



Knapton Village Plan





David with his granddaughter, Ruby, April 2007

We would like to dedicate this plan to David Spencer who was responsible for much of the earlier research, involving the preparation of the initial questionnaire and the analysis of the response thereto, presenting these findings to the public for their approval, and laying the foundations for the strategy for all subsequent work which led to its publication. Sadly, David died on April 30th, 2007.

Thank you, David, for all your help.

Knapton Village Plan Steering Group

OVERVIEW

Within this document, you will find an overview of Knapton and its history, the results of the residents' surveys and the Action Plans that have been drawn up on the back of these results.

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In summary, a Village Plan for Knapton:

- ✓ is intended to be a statement of how the community sees itself progressing over the next few years;
- ✓ is to reflect the collective views of all sections of the community;
- ✓ identifies which features and local characteristics residents value or are concerned about;
- ✓ spells out how the residents wish their village to develop;
- ✓ includes action plans to achieve the aspirations and needs of the community.

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HISTORY OF KNAPTON

Nestled amidst the beautiful Norfolk countryside and with views of the sea, Knapton is an archetypal village within the Norfolk coastal zone.

The Civil Parish has borders with six other parishes - Paston, Mundesley, Trunch, Swafield, Edingthorpe and North Walsham.



The origins of the settlement at Knapton are unknown. Small quantities of flint tools, 'pot-boilers' and scrapers have been discovered, implying that the undulating ground between Hall Lane and the B1145 road, which is the boundary with Swafield, was in use during Neolithic times. In his "Portrait of Norfolk", David Yaxley notes that the village boundary with Paston "... has hedges that date only from the 15th or 16th centuries, although the boundary itself goes back to before the Conquest". At the time of the Norman Conquest, 'Kanapatone' was valued at the sum

of 20 shillings, which was increased to 60 shillings in the seminal Domesday Book of 1086, perhaps due in part to the greater accuracy and thoroughness of that survey.

The name of the Parish has been the subject of many theories, but it is generally believed that it probably dates from the period of the Danes invasion, when they opted to settle in Norfolk, rather than just being regular 'visitors'! Walter Rye has advanced a theory that several Norfolk village names reflected names in Scandinavia, and in his "History of Norfolk", he connected Knapton with Knappen in Eastern Denmark. Recent scholarship suggests: 'Cnapa' (Old English personal name) + 'tun' (meaning settlement or farm).

The Parish records, held in the County Archives, date from 1687 to the 1920's. A study of these proffers a clear picture of closely knit families with their lives revolving around farming and its allied crafts and trades. The numerous farms of differing sizes contained within the village were quite varied and included both arable and livestock farming. Today there are far fewer farms but farming nevertheless plays an important part in the modern life of this village.

Shortly prior to the 20th century, the railway came to Knapton. The 'Paston and Knapton' station was built with the N&SJR line originating in North Walsham and terminating in Cromer. The railway opened new opportunities for the more enterprising residents, but for the majority life continued as normal. Although this railway line closed many decades past, the station building is still extant, albeit as a private abode.



The Censuses of 1841 to 1901 offer an interesting snapshot of the families within the village and, together with other records and photographs, show the development of Knapton which in its heyday had a school, post office, railway station and three shops, in addition to the extant church and chapel.

It is quite surprising to note that, in 1843, the annual value of the land and buildings of Knapton was assessed at £2,622, which was higher than that of Sheringham, despite the population of the latter being about three times that of Knapton.

Some Knapton Buildings

A considerable number of new buildings have appeared during the past half century but the planning laws have ensured that such have been sympathetically designed.

The Methodist Chapel began life as a Baptist Meeting House. After careful restoration and development it still provides a homely and attractive place for worship.

The Church of St Peter and Paul is one of the oldest buildings within the village and is a popular tourist attraction. The building dates primarily from the 14th century; its fine double hammer beam roof, adorned with tiers of angels from the 16th century, and the Greek palindrome inscribed font cover from the 18th century.



In his monumental series of books entitled "The Buildings of England", Sir Nikolaus Pevsner chose to describe three Knapton buildings: Knapton House, Knapton Hall and Knapton Old Hall.

Knapton House and Knapton Hall were both constructed in the early 19th century and have distinctive features of the Regency period. Both properties were built and lived in by the Robinson family who, over the years, played a

great part in the lives of many of the villagers. Constance Robinson was the granddaughter of Sir Henry Robinson (Sword Carrier to Queen Victoria) and a number of local families had cause to remember her kindness and largesse.

The Old Hall has parts dating from the late 16th century but has, unsurprisingly, been extended and altered over the subsequent centuries!

There is an attractive cottage in the centre of the village which bears the initials A.W. and the date 1805: the year of the famous Battle of Trafalgar. This building was the local Post Office for many years during the 20th century.

Knapton School closed its gates almost 30 years past but in 2007 a memorable book was produced entitled 'Knapton Remembered', edited by a notable daughter of Knapton, Baroness Gillian Shephard. It consists of a collection of evocative memories written by many of the former pupils who attended the school during the 1930's-60's, under the remarkable headship of Mrs Kathleen Johnson.

The population of the village in 2009 is still around the same number as it was in the mid-19th century but these are now, thankfully, distributed amongst a greater number of homes! There are fewer children but they still constitute a reasonable percentage of the population.

