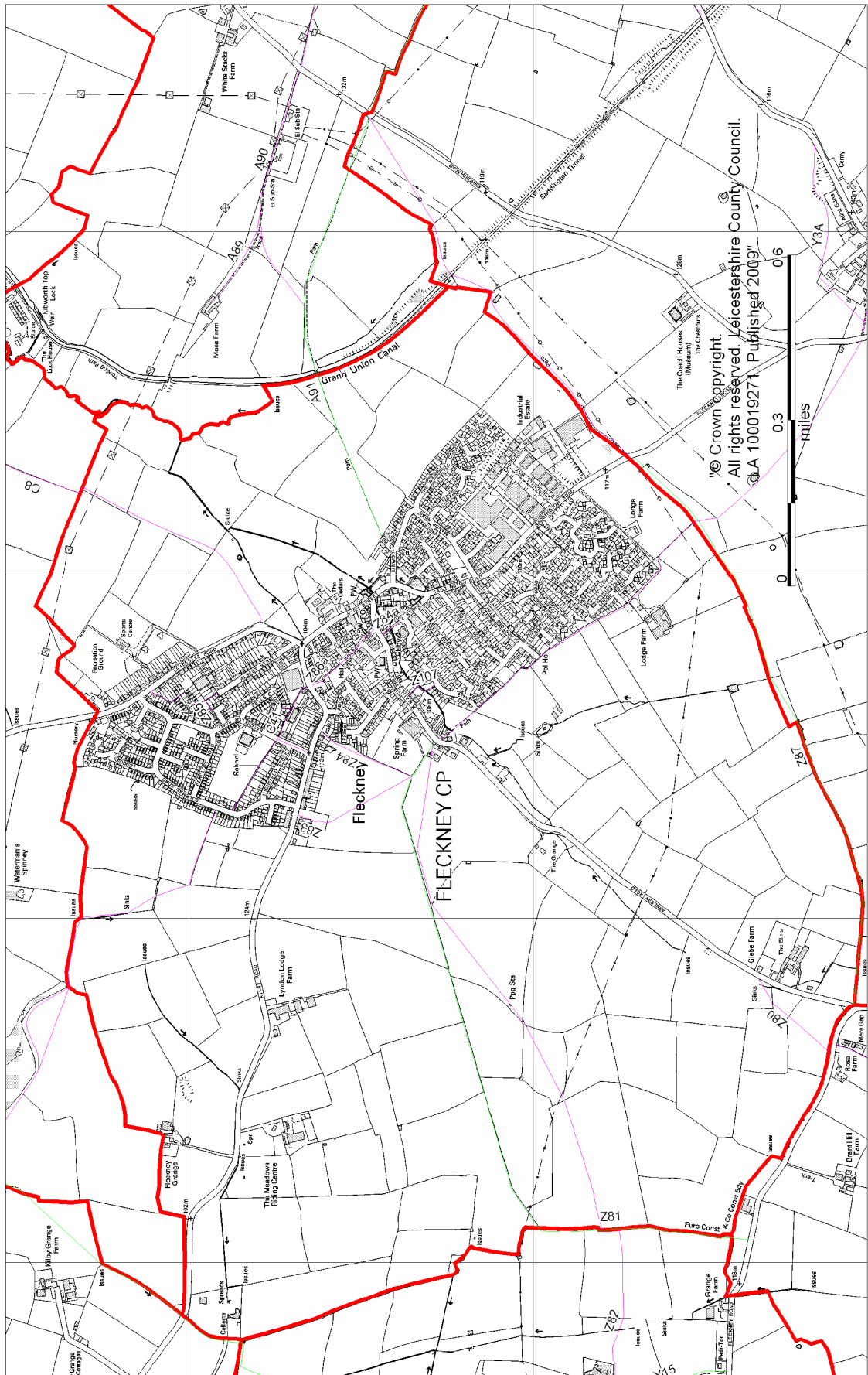


Fleckney Parish Plan



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Introduction

What is a Parish Plan and why have one in Fleckney?

A Parish Plan is a community driven consultation process that results in the production of a detailed report that includes an action plan for the future of the community. Service providers including the Parish, District and County Councils, the Primary Care Trust (NHS) and the police, will use the report to effectively plan services and to inform future policies and decisions. Therefore, it is a way to communicate to local service providers what Fleckney residents want for the future of their Parish.

Parish Councillors attended a presentation about Parish Plans by the RCC (Leicestershire & Rutland) and decided to instigate the process in Fleckney because, acting on the Parishioners behalf, they wanted to know more about what people wanted for the future of their community.

The process began in 2007 with a public meeting at which a number of residents volunteered to form the Parish Plan steering group. This group has worked steadily with guidance from the RCC to complete the consultation and produce this report.

The making of the Fleckney Parish Plan

A questionnaire was delivered to and collected from households in the parish. The community was also consulted by using a number of other creative methods. In collaboration with the Fleckney Church of England Primary School, the Parish Plan group set up a drawing competition. Pupils of 4 to 11years old were invited to draw the things they liked best about the village and what they disliked most. As well as collecting a wealth of useful information for the Parish Plan a picture was chosen to be printed onto greetings cards subsequently used to raise funds and awareness of Parish Plan activities.



Card Design



School Drawing Competition

Entries have been used as illustrations throughout the document

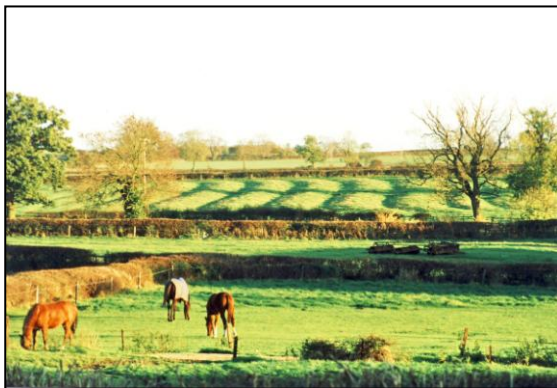
Young people aged between 11 and 14 were able to contribute to the questionnaire delivered to their home as well as having the opportunity to complete a separate questionnaire designed for their age group. Kibworth High School collaborated with

us by delivering and collecting the questionnaire that was also available on-line. We achieved a good rate of response.

Again to raise awareness and widen participation we gathered community opinion at village events such as the village produce show and Fleckney Festival. Residents attending these events were invited to contribute to an “ideas wall” by offering their suggestions on how to improve Fleckney Parish. Throughout the process the Parish Plan was further publicised by posters on notice boards and articles in the local newspaper.

Fleckney and its History

Fleckney is situated amid the gently undulating Leicestershire countryside, the Soar Valley to the West and Welland Valley on the South East. The village is built on the North side of a hill, 300ft above sea level with all roads out of the village rising at least another 100ft within a mile of the centre. The stream that passes through the village centre flows from high ground in the South and through fields to the North where it joins a main tributary of the River Sence. Fleckney probably owes its existence to the 'Brook' as the first settlement of mud huts were built near the fresh water spring. Just three households are mentioned in the Domesday survey and were possibly located on the slope above the Church, which is a central position not liable to flooding.



