



## Long Whatton & Diseworth

# Parish Plan

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# Introduction

In November 2005, Diana Cook from Leicestershire & Rutland Rural Community Council addressed a small group of interested residents from Long Whatton and Diseworth on the possibility of producing a Parish Plan. She explained the aims of such and the importance of community consultation and involvement in the whole process. It seemed a daunting task and indeed proved to be one, but an extremely rewarding one, both for the team that set out and stayed with the idea and for the residents of both villages.

It is interesting to note that the hopes and concerns of both villages were not dissimilar and in the process of planning the details, setting out the questions, delivering the questionnaire, and analysing the results, the team which comprised residents from both villages came to a better understanding and appreciation of each other.

In February 2006, the Parish Plan theme was launched, the event hosted by the Rural Community Council and attended by County Council Service Providers as well as local residents. In February 2008, after many deliberations and much hard work, the Parish Plan was launched, together with an Action Plan for the future.

In producing the Plan, the team records with gratitude, the constant support of Leicestershire & Rutland Rural Community Council, in particular, Diana Cook, Jennie Beeby and Charlotte Burt, and the financial support of Long Whatton & Diseworth Parish Council. The Youth Questionnaire could not have taken place without the enthusiasm and support of Youth Worker Ro Riley and the assistance of local schools. The many interesting charts are the painstaking work of Parish Plan secretary Phil Brodrick. The interest shown to the Plan from officers at Leicestershire County Council is much appreciated, in particular the support of Dr. Matthew Kempson.

However the wonderful efforts of the residents of Long Whatton and Diseworth, in persevering when it seemed we were never going to complete, the encouragement and work of volunteers when called upon, and the determination of a small group to ensure that the voice of the two villages was heard has culminated in our Parish Plan.



# Geographical Description

The parish of Long Whatton & Diseworth comprises two villages situated next to each other in North West Leicestershire. They are crossed by two major roads, the M1 and the A42, providing a considerable barrier between the two villages. They both have a rich history of farming and industry, evidence of Roman settlement, and both have Parish Churches with Saxon origins; houses and farms spread out from the site of the Churches. The Parish is within 16 miles of three major cities, Leicester, Derby and Nottingham. Loughborough, which is 5 miles distant is the most popular shopping centre with a direct bus route.

East Midlands Airport is situated to the north of Diseworth and extends into Castle Donington, a larger village some 3 miles beyond Diseworth. The Airport Shuttle Bus which runs frequently from Loughborough Railway Station through Long Whatton and Diseworth and on to Castle Donington and Derby, is the only form of public transport through the parish.

Both Diseworth and Long Whatton have Primary Schools; at 10 years of age pupils transfer to Castle Donington Community College, and at 14 years progress to Hind Leys Community College in Shepshed.

The population of Long Whatton is approximately 1,200 and Diseworth 650. The Long Whatton Post Office & General Stores is the only retail shop in the parish; there are two Public Houses in each village, all of which serve food.

*Keepers Lodge  
Long Whatton*



*Beautiful old buildings in  
the Parish*

*Lilley's Cottage  
Diseworth*

# The Process

Both villages produced Village Appraisals in the late nineties, many of whose findings are confirmed in this Parish Plan. In 1998, Diseworth also produced a Village Design Statement, which as its name implies was mainly concerned with conservation and development. It was adopted by North West Leicestershire District Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance, and is still a valuable reference handbook for Parish Councillors. Since these documents were produced, the designated Conservation Areas in both villages have been reviewed and revised.

Along with many other villages in the county the time seemed appropriate for a Parish Plan; Service Providers were displaying an increasing interest in the perceived needs of village residents. After the first few meetings the Parish Plan team began to devise those areas of concern in the parish and which departments of authority could best assist in overcoming problems.

Eight areas were identified. Traffic & Transport, Housing, Health & Well Being, Environment, Crime & Community Safety, Facilities & Services, Education, and Business. Questions were devised and these were set out in detail which allowed some leeway in responders being able to add personal comments and suggestions. A Youth Questionnaire was also compiled with the assistance of a youth worker, which related to the needs of younger people with a particular section for 13 to 18 year olds.

The cover page was designed by a 14 year old student, demographic questions were added at the end and by June the Questionnaire was ready for printing.

A larger group of volunteers then came into the picture. Each village identified relevant routes for the distribution of the questionnaire and the volunteers chose roads close to their homes. It was agreed that the questionnaires would be personally handed over, one to each person over the age of eighteen. The Youth Questionnaire was taken into the local schools and it was hoped that these would be completed during Registration times.

Each village had a 'Drop Off' point for the questionnaires, though some of the volunteers offered to call on residents in case anyone needed assistance. It had been hoped that most of the questionnaires would be completed on line as there was a carefully explained facility for this, but the take up was disappointing, possibly because a considerable number of responders were senior citizens who might not be familiar with on line answers.

The time consuming work of collecting and analysing the data then proceeded. It was accomplished by three people, with a great deal of help from Jennie Beeby from the Rural Community Council, who collected the data and set it out in various forms.

Then it was up to the Parish Plan group to prioritise actions and responsibilities. This was the part where we needed a boost and it arrived in the form of Charlotte Burt who stepped in after Jennie Beeby had left the RCC. With Charlotte's encouragement the process moved forward and by mid 2007 Brigitta Palinkas from County Hall announced a Service Co-Ordination Event. The draft Action Plan was then converted into an Action Table, with Aims Comments and Actions agreed. To achieve this, a number of representatives from organisations in both villages were invited to Diseworth Village Hall, along with a number of service providers. An afternoon of extremely useful discussion followed which was collated and helped when compiling the final document. The final three months were taken up with layout of the Plan, preparation of charts and comments and the appointing of printer etc..

# Summary of Results

The Parish Plan Questionnaire had been set out in eight separate sections, covering the main interests and concerns of residents during the consultation period. These covered Traffic & Transport, Environment, Housing, Community Safety, Community Buildings, Local Facilities, Health & Well Being and Education.

In the parish of approximately 1300 registered adult residents, there were 463 responses. 40 Young people answered the separate Youth Questionnaire.

The problems of traffic speeding through the villages, the frequency of accidents at the junction on to the A6 and inconsiderate parking of vehicles all featured highly in the results. Whilst a shuttle bus travels regularly from Loughborough to Derby and goes through both villages, there is no public transport provided to other areas in North West Leicestershire, either to the local secondary schools or to surgeries other than Castle Donington. However Community Transport is available.

The greatest interest shown by responders was for the environment. Pollution in the form of noise, litter and dog fouling is of much concern, as is the state of pathways and pavements in the parish. With recent heavy rain concern over the condition of Diseworth Brook was also raised.

Housing questions produced three main concerns: the need for affordable housing and sheltered accommodation for the elderly highlighted the distress of those whose relations had to leave the parish for accommodation suited to changing circumstances. There is much objection to executive style houses being built, especially in Long Whatton, which are not priced for most local people.

With both villages in the Parish experiencing a considerable amount of petty vandalism a need is expressed for a stronger police presence. Many residents in both Diseworth and Long Whatton agreed that the four churches currently still active should be maintained, many commenting that they would be prepared to contribute to the costs. There is much support for the proposed Diseworth Heritage Centre which will cover the parish.

Long Whatton provides the one remaining Post Office and General Store and its continued existence is essential to both villages. The mobile library service is appreciated by those who use it, but evening and weekend attendance is needed.

Health & Well Being is a major concern among particularly older residents who find transport times and availability to surgeries very difficult, and it is felt this is not helped by some Practice Managers when appointments are requested. For many senior citizens, a home delivery service for prescriptions would be much appreciated.

The two village Primary Schools are popular, but many parents would prefer a two- tier education system at 11 plus years which would be less disruptive to the young people and would ensure the continued survival of both schools. Adult education classes in the villages are also called for with a wide variety of subjects suggested.

The Youth Questionnaire is summarised prior to the Youth Action Plan.

