

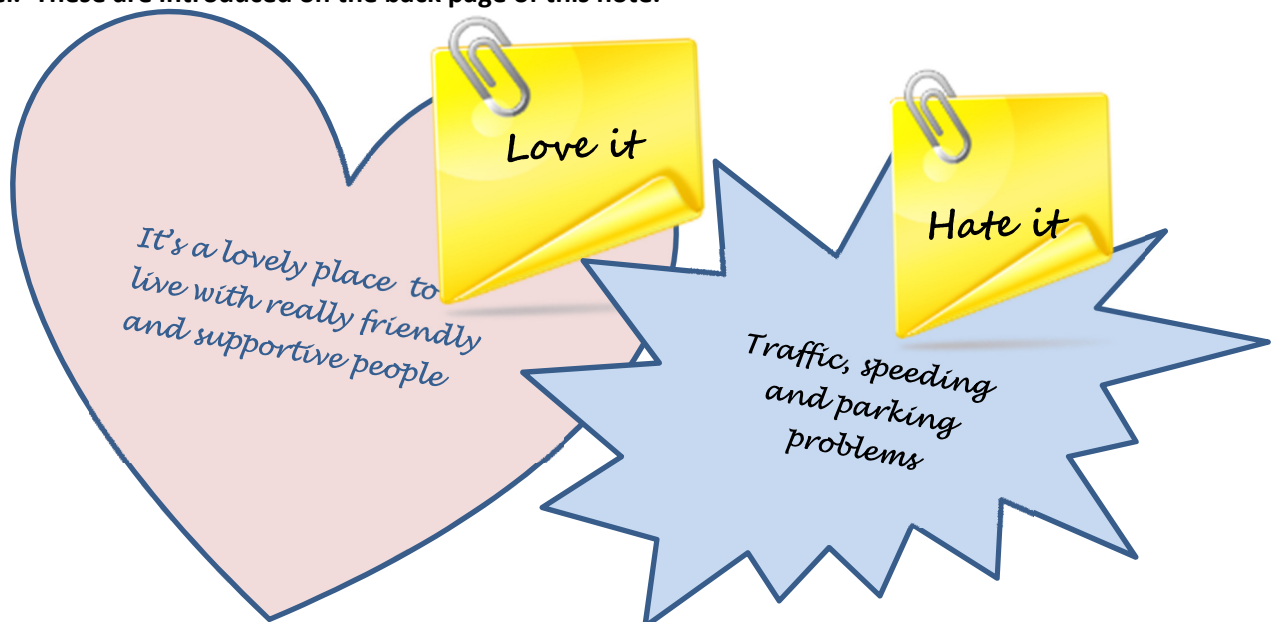


Watlington Speaks

Watlington Speaks was launched in 2008 with the aim of finding out what the community wanted for Watlington. We did not aim to produce a formal Community Plan but intended to give an opportunity to residents and those who use the facilities of the town to make their opinions known. The results would be used by the Parish Council and other organisations as a guide to local priorities to aid future planning.

A variety of methods was used to gather information from people of all ages and interests in the town. These included open “Love-it – Hate it” surveys to identify issues of interest or concern, as well as a more structured questionnaire sent to all homes. The questionnaire results were reported statistically and are supported by collected lists of all the comments and suggestions received. This leaflet aims to provide an overview of results and of the progress that has been made in addressing them.

This note completes the Watlington Speaks project, but opens the discussions for the future development of Watlington in the light of changes that have taken place at national government level. These are introduced on the back page of this note.



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Community and facilities

WPC Successes: New events calendar included on WPC website; improved cleaning regime for public toilets and refurbishment planned for 2012; WPC news emailed monthly to all who request it; adult exercise equipment added at recreation ground.

Community successes: Requests for café / tearoom have been met by the very popular enlarged Bread Bin (a commercial decision); a U3A branch is thriving, but wish for evening classes for all ages not yet covered.

And a huge success: A volunteer driver service for trips to hospital appointments has been initiated by Watlington Speaks and has now been providing a valuable service for two years

No progress: Volunteers to establish and run theatre group or film club, or to organise poetry, art or music events have not been found.