Farmland leading to the Canal



Arnesby Road, now Main Street

One of the smallest settlements in the area until the 19th century, Fleckney was an agricultural community growing hay for livestock, barley for ale and wheat for bread. The first development came to Fleckney with the introduction of the brick making industry, bringing an influx of people to work the new brickfields. Fleckney's foundation of heavy clay was dug out, blended and shaped in moulds by hand. Little evidence of this industry remains except for the village ponds which were former clay pits. Some of the oldest houses in the village are built from these very tough bricks that show little sign of the passing years.

By the mid 19th century hosiery had taken over as Fleckney's main industry. Mechanisation meant less work in the brickfields so the community turned to cottage industry where all members of a family would be involved, working in their own homes. Fleckney was connected with the framework industry early on, with some of

the earliest hand frames made being used in the village. Cottages still standing in Stores Lane housed some of the first hand frames.

Other industries of Fleckney included the manufacture of mineral waters by Furnival Brothers (who operated in Fleckney between 1897 and 1994) and smelting. The Commercial Smelting and Refining Company came to Fleckney in 1952, and closed in December 1991. Their premises, formally the Wolsey hosiery factory was located on the site of the current Forge Estate.



THEN – Furnivals Factory

NOW – Furnivals Close



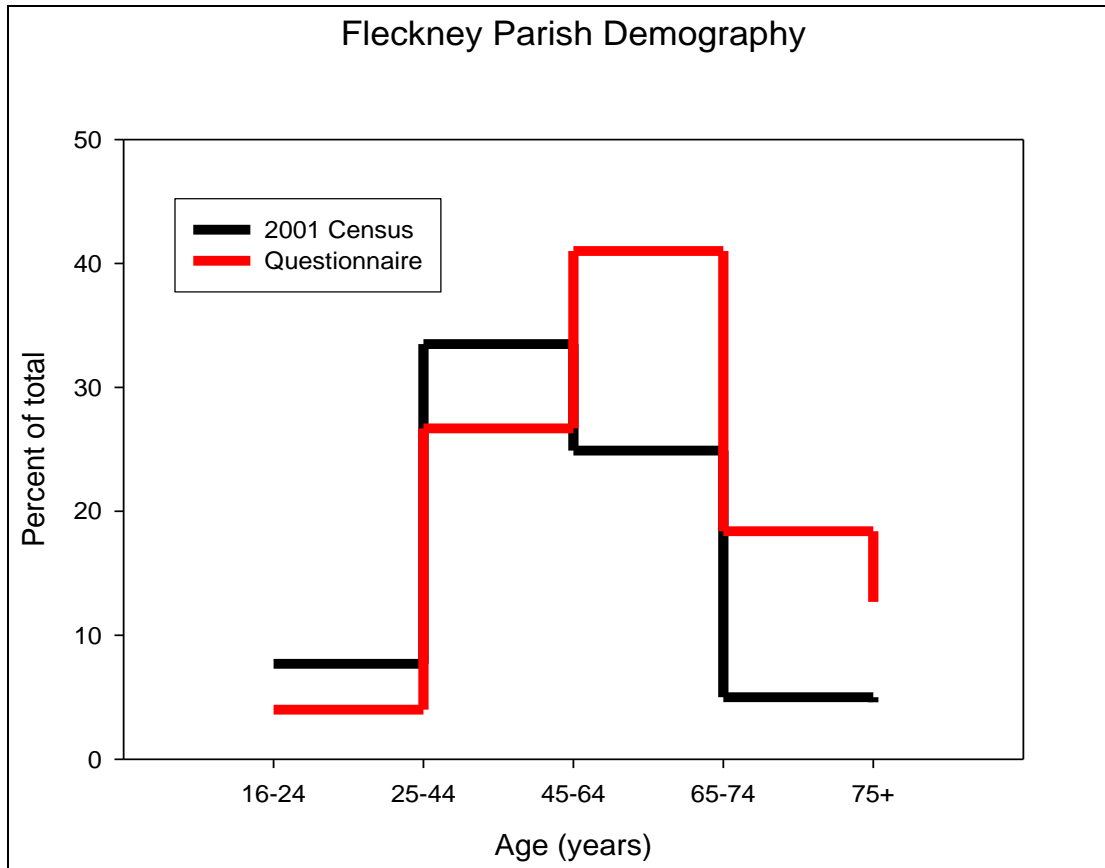
Fleckney still has assorted small industry, although mostly operating from a purpose-built estate on the East side of the village and farming is still very much in evidence as Fleckney nestles in a rural working landscape.

Demographics

The 2001 Census gave us a snapshot of the people of the parish at the end of the 20th century. The population of the Parish was 4,613 people, being almost equally split between male and female (2,304 male and 2,309 female). The age structure of the parish was also almost equally split with 32% under 25 years, 33.5% between 25 and 44 years with the remaining 34.5% being 45 years or above. The average age of the population of Fleckney Parish in 2001 was 35.6 years. Additionally, of the residents who were of age to work 74.9% were in some form of paid work with only 1.9% unemployed. This is not common in a rural parish, with unemployment usually being higher and the population generally older.

The questionnaire had a section designed to gather information about who actually filled it out. The total number of questionnaires returned was 360, with 41% being the views of one person and 51% being those of two. Of those 55% were female and

45% male. The age distribution of the respondents was 4% under 25 years, 26% between 25-44 year and 69% being 45 and over.

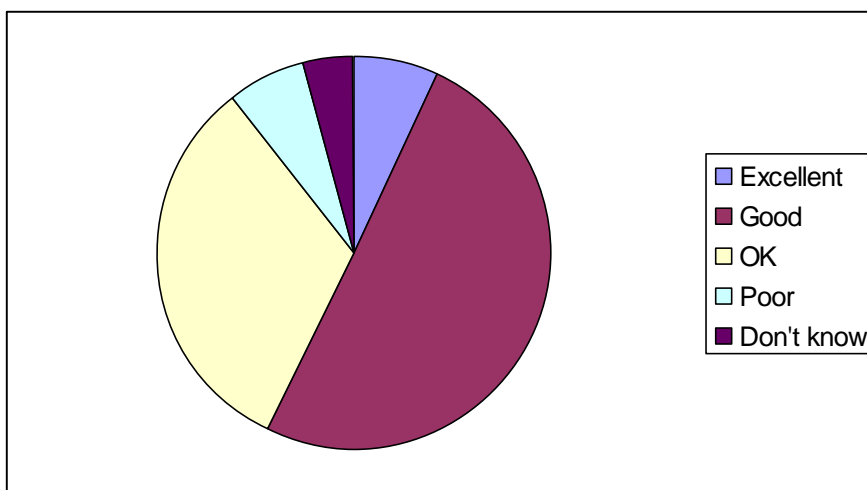


It can be clearly seen that the age distribution of those responding to the questionnaire is biased to the over 45's by 50%, with the over 75's being overrepresented by almost three fold. We will not speculate as to why the under 45's did not respond to the questionnaire as avidly as the over 45's but note that the responses and conclusions drawn from the questionnaire will reflect the age group that responded. The under 16's had their own questionnaire, and the under 11's the picture competition. Thus the Parish Plan committee are confident that the opinions of the young people of the parish have been well determined and documented.