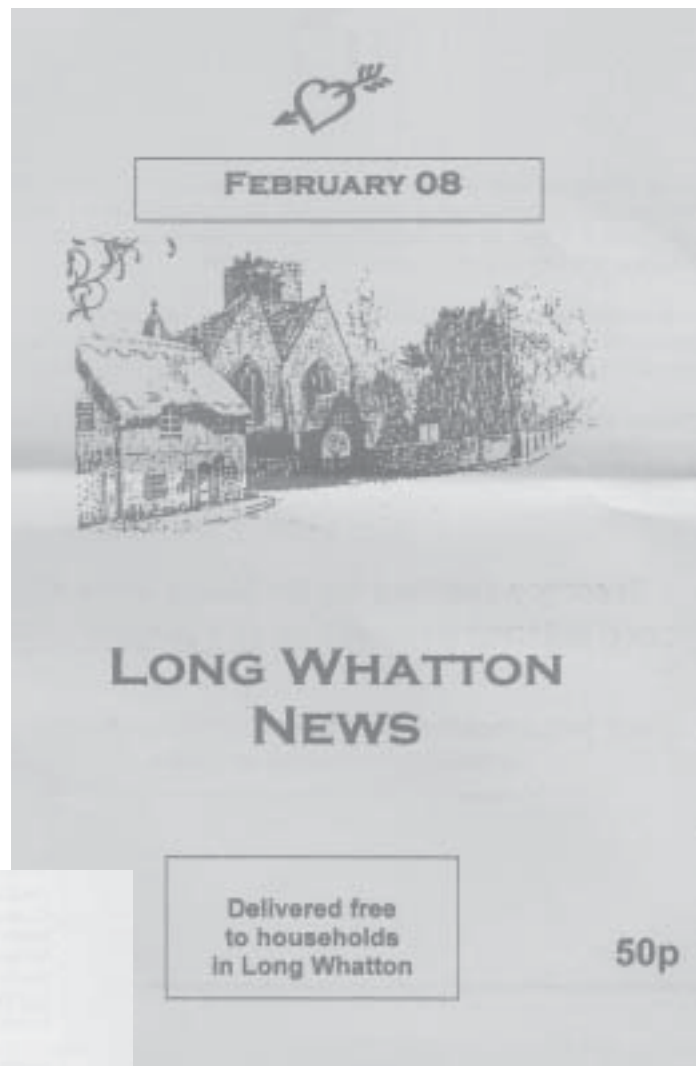


*Members of the Parish Plan Team, Phil, David and Trevor finalising the Action Plan in November 2007*

## Chronology

2005	November	Initial Meeting with representatives from L&RRCC
2006	January	Meeting
	February	Four meetings including Youth Forum and Parish Plan Launch
	March	Meeting
	April	Planning questionnaire
	May	Discussions re PP sections, questions etc
	June	Distribution teams arranged. Printing possibilities
	July	Printing of Parish Plan Questionnaire
	August	Delivery of PP to all houses in Long Whatton and Diseworth
	September	Process of analysis of results commences
	October	Meeting to allocate provisional action plan
2007	January	Team meeting to discuss priorities, contacts etc
	February	Further meeting
	Spring months	Action Plan discussions
	June/July	Contacts with County Hall re Service Co-ordination Event Provisional Action Plan to County Hall Co-ordinator
	August	Service Co-ordination Event
	Sept/Oct	Meetings to discuss outcomes of Service Co-ordination Event
	November	Team meeting to discuss layout and content of Action Plan
	December	Meeting to arrange comments, actions required and partners
	January	Layout, illustration, proof reading etc
	February	Meetings with printers etc
	February 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>ACTION PLAN LAUNCHED</b>

*Village Magazines*





*View of Long Whatton from the church tower*





*View of Diseworth from Village Farm*



# TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

AIMS	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMESCALE
Speed reduction through villages	1 Apply for speed-watch in both villages  2 Traffic control at Hathern Turn	LCC Highways  Parish Council Police Police Volunteers	As soon as Possible
Parking in both villages controlled	Yellow Lines /Parking restrictions	LCC Highways	By end of 2008
Community bus Service for All	More publicity Details of providers and routes	Parish Council CD & Shepshed CVS Village Magazines	Throughout 2008

**'Traffic calming urgently needed around both schools'**

'How many more accidents before we get lights at Hathern Turn'

**'Parking measures near Long Whatton Post Office needed'**

'Stop heavy lorries using Diseworth as a short cut'

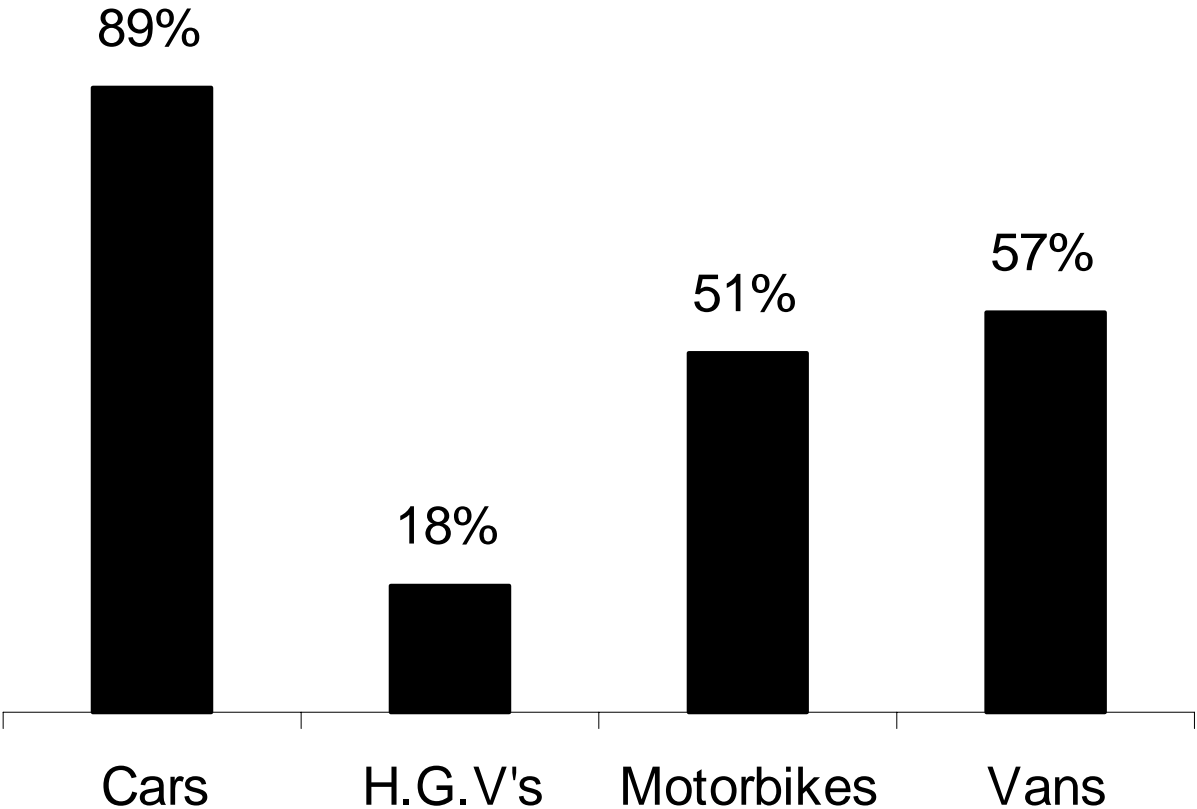
**'How can we stop airport travellers from using our village as a car park?'**

'Create safe tracks for cyclists and walkers between the two villages'

*Post World War 2 has seen many changes in Long Whatton. Mechanisation came to farms with tractors and combine harvesters, thus reducing the number of farm workers needed. Farms amalgamated and now number 3 from 11.*

With what type of vehicles is there a speeding problem?

## TYPE OF SPEEDING VEHICLES



# ENVIRONMENT

AIMS	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMESCALE
More recycling facilities	Further options for recycling in both villages	NWLDC	Throughout 2008
Less noise and pollution created by aircraft	Continued monitoring Continued watch by village pressure group	NWLDC Wings	Ongoing
Less litter and dog fouling in both villages	More litter bins Dog bins in each village Notices	NWLDC Parish Council Residents	As soon as possible
Improved pathways and pavements	1 Cut back vegetation  2 Cut back overhanging trees  3 Clean pavements on a more regular basis	Local Residents  NWLDC  NWLDC	Ongoing
Ensuring no flood problems	1 Regular checking of the brook in both villages  2 Regular maintenance of brook through villages	Environment Agency  Local residents	Every six months And after heavy rain
Improve footpaths in both villages; improve access to Millennium Meadow	Regular maintenance	NWLDC Parish Council	Ongoing checking

**'No footpaths on the Whatton Road'**

'Whatton Road unsafe for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders due to blind bends and speeding traffic'

**'Lack of pavements in areas of the village'**

'We know where the Millennium Meadow is but there are no footpaths to get there'

**'The smell of fuel from the airport can be extremely unpleasant'**

'How can we control night flying?'

