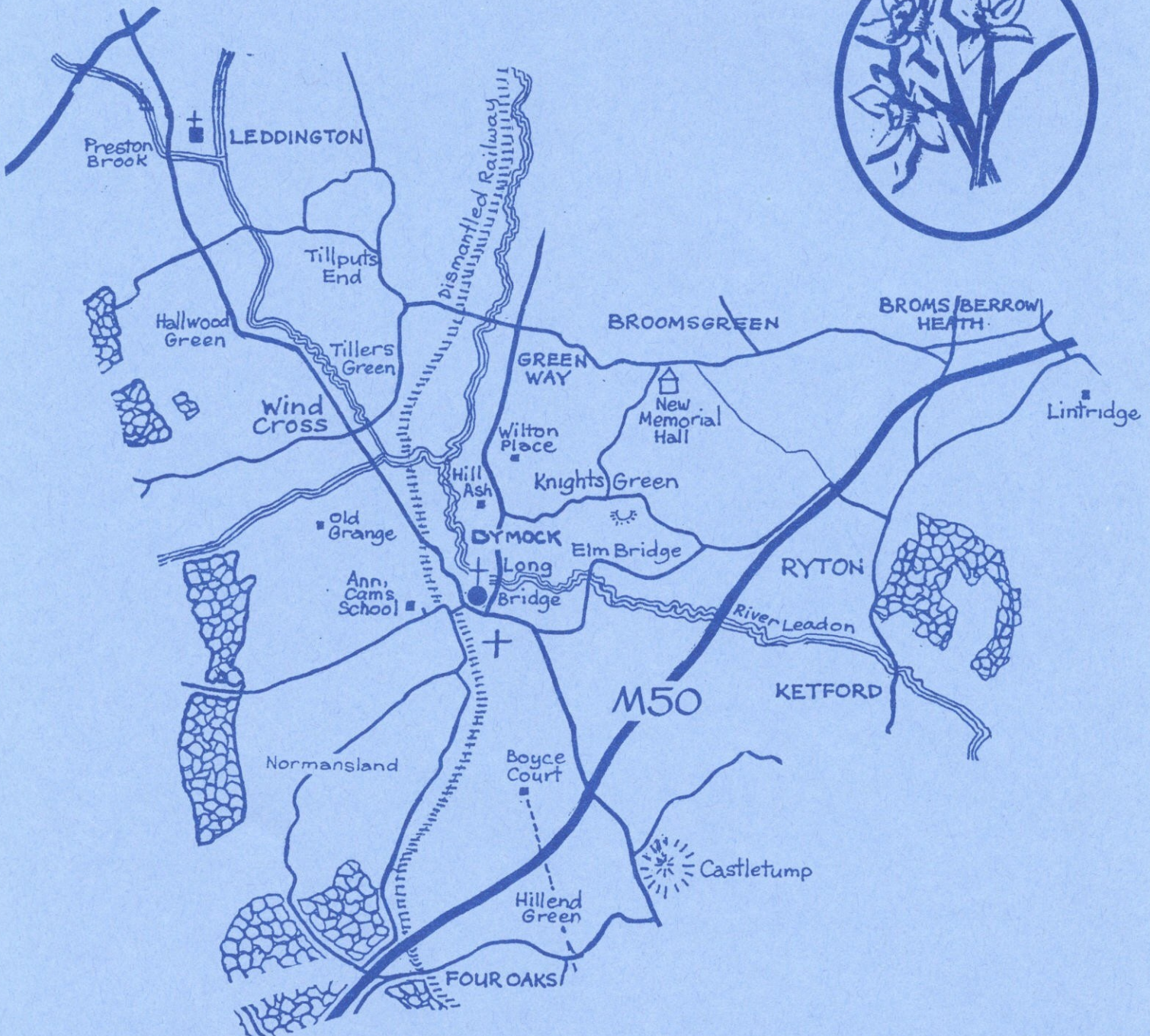


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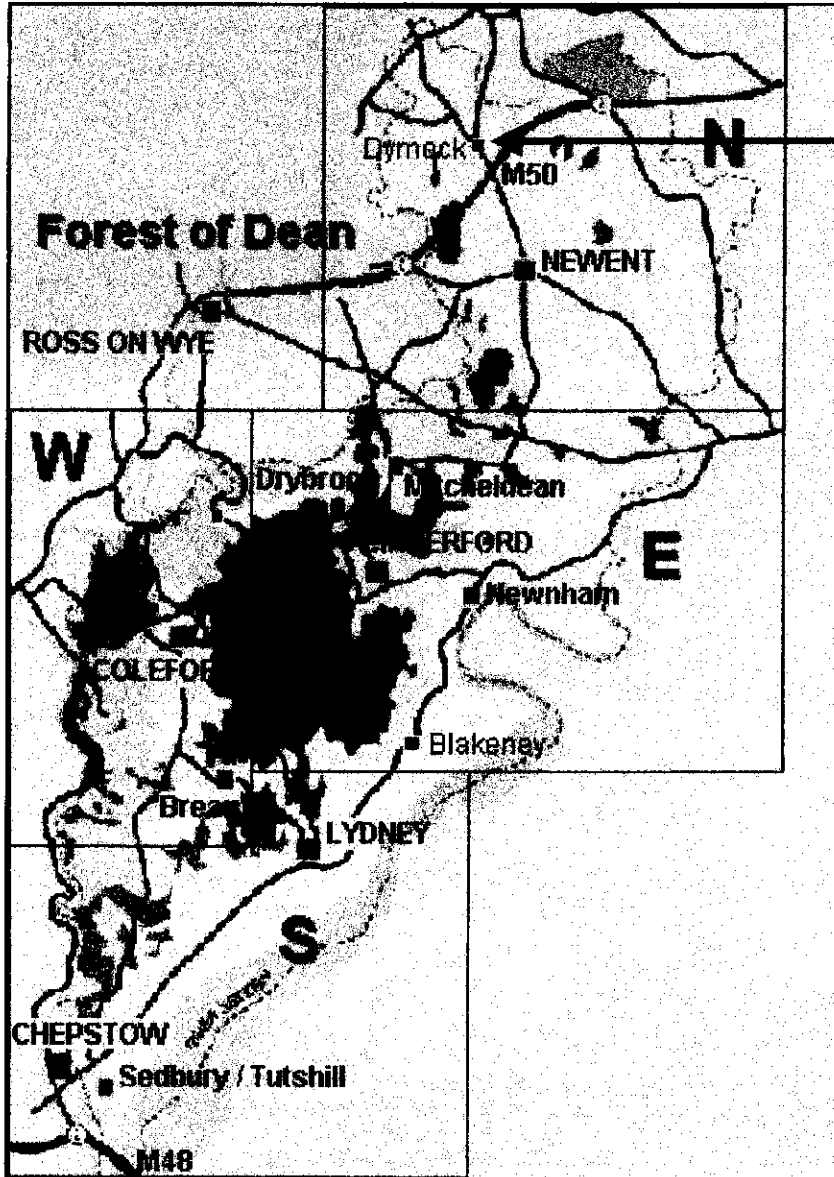
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Last, but not least, both the Parish Plan Steering Committee & Parish Council would like to acknowledge the assistance and support given by all those parishioners who participated in the process and gave their comments.

# 1 Dymock Parish



Dymock parish is located in the north-western corner of Gloucestershire at the north of the Forest of Dean District. The northern boundary of the parish abuts Herefordshire, and consequently many members of the parish look, not only to Newent and Gloucester as service centres, but also to Ledbury. The M50 lies to the south east of the parish and cuts through the area between Dymock and Bromsberrow.

The parish retains a number of local services and facilities including a post office, school, community owned pub and three places of worship.

Dymock parish also has an unusually large number of community groups and clubs for a parish of its size, including two Women's Institutes.

There is a relatively small population for the size of the parish and in 1991 the census counted 1285 parishioners living in 494 households. More recent figures show an electoral role of 948.

This Parish Plan will help you to understand more about Dymock Parish, whether you are a parishioner, or another interested party. To learn more about the work being undertaken in the parish, or any other local issue, please contact Dymock Parish Council via the Clerk, Jenny Thick on 01531 890453.

**Get involved – help make the future for Dymock Parish a good one!**





# Our Vision



## What do we want for Dymock Parish's Future?

"A happy vibrant community with the church and school the centre of things and hopefully still a pub, shop, post office and garage. Agriculture more prosperous. More facilities for the young and especially lower cost housing and a car park."

"Much as it is today with some environmental aspects changed to improve the quality, improvements to roads for controlled quick passage of vehicles through the areas, whilst vast improved foot access to all areas. Improvement to maintain indigenous locals to keep village alive with balanced population (i.e. not too big/small)."

"Ensure that the 'status quo' is maintained (as far as possible in 20 years) i.e. school, shop etc. A good cross-section of ages – i.e. not all retired people (although they have a lot to give). Facilities for young people, shared transport, - a community car park – cyber café."

"A peaceful co-operative community providing opportunities for sport entertainment, housing (affordable) and employment opportunities. Good community care and access to shops."

"Much as it is now but perhaps with original residents and newcomers more integrated. Have to move with the times! Be realistic – have to accept the world as we find it – not how we think it should be."

These are just some of the many visions that parishioners hold (the rest can be seen in Appendix 1). These visions give the parish an aim; something the whole community can work towards. However, in order to achieve that aim we need to know how to get there. What are the existing strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats affecting the parish? What changes or projects can be used to combat problems and build on strengths? The following boxes illustrate some of the views of local people when asked about their parish and some of the things they would like to see developed. (See Appendix 1 for more information).

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local services: pub, post office, shop, school, Church</li> <li>• Community/ leisure facilities: cricket club, golf course, play area, youth group</li> <li>• Two community halls</li> <li>• Active parish council</li> <li>• Local community groups and clubs</li> <li>• The Parish Magazine</li> <li>• Local footpath network</li> <li>• Beautiful landscape</li> <li>• Dymock Poets</li> <li>• History of parish</li> <li>• Community spirit</li> <li>• Location</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor police cover</li> <li>• Little low cost housing</li> <li>• Poor health care provision</li> <li>• Limited facilities for the young/elderly</li> <li>• Few sports facilities</li> <li>• Lack of local employment</li> <li>• Lack of recycling facilities</li> <li>• Poor integration of some new residents</li> <li>• Few pavements</li> <li>• Traffic noise/speed</li> <li>• No car park</li> </ul>

Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make more use of the community halls</li> <li>• Plant more Daffodils</li> <li>• Restore the canal</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Development of B&amp;Bs</li> <li>• Walking and fishing</li> <li>• Cider &amp; perry making</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased traffic</li> <li>• Crime and vandalism</li> <li>• Closure of local services and facilities</li> <li>• Ageing population</li> <li>• People moving away to find employment</li> <li>• Increasing house prices</li> <li>• Shrinking membership of both local WIs</li> <li>• Agricultural policies</li> <li>• Flooding</li> <li>• Apathy</li> </ul>

## Projects that will help meet my vision

### **Leisure & Young people**

"A better future for young people within the parish with improved sporting and leisure facilities for them."

"Youth projects must be taken seriously to enable all age groups to enjoy life in the village."

"Development of the facilities currently available to make full use of the village hall. Start projects to include the young people such as a coffee bar/ cyber café which could be used as a further learning centre or e-mail contact point."

### **Housing**

"Low cost housing to allow young people to be able to stay in an environment they have lived in all their lives."

### **Transport**

"A much improved transport facility to outlying towns."

### **Environment**

"A programme of daffodil planting throughout parish verges."

### **Tourism & Employment**

"Make more of the village for tourists. Plant more daffodils."

"Encourage small/ very small businesses that supply the local community e.g. food producers, craftsmen/ builders, market gardening. Do this by discouraging 'computer tapping' in schools."

"Increase tourist potential- might provide some local employment."

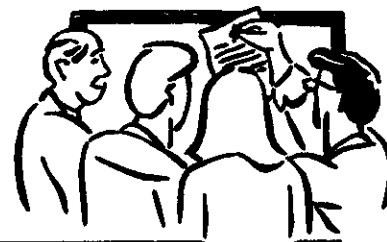
### **Other ideas**

"Car park built. Upgrade pub and garden. Zebra crossing."

**People living in Dymock Parish must now work together as a united community to tackle weaknesses, remove threats, build on and celebrate strengths and grasp every opportunity to form a sustainable, vibrant, and most of all happy parish.**



# **3 Developing Dymock Parish Development Plan**



Dymock was the first community to receive a grant as part of the "Vital Villages" scheme launched in Dymock Parish Hall on July 16<sup>th</sup> 2001 by the RT. Hon Mrs. Margaret Beckett MP, Secretary of State for the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Members of the Countryside Agency and journalist John Craven were also present.

The total monetary value of the grant was £3750 out of a total £5000, £250 being provided by the Parish Council and £1000 being provided in kind, i.e. work undertaken by the community at £6.25 per hour. The grant was made available to spend on the process of developing a Parish Plan and not on the actions resulting from the plan.

## **INAUGURAL MEETING**

Thirty-five people attended the inaugural meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001 (there was a delay between the launch and the inaugural meeting because of holiday commitments).

At the meeting a SWOT analysis was undertaken (**S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities, **T**hreats) and the results were summarised by Miss Sarah Owens of the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council into a booklet (copies of which were left in strategic places throughout the parish for parishioners to peruse). These have been highlighted in the previous chapter, but the meeting was also important in that it gave the Parish Council the opportunity to involve a large number of parishioners and invite members of the community to volunteer and get involved in the development of a Parish Plan.

## **STEERING COMMITTEE**

Seven parishioners and four parish Councillors expressed an interest and finally the committee was formed consisting of nine parishioners, four parish Councillors and the clerk.

Unfortunately, due to personal commitments, one committee member left. The following are committee members:-

**Mr T Ball; Mrs C Capewell; Mr & Mrs D Church; The Rev. V Chester; Cncllr J E George; Cncllr Mrs J M Jones; Mrs J Reese; Cncllr. Mrs M V Sandford; Cncllr N K Thick; Mrs L Walker; Mr M Winney; Mrs S Urquhart; Mrs J B Thick (clerk to Dymock Parish Council) ably assisted by Miss S Owens.**

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

A number of committee meetings were held to discuss how the information to compile the Dymock Parish Development Plan, as it would be called, could be gathered.

It was thought that an innovative and fun way would be to obtain a large map of the parish and take it around to various venues together with numerous flags depicting the various issues such as housing, traffic, crime, environment, etc. which had been mooted at the inaugural meeting plus an opportunity to make one's own comments.

The possibility of a similar exercise being undertaken by a commercial concern was investigated but at £7000 was far too expensive. It was therefore decided that the steering committee would develop their own consultation tool and undertake to compile a map themselves. After a considerable amount of work, the map was finally produced together with the flags and was at last ready to make the grand tour of the parish.

**PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS**

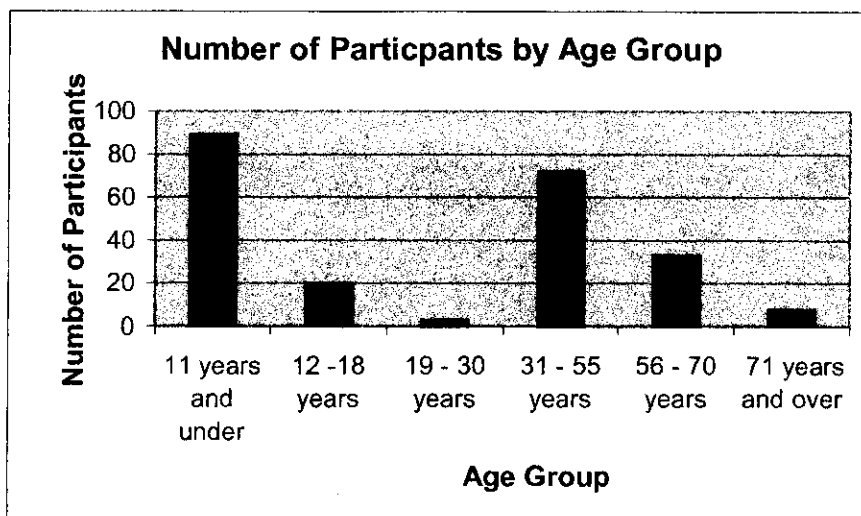
These took place at various venues and at various dates and times so as to give as many people as possible the opportunity to express their point of view.

- Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, **Brooms Green Memorial Hall**, 11am – 3pm
- Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Dymock Parish Hall**, 10am – 4pm
- Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, The Croft, **Four Oaks**, 10am – 12 noon
- Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, **Preston Church**, 10am – 1pm
- Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, **Ann Cam School**, 1pm – 4pm
- Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, **Dymock Parish Hall**, 4pm – 9pm

The following table and bar chart illustrate the level of attendance at the six community events, showing the number and age of DPDP participants.

**Table 1 & Figure 1 DPDP Participants & Age Breakdown.**

Age Group	Number of People
Under 12 years	89
12 -18 years	20
19 - 30 years	3
31 - 55 years	72
56 - 70 years	33
71 years & over	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>



N.B. Appendix 2 illustrates attendance in more detail.

Parishioners were also asked to give the steering committee other personal details when they attended the community events in order to establish a better idea of community involvement and characteristics. One of the questions asked was ‘Where do you live?’ This was a varied response and showed the group that the coverage achieved by holding events around the parish was successful. Table 2, on the following page, highlights the main locations, although a more detailed breakdown can be seen in Appendix 2.

Other locations included Castle Tump, Ryton, Hillend Green, Tillers Green, Pauntley, Bromsberrow Heath and Much Marcle. It was important that people living just outside the Parish’s borders were not excluded from giving their views and comments.

**Table 2** Where DPDP Participants Live.

Location	Number of People
Dymock Village	87
Leadington	16
Four Oaks	14
Kempley	13
Newent	12
Brooms Green	11
Preston	9
Donnington	8

Young people attending the consultation events were also asked to indicate which school they attend. The results show that the vast majority of young people attend Ann Cam primary school and then go on to use Newent Community School for their secondary education. This information will help the parish in any future work to contact young people and gain their views.

**Table 3** Schools attended by DPDP Participants.

School	Number of responses
Ann Cam School, Dymock	81
Bromsberrow Primary School	0
Much Marcle Primary School	0
Newent Community School	11
John Masefield School, Ledbury	0
Any other school	1

### QUESTIONNAIRES

Separate questionnaires were used to gain more detailed information alongside the consultation events. A young persons' survey was tailor-made to ensure young people were involved in the development of the Parish Plan. Questionnaires went out to pupils at Ann Cam School and were handed to all young people attending the community consultation events (particularly at the last event that was designed specifically to catch young people getting off the school bus). The results of this survey are discussed in Chapter 5.

Two other questionnaires were used to explore the major issue of housing. Firstly, the Forest of Dean District Council contributed 6 housing focused questions to the process in the form of a short one page survey. However, due to the comments arising at the Dymock Parish Development Plan community events a thorough Housing Needs Survey was then carried out. These results are explored in Chapter 8.

### SPECIALIST ADVICE

Another stage of the process, that will continue into the future, has been to involve specialists. The Housing Needs Survey was supported by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council's Rural Housing Enabler and others have offered advice and information including Gloucestershire's Rural Transport Partnership Officer, the Young People's Support Scheme Manager, an expert from a local gardening centre, etc. It is hoped these professionals and more will be able to assist the parish in developing the many project ideas that the process has facilitated.

The following chapters illustrate the results of the consultation methods described within this section 'Developing Dymock Parish Plan'. Comments made by parishioners are discussed by issue in the following order:

- Traffic & Transport
- Young People
- Leisure
- Community Facilities
- Housing
- Environment
- Local Economy
- Health
- Crime & Safety

# 4 Traffic & Transport



## Traffic & Transport in Dymock Parish

Traffic and Transport are major issues within Dymock and were very strongly highlighted within the public meeting held in August 2001 designed to gain initial views of parishioners. Weaknesses of the parish were seen as “infrequent public transport”, “traffic hazards including volume, speed and weight”, non-enforcement of speed limits” and “lack of car parking facilities”. Many of these problems are still applicable although the Parish Council works hard to try and find local solutions. Indeed, a current project being worked on by the Parish Council is to build a car park within the parish and the Parish Council has already successfully enabled the implementation of new speed limits either end of Dymock village. Drops in the speed limit from 60 mph to 40mph now discourage speeding on the road adjacent to Dymock Cricket Club and towards the Golf Course.

## Traffic & Transport in the Forest of Dean

The strategic responsibility for transport lies with the County Council as the highway authority, although the Forest of Dean District Council makes specific mention of traffic speeds and volumes on the B4215.

## Traffic & Transport in Gloucestershire

The Local Transport Plan (LTP) sets out the transport strategy for Gloucestershire for the next five years and covers transport in all its forms: pedestrian, cycling, public and community transport, rail, private cars and commercial freight. In addition, wider issues connected to transport such as social exclusion, parking charges and air pollution are also considered. The objectives of the Gloucestershire LTP are consistent with the overall concept of integrated transport as envisaged by the Transport White Paper.

- to protect and enhance the built and natural environment;
- to improve safety for all travellers;
- to contribute to an efficient economy & support sustainable economic growth;
- to promote accessibility to everyday facilities for all, especially those without a car;
- to promote the integration of all forms of transport and land-use planning.

For Gloucestershire the key areas for short-term priority are:-

- Travel Plans for schools & employers.
- Tackling social exclusion & improving health
- Promoting and improving public transport, cycling and walking.
- Making the best use of the highway network and controlling the growth of traffic.
- Integrating transport.
- Improving road safety.

Dymock Parish is affected by the Local Transport Plan in only a minimal way. The Plan highlights the B4215 as a road where “speeds are higher than desirable”. This concern is shared by parishioners (see page 10).



# Information Gathering

Traffic & Transport was the second most popular issue area to be highlighted through Dymock Parish Development Plan community events. 394 suggestion cards were used to illustrate the traffic and transport views and concerns of local people. This proportion of the total number of comments made during the 5 events equalled 20% and illustrates that initial thoughts raising traffic as one of the dominant local issues were correct. Parishioners are clearly very concerned about a number of traffic and transport issues and these can be seen in Table 4 below.

**Table 4** Traffic & Transport Comments Gathered through DPDP Events

Issue	Suggestion	Location(s)	Number
Traffic & Transport	Ban HGVs	B4215/ Bromsberrow Rd/ Brooms Green/ Road to Ledbury / Preston/ Ryton	32
Traffic & Transport	Slow down traffic/ Lower speed limit	B4215/ Castle Tump/ Brooms Green/ Four Oaks/ Kempley Road/ Preston	51
Traffic & Transport	Improve road surface	Brooms Green/ Four Oaks to Dymock/ Leadington/ Ledbury Road/ Newhouse Bridge	27
Traffic & Transport	Create car parking area	Western way/ School/ Church/ Pub	25
Traffic & Transport	Speed limit not enforced	B4215/ Church, Lych-gate/ Leominster RD/ Ryton RD	24
Traffic & Transport	Poor public transport	Brooms Green/ Hallwood Green/ Leadington/ Preston	22
Traffic & Transport	Weight restrictions for HGVs	B4215/ Brooms Green/ Preston/ Four Oaks	22
Traffic & Transport	Provide bus shelter	Dymock Parish Hall	19
Traffic & Transport	School patrol	Ann Cam School	18
Traffic & Transport	Zebra crossing	Bayfield Gardens/ Dymock Parish Hall	17
Traffic & Transport	Road used as rat run	Greenway to Bromsberrow/ Tillers Green/ Brooms Green/ B4215	13
Traffic & Transport	Improve existing bus service	Four Oaks/ Kempley/ Dymock/ Whole Parish	12
Traffic & Transport	Provide pavement	B4216 junction/ Kempley Bridge Rd/ Main road through Dymock	10
Traffic & Transport	Disabled parking	Pub/ Western Way/ School/ Whole Parish	9
Traffic & Transport	Provide street lights	Whole of Dymock/ Western Way/ Cricket Club	8
Traffic & Transport	Too much traffic	School/ White House/ Whole Parish	8
Traffic & Transport	No parking	Bayfield Gardens/ Western Way/ Kempley Road/ B4215	7
Traffic & Transport	Secure bike lockers	School/ Kempley Green/ Brooms Green	7

The Table above illustrates that the B4215 is a major area of concern among parishioners. Almost every traffic and transport suggestion related to this main road through Dymock. A lot of the problems also relate to the whole parish or the vast majority of it, although Brooms Green, the Ledbury Road and Preston also appear to be areas of particular concern. Traffic travelling through the parish to access the motorway causes some problems, while the location of Dymock on the main route taken to travel to Leominster, also increases traffic levels.

Other suggestions receiving fewer comments (only by 5 or 6 people), and therefore not highlighted in the table above, included car parking specifically for the school, a light controlled crossing in the centre of Dymock, cycle stands, speed cameras and the use of taxis as transport for the parish. Speeding, poor road surfaces, lack of pavements, heavy traffic and lack of parking are all major problems that will be difficult to conquer. However, some suggestions such as bike lockers, a bus shelter and a school patrol may provide some relatively simple solutions to some traffic and transport issues.

