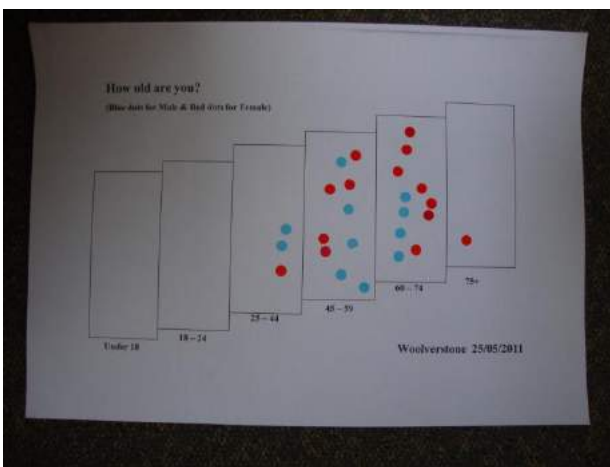


Woolverstone Village Review

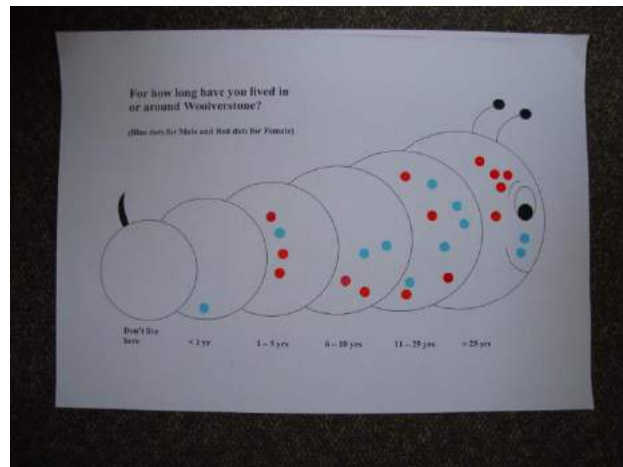
On Wednesday, 25th May 2011 parishioners attended Woolverstone's Village Review, in the village hall, facilitated by Suffolk ACRE.

An audit of attendance was recorded upon arrival in order to determine who wasn't present so that alternative methods of consulting could be used to reach these 'hard to reach' groups. Twenty-five people attended the event in total; 14 females and 11 males ranging from 25 years to 75+ years. They had an even distribution of length of residency. All community organisations were represented with the exception of Woolverstone Football Club.

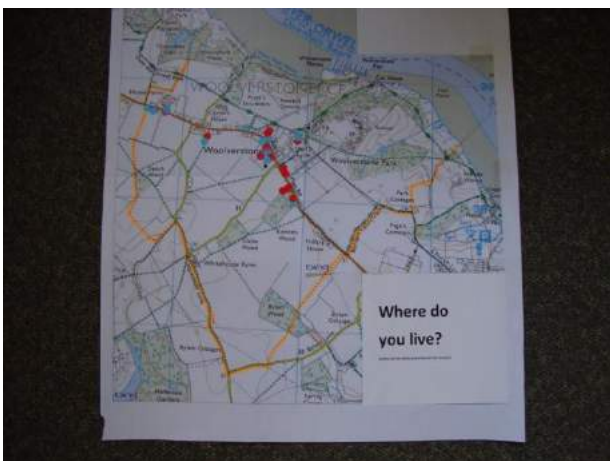
Age of Participants



Length of Residency



Where do you live?

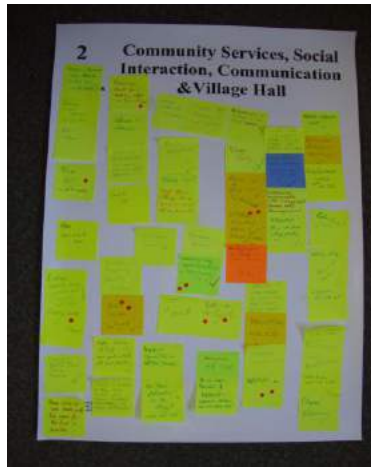


Community Involvement



A brief introduction was given about the objectives of the evening. Participants were issued with a rotation card which allowed each person to meet all the other participants throughout the first exercise. Participants visited each of the 5 topic sheets and were given a set amount of time to record issues, concerns, needs and aspirations.

Issues, Needs, concerns and aspirations recorded during the first exercise.