Under threat: More activities for young people have not been achieved and the long established Youth Club is now under threat because of County funding cuts.

Traffic and transport

Parking: 47% of respondents think parking in Watlington is adequate, but others have significant problems. Short term parking spaces have been created in the Hill Road car park and High Street, but parking for short stay shoppers is still difficult at some times of the day. Long stay parking facilities at the Church Hall and the recreation ground have not attracted many users.

Public Transport: WPC has lobbied hard for improved bus services with mixed success. Services to Oxford, Thame, Wallingford and Reading have all been retained although with reduced frequency and some changes in route. A new community bus service has preserved the Junction 6 link and filled the gap left by the axing of late night services to Oxford.

Speeding: Again only limited success – speeds through town have been monitored by OCC on several occasions. Only in Christmas Common has this shown sufficient

evidence of speeding for OCC to take action, but cuts in the OCC budget have delayed introduction of speed control measures there. Requests for a 20 mph speed limit in the centre of town were rejected by OCC until their pilot studies in Oxford and Henley have been completed. A subsequent suggestion that the Parish Council installs its own 20 mph signs has been deferred as speed surveys in the town in early 2011 showed an average speed in the High Street of 18.2mph. It was noted that with the level of speeds recorded OCC will not lower the speed limit in the Town to 20mph.

Environment

Safety: Most people feel safe in Watlington, but there were concerns related to traffic. These include HGV traffic through town; speed of passing vehicles; narrow pavements in need of repair; and the need for pedestrian crossings for Cuxham and Britwell Roads. WPC has pressured OCC on all of these points, and some have been accepted as needing attention and have been monitored. As yet, most remain unresolved or have been rejected by OCC as not possible.

Cleanliness: About half of respondents see litter as a problem, with education and more bins being the most favoured solutions.

Dog fouling has a similarly high score, with education of owners being a clear favourite. WPC now has a full time caretaker who has improved cleanliness of town centre areas considerably. The Watlington in Bloom group have introduced regular litter picks for parts of town not covered by the caretaker. Icknield College has reduced the litter in its grounds and playing fields.

Sport, recreation and leisure

Questions about sports facilities raised generally low responses for any of the changes suggested. The most positive was use of a gym where less than 50% of respondents said they would be regular or occasional users. About 20% expressed an interest in using the Icknield College facilities or in joining organised swimming trips to local pools, but no-one has come forward to lead a group. There remains an on-going interest in a swimming pool for Watlington. (This was rejected as unaffordable some years back.)

• 43% said their needs were very well catered for, and another 49% said our facilities were satisfactory
• High Street fairs were very popular with 83% wanting the Christmas Fair and 74% wanting the May Festival

• 95% felt safe in daylight and 75% safe after dark
• Views on street and footpath lighting were mixed with 28% wanting more lighting but 39% who wanted no change



Commerce

The value of a range of shops and businesses in town is recognised by residents and visitors as illustrated by the very high response (86%) given to *support for local traders* as a reason for shopping locally. This, together with the value placed on being able to walk to shops and meeting familiar people, implies that WPC should do whatever it can to retain or grow the present range of High Street retailers.



Loss of shop premises: The loss of shop premises to residential use has been significant over the past 10 years. A clear majority of 57% think that this change of use should be opposed with another 25% having no strong feeling about it. Specific comments highlighted the loss of pubs to residential use as undesirable.

Opening times: The questionnaire responses showed that very few (less than 10%) find the shops' opening hours inconvenient.

Charity or Swap Shops: There is some demand for these with more than half of respondents saying they would use them, but with little interest in helping to set up or run them. More than a third of respondents do not want this type of shop in town.

Housing and planning

Growth: When asked whether they supported the growth of Watlington with housing development, respondents show little enthusiasm for major new developments, with 39% wanting no more development and 44% wanting only sympathetic infill. The younger age group (16-25 years) are twice as likely to favour growth – not surprising as they are the group most likely to be looking for new homes in the future.

Housing type: People are strongly in favour of any new developments reflecting local building styles and materials. Developments that include affordable housing are well supported with *affordable housing to buy* supported by 49% of respondents. Assisted living for older people was next highest at 31%.