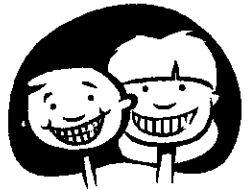
# Action Plan

Suggestion	Location	Project /Action	Who? Responsibility	Time scale	Help needed (people & funding)	PR (priority rating)
Lower Speed Limits	Either end of the 30 mph signs	Lower Speed Limits from 60 mph	Parish Council	Just completed	N/A	N/A
Car parking/ disabled parking	Centre of Dymock	The Parish Council is already trying to develop a car park	Parish Council	In progress	The Parish Council is trying to develop a car park	N/A
Poor public transport/ Improve existing transport	Whole Parish and neighbouring parishes	Research possibility of developing bus services	Parish Plan Steering Committee & Parish Council	Now	Transport Unit, Gloucestershire County Council	1
School Patrol	Ann Cam School	Inform the school of wish for school patrol	Ann Cam School and Parish Plan Steering Committee	Now	N/A	2
Bike lockers	Ann Cam School	Inform the school of wish for bike lockers	Ann Cam School	Now	N/A	3
Enforce speed limits/ Slow traffic	B4215	Enforce speed limits or introduce machines that tell drivers their speed	Parish Council	Now	Police/ Highways for information on available deterrents	4
Community Transport	Whole Parish and neighbouring parishes	Investigate introduction of a community transport scheme	Parish Plan Steering Group & Parish Council	Soon	Newent Dial-a-Ride, Rural Transport Partnership Officer, etc.	5
No parking	Bayfield Gardens/ Western Way	Signs and enforcement penalties	Parish Council	Soon	Highways (County Council)	6
Street Lights	Centre of Dymock	Introduce more street lighting	Parish Council	Soon	Highways (County Council)	7
Improve road surface	Various roads through the parish	Improve road surface	Parish Council	Soon	Highways (County Council)	8
Provide bus shelter	Dymock Parish Hall	Provide bus shelter	Parish Council	Soon	Find out about County Council fund	9
Weight restrictions	Various parish roads	Weight restrictions	Parish Council	Later	Highways (County Council)	10
Zebra crossing	Beauchamp Arms	Crossing for pedestrians	Parish Council	Later	Highways (County Council)	11

The Parish Plan Steering Committee has already started to investigate funding for transport projects by talking to Gloucestershire's Rural Transport Partnership Officer about the Countryside Agency's Parish Transport Grant and Rural Transport Partnership Funds, which may prove useful in helping to implement some of the project ideas mentioned above.

## Future Policy

1. The Parish Council will pay particular attention to locations within the parish highlighted by parishioners as areas of concern. These include the B4215 and roads through Brooms Green, Preston, Ryton and the Ledbury Road. Measures to reduce speed and increase road safety will be encouraged.
2. The Parish Council will seek to work closely with the Police to investigate whether speed limits can be better enforced.
3. The Parish Council will continue to work to combat problems with road surfaces such as reporting pot holes and asking for road maintenance where needed.
4. The Parish Council will support Ann Cam School if it decides to implement the project suggestions of bike lockers and a school patrol.
5. The Parish Council will encourage and support any work to further investigate traffic and transport problems in the parish.
6. The Parish Council would strongly support any parishioners wishing to establish a community transport scheme.
7. The Parish Council will support policies and projects encouraging sustainable transport through measures to discourage one-person car journeys, encourage car sharing, promote walking and cycling, transfer road freight to rail, and improve public transport.
8. The Parish Council will do its best to help implement as many suggestions as possible, (given by parishioners and illustrated in the tables above), understanding that some of the problems will take both time and a lot of support by other authorities to overcome.



## Young People's facilities in Dymock Parish

There are a number of local groups that cater for young people living within the parish and many of these are highlighted in Chapter 6. However, those specifically designed for children and young people include the Youth Group, Brownies, Dymock Cricket Club's junior teams and St Mary's of Dymock Church groups (the Pilgrims). Work is currently underway to provide an extra youth group for the over 12s, who are not currently catered for. Ann Cam School also provides a huge range of after school activities detailed in the following sections. Other groups and clubs are available in Ledbury and Newent, with a youth café within Newent Town Centre.

## Young People and the Forest of Dean

The Forest of Dean currently has funding available for the area through the Young People's Support Scheme (often referred to as SRB 6 funding). This scheme has been doing a lot of valuable work in the area through Youth Forums, studies, events, activities and through funding projects in the different settlements located within the Forest of Dean. There are also strategic groups that look at youth issues as part of the Community Safety Partnership.

## Young People and Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire Youth & Community Service has a network of youth workers and projects across the county, working in youth centres as well as meeting groups of young people 'on the street' and in a range of other situations, including residential courses. The service works to provide support and guidance as well as programmes of activity, training and discussion for 14-25 year olds.

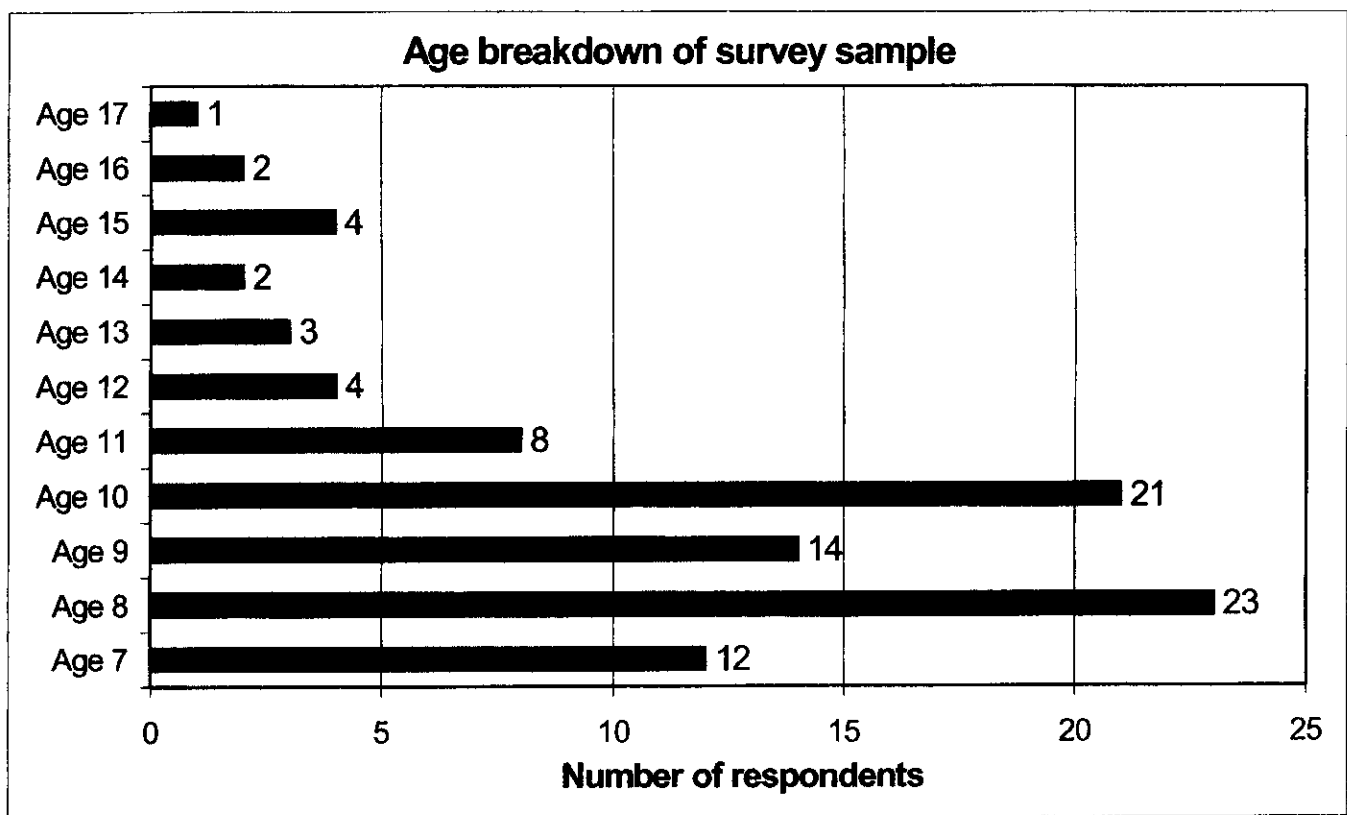
Young Gloucestershire is another county-wide organisation providing services for young people aged 11-25. Its youth work team provides support for youth groups of all sizes, activity programmes of sport and arts, training courses, information and issue based projects as well as opportunities for volunteering. Young Gloucestershire also runs courses for apprentices in industry and a twelve-week Prince's Trust Volunteer programme for employed and unemployed young people in a number of locations in Gloucestershire. Other projects include a Roadshow with mobile youth work based around a series of events, activities, competitions and Infobuzz, a mobile drugs, health and current information service for young people based on a structured programme available to schools and youth groups.

There are also a number of other groups set up specifically to work with young people living in Gloucestershire. These groups range from Young Carers to Gloucestershire Music Service. The following sections illustrate the range of activities available for young people to participate in through the results of a questionnaire that included questions such as 'What groups or clubs do you belong to'?

# Young Persons' Questionnaire

As part of the process towards completing Dymock Parish Plan a questionnaire was used to ensure all young people had a chance to give their comments on services, facilities and activities they would like to see developed within the parish. Young people were also encouraged to give their suggestions during the community events and these suggestions can be viewed alongside other parishioners' in all other chapters. The questionnaire formed a two-page survey asking questions such as: What sports do you enjoy? What do you do in your spare time? Are there any activities you would like to undertake with your parents? and so on. An example of the questionnaire can be seen in Appendix 7. Thanks to the support of Ann Cam school over 95 questionnaires were completed. The age range of young people participating can be seen in Figure 2 below.

**Figure 2** Age of Respondents for the Young Persons' Questionnaire.

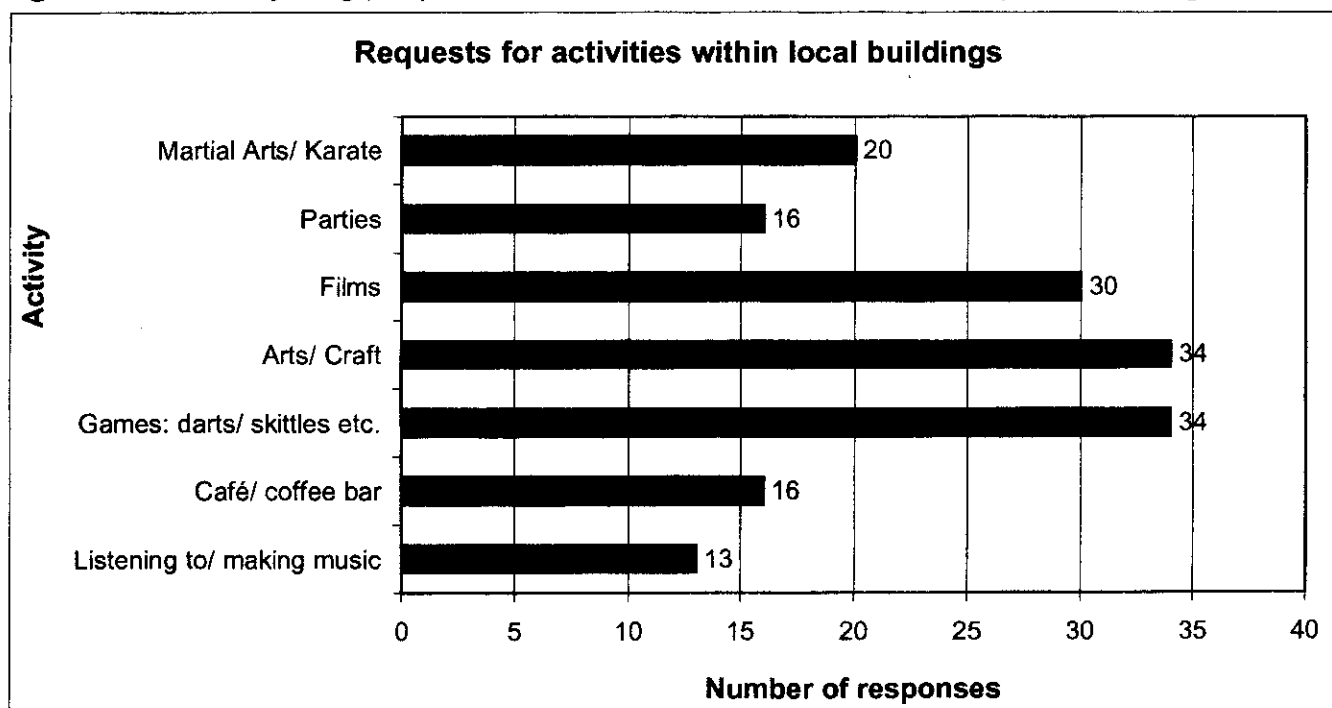


Using the school as a means of distributing the questionnaires alongside the community events, it was difficult to restrict the response to young people living in Dymock parish. However, the vast majority of respondents do live within Dymock Parish (68%): 43 from Dymock itself and 22 from the other settlements within the parish such as Donnington, Leadington, Four Oaks and Ryton. Of the remaining 32% not living within the parish most come from the neighbouring parishes of Newent and Kempey.

The young people were asked which activities they would like to undertake in Dymock Parish Hall or other village halls and public buildings within the parish (this would include Brooms Green, Ryton and Donnington Memorial Hall). The most popular activities are arts/ craft and indoor games such as darts, snooker and skittles. Showing films within the parish also appears popular. Responses under the 'other' category predominantly included BMX-ing or skateboarding (see Appendix 8). The main responses can be seen in Figure 3 on page 15.

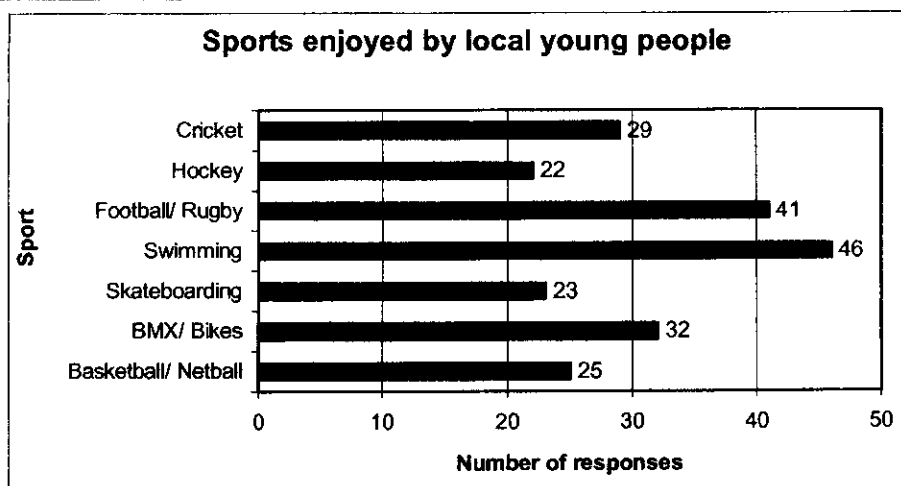


**Figure 3** Activities young people would like to undertake in local halls/ public buildings.



**Figure 4** Sports local young people enjoy.

When asked which sports they enjoy, the young people indicated that swimming is the most popular (46 responses) followed by football/ rugby (41) and BMX-ing (32). Figure 4 illustrates the results. Answers given under 'other' include horse riding, blading and rounders.



The survey also sought to find out what young people were interested in learning more about. This could allow for more activities to be held within the parish, perhaps as clubs or short term courses. The results can be seen in Table 5 below:

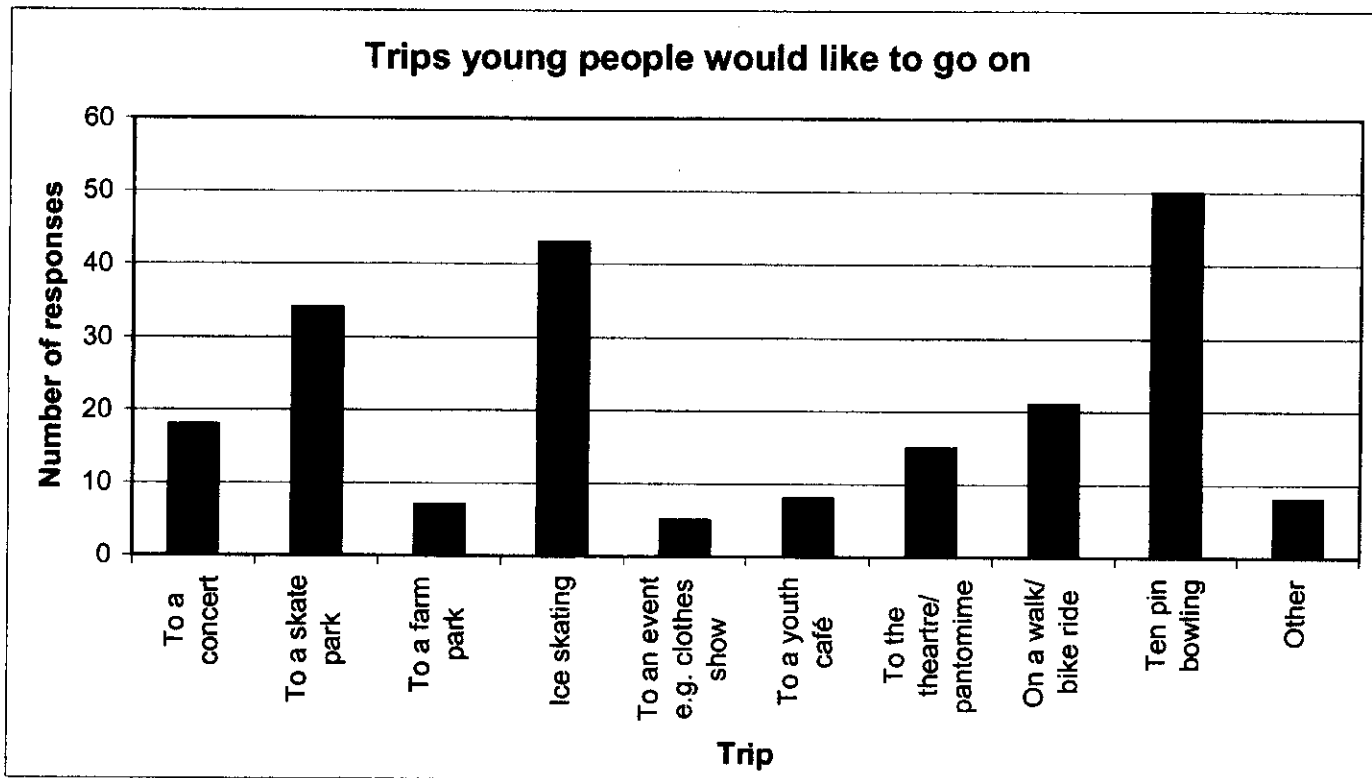
**Table 5** Types of learning activity of interest to local young people.

Subject	Number of responses	Percentage of total response
Music making	15	9.1
Dancing/ line dancing	18	11.0
Skateboarding	29	17.7
Fashion design/ art/ craft	18	11.0
Martial Arts	25	15.2
Computers/ the Web	22	13.4
Drama/ Acting	26	15.9
Other	11	6.7
	<b>164</b>	<b>100%</b>

Responses under the 'other' category included Blading/ Skating, Hockey, cheerleading for football, conservation and history.

Question 6 asked respondents to indicate whether or not they would like to go on day trips, and if so, the type of trip they would like to see organised. The result was that a massive 93.6% (88) indicated that they would like trips out: only 6 young people said 'no'. The type of trip can be seen in Figure 5 below.

**Figure 5** Trips young people would like to see organised.



The most popular suggestions for trips out are ten-pin bowling, ice skating and trips to visit skate parks. Other suggestions included three young people asking for trips to theme parks, and two wanting to go skiing.

The next topic on the questionnaire looked at the issue of the youth club in Dymock. The survey attempted to discover exactly when, and for which age groups, young people would ideally like to meet together. The results were extremely varied and can be seen in full in Appendix 8. The age groups most commonly suggested can be broken down into roughly 7-9s, 10-12s and 11-16s. A few young people also identified the possibility of having a group for younger children (3-7 year olds). Most of the young people suggested fairly narrow age ranges, covering the ages of 8-12 year olds, as this is the age range of the majority of the questionnaire respondents. The times and days suggested were also very varied. The most popular days appear to be Wednesdays and Fridays, as these were mentioned more frequently than any other days. Time suggestions tended to point towards the evenings rather than after school or on a weekend. Most commonly suggested times were around 7 o'clock for the younger age groups and slightly later for the teenagers. Overall the results show that the young people were very interested in the question (there were lots of very detailed answers), showing a demand for a youth group.

Question 8 on the questionnaire investigated current activities undertaken by local young people. The results were fascinating and show how active respondents are. The non-organised

activities undertaken by young people in their spare time are playing on computers and using computer games or play stations (7), watching TV (6), Skateboarding (7), BMX/ bike riding (8) and playing outside such as football (6). Organised activities undertaken by young people are best seen in Table 6 below. Other groups attended by local children include Gorsley chapel group, piano lessons in Newent and Much Marcle and martial arts lessons in a variety of locations.

**Table 6** Organised Activities undertaken by Local Young People.

Location	Group	Number of respondents
Ann Cam Dymock	Netball	12
Dymock	Brownies	10
Ann Cam Dymock	Football	8
Dymock	Youth Club	7
Ann Cam Dymock	Dance	7
Ann Cam Dymock	Clarinet Club	3
Ann Cam Dymock	Music Club	3
Dymock	God Squad	3
Dymock	Christian Club	2
Ann Cam Dymock	Cricket	1
Ledbury	Swimming club	6
Ledbury	Hunt pony club	3
Ledbury	Stage Coach	3
Ledbury	Hockey	3
Ledbury	Rugby	2
Newent	Trampolining	3
Newent	Football Club	3
Newent	Swimming club	2

Question 9 of the questionnaire attempted to illustrate which new facilities or activities young people would value the most in Dymock and it asked respondents to chose a priority from the previous answers they had given. Seven young people (7.36%) wrote that they do not want the parish to change at all. One young person stated:

*"We do not want Dymock to change. That is why we moved here. We all have cars so we can travel. None of us want to spoil it."*

Of those that did give suggestions, priorities became clear and the top ten requests can be seen in the table below. The response to this question was good but fairly varied. Other comments can be viewed in full in Appendix 8.

**Table 7** Priority ideas for activities/ facilities for local young people.

Priority	Number	Priority	Number
Art/ Art & Crafts	15	Horse Riding	5
Skating/ Skate park	11	Acting/ Drama	5
Swimming	6	Ice skating	5
Martial Arts	6	Dance	4
BMX	6	Hockey	4

Although it is important to investigate all the wishes of young people within the parish, it is also necessary to recognise that volunteers to run activities for young people will not be large in numbers. Consequently the steering group recognised the need to find out whether young people would like to get involved in activities with their parents, and if so, the type of activity. It

may now be possible, with the results of this question, to try to involve whole families in local activities. 65 young people from the 95 questioned said they would like to undertake activities with their parents. Only 20 answered 'no' and 10 failed to respond. Figure 6 displays the response concerning the types of activity.

**Figure 6** Activities young people would like to undertake with their parents.

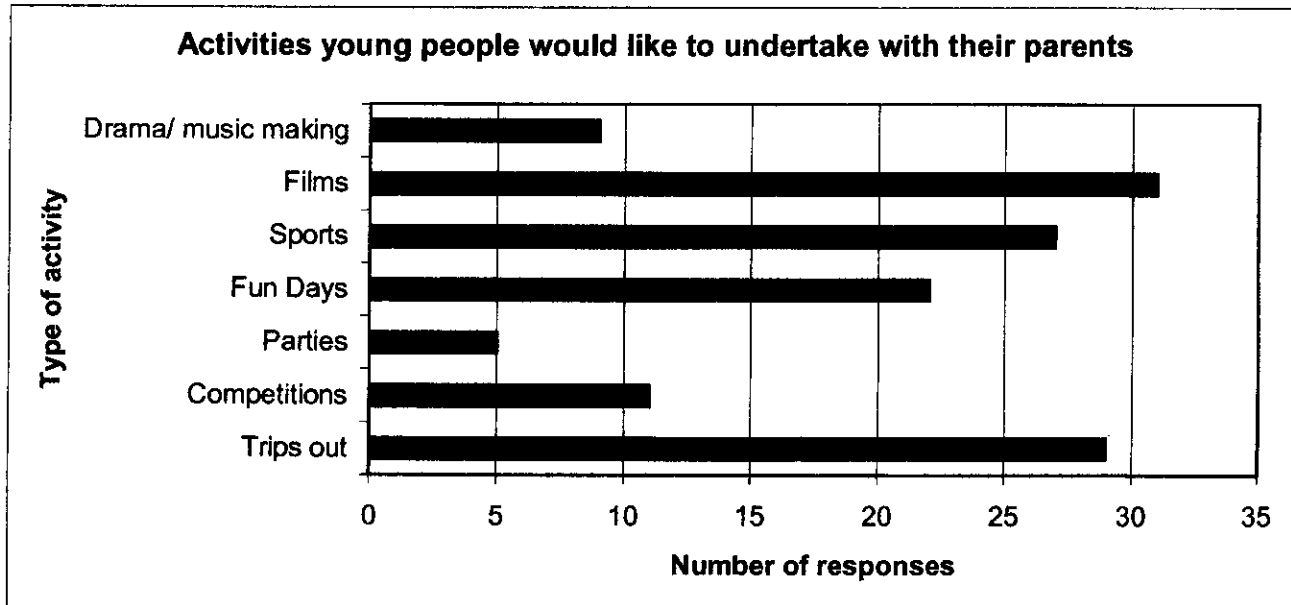


Figure 6 clearly illustrates that drama/ music making, parties and competitions are not popular activities. Young people would prefer to watch films, take trips out and perhaps take part in fun days with their parents.

