

WESTLETON PARISH PLAN



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FOREWORD

In 1968 the Westleton WEA produced a book called **Westleton from 1830s to the 1960s – A Survey of a Suffolk Village**. Now just over 40 years later and at the beginning of the 21st century another survey has been carried out, called the **Westleton Parish Plan**. Whereas the first book is solely an historical document, the main reason for producing this book is to improve village life by seeking the views of residents on local issues.

It is with pleasure that the committee presents the **Westleton Parish Plan** to the Parish Council and the people of Westleton. This is based on the findings of a questionnaire. The Action Points in each section embody the views of Westleton residents about what they would like done to improve the parish and the lives of its people. We hope that the Action Points will be acted upon and the data from the survey used by others in their efforts to enhance life in Westleton.

The book is the result of nearly three years' hard work by the committee. However it could not have been achieved without the generous help of residents of the parish, and the committee is very grateful to them.

My thanks go also to all who helped in this venture, especially the committee. Apart from the printing all the work has been done by residents of the parish of Westleton.

In tandem with **A Changed Village** published in 2000 it will be a useful historical document about life at the turn of the century.

Sheena Robertson
Committee Chairman, Westleton Parish Plan. March 2010



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MESSAGES OF SUPPORT

I very much welcome the production of the Westleton Parish Plan and it gives me great pleasure to offer my wholehearted support. The preparation has clearly engaged the whole community in seeking out the aspirations and ideas for the future of the Village. I believe that it will prove to be an invaluable blueprint for the sustainable development of Westleton which in the way the plan is presented must influence those other Local Authorities that the Village deals with.

Not only is the Plan a very useful planning document it is also a thoroughly absorbing read and I congratulate the Parish Plan Committee for its tireless effort.

Rae Leighton
Suffolk County Councillor, Blything Division



It is not news that people who live in Westleton care deeply about the character and well-being of their village. It has, however, been demonstrated afresh by the process that has led to the production of this excellent village plan.

It is a remarkably thorough, informative and useful document. The findings are interesting and well researched, the conclusions validated by the high level of local participation.

This village plan with its wide-ranging programme of action points will serve Westleton well over the coming years.

Congratulations to all concerned.

Barry Slater
Suffolk Coastal District Councillor, Yoxford



On behalf of the Westleton Parish Council, I congratulate the Parish Plan Committee for their commitment and dedication to this Parish Plan. It is a snapshot of village life today, which will form a heritage reference document which future generations can use to build on their aspirations for tomorrow. The Westleton Parish Council is financially and morally supportive to this worthwhile cause and grateful for the help and guidance received from Suffolk ACRE during its period of inception.

Colin Fisher
Chairman, Westleton Parish Council



HISTORY OF WESTLETON

Early history

The placename Westleton (or Westledestuna as it appeared in the two Domesday Book entries of 1086) is believed to derive from the Old Norse Vestlithi (a personal name) and Old English tun, i.e. Vestlithi's homestead. The larger entry contained woodland for seven pigs, three acres of meadowland and a church with 20 acres. Thus Westleton was a Scandinavian settlement surrounded by hamlets with Saxon names, such as Theberton and Darsham. Westleton had been in existence for at least a hundred years before the Domesday survey. It was on the medieval road to Dunwich, the fourth largest port in England at the time. Although four manors have been identified, these were in effect just large farms and at no time was there a powerful landowner. There seems to have been a large number of freemen in the village, and it is said that this accounts for the independent trait of the people of Westleton.

There is little known of Westleton from the 11th until the early 19th centuries as there were no events of note or famous people living here during that time. The dramatic increase in population in the 19th century with its need for social order required the recording of large amounts of information, and this gives a surprisingly detailed account of Westleton life since then.

Occupations

The census of 1851 showed a significant proportion of the population was employed in agriculture. The land round Westleton is of marginal quality for farming so the villagers had difficulty making a comfortable living. Times were hard and punishments were severe. In 1832 two men were hanged in Ipswich for setting fire to stables at the Crown Inn. When people fell on hard times they were often consigned to the Workhouse that was situated at Bulcamp near Blythburgh, which later became a geriatric hospital and is now a residential complex.

The opening of Lowestoft harbour and the railway line at Darsham in 1859 encouraged more villagers to become fishermen. In 1861 there were 11 fishermen out of 940 residents but by 1914 this had grown to almost 100 out of 750 residents. As they were paid only on leaving the ship they often had to run up debts with local tradesmen and even with the school before their next fishing trip. They worked on herring drifters but, as this work was seasonal, they would also go to Plymouth and Cornwall for the mackerel fishing and even to Ireland to find work. In Westleton there are several small squat brick sheds with tiled roofs, one being behind the Post Office, which were built at the end of the 19th century as smokehouses for herring. The best red herring were known as North Sea Pheasants and provided fish for the winter.

Most of the fishermen were Methodists and attended the Westleton Primitive Methodist chapel in The Street opposite the Post Office. The present building opened in 1868 and at its peak had a congregation of 200. There is a record of a hundred fishermen attending a thanksgiving service there and then walking up and down Bakers Lane in their home made tunics dyed red from the same preservative as was used on the nets. At that time Westleton also had a



reputation for smuggling, poaching and fighting. Apparently when the men from the local villages were bored they would go to another village and pick a fight. One day the men from Leiston walked to Westleton to have a go. They were roundly beaten and locked in the school overnight, "So that they could larn the noble art".

After the Second World War the numbers of fishermen declined and by 1990 there were only two offshore fishermen living in the village fishing out of Dunwich and selling the fish on the beach and at Lowestoft. They have now retired.

In 1965 a survey carried out by Westleton WEA found only 37 farmers and farm workers, nine forestry workers and nine in associated agricultural jobs out of a population of 508. The next largest occupational group was 27 in the building trade and working at the Sizewell nuclear power station. Perhaps the most famous business in Westleton at that time was the Clematis nursery which gained national fame when its owner Jim Fisk exhibited at Chelsea Flower Show on several occasions. It closed in 1999 on the last day of the 20th century.

Windmills

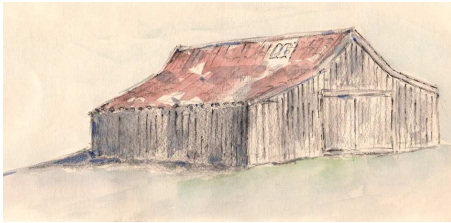


At one time Westleton boasted three windmills, at Black Slough, Ralph's Mill on the common and the third near the top of the Green. This was the last one to be removed in 1963, and was closed without consulting the residents. One of the grindstones from this mill is now at the top of the Green at the base of one of the mill timbers which holds the village sign.

Replace the long gone windmill on the common with a wind turbine to generate electricity for the village.

Comment from questionnaire.

The Green



The Green has always been at the centre of village life. Triangular in shape, the old name was the Triangular Square which used to reach down as far as the Crown Inn. It had a small stream running from the pond called the Green Ditch (the pond is now sometimes known by this name). The ditch was put into a

culvert when the School and School house were built in 1842 and the Primitive Methodist Chapel was built adjacent to the School house in 1868. Since the 1950s the pond has been cleaned up and is now, together with the Green, a tourist attraction. The war memorial and garden were built in 1920 after the First World War.



There were stocks on the Green near the pond which were used until the 1870s. The villagers used to feel sorry for the poachers and feed them and put straw under them to make them more comfortable! Wandering cattle were kept in a pound, and the owners had to pay a fine to get them out. Animals used to graze on the Green but, when this stopped, the grass was allowed to grow long, as seen in old photographs. However, since the 1950s it has been kept short by a band of volunteers and is now very tidy with its trees, including one planted

by John Canna Fisk in 1935

dedicated to King George V, which has a circular seat around it. To commemorate those who fell in the First World War, 18 lime trees were planted along the Green. These are now alas dying, but will be replaced by trees in the new village field on Blythburgh Road, with the number increased to include those who died in the Second World War.



Many celebrations have taken place on the Green, including parties for the Queen's Coronation in 1953, and Silver and Golden Jubilees in 1977 and 2002. The main event held on the Green every year is the Barrel Fair which takes place in August. Its predecessor was the Village Carnival, which was first held in 1951 in celebration of The

Festival of Britain. This event lasted a whole week, and amongst other activities barrel rolling took place on The Street itself. The barrels used in those days were the traditional wooden ones. The last time this event was held was in 1971. In 1994 it was decided to revive the fair and the Barrel Fair in its current form was conceived. The main event, as the name suggests, consists of rolling barrels down and up the Green rather than on the road as previously. The barrels are now the modern metal ones. Thousands come from all over Suffolk and beyond, with the profits going towards village amenities.

The Common

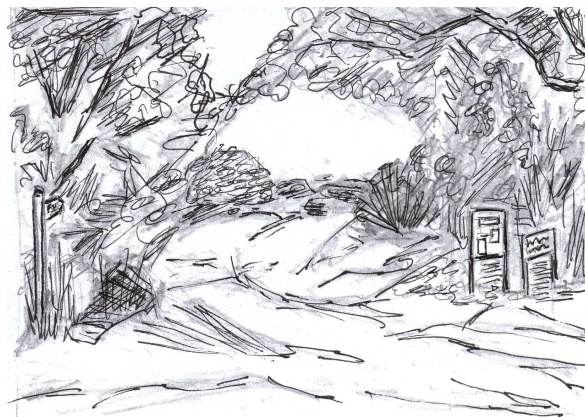
Westleton Common covers an area of nearly 49 acres and consists of gravel which was formed at the end of the ice age from the North Sea drift. This is the basis of its dry, acid heath land and it is now a haven for wild life, including the rare small Silver-Studded Blue butterfly. Since medieval times sheep which kept the vegetation cropped were reared on the Common. It has been a playground for children for many centuries, where they collected fossils which they called fairy houses and horses.

I like the heath because you can go there and have a bit of fun.

Comment from under 16.

During the Second World War there was an army camp at the top of Mill Street with an observer corps post on the east corner of the Common. An army cookhouse and mess were in the middle of the Green, with the house called The Barn on the north side of the Green being used as an officers' mess.

From the Middle Ages onwards, sand and gravel have been extracted from the Common. This reached its peak during the Second World War when it was used in the construction of the many airfields built in the area. In the 1990s a proposal to resume gravel extraction was prevented by objections from some residents. The Parish Council purchased the Common in 2003 with substantial financial aid from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The management of the Common is now the responsibility of Suffolk Coastal District Council. Following the purchase of the Common, Westleton parishioners formed a group that holds regular working parties.



The School/Village Hall

The first school, called Dame Threadkill's Academy, was next to Phoenix Cottage on the Darsham road and burnt down in the First World War. It was kept by an elderly woman and was typical of those in England at that time. The children paid a penny a week, and the boys learned to read and write, while the girls learned to sew.



In 1842 what is now the Village Hall was built as a school, together with the adjacent school house. Originally there was only one room and a gallery where small children from the age of three were taught by pupil teachers aged eleven or twelve. In 1863 it became law to keep a daily log book in schools, and Westleton's is still in existence, giving a fascinating

insight into school life. It is a complete record of school life, recording such matters as attendance, absence together with a reason, illness, helping in the fields etc. and, when appropriate, reasons why the school did not open. The most frequent reason for this was the boiler not working. The school numbers fell at harvest time and the school was regularly closed. The numbers rose in winter when there was no work and the school was warm. The influenza pandemic of 1918 closed the school for several months.

In 1882 school numbers reached their maximum with 190 pupils, many under the age of four (an example of an early crèche?). In 1954 there were 45 children and when the school closed in 1967 there were only 30 children.

In 1970 the old First World War army hut known as the WI hut situated next to Merrydown on The Street was sold. The money raised was used to buy the school building from the Church Commissioners and it was turned into the present Village Hall.

St Peter's Church



The present church was built in 1340 and incorporated an earlier building. It is unusual in that it has a thatched roof and no tower. The original tower collapsed in 1776 and was consolidated as a short stump, which became unsafe when a mine fell nearby in the Second

World War. The tower was then reduced to its present shape and size, with a small brick bellcote now holding the bell. Besides being rung for services it is rung for

major events including Westleton winning the “Best Kept Village” award in 1976. The cross at the eastern end was added in 1991.

The inside of the church is very light, due to the large clear glass east window which allows the trees to be seen from inside the church. There is also a medieval font and 19th century boxed pews, which date back to the time when families had to pay for their pew. Due to the good acoustics the church is often used for concerts and other events. Funds are currently being raised to make the organ one of the best in East Suffolk, as well as providing a small kitchen and toilet facilities.

Since 1966 there has been a Wild Flower Festival when the church is decorated throughout with un-endangered species of wild flowers. A lot of thought and preparation go into the organisation of this festival with people visiting it from far and wide.



Recent developments

Three major events occurred in the years following the Second World War that have altered the nature of Westleton. In 1947 the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds opened Minsmere Bird Reserve, and in 1968 the National Trust purchased Dunwich Heath. Both of these encouraged tourists into the area, while the third event, the construction of Sizewell nuclear power stations brought much needed work. The heath land, excluding the common, is part of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty known as the Sandlings, with the resulting emphasis on the protection of nature. Many cottages have been modernised which has had the effect of increasing property prices in the area, and leaving only one thatched cottage in the village.

The Village Field

In 2007 the Parish Council bought a field on Blythburgh Road to the east of the village for use as a sports ground and a children’s play area. The funds to buy this were raised by donations, loans, and money from the Barrel Fair and the Parish Council. Hedging and trees have now been planted, the grass sown and the equipment for the children’s play area has been selected.



Further information

At least four books have been written about Westleton since 1948. Archives have been kept for the last 25 years and can be viewed at the Village Exhibition held in the Village Hall annually in July, or by contacting the Archivist. (The Archivist can be contacted via the Parish Council Chairman – see Local Contacts, p 42).

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INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE WESTLETON PARISH PLAN

Background

A public meeting was called by Westleton Parish Council in March 2007 to consider whether to prepare a Parish Plan for Westleton. The meeting was addressed by Annette Gray of Suffolk ACRE (Action for Communities in Rural England), who explained that the purpose of such a Parish Plan was to enable the community as a whole to influence the future direction of Westleton. Parish Plans are encouraged by both central and local government, and help and influence parish, district and county councils in making appropriate local decisions. They can also be helpful in obtaining financial assistance through grants.

About 65% of those attending the meeting voted to go ahead with the preparation of a Parish Plan. Volunteers were called for, and a committee was formed.

Preparation of the Plan

A considerable amount of time and effort went into producing the plan, all of which was on a voluntary basis. There were obviously costs involved, and the majority (95%) of the necessary finance came from Suffolk ACRE through DEFRA's Rural Social Communities Programme, with the remainder from Westleton Parish Council.

The first task was to produce a questionnaire to be delivered, if possible, to every household in Westleton. The decision was taken to base the questionnaire on a

computer model that had been developed specifically for the purpose of producing parish plans. This would enable a detailed analysis of the results to be carried out following the collection of the data. It was important to ensure that the questions included in the final questionnaire reflected as far as possible topics that were relevant to residents' concerns and interests. To this end, residents were invited to indicate questions or areas of concern at several events held in the village during the summer and autumn of 2007. These included the Wild Flower Festival and Village Exhibition, Barrel Fair, and several other events and meetings. Analysis of all the information gathered at these events enabled the committee to compile the questionnaire to reflect the local issues of importance and relevance. A draft questionnaire was given to a dozen volunteers who had not been involved in its preparation to ensure the final document was as clear as possible.



The final questionnaire contained 67 questions, and everyone over 16 years of age was invited to complete the appropriate section of the document. In addition a Business Questionnaire and a questionnaire for those under 16 years of age were produced. Questionnaires were delivered by hand in October 2008. There were 314 houses in the parish of which 17 were empty or unoccupied, leaving 297 houses to which questionnaires could have been delivered. In the event 246 were delivered and 232 collected, three of which were not correctly completed and therefore could not be used, leaving 229 usable questionnaires. This meant that the final total of questionnaires collected gave a response rate of 78%, with 429 respondents over the age of 16 completing the questions. In all, including those under the age of 16, 474 residents were recorded in the questionnaires returned. In addition, 26 Business questionnaires and 31 Under-16 questionnaires were returned. The data was entered into the computer model by six volunteers. In all, something in the order of 75,000 separate items of information from the returned questionnaires were entered into the computer. The questionnaires were totally anonymous, and all responses to the questions confidential.

The results were analysed, and an open meeting was held in the Village Hall on June 16th 2009 to present the data to residents. There was an excellent response to this meeting with over 100 people attending. As well as a presentation highlighting those points that the committee considered to be the most interesting, a full set of the data was also displayed to enable everyone who attended to view the complete results.

Following this, considerable further thought and analysis were carried out by the committee over a period of eight months to distil the information into a form suitable for presentation as this, the **Westleton Parish Plan**. A copy of the full Plan complete with data is to be made available on the Westleton Parish Council website. (www.onesuffolk.co.uk/westletonpc).

The next steps

This Plan summarises the main findings of the survey carried out in late 2008 and indicates the actions that are thought to be necessary and appropriate to achieve the aspirations of Westleton residents. The data provides information that will be presented to organisations such as the parish, district and county councils, police, primary care trusts, and funding organisations to seek improvements. It also includes an Action Plan (pp. 39-41) indicating who should take the lead for each point, together with supporting partners.

RESULTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Explanation of presentation

The term “response rate” is used frequently throughout the following sections. This refers to the number of responses to a particular question as a percentage of the total number of 429 respondents. It can be assumed that the higher the response rate, the greater the importance or relevance placed on the question.

The figures shown on some of the following charts show a total greater than the 429 respondents or, in the case of percentages, greater than 100. This is because some were multiple choice questions, and more than one option could be selected.

Some of the information given cannot be derived by looking at the basic data alone. This is because a cross-analysis was carried out, e.g. by age or the location of respondents with regard to their answer to a particular question.

Where numbers are given on the left side of a chart, they refer to the number of respondents to the particular options shown on that chart.

All the information presented directly from the data refers to what respondents thought in October 2008.



