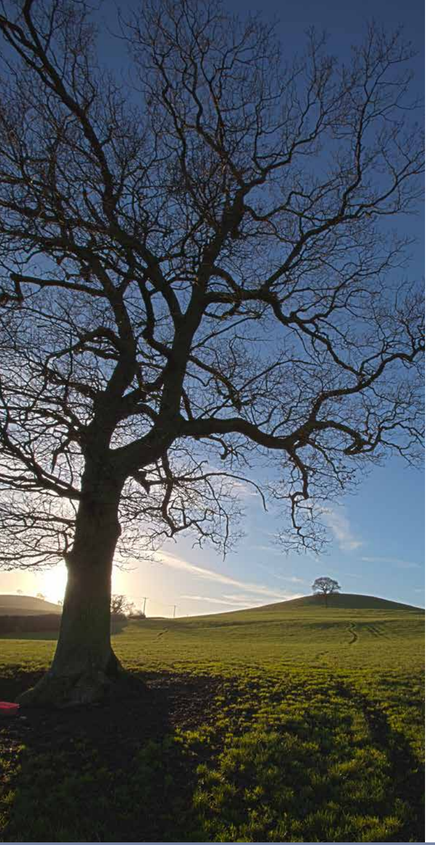


Farmborough Community Plan 2016



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Welcome to the Farmborough Community Plan

The views contained in this document are based on the responses received from Farmborough residents following a questionnaire sent to every household in the Parish in March 2013.

Questionnaires were hand delivered with The Farmborough Flyer to all 480 households in the Farmborough Parish which, according to the 2011 census has 1035 residents.

Thanks to the persistence of the collection team a total of 293 questionnaires were returned, which represents just over 60% of the Parish households.

The overall response rate was exceptional for a survey of this nature and the results can therefore be treated with some confidence.

In general most respondents felt Farmborough is a great place to live, but it could be even better.

It is testament to the hard work and dedication of various community groups, their leaders and volunteers, that the village flourishes and there is a positive feeling about the potential for the village to develop in the future.

New groups and volunteers are likely to be needed to resolve some of the issues highlighted and move forward on some of the actions identified.

A wide range of issues were covered in the questionnaire and the responses indicated concerns relating to the protection of the village character and landscape, the impact of development and the use of Green Belt land.

Traffic and roads were also high on people's agenda, but the low instances of crime provides a relatively safe and secure place in which to live and work.

The plan reflects the hopes and aspirations of the residents of Farmborough, as revealed by the results of the survey.

To achieve success and reach the aims laid out in the Action Plan will rely on a positive commitment from many people to implement and achieve the actions identified.

Thanks go to the Steering Committee for their commitment in seeing the Plan through to publication and special thanks to the late Val Hart who contributed so much to the project and to whom this document is dedicated.



Why a Community Plan?

The benefits

Producing this plan will put our community in a much better position to influence local and national government in determining our future.

It really does carry weight when trying to persuade Bath and North East Somerset Council how we would like our village to develop.

The results from the questionnaire were used to draw up this Plan, which is a five-year working document that:

- Prioritises the issues
- Outlines any solutions
- Defines an Action Plan for their implementation
- Specifies who will carry out the actions
- Outlines a timeframe for their completion

A copy of the Community Plan has been delivered to every household and is also available from *www.farmborough.org.uk* or the Parish Council.

The Community Plan process

A Community Plan Steering Committee made up of volunteers who live in the Parish and independent of Farmborough Parish Council was set up in 2009.

The aim of the Steering Committee was to produce this Community Plan, which includes an Action Plan for Farmborough covering the next five years.

The Steering Committee contacted all the village organisations and also held both a Coffee Morning, as well as a stall at the 2010 Village Day to help establish the community's likes and dislikes and discover any changes thought necessary.

Areas of the questionnaire

The questionnaire was broken down into various categories to ease analysis and to summarise the results.

The Action Plan is presented under the following headings:

- Our village - current and future
- Village facilities
- Village life
- Village services
- Roads and transport & safety and security

The costs

A grant of £3000 was received from Bath and North East Somerset Council's Local Strategic Partnership. The funds were administered by the Parish Council.

The funding was used for printing of the questionnaire, analysing the results, and printing the final document.

Nine people, over a five year period, were involved in the development of the plan, who at a conservative estimate donated around £6000 worth of their time.

The Steering Committee

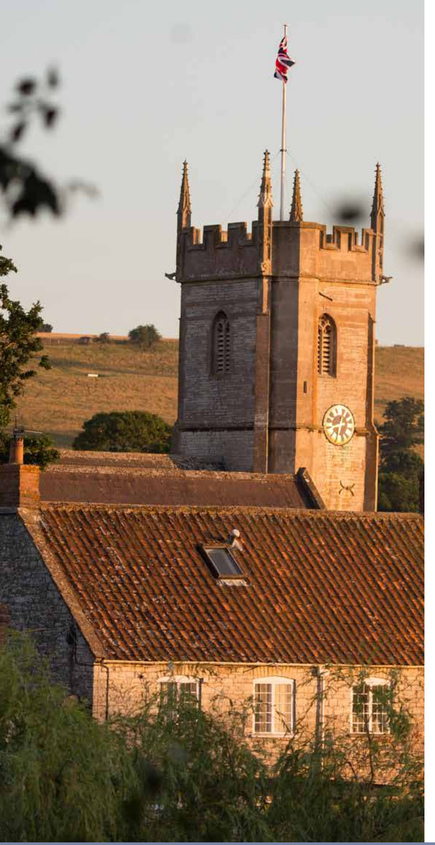
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Farmborough History

The present day name for the village of Farmborough is a complete disguise for its ancient name, as the spelling has succumbed to many changes throughout its history.

The first mention of the place and earliest spelling, 'Fearenbergas', is found in an Anglo Saxon Charter of 901AD.

In the Doomsday Book it appears as 'Ferenberge', a name probably derived from the Anglo Saxon word for a stronghold which is supported and suggests that the Barrow Hill area at the western extremity of the village was a main defence point.

A number of stone coffins, thought to be of Roman origin, have been unearthed in the locality. It is well established that there was a Roman camp at Stantonbury and that the southern approach road passed through the village of Farmborough.

Other finds of historical interest include the 'Farmborough Hoard' which was discovered in 1954 and more recently 61 gold Celtic coins of the 1st century. In days past the village was noted for making superior Cheddar cheese.

Farmborough's history as a manor is clearly traceable for close to a thousand years. The village formed part of the Hunstrete Estate which has a long lineage from King Athelstan in 963AD to the Popham family who held it for over 350 years.

A second manor has been spoken of in the village that of 'Frenborough' or 'Fryenborough', now Barrow Hill Farm, which, until the dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII, was the property of St John's Hospital, Bristol. This would possibly have been the commencement of the Barrow Farms and Hobbs Wall Community.

The King granted the whole manor to George Owen in 1545 and eventually it was sold to Alexander Popham in 1664. It was Alexander Popham who built Farmborough's Manor House in 1667 and the family remained in the village until 1911 when much of the estate was sold. A second sale took place in 1917 and the remainder was disposed of in 1956.

The church is dedicated to All Saints. It is rumoured that a church has stood on the present site since before the 14th century. The building was restored and enlarged in 1869 and the chancel and lower sections of the tower are all that remain of what might have been a 14th century building.

Much of the history of the church and the village is recorded in the registers and churchwardens' accounts dating from 1559 which give a wealth of information about village life. The list of rectors begin on an unknown date with one W. de Troubrugg; his successor being appointed in 1328.

