

PARISH PLAN UPDATE



The Parish Plan is going really well! A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to fill in the questionnaire. Of the 370 households in the parish we have received completed questionnaires from 225 which makes an impressive response rate of over 61%.

The purpose of this update is to reassure you that work is going on to make good use of the information that you have provided and to offer some feedback on the points that you have raised. The survey has given us some fascinating insights and many useful and imaginative comments and suggestions to add to the those that we reported back to you in the first update and which came mainly out of the parish plan launch event. On page 4 of this update, we have set out a brief survey of the data that the survey provided.



The survey responses demonstrate huge affection for the parish amongst residents and who can be surprised when it includes scenes like this?

What is happening next?

Over the rest of the summer work will go on to analyse the data and the comments that you have provided in order to identify the things that concern people the most. We will also begin to try to understand what opportunities might exist to meet those concerns and any restraints that may need to be overcome.

The next milestone will be an open meeting on the afternoon of **Saturday 30th September** in the Parish Hall, starting at 2pm, when members of the parish plan team will summarise the survey responses for each of the main topics (traffic, parking, built environment, amenities and community) and report on any relevant background issues. The next stage will consist of gatherings of all who are interested with the aim of exploring options and solutions. This will lead into working out how these ideas can be implemented.

All of this will inform the first draft of the plan which will be circulated for comment. We will then develop the draft to take account of feedback and responses and then recirculate drafts as often as it takes to get to a plan that fairly reflects both the majority and minority views across the Parish.

Will we get all this done by the end of the year? Only time will tell, but we'll do our best!

If you have any comments or queries please contact us at parishplan@hursley.net or leave a note addressed to 'Parish Plan' at the Post Office.

Pop-Up Cafe

Several respondents to the questionnaire suggested that what the village needs is a pop-up cafe. Well, by a complete coincidence, a pop-up cafe has well...popped up! On Saturday 19th August the Hursley Hub cafe made its debut in the church. The menu included bacon sandwiches and a variety of cakes as well as excellent coffee. It is due to reappear on Saturday 23 September 9 -12.

Winchester Half Marathon

This event will take place on Sunday 24 September. After the last time, the organisers admitted that their planning had been less than perfect and the Parish Council has encouraged them to do better. The event will be greatly enjoyed by more than 1800 runners and some of the proceeds will go to charity. Although it is generally a good thing, there will inevitably be disruption to movement in and out of the village between 9:15 and 14:00. If you are planning on a serious lie-in, this is the day to choose! Detailed information will be provided by the organisers and you can also learn more on the Parish Council website: hursleypc.org.uk

Pitt Flood Defences

A number of respondents to the questionnaire commented on the need to improve the drainage at the junction between Enmill Lane and the A3090 to enable the unsightly sandbags to be removed. So it is good to be able to report that Hampshire County Council are drawing up plans to enhance the flood drainage capacity around the Pitt triangle area and will shortly remove the sandbag wall once they have the agreement of the local householders whose properties are most at risk of flooding.

Hursley Pantomime

The Hursley Pantomime is back! This year they are going to have a go at Alice in Wonderland / Through the Looking Glass. Performances are planned for 8 - 10 February 2018. If you would

like to get involved, on stage or behind the scenes, please contact Michael Arthur on 07780802880.

St John's Church Farley Chamberlayne - Cream Tea and Jazz



Sunday 3rd September 3:30 - 5:30 in this beautiful church. Cream tea, jazz band, tombola and auction of promises in aid of the church tower. Tickets are £6 in advance from Wendy (01794 368265) or Hannah (01794 368143) or £7.50 on the day. To help you get there, the postcode is SO51 0QP.

All Saints' Church Roof

Following a successful fundraising initiative, which resulted in a very generous donation from Viridor towards the costs, repairs are due to begin shortly. Scaffolding will start going up on 4 September and the work is due to be completed by the end of October.

IBM Social Club

Responses showed that quite a few people are interested in knowing more about this. It is located on the road into IBM that runs past the school. On Thursday 14 September the club is holding an open afternoon/evening starting at 3pm with hog roast, bar and entertainment.

POINTS

The many comments and suggestions that people gave in response to the questionnaire included some which lend themselves to a quick and easy answer!

Welcome Pack

Lots of people said they would have found a welcome pack useful when they came to the village and some who have been here a while said they would still find one useful. You will be pleased to hear that there is a welcome pack and that HVCA members are tasked to report new arrivals so that they can be given a pack. The pack is currently being updated and is available at hursleypc.org.uk and from the Post Office.

Dry Cleaning Services

A number of people felt that a dry-cleaning service would be a great asset. The good news is that the Post Office already provides a drop-off and collection point for dry cleaning.

Your amazingly versatile Post Office & Shop

So many respondents were full of praise for the shop and the amazing job that Tash is doing but it was apparent that not everyone realises quite how much he does do! So here is a handy list:

Newspapers and magazines

Newspapers etc deliveries

Stationery and Greeting Cards

Confectionery and Ice-Cream

Groceries, milk and frozen food.