The Report

Community Spirit and Equality

The majority of responses indicated that the community spirit in Fleckney is good or excellent, with only 6% rating it as poor. The chart below shows the complete result:



When asked about how community spirit could be improved there were 82 comments recorded. Four main themes emerged:

- All community groups could work more closely together and be more interconnected.
- More events for the family.
- More facilities for all, especially those targeted at young people and for leisure use.
- Better communication with regard to both community events and facilities available.



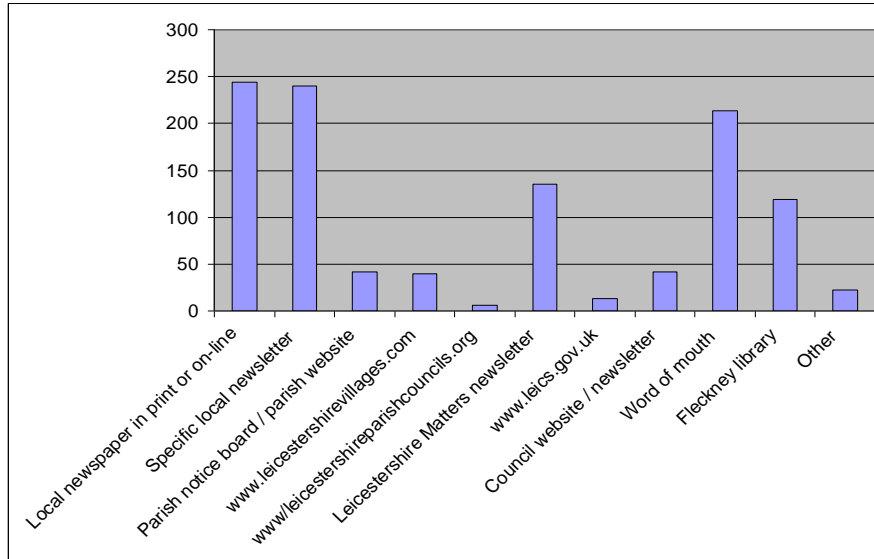
School Drawing Competition



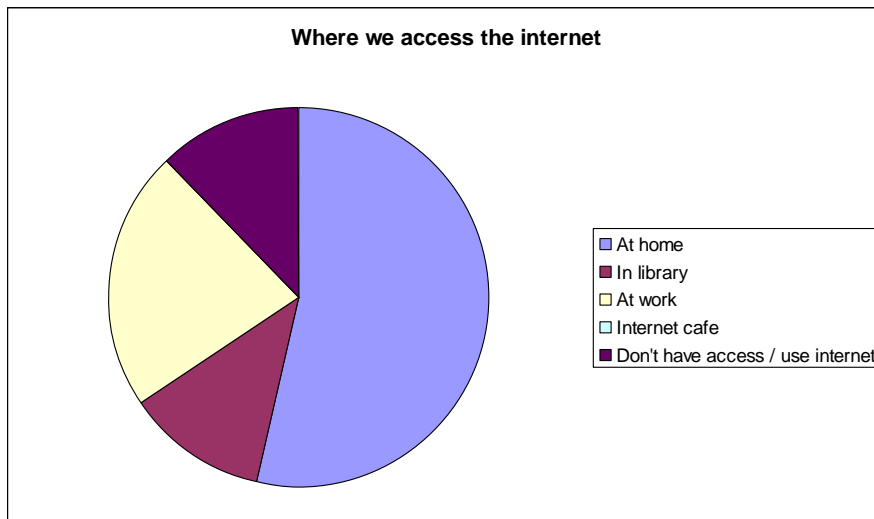
Community Event

Access to Information

Despite many respondents using the internet the top 5 sources of local information are; local newspapers (68%), local newsletter (Communicata) (67%) word of mouth (59%), “Leicestershire Matters” (38%), and Fleckney Library (33%).



From the comments about other sources it was evident that displays in local shops, particularly the Post Office, are widely used.



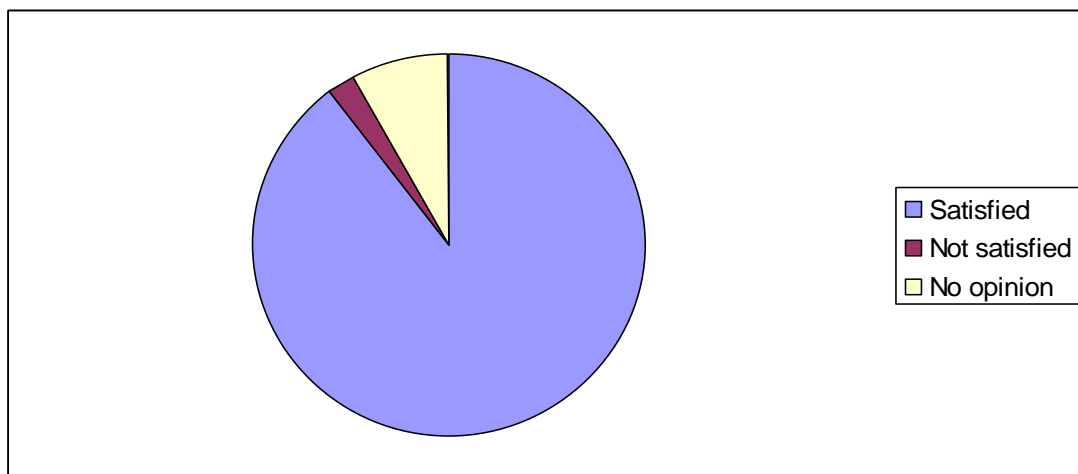
A number of comments highlighted the shortcomings of local websites as well as the need for a more prominent community notice board in the centre of the Parish.

The questionnaire revealed that a number of people would be interested in adding information to the www.leicestershirevillages.com website and most of them would be prepared to attend training sessions.

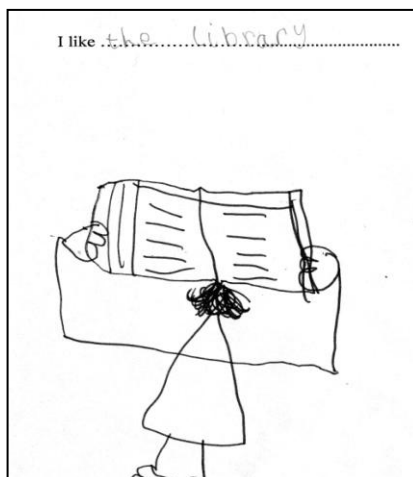
Library



Fleckney library has been situated at the heart of the village in the Old School Building since 2003. 258 of the 360 questionnaire respondents use Fleckney Library. Borrowing books is by far the most used of the library's various services. Several comments regarding other uses of Fleckney Library reflected its value as a source of information and link to other service providers



The pie chart above shows that the majority of users (90%) are satisfied with the services provided by the Library.