**'Is it true that our pavements are never cleaned?'**

'Parents with prams often have to step into the road to avoid overhanging branches'

*1941 Without any warning the air ministry started building the aerodrome. The main runway was soon concreted past the farm and another pegged out leaving us within 100 yards from touchdown. We decided we had to move.....*

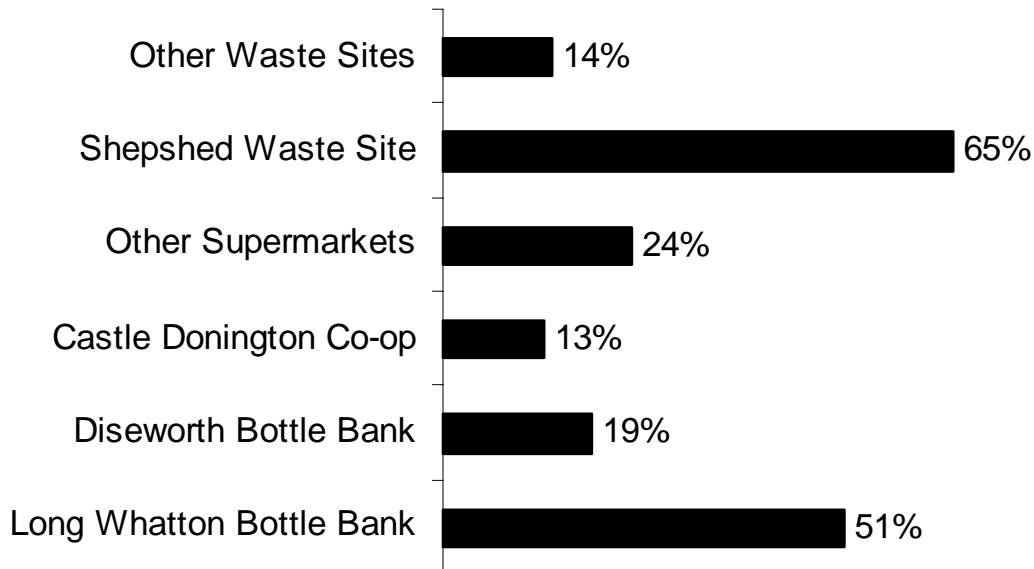
*1942 Much of Manor Farm's grassland had already been ploughed up and more was demanded to stop meagre food rations being further reduced. Hedges were taken out because 6 acre fields were too small for arable farming. A gang and lorry with oxyacetylene cutting gear went through the village taking away all the iron railings for the war effort.*



Picnicking in the Millennium Meadow

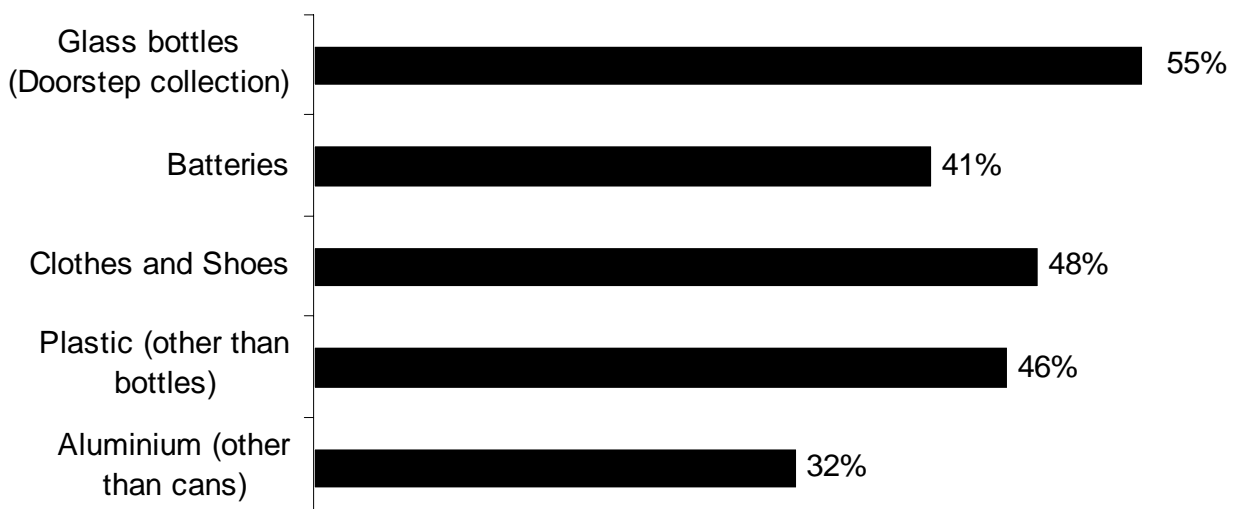
Which recycling services do you use?

### Usage of Waste Recycling Facilities

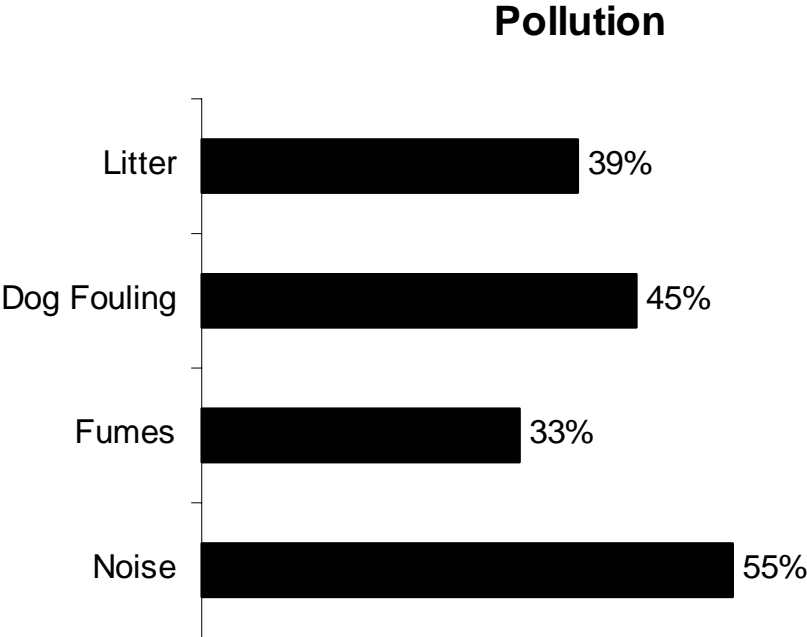


If provided by the Council which of the following recycling services would you use?

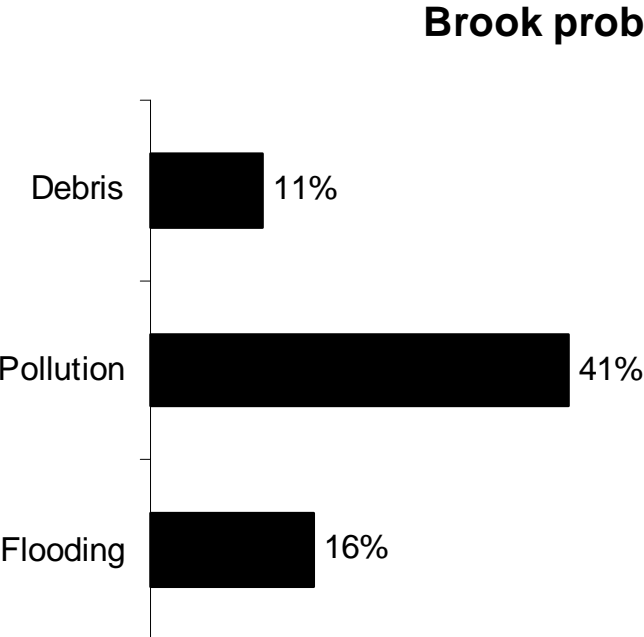
### Extra Recycling requested



Do you consider your village to be affected by any of the following forms of pollution?

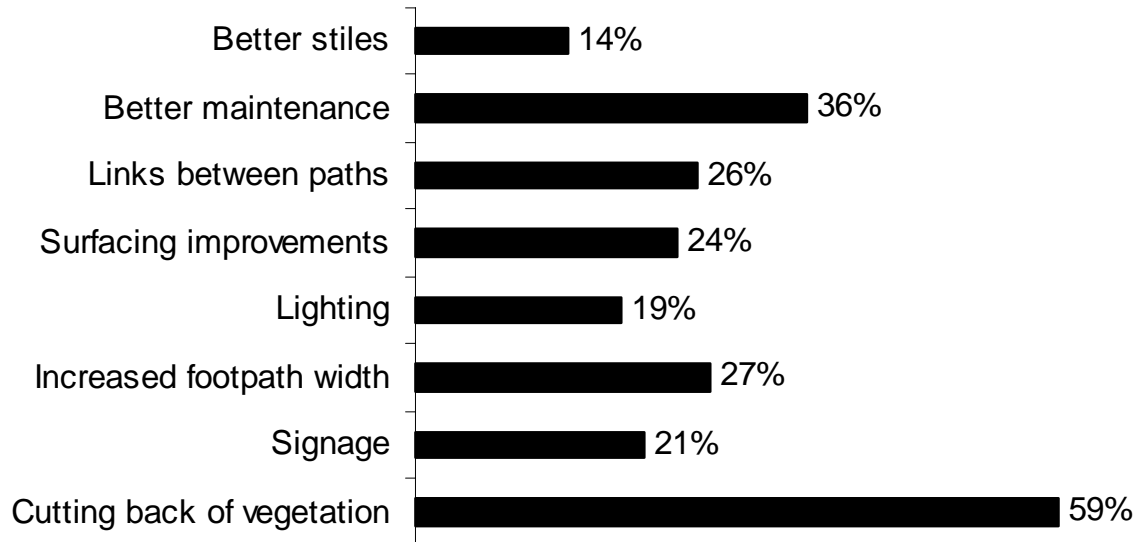


Have you experienced any of the following problems with the brook which runs through both villages?



