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Parish Plan 2008 – 2011



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Introduction – Objectives and Process

The Parish Plan scheme was launched by the Countryside Agency several years ago and responsibility for funding has been delegated down to authorities closer to the ground. The concept is for a 'bottom up' approach to a plan to address the concerns of residents and to steer the parish in the direction which residents wish to see it develop.

The Newland Parish Plan process was started in March 2005 when a public meeting attracted residents from right across the parish and at which ideas and aspirations were 'brainstormed'. Those ideas have been collated and refined and a further public meeting early in 2007 saw the first draft of the plan presented to the parish.

The plan which is detailed in this volume addresses issues at several levels. Some of these can be resolved by the community itself whilst others will need to be led by other bodies such as the District and County Councils. All the elements of the plan are designed to meet the aspirations expressed by residents and to improve the well being of all of us.

Now that the plan has been published, the responsibility for moving it forward by the implementation of an Action Plan will be passed to the Parish Plan Steering Committee which will comprise a number of residents and Parish Councillors. The plan remains the 'property' of the Parish Council who will be required to approve each step of the Action Plan.

The Parish Plan is intended to be a living document and as such it will be re-assessed regularly to take account of changing needs and priorities – some elements of the Action Plan may be dropped; new ones may be included. We do not intend that it should sit on a shelf somewhere gathering dust! Too much time and effort has gone into it for that.

We have indicated the priority each action plan has been allocated:

H – high (2008-09),
M - medium (2009-10)
L- low (2010-11)

in some cases timing cannot be allocated and in these instances they have been annotated as 'ongoing' or 'as required'.

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who have attended meetings and those whose efforts have brought the plan to fruition. Thanks also, in anticipation, to those who will now use the Action Plan to improve life in our parish.

Acknowledgements

As Chairman of the Parish Council I would like firstly to thank the Parish Council for initiating the idea of developing the Parish Plan. Secondly to offer my sincere thanks to all those involved in the preparation of the plan including my fellow Parish Councillors (past and present), and to the members of the public who completed their questionnaires and those who have attended the public meetings.

Invaluable assistance has been provided by the Forest of Dean District Council in meeting the majority of the costs.

We have also received support and advice from the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council for analysing the results of the questionnaires, and specifically from Kate Baugh for sharing her experiences with other parishes with us.

My thanks go also to Gloucestershire County Council reprographics department for printing this booklet for us at well below market costs.

Thanks are also due to

- those members of the public who delivered and collected the questionnaires
- those businesses who allowed us to use them as drop off points
- specifically to Parish Councillors Terry Hale, Marie Griffiths, Teri Chance and, initially Nicky Jones who formed the working group to bring the plan to this stage
- our Clerk Richard Crighton for collating all the information, providing the photographs and producing this booklet

We now have to move forward. A Steering Group will decide on the priorities within the action plan. It is they who will bring proposals forward to the Parish Council for agreement. We would really like representation from Newland and Redbrook on the Steering Group, so please let us know if you wish to become involved.

The Parish Plan is intended as a living working document which I hope and trust will improve life for the community of our parish. As time goes by some elements of the Action Plan will increase in importance; some will become less important, and so we will review the plan from time to time and make adjustments in the light of changing priorities and needs.

John James
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Newland Parish Council
1 November 2007

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History of Clearwell



The central point in Clearwell is the Cross which was erected in the 14th century; it was called the High Cross in 1624 and the Upper Cross in 1705 suggesting a second cross elsewhere.

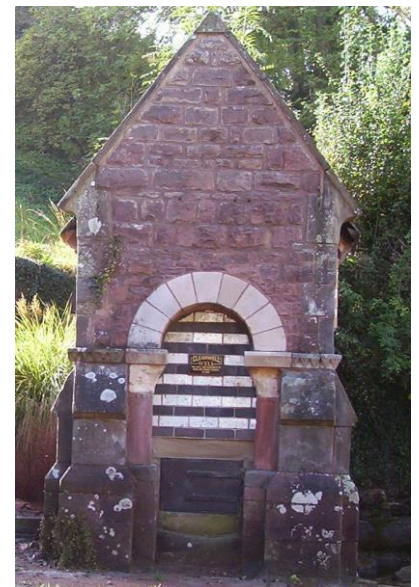
The source of water from which the village name derives (although it was originally known as Wellington and then Clowerwell) is a clear spring which emerges in the village at the well (picture below) and then flows down into the Valley Brook and ultimately the River Wye. The well was constructed in about 1860 by the Dunravens and was renovated by the Parish Council in 2005.

There were houses in the village by 1300 and by 1349 there were 23 but most of them were replaced in the late 18th and 19th century, some however remained. Stank Farm was built in the 17th century as was Stock Farm (now Tudor Cottage and Tudor Farmhouse Hotel) and The Wyndham Arms Hotel. Although there is no evidence of any stocks being in the vicinity of Stock Farm (Tudor Cottage), it is believed that there was hangman's gallows in the grounds of the Wyndham Hotel!

In 1830 the Chapel of Ease was built but it was replaced by a new church built in 1863 by the Countess of Dunraven, owner of the Clearwell estate. The new church was designed in the high Victorian style by John Middleton of Cheltenham and is built of dark Forest sandstone with Bath stone dressings. The Countess also built a school in 1859 to replace one built in 1847, and a cottage hospital in 1869. The recreation ground was laid out before 1934 and later in that decade Col. Vereker of Clearwell Court organised unemployed men in building an open-air swimming pool there.

Clearwell Court (or Castle as it is now known) is an ancient mansion built of Forest stone standing in 90 acres on what is believed to have been the site of a Roman villa. The original castle was pulled down and the present one built in 1740 by Thomas Wyndham. It survived a fire in 1929 and was repaired by Major Vereker. Water for the castle was supplied from a pump house opposite the bottom of the driveway which also had a drinking fountain for dogs (one of the few in the country), one for horses and a brass cup and chain for weary travellers.

In the early 19th and 20th centuries the village was inhabited mainly by small freeholders, often engaged in village crafts or mining and quarrying. Nail making was a trade carried on throughout the 19th century, employing six men in 1851 – in the same year there was also a tannery.



History of Newland



Visitors to the “Cathedral of the Forest” often ask why such a large church in such a small village?

From the start Crown and Court shaped the history of Newland. As the name suggests, NEW land is a late development. Neighbouring villages, Staunton and St Briavels were well established with fine stone Romanesque churches long before Robert of Wakering built a church on the hillside above the Blackbrook and Redbrook valleys in the second decade of the thirteenth century.

The name, Nova Terra referred to the clearings made in the forest for new cultivation, incursions into the large tracts of land owned by the Crown, which apart from a value in minerals, food supply and timber, offered the king his major occupation, the recreation of the hunt.

These were achieved as much by stealth as officially, but King John in financial distress had ordered his chief forester, Hugh de Neville, “to make our profit by selling woods and demising assarts”. Licensed scattered settlement at Highmeadow, Ashridge, Redbrook and Clearwell emerged, and most significantly for Newland one called “Welinton”, (“the farmstead by the willows”- Spout Farm) where a moated “manor house” was later built to survive until the 18th Century

The essential factor for these hamlets was the swathe of newly available wide fertile fields that stretched from Highmeadow around the hillsides down to the Valley Brook, and these were the Nova Terra, the new lands. But while the name was adopted for the parish, the village that evolved around the church was known for centuries as “Churchend.” The church builder, Robert of Wakering, King John’s “beloved clerk” was the trusted agent of Hugh de Neville. The church probably reflected his master’s policy, who substantially improved the castle at St Briavels, the administrative centre for the Constable of the forest, and a manor was created in Newland to be held with the castle as part of a royal estate.

Early rectors were royal appointees, as though the office was a royal plum bestowed on men of substance. William Gifford, for example, was later Archbishop of York. King Edward 1’s favours caused dismay when he granted the rector, John of London, a sudden bounty of tithe revenue charged on 2000 acres of ascertained illegal assarts from various forest parishes, but dismay turned to outrage when Edward then transferred the church in total, with all its revenues to the Bishop of Llandaff in 1305. The Newland tithe barn was raided, forest clergy hampered and harassed. The Bishop’s men and were in turn, themselves, summoned to court. However, the King’s will prevailed. No doubt the chantry altar dedicated to King Edward’s service in the church heard fulsome and grateful prayer, and there is no doubt that these enrichments provided the means to rebuild the church to its present large dimensions.

An aura of prosperity was at Churchend from the start, initially derived from agriculture and iron ore, it was compounded later with coal, tanning and even shipping. Wealthy family estates developed about the Nova Terra and their patronage nurtured the development of the village. Robert and Joan Greyndour founded and endowed a valued chantry school (15th Century), then after the reformation an ex-pupil, Edward Bell, re-endowed the village with a Grammar School. In 1615 William Jones, on his death bed, entrusted the Haberdashers company with a stupendous £5000 for the parish of Newland, “for the poor there”. The school house building and the William Jones almshouses survive and importantly define this moment in history, and many hope that the four hundred year contribution to village life made by the Jones almshouse will be allowed to continue.

The village prospered throughout the Middle Ages; archives provide us with names of the early inhabitants and it impresses how many topographical names current until the last century go back to those mediaeval residents. From the 15th Century an unofficial market was set up in the churchyard, seizing the opportunity presented by large congregations gathered there on feast days. The clergy protested that the butchers sold their meat during the service. Court records inform of a community where a wife was sold for sixpence in a pub, a couple was burnt as witches, and a successful case was prosecuted against a woman who had slandered a ghost.