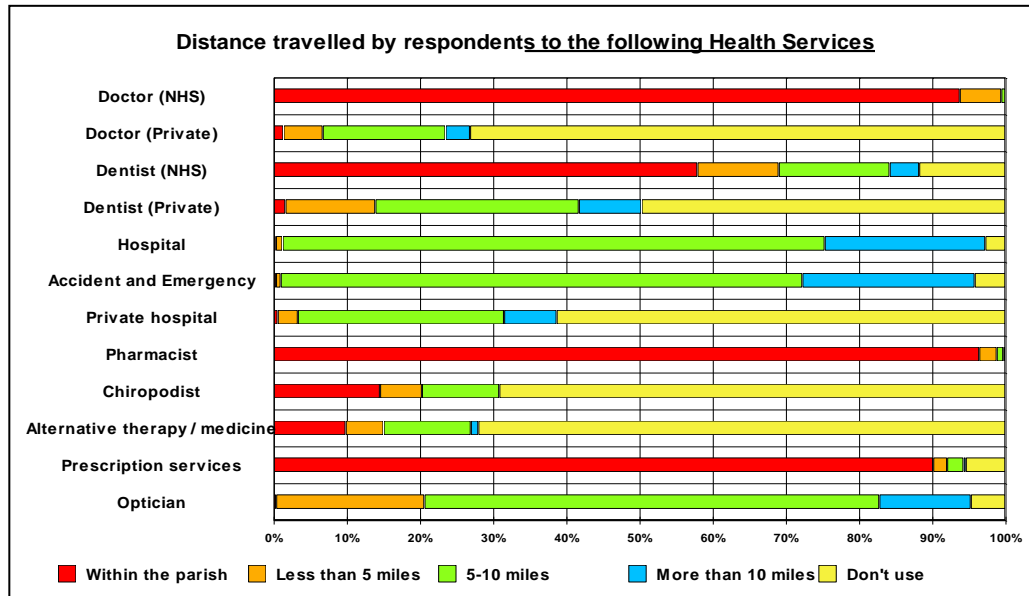
School Drawing Competition

There were 82 non-users of which 14 commented that different opening hours might encourage them to use the services. There has been no action raised in the Plan as Leicestershire Libraries regularly review their opening hours, and they have been supplied with the results of the questionnaire.

There were several positive comments too, such as "Library is excellent and so well maintained – keep up the good work, and the museum is good too"

Health and Social Care

Overall, it appears that the majority of people who responded to this section of the questionnaire use the medical, dental and pharmacy services available within the parish.



It has been identified that a small proportion of respondents require care and support with everyday tasks within the home (7.8%). On the whole most people in this category were satisfied with the help (both social and personal) that they receive, however 6 respondents identified that they require extra support.

Although the current level of satisfaction with Health & Social care services is high it is important to make sure residents (especially those in need of additional support) are fully aware of how to access the services that are available to them both within and outside Fleckney. All information on such services should be made available via all forms of local publicity including contact details for all relevant organisations. This information should be updated regularly, as local circumstances and changes in services dictate.

Employment and the Local Economy

The questionnaire confirmed that most local shops and businesses are well used and form an important part of the village. The Post Office in particular is used frequently by almost all respondents for a wide variety of services.

When asked what business development would suit Fleckney a 'Tea Room' and 'Leisure Facilities' were favourites among the general respondents, with local businesses favouring small workshop space and inclusion in a local directory.

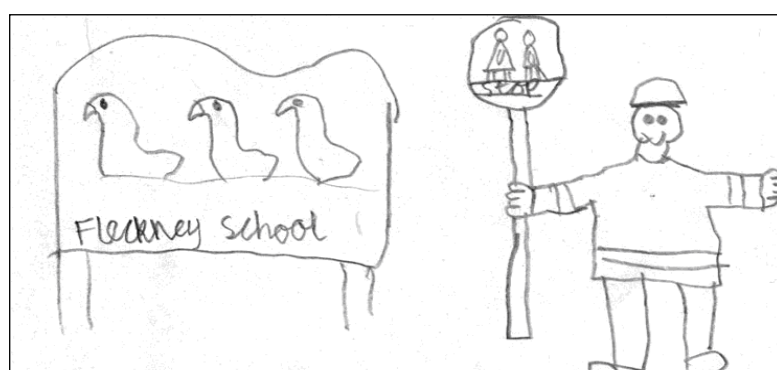


Education and Childcare

Adult Education - 199 respondents identified that they would attend courses in Fleckney for recreation or to develop skills. The most common courses identified were computer skills (83) and languages (87). Several individual responses expressed problems with the time of day that existing courses had been arranged. 103 said they did not attend Adult Education classes in Fleckney because they were not appropriate. One respondent did enrol on a computer course in the library, but it was cancelled because they were the only one interested!

Child Care - Most respondents were very satisfied with child care in Fleckney, and find that they can make arrangements easily (27) or OK (19). A minority found it difficult (10) or extremely difficult (1) to access child care in the Parish. Several residents expressed a need for better holiday club arrangements which would assist working parents during the school holidays.

Village School - Our village school should be congratulated as 86% of respondents to this section found the school to be excellent or very good with a corresponding number very satisfied with the standard of education. Most additional comments received were equally positive, with only one or two commenting on an over emphasis on SATs or expressing a preference for other schools.



School Drawing
Competition

Sport, Leisure and Recreation

Fleckney is well provided with a large range of leisure facilities, activities and interest groups aimed at all ages. These range from “the arts”, social and sports clubs to organised events such as Fleckney’s festival. The questionnaire identified that residents participated regularly in recreational and cultural activities, however a significant number of residents found it difficult to obtain information about existing groups and events. The provision of further parish notice boards and a directory of events included in the community newspaper should rectify this issue.

A high proportion of respondents walk on a daily basis (80%) with many also “eating out” weekly (22%) or monthly (45%). With walking within and around the Parish being so popular many respondents (16%) suggested information leaflets illustrating local walks would be a benefit.

Issues identified regarding footpaths and public rights of way included the condition of stiles (*i.e.* ease of access) and footpaths being ploughed over in the autumn making access difficult and muddy. A particular concern raised was the poor state of the canal towpath in the area of Saddington tunnel. This is a popular route with both walkers and runners, providing easy access to Millfield Wood, but it has deteriorated badly, becoming overgrown, narrow, uneven and very slippery in wet weather.



Fleckney All Weather Pitch

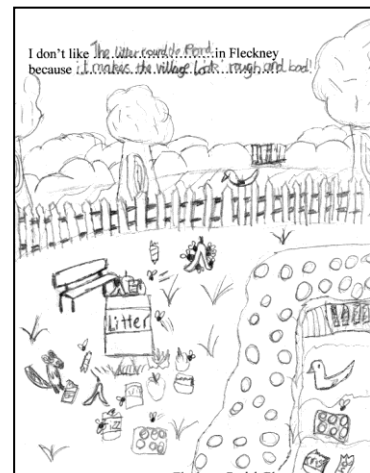


Canal Towpath to Saddington Tunnel

Environment

The term environment means many things to many people and here we tried to make a distinction between the natural environment, which is the countryside within the Parish, and the built environment that we live in.