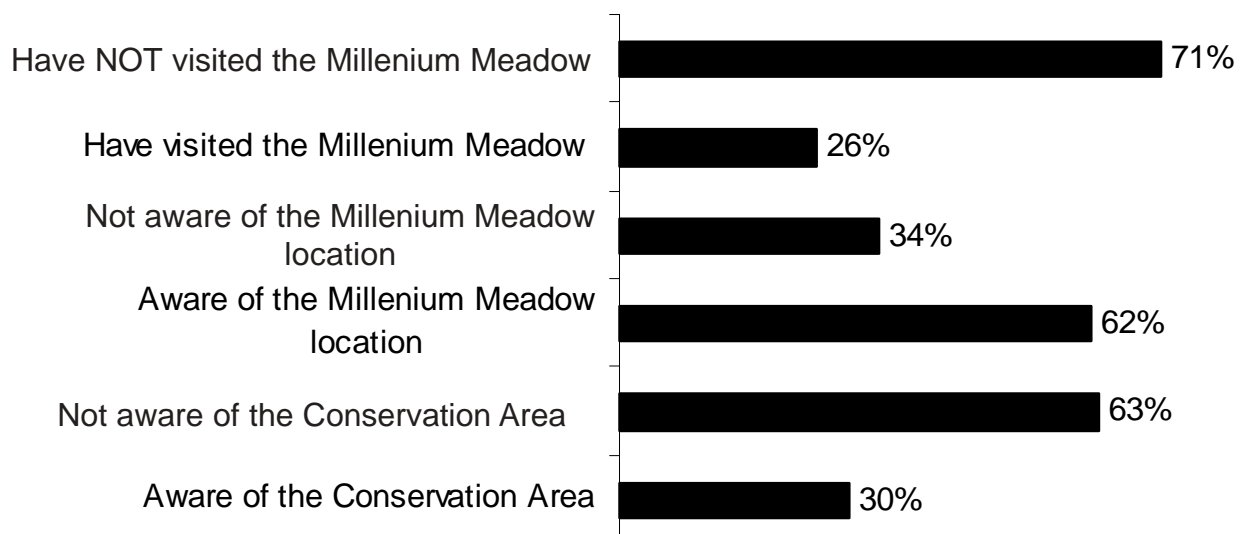
Do you consider bridleways and pavements etc could be improved by any of the following?