One notable Rector was 15th century incumbent John Stafford (recorded in the church as 'J. Staffad') who went on to become Archbishop of Canterbury (1443—1452). Non-conformist chapels existed at Clutton Hill, Hobbs Wall, The Green and The Batch; all of which have now closed.

The Church of England was responsible for opening Farmborough School in 1857, the cost of which was met mainly by public subscription. It was enlarged in 1894. A new block containing a main hall, classrooms, offices and kitchen was added in 1975. Before the school was built a number of penny schools existed within the Parish.

Agriculture and coal mining provided the main employment for the local population. The mining industry which had a huge effect on village life dates from the 1700s. Two coal pits existed in Farmborough and both were said to be spectacular failures. The last of the Somerset coalfields closed in the 1970s.

Farmborough, with its various thriving businesses, farms, shops and public houses was self-sufficient and an important part of the local economy. However, with most businesses relocated and the shops having closed, it has become a commuter village for Bath and Bristol and a Parish with few facilities.



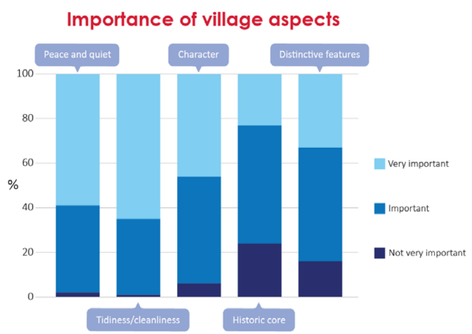
Our Village - Current and Future

Visual Impression and Landscape Assets

The village of Farmborough has many characteristics from the main village area through Cold Bath and on to Hobbs Wall. These centres are complemented by a number of more remote collections of dwellings that are within the Farmborough Parish boundary.

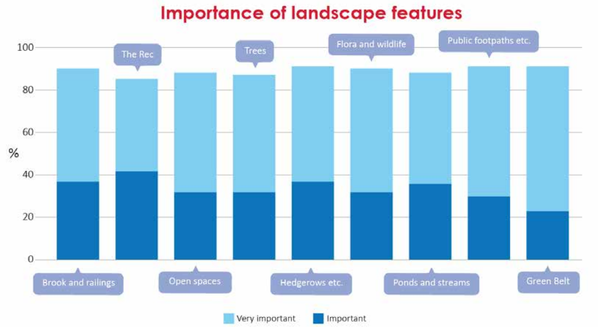
The countryside and proximity to Bristol and/or Bath were the main reasons for over 50% of the respondents to move to Farmborough, with village life and amenities an important factor for around 30%. Reasons to stay included community spirit, friendliness, and helpfulness of the residents.

The appearance of Farmborough village and its surrounding areas is important to the residents.



The peace and quiet, tidiness and general character were rated important or very important by around 90% of respondents, with over three quarters also identifying the traditional style of the buildings as significant.

Approximately half of respondents felt that the overall visual impression of the village is 'OK as is', with almost 40% indictating that they felt that improvement or protection was required.



The main landscape aspects within and surrounding the village were all given significant and equal importance by respondents.

Almost 60% indicated that they would like to see the creation of new wildlife areas.

Comments and suggestions from respondents relating to protection of visual and landscape aspects

- limiting the growth of the village
- encouraging sympathetic styles and type of houses constructed
- the control of traffic through and around the village
- the elimination of litter (particularly dog mess)

"It's a lovely village! Villagers are friendly, very helpful. The sound of the Church Bells too! Most of all the birds singing first thing in the morning – if it was noisy with traffic you wouldn't hear them!! We love living here!"





Our Village - Current and Future (continued)

Development and Housing

74% of respondents expressed concern over the impact that new development could have on the village. 50% did not think more housing is needed, whereas 31% thought that it is. Of those that did, they rated the need for different types of housing in the following order:

1. First time buyers
2. Housing association or shared ownership
3. Open market housing
4. Rented (social or private)
5. Sheltered accommodation

Over 90% of respondents do not have a personal need for alternative housing, but of the 6% that do, sheltered accommodation or first time buyer properties were given as the primary types. The greatest stated need was for two bedroom bungalows.

Around 90% of respondents also considered the quality and design of new development to be important, and felt that new development should be sited to conserve the village character, preferably on previously developed land and infill sites. Green Belt land was considered inappropriate for development by three quarters of the respondents, with well over half also preferring fields and gardens to remain undeveloped.

Personal responses complained of there being too many houses planned for development, alongside a lack of robust challenge from Bath and North East Somerset Council.

Energy Use

Energy use, its generation and conservation has some impact on villagers with 80% concerned about conservation. The methods that respondents use to conserve energy in their homes included: improved insulation, use of timers, thermostats and low energy lighting as the most popular, with warmer clothing, draught proofing and efficient appliances also mentioned.

A third of the village currently make use of a wood burner, with solar, wind, ground thermal and other systems also in use by around 10% of households. Two thirds do not currently use any form of renewable energy, but 30% would be interested in finding out more about energy efficiency and renewable energy in their homes.

Half of all respondents thought it was worth investigating local renewable energy generation and were also in favour of switching off street lights after midnight to save energy, alongside suggestions to switch to low energy street lights.

General comments indicated that wind turbines and solar panels were most popular for a village-wide energy scheme, with hydro schemes on the brook, improved insulation on new build houses, and solar energy on the School and Recreation Ground/Pavilion also mentioned.



Summary of key issues

- Protect the Green Belt, fields, gardens and ‘infill’ land
- Limit new build impact on existing village character
- Maintain and protect distinctive features of existing buildings
- Better consideration of new build quality and design character
- Smaller houses required for first time buyers and older residents looking to downsize
- Keep the village clean and tidy
- Improve footpaths and field entrance surfaces
- Explore local renewable energy schemes
- Make available information and advice about energy conservation
- Manage street lights to reduce energy consumption



Village Facilities

Memorial Hall

Built in 1966, the Memorial Hall is the centre for a number of village activities. The Parish Council is the Hall's Custodian Trustee and it is managed and maintained by an independent committee.

75% of respondents felt that the Hall is appropriate and meets their needs, but many suggested improvements, particularly modernisation and updating of facilities, services and car parking. They mainly used the Hall for both social and fundraising events that benefit the village, with around 40% also using it for clubs/groups and private functions.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

The 'Miner's Welfare Field' became a Parish asset and known as the 'Recreation Ground' or 'The Rec' following its gift to the village by the National Coal Board (circa 1970). Eventually the Parish Council became its Custodian Trustee and in turn delegated a committee to administer the facility.

In 1976 a new pavilion with showers and changing rooms and a dedicated Youth Club meeting place were opened. Latterly a multi-use games area (MUGA) was installed which became a much used facility. The Youth Club closed in 2008.

Around 55% of respondents indicated that they use the The Rec on a regular or occasional basis, mostly for walking, exercise, sport, village events (such as firework night and village day) and dog walking. Reasons for not using The Rec included age, disability or no reason to go there.

Two thirds of respondents were also aware that the Pavilion is available for community use and private hire, but only 11% have made use of it, with many opting to use the Memorial Hall instead. Similar suggestions to the Hall were made regarding improvements, with access, drainage, landscaping and seating also mentioned.

School and Church

Having been judged 'outstanding in every way' by the OFSTED team in January 2013, admissions and numbers attending Farmborough Church School have increased dramatically. When asked whether the school and grounds should be used for community purposes, 60% had no opinion, with the rest split evenly between being both in favour and against.