In common with many rural villages, the railway station, shops et al, have disappeared. However, the church, chapel and village hall still provide a focal point for the various village based activities, groups and societies. Thus the village continues to retain an essence of its traditional community spirit. Whether you have spent your life in Knapton or have been fortunate enough to discover the village later and make it your home, there is little doubt that it is a marvellous place to live.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE VILLAGE PLAN

Central to the development of the Village Plan was a desire that all those residents who wished to contribute their views were able to do so. The development of the Village Plan began in September 2006, and the stages are listed below:

- Agreement from the Parish Council to support the initiative and to approach NNCC for grants. Funding was provided by NNRDC.
- The first public meeting was held to raise awareness of the potential benefits of a Village Plan and to obtain feedback from residents, i.e. ideas, views issues.
- A questionnaire was developed, based on input received at the public meeting, and delivered to every household.
- A summary of the questionnaire results was developed and delivered to every household.
- A second public meeting was held to discuss the questionnaire results, refine issues and identify priorities. Volunteers were requested to take the project onwards.
- A second, short questionnaire was circulated to all households. Young people in the village were given their own questionnaire to complete.
- The Village Plan and the Action Plan were developed. These recorded the views and ideas from the community and suggested ways of addressing the issues raised.
- Adoption by the Parish Council of the completed document.
- The Village Plan and the integral Action Plan were distributed to every household in the Parish.

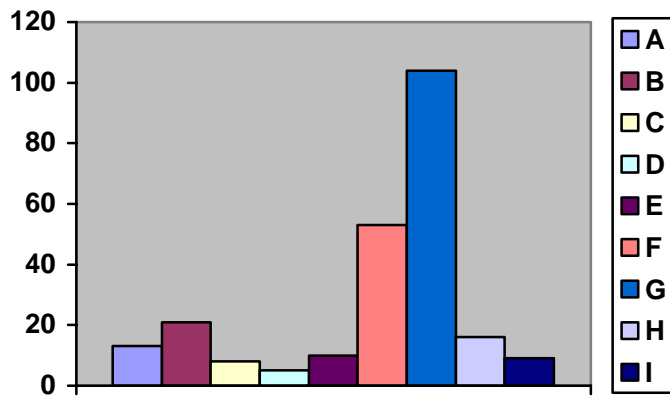
We had an excellent response rate, with replies received from 77% of the recipients (this is particularly impressive, as many of the non-responders were owners of holiday homes in the village).

The questionnaires addressed a number of topics, which have been grouped as follows:

- Local Countryside and the Environment
- Health Services and Community Support
- Worship
- Facilities for Young People
- Information and Communication
- Recreation and Community Events

AGE GROUPS OF RESPONDING HOUSEHOLDS

Approximately 52% of Knapton residents are aged 55 and over. Eighteen percent are between the ages of 0 and 19, with the remainder being in between.



A.	Age 0 - 9	13
B.	Age 10 - 15	21
C.	Age 16 - 19	8
D.	Age 20 - 24	5
E.	Age 25 - 34	10
F.	Age 35 - 54	53
G.	Age 55 - 74	104
H.	Age 75+	16
I.	No response	9

LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

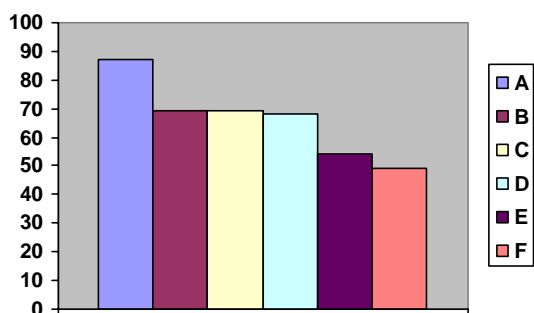
It was clear from the village questionnaire that the residents of Knapton enjoy living in the village, and value highly its individuality and the environment of the surrounding countryside. You wish to see the urban landscape enhanced and the best features preserved. Comments you made include:

“It is a village, please don’t try to turn it into a town”
 “Lovely small, rural village near the sea”
 “Good for dogs and horses”

We asked what you specifically like about living in Knapton. We received 100 responses (some giving more than one favourite feature) and you all seem to share very similar views:

Peace and quiet	59
Friendly people	37
Countryside	30
No street lights	3
Village Hall and Church	2
Low crime rate	1

When asked about what would improve your enjoyment of the countryside, you suggested the following;



- A: Reduce vehicle speed
101 (87%)
- B: Keep lane verges mown & tidy
80 (69%)
- C: Signpost all paths & bridleways
80 (69%)
- D: Stop vehicle damage to lane verges
79 (68%)
- E: Provide & encourage use of doggie bins
63 (54%)
- F: Signposts to all local amenities
57 (49%)

You were very enthusiastic to maintain the footpaths around our beautiful countryside and to increase the opportunities for walking and cycling with the provision of footpaths/cycleways to Mundesley and North Walsham.

The hedgerows are increasingly falling prey to old age. A planting scheme is required to ensure the roadside verges will once again become tree lined.