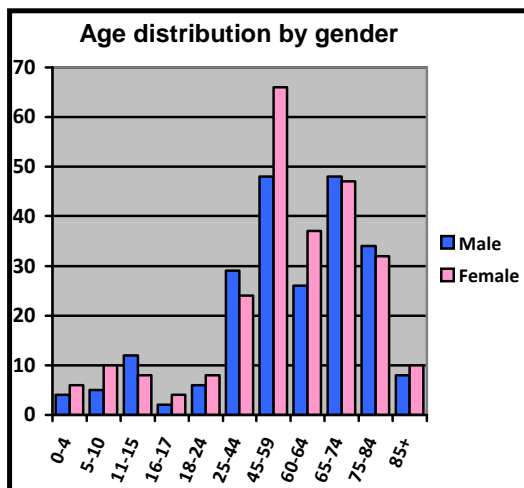
POPULATION

Background

The population of Westleton has steadily declined over the past 150 years according to the official census figures. The 1851 census gives the population as 993. By 1901 this had fallen to 755, and by 1961 to 577. The 2001 census showed the population as 433. However the number of occupied houses has increased over the same period from 205 in 1851 to 219 in 2001. The similarity between the number of houses in 1851 and 2001, despite many having been built in that period, is probably because several of the smaller properties have recently been converted by joining two or more together.

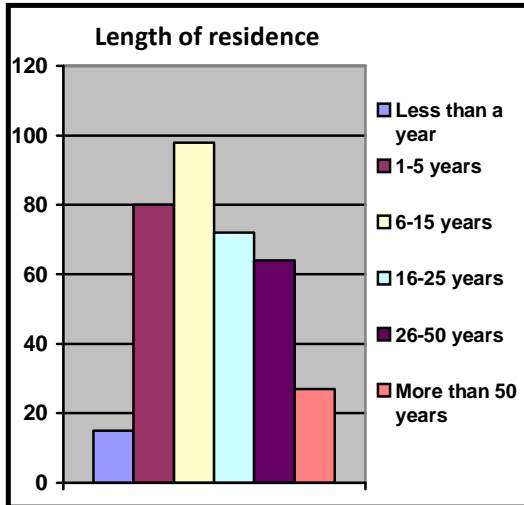
The total number of people entered on the returned questionnaires was 474 residing in 229 households. The apparent discrepancy between these figures and those from the 2001 census can be put down to the census being a “head-count” of people staying in Westleton on the night of the census, whilst great pains were taken in preparing the Parish Plan to gather data from as many households as possible. In some cases this necessitated returning to houses several times to obtain a completed questionnaire, and mailing questionnaires to second home owners.

Questionnaire results



The information given in this graph is based on the total numbers of people reported as normally living in the households that responded. This shows that the age profile of the population is slanted to the older age groups, with 51% over 60 years of age and only 11% below the age of 18. As far as gender goes, the split is fairly even with 47% male and 53% female. Throughout the rest of the report the figures used are from the main body of the questionnaire completed only by those aged over 16.





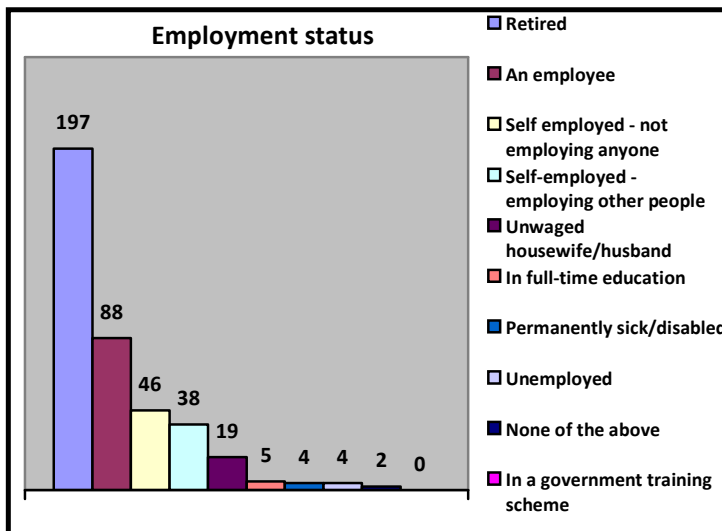
Replies to the question about the length of time permanent residents have lived in Westleton showed that 25% have been here longer than 25 years, 54% less than 15 years, and 27% less than 5 years. Other data shows that 51% of respondents were over 60 years of age, and 29% have retired to Westleton, so the figure of 54% having lived here for less than 15 years is perhaps not surprising. From the data it was found that 73 non-permanent residents had answered the questionnaire.

WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Background

In the past many Westleton residents were employed in the numerous small shops and businesses that have now largely vanished. Much of the other employment was on the farms and in the few large houses. Agriculture, though it continues over a large area in the parish, does not provide as much local employment as it did previously. Although most of the old businesses have gone, a surprising number of new enterprises have replaced them. Westleton is now largely a place for holidays or retirement, so small businesses tend to be associated with property maintenance and tourism. The RSPB Minsmere Reserve on the edge of the parish is a major contributor in this respect. In addition, some businesses make use of modern communication methods to serve clients outside the locality.

Questionnaire results

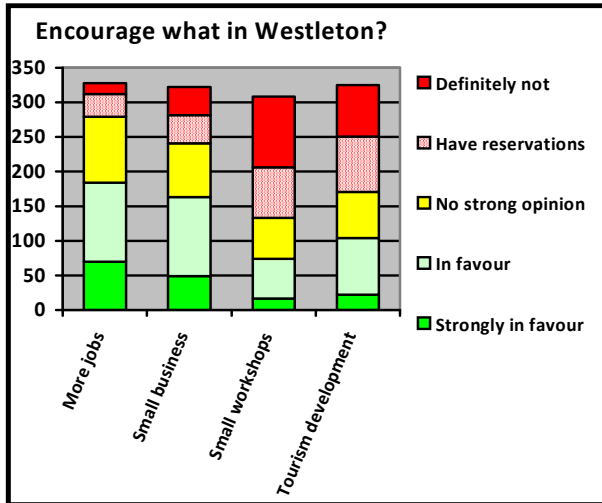


There were three direct questions relating to work and employment in the questionnaire, with several others touching on the subject.

The results show that about half of respondents are



retired and only 43% are currently employed, with nearly half being self-employed. Nearly one-third (42) of full time employed residents work from home and another 18 both live and work within the parish. More than half (82) full time residents travel out of the parish to work which has implications for the environment.



The question asking what should be encouraged in Westleton showed considerable support for more jobs, with 50% being in favour and only 14% against. This is true of all age groups, but not surprisingly, although only a small number in total, two-thirds of the under 25s showed the greatest support for this option, followed by those in the 60-64 age group. More local employment opportunities might help to improve the social balance in

the parish, and possibly also the local environment, by reducing the need to travel to work. Small business development was favoured by 45% of respondents, but only 20% would be happy with small scale industrial workshops. Tourism development/attractions are also wanted by only 28% of respondents, despite the fact that tourism plays a significant part in the economy of the parish. As mentioned in the section on the Local Environment (pp. 34-37), the possible developments at Sizewell nuclear power station could have a significant effect on employment locally.



Residents were invited to take part in an additional Business Survey if they had a business in the parish. Some businesses chose not to participate, but 26 did so. The results show that 27% of these Westleton businesses are related to tourism, with a further 27% related to leisure or service activities. Most (79%) of the businesses operate from domestic premises and employ only one or two people, most of whom live in the parish.

The largest employer responding to the Business Questionnaire was the RSPB, which has a key rôle in tourism with up to 30 employees, many of whom are part-time, though only two employees appear to live in the parish. This employer would favour the provision of more affordable housing in the parish and also better public transport services. In general, businesses feel that Westleton has sufficient facilities, and only 7 out of the 26 think a business park would be beneficial.

Most businesses were unaware that Suffolk Coastal District Council has an Economic Development Officer who could help them sustain and extend their business.

The Under-16's Questionnaire also revealed that four of the older children have holiday jobs, two have paper rounds, one works on a farm in Yoxford while another works in the tea rooms at Dunwich.

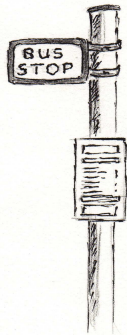
Action Points



- Encourage SCDC's Economic Development Officer to be more proactive.
- Liaise with larger local employers to resolve differences in attitudes to tourism.
- Promote the setting up of business enterprises.

TRANSPORT SERVICES

Background



The greatest changes to transport services over the last fifty years have been the increase in private car ownership, and the decrease in public transport. Undoubtedly there is a direct link between these two factors and a consequent effect on the environment.

The only public transport now serving the village is the bus and the "CoastLink". There is a direct daily bus service to Leiston on weekdays, which returns after three hours, and also a bus once a week to Lowestoft. There is a frequent bus service between Saxmundham and Beccles which goes to Darsham, but does not pass through Westleton. A bus service from Yoxford to Norwich is scheduled twice a week.

The "CoastLink" is the special community bus service which runs seven days a week from 7am to 7pm. It will collect residents and take them where they want to go, provided it is within the area of Blythburgh and Saxmundham and towards the coast, including Darsham Station, Walberswick and Leiston. It needs to be booked at least twenty-four hours in advance.

There is a train service from Darsham Station every two hours to Ipswich and London or to Lowestoft with a connection to Norwich.

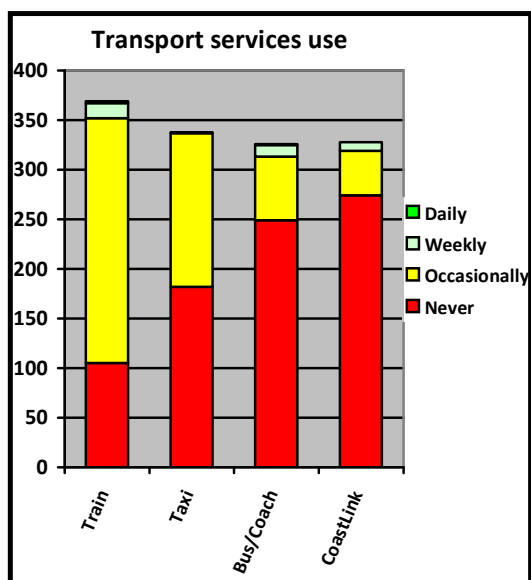
Questionnaire results

There were eight questions dealing with different aspects of transport.

Not surprisingly in such a rural area, 94% of respondents indicated that their main means of transport is by car, with all five other options scoring 2% or less. The main uses of the car are for leisure and shopping, with 80% and 76% responses respectively. The other significant uses of the car were for business journeys (25%) and transport to work (23%). There is a limited car sharing scheme operating in the village, advertised in *The Yoxmere Fisherman*.

One-third of respondents often or occasionally have problems getting from Westleton parish to other places, whilst all of the respondents who use public transport as their main means of transport experience that difficulty. Slightly more than half of those respondents who often had problems getting from Westleton parish also had a health problem or disability which affects their day-to-day living.

Use of bus services is extremely low, with 58% of respondents never having used them, and 92% never having used the "CoastLink". The main improvements looked for in bus services relate to the timetable, frequency of buses, and information on routes and bus stops. Presumably this is an example of the "chicken and the egg" in that, without greater use improvements will not be forthcoming, and without improvements increased use will not happen!



The most frequently used public transport is the train but mainly on an occasional basis. The train users wanted improvements in rail fares, frequency of trains, and car parking facilities at Darsham Station. The second most frequently used service is the taxi, again on an occasional basis, with the service being rated as adequate by 75% of those who use it. As can be seen from the graph, very few residents use any form of public transport on a daily basis.

The Under-16's Questionnaire showed that 17 children attending local schools use the school bus service.

Action Points



- Encourage greater use of public transport.
- More publicity needed about bus services.
- Promote the service offered by the community bus (CoastLink).
- Press for the bus service between Saxmundham and Beccles to be routed via Westleton.
- Encourage the expansion of car sharing.
- Press for improvement to train services and parking facilities at Darsham station.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY

Background

Westleton is a small village at the intersection of several roads. The most significant road through Westleton is the B1125 from Blythburgh to Leiston which runs north-south and cuts the village almost in half. The length covered by the 30mph speed restriction is nearly one mile. It is a busy road, carrying an average of some 2,200 vehicles every day. The traffic volume is greatly increased on occasions when it is used as a diversion route following an incident on the A12 and when Darsham level crossing is closed for maintenance. Apart from tourist traffic, one of the main groups of users is traffic to and from the nuclear power station at Sizewell. With the probable advent of a third and even a fourth reactor being built at Sizewell, this traffic could well increase. For the majority of its length through the village the road is fairly straight, which tends to give rise to increased traffic speed.



The B1125 passes through the busiest section of the village, namely The Street where the shop, restaurant, garage, Crown Inn and Church are located. This area is where the main parking problems are experienced. There is a perception that the parking here is a mixed blessing, acting as a kind of traffic calming, whilst at the same time causing a hazard. The need for a car park has been an issue for some time, and the Parish Council is currently looking into the possibility of

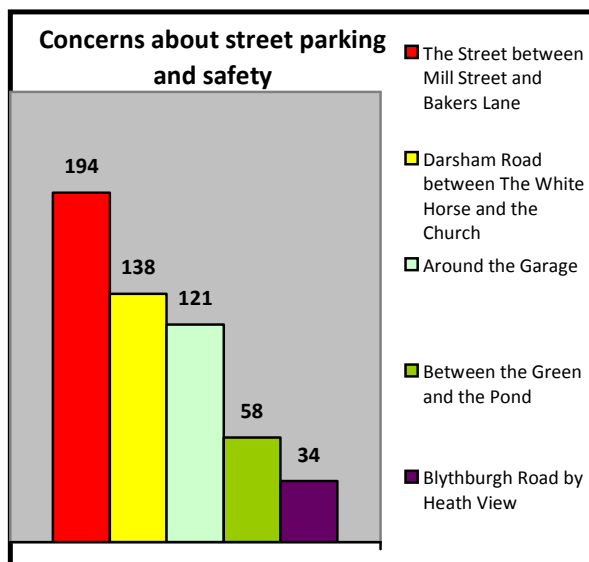
providing a parking area on the edge of the Common.

Several other roads enter Westleton, the main one being from the A12 at Yoxford. This is a fairly narrow road with several “blind” bends. Traffic to Minsmere Bird Reserve and the National Trust at Dunwich Heath are signed through Westleton, adding greatly to the traffic, particularly in the summer. One of the routes to Minsmere uses Mill Street and Bakers Lane leading to the narrow road to Scott’s Hall. Darsham Road is used by some traffic to Halesworth and the north of the county, and is in places particularly narrow and served by passing places, as well as passing through Darsham village. It also has a difficult junction in Westleton where it joins The Street near the Church, Village Hall, Crown Inn and garage.

Questionnaire results

There were eleven questions relating to traffic in the questionnaire, making it the largest topic. Respondents made numerous comments on these issues, including the speed of traffic, the size of modern farm vehicles, flooding on the B1125 due to pig farming, the need for car parking and parking restrictions in the centre of the village.

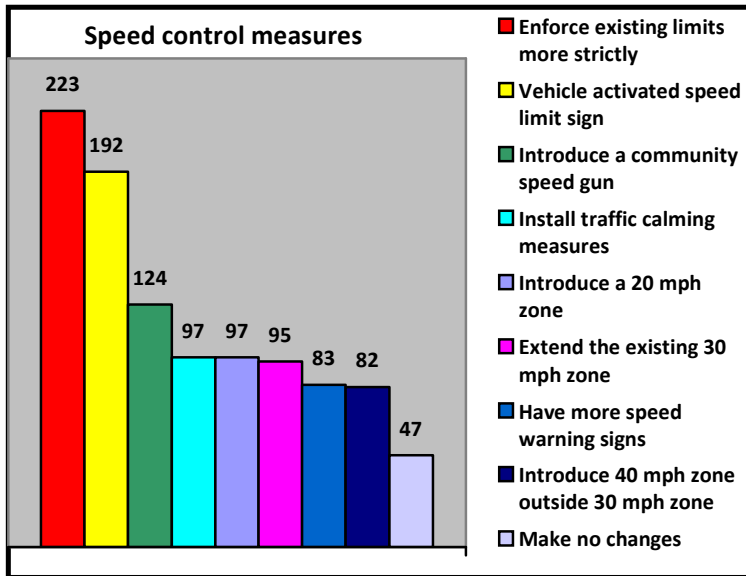
Overall, public parking facilities in Westleton were thought to be adequate, with 62% considering them good or reasonable. This question received a high response rate of 90%. The question as to whether Westleton needs a car park also had a response rate of 90%, and was fairly evenly split with 48% for and 52% against. On the face of it, these two answers contradict each other, but further analysis showed that of those who thought that the parking was good or reasonable, 34% still felt that a car park would be of benefit. Parking outside people’s homes was generally not found to be a significant problem, with only 15% experiencing problems due to tourist traffic blocking the road.



This particular aspect was analysed by the six geographical areas included in the questionnaire, and not surprisingly showed that most parking problems occur in the centre of the village. Surprisingly, only 65% responded to the question about street parking causing a safety risk, again with most problems seen as occurring in the village centre. However, of those responses, 69% felt there was a safety risk with parking in The Street between Mill Street and Bakers Lane.

Improving road safety was again generally seen as more of an issue in the centre of the village than elsewhere, though only 77% responded to this question.

The issue of speed was again shown to be important with 76% of the 93% responding to the question stating that they felt in danger from speeding traffic.



Support for enforcing speed limits by various methods is at the top of villagers' wishes. Stricter enforcement of the existing limits was favoured by 58% of respondents, 50% would like to see a vehicle activated speed limit sign and 32% a community speed gun.

Traffic calming, together with various changes in speed limits, are supported by about 25% of respondents, while 12% of respondents feel that things should be left alone.

Please we need speed control measures urgently.
 Comment from questionnaire.

Action Points



- Resolve need for and location of car park.
- Ensure speed limits are enforced more rigorously.
- Examine ways of reducing traffic speeds.
- Ensure Sizewell C traffic is kept out of Westleton.

