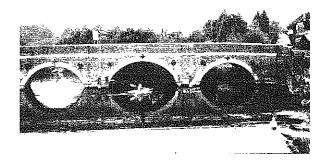
# BRANTHAM 2000









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# 1. Introduction

# 1.1 Project History

The Brantham Village Appraisal was undertaken during 1999-2000 and took the form of a questionnaire, delivered to each household in the village, asking everyone some statistical information and for their views on a range of subjects concerning life in Brantham.

Of the 1038 questionnaires distributed, 693 were returned completed, giving the views of 1774 people. At this time it was understood that a seperate youth questionnaire was to be produced by Suffolk Community Education. For this reason the Brantham 2000 questionnaire was restricted to residents of 16 years of age or over.

Information from the questionnaires was entered into a computer database to analyse statistical results. Also, all the comments made by everyone were typed up and printed out. The figures and comments were studied to summarise general feelings about the issues raised, and sometimes to highlight particular areas of concern.

Information in this report is displayed in various ways. Some simple statistics are shown in the form of pie or bar graphs. Other results are more complex and are summarised with a brief description of the trends.

An exhibition was held in July 2000 to display the results to the village and a summary report of this information was included in the August/September edition of the Brantham Bugle (the village newspaper).

# 1.2 Funding & Support

Funding for the project came from the Millennium Commission, and support was given by Suffolk ACRE.

The purpose written software used for the analysis of the collected data was supplied by Cheltenham & Gloucester College of Higher Education.

# 1.3 Sample Size

The return rate of the questionnaires was 67% of those distributed.

# 2 Recommendations

The Brantham 2000 Group recommends the following be implemented. It should be noted that these recommendations are not in order of merit but in the order of the original questions. Also the Group have not suggested ownership for these recommendations.

# 2.1 Employment, Training & Business

- 2.1.1 Establish a study group with participation from Suffolk County Council and Eastern Counties Bus Company to investigate the very low usage of public transport and how this can be improved and publicised.
- 2.1.2 Investigate with Babergh District Council the development of local employment.
- 2.1.3 Cyber-cafe challenge Brantham residents to set one up!

# 2.2 Transport & Highways

- 2.2.1 Re-open discussion with Suffolk County Council regarding the uplifting of the 30mph zones at the fringes of the village to 40mph.
- 2.2.2 Investigate with Suffolk County Council the development of cycle paths along the A137 or through the village.
- 2.2.3 Ask Babergh District Council to take preventative action to stop fly tipping on the verges/lay-bys on the A137.

#### 2.3 Education

- 2.3.1 Inform Adult Education Colleges, serving the area, of facilities requested by residents.
- 2.3.2 Request Brooklands School Governors to make the school and playing field available for non-school activities and publicise their availability.
- 2.3.3 Write to Suffolk LEA regarding the establishment of a sixth form at East Bergholt High School.

# 2.4 Housing

- 2.4.1 In conjunction with Babergh District Council develop a Local Plan which will minimise housing development.
- 2.4.2 In conjunction with Babergh District Council / Housing Associations investigate a small development of low cost housing, for local people.
- 2.4.3 Investigate further the need for sheltered housing within the village.

### 2.5 Health & Social Services

2.5.1 Improve access for the disabled throughout the village.

# 2.6 Emergency & Other Services

- 2.6.1 Establish with Suffolk Police a programme to address the public's concerns about vandalism, theft, drugs and low policing levels. Encourage Neighbourhood Watch schemes.
- 2.6.2 Report to Suffolk CC regarding poor winter weather clearance.
- 2.6.3 Report to Babergh DC regarding good refuse collection service.

### 2.7 Retail Services & Other Facilities

- 2.7.1 Investigate the criteria to be met for the opening of a chemist, where it could be located and possible owners, eg chains.
- 2.7.2 Consult banks/building societies about the location of a cash dispenser at Acacia Court.
- 2.7.3 Contact Royal Mail re postbox at Acacia shops should be moved for better access.

# 2.8 Sports & Social

2.8.1 Consider additional facilities / entertainments for the youth of the village.

# 2.9 Information & Communication

2.9.1 Encourage District and County Councils to use the Brantham Bugle.

### 2.10 Environment

2.10.1 Review litter-picking and siting of litter bins and dog waste bins with regard to identified black-spots.

#### 2.11 Local Government

2.11.1 Advise Babergh District Council and Suffolk County Council of their failure to communicate with the village.

# 3. Brantham Population Profile

[Refer to questions 1 to 9]



# 3.1 Demographic Information

The population is fairly evenly split between the sexes:

49.5% are male, 50.5% are female

# 3.2 Population Distribution

For the purposes of this project the village was spilt into six distinct areas: (see map on next page)

The Pippins - being the Pippins estate entered via Birch Drive.

Brooklands - being Brooklands Road and all side roads from it.

The Mallards - being the most recent development at the Southern end of the village.