In addition to regular church services held at All Saints' Church, groups for different ages include: Tuesday Teas; Circle of Friends; Ark; and workshops for young people. Social events organised by the church include concerts, fetes and coffee mornings.

30% of respondents regularly or occasionally attend church services. 87% of respondents are not discouraged from using or visiting the church for non-worship activities, with around 35% visiting regularly or occasionally for village or cultural events and 15% for clubs/groups.



Summary of key issues

- The Memorial Hall requires modernising and updating, including: heating, lighting, toilets and baby changing facilities
- The Memorial Hall's stage and backstage areas could be improved
- The Memorial Hall kitchen could be increased in size
- The Memorial Hall car park needs improvement
- The Memorial Hall should be more of a social hub, and developed to include a shop/café, health centre etc.
- The Rec requires investment and maintenance to improve access, drainage, MUGA, landscaping, seating, increased litter bins, play area and better parking facilities
- The Pavilion requires modernising and updating
- The school grounds could be used for additonal fetes and fun days and as a safe play area for children
- The school building could be used for evening classes, holiday and after school clubs

Village Facilities (continued)

Allotments

Respondents were aware that Farmborough had its own allotments with 6% renting one. The majority did not wish to rent an allotment, however, 59% stated they didn't know how to get on the waiting list.



Village Life

Social Activities

Almost all respondents found out about village events and news from The Farmborough Flyer, with around 40% also using notice boards, the Church Magazine (Trio) and Fly Posters as additional sources of information. Only 2% of respondents are not interested in what is going on in the village.

Respondents would like to find out more information via other sources, particularly a village website and designated notice boards for general information. Information that was noted as being missing, included:

- Regular detailed reports from the Parish Council, especially planning matters
- Information regarding matters affecting the village from our B&NES Councillor
- A comprehensive list of village groups
- Up-to-date bus timetables

Just over 40% of respondents felt that they were part of the village community, with a further 40% feeling that this only applied to them partially. In particular, some villagers living in the communities of Hobbs Wall and Clutton Hill said that they felt forgotten. 40% of respondents also indicated that the community would benefit from more village social events.

Although a number of residents access church/faith groups, sport, and community facilities outside the village, the majority make use of those available within Farmborough.



Suggestions that could benefit the village

- Pre-school activities and youth groups
- Village Day, Fetes, Carnival, May Day, Street Parties, Christmas 'do', 'get togethers'
- Film Club
- Scarecrow competition and open gardens
- Talks on local history
- Walking group and wildlife watches
- Book group and quiz evenings
- Adult running, sport and exercise classes
- Best Kept Village and Farmborough in Bloom
- Monthly car boot and market
- Shop/Café
- Women's groups, art and drama

Village Life (continued)

Children and Young People

Amongst the respondents that have a need for childcare, over 60% felt local provision to be adequate.

Of the 70 respondents that have children aged under 16, 65% used the play area near the church either regularly or occasionally, with the rest being too old to use it (over 10 years old).

94 respondents indicated that they had children in the village when the youth club was open (prior to 2008), and just over 53% used the youth club either regularly or occasionally. Of the reasons for those not using it, or only using it occasionally, two thirds were too young or too old and a quarter were not attracted by the activities.

Almost half of all respondents think that ways should be found to restart the Youth Club both for children up to 11 years of age and for youths from 12 to 17 years.

- Dog Training
- Non-religious events
- Pool of information about activities and a booklet for newcomers
- Support for the local pub
- Facebook and twitter groups
- Faster, more reliable Broadband
- Defibrillator in the village
- Seats in The Street
- Parcel collection point in Farmborough not Bath
- Village website

Summary of key issues

- Additional support is needed for childcare and pre-school child-minding
- Youth clubs and groups are required

Village Services

Local Business

The nearest shops are currently located in neighbouring villages; however there are still some local businesses that provide both employment and important services including: hairdresser, pubs, café, and car servicing and sales, as well as numerous self-employed residents.

Almost 80% of respondents buy groceries in person from one of the many supermarkets, with weekly shopping being most popular at these shops.

The smaller, more local shops and farm shops are visited by between 40-50%, particularly for top-up shopping.

Residents visited Farmborough Stores (closed in 2010) more frequently when it had postal services. 80% of respondents indicated that they would use limited postal services at least occasionally if provided by a community shop.

Access to Health Services

There are many health services available from GP surgeries to complementary healthcare. The nearest large hospital is the Royal United Hospital (RUH) in Bath, with a smaller facility at Paulton. The closest GP surgery, used by 64% of residents, is located in Timsbury.

Dentists are used at a variety of locations across the area and beyond. Private motor vehicle was by far the most common form of transport to access all types of healthcare.





Village Services (continued)

Most respondents were happy with the medical services offered, with only 2% of respondents feeling that local GP services needed improving, especially regarding out of hours cover, which is limited locally. When physically accessing healthcare, 12% considered it difficult, particularly transport to the RUH.

Caring and Carers

Caring within the community is delivered by either professionals, family members or neighbours.

Only 3% of respondents indicated that they either required care or more care than they were already receiving. Gardening was the commonest activity where respondents felt that they needed additional help.

For those with disabilities or mobility concerns, pavement width and wheelchair access onto pavements were both highlighted as requiring improvement.

Parish Council

The Parish Council meets every month in the Memorial Hall, with an additional Annual Parish Meeting in the spring that allows village organisations to give a brief summary of their year's activities. All meetings are open to all, however attendance is usually low unless a contentious planning issue is on the agenda.

Farmborough Parish Council consists of 11 Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk. The Parish Councillors are volunteers from within the Parish and are subject to election every four years. Anyone can become a Parish Councillor.

The Farmborough Flyer was indicated as being the most popular source of information regarding Parish Council matters, with three quarters of the village also aware of how to contact Parish Councillors direct if necessary.

Mobile Library

The mobile library visits every other Tuesday morning, stopping in The Street, Tilley Close and Hobbs Wall.

Even though almost 75% were aware of the service, usage of the library is low, mainly as a result of people being at work, but for others the stops and times were unknown or inconvenient, the bus inaccessible, and the amount of time to browse too short.

Recycling

Recycling is conducted by Bath and North East Somerset Council on a weekly basis. The collection includes food waste, cardboard, glass, tins, paper and some plastics. They also collect green garden waste every other week.

19% would be willing to recycle more, with additional materials suggested for recycling, including black plastic and plastic carrier bags.

Summary of key issues

- Better knowledge of local businesses and village organisations is needed
- A community shop could provide limited postal services alongside groceries
- Request Timsbury surgery examines its out of hours cover
- Promote transport options covering access to Bath Royal United Hospital
- Volunteers needed to assist with gardening for those requiring additional help
- Pavement width and location of 'dropped curbs' need assessment for improved wheelchair access
- Parish Council contact details need promoting within The Farmborough Flyer
- The mobile library service could be promoted more extensively
- B&NES Council should be asked to review types of plastics collected for recycling
- Recycling could be promoted both more widely and more frequently



Roads and Transport & Safety and Security

Road Safety

Farmborough is bordered to the North by the A39, which links Hobbs Wall and Cold Bath to the centre of the village, and to the East with the road to Timsbury. The Street, along with The Batch and The Mead form the principle road through the village itself.

73% of respondents felt that speeding was a problem, with the A39, Timsbury Road and The Street being identified as the key locations. Safety at road junctions was also a concern to 57%, with the following junctions being considered to be the most dangerous: A39/ The Street, A39/Timsbury Road, Bellifants/Timsbury Road, Old Lane/Timsbury Road, A39/ Hayeswood Road.