Natural Environment - It is clear from residents' responses that the natural environment is greatly valued by both young and old. With the canal, farmland, footpaths, duck pond and hedgerows being highlighted for particular note. Additionally, the majority feel that the natural environment is well protected and maintained but some (23%) indicate that the surrounding woodlands and watercourses could be improved; litter being the main concern. As highlighted under "Sport, Leisure and Recreation" the condition of the local footpaths received some comment with the issues of paths becoming overgrown and farmers ploughing across paths raising concerns.



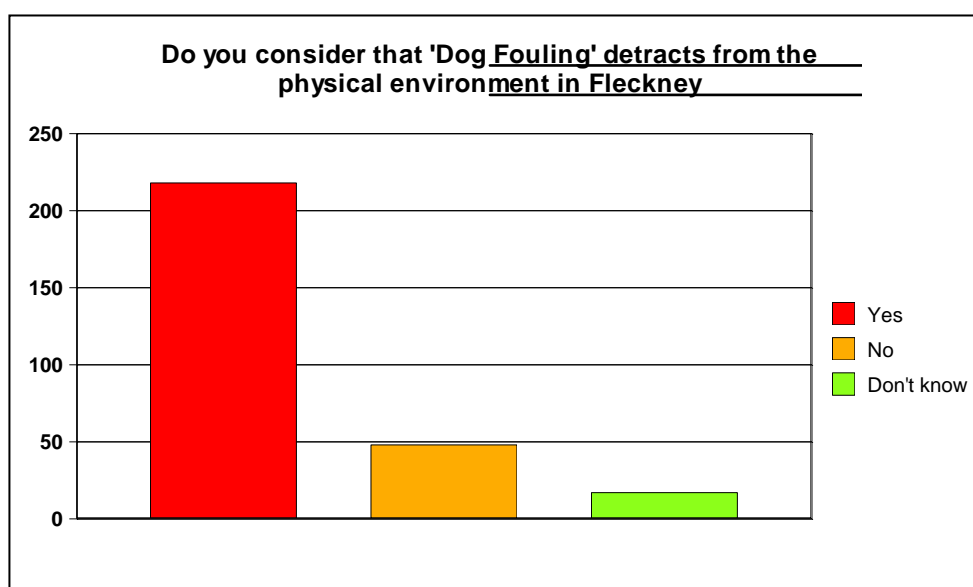
Duck Pond

Built Environment - The conditions of most features in the Parish are at an acceptable standard for a majority of residents. The high level of pavement parking is raised (50% of respondents) as a problem. Residents are particularly concerned that they are unable to use pavements due to parked cars with access becoming impossible when using a pushchair. At the same time, car drivers state that parking makes driving through Fleckney village difficult! The number of vehicles on UK roads has increased dramatically in the last thirty years (61% - from 19 million in 1971 to over 31 million in 2007) with about 20% of households having two cars (source RAC - Car ownership in Great Britain). The vast majority of houses built within the Parish prior to 1950 have no off-road parking facilities. This is, therefore, a difficult issue. Although firmer enforcement measures have been suggested, all car owning residents in the parish can help solve this problem by judicious and considerate parking.

Recycling & Waste - Responses were mixed when questioned about the current measures for removal of domestic waste with the majority being reasonably content. However, there is an overwhelming demand for the expansion of kerbside collections to include the recycling of plastics.



Dog Fouling - Of the total of 360 returned questionnaires 218 respondents (61%) consider that dog fouling detracts from the physical environment within Fleckney.

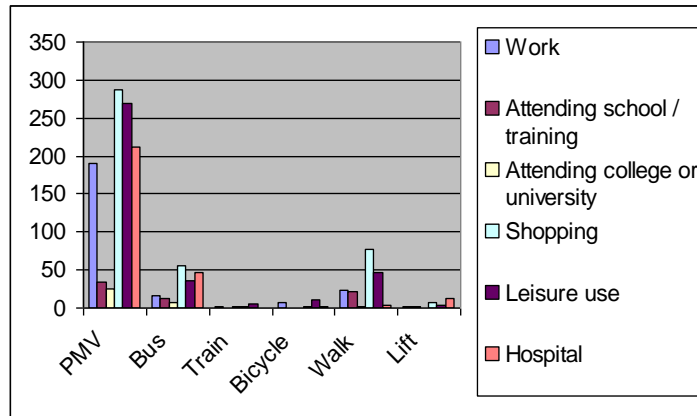


Of the 36 comments received on required improvements to footpaths and public rights of way 10 (28%) highlighted the need for additional 'dog bins' & 'no fouling' signage. The most frequently identified locations which require additional bins were Main Street (23%), Kibworth Road (18%), Kilby Road (14%) and Edward Road (14%). While solutions such as more bins and firmer enforcement measures were suggested, the greater support of dog owners themselves in solving the problem needs to be sought.

Traffic and Transport

Transport – 89% of respondents have regular access to a private motor vehicle. Respondents identified that private motor vehicles are by far the most commonly used method of transport in Fleckney for the majority of everyday journeys.

Method of transport used most often by respondents for the following purposes



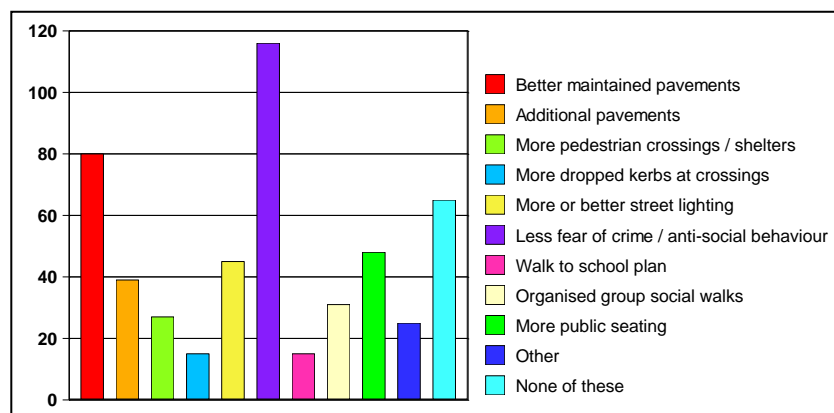
When asked about public transport provision in Fleckney 33% thought it was fair, but more thought it was poor (31%) rather than good or excellent (12%)

Improvements identified that would encourage more use of public transport included more buses, during the day (32%), in the evenings (27%), as well as at the weekend (32%). Also high on the list were new routes (29%) and better value for money (29%). It must be noted that during the preparation of this report the frequency of daytime buses to Leicester has been increased, and the Market Harborough service now includes a new stop at the Leicester end of the village on a trial basis.