Larger houses: Development of houses with three or more bedrooms are least well supported, but this is at odds with the sort of house people planning to move are

looking for. Among those who plan to move in the next five years, 55% say they will be looking for houses with three or more bedrooms.

Actions: WPC have had a survey of housing need carried out which supports the need for additional affordable housing in town. They are now looking at prospects for another exception site development like Windmill Piece, but at present it is not clear how the changes in local planning being introduced by the national government will affect this type of development.

Additional comments: Many respondents to the questionnaire provided additional comments. Those relating to housing include several relating development to the needs of the surrounding villages, such as *Watlington's 'Market Town' relationship with surrounding villages to be considered in future plans or use empty houses a mile outside Watlington*. These comments have increased relevance now with the Localisation Bill.

Other Matters

Church Hall: The future of the Church Hall was of major concern at the time the questionnaire was completed. Nearly half of respondents (45%) wanted to retain the hall for the community. Its future has not yet been resolved, but discussions are continuing between the Church Hall Concern group and the Parochial Church Council.

General comments: Thirteen pages of comments have been collected from the questionnaires and have influenced the selection and flavour of the content of this note. This short summary cannot reflect every opinion given, and we need to bear in mind that many of these comments arise from a single individual and may not be widely supported. WPC will not ignore them but will consider them at appropriate times.

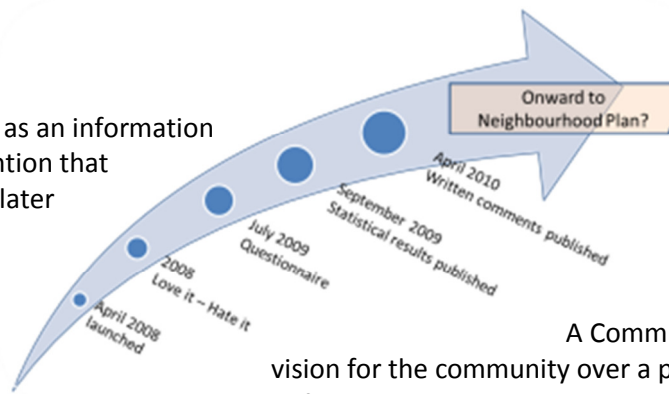
Other successes: Following Watlington Speaks a number of suggestions have been followed up by the community. These include

- *Watlington Volunteer Drivers* which aims to get anybody to their hospital appointment whether NHS or private;
- *Watlington in Bloom* which in 2011 led Watlington to win a Gold Award and the large village category in the Thames Valley and Chilterns Region;
- *Oxford Chilterns Community Action* has been formed to co-ordinate and assist with environmental sustainability and green issues for Watlington and the surrounding area;
- The *Christmas Fair* has been greatly expanded into a Saturday of fun and celebration by the Watlington Business Association and others.



What Next?

Watlington Speaks was planned as an information gathering project, with the intention that this information would at some later date feed into preparation of a Community Plan.



A Community Plans sets out a shared vision for the community over a period of 10 or more years and contains actions for achieving this vision. It should show how community action can meet local needs and help to prioritise resources.

The Localism Act (2011)

With this Act the government has provided the means by which communities can have a say in the future of the places where they live and work. This will be achieved through the use of Neighbourhood Plans. With a Neighbourhood Plan, communities will be able to establish general planning policies for the development and use of land in a neighbourhood. They will be able to say, for example, where new homes and offices should be built, and what they should look like. The Neighbourhood Plan, like a Community Plan, will set a vision for the future but with the difference that once accepted it will have legal force. Decision-makers at all levels will be obliged by law to take account of what the Neighbourhood Plan says when they consider proposals for development.



We must decide

The Localism Act gives communities the chance to have more of a say in their local planning. Watlington as one of the larger communities in the South Oxfordshire area, should take advantage of this opportunity and be seen to lead rather than follow.