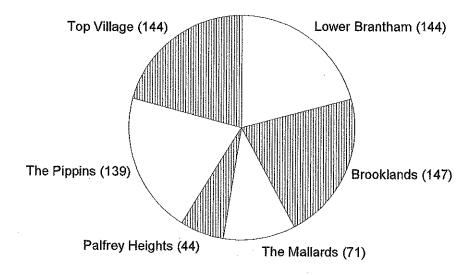
Lower Brantham - being Cattawade and New Village

Palfrey Heights - being all the houses in Palfrey Heights

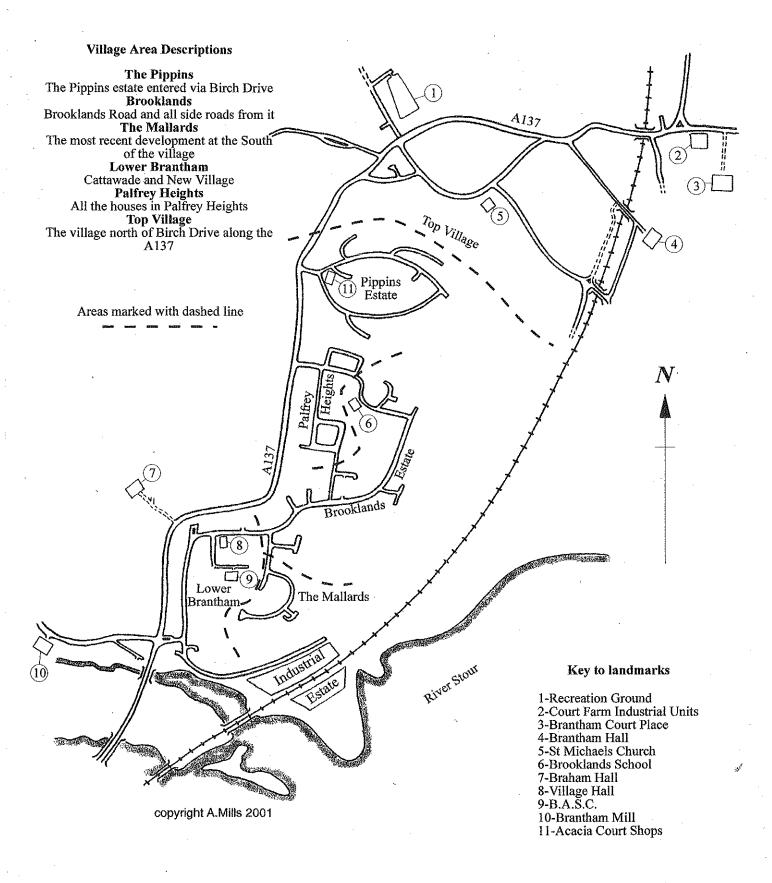
Top Village - being the village north of Birch Drive along the A137

# Question 3 (689 responses)

Where does your household live?



# 3.3 Brantham 2000 Questionnaire Areas



#### 3.4 Likes & Dislikes

All respondents to the questionnaire were asked to identify their likes and dislikes about living in the village of Brantham.

# LIKES

# Geographical Location

- \* Reasonably close to towns and coast
- \* Access to A12/A14
- \* Rural Setting

# **Community Spirit**

- \* Friendly people
- \* Family & Friends close by
- \* Good mix of OAPs and younger people
- \* Involvement in community life

#### **Good Amenities**

- \* Very good school
- \* Manningtree Railway station
- \* Shops open until late
- \* Lots of play areas for children
- \* Millennium Wood
- \* BATS (Brantham Amateur Theatrical Society)
- \* Year round activities
- \* Brantham Bugle

# Environment

- \* Quietness
- \* Peaceful
- \* Views of river, sounds of wildlife
- \* Super views
- \* Bird life and walks around the estuary
- \* Plenty of places to go for walks
- \* Low crime

# DISLIKES

#### **Traffic Problems**

- \* Traffic on A137
- \* Road junction at Cattawade
- \* Heavy lorries
- \* Fast traffic through New Village
- \* 30 mph limit right up to the Bull Public House

#### Amenities/Services

- \* Lack of children's play area in the centre
- \* No chemist
- \* No doctors' surgery
- \* Lack of facilities for teenagers
- \* Lack of decent pubs
- \* Poor public transport
- \* Not enough buses to Manningtree

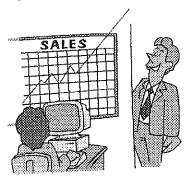
#### Environment

- \* Village over-developed
- \* No village centre
- \* Dog Fouling
- \* Vandalism
- \* Litter
- \* Dogs left barking at shops
- \* Plethora of quidnuncs! (Gossips)
- \* Locals' attitudes
- \* Youngsters hanging around the shops

# 4. Summary of Results

# 4.1 Employment, Training & Business

[Refer to questions 10 to 15]



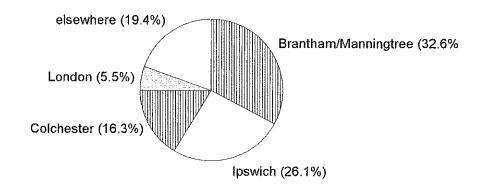
# Question 10 (1293 responses) Employment Status

Employee	48.2%
Unemployed	1.9%
Self-employed (employing others)	3.3%
Self-employed (no employees)	5.7%
Retired	26.6%
In government training schemes	0.3%
In full-time education	4.8%
Unwaged housewife/husband	7.3%
Permanently sick/disabled 1.9%	

From the results of the questionnaire it appears that the perception of Brantham as a 'dormitory' village for London commuters is not borne out by the facts. Only 5.5% of respondents commute to London, the majority of those in work being employed in Brantham, Manningtree, Ipswich and Colchester.

# Question 11 (778 responses)

Where do you work?



Looking to the future of employment in the village, question 15 asked whether particular activities should be encouraged in Brantham. In general residents are in favour of job creation locally, but not tourism.