Responses show that little is known about the availability of ‘Community’ and ‘Voluntary’ transport schemes within Fleckney, and only a few are users.

The main improvements identified that would encourage people to walk more were less fear of crime and anti-social behaviour (32%), and better maintained pavements (22%).

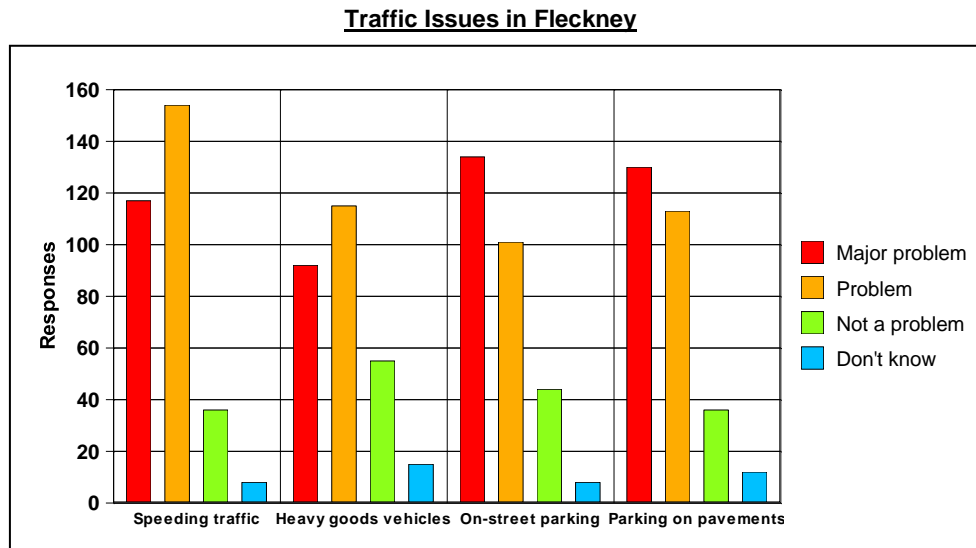
Improvements that would encourage respondents to walk more



13% of respondents identified that more public seating would encourage them to walk more often with 22% also highlighting that more seating and rest stops would improve public rights of way within the parish.

Regarding what would encourage respondent to cycle more, the most popular requests were for more off road cycle ways (33%) and a safer cycling environment (27%).

Traffic - The major traffic issues highlighted by respondents were speeding traffic, on-street parking, parking on pavements and heavy goods vehicles



There were 44 additional comments regarding this section, many reinforcing the findings shown above. These comments together with the 62 general comments about traffic and transport helped to identify problem areas.

The centre of the village, from the Main Street junction, past the Post Office and the Co-op, with the narrow pavements and car park entrance, is seen as an area of traffic congestion, giving concerns about pedestrians' safety. There were several complaints about the chicane in the road by the duck pond causing congestion.

57% of respondents were in favour of initiating a Community Speedwatch scheme within Fleckney with just 14% against. 42 respondents expressed a willingness to volunteer to help run a scheme. The main problem areas identified with regards to speeding are the Saddington Road and Leicester Road entrances to the village.

Both pavement and inappropriate parking is seen a big problem within the village with calls for police enforcement and provision of more off road parking spaces prominent. Yellow lines could be considered to prevent blockages on narrow carriageway sections, such as Kilby Road.



THEN – Albert Street in 1950



NOW – Albert Street in 2010

Many respondents see an unfavourable impact of Heavy Goods Vehicles driving through the village when accessing the Industrial Estate. Improved signage, advance information to the transport firms from local businesses, and weight restriction enforcement could all help to resolve this issue.



Unfavourable impact of HGVs caught on camera!

Housing and Planning

A majority of residents who expressed an opinion were against any future housing developments (41%) citing concerns that the village would become too large and that the local amenities would not be able to cope with the increase in population. The preferred options for any future development are the conversion of redundant buildings (42%) or small housing developments of less than ten properties (25%) which should be built either by the local authority (21%) or by local builders (21%).

A significant housing need has not been identified however some respondents indicated homes for young people (31%) and small family homes (26%) could be a benefit. A minority also identified a need for low cost housing (including flats & maisonettes) as well as bungalows for retired residents. Only 7% of respondents have had a family member leave the village due to a lack of affordable housing.



THEN – The Commercial Smelting & Refining Company Ltd



NOW – The Forge Estate

From the questionnaire, 53% of the respondents were over the age of 55 (with 31% being retired) whilst only 8% were under the age of 35. Additionally, 38% had lived in the parish for more than 25 years with a further 30% having lived in the parish for more than 10 years. Thus the population turnover of the Parish is very low and any future developments need to reflect the needs of the population.

High cost housing can exclude young people from the Parish and the argument for low cost housing is appreciated within Fleckney. With the demand for housing nationally being high, all localities will be expected to absorb its share of any new housing stock. Over the next decade the Parish will have new developments, and it can only be hoped that the views and needs of the residents are taken into account.

With environmental issues being a high priority globally, the questionnaire included questions on energy saving features for our homes. The majority already have many of the common energy saving features installed in their homes (e.g. double glazing, loft and wall insulation, lagged hot water tanks and low energy bulbs) with a significant number (29%) saying they would like solar panels. The overwhelming reason for not installing additional energy saving devices is the initial cost of installation with some also raising concerns regarding ongoing maintenance costs. With this in mind any new housing developments should either have these energy saving devices installed or be made such that retro fitting is easier with reduced installation charges.

Crime and Safety

Although Fleckney's crime rate is relatively low 49% of respondents perceive vandalism and 34% drug abuse as problems in the Parish. The majority are happy with the availability and response of the local police to problems in the Parish. When asked what improvements could be made the majority response (84%) was an increase in foot or bicycle patrols, closely followed by more Neighbourhood Watch schemes (53%) extended opening hours of the local Police Station (30%) and CCTV (23%).



PC Chrissie Bemand at the monthly Police Beat Surgery held at Fleckney Library.

58% of respondents identified that they know how to contact the local Police Officer.

83% are aware of the monthly beat surgery at Fleckney Library and would make use of it if the need arose.

It is a great pleasure to report that the vast majority of the residents of Fleckney feel safe in the village during daylight hours (96%); however, a significant minority (34%) feel unsafe after dark. For this group better lighting around the alleys, the car parks and the recreation ground would be a benefit. Most people who felt unsafe identified the problem as anti-social behaviour and it is clear from the comments made that this upsets many residents across the Parish. There was also mention of groups gathering around the shops and the duck pond, getting drunk and becoming abusive. An increase in foot/cycle patrols within the village, particularly after dark would help make residents feel safer and possibly alleviate this problem.

Young People

There were 181 respondents to a separate 'Young Persons' questionnaire all aged between 11 and 14 years.