The village, as seen now, came into focus in the 18th Century, often described as “like a cathedral close”. It was transformed by the Probyn family whose prestige was established when Edmund Probyn was knighted then made Chief Baron of the Exchequer. From the late 17th Century onwards the Probyn family rebuilt at Spout Farm, the Ostrich, the old village shop, the Dark (Dower) House and probably the Tan House. The village was radically transformed when they cleared the hillside south west of the church, of lanes and cottages to build the 18th Century mansion and garden outlook, (Newland House, later sadly altered.) At that time Newland was published as “one of finest villages in county” and inhabitants and visitors alike standing in the huge churchyard agree that remarkably little has happened since to dispel that view.



*These Almshouses,
for Eight Men and Eight Women,
Parishioners of Newland,
and the Habitation adjoining for a Lecturer, were
Founded A.D. 1615, by
M^r William Jones,
Citizen and Haberdasher of London;
and He appointed The Worshipful
Company of Haberdashers
Governors.*

*The Almshouses were
modernised in 1954 by
The Haberdashers Company
Governors of
the Charity of William Jones*

History of Redbrook



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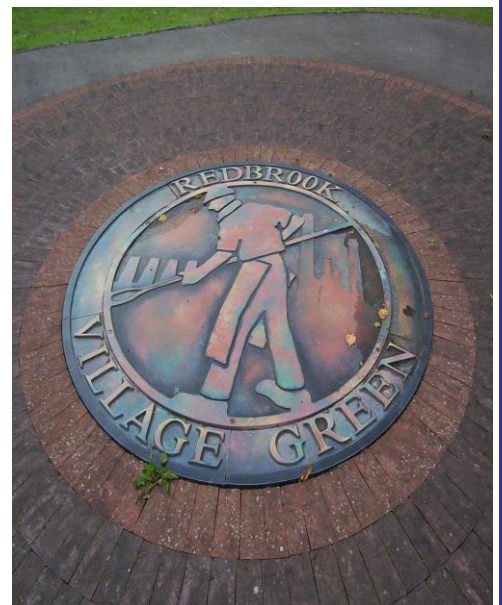
Milling was Redbrook's earliest industry, Redbrook Mill was working in 1348; in 1352 references to Redbrook Street were made – other mills followed, however it was the 17th Century which saw the beginning of the copper and tin industries. Located at the bottom of the valley, dominated by two powerful brooks Redbrook became a natural choice for processing the copper and tin brought up the River Wye on trows – the famous flat bottomed boats. Mines in Cornwall provided the raw materials and the groves on Highbury Hill provided the trees for charcoal to heat the furnaces. In 1692 the copper works arrived and by 1800 had been replaced by the tinworks. The village grew and houses were built for the workers, more than 20 tiny cottages line the track to the tinsplate works with at least 5 public houses, 2 breweries and a chapel to serve the residents.

The 19th Century saw many of Redbrook's familiar buildings arrive. The Village Hall was built through a subscription system and was the Workman's Institute, the school and church provided independence; previously villagers had to walk to Newland, and the school was held in the chapel on 'chapel steps'. The first decades of the 19th Century saw the opening of the brewery from which Brewery terrace gets its name. This, known as Burgham's Brewery used spring water which was piped through the River Wye from Penallt. A ferry linked the two villages before the bridge and footbridge were constructed at the end of the 19th Century and the middle of the 20th Century respectively.

The Wye valley road was turnpiked in 1824 and a toll house once stood opposite the Bush alongside the river. The 1800's also saw the last recorded piracy on the River Wye at Redbrook when a boat cargo was commandeered and shared among the local residents! The Incline Bridge was constructed in 1812 to carry trams which ran down behind Brewery Terrace to the works, but fell into disuse towards the middle of the century. In 1883 the railway to Coleford was opened which joined with the Wye Valley Railway which had opened in 1876. The Wye valley Railway closed to passengers in 1959 and to freight in 1964.

The early 19th Century boathouse, which many residents will remember as a virtual ruin sited on what is now the Millennium Green was taken down and is currently in the care of a local resident.. This was still in use at the beginning of the 20th Century. A famous etching from the mid 19th Century shows the tinworks and the boathouse from the other side of the river – the most interesting is the boat in the foreground which is a paddle steamer carrying well-to-do tourists through this industrial heartland.

When the Tinworks finally closed in the 1960's Redbrook industry came to an end. The closure was followed by the demolition of most of the buildings associated with the works, the final clearance of the land and the building of Tinmans Green obliterated all but the name.



The parish today

The Parish comprises the three villages of Clearwell, Newland and Redbrook, together with the hamlets of Stowe, Stowe Green and Trow Green, parts of Mork, Sling and Whitecliff and a few isolated properties on Coxbury and Wyegate Lanes.

Clearwell (including the outlying areas) has 418 registered electors¹. There are three hotels – The Wyndham Arms, The Tudor Farmhouse and The Lambsquay as well as two public houses – The Butchers Arms and The Lamb. The recreation ground is well used informally and by the cricket team and for the annual Clearwell Olympics in September. Regrettably there are no retail facilities; the last one, the Post Office, having closed in 2006.

The Church of England school provides quality education in a caring and happy environment. Mrs Chris El-Shawk has taught at the school for 17 years and was appointed Head Teacher in 2006; she is supported by a highly motivated team of teachers and support staff. The school was the first in the county to be awarded the Diana, Princess of Wales Anti Bullying Award. A new nursery was opened in 2007 in partnership with Ellwood Nursery for children aged 2 – 5 years and the school has strong links with secondary schools including Lakers, Whitecross and Monmouth Comprehensive.

The Memorial Hall was renovated in 2006 and is used by a variety of organisations, including the Parish Council for every third meeting, and for village social events

Newland has 112 registered electors¹. There is one public house – The Ostrich, and no shops. The village does however boast The Cathedral of the Forest, a fine 11th Century church. The Burial Path from Coleford terminates in the village and was used to bring coffins for burial in the churchyard.

The Village Room hosts a few village activities and the Parish Council holds every third meeting there.

Redbrook has 297 registered electors¹. There is one public house – The Bell, and the village stores and Post Office has recently re-opened.

The Church of England school has a Christian foundation which it seeks to promote by providing high quality education for all its pupils. It's ethos is underpinned by Christian values, which by experience provide a basis for life long learning. The school aims to develop an independent, confident child with a caring attitude by giving him or her as broad a curriculum as possible, treating each child as an individual and building on their strengths and weaknesses to prepare them for adult life and the world beyond and to encourage understanding and respect for others through a strong sense of Christian values.

The Village Hall is well used by local organisations, including the Parish Council for every third meeting, and for village events. The Millennium Green is regularly used for formal events and as an informal recreation area overlooking the River Wye.

The remaining areas of the parish are purely residential or farms, with the exception of The Travellers Rest pub at Stowe Green.