Some people who were unable to attend the event had sent e-mails recording their issues; these were written on post-it notes and included in the process.

With refreshed knowledge of all the issues recorded, participants then voted for the 3 highest priorities.

Environment, Natural Environment, Housing and Business	TICKS	DOTS
• Like wildflower verges	2	
• Post box – parking inconsiderate car users obstructing driveways and parking up on a front verge	1	1
• Post box by telephone kiosk, poorly positioned	3	1
• Post box, dangerous position		
• Our garden – good for wildlife – 5 acres		
• Concerns about recycling in this area	2	
• Yes a wind turbine please	3	3
• We need a wind turbine for the village- plan for the future we are all oil dependant		
• No to street lighting	5	
• We don't want street lighting	4	
• Spring Lodge. New development too big, causing noise and light pollution	3	
• Ingletons dev. No access for public to the park from the large road into new development	3	
• Roadside nature reserve info board		
• Keep footpath clear	1	
• Wildlife survey result for picture of "wild" village		
• Acquire land for recreation next to village hall		
• Footpath access along whole village – from No1 – No39	4	
• Wouldn't like to see any more "street furniture", lighting or signs on road through village	3	
• Electric car point in village		
• Call of Munt Jack to destroy 100%	2	
• Supports redundant farm buildings for development		
• What is village envelope and conservation area? What does it mean to be a conservation area?		
• I think we do need smaller houses in the village	3	1
• Planning respect for village integrity		3
• Keep the present village envelope	1	1
• Planners. Keep to village envelope		
• Understanding what is meant by conservation in term of planning	5	
• Already there is light pollution from Spring Lodge before new extension	1	
• Availability of land for small houses	3	
• Ganges Dev. Proposal of housing development on wildlife area that host many rare reptiles	2	
• Weekly pick-up of non-recycling bins in summer		
• I think a fortnightly pick-up of rubbish is good – reduce waste composting		
• Closeness of recycling/waste dump	8	1
• Closure of recycling centre – fly tipping	5	1
• Keep local dump	8	2
• Maintain recycling facility(Chelmo)		

• Recycling – we hope to keep the HWRC - dump	1	
• Combat litter	2	
• Controls on growth of trees – some oversized and creating hazards also excessive debris		1
• We have great natural areas and open spaces	1	2
• Noise pollution – fast cars at night	1	
• Noise @ night from Apache helicopters	1	
• A village composting scheme would be good if recycling centre close	1	
• Service swap	3	1
Community Services, Social Interaction, Communication & Village Hall		
• Library access – mobile very important	1	
• Village is residential – few facilities – no pub, shop or post office	2	
• Shops could be mobile	3	1
• Post office		
• Check all houses re: emails and then list houses who need flyers/newsletters to save distribution?		
• Mostly – because of Ganges – we have good contacts with Local parishes	1	
• Local food (access)	1	
• Are there allotments in the village? Maybe more needed?	1	
• Input on spending in village garden		
• Street plan on village notice board to assist delivery drivers etc		
• Village sign?		
• Maintain telephone	2	
• Community policing		
• Need for high speed broadband and telecoms	4	2
• Better use of church	1	2
• ICT @ church		
• Better use of church for community eg: youth club	1	
• Cyber club @ church		1
• Horseponds info board		
• Do we need Berners & Horseponds – changing lifestyles can we support both?		
• Website. Communication		
• Website		2
• Website? Central resource for events and advertisements for local industry		
• Woolverstone web site	1	
• Welcome letter 4 newcomers		
• Local directory, who's who	3	
• Introduction to village, for new people , needed	1	
• What happened to the WRA?		
• Fund raising social interaction	2	
• What do you want them to do?	1	
• More volunteering	1	
• Bible club?	2	
• Improve community spirit	2	