Suggestions given for improving road safety, included: reduction and better enforcement of speed limits, speed bumps to slow traffic, flashing speed signs and better road markings.

Only a third of respondents thought that parking was a problem, with the roads around the school being identified as the most problematic area.

Condition of Roads and Pavements

Just over half of the respondents described the village roads as being in need of improvement, with potholes identified as causing the most concern.

Opinions on the state of the pavements were also equally divided, with the lack of pavements or pavement markings on the road and the narrowness of several existing pavements, identified as areas for improvement.

If new pavements were to be provided to the New Inn, the Co-op at Marksbury or Timsbury, between 50% and 60% of respondents would use them regularly or occasionally.

Transport and Travel

Farmborough is served by two main bus routes, the 178, which runs hourly between Bath and Bristol (via Midsomer Norton and Keynsham), and the 179 which runs approximately two hourly from Bath to Midsomer Norton. There are limited early morning and evening bus services.

Two thirds of respondents rarely or never used the local bus services. Reasons given included the infrequency, cost and inconvenience, with many also feeling that they had no need of the bus services because they could use their own motor vehicles.

As a result, the majority of respondents indicated that they used a private motor vehicle to travel to work, school, the shops or social events. A small proportion used either the bus or Park and Ride to travel to shops or social events beyond the village, while a fifth walked to local social events.

The Keynsham Dial-a-Ride minibus provides an additional door-to-door service that is available to people of any age who find it difficult to use ordinary bus services.

Two thirds of respondents are eligible to use the service, but of those, only 4% actively did so, with the other 96% preferring not to. 50% of respondents admitted not knowing anything about it.



Summary of key issues

- Actions to be taken to reduce speeding/improve traffic speed control
- Improve some road junctions to make them safer
- Improve road surfaces
- Improve width and number of pavements
- Liaise with bus companies to improve bus service
- Publicise the Dial-a-Ride minibus service
- Street lighting could be improved in some areas

Roads and Transport & Safety and Security (continued)

Police, Crime and Neighbourhood Watch

Farmborough is in the Keynsham neighbourhood police area with the nearest police station in Keynsham. The local Neighbourhood Police Team hold Connecting Communities meetings (previously known as Partners and Communities Together or PACT) five to six times a year to discuss policing priorities; these are open to all local residents.

40% felt there was a need for a greater police presence in the village, while 30% felt this was unnecessary.

85% of respondents had not experienced or witnessed any crime or antisocial behaviour in Farmborough during the previous year. Of those who did around half reported it, in most cases to the local police.

Almost all respondents felt safe in their own homes or while walking around Farmborough in daylight, while just under 10% didn't feel safe walking around Farmborough in the dark, mainly because of inadequate street lighting.

Over half of the respondents were not in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, but 30% were interested in getting involved in one. About half of those already in a scheme felt it was of value to them.



Farmborough Community Plan – Action Plan

The 'Local Lead' is the organisation within Farmborough who will either complete the action(s), help establish a separate group to complete the action(s) or manage their completion in conjunction with the 'Delivery Partners'.

The anticipated 'Timescale' for achievement of the aim is described in the following terms:

- **Short:** these aims should be readily achievable or with some effort are achievable within the coming year.
- **Medium:** these will require significant effort either from existing groups or by setting up new groups and be achievable within the five year time frame of the Plan.
- **Long:** will take considerably more planning and effort, with possibly the input of outside agencies, and may go beyond the five year time frame before being achieved.

Our Village - Current and Future Action Plan

Issues & Aims	The Actions	Local Lead	Delivery Partners	Timescale
The impact of planning and development decisions on the 'appearance and feel' of the village and its surrounding Green Belt land: • To exert control over future development decisions	• Influence Bath and North East Somerset Council Planning Policy and the Core Strategy Local Plan • Include issues specifically as they relate to Farmborough within the Local Plan, such as: » the Green Belt and open spaces » the distinctive features of buildings » location and style of new buildings » provision of first time buyer opportunities	Parish Council	• B&NES Planning	Medium/ Long
The accessibility to wildlife: • To create or develop suitable areas where wildlife can be observed and encouraged	• Develop a group of likeminded individuals to take the lead and use an article in The Flyer to encourage people to come forward • Liaise with Parish Council on locations etc.	Parish Council	• B&NES Environmental Services • Avon Wildlfe Trust	Medium

Our Village - Current and Future Action Plan (continued)

Issues & Aims	The Actions	Local Lead	Delivery Partners	Timescale
Areas of the village are subject to litter and other cleanliness issues: • To encourage those persistent individuals to change their ways • To provide additional facilities to collect waste • To improve the overall appearance of the village	• Provide more litter bins • Promote a 'do your bit' and look after the bit in front of your house • Continue campaign in The Flyer about dog mess and general litter	Parish Council Everyone Any individual	• Village Handyman • Volunteers • Farmborough Flyer Editor	Short Medium Medium
Some lack of knowledge regarding renewable energy and energy efficiency. A lack of local renewable energy scheme(s): To improve understanding and investigate the potential to provide sustainable energy generation for the village.	• Develop a group of likeminded individuals to take the lead and use an article in The Flyer to encourage people to come forward • Group to liaise with Parish Council on potential locations etc.	Parish Council	• B&NES Environmental Services	Medium
Street lighting operates all night: To reduce energy consumption through improved management	• Continue conversion of street lights to low power white light types. • Evaluate benefit of switching lights off versus the 'feel safe' gained by leaving them on.	Parish Council	• Highways	Medium

Village Facilities Action Plan

Issues & Aims	The Actions	Local Lead	Delivery Partners	Timescale
The general appearance, facilities and services at the Memorial Hall: To continue maintenance and improvement activities To bring services up to date Continue current plan with regard to the toilets, heating & lighting, etc.	• Consider increasing stage and back stage areas, reduce bar area and increase size of kitchen • Provide baby changing facility • Improve and extend car parking facilities, mark out parking bays • Improve or remove dangerous steps leading from Timsbury Road • Investigate improvements to rear and side entrances	Farmborough Memorial Hall Committee	• Parish Council	Medium
Access to external communications at the Memorial Hall: To provide services	• Consider possibility of installing a telephone line and wifi	Farmborough Memorial Hall Committee	• Community Shop Committee • Parish Council	Medium
The need for more or different social events at the Memorial Hall: To promote use	• Review existing usage • Advertise the facility more widely • Improve knowledge of existing activities and encourage new ones	Farmborough Memorial Hall Committee	• Event organisers	Short
Lack of a café/shop to serve the village: To provide facilities	• Explore ways of providing café/shop	Community Shop Committee	• Farmborough Memorial Hall Committee • Parish Council	Medium
Poor drainage on the Recreation Ground: To reduce water logging	• Continue current maintenance programme of ground and MUGA • Research ways to improve drainage and restoration of the pond	Farmborough Sports and Social	• Parish Council	Medium/ Long

Village Facilities Action Plan (continued)