¹ As at December 2006

Some statistics

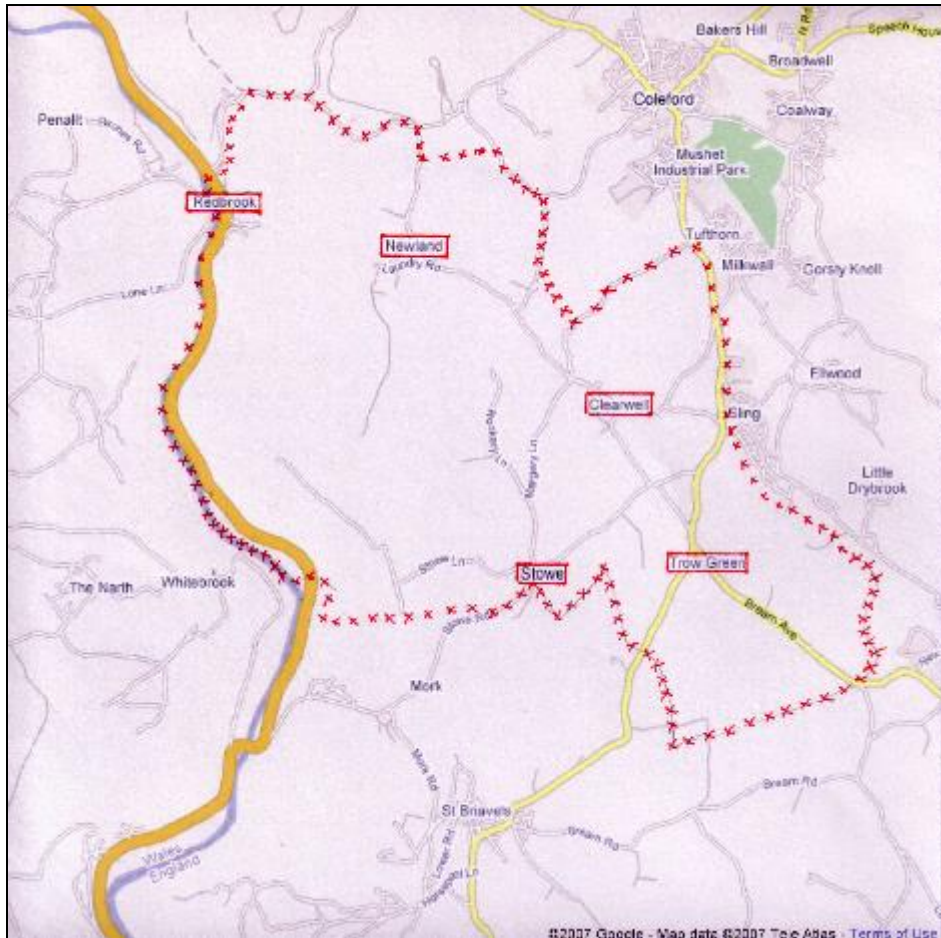
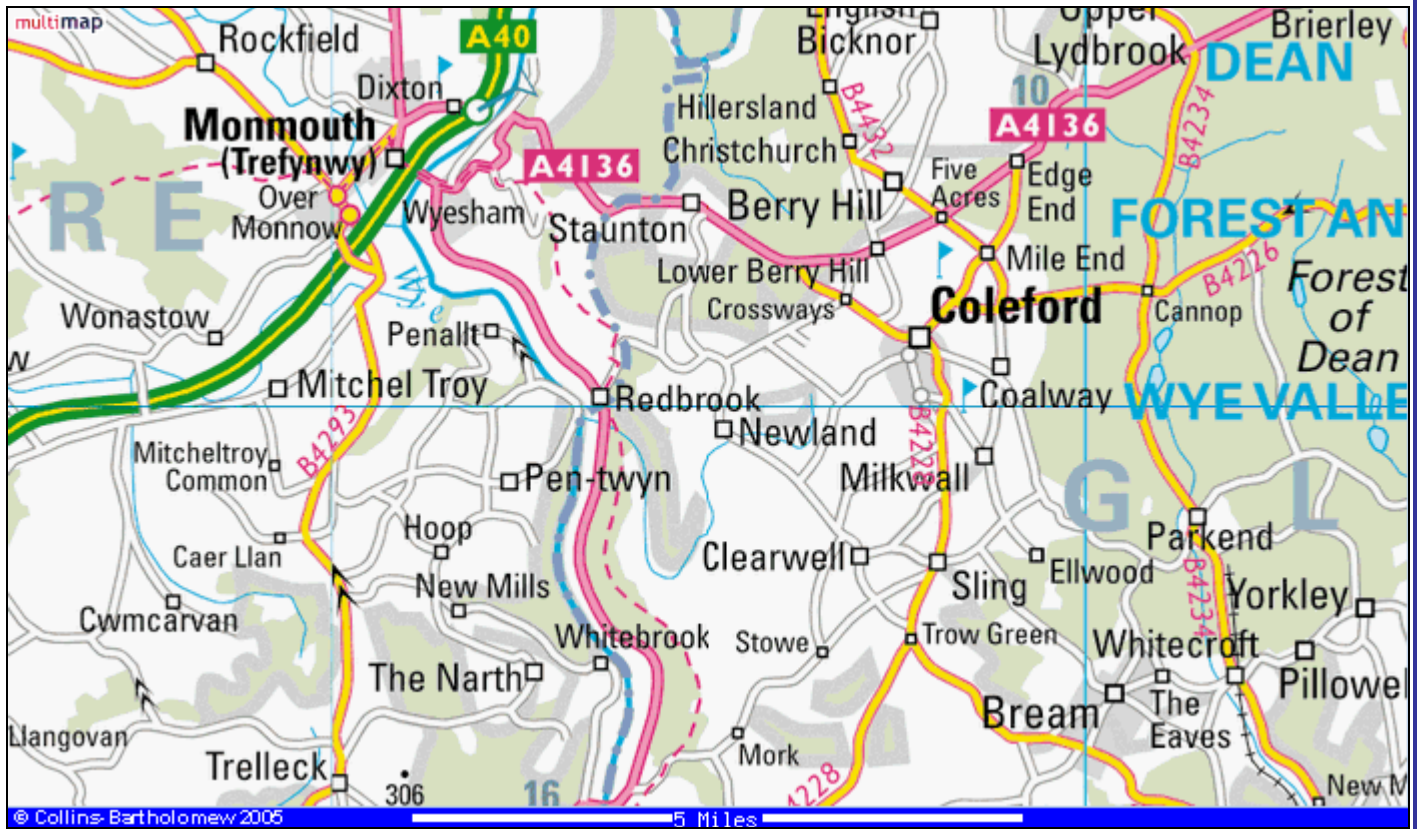
POPULATION (mid 2005 estimates) Age range	Number of People in Age Band	Percentage of Population in Age Band		
	Newland Parish	Newland Parish	Forest of Dean District	County
0-4	50	4.9	5.7	5.7
5-9	69	6.7	6.2	6.2
10-14	69	6.7	6.5	6.6
15-19	46	4.5	6.1	5.9
20-24	32	3.1	4.6	5.2
25-29	44	4.3	5.0	5.7
30-44	258	25.1	21.1	22.2
45-59	254	24.7	21.8	20.1
60-64	59	5.7	5.7	5.1
65-74	94	9.1	9.1	8.8
75-84	40	3.9	6.2	6.3
85 and Over	13	1.3	2.0	2.2
Total	1028	0.2	14.2	100.0

HOUSING AND HOUSEHOLDS (2004 MAIDeN project, 2001, Office for National Statistics)	Number of Households in Category	Percentage of Households in Category		
	Newland Parish	Newland Parish	Forest of Dean District	County
Lone Person Households	59	14.2	11.0	14.5
Lone Pensioner Households	42	10.1	14.6	14.9
Lone Parent Households	13	3.1	4.6	5.1
Lone Parent Households with Dependent Children	16	3.8	4.7	5.1
Households with No Adult in Employment and Dependent Children	19	4.6	3.4	3.1
Households Rented from a Social Landlord	48	11.5	14.3	13.7
Number of Households Without Central Heating	27	6.5	6.1	7.3
Number of Households with Shared Bathroom/ Toilet	0	0.0	0.2	0.3
Households with No Car	33	7.9	16.2	18.7

ETHNICITY <i>(2001, Office for National Statistics)</i>	Number of People in Ethnic Group	Percentage of Population in Ethnic Group		
	Newland Parish	Newland Parish	Forest of Dean District	County
White	1016	98.8	99.1	97.1
Non-White	12	1.2	0.9	2.9
Mixed	9	0.9	0.5	0.9
Black	0	0.0	0.1	0.6
Asian	3	0.3	0.3	1.2
Chinese or Other	0	0.0	0.2	0.4

EMPLOYMENT <i>2004, MAIDeN Project 2001, Office for National Statistics</i>	Newland Parish	Newland Parish	Forest of Dean District	County
	Number of People that are Unemployed (2001)	28	2.7	2.1
Number of People aged 16 to 24 that are Unemployed (2001)	6	8.7	5.9	4.4
Number of People aged Over 50 that are Unemployed (2001)	6	1.3	1.2	1.0
Number of Unemployed People that have Never Worked (2001)	3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Number of People that are Long-term Unemployed (2001)	8	0.8	0.6	0.5
Number of People that are Economically Inactive that are Permanently Sick or Disabled (2001)	48	4.7	3.4	2.7
Number of Registered Childcare Places (2003)	Figures restricted	Figures restricted	15.2	18.9

Maps – where are we?