The survey ended by looking at whether young people are content with current facilities. Although the answer proved the majority of young people do want more 'to do' the response was not as overwhelming as expected. 24.2% of young people are happy with local facilities and 65.3% are not (10.5% did not comment). Of the 65% who felt there isn't enough to do in the parish 43.5% (37) called for more equipment in the play area, 50.6% (43) for more clubs/ groups/ trips, and only 5.9% (5) for lessons or courses. Those respondents who supplied written answers specified the type of equipment they would like to see added to the play area, including BMX jumps, skate ramps, zip wires/ army assault course and a football goal.

The conclusions from this survey have been developed into the action planning table on page 19.

## Other Issues

Vandalism and concerns over alcohol or drug use by young people are also issues currently affecting people living within the Parish. A drugs awareness evening has been held in Ann Cam School and the Parish Council has been working with the local police to ensure young people are not damaging local facilities. The Parish Hall and play area have been damaged by young people in the past and it is generally believed that working with young people to provide them with activities and facilities may help to limit any further damage perhaps caused by lack of 'things to do'.

# Action Plan

<b>Suggestion Project /Action</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Who? Responsibility</b>	<b>Time scale</b>	<b>Help needed (people &amp; funding)</b>	<b>PR (priority rating)</b>
Work with Police re: vandalism	Play area and Parish Hall	Parish Council	In progress	Local Police	N/A
Investigate SRB 6 funding	N/A	Parish Plan Steering Committee	Completed	Received from SRB 6	N/A
Explore other funding opportunities	N/A	Parish Plan Steering Committee	Now	District Council, GRCC etc.	1
BMX jumps at the play area	Play area	Parish Council	Now	Funding	2
More facilities in the play area	Play area	Parish Council	Now	Funding from local sources	3
Space for playing football or rugby	Whole Parish	Parish Council	Now	Other local groups	4
Films in the parish hall and a family activity	Dymock Parish Hall	Parish Council & Parish Hall Committee	Now	District Council & GRCC	5
Indoor games in the parish hall	Dymock Parish Hall	Parish Council & Parish Hall Committee	Soon	Funds for equipment	6
Explore possibility of establishing an arts & craft group/ course	Dymock Parish Hall	Parish Council & Parish Hall Committee	Soon	Local college	7
Explore possibility of establishing a drama/ acting group/ course	Whole Parish	Parish Plan Steering Committee & Youth Club	Soon	Local college	8
Work with DADS to promote group	Whole Parish	Parish Council	Soon		9
Promote local youth club and other young peoples' groups	Dymock Parish Hall	Parish Council & Parish Hall Committee	Soon		10
Explore possibility of establishing martial arts lessons	Dymock Parish Hall	Parish Council & Parish Hall Committee	Soon	Local college	11
Work with the school to promote school clubs	Ann Cam School	Parish Council & Parish Plan Steering Committee	Soon		12
Explore possibility of arranging a trip to a skate park	Whole Parish	Parish Plan Steering Committee & Youth Club	Later	A minibus & advice	13
Explore possibility of arranging a trip to a ten pin bowling alley	Whole Parish	Parish Plan Steering Committee & Youth Club	Later	A minibus & advice	14
Explore possibility of arranging a trip to an ice skating rink	Whole Parish	Parish Plan Steering Committee & Youth Club	Later	A minibus & advice	15



Young Gloucestershire and the Youth & Community Service may be able to help with information and advice on many of the projects listed above. These organisations and other groups based in the district such as the Coleford Churches Together Youth Project may be able to share experiences and examples of good practice.

## Future Policy

Young people are the future of the parish and an important section of the community. The Parish Council hopes to play a role by:

1. Supporting and promoting, where appropriate, local groups within the parish e.g. Youth club and Brownies.
2. Working closely with Ann Cam School to support its groups and facilities.
3. Working with local police to avoid problems that can be caused by young people (e.g. drugs).
4. Supporting further investigation into the provision of facilities and activities for young people.
5. Assisting, where possible, any new groups or activities set up for young people within the parish.

**N.B.** Leisure activities for young people play an important role in the comments given by parishioners within the community consultation events held in February. Chapter 6 explores these results.

# 6 Leisure

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## Leisure Facilities in Dymock Parish

There are a number of leisure facilities based within Dymock Parish and a huge range of social groups for the rural nature and population of the parish. Dymock Parish contains an extremely active community and this was one of the strengths mentioned by parishioners during the activity based public meeting in August 2001. Strengths were listed as community spirit, an active Parish Council, local community groups, the cricket club and golf course. Below, the local leisure facilities are illustrated in the following categories: services/ facilities, events and societies.

### **Leisure services & facilities**

Dymock has a very popular play area located near the school on the old railway line. It contains playground equipment and also a fairly large green area for other leisure activities. The community owned public house, the Beauchamp Arms, offers food and drink, a luncheon club and facilities for meetings and social gatherings. There are local walks including the Daffodil Way, a local band, Old Time Dancing, whist drives, bingo, and fishing at Pound Farm. The Church is used for concerts and recitals. Other leisure facilities include the School swimming pool, Cricket Club and Golf Course.

### **Events**

#### Dymock Parish Hall

Upholstery, line dancing, aerobics, flower arranging, short mat bowls (pending), skittles, quizzes, plays/ pantomimes, social evenings, daffodil teas, annual barbecue, children's parties.

#### Broom's Green, Donnington and Ryton Memorial Hall

Tai Kwando, short mat bowls, amateur dramatics, social evenings.

### **Societies**

Dymock Women's Institute, Preston Women's Institute, Dymock Cricket Club, Dymock Horticultural Society, Dymock Evergreen Club, Dymock and District Amateur Dramatic Society, Pilgrim Club, Mother and Toddler Group, Brownies, Dymock Poets and the Care Group.

As the Pilgrim Club only caters for young people up to the age of twelve years, it is hoped to restart a youth club for ages twelve to sixteen in the near future.

There were some weaknesses relating to leisure facilities that were highlighted by parishioners in the early stages of consultation work. These were a lack of football and sporting facilities and threats were seen as falling numbers in the Women's Institute and other local groups. These concerns are reflected in the comments gathered through the six sessions held during February 2002 and discussed below. (Please refer to the following chapter on Community Facilities for more information).

# Information Gathering

Out of a total of 1,930 responses, there were 484 responses relating to leisure facilities and this was clearly the most popular issue resulting from the public events. Both adults and young people were particularly interested in leisure opportunities available within the parish. Indeed young people highlighted leisure issues to such an extent that it has been necessary to highlight the results from the young persons survey alongside the other comments collected in the table below (in appropriate places only). The information gathered has been separated into indoor activities and outdoor activities.

**Table 8 INDOOR ACTIVITIES**

Issue	Suggestion	Community Response	Youth Response
Leisure	Skittle alley/ darts	31	34
Leisure	Show films	19	30
Leisure	Martial arts	16	20
Leisure	Line dancing	14	
Leisure	Indoor bowls	13	
Leisure	Arts and crafts club	8	34
Leisure	Badminton court	8	
Leisure	After school clubs	8	
Leisure	Internet / cyber café/ coffee bar	5	16
Leisure	Keep fit class	5	
Leisure	Youth theatre	4	
Leisure	Step / aerobics class	3	
Leisure	Dancing classes	1	
Leisure	Drama class / club	1	
Leisure	Pool room	1	

It is interesting that the top three selections are popular both with the young people and the Parish in general, as is an Arts and Crafts club and a café/coffee bar. Many of these activities could take place in the Dymock Parish Hall or the school hall.

**Table 9 OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

Issue	Suggestion	Community Response	Youth Response
Leisure	Fishing	38	
Leisure	Skateboarding/ rollerblading park	36	
Leisure	Increase use of school swimming pool	28	46
Leisure	More sports facilities	20	
Leisure	Tennis court	19	
Leisure	Basketball pitch/hoop	14	
Leisure	Sports complex	10	
Leisure	Cricket	9	
Leisure	Outdoor bowls green	9	
Leisure	Hockey club	2	
Leisure	Netball pitch	2	
Leisure	Rugby	2	

### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES cont....

Issue	Suggestion	Community Response	Youth Response
Leisure	Start local junior football team/ Football in general	17	41
Leisure	Football pitch	15	
Leisure	Football goal posts	12	
Leisure	Local football team	3	
Leisure	Football team for 12 +	1	
Leisure	BMX track	34	32
Leisure	Make own BMX jumps	1	
Leisure	Mountain bike trail	7	
Leisure	Outdoor fitness trail	6	
Leisure	Signs for mountain bike trail	2	
Leisure	Summer club	6	
Leisure	Playground for under 5's	6	
Leisure	Playground for 6 -12 yr old	1	
Leisure	6-12 years old adventure playground	5	
Leisure	Adventure playground	5	

Locations for the outdoor activities are more difficult to find. The top choice, fishing, is easy, because there is a business within the Parish that organises fishing trips and has fishing rights on stretches of local rivers and ponds. They can also provide coaching and equipment hire.

Both skateboarding and BMXing were popular choices as, to a lesser extent was mountain biking, and the existing play area was the chosen location. It may be possible to develop a BMX area on this site (see Action Plan on page 24).

Inevitably, football under various guises was a popular choice both in the information gathering sessions and in the youth survey. There are two main problems with running one or more football teams. Firstly there is the need for a pitch, and secondly a need for one or more enthusiastic, dedicated coaches. Similar issues arise after a number of people requested the use of the school swimming pool for the public. This would again require qualified adult volunteers to supervise and act as lifeguards. The many other requests for outdoor activities (some illustrated in Table 10 below) all suffer from the same problems. It is hoped that the Parish Plan may be a way of involving other members of the community and building up a stronger volunteer base on which many of these activities will rely.

**Table 10 OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Issue	Suggestion	Community Response	Youth Response
Leisure	Day trips	13	
Leisure	Occasional trips / activities for 12-18 year olds	11	
Leisure	Trips to ten pin bowling alleys		50
Leisure	Trips to skateboard parks		35
Leisure	Trips ice skating	3	43

## Other Issues

As has been mentioned earlier, the biggest issue affecting all the requests is the lack of qualified volunteers to coach sports teams. The strongest emotion within the Parish, currently, is apathy. There are a number of existing clubs and societies such as the Women's Institute and the Horticultural Society, which are facing closure through lack of members. The Parish is fortunate in having a core of hard working volunteers who are always willing to help arrange or organise events. It is vital that we encourage more active participation by other members of the Parish.

## Action Plan

Suggestion	Location	Project /Action	Who? Responsibility	Time scale	Help needed (people & funding)	PR (priority rating)
N/A (needed for other suggestions)	Play area	Move the play equipment	Parish Council	Now	Funding, local authorities	1
BMX track	Play area	Create a BMX track	Parish Council	Now	Funding (SRB6)	2
Playground/ Adventure playground	Play area	Create an adventure playground	Parish Council	Now	Funding, local authorities	3
Show films	Dymock Parish Hall	Show films in the Village Hall	Parish Hall Committee	Now	Forest of Dean District Council	4
N/A	Whole Parish	Investigate possibility of links with other village groups such as the cricket club.	Parish Council	Now	Local community groups and clubs	5
Day trips	Whole Parish	Arrange day trips	Youth club & volunteers	Later	Funding (SRB6)	6
Football	Whole Parish/ need a pitch	Start a youth football team	Local volunteers	Later	Funding – sports related funds, FoDDC	7

## Future Policy

"A Parish that plays together, stays together" to paraphrase a well-used adage. It is important that we break through the general apathy and create an active and enthusiastic community full of diverse interests.

1. The Parish Council will aim to support all leisure facilities, groups and activities and will work closely alongside other local organisations to retain the huge range of leisure facilities currently so valued within Dymock Parish.



# 7 Community Facilities



## Community Facilities in Dymock Parish

At the inaugural meeting of the DPDP, parishioners were divided into eight groups and every one of the eight groups pointed out the strength within the community: that there is still a pub, a post office, two garages and a school. When three members of the steering committee met to discuss the community facilities and leisure services (see previous chapter), they discovered that for a community the size of Dymock (948 on the electoral register) these were many and varied. The Community Facilities located within the parish are listed below:

### **Community Facilities**

Post office, shop, two garages, public house, childminding, nursery school, junior school, mother and toddler group, Dymock and Preston Churches, Western Way Chapel, bus service, Dial-a-Ride, Meals on Wheels, Homecare Service (NHS and private), visiting chiropodist, sheltered housing, residential and nursing home, Windcross Care Group, mobile hairdresser, mobile gardener, grocery delivery service, fruit and vegetable delivery service, milk and newspaper delivery, computer facilities, mobile library, communal lounge at sheltered housing, school hall, Dymock Parish Hall, Broom's Green, Donnington and Ryton Memorial Hall, golf course.

However, although these community facilities were listed as strengths by parishioners, there were also some community facilities or services that people thought needed improvement. They included: poor police cover, lack of recycling facilities and a lack of car parking (an issues already being worked on by the Parish Council and mentioned within Chapter 4 on Traffic & Transport). Another very important issue of concern by a vast number of parishioners, particularly those living in the Brooms Green area of the parish, was the recent closure of their local pub.

Opportunities highlighted by parishioners included making more use of community facilities such as Dymock Parish Hall, Brooms Green, Ryton & Donnington Memorial Hall, the School Swimming Pool and the Cricket Club. These issues and others are highlighted in the comments obtained at the DPDP events (see page 26).

## Information Gathering

Comments relating to community facilities numbered 173 in total and referred to a mix of issues ranging from wishes to keep existing facilities, concerns over threats to facilities or loss of past facilities, to ideas for new services and community facilities. Some of the comments given by parishioners overlap with the views collected under Leisure facilities in the previous chapter and there are also a few issues highlighted in more detail with the Traffic & Transport chapter.

In total the subject of Community Facilities attracted 16 main views or suggestions with 4 or more comments from parishioners. These are displayed in Table 11 on page 26.

**Table 11 Community Facility Comments Received at the DPDP Events**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Suggestion</b>	<b>Location(s)</b>	<b>Number</b>
Community Facilities	Keep this school	Ann Cam School	11
Community Facilities	Computers and access to the Internet	Dymock Parish Hall/ Ann Cam School	10
Community Facilities	Youth club	Dymock Parish Hall/ Ann Cam School	10
Community Facilities	Cash point	Dymock Post Office/ Ann Cam School/ Western Way	8
Community Facilities	Information for new parishioners	Throughout Parish/ Dymock	8
Community Facilities	Retain local services	Dymock/ Dymock Garage	8
Community Facilities	Toilets with disabled access	Dymock/ Ann Cam School	8
Community Facilities	Youth park	Play area/ Western Way	8
Community Facilities	Problem: closure of local pub/ Keep pub	Brooms Green	8
Community Facilities	Provide disabled access	Throughout parish/ Ann Cam School	7
Community Facilities	Meals on Wheels	Whole Parish	5
Community Facilities	Poor pedestrian access to school	Ann Cam School- Bridge	5
Community Facilities	Car sharing scheme	Whole Parish	4
Community Facilities	Projects to better integrate young and elderly	Whole Parish	4
Community Facilities	Start a community newsletter	Whole Parish	4
Community Facilities	Telephone box	Leadington/ Preston/ Dymock	4

Other comments included calls for a pensioners club, a post box, an information centre/ one stop information shop, more community notice boards, a community minibus, a bulk buy food club, a nappy changing room and a youth or community café (also mentioned within Leisure comments, see previous chapter).

The ideas relating to community facilities predominantly focus on Dymock as a centre for services although encouragingly many people highlighted the need for projects that would include and provide benefits for the whole parish. There appear to be four main themes:

- Information – what’s happening in the parish and beyond?
- Community integration – how do we include new parishioners and provide for the elderly?
- Access & Inclusivity – are we providing for the less mobile, disabled and those without cars?
- Retention of existing services – How do we make sure we keep our pub, school etc?

These are questions that will probably need to be investigated in more detail and feature within the action plan on the following page.

N.B. For comments relating to the car sharing scheme and youth park, please refer to Chapters 4 and 6.

# Action Plan

Suggestion	Location	Project /Action	Who? Responsibility	Time scale	Help needed (people & funding)	PR (priority rating)
Information boards/ newsletter	Whole parish	Investigate ways to improve local information	Parish Plan Steering Committee	Now	The Parish Magazine, The Parish Council	1
Information for new parishioners	Whole parish	Provide information pack for new residents	Parish Plan Steering Committee	Now	The Parish Magazine, The Parish Council	2
See above	Whole parish	Parish web page	Parish Plan Steering Committee	Now	The Parish Magazine, The Parish Council	3
Computers & access to the web	Dymock Parish Hall	Internet café	Dymock Parish Hall Committee	Now	Parish Council & Parish Plan Group	4
Cash point	Post Office	Cash point	Parish Council	Soon	Local groups & authorities	5
Provide disabled access	Whole parish	Check local disabled access	Parish Council	Soon	Local buildings	6
Poor pedestrian access to school	Ann Cam School	Investigate access improvements	Parish Council	Soon	Highways & County Council	7
Projects to better integrate young & elderly	Whole parish	Explore ideas for community integration	Parish Plan Steering Committee	Later	Parish Council & local groups	8

## Future Policy

The Parish Council and Parish Plan Steering Committee will work to promote a 'Use them or lose them!' campaign to encourage the use of community facilities and services. Dymock parish has largely avoided the problems of loss of services seen more acutely in other rural communities. The closure of the pub at Brooms Green has been a loss to the parish and the community must work together to ensure there are no further losses.

1. The Parish Council will strongly support existing community services and facilities within the parish.
2. The Parish Council will encourage the development of appropriate new services and facilities.
3. The Parish Council will investigate further and try to establish the new community facilities within its power to influence.
4. The Parish Council will help community facilities and other local groups to access information relating to issues such as disabled access.

5. The Parish Council also recognises and supports the wish of the community to retain Ann Cam School, a very valued and highly thought of community attribute.

# Housing



## Housing in Dymock Parish

The amount of rented accommodation in the parish has been greatly reduced over the years since Margaret Thatcher's 'right to buy' scheme, and much of what was the local authority's housing stock is now in private ownership. There is still a small amount of local authority housing, mainly in Batchfields, the Crypt, Hallwood Green, Longbridge and Ryton. There is a minimal amount of rented accommodation in private ownership. Dymock is a large parish in area with 130 dwellings within the village itself (dwellings within the 30mph area along the B4215/ B4216). Table 12 illustrates the number of dwellings in other parts of the parish.

**Table 12** Number of dwellings in each settlement within Dymock Parish

Settlement	Number	Settlement	Number
Batchfields & Newent end of village	14	Leadington	29
Beacon's Hill	3	Ledbury Road	11
Bromsberrow Heath	4	Leominster Road	17
Broom's Green	17	Lintridge Farm, Bromsberrow Heath	4
Castle Tump	8	Malt House Lane, Ryton	2
Crowfield Lane	4	Marcle Road	9
Four Oaks/ Hillend Green	18+11	Normansland Road	13
Greenway	13	Preston	23
Hallwood Green	15	Ryton Road & Ryton	29
Hill Ash House	4	Tillers Green	10
Ketford	4	Tilput's End	4
Haffield	1	Welsh House Lane	7
Knight's Green area	6	Wilton Place	10

## Housing in the Forest of Dean

The Forest of Dean District Council's Housing Strategy for 2002 – 2005 identifies many of the key housing issues currently impacting upon the Forest of Dean. Local average incomes, escalating property prices and a shrinking social housing stock, are seen as the key issues that must be tackled. In rural locations more 1 or 2 bedroom affordable homes are needed according to a recent survey. The Local Plan for the Forest of Dean also stresses the need to increase the provision of affordable homes. Other issues within the Housing Strategy include prioritising housing provision for young people and the elderly, controlling rent levels and combating homelessness. Some of these issues are reflected in the consultation work undertaken within Dymock Parish, illustrating that Dymock Parish is effected by the same housing issues as other parishes and settlements within the Forest of Dean.

## Housing in Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire County Council's Structure Plan emphasises that new housing developments should be developed predominantly in urban areas and only in rural settlements with

employment opportunities, public transport provision and other community services. Housing will be located carefully to ensure sustainable development occurs and issues such as energy provision, travel to work/ services, in-fill rather than green-field sites, etc. will be considered in an integrated way. The County recognises that affordable housing is also a major issue:

*“Rising house prices in relation to incomes, coupled with the shrinking of the local authority housing stock and limited activity due to the financial constraints imposed on the activities of housing associations, have made it difficult for many people to obtain satisfactory accommodation.”*

County policy means that housing developments will only be built in villages and rural areas where there is a demonstrable local need for affordable housing.

At a county-wide level Gloucestershire Rural Housing Partnership has funded the post of Rural Housing Enabler based at Gloucestershire Rural Community Council. The Rural Housing Enabler works on county, district and local levels to ensure any new housing meets local needs and wishes.

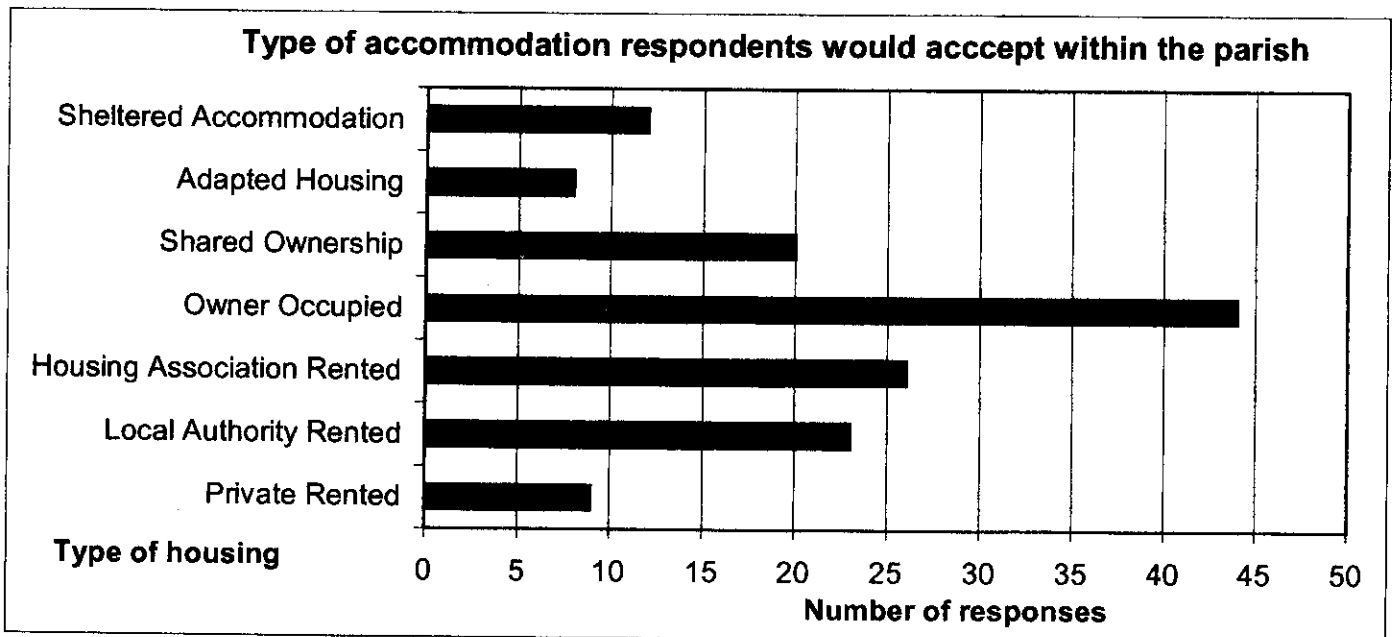
## Results of a Short Housing Questionnaire

Dymock Parish Plan committee consulted the Forest of Dean District Council before working on the Dymock Parish Development Plan (DPDP). The only section of the Council wishing to contribute to the consultation process was the Housing Department. The issues highlighted by Housing Officers were formulated into a short one-page questionnaire (see Appendix 3), and distributed to all adults who attended the consultation events. In total 89 questionnaires were returned. Although many felt they could not answer the housing questions due to lack of experience or knowledge of the relevant issues, the response was nevertheless good.

### Type of accommodation

The first issue looked at was what type of accommodation parishioners would like to see more of within the parish. The results are displayed in Figure 7 below.

