this, but if a local volunteer footpath group could be encouraged to regularly walk the paths, report problems and undertake maintenance and repairs. This could be supported by the Parish Council	2.1	Promote the use of footpaths in the parish.
		2.2	Promote & recruit volunteers to help look after the footpaths.
		2.3	Devise process for reporting problems with the footpaths.
		2.4	Liaise with County Council & Parish Council to discuss the maintenance of the footpaths.
3	The local shop & post office need to be supported and contingency plans need to be drawn up to ensure that a post office facility remains in the parish.	3.1	Contact the Post Office and organise a meeting with interested parties to discuss the availability of the post office.
		3.2	Advertise & promotion of local shops etc.
4	There needs to be a limit on housing development and targeted at new starter homes for local people. This to be achieved by maintaining the existing village development boundary, and the Parish Council to finalise its Planning Policy to encourage development of affordable starter homes.	4.1	Parish Council to finalise its Planning Policy
		4.2	Parish Council to feed requirements into the District Council Local Plan.
5	A wider range of re-cycling needs to be provided by the local council. Council to be encouraged to increase range of kerbside recycling collections.	5.1	Contact the District Council to discuss the re-cycling needs.
6	Reclassification of RUPPs which is underway needs to be carried through. Many are not fit for vehicles and need to be reserved for non motorised traffic.	6.1	Reclassification of RUPPs needs to be completed.

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## SERVICES.

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	The majority of people wish to encourage Cottage & Craft industries. It would be preferable for these to be located within existing buildings, not to build industrial units for them. Local craft people could be encouraged possibly by holding monthly fairs.	1.1 Organise meeting with local cottage and craft industries to discuss a monthly craft fair.
2	The "Village News" is currently most people's source of information for local events and services. This is to be encouraged. The Parish Council are planning to set up a website which will have information on Parish Council activities, minutes etc but which could also hold a directory of local services, diary of local events etc.	2.1 Advertise & promote the Village News. 2.2 Set up Parish Web Site. 2.3 Parish Council to set out quarterly activities.
3	Suggestions have been made that more notice boards are required. The Parish Council currently have plans to situate one at Mork Corner. Other outlying areas of the Parish should also be considered for notice boards.	3.1 Parish Council to install more notice boards.
4	49% of people requested that mobile phone reception should be improved. This should be encouraged with carefully planned placement of masts so as not to create visual or environmental problems.	4.1 Parish Council to liaise with mobile phone companies.
5	99% of respondents said it was important to have continued use of a Post Office. The situation with regard to the post office needs to be monitored and contingency plans prepared if it comes under threat again.	5.1 Parish Council to liaise with Post Office to discuss the necessity of a post office in the parish.
6	Encourage Parish Events. Plays, Music nights, historic fairs etc.	6.1 Advertise & promote the use of facilities in the parish such as Assembly Rooms, Castle, Pavilion & School Hall. 6.2 Advertise & promote events in the parish. 6.3 Advertise & promote the parish fairs. 6.4 Parish Council to encourage additional events in the parish.
7	78% of the respondents would like to see the Assembly Rooms modernised.	7.1 Assembly Rooms Committee to draw up plans for modernisation.
8	Produce Parish walk leaflets – "Well Walk", "Ghost Walk" etc.	8.1 Parish Council and or Volunteer groups to produce parish walk leaflets.
9	64% of the respondents would like to see the public toilets re-opened, 25 % did not.	9.1 Parish council to undertake a re-evaluation of the availability of toilets in the parish.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS.

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description of suggestion</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	There is a need for a common meeting place, which may include the provision of a carer.	1.1 Obtain detailed information on this request.
2	More advertisements and promotion of the senior citizens club and the possibility that it is extended to other days.	2.1 Targeted advertising of the Senior Citizens Club. 2.2 Hold meeting with the Senior Citizens Club to see if it could be held on several days.
3	Specific transport for senior citizens. Try to obtain a more regular bus service and more information and promotion of the bus service.	3.1 Advertise and promote the existing bus service to Senior Citizens 3.2 Contact the local bus companies and the County Council to discuss the matter. 3.3 Promote & advertise the current "dial-a-ride" and "Forest Link" services.

## UNDER 18's.

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	Facilities for the under 18's in the parish are inadequate, the majority of the under 18's that responded to the questionnaire would like to see a youth club or regular youth events in the village. These events could be held in the Assembly Rooms or the sports pavilion.	1.1 Advertise and Promote the "Youth Bus". 1.2 Hold a targeted meeting for the under 18's to find out details of what they would like to see organised. 1.3 Following 1.2 establish the best venue for the activity. 1.4 Contact parents of interested under 18's to ask for help and to encourage them to help. 1.5 Research possible avenues of funding to obtain equipment that could be used for youth events, e.g. table tennis table, badminton equipment etc.
2	The provision of sporting activities within the parish needs to be increased. Suggestions include youth football/rugby, free tennis courts, a climbing wall and a putting green.	2.1 Hold a targeted meeting for the under 18's to find out details of what they would like to see organised. 2.2 Contact parents of interested under 18's to ask for help and to encourage them to help. 2.3 Research possible avenues of funding to obtain equipment that could be used for youth events. 2.4 Discuss with Playing Fields Committee & Parish Council to see if and where it would be possible to site a climbing wall and or a putting green.
3	The majority of the under 18's in the parish would like to see clubs such as, Brownies, Guides, Cubs & Scouts set up in the parish.	3.1 Hold a targeted meeting for the under 18's to find out details of what they would like to see organised. 3.2 Contact parents of interested under 18's to ask for help and to encourage them to help. 3.3 Contact the local association representatives and discuss the options available.

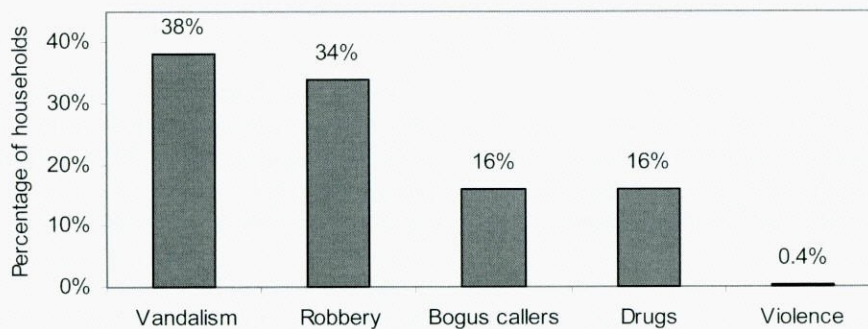
## The Results.

### CRIME & SECURITY.

Q1. Do you feel safe in the parish in the following situations?

	Yes.	No.	No response.
In your home during the day	98%	2%	0%
In your home at night	97%	3%	0.4%
In the parish during the day	98%	1%	1%
In the parish at night	88%	6%	5%

Q2. Which, if any, of the following crimes do you think are a problem in the parish?



- 38% of households think that vandalism is a problem in the parish.

The comments are summarised below:

#### VANDALISM

- Bus shelter x 4
- Telephone box x 2
- Local teenagers
- Bored youngsters
- Toilets
- Posters for local events taken or destroyed.

#### ROBBERY

- Have had burglary/break in x 2
- We have had 3 major robberies in 2 years, one in the night of a blackout.
- We don't leave anything out – lost a sack lift.
- Shed-type break-ins
- Breaking into the cars on the Castle car park
- Car theft
- Vehicle crime has increased in last year
- Always opportunists on the lookout
- Always in back of mind
- Robbery is theft or burglary with violence

#### DRUGS

- Raises its head from time to time
- Evidence in disused toilets



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Other issues mentioned are summarised below.