Issues & Aims	The Actions	Local Lead	Delivery Partners	Timescale
The poor visual impression of the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground: To improve appearance	• Commence a programme of redecoration of the building (interior and exterior) • Landscape surroundings, provide seating and improve car park facility	Farmborough Sports and Social	• Parish Council	Medium
Poor condition of entrances and access to the Recreation Ground: To identify improvements	• Commence an improvements programme of existing pedestrian entrances from adjacent fields • Improve vehicle access and car parking	Farmborough Sports and Social	• Parish Council • B&NES	Medium
A lack of children's play area at the Recreation Ground: To increase use of The Rec	• Create a new play area for small children to encourage families to use The Rec • Create a new play area for older children	Farmborough Sports and Social	• Parish Council	Medium
Additional use of the Farmborough School grounds: To promote use	• Promote available activities and services and explore possibility for adult education courses • Establish a group to review community activities (i.e. outdoor events, fetes, fun days etc) and identify the need for new ones	Farmborough School	• B&NES • Parish Council	Medium
Additional use of the Farmborough School for holiday & school clubs: To promote venue	• Set up a group to undertake a detailed audit to establish the need for the use of school facilities for holiday and after school clubs and use of the venue as a safe play area for children	Farmborough School	• Parish Council • Preschool and School Community • B&NES	Medium

Village Life Action Plan

Issues & Aims	The Actions	Local Lead	Delivery Partners	Timescale
Limited options for child care and preschool child minding: To support initiatives	• Establish the type of support needed for workers and carers	Parish Council	• B&NES • Preschool and school communities	Medium
A lack of a youth club & youth groups: To explore viability	• Seek volunteers willing to run or help run a youth club/group • Identify suitable location(s)	Parish Council	• B&NES and local community groups	Short

Village Services Action Plan

Issues & Aims	The Actions	Local Lead	Delivery Partners	Timescale
A lack of knowledge regarding village groups and organisations: To raise awareness	• Flyer article to request organisation and business details • Compile a local directory • Distribute as a 'pull out' in The Flyer • Publicise details on Farmborough website	Parish Council	• Farmborough Flyer Editor • Farmborough website Webmaster	Short
A lack of knowledge regarding Parish Council matters: To improve dissemination of information	• Set up Parish Council website and link to Farmborough website • Publicise detailed reports of Parish Council proceedings (esp. planning) • Publicise matters affecting the village dealt with at B&NES • Set up generic Parish Council email • Publicise details in a Flyer article	Parish Council	• Farmborough website Webmaster	Short
Poor access to Parish Council notice boards: To improve access for the less able	• Consider access to notice board when engineering new bus stop pavement in The Street	Parish Council	• B&NES Highways	Medium
A lack of postal services within the village: To deliver a local service	• Investigate potential services possible and compliance requirements to deliver	Community Shop Committee	• Royal Mail	Medium/ Long

Village Services Action Plan (continued)

Issues & Aims	The Actions	Local Lead	Delivery Partners	Timescale
Access to Timsbury surgery: To reassess out of hours cover	• Contact Timsbury GP surgery to communicate high level of satisfaction and note requests for increased out of hours cover • Publicise response in The Flyer	Parish Council	• Timsbury Surgery	Short
Access to RUH, Bath: To promote transport options	• Contact First Bus for route times and connections for reaching RUH • Contact Good Neighbours and local taxi companies for contact details • Publicise options in Flyer article and include in local directory	Parish Council	• Farmborough website Webmaster • Farmborough Flyer Editor	Short
Some villagers would benefit from volunteer gardening services: To assist the less able	• Seek volunteers and set up a new group willing to provide some gardening help • Identify those requiring help • Match up the volunteers	Community Plan Steering Committee	• Local gardeners • Allotment holders	Medium
A lack of knowledge regarding the Mobile Library: To promote awareness	• Invite B&NES Library Services to contribute an article to The Flyer to promote their services and also include in local directory	Farmborough Flyer Editor	• B&NES Library Services	Medium
Limited plastic recycling options: To reassess options	• Contact B&NES Waste Services to discuss future plans to increase the types of plastic that can be recycled • Publicise response in The Flyer	Parish Council	• B&NES Waste Services	Medium

Roads and Transport & Safety and Security Action Plan

Issues & Aims	The Actions	Local Lead	Delivery Partners	Timescale
The persistent instances of vehicles driving at excessive speed: To exert influence over Policing and Highways decisions	• Form Community Speed Watch Team • Recruit volunteers to join the team. • Monitor & provide measured evidence to Police	Community Speed Watch Team	• Avon & Somerset Police • Community Speed Watch Coordinator	Short
There are numerous issues relating to highways and transport: To improve highway safety	• Submit data/information from the Community Plan questionnaire (including written comments from villagers) to the Parish Council showing where all problems have been highlighted relating to: traffic speed, junction safety, parking, poor road surfaces, pavement quality, pavement accessibility and poor street lighting	Community Plan Steering Committee	• Parish Council • B&NES Highways • Farmborough Community Speed Watch Team	Short
A lack of knowledge regarding public transport options: To improve knowledge / awareness	• Publish current bus timetables/bus stops and any subsequent changes on Farmborough website • Publish Dial-a-Ride service/eligibility on Farmborough website and in village directory • Parish Council to contact First Bus to ensure any future proposed changes to bus services are communicated to the Parish Council	Parish Council	• Farmborough website Webmaster • First Bus	Short

Farmborough Community Plan – Questionnaire Results Data

NOTES

Two results are provided for all questions:

1. **Number of households who responded**
2. **Percentage of households who responded - rounded to whole numbers, therefore, some totals may add to 99 or 101%**

Percentages in the following tables have been calculated on the assumption that every question is relevant to all 293 households taking part in the survey. However, some questions are not relevant to all households, but only apply to a sub-group, e.g. households with children.

The discussion within the Action Plan has taken this into account, with the number of households falling into various sub-groups being taken from the data provided in Section 1 of the survey to calculate the percentage data quoted.

SECTION 1: YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Q1. How many members of your household are there in the following age groups?

	1 person		2 people		3 people		4+ people	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age 0-5	15	5	7	2	1	0	0	0
Age 6-10	11	4	7	2	1	0	3	1
Age 11-15	18	6	7	2	1	0	0	0
Age 16-17	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Age 18-24	18	6	8	3	1	0	0	0
Age 25-44	36	12	39	13	1	0	2	1
Age 45-59	56	19	59	20	1	0	0	0
Age 60-64	36	12	17	6	0	0	0	0
Age 65-74	36	12	40	14	0	0	0	0
Age 75-84	31	11	13	4	0	0	0	0
Age 85+	17	6	6	2	0	0	0	0

Q2. How long have you lived in Farmborough?

No.	%	
25	9	Whole Life
14	5	Less than 1 year
41	14	1-5 years
68	23	6-15 years
46	16	16-25 years
79	27	26-50 years
20	7	51+ years

Q3. Why did you come to live in Farmborough and why have you stayed?

No.	%	
36	12	Always lived here
37	13	Schools
78	27	Village life and amenities
46	16	Family in the area
46	16	Employment
171	58	Countryside
157	54	Proximity to Bath &/or Bristol
32	11	Other

Q4. In which area of Farmborough do you live?

No.	%	
41	14	0BW, 0BX, 0BY, 0DA, 0DB, 0DD, 0DE, 0DF, 0EG
34	12	0AY, 0BA, 0BG, 0BR, 0BS, 0BT, 0BU, 0BZ, 0FZ
91	31	0AJ, 0AL, 0AN, 0AP, 0AR, 0AS, 0AW, 0AX, 0BB, 0FP
40	14	0BD, 0BE, 0BH, 0BJ, 0BL, 0BN
70	24	0AE, 0AF, 0AG, 0AH, 0AQ, 0AT, 0DH
16	5	0AB, 0AD, 0FB, 0FD, 0HH, 0HJ, 0HL, BS39 5QH, BS39 5QQ, BS39 6LB

Q5. How many members of your household have the following occupational status?