**Figure 7** Type of accommodation respondents would like to see more of within the parish.

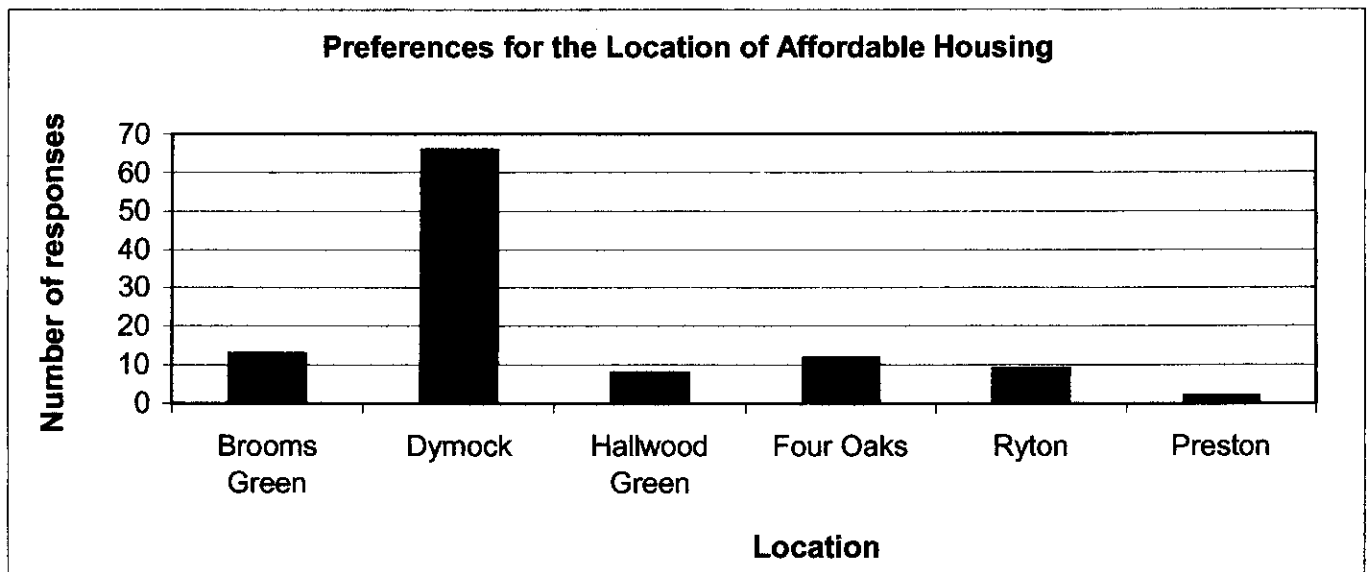


The results very clearly illustrate that parishioners would like any future development to be owner occupied housing (40% of responses). Other types of housing that would be considered are Housing Association Rented, Local Authority Rented and Shared Ownership. Those who responded under 'other' called for starter homes for the young people of the parish (5 responses) and the conversion of farm buildings. Two respondents specifically said they didn't want more housing although others just left the questionnaire blank (see Appendix 4 for full written answers).

**Location of affordable housing**

It was important to find out where parishioners would like affordable housing to be built if a future need was proven. The results are illustrated below.

**Figure 8** Where respondents would like to see affordable housing located within the parish.

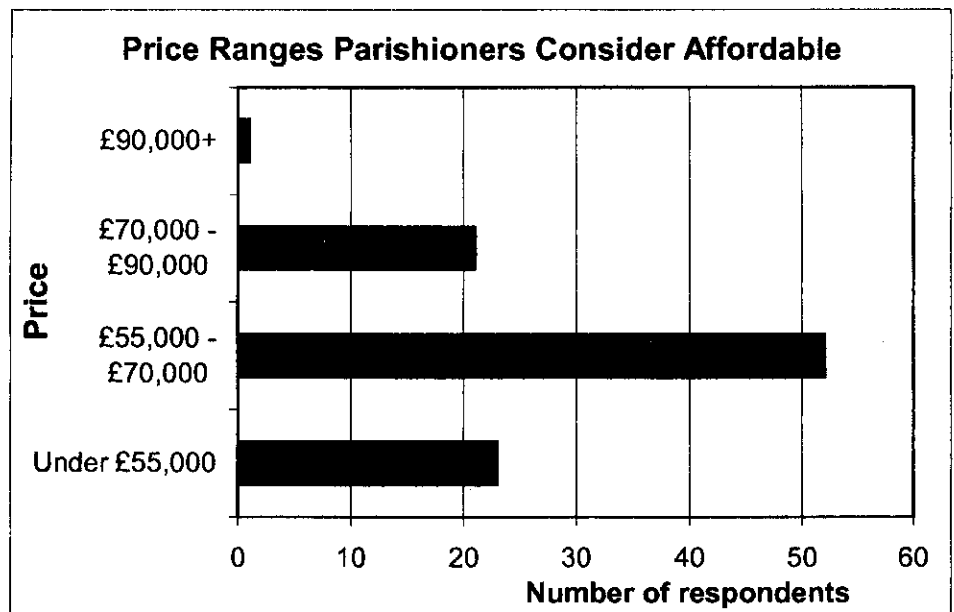


**Figure 9** What 'affordable' means to respondents.

**Defining Affordable Housing**

Parishioners were then asked their views on prices of housing they considered to be affordable. 'Affordable housing' is such a general statement that the Parish Plan Steering Committee decided that it would be useful to define affordable. Figure 9 alongside, displays parishioners' views.

The vast majority of respondents (53.6%) feel that the price range of £55,000 - £70,000 could be considered affordable. Only 23.7% feel under £55,000 should be classed as affordable (due to



high house prices currently, this was considered unrealistically low by most respondents); and only 21.7 % feel £70,000 - £90,000 is affordable. Only one person thought that £90,000 could be seen as affordable.

### **Determining local housing need**

In order to identify whether there is a local need for rented accommodation that is not being met by the Forest of Dean District Council or local housing association, parishioners were asked whether they have a housing need and to describe that need, if appropriate. Only four parishioners currently have a need for rented accommodation. All respondents indicated that they are young people struggling to find housing that they can afford within the parish. One other respondent wrote about a housing need of their grown up children who wish to carry on living in the parish.

### **Local elderly people's accommodation**

The next question sought to establish why accommodation for elderly people is not being used to its full capacity within the parish. In total 32 respondents commented on the sheltered accommodation within the parish. The remaining 57 felt they didn't have enough experience of the accommodation to comment. The responses can be seen in full in Appendix 4 but mostly fell into 6 main categories that have been placed into the table below.

**Table 13** Types of comments made regarding local sheltered housing accommodation.

<b>Type of comment</b>	<b>Number of comments</b>
Suggestions for improvements/ additional services and facilities	12
Reasons why elderly people's accommodation units are not full	6
Comments raising the issue of transport to the accommodation	2
Comments asking for more sheltered accommodation	4
Requests for more help within the home for elderly people	3
Comments from people happy with existing accommodation	5

The top suggestion for improving the existing accommodation is to alter the bedsit accommodation into flats. Many parishioners commented that elderly people would prefer separate bedroom accommodation, similar to facilities provided within Gloucester. Other suggestions for improvements include more support by wardens or trained carers, luncheon clubs/ day centres, stair lifts and improvements to the outside of the buildings such as tidying grass areas.

### **Determining whether a housing surgery or office service is required**

The last question asked on behalf of the Forest of Dean District Council was to determine whether parishioners would like a housing surgery or office service in the local area. The response was not clear-cut. Forty-nine people responded 'yes' (61%) and 31 people answered 'no' (39%). Of those who said no, most referred to the Forest of Dean Districts Council's office in Newent.

Overall the additional questions that formed this housing questionnaire proved very useful in adding to the range of suggestions highlighted through Dymock Parish Development Plan's community consultation events discussed in the following section.



# Information Gathering

Housing was one of the four top issues highlighted through the community events, but it had been raised as a very important local issue at the beginning of the consultation process during Dymock Parish Development Plan's inaugural meeting in August 2001. People were clearly very worried about the future of the parish due to "little low cost housing", "increasing house prices", "people moving away to find employment" and an "aging population". Parishioners were asked to state their vision and projects that could achieve it. Nine parishioners thought low cost housing was the answer (most stated for young people living within the parish). One person wrote:

*"Low cost housing to allow young people to be able to stay in an environment they have lived in all their lives."*

The main housing related comments collected through the public events are displayed in the table below.

**Table 14** Housing Comments collected through DPDP Events.

Issue	Suggestion	Location(s)	Number
Housing	Starter homes	The Crypt, Paddock /Back of High House/ Station Terrace, Field/ Four Oaks/ Dymock	55
Housing	Flats for young people	The Crypt, Paddock/ Dymock (Maypole)/ North of Dymock village	35
Housing	Family housing	Brooms Green/ Dymock (Maypole)/ The Crypt, Paddock	31
Housing	Wheely bins	Brooms Green/ Western Way/ Whole Parish	17
Housing	Bungalows for older people	Bayfield House/ Dymock/ Whole Parish	15
Housing	Sheltered housing	Castle Tump/ The Crypt, Paddock/ Dymock	10
Housing	Security cameras	Dymock/ Kempley / Four Oaks/ Western Way	8
Housing	Flats for older people	Brooms Green/ Far North of Parish/ Dymock/ Whole Parish	7
Housing	Help with gardens	Castle Tump/ Dymock/ Whole Parish	7
Housing	Improved collection of large household items	Whole Parish	6
Housing	Dual equity	The Crypt	5
Housing	Housing for disabled	Dymock/ Whole Parish	5
Housing	Off street parking	Dymock/ Whole Parish	5
Housing	Do it up	Western Way/ Dymock Parish hall	3
Housing	Improve drainage	Corner on way to School/ Kempley Green	3
Housing	More one room flats (not bedsits)	Dymock	3

Other suggestions that received only up to three comments each, included: sound proofing (referring to the traffic on the main street through Dymock), security lights, giving local people the first chance to buy properties, low cost housing, in-fill housing and sympathy for local farmers wishing to convert farm buildings.

These comments were very useful and highlighted a real need to investigate housing in more detail to establish whether there is a perceived or real need within the parish for housing such as starter homes, bungalows for the elderly and low cost family housing. The following section highlights the conclusions from a Housing Needs Survey carried out by Dymock Parish Plan Steering Group as part of DPDP.

## Dymock Housing Needs Survey

A Housing Needs Survey was undertaken in June 2002 with assistance from Gloucestershire Rural Community Council and the Rural Housing Enabler funded through Gloucestershire Rural Housing Partnership. The Rural Housing Enabler has summarised the results below and on pages 35 & 36, although full copies of the report are available and more information is contained within the appendices.

All 494 households within the Parish received a copy of the Housing Needs Survey through the post addressed to the occupier during the first week of June 2002. A total of 205 forms were returned; a response rate of 41%. Not every form was completed fully and some answers were ambiguous. 31.7 % took the opportunity to make comments.

### **Housing in Dymock Parish**

The survey showed that Dymock is a parish where people like to remain in residence and consists predominately of owner occupied properties, with 3 or more bedrooms, in line with the national picture. There are a relatively small number of properties rented from a housing association, the local authority, a private landlord or tied to a job.

### **Households in Housing Need**

There were a total of 29 households that expressed a need for alternative housing. The expressed need of 29 as a percentage of all forms sent out (494) is 5.9%. Of these households some will not be considered in the analysis as being in need of affordable housing because they are households with an income sufficient to satisfy their housing need on the open market. A 'sufficient income' within Dymock Parish is defined as those households earning £35k per annum or over. Home ownership, with or without a mortgage, does not necessarily mean that a household is not in housing need. Recent research by the Council for Mortgage Lenders (2001) found that around half of all households in the lowest income domicile were owner-occupiers, and it is possible that some owner-occupier households have difficulty with their mortgage repayments and may be in arrears. This information is unavailable and therefore the assumption is made that owner-occupiers do have some equity that they could realise from the sale of their home when moving to another property.

### **Households in immediate need**

The number of households with an immediate need that is backed up by financial information on the survey form is limited. 8 people indicated that they were already registered on the Local Authority Housing Waiting List but these were not an exact match to those in need of affordable housing.

**Table 15** Demand for immediate housing and type of housing needed.

Type of housing	Number and size
Rented	3 ( 2 bed)
	1 ( 1bed sheltered)
	1 ( 2 bed bungalow)
	1 ( 1bed flat)
Part Buy	1 ( 1bed flat)
Part Buy or Rent	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

**Households in need within the next 5 years**

Nineteen members of existing households wished to set up their own home in the village within the next 5years, and 3 indicated that they were already registered on the Local Authority Housing Waiting List.

**Table 16** Housing needed within the next 5 years.

Type of Housing	Number
Rented	3
Part Buy	3
Buy on the open market	4
Buy under £75k	5
Buy £76- £100k	3
Buy (no financial information)	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

**People with a local connection wishing to return to the parish**

21 forms indicated that previous household members would move back to the village if affordable accommodation was made available. Not all disclosed their financial position. Of those that did, and from the written comments on some of the forms, it suggested that the following would wish to take up affordable accommodation if it was made available. One indicated that they were already on the Local Authority Housing Waiting list.

**Table 17** Housing needed by those wishing to move back to the parish.

Type of housing	Number
Rented	1 Single person
	2 Couples
	1 Family
Part Buy	2 Households
Buy	5 Households under £75k
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

N.B. One household wished to return but gave no information.

These figures show a trend but do not mean that individual circumstances would enable households to take up accommodation available at any particular time.

**Households wishing to downsize**

5 household wished to downsize from 3/4 bed owned houses and purchase 2/3 bed bungalows within the next 5 years and remain within the village.

## Written Comments

Sixty-two residents took the opportunity to make comments, the main issues are summarised below.

**Table 18** Written comments received from the Housing Needs Survey.

Type of comment	Number of responses
In favour of affordable housing	23
Against affordable housing	13
Transport issues	2
Elderly persons issues	4
Return of former residents	2
Other	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>

Less than 50% of those who indicated a need identified themselves, and it is therefore difficult to cross-reference the results of the survey against the housing waiting list to obtain a complete picture.

## Action points

Suggestions made by the Rural Housing Enabler:

- 1) Contact all those who identified themselves on the survey form with a short summary of this report asking those who feel they are in housing need to complete a Local Authority Housing Waiting List application form in order that further information can be obtained.
- 2) An article could be placed in the parish newsletter inviting all those who have indicated a need but remained anonymous to either register their need by completing a Local Authority Housing Waiting List application form or to contact the Rural Housing Enabler in order that further information can be provided.
- 3) Forward a copy of this report to the Parish Council. The Rural Housing Enabler would attend a meeting of the Parish Council at their convenience to discuss the survey and the results and the way forward.

## Action Plan

Suggestion	Location	Project /Action	Who? Responsibility	Time scale	Help needed (people & funding)	PR (priority rating)
N/A	Whole Parish	Report short housing questionnaire results back to the District Council.	Parish Plan Steering Committee	Now	N/A	1
N/A	Whole Parish	Discuss housing results to the Parish Council.	Parish Plan Steering Committee	Now	Rural Housing Enabler	2
N/A	Whole Parish	Note areas of the parish that any new housing would be welcomed.	Parish Council	Now		3
N/A	Whole Parish	Support parishioners wanting to highlight their housing needs.	Parish Council	Now	Rural Housing Enabler	4

# Future Policy

The Housing Needs Survey undertaken through Dymock Parish Development Plan has illustrated that there are parishioners with a Housing Need, and that some affordable housing may be welcome within certain areas of the parish. There is clearly a wish for suitable accommodation for local residents who are either elderly, young people or those who may wish to move back to the parish. The Parish Council will undertake to use the results of the DPDP and the Housing Needs Survey to ensure any future development is sensitive to the wishes of local people and accurately reflects local needs.



# 9 Environment



## Dymock Parish Local Environment

Dymock Parish has a predominantly agricultural landscape containing some woodland, a few ponds and the River Leadon that works its way across the parish. Its beautiful landscape was celebrated by the poets Lascelles Abercrombie, Wilfred Wilson Gibson, Rupert Brooke, Robert Frost and Edward Thomas. The area is served by a good network of footpaths and two circular walks named the Poets Paths attract visitors to the area. The parish is also famous for its wild daffodils and in March daffodil walks are held. The built landscape is also an attraction with buildings including 'The White House' and St Mary's Church, an anglo-norman building with its sculptured doorway.

However, although Dymock Parish has an environment envied by other areas there are still local issues and problems that have been highlighted through the Dymock Parish Development Plan consultation work and need attention (see below).

## Information Gathering

Environmental issues were the third most commonly mentioned views during the information gathering (after Leisure and Traffic & Transport). In total, environment suggestions formed just under 18% of the total response from the community events (341 comments). It became clear at the inaugural public meeting of the Dymock Parish Development Plan (DPDP) that the local environment is very important to parishioners. Strengths were listed as "the beautiful landscape", "the conservation area", "a pleasant place to live", "the footpath network", "many indigenous fruit tree varieties" and "farming". Opportunities included restoration of the canal, re-planting of indigenous trees and walking.

Fears highlighted at the first public meeting under threats and weaknesses included agricultural policies, flooding, lack of recycling facilities, increasing arabilisation of the countryside and manicured hedges. Some of these comments are reflected in the table below and on the following page, displaying the views collected during the DPDP public consultation events.

**Table 19** Environment comments received during the DPDP events.

Issue	Suggestion	Location(s)	Number
Environment	Problem: flooding	Dymock (B4215)/ Behind the Willows/ Greenway Bridge/ Ledbury Rd/ Maypole entrance/ Tillers Green/ Station Terrace	26
Environment	Dog walking area	Kempley Green/ Ryton Coppice/ Playground/ Western Way/ Field opposite pub/ Whole Parish	26
Environment	Restore the canal	Throughout the Parish	22
Environment	Plant daffodils	Brooms Green/ Greenway Cross/ Western Way/ School/ Church/ B4215/ Whole Parish	19

Table 19 Continued.....

Issue	Suggestion	Location(s)	Number
Environment	Maintain verges	Four Oaks/ Brooms Green/ Leadington/ Castle Tump/ Dymock (B4215)/ Whole parish	17
Environment	Recycling facility	Brooms Green/ The Crypt/ Western Way/ School	14
Environment	Areas in need of a clean up	Playground/ Dymock Woods/ Outside Church/ Sports ground/ School	13
Environment	Create small pond	Dymock Woods/ School/ Dymock	13
Environment	Dog free zone	Brooms Green/ Playground/ Western Way	13
Environment	Provide poop scoop bins	Church, Lych-gate/ Playground/ Dymock Woods/ The Crypt to Bayfield Gardens/ Whole parish	13
Environment	Nature trail	Dymock Woods/ Far North of parish/ Lime Trees/ Ryton Coppice	13
Environment	Wildflower Meadow	Allums Grove/ Dymock, opposite pub/ Old railway line	12
Environment	Replant indigenous trees	Collendge Hill/ Dymock Churchyard/ Dymock Woods	11
Environment	Footpath needed	Across fields by school/ B4216 to Ledbury/ behind High House/ Shakesfield/ to playground/ to pond	10

The problem of flooding, judging by the various locations highlighted, involves two sources. These may need to be tackled in different ways. One is from recognised water sources such as the River Leadon and Dymock Brook and the second is due to poor drainage of roads and land.

A number of suggestions dealt with the provision of facilities for dog owners such as the need for dog walking areas and the provision of poop scoop bins. Countering this was the suggestion for dog free zones.

The restoration of the Hereford to Gloucester canal, although a long-term project, could have an impact on tourism in the parish. This has implications on the ability of the parish to cope with this demand. Similarly the provision of a nature trail and wildflower meadow will influence the tourist business. Planting of wild daffodils is a project viewed as particularly important to Dymock Parish because daffodils are a feature appreciated and valued by both locals and visitors alike. Other suggestions receiving between 4 and 10 comments each included litter bins, plant trees, a community composting scheme, a nature reserve, street landscaping / improvement and a picnic area. Fewer people also requested heritage street lighting and suggested a path should be created for disabled users. Information boards for the community was also suggested as an environmental project, as it was under community facilities.

## Action Plan

The environmental issues mentioned by parishioners can be divided into three main areas:

- Maintenance of existing environment
- Tourism
- Safety



## Maintenance of existing environment

Suggestion	Location	Project /Action	Who? Responsibility	Time scale	Help needed (people & funding)	PR (priority rating)
Provide poop scoop bins	Whole parish	Provide poop scoop bins	Parish Council	Investigated	Very expensive project requires funding	N/A
Flooding	Whole parish	Identify sources, frequency and precise locations. Present report to Parish Council.	Sub group of people concerned.	Now	Local authorities	1
Maintain verges	Whole parish	Identify precise locations and what is required.	Parish Council	Now	Local authorities	2
Verges (see above)	Whole parish	Ask to maintain so that keep natural	Parish Council	Now	Local authorities	
Clean up	Whole parish	'Clean up campaign'	Local volunteers	Now	Local groups	3
Recycling facility	Whole parish	Determine what is required and identify location. Better information about existing facilities.	Parish Council	Now	Forest of Dean District Council	4
Dog walking/ Dog free zones	Whole parish	Investigate & establish best locations for walking/ dog free zones	Parish Council	Later	Help from local land owners	5

## Tourism

Suggestion	Location	Project /Action	Who? Responsibility	Time scale	Help needed (people & funding)	PR (priority rating)
Plant daffodils	Whole parish	Explore the supply & propagation. Encourage seed collection.	Local group of volunteers	Now	Local garden centre, Horticultural society, Small grants, Parish Council	1
Nature trail/ Wildflower meadow/ Plant indigenous trees/ Pond	Whole parish	Create a sub group of people with an interest to identify requirements.	Parish Council	Soon	Local volunteers, Forestry Commission, Local landowners	2
Restore the canal	Canal route through parish	Exhibition to increase membership of the canal trust & explore regeneration of the canal.	Local members of the Canal Trust	Soon	Hereford & Worcester Canal Trust, Parish Plan Steering Committee	3

## Safety

Suggestion	Location	Project /Action	Who? Responsibility	Time scale	Help needed (people & funding)	PR (priority rating)
Footpath needed	Various routes – need further investigation	Investigate routes, precise locations and frequency of use.	Parish Council	Later	Local ramblers, local authorities and funding	1

## Future Policy

The Parish Council works hard to maintain the local environment within the parish and its work is evident through the number of tourists who visit Dymock and the high demand from people wishing to live within the area. Many of the problems mentioned by parishioners are difficult to combat such as flooding and others require the co-operation of local people and visitors including dog mess and litter. Large scale and long term projects such as restoring the canal will also be difficult to action but there are projects mentioned in the action planning table above that the Parish Council will be able to work on in the short and medium terms. Future policy will be:

*To ensure the Parish Council works with other local authorities, groups and parishioners to continue to protect and enhance the natural and historic environment of Dymock Parish.*

# 10 Local Economy & Business



## Existing businesses within the Parish

There are a huge number of businesses located within Dymock parish. These are illustrated below with the most common occupation at the top of the list (read down columns from left to right). It will be of no surprise to see that farming is the top occupation in the Parish but it may be of some interest to see the diversity of occupations and skills available within the community.

Farmer	Carpenter	Garden furniture maker
General Builder	Cheese maker	Golf centre
Horses/Livery	Electrician	Greyhounds
Logs/wood/fencing	Farrier	Milkman
Fruit farmer/Market gardener	Antiques/fabrics	Plasterer
Transport	Bathroom/kitchen fitter	Publican
Agricultural engineer/contractor	Chicken farmer	Residential care facility
Bed and Breakfast	Computer consultant	Saddler
Country crafts	Crop sprayer	Sign maker
Garage	Fisheries	Tree surgeon
Painter and decorator	Garden equipment sales/repair	

## Economy & Business in the Forest of Dean

The Forest of Dean District Council, through its Local Plan, recognises the very different nature of economy and employment in the South and North of the District. In the South, manufacturing is a substantial industrial sector, whereas the North contains mostly small-scale business within a predominantly agricultural landscape. Unemployment in the district is 2.4% compared to 2.2% for Gloucestershire as a whole. The service sector has taken over from manufacturing as the largest provider of employment in the district. Local issues include a declining manufacturing sector, under-development of the service sector, higher unemployment rates, lower economic activity rates for women in particular, low levels of average earnings and over-reliance on a small number of large employers. The Forest of Dean District Council hopes to tackle these issues through supporting:

*“The economic and social well-being of communities by enabling business development in villages, supporting farm diversification and promoting tourism, recreation and leisure enterprises.”*

## Economy & Business in Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire County Council has developed its structure plan with the aim of encouraging a greater mix of employment, residential and leisure services in Gloucestershire's towns and villages to increase access to employment and services. The County Council believes:

*“Access to employment opportunities is key to achieving a good quality of life in lively and sustainable communities. Creative planning should support a strong*

*business culture so that local investment can be maximised where appropriate, to create jobs, and encourage new and existing enterprises”.*

## The results of a questionnaire

As part of the process to complete Dymock Parish Development Plan a questionnaire was sent out to all businesses within the parish to find out if any of them were in a position, now or in the future, to take on trainees and retain skills and jobs within the community. Ninety-two questionnaires were sent out to each of the businesses and of those, thirty were returned. This was a particularly good response rate. The questionnaire asked questions such as: Are you a small family business? Are you likely now or in the future to be able to take trainees? Can you offer NVQ training? and so on. An example of the questionnaire can be seen in Appendix 9.

In response to question 1, twenty-three people indicated they ran small family businesses. The remaining seven were either semi-retired or didn't regard what they did as a business. Of those twenty-three, eight said they could now or may in the future, offer positions to trainees. Twelve people said they either do or would be willing to co-operate with local colleges or offer NVQ training and thirteen people said that if a Directory of Local Services were produced they would wish to be included.