## LITTER & DOG FOULING

- Litter 13
- Dog fouling 5

## SPEEDING ETC.

- Speeding cars\* 11
- Boy racers/joy riding 6
- Reckless driving 2

\*e.g. at night / after late-night drinking

## YOUNG PEOPLE

- Youths/teenagers loitering 4
- Intimidation from gangs of kids 1

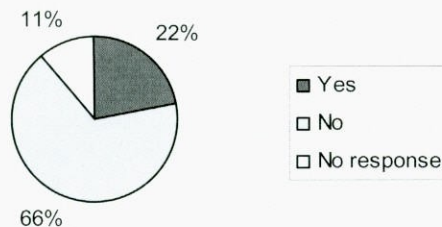
## ANTISOCIAL CONDUCT

- Antisocial behaviour 2
- Disorderly conduct 1
- Loutish behaviour at bus stop 1
- Shouting after late-night drinking 1

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Inappropriate parking (main rd) 4
- Response times to emergencies 1
- Time wasting phone calls 1

Q3. Are you satisfied with the police coverage in the parish?



## Selection of comments:

- "Never seen a policeman here!"
- "We need a walking constable's presence once in a while"
- "I would rather the police were solving crimes/catching criminals than walking around the village."
- "Whilst had no incident to require the police, one fears that in event of a problem they would not be readily available."

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## Q4. Would you like the police presence increased or more visits by the bobby bus?



- 77% ticked 'Yes', but 10% indicated that their answer related to police presence and not the bobby bus.

### Selection of comments:

#### BOBBY BUS

- "More visits from the bobby bus – people could then communicate concerns privately."
- "Never seen nor heard of a bobby bus"
- "Not the bobby bus or any silly stunts like that. A proper village bobby who knows what is going on and stops it."
- "As there are 2 officers with the 'bus' it would be of more value if one of them patrolled the area and actually spoke to local people, and maybe know their way around the area, for more local knowledge when an emergency happens."

#### POLICE PRESENCE

- "Bobby on beat deters petty crime"
- "On foot or pushbike"
- "To see a police officer occasionally in the village would be reassuring"

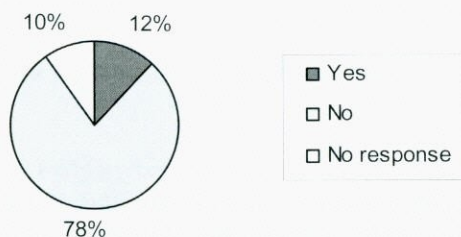
#### BOTH

- "Both, especially in evenings"
- "More surprise visits"

#### NEITHER

- "No, but I would like to know that they can respond if needed"

## Q5. Would you want a private security company patrolling the parish on your behalf?

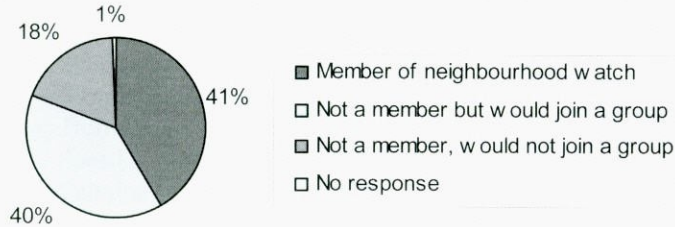


- "Emphatically not!"
- "Why should we have to pay again for security? Our taxes should ensure a police presence."
- "Parish too fragmented to be cost effective i.e. village, Bears, Common, Bream Road"
- "Prefer to have resident policeman!"
- "We are not against the idea, but are not sure that it's necessary"
- "If it would help, a good idea. Can't see an increase in the above."

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**Q6. Are you a member of neighbourhood watch?**

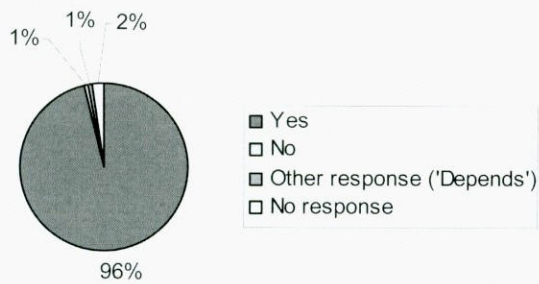
**Q7. Would you join a neighbourhood watch group?**



- The chart shows the combined results of questions 6 and 7.

- *"There is a badge in the window from the previous owner. No-one has contacted us in five years"*
- *"We went to a meeting once for neighbourhood watch but nothing came of it"*
- *"We keep an eye on things anyway without the formality"*
- *"Where we live we all keep a look out for our neighbours and their property"*

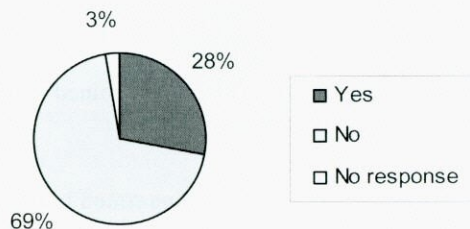
**Q8. Would you report a crime if you were a witness?**



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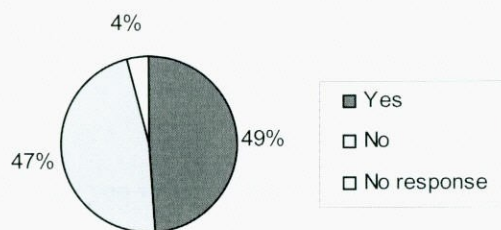
## TRANSPORT.

Q1. Do you think speed limits are sufficiently enforced throughout the parish?



- "Generally, but boy racers regularly smash the limit with dangerous, noisy driving late at night/throughout the weekend."
- "Whatever measures are taken some people will never abide. No traffic calming measures please."
- "Since when were they enforced?"
- "Speed traps are always held during school attendance time, for obvious reasons, but try the Crossroads at 9.30 am when the reps come through, it's like Brands Hatch."
- "But do not really see that it is needing any changes."
- "I am concerned that vehicles drive down the High Street (as a cut through from the Chepstow-Coleford road to the Wye Valley) at high speed when school children are walking to the school. This is more important as the pavement is not continuous and children have to walk in the road."

Q2. Would you like to see lower speed limits through the parish?



- "No - I would like to see present ones enforced in a way which was practical over the long term. A speed limit is no use if people ignore it!" [and several similar comments]
- "30mph is adequate if kept to by drivers"
- "Not on the whole. Possible 20mph around the castle, where there are many walkers."
- "A lower speed limit on the Chepstow side of the village before turning to St Briavels common."
- "Appropriate speed limits for lanes"

Q3. What other road safety/traffic calming measures would you like to see?

57% of respondents made suggestions for other road safety/traffic calming measures.

The five most common were:

- |    |                        |    |
|----|------------------------|----|
| 1. | Pedestrian crossing    | 19 |
| 2. | Speed bumps            | 18 |
| 3. | Speed cameras          | 15 |
| 4. | Reduce on-road parking | 15 |
| 5. | Sleeping policemen     | 12 |

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The suggestions have been summarised below.

## CROSSINGS

- Zebra crossing 7
- Pedestrian crossing 6
- Crossings 3
- Pelican crossing 2
- Pedestrian controlled lights 1
- Lollipop person 1

## TRAFFIC CALMING

- Speed bumps 17
- Sleeping policemen 12
- Traffic calming measures 5
- Speed ramps 2
- Calming squares 1
- Chicanes 1
- Matrix signs 1
- Minor humps 1
- Speed strips 1

## SPEED CAMERAS/CHECKS

- Speed cameras 13
- Functional speed camera 1
- Hand held speed camera 1
- Speed camera signs 2
- Speed checks 2
- Speed trap, random speed traps 1

## SPEED SIGNS/AWARENESS

- Flashing speed board/signs 6
- Signs to slow people down 1
- Raise awareness on the need to drive slowly on narrow lanes 1

## POLICE/THE LAW

- Police patrol to reduce boy racers 1
- Random spot checks for teen drivers 1
- Unmarked police for speeding youth 1
- Occasional police patrol 1
- Evening police presence 1
- Police presence 1
- More use of law 1
- Action on speeding drivers 1

## PARKING

- Removal of parked cars 5
- Double yellow lines 3
- Double white lines 1
- More off-road parking 2
- Parking ban 1
- Traffic warden 1
- Better parking by parents 1
- School parking inadequate 1
- More children walking to school 1
- Dangerous parking 1