We need to decide whether Watlington needs or wants a Neighbourhood Plan. Parishes are not required to have a Neighbourhood Plan. If they do not have one, the national and local planning policies will be applied. If they do have a Neighbourhood Plan, it cannot override national and local policies but it gives the community the ability to influence how these are applied in the community. The concept of Neighbourhood

Plans will have detail added over the coming months, only then can Watlington assess the real opportunity, the cost and the appetite for local residents to get involved. Watlington Parish Council will discuss this in the near future, and the output of Watlington Speaks will provide some of the input into this discussion.

It is a community decision

Although the Parish Council is expected to take a lead in developing a Neighbourhood Plan, the plan should reflect the needs and wishes of the community as a whole. Input from businesses, community groups and individuals is needed to define a sustainable development path for the town. Before the Neighbourhood Plan can be given its legal status it has to be approved by SODC and, most importantly, **it has to be supported by a majority of votes cast at a referendum of parish residents.** Your input is essential if a Neighbourhood Plan is to be successfully created for Watlington. Love it or Hate it – this is the way the future looks so make sure your views are included.

Volunteering

The importance of people providing voluntary support for their communities is another aspect of the current government's aims to involve people more closely in the running of their own communities. The need for voluntary effort is central to this idea, and with the current financial constraints will become increasingly important. There are already many thriving organisations in Watlington that are entirely dependent on volunteer support whose contribution is gratefully acknowledged. There are nevertheless more than enough openings for further volunteers to help keep Watlington special – WPC will do what it can to put like-minded people in contact with each other. The Watlington Speaks questionnaire (which residents responded to long before the change of Government in 2010) included a number of requests for volunteer support.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PROGRESS REPORT



Community & Facilities

Project	Action	Progress	Status
Q6 - Asked how well their needs were catered for, 43% said very well and 49% satisfactory	For a small town this is a pretty good result	It was noted that some facilities and services are inadequately advertised. This will be addressed by the events calendar on the new Watlington website	Achieved
Q7 - Asked what was considered unsatisfactory	Issues of safety, traffic, parking, public transport & congestion are dealt with by later questions Public Toilets could be better signed & cleaner Requests for café/tearoom	Passed to WPC Enlarging The Bread Bin (a commercial decision) may have addressed this need	Ongoing No further action
Q8 - Most popular activity not available in Watlington was adult education	In the past, courses have had to be discontinued due to lack of interest. Could these be re-introduced? Survey extent of interest. Other activities suggested would need those interested to activate them	There is active U3A Not yet undertaken	Unresolved Unresolved
Q9 – Only 9% would help organize a suggested activity, 31% would only help and 62% not interested	Reluctance to take a lead to organize activities is apparent throughout responses to the questionnaire.		No further action

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Q11 – 262 respondents said they would like to receive local information by email	List of those who requested, and gave their email address, sent to WPC A ‘welcome pack’ and also a diary of events was suggested. This need will be answered by new website. Investigate whether hard copies should be available from Parish Office, Library and Estate Agents.	WPC news is now sent to all those who requested it. The Watlington Website has been integrated with those of WPC and WBA and this includes information for tourists, calendar of events, local and WPC news and directory of local organizations, services and businesses.	Achieved Achieved In progress
Q12 – Watlington Blog	All those interested were contacted	Volunteer undertook to develop.	In progress
Q’s 22 to 26 - 45% of respondents wished to retain the Church Hall for the community	Following a meeting at the Town Hall on January 20 th 2009 ‘Church Hall Concern’ group was formed to make representations to the church authorities	No progress to date	Unresolved
Q27 - 74% of respondents would like the Watlington Festival to continue	List of volunteers and all suggestions passed to organizers.	A meeting was called but there was insufficient interest to form a viable committee. It has been decided to re-consider in 2012	Under review
Q28 - 83% of respondents wanted the WBA Christmas Fair to continue	All volunteers were contacted and a new committee formed, with both WBA members and non-members	Now successful annual event in its second year (2009/2010) If you would like to get involved or for more information contact: caroline.lye@btinternet.com , 01491 612710	Achieved
Q29 & 30 - A number of extra events were suggested. 53% said they would help with the event they suggested.	The most popular was revival of Music on the Hill. This would require those interested in this, or any other event, to come forward and revive the event		Unresolved
Q’s 31 to 33 - Between 25% and 32% of respondents expressed an interest in either a theatre group, cinema group or film club	All those who volunteered to help were contacted, but no-one came forward to lead or organize the groups.	Icknield Community College has facilities and a probable leader to organise a film club, but would need volunteers to run one.	Ongoing
Q’s 34 to 36 - Only 22% expressed an interest in poetry events, 62% in exhibitions and 41% art events	All those who volunteered to help were contacted, but no-one came forward to lead or organize the groups.	Although one person suggested a poetry reading group, no-one who was contacted followed this up.	Unresolved