## Information Gathering

During February of 2002, six sessions were held within the Parish to survey the opinions of the members of the Parish on a number of issues. Out of a total of 1930 responses there were only 77 responses relating to the local economy. Out of these the top general response was to promote and develop tourism (22) closely followed by a need to support local agriculture in one way or another (21). The third most popular category was to develop self-help schemes within the community. The following is a full table of the results, sorted to show the categories described above (1<sup>st</sup> section = tourism, 2<sup>nd</sup> section = agriculture, 3<sup>rd</sup> section = self-help, 4<sup>th</sup> section (see next page) = other suggestions).

**Table 20** Local Economy comments collected at DPDP events.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Suggestion</b>	<b>Location(s)</b>	<b>Number</b>
Local Economy	Visitor attractions	Whole Parish/ Dymock	8
Local Economy	More bed and breakfasts	Whole Parish/ Brooms Green/ Preston	7
Local Economy	Increase tourism opportunities	Whole Parish/ Dymock/ Preston	6
Local Economy	Promote tourism / link with B&B's	Brooms Green/ Whole Parish	1
Local Economy	Support for local agriculture	Whole Parish	15
Local Economy	Locally run scheme for growing & selling food	Dymock	6
Local Economy	Locally run community transport	Whole Parish	2
Local Economy	Locally run gardening service	Whole Parish	2
Local Economy	Locally run community nursery	Dymock Parish Hall	1
Local Economy	Set up a LETS scheme	Whole Parish	1
Local Economy	Set up volunteer centre	Dymock	1

Table 20 continued...

Local Economy	Problem: No public transport to get to work	Four Oaks/ Dymock/ Leadington	7
Local Economy	Problem: Young move to find employment	Whole Parish/ Dymock	6
Local Economy	Evening classes	Dymock Parish Hall	6
Local Economy	Local job information point	Dymock	2
Local Economy	Provide local training	Whole Parish	2
Local Economy	Childcare needed	Whole Parish	1
Local Economy	Community use -Fax, photocopier, computer	Dymock Parish Hall	1
Local Economy	Community workspace	Dymock Parish Hall	1
Local Economy	Encourage more rural business	Whole Parish	1

The two negative responses we received suggested that there was poor public transport to get to work outside the Parish and that young people have to move away to find employment.

## Action Plan

Suggestion	Location	Project /Action	Who? Responsibility	Time scale	Help needed (people & funding)	PR (priority rating)
Promote tourism etc.	Whole Parish	Create a web site to encourage tourism	Parish Council	Now	District Council	1
Encourage more rural business	Whole Parish	Explore small business funding opportunities	Parish Council	Now	District Council	2
Encourage more rural business	Whole Parish	Investigate other sources of help such as Business Link, FoD Economic Development Office	Parish Council	Soon	District Council	3
Locally run scheme for selling food	Whole Parish	Explore possibility of establishing a local Farmers' Market	Parish Plan Steering Committee	Soon	Local volunteers & specialists	4
Set up a LETS scheme	Whole Parish	Explore possibility of developing a LETS scheme	Parish Plan Steering Committee	Soon	Local volunteers/ specialists	5
Problem: No public transport to get to work/ Locally run community transport	Whole Parish	Explore possibility of running local public transport	Parish Council & Parish Plan Steering Committee	Later	See Traffic and Transport Chapter	6
Community use-fax, copier computer/ Community workspace	Dymock Parish Hall	Explore possibility of providing a business centre (fax, copier etc.)	Parish Council & Parish Plan Steering Committee	Later	District Council and other local funders	7

# Future Policy

The future of the parish is dependent on a flourishing and vibrant local economy. The variety and diversity of industry that currently exists within the Parish must be maintained and developed if the community is to flourish in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The Parish Council aims to support local businesses as a priority.



## Health in Dymock Parish

Dymock Parish is a rural parish that doesn't contain health services of its own such as doctors' surgeries, family planning clinics, or chiropodists. Parishioners must travel to the nearest towns of Ledbury, Newent, Staunton or even Gloucester for health services. To gain an idea of where local people access health services people were asked during the public consultations to indicate which Doctors' surgery they attended – Newent, Ledbury or Staunton. The results were as follows:-

**Table 21 Health Centres Attended by DPDP Participants**

Event	Doctors Surgery	Number of People
Brooms Green (26/01/02)	Newent Health Centre	3
	Ledbury Practice	9
	Staunton Surgery	1
Dymock Parish Hall (03/02/02)	Newent Health Centre	35
	Ledbury Practice	14
	Staunton Surgery	0
Four Oaks (09/02/02)	Newent Health Centre	11
	Ledbury Practice	1
	Staunton Surgery	0
Preston (17/02/02)	Newent Health Centre	6
	Ledbury Practice	15
	Staunton Surgery	0
Ann Cam School (21/02/02)	Newent Health Centre	44
	Ledbury Practice	22
	Staunton Surgery	0
Dymock Parish Hall (01/03/02)	Newent Health Centre	13
	Ledbury Practice	1
	Staunton Surgery	0

### Totals

<b>Newent Health Centre</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>Ledbury Practice</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>Staunton Surgery</b>	<b>1</b>
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As the tables indicate, Newent Health Centre is the most popular choice for people living in Dymock Parish, and 35% who answered this question use Ledbury.

## Health in the Forest of Dean

The Health & Social Planning Group set up by the Forest of Dean District Council is a useful mechanism by which health issues within the Forest of Dean can be raised for discussion and support and through which suggestions can help form the area's Health Improvement

Programme. However, it is on a county-wide basis that Health services are organised and provided in Gloucestershire and this structure is explained below.

## Health in Gloucestershire

Health in Gloucestershire is now covered by five new Trusts:

- Cotswold and Vale Primary Care Trust
- West Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust
- Cheltenham & Tewkesbury PCT
- Gloucestershire Partnership Trust
- Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust

Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) are independent local organisations that involve doctors and nurses in decisions to improve the health of their community and provide local health services. Three of these have been set up for the county. The Partnership Trust has been established to provide services for those with mental health problems, learning disabilities, and those who misuse substances. Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust manages hospital services across Gloucestershire. Other services include GUIDE, a telephone and support worker service covering health and disability in Gloucestershire, and CAREdirect, a similar support service for those aged over 60.

West Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust (PCT) covers the local authority areas of Gloucester and the Forest of Dean, together with the southern area of Tewkesbury borough. This area has a population of approximately 223,000 and covers over 250 square miles. It is responsible for developing primary and community health care services, commissioning hospital and mental health services, improving the health of the local population, and improving access to health services. Within West Gloucestershire there are particular priorities and problems that need to be overcome, including:

- Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) which accounts for a quarter of all deaths in the area.
- Deprivation: West Gloucestershire has the most deprived population within the county.
- Lifestyle: A recent survey showed that over half of people are overweight or obese, a higher proportion in West Gloucestershire than the county as a whole. 26% of men and 22% of women smoke and less than a third of people eat fruit or vegetables/potatoes/salad daily.

The Health Improvement Programme (HiMP) for the area covers 5 priority areas:

**Primary Care Services** Development of practice level services including community psychiatric nurses, practice based physiotherapy, health care assistants and improvement grants for practices and surgeries to improve access for patients.

**Children's Services** Developing an improved system for health assessments for 'Looked after Children' including bereavement specialists, a clinic for school age children with developmental co-ordination difficulties and a specialist hearing check service for babies.

**Mental Health Services** Open access stress management courses in local colleges and alcohol and drug workers linked to practices.

**Older People** A nurse post to help with discharges from hospital, eight beds for older people who require rehabilitation, falls prevention clinics and rapid response teams to support people at home who might otherwise have to be admitted to hospital.



**Supporting Health** Developments of Smoking Cessation Clinics and Healthwise in Newent/Staunton/Coleford areas providing advice on contraception, child protection etc.

## Information Gathering

Surprisingly, there was not a very high response to questions with reference to health matters. In fact, of all the sections covered, this was the one with the least comments – (51) compared with (484) on leisure and (394) on traffic and transport. The responses on health issues represented 2.7% of the total. Presumably, for the majority of people health is not a burning issue despite the fact that the Newent and Staunton surgeries are part of SALDOC (Severn and Leadon Doctors On Call) an initiative whereby out of hours the doctor on call is not necessarily from a local surgery and the patient might even be asked to attend Tewkesbury Hospital. The doctor on call is driven around the area and it is suggested that people living in remoter areas of the parish should obtain their map grid reference, which would make their property easier to find. This can be obtained from the Gloucestershire Ambulance Service Headquarters.

The comments that did relate to health issues are displayed in the table below.

**Table 22** Health comments received at the DPDP events.

Issue	Suggestion	Location(s)	Number
Health	No smoking here	Dymock Woods/ Dymock Parish Hall/ Play area	9
Health	Blood Donor service	Dymock Parish Hall/ Whole Parish	8
Health	Healthy Living Centre	Whole Parish/ Ann Cam School/ Dymock Parish Hall	5
Health	Hospital Car service	Whole Parish	5
Health	Day surgery – with visiting GP	Brooms Green, Donnington & Ryton Memorial Hall/ Dymock Parish Hall	4
Health	Chiropodist service	Dymock Parish Hall/ Whole Parish	4
Health	Transport to doctors	Whole Parish	3
Health	Health Centre	Dymock Parish Hall	2
Health	Alternative Medicine facility	Dymock Parish Hall	1
Health	Baby clinic	Dymock Parish Hall	1
Health	Bereavement Counselling	Brooms Green Hall/ Dymock Parish Hall	1
Health	Doctors' surgery once a month	Brooms Green Hall/ Dymock Parish Hall	1
Health	Family planning service	Dymock Parish Hall	1
Health	Health Visitor	Castle Tump	1
Health	Mobile dentist and chiropodist	Whole Parish	1
Health	Nurses	Whole Parish	1
Health	Respite Care facility	Whole Parish	1
Health	Speech Therapy	School	1
Health	Support Group	Whole Parish	1

A number of the responses were made by one person only and referred to facilities which are currently available e.g. Health Visitor, Nurses, Respite Care facility. Five comments referred to

the need for a hospital car service – this too is already available – ask at your local Health Centre for further details.

## Health Action Plan

The majority of actions with reference to the above are out of the hands of the Parish Council as the implementation of many of the individual responses made are the responsibility of the Primary Health Care Trust and are governed very much by finances and as many of the services are available in the Health Centre, it would not be considered cost effective to provide such facilities away from the Centre. However, the Parish Council does have a role in co-ordinating transport for example, for people to access these facilities if they are experiencing difficulties and can investigate the possibility of blood donor sessions in the Parish Hall.

Suggestion	Location	Project /Action	Who? Responsibility	Time scale	Help needed (people & funding)	PR (priority rating)
Transport to doctors	Throughout the Parish	Further investigate need for community transport	Parish Plan Steering Committee & Parish Council	Now	See Traffic & Transport Chapter	High 1
Blood donor service	Dymock Parish Hall	Investigate possibility of blood donor sessions at Dymock Parish Hall	Parish Council	Soon		Low 2

## Future Policy

Issues relating to health do not appear to be regarded as high priority within the community. However, the Parish Council can liaise with the appropriate authorities to ensure that Health Care within the community is of the highest standard and if any members of the community are experiencing difficulties with reference to any aspect of it can ensure that they receive the help and support of the Parish Council.

# 12 Crime & Safety



## Crime & Safety in Dymock Parish

Dymock, and indeed the whole Forest of Dean district, is a low crime area and has comparatively few problems in the areas of crime and safety. However, like all rural parishes in the county, the main issues of concern are burglary, theft and vandalism. The local area has recently been a victim of theft from garden sheds and outbuildings and some house break-ins. Organised crime by individuals or groups from outside the area is a concern and one that the Police fight hard to prevent. On a more local level Dymock has recently suffered from petty vandalism with some damage being caused at the Parish Hall. In terms of safety issues the main threats are seen as traffic problems with a lack of pavements and speeding. The public meeting held in August 2001 identified poor police cover as a weakness and crime as a threat. However, the Parish Council has a good relationship with the local police in charge of the Forest's mobile police van, the 'Bobby Bus', and the presence of this vehicle does help to alleviate local concerns. These issues and more are highlighted in the results on page 53.

## Crime & Safety in the Forest of Dean

Crime & Safety issues are highlighted on a Forest level through the Forest of Dean Community Safety Partnership and the Crime & Disorder Strategy 2002-2005. Partners aim to "Enhance the quality of life by working in partnership with the community to reduce crime and the fear of crime within the Forest of Dean". The strategic objectives forming the priority themes of crime & safety in the Forest are: substance misuse, vehicle crime & dwelling burglary, violent crime, tackling racially motivated crime, tackling crime by and against young people and quality of life. Five task groups have been set up to deal with these priority areas. They are:

1. Burglary, theft and car crime
2. Domestic violence
3. Substance action group
4. Violent crime disorder and anti social behaviour including racist incidents
5. Youth issues

A recent Crime Audit carried out in the summer and autumn of 2001 identified the top issues of concern among people within the Forest of Dean. These are shown below in priority order:

- |                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Drugs             | 7. Sexual crime  |
| 2. Burglary          | 8. Alcohol       |
| 3. Fear of crime     | 9. Bogus callers |
| 4. Gangs of youths   | 10. Arson        |
| 5. Domestic violence | 11. Vandalism    |
| 6. Driving           | 12. Race crime   |

The Communities Against Drugs Initiative is also working in the Forest to limit crime and improve community safety.

# Crime & Safety in Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire Constabulary works closely with Gloucestershire County Council to ensure crime and safety issues within the county are effectively tackled. Gloucestershire Constabulary's Rural Policing Strategy offers a long term programme of ten initiatives intended to provide reassurance through a more visible and accessible police presence within rural communities: The ten initiatives are:

- Rural Watch
- Rural Beat Officers
- Sponsored Patrol Vehicles
- Rural Policing Teams
- Mobile Police Station
- Promoting Rural Policing
- Single Non-Emergency Number
- Community Chest
- Rural Crimestoppers
- Rural Policing Panels

The strategy aims to:

- Reduce crime and disorder within rural communities
- Reduce the fear of crime
- Restore the communities' contact with and faith in their local police service

Gloucestershire County Council supports this work and has highlighted Community Safety as one of 6 priority issues to be highlighted through Gloucestershire's Strategic Partnership and future Community Strategy. Areas that will be investigated include substance abuse, fear of crime, young people and crime, community ownership of issues and preying on vulnerable people. These are issues that appear to be reflected as concerns on a parish level (see Dymock parish's results on page 53).

Gloucestershire Constabulary is broken down into three divisions:

- Forest and Gloucester Division is aligned to the Forest of Dean District Council and Gloucester City Council.
- Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Division is aligned with Cheltenham Borough Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council.
- Cotswolds and Stroud Division is aligned with Cotswold District Council and Stroud District Council.

Within each Division there are six smaller policing areas, known as Inspector Neighbourhood Areas. The Forest & Gloucester Division is made up of six Neighbourhood Areas: Forest North, Forest South, Gloucester City Centre, Barton Street, Gloucester South and Hucclecote.

- Forest North covers: Awre, Blaisdon, Bromsberrow, Churcham, Cinderford, Corse, Drybrook, **Dymock**, Hartpury, Highnam, Huntley, Kempsey, Littledean, Longhope, Minsterworth, Mitcheldean, Newent, Newnham, Oxenhall, Pauntley, Redmarley D'Abitot, Ruardean, Rudford, Ruspidge, Staunton, Taynton, Tibberton, Upleadon, Westbury on Severn.
- Forest South covers: Alvington, Aylburton, Coleford, English Bicknor, Hewelsfield, Lydbrook, Lydney, Newland, Staunton, St Briavels, Tidenham, West Dean, Woolaston.

# Information Gathering

Crime & Safety issues received only 8.8% of the total response through the Dymock Parish Development Plan community events (169 comments), illustrating that this is not a major concern within the area. However, among the comments made by parishioners there are clearly 11 main issues that are a concern of more than just a few parishioners (see Table 23 below). The concerns also appear to reflect the same issues dominating Crime & Safety discussions at the County and District levels referred to above.

**Table 23 Crime & Safety Comments Received at DPDP Events**

Issue	Suggestion	Location(s)	Number
Crime & Safety	Improve lighting	Ledbury Road/ Playground/ Station Terrace/ Parish in general	19
Crime & Safety	I do not feel safe here	Variety of locations	18
Crime & Safety	Security cameras/ CCTV	School/ Church, Lych-gate	14
Crime & Safety	Speeding / dangerous driving	B4215 Dymock/ Country roads Leadington/ Brooms Green	12
Crime & Safety	I feel safe here	Parish in General	10
Crime & Safety	Illegal dumping	Boundary of Parish/ Dymock/ Green Way/ Knights Green Road/ Leadington/ Preston/ The Croft	10
Crime & Safety	Neighbourhood watch scheme	Dymock in general	10
Crime & Safety	Police foot patrol/ police foot patrol at night	Dymock/ B4216 junction/ School	10
Crime & Safety	Problem: drug taking	Playground/ Church, Lych-gate	9
Crime & Safety	Problem: people are afraid to go out at night	Playground/ B4216	8
Crime & Safety	Problem: vandalism	Playground/ Church, Lych-gate	7

As Table 23 shows, the comments made highlight the need for more security measures in certain areas of the parish. The Playground, Church and Ann Cam School in Dymock are highlighted as areas where parishioners perceive crime could occur, through vandalism and drug taking. To tackle this, better lighting, security cameras and police patrols are suggested. Parishioners appear less concerned about crime and safety issues within other settlements in the parish. However illegal dumping and speeding/ dangerous driving does affect areas outside of Dymock. Although speeding through Dymock is the area more frequently suggested, other locations highlighted are the country lanes in Leadington and Brooms Green. Illegal dumping appears to be a more general parish wide problem with each individual mentioning a different location.

Five or fewer parishioners highlighted other crime and safety problems. These included car theft, theft from cars, drug dealing/ solvent abuse and noise/ rowdiness. Solutions suggested to help tackle these problems were house security measures, security alarms, property marking scheme, introducing vandal proof street furniture and trimming back shrubs.

# Action Plan

Suggestion	Location	Project /Action	Who? Responsibility	Time scale	Help needed (people & funding)	PR (priority rating)
Feeling unsafe	Whole Parish	Examine ways of reducing fear of crime and improving community safety	Parish Council	Now	Local Police Officers & the Bobby Bus	1
Perception of drug use/ vandalism	Church and Play area	Examine ways of reducing problems or perception of problems	Parish Council	Now	Police	2
Perception of drug use/ vandalism	School	Examine ways of reducing problems or perception of problems	Parish Council & Ann Cam School	Now	Police	3
N/A	Whole Parish	Organise a meeting with local police officers	Parish Council	Now	Local Police Officers	4
N/A	Whole Parish	Raise these results through the Community Safety Partnership	Parish Council	Now	The community safety partnership may be able to highlight available funding	5
Illegal dumping	Whole Parish	Investigate ways of preventing littering and illegal dumping	Parish Council	Soon	Forest of Dean District Council & Police	6
Police foot patrol	Whole Parish & Dymock	Ask for more police cover	Parish Council	Soon	Police	7
Improve lighting	Whole Parish & Dymock	Look into providing more lighting	Parish Council & Highways Authority	Soon	Look at issue in partnership with the police.	8
Security cameras/ CCTV	School and Church	Investigate use of cameras at the school (and mobile camera loan)		Later	Police & the Community Safety Partnership	9
Neighbourhood Watch	Dymock	Look into setting up a neighbourhood watch group	Locals who suggested the group	Later	Support from the Parish Plan Steering Group, Police & nearby neighbourhood watch groups	10

# Future Policy

Overall, Crime and Safety issues appear not to be regarded as a huge problem locally. However there are a number of ways in which the Parish Council may work to prevent crime becoming more of a problem for the community.

1. The Parish Council will pay particular attention to locations within the parish highlighted by parishioners as areas of concern. These include the possibility of future crime (possibly drug use and vandalism) around the School, Church and Play area.
2. The Parish Council will support Ann Cam School in its efforts to prevent problems on the school site.
3. The Parish Council will support St Mary's Church in Dymock in its efforts to prevent problems on the church site.
4. The Parish Council will seek to work closely with the Police to tackle local crime & safety problems.
5. The Parish Council will work with the District Council to raise awareness of crime and safety issues through strategic bodies and groups such as the Community Safety Partnership.
6. The Parish Council will seek to provide and disseminate information to parishioners such as how to report crime, personal safety tips and methods of home safety in order to try to limit parishioners feeling unsafe or afraid to go out at night.
7. The Parish Council would strongly support any parishioners wishing to establish a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.





# 13 Our Future

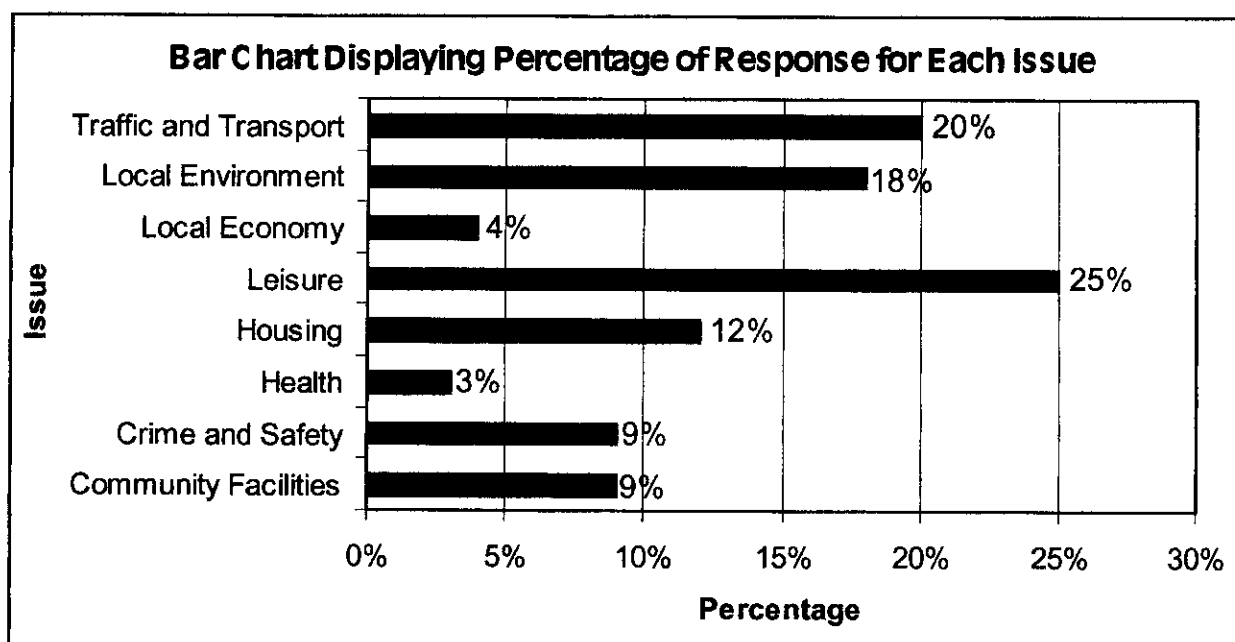


The previous chapters illustrate the results of the Dymock Parish Development Plan consultation work and highlight the views and comments of parishioners. However, although it is important to view the detail of each issue area separately, it is also necessary to understand how the issues compare i.e. which issue areas will take priority within an overall action plan. Comparing the number of comments under each category helps to illustrate the issues of top priority and those that are seen as less important. Table 24 and Figure 10 below, show that Leisure facilities, Traffic and Transport, Local Environment and Housing are the key issues within Dymock Parish.

**Table 24** Number of comments received by issue area.

Issue	Number of Responses
Leisure	484
Traffic and Transport	394
Local Environment	341
Housing	241
Community Facilities	173
Crime and Safety	169
Local Economy	77
Health	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>1930</b>

**Figure 10** Percentage of comments received by issue area.



Problems and solutions that stand out within the plan across issue areas include:

- Improving local public and community transport especially transport to the doctors.
- Improving facilities for young people such as providing a BMX area and looking at the play area provision for all ages.
- Improving information provision within the parish, in particular information for new residents.
- Improving the local environment through projects such as wild daffodil planting.
- Supporting tourism activities in the parish.
- Reducing fear of crime within the community.

It will be important to start work on these issues of most concern to parishioners, whether they are long, medium or short-term projects. The Parish Plan Steering Committee can consider taking the following steps:

### **Drawing up a plan for implementation**

This will involve taking a closer look at this document (Dymock Parish Development Plan) and the action planning tables it contains in order to decide how to progress towards implementation. Steps that may need to be taken include, among other things:

- Reviewing the steering group role and structure (are members happy to stay for the next stage?).
- Setting up working groups and reporting procedures.
- Identifying priority areas for working groups or agencies/ authorities responsible.
- Quick Win Projects.
- Deciding how funding will be identified and how applications will be managed.
- Building and strengthening links in areas where others need to be involved.
- How to keep the wider community informed of progress.