x marks the parish boundary

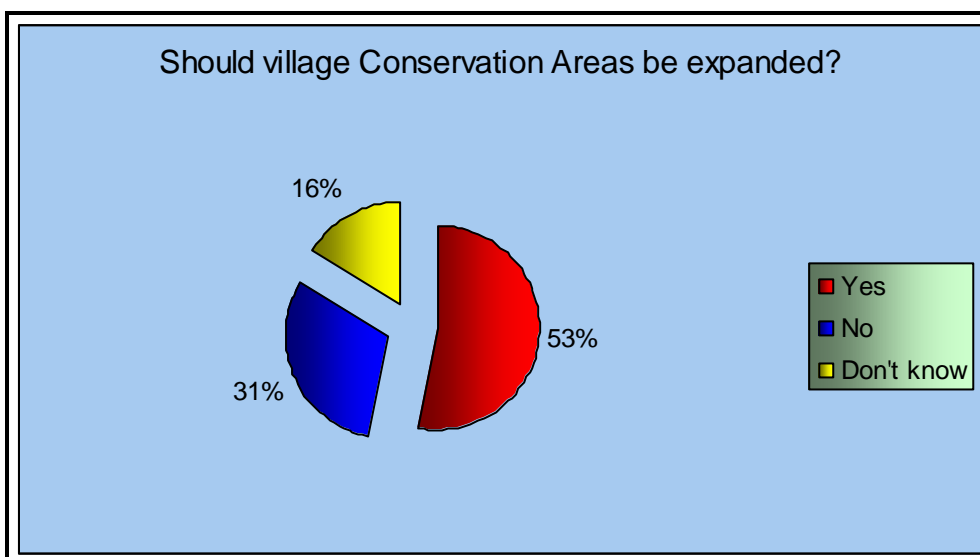
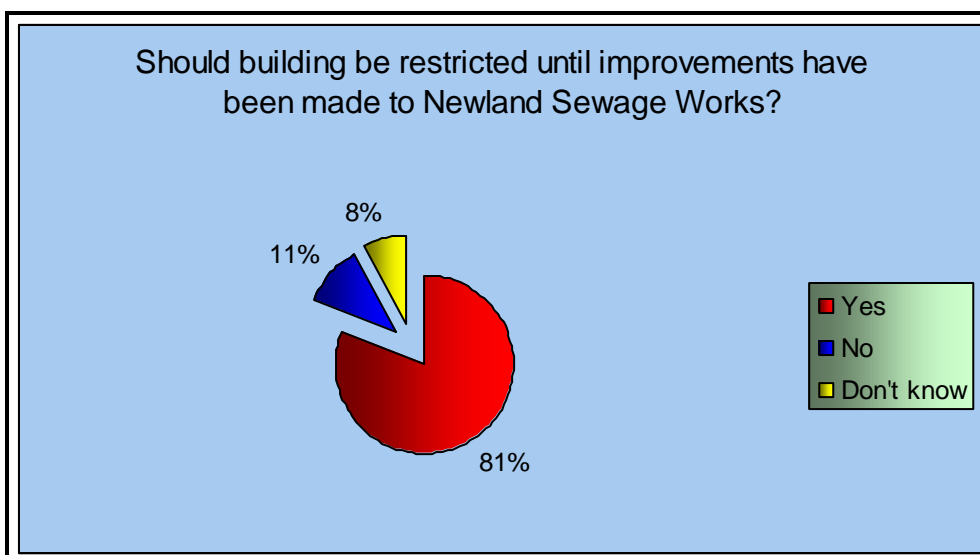
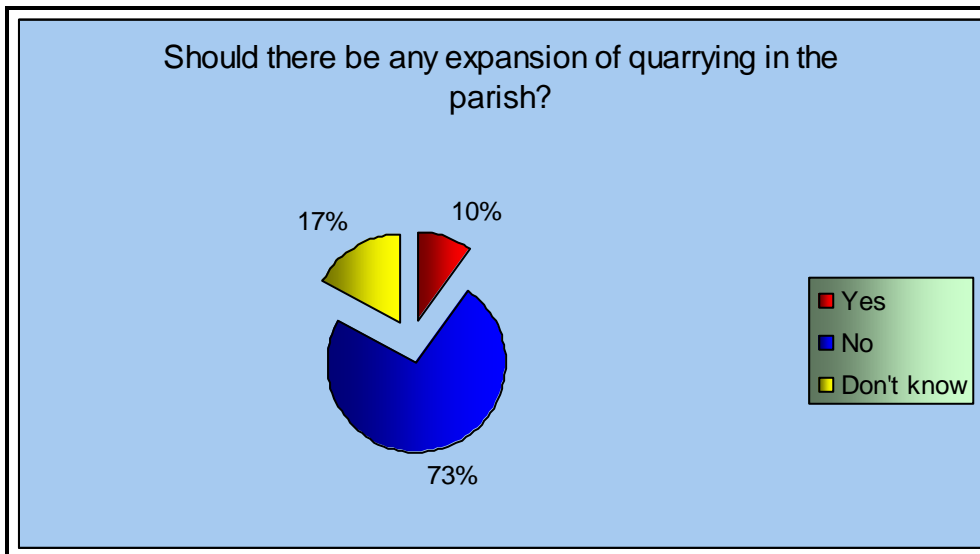
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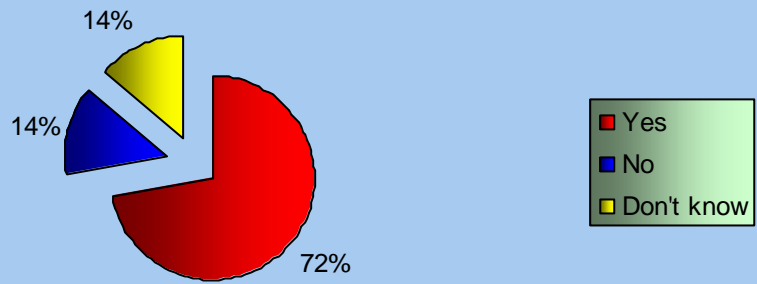
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EH	English Heritage		0117 9750667
ES	Emergency Services		01452 425014
FNC	Friends of Newland Church		
FODDC	Forest of Dean District Council		01594 810000
FCOM	Forestry Commission		01594 833057
GCCEd	Gloucestershire County Council Education Dept		01452 425300
GCCH	Gloucestershire County Council Highways		08000 514514
GCCITU	Gloucestershire County Council Integrated Transport Unit		08000 514514
GCCRW	Gloucestershire County Council Rights of Way		01452 425577
GRCC	Gloucestershire Rural Community Council		01452 528491
GWC	Gwent College, Monmouth		01600 775564
HA	Housing Associations		
HMG	HM Government		
LPA	Local Planning Authority		01594 810000
LSPBE	Local Strategic Partnership – Business & Economy		01594 810000
LSPCD	Local Strategic Partnership - Crime & Disorder Reduction		01594 810000
LSPLL	Local Strategic Partnership – Life Long Learning		01594 810000
LSPT	Local Strategic Partnership – Transport		01594 810000
MCC	Monmouthshire County Council		01600
MCCEd	Monmouthshire County Council Education Dept		01633 644644
MCCH	Monmouthshire County Council Highways		01633 644761
MP	Constituency Member of Parliament		01594 544255
NHW	Neighbourhood Watch scheme		
NPC	Newland Parish Council		see below
PCC	Parochial Church Council		
RFDC	Royal Forest of Dean College		01594 833416
SS	Social Services		
VA	Village agent		01452 528491
VH	Village Hall	Clearwell	01594 832259
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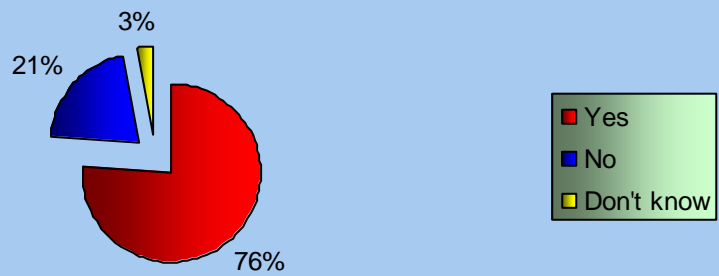
ENVIRONMENT (EN)



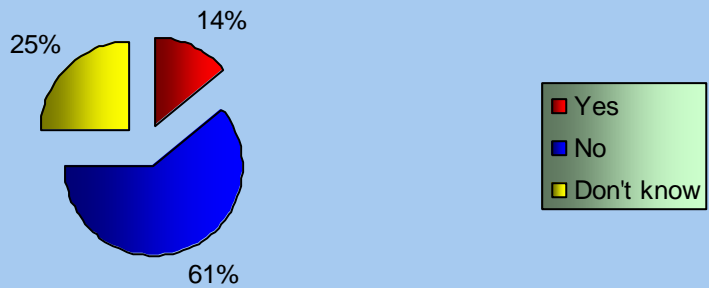
Should 'at risk' historic buildings be preserved?



Are you concerned at the amount of litter in the street or countryside?



Are there sufficient facilities for the disposal of dog waste?

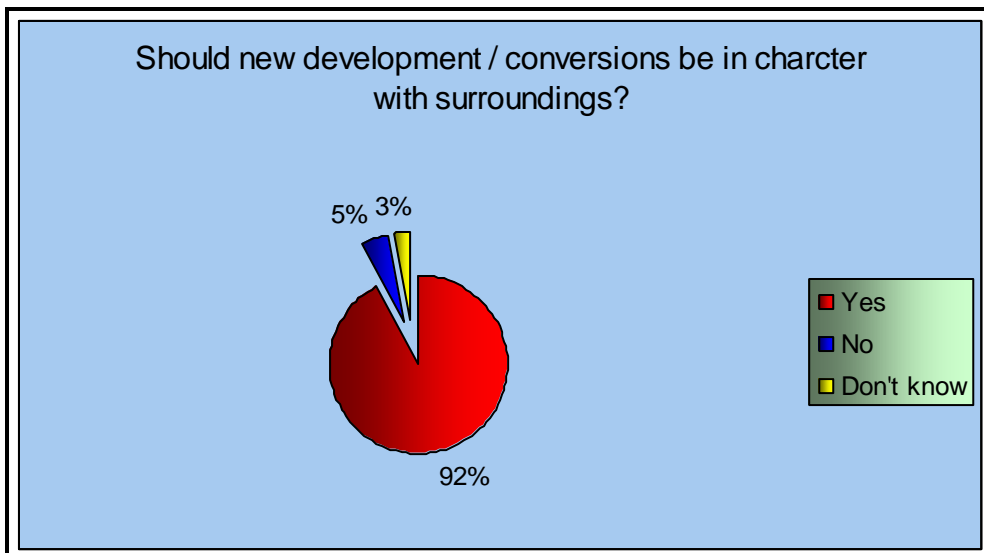
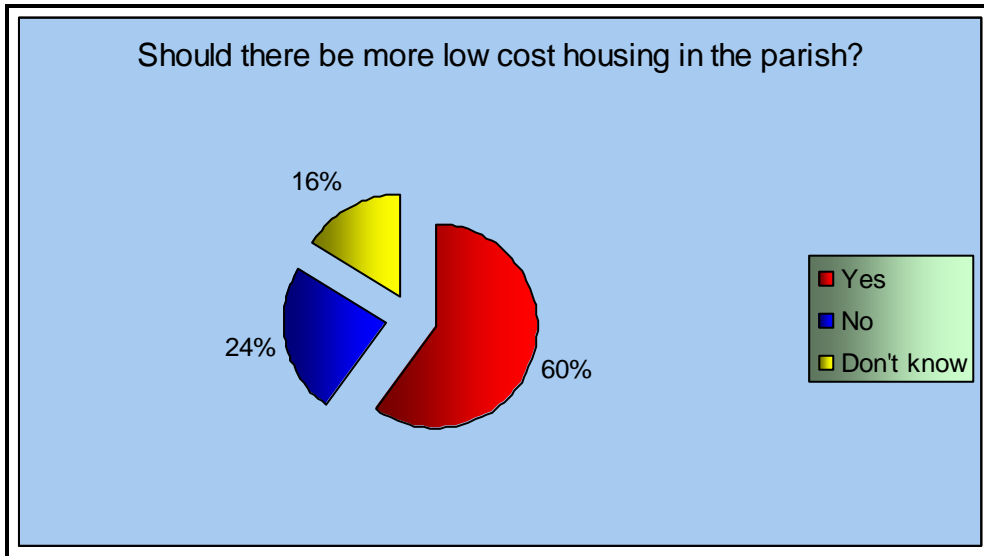


ENVIRONMENT (EN)