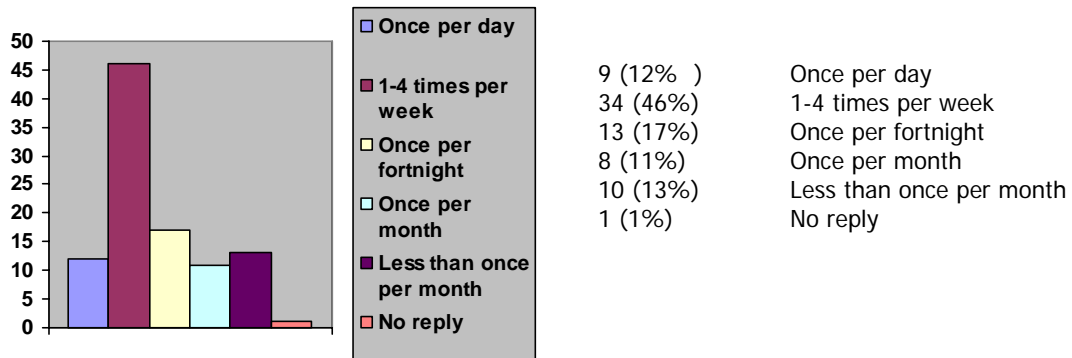
93 residents (80%) would like to see a map of the village and public footpaths publicised in a leaflet and for display on village noticeboards.

ACTION: *Produce leaflets for each countryside walk around our village.*

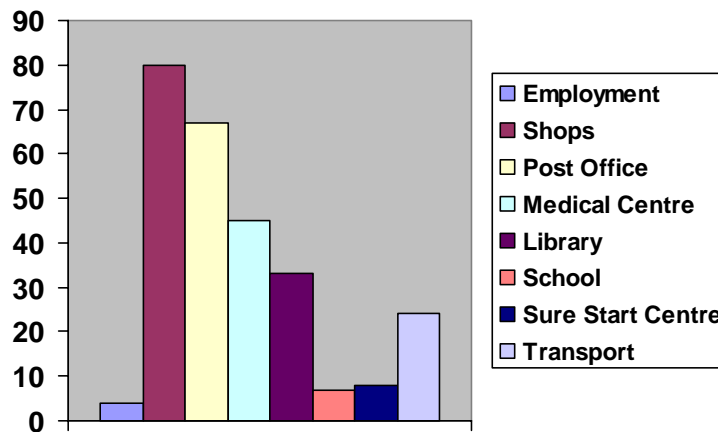
Agree a planting/replacement scheme for the hedgerows and implement each year from 2009-2014.

FOOTPATH TO MUNDESLEY

A large percentage of residents support a footpath to Mundesley. 75 respondents said they would use it, with the following frequency:

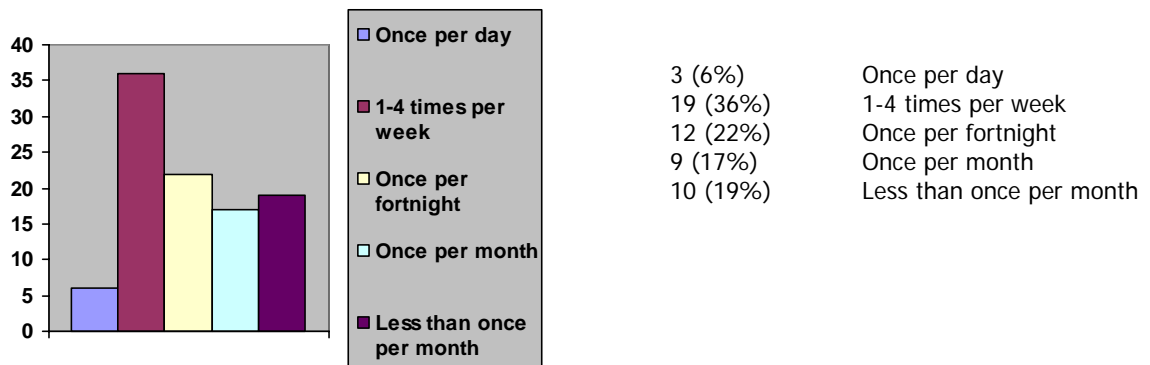


51 respondents also stated that the number of car journeys they made to Mundesley would reduce. 24 respondents would like the footpath to include a bridleway. You state that you would use the footpath to visit the following amenities:

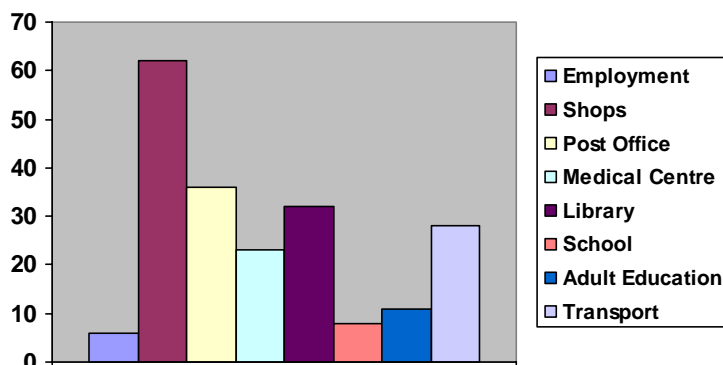


FOOTPATH TO NORTH WALSHAM

53 respondents would use a footpath to North Walsham, with the following frequency:



35 respondents said that the number of car journeys they made to North Walsham would reduce. 17 respondents would like the footpath to include a bridleway. You would use the footpath to visit the following amenities:



ACTION: *Become involved in North Norfolk Community Partnership's Active Travel Project.*

TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

It was clear from the questionnaire results that road safety within our village is a big issue. We asked what should be done to improve the roads in and around our village and you prioritised as follows:

Traffic calming	76	(65%)
Pedestrian safety improvements	68	(59%)
Road safety signs	66	(57%)
Road signage	51	(44%)
Extend 'Quiet Lanes'	44	(38%)
Street lighting	33	(28%)

We then asked you what traffic calming measures you felt would be successful. You responded:

Flashing 'Slow Down' signs	62	(53%)
Additional speed limit signs	57	(49%)
Speed humps	42	(36%)
Educational road safety campaign	34	(29%)

ACTION: *Improve road safety in the village.*

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

From your responses to the following two questions, it appears that many of you would use public transport if it was available more regularly to and from the village. We asked if you currently use public transport – 18 households answered "Yes" and 82 "No". We then asked if you would use public transport if there was a greater provision. 51 households responded "Yes" and 33 "No".

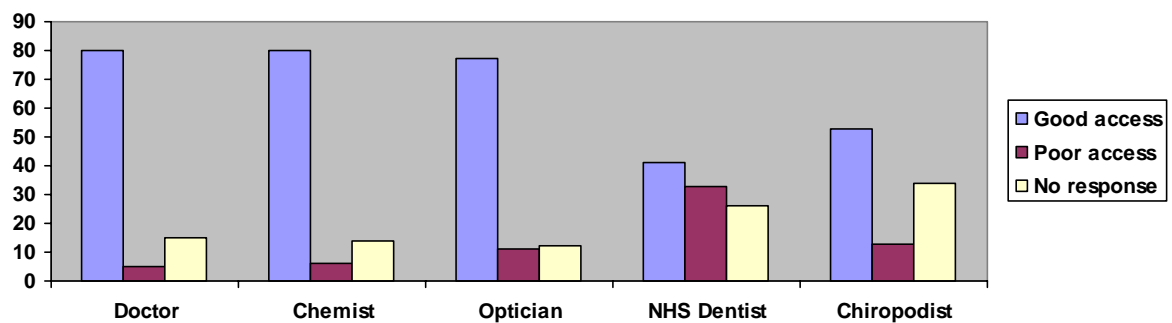
In consultation with public transport service providers, the District and Parish Councils will press for commitment to a defined, achievable level of improvement to match the demands of the village.

ACTION: *Lobby the local bus company and Local/District Councils
Provide a new village bus shelter*

HEALTH, SERVICES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Although Knapton has no doctor's surgery, pharmacy or other health facilities in the village, there is good provision in Mundesley and North Walsham. There is a delivery service available for collection of medicines.

When asked whether residents of Knapton have sufficient access to health facilities, you responded:

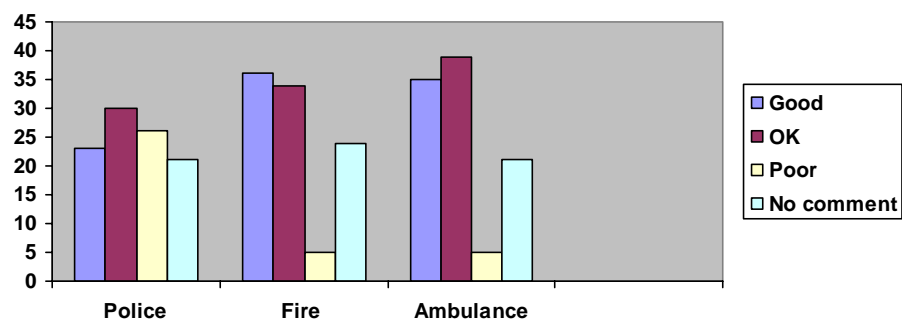


	Good access	Poor access	No response
Doctor	93 (80%)	6 (5%)	17 (15%)
Chemist	93 (80%)	7 (6%)	16 (14%)
Optician	89 (77%)	13 (11%)	14 (12%)
NHS Dentist	48 (41%)	38 (33%)	30 (26%)
Chiropodist	61 (53%)	15 (13%)	40 (34%)

69 (59%) of respondents find travelling to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital difficult. There was a great deal of support for local health provision, with 108 (93%) of our households supporting the retention of local cottage hospitals.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Your views on the provision of emergency services for the village were very mixed:



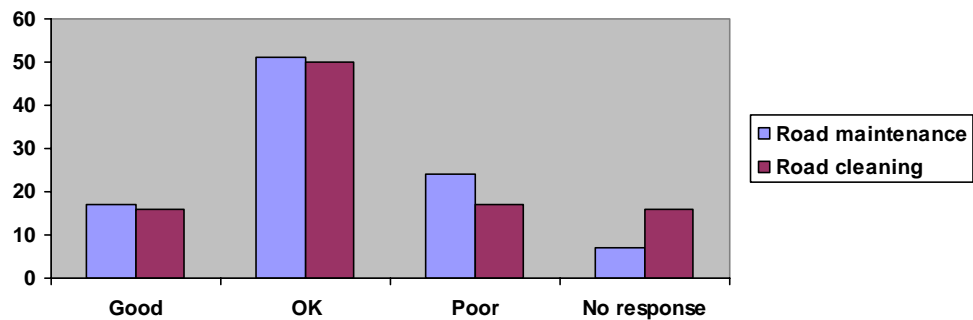
	Good	OK	Poor	No comment
Police	27 (23%)	35 (30%)	30 (26%)	24 (21%)
Fire	42 (36%)	40 (34%)	6 (5%)	28 (24%)
Ambulance	41 (35%)	45 (39%)	6 (5%)	24 (21%)