## ROAD SAFETY

- Warning lights 3
- Mirrors 2
- Better warning for hairpin bend 1
- Accident black spot sign 1
- Pedestrians – narrow, no verges
- ‘Concealed entrance on left’ sign for visibility 1
- Upkeep of mirrors on blind corners 1
- Better visibility 2
- Cut hedges on lanes 2

## TRAFFIC ROUTING/CONTROL

- Traffic lights 5
- One-way (anticlockwise) round moat 1
- Passing places 1
- Bollarded islands 1
- Roundabout 1
- Bypass 1

## RESTRICTIONS

- Weight limits 2
- Weight limits enforced 1
- Make certain narrow roads access only 1

## OTHER

- Narrowing 2
- Narrowing with priority signs
- Lower traffic volume
- Concealed junction signs 1
- Uneven road surfaces 1
- Better driver training 1

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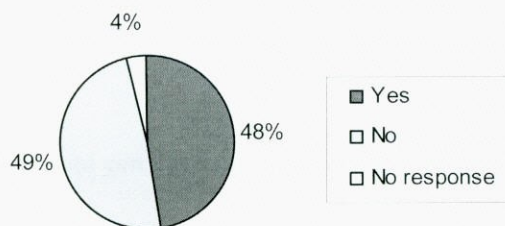
## Locations mentioned by 5 or more respondents

• Crossroads	13	• High Street	10	• Main road	7
• Barrowell Lane	11	• School	10	• Village-entrance/exit	5
• East Street	10	• Cross Keys	7	• Coleford Road	5

## Selection of comments

- "De-classify the B4228 and direct traffic via Lydney to decrease the volume of traffic through the village."
- "Double yellow lines to restrict parking on main crossroads (e.g. Bream, Coleford, Chepstow & village)"
- "Speed bumps on East St. It is like a race track and particularly dangerous for children going in and out of the playing fields and where there is no pavement"
- "Zebra crossing or traffic lights on crossroads. The lorries usually come down hill so fast that with weight on as well wouldn't be able to stop. I've had several near misses."
- "Accident black spot" sign needed on main road from Aylesmore Court past Ghyll House Farm where road is so narrow. Police agree with me but say it's a transport (government) issue. This piece of road is lethal!"
- "Some roads are suitable for access only as they are themselves so narrow and unsuitable for through traffic. Lower Road is a good example – many vehicles use it leaving/going to the common. There are perfectly good and wider alternatives."
- "At entrance to village a speed sensor connect to a red stop light over the road if a driver exceeds 30mph (seen as very effective in village in France!)"

## Q4. Are you satisfied with the general state of repair of the roads in the parish?



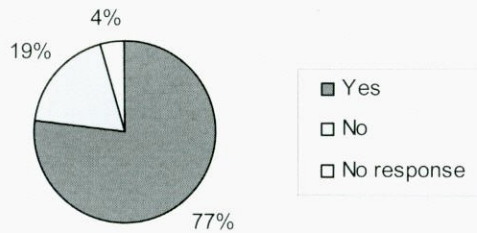
## Selection of comments

- "St Briavels Close"
- "Lower Road"
- "Lower Meend to Settlement Tanks – used by very heavy vehicles."
- "Rocks Lane not surfaced in over 30 years. Pot holes on all roads. Verges disappearing making walking very dangerous."
- "Lanes towards Lydney and Woolaston. We often see temporary repairs being done e.g. filling in potholes, but lots are still missed."
- "St. Briavels – Brockweir Road very poorly resurfaced a year or so ago."
- "Repairs must be properly rolled after tarmac laying."
- "Recent improvements"
- "Pavements poor"

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## Q5. Are you satisfied with signposting in the parish?



### If no, please specify

The comments are summarised and categorised on the following page. Most fall into one of the following categories:

- Additional signs needed for visitors/delivery drivers etc.
- Additional signs needed for road safety
- Too many road signs
- Too many unofficial signs
- Maintenance needed (e.g. cleaning, cutting back)

### SIGNS TO AID VISITORS/DELIVERY DRIVERS ETC.

- Not enough signs. Visitors always get lost.
- I am, but visitors often get confused
- I have been stopped by passing lorry drivers and delivery persons and asked directions to Roads Farm which I think is on the Bearse – is it signposted, where is Roads Farm.
- Houses need signs for delivery drivers
- Any person looking for Barrowell Lane or a number of Barrowell Lane are always knocking on our door to find their way around. It is very confusing.
- Except we are constantly asked for directions to “Lindors”. If we had £1 for each time we’d given direction we’d be living in Barbados! – though St. Briavels comes a close second!
- Outlying areas not adequately serviced for emergency services

### SIGNS FOR ROAD SAFETY/ROAD INFORMATION

- Horse and rider signs on common & Mork Road
- Lanes to be signposted
- Concealed junction signs where Horsepool Lane & Petty Marsh Lane meet main road.
- Signpost BEFORE the common turning (by St. Briavels signs) to slow down and warn drivers of concealed entrance
- More with mileage included

### OTHER SIGNS NEEDED

- Parking signposted – Bailey Tump & Castle Pool
- “Cockshoot Hill” sign on Critchlade
- Mort signposted from village and Chepstow/Coleford Road
- Bream Road & Whitepool area clearly marked
- Finger post for Wye Valley at Shop House Farm
- Signpost for St. Briavels from Bream direction
- Not enough specific signposts
- Non-existent on outskirts of village

### Other information needed

- Map of village outside P.O. / bus stop / church.

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## TOO MANY SIGNS

9 respondents said there were too many signs. Further details where given are listed below.

- “Tea rooms” signs all over the parish
- The yellow and blue one by the Crown is hideous
- Not in keeping with countryside
- Private advertising boards
- Unofficial signs e.g. Tea Rooms – do they not still require planning permission?
- I am told 5 times that I have reached the village from Chepstow end

## MAINTENANCE

- Need to be cleaned x 5
- Vegetation needs cutting back x 2
- Need more regular maintenance x 2

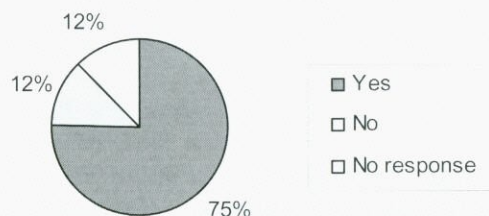
## ALTERATIONS

- [Are you satisfied? Yes,] providing English Heritage remove apostrophe ‘s’ on the castle sign and the church corrects its sign as well! *St Briavels*.
- RUPPs should be changed to public footpath
- All signs need updating

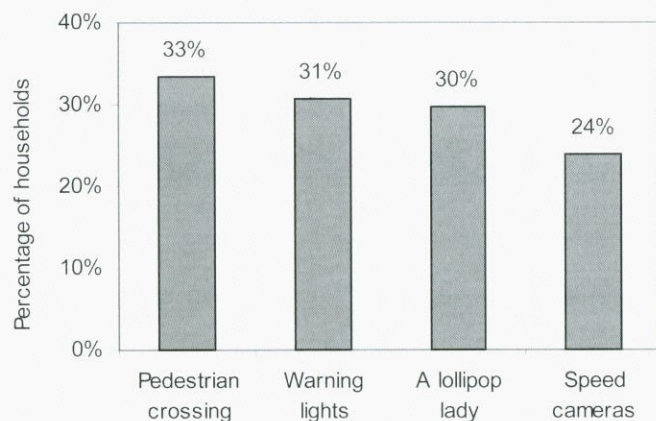
## OTHER

- St. Briavels signpost on B4428 should be fixed so it doesn’t get turned around
- Sometimes stolen
- Some obscured by advertising boards

## Q6. Would you like to see measures taken to help protect school children from dangerous traffic on Barrowell Lane?



### If yes, would you like:

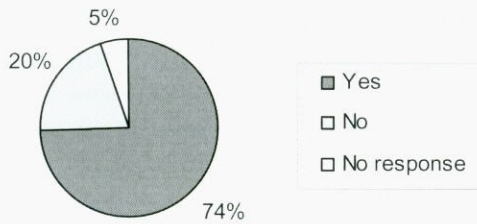


- 33% of all households would like to see a pedestrian crossing on Barrowell Lane.
- 2 said warning lights are already in place.
- 11 commented on the poor parking, with requests for restrictions, or more sensible parking. Two said that children (and parents) should be taught better road safety practice.