AMENITIES

Background

There are many activities that the residents of Westleton are able to enjoy. These range from carpet bowls to ballroom dances in the Village Hall, and from rounders matches to guided walks in and around the village. There are also regular functions that take place in the Parish Church, such as concerts, other fund-raising events and the annual Wild Flower Festival linked to the Village Exhibition held in the Village Hall. The village Green is the venue for the annual Barrel Fair which has been held there since 1994 and outdoor films (weather permitting). The Barrel Fair plays a central part in the social life of the village, as it is not only an event in its own right, but supports other village activities financially. Westleton WI was formed in 1918, three years after the first branch was formed in Britain. Westleton also hosts one of the most heavily supported Workers' Educational Association (WEA) branches in Suffolk.

The Parish Council has recently purchased a 3-acre field off Blythburgh Road which provides an opportunity for additional recreational facilities. The two public houses in the village also add to the social activities available.



The Village Hall was originally built in 1842 as a school. In 1967 the school closed and the building was taken over by trustees as the Village Hall. It is situated in the heart of the village and is the venue for a wide range of activities and meetings.

The present Parish Church dates from 1340 and has many features of architectural interest including a thatched roof, which although not unique is however unusual. It lost the remains of its tower as the result of a land mine during the Second World War. The Churchyard is managed with the advice of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust to provide a habitat for diverse wildlife.

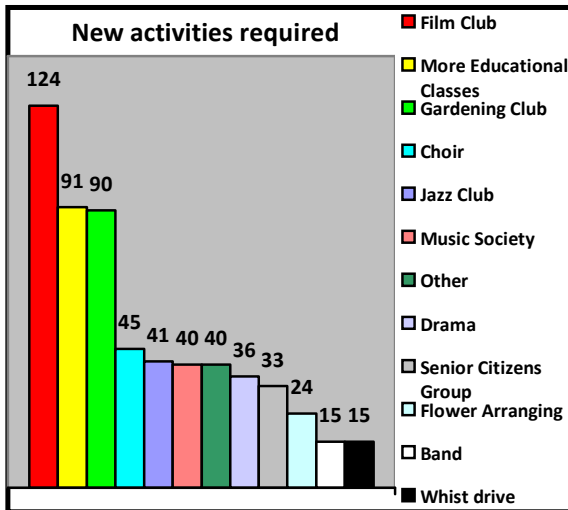
Questionnaire results

There were seven questions relating to various aspects of amenities provided in Westleton.

Two questions referred directly to the Village Hall. Most respondents (87%) consider that the Village Hall is adequate for the needs of Westleton, whilst 92% support the ongoing improvements planned by the trustees. There were, however, 48 (13%) respondents who considered the hall inadequate. Their reasons broadly fall into three categories. These were structural (poor insulation, condensation and inadequate heating), poor facilities (lighting, acoustics, no staging or bar facilities,

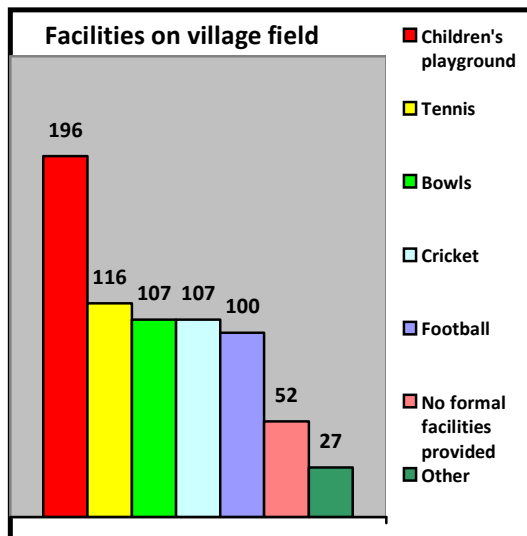
inadequate parking and no cycle racks), and the high cost of running an old listed building. Some of the problems mentioned in the responses have been addressed since the survey was carried out, such as insulation and provision of disabled toilets. Others may soon be provided as part of an ongoing plan of improvements, such as better heating and double glazed windows.

There were three questions about additional activities or facilities which people would like to see provided, or with which they would be willing to help.



Of the options given, the most popular choice of new activities is a film club with 124 (45%) responses. More educational classes and a gardening club had scores of 91 and 90 respectively (33%). A number of other activities were also suggested, but out of the 23 suggestions already seven are taking place.

Although only 37 respondents (9%) indicated their willingness to help with activities for young people. This is a positive response, considering the relatively small number of children in the village. Since the survey was carried out a Youth Club has been formed.

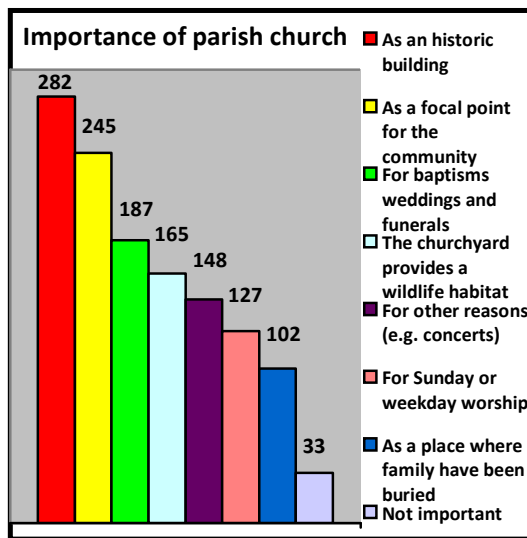


The question about facilities people would like to see on the new village field received a response rate of 79%. The majority of respondents would like to see some form of development on the site, with the provision of a children's playground receiving by far the most support with 58%. The four sporting options (tennis, bowls, cricket and football) all had comparable support (30 to 34%), but

I would like somewhere to go and have fun without upsetting older people.
 Comment from under 16.

52 people did not wish to see any formal facilities provided. A number of other suggestions were made as to how the land could serve the community. These included a sports pavilion, musical events, a picnic area and a keep fit trail. Since the

survey, the Parish Council has set up a Westleton Playing Field Committee which has started applying for grants for children’s play equipment.



The question asking about the importance of the Church elicited a 90% response. About one-third of responses show that the Church is important in a religious context – worship, baptisms, weddings, funerals and family members buried there. A significant number also think the Church is important as a focal point for the community and provides a more secular function as a concert venue, with the churchyard also providing a wildlife habitat. A very few, 33 (9%) feel that it is not important.

There were two other questions about facilities. One asked whether Westleton needs a public toilet, which showed an even split between yes and no. The other showed that 60% of respondents do not want a picnic area provided on the Common.

Action Points



- **Continue Village Hall improvements.**
- **Consider forming a film club and other suggested activities.**
- **Publicise activities already available.**
- **Consult residents regarding long-term development of village field.**
- **Promote closer relationship between Parish Council and Parochial Church Council.**

HEALTH

Background

There are no medical services located within Westleton. There was a doctor’s practice in the village until 1989. With the retirement of the doctor, a surgery run by the Leiston practice was held in the Village Hall. Eventually this facility failed to meet the required standards and was closed in 2001. The local options now are the surgeries in Leiston and its subsidiary clinic in Yoxford, the Saxmundham surgery,

with a few residents attending the Halesworth practice. There is a bus service to Leiston, but no convenient direct service to the other locations.

There are three main hospitals serving this area: Ipswich, James Paget between Lowestoft and Yarmouth, and Norwich. There is no public transport to these hospitals, and they are between ¾ and 1½ hours away by car. In addition there is a community hospital at Aldeburgh which provides services such as in-patient and day care treatment, physiotherapy, etc. Since the survey was carried out people in East Suffolk who suffer from a certain type of heart attack will be unable to receive the recommended treatment. This is because of the distance that would need to be travelled to reach a hospital carrying out the specialised procedure. This is another example of how relatively isolated Westleton is from medical services.

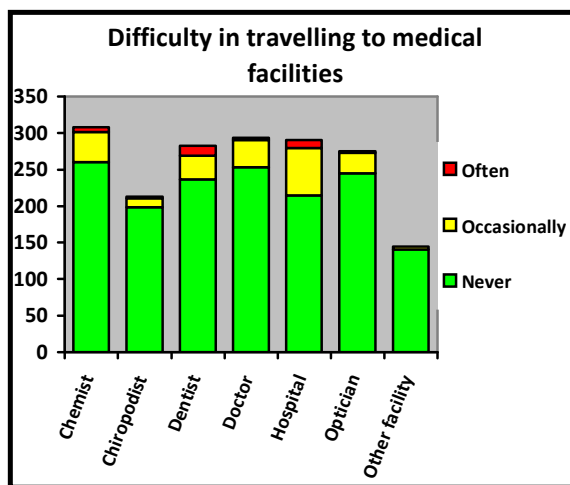
The nearest ambulance centre at Saxmundham has only one ambulance. This has inevitably given rise to delay in ambulance response. As a result the ambulance service has developed a scheme whereby immediate medical assistance can now be provided by local volunteers called Community Responders who are alerted by the emergency services.

Another initiative recently introduced by the local Church is the Parish Nurse Scheme whereby nurses are available to give advice and help to residents.

Questionnaire results

Seven questions in the questionnaire dealt with health issues.

Only 38% of the 390 respondents to the question about dentists indicated they are served by a National Health Service dentist, whilst 51% go to private dentists. The remaining 11% are not registered with a dentist. This is a poor reflection on the NHS.



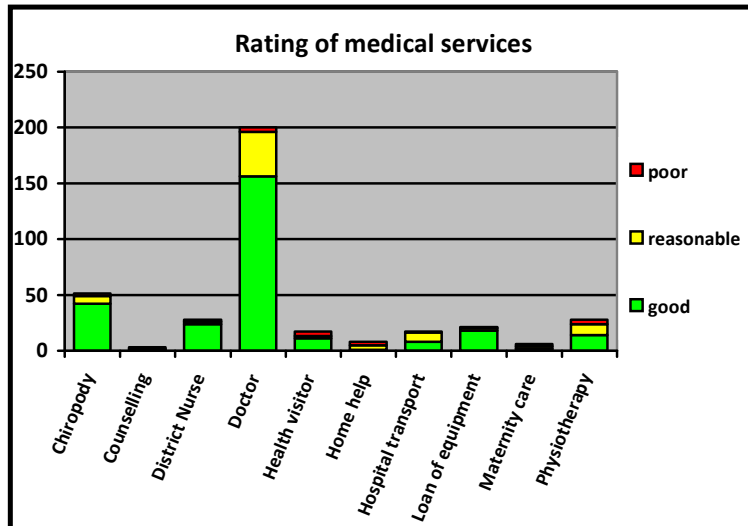
Surprisingly little difficulty appears to be experienced in travelling to medical services. This could well be due to high car ownership and neighbours giving lifts. However, 46 residents (12% of respondents) stated that they had a health problem affecting their day-to-day life, of whom over

The questions do not show the true difficulty in getting around by public transport - to hospital, doctor, dentist etc. You have to be able to drive.

Comment from questionnaire.

half (24), in answer to another question, also had some problem generally travelling to and from the medical services they needed.

The significance of Aldeburgh Hospital is clear, with 85% of respondents indicating they thought it very important or important. There was an 89% response rate to this question.



Those residents who had used them showed reasonable satisfaction with medical services, with less than 2% indicating they thought any of them were poor.

There was little enthusiasm for instigating a “Meals on Wheels” service. Only 10 out of the 376 who responded to the question said they would use it. Interestingly, half of those were aged between 45 and 59 – forward planning?

There was a more positive response to the idea of setting up a “Good Neighbour” scheme. Almost half (49%) of the 367 respondents were in favour, with 28% indicating a willingness to help with it.

Action Points



- Support local Community hospital.
- Organize a “Good Neighbour” scheme.
- Support all medical voluntary groups with help and finance.
- Provide effective information about services offered by Parish Nurse Scheme.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

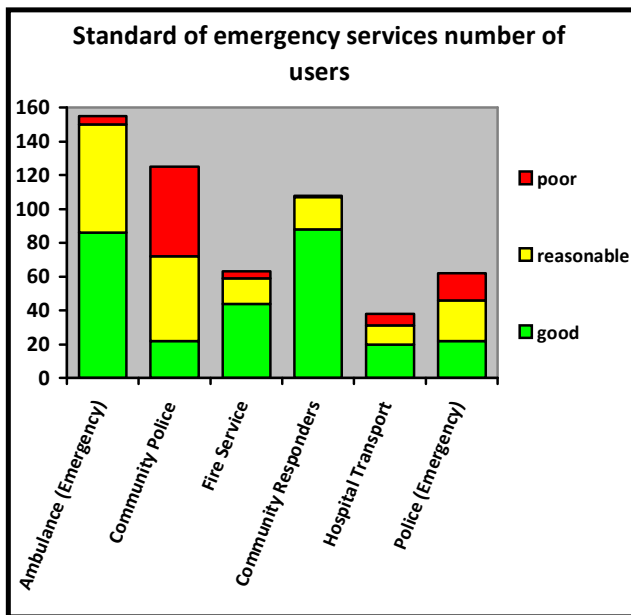
Background

Westleton is a community that does not suffer much from the crime-related problems that bedevil many other places. The major cause for concern on matters of safety relates to speeding traffic, which is dealt with elsewhere in this report under Traffic Management (pp. 18-20). There used to be a village policeman in Westleton until the 1980s. Now people experience difficulty contacting the police as all calls are routed through the police headquarters at Martlesham. A mobile police van comes to the village every two weeks, manned by a Community Policeman.

Street lighting is in some respects a safety issue, but is also an environmental matter and as such has been covered in that section of the report (pp. 34-37).

Questionnaire results

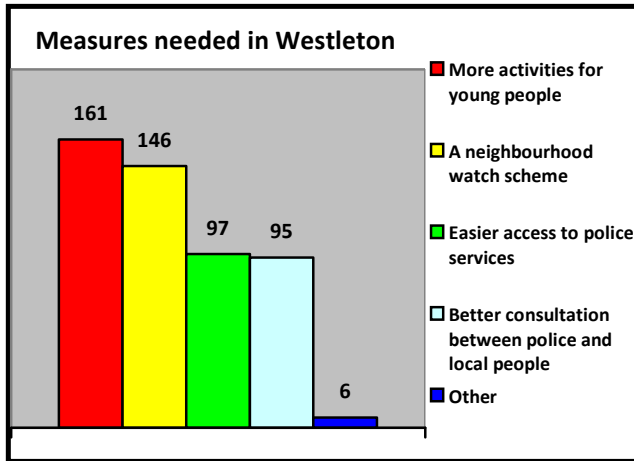
There were two questions relating to community safety in the questionnaire.



The first dealt with the perceived standard of emergency services. Fortunately, nearly 70% of Westleton residents have not had occasion to use any of the six emergency services included in the question. Of those who had used them, 81% and 70% respectively rated the services provided by the Community Responders and the Fire Service as good. At the other end of the scale only 18% considered the Community Police Service provided a good service. This situation

may have improved recently with the formation of the Suffolk Neighbourhood Team by the Suffolk Constabulary.





Nearly 53% of the 299 respondents to the question about measures needed in Westleton felt that more provision needs to be made for the young. Since this data was collected in late 2008, the situation has changed with the Parish Council starting the process of providing a play area on the new village field at Blythburgh Road. Almost half

of the respondents felt that a Neighbourhood Watch scheme would be beneficial to the village. Nearly a third thought that there should be better access and consultation with the Police.

Action Points



- Liaise closely with the police to raise their profile.
- Consider setting up Neighbourhood Watch schemes.



SHOPS AND SERVICES

Background

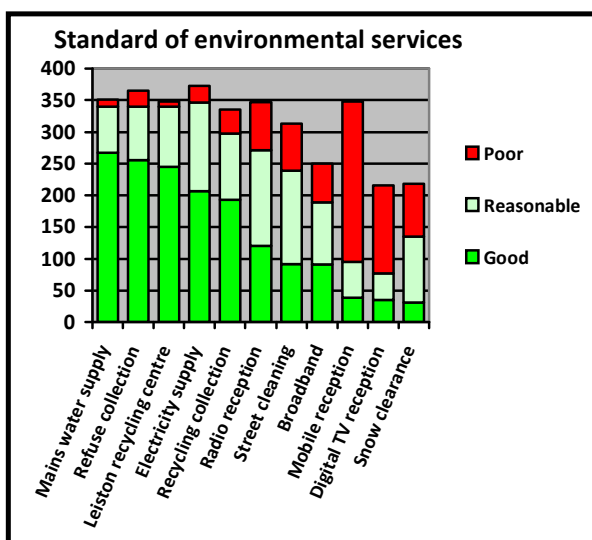
Some older residents recall that in 1939 there were at least 15 small shops and businesses in Westleton supplying most of the everyday needs of the residents. These included six shops selling a mixture of sweets, groceries and newspapers, a garage, a laundry, two cobblers, a builder and undertaker, a cycle and motorcycle repair shop, a butcher, a milk delivery business and a Post Office. By the 1950s this had reduced to about eight. The only shop now serving everyday needs is the village store, and there is still a garage.



The Shop and Post Office are used by people living in a much wider area than just the Parish of Westleton, and constitute an important meeting point and centre for the distribution of information. They are essential features of the village which warrant it being proposed as a Key Service Centre in the Suffolk Coastal District Council's Local Development Framework (see also the section on Housing pp. 32-34).

Questionnaire results

Four questions sought respondents' views on this topic, one dealing with environmental services provided from outside Westleton, and the other three largely centred on the services provided by the shops and others in Westleton.



There is general satisfaction with the basic local services, electricity, water, refuse collection and recycling. Radio reception and roadside care and street cleaning are, however, considered poor by 20% of respondents. Two-thirds of those who answered said mobile phone reception is poor. There is a BT phone box in the village (funded by the Parish Council) which provides a fall-back option in an emergency.