Comments made about the emergency services:

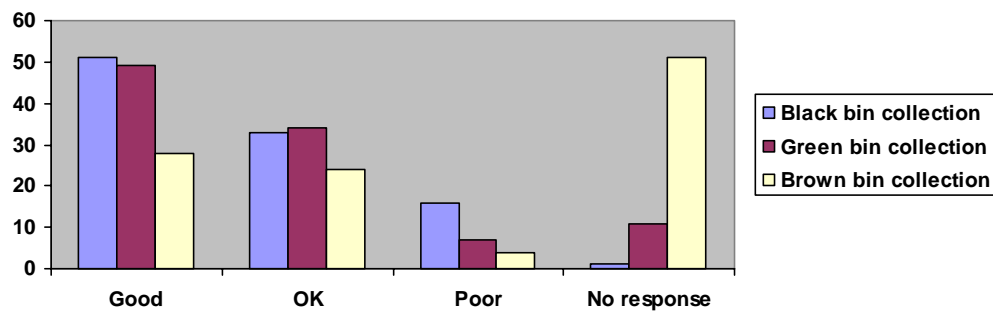
- "More police presence – need to be seen about the village"
- "Police do not seem to be concerned with matters of a trivial nature"
- "Weekly visits from the mobile police station would be helpful"

SERVICES

We asked your views on road cleaning and bin collection services provided to the village:



	Good	OK	Poor	No response
Road maintenance	20 (17%)	65 (56%)	24 (21%)	7 (6%)
Road cleaning	19 (16%)	58 (50%)	20 (17%)	19 (16%)



	Good	OK	Poor	No response
Black bin collection	59 (51%)	38 (33%)	18 (16%)	1 (1%)
Green bin collection	57 (49%)	40 (34%)	8 (7%)	11 (9%)
Brown bin collection	32 (28%)	28 (24%)	5 (4%)	51 (44%)

AFFORDABLE AND SHELTERED HOUSING

When asked about affordable or sheltered housing, you replied:

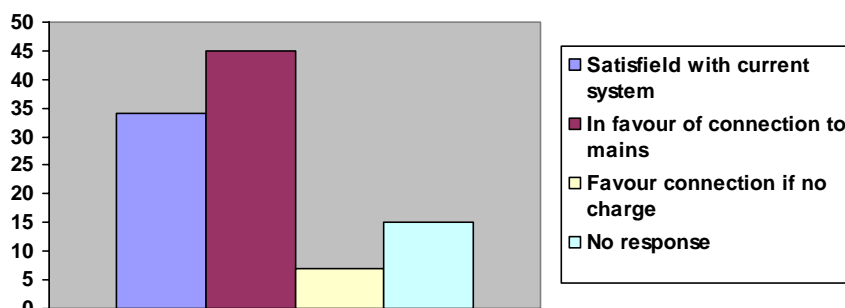
10 households have experienced a family member having to leave the village to find affordable or sheltered housing.

In the next few years 13 households in the village may need affordable housing and 9 households believe they may require sheltered housing.

ACTION: *Contact the North Norfolk District Council and ask for a Local Housing Needs Survey to be carried out.*

MAINS DRAINAGE

There were very mixed feelings about whether the village should have mains drainage, with many comments, both in favour and against the idea!



- 39 (34%) Satisfied with their current system and would not support mains drainage.
- 52 (45%) In favour of connection to mains drainage and would pay for connection (although some responses qualified this with "it would depend how much it cost").
- 8 (7%) Would be interested in connection to mains drainage, but would not be prepared to pay for connection.
- 17 (15%) Did not complete this section of the questionnaire (this question is not applicable to some households, who already have mains drainage).

ACTION: *Parish Council to ask Anglian Water to carry out a drainage survey.*

WORSHIP

There are two places of worship in Knapton village – The Church of St Peter and St Paul and Knapton Methodist Church. The 98 residents who responded to the question "Are there enough places of worship in the village" believe these two churches meet the needs of the village.

FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The village is a good, safe environment in which to bring up children. However, some young respondents and their families are acutely aware of the lack of social facilities for them.

Following the questionnaire delivered to all households in Knapton last November, the Village Plan Steering Group organized two meetings to obtain the views of our children and young people. We had previously distributed questionnaires, which were used as a discussion point for the meetings.

FEEDBACK FROM THE TWO RESEARCH SESSIONS:

(a) Young people: Pete Alder and Bea Gatfield led the session, which they emphasized was an initial 'brainstorm' about the facilities the young people would wish to see in their village to address their needs.