### **Setting up working groups or issue groups**

Working groups tend to be very effective in tackling new projects and can draw in parishioners with a particular interest in one subject area. Some individuals may not have been involved with the main steering group and the community consultation process but may want to start more practical project work where outcomes provide a real impact for local quality of life. Deciding how working groups will report to the main steering group and what their remit will be is an important first step towards building a working structure.

### **Working with the District & County Councils, Agencies & County Organisations**

The action planning tables have highlighted the projects that must be the responsibility of another organisation or authority, and those that the parish can implement itself with support and funding. Although the parish will need to build links with individual officers and specialists (and has already started doing so), it will also be important to promote projects at a strategic level. This can be done through the new Forest Partnership. GRCC can have a role in assisting the community to promote its issues at a strategic level. The introduction of a Forest brokering table (that will form a mechanism for raising projects and Parish Plans in front of local funders) should help to ensure a recognition of the work that has already been completed and the work identified for the future.

### **Working with local groups, clubs and services**

Some of the actions within the plan highlight projects in which other local groups and bodies will take a lead. For example, it was felt that Ann Cam School could consider installing bike lockers and setting up a school patrol and that the Parish Hall Committee could investigate providing indoor games for local young people. These groups will need the support of the main steering committee and a close working relationship will need to be developed in order to ensure that the Parish Plan does not create pressures upon local organisations through the actions it highlights.

### **Encouraging individuals living within the parish to volunteer**

Although many members of the community have already been involved in drawing up Dymock Parish Development Plan it is important that the steering committee and parish council continue to work to involve more parishioners in different elements of the next stage of the process: the implementation. Community members have a variety of skills and strengths that can contribute to improving quality of life in Dymock Parish in many different ways. Publicity and promotion, in all its forms, will be important.

### **Monitoring & Reviewing**

Monitoring and reviewing the plan will be vital in the future as an ongoing process. This will rely upon constant referral to both the DPDP and to 'work plans' that should be developed by working groups and the main steering group. These need not be formal or complicated. But targets within them can allow progress to be closely monitored. It will be important for new projects and ideas to be fed into the process and if appropriate more community consultation work may be needed to support new ideas and needs.

A lot of work will now be needed to implement Dymock Parish Development Plan. It is important that the whole community pulls together and that individuals support each other, bearing in mind the identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and the parish vision of:

**Working together as a united community to tackle weaknesses, remove threats, build on and celebrate strengths and grasp every opportunity to form a sustainable, vibrant and most of all happy parish.**



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# Appendix 1

## Parish Plan Public Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> August 2001

### FULL RESULTS

The following pages list all the comments received from parishioners at the first public meeting for Dymock Parish Plan held at Dymock Parish Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2001. If you would like a copy of the report produced that includes these full results, please contact Jenny Thick, Clerk to Dymock Parish Council on 01531 890453.

N.B. Numbers in brackets identify the number of groups that highlighted that issue/ view within their discussion. For example (8) means all eight groups mentioned the point. Comments have been altered as little as possible in order to retain their original meaning.

### 1. SWOT Analysis of Dymock Parish

#### *What do you think are Dymock Parish's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats?*

#### Strengths

Post Office (8)	Dymock Poets (2)
Community pub (8)	Bed & Breakfast facilities/ tourism (2)
School (8)	Limited bus service (2)
St Mary's Church (8)	Bobby bus - police
Shop (7)	Proximity of M50 motorway
2 garages (7)	Centrally placed for easy reach to nearby towns
Chapel (4)	Public toilets
Children's play area (7)	Wintour's (Village) Green
Toddler group (2)	Footpaths network (6)
Nursery School	Wild daffodils (3)
Youth Club (children aged 8 – 12 years)	Conservation area
Brownies	Beautiful landscape (2)
Parish magazine (2)	Pleasant place to live
Cricket Club (5)	People
Golf Course/ Club (3)	Size of population
Care Group (3)	Less noise than in a town
2 Women's Institutes –Dymock & Preston (2)	Many indigenous fruit tree varieties
Horticultural Society	Farming
Active social groups (2)	Light industry
Active Parish Council (2)	Good range of skills
Community spirit (3)	History (Roman)(2)
Village growth – houses planned	
There are two community halls (Dymock Parish Hal and Brooms Green memorial Hall) (5)	
Homes for the elderly (sheltered accommodation, bungalows & residential/ nursing home)	

#### Weaknesses

Poor police cover (2)	No football or other sports facilities (3)
Little low cost housing (2)	Lack of co-ordination by organisations
Poor provision for health care	Lack of support for local activities
Limited facilities for young & old	Lack of local employment
Lack of interest for and by young & old	Lack of re-cycling facilities
No activities for 12 – 18 year olds (3)	
Lack of other facilities in Dymock area	
Hamlets outside Dymock often forgotten	
Poor communication especially for new people to community	
New householders not taking part in community life	

Poor integration of new people with old  
 Increasing arabilisation of the countryside.  
 Manicured hedges.  
 Only 1 pub in the parish now.  
 Lack of pedestrian crossing.  
 Poor pedestrian access to school & on surrounding roads.  
 Infrequent public transport particularly within the parish as opposed to Dymock village. (5)  
 The M50 is noisy.  
 Traffic hazards – volume/ speed/ weight. Non-enforcement of speed limit. (3)  
 No traffic calming (in hand with new car park).  
 Not much pub parking.  
 Lack of car parking facilities in village (5) – this is being addressed but has been delayed due to foot and mouth disease. Plans for car park have been passed.  
 Roads (including verges) in a bad state.  
 Railway bridge needs repair (in hand being monitored by BR & GCC).  
 Dog fouling.

### **Opportunities**

More use to be made of the parish halls. (3)	Scope for low cost housing
Restoration of the canal (very long term). (2)	Educational tours
To plant wild daffodils on verges.	More bed and breakfast establishments
Re-planting indigenous trees.	To make more of tourism opportunities
Cider and perry making.	Walking, fishing (already up and running)
Expansion of interests.	Outdoor bowls, short mat bowls and tennis.
Survey of parishioners' views and wants.	Construction of car park (in hand)
Improved transport.	
Speed cameras, weight restriction, 30-mph limit extended both ends of village. (2)	
School placements (preference given to children living within the parish).	
Drop in coffee shop for 11 plus age group.	
More facilities for young people: The existing Cricket Club and football, skittle alley, tennis courts. Should the School swimming pool have cover for greater use?	

### **Threats**

Increased traffic (3)	Shrinking W.I.s
Large vehicles on country lanes	Increased house prices (2)
Poor road surfaces	Apathy (2)
Crime	Complacency
Vandalism	Agricultural policies
Closure of local facilities	Flooding – prevents access on occasions
Closure of church	
Loss of identity if community becomes too big	
Ageing population	
People moving away to find employment (3)	
Maintaining youth in community	
Segregation between young & old	
People feel threatened by children & young people behaving badly	

## **2. Sources of Information, Consultation Tools and Events**

### ***Which existing sources of information could be used to help develop Dymock Parish Plan?***

Parish Appraisal (2)	Interviews with Parishioners
Census Data	Parish groups and local organisations
District Plan	Oral traditions
Internet	Anecdote
Local Radio	Ad magazine/ Citizen



Library  
 Electoral Roll  
 Council Meetings (Parish and P.C.C.)  
 'History of Preston'  
 Church Parish directory  
 'Dymock Poets'  
 Dymock through the Ages' (2)

Information from the schools/ School projects (2)  
 Ann Cam School information  
 Local books/ studies:  
 'Safe in Print'  
 'Mud on my Boots'

***What tools could be used to help develop the Parish Plan?***

Events  
 Shows/Festivals  
 Questionnaires/ Questionnaires to all via post  
 Focus groups  
 Meetings  
 Canvassing Parishioners  
 Parish Magazine and editor Pam Warren  
 Local reports in free papers  
 People who motivate/ encourage others to join in.  
 Parish Council Clerks- Jenny Thick  
 Parish Council member to talk to Local organisations to ask for ideas

Trade and Skills  
 Involve Young people  
 Shop and School  
 Competitions in schools for ideas  
 School notice boards  
 More notice boards to serve whole Parish  
 Information in the Pub

***Groups that could get involved***

Neighbourhood watch  
 Youth Club, Pilgrims (2)  
 Windcross Paths Scheme  
 Cricket club  
 Dymock Parish Hall Committee (2)  
 W.I.  
 Horticulture  
 Toddler/ Play Groups

Care Group  
 Dymock fundraisers (2)  
 D.A.D.S  
 P.T.A.  
 Campanologists  
 Evergreens  
 Dymock Poets society  
 Sunday club

***Locations and Events to target community involvement***

Parish Hall (2)	
Chapel	
Garage/Shop	
Cricket Club (2):	Matches
Church:	Bell ringers, Choir, Bible study, Advent courses, Lent courses
Pub (Beauchamp Arms):	Darts, Skittles, Quiz
Yearly Parish Events:	BBQ, Autumn Flower Show (2), Spring Fair, Christmas Fair, Wassailing, Rogation Walk/ Guided walks, Harvest, Family Service, Easter events.

**3. My Vision for Dymock Parish**

***How would you like to describe your community in 20 years time?***

- "The village to have retained its spirit and improved the grey areas that have been discussed."
- "Integration between all ages. Limited lorries and traffic cameras. Occupations and facilities for the young. Consideration for the farmers."
- "1. An integrated community –young/ old with same commitment for maintaining/ increasing spirit. 2. A safer community in terms of traffic flow, speed and weight. 3. Re-opening of the canal using local people/ skills/ talents. Getting the young involved in widening the community."
- "Traffic calming that works. The development of greater community spirit. No loss of existing amenities but the extension of more e.g. sporting facilities."

- “A community not much larger than we have now but with more interest and integration, for the young and teenagers in particular. Environmentally the road, with its heavy traffic poses a large hazard. There are NO lorries trundling through in my vision. Tourism welcomed and catered for thoroughly. Less suspicion of innovation.”
- “Hopefully I would like to be able to see the children playing with no cares or worries. The countryside looking much like today. Hopefully plenty of work for everyone and leisure time.”
- “Possibly top of my grave stone- no weeds!”
- “I think that most of the people in this room will be gone to the church yard.”
- “A community that lives and works together and supported local activities.”
- “Agriculture will be killed off by current government policies. Local pub will be re-opened and thriving!”
- “Shop, garage, school, church still in use. Doctor available to visit once a week.”
- “Clean footpaths/ pavements. As an integrated Parish: involving all the villages within the parish with combined facilities for shopping, transport and recreation.”
- “I would like to see all the elderly cared for still. Thriving community still. Church thriving. Pub still here and shop and school. More community spirit. GP in village at least once weekly. Less transport through village.”
- “Shop/ Pub/ School/ Church all very necessary to keep village alive and thriving. Health centre part time if that is all that can be arranged.”
- “As a forward looking community with more housing for the young and possibly some employment to keep the youngsters here. A thriving sport and social programme for use by all the parishioners.”
- “A self contained, self supporting community with opportunities for a good way of life for local people regardless of income bracket.”
- “To maintain its present position to hold on to its family caring values. To keep the present skills of individuals. Today’s youth should be helped and encouraged to take over the welfare of Dymock- it’s their future.”
- “A united and committed community, who have an interest in the community.”
- “A more close knit community joining together in various events and groups, helping each other to overcome their difficulties with ill health etc. A reasonable transport system and hopefully with some local medical cover? Resident community nurse. Good sporting facilities with ‘Dymock’ teams taking part in regional competitions.”
- “Healthy; self-sufficient; responsible community. Law and order no worse than present. Village in proportion. Environmental awareness.”
- “More self reliant than at present. More ‘home grown’- not just food but services. Local businesses with local flavour e.g. cider and perry making, local farm livestock, car park opposite Beauchamp arms with a community orchard.”
- “I would like to ensure that the ‘status quo’ is maintained (as far as is possible in 20 years) i.e. school, shop etc. A good cross-section of ages – i.e. not all retired people (although they have a lot to give). Facilities for young people shared transport- a community car park –cyber café.”
- “A happy village with a good school, lots of houses for young and old. A car park that will serve church, pub, villagers. A safe place to live with good roads and a bus service. Tony Eagle mowing the grass around my grave.”
- “To see a parish that is able to sustain itself without the need for continuous begging locals. Maintained parish for everyone to use. A continual flow of respectable housing for the entire parish. The church, hall and public house in Dymock still in use.”

- “A village where it is safe to walk without heavy traffic. A village pub and village hall. A mix of both young and old still living in the parish. The green belt to remain intact.”
- “A place where there is more local employment to enable the less well educated to find work.”
- “Much the same as it is now but perhaps with original residents and newcomers more integrated. Have to move with the times! Be realistic- have to accept the world as we find it- not how we think it should be.”
- “A peaceful, co-operative community, providing opportunities for sport, entertainment, housing (affordable) and employment opportunities. Good community care and access to shops.”
- “A vibrant community with its own distinctive character yet also connected to the wider world. A wide cross-section of society in terms of age, occupation, interests and ethnicity. Services such as the garage, shop and pub continuing to serve the village.”
- “Thriving community of enthusiastic villagers all enjoying each others company and sharing projects.”
- “Much as it is today with some environmental aspects changed to improve the quality. Improvements to roads for controlled quick passage of vehicles through the area. Vastly improved foot access to all areas. Improvement to maintain indigenous locals to keep the village alive with a balanced population (i.e. not too big/ small).”
- “I would like to think there could be a prosperous and happy community with a great revival in agriculture and a future for the youth.”
- “A happy vibrant community with the church and school the centre of things and hopefully still a pub, shop, post office and garage. Agriculture more prosperous. More facilities for the young and especially lower cost housing and a car park.”
- “1. Less heavy weight/volume of traffic and better control of the traffic speed.  
2. More/extended paving especially to the school.  
3. More integration between young and old.  
4. Preservation and extension of the history surrounding Dymock”.
- “A lively, active community where there is motivation and encouragement for all to be part of the community, through facilities, clubs, sports opportunities. This would require facilities for all ages. Also parish projects where the wider community can be encouraged to work together for a common aim.”
- “I would wish it to be a village and not a suburb. I think its beauty and history are well worth preserving- it is part of our heritage.”

#### **4. Projects that could help achieve my vision**

***Try to think of some small and large-scale projects that would help to combat any problems or weaknesses within Dymock Parish, and help achieve your vision.***

- “Youth projects must be taken seriously to enable all age groups to enjoy life in the village.”
- “A sports complex with tennis courts, football pitch, an area for a cycle rally, facilities for children and young people, a meeting place in the evenings.”
- “Speed cameras/ Road marking.”
- “The parish hall is important venue for parish life and the renovations are welcome. Activities i.e. bike track, tennis courts for the disaffected youth. Large scale weight restriction on road- NOT speed bumps.”
- “No plans to take all our community welfare things from us. Such as local post offices, shops, public houses, no plans to keep building houses.”

- “No plans to change pubs, shops and post office to private dwellings i.e. possibly help with less community charge.”
- “Our village has lost the pub and post office, bus service –but with help from the local people we will get the pub back.”
- “One project currently under way is an action group (well supported) to restore the only other pub to active use. The other project is the Hereford and Gloucestershire Canal.”
- “More pubs, free beer for over 40s.”
- “A bus service covering many outlying villages. A local pub that is the hub of social life.”
- “Low cost houses been built for the young. Car park in use.”
- “Dog walking area.”
- “Community transport scheme. Community healthcare clinics or day surgeries for GP. Public car parks.”
- “Car park built. Upgrade pub and garden. Make more of the village for tourists. Plant more daffodils. Zebra crossing.”
- “Upgrade of Pub- garden, decent seating area at front on road- fencing for children. Daffodils planted in profusion- this is THE area after all. Get car park built.”
- “More co-ordination of groups in the Parish to raise funds to achieve this programme.”
- “Limit on development of high priced ‘executive’ housing and production of decent well-designed affordable housing. A decent transport system and opportunities for local employment, possibly by conversion of redundant agricultural buildings.”
- “Low cost housing to allow young people to be able to stay in an environment they have lived in all their lives. Improved transport.”
- “Low cost housing for young people.”
- “A room set aside somewhere for chiropody, eye tests etc to save travelling. A car park conveniently placed to reach most of the village. More sports facilities- we only have cricket at the moment.”
- “Early training/ education in self sufficient husbandry. Safe pedestrian walkways within the village. One car per household.”
- “Micro Brewery in Pub. Encourage small/ very small businesses that supply the local community e.g. food producers, craftsmen/ builders, market gardening. Do this by discouraging ‘computer tapping’ in schools.”
- “The community working together.”
- “Construction of a car park.”
- “Building low cost housing. Building a car park with good access. Good community policing. Buy a new mower for Tony.”
- “Parish plan and a good, larger, parish council.”
- “A better future for young people within the parish with improved sporting and leisure facilities for them. A much improved transport facility to outlying towns. A programme of daffodil planting throughout parish verges.”
- “Encouragement from planners when people want to change the use of old buildings. Information technology.”
- “Increase tourist potential- might provide some local employment.”
- “A sports field with tennis and bowling courts. Health centre (part-time). Dial-a-ride. Computer/ Internet centre.”

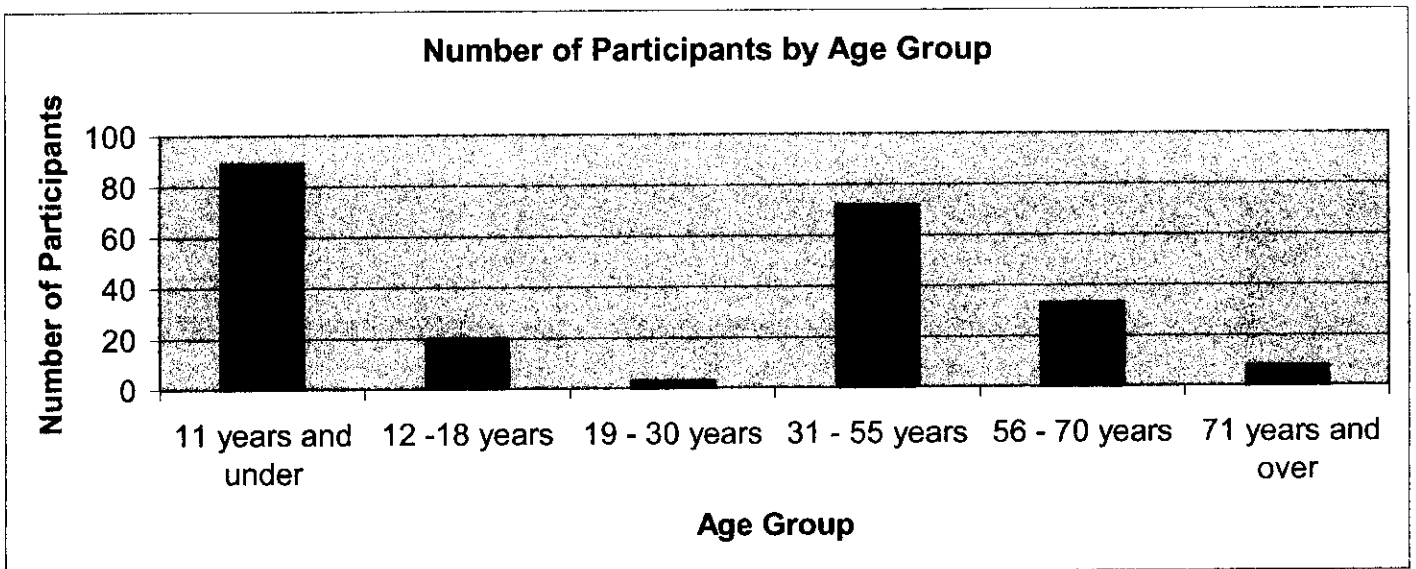
- “Low cost housing or rent/ buy scheme, but not ‘social housing’. Sports facilities for young people.”
- “Development of the facilities currently available to make full use of the village hall. Start projects to include the young people such as a coffee bar/ cyber café which could be used as a further learning centre or e-mail contact point.”
- “Develop suitable area for low cost housing. Improve roads to include footpaths. Incorporate sporting area (field/ tennis courts) with new car park.”
- “Housing should have priority to allow locals to be able to stay in the village, therefore cheaper housing.”
- “More houses for rent. Sports facilities.”
- “1. Traffic calming systems e.g. speed cameras/ red road. 2. Addition of a footpath across the bridge to the school. 3. Drawing on the skills of the more senior to help the young e.g. adopt a granny/ baby-sitting circle. 4. Introduction of more Daffodils, which Dymock is famous for; and make more of the poets. Extend play facilities. Make more of the school swimming pool, which would also raise money. Make more school places available for local children.”
- “A coffee shop for youngsters. Extend/ strengthen/ support our parish magazine to improve communication, advertising etc encouraging participation and co-ordination of groups and societies.”
- “Restrain growth of industry within the boundaries and continue development in the environs of Newent in the direction of Gloucester as at present.”

# Appendix 2

## Data from Parishioners who participated in Dymock Parish Development Plan Community Events

Number of participants by age group.

Age Group	Number of People
Under 12 years	89
12 -18 years	20
19 - 30 years	3
31 - 55 years	72
56 - 70 years	33
71 years and over	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>



Number of people by DPDP Community Event

Planning for Real Event	Number of Responses
Parish Hall (trial) - 22/01/02	43
Brooms Green - 26/01/02	130
Parish Hall - 03/02/02	477
Four Oaks - 09/02/02	30
Preston - 17/02/02	152
School - 21/02/02	918
Parish Hall - 01/03/02	180
<b>Total</b>	<b>1930</b>

**Number of people by age group and DPDP community event.**

<b>Participant Age Groups</b>		
<b>Event</b>	<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Number of People</b>
Brooms Green (26/01/02)	Under 12 years	0
	12 - 18 years	1
	19 - 30 years	0
	31 - 55 years	5
	56 - 70 years	7
	71 years and over	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>
Dymock Parish Hall (03/02/02)	Under 12 years	6
	12 - 18 years	4
	19 - 30 years	0
	31 - 55 years	32
	56 - 70 years	7
	71 years and over	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>
Four Oaks (09/02/02)	Under 12 years	0
	12 - 18 years	0
	19 - 30 years	0
	31 - 55 years	4
	56 - 70 years	6
	71 years and over	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>
Preston (17/02/02)	Under 12 years	2
	12 - 18 years	1
	19 - 30 years	2
	31 - 55 years	6
	56 - 70 years	9
	71 years and over	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>
Ann Cam School (21/02/02)	Under 12 years	81
	12 - 18 years	8
	19 - 30 years	1
	31 - 55 years	18
	56 - 70 years	3
	71 years and over	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>
Dymock Parish Hall (01/03/02)	Under 12 years	0
	12 - 18 years	6
	19 - 30 years	0
	31 - 55 years	7
	56 - 70 years	1
	71 years and over	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

**Participants use of local doctors surgeries.**

<b>Which Doctors Surgery Do You Use?</b>		
<b>Event</b>	<b>Doctors Surgery</b>	<b>Number of People</b>
Brooms Green (26/01/02)	Newent Health Centre	3
	Ledbury Practice	9
	Staunton Surgery	1
Dymock Parish Hall (03/02/02)	Newent Health Centre	35
	Ledbury Practice	14
	Staunton Surgery	0
Four Oaks (09/02/02)	Newent Health Centre	11
	Ledbury Practice	1
	Staunton Surgery	0
Preston (17/02/02)	Newent Health Centre	6
	Ledbury Practice	15
	Staunton Surgery	0
Ann Cam School (21/02/02)	Newent Health Centre	44
	Ledbury Practice	22
	Staunton Surgery	0
Dymock Parish Hall (01/03/02)	Newent Health Centre	13
	Ledbury Practice	1
	Staunton Surgery	0

<b>Totals</b> Newent Health Centre	<b>112</b>
Ledbury Practice	<b>62</b>
Staunton Surgery	<b>1</b>

**Where DPDP participants live in relation to events attended.**

<b>Where Do You Live?</b>		
<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of People</b>
Brooms Green (26/01/02)	Brooms Green	8
	Greenway	3
	Ryton	1
	Tillers Green	1
Dymock Parish Hall (03/02/02)	Bayfield Garden	3
	Brooms Green	3
	Castle Tump	2
	Crown Close	3
	Crowfield Lane	3
	Donnington	3
	Dymock Village (& along B4215)	20
	Leadington	1
	Leominster RD	2
	Marcle Road	1
	Pond Corner	5
	Ryton	1



	The Crypt	1
	Welsh House Lane	2
<b>Four Oaks (09/02/02)</b>	Four Oaks	8
	Hillend Green	3
	Leominster RD	1
<b>Preston (17/02/02)</b>	Dymock Village (& along B4215)	1
	Leadington	9
	Leominster RD	1
	Preston	9
	Tilputs End	1
<b>Ann Cam School (21/02/02)</b>	Bayfield Gardens	2
	Bromsberrow Heath	1
	Crown Close	1
	Crowfield Lane	4
	Donnington	5
	Dymock Village (& along B4215)	12
	Four Oaks	5
	Four Oaks RD	1
	Gorsley	2
	Greenway	1
	Kempley	13
	Kempley RD	3
	Leadington	6
	Ledbury	1
	Ledbury RD	5
	Leominster RD	1
	Malt House Lane, Ryton	1
	Much Marcle	1
	Newent	12
	Oxenhall	4
	Pauntley	1
	Ryton	2
	Ryton RD	2
	The Crypt	6
	The Village	1
	Tillers Green	1
	Welsh House Lane	1
	Western Way	8
<b>Dymock Parish Hall (01/03/02)</b>	Batchfields	1
	Bayfield Gardens	2
	Dymock Village (& along B4215)	1
	Golf Course	2
	Kempley RD	1
	Ketford	1
	Leominster RD	1
	St Mary's Close	2