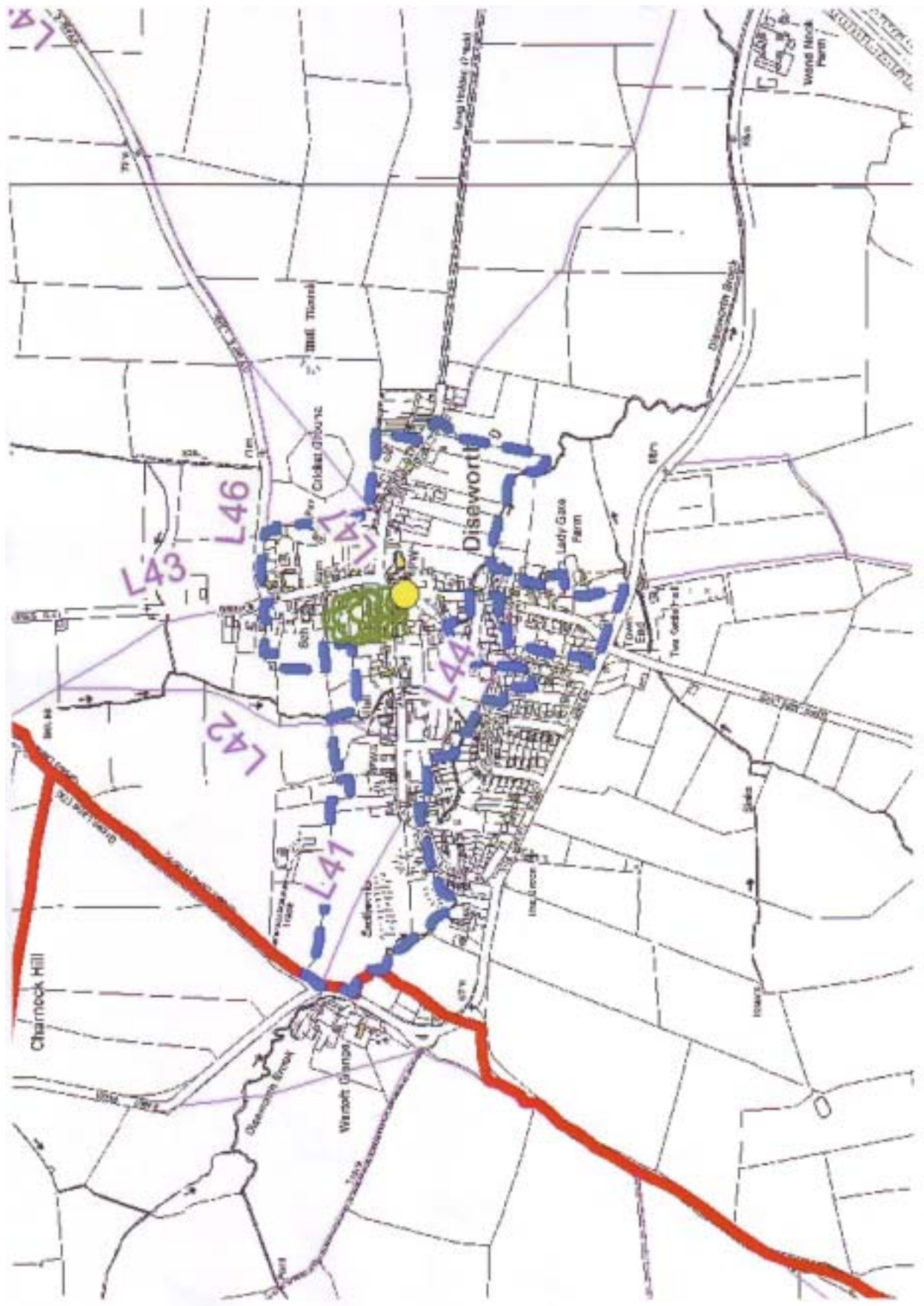
### Footpaths, Bridleways, & Pavements



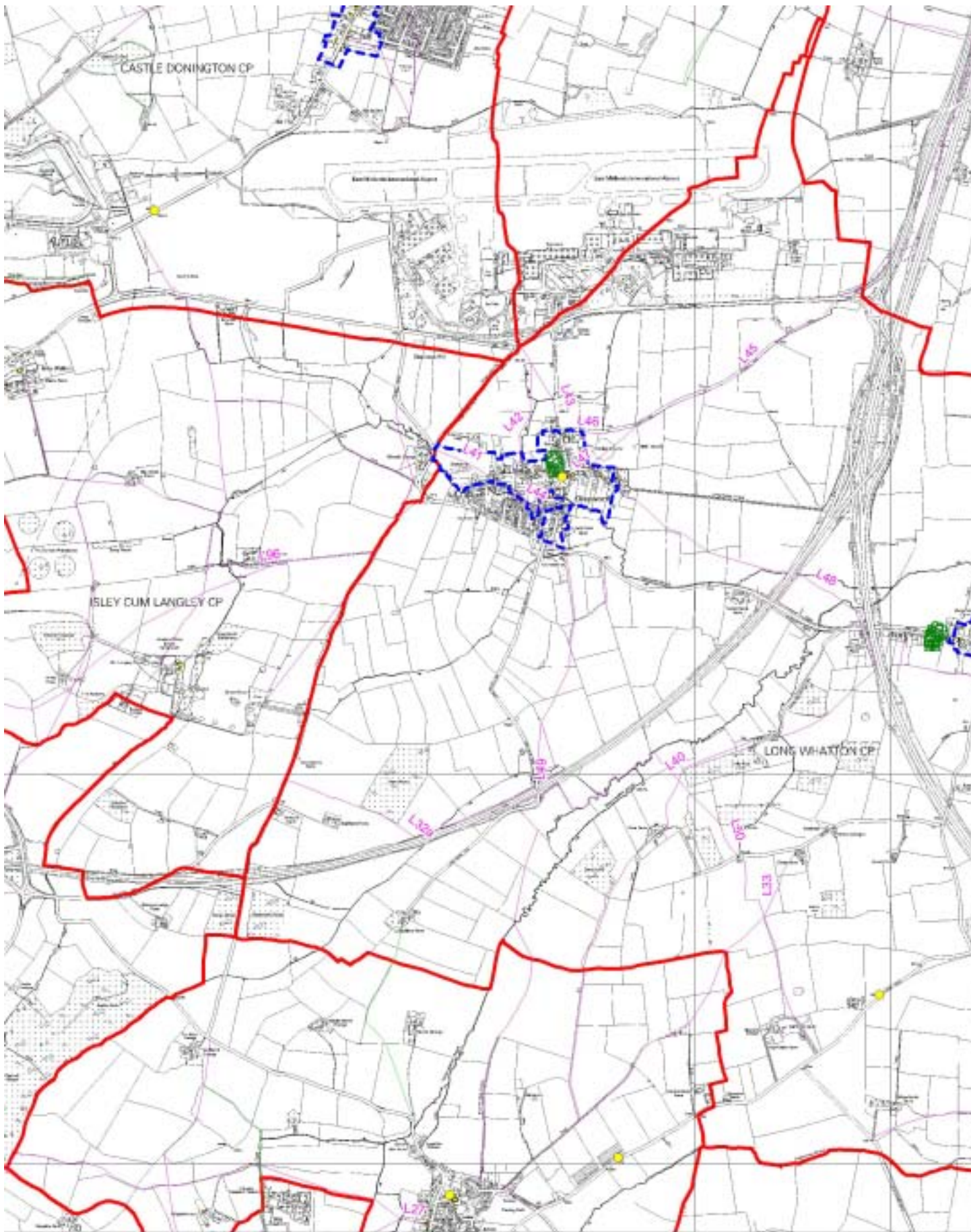
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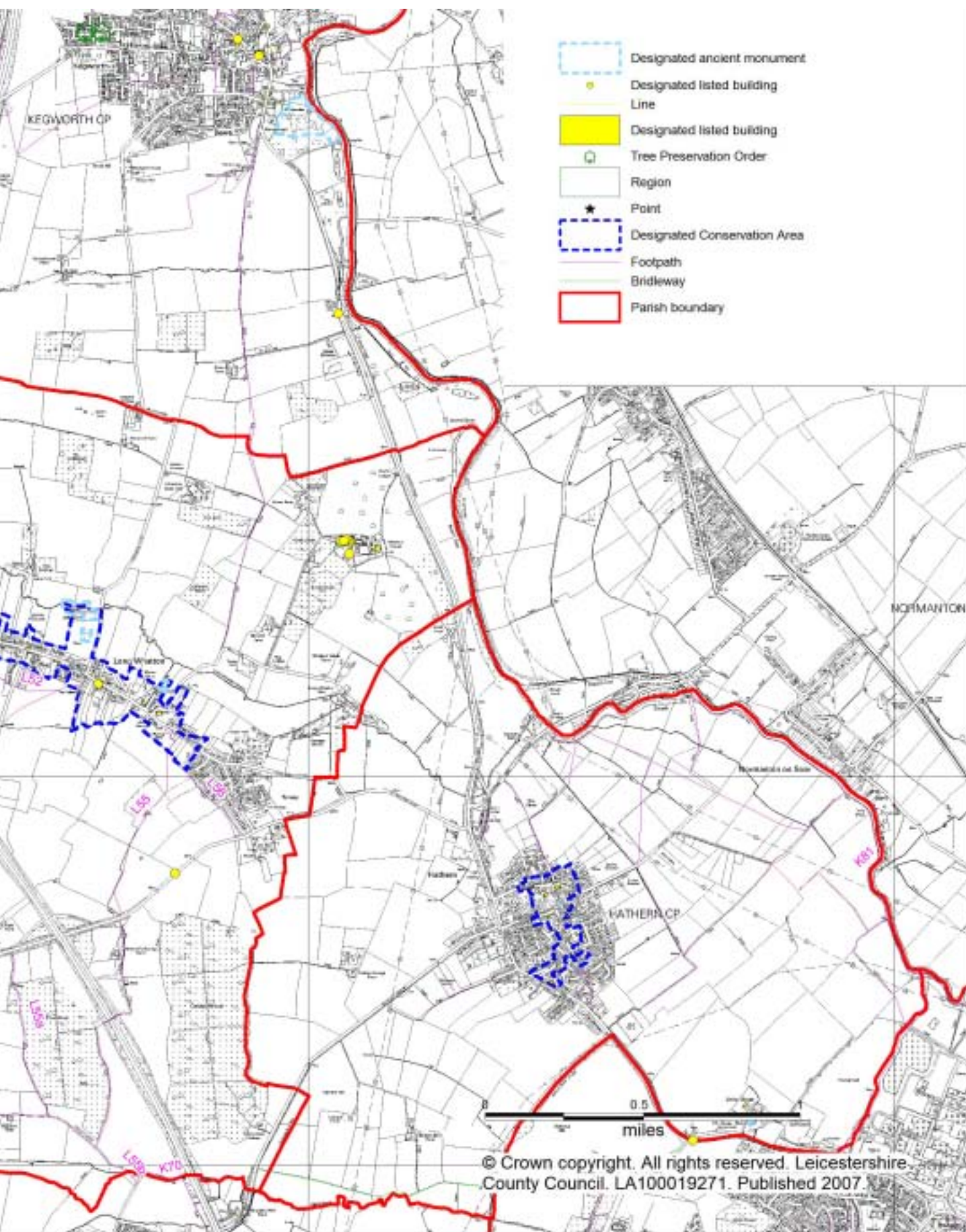
#### Local awareness

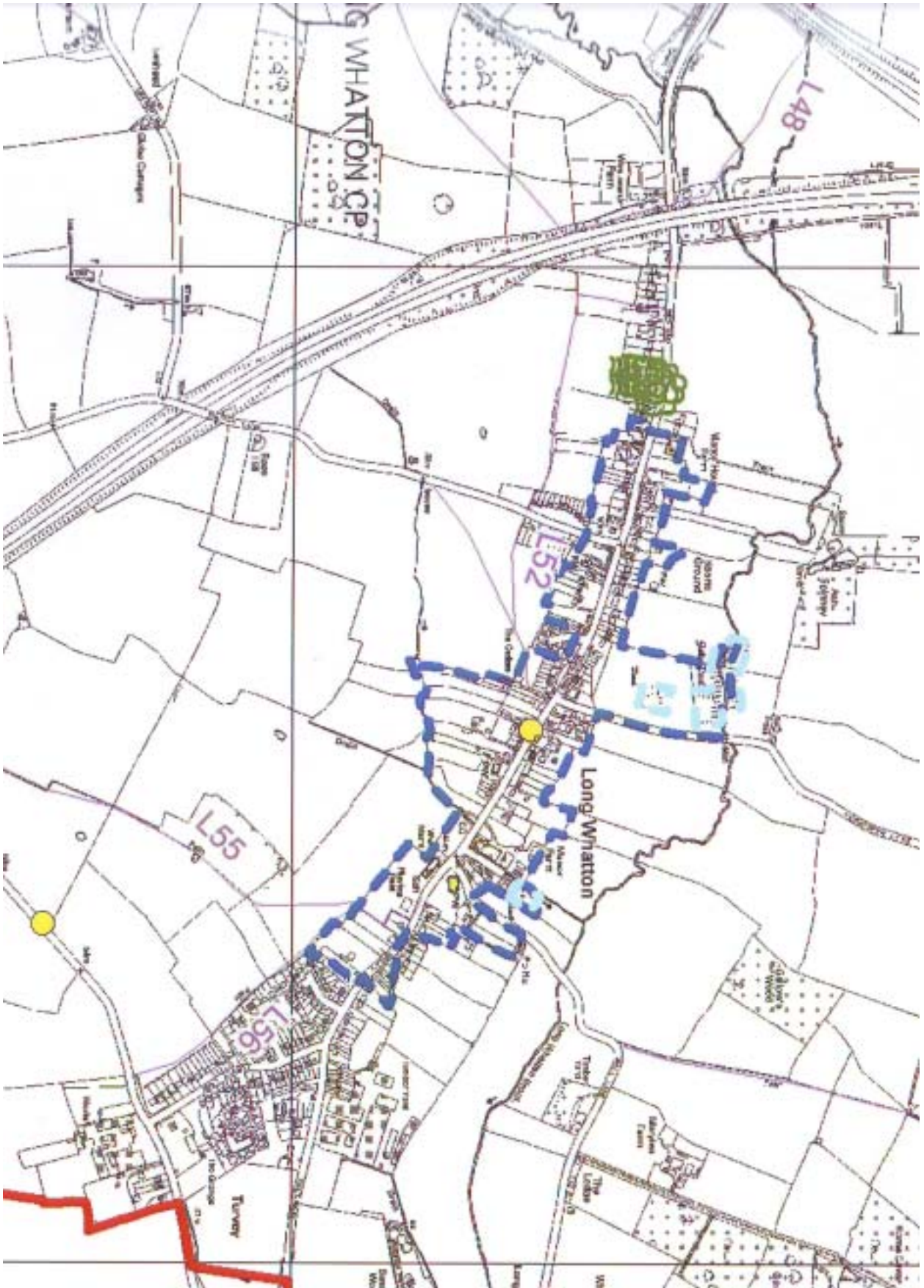




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# HOUSING

AIMS	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMESCALE
Provide affordable housing	Work with Rural Housing Enabler	LCC NWLDC Parish Council Planning Committee	
Provide sheltered accommodation for senior citizens	Work with Rural Housing Enabler	LCC NWLDC Rural Housing Enabler Parish Council Planning Committee	
Object to more executive housing in both villages	All plans to be carefully considered	LCC NWLDC Parish Council	

**'We are driving young families away from our villages – there is no affordable accommodation for them'**

'The beauty of our village lies in its small friendly size'

**'If building must take place consider our senior citizens and older population'**

'With no families through extortionate house prices, the schools will close and the young people will be lost to the village'

**'We will become a dormitory village, with no village atmosphere'**

'Stop building executive houses, the occupants are not interested in the village'