- They need a bus shelter, by the telephone box, where the school buses pick them up.
- They want a place to go, and things to do in the village (like a Youth Club)
- They would like there to be a shop that sells basics like bread, milk, papers, confectionary etc.
- MADRA is great and should/could be the centre for more things for young people
- They cycle a lot and are especially concerned about the safety of the Knapton straight road to Mundesley
- They would like to be involved in creating and looking after a community orchard/vegetable plot
- Would like to see an improved bus service to Cromer, North Walsham or the City
- Street lights in a few places for safety, e.g. near MADRA
- Wanted to know what happens in the Men's Club

(b) Children: Bea Gatfield and Pat Spencer led the session. As some of the children were very young, the ideas seemed to come from the children whose ages ranged from 9 to 13 years.

- BMX/motor bike track
- Weekend club, somewhere to hang out
- Youth shelter on the park
- Skateboard park
- Wild meadow redone and include use for outdoor activities
- Like Paston Village, loads of basketball/football goals, multi-functional for various sports for the village
- Tennis court – hard standing for multi-use
- Bus shelter near telephone. Combine bus stops for children to be picked up from the same point (at the moment different schools, different buses that pick up in different places)
- More facilities at Men's Club, e.g. pool table, open to all
- Youth Club: nearest at Mundesley, why not one here? We need one for us in the village!
- Possible fundraising: car boot, sponsored bike ride, etc.
- Go-kart track
- Village discos
- Allotments – areas to grow things, fruit, gardening
- Fishing lake – possibly at the old pond site (by Millenium Gardens)

- Village shop
- Regular craft sessions like the one today, on Saturday afternoon, as there is nothing to do then.

ACTIONS:

- *Approach Knapton Parish Council re a new bus shelter*
- *Include the views of our young residents when working towards a footpath to Mundesley*
- *Explore options for a suitable play area in the village*
- *Ask Knapton adults if they will volunteer to run a Youth Club and search for a suitable venue*

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

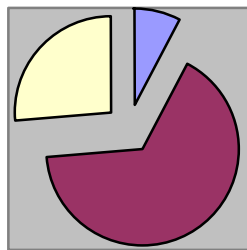
The main methods of communication in the village are:

- a) Parish and Church notice boards
- b) Village website
- c) Church magazine

The notice boards are updated as requested. The Church magazine is circulated quarterly. The Knapton website is updated on demand and as required.

Although the village has an attractive website (www.knapton-village.co.uk), not all residents have access to the Internet, and a number of people said they had trouble finding out what was going on in the village.

We asked how you rated communication about what was going on in the village. Your response was:



Good	8 (7%)
OK	68 (59%)
Poor	27 (24%)

We then asked what you felt were the best ways for you to find out what is happening in Knapton. Your choices, in order of preference, were

Newsletter	96
Village Notice Board	59
Village Website	53
North Norfolk News	50
Crab Line	49
Eastern Daily Press	42

ACTION: *Create a village newsletter and trial for six editions*

In response to your preference for a village newsletter, we decided to trial Knapton News. By the time you received the second questionnaire, you had received six editions of this bi-monthly publication and this gave us a good opportunity to assess its effectiveness.

You supplied the following data:

177 individuals regularly read Knapton News. We asked what other topics you would like us to include. Suggestions were:

- ✓ Local history
- ✓ More articles about gardening
- ✓ Walks around the footpaths and regular updates on footpath project
- ✓ Items wanted and for sale
- ✓ MADRA schedule
- ✓ Observations of unusual wildlife in the area – e.g. birds, animals, plants
- ✓ Sport
- ✓ Answers to quiz page
- ✓ Bus times
- ✓ Introduce local people
- ✓ General local news

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Many respondents reflected the desire for improved facilities to accommodate their leisure needs.

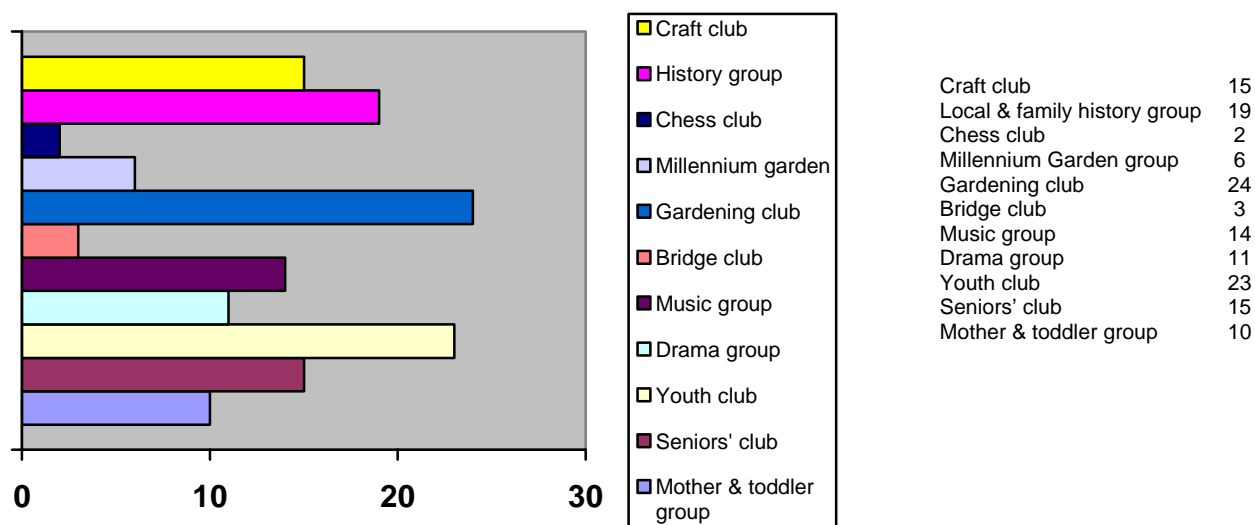
There are a number of groups that offer varied, interesting indoor and outdoor activities. The Village Hall and Methodist Hall are used regularly for activities such as Women's Own, the Ladies Club, the Art Group, Pilates and Keep Fit.