	1		2		3		4+	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Employed/self-employed	61	21	99	34	13	4	4	1
Seeking employment	8	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Housewife/househusband	24	8	6	2	0	0	0	0
Full time education	15	5	16	5	6	2	3	1
Long term sick or disabled	9	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Carer	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retired	69	24	66	23	1	0	0	0
Other	6	2	3	1	0	0	0	0

Q6. Which one of the following best describes your home?

No.	%	
253	86	Owner occupier
6	2	Private rented
24	8	Housing Association rented
3	1	Shared ownership
2	1	Employer provided
2	1	Other

Q7. How many vehicles are at your household?

	None		1		2		3		4+	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Cars	18	6	114	39	128	44	21	7	10	3
Mobility vehicles	53	18	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Vans	51	17	28	10	4	1	1	0	0	0
Lorries	52	18	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motorbikes/Scooters	52	18	10	3	2	1	1	0	2	0
Bicycles	32	11	24	8	29	10	16	5	22	8

SECTION 2: OUR VILLAGE

1. OUR VILLAGE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

Visual Impression

Q1.1 How important are the following aspects of the village to you?

	Very important		Important		Not very important	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Peace & quiet	168	57	113	39	5	2
Tidiness / cleanliness	184	63	97	33	3	1
Its character	126	43	132	45	17	6
Its historic core	61	21	140	48	63	22
Its distinctive features	88	30	139	47	43	15

Q1.2 Which aspects, or areas in the village do you feel are in need of improvement or protection?

	OK as is		Needs improvement		Needs protection	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Peace & quiet	187	64	27	9	58	20
Tidiness / cleanliness	167	57	85	29	27	9
Its character	143	49	46	16	72	25
Its historic core	149	51	20	7	85	29
Its distinctive features	131	45	32	11	92	31

Q1.3 Do you have any ideas how to improve or protect any of the above?

Q1.4 Are there any specific areas around the village you would like to see improved?

Landscape Assets

Q1.5 How important as village assets are the following landscape features to you?

	Very important		Important		Not v. important	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Brook and railings	159	54	108	37	15	5
Recreation Ground	130	44	123	42	23	8
Undesignated open spaces	167	57	95	32	11	4
Trees	164	56	94	32	14	5
Hedgerows, banks and verges	161	55	108	37	11	4
Flora and wildlife	172	59	95	32	8	3
Ponds and streams	156	53	105	36	10	3
Public footpaths, etc.	181	62	87	30	6	2
Green Belt (around village)	201	69	67	23	15	5

Q1.6 Which features do you feel are in need of improvement/protection?

	OK as is		Needs improvement		Needs protection		No opinion	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Brook and railings	174	59	35	12	67	23	10	3
Recreation Ground	84	29	122	42	50	17	29	10
Undesignated open spaces	101	34	31	11	118	40	21	7
Trees	129	44	26	9	107	37	14	5
Hedgerows, banks and verges	110	38	52	18	106	36	12	4
Flora and wildlife	117	40	27	9	113	39	13	4
Ponds and streams	111	38	40	14	107	37	15	5
Public footpaths, etc.	90	31	88	30	97	33	10	3
Green Belt (around village)	90	31	17	6	163	56	10	3

Q1.7 Do you have any ideas how to improve or protect these features?

Q1.8 Would you like to see the creation of new wildlife areas?

No.	%	
173	59	Yes
34	12	No
66	23	Don't know

2. VILLAGE FACILITIES

Memorial Hall

Q2.1 Do you currently visit or use the hall for?

	Regularly		Occasionally		Rarely		Never	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Clubs/Groups	62	21	35	12	33	11	128	44
Village events	56	19	114	39	56	19	50	17
Village fundraising	44	15	88	30	59	20	71	24
Private hire	5	2	46	16	62	21	140	48

Q2.2 Do you feel the village hall is appropriate and meets your needs?

No.	%	
220	75	Yes
17	6	No
49	17	Don't know

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

Q2.3 Do you use the Recreation Ground (The Rec)?

No.	%	
57	19	Regularly
104	35	Occasionally
129	44	No

Q2.4 Are you aware that the Pavilion on The Rec is available for community use and private hire?

No.	%	
33	11	Yes and we use it or have used it
5	2	Yes and we would like to use it, but don't know how/whom to contact
146	50	Yes, but we have not used it
106	36	No

Q2.5 Is there anything about The Rec and/or the Pavilion that you would like to see improved?

School and Church

Q2.6 Would you like to see the school/school grounds being used more for community purposes?

No.	%	
53	18	Yes
63	22	No
167	57	No opinion

Q2.7 Do you currently visit the church for?

	Regularly		Occasionally		Rarely		Never	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Church Services or Worship	36	12	54	18	93	32	94	32
Village or cultural events	31	11	71	24	73	25	92	31
Clubs/Groups	20	7	24	8	35	12	173	59

Q2.8 Does the fact that the church is a place of worship discourage you from using or visiting it for non-worship activities?

No.	%	
14	5	Yes
256	87	No
19	6	Partially

Allotments

Q2.9 Are you aware that Farmborough has its own allotments?

No.	%	
257	88	Yes
33	11	No

Q2.10 Do you have an allotment?

No.	%	
18	6	Yes
270	92	No

If No, would you like an allotment?

	Yes		No	
	No.	%	No.	%
Full plot	7	1	247	84
Half plot	9	3	228	78

Q2.11 Do you know how to get on the allotment waiting list?

No.	%	
104	35	Yes
172	59	No

3. VILLAGE LIFE

Social Activities

Q3.1 How do you find out what is happening in Farmborough?

No.	%	
284	97	Farmborough Flyer
119	41	Notice boards
115	39	Church magazine
20	7	Diary in church
109	37	Fly posters
7	2	Not interested
31	11	Other

Q3.2 What information or type of news do you think is missing from any of the above?

Q3.3 Do you feel part of the village community?

No.	%	
126	43	Yes
39	13	No
113	39	Partially

Q3.4 Do you feel our community would benefit from more village social events?

No.	%	
117	40	Yes
43	15	No
116	40	Don't know

Q3.5 Are you an active member of any of the following types of groups or organisations?

	Within Farmborough		Outside Farmborough	
	No.	%	No.	%
Church or faith group	39	13	18	6
Creative group	11	4	23	8
Play group or school group	20	7	16	5
Local interest group	7	2	12	4
Sports or exercise group	24	8	71	24
Youth group	2	1	9	3
Social group	39	13	25	9
Village committee	26	9	3	1
None of the above	110	38	78	27

Q3.6 What new activities would you like to see in Farmborough?

Children and Young People

Q3.7 Do you consider that there is adequate local provision for childcare?

No.	%	
30	10	Yes
17	6	No
236	81	Don't know/Not applicable

Q3.8 Do your children use the Play Area near the Church (for children aged 18 months to 10 years)?

No.	%	
13	4	Yes, regularly
33	11	Yes, occasionally
24	8	No, children are older than specified age group
174	59	Not applicable
12	4	No, other

Q3.9 Did any of your children use the Farmborough Youth Club prior to its closure in 2008?

No.	%	
30	10	Yes, regularly
20	7	Yes, occasionally
71	24	No
152	52	Not applicable

If 'No' or 'Yes Occasionally' please indicate why:

No.	%	
41	14	Children were too young or too old
6	2	Difficult to get to, or couldn't get there
4	1	Wrong time
27	9	Didn't live in the village then
16	5	Lack of attractive activities

Q3.10 Do you think ways should be found to restart organised youth activities in the village?