	In	No	Against
	Favour	Opinion	
Tourism development/attractions	244	244	485
Small scale industrial workshops	457	244	275
More jobs in Brantham	717	190	132

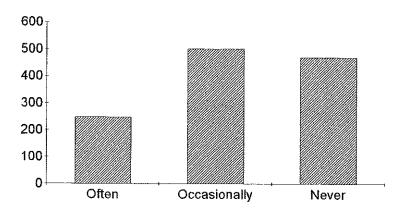
(summarised results - see full results listing for details)

# 4.2 Transport & Highways

[Refer to questions 16 to 24 - and residents comments in sections 4.3 & 4.4]

The location of Brantham and it's limited local facilities means that a reliable means of transport is essential for many in their day-to-day lifestyles. Rather suprisingly the majority of residents have little transport difficulties. For those who do have difficulty, only 12% of vehicle owners would be prepared to take part in a voluntary transport service.

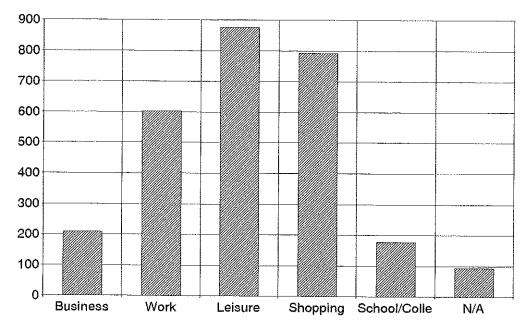
Question 16 (1218 responses)
Difficulty getting out of Brantham?



When asked what residents use their vehicles for, leisure and shopping were the most common response, above business and work use.

# Question 17 (1205 responses)

What do you use your vehicle for?



Car/vans are by far the major means of transport within Brantham. Public transport represents the transport choice of a low number of residents (9.2%) This could be accounted for by the view of the villagers that the local bus services are inadequate in terms of both routes and timetables. 45.3% of people would also like to see improvements in cycle paths within the village, particularly along the A137.

# Major means of transport:

Car/Van	81.9%
Bus	6.2%
Walking	3.7%
Bike	3.2%
Train	3.0%
Motorbike/Moped	1.5%
Taxi	0.4%

To assess whether there is any problem with car parking within Brantham, residents were asked where they kept their car. Only 7.8% of vehicles are kept on the road within the village. 83.3% of vehicles are kept either in a garage or off the road.

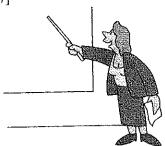
On the subject of speed control measures within the village, 885 respondents out of a total of 1209 supported the idea of varying the speed restrictions on the fringes of the village to 40mph. 41.3% (499) responses were in favour of introducing a lower speed limit on side roads.

There was considerable support for a roundabout at the crossroads at Cattawade. Events have overtaken this request and work is planned to start at the end of March 2001.



# 4.3 Education

[Refer to questions 25 to 27]



# 4.3.1 Adult Education Classes

Adult education classes were requested by residents in the following areas

- Crafts
- Yoga
- Art
- Ballroom/Latin American Dancing
- Tap Dancing
- Cookery
- Languages
- Local History
- Computer Classes
- 50+ Keep Fit
- Car Maintenance

#### 4.3.2 Brooklands School

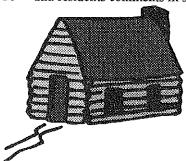
65% of Brantham residents would like to see Brooklands School and playing field being made available for other activities.

# 4.3.3 East Bergholt High School

A large majority (86.6%) of respondents believe East Bergholt High School should have a sixth form.

#### 4.4 Housing

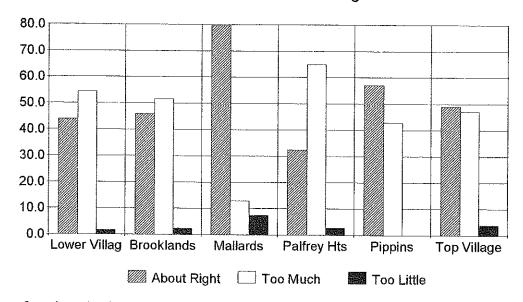
[Refer to questions 28 to 30 - and residents comments in section 5.2]



There has been a lot of housing development taking place in Brantham over recent years, mainly at the Mallards development and at Wyseman's Place. It is interesting to note that when asked about the level of new development in the village the response from those people on the Mallards development differed markedly from the rest of the village. The majority of the Mallard's residents felt that the level of development has been about right. In Palfrey Heights the feeling was that there has been too much development, while the rest of the village is fairly evenly divided.

# Question 28 (1243 responses)

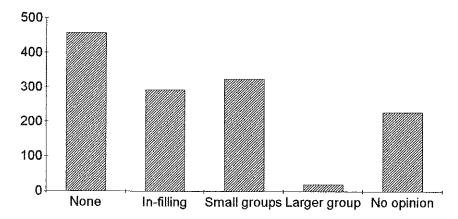
How Much New Housing?



Very few thought that the village had seen insufficient houses built in recent years. This was reflected in the feeling that any new housing should be in small groups or in-filling. Larger groups of houses were not favoured by many residents, and the majority response was for no new housing at all.

# Question 30 (1208 responses)

What type of new housing?