Local buildings are reasonably well patronised. The 102 residents who completed the second questionnaire recorded the following use of village buildings:

Facility	No. of residents	%
Village Hall	42	41%
Methodist Hall	12	12%
MADRA	25	25%
Gentlemen's Club	2	2%
Millennium Garden	16	16%

LOCAL CLUBS AND GROUPS

Interest was shown in a wide variety of clubs and groups:



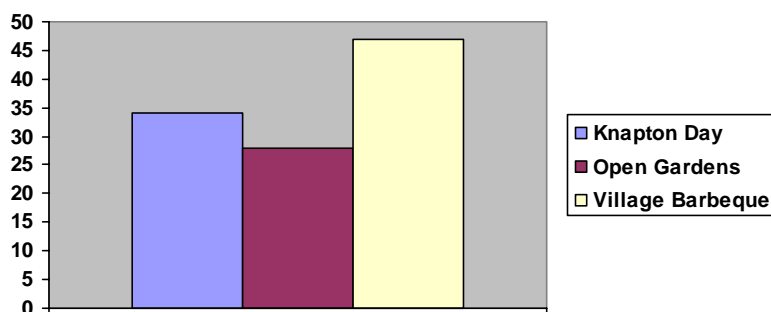
Other suggestions included the following:

Salsa dancing, badminton, photography, archery, flower arranging, computer club, lunch club, quiz evenings, reading group, sports for children.

ACTION: Trial the most popular clubs from the list above for a period of six months from September 2008.

PROJECTS TO DEVELOP SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

There was a great deal of interest in projects to develop social and community spirit:



Other suggestions included:

Annual village walk; beer festival; more allotments to be available; cinema in village hall; barbeques to celebrate national fete days; coffee mornings; invited speakers.

ACTION: Recruit volunteer groups to arrange these events.

SPORTS FACILITIES

We asked whether you think existing sports and playground facilities are adequate for the village. We received 28 responses: "Yes" 26 "No" 2

20 households then made a variety of suggestions for additional sports opportunities:

Improve the children's playground	
Offer sports other than football, e.g.	bowls, tennis, golf, petanque skateboarding, cricket, indoor sports, such as badminton and darts

It was clear from the responses in the 'Recreation' section of the second questionnaire that, although the Village Hall, Chapel and possibly the Church had capacity to house some of the suggested events, further space would be required to meet demand. We therefore also asked you about current and possible future uses for MADRA.

ACTION: Find suitable venues and recruit volunteers.

MADRA

We asked if you would like to see more variety of sports played at MADRA, and 59 respondents said they would.

Below are the sports you would be interested in playing:

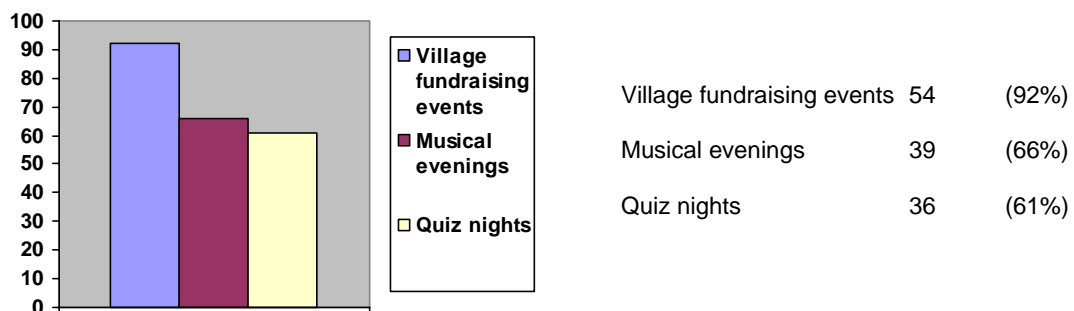
Cricket	18
Rugby	15
Tennis	22
Boule	16
Snooker	10
Darts	8
Table tennis	13

Other suggestions included:

Badminton, bowls, archery, basket ball, hockey, carpet bowls, yoga, rounders, kite flying.

SOCIAL EVENTS AT MADRA

59 residents said they would attend social activities at MADRA. There was excellent support for the following suggested events:



Other suggestions for social events:

Live bands, disco nights, visiting entertainers, dancing, bingo nights, children's activities, 'Knapton villagers only' social night.

If refurbished, 41 respondents (41%) said they would visit MADRA regularly.

ACTION: *Recruit volunteers to arrange sporting and other events.*

THE NEXT STAGE

We have now finalised our plan, which is produced in this document. This Village Plan lays down achievable goals for the parish's future development. The detailed information gained from the questionnaires will remain as a background document for the use of the whole community.