	Yes		No		Don't know	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
a) Up to 11 years	126	43	11	4	104	35
b) 12 to 17 years	140	48	10	3	101	34

4. VILLAGE SERVICES

Local Business

Q4.1 How do you currently buy your groceries?

	Visit in person		Online/delivered		Weekly shop		Top-up shop	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Supermarket	230	78	46	16	148	51	44	15
Farm shop	112	38	4	1	13	4	48	16
Local shops	150	51	2	1	17	6	120	41
Other	10	3	2	1	1	0	5	2

Q4.2 How often did you use the shop when it was a Post Office and shop?

No.	%	
103	35	Frequently
107	37	Occasionally
35	12	Rarely
11	4	Never
36	12	Not applicable

Q4.3 How often did you use the shop when it had no postal services?

No.	%	
72	25	Frequently
99	34	Occasionally
63	22	Rarely
21	7	Never
36	12	Not applicable

Q4.4 How often would you use limited postal services (i.e. stamps/posting letters or parcels) if provided by a community shop?

No.	%	
84	29	Frequently
150	51	Occasionally
37	13	Rarely
11	4	Never
7	2	Not applicable

Q4.5 Which of these local businesses do you use and how often?

	Frequently		Occasionally		Rarely		Never	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Butchers Arms	14	5	96	33	104	35	55	19
New Inn	30	10	102	35	92	31	46	16
Sally's Cafe	8	3	15	5	18	6	198	68
Rascals Hair Salon	57	19	38	13	21	7	134	46
Wallmead Motors	54	18	70	24	37	13	99	34
Bath Road Garage	10	3	22	8	25	9	180	61
FarmboroughTyres	50	17	115	39	26	9	77	26
Other	4	1	8	3	3	1	8	3

Q4.6 If there were a directory of all local businesses within Farmborough, how would you prefer to receive this information?

No.	%	
200	68	Printed and distributed with The Farmborough Flyer
37	13	Printed as an independent directory available from local outlets
119	41	Online and available anytime (i.e. Farmborough Community Website)
15	5	Not interested

Q4.7 If you work within the village, would you be interested in providing business support to community projects?

No.	%	
13	4	Yes
17	6	No
230	78	Not applicable

Access to Health Services

Q4.8 To which town(s) or village(s) would you normally go to access health services?

Q4.9 How would you normally travel to the following medical services?

	PMV		FGN		Cycle		P+R/Bus		DaR		Taxi		Walk		N/A	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
GP	272	93	10	3	7	2	15	5	2	1	2	1	5	2	1	0
Dentist	264	90	1	0	1	0	24	8	1	0	2	1	1	0	5	2
Pharmacy	260	89	6	2	7	2	11	4	2	1	1	0	4	1	6	2
Hospital	256	87	9	3	2	1	45	15	3	1	4	1	1	0	4	1
CHC	142	48	3	1	2	1	9	3	1	0	1	0	3	1	103	35

PMV= Private Motor Vehicle, FGN = Farmborough Good Neighbours, P+R = Park & Ride, DaR = Dial-a-Ride, CHC = Complimentary Health Care

Q4.10 How would you rate the following services in the last two years?

	Good		Adequate		Needs improving		Not applicable	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Local GP services	200	68	49	17	6	2	32	11
Daytime home visits by GP or nurse	43	15	16	5	9	3	206	70
Out of hours and night cover	30	10	28	10	27	9	185	63
Ante natal care	15	5	6	2	2	1	243	83
Post natal care	16	5	8	3	1	0	243	83
Meals on wheels	1	0	1	0	0	0	264	90

Q4.11 How would you rate the following?

	Easy		Not easy		Not applicable	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Ordering a repeat prescription	228	78	11	4	49	17
Collecting medicines	233	80	17	6	34	12
Having medicines delivered	12	4	7	2	244	83
Getting to your surgery	252	86	15	5	18	6
Getting to a chemist	233	80	19	6	30	10
Getting to a hospital	217	74	36	12	31	11

Caring and Carers

Q4.12 If you use the help of a carer are they?

No.	%	
8	3	Professional
14	5	Family member
6	2	Neighbour
238	81	Not applicable

Q4.13 If you provide care for anyone within the village are you?

No.	%	
1	0	Professional
14	5	Family member
9	3	Neighbour
237	81	Not applicable

Q4.14 Do you need care or more care than you are currently receiving?

No.	%	
8	3	Yes
242	83	No

Q4.15 If you have a disability or mobility concern, are there any areas or facilities in the village where accessibility needs improving?

Q4.16 Do you need additional help with any of the following?

	Yes		No	
	No.	%	No.	%
Shopping	13	4	249	85
Gardening	38	13	225	77
Housework	21	7	240	82
Other	3	1	128	44

Parish Council

Q4.17 Do you know how to contact the Parish Council?

No.	%	
91	31	Yes, and have done so
128	44	Yes, but have not done so
68	23	No

Q4.18 How do you find out about Parish Council activities?

No.	%	
253	86	Reports in The Farmborough Flyer
69	24	Read agenda/minutes on village notice board
63	22	Talk to Parish Councillors
13	4	Not interested
8	3	Other

Mobile Library

Q4.19 Are you aware that a mobile library visits the village every other Thursday?

No.	%	
22	8	Yes, and we use it
189	65	Yes, but we don't or are unable to use it
78	27	No

Recycling

Q4.20 Could you recycle more?

No.	%	
56	19	Yes
213	73	No
19	6	Don't know

Q4.21 Are there types of recycling B&NES don't currently collect that should be considered?

5. ROADS AND TRANSPORT

Road Safety

Q5.1 Do you consider there is a problem with any of these issues in the village? If you think there is a problem with any of these, please specify where and/or why.

	Yes		No		Don't know	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Speeding	215	73	48	16	21	7
Parking	101	34	125	43	38	13
Safety at any road junction	166	57	67	23	36	12

Q5.2 How would you describe the condition of roads and pavements around the village?

	Good		Adequate		Needs improving		Don't know	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Roads	16	5	111	38	156	53	8	3
Pavements	16	5	124	42	136	46	11	4

Q5.3 If you think any roads or pavements need improving please specify the type of improvement and where.

Q5.4 If new pavements were to be provided on the following routes, how often would you use them?

	Regularly		Occasionally		Rarely		Never	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Farmborough to Timsbury	65	22	91	31	58	20	62	21
Farmborough to New Inn	71	24	106	36	45	15	59	20
Farmborough to Co-op, Marksbury	73	25	86	29	48	16	77	26

Transport and Travel

Q5.5 How do you usually travel to the following?

	PMV		FGN		Cycle		P+R/Bus		DaR		Taxi		Walk		N/A	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Work	158	54	0	0	9	3	19	6	0	0	0	0	6	2	96	33
School	30	10	0	0	4	1	13	4	0	0	2	1	20	7	174	59
Shops	270	92	0	0	10	3	56	19	1	0	1	0	7	2	6	2
Social	255	87	0	0	11	4	39	13	0	0	20	7	63	22	8	3

PMV= Private Motor Vehicle, FGN = Farmborough Good Neighbours, P&R = Park & Ride, DaR = Dial-a-Ride

Q5.6 How often do you use local bus services to and from Farmborough? If you never or rarely use the bus, please say why.

No.	%	
35	12	Regularly
63	22	Occasionally
66	23	Rarely
128	44	Never

Q5.7 Do you use the Keynsham Dial-a-Ride minibus service?