Freeview digital TV reception is also rated poor by 46%, as Westleton is on the edge of the service area for the Norwich transmitter. It is planned to switch over the Aldeburgh TV transmitter to a digital service in June 2011, and this should improve the service. In May 2009 the Aldeburgh transmitter started broadcasting digital radio broadcasts. Broadband connection was considered good or reasonable by nearly half of respondents

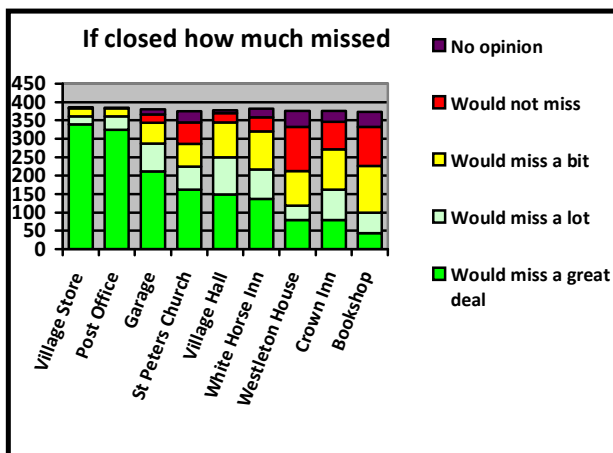
In the Business Questionnaire electronic communications were rated as important and generally satisfactory.

Only 9% of residents regarded winter road gritting and snow clearance as good. The results may have been different if the Survey had been conducted after the 2009/10 winter, which was harsher than for several years.



The Village Store and Post Office is a vital element in the community, and the results show that the Store is used at least once a week by 84% of respondents, and daily by 45%. The facilities offered by the Post Office are also used a great deal. It provides information leaflets, bill payment and other facilities for over 100 residents. The Post

Office is used by 98% of respondents for postal services, and for banking deposits and withdrawals by 39%. Considering the large number of retired people, however, the number of pensions and allowances drawn in cash is small, at 50 (13%).



One of the questions asked how the shops and services shown in the graph would be missed if they closed. The answers clearly showed that the Village Shop and Post Office would be sorely missed if lost.

The village shop and Post Office must be kept open. It is the heart of the village in terms of services and communications.
 Comment from questionnaire.

Also considered important are the Garage, St Peter's Church, the Village Hall, and the White Horse Inn. The others listed (Bookshop, Crown Inn, and Westleton House Restaurant) all have their adherents and clearly contribute to

the rich variety of activities in the parish. It should be noted, however, that all of these facilities also draw significant support from visitors to the parish, i.e. tourism.

The education service was not dealt with in the main questionnaire, but the Under-16's Questionnaire showed that 17 children attend local schools (Middleton Primary, Leiston Middle and Leiston High), whilst a further 10 go to other state schools in Framlingham, Reydon, Bungay, Wilby and Woodbridge.

Action Points



- Prepare to lobby MPs if any threat to Village Post Office.
- Seek to improve mobile phone reception in the area.
- Monitor television and radio reception after the switchover to the digital service.
- Urge that gritting and snow clearance be improved.
- Press for improved access to financial services at the Post Office.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

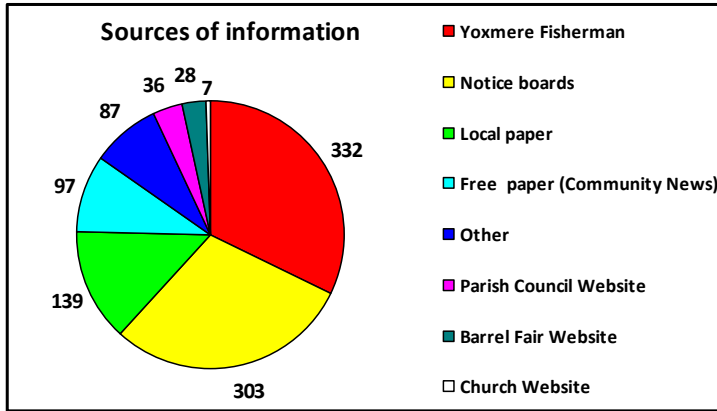
Background

There are numerous sources whereby the residents of Westleton can find out what is happening in the area. **The Yoxmere Fisherman**, a monthly magazine produced by the Church, and seven other sources were selected for inclusion in the questionnaire. Other sources include private advertisements, notices displayed at the two public houses, word of mouth and attendance at Parish Council meetings.

Questionnaire results

There were two questions about access to information, one dealing with sources and the other with satisfaction.

Not surprisingly, as it is delivered to all houses in the parish, *The Yoxmere Fisherman* was the main source of information. This was closely followed by the three notice boards in the centre of the village which are beside the Village Store, the Village Hall and the Church driveway. These have since been augmented by an additional board at the village field on Blythburgh Road. The three local websites scored very poorly but it is hoped that this will change as the Parish Council website is currently being updated.



Of the 385 respondents, 92% thought the information available about local events was either good or reasonable.

Action Points



- Keep websites up to date.
- Promote use of websites and notice boards.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Background

The Parish Council consists of twelve locally elected Councillors, and meets on the fourth Monday of the month throughout most of the year. Members of the public are welcome to attend and are given the opportunity to comment on the various issues being discussed.

On local elections a statement from each candidate on where they stand on local issues to give informed voting.
 Comment from questionnaire.

Questionnaire results

Two of the three questions relating to the Parish Council dealt with the publicising of its meetings and decisions, and the relevance of the meetings. Of the 364 respondents to the question about publicity, 81% thought the meetings were very well or reasonably well publicised. However, the positive responses to the question regarding attendance at Parish Council meetings were disappointingly low. Only 150 (35%) indicated that they had ever attended a meeting, though 116 (77%) of the 150 felt that issues raised and discussed at meetings were relevant and reflected local concerns.



The third question relating to the Parish Council dealt with the publicising of planning applications affecting Westleton. There was a 73% response to this question and, disturbingly, nearly two-thirds felt that the publicity was insufficient.

Action Points



- Encourage residents to attend Parish Council meetings.
- Increase awareness of Parish Council activity.
- Publicise planning applications proactively.
- Publicise planning application decisions.

HOUSING

Background

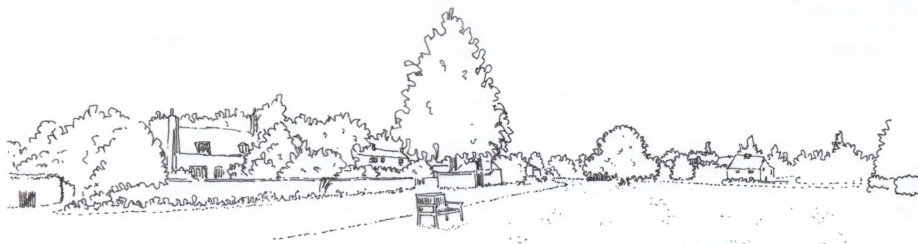
There are two significant aspects of housing in any community. These are the housing that already exists, which in a small village such as Westleton tends to define its character, and any new housing that may affect its future character. The first formal control of development was introduced in 1947 with the Town and Country Planning Act. This required all development, with a few exceptions, to secure planning permission from the local authority. This remains the case today. The main criteria as to what is acceptable are set out in Local Plans produced by local authority planning departments, Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) for Westleton.

Recent Government legislation is changing this approach by requiring planning authorities to produce a new set of guidelines called Local Development Frameworks (LDFs). The assumption is that the new system will speed up and make more transparent the planning process. One of the most important aspects of the LDFs will be the establishment of a Settlement Hierarchy which will be used to determine the scale of development appropriate to a particular location. There will be six Settlement Types, Major Centres, Towns, Key Service Centres, Local Service Centres, Other Villages and Countryside. Westleton has been allocated Key Service Centre status. More information on this can be found on Suffolk Coastal's website (www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk).

We like Westleton as it is.

Don't change the character of Westleton.

Comments from questionnaire.

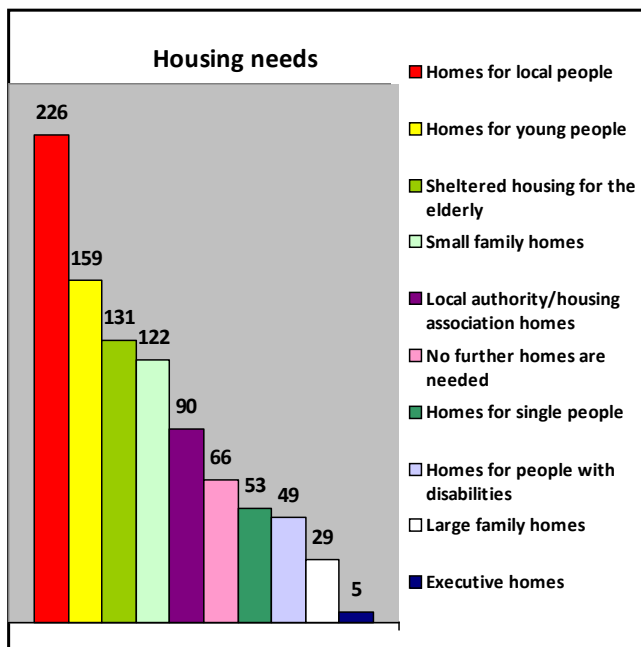


The Parish Council was asked to comment by SCDC late in 2008 on the proposals as they might affect Westleton. As far as housing is concerned, the current SCDC proposal is that any new housing allocations to rural communities – in addition to that which might normally accrue – should be very modest. At least a third of any such development will be permanent affordable social housing.

There were at one time 24 council houses in Westleton, nearly all of which have now been sold.

Questionnaire results

There is a high percentage of second homes and holiday home businesses in the village, dating from the 1950s. Of the 314 houses in the parish, 17 were either empty or unoccupied at the time of the survey, while 39 of the 229 households that completed the questionnaire were second homes. It is likely that many of those that did not respond were also second homes or holiday lets, making the likely percentage of non-permanent residences as high as 25%.



Clearly there is a strong local feeling that, in any future development, homes for local people should take priority. Also figuring high on the list of needs are homes for young people, although some of this need could also be met by homes for local people.

Not surprisingly given the age profile in Westleton

(51% of residents are over 60), sheltered housing for the elderly was also considered important.

There is a lack of affordable housing.
Comment from questionnaire.

Other information which came from the survey gave further strength to the need for housing for local people. Sixteen households indicated that either an individual or the whole household would be likely to need alternative accommodation in the parish in the next five years. It is understood that currently there are no Westleton residents or their dependants on the affordable social housing list.

Action Points



- Carry out a housing needs survey.
- Liaise with SCDC regarding the content of the Local Development Framework.
- Encourage those with need to apply for inclusion on the social housing list.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Background

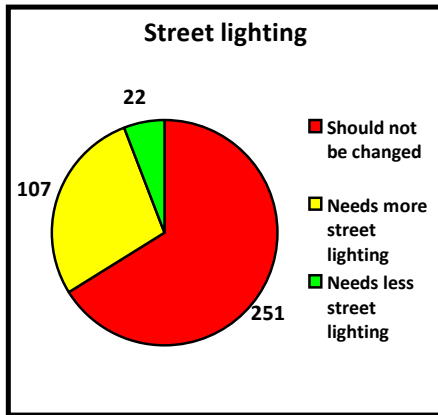
Westleton is a rural parish close to the coast. It is surrounded to the west by agricultural land. To the east of the village are Westleton Common (owned by Westleton Parish and managed by Suffolk Coastal District Council and DEFRA), Westleton Heath (owned and managed by English Nature), Minsmere Bird Reserve (owned and managed by the RSPB), Dunwich Forest (owned by the Forestry Commission) and Dunwich Heath (owned and managed by the National Trust). Westleton is less than five miles from two nuclear power stations in Sizewell, Sizewell A reactor is currently being decommissioned, and Sizewell B is the UK's newest station. The Government will soon decide whether to build a third and possibly fourth nuclear power reactor at Sizewell.

Questionnaire results

There were ten questions relating to different aspects of the environment. These were the infrastructure, specific local issues and wider environmental matters.

In answer to a general question, just over half of respondents indicated that one of the main reasons for living in Westleton is because of their love of country life. This would indicate that the local environment is very important to them.

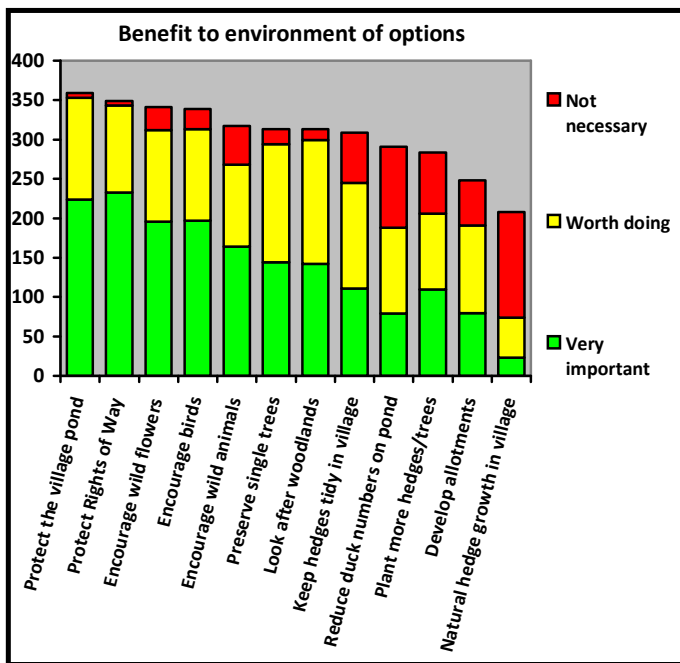
Of the three questions relating to the infrastructure, the one with possibly the most far-reaching implications asked about local flooding problems. Over three-quarters (76%) of households reported no problems, but 21% reported few problems and 3% many problems. In the Business Questionnaire the percentage of concern is much greater, with 19% of respondents being very concerned and 39% somewhat concerned.



Two-thirds of respondents feel that the street lighting in Westleton should not be changed but over one-quarter (28%) consider that more street lighting is needed. Further analysis of this response over the six areas into which Westleton had been divided in the questionnaire did not show that any one area was considered more deficient than any other.

The provision of litter bins was regarded as good or reasonable by 66% of respondents, though only 48% of respondents thought there were enough dog litter bins. There were several comments made in the responses about problems with dog mess.

Of the three questions dealing with local issues, that which related to the benefits of managing the local environment received the greatest response at 90%.



Twelve options were given in the question about how beneficial certain management options would be. Responses ranged from great support for protecting the village pond and Rights of Way, to little support for allowing hedges to grow naturally within the village. There was also clear backing for protection and encouragement for wild flowers, birds and animals.

I don't like being pecked by the ducks.
 Comment from under 16.

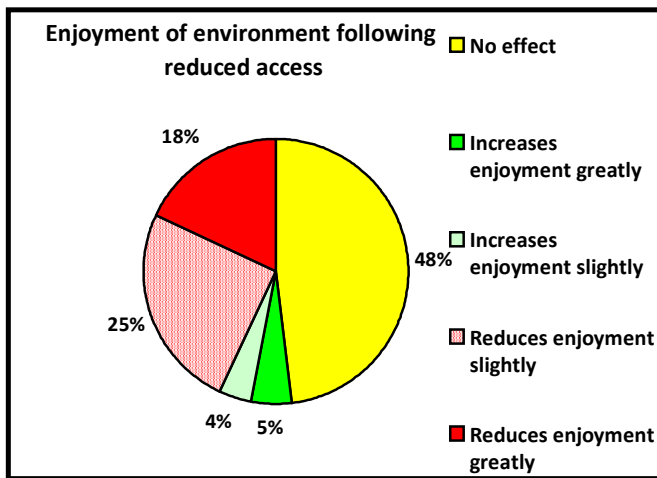


An open question asking parishioners how they feel the countryside around Westleton has changed in recent years was answered by only 43% of the total respondents. Of those, most expressed strong opinions, with a clear majority stating that the management by the RSPB, English Nature and the National Trust has been to the detriment of the land and access to it. Particular concern was expressed about the increasing number of fences and fenced areas. Fewer

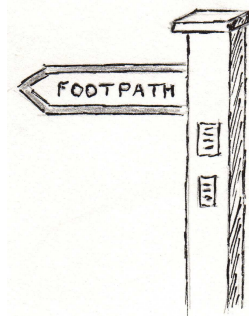
comments were directed toward local farming, but of those, the majority were critical of the increasing intensity of farming, the loss of hedgerows and consequent

opening up of the landscape, and the large number of pig farms.

Of the 84% who responded to the question about how their enjoyment of the environment had changed since the introduction of the Right to Roam legislation, 43% thought there has been an adverse impact, 9% considered that there has been an improvement and 48% could see no change.



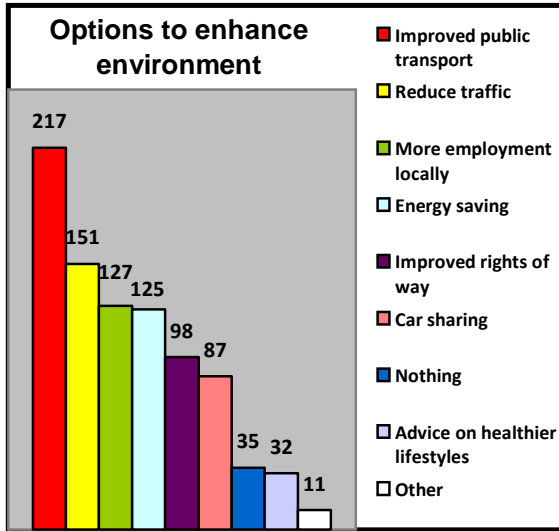
However numerous comments made by respondents indicated that reduced access to the local area had been brought about by the RSPB erecting fencing, and had nothing to do with the Right to Roam legislation.



Three of the four questions on wider environmental matters referred to the proposed Sizewell C reactor, coastal defences and communal action to reduce the carbon footprint. All three found great support, with 70% in favour of building Sizewell C.

82% think Westleton Parish Council should press for improvements to Suffolk's coastal defences and 76% consider the community should make efforts to reduce our carbon footprint. The Business Questionnaire showed that 18 out of the 26 business respondents (74%) are trying to improve their carbon footprint.

How about a community compost heap?
 Comment from questionnaire.



It is clear respondents feel that traffic has a major impact on the local environment, with a strong desire for improved public transport and a reduction in traffic. Perhaps the achievement of the former would give rise to the latter. At the other end of the scale advice on a healthier lifestyle is not considered very necessary. This could be because 51% of respondents to the questionnaire were over 60, and either think their lifestyle has got them this far, or it is too late to change now!

Action Points



- Ascertain details of flooding concerns and liaise with SCDC and the Environment Agency.
- Consider providing additional dog litter bins.
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UNDER-16'S COMPETITION RESULTS

Participants were invited to supply a caption for the picture below.