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## Q7. Do you consider street lighting to be adequate in the parish?



### If no, please explain

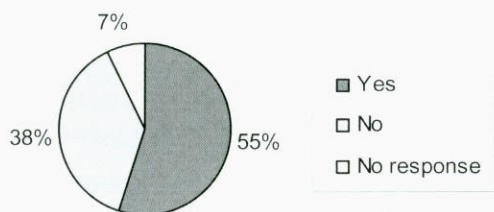
Summary of locations mentioned:

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|---------------------|----|---------------------|---------------------|
| • Castle area       | 10 | • 30mph limit areas | • High Street       |
| • Church area       | 8  | • Back Lane         | • Meend             |
| • Smithville Close  | 4  | • Barrowell Lane    | • Off main street   |
| • School area       | 4  | • Bream Road        | • Residential lanes |
| • Pystol Lane       | 4  | • By playing field  | • Some lanes        |
| • The common        | 2  | • Chepstow approach | • The fence         |
| • Centre of village | 2  | • Coleford Road     | • Tump area         |
| • B4226 junction    | 2  | • Hewelsfield Road  |                     |

Other issues:

- Needs upgrading
- Poor level compared with other villages
- What about solar lighting?
- Switch off at 1am

## Q8. Do you consider that there is enough on-street/off-street parking in the parish?

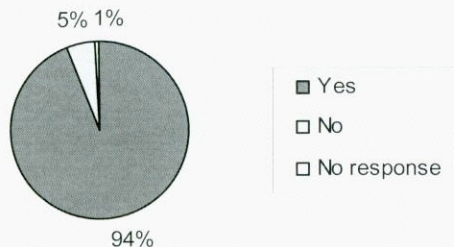


- "There are too many cars parked on the streets and they make the road dangerous"
- "Cars parked on B4228 are a hazard"
- "It can get very congested and dangerous at school and shop"
- "Smithville Close needs off-street parking specifically for disabled drivers"
- "Knock down Assembly Rooms and use space for residents' car parking"
- "If people parked their cars in their garages or driveways there would be much more space within the village and safer for other motorists and walkers"

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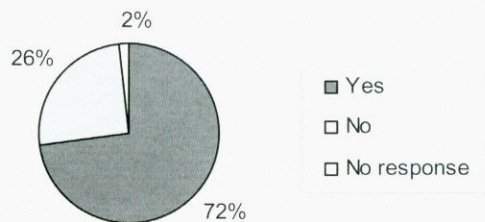
## Environment.

**Q1. Do you think refuse collection is adequately undertaken in the parish?**



- "We have been appealing for wheely bins for over 6 years. Considering the council tax we pay we are disgusted!" (Wheelie bins were also requested by 5 other respondents.)
- "It would be a courtesy if the dustbin men didn't thrown dustbin and lid over the road or flower beds when emptying"
- "Excellent since using contractors"

**Q2. Are you satisfied with the recycling collection and range of materials collected?**



**If no, please specify**

28% (62 households) asked for additional recycling facilities. The most common items mentioned were plastic and cardboard:

- Plastic: 50 households (22% of all)
- Cardboard: 14 households (6%)

Within the category 'plastic', 11 mentioned plastic bottles and 2 mentioned milk bottles. The following were also specified: PET bottles, Plastic type 2, plastic containers with 'recyclable' symbols, and yogurt pots. One added 'From doorstep'.

Other items mentioned (each by one or two households) were:

- |             |                 |                        |             |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| • Aluminum  | • Food waste    | • Old clothes          | • Rags      |
| • Batteries | • Glass         | • Orange juice cartons | • Tins      |
| • Cans      | • Glass bottles | • Paint                | • Waste Oil |
| • Clothes   | • Milk cartons  | • Paper                |             |

Other comments made on recycling:

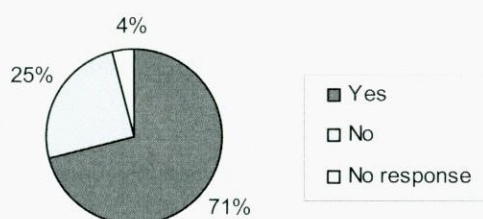
- Not enough materials are recycled x 4
- Central recycling point x 3
- Recycling boxes required x 2
- Bottle bank
- Weekly collection
- More education & awareness

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## Selection of comments:

- "Recycling point in village as parts of parish cannot be reached by the collection"
- "We asked for recycling boxes 2 months ago and still no sign of them"
- "We still have to go to recycling centre in Coleford for items not collected"
- "We would like recycling collection where the vehicle is used for narrower lanes"
- "Impressed by the recent improvements in the recycling system"

## Q3. Are you satisfied with the cleanliness of the parish?



- "Great improvement of late, thanks to the endeavors of a small group, working for the best kept village competition."
- "On the whole"

## If no, please explain

### Summary of issues mentioned:

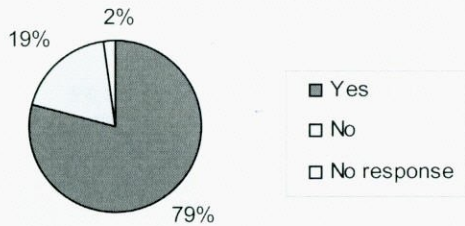
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| • Litter                      | 40 | • Fly tipping                   |
| • Dog fouling                 | 15 | • Grass cutting (Bream Rd)      |
| • Road sweeper/street cleaner | 7  | • Grubby roads/lanes            |
| • More litter bins            | 5  | • Hedges                        |
| • Weeds                       | 3  | • Horse manure                  |
| • Flies                       | 2  | • Kerbs                         |
| • Verges                      | 2  | • Lacking consistency           |
| • Litter bins with lids       | 1  | • Parish Council lacking        |
| • Empty rubbish bins          | 1  | • Reliance on a few individuals |
| • Bin bags opened by birds    | 1  | • The well                      |
| • Blocked drains (Bream Rd)   | 1  | • Verges                        |
| • Chewing gum                 | 1  | • Wild cats                     |

## Selection of comments

- "A bin by the school gates on High Street would encourage children not to dispense of crisp wrappers, sweet and chocolate packaging on the pavement."
- "The playing fields are strewn with litter."
- "The bus shelters are dirty and there is a lot of rubbish about"
- "Castle Moat and occasionally in East Street (bottles and used condoms!)"
- "Litter deposited on footpaths and roads and thrown from passing cars onto grassed areas."
- "It's obvious we can't afford to pay council staff to do the job so minor offenders could be given these jobs regularly to do. In addition we need to find a system to fine litter louts effectively."

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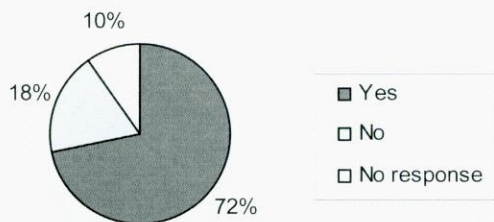
## Q4. Do you use the footpaths in the parish?



### Selection of comments

- "Some very overgrown"
- "Some are dangerous for elderly persons"
- "Footpath needed from Barse to village"
- "We would like to but most if not all are not accessible with a dog. Footpath access needs stock gates not mesh fencing!"

## Q5. Do you think there is enough being done to retain the character of the parish?



### If no, please explain

20% made comments. These are summarised on the following page under various headings. The issues covered included:

- New buildings
- Modernisation/urbanisation
- Walls
- Obscured views
- Changes to existing buildings
- Signs
- Hedges
- Facilities & services
- Planning control
- Street furniture
- Footpaths

### NEW HOUSING

- New houses out of character x 3
- Too much new housing x 2
- Don't build too much new housing x 2
- Village will die from lack of young families – small estates should be built ASAP.