No.	%	
2	1	Yes
50	17	No - we are eligible to use it, but choose not to
88	30	No - we are not eligible to use it
143	49	No - we don't know about the service

Q5.8 Do you feel the Dial-a-Ride service could be improved?

6. SAFETY AND SECURITY

Crime

Q6.1 Have you experienced or witnessed any crime/ antisocial behaviour in Farmborough in the last year?

No.	%	
38	13	Yes
250	85	No

Q6.2 If you did experience or witness any criminal/ antisocial behaviour, did you report it?

No.	%	
25	9	Yes
27	9	No
208	71	Not applicable

a) If 'Yes' how did you report it?

No.	%	
8	3	By dialling 999
1	0	To Crimestoppers
20	7	To the local police
4	1	Other

Were you satisfied with the response?

No.	%	
13	4	Yes
9	3	No
7	2	Partially

b) If 'No', was it because you?

No.	%	
0	0	Didn't know whom to contact
4	1	Didn't want to report it
9	3	Other

Q6.3 Do you feel safe:

a) Walking around Farmborough in daylight?

No.	%	
271	92	Yes
1	0	No
5	2	Partially
12	4	Not applicable

b) Walking around Farmborough in the dark?

No.	%	
170	58	Yes
26	9	No
50	17	Partially
42	14	Not applicable

c) In your own home?

No.	%	
282	96	Yes
2	1	No
7	2	Partially

If you answered No or Partially, please explain why.

Neighbourhood Watch

Q6.4 Is your household in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme?

No.	%	
44	15	Yes
160	55	No
85	29	Don't know

Q6.5 If not, would you like to be in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

No.	%	
87	30	Yes
37	13	No
87	30	Don't know
43	15	Not applicable

Q6.6 If you are in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, do you feel it is of value?

No.	%	
39	13	Yes
13	4	No
31	11	Don't know
147	50	Not applicable

Q6.7 Do you think there should be a greater police presence in the village?

No.	%	
119	41	Yes
79	27	No
85	29	Don't know

7. THE FUTURE OF OUR VILLAGE

Development and Housing

Q7.1 Do you think more housing is needed in the village?

No.	%	
90	31	Yes
147	50	No
49	17	Don't know

If Yes, what type of housing is needed?

No.	%	
87	30	First time buyers
26	9	Sheltered accommodation
36	12	Rented accommodation (social/private)
49	17	Housing Association/shared ownership
43	15	Open market
1	0	Other

Q7.2 Do you have a personal need for alternative housing in the village?

No.	%	
18	6	Yes
268	91	No

If Yes, what type?

No.	%	
4	1	First time buyers
7	2	Sheltered accommodation
2	1	Rented accommodation (social/private)
3	1	Housing Association / shared ownership
3	1	Open market
1	0	Other

Q7.3 Farmborough is one of the villages identified in B&NES Local Plan as a focus for development.

a) Are you concerned about the impact new development proposals could have on the village?

No.	%	
218	74	Yes
45	15	No
27	9	Don't know

b) Do you consider new development should be sited so as to conserve the character of the village?

No.	%	
257	88	Yes
8	3	No
18	6	Don't know

c) Which locations do you consider would be appropriate for new housing within the village?

	Yes		No		Don't know	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Infill sites	152	52	51	17	53	18
Gardens	40	14	163	56	40	14
Previously developed land	206	70	25	9	31	11
Fields within the village boundary	56	19	166	57	36	12
Green Belt land	9	3	217	74	23	8

d) Do you consider that the quality and design of new development is important?

No.	%	
269	92	Yes
6	2	No
10	3	Don't know

Energy Use

Q7.4 Do you think the street lights in the village should be turned off after midnight to save energy?

No.	%	
152	52	Yes
109	37	No
28	10	Don't know

Q7.5 Are you concerned about energy conservation?

No.	%	
234	80	Yes
30	10	No
22	8	Don't know

Q7.6 Should the village investigate the opportunities for the generation of local renewable energy?

No.	%	
145	49	Yes
43	15	No
95	32	Don't know

Q7.7 Are there other energy saving or renewable energy measures you would like to see in the village?

Q7.8 What sort of renewable energy do you use in your own home, if any?

No.	%	
18	6	Solar PV
2	1	Solar thermal
2	1	Wind turbine
88	30	Wood burner
2	1	Ground thermal
177	60	None
5	2	Other

Q7.9 What other measures do you take to save energy in your own home?

Q7.10 Would you be interested in finding out more about energy efficiency/ renewable energy for your home?

No.	%	
87	30	Yes
186	63	No

8. AND FINALLY...

Q8.1 Please tell us what you like best about living in Farmborough

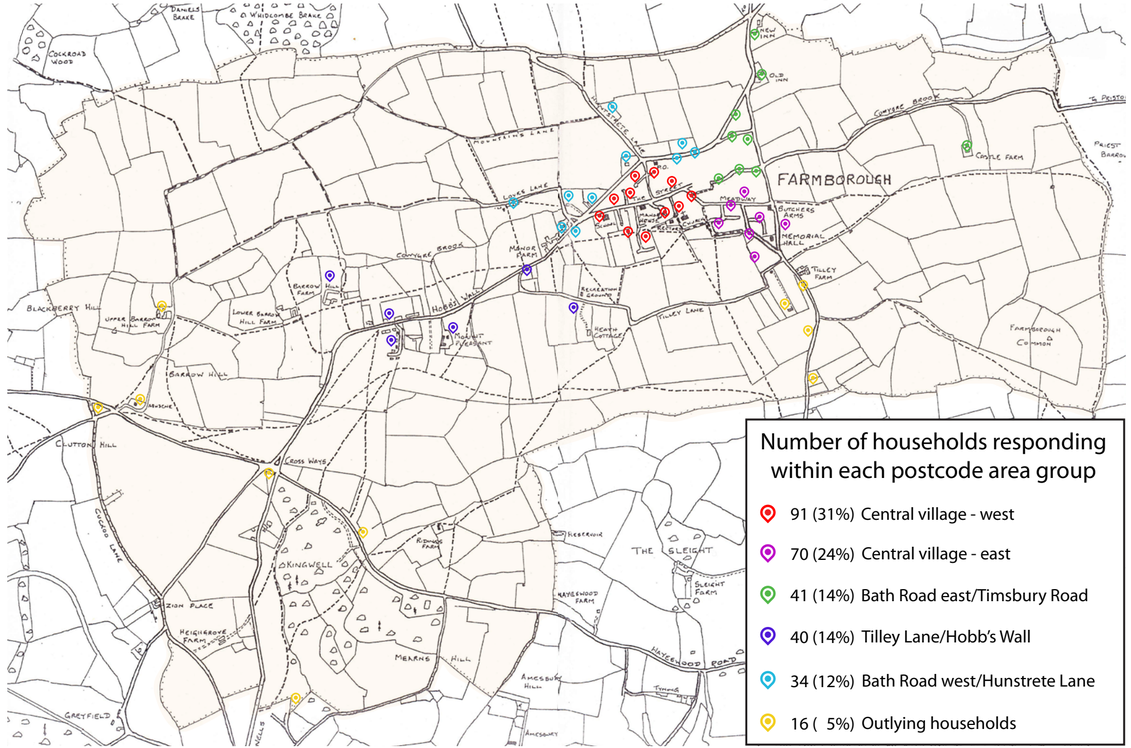
Q8.2 If you have any comment or concerns about Farmborough, which have not been covered in this questionnaire, then please use the space below to tell us about them.

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