Ref	Objective	Action to be taken	Lead responsibility	Supporting partners	Resource / cost	Time scale	Performance measurements	Priority
EN1	Examine & act on any proposals for expansion of quarrying	Set up a committee to scrutinise and respond to planning applications Develop working relations with Quarry Work closely with GCC Planning on any planning applications	NPC	FODDC GCC EA		As planning apps submitted		H
EN2	Encourage restriction of development pending resolution of Newland WWTW	Continue pressure on LPA Liaise with FODDC Chief Planning Officer	FODDC NPC	EA WW CAP		2008 ongoing		H
EN3	Improve river water quality	Set up a meeting with WW. Investigate any problems, take appropriate action	FODDC NPC	EA WW		2008 ongoing		H
EN4	Improve surface water drainage	Set up meeting with GCCH to investigate concerns & negotiate for improved surface water drainage	NPC	GCCH EA		2008-2009		H
EN5	Minimise the effects on property of flooding	Set up meeting with EA if appropriate Set up communications tree	NPC	EA FODDC VA		2008-2009		H
EN6	Reduce amount of litter	Encourage volunteer groups to clear. Work with school on an anti litter campaign	NPC	FODDC GCCH		2009-2010		M
EN7	Investigate desire for cycle routes	Meet with FODDC & Sustrans	NPC	FODDC Sustrans FCOM		2010-2011		L
EN8	Conserve & preserve historic buildings and sites in the parish	Map listed buildings alongside those recognised by community as heritage assets Seek advice about those at risk Document measures for conservation	FODDC Conservation Officer	EH CAP FODDC Tourism LSPLL NPC	Funding required for interpretation & conservation	2009-2010		M
EN9	Reassess opportunities for recycling	Investigate recycling opportunities within the parish	NPC	FODDC Environment & Conservation Officers		2009-2010		M

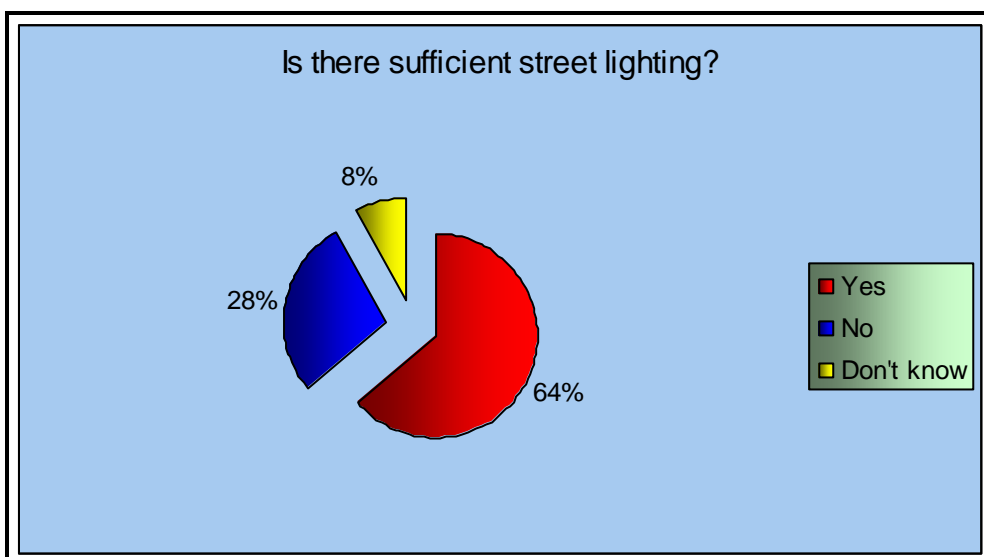
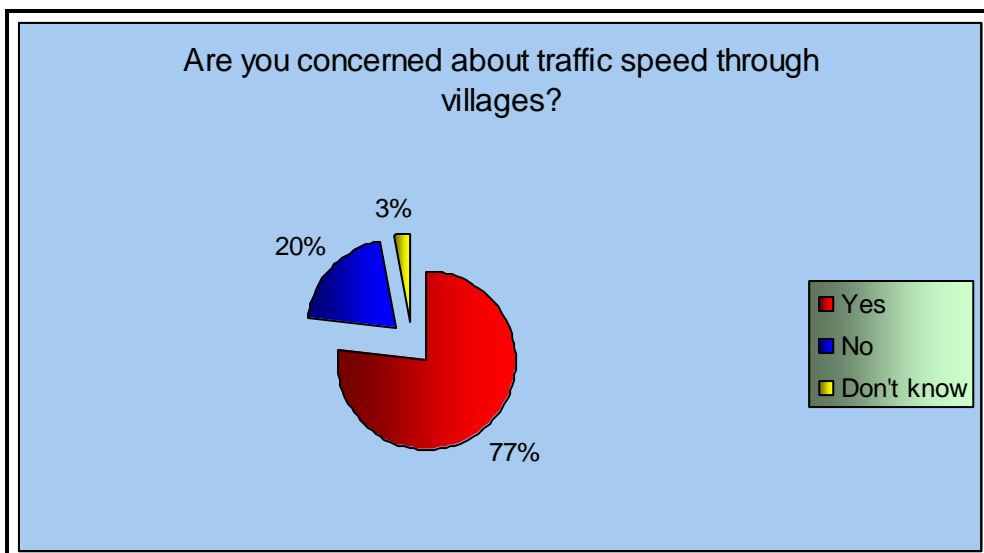
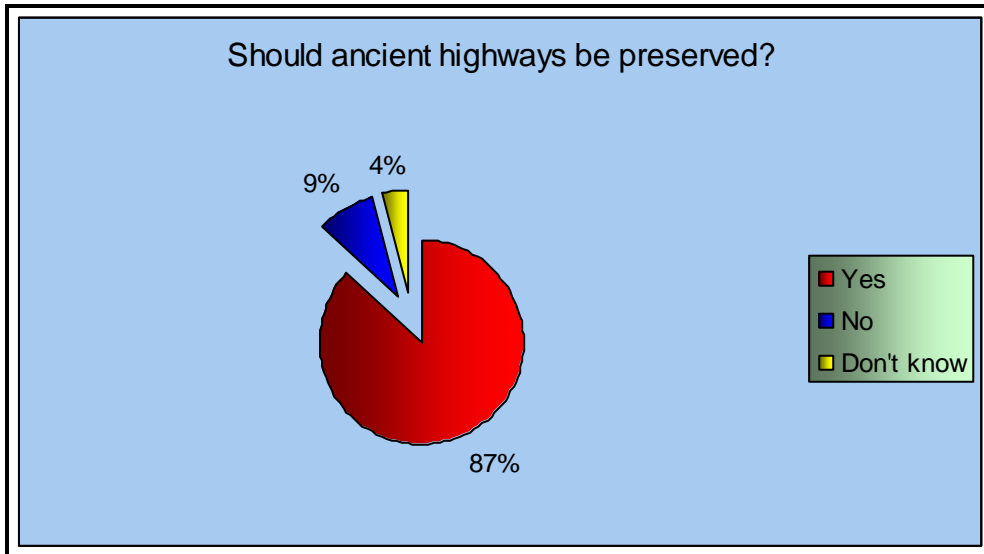
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EN10	Investigate perceived problems of noise from motor sports, clay pigeon shooting etc	Respond to planning apps; Support complaints where appropriate	FODDC Planning & Environment	NPC		2008-2009		H
EN11	Consult public on planning applications for new telecom masts	Public meeting	NPC	FODDC		2008 on as appropriate		
EN12	Encourage proper disposal of dog waste	Investigate improving facilities (bins) & increasing public awareness	NPC	FODDC		2008-2009		H

HOUSING (HS)