### EXISTING BUILDINGS

- Fronting of old buildings should be preserved e.g. alterations to school should not be seen from road.
- School has been spoilt by building work.
- Some buildings have had details changed such as bell arch on chapel.
- Materials not appropriate character of village have been used in buildings/extensions.
- Too many extensions have been allowed.
- Too many people come in, change character of house, then move.

### PLANNING CONTROL

- Tighter planning controls in conservation area.
- Stricter planning control on new developments
- Planning permission given too freely to change properties e.g. cottage extensions.
- I believe some of the planning judgements were made by a blind panel!

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## GENERAL MODERNISATION/URBANISATION

- Character taken away by modernisation. No notice taken of “genuine” country people.
- Nothing being done as far as I can see – could be modernised without losing character.
- St. Briavels is a country village – should not be turned into suburbia.

## SIGNS

- Advertising of businesses on lane corners is tacky.
- Too many signs.

## STREET LIGHTS/STREET FURNITURE

- Spoiled by orange street lights.
- Rural character will be spoiled by more street lights and speed cameras/flashing lights.
- Would love to see old features, road and lane furniture restored and telephone/post boxes retained. Grants available from heritage lottery fund.

## WALLS

- More should be done to restore natural stone boundary walls.
- Drystone walls need repairing in the traditional way.
- Wall around old police station is out of character
- Red brick wall baracading house is out of character
- Stone wall removed on crossroads house, replaced with tacky wooden fence, unthinkable in Cotswolds. Hideous brick wall further down, looks like a prison.

## HEDGES

- Trimming & cutting back required
- Hedgerows need repairing in traditional way.
- Too many hedges removed – protective legislation seems to lack teeth.

## FOOTPATHS

- Many used by motorcycles claiming they are roads – dangerous, should be stopped.
- RUPPs used by motorbikes/4X4s etc.
- Ensure they are maintained and retained.
- Clear undergrowth

## OBSCURED VIEWS

- Bushes & trees obscure views of valley from tump and from church to ‘Resting Stones’.
- View from the flag pole area blocked by trees.

## FACILITIES, SERVICES & EVENTS

- Not enough being done to retain Assembly Rooms.
- Assembly Rooms have deteriorated whilst the pavilion has developed.
- Sports/leisure facilities are of a premium yet the very people elected to look after the parish’s interests are the very ones contemplating selling them off.

## CHARACTER

- Apart from castle, church and playing fields there isn’t much character.
- Seems not much more than a blob of houses grouped round a castle.

## CHANGE IS INEVITABLE

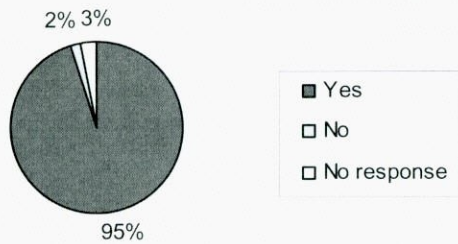
- Times won’t stand still.
- Some change is inevitable and practical. It is a matter of balance.

## OTHER

- Boards could be put up by castle showing history of village and short walks.
- Could do more to appeal to tourists e.g. extra parking
- Just keep it clean and tidy.
- Over-fertilisation of farmland has reduced many fields to a sterile state lacking fauna. Few fields have headland which would help.
- More village events celebrating the history & character of St. Briavels.
- Poor community spirit
- Yes [in answer to the question]. Hopefully this plan won’t change that!

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Q6. Part of the parish is designated a conservation area. Are you favour of this?



## Summary of comments:

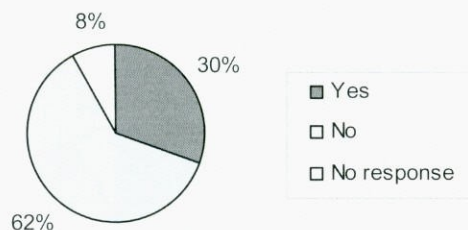
- Where is the conservation area? 3
- What does this mean? 1
- Extend area (e.g. whole parish/farm areas) 4
- No large housing developments 2
- Character needs to be preserved 1
- Protect AONB 2
- Too restrictive 2
- Discretion applied 2

## Selection of comments:

- *"Perhaps this should be extended to cover more of the parish as a means of controlling development in an orderly fashion."*
- *"The Moat is a nice example"*
- *"We should be more proactive about AONB"*
- *"The parish should have a conservation management plan to refer to and should action the necessary work to improve/maintain parish features to the highest conservation standards. Interpretative information should be made available to visitors and residents alike."*
- *"If ground is available, elderly people who want to build for example a bungalow for mobility problems should be allowed to. The conservation area is far too regimented, no flexibility to allow the village residents to stay within the parish."*
- *"Having moved from the heart of the Forest, I find this area much more restrictive with "keep out" "private" signs. It is not very user friendly around here."*
- *"Rules need to be intelligently applied."*

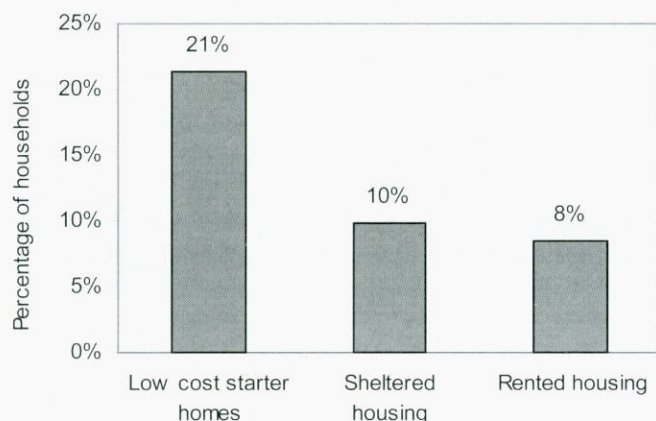
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## Q7. Do you consider more housing should be built in the parish?



- *"Only if it is needed and would not detract from the character of the village"*
- *"Only when public services are sufficiently upgraded to cope i.e. sewage, electricity."*
- *"Depends on what and where!!"*
- *"No, unless a need for local people to help them remain in their our village"*
- *"It is a village and should be kept as one, not turned into a small town. Sewage is already at maximum capacity."*

## If yes, what type of housing should be built in the parish?



- 21% of all household think low cost starter homes should be built in the parish.

### LOW COST STARTER HOMES

- *"For people who already live in St. Briavels or those who were brought up here."*

### RENTED HOUSING

- *"Only if available for low-income families"*
- *"For local working people"*
- *"Should never be that kind of development here"*

### LOW COST STARTER HOMES

- *"To purchase"*
- *"More 3 bed houses not 2"*
- *"For young couples"*
- *"For young people from parish"*

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Summary of other comments on housing type:

- Whichever is needed 2
- Sustainable homes
- Middle income family homes
- 5-10 retirement bungalows, 5-10 high quality homes
- Not executive style expensive homes
- Private owner occupied 2
- Individual build
- Live-work units for employment
- Not holiday homes

## Where do you think new housing should be built?

Summary of locations mentioned:

- Bream Road 8
- Infill 4
- Village boundaries 4
- The common 3
- Main Road 2
- Assembly rooms area 2
- Park Lane area 2
- St. Briavels and Bream
- District Council-owned land
- Ecovillage on contaminated farmland
- Meend
- Not on playing fields
- Coleford Road 5
- Centre of village 4
- Near BT building 3
- Smithville Close 2
- Almshouses area 2
- Coleford side 2
- Back of cemetery
- Derelict sites
- East side
- Field behind Coleford Rd council houses
- Off Park Close
- Not in conservation area

## Selection of comments:

- *"On the common or the Meend, helping to bring those areas more into village life."*
- *"Wasteland at the end of Smithville Close."*
- *"Sheltered housing as close to centre of village as possible. Low cost starter homes on the boundaries of the village."*
- *"Within the village and on the edge of the village. If it is not within the near future this village will be full of retired old people."*

## Other comments on housing

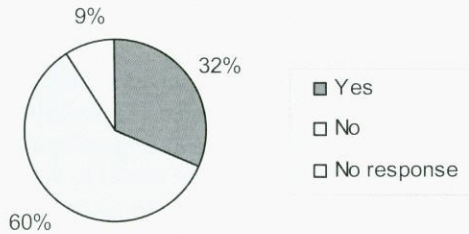
- *"Random plots not estate"*
- *"Preserve views"*
- *"Should be allowed to grow organically – no more than 1% of existing stock should be added per 5 year period."*
- *"Create housing trust for young people who grew up in village."*
- *"The provision for Housing Assoc housing person meant that the wrong sort of person was housed in the village leading to youth problems."*
- *"A serious review of a village plan would need to be undertaken. We strongly feel that any new housing should be built with a strong community orientation, supporting sustainable design that sits well within the local context. Large scale 'national' developers should be strongly opposed to prevent the homogenisation of rural villages/towns."*



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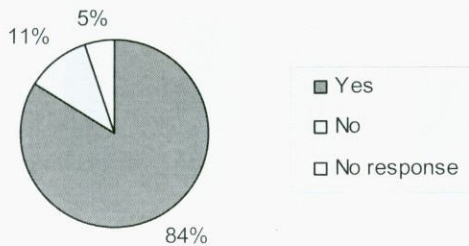
## SERVICES.