When asked (in question 29) if there was a need for various types of housing within the village, the results were inconclusive. 30.6% expressed no opinion and 27.7% felt there was no need for any of the types of housing suggested by the questionnaire. There was no clear need identified amongst the housing types as the following figures show:

		In Favour
0	Private rented	5.0%
9	Local authority/housing association rented	10.6%
9	Owner occupied	4.4%
•	Shared ownership	2.7%
9	Sheltered housing	13.2%
•	Restricted sale to local people	8.9%
•	Adapted housing (e.g for disabled)	9.8%
9	Low cost housing	14.2%
0	Bungalows	10.5%

### 4.5 Health & Social Services

[Refer to questions 31 to 35 - and residents comments in section 5.5]



#### 4.5.1 Access to health facilities

The surgery at East Bergholt is by far the most popular, followed by those in Manningtree. These two locations account for about 88% of the residents. Generally people have no problems getting to medical facilities, although some do occasionally.

for example: Of the 1534 who answered the question concerning problems of access to doctor's surgeries (question 32), 826 said they never have difficulty, 205 occassionally and only 40 said often.

Only a few people visit their doctor often, but about half do so occasionally.

# 4.5.2 Disability and Diasabled Access

Of the 1262 residents answering the question 'are you registered as disabled?', 54 said yes, representing 4% of the population, which is a small but significant proportion of the population.

Disabled access in the village, though obviously subjective, appears to be open to some improvement. A summary of the main findings of the survey are shown below

	good	reasonable	poor
Access to shops	3.8%	19.1%	14.4%
Access to sports facilities	1.1%	6.9%	12.4%
Transport	0.5%	3.7%	16.2%
Access to Village Hall	1.6%	6.3%	18.1%

The figures show the percentages of those responding to each part of the question and it should be borne in mind that in most cases there were more responses of 'no opinion' or 'do not use' than 'good', 'reasonable', or 'poor'.

# 4.6 Emergency & Other Services

[Refer to questions 36 to 40 - and residents comments in section 5.7]



# 4.6.1 Standard of Emergency Services

Question 36 asked for residents views on the standard of emergency services within the village. A summary of the results is shown below.

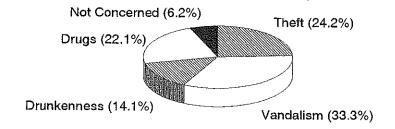
	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion/ not used
Fire	145	104	15	913
Ambulance(Emergency)	100	139	68	874
Hospital (Transport)	49	69	29	1019
Police (Emergency)	53	116	89	905
Police (local PC/WPC)	86	142	135	812

#### 4.6.1 Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Most villagers within Brantham appear to be concerned about crime and anti-social behaviour, the main concern being vandalism.

# Question 37 (1206 responses)

What anti-social behaviour worries you?



This chart shows a composite view of the opinions expressed by respondents as the question permitted more than one option to be selected.

# 4.6.2 Environmental Services

Generally considered adequate, the exceptions being poor winter weather clearance and very good refuse collection.

# 4.7 Retail Services & Other Facilities

[Refer to questions 41 to 43]



### 4.7.1 Retail Services

Most people use the Acacia shops reasonably often, with only 16 of the 1534 respondents saying they never use them. The Post Office at Acacia Court is also fairly well supported. 742 of the 1534 residents use the Post Office once a month or more often. Other local businesses are only used by residents now and again. Few appear to use those at Brantham Mill and Court Farm, although this is perhaps in keeping with the nature of the businesses there which cater for less regular, but higher value purchases.

#### 4.7.2 Future Services

When asked whether they would use other facilities in the village, residents responded as follows:

	yes	no	don't know
Chemist	1083	26	81
Baker	980	61	109
Hardware/DIY	888	93	153
Cash Dispenser	850	189	92
Library	828	140	145
Butcher	746	183	204

Note: this is a summary of the responses to question 42 which also asked the residents the frequency with which they may use these extra facilities.

#### 4.7.3 Postal Services

Postal services are mainly considered to be good or reasonable with only about 10% unhappy. The main areas of disatisfaction were the speed of service and the size of the post boxes (not being big enough to take large letters!)

# 4.8 Sports & Social

[Refer to questions 44 to 50 - and residents comments in section 5.1 & 5.6]



# 4.8.1 Usage of the local facilities

Villagers were asked whether they used the following facilities within the village and how often:

BASC The Institute Methodist Church Hall Village Hall ICI Imagedata Club

The level of use of local facilities is low - about three quarters say they use them only occasionally or never. This could be due to poor information targetting by those running the facilities as about a third of people claimed not to know what was on offer.

BASC faired slightly better than the other facilities, being used by about 10% of respondents on a weekly basis and with only about 25% not knowing what the club has to offer.

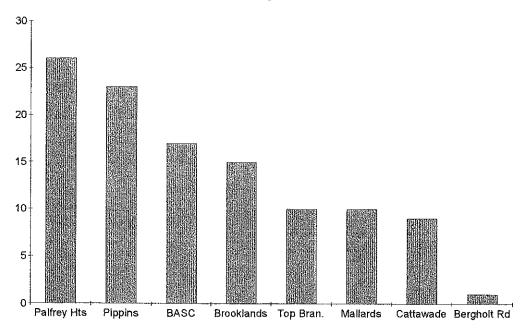
It should be borne in mind that whereas club facilities are in daily use, other venues are only used when booked by groups or individuals. Club facilities may have some restrictions impose on non club members.

# 4.8.2 Play Areas

Only about 22% of respondents thought that the existing play area facilities were poor, while just over 33% considered them reasonable and just over 5% good.