These are the captions suggested (in no special order).

- *"Come on Ducks – you'll get a parking ticket."*
- *Duck 1: "What does that sign say?" Duck 2: "I don't know – I can't read."*
- *Ducks can't read it says No-Parking.*
- *"Quack you read."*
- *A quite naturist place to go.*
- *Looks interesting, doesn't it? NOT!*
- *"Since when do they think ducks can read?" "I don't know but why don't you start learning?"*
- *Westleton: The land I call my own. 😊*
- *"What a cheek! We've been parking here for generations."*

Thanks to those who joined in -- WELL DONE.

ACTION PLAN

The action plan is a summary of those points listed in the report that the committee has derived from the responses to the questionnaire. The objective is to ensure that the aspirations of the residents are met as far as possible. The Parish Council will have a key rôle to play in managing the implementation, but it is vital that individuals and groups become involved to assist the Parish Council in reaching the objective. A large part of the Parish Council's rôle will be seeking the necessary volunteers.

The action plan should be treated as a working document that is monitored to ensure that progress is being made. The Annual Parish Meeting in March should be used as a forum for open discussion on progress made so far and on actions to be taken during the following year.

	ACTION REQUIRED	LEAD	PARTNER
1	WORK AND EMPLOYMENT (pp. 14-16)		
	Encourage SCDC's Economic Development Officer to be more proactive.	Parish Council	SCDC
	Liaise with larger local employers to resolve differences in attitudes to tourism.	Parish Council	Business Community
	Promote the setting up of business enterprises.	Parish Council	SCDC
2	TRANSPORT SERVICES (pp. 16-18)		
	Encourage greater use of public transport.	Parish Council	East Suffolk Travellers' Association
	More publicity needed about bus services.	Parish Council	Bus operators.
	Promote the service offered by the community bus (CoastLink).	Parish Council	CoastLink
	Press for the bus service between Saxmundham and Beccles to be routed via Westleton.	Parish Council	East Suffolk Travellers' Association
	Encourage the expansion of car sharing.	Parish Council	SuffolkCarShare.com
	Press for improvement to train services and parking facilities at Darsham station.	Parish Council	East Suffolk Travellers' Association
3	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY (pp. 18-20)		
	Resolve need for and location of car park.	Parish Council	SCDC
	Ensure speed limits are enforced more rigorously.	Parish Council	Police
	Examine ways of reducing traffic speeds.	Parish Council	Suffolk CC/ Police
	Ensure Sizewell C traffic is kept out of Westleton.	Parish Council	Suffolk CC/ EDF

	ACTION REQUIRED	LEAD	PARTNER
4	AMENITIES (pp. 21-23)		
	Continue Village Hall improvements.	Village Hall Committee	Community
	Consider forming a film club and other suggested activities.	Volunteer Group	Village Hall Committee
	Publicise activities already available.	Activity Organisers	
	Consult residents regarding long-term development of village field.	PC Playing Field Committee	
	Promote closer relationship between Parish Council and Parochial Church Council.	Parish Council/ Church PCC	
5	HEALTH (pp. 23-25)		
	Support local Community hospitals.	Parish Council/ SCDC	Suffolk Primary Care Trust
	Organize a "Good Neighbour" scheme.	Volunteer Groups	Suffolk ACRE
	Support all medical voluntary groups with help and finance.	Community Responders/ Parish Nurse	Volunteer Groups
	Provide effective information about services offered by Parish Nurse Scheme.	Church PCC	Volunteer Group
6	COMMUNITY SAFETY (pp. 26-27)		
	Liaise closely with the police to raise their profile.	Parish Council	Police
	Consider setting up Neighbourhood Watch schemes.	Volunteer Group	Police
7	SHOPS AND SERVICES (pp. 28-30)		
	Prepare to lobby MPs if any threat to Village Post Office.	Parish Council	Elected Representatives
	Seek to improve mobile phone reception in the area.	Parish Council	Elected Representatives
	Monitor television and radio reception after the switchover to the digital service.	Parish Council	Digital UK
	Urge that gritting and snow clearance be improved.	Parish Council	Suffolk CC
	Press for improved access to financial services at the Post Office.	Parish Council	Post Office Ltd
8	ACCESS TO INFORMATION (pp. 30-31)		
	Keep websites up to date.	Web Masters	
	Promote use of websites and notice boards.	Parish Council/ Village Hall Committee/ Church PCC	

	ACTION REQUIRED	LEAD	PARTNER
9	THE PARISH COUNCIL (pp. 31-32)		
	Encourage residents to attend Parish Council meetings.	Parish Council	
	Increase awareness of Parish Council activity.	Parish Council	
	Publicise planning applications proactively.	Parish Council	SCDC
	Publicise planning application decisions.	Parish Council	SCDC
10	HOUSING (pp. 32-34)		
	Carry out a housing needs survey.	Parish Council	SCDC
	Liaise with SCDC regarding the content of the Local Development Framework.	Parish Council	SCDC
	Encourage those with need to apply for inclusion on the social housing list.	Parish Council	
11	LOCAL ENVIRONMENT (pp. 34-37)		
	Ascertain details of flooding concerns and liaise with SCDC and the Environment Agency.	Parish Council	SCDC/ Environment Agency (EA)
	Consider providing additional dog litter bins.	Parish Council	SCDC
	Liaise with RSPB, English Nature and the National Trust to address residents' concerns.	Parish Council	RSPB/ English Nature/ National Trust
	Support local flood prevention groups.	Parish Council	EA/ Blyth Estuary Group/ Minsmere Levels Stakeholders Group/ Walberswick Sea Defence Group
	Liaise with SCDC regarding available help for communities to reduce carbon footprint.	Parish Council	SCDC
	Ensure that carbon reduction is considered in all Parish Council decisions.	Parish Council	SCDC Environmental Protection Team
	Improve and maintain access, footpaths and Rights of Way in and around the parish.	Parish Council	Local bodies/ Landowners/ Volunteer Groups

LOCAL CONTACTS

SOME USEFUL LOCAL CONTACTS			
ORGANISATION	POSITION	NAME	DETAILS
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Parish Council	Web Master	Chris Cardwell	westletonpcweb@tiscali.co.uk
Village Hall Committee	Chairman	Morgan Caines	01728-648349
Parochial Church Council	Secretary	Sue Foster	01728-648333
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The Yoxmere Fisherman	Editor	Stan Saunders	magazinestan@aol.com
Voluntary health groups	Co-ordinator	Sheena Robertson	01728-648775
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Suffolk County Council	County Councillor	Rae Leighton	rae.leighton@suffolk.gov.uk
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Suffolk Coastal District Council	Environmental Protection Team	Deborah Wargate	01394-444747
Suffolk ACRE	Good Neighbour Schemes	Robert Horn	robert.horn@suffolkacre.org.uk 01473-345359
Energy Saving Trust	Local Advisor		www.energysavingtrust.org.uk 0800-512012
Environment Agency (EA)			www.environment-agency.gov.uk
Blyth Estuary Group			www.southwoldsos.co.uk
Minsmere Levels Stakeholders Group			www.onesuffolk.co.uk/minsmerelevelsstakeholdersgroup
Walberswick Sea Defence Group			www.walberswickseadefence.org.uk
Anglian Water			www.anglianwater.co.uk 08457-145145
Essex & Suffolk Water			www.eswater.co.uk 08457-820111
East Suffolk Travellers' Association			www.eastsuffolktravellers.org.uk
CoastLink			01728-833526

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APPENDIX 1 - SURVEY DATA RESULTS

Where percentages are shown in the tables they represent the proportion of the total responses to the question that selected that option.

Where a question was a multi-choice type the total of percentages may exceed 100%.

PART 1 - HOUSEHOLD SECTION

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS : 229

Question 1

How many people including children normally live in your household? **474**

Question 2

Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group:

	Male	Female
Age 0 - 4	4	6
Age 5 - 10	5	10
Age 11 -15	12	8
Age 16 - 17	2	4
Age 18 - 24	6	8
Age 25 - 44	29	24
Age 45 - 59	48	66
Age 60 - 64	26	37
Age 65 - 74	48	47
Age 75 - 84	34	32
Age 85 or more	8	10

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE OVER 16 : 429

Question 3

Where in the village is your house situated?

Area 1	Blythburgh Road, Dunwich Road, Gorse View, Longacre, Studio Close	54 (23.6 %)
Area 2	The Green, The Street, Reckford Road	31 (13.5 %)
Area 3	The Hill, Darsham Road, Clematis Close, Old Hall Lane	44 (19.2 %)
Area 4	Bakers Lane, Mill Street, Love Lane, The Common	40 (17.5 %)
Area 5	Yoxford Road, Grange View	29 (12.7 %)
Area 6	Outside Westleton Village	31 (13.5 %)

NUMBER OF RESPONSES : 229

Question 4

Is this dwelling your household's main residence?

Yes	184 (83.0 %)
No	39 (17.0 %)

NUMBER OF RESPONSES : 223

Question 5

Is this dwelling ... ?

Housing Association rented	5 (2.2 %)
Local authority rented	0 (0.0 %)
Owner occupied	195 (85.2 %)
Private rented	18 (7.9 %)
Provided as part of employment	5 (2.2 %)
Shared ownership (part owned/part rented)	1 (0.4 %)

NUMBER OF RESPONSES : 224

Question 6

Do you have flooding problems with surface water or storm drainage?

Few problems	48 (21.2 %)
Many problems	7 (3.1%)
No problems	171 (75.7 %)

NUMBER OF RESPONSES : 226

Question 7

Is any individual in your household, or your whole household, likely to be in need of other accommodation in the parish, now or in the next five years?

Yes	16 (7.0 %)
No	207 (90.4 %)

NUMBER OF RESPONSES : 223

PART 2 - PERSONAL SECTION

Question 8

What is your gender?

Male	192 (47.5%)
Female	212 (52.5%)

**NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 404
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 94%**

Question 9

What age group do you belong to?

16 - 17	4 (1.0%)
18 - 24	5 (1.2%)
25 - 44	48 (11.9%)
45 - 59	111 (27.5%)
60 - 64	61 (15.1%)
65 - 74	95 (23.6%)
75 - 84	61 (15.1%)
85 or more	18 (4.5%)

**NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 403
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 94%**

Question 10

If you are a permanent resident, how long have you lived in the parish of Westleton?

Less than a year	15 (4.2%)
1 – 5 years	80 (22.5%)
6 – 15 years	98 (27.5%)
16 – 25 years	72 (20.2%)
26 – 50 years	64 (18.0%)
More than 50 years	27 (7.6%)

**NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 356
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 83%**

Question 11 (Multiple choice)

What are the main reasons for your living in the parish of Westleton?

Availability of housing	24 (6.1%)
Born here	36 (9.2%)
Came with family	30 (7.6%)
Love of country life	203 (51.7%)
Marriage	38 (9.7%)
Relatives live nearby	43 (10.9%)
Retired here	115 (29.3%)
Setting up home	39 (9.9%)
Work in area	52 (13.2%)

**NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 393
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 92%**

Question 12

Are you at present ... ?

An employee	88 (21.8%)
In a government training scheme	0 (0.0%)
In full-time education	5 (1.2%)
Permanently sick/disabled	4 (1.0%)
Retired	197 (48.9%)
Self-employed - employing other people	38 (9.4%)
Self-employed - not employing anyone	46 (11.4%)
Unemployed	4 (1.0%)
Unwaged housewife/husband	19 (4.7%)
None of the above	2 (0.5%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 403
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 94%

Question 13

If you are employed, where is your main place of employment?

Home based/Home working	44 (26.3%)
Outside Westleton parish	105 (62.9%)
Within Westleton parish	18 (10.8%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 167
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 39%

Question 14 (Multiple choice)

Should the following be encouraged in and around Westleton?

	<i>Strongly in favour</i>	<i>In favour</i>	<i>No strong opinion</i>	<i>Have reservations</i>	<i>Definitely not</i>
More jobs in Westleton parish	70 (19.1%)	114 (31.1%)	95 (25.9%)	33 (9.0%)	16 (4.4%)
Small business development	49 (13.4%)	114 (31.1%)	78 (21.3%)	40 (10.9%)	41 (11.2%)
Small scale industrial workshops	17 (4.6%)	57 (15.5%)	59 (16.1%)	73 (19.9%)	102 (27.8%)
Tourism development/attractions	22 (6.0%)	82 (22.3%)	67 (18.3%)	80 (21.8%)	74 (20.2%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 367
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 86%

Question 15 (Multiple choice)

If you are a driver with daytime access to a vehicle, what do you use the vehicle for?

Business journeys	94 (24.7%)
Leisure	302 (79.5%)
Shopping	290 (76.3%)
Transport to work	88 (23.2%)
Transporting children to school/college	31 (8.2%)
Other	56 (14.7%)
Not applicable	24 (6.3%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 380
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 89%

Question 16

Do you experience transport difficulties in getting from Westleton parish to other places?

Often	27 (7.0%)
Occasionally	101 (26.0%)
Never	260 (67.0%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 388
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%

Question 17

How often do you use the following transport services?

	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Weekly</i>	<i>Occasionally</i>	<i>Never</i>
Bus/Coach	1 (0.3%)	12 (3.1%)	64 (16.5%)	249 (64.2%)
Community Bus (CoastLink)	0 (0.0%)	9 (2.3%)	45 (11.6%)	274 (70.6%)
Taxi	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)	155 (39.9%)	182 (46.9%)
Train	2 (0.5%)	15 (3.9%)	247 (63.7%)	105 (27.1%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 388
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%

Question 18

Which of the following is your main means of transport?

Bike	5 (1.3%)
Bus/Coach	8 (2.1%)
Car	364 (93.6%)
Community Bus (CoastLink)	5 (1.3%)
Motor Bike/Scooter	4 (1.0%)
Train	3 (0.8%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 389
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 91%

Question 19 (Multiple choice)

Would you like to see any improvements in the local bus service with regard to... ?

Access for those with disabilities	57 (15.3%)
Bus Stop location	29 (7.8%)
Cost	11 (3.0%)
Information on routes and bus stops	117 (31.5%)
Reliability	39 (10.5%)
Routes	108 (29.0%)
Timetable/Frequency	118 (31.7%)
Not used the service	214 (57.5%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 372
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 87%

Question 20 (Multiple choice)

Would you like to see any improvements in the train service with regard to ... ?

Access for those with disabilities	30 (8.3%)
Cost	136 (37.5%)
Reliability	54 (14.9%)
Service	59 (16.3%)
Station car parking	125 (34.4%)
Timetable/Frequency	157 (43.3%)
Not used the service	90 (24.8%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 363
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 85%

Question 21 (Multiple choice)

Would you like to see any improvements in the community bus (CoastLink) service with regard to ... ?

Access for those with disabilities	18 (5.2%)
Cost	11 (3.2%)
Reliability	25 (7.2%)
Not used the service	319 (91.7%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 348
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 81%

Question 22

Are the local taxi services adequate for your needs?

Yes	130 (33.9%)
No	45 (11.7%)
Not used the service	208 (54.3%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 383
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 89%

Question 23

Are public parking facilities in Westleton village good, reasonable or poor?

Good	54 (14.0%)
Reasonable	184 (47.8%)
Poor	147 (38.2%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 385
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%

Question 24 (Multiple choice)

Do you experience any of the following parking problems at your home?

	Yes	No
Cars blocking your entrance	51 (13.7%)	302 (81.4%)
Nowhere to park	24 (6.5%)	304 (81.9%)
Tourist traffic blocking the road	56 (15.1%)	284 (76.5%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 371
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 86%

Question 25 (Multiple choice)

Is street parking a safety risk in the following parts of the parish?

Around the Garage	121 (43.2%)
Between the Green and the Pond	58 (20.7%)
In Blythburgh Road by Heath View	34 (12.1%)
In Darsham Road between The White Horse and the Church	138 (49.3%)
In The Street between Mill Street and Bakers Lane	194 (69.3%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 280
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 65%

Question 26

Does Westleton village need a car park?

Yes	183 (47.5%)
No	202 (52.5%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 385
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%

Question 27

Do you feel in danger from speeding traffic in Westleton parish?

No	94 (23.6%)
Yes, often	135 (33.8%)
Yes, sometimes	170 (42.6%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 399
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 93%

Question 28 (Multiple choice)

Would you support action to improve road safety in the following locations?

Blythburgh Road area	153 (46.1%)
Darsham Road area	91 (27.4%)
Garage area	135 (40.7%)
Mill Street to RSPB (Mill Road)	78 (23.5%)
Reckford Road area	91 (27.4%)
Village Hall area	143 (43.1%)
Village Green area	101 (30.4%)
Village Store area	243 (73.2%)
Yoxford Road from The Grange to The Street	106 (31.9%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 332
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 77%

Question 29 (Multiple choice)

Would you support the following speed control measures in Westleton village?

Enforce existing limits more strictly	223 (57.5%)
Extend the existing 30 mph zone	95 (24.5%)
Have more speed warning signs	83 (21.4%)
Install traffic calming measures	97 (25.0%)
Introduce a 20 mph zone	97 (25.0%)
Introduce a 40 mph zone outside the 30 mph zone	82 (21.1%)
Introduce a community speed gun	124 (32.0%)
Vehicle activated speed limit sign	192 (49.5%)
Make no changes	47 (12.1%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 388
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%

Question 30

What is your opinion of street lighting in Westleton village?

Needs less street lighting	22 (5.8%)
Needs more street lighting	107 (28.2%)
Should not be changed	251 (66.1%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 380
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 89%

Question 31

How user-friendly are the pavements in Westleton for people with disabilities, pushchairs or wheelchairs?

Good	19 (4.9%)
Reasonable	128 (33.1%)
Poor	103 (26.6%)
No experience	137 (35.4%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 387
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%

Question 32

Do you think the Village Hall is adequate for the needs of Westleton?

Yes	329 (87.3%)
No (See Appendix 2 for responses)	48 (12.7%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 377
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 88%

Question 33

The Village Hall would benefit from more use. To improve the facilities the Village Hall Committee is currently planning to add a disabled toilet with child changing facilities, improve the insulation and update the heating system. Further plans include decorating and more insulation. All this work involves fund raising.