Respondents make good use of the current sports facilities but they identify a need for improvement and expansion. The majority of respondents will use the all weather pitch (60%) however facilitation of tennis and netball as well as football would be welcomed. The intended basket ball hoop will be well received with 47% of respondents stating that they will use it. 72% of respondents do not use the Sports Hall on Leicester Road. 41% indicated that there are no activities of interest to them and a further 27% stated that there is nothing to do at the facility. Further comments highlighted that the Sports Hall is not well presented or publicised. There was some demand from respondents for badminton and table tennis, which are already provided at the venue and could be more widely publicised. 20% of respondents would attend dance activities if provided.

There is unmet demand from respondents for cultural activities such as art (22%) and music (20%) as well as a high demand for facilities and spaces that enable young people to self organise for socialising. A youth shelter (22%) and "chill venue" (22%) would be used by respondents and with the majority identifying 'friends', 'the social scene' and 'the parks' as things they like best about Fleckney, it is very clear that providing places and facilities to meet and socialise is a high priority. Improved public transport or the introduction of an organised transport scheme would enhance opportunities to pursue additional sport, culture and leisure activities outside Fleckney.



Mural



Fleckney All Weather Pitch

It is sad that in our rural village location, an environment much valued by young people (20%), that harassment by gangs (44%), damage to the built environment (29%) and traffic (6%) spoil young people's enjoyment of life here. Boredom was also a common complaint (45%). New activities, improved facilities and enhanced social opportunities should help to alleviate some of these problems. The enforcement agencies need to do more to enhance personal safety and reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Fleckney Action Plan

	Title	Action	Method	Lead	Partners	Priority
1: Community Spirit and Equality & Access to Information						
1.1	Diary of Village Events	Expand and improve the 'Diary of Events' in the village newsletter	<p>Newsletter to clearly publicise deadlines for submission</p> <p>Local clubs and event organisers to keep newsletter updated with details of forthcoming events, activities and meetings</p>	Communicata	All local clubs and event organisers	HIGH
		Publicise and expand 'Diary of Events' on the Fleckney Websites	As Above + Provide information on key events to external websites (such as the RCC) for wider promotion.	LV.com Site Administrator	RCC Website All local clubs and event organisers	HIGH
1.2	Community Notice Board	Install a community notice board in a central and visible location.	<p>Identify and agree a suitable location.</p> <p>Source and install a board.</p> <p>Identify a local volunteer/group to keep notice board tidy and up to date.</p>	PC	All local clubs and organisations. Local volunteers	HIGH
1.3	Need for a directory of clubs and societies	Create and update a directory of all local clubs and societies both online and on the village notice board.	<p>Clubs and societies to add and update contact details and information on:</p> <p>1) Village Webpage (www.leicestershirevillages.com/fleckney)</p> <p>2) Community Notice Board</p>	All local clubs and societies	LV.com Site Administrator PC	MEDIUM
1.4	Improve local web pages	Promote, publicise and encourage more use of the village webpage (www.leicestershirevillages.com/fleckney)		LV.com Site Administrator	Village residents Local clubs and organisations	MEDIUM

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2: Sport Leisure and Recreation						
2.1	Access to swimming pools and leisure facilities	Improve accessibility to local swimming and leisure facilities	Identify residents interested in forming a regular swimming club Organise a community transport service to and from local leisure centres at appropriate times.	Youth/local clubs Volunteers	Local Residents VASL HDC Harborough District Leisure Trust LCC – Transport	MEDIUM
2.2	Free swimming for under 16's and over 60's.	Promote and raise awareness of local leisure centres engaged in the 'Free Swim' project.	Gather information to publicise and promote the project within Fleckney Ensure residents are aware of timetables, participating leisure centres and how to register.	HDC Harborough District Leisure Trust	Youth and other local clubs Schools LV.com Site Administrator Communicata	MEDIUM
2.3	Safety/condition of Canal Towpath between Saddington Tunnel and Kibworth Top Lock	Improve and maintain the condition of the Grand Union Canal towpath between Saddington Tunnel and Kibworth Top Lock.		British Waterways	PC HDC Adjoining Landowners	HIGH
2.4	Ploughing over and obstructing footpaths	Reduce incidents of local rights of way being ploughed over or obstructed.	Inform public of how and where to report incidents. Remind offending farmers/land owners of their responsibility to keep rights of way clear.	LCC Walking club Local residents	Local land owners PC	LOW
2.5	Information on local walks	Produce a leaflet containing maps and information about local walks and footpaths.		Walking Club	LCC PC PCT – Healthy Walks	MEDIUM
2.6	Safe walking route towards Wistow	Establish a footpath/walking route from Fleckney to Wistow which is safe and accessible to all.		LCC	Walking Club PC	MEDIUM

	Title	Action	Method	Lead	Partners	Priority
3: Employment & Local Economy						
3.1	Need for small local workshop space	Identify and raise awareness of existing work/storage space available within the Parish		HDC	LCC	MEDIUM
3.2	Local Business Directory	Create a business directory to help advertise local businesses and to promote joint working and networking.	Encourage local businesses to upload their details onto the business directory on the village website.	LV.com Site Administrator	Local businesses PC	MEDIUM
		Form a local business forum to further enhance networking and joint working		Local businesses	PC	MEDIUM
3.3	Local shops are important to the local community and economy	Maintain the use and support for local shops and services	Encourage local residents to shop locally and support local businesses. Advertise and promote in local media.	Local residents Local media (Communicata LV.com etc)	Local shops and businesses PC	HIGH
4: Adult Education & Childcare						
4.1	Demand for language and computer courses	Adult Education providers to research and provide suitable courses within Fleckney.	Run taster sessions to gauge interest and demand. Publicise courses more effectively throughout the village.	Adult Learning	Library LV.com Site Administrator Communicata Local Radio Notice boards PC	MEDIUM
4.2	Demand for improved holiday child care and activities for children.	Publicise existing holiday schemes throughout Fleckney	Notice boards	Existing providers	LCC Communicata LV.com Site Administrator	LOW
		Add to and improve existing activity and childcare schemes during school holidays.		LCC – Extended Schools	HDC Existing providers	MEDIUM

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5: Environment						
5.1	Maintenance required to Duck Pond and Brook	More regular and targeted litter removal and tree pruning	Volunteer litter picks	Volunteers	PC RCC	MEDIUM
		Identify a coordinator to oversee maintenance (Volunteer, HDC or PC)	Maintenance by Authorities to be more regular and coordinated Reminder to private landowners about their responsibilities to maintain their stretch of bank.	HDC HDC	LCC PC Private landowners PC	MEDIUM
5.2	Maintenance and clearing of vegetation blocking footpaths and pavements and rights of way.	Responsible authority to better maintain and monitor vegetation growth over footpaths & pavements.		LCC		MEDIUM
		Private landowners and residents to keep paths and footways clear	Polite reminders issued to offending Landowners/residents	PC	Local Residents LCC	MEDIUM
5.4	Dog Fouling	Implement more regular monitoring and emptying of current bins		PC	HDC	HIGH
		New bins and signage required at Edward Road Play Area, Victoria Street, and Wolsey Lane.	Dog bin working party to review improvements in identified areas	PC - Dog Bin Working Party		HIGH ONGOING
		More enforcement of current 'No Fouling' laws		HDC Enforcement Officer	PC	HIGH
5.5	Need for collection of more items for recycling collection (plastic especially)	HDC to review and expand kerbside collections to include plastic		HDC		HIGH
		Introduce community recycling schemes	Possible voluntary lead schemes include; Recycling Credits & Community Recycling Drop Off Days.	Volunteers Local residents	LCC RCC	HIGH
5.6	Improvements required to bus stop outside The Old Crown (Pavement too narrow and large drop off kerb)	Review stretch of pavement and access the safety + accessibility of the bus stop.		LCC - Highways	PC	HIGH