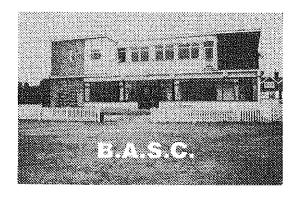
Teenagers are not catered for and are accused of abusing young children's play areas. There are many suggested sites for new play areas if they are deemed necessary.

# **Possible Play Area Sites**



Note: BASC in the chart above refers to requests for the play areas near BASC to be moved nearer the clubhouse

### 4.8.3 B.A.S.C.

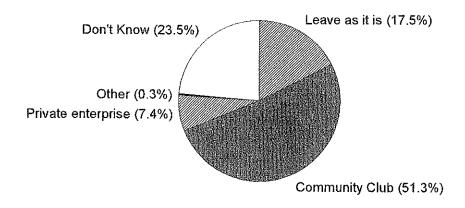


Two questions within the questionnaire covered the Brantham Athletic and Social Club at New Village.

### 4.8.3.1 Club Status

The first asked how the club should be run. The main options were to leave it as it is, to run it as a community club or to hand over running of the club to a private organisation. The majority of those answering though the best future for the club lie as a community club.

# Question 49 (1182 responses) How should BASC be run?



Note: since the questionnaire was completed, Brantham Community Association has been formed with a view to taking over premises and facilities currently leased to BASC (BASC then to be disbanded).

# 4.8.3.2 Improvements

The second question in the questionnaire relating to BASC, asked what improvements there should be at the club. The suggested improvements to BASC are summarised below:

Re-decorate / Re-vamp
Air-conditioning
New bar needed upstairs
Non-smoking area required downstairs
Should be kept clean
Car park needs re-surfacing
Drinks more expensive than local pubs
Restrict young children running about
More sporting activities needed

**Note:** As with the question of club status, the passage of time has overtaken some of these comments as improvements are made at the club.

### 4.8.4 Youth Provision

As mentioned earlier, only residents over 16 were included in this questionnaire as a separate youth questionnaire was being undertaken by Suffolk Community Education. References to facilities for young people were therefore confined to comment questions and additional 'back page' comments on the questionnaire. See section 5.6 for a summary of the thoughts of residents in this important area.

# 4.8.5 Requests for new Sports / Clubs and Activities

A number of possible new clubs and activities for the village were identified by the answers to the questionnaire. Some of these are already available either within the village or the immediate area. The future provision of some of these is more practical than others, but the following summary may inspire the formation of a local group.

# Activity

# **Existing Provision**

**Swimming Pool** 

East Bergholt (Outdoor)

Lawford (Outdoor)

Gym Facilities

East Bergholt Sports Centre
Busy Bodies (Manningtree)

ICI Imagedata/Mistley (Classes)

Squash

Ardleigh & Ipswich

Badminton

East Bergholt Sports Centre

Rugby

Table Tennis Running Club

Golf Driving Range

Ardleigh & Ipswich

Bridge Club

Brantham

Basketball

East Bergholt Sports Centre

Taoist Tai Chi

Brooklands School

Yoga

East Bergholt High School (Adult Education Class) & Lawford Venture

Fencing Aikido

Petanque (Boules)

Karate

Brantham (BASC)

Aerobics

Brantham Village Hall

Dog Training Classes

Play & Pay Bowls

Netball

East Bergholt

Motor Cycle Club

Copdock

Jazz/Blues Club

**Tumble Tots** 

Lawford Venture Centre

Archery

Hockey for Children

Canoeing/Water Sports

Alton Resevoir

Youth Coffee Bar/Drop In Centre

Film/Arts Club

Ladies Football/Rugby

Girls football - Manningtree

# 4.9 Information & Communication

[Refer to questions 51 to 52]



Brantham residents were asked where they obtained information about events and life in the village. The Brantham Bugle was by far the most popular source.

(Note: The Brantham Bugle is the village's bi-monthly independent free newsletter which has been running since 1995)

Notice Board	305
Post Office	168
Library	29
Brantham Bugle	1140
East Anglian Daily Times	310
Manningtree & Harwich Standard	188
Other	223

Note: due to an error on the data entry screen, 60 entries were counted for The Ipswich Advertiser, which did <u>not</u> appear on the printed questionnaire. This amount of difference should be taken into account when considering the figures.

# 4.10 Environment

[Refer to questions 53 to 57]



The questions in this section of the questionnaire covered a large range of topics and could probably merit a more detailed investigation.

Below is a very brief summary of the main highlights of the results.

# 4.10.1 Environment Improvements

The most favoured methods of improving the village environment were:

Improve public transport	56.7%
Reduce traffic	54.6%
Preserve trees in special places	46.3%
Plant more trees & hedges	46.3%
Keep hedges short & tidy	45.9%
Improve access to river estuary	42.1%

### 4.10.2 Wildlife Protection

The methods of protecting wildlife in the village chosen as being very important were as follows:

Campaign against litter & rubbish	40.0%
Reduce pollution	35.7%
Encourage children's projects	28.6%
Look after riverbank habitats	25.3%
Create local nature reserves	18.3%

There appears to be a definite thumbs down to the idea of discouraging people using the countryside in order to protect wildlife.

# 4.10.3 Litter Problems & Solutions

Acacia Court is the main area where litter is considered to be a problem, plus the A137 verges and laybys for some people. More litter bins were seen as the main solution, while involving children or local groups in litter campaigns was also popular, as was the employment of a litter warden.