Traffic & Transport

Project	Action	Progress	Status
Q37 & 38 - 85% of residents have off-road parking. 58% without had a problem.	No extra space available at present to resolve this problem.	The possibility of residents' parking permits to enable them to park long-term in Hill Road car park has been suggested to WPC. Some extra parking spaces have been made available in Shirburn Street, but this is causing a traffic flow problem. OCC has been asked to review.	Unresolved Ongoing
Q40 & 41 - 47% thought parking in Watlington adequate. However Hill Road Car Park is often full	Extra 'shoppers only' spaces to be introduced at Hill Road Car Park Parking at Recreation Ground & Church Car Park to be publicized. Lack of lighting is a problem in winter. New parking restrictions to be introduced	There are now 27 shoppers only spaces, some more may be added New 'P' signs have been erected and notices displayed in retail outlets WPC asked to see if this can be remedied 1 hour only waiting now introduced at top of High Street	Achieved Achieved Ongoing Achieved
Q 42 & 43 - Parking at Junction 6 of M40 motorway	There needs to be better provision of parking for those using the Oxford Tube. To date OCC have rejected any development here.	WPC have had discussions with OCC and Thames Valley Police, but this is outside the parish, so limited influence. Letter in Jan Watlington Times indicates Lewknor residents are in favour of better parking. It is also understood that land has been offered. WPC asked to raise the matter again with OCC	Unresolved Unresolved
Q44 - 49% were in favour of a Relief Road	Pursue update on OCC view and planning		Ongoing
Q 45 - Community Bus	Extra services asked for were passed to CIC	Have contacted CIC for update of services available and planned	Ongoing
Q46 - Public Transport	Only 101 to Oxford is commercially viable – all others are subsidized by OCC, reviewed every 4 years.	WPC has actively lobbied OCC to retain services. Bus companies have been notified of WS requests and a survey of bus users has been carried out. WPC asked for outcome	Ongoing
Q47 to 50 - 26% said they would use a scheme with voluntary drivers for hospital appointments.	All volunteers were contacted	Committee formed and scheme set up Well advertised and running successfully.	Achieved

Environment

Project	Action	Progress	Status
<p>Q51 - 23% said they would like to get involved with the existing environmental group</p>	<p>All those interested were contacted and list sent to environmental group.</p> <p>Many were more interested in sustainability.</p> <p>There should be possibility of forming a group to look into sustainable and green issues in Watlington.</p>	<p>WPC will raise this issue at Council meeting.</p> <p>Independently, a group invited Tom McCulloch of ORCC to speak at a meeting on 10.03.11.</p> <p>A good turnout and response led to further meeting to discuss forming a 'Sustainable Watlington' group. Oxfordshire Chilterns Community Action (OCCA) has now been launched.</p> <p>To learn more contact: OCCA.2011@yahoo.co.uk</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p>
<p>Q52 - asked what actions could be taken to reduce our environmental impact</p>	<p>There were many suggestions, but the most cited were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing or banning HGV's and through traffic. • Need for a relief road. • Reduction of speed <p>Ask WPC for update on survey of HGV's and pollution in Watlington</p>	<p>WPC had two meetings with OCC who have 20mph on 2-year trial in Henley and will not consider any more until this is complete.</p> <p>WPC have been asked to pursue putting up independent 20mph signs, even though these could not be enforced – decision will be made when budget 2011 agreed</p>	<p>Unresolved</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Q53 to 56 - 95% felt safe in daylight and 75% safe after dark. 49% said they would like more police presence</p>	<p>Other safety issues cited were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed of passing traffic. • Uneven and poorly maintained pavements. • Inadequate lighting. • Groups of youngsters who appeared threatening. • Footpath from Windmill Piece. Crossing on Cuxham Road. • Corner of High Street and Shirburn Street <p>It was suggested that better bollards could be used.</p>	<p>These concerns were passed to WPC</p> <p>These are ongoing issues for WPC, who are in discussions with OCC. OCC has carried out speed checks and report of these was given in WPC March 2011 newsletter.</p> <p>This has been investigated, but there is insufficient depth for foundations due to drains</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Unresolved</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Unresolved</p>