Do you support this work on the hall?

Yes	353 (91.7%)
No	32 (8.3%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 385
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%

Question 34 (Multiple choice)

Which new clubs/activities might you attend in Westleton if they were provided?

Tick more than one box if appropriate

Band	15 (5.5%)
Choir	45 (16.4%)
Drama	36 (13.1%)
Film Club	124 (45.1%)
Flower Arranging	24 (8.7%)
Gardening Club	90 (32.7%)
Jazz Club	41 (14.9%)
More educational classes	91 (33.1%)
Music Society	40 (14.5%)
Senior Citizens Group	33 (12.0%)
Whist drive	15 (5.5%)
Other (See Appendix 3 for responses)	40 (14.5%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 275
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 64%

Question 35 (Multiple choice)

Would you be prepared to help with the following leisure-time activities for young people?

After-school club	15 (40.5%)
A Summer Play scheme	20 (54.1%)
Uniformed organisations (e.g. Scouts, Guides)	16 (43.2%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 37
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 9%

Question 36 (Multiple choice)

What recreational or other facilities would you like to see provided on the new village field?

Bowls	107 (31.8%)
Children's playground	196 (58.2%)
Cricket	107 (31.8%)
Football	100 (29.7%)
Tennis	116 (34.4%)
No formal facilities provided	52 (15.4%)
Other (See Appendix 4 for responses)	27 (8.0%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 337
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 79%

Question 37

Many people in Britain have difficulty in getting a NHS dentist, and we would like to know if you do too. What kind of dentist do you have?

National Health Service	147 (37.7%)
Private	200 (51.3%)
Not registered with a dentist	43 (11.0%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 390
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 91%

Question 38 (Multiple choice)

Do you have any difficulty in getting to the following medical facilities?

	<i>Often</i>	<i>Occasionally</i>	<i>Never</i>
Chemist	7 (2.1%)	41 (12.4%)	260 (78.5%)
Chiropodist	2 (0.6%)	13 (3.9%)	198 (59.8%)
Dentist	14 (4.2%)	32 (9.7%)	237 (71.6%)
Doctor	4 (1.2%)	37 (11.2%)	253 (76.4%)
Hospital	11 (3.3%)	64 (19.3%)	215 (65.0%)
Optician	2 (0.6%)	28 (8.5%)	245 (74.0%)
Other medical facility	0 (0.0%)	4 (1.2%)	141 (42.6%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 331
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 77%

Question 39

How important is Aldeburgh hospital to Westleton?

Very important	271 (70.8%)
Important	91 (23.8%)
Not important	21 (5.5%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 383
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 89%

Question 40 (Multiple choice)

If you have used any of the following services which cover Westleton during the last year, how do you rate the service?

	<i>Good</i>	<i>Reasonable</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Not used the service</i>
Chiropody	42 (12.2%)	7 (2.0%)	2 (0.6%)	206 (59.9%)
Counselling services	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.3%)	221 (64.2%)
District Nurse	24 (7.0%)	2 (0.6%)	2 (0.6%)	205 (59.6%)
Doctor	156 (45.3%)	40 (11.6%)	4 (1.2%)	120 (34.9%)
Health visitor	11 (3.2%)	2 (0.6%)	4 (1.2%)	212 (61.6%)
Home help	1 (0.3%)	4 (1.2%)	3 (0.9%)	217 (63.1%)
Hospital transport	8 (2.3%)	8 (2.3%)	1 (0.3%)	215 (62.5%)
Loan of medical equipment	18 (5.2%)	2 (0.6%)	1 (0.3%)	206 (59.9%)
Maternity care	2 (0.6%)	2 (0.6%)	2 (0.6%)	217 (63.1%)
Physiotherapy services	14 (4.1%)	10 (2.9%)	4 (1.2%)	206 (59.9%)

**NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 344
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 80%**

Question 41

If there was a Meals on Wheels service in Westleton, would you make use of it?

Yes	10 (2.7%)
No	311 (82.7%)
Perhaps	55 (14.6%)

**NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 376
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 88%**

Question 42

Do you have a health problem/disability which affects your day-to-day living?

Yes	46 (11.9%)
No	340 (88.1%)

**NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 386
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%**

Question 43 (Multiple choice)

Is there a need for a “Good Neighbour” scheme in Westleton?

	Yes	No	No opinion
Need a “Good Neighbour” scheme	179 (48.8%)	36 (9.8%)	138 (37.6%)
Would be prepared to help	103 (28.1%)	76 (20.7%)	64 (17.4%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 367
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 86%

Question 44 (Multiple choice)

What are your views on the standard of the following emergency services in Westleton?

	Good	Reasonable	Poor	Not used the service
Ambulance (Emergency)	86 (22.6%)	64 (16.8%)	5 (1.3%)	211 (55.5%)
Community Policeman	22 (5.8%)	50 (13.2%)	53 (13.9%)	225 (59.2%)
Fire	44 (11.6%)	15 (3.9%)	4 (1.1%)	278 (73.2%)
First Responders	88 (23.2%)	19 (5.0%)	1 (0.3%)	246 (64.7%)
Hospital Transport	20 (5.3%)	11 (2.9%)	7 (1.8%)	308 (81.1%)
Police (Emergency)	22 (5.8%)	24 (6.3%)	16 (4.2%)	288 (75.8%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 380
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 89%

Question 45 (Multiple choice)

Do you think that any of the following measures are needed in Westleton?

A Neighbourhood Watch scheme	146 (48.8%)
Better consultation between police and local people	95 (31.8%)
Easier access to police services	97 (32.4%)
More activities for young people	161 (53.8%)
Other (See Appendix 5 for responses)	6 (2.0%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 299
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 70%

Question 46 (Multiple choice)

What are your views on the standard of the following environmental services where you live in Westleton Parish?

	<i>Good</i>	<i>Reasonable</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>No opinion</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
Broadband connection	91 (23.5%)	98 (25.3%)	61 (15.7%)	27 (7.0%)	66 (17.0%)
Freeview digital TV reception	35 (9.0%)	42 (10.8%)	139 (35.8%)	32 (8.2%)	86 (22.2%)
Kerbside recycling collection	193 (49.7%)	104 (26.8%)	38 (9.8%)	8 (2.1%)	10 (2.6%)
Leiston recycling and rubbish disposal centre	245 (63.1%)	95 (24.5%)	8 (2.1%)	10 (2.6%)	6 (1.5%)
Mains electricity supply	206 (53.1%)	140 (36.1%)	26 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (0.5%)
Mains water supply	267 (68.8%)	73 (18.8%)	11 (2.8%)	0 (0.0%)	15 (3.9%)
Mobile telephone reception	39 (10.1%)	56 (14.4%)	253 (65.2%)	10 (2.6%)	10 (2.6%)
Radio reception	120 (30.9%)	151 (38.9%)	76 (19.6%)	6 (1.5%)	7 (1.8%)
Refuse collection	255 (65.7%)	85 (21.9%)	25 (6.4%)	4 (1.0%)	7 (1.8%)
Roadside care/street cleaning	92 (23.7%)	147 (37.9%)	74 (19.1%)	25 (6.4%)	20 (5.2%)
Winter weather service (snow clearance)	31 (8.0%)	104 (26.8%)	83 (21.4%)	91 (23.5%)	28 (7.2%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 388

AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%

Question 47

Do you think Westleton needs a public toilet?

Yes	190 (49.2%)
No	196 (50.8%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 386

AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%

Question 48 (Multiple choice)

Is the number and location of litter bins (and dog litter bins) in Westleton good, reasonable or poor?

	<i>Good</i>	<i>Reasonable</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
Litter bins	75 (19.7%)	175 (46.1%)	49 (12.9%)	73 (19.2%)
Dog litter bins	51 (13.4%)	133 (35.0%)	60 (15.8%)	117 (30.8%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 380

AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 89%

Question 49 (Multiple choice)

Do facilities and the infrastructure in Westleton need to be improved for the following?

Cyclists	85 (47.8%)
Equestrian (horse) transport	12 (6.7%)
Pedestrians	91 (51.1%)
Pushchairs	62 (34.8%)
The partially sighted	66 (37.1%)
Wheelchairs	88 (49.4%)
Other (See Appendix 6 for responses)	8 (4.5%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 178
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 41%

Question 50 (Multiple choice)

How often do you use the following shops and services?

	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Weekly</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Occasionally</i>	<i>Never</i>
Bookshop	2 (0.5%)	6 (1.5%)	20 (5.1%)	208 (52.8%)	133 (33.8%)
Garage	8 (2.0%)	90 (22.8%)	88 (22.3%)	145 (36.8%)	45 (11.4%)
Mobile library	0 (0.0%)	8 (2.0%)	6 (1.5%)	22 (5.6%)	326 (82.7%)
Post Office	87 (22.1%)	191 (48.5%)	35 (8.9%)	64 (16.2%)	12 (3.0%)
Village store	179 (45.4%)	151 (38.3%)	18 (4.6%)	37 (9.4%)	8 (2.0%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 394
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 92%

Question 51 (Multiple choice)

If the following in Westleton closed, how much would you miss it?

	<i>Would miss a great deal</i>	<i>Would miss a lot</i>	<i>Would miss a bit</i>	<i>Would not miss</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
Bookshop	44 (11.2%)	55 (14.0%)	127 (32.3%)	107 (27.2%)	40 (10.2%)
Crown Inn	79 (20.1%)	83 (21.1%)	109 (27.7%)	76 (19.3%)	30 (7.6%)
Garage	212 (53.9%)	76 (19.3%)	56 (14.2%)	23 (5.9%)	14 (3.6%)
Post Office	325 (82.7%)	36 (9.2%)	22 (5.6%)	2 (0.5%)	0 (0.0%)
St Peters Church	162 (41.2%)	63 (16.0%)	61 (15.5%)	59 (15.0%)	30 (7.6%)
Village Hall	149 (37.9%)	101 (25.7%)	95 (24.2%)	24 (6.1%)	9 (2.3%)
Village Store	339 (86.3%)	23 (5.9%)	21 (5.3%)	2 (0.5%)	1 (0.3%)
Westleton House Restaurant	79 (20.1%)	39 (9.9%)	95 (24.2%)	120 (30.5%)	44 (11.2%)
White Horse Inn	137 (34.9%)	80 (20.4%)	104 (26.5%)	38 (9.7%)	23 (5.9%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 393
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 92%

Question 52 (Multiple choice)

If you use the Westleton Post Office, please say what for?

Bank deposits/withdrawals	148 (38.6%)
Bill payments	104 (27.2%)
Foreign currency/travellers cheques	89 (23.2%)
Information leaflets	122 (31.9%)
Parcel pickup point	90 (23.5%)
Pensions/Allowances	50 (13.1%)
Postal services	374 (97.7%)
Savings certificates, etc	55 (14.4%)
Other services	104 (27.2%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 383
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 89%

Question 53 (Multiple choice)

Where do you usually get information about events taking place in Westleton?

Barrel Fair Website	28 (7.3%)
Church Website	7 (1.8%)
Free paper (Community News)	97 (25.2%)
Local paper	139 (36.1%)
Notice boards	303 (78.7%)
Parish Council Website	36 (9.4%)
Yoxmere Fisherman	332 (86.2%)
Other	87 (22.6%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 385
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%

Question 54

Do you think the amount of information available about what's going on in Westleton is good, reasonable or poor?

Good	143 (37.1%)
Reasonable	212 (55.1%)
Poor	30 (7.8%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 385
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%

Question 55

How well does the Westleton Parish Council publicise its meetings, decisions and activities?

Very well	66 (18.1%)
Reasonably well	228 (62.6%)
Badly	70 (19.2%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 364
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 85%

Question 56

If you have attended a meeting of the Westleton Parish Council, did you feel that the issues discussed reflected local concerns?

Yes	116 (77.3%)
No	34 (22.7%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 150
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 35%

Question 57

Do you think sufficient publicity is given to planning applications which affect Westleton?

Yes	118 (37.5%)
No	197 (62.5%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 315
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 73%

Question 58 (Multiple choice)

What kind of housing accommodation do you think Westleton needs?

Executive homes	5 (1.3%)
Homes for people with disabilities	49 (13.1%)
Homes for restricted sale or rent to local people	226 (60.4%)
Homes for single people	53 (14.2%)
Homes for young people	159 (42.5%)
Large family homes	29 (7.8%)
Local authority/housing association homes	90 (24.1%)
Sheltered housing for the elderly	131 (35.0%)
Small family homes	122 (32.6%)
No further homes are needed	66 (17.6%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 374

AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 87%

Question 59 (Multiple choice)

Is Westleton Parish Church important to you for any of the following reasons?

As a focal point for the community	245 (63.6%)
As a place where family have been buried	102 (26.5%)
As an historic building	282 (73.2%)
For baptisms weddings and funerals	187 (48.6%)
For Sunday or weekday worship	127 (33.0%)
The churchyard provides a wildlife habitat	165 (42.9%)
For other reasons (e.g. concerts)	148 (38.4%)
Not important	33 (8.6%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 385

AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%

Question 60 (Multiple choice)

What do you think should be done to help protect and enhance the local environment of Westleton?

Advice on healthier lifestyles	32 (8.9%)
Car sharing	87 (24.2%)
Energy saving	125 (34.8%)
Improved public transport	217 (60.4%)
Improved rights of way	98 (27.3%)
More employment locally	127 (35.4%)
Reduce traffic	151 (42.1%)
Nothing	35 (9.7%)
Other (See Appendix 7 for responses)	11 (3.1%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 359

AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 84%

Question 61

How do you feel that the countryside around Westleton has changed in recent years?

See Appendix 8 for responses

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 186

AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 43%

Question 62

Since the introduction of Right to Roam legislation traditional open access to some parts of the parish has been restricted (by RSPB for example). How does this affect your enjoyment of the environment?

Increases enjoyment greatly	17 (4.7%)
Increases enjoyment slightly	14 (3.9%)
No effect	174 (48.1%)
Reduces enjoyment slightly	90 (24.9%)
Reduces enjoyment greatly	67 (18.5%)

**NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 362
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 84%**

Question 63 (Multiple choice)

How beneficial to the environment of Westleton would each of the following be?

	<i>Very beneficial</i>	<i>Worth doing</i>	<i>Not necessary</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
Develop allotments	80 (20.7%)	111 (28.7%)	57 (14.7%)	67 (17.3%)
Keep hedges short and tidy within village	111 (28.7%)	134 (34.6%)	64 (16.5%)	37 (9.6%)
Let hedges grow naturally within village	23 (5.9%)	51 (13.2%)	134 (34.6%)	51 (13.2%)
Look after woodlands	142 (36.7%)	157 (40.6%)	14 (3.6%)	19 (4.9%)
Plant more hedges/trees	110 (28.4%)	96 (24.8%)	77 (19.9%)	35 (9.0%)
Preserve single trees in special places	144 (37.2%)	150 (38.8%)	19 (4.9%)	23 (5.9%)
Protect and encourage birds	197 (50.9%)	116 (30.0%)	26 (6.7%)	14 (3.6%)
Protect and encourage wild animals	164 (42.4%)	104 (26.9%)	49 (12.7%)	17 (4.4%)
Protect and encourage wild flowers	196 (50.6%)	116 (30.0%)	29 (7.5%)	11 (2.8%)
Protect Rights of Way	233 (60.2%)	110 (28.4%)	6 (1.6%)	11 (2.8%)
Protect the village pond	224 (57.9%)	129 (33.3%)	6 (1.6%)	12 (3.1%)
Reduce the number of ducks on the pond	79 (20.4%)	109 (28.2%)	103 (26.6%)	50 (12.9%)

**NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 387
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%**

Question 64

Do you think that there should be facilities on Westleton Common for people to picnic?

Yes	152 (40.2%)
No	226 (59.8%)

**NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 378
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 88%**

Question 65

On balance are you in favour, or not in favour, of the building of a Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station as a replacement for Sizewell A?

In favour	263 (69.6%)
Not in favour	115 (30.4%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 378
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 88%

Question 66

Do you think that Westleton parish should be pressing for full maintenance and necessary improvements of coastal defences in Suffolk?

Yes	314 (81.6%)
No	71 (18.4%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 385
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 90%

Question 67

As well as individual actions, do you think that communal efforts should be made to examine ways of reducing our environmental impact (Carbon Footprint)?

Yes	286 (75.7%)
No	92 (24.3%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION : 378
AS PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS OVER 16 : 88%

A final question asked for comments and/or suggestions about any other matters not covered by the questionnaire, including what was liked about living in Westleton.

These responses are contained in Appendices 9 to 12.

APPENDIX 2 - SURVEY DATA RESPONSES TO QUESTION 32

**Do you think the Village Hall is adequate for the needs of Westleton?
If not please state reasons why.**

Village Hall is no longer fit for purpose. It is too small. And needs heavy maintenance and running costs are high. We should sell the site.	10
Poor insulation, poor acoustics, poor toilet facilities, bad condensation, inadequate heating system, poor lighting, poor blackout.	17
No disabled toilet, facilities do not encourage further use, not used enough.	2
Poor, dangerous car parking.	7
No facilities for young people.	1
No bar or stage.	5
Dislike the asphalt: could the area have landscape gardening?	1
Cycle stands.	1
Storage facilities.	1

APPENDIX 3 - SURVEY DATA RESPONSES TO QUESTION 34

Which new clubs/activities other than those listed might you attend in Westleton if they were provided?

Dog training and pet group	2
Book club	2
Dancing and dance classes, latin, salsa, jive, ballroom, belly dancing	8
Keep fit, Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi	5
Computer course	1
Bridge	4
Chess	1
Scrabble	1
Bingo	1
Quiz night	1
Tennis	1
Bowls	1
Snooker	1
Cricket	1
Walking groups	1
Badminton	4
Table tennis, outside table tennis (on Green)	1
Art Group	1
Local history	3
Natural history	4
Sales, antique auctions	11
Clubs for young	2
Craft days	1

APPENDIX 4 - SURVEY DATA RESPONSES TO QUESTION 36

What recreational facilities other than those listed would you like to see on the new village field?

Dog training and pet group (4).

Safer access, pedestrian crossing at entrance.

Car parking (3).

Bike ramps.

Seating for spectators and elsewhere in the field.