# 4.10.3.1 Litter Blackspots

Acacia Court A137 verges/lay-bys including fly-tipping BASC:

Car park
Playing field
Grandstand
Paper bank over flowing
Cinder path to Scout & Guide hut/Mallards Path
Cattawade bridge & kebab van
Footpath from Palfrey Heights to the Pippins
Factory Lane

Cattawade Street (take-aways, chip papers and cans) Top Brantham East Bergholt Road & Cattawade Picnic area Outside Brooklands School/Brooklands Road

# 4.10.3.2 Dog Fouling Blackspots

Cattawade Bridge Church footpath Cinder path Rear of Brooklands School Path linking Merriam Close / Brooklands Rise Gravel Pit Lane

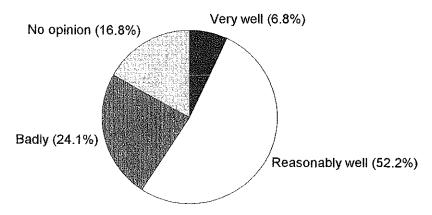
#### 4.11 Local Government

[Refer to questions 58 to 60]

#### 4.11.1 Parish Council

Just over half (52.2%) of respondents felt that the Brantham Parish Council publicise it's decisions and activities reasonably well.

# Question 58 (1229 responses) How does the Council publicise itself?

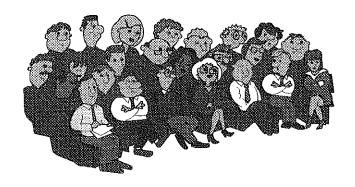


#### 4.11.2 Council Tax

Despite residents calling for improvements in the village only 33.5% were prepared to pay a slightly higher Council Tax to meet these needs, while 52.8% said no. The remainder expressed no opinion.

#### 4.11.3 Council Awareness

The awareness of local councils to villagers concerns and feelings is felt to diminish with size. The Parish Council is seen as more aware than Babergh District Council, which in turn is seen as more aware than Suffolk County Council. It would appear that more needs to be done by the Councils to communicate with residents to gain their confidence.



# 5. Brantham Residents Comments

The back page of the questionnaire was left blank for residents to make their own comments. The following pages shown a summary of these comments, grouped under the main themes. Also included are a few quotes from these back page comments to give a 'feel' of the residents views.

**5.1 BASC** - Needs direction, funding and modernising. No clear vision, confusion between members & non-members & youth policy. Needs a Manager, modern fitness facilities, kitchens and changing rooms and concessions to residents. Divided opinion on whether should be commercially (privately) run or as a Community Club.

"The village should employ a management company to run the facility professionally without being priced out of reach, as would be the danger of a private commercial enterprise..."

"Kitchens and toilets need to be re-planned and more thought given to hygiene...."

"Car park requires attention."

**5.2 Development** - A few in support, assuming it would bring more facilities, but most strongly against, citing pressure on school, sewage works, roads, & open spaces and saying that jobs, public transport and medical facilities are inadequate to support more growth. Also there is little provision for young people and this would be worse with more development, causing an increase in anti-social behaviour.

"For Brantham to move forward further development is both necessary and unavoidable. With it comes better shops, leisure and jobs, and those who oppose it are selfish and short-sighted."

"No more property developments in Brantham. Let's keep Brantham a village not an overcrowded brick jungle."

"Development of new houses on the ICI fields must be blocked as school, shops, transport, sewage services and employment are inadequate for any more houses in the village."

5.3 Highways/ Speeding - Cycle paths needed along A137 & by some along B1070 to East Bergholt. Pavements bad on Birch Drive and near Pippins on A137. Verges need to be cut back more often. Noise and speed of lorries, especially at night, should be curbed. Roundabout needed at Cattawade, and some think a mini-roundabout at Pippins also. A few want pedestrian crossing(s) on the Hill. Speed limits often ignored with no enforcement - speed humps suggested on side roads. Footpaths needed in Factory Lane and Bergholt Road, and path to Manningtree BR under bridge is very dangerous. Many complaints of dog fouling on pavements and footpaths, and some areas overgrown. Some suggest streetlamp needed on entrance to Pippins, and on path between Palfrey Heights and the Pippins.

"Cycle path should run from Brantham Bull through to Cattawade."

"Would like to see a lot less dog fouling on footpaths!"

"Grass verges not cut often enough, especially along Slough Road"

"Speed bumps on routes to Brooklands School, i.e. Brooklands Road, Palfrey Heights"

"Ban H.G.V.s - there are alternative routes"

"Pelican crossings on Brantham Hill to help school children and senior citizens"

"One of the pledges made in the local election was for a roundabout at the Cattawade junction. This is a nightmare at most times, particularly in rush hour. There are a number of minor accidents at the junction. Do we have to wait for somebody to be killed before action is taken?"

**5.4 Transport** - Bus services generally considered inadequate - they need to run earlier and later, much more frequently including weekends, with an express service to Ipswich (i.e. not around all the villages). There are no "commuter" bus services to Manningtree. There are no time-tables put in the bus stops, and getting information or advice from bus companies is very difficult - very unhelpful. They are also too expensive!

"Public transport needs to be dramatically improved. We need better buses and cheaper fares. £3.20 is too much money. Buses are needed more often - one every 2-3 hours is not enough for people who have to go to Ipswich a lot. A better bus route - the roads the buses go on are not suitable."

"The bus service in this area is appalling! It is not unusual to wait as much as 25 minutes at Ipswich Bus Station to come back to Brantham. We need more buses and better buses!"