**Where DPDP participants live.**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of People</b>
Dymock Village (& along B4215)	34
Leadington	16
Four Oaks	13
Kempley	13
Newent	12
Brooms Green	11
Preston	9
Donnington	8
Western Way	8
Bayfield Gardens	7
Crowfield Lane	7
The Crypt	7
Leominster RD	6
Ledbury RD	5
Pond Corner	5
Crown Close	4
Greenway	4
Kempley RD	4
Oxenhall	4
Ryton	4
Hillend Green	3
Welsh House Lane	3
Castle Tump	2
Golf Course	2
Gorsley	2
Ryton RD	2
St Mary's Close	2
Tillers Green	2
Batchfields	1
Bromsberrow Heath	1
Four Oaks RD	1
Ketford	1
Ledbury	1
Malt House Lane, Ryton	1
Marcle Road	1
Much Marcle	1
Pauntley	1
The Village	1
Tilputs End	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>210</b>

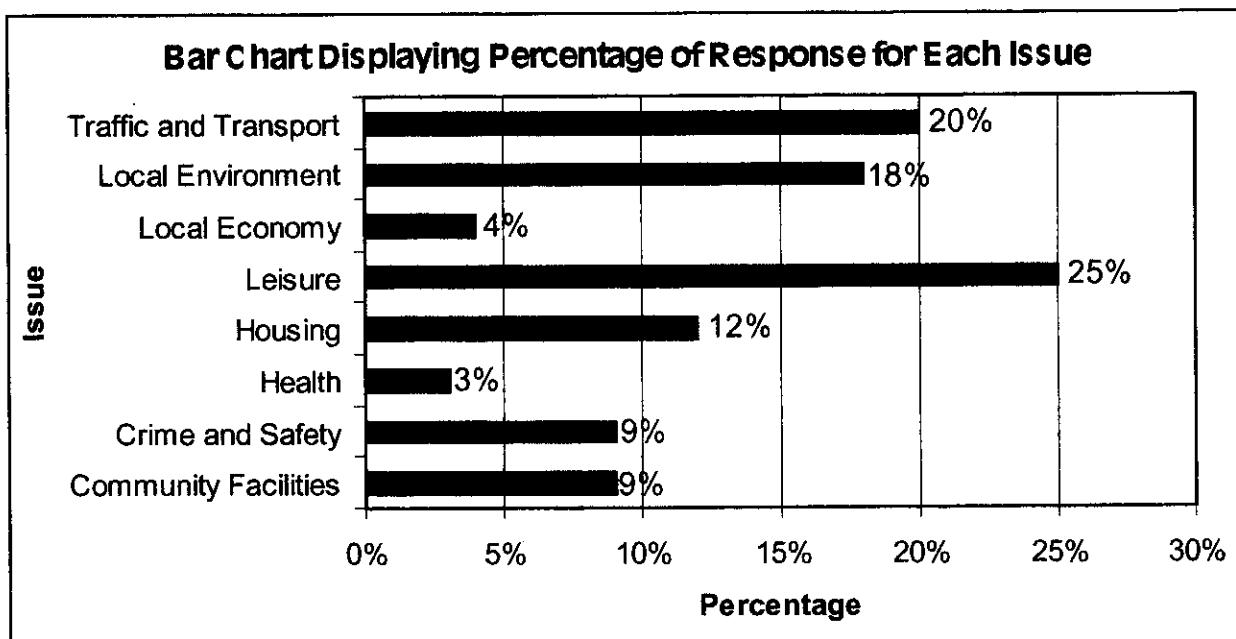
**Schools attended by DPDP younger participants.**

<b>Which School Do You Attend?</b>		
<b>Event</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Number of People</b>
Brooms Green (26/01/02)	Any other school	1
Dymock Parish Hall (03/02/02)	Ann Cam School, Dymock	5
	Newent Community School	4
Four Oaks (09/02/02)		0
Preston (17/02/02)	Newent Community School	1
Ann Cam School (21/02/02)	Ann Cam School	81
Dymock Parish Hall (01/03/02)	Newent Community School	6

<b>Totals</b> Ann Cam School, Dymock	<b>81</b>
Bromsberrow Primary School	<b>0</b>
Much Marcle Primary School	<b>0</b>
Newent Community School	<b>11</b>
John Masefield School, Ledbury	<b>0</b>
Any other school	<b>1</b>

**Total comments received: percentage by issue area**

	<b>Number of Responses</b>
Community Facilities	173
Crime and Safety	169
Health	51
Housing	241
Leisure	484
Local Economy	77
Local Environment	341
Traffic and Transport	394
<b>Total</b>	<b>1930</b>





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# Appendix 3

## Dymock Parish Development Plan



DPDP

### Housing Questionnaire

1. What type of accommodation would you like to see more of within the parish?

Private rented	<input type="text"/>	Shared ownership	<input type="text"/>
Local authority rented	<input type="text"/>	Specially adapted housing	<input type="text"/>
Housing association rented	<input type="text"/>	Sheltered accommodation	<input type="text"/>
Owner occupied	<input type="text"/>	Other (please state) .....	<input type="text"/>

2. Where should affordable housing be located within the parish?

Brooms Green	<input type="text"/>
Dymock	<input type="text"/>
Hallwood Green	<input type="text"/>
Four Oaks	<input type="text"/>
Ryton	<input type="text"/>

3. What price range do you consider to be affordable?

Under £55,000	<input type="text"/>
£55,000 - £70,000	<input type="text"/>
£70,000 - £90,000	<input type="text"/>
£90,000 +	<input type="text"/>

4. Do you have a need for rented accommodation that is not being met by the Forest of Dean District Council or local housing association? If yes, please describe...

Yes

No

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5. What should the Forest of Dean District Council do to improve accommodation for elderly people within the parish?

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6. Should the Forest of Dean District Council offer a housing surgery or office service in the area?

Yes

No

# Appendix 4

## Dymock Parish Housing Questionnaire

### Written Answers

#### **Question 1 – What type of accommodation would you like to see more of within the parish?**

- Affordable starter homes for young people who live in the parish. (4)
- Small starter homes.
- Service site mobile home (starter).
- Convert farm buildings.
- No more housing. (2)

#### **Question 2 – Where should affordable housing be located within the parish?**

- Preston Cross (2)

#### **Question 3 – What price range do you consider to be affordable?**

- This depends on personal income/ circumstances.

#### **Question 4 – Do you have a need for rented accommodation that is not being met by the Forest of Dean District Council or local housing association? If yes, please describe...**

- As I am a single parent and live in family property.
- I may need a house when I leave home and want to stay in the Dymock area. Therefore new starter homes should be built.
- I have two children 23/24 who have to live outside the village due to lack of affordable housing within the parish.
- People cannot afford to buy in the countryside.
- Not personally but with children entering their early 20s it would be preferable for them to stay within a village environment especially if they are employed locally.

#### **Question 5 – What should the Forest of Dean District Council do to improve accommodation for elderly people within the parish?**

##### **Suggestions for improvements/ additional services and facilities**

- Provide more rented accommodation and some adaptations (e.g. bath grips, ramps etc.).
- Small housing for elderly in a complex with trained assistance in the house to hand, and community room.
- Improve services to include rehab, luncheon clubs, day centres, intermediate care- anything to keep up with other current practice within the country. There are resources that could fund these initiatives.
- Provide facilities to help make life easier e.g. stair-lifts etc.
- A nursing service should be provided adjacent to elderly housing – old district nurse.
- Make areas around housing more attractive for elderly and more accessible.
- Improve outside – tidy areas of grass etc. and up-date the buildings.
- Financial support for home carers.
- More support for home care
- Support for more care in the home.
- Make it cheaper and home care cheaper and more available.
- Advertise Western Way.

##### **Comments suggesting reasons why elderly accommodation units are not full.**

- Provide separate living/ sleeping accommodation (not bedsits).
- Provide flats rather than bedsits. Improve the outside of the sheltered housing.
- Adapt housing to suit the needs of the elderly living and separate bedroom accommodation.
- Lots of the accommodation is in the form of bedsits, which is not convenient. One bedroom flats would be much better. This means 4 sheltered units are empty because it is not the right type of accommodation. People prefer the facilities available to Gloucester because they are flats.
- I feel there is a need to provide a separate bedroom within each elderly unit.
- Provide flats – adapted housing and sheltered accommodation.

**Comments raising the issue of transport**

- Sort out public transport
- To build more low cost housing for the elderly people and sort out public transport

**Comments requesting more accommodation**

- More sheltered accommodation.
- More sheltered housing.
- Build more sheltered accommodation.
- Provide more sheltered accommodation.

**Comments suggesting elderly people remain in their own homes**

- Help with stair lifts and things to help the elderly move around their own homes.
- Give them smaller houses to buy or rent in Dymock before they are moved to a home.
- Affordable support for people to maintain their independence in their own homes.

**Comments from parishioners happy with the elderly people's accommodation**

- It is ok.
- The accommodation is ok as it is.
- Probably enough. It is difficult to fill Western Way.
- Provision is already sufficient.
- Provision is quite good already and should be retained.

**Question 6- Should the Forest of Dean District Council offer a housing surgery or office service in the area?**

- The parish hall or Brooms Green memorial hall could be used one morning a week – rented out to the District Council.
- The District Council's Newent sub office is ok and easily accessible.

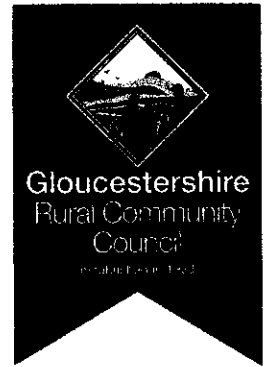
# Appendix 5

## Dymock Housing Needs Survey

Including:

Covering Letter Sent to Every Household

Questionnaire



## Housing Needs Survey

Dear Parishioner,

The Dymock Parish Development Plan events held in February were very successful and a draft Parish Plan is being prepared. As a result of the information collected the Dymock Parish Development Plan Steering Committee is considering the possible demand for low cost housing of all sorts (3 bedroom homes, 2 bedroom homes, older peoples bungalows etc) for local people of all ages in our area.

Whether you consider yourself in need or not, the information you provide is most important, so **PLEASE SPEND A FEW MINUTES FILLING IN THE FORM.** Someone is normally considered to be in housing need if they need to move and cannot find adequate accommodation for themselves. This may be due to several reasons such as overcrowding, eviction, changing family circumstances, or not being able to afford local property prices. If the survey does reveal that there is a need it may take some time for any new affordable housing to be built. They will generally be developed and managed by a Housing Association and will provide rented or shared ownership housing for local people. The information you provide will greatly assist the Parish Council to make the correct decision.

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council is administering the survey, if you require any assistance in completing the form, please contact Lesley Archer, the Rural Housing Enabler for the GRCC, telephone 01452 528491.

Please complete this form within **14 days** and return it in the freepost envelope provided to Lesley Archer who will open all envelopes, analyse the results and prepare an independent feedback report for Dymock Parish Plan Steering Committee.

**Any information given is confidential, your identity will not be revealed in the report.**

Thank you,

Dymock Parish Development Plan Steering Committee



# DYMCK HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

1. Is your home .....? (please tick one box)

Owned by you	Rented from a H A*	Rented from a Local Authority	Rented from a private landlord	Tied to a job	Other (Please give details)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

\* Housing Association

2. How long have you lived in the parish?

(Please tick one box)    Under 2 years    2 - 5 years    6 - 10 years    11 - 21 years    21 years +

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3. What type of property do you live in?

Flat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bungalow	<input type="checkbox"/>	Semi Detached	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mobile Home	<input type="checkbox"/>
House	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terrace	<input type="checkbox"/>	Detached	<input type="checkbox"/>		

4. How many bedrooms do you have? (Please put the number in the box)

5. a) What type of household are you? (please exclude guests)

Single	<input type="checkbox"/>	Couple	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 or more adults living together	<input type="checkbox"/>
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b) What age group are the members of your household?: (Please enter the number of people in each group)

0 - 15	16 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 59	60 - 74	75+
<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>

6. Please tick box (es) if you DO NOT have

Bath/Shower	Hot Water	Inside WC
<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/>	<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/>	<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/>

7. Within the next 5 years might you wish to move from this home to another in this parish?

(Please tick one box)

Yes	No	Don't Know
<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/>	<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/>	<input style="width: 30px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/>

*If you have answered NO or DON'T KNOW please go straight to question 8*

If yes -

a) Is this because your present home ...  
(Please tick appropriate box[es])

Has inadequate facilities /poor condition	Is too small	Is too large	Other reason
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b) Is this need for an alternative home .....?  
(Please tick one box)

Immediate	Within 5 years	More than 5 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

c) Will you be seeking .....? (Please tick one box)

A house	A bungalow	1 bedroom flat	Sheltered Accommodation (on site warden)	Other (please specify)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

d) How many bedrooms do you need?  
(Please tick one box)

1	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	5+	<input type="checkbox"/>
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e) Would you prefer to .....?  
(Please tick one box)

Rent	Buy	Part Buy
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

f) If you are interested in low cost home ownership what price could you afford to pay for a Mortgage, based on borrowing 3¼ times you're your single income plus 1 times your spouse /Partners income, where applicable, plus savings?

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g) What is your approximate total weekly income after tax (including all benefit except housing benefit) ?

Less than £48	<input type="checkbox"/>	£146-£210	<input type="checkbox"/>	£289-£365	<input type="checkbox"/>
£49-£95	<input type="checkbox"/>	£210-£250	<input type="checkbox"/>	More than £366	<input type="checkbox"/>
£95-£146	<input type="checkbox"/>	£251-£288	<input type="checkbox"/>		

h) Are you already on the Housing Waiting List?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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8. Are there any members of your household likely to be wanting to set up a new home in this parish?

(Please tick one box)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know	<input type="checkbox"/>
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*If you have answered NO or DON'T KNOW please go straight to Question 9*

If yes –  
 a) How Many? (Please enter numbers in the box)

b) Are they your .....?  
 (Please tick appropriate box(es))

Children	Parents	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

c) Is this need for a separate home in this area?  
 (Please tick appropriate box(es))

Immediate	Within 5 years	More than 5 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d) Will they be seeking a .....?  
 (Please tick appropriate box(es))

House	Bungalow	1 bedroom Flat	Sheltered Accommodation (On site Warden)	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

e) Would they prefer to.....?  
 (Please tick one box)

Rent	Buy	Part Buy
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

f) If they are interested in low cost home ownership what price could they afford to pay for a mortgage, based on borrowing 3¼ times their single income plus 1 times their spouse/partners income, where applicable, plus savings.

Household 1	Household 2
£ <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>	£ <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>

g) What is their approximate total weekly income after tax (including benefit but not housing benefit) ?  
 (H1 = household 1, H2 = household 2)

	H.1	H.2		H.1	H.2		H.1	H.2
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£49-£95	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£210-£250	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	More than £366	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
£95-£146	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£251-£288	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

h) Are they already on the Housing Waiting List?  
 (Please tick appropriate box)

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Due to lack of affordable local housing have any members of your household had to move away from this Parish in the past 10 years?  
 (Please tick appropriate box)

Yes	No	Don't Know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*If you have answered NO or DON'T KNOW please make any comments regarding the survey in the space provided.*

If yes –  
 a) How Many? (Please enter numbers in the box)

b) Were they ..... ?  
 (please tick appropriate box(es))

Setting up a home	Retiring	Other Please State
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

c) Would they like to move back to the parish?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d) Would they prefer to....? (Please tick one box)

Rent	Buy	Part Buy
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

e) If they are interested in low cost home ownership what price could they afford to pay for a mortgage, based on borrowing 3½ times their single income plus 1 times their spouse / partners income, where applicable, plus savings?

Household 1

Household 2

£

£

f) What is their approximate total weekly income after tax (including benefit but not housing benefit) ?

	H.1	H.2		H.1	H.2		H.1	H.2
Less than £48	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£146-£210	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£289-£365	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
£49-£95	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£210-£250	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	More than £366	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
£95-£146	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£251-£288	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

g) Are they already on the Housing Waiting List?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have answered yes to either question 7, 8 or 9 and you, or any member of your present or previous household, wish to be considered for an affordable home in Dymock please provide your name and address below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

10. Please use this space for any comments you may wish to make:

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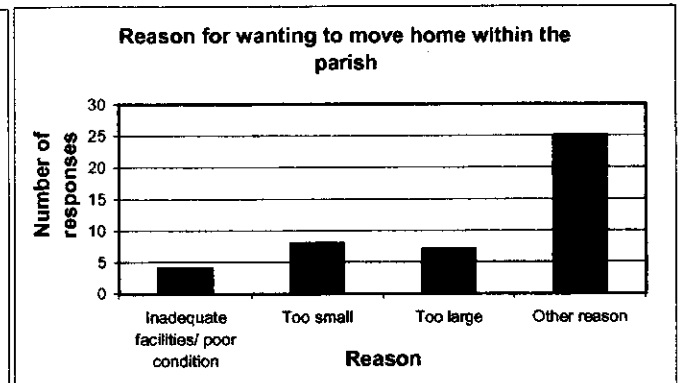
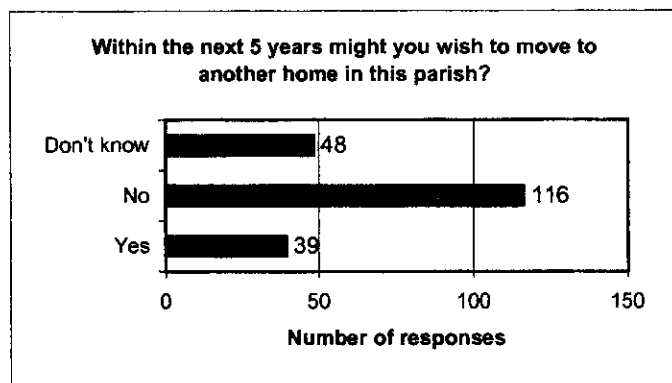
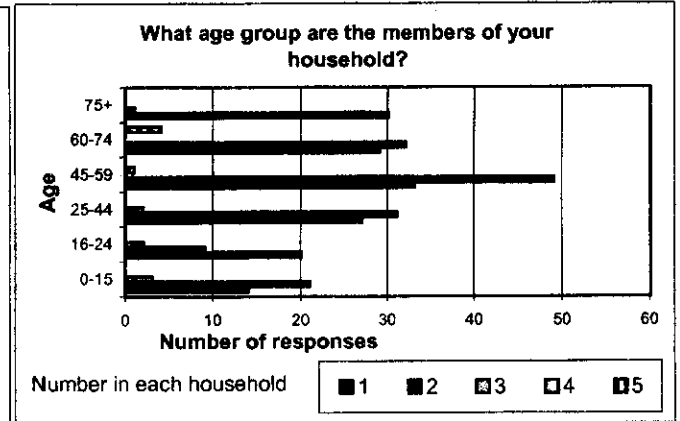
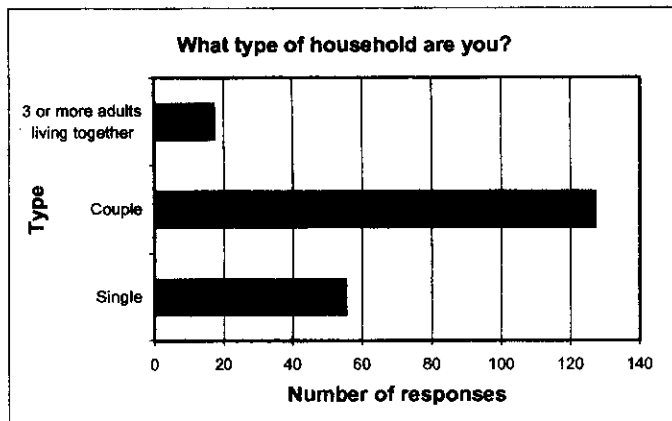
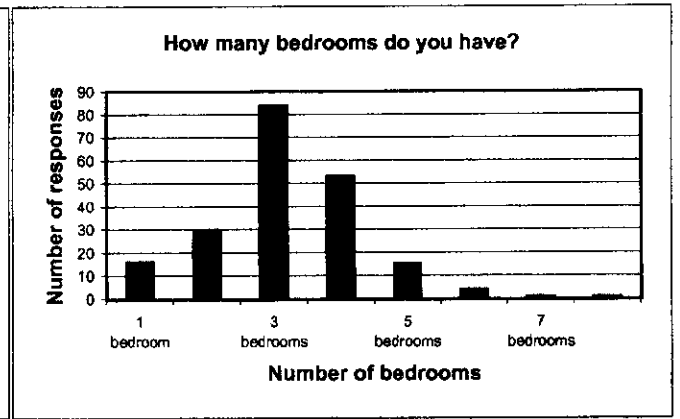
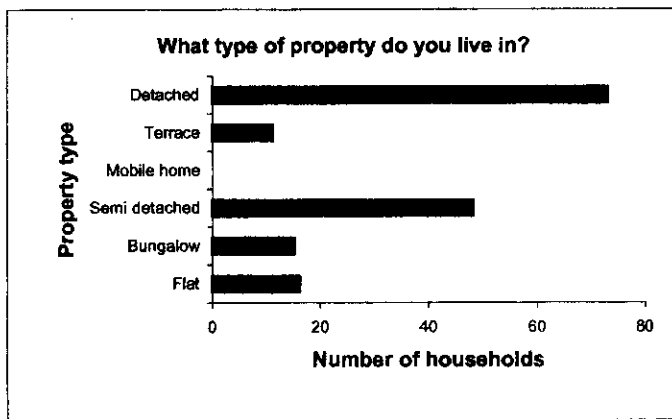
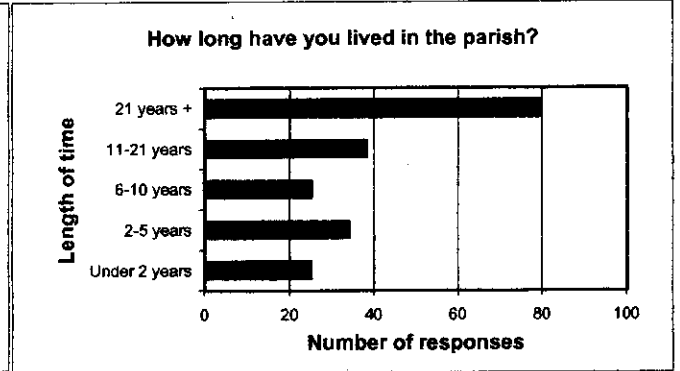
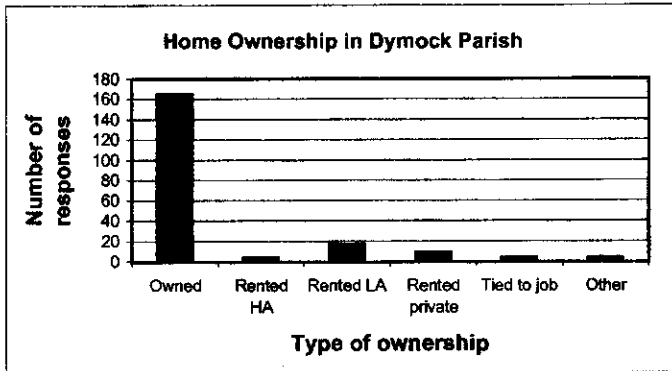
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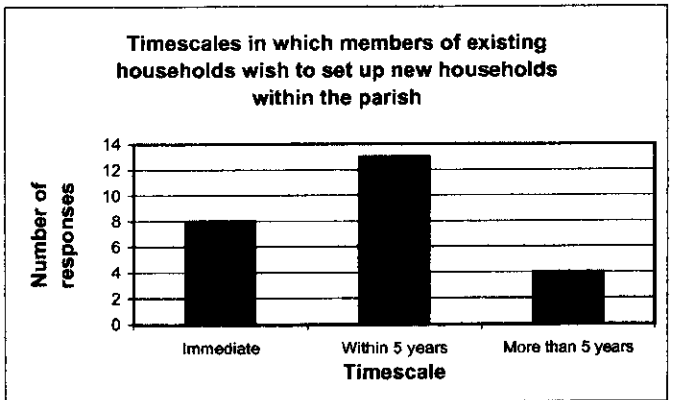
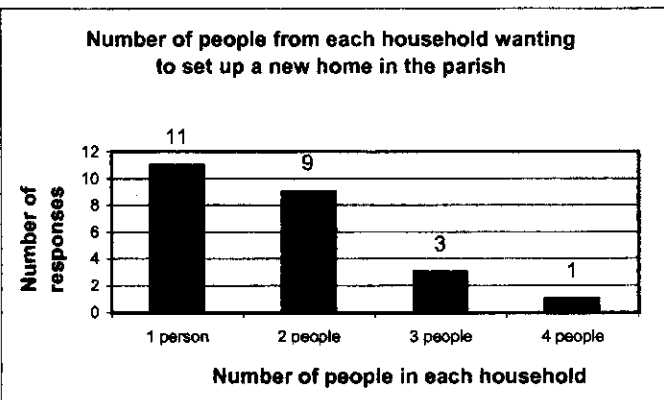
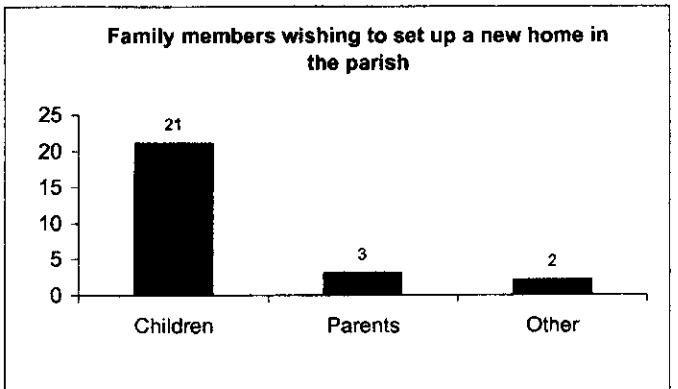
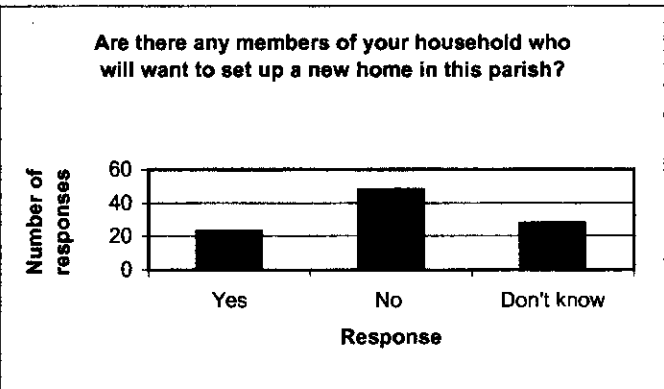
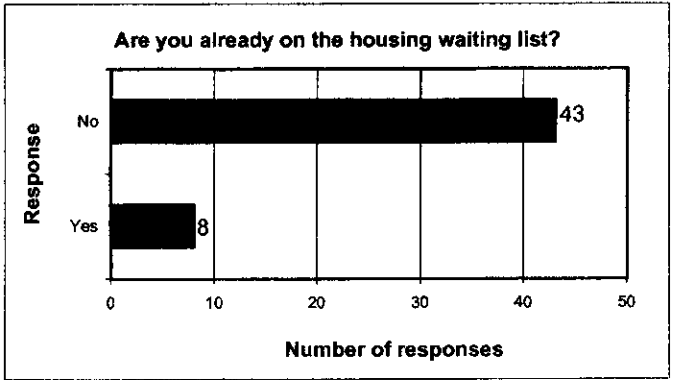
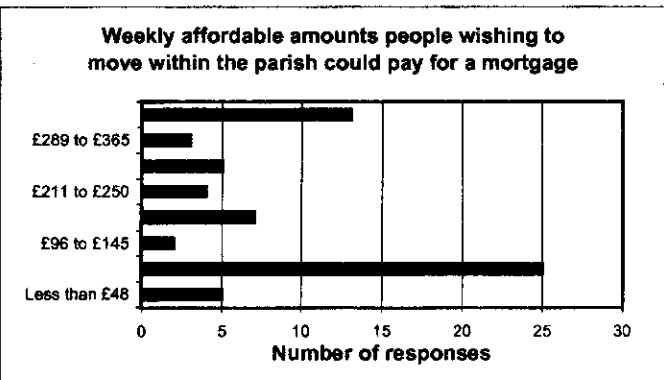
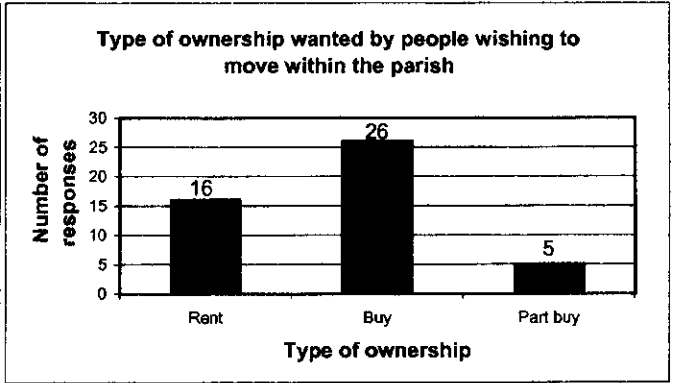
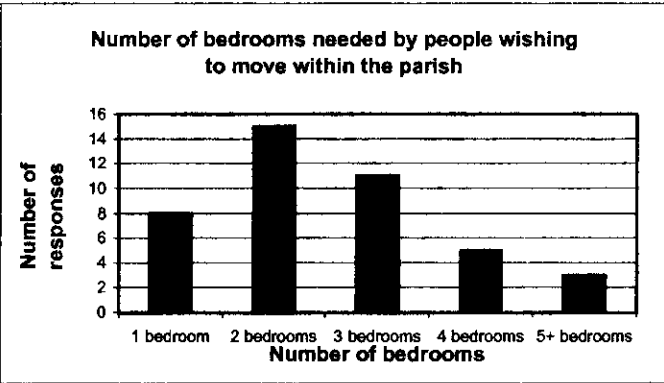
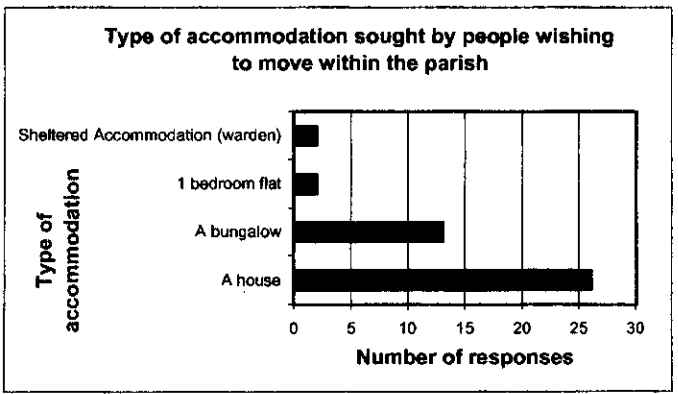
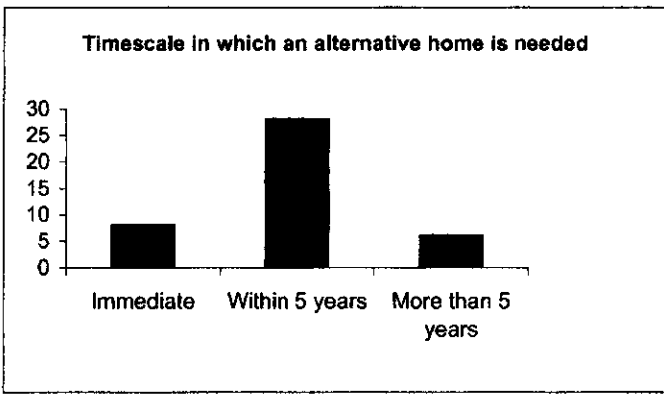
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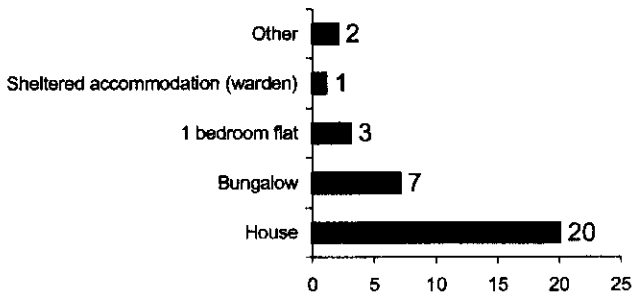
# Appendix 6