The Action Plan is the vehicle by which the needs, concerns and requirements of residents can be met. Now that the priority list has been drawn up based on the survey results, we can start to tackle each area in a methodical way, using the Action Plan. This Plan has been agreed with Knapton Parish Council who will review it on a regular basis and progress will be reported in Knapton News.

As the analysis of the questionnaire progressed it was recognised that the facilities available for all the activities listed to be successfully undertaken within the village, were either too small, too busy or unavailable and, that it would be desirable to have a permanent building, purpose designed and built, to meet the demand for the space required to allow the community to function cohesively and with success. The concept of a Village Community Centre was born and the Parish Council are currently investigating sources of funding.

Action Teams will be or have already been formed from volunteers to tackle each of the priority areas. This is where we need your help. The priorities that have been identified can only be tackled with the help and support of volunteers. If you feel you would like to contribute in any way please contact Knapton News (phone no. and email address of the Editor appear on each edition).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the groups and individuals who have given a considerable amount of time to produce and distribute the plan and questionnaires, and in particular the Knapton Village Plan Steering Group.

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KNAPTON ACTION PLAN

Topic	Objective	Actions	Lead Responsibility	Timescale	Partners	Resource Implications	Progress/ Achievements
LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE & THE ENVIRONMENT	Produce leaflets for each countryside walk around Knapton	Work with Mundesley and Trunch to create network of footpath leaflets	Village Plan Steering Group	Short	Griffon Area Partnership; Mundesley Parish Council; Trunch Parish Plan Steering Group	Funding possibly to be obtained via Griffon Area Partnership	Griffon looking for possible funding
	Planting and replacement scheme for hedgerows	Implement each year from 2009 – 2014	Knapton Parish Council	Short to Medium		Possible charge for tree audit	The Parish Council are exploring the possibility of a tree audit
	Create footpaths from Knapton to Mundesley and North Walsham	Obtain advice and funding via the Active Travel Project	Village Plan Steering Group	Short to Medium	North Norfolk Community Partnership	Grant for large sum of money would need to be obtained	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chosen as one of the footpaths for Active Travel Project 2. Feasibility study complete. Sum required extremely high – cannot be provided by any existing fund. 3. Alternative ways of providing a less costly footpath being sought.
	Improve road safety in the village	Explore opportunities for speed restrictions	Knapton Parish Council	Short to Medium	Village Plan Steering Group NNCP Active Travel Team		<p>Cost of pedestrian crossing or other electronic signs too high.</p> <p>Community speed cameras explored but not feasible</p> <p>Parish Council have applied for a lower speed limit for Hall Lane (past MADRA). Lower speed limit for The Street was turned down</p>
	Improve public transport to and from Knapton	Lobby the local bus company and Local/District Councils	Knapton Parish Council	Short to Medium			Ongoing project being carried out by Griffon Area Partnership (North Walsham)
		Provide new bus shelter	Knapton Parish Council	Short			Ongoing project by Knapton Parish Council

HEALTH, SERVICES & COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Provide affordable and sheltered housing	Arrange a Local Housing Needs Survey	Knapton Parish Council	Medium to Long	North Norfolk District Council		North Norfolk District Council project
	Provide mains drainage	Being discussed with Anglian Water	Knapton Parish Council	Medium to Long	Anglian Water		Knapton Parish Council applying to Anglian Water to carry out a survey
FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE	Explore options for a suitable play area for the young people in the village	Discuss with the Parish Council, the children and their parents where a suitable site might be found	Village Plan Steering Group	Short	Parents of children in the village	May require grant for suitable play equipment	Look for an area in the village suitable for all ages.
	Look at the creation of a Knapton Youth Club	Discuss resource implications, find suitable venue and ask for volunteers	Village Plan Steering Group	Short	A committee formed from the parents and children		Youth Club trialled for one month. Suitable venue and volunteer support are being sought.
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS	Improve information sharing within the Village.	Create a village newsletter, on a trial basis, to be circulated to all Village residents.	Village Plan Steering Group with Tricia Doidge as Editor	Short	Knapton Website Webmaster (Norman Dodd) Volunteers to deliver newsletters	Year 1 – Knapton Parish Council Year 2 – Bacton Gas Companies Year 3 –Bacton Gas Companies	Knapton News now in regular bi-monthly circulation
RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS	Assess whether residents would like more local clubs and groups	Circulate second questionnaire with relevant questions and ask for volunteers	Village Plan Steering Group	Short			Most popular clubs identified from the questionnaire. History, Gardening, Book and Coffee Clubs now meet regularly.
	Create projects to develop social and community spirit	Ascertain from second questionnaire which projects would be popular with Knapton residents, and ask for volunteers	Village Plan Steering Group	Short	Representatives from the following committees – Village Hall, MADRA, Gentlemen's Club, the Church and the Chapel, Fete Committee, Millennium Gardens.		Summer fete held each year. In 2008 a quiz night, a Knapton Village Walk and a Village Christmas party were held. Further events planned for 2009, including Knapton Together, a fundraising project to involve the whole village. Parish Council exploring funding for new community building.
	Provide maintenance for the Millennium Garden	Look for possible grants and volunteers		Medium to Long			This project requires volunteers to progress. Invite the youth of the village to become involved.





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