Picnic area, BBQ area, bonfire area.

Trees, quiet meadow.

Field non-friendly to dogs.

Allotments.

Friendly to buggies and wheelchairs.

Football, cricket (3).

Basketball, petang, rounders, bowls

Golf practice area, putting green.

Swimming pool, gun club, archery.

Cycle path, cycle path round the field.

Keep fit trail, adult adventure playground.

Safe children's playground.

Car boot sales, farmers market, plant sales, country fairs, circus, steam rallies, classic cars.

Music events, outside theatre.

APPENDIX 5 - SURVEY DATA RESPONSES TO QUESTION 45

What measures other than those listed are needed in Westleton?

Evening buses to nearby towns so that the young can socialise.	1
Road safety scheme through the village, road calming measures.	5
Community risk assessment and action plan by Parish Council to include radiation monitoring.	1
Local government reform and an elected mayor .	1

APPENDIX 6 - SURVEY DATA RESPONSES TO QUESTION 49

What facilities and the infrastructure other than those listed need to be improved in Westleton?

Roads need footpaths or pavements, e.g. Mill street to Minsmere.

Pavements added or widened for buggies and wheel chairs. Pedestrian crossing outside Shop.

Disabled parking at Shop.

Improve access to business premises, village hall and church for disabled people.

Too many country paths do not allow cycling.

We need better speed restriction through the village.

Parish Council should prepare, consult and instigate an environmental and nature conservation plan.

The Council should encourage renewable energy systems.

APPENDIX 7 - SURVEY DATA RESPONSES TO QUESTION 60

Other than those measures listed what do you think should be done to protect and enhance the local environment of Westleton?

Westleton Parish Council should prepare, consult and instigate an environmental and nature conservation plan.

Allow dogs to walk off the lead in summer on heaths and in forests.

Maintain sea defences.

Speed restrictions through the village to be enforced (2).

Don't encourage more tourists or day trippers.

Improve recycling facilities.

A village project — Energy conservation and generation.

APPENDIX 8 - SURVEY DATA RESPONSES TO QUESTION 61

How do you feel that the countryside around Westleton has changed in recent years?

Only been here one year.

Only been here one year.

It hasn't really changed since I've been here.

More land acquired by RSPB and been "fenced in", restricting walks & access. Can't enjoy countryside as before.

Many acres of farmland now nature reserves.

More traffic, cars go too fast in lanes.

I don't know.

Not aware of significant changes.

Not much change but more difficult to appreciate it by cycle.

Much more traffic & people.

RSPB reserve grown, restricted areas increased.

Not lived here long enough to form opinion.

Not lived here long enough to form opinion.

Getting very overgrown.

Become overgrown around common.

More buildings, but no great change.

No great change.

Some farmland changed to alternative use. Improvements to RSPB

Minsmere. A few more houses.

Pig farming creating flooding hazard on main roads.

Only been here 5 years. Care of common to protect flora.

Just moved no opinion.

Just moved no opinion.

More fences but improved access to some areas.

Improved car park on Dunwich Heath.

More dog fouling.

Footpaths on the common and heath are not maintained.

Too much infilling of gardens.

It has become more managed but I feel this protects the environment.

It has become more managed but I feel this protects the environment.

More traffic, busier roads. Busy in summer. More litter.

More care and concern by local people as area becomes busier.

It is becoming suburbanised - clipped hedges, weed killer on the pavement beside the green.

Too many new fenced off areas restricting access.

The access roads are much more prone to flooding.

Too many pig farmers have no respect for "heritage coast". Roads can be a mess with mud. Bird scarers are far too loud.

Hedgerows have disappeared, fields have become larger.

Restricted access by RSPB use of common land.

Less access to public rights of way and more limited use of common land.

Less access to public rights of way, more limited use of common land, and less right to roam over local countryside.

More fencing has appeared and a lot of bigger gardens have been lost to housing.

Has changed little.

Too many restrictions and fences.

I think more restrictions on dog walking have been introduced by RSPB (Dunwich and Westleton).

Since the RSPB took over several farms to the east of Westleton the land has been neglected, becoming very untidy, infected with rabbits and covered with ragwort (a poisonous weed that farmers can be fined for not taking action to clear it from their land).

As above. Major developments at Dunwich Campsite, the N.T., Minsmere RSPB has drastically increased the commercial sewerage and tourist traffic passing thro' Westleton and funnelling down Dunwich Road often at great speed. Could this traffic which is nothing to do with Westleton be diverted elsewhere?

Has not changed very much.

Has not changed very much.

Less Hedgerows. More open.

Bird reserve has got bigger and encroaches upon the village.

It has moved with the times but remains unspoilt.

Has become too populated and down-trodden especially at weekends.

No changes in countryside. Visible changes in village.

Countryside adversely affected by excessive traffic.

Infill housing. Fencing and restrictions on forest walks.

No major changes noted.

Peace and tranquillity has disappeared. Many cars and vans. Drivers ignoring street signs.

English Nature and RSPB have reduced access to some areas.

Loss of nationally important habitats due to poor and invasive agriculture.

RSPB own and restrict too much.

RSPB own and restrict too much

RSPB has ruined the land it owns. Birds reducing because too much vermin.

Increase in traffic due to popularity of RSPB.

Bike trails have attracted tourists. Pine trees phased out. More heath land is a positive step.

More fenced off areas.

Increase in rabbits.

RSPB and National Bodies putting up fences.

Safety and enjoyment of forest spoilt by uprooting of trees, fencing & levelling of ground. Vulgar caravan advertising of deer rutting.

Not much changed.

Maintenance of the common has improved benefiting wildlife.

Too many holiday homes.

Too much management of common land.

Too much public access and traffic.

Too many holiday homes.

Not much.

Not significantly.

Not very much.

Difficult to say as have only lived here for 6/7 years.

Minsmere has little understanding of the concept of 'others'.

Apart from some housing hasn't changed much.

It has become more restrictive in some ways.

Common must not become too 'user friendly'.

Appreciate re-conversion to heath land. Nicer for walks.

Creeping commercialism! Access to some footpaths closed for a number of months during the year, hedges go untrimmed and pernicious weeds allowed to grow unchecked. Bracken encroaches on footpaths.

No change.

No change.

Total disagreement with large amount of tree felling around Westleton.

Excessive areas of land fenced off by RSPB. Insufficient maintenance of traffic routes to bird reserve via Mill St & Bakers Lane access.

More intensive 'management' by NT and RSPB.

Changed for the better.

Better maintained.

Open access has encouraged people into areas that disturb wildlife.

RSPB 's effort to attract more visitors has been detrimental to the area.

For the better as more land owned by environment friendly agencies, spoil by fencing.

Far too many restrictions by RSPB and NT - fencing & notices.

Many more homes, so less open land. Feel less able to wander freely despite right to roam.

Better for the environment (natural habitat).

Fields sold to RSPB and NT protects them, but restricts access.

Recent house developments produce highly priced places that locals cannot afford.

Too much pig farming = rainwater spillage onto roads. New houses and changes to old houses not in keeping with traditional houses.



Too many houses being built, particularly in-filling.

Less agriculture. RSPB now owns & manages more land. Some areas less accessible, but in some areas access has improved.

More land bought by RSPB & NT, which is good. Some modern housing unsightly.

More modern farming practices now.

Very little change, for which I am grateful.

Too many restrictions from RSPB and English Nature telling local people what they can and cannot do. Conservation is going too far.

There are lots of places you cannot walk on any more.

Far too many gates and fences (RSPB land). Too much work carried out on common land (belonging to village).

Too many gates and fences (RSPB land).

I can't get up there to see!

RSPB fencing.

Access more limited. Over managed - e.g. unnecessary fencing.

Well managed by various groups and enjoyed by tourists as much as residents.

No change.

Not changed much.

Not changed much.

Have not been here long enough to really notice any changes.

Not been resident long enough to notice change.

Very little.

Some more enclosure in hinterland, e.g. more organised and informed access. Common.

RSPB has fenced too many nature sites off. Old playing field taken over by DEFRA not a good idea. Too many rules and regulations.

Nowadays everything seems to be "fenced in" with "notices" and restrictions.

The RSPB has chopped down a lot of trees and turned productive farmland into wasteland.

Agree with above, plus I think there is danger of "suburbanisation" if there are too many notices, fixed trails and "interpretations" as the National Trust has at Dunwich Heath.

Unable to answer as have not lived here long.

Sad that farmland is undergoing "Regression" - but is very poorly managed by inadequate organisations -RSPB - National Trust in particular.

Not been here long enough.

Too much traffic along main road.

Improved with extension of common.

Dogs should be kept under control.

Hasn't changed.

Open access introduced restrictions. Same with forest management.

Collapse of sea defences changes coast line.

RSPB land work restricts walks. Also larger areas for bird nesting on beaches.

Not changed much.

Not changed much.

Not really. But too much gorse cut down on common too open now.

No change.

No change.

Common land eroded to provide car parking.

Too much emphasis on conservation at expense of leisure.

In spite of freedom to roam less area to exercise dogs.

Too many new fences. Fawns unable to jump them to join adults. Why erected & by whom & at what cost? Too many organisations.

Less pig rearing - a good thing.

Not much over recent years.

Regret fencing in Dunwich forest. Introduction of ponies unnecessary & may damage trees.

More intensive cultivation of fields. More fences.

Better management of Westleton Common.

Slightly better.

More intensive farming.
Reduced maintenance of roads, hedges, ditches, fences, forestry.
Deteriorated - especially around forest area.
Less farming, more public ownership.
Hasn't changed.
Hasn't changed.
Trees blown over near Minsmere - sad.
Loss of trees & hedges.
No major changes.
For the better.
Field & footpath maintenance improved.
Work to Common very beneficial & seats and siting much appreciated.
Not much.
More 'managed' with some advantages to access also some restrictions
- dog walking, football field lost as play area.
Important to keep public footpaths open & accessible.
Changed size & shape of fields, different farming methods.
Hedges & ditches less well maintained. More intensive farming & use
of chemical fertilizers, sprays, etc. affecting wildlife. Large farm vehicles
on narrow roads.
Concerned that countryside becoming suburban - too much hedge &
verge cutting. Too much street lighting.
Object to forestry project to redevelop Dunwich Forest into heath land.
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Too many fences & restrictions by RSPB for dog walkers & cyclists to
enjoy walks.
More light pollution at night.
Faster traffic on small roads. Poor maintenance & breakdown of
hedgerows by farmers.
Woodland flatter & less trees. Bridleways less maintained. Only lived
here a few months.
Variations in agricultural use.
Restricted access to some areas.

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Restricted access to some areas.

Increasingly over-management & control – fencing, etc., not always welcome.

More fencing around RSPB. Heath lands developed - coastal erosion at Dunwich & flooding of lower pastures.

Too many "pig palaces".

Pig farms multiplied - very unsightly.

Population increase & more visitors having impact.

Better management of public common, etc.

More traffic, tourists & cottages to let.

APPENDIX 9 - SURVEY DATA GENERAL RESPONSES TO FINAL PAGE

General comments and/or suggestions about any matters not covered by the questionnaire.

Parish Council. Clear notice about council meetings; day, time etc. More understandable minutes, more accessibility to minutes. Develop an emergency plan.

More communication to residents living outside the actual village. Better and prettier lighting (like Laxfield). At parish elections have the candidates write a manifesto.

Village too quiet, more events at weekends. Too quiet in winter (3).

More activities and cultural events. More & better advertising of events and better co-ordination by organisers. Have a bonfire night.

Too much dog mess at start of footpaths.

Not enough dog bins or responsible owners. Dogs need to be kept under control.

Ugly rubbish bins should not be allowed to be left at roadside. Stop litter dropping.

Can the cones be removed from opposite Heath View?

Can we have a community compost heap? Allotments.

Don't forget Patrick Stead Hospital as well as Aldeburgh hospital. Worries about the building of 2 reactors at Sizewell.

Don't make the village too tidy.

APPENDIX 10 - SURVEY DATA

POSITIVE RESPONSES TO FINAL PAGE

Positive comments and/or suggestions about any matters not covered by the questionnaire.

Best place to live in.	22
This place plays a very dear part in my heart. God's little acre.	
Unique I was born here, love it and hope to die here. Privilege to live here.	23
Very friendly.	
Community spirit.	20
Crime free. No teenage hooligans.	
Typical English Village. Pubs, pond, church.	6
Keep it special. Don't let new people change it. Slow pace of life. Someone said they liked the short opening hours of the shop, esp. the early closing on Wed.	
Excellent Shop + P.O. and Garage.	12
Shop heart of village, very friendly assistants.	
Beautiful countryside.	21
Peaceful and quiet countryside. Heaths, farmland, nature reserves & sea.	
Work on Common good, liked and enjoyed.	
A lot of talent in Westleton.	
Music. Common management. WEA.	
A lot of fundraising in Westleton.	
Church praised for its non-religious events.	
Very active village. Frequent & good social events.	7
Fresh local produce at farm shops and roadside stalls.	
Westleton is becoming more cosmopolitan. English people no foreigners.	

APPENDIX 11 - SURVEY DATA NEGATIVE RESPONSES TO FINAL PAGE

Negative comments and/or suggestions about any matters not covered by the questionnaire.

Promote work and housing for the young.	13
Too many holiday homes & part timers creates imbalance.	9
Worried Westleton will become a retirement village.	
Poor road & ditch maintenance, especially roads into village.	5
Narrow pavements in Village. Flatten verge on Reckford Road.	
Better bus facilities evenings to Darsham Station.	7
Hourly rail service. Better transport facilities for the elderly.	
Taxi service.	
Car pool for supermarket shopping.	
Parking. Not on green, not on common, not round restaurant. Parking impossible on the street/village. Double yellow lines.	11
Traffic. Traffic calming measures.	9
Too much noise from traffic. Limit traffic from Sizewell C. Bypass.	3
Speed gun.	
Deer warning signs at Dunwich Road and Five Finger crossroads.	
Keep village hall in centre.	2
New village hall on new playing field.	3
Policing in village not adequate.	
Restrictions on planning.	
The Street/Blythburgh Rd / Infilling in the village.	
Elderly. Better services for the elderly: more social events for the elderly. Sheltered environment (?housing).	
More integration between new and old villagers.	
Sewage system needs attention.	
Support for clearing churchyard but allow flowers to grow.	
Clergy should visit all not just church members.	
Continue to care for lime trees.	
Concern at purchasing land for village. Money could be better spent elsewhere.	

APPENDIX 12 - SURVEY DATA UNSOLICITED RESPONSES

Other comments made by respondents.

Very good. (11)

Excellent considered survey; thought provoking document, thanks.

Questionnaire quite positive However, amenities such as public toilets, car parks, and extra street lighting are not necessary as we are a lovely village not a town.

Survey is unnecessary as communities develop naturally. Box system of answering confusing.

Question 66 complicated by a yes /no answer.

Difference between "good neighbour" and "neighbourhood watch" not made clear.

Parish Nurse was not highlighted.

No statistics on second homes.

Questions no good for people outside the village.

APPENDIX 13 - BUSINESS SURVEY DATA

26 Businesses completed the questionnaire.

Q1 Is your business located in:

Domestic premises?	23	79%
Exclusively business site?	6	21%

Q2 What is the nature of your business?

Retail	Leisure	Tourism	Agricultural	Service	Other
3	3	8	3	5	8
10%	10%	27%	10%	17%	27%

Description of main business activity:	
Second hand bookshop (+ vinyl records).	1
Garage.	1
Home office – telecommunications.	1
B&B.	3
Windows and doors – glass.	1
Tree services.	1
Production of fruit and vegetables.	1
Accreditation.	1
Holiday cottages.	2
House lets and producing honey.	1
Editorial services, writing, researching.	1
Building.	1
Landscaping and garden services.	2
Recording studio and holiday cottages.	1
Restaurant.	1
Video production and music and art.	1
Engineering consultancy.	1
Yoga.	1
Visitor attraction for wildlife and countryside with shop and catering facilities.	1
Farming.	1
Garden design	1

Q3 How many people are employed at your premises?

	Male		Female	
Part time employees	11	33%	22	67%
Full time employees	25	76%	8	24%

Q4 How many employees live in Westleton?

	Male		Female	
Part time employees	2	20%	8	80%
Full time employees	11	73%	4	27%

Q5 How long has your business been in Westleton?

1 to 5 years – 14, 6 to 10 years – 2, 11 to 15 years – 1,
16 to 20 years – 1, 20 to 30 years – 5, over 40 years – 4.

Q6 How long have you operated from the present site?

1 to 5 years – 14, 6 to 10 years – 2, 11 to 15 years – 1,
16 to 20 years – 1, 20 to 30 years – 5.

**Q7 What effect does being located Westleton have on recruitment?
Compared to elsewhere is it....?**

Easier	1	7%
More difficult	6	43%
No different	7	50%

**Q8 Do employees have problems in finding appropriate local
accommodation?**

Yes	3	23%
No	10	77%

Q9 Do employees have problems with public transport?

Yes	5	42%
No	7	58%

Q10 Are electronic communications important to your business?

Yes	20	80%
No	5	20%

Q11 Does being located in Westleton restrict your access to the electronic communication infrastructure?

Yes	7	28%
No	18	72%

Q12 Do you have an:

	Yes		No	
E-mail address	22	67%	4	16%
A web site	11	33%	15	60%

Q13 If you needed to expand the size of your business premises would you be able to do that in Westleton? If no please specify.

Yes	9	53%
No	8	47%

No, because...

No more room.	3	44%
Home based – office abroad.	1	14%
No wish to expand.	1	14%
Planning permission very difficult to get for B&B. Very negative feedback from SCDC.	1	14%
Home business – no room for more staff.	1	14%

Q14 Does Westleton have sufficient facilities to enable you to continue to operate from the village for the foreseeable future? If No please specify.

Yes	23	100%
No	0	0%

Q15 What, if any, are the advantages of being located in Westleton?