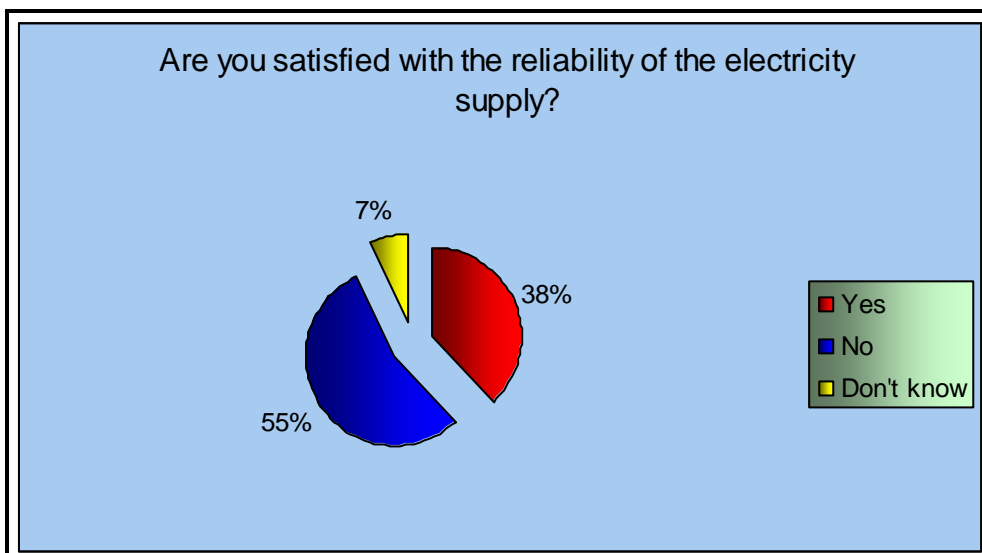
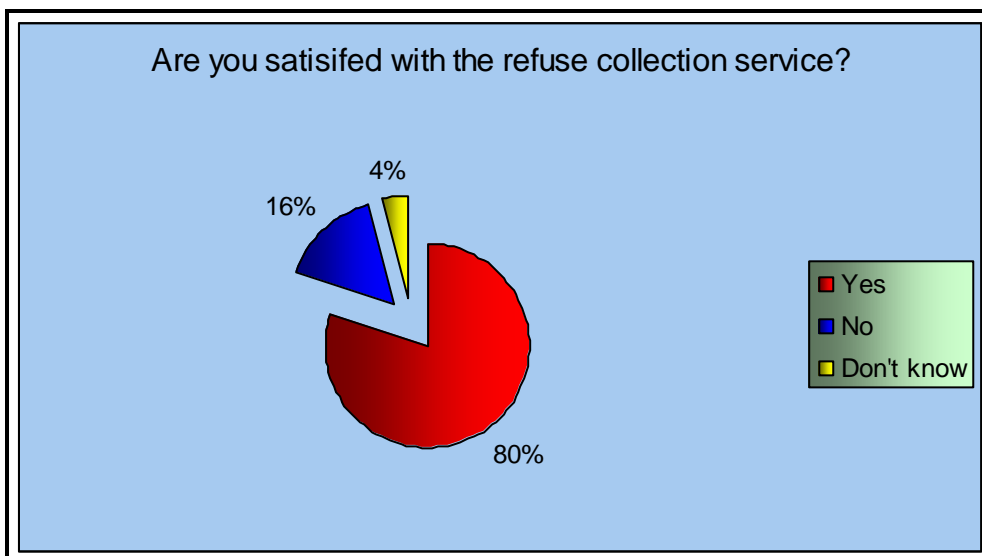
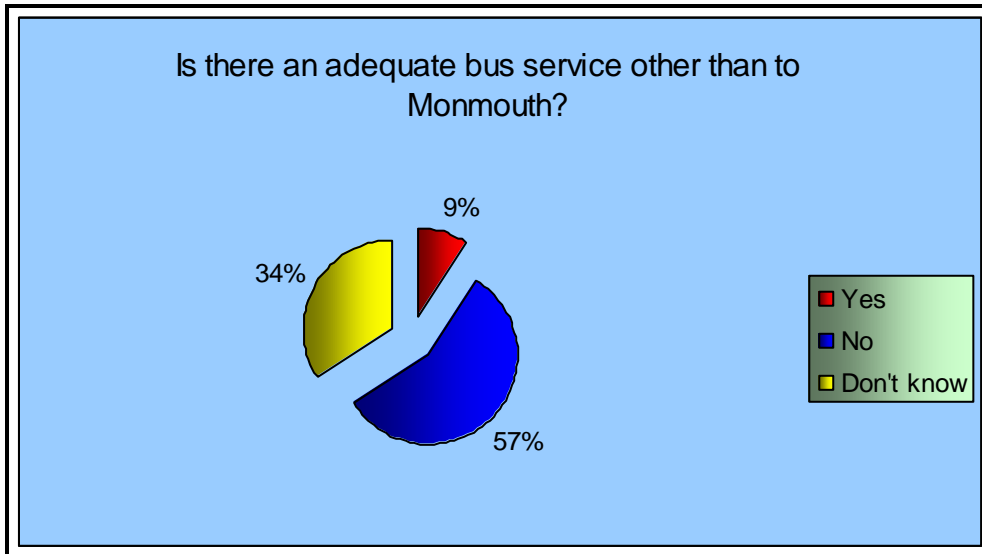
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HS1	Investigate provision of affordable housing	(a) Seek information on housing needs	(a) NPC	(a) FODDC		2009-2010		M
		(b) Seek funding to retain Newland Almshouses	(b) Almshouse working group	GRCC (b) GRCC Community Land Trust		2008-2009		H
		(c) Seek information on numbers & standards of co-operative housing & rental property	(c) NPC	(c) FODDC HA 2 Rivers		2009-2010		M
HS2	Respond to planning applications for new developments / conversions	To be in character with surroundings and incorporate energy efficiency measures	NPC	FODDC		2008 on as req'd		
HS3	Obtain developer financial contribution to achieve objectives of Parish Plan	Lobby FODDC for s.106 agreements to be entered into wherever possible	NPC	FODDC		2008 on as req'd		

ROADS (RD)



Ref	Objective	Action to be taken	Lead responsibility	Supporting partners	Resource / cost	Time scale	Performance measurements	Priority
RD1	Reduce use of M/Vs on footpaths, RBs etc	Reclassify Burial Path	NPC	GCCRW		2008-2009		H
RD2	Preserve ancient highways	Campaign for special status and monitor changes	NPC	GCCRW MP HMG				H
RD3	Investigate methods of reducing traffic speed through villages	Liaise with GCCH to negotiate and install traffic calming and speed restrictions where appropriate	NPC	Police GCCH		2008 ongoing		
RD4	Investigate methods of reducing obstruction by parked cars on highways and footpaths	Seek advice	NPC	GCCH Police		2010-2011		L
RD5	Maintain pressure on authority to improve maintenance of roads and pavements	Regular parish inspections / surveys	NPC	GCCH		2009-2010		M

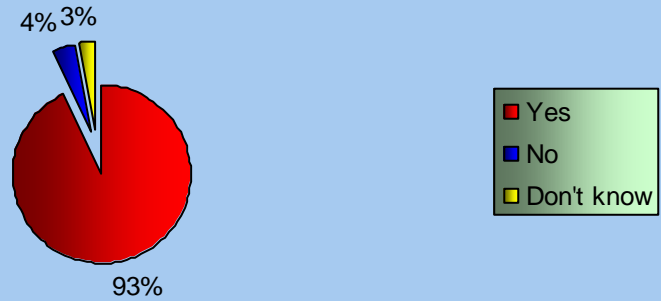
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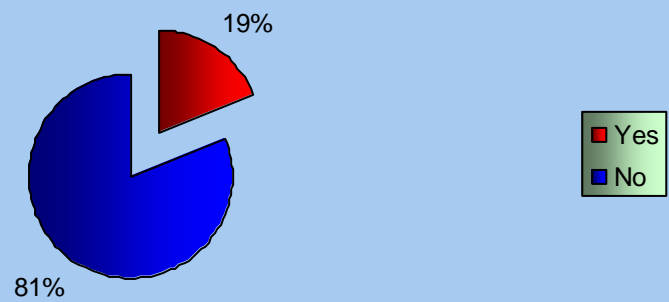
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SV1	Communicate public transport requirements & availability	(a) Work with partners to publicise FOD services & lobby for improvements (b) Consider provision of bus service for school children to Monmouth	NPC	GCCITU MCC LSPT GCCEd MCCEd		2008-2009		H
SV2	Improve electricity supply	Work with partners	NPC	County Cllr Bill Evans. Central Networks		2008 ongoing		H

CRIME & SAFETY (CS)

If you have been or were to be a victim of crime, would you report it?

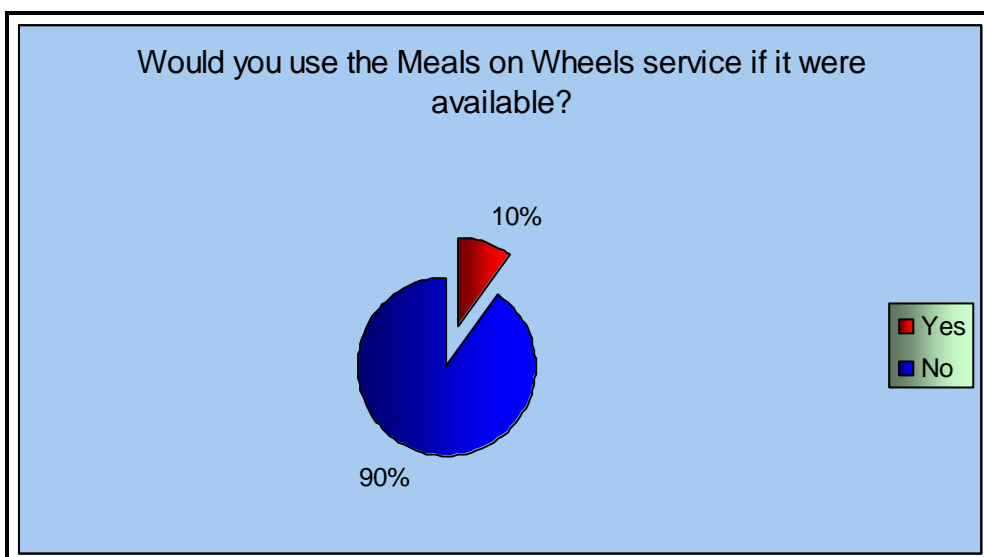
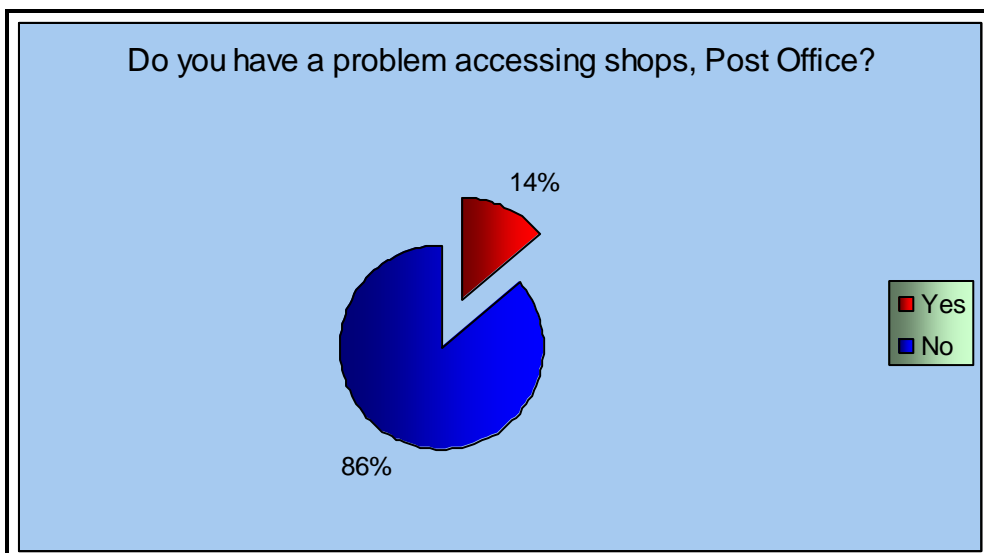
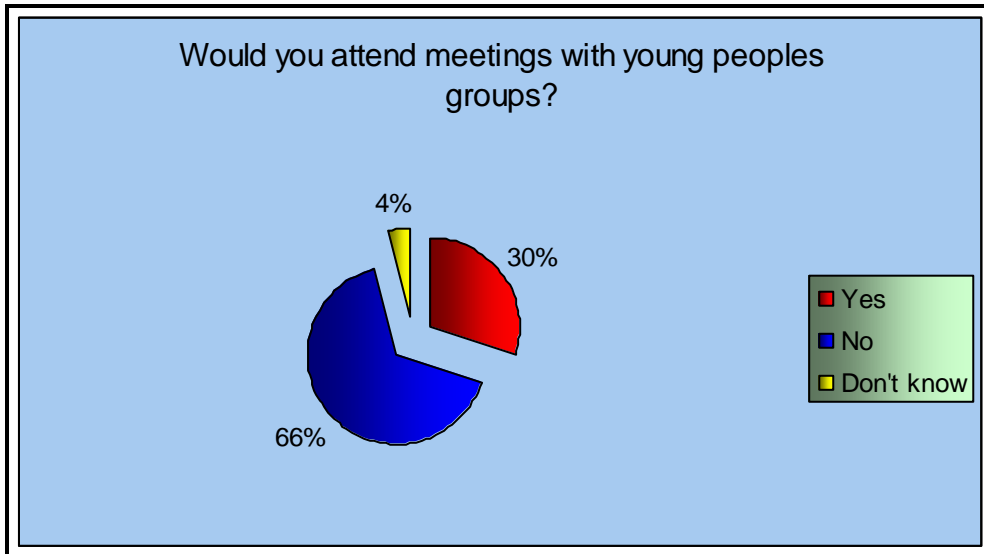