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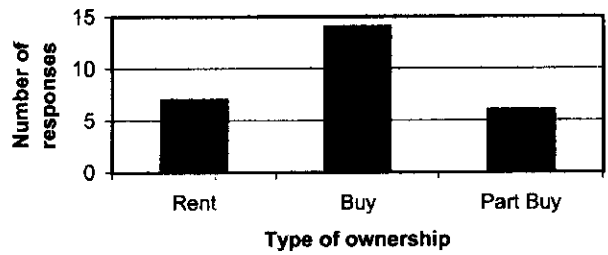




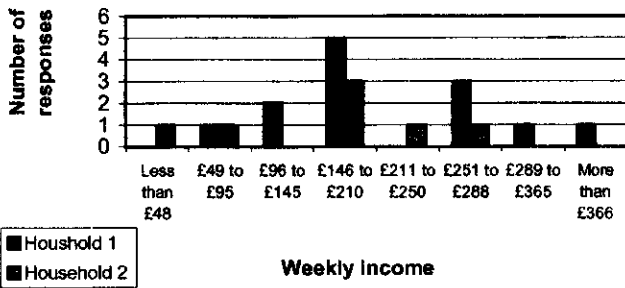
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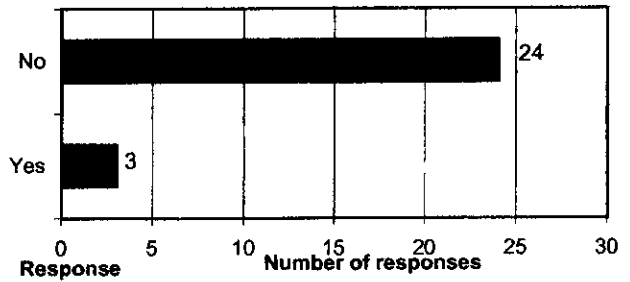
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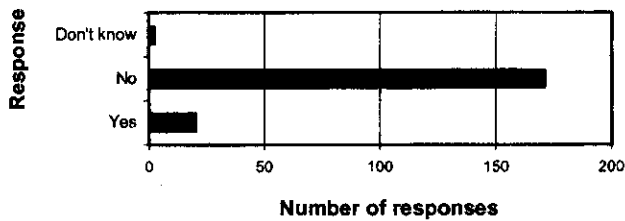
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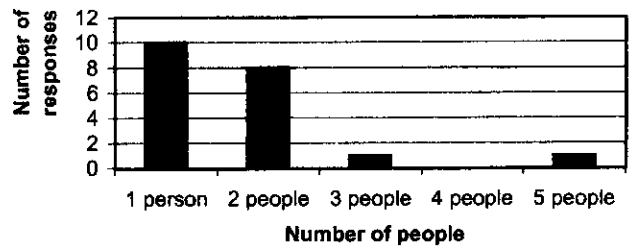
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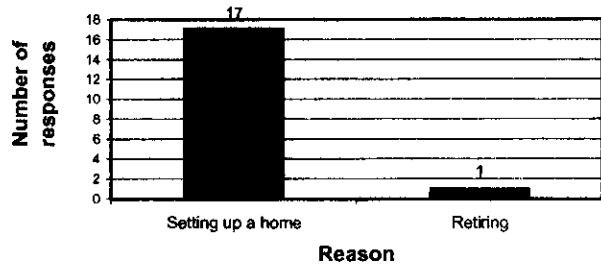
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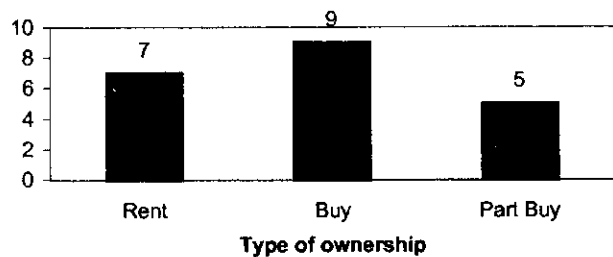
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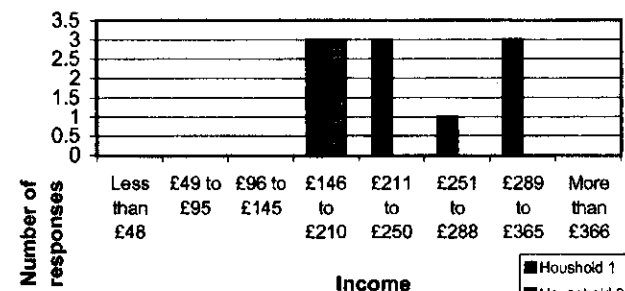
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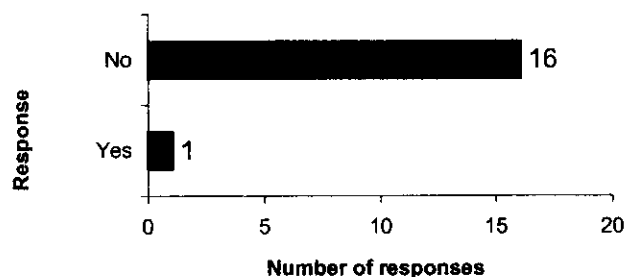
**Ownership preferred by people wishing to move back to the parish**



**Weekly income of people wishing to move back to the parish**



**Are people wishing to move back into the parish already on the housing waiting list?**



# Appendix 7

## Young Person's Questionnaire

# What I want!

### What would you like to see in Dymock Parish?

These questions are designed to find out what you want to do in your spare time. We need you to say what you would like to see for young people in Dymock parish. Use the pictures and list of examples down the side of the pages to give you some ideas, and use the blank lines to write down your thoughts.

1. How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Where do you live?

Brooms Green


Donnington

Dymock

Four Oaks

Hallwood Green

Knights Green


Leddington

Ryton

Tillers Green

Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

3. What sort of activities would you like to undertake in Dymock Parish Hall or other village halls and public buildings in the parish?

Listening to/ making music


Café/ Coffee bar

Games like darts/ snooker/ skittles

Arts/ craft

Films

Parties

Karate/ other martial arts

Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_


4. What sports do you enjoy?

Basketball/ netball

BMX/ bikes

Skateboarding

Swimming


Football/ rugby

Hockey

Cricket

Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_


5. What would you like to learn more about?

Music making

Dancing/ line dancing

Skate boarding

Fashion design/ art/ craft


Martial Arts

Computers/ the web

Drama/ acting

Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_


6. Would you like to go on trips?  
If yes, what trips?

To a concert

To a skate park

To a farm park

Ice skating

To an event e.g. Clothes Show


Yes

No

To a youth café

To the theatre/ pantomime

To go on a walk/ bike ride

Ten pin bowling

Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_




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7. Although there is already a youth club, what age groups do you think should meet together and at what times/ days?




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8. What do you normally do in your spare time, and which groups or clubs are you a member of (state where they are based e.g. Newent / Ledbury)?




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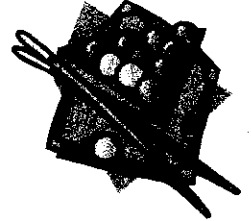


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9. What would you really like to do? What would be your priority from the ideas you have given on the first page?




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10. Are there any activities you would like to undertake with your parents?



Yes

No

If 'yes', what?

Trips out


Sports


Competitions

Films

Parties

Drama/ music making

Fun Days

Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_



11. Is there enough to do in Dymock parish for young people?

Yes

No

If 'no', what could be done to improve the situation?



More equipment at the play area


Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

More groups/ clubs/ trips

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Lessons/ courses



12. To get the activities/ facilities you want we will need your help! Please give your name, address and telephone number (this will be confidential).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

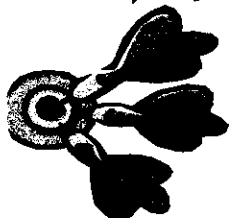
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# Appendix 8

## Young person's questionnaire

### Written answers and comments under 'other'

#### 3. What sorts of activities would you like to undertake in Dymock Parish Hall or other village halls and public buildings in the parish?

- Skating ramps (3)
- Skate park (3)
- Blading
- BMX-ing (2)
- Swimming (2)
- Kick boxing

#### 4. What sports do you enjoy?

- Horse riding (2)
- Horse shows
- Martial arts
- Motocross
- Archery
- Rounders
- Squash
- Running
- Skating
- Blades

#### 5. What would you like to learn more about?

- Blading (2)
- Skating
- Ice skating
- Hockey (2)
- Cheerleading for football (2)
- Biking
- Conservation
- History

#### 6. Would you like to go on trips? If 'yes' what trips?

- Theme park (3)
- Skiing (2)
- Horse shows
- Museums
- Drama Class

#### 7. Although there is already a youth club, what age groups do you think should meet together and at what times/ days?

##### Young children up to 9 years

- In my opinion I think there could be a toddlers group in the day 1-3 year olds.
- I think there should be a club for 4-7 year olds.
- On Sundays and Monday for 3-5s 6pm – 7pm.
- Monday 3-5s at 3-5pm, Tuesday 5-7 at 5-7pm.
- Over 5s Monday at 3pm.
- 5-6s Monday and 7-8s Tuesday.
- Tuesdays and Fridays over 6 years old 7pm – 8:30pm. Mondays 5-9 years old at 6-7pm.
- 7 and under, 4-5pm Saturday.
- 6 – 9 year olds.
- 7-9s (6-7pm) and 4+ (5-6pm).
- Thursday 7-9s.
- 7 –9s Friday (4-5:30pm).
- Friday 7-9 year olds.
- Friday 7-9s (5:30pm – 7pm)
- Thursday 7-10s at 7-9pm.
- 7 – 10s 6-7pm Friday.
- Tuesday 5:30 to 6:30 ages 7 and over.
- Wednesday at 6pm 8 – 10s.
- 9-10s Wednesday
- 9 and under every fortnight on Monday.
- It should be 10 and over & 9 and under

- 8 and 9 years old at 7pm – 8pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- 8 and 9 years old at 7pm – 8pm Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.
- 8 and 9 years old at 7pm – 8pm Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

#### Middle age group

- 5-11 years 2pm Tuesday.
- Tuesday 5:30 – 7pm ages 5-11.
- Age 8 – 11 Monday and Friday.
- 8+ at 5:30pm on Wednesday and Friday.
- 8-12 year olds at 3:20 till 5pm.
- Age 9-11 at 6:30 – 8:30pm on Tuesday.
- 10- 12s on a Monday (6-8pm).
- Mondays 10-12s.
- Tuesdays 10-12 year olds at 7-8pm
- Friday 10-12s (7pm – 8:30pm)
- Friday 6-8pm age 10 only.
- Over 10s Wednesday at 3pm
- I think the age groups should be 10 +
- 10 and over every fortnight on Monday.

#### Teenagers

- 7-14s on Tuesday.
- 7-12s 6pm Monday.
- 8-12s at 7-8:30pm on Friday.
- 8-16s at 6:30 –8pm.
- 8 – 14s on a Tuesday at 6:30 – 9:00pm.
- Tuesday 6:30 to 7:30 and Thursday 5:30 to 6:30 – the age group should be 8-14 year olds.
- I think ages 9-16 on Sundays because there is always boring stuff to do.
- I think 9-15s at 7 – 9:30pm.
- 10 – 12 years old from 7-9pm and 13-16 year olds 6-7:30pm.
- 10- 15 year olds on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30 to 8:00pm
- I think 10-13s on Fridays.
- Monday 10-14, Tuesday 15-18 and
- 11-12s Friday.
- 11+ 7-8pm Friday.
- 11+ (7-8pm),
- 11-18 year olds 9pm – 1am.
- 12-16s
- 12-16s on Friday.
- 12+ Tuesday 5-8pm.
- 13-15s (8pm- 9:30pm).
- Tuesday 13-15s, Wednesday 16-18s,
- 13-16s on Tuesday (7-9pm).
- 13 to 16 year olds (x2 comments).
- 13-16s Mondays and Thursdays.
- Wednesdays 13-17 years olds 8-9pm.
- 14 + Thursdays/Fridays around 8pm.
- Over 15s Friday at 4pm.

#### Wide age range suggestions

- All ages could meet Saturday and Sunday at 8pm.
- All ages on a Thursday.
- 10-18s Tuesday and Friday at 7-9pm.
- Mondays from 9pm – 11pm ages 12 – 21.

#### Weekend & After school suggestions

- We should meet after school: the same place as youth club the ages are: 9-15 at 7-9:30pm.
- 10-12 years and 13 – 16 years after school.
- 12-16s after school.
- 11-16s after school.
- After school and on weekends 12-18 age group.
- I think the ages should be 9-15 on Sundays because there is nothing to do on Sundays and I think the time should be 9 – 12noon.
- 8-12s and 5-7s at 3 – 4:30pm on Sunday.

- 10-15s on Saturdays.
- 12-18s on weekends.
- 8:30 – 10:30pm Saturday.

#### Time only suggestions

- Friday 6-7pm.
- 4pm – 9pm Tuesday.
- Friday 12 – 2pm.
- Thursday 5-7pm.
- Friday and Monday 6-8pm.
- 8:30 – 10:30pm Friday.

#### Other comments

- None. There are enough in other places. This whole thing is a waste of time.

### **8. What do you normally do in your spare time, and which groups or clubs are you a member of?**

#### Non-organised activities

- I play on my computer/ computer games (7)
- I usually watch TV (6).
- Skateboarding (5)
- Visit the skate park in Newent, Football in Weston-under-Penyard.
- Visit Ledbury to skateboard.
- Riding my bike. (4)
- BMX-ing (4)
- I play football (3)
- I play outside (3)
- I run and play with my dog.
- In my spare time I help on the farm.
- I read and play piano.
- I write stories in my spare time.
- I don't do a lot.

#### Organised groups/ clubs/ activities

- Brownies in Dymock (10)
- I go to youth club in Dymock. (7)
- Netball at School in Dymock. (12)
- Football at School in Dymock (8)
- Dance at School in Dymock. (7)
- Clarinet club at School in Dymock. (3)
- Music Club, Dymock (3)
- Cricket at Dymock
- God Squad in Dymock (3)
- Christian Club in Dymock (2)
- Gorsley chapel group (2)
- Football club in Newent (3)
- Rugby in Ledbury (2)
- Hockey in Ledbury (3)
- Newent swimming club (2)
- Ledbury swimming club (6)
- Gloucester swimming club
- Ledbury hunt pony club (3)
- Judo in Ledbury.
- Karate club (Ledbury)
- Kung fu in Gloucester.
- Piano in Much Marcle (2)
- Piano in Newent.
- Trampolining in Newent on Monday (3)
- Ledbury Stage Coach - (drama, dance, singing) (3)
- Ballet in Malvern.

#### Non specified activity or location

- Football club (no location stated) (6)
- Horse riding (4)
- Swimming (4)
- Karate (2)
- Kung Fu.
- Martial arts.
- Gymnastics (2)
- Adventurers
- ATC (air cadets)
- Running.
- Table tennis
- Rugby
- Groups in Dymock, Coleford & Gorsley.
- School clubs.

## **9. What would you really like to do? What would be your priority activity?**

### Keep Dymock parish the same

- I don't want Dymock to change (2)
- Dymock is fine as it is.
- I like Dymock how it is. If you put too much in Dymock it will ruin it because you can just go to Newent and Ledbury.
- I don't think you should change Dymock. I live in Pauntley and Newent is so close that there is no point.
- We do not want Dymock to change. That is why we moved here. We all have cars so we can travel. None of us want to spoil it.
- I don't really need a skatepark etc. because there is one in Newent and Ledbury.

### Priority ideas for new activities

- Some new things to do in the park.
- To have more activities in Dymock/ more clubs (2)
- Sports (2)
- Football (3)
- Another football club.
- Hockey (4)
- Netball (2)
- I'd like to have a netball court in the park.
- Rugby pitch (3)
- Cricket
- Swimming (6)
- Ice skating (5)
- Skating/ Skate park (11)
- Skate ramps in the field near the park
- BMX (6)
- Bike rides (2)
- Horse Riding (5)
- Running (2)
- Martial Arts/ Karate (6)
- Acting/ Drama (5)
- I want a school trip to a drama class.
- Dance (4)
- Line dancing
- Singing
- Music making
- Art/ Arts and craft (15)
- Indoor games
- Organise party nights once a week.
- Films
- To go to cinemas.
- To learn about the web and PC.

## **10. Are there any activities you would like to undertake with your parents?**

- Swimming (2)
- Horse riding
- Bike rides

## **11. Is there enough to do in Dymock? If 'no', what could be done to improve the situation?**

- Skate park/ skateboarding (5)
- Skate ramps in the field near the park.
- BMX jumps
- A football goal in the park.
- Zip wires in the park.
- There are enough facilities in Newent and Ledbury
- An army assault course.
- Trips to Newent youth centre.
- A new bridleway.
- Lessons on acting.
- We have cars for transport elsewhere.

# Appendix 9

## Local Business Questionnaire

### Dymock Parish Development Plan

	<u>Yes</u>
1. My company is a small family business.	
2. I have a vacancy for a trainee now.	
3. I may have a vacancy for a trainee in the future.	
4. I am able to offer NVQ level training.	
5. I already co-operate with the local colleges. (GLOSCAT, Royal Forest of Dean, Hartpury)	
6. I would be willing to co-operate with the local colleges in the future.	
7. I am aware that Government funding is available to provide support for youth employment.	
8. I am aware that Lottery funding is available to provide support for youth employment.	
9. I would like to be involved with future developments in this project.	
10. I would like further information on the following topics. (Enter topic numbers in the box on the right.)	
11. If we were to produce a 'Directory of Local Services' would you wish to be included?	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# Appendix 10

## Photographs from Dymock Parish Development Plan Community Events