• Regular resident meetings	1	
• Neighbourhood watch needs volunteers		
• No local point in village for social interaction	5	
• Village quiz	2	
• 'Flix in stix' in Berners Hall?	5	
• Upgrade village hall, seating kitchen etc	1	2
• Computer club		
• Leisure classes	1	
• Hobby clubs	3	
• Keep fit? GROUP ACTIVITIES – yoga, aerobics, group walks, runs, badminton etc		
• Xmas dance	1	
• Socials. Beetle Drive, Quiz, Dance		
• Prime clubs to use hall with free access for the first coming months		
• Community clubs for meeting others in the village		1
• Village hall more use from village people	2	
• Community involvement with village hall (Berners Hall) management		
• Village hall needs updating would be easier to hire out?	3	
• More events in hall		
• Could we ask local farmer for piece of land for car park	2	1
• Also could we ask for piece of land for "lawn"/grass area to use next to village hall	1	
• Village bar 1 or 2 nights a week – run by village – all profits to village hall		
• More information on the uses and potential uses of the village hall		
• Somewhere to meet	1	
• There is only one village facility in the village hall		
Health / Education / Child Care / Young / Old		
• Closer links with school	2	
• After school activity?		
• Yes – RHYC could have villagers as members		
• Better link with two mariners	1	
• A healthy village – yoga classes? Pilates?		
• Please, no play area – there is so much natural space to play in		
• A play area with swings, slide, basket ball hoop would be great	2	
• Better link with old folks home	2	
• Could Age Concern arrange to come for meeting to give advice etc		
• How do you make things better for teenagers – subsidised bus transport was good!	2	
• A children's play area would be great	1	
• Health Centre, Doctors surgery	3	
• Woolverstone Cricket Club reinstated	3	1
• Meals on Wheels are defunct – but surely there are some people who would like them		
• Good Neighbour social care	2	
• Film club?	6	
• Children's club at regular intervals in village hall, so children can meet up.	1	
• Play area/park		
• Play equipment for younger children (swings and slide etc)		

• Play area close to village hall		
• Play area	2	
• Keep the mobile library	10	4
• The hall used to be used as a toy library – maybe there would be a demand on the Peninsula?		
• Everything depends on transport to or from the village	7	
• Parish Council Effectiveness and Utilities		
• More relaxed atmosphere at parish council	1	
• Interested in local history		
• What do parish council actually achieve? Limited in what they can actually do for the village		
• I don't know what the duties and power of the parish council are		
• High speed internet	3	
• Could be useful to be able to meet at PCM's night go on to form social activities committee	3	
• Does the parish council hold surgeries?		
• I am vaguely aware of what P.C doing but just don't have time to participate	1	
• Don't know much about council work but communication comes via email	1	
• Don't know much about the parish council		
• Parish Council should publish minutes to promote involvement		
• Would like to be invited to parish council meetings and use it as an open forum after P.C business ends		
• Unaware able to attend P.C meeting as observer. Made to feel unwelcome and told it was for P.C only when I attended one meeting		
• Need report of each parish meeting so villagers know what's goes on		
• I don't know much about the parish council but feel confident that I'd be able to find out easily enough		
• We don't have mains gas – but I wouldn't want to change		
• No access to gas		
• No access to mains gas	1	
• No access to mains gas	1	
• Interrupted power supply (has improved)	6	
• Unhappy when high winds cause electricity to fail (3 homes nearby)		3
• No mains sewage	1	
• Water – pressure low	3	
• Do we have an emergency plan? – I wouldn't know should we have one?	1	
• Update email circulation list for parish articles		
• Emergency responder		
• 1 member of BHMC to attend parish council meetings		
• Overhead wires are a concern		
• Joined up local parish councils		
• Better use of parish council park – conservation area		
• What are the events organised for charity?		
Traffic, Transport and Highway issues		
• No more parking on verges and footpaths	4	1
• Land opposite to off road parking along Main Road in delivery to homes there by causing traffic hazards. Cutting back overhanging trees.	2	1
• Evening bus service(late bus)	10	2

• Evening buses into Ipswich	6	
• Buses could be more regular and later at night		
• More frequent buses	3	3
• Car sharing would be useful	1	
• Shared car – owned by village	2	1
• Post box opposite Harkstead Lane can something be done with grass verge to provide parking		
• Ganges development increased traffic 350 extra cars	8	
• Bulk deliveries fuel	3	
• Bus shelter@ top of Main Road	1	
• Not keen to see street lights will destroy rural feel		
• Safe cycling for school kids	6	
• Cycle path to Holbrook High?	2	2
• Cycle paths	7	2
• Cycle routes / paths from the town centre of village	1	
• No bypass please		
• Bypass	7	
• Continuous pavements having to keep crossing sides	8	1
• More pavement	4	1
• Pavements need cleaning	5	
• What about a pavement all through the village	3	
• Not suitable for disabled – because nowhere to push a wheelchair	1	
• Footpath signs would be good eg: “Pin Mill” 2 miles 45 minutes		
• Parts of the village have no footpath – so houses are cut off from rest of the village	1	
• No private roads in our village	2	
• More village identity via road “furniture”		
• Flashing signs warning of speed. More speed “TRAPS”	4	
• Speeding cars danger and increasing volume	13	12
• Control the speed people drive through the village		
• Speeding. My kids have to cross road after getting off bus	4	
• 30mph limit throughout village ie: from far end all way	2	
• Car sharing scheme for village	3	
• Reduce speeding through village	4	
• Consider lower speed limit than 30 mph		
• Traffic calming in/out and through village		
• Effective traffic calming throughout village		
• Community speed gun	1	
• Community speed watch		