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Q57 & 58 - 69% said they would join and support Neighbourhood Watch in their street	<p>All those interested were informed of contact details for joining their local group.</p> <p>Since then the way Neighbourhood Watch is run has now changed.</p>	<p>Since changes all those involved were contacted again to give them new details. People can still be involved in neighbourhood policing by getting community messaging from Thames Valley Police. Contact: https://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx?selectedtab=home&tabstate=portal</p>	Achieved
Q59 & 60 - asked whether lighting was adequate, 28% wanted more and 39% no change	<p>Many respondents found pathways and alleys inadequately lit. Lights are sometimes out of order - could Street Watch monitor these and report when necessary? Some stimulus-sensitive lights might be suitable for some darker areas.</p>	<p>Concerns passed to WPC</p> <p>Asked WPC</p> <p>Suggestion passed to WPC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Q61 & 62 - asked what could be done to reduce littering and problem areas were named	<p>Re-launch of 'Keep Britain Tidy' could be used to encourage local involvement.</p> <p>An article in Watlington Times to remind people that this problem can only be resolved by a general change of attitude and people taking responsibility themselves and keeping own pavements clean and hedges cut back.</p> <p>Kingfisher used to regularly pick up discarded fish & chip litter – new letter to ask them to do so. Litter flies around from open bins behind Co-op</p> <p>The routes to and from school were named as a problem</p>	<p>Since appointment of full-time caretaker litter problem has improved markedly.</p> <p>Suggestion made to WPC to run campaign.</p> <p>Independent group now has litter picks on 15th of every month and asks people to keep their own areas clean and tidy. To get involved contact tjacks@waitrose.com</p> <p>WPC asked to contact Kingfisher and Co-op.</p> <p>Icknield Community College was congratulated for improvement to litter in its grounds and playing fields. We asked whether students would also take responsibility for not dropping litter on way to and from school.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Q63 & 64 - asked where dog fouling was a problem and suggest solutions	<p>More bins may be needed, but these can only be put where contractors have vehicular access.</p>	<p>WPC will investigate</p>	Ongoing

Project	Action	Progress	Status
Q65 - 14% would help and 12% would sponsor Watlington in Bloom 74% were not interested	Although the response was small, all volunteers were contacted Ask WPC whether all sponsors have been contacted	Committee was formed and competition entered. Silver Gilt award was won for newcomers in Large Village category and category winner Thames & Chilterns 2010. Judges particularly remarked on evidence of community participation. Entry for 2011 is under discussion To learn more contact: tjacks@waitrose.com	Achieved Ongoing
Q66 & 67 - asked about having extra benches in Watlington. 36% wanted more benches, 13% no more 50% had no opinion.	Many areas were suggested, but Hill Road came top of requests followed by Recreation Ground, High Street & War Memorial Suggestion made that benches could be given by well wishers or donated 'In Memoriam'	WPC will look into feasibility Scheduled for discussion at WPC meeting	Ongoing Ongoing