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5.7	Volunteers to collect records of local wildlife and environmental features	Establish a group of volunteers to collect records of wildlife and environmental features in and around Fleckney	Contact volunteers identified through the Parish Plan questionnaire and set up a meeting/focus group Provide volunteers with information and contacts from the LCC Community Heritage Initiative	RCC + Volunteers	LCC - Community Heritage Initiative	LOW
5.8	Volunteer Heritage, Archaeology and Tree Wardens	Arrange a meeting of all volunteers (identified through the parish plan questionnaire) interested in the heritage, archaeology and trees of Fleckney	Contact volunteers to set up a meeting/focus group Provide volunteers with information and contacts from the LCC Community Heritage Initiative	RCC + Volunteers	LCC - Community Heritage Initiative	LOW
6: Housing & Planning						
6.1	Future Development	Promote and support residents' wishes with regards to the size, scale and housing type of any future developments within Fleckney.	PC & HDC to refer to the Housing and Planning section of the Parish Plan report and the results of the village questionnaire when reviewing future development and planning applications. PC to use relevant information from the Parish Plan to feed into the Harborough Core Strategy (LDF)	PC PC	HDC Local Residents Parish Plan Group	HIGH HIGH
6.2	Increased community awareness of planning applications	Display all new planning applications prominently on the Parish Council Notice Board & adjacent to site.	Publicise all planning applications throughout the parish and raise awareness of current mechanisms for viewing plans	HDC	PC LV.com Planning Aid	MEDIUM
6.3	Renewable energy	New developments should include green/renewable energy solutions or the basics to enable simple/cost effective retro-fitting		HDC	PC	LOW
		Provide information and advice to the community on energy efficiency & renewable energy solutions along with available grants and funding.	Establish a volunteer environment group within Fleckney.	Volunteers and local residents	PC RCC Village Trust	LOW
6.4	Affordable Housing	Further assess the need for more affordable housing within Fleckney (especially for young people).	Parish Council to liaise with Rural Housing Enabler	Rural Housing Enabler	PC HDC	LOW ONGOING

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7: Traffic & Transport						
7.1	Problems with traffic chicane on High Street	Review the traffic calming chicane in its current location to assess problems such as congestion. Possible relocation of chicane to a more suitable location	LCC Highways to liaise with the PC and the Police with regards to a possible review of all traffic calming within the village	LCC Highways	Police PC	MEDIUM
7.2	Safety issues for pedestrians using the narrow pavements in centre of the village	Review the layout of the village centre and assess the possibility of widening pavements and introducing traffic calming measures to improve pedestrian safety	PC to liaise with LCC	LCC Highways	PC	HIGH
7.3	Speeding within the village (especially on Leicester Road and Saddington Road).	More targeted enforcement of 30mph speed limit by the Police		Police		HIGH
		Establish and implement a Community Speedwatch Scheme	Arrange a meeting of the volunteers identified through the questionnaire to discuss further	Volunteers	LCC RCC PC	HIGH
7.4	No buses at evenings or weekends	Review current bus services to include more buses during the evenings and at the weekend.		LCC	Bus Companies PC	MEDIUM
		Organise and provide Community Transport to key locations when bus service is unavailable	Further assess the need within the community including demand & required locations etc.	Volunteers & local residents	VASL PC	MEDIUM
7.5	Problems accessing Bus 44 to Market Harborough from the north of the village	Review route of Bus 44 to include another stop towards the north of the village		LCC	Centrebus Ltd	HIGH ONGOING
7.6	Problems with pavement and inappropriate parking	Enforcement by Police	Issue official warnings for first offences followed by fixed penalty tickets for repeat offenders	Police	PC	HIGH
		Provision of more off road parking in the village centre	Access and review problem areas and provide off road provision. Possible double yellow lines on one side of the road (prevent blockages) – Kilby Road etc	LCC Highways	PC HDC	HIGH

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7.7	HGVs passing through the village centre towards Leicester	Improved signage at industrial estate to direct HGVs out of the village to the south avoiding the village centre.		LCC	PC	HIGH
		Businesses to advise delivery drivers of most appropriate route out of Fleckney Industrial Estate	Request that businesses on the industrial estate inform drivers of a route out of the village avoiding the village centre	LCC	Local Businesses PC	HIGH
		Monitor and enforce the weight restrictions to the north of Fleckney	Local residents to report HGV's ignoring the weight limits so that the Police can investigate and take the necessary action	Police	PC Volunteers and local residents	HIGH
		Introduce a weight restriction through the centre of the village to reduce HGV traffic.	Review the volume, frequency and destination of HGV's passing through the village to assess and introduce a weight limit as required.	LCC Highways	PC	HIGH
8: Crime & Safety						
8.1	Lack of adequate street lighting especially in car parks and around duck pond	Review street lighting in problem areas	PC to liaise with LCC to review problem areas and improve street lighting where required	LCC	PC	LOW
8.2	Lack of Police patrols	More regular & targeted Police and PCSO patrols in and around Fleckney		Police		HIGH
8.3	Neighbourhood Watch	Expand the existing Neighbourhood Watch Scheme active within the village		NHW Group	NHW Coordinator Police	LOW ONGOING
9: Young People						
9.1	Demand for multi-functional all weather pitch (including tennis)	Build and maintain an all weather pitch open for community use		PC	Volunteers HDC	ONGOING
9.2	Demand for a Youth Shelter/Cafe/Meeting Venue	Build and maintain a Youth Shelter/Meeting Place for use by Young People within Fleckney	Identify a suitable location, source funding and install Research and promote the experience and success of other Youth Shelter projects	PC Youth Service	RCC Young People School	HIGH

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9.3	Arts, Music and Theatre Clubs/Activities	Publicise and run Art, Music and Theatre activities for young people within Fleckney	Trial activities and provide taster sessions to gauge interest and take up	Youth Service Young People	PC HDC Centre Stage Soft Touch LCC – Extended Schools	HIGH
9.4	Access to swimming pools and leisure facilities	<i>See Actions 2.1 & 2.2</i>				

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LCC = Leicestershire County Council
HDC = Harborough District Council
PC = Fleckney Parish Council
VASL = Voluntary Action South Leicestershire
RCC = Rural Community Council
NHW = Neighbourhood Watch
PCT = Primary Care Trust
LV.com = www.leicestershirevillages.com – Community Website

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