5.5 Medical - Doctor's Surgery needed in village, and a chemist. Ambulances are a worry - the Colchester post code can make us difficult to find, so slow in responding.
"Doctor's Surgery badly needed in Brantham."
"A chemist is required in Brantham."
5.6 Youth - Many people quoted lack of facilities for young people, suggesting a club or venue should be established. This is exacerbated by the poor transport facilities to nearby towns.
"I think there is a definite need in Brantham for a Youth Club/Cafe for teenagers where they could go to meet friends, play music etc. and 'hang out', rather than on the streets causing damage and nuisance."
5.7 Police - Not enough visible presence, and insufficient enforcement of speed limits.
"The Police Service in Brantham does not exist!We need police on foot in the villageThere is little point in having speed limits if they are not enforced!"
5.8 Miscellaneous - Post box at Pippins dangerous to use at night. Play areas need improvement. Waste tip needed nearby. Power cuts (due to overhead wires); poor TV reception, especially on Pippins, desire for Cable, smell from sewage works in summer.
"We don't want a mobile phone mast in Brantham."
"Evening classes needed"
"Please give Brantham Cattawade a higher quality public house"

"We are a VILLAGE - let's keep it that way!"

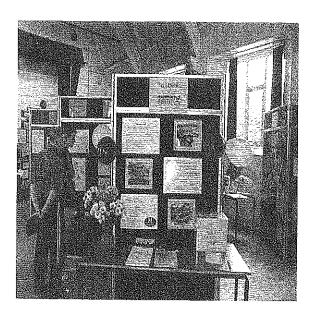
# Appendix

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# Appendix A - Acknowledgements

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The Brantham 2000 Exhibition in the Village Hall

# **Appendix B - Distribution List**

Copies of this report are being distributed to the following organisations and individuals:

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Heads of Departments

Babergh District Council

Chief Executive

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**County Councillor** 

**District Councillor** 

Member of Parliament

**Prospective Parliamentary Candidates** 

**BASC** Chairman

Brantham Village Hall Chairman

Brantham Churches

Suffolk ACRE

Suffolk Association of Local Councils

Suffolk Constabulary

Suffolk Health Authority

East Bergholt Surgery

Eastern Counties Bus Company

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Wardle Storeys

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Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Manningtree Library

SCC Library Service (Mobile)

Ipswich Record Office

Suffolk College

Tendring Adult Community College

East Bergholt High School

Brooklands C.P. School

Millennium Commission

Brantham 2000 Group members

# Appendix C - Listing of detailed results

The following pages include a full listing of the detailed results of the Brantham 2000 questionnaire.

As with any statistical information there will have been errors made, however small in number, in completing questionnaires, entering data and in interpreting the results. This should be taken into consideration when viewing data where differences in opinions are very small. Similarly data from small samples of the population may not be as representative as that for larger groups.

#### Brantham 2000

Questionnaire One

## INDIVIDUAL QUESTION COUNTS

### **HOUSEHOLD SECTION**

Question Number: 1

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS:

689

How many people including children normally live in your household?

1774

Question Number: 2

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS:

689

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

Male	Female
45	48
79	68
70	77
28	22
58	45
227	241
196	184
46	46
77	86
47	55
6	23
	45 79 70 28 58 227 196 46 77 47

Question Number: 3

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS:

689

Where does your household live?

Lower Brantham (New Village / Cattawade / Hill)	144 (20.9%)
Brooklands Estate	147 (21.3%)
The Mallards Estate	71 (10.3%)
Palfrey Heights	44 (6.4%)
The Pippins	139 (20.2%
Top Village (Ipswich Road / Church Lane etc.)	144 (20.9%)

Question Number: 4	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS:	689	
Should Brantham have any of the f	following (please tick if yes)?		
Ipswich Post Code	428 (62.1%)		
Ipswich telephone number	315 (45.7%)		
Question Number: 5	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS :	689	
Where do you do your main groces	y shopping?		
Local shops	31 (4.5%)		
Manningtree	190 (27.6%)		
Ipswich	292 (42.4%)		
Colchester	137 (19.9%)		
elsewhere	24 (3.5%)		
Question Number : 6	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS :	689	
Please enter the number of people	in your household who attend the following		
Playgroup	34		
Nursery School	24		
Primary School	162		
Secondary School	138		
School for those with special needs			
Sixth form College	35		
University	32		
Training Courses	36		

End of Household Section

#### PERSONAL SECTION

Question Number: 7

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 1,327

Sex

Male

642 (48.4%)

Female

685 (51.6%)

Question Number: 8

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 1,336

What age group do you belong to?

11-15	12 (0.9%)
16-17	34 (2.5%)
18-24	82 (6.1%)
25-44	459 (34.4%)
45-59	367 (27.5%)
60-64	93 (7.0%)
65-74	159 (11.9%)
75-84	101 (7.6%)
85+	29 (2.2%)

Question Number: 9 Comment Question

What do you like or dislike about living in Brantham? - summarised in section 3.4

Question Number: 10

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

1,293

Are you at present?

An employee	623 (48.2%)
Unemployed	25 (1.9%)
Self-employed - employing other people	43 (3.3%)
Self employed - not employing anyone	74 (5.7%)
In a government training scheme	4 (0.3%)
In full-time education	62 (4.8%)
Unwaged housewife/husband	94 (7.3%)
Retired	344 (26.6%)
Permanently sick/disabled	24 (1.9%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

Where is your main place of work?