Sport, Recreation & Leisure

Q68 - asked if respondents would use a gym 21% said yes, 28% sometimes and 51% no	With such low interest, an indoor gym is unlikely to be viable	The outdoor gym at the Recreation Ground is now complete	Achieved as far as possible at this time
Q69 to 71 - suggestion to run and/or join a swimming group	All those interested were contacted but no one came forward to lead a group. There is ongoing interest in pool for Watlington. Investigate costs/grants available and companies who build and maintain pools, if viable in grounds of Icknield Community College. Any project would need to be launched jointly by WPC and Icknield Community College with community fund raising.	Insufficient interest A meeting was held with Head Teacher of Icknield Community College. In the present economic climate funds are very tight and grants difficult to obtain but a pool would greatly benefit both College and community. There may possibly be covenants which would prevent this on College grounds (report pending).	Unresolved Ongoing
Q72 & 73 - asked if respondents would use sports facilities at Icknield Community College only 14% said yes	Although low interest, a meeting arranged with Head Teacher to discuss this and other ways the Icknield Community College can interact with community. Head Teacher raised possibility of a joint bid with WPC for Astroturf	Head Teacher is very positive about sharing Icknield facilities. Some clubs already exist: Badminton, Cricket, Netball and Football 5-a-side. These will benefit from being advertised on new website.	Achieved Ongoing

Project	Action	Progress	Status
Q74 & 75 - asked about cycling	Many did not cycle as often as they wished. Reasons were traffic on B4009 and lack of connecting cycle tracks from Watlington Possibility of track to Lewknor should be kept open.	Have asked WPC to do this	Unresolved

Commerce

Q76 to 78 - asked what influences decision to shop in Watlington.	Support of local traders (86%). Opening hours satisfactory (72%). Shops in walking distance (71%). Good service/pleasant to mix with familiar people (59%/58%). Range of shops (52%) This reflects good support from community	Suggestions for extra services that could be offered were passed to all retailers. Some suggestions for improvements in general and the Co-op in particular were passed on.	Achieved Achieved
Q79 to 81 - 62% would use a Charity Shop, 52% a Swap Shop and 29% a Skills Bank.	All volunteers were contacted. Most interest was shown in a Charity Shop and.	A committee was formed to investigate the feasibility. Interest was shown by a charity, but no suitable premises available. New sustainability group (OCCA) hope to run a Swap Shop. Insufficient interest in Skills Bank.	Unresolved Ongoing No further action

Housing & Planning

Q82, 83 & 85 - asked about housing development in Watlington. 44% would only support sympathetic infill. 39% wanted no development. 66% said future building should reflect local styles and materials.	A wide variety of housing was favoured, with emphasis on affordable housing to buy. WPC to be asked to respect these views when looking at planning applications	Passed to WPC Passed to WPC	Ongoing Ongoing
Q84 - asked what sort of housing respondents would look for if moving within next five years	The response was low (276 replies) but at odds with the answers to Q83, with 55% saying 3 bedrooms or more. The inference may be that many young first time buyers would like to move to, or stay in, Watlington, but need to upsize as families grow.	WPC asked to bear this in mind in future planning WPC asked to bear this in mind in future planning	Ongoing Ongoing

Project	Action	Progress	Status
Q86 - asked whether shop premises should be refused change of use to residential, 57% supported this	There are some premises in Watlington for which change of use might be requested WPC asked to continue opposing any applications		Ongoing

Other Matters Raised

Befriending and Bereavement groups were suggested	Without existing local groups, details of Oxfordshire Befriending Network for terminal or life-threatening illnesses and Cruse Bereavement Care to be made available on new Watlington website	Contact details will be posted on site: Befriending: East Oxford Community Centre Princes Street Oxford OX4 1DD tel: 01865 791 781 enquiries@oxon.befriending.net www.oxonbefriending.net Bereavement: Cruse Bereavement Care Oxford tel: 01865 245 398 info@cruse.org.uk	Achieved
Young people insufficiently catered for	This is probably a perception rather than a fact. Better facilities are being actively organized.	Details of all available youth activities now included on new Watlington website	Achieved
Groups of youths seen as a threat	It was considered that these groups are usually non-aggressive, but some cause a nuisance. Pass concerns to WPC.	WPC asked to check if PCSO's monitor, on a regular basis, places where youths congregate in the evenings	Ongoing
Extra notice boards	Already planned for Town Hall and Library	WPC will be installing these.	Achieved

If you would like to get involved in any of the above initiatives, please contact watlingtonpc@tiscali.co.uk or speak to the Parish Clerk, Kristina Tynan, on 01491 613867, who will pass on your interest.