Q1. Would you like to see a car park in the parish?



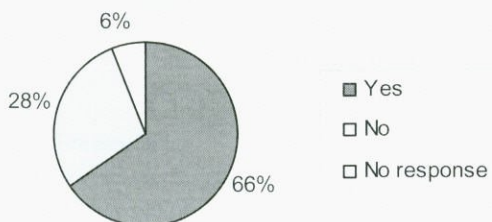
- "But not a concrete monstrosity"
- "Only for the school – necessary cars only"
- "Perhaps for visitors"
- "In the caravan field. By cemetery."
- "Already have two – needs signposting"
- "Upgrading of castle car park would be sufficient"

Q2. Would you like to see cottage and craft industries encouraged in the parish?



- "A community should be living – not just appear pretty from the outside. Small sacrifices re appearance/slight disturbance are worth it for a 'living' community."
- "Yes if you mean work carried on within the present homes and buildings. No if you mean any kind of industrial development"
- "Not particularly – people (young especially) need good jobs in the towns or industrial areas – for which public transport is essential"

Q3. Would you like to see a local services directory produced for easy reference?



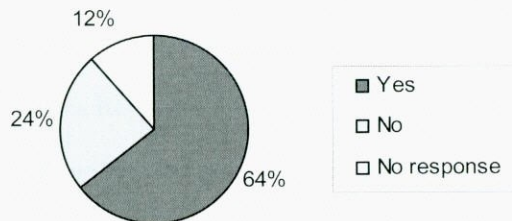
22 respondents said that this information is already available, through the parish magazine, 'Local pages', free paper and blue book. 2 said a directory would not be cost-effective.

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## Q4. If you provide a service would you want to be included in a directory?

Nearly half the respondents answered this question; it is unlikely that this number actually provide a service: some may have interpreted the question as a hypothetical one. Of those who answered, 55% ticked 'Yes' and 45% 'No'. No comments were made in response to this question.

## Q5. Do you think the information services are adequate in the parish?



- "Yes, if properly used"
- "No, but the parish mag is very helpful"

### If no please explain

#### NOTICE BOARDS

- Keep updated x 4
- More boards x 2
- Made more secure
- Post Office notice board – more permanent information about village services.
- Better information board by shop
- The best notice board is the private display opposite the George pub.

#### PARISH MAGAZINE

- Would like to receive it x 3
- Include public directory
- Club and event contacts

#### LOCAL PAPERS

- Use local papers more x 3
- Coverage inadequate

#### OTHER WRITTEN INFORMATION NEEDED

- Need local directory x 2
- Newsletter
- Regular flyers
- Booklet delivered to new villagers with facilities listed
- Better maps of footpaths for visitors
- Centrally held list with events and contacts e.g. where to get key for tennis courts
- Village Diary kept in central place (porch of Parish Church)
- Directory of facilities/services to include Monmouth and Chepstow
- Timetable for No. 69 bus Monmouth-Chepstow

#### INTERNET

- Public internet access
- Public internet access at youth hostel
- See [www.forestationnetwork.org.uk](http://www.forestationnetwork.org.uk) (local culture page)

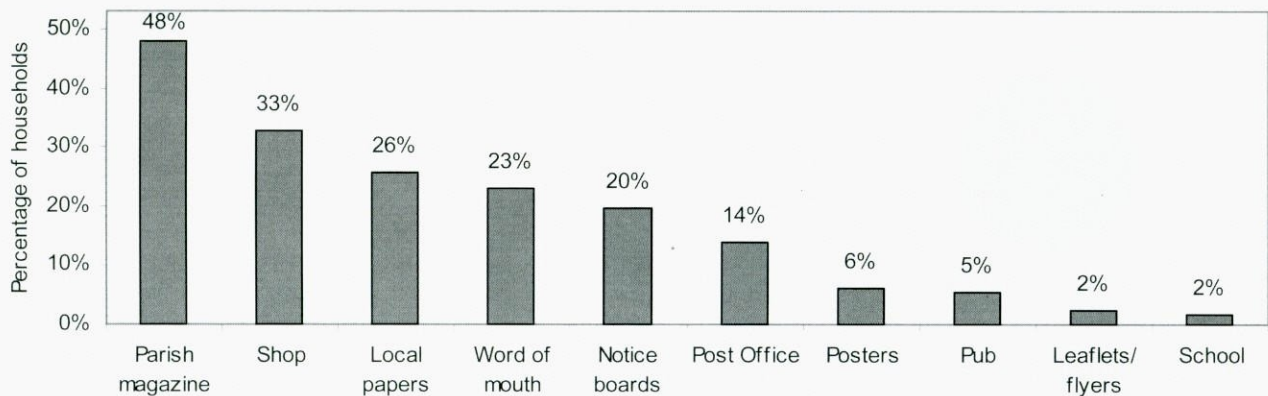
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## Other comments

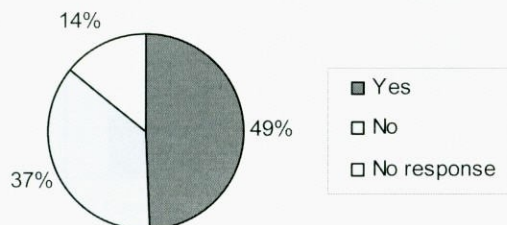
- What information services? x 3
- Information received after event
- Don't know where I can read parish council minutes
- Difficult to find out 'what's on' socially
- Don't see East Street notices unless you go to P.O. or shop daily
- Sometimes miss events because children do not attend local school
- Insufficient advertising of facilities and events taking place
- Availability of snooker hall etc. not well advertised
- Closure of phone box on the fence not publicised in P.O. or community centre board
- Not coordinated.
- Central information point
- Centre for advice & information allied to Post Office
- Lack of communication can lead to gossip replacing fact

## Q6. Where do you usually get information about local events?

The ten most common answers are summarised in the chart below.



## Q7. Would you like the mobile phone reception improved?

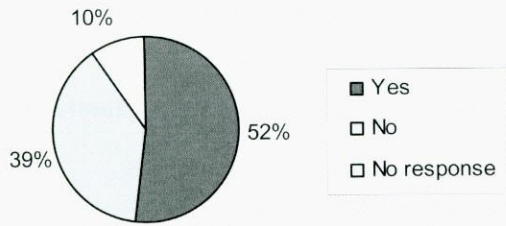


## Selection of comments

- "My wife is a GP. If there is an emergency in the area and she is out seeing people, she is often unreachable via her mobile due to poor reception. If someone had a heart attack she would be unable to reach them."
- "No reception for any supplier in the fence"
- "Yes, but only with masts disguised as trees. (This is available)"
- "Not if it means a big mast near houses/school"
- "Already OK"
- "Don't use one"

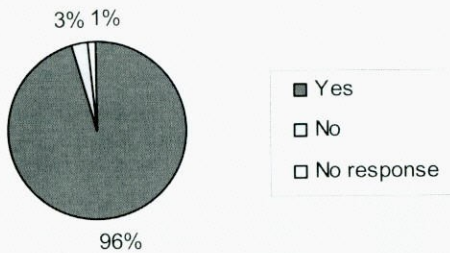
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**Q8. Would your household be interested in broadband access if it was available in the parish?**

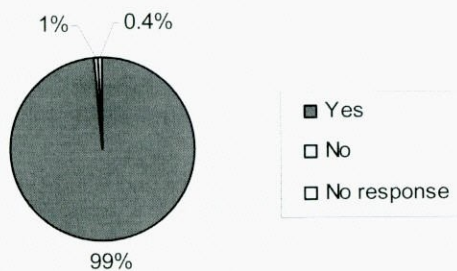


- "BT already planning to provide this in 2005"
- "Too expensive"
- "Depends on cost"
- "But mains gas would be better!!"