The issues with the highest votes were then discussed in groups and an Action Plan drawn up on how to address those issues.

- Speeding
- Village Hall development
- Planning, development boundary and housing
- Transport

Woolverstone Village Review Action Plan 25/05/2011

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	WHO IS TO LEAD THE ACTION?	PARTNERS	DO YOU NEED TO RECRUIT HELP? IF SO, HOW?	ARE YOU GOING TO INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY? IF SO, HOW?	HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FINANCE THE ACTION?	WHEN DO YOU PROPOSE TO START?	HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?
Improving Village Hall - Making it the Hub of the Community	Improve facilities in order to make the hall financially sustainable	Berners Hall Management committee	Parish Council Local Authority Residents	Local farmer for parking - bio writer	Encourage local groups to use VH Xmas dance Bar in VH	Limited existing funds - Fund raising		
Maintaining village envelop (development boundary)	Use normal routes of communication through BDC. LDF consultation /Housing Policy.	Parish Council	Babergh District Council Residents		Call an open meeting when required			on-going
BDC's planning decisions respect village 'integrity' - inc. Roads	Use normal routes of communication through BDC. LDF consultation /Housing Policy.	Parish Council	Babergh District Council Residents		Call an open meeting when required			on-going
Provide smaller homes - affordable for local people	Carry out a housing needs survey to identify need	Parish Council	Suffolk ACRE Babergh District Council Residents	Suffolk ACRE 2 members of PC Community Volunteers	Through the survey and working party	Roughly £80 from PC a/c	Item on agenda July PC meeting	3-4 months

Woolverstone Village Review Action Plan 25/05/2011

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	WHO IS TO LEAD THE ACTION?	PARTNERS	DO YOU NEED TO RECRUIT HELP? IF SO, HOW?	ARE YOU GOING TO INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY? IF SO, HOW?	HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FINANCE THE ACTION?	WHEN DO YOU PROPOSE TO START?	HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?
Reducing speed of traffic through village	Start up a Community Speed Watch	Working group volunteers	Blythburgh? Police Authority Other parishes nearby?	Fill in volunteer form to become an active helper in project. Ask someone from Blythburgh to come and give a talk. Access accident statistics.	Fund raising	Donations, Locality budget, BDC, Awards for All grant.	Contact Blythburgh Parish Council enquiring about their success? How they were funded?	6 -12 months
Alternative to car use/ car dependency	Consider cycle routes. Investigate public rights of way eg: to Holbrook School. Car club for village - possible question on survey.	Parish Council	Public transport liaison officer volunteer and working group. Local land owners. Parents of school children. Suffolk ACRE	Parents, Shotley Peninsula cycle route. Contact local car club in Colchester(Wombat). Link with housing needs survey	Ask about number of children in village - on survey		Link with housing needs survey	3 -4 months

Woolverstone Village Review Action Plan 25/05/2011

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	WHO IS TO LEAD THE ACTION?	PARTNERS	DO YOU NEED TO RECRUIT HELP? IF SO, HOW?	ARE YOU GOING TO INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY? IF SO, HOW?	HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FINANCE THE ACTION?	WHEN DO YOU PROPOSE TO START?	HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?
Poor frequency of buses	Carry out transport needs survey to all households as there is currently only 1 bus at peak hours in the morning, 2 hourly during the day, but no buses in the evening or on Sundays.	Parish Council	Public transport liaison officer volunteer Suffolk ACRE	Volunteers to help with survey	Community will be involved via the survey - Link survey with housing needs survey	Parish Council to finance photocopying of surveys	Link in with Housing Needs survey	3 - 4 months
Impact on young people with the withdrawal of Explore Card too.	Lobby re-instatement of Explore card or an alternative	Parish Council	SCC Suffolk County Councillor Parents of children		Publicity		Immediately	on-going