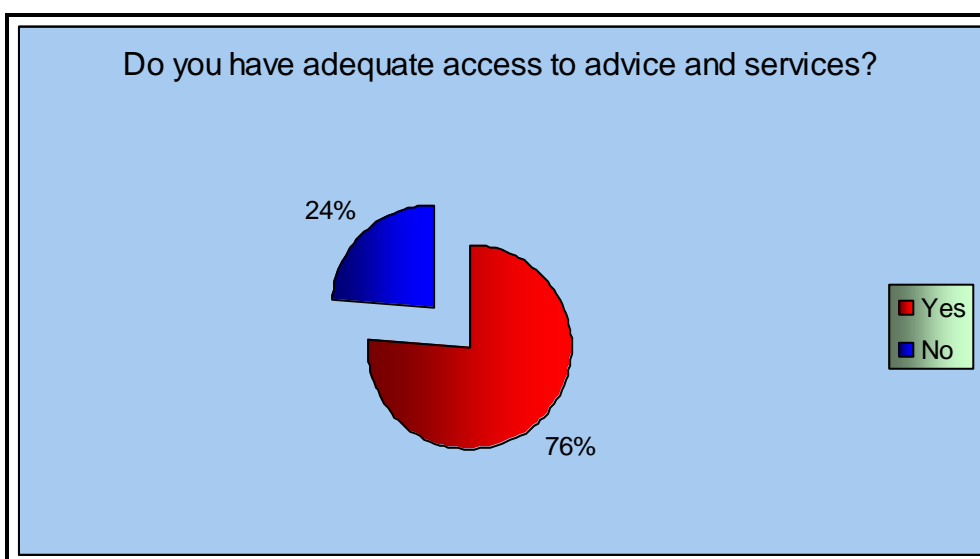
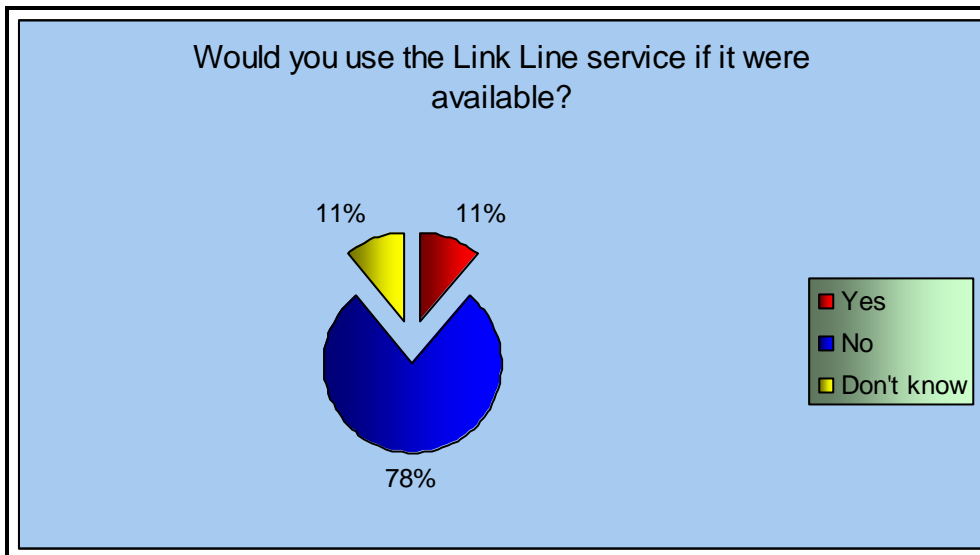
Do you suffer from vandalism?



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CS1	Improve response to emergency calls	Work with partners. Liaise with Emergency services (See also CM6)	ES	EA VA		2008-2009		H
CS2	Support development of Neighbourhood & Farm Watch	Enlist volunteers to set up	Police	NPC NHW		2009-2010		M
CS3	Support initiatives to reduce drug misuse	Work with police & Crime & Disorder LSP theme grp	Police SS	LSPCD NPC		2008 ongoing		H
CS4	Seek methods of reducing fear of crime	Arrange talks on crime & safety	NPC	Police SS LSPCD		2010-2011		L

THE ELDERLY (EL)

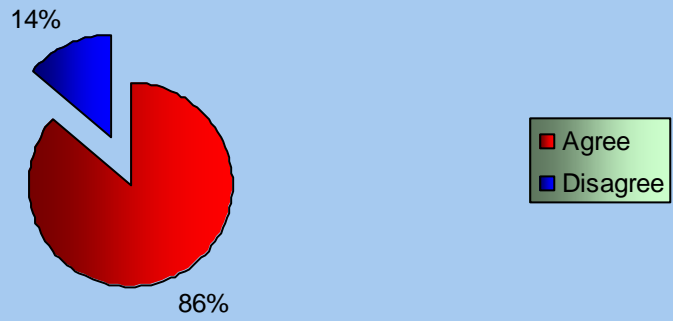




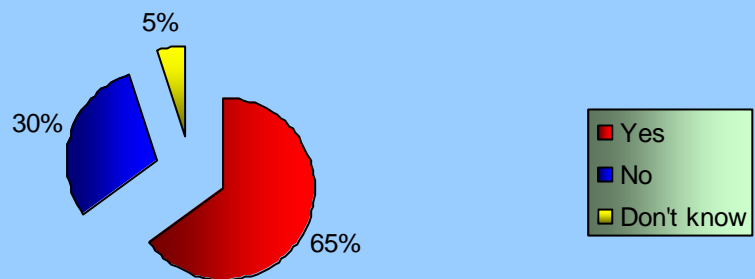
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EL1	Improve access to shops, Post Office	Investigate alternative means of provision	NPC	SS VA VH		2010-2011		L
EL2	Research need for Meals on Wheels service	Meet with providers	NPC	VA SS		2010-2011		L
EL3	Support development of social groups	Look at other Lunch clubs Recruit volunteers Help from partners	NPC	GRCC In Touch Proj VA WI Pubs, hotels, restaurants		2010-2011		L

COMMUNITY (CM)

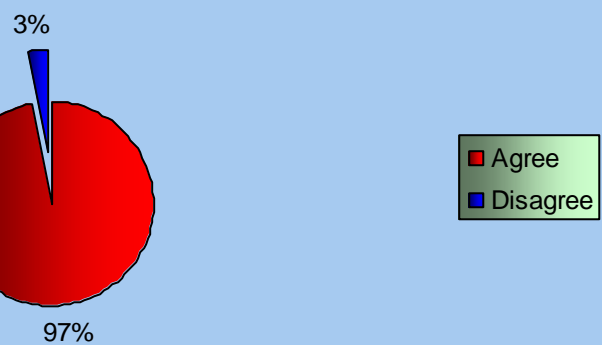
I would find a quarterly Parish Council newsletter useful

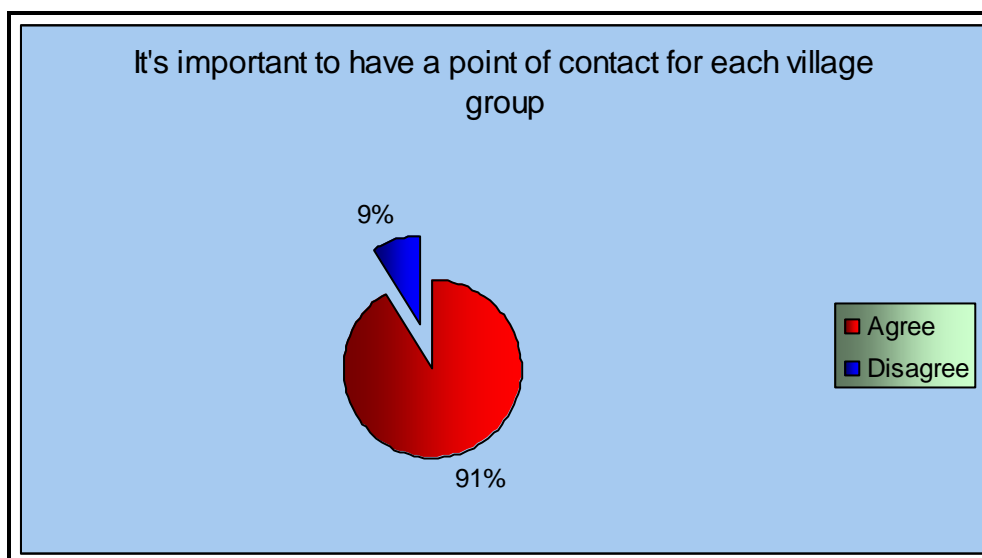


Are there sufficient open spaces?