**'Too many large houses on small plots'**

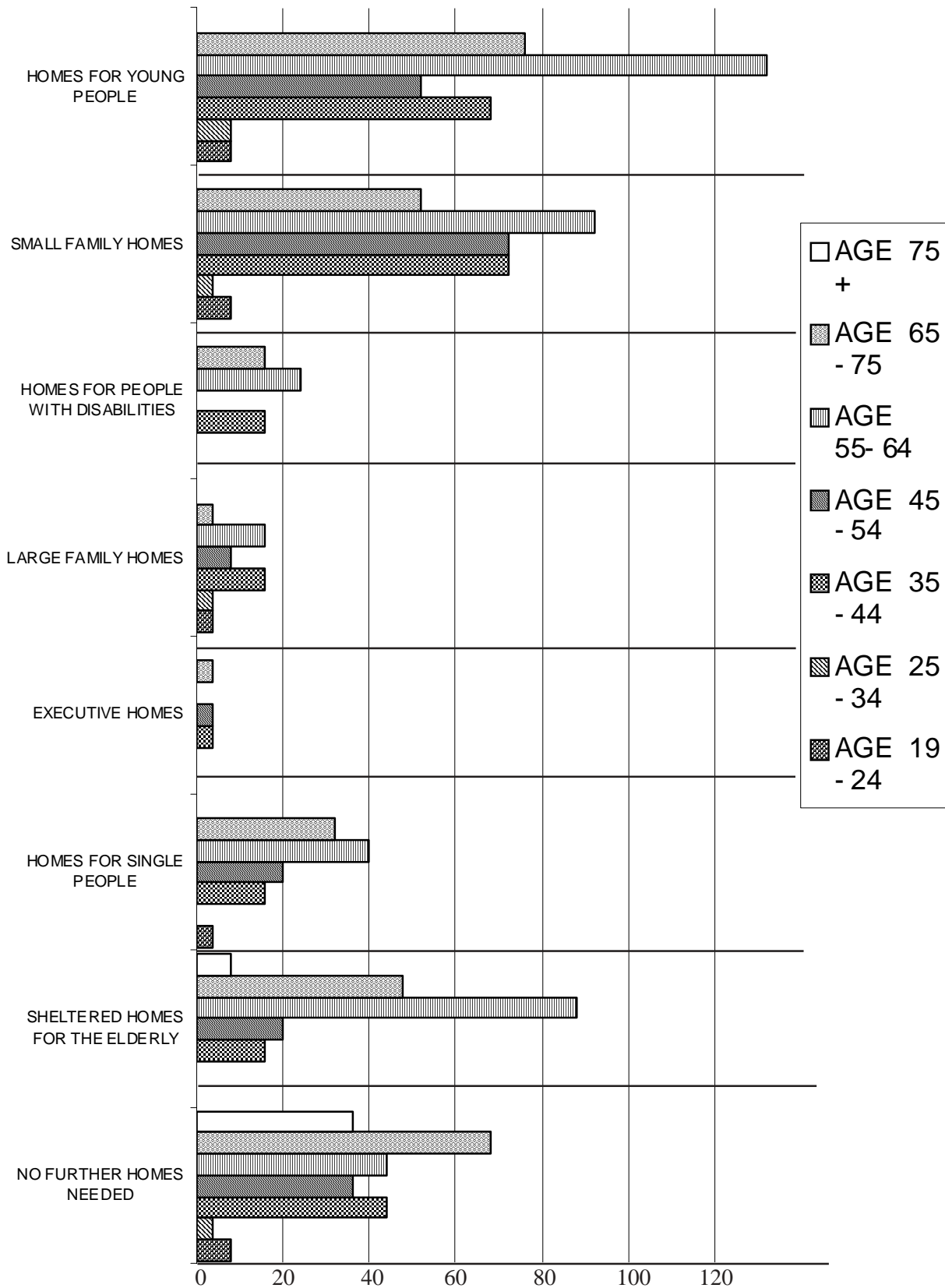
'Cost of houses prohibitive for first time buyers'

**'Developers are destroying the character of the village'**

*I first met Brian at the Youth Club, then at the Drama Group when he came to fix the sound effects. We were married at St Michael & All Angels and lived first at the cottage on Hall Gate then in 1966 moved to The Bowley and lived there ever since.*

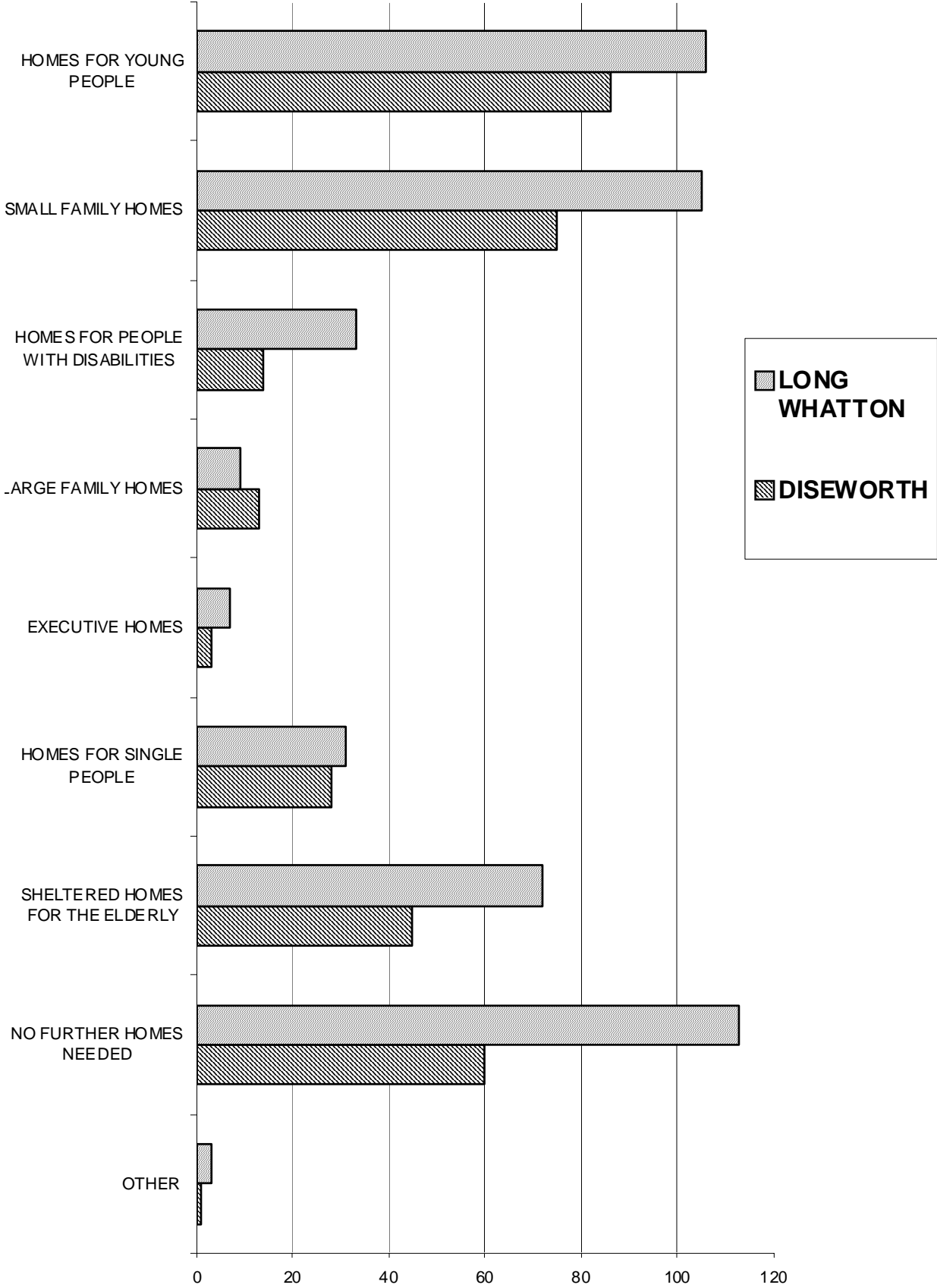
# Housing choice by age group

LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH HOUSING ACCOMODATION BY AGE GROUP



# Housing preferences in each village

## LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH HOUSING PREFERENCES



# CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

AIMS	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMESCALE
Improve awareness of Neighbourhood Watch	1 Publicise Neighbourhood Watch Teams  2 Hold Public Safety Meetings  3 Support and advice for older people and those living alone	Police  Parish Council  Local Neighbourhood Watch Teams  Village magazines	Before end of 2008
Greater police presence in both villages	1 Police walking (not just driving) through villages, especially in evenings. Community Police Patrols  2 Stationary Police car at certain times	Police	Immediate

**'Police not visible in villages, no apparent evening patrols'**

'Regular police patrols needed'

**'Police contribution to village magazines would be helpful'**

'Damage to vehicles and property but no one apprehended'

**'Foot patrols of police would be very welcome'**

*P.C. Huffer was the local policeman and he used to cycle round to keep an eye on us. We cycled to work and during the war cycle batteries were virtually unobtainable so we often went without lights, but he would soon catch up with us. 1943*