It's a beautiful place to be and a happy community.
Better work/life balance.
Shop/PO, near heath, Minsmere, Southwold & other places of interest. Darsham Station not far & very attractive location.
Known locally.
Local residents & tourists.
None.
Can work anywhere with access to internet. Westleton advantage is lovely place.
Good turnover of property in village and villagers need for and ability to pay for building work.
Ideal for Westleton tourist market.
Very attractive place for clients to come to.
Close to Heritage Coast and Minsmere.
Popular area for visitors.
Minsmere.
Attractive place to live & work.
Close to client base & easy to access.
Very high quality rural environment. Very attractive village with good B&B accommodation & Pubs.
Retired people & holiday homes.
Good for roadside sales.
Peace. Fits in with family life.

Q16 Do you think that a small business park in or close to Westleton would be a benefit to the village business community?

Yes	7	29%
No	17	71%

Q17 What changes could be made in the village to benefit your business?

None.
Better mobile phone coverage.
Another café/restaurant.
None.
Better electronic communications.
Parking restrictions in lane linking The Street & Darsham Road. Clear notices to prevent parking at either end. Cars block others including my visitors.
Parking round edge of the Green & low level solar lights to stop cars going too far onto the Green.
Access to admin & computer technology assistance - listing of low key services (web sites, computer systems, desktop publishing, PowerPoint, etc.) would be helpful.
More affordable housing available for staff.

Q18 Are you aware there is an economic development officer at your District Council who can signpost you to local business services?

Yes	6	23%
No	20	77%

Q19 Are you aware of any grant aid that may be available for some rural businesses?

Yes	6	23%
No	20	77%

Q20 Is your business trying to improve its 'carbon footprint'?

Yes	18	75%
No	6	25%

Q21 Is there any way the community of Westleton could improve this, or help your business to do so?

Yes	6	32%
No	13	68%

Yes, what....

Community wind turbine if anywhere is exposed enough & high enough & if finance could be raised.
Photocopying service would be useful. Would save occasional trip to Saxmundham, Leiston or Halesworth.
Alternative power for the village.
Resist installation of tall modern street lighting. Let's keep it dark & see stars.
Better provision of public transport.
Pass the word networking opportunities for local work.

Q22 How easy is it for your business to source local produce if appropriate?

Easy	11	84%
Difficult	2	16%

Difficult, and why....

Equipment used can't be sourced locally, except printing.
Materials needed too specialised for area.

Q23 How dependant is your business upon the Tourist industry?

Not at all	8	31%
Somewhat	7	27%
Very	11	42%

Q24 How concerned are you about possible flooding in the area?

Not at all	11	42%
Somewhat	10	39%
Very	5	19%

Have you raised your concerns with any authorities, and if not would you like assistance to do so?

Yes	2	8%
No	24	92%

Please add any comments you may have on the questionnaire or on any issues that you feel to be relevant but that have not been dealt with by the questionnaire.

Westleton beautiful village & should be preserved, i.e. shop, garage etc.
Local community & businesses very supportive. We are also willing to support community (concert for church fundraising).
Speeding traffic on The Street by shop & bookshop. Perhaps traffic calming humps from the Green to Garage.
Improvements in communications should allow more people to work from home & planners need to be less obstructive. Transport is a problem, especially east/west.
Study in 2000 showed business brought in £1.1 million of income to local economy & supported 27.5 full-time equivalent jobs in local service industry (not counting own employees).
Difficult to advertise in Westleton & Barrel Fair magazine. Live in Leiston but business in Westleton.

APPENDIX 14 – UNDER 16'S QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY DATA

31 Under-16's questionnaires were returned.

Question 1

Are you a boy or girl?

Boy	14
Girl	17

Question 2

How old are you?

4-7	5
8-11	13
12-16	13

Question 3

Is your home in Westleton your main home?

Yes, I live in Westleton	28
No, our house here is a weekend/holiday home	3

Question 4

If you go to school, where is the school?

Middleton Primary	5
Leiston Middle	10
Leiston High	2
Other local schools (see below)	12

Robert Hitcham Primary, Framlingham (2), Reydon Primary (2), Wilby Primary (1), Thomas Mill High, Framlingham (3), Woodbridge High (1), Bungay High(1)

Question 5

How do you mainly travel to school?

Bus	16
Car	11

Question 6

What do you like **most** about Westleton?

Boys 4-7	The pond. The Green.
Girls 4-7	The White Horse Inn. Can see the moon and stars at bedtime.
Boys 8-11	Woodland walks and cycle rides, Peaceful, friendly. The village shop. The Barrel Fair (3). Music night. Friendly and helpful people. It's a village – not too many children. Lots of good walks and bike rides. The Common and heath areas to walk the dog.
Girls 8-11	The Green (2). The duck pond (4). The conker tree on the Green. The pond and the field. There's lots of nice space. The village shop (2). Visiting relations. The heath and the deer. The Barrel Fair. The forest.
Boys 12-16	Nice and quiet. The heath is good for walks. The shop. The ducks/pond (2). My paper round. The peace. The White Horse pub. The Barrel fair. The heath.
Girls 12-16	The village shop. I like Westleton because it is quiet. A lot of nice people. The pub. The village shop (2). Peaceful, calm and not particularly busy. The ducks. Near the beach.

Question 7

What do you like **least** about Westleton?

Boys 4-7	Duck poo. Nothing. No play area.
Girls 4-7	Being pecked by the ducks.
Boys 8-11	Nothing. Not much else to do. Not much to do but walk the dog. No swings or park. Nowhere to meet other children. Too many ducks. Nothing to do on winter evenings.
Girls 8-11	No playground. Nothing much to do – no play area. There is nothing to do here. The duck mess by the pond. Apart from the Green, there is not much to play on. The ducks. No playing field. No play equipment.
Boys 12-16	Not much to do in the holidays and weekends. The Crown. The road when cycling. Nothing disliked. Nothing to do (2).
Girls 12-16	Not much for children to do. There's never anything to do. Nothing for the kids to do. No bus stop where I live. The lack of people. Not very easy access to anywhere. Little signal, no cable. No adventure playground.

Question 8 (first part)

When you are not at school what do you spend your time on?

	Boys 4-7			Girls 4-7			Boys 8-11		
	A lot	A bit	Do not	A lot	A bit	Do not	A lot	A bit	Do not
Going out with family	2	-	-	1	1	-	2	3	-
Going out with friends	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	4	-
Helping in the home/garden/farm	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	2	1
Doing sport	-	2	-	3	1	-	4	1	-
Listening to music	-	2	-	1	1	-	1	4	-
Playing music/in a band	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	5
Phoning friends/texting friends	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	3
Talking with friends on Bebo/MySpace, etc	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	1	4
Playing computer games/Nintendo	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	3	1
Playing with friends in the common/heath, etc	-	3	-	1	-	1	2	2	1
Reading	1	1	-	1	1	-	2	2	1
Riding my bike	2	1	-	1	1	-	4	1	-
Riding my pony	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	1	4
Watching TV/DVDs	2	1	-	1	1	-	3	2	-
Visiting friends' homes	-	2	1	1	1	-	2	3	-

Question 8 (second part)

When you are not at school what do you spend your time on?

	Girls 8-11			Boys 12-16			Girls 12-16		
	A lot	A bit	Do not	A lot	A bit	Do not	A lot	A bit	Do not
Going out with family	4	4	-	-	6	-	6	10	1
Going out with friends	3	3	1	1	4	1	3	3	1
Helping in the home/garden/farm	-	8	-	-	6	-	1	3	3
Doing sport	5	3	-	3	3	-	-	6	1
Listening to music	1	7	-	3	2	1	4	3	-
Playing music/in a band	-	2	7	1	2	3	1	-	6
Phoning friends/texting friends	2	2	3	2	3	1	3	4	-
Talking with friends on Bebo/MySpace, etc	1	2	5	2	2	2	3	1	3
Playing computer games/Nintendo	2	6	-	2	4	-	2	5	-
Playing with friends in the common/heath, etc	2	2	4	1	1	4	2	3	2
Reading	2	6	-	2	3	1	2	5	-
Riding my bike	3	5	-	3	3	-	1	5	1
Riding my pony	-	-	8	-	-	6	-	1	6
Watching TV/DVDs	5	3	-	2	4	-	4	3	-
Visiting friends' homes	2	6	-	1	2	3	2	4	1

Question 9 (first part)

Do you ever take part in ...

	Boys 4-7		Girls 4-7		Boys 8-11	
	Yes	Want to	Yes	Want to	Yes	Want to
Badminton	-	1	-	1	-	4
Basketball	-	1	-	1	1	1
Bowling	-	2	-	1	1	2
Cricket	-	1	-	1	2	2
Football	3	-	1	-	3	1
Golf	-	1	-	1	-	4
Martial Arts	-	2	-	1	-	1
Netball	-	1	-	1	-	1
Rounders	1	-	-	1	-	2
Rugby	-	2	-	1	-	2
Swimming	2	-	2	-	4	-
Tennis	-	1	-	1	-	2
Other done	Hockey		Gymnastics,		Athletics	

Question 9 (second part)

Do you ever take part in ...

	Girls 8-11		Boys 12-16		Girls 12-16	
	Yes	Want to	Yes	Want to	Yes	Want to
Badminton	1	5	3	2	2	2
Basketball	1	4	1	3	2	3
Bowling	-	7	1	3	1	3
Cricket	3	4	2	3	-	3
Football	4	2	4	1	2	2
Golf	-	5	1	3	2	1
Martial Arts	-	5	-	4	1	3
Netball	4	3	1	3	2	3
Rounders	3	3	2	2	2	4
Rugby	2	3	1	2	-	3
Swimming	7	1	4	2	4	1
Tennis	3	4	2	3	4	1
Other done	Gymnastics, Chuck ball, Skate Park, Dancing, Trampoline lessons		Cycling		Body building, Table tennis, Water polo Synchro- swimming	

Question 10 (first part)

Do you play?

	Boys 4-7		Girls 4-7		Boys 8-11	
	Yes	Want to	Yes	Want to	Yes	Want to
Cornet	-	-	-	1	1	4
Trombone	-	-	-	-	-	1
Drums	1	-	-	1	-	-
Guitar	-	-	-	1	1	-
Elec guitar	-	-	-	1	-	-
Piano	1	-	-	2	1	-
Cello	-	-	1	2	-	-
Harp	-	-	-	2	-	-
Clarinet	-	-	-	2	-	-
Recorder	-	-	-	2	1	-
Harmonica	-	-	-	1	-	-
In a band	-	-	-	1	-	-

Question 10 (second part)

Do you play?

	Girls 8-11		Boys 12-16		Girls 12-16	
	Yes	Want to	Yes	Want to	Yes	Want to
Cornet	-	-	-	-	-	2
Trombone	-	-	1	1	-	-
Drums	-	4	-	2	-	3
Guitar	-	3	1	-	1	2
Elec guitar	-	3	2	1	-	2
Piano	1	4	1	-	1	2
Cello	-	3	-	2	-	2
Harp	-	3	-	-	1	2
Clarinet	2	3	1	-	-	3
Recorder	2	3	-	-	-	3
Harmonica	-	2	1	2	-	2
In a band	-	2	1	2	-	2

Question 11

If you belong to any organisation or club (sport/music/drama/scouts/guides etc), say what/which and where you do it:

Boys 4-7	Sky Football Club, Sizewell.
Girls 4-7	Ballet in Bramfield. Swimming Club, Leiston (2). Rainbows in Leiston. Trampolining in Leiston.
Boys 8-11	Sky Football Club, Sizewell (2). Cricket at Saxmundham CC. Cubs in Southwold. Swimming Club, Leiston.
Girls 8-11	Swimming Club, Leiston (2). Tennis in Yoxford (2). Drama in Halesworth (3), Jubilee Opera at Albeburgh. Dance – tap and modern in Leiston. Trampolining in Leiston. Brownies in Leiston.
Boys 12-16	Music Organisation, Halesworth. Badminton, Thorpness, Cricket at Saxmundham CC. Golf at Thorpness.
Girls 12-16	-

Question 12 (first part)

Would you like any of the following on the new land/Recreation Ground in Westleton?

	Boys 4-7	Girls 4-7	Boys 8-11
Adventure playground/assault course	2	2	5
Basketball/netball hoop	-	2	-
Bike track	2	2	5
Football field	1	2	3
Rain shelter	1	2	4
Roundabout	1	2	3
See-saw	1	2	3
Skateboard/roller-skate park	3	2	4
Slide	2	2	3
Swings	1	2	3
Table Tennis	-	1	2
Tennis court	-	2	4
Zip wire	3	2	5
Other suggestions	Badminton court, spinning thing.		

Question 12 (second part)

Would you like any of the following on the new land/Recreation Ground in Westleton?

	Girls 8-11	Boys 12-16	Girls 12-16	Total (both pages)
Adventure playground/assault course	8	2	8	21
Basketball/netball hoop	5	2	3	12
Bike track	7	4	1	21
Football field	5	2	2	15
Rain shelter	6	1	2	16
Roundabout	7	-	2	15
See-saw	8	-	2	16
Skateboard/roller-skate park	7	4	1	21
Slide	8	-	2	17
Swings	8	2	3	19
Table Tennis	5	2	2	12
Tennis court	7	4	6	23
Zip wire	8	2	3	23
Other suggestions	Badminton court, paintball, lasertag, Golf practice range, spider web (for climbing).			

Question 13

Do you have a weekend/holiday job in or near Westleton?

Boys 4-7	-
Girls 4-7	-
Boys 8-11	Farm at Yoxford
Girls 8-11	
Boys 12-16	Paper round.
Girls 12-16	Tea rooms at Dunwich. Paper round

Question 14

How else could things in Westleton be improved for you?

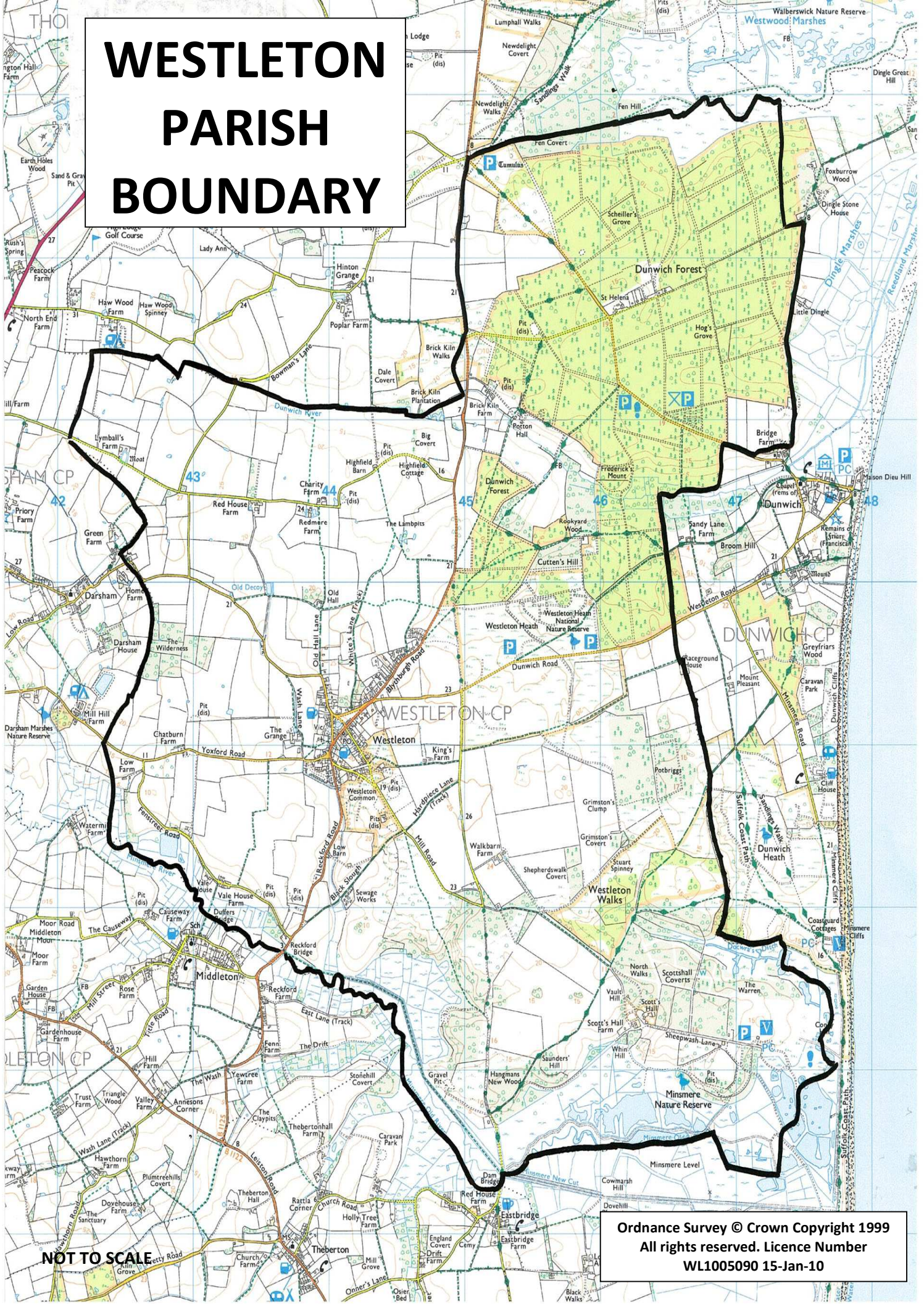
Boys 4-7	A place to meet friends and play.
Girls 4-7	Nothing. To play with other children. Climbing frame.
Boys 8-11	Somewhere to go and have fun without upsetting older people. More things to do. Children's/youth club. Children's activities, especially in the holidays. Shops and playing field or somewhere to hangout with friends. More football. Jumps for bikes.
Girls 8-11	Safe place for children to play and cycle without being told off. Another football goal. A climbing frame somewhere. The ducks to have somewhere to go. Bigger shops. More fun stuff. The Green The bus stop. Nothing. A mobile phone signal. A youth group. Public toilets.
Boys 12-16	Nothing. More concerts or plays. More shops. Clubs for young people to meet. Something to actually do for a change. Build some good stuff to keep me/us occupied. Golf facility. More clubs. A parking lane for Lincoln's Store.
Girls 12-16	Having more shops and social things to do. Have more stuff for younger kids to do. Pancake van (like Framlingham). Junk shop/fleamarket (like in Yoxford). A youthclub. A place to go in winter when it's dark and raining. More cycle pathways.

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