It's important to have a village hall





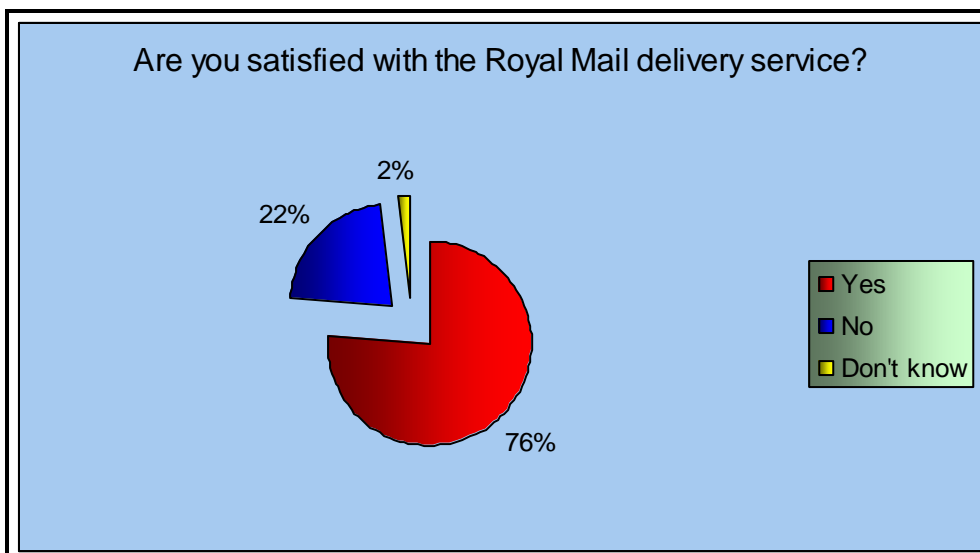
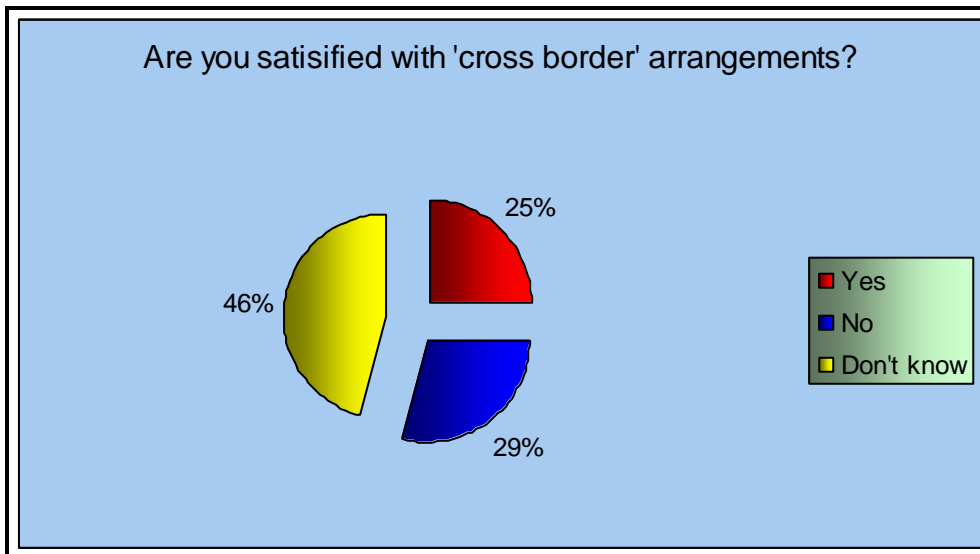
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CM1	Improve Communication	(a) Develop a PC quarterly newsletter	NPC	FODDC CAP	a)£200/yr	2008 on	Achieved	H
		(b) Develop PC website - content to include local events, planning applications, meeting minutes, roles & responsibilities of the Parish Council, local news. Link to other websites	NPC		b)£70/yr		2008 on	Achieved
		(c) 2 new notice boards			c) £800	2008		H
CM2	Investigate measures to retain amenities & parish facilities	Investigate: sustainability of Shops / Post Office/ pubs/hotel Potential changes Ways of responding to change	NPC to lead community as appropriate	GRCC LSPBE		2008-2009		H
CM3	Support measures to retain the village schools	NPC to maintain good relations with school staff & governors Promote schools within the community Support projects to integrate village schools into the community.	Governors PTA	H/teacher Parents Extended schools		2008 on-going		
CM4	Support measures to retain Newland church.	NPC to maintain good working relationship with PCC & Friends of Newland Church. In partnership with PCC & FNC investigate community involvement with church projects Develop links with other parish projects	FNC	PCC FODDC Tourism NPC		2008 on-going		

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CM5	Support measures to retain Redbrook & Clearwell churches	NPC in partnership with PCC: investigate condition of Redbrook & Clearwell churches Investigate community involvement with church projects	PCC	FNC NPC FODDC Tourism		As req'd		
CM6	Improve communication with emergency services	Work with emergency services to investigate difficulties in achieving quick response times Work with cross border parishes to improve cross border issues (See also CS1)	NPC	ES		2008-2009		H
CM7	Investigate lifelong learning provision in village	Contact RFDC & Gwent College, Monmouth for Lifelong Learning Courses Contact Lifelong Learning LSP for opportunities and funding. Establish demand for & investigate installation & funding of broadband in VH	NPC	LSPLL GRCC RFDC GWC		2009-2010		M
CM8	Develop a point of contact in each village for interest groups	List on web site	NPC			2008-2009		H
CM9	Develop inter village sports	Encourage existing sports clubs, youth groups to seek out funding sources. Communicate help which is available for transport, kit, equipment	Existing clubs	Schools Extended schools NPC		2009-2010		M

THE YOUNG (YG)

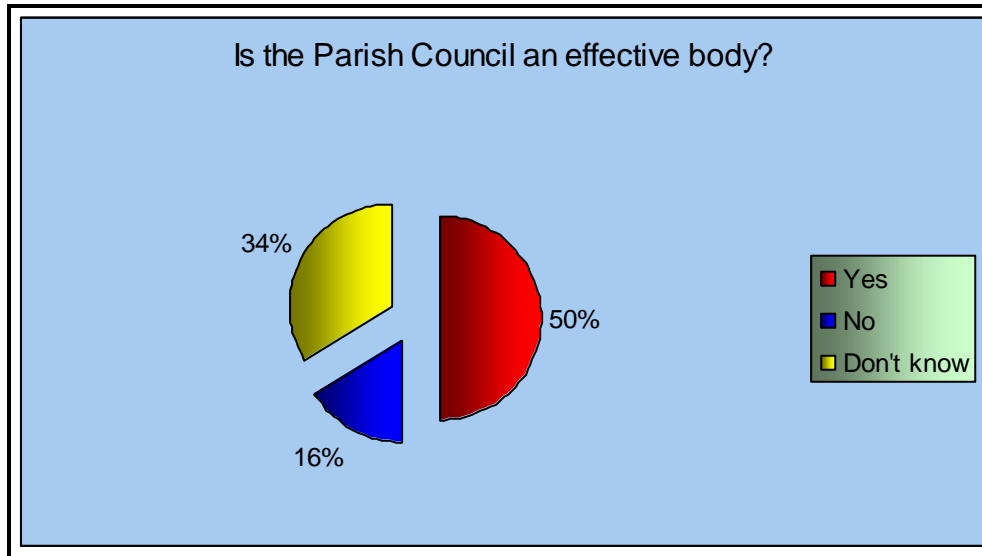
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YG1	Support development of youth activities	Investigate provision of: Bike track, football team, youth club, arts/ crafts club, dancing club	NPC	GCC Youth service		2009-2010		M
YG2	Support opportunities for participation	Publicise activities (schools, web site) Investigate best time of day for activities & transport	NPC	GCC Youth Service		2009-2010		M
YG3	Prioritise most desired facilities	Investigate play equipment, live music, youth/Internet cafe	NPC	GCC Youth service		2009-2010		M

OUTLYING & PERIPHERAL AREAS (OT)



Ref	Objective	Action to be taken	Lead responsibility	Supporting partners	Resource / cost	Time scale	Performance measurements	Priority
OT1 (NP25 areas only)	Maintain links cross border	Regular meetings with neighbouring parishes	NPC	Police ES GCCH / MCCH		2008-2009		H

SUNDRY (SY)



Ref	Objective	Action to be taken	Lead responsibility	Supporting partners	Resource / cost	Time scale	Performance measurements	Priority
SY1	Improve effectiveness of Parish Council	Improve communication and opportunities for feedback through newsletter and web site. Develop 4 year strategic plan	NPC			2008 ongoing		H

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