# FACILITIES AND SERVICES

AIMS	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMESCALE
Library Service more accessible	1 Better publicity for route and times  2 Additional service – evening/ weekends	LCC. NWLDC  Parish Council notice boards  Village magazines	As soon as possible
Local buses Local trains	Times, frequency, routes publicised	LCC. NWLDC Parish Council Village Magazines	Within the current year
Postage stamps available in Diseworth	Possible venues - Diseworth Heritage Centre, Barber's Shop, local public houses	The Post Office	Immediate

**'Postal services in Diseworth'**

'Newspapers available for purchase in Diseworth'

**'Longer free parking at EMA for villagers to use services and facilities'**

'Evening visits from the mobile library'

*When we moved to Long Whatton in 1942 we had electricity and could change to machine milking, also enjoying the facilities of 3 churches, 6 shops, 3 pubs, a school within walking distance and a bus service.*

*In 1952 we moved to Smithy Lane and had a house with an inside toilet.*

*2008 There have been a lot of changes over the years; there are only a few farms now, no Post Office or Shop and only our Church left. But I am retired now and very happy to be a part of and involved in village life.*

# HEALTH AND WELL BEING

AIMS	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMESCALE
Improve access to Doctor's Surgeries	1 Make greater use of telephone conversations 2 Create a nurse-led filter in surgery 3 Improve appointment system in particular surgeries	Primary Care Trust Surgery Managers General Practitioners	As soon as possible
Support residents who have no means of private transport	1 Arrange appointments to match bus times 2 Offer District and Community Nurse facilities 3 Provide inexpensive transport service	Surgery Managers General Practitioners	As soon as possible
Arrange a prescription delivery service	Surgeries to provide information for village magazines	Surgery Managers	As soon as possible
Better accessibility to local hospitals	Later appointments	Local Hospitals	Immediate

**'Long Whatton is too big not to have a surgery'**

'Appointment system at one surgery is a nightmare'

**'Difficult to get a prescription when you cannot get an appointment for three weeks'**

'Provide facilities for nurses to offer services in both villages'

**'As a non driver hospital appointments are a major expedition'**

*'The PCT is committed to ensuring that local people have good access to the fullest range of safe, high quality health services in the community'*  
 (Leicestershire County and Rutland NHS Primary Care Trust. Issue 3 October 2007)

# COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

AIMS	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMESCALE
More publicity of facilities available in both villages	1 Regular information to village magazines 2 Better use of notice boards	Premises Officers of Buildings Parish Council Village Magazines	Whenever events occur
Maintain Village Churches	1 Increase community use 2 Take up offers to support churches financially	The Church Parochial Church Councils Village Residents	Ongoing

**'In a village all community venues are valuable'**

'More involvement in community buildings for young people'

**'A Heritage Centre is an exciting prospect for both villages'**

'Use the churches for more community activity'

**'The churches are all of great historical interest'**

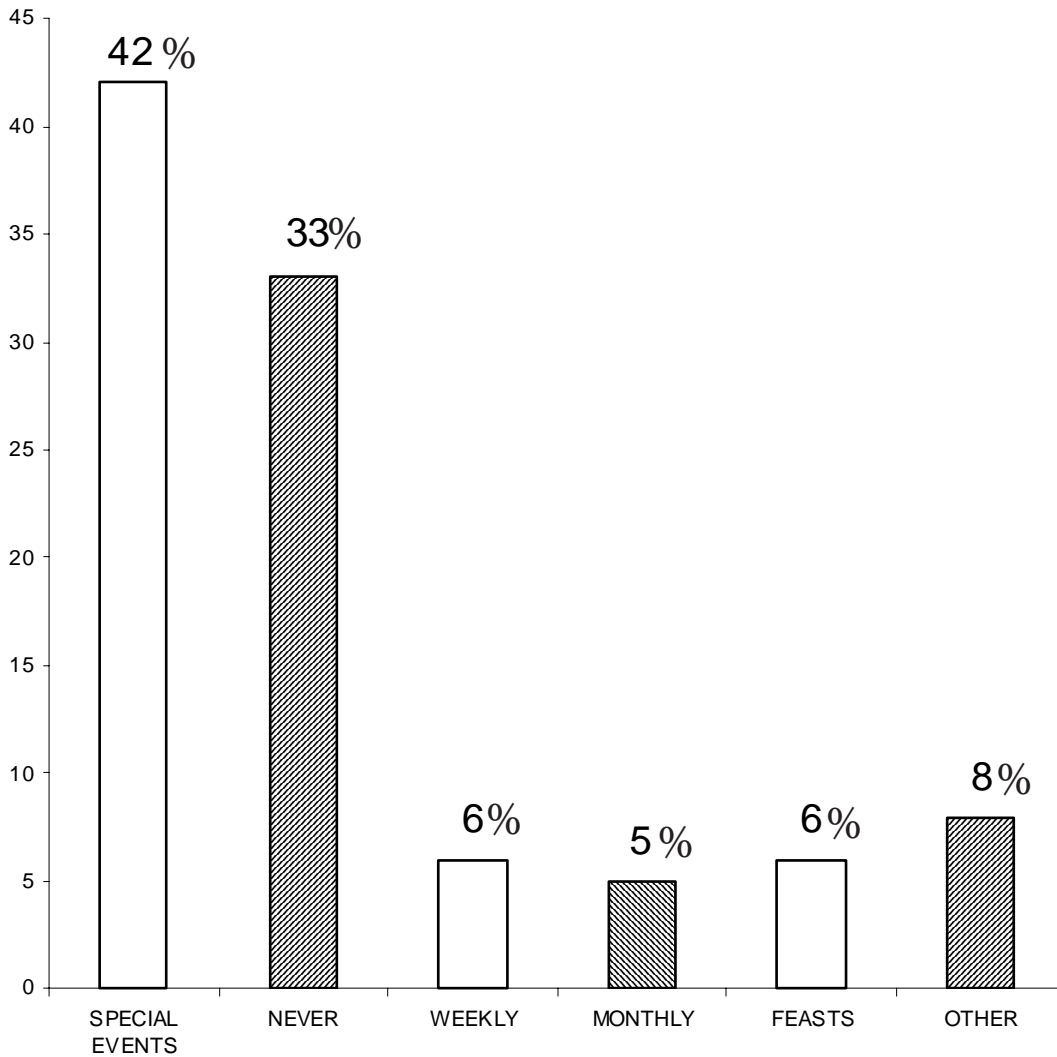
'Many people still want the churches for celebration of births, marriages and funerals'

**'Use the churches and community buildings for adult classes'**

*There were two chapels and our village church in Diseworth, we all went to Sunday School and Bible Class and were Confirmed, Revd. Nigel Turner was our vicar. While we were at school, Margaret Mills wrote little plays which we performed in the Parish Room. With the money we raised, the vicar took us in his car to Matlock to give to a Children's Home. 1958*