**Q9. Do you use the services of local trade's people and craftsmen?**



**Q10. Do you consider it important for the parish to have a Post Office?**

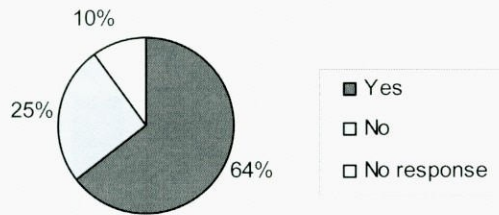


### Selection of comments

- "Essential!"
- "Critical"
- "This service is vital for very elderly incapacitated people without private transport"
- "Very - I used to use it most on Saturday mornings"
- "Very important. More important than a tea rooms!"

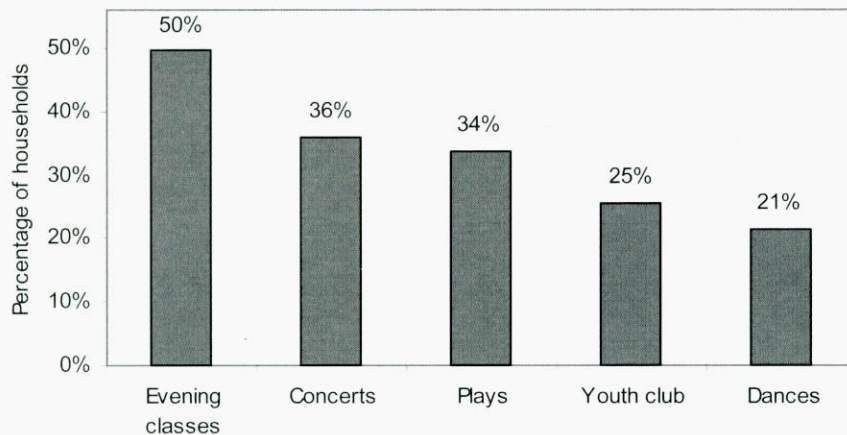
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## Q11. Would you like to see the public toilets re-opened?



- *"The real question is do we wish to encourage tourists/visitors to the area"*
- *"Visitors to the village come to my home to ask where the toilets are. Strangers to me. Do I ask them into my bathroom?"*
- *"Given that the then Parish Council rushed the plans to build the toilets to qualify for EEC money then they ought to be re-opened"*
- *"Did not know they were closed! Who authorised this?"*
- *"If you decide on a car park then the obvious answer is in the affirmative"*
- *"Only if they were greatly improved"*
- *"Opened or removed"*
- *"Plus baby changing facilities"*
- *"Why? We have managed without them"*
- *"Not at the rates' expense. These are for tourists not locals."*
- *"Where are they?"*

## Q12. Would you like to see more parish events and activities? If yes, please indicate the sort of events you would attend.



- These items were listed in the questionnaire for respondents to tick.
- Comments and other suggestions are given below.

### CONCERTS

- For all age groups
- Local folk music
- Already exist. St. Briavels music society.

### PLAYS

- Touring theatre companies

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## DANCES

- “Old time” dance lessons

## OTHER

- Aerobics/keep fit 9
- Yoga 3
- Whist 3
- Bingo 2
- Social events 2
- More for young people 2
- Day classes 2

### Q13. Would you be willing to help with parish events? If so, would you be able to ...

The number and percentage of households who ticked ‘Yes’ are shown below.

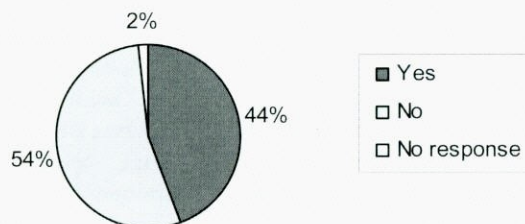
	No.	Yes
Help to run parish events	51%	23%
Help organise parish events	32%	14%

*Some respondents said that they already help and others said it would depend on the event.*

### Q14. Do you know who your Parish Council members are?



### Q15. Have you ever attended a Parish Council meeting?



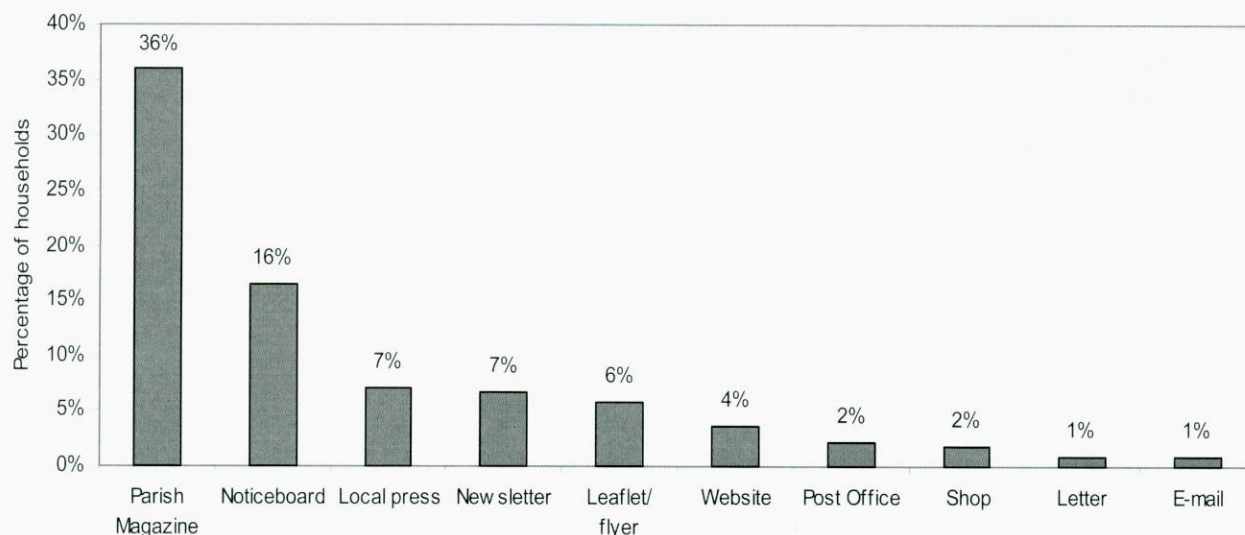
#### Selection of comments

- “1 of 6 [household members] has”
- “No, but we do read reports”

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## Q16. How would you like the Parish Council to publicise its activities/decisions?

Answers given by two or more respondents (1%) are shown in the chart.



Further details provided by respondents in relation to the items shown in the chart are summarised below, together with other suggestions and comments.

### PARISH MAGAZINE

- More detail/more information x 7
- A page or two
- Agenda for next meeting
- Monthly reports
- Annual accounts
- Not received by everyone

### NOTICE BOARDS

- Assembly Room x 3
- New notice board
- Detail of current planning applications with ref nos
- Important notices on Assembly Bell board. (Cannot attend meetings – deafness.)
- Their own notice board
- Minutes x 2
- By shop

### LOCAL PAPERS

- Local free paper (*that we cannot get delivered to us*)
- Independent press reports

### E-MAIL

- E-mail service – via St. Briavels website?

### LEAFLETS/FLYERS

- Through post x 4
- Flyer inside Parish News
- By information leaflet – at present very little information is disseminated to the voters!

### OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- Poster
- Booklet
- FoD radio
- Magazine to all houses
- By holding open meeting regularly at Assembly Rooms
- Pub
- Church magazine

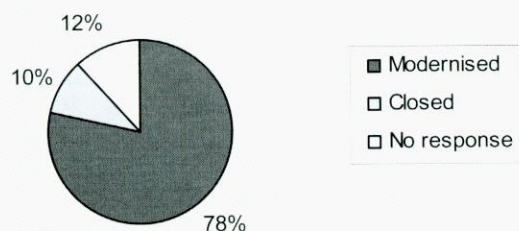
### OTHER COMMENTS

- Openly & honestly x 3
- Cheaply!
- Minutes displayed within a week of meeting
- Permanent notice of where to read minutes. Minutes in more than one place.
- What activities – what decisions!!
- To tell the truth and not backtrack on their word
- Meeting dates in advance

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Q17. Which of the following options would you like to see happen to the Assembly Rooms?



A number of comments were also made. These are summarised below under various headings.

## MODERNISATION

- Without losing its character
- Internally only
- Include energy saving measures
- Include part-time tea/coffee shop
- But who would use it and where would the money come from?
- A beautiful building which should be restored & used. It would be shameful to close it.

## USE MORE

- Hopefully would be used more if modernised
- Used for Question 12 activities
- Occasional village pantomime
- Stage should be used for amateur dramatics
- Snooker room mustn't be lost
- Used to be busy and popular (*dances, concerts, sales of work etc.*) – would be a pity if use could not be found for it.

## TURN INTO A YOUTH CLUB

- Develop as youth club and have investment to help young people
- Turn into youth club and theatre

## REBUILD

- Rebuild x 4
- If it can't be satisfactorily modernised it should be demolished and rebuilt, or the pavilion should become the village hall

## HOUSING

- Build sheltered accommodation on the site x 3

## OTHER USES FOR SITE

- Shops with parking e.g. butchers selling locally produced meats
- Car park

## OTHER COMMENTS

- Similar building should be available if closed.
- Its location within a residential area presents fundamental problems to development.



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## Q18. Do you use the following facilities?

The results are shown below, followed by a summary of the comments.

• Village shop	82%	• Village hall	33%	• School 1	2%
• Public houses	76%	• Playing fields	30%	• Football pitch	9%
• General store	69%	• Castle	28%	• Tennis court	8%
• Church	40%	• Pottery	24%	• Snooker room	4%
• Moat	40%	• Playground	23%	• Cricket pitch	3%
• Pavilion	35%	• Chapell	5%		

### VILLAGE SHOP

- Post Office x 2
- Assembly rooms?
- Brockweir – definitely not

### GENERAL STORE

- What general store? (etc.) x 4
- Do you mean Post Office? x 2
- Is this the same as the village shop?
- Post Office x 6
- Dot's/Burley's shop x 4
- Parry's

### PAVILION

- Would use if had aerobics classes and non-smoking policy

### VILLAGE HALL

- Assembly Rooms?

### PLAYGROUND

- Unsafe – needs to be thoroughly modernised.

### TENNIS COURT

- Where is the key? Named holders always unavailable.
- Where is it?
- Expensive

### CRICKET PITCH

- Is there a village team?
- What cricket pitch?
- Does not exist, closed approx 1999

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## SENIOR CITIZEN SECTION.

**Q1. Which of the following services (if any) do you receive?**

Visiting nurse	14
Chiropodist	14
Physiotherapist	12
Other*	6

**\*Other:**

- Doctor x 4
- Home help
- Want to – counsellor

– “These services should be better publicised”

**Q2. Do you belong to any other organisation? If yes, please state.**

*24 respondents ticked ‘Yes’. The organisations named are listed below.*

- |                                   |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| • Music society                   | 6 | • Church bell ringers                    |
| • Garden society                  | 5 | • Coastal Forces Veterans Assoc.         |
| • WI                              | 3 | • EGB                                    |
| • Lindors Leisure Club            | 2 | • Gardening Club                         |
| • Local history society           | 2 | • LWVPS CPRE et al                       |
| • Lower Wye Valley Society        | 2 | • NW committee member                    |
| • Parish Grasslands Project       | 2 | • Organise flowers in church             |
| • Bowl (Brockweir)                |   | • Pensioners Club                        |
| • Bream Health Forum              |   | • Ramblers                               |
| • Bream Ladies Group              |   | • Royal Naval Assoc. (Lydney)            |
| • Brockweir social club           |   | • St. Briavels over 60s club             |
| • Canada Harrowsmith Country Life |   | • Tennis Club (St. Briavels & Brockweir) |
| • Chepstow Harriers Running Club  |   | • The Beaver Canada’s History            |
| • Chepstow Leisure Centre         |   | • Trefoil Guild                          |
| • Choral society                  |   | • Wye Valley Art Soc                     |

**Q3. Do you belong to the Senior Citizen Club?**

*11 respondents ticked ‘Yes’. One wrote “Didn’t know there was one”.*

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### Q4. Would you be interested in a lunch club, or similar, if it could be organised?

28, possibly 30, would be interested in a lunch club (see results below).

Yes	28
No	65
Other response*	3

\*Other responses

- "Maybe"
- "Possibly"
- "Pudding club and pub lunches adequate"

### Q5. Do you ever find transport a problem?

17 households indicated that they find transport a problem. A few of those who ticked 'No' wrote that they anticipate problems when they can no longer drive.

Yes	17	No	81
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#### If yes, please explain

- "Bus service completely inadequate. Disabled access also a problem."
- "Uncomfortable buses and buses which fail to turn up"
- "[Yes,] when I was unable to drive for a time. Bus services quite inadequate."
- "If the bus service was regular, we wouldn't need two cars and many journeys could be made by public transport, but you can only travel to local towns and then not for long."
- "No transport from the common. Bus service to Chepstow does not operate from Common (why not?)"
- "A regular bus service, not just a shopper"
- "Only have bus twice a week to Chepstow"
- "As disabled, always have to rely on friends"
- "Limited walking due to disability so have to drive and park"
- "I am the only driver - when I break my leg I can't!"
- "No taxi/emergency driver"
- "Hospital visits"
- "I can't get to local vet etc."
- "Increasingly"
- "It is my health, not the transport"

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## Q6. What additional services for the elderly would you like to see?

24 people answered this question. Comments are summarised below under various headings.

### TRANSPORT

- Dial-a-ride x 3
- Free transport
- More transport to local hospitals for visiting
- Transport to surgery from common

### HEALTH

- Chiropodist x 2
- Visiting doctor and nurse
- Prescription collection service

### VISITING

- Visiting service for housebound
- Routine visits for those living alone
- Sick visiting

### CLUBS/ACTIVITIES

- A place where lone elderly could meet once a week for conversation, entertainment, lunch, craft etc.
- Weekly lunch club in Pavilion.
- Daytime activities e.g. U3A and FE classes, including crafts and physical activities.
- Afternoon/evening activities
- Yoga/pilates

### OTHER

- Help sometimes needed in house and garden
- Happy hour in pub
- Additional shopping facilities in village e.g. fresh fish
- Outdoor tea/coffee by Post Office
- More localised paths/street clearing after snowfalls
- Replacement of footpath stiles with kissing gates to comply with DDA regs.
- Day centre for people with a carer. Could just be once a week. Would save long ride to & from Lydney (long because others picked up.) Could carry information about benefits, attendance allowance etc.



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### Q3. Are you prepared to help organise any such activities?

12 ticked 'Yes'. One wrote 'Possibly a band'.

### Q4. Do you work or intend to work within 15 miles of your home?

In addition to the answers below, one wrote "As a Saturday job when I'm old enough but not for career" and another said "I am only six!".

Yes 13                      No 7

### Q5. Do you want to continue living in the parish if possible?

Yes 18                      No 5

### Q6. Would you like to see more accommodation available for young couples and single people?

Yes 16                      No 3

- "But for those from the village and surrounding areas, not townies"
- "Possibly for working couples"

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