Dry Cleaning

Euros

Banking

ATM (get your cash from Tash!)

Moneygrams

Postal services

Amazon drop off point (Free delivery for non-Prime members)

Home shopping returns

Glass Recycling

Many people suggested that there should be facilities for glass recycling, either a collection service or a drop-off point. Perhaps not everyone realises that there is a bottle bank in The Dolphin pub car park - an excellent facility that The Dolphin provides for the community.

Internet

For many people broadband and internet access are important issues and there seems to be a lack of clarity about what is going on. We've done some homework and apparently Hursley Parish now has Superfast Internet Access - 41% of residents currently have access (but you have to upgrade), 7% will have access very soon but for 52%, it is further down the line. A full report of our findings can be found on the Parish Council website at hursleypc.org.uk.

HVCA Events

People are generally aware of the HVCA but it looked as though people could do with a reminder of forthcoming events, which are as follows:

17 Sep Hursley 10k and fun run.

14 Oct 19:30 Racing Night - Parish Hall.

21 Oct 09:30 Bonfire Build - Rec.

03 Nov 19:00 Bonfire - Rec.

11 Nov 13:00 Newcomer's Lunch - Parish Hall.

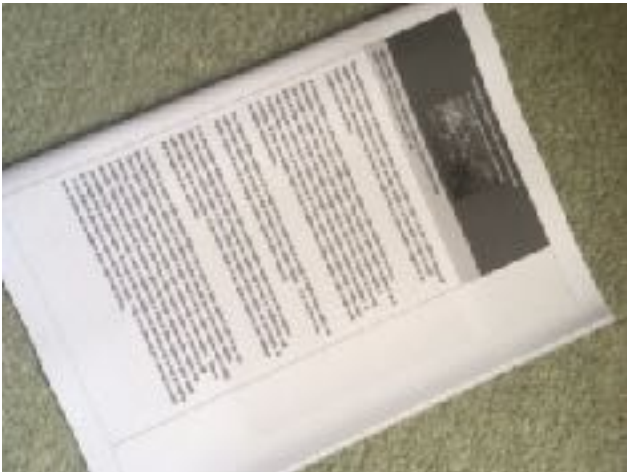
09 Dec 10:00 Christmas Tree Festival - All Saints Church.

15 Dec 18:00 Village Carol Singing - Meet Post Office.

For more information go to

<https://www.thehvca.co.uk> and scroll down on the homepage. While you are there, why not sign up to HVCA and Slack, the Parish's social network. Click on 'Join HVCA, fill in your details and tick 'Access to Social Network'. You will then receive an e-mail with instructions for joining Slack.

FROM THE SURVEY



Perhaps the most striking thing to emerge from the survey is that the parish of Hursley is far from being an homogenous entity. Instead it consists of a number of distinct settlements with different sets of allegiances. Of the 370 households in the Parish, 210 are located within Hursley village leaving 160 households scattered across the wider parish. So the village itself accounts for less than 60% of the parish. For many parts of the parish, the village and perhaps the notion of 'Hursley' offers very little. This thought finds support in the fact that twice as many households within the village responded to the questionnaire as did those elsewhere in the parish. All of this generates interesting challenges in coming up with a parish plan for all the parish!

So what picture of the parish does the survey paint? Firstly it is very settled, the average length of time that households have lived in the parish is just short of seventeen years. Those who own their own homes account for 70% while the remainder are tenants. We are probably a community with fewer than average single person households to judge from the fact that the households that returned surveys have an average of 2.8 residents per household compared to a national average of 2.3. If that average holds good for those households that didn't respond, it suggests that the population of the parish is

around 1,000 people. We also have significantly fewer 26-35 year-olds than the national average, a reflection perhaps on the lack of affordable housing.

Anyone who has stood on the platform at Winchester station in the rush hour might be forgiven for thinking that this part of the world is all London dormitory but that is far from the case in Hursley where only 20% of the population work outside Hampshire.

Something that comes out very strongly from the results is that people are very happy about living in Hursley and keen to do so for a long time. Around 60% came to live in Hursley because they specifically chose to live in a village or rural setting. We asked how long people would like to stay in the parish and the vast majority hoped to stay for a very long time. It follows that there is an underlying commitment to maintain the character of the parish.

The big issues continue to be traffic and, in the village, parking, but most respondents offered balanced and nuanced views about these issues - perhaps not surprisingly since the survey shows that over 90% use a car or van more than once a week.

So, an initial impression from having studied all the responses is that people love living here. There are many things that they treasure and a few irritants. Overall most people seem to want to keep things much as they are while encouraging some of the positive aspects of the 21st century such as broadband but pushing back the negatives - such as too many cars driving too fast and too many cars competing for too few parking spaces.

You might like to know that we will be providing further information by e-mail. If you didn't complete the questionnaire but would like us to keep in touch, please e-mail us at **parishplan@hursley.net**