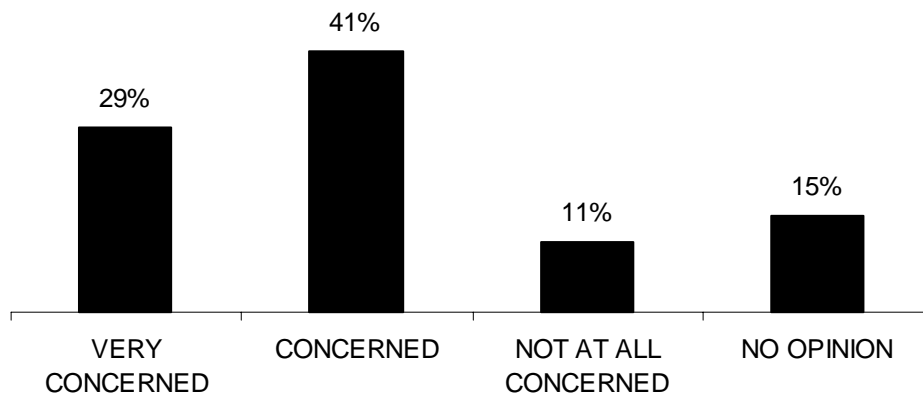


# CHURCH ATTENDANCE



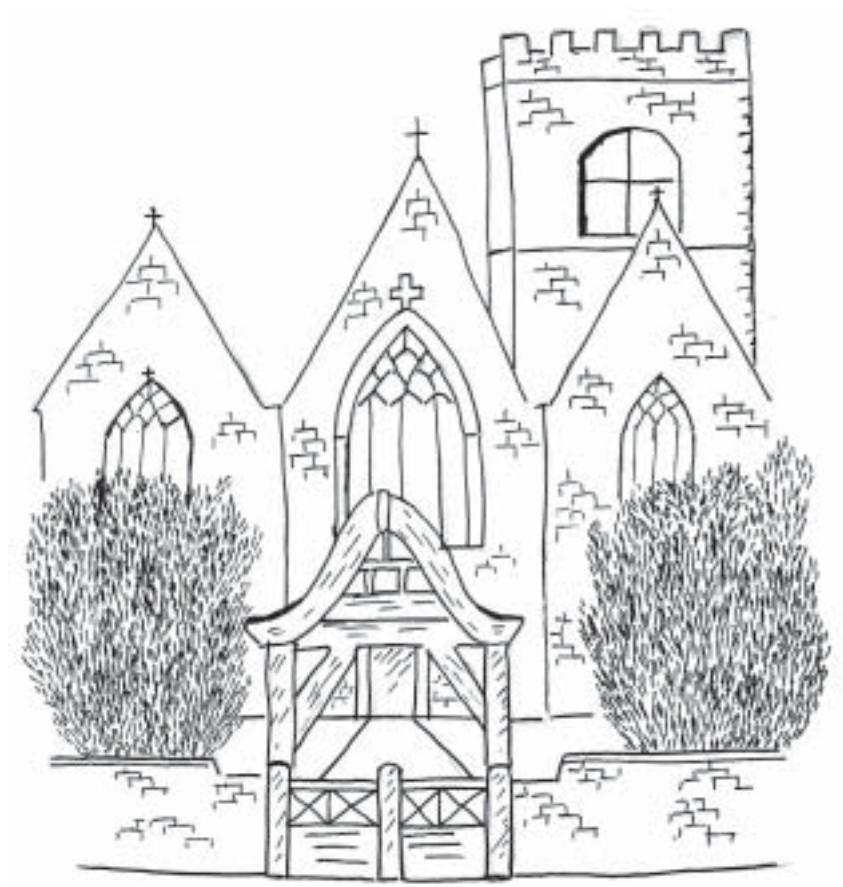
How concerned would you be by the closure of your Church building?

## WOULD YOU BE CONCERNED BY THE CLOSURE OF YOUR CHURCH BUILDINGS





St Michael and all Angels Church Diseworth



All Saints Church Long Whatton

# EDUCATION

AIMS	ACTION	PARTNERS	TIMESCALE
Provide adult education locally	Make contact with providers	LEA Community College U3A	Before new education year
Encourage village pupils to attend village schools to ensure survival of both schools	Provide a two-tier system with transfer at 11+  Possible survey to discover why pupils are sent to other schools	LEA Head teachers Parents  Head teachers	As soon as possible  When deemed fit or necessary

A huge selection of adult classes were requested, Art, Languages, Cookery, Sport based subjects, Embroidery, Keep Fit, Leisure Activities, Culture, Photography, Car Maintenance, Crafts, Literature and General Education being some of them. The largest request was for Classes in all forms of IT.

Much concern was expressed about the lack of numbers attending the village schools and many commented on the system whereby young people move at the age of ten to another school and then again at the age of fourteen years.

*1935 All the school children went down with chicken pox. But the celebrations for George V Silver Jubilee went ahead with a marquee in the playground, spots and all!*



# LONG WHATTON AND DISEWORTH YOUTH FORUM

## The Parish Plan

### - Youth Consultation

The Consultation Youth Questionnaire was written by young people of the Parish, distributed through the schools, completed by 11 – 18 year olds, returned and processed by the adult supporters and the Rural Community Council – and now, two years on, is ready to roll out as a draft Action Plan. It is quite an achievement?

To some young people in Long Whatton and Diseworth – February 2006 is a distant memory. To the present Youth Forum it has been and continues to be, a real chance for them to make a huge difference to the lives of young people in the parish.

It is almost two years since the first meeting. On a wet winter night in February 2006, at Long Whatton Methodist Church Hall, seventeen young people started to consider what things might improve the community for young people. Some doubted their own ability to make an impact, others believed that no-one would listen to them, and yet others said 'nothing changes around here'....but they have battled on in spite of their early doubts.

The draft Action plan is now written – based on the data obtained from the completed questionnaires.

This has been achieved because young people cared enough to get involved in the planning and more importantly, the majority of the young community took the time out to answer a very long and in-depth questionnaire. Thanks to them all – The future for Young People in the Parish is now looking good.

Since September 2007 the Youth Forum has met once a month at Diseworth Village Hall. During this time they have addressed the key issues, discussed possible solutions, written the Action Plan, as well as having a good time socially.

Members of the Forum have already bid for and obtained the money to purchase a Youth Shelter that will be sited on the Field at the rear of Diseworth Village Hall. Unfortunately, although they were also lucky enough to get a grant for Long Whatton, a suitable site could not be found. The Forum has great plans for their involvement in the new Heritage Centre, and on the Leisure side of things, they are organising an ongoing programme of trips and activities.

There is still much work to be done – It is an exciting time for us all. And we now know that we can achieve our goals.

***If you are aged between 12 and 18, live in the Parish and would like to join the Youth Forum, or have any questions or ideas please Contact Ro Riley, Youth Development Worker, on 01509 676602.***



# Youth - SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE HERITAGE CENTRE

ISSUE	Possible Solution to explore	AIM	PARTNERS/ Possible Support
Shortage of social activities for young people	Young people to run and manage a coffee bar project at the Heritage Centre	1.Set up a safe and welcoming place for all young people to meet regularly  2.Set up a Young Business enterprise Scheme to run it, allowing y/p to gain new skills eg. Food hygiene, business plans, marketing	Heritage Centre Trustees Youth workers Parish Council Villagers County Hall
Internet access and book access		Set up the Internet Café with Access for all YP with books to be loaned out at a small charge	Heritage Centre Trustees Youth workers Parish Council Villagers County Hall
Advice for young people over 13	Notice boards in village hall and heritage centre with all relevant information and advice/contact numbers	To allow young to gain information	Youth Service Youth workers Heritage Centre Trustees Village hall committee

## Youth – SPORT AND LEISURE

ISSUE	Possible Solution to explore	AIM	PARTNERS/Possible Support
Football pitch goal posts are broken	Establish costs and funding	To have a decent pitch with goal posts	Apply to YOF and Airport to fund

Facilities on the park: Teen Shelter	Teen shelter, adult swings, basket ball hoop or a MUGA (multi use games area) Firstly to see if there is the room Then funding and support from other agencies	To have an area designated to young people	District Council Parish Council Village Hall committee
Not enough sports for young people to join in with – especially girls football	Advertise and promote	To establish a girls and a boys football team and set up competitive football with other Youth Groups	Youth workers to help facilitate  Airport for sponsorship
Need for a Youth Club	Explore all local venues for suitable Youth Club.	Try to set up some kind of Youth Club	Village hall committee Church Public house

## Youth – TRANSPORT

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>Possible Solution to explore</b>	<b>AIM</b>	<b>PARTNERS/Possible Support</b>
Public transport	Contacting all bus providers	To improve the rural transport system	Transport manager at County Hall
Extended bus pass	Who would use the service and would it be viable for the companies	To allow young people free travel after school	Education Department at County Hall
Use of community bus	Costings and viability	Promoting	Kegworth/Castle Donington Volunteer Centre
Cycle path	Contact Sustrans for advice	Making it easier and safer to cycle	Sustrans
Fear of speeding cars	Speak to Highways for advice and a solution (sleeping policemen and solar lighting)	Slow down traffic	County Hall

# Youth – ENVIRONMENT

ISSUE	Possible Solution to explore	AIM	PARTNERS/ Possible Support
Dog Dirt	More bins, free poop scoopers  Poster design competition	To make dog owners more aware of the damage dog mess can leave	Dog Warden for advice and support
Millennium Meadow	Invite whole village to a midnight picnic to raise awareness.  Invite local celebrity	Promote it Get villagers to be proud of the countryside	Link with Primary school Parish Council Meadow Committee Youth workers
Litter	More bins that are emptied regularly  Litter campaign and poster designed by primary school, supported by Youth Forum	To give a better understanding of the consequences of litter on the village  To involve other young people	Primary school  Youth workers  Villagers  Parish Council  District Council
Dark Jittys (Footpaths)	Solar Lighting  Clearing  Mapping exercise of area  Promote wind-up torches	To make jittys safe to walk through Explore sustainable energy ideas	Parish and District Councils Youth workers Link with Primary school  Grant sources for wind up torches



# From the Chairman

It is difficult to express sufficient thanks to the intrepid team whose two years of work has resulted in this report. It is really constructive and forward looking and I am sure reflects the feelings of the vast majority of residents in the two villages. On behalf of the Parish Council I am very grateful for all that has been achieved.

However I must also recognise the responsibility that is now handed on to the Parish Council. It is now our duty to try as hard as we can to ensure that the feelings of our parishioners are translated into action. I am sure that we will get help in this programme from many individuals and groups: but the Parish Council recognises that, having sponsored the Plan initially, we must take its findings forward.

I am particularly pleased that the youth survey came up with some really positive ideas, and that we have already been able to respond to some of them: a Youth Shelter has been funded by the Big Lottery for Diseworth, and a mobile skateboard has been bid for in Long Whatton. When the Heritage Centre opens in Diseworth, one of the first initiatives will be a coffee bar run by and for young people, overseen by Ro Riley, our Area Youth Worker.

You will see the names of the key players in this important exercise elsewhere. I would like to thank them most warmly for all the hours they have put in, and the efforts they have made to ensure that this Parish Plan gives us a local voice in all those issues that might otherwise be determined by those who are not residents, and do not fully understand the feelings we have about issues that affect our lives.

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