 Brantham/Manningtree area
 254 (32.6%)

 Ipswich area
 203 (26.1%)

 Colchester area
 127 (16.3%)

 London
 43 (5.5%)

 elsewhere
 151 (19.4%)

Question Number: 12

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 368

If you are seeking employment, do you require more information about job vacancies or training opportunities within your community?

Yes No 112 (30.4%) 256 (69.6%)

Question Number: 13

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 208

If you are actively seeking work, are there any barriers that are preventing you from taking up employment, training or study opportunities?

Lack of alternative care for adult dependent 2 (1.0%) Lack of child care locally 14 (6.7%) Cost of child care locally 20 (9.6%) Lack of access to transport 33 (15.9%) I don't have the right type of experience 18 (8.7%) I don't have the right type of qualifications/training 24 (11.5%) Disability or ill health of some kind 9 (4.3%) Lack of information/advice 21 (10.1%) None of these 124 (59.6%)

Question Number: 14

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 174

If you are interested in taking vocational training, what training would you be looking for?

Business administration	42 (24.1%)
Clerical/Secretarial	29 (16.7%)
Information Technology/Computing	70 (40.2%)
Professional/Managerial	32 (18.4%)
Engineering	14 (8.0%)
Construction	11 (6.3%)
Skilled/Craft related	39 (22.4%)
Catering/hospitality	16 (9.2%)
Retail	13 (7.5%)
Other	9 (5.2%)

## NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

1,534

## Should the following be encouraged in and around Brantham?

		2 - in favou	3 - no stron	4 - have	5 - definitely
	in favour			reservations	not
Tourism development/attractions	59 (3.8%)	185 (12.1%)	244 (15.9%)	202 (13.2%)	283 (18.4%)
Small business development	166 (10.8%)	429 (28.0%)	223 (14.5%)	101 (6.6%)	75 (4.9%)
Small scale industrial workshops	131 (8.5%)	326 (21.3%)	244 (15.9%)	168 (11.0%)	107 (7.0%)
More jobs in Brantham	285 (18.6%)	432 (28.2%)	190 (12.4%)	81 (5.3%)	51 (3.3%)

Question Number: 16

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

Do you experience transport difficulties in getting out of Brantham to other places?

Occasionally

247 (20.3%)

502 (41.2%)

Never

469 (38.5%)

Question Number: 17

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

If you have access to a vehicle, what do you mainly use it for?

Business journeys

208 (17.3%)

Transport to work

603 (50.0%)

Leisure

876 (72.7%)

Shopping

793 (65.8%)

Transporting children to school/college

177 (14.7%)

Not applicable

94 (7.8%)

Question Number: 18

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

If responsible for a vehicle, where do you usually park it?

In a garage (on this plot)

426 (38.8%)

In a garage elsewhere

8 (0.7%)

Off the road

481 (43.8%)

On the road

86 (7.8%)

Not applicable

98 (8.9%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

If you have a vehicle, would you be prepared to take part in a voluntary transport service?

Yes

122 (12.0%)

No

893 (88.0%)

Question Number: 20

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

,255

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Which of the following is your major means of transport?

Car/Van

1028 (81.9%)

Bike

40 (3.2%)

Bus

78 (6.2%)

Train

38 (3.0%)

Taxi

5 (0.4%)

Motorbike/Moped

19 (1.5%)

Walking

47 (3.7%)

Question Number: 21

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

,198

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

Routes

545 (45.5%)

Timetable

665 (55.5%)

Reliability

261 (21.8%)

Bus Stop location

80 (6.7%)

Access for those with disabilities

207 (17.3%)

No opinion

363 (30.3%)

Other (please specify on back page)

20 (1.7%)

Question Number: 22

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

1,109

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

Service

213 (19.2%)

Timetable

222 (20.0%)

Reliability

220 (19.8%)

Access for those with disabilities

95 (8.6%)

No opinion

669 (60.3%)

Other (please specify on back page)

47 (4.2%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

1.209

Would you support the following speed control measures in Brantham?

Introduce lower speed limit on side road

499 (41.3)

Vary fringes of village to 40 mph

885 (73.2)

None of the above

131 (10.8)

Question Number: 24

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

1,204

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In relation to paths and street lights, would you like to see any of the following in Brantham?

Cycle paths	545 (45.3%)
More footpaths	290 (24.1%)
More street lights	324 (26.9%)
More environmentally sensitive street	305 (25.3%)
More pavements	155 (12.9%)
Pelican crossings	223 (18.5%)
Dropped kerbs	132 (11.0%)
Traffic islands	95 (7.9%)
Roundabouts	548 (45.5%)
None of the above	107 (8.9%)
Other (please specify on back page)	23 (1.9%)

Question Number: 25

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

In relation to educational facilities, does Brantham need any of the following?

Nursery School 168 (26.0%)
More registered childminders 76 (11.7%)
Holiday play scheme 258 (39.9%)
Adult education evening classes 471 (72.8%)

Question Number: 26

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

Would you like Brooklands Primary School and playing field to be available for other uses?

Yes

582 (65.0%)

No

313 (35.0%)

Question Number: 27

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 8

Would you like East Bergholt High School to have a sixth form?

Yes

760 (86.6%)

No

118 (13.4%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

What do you think about the number of houses that have been built in Brantham over the last 10 years?

About right	501 (40.3%)
Too much new housing	478 (38.5%)
Too little housing	29 (2.3%)
Too expensive	122 (9.8%)
Too big	42 (3.4%)
Too small	22 (1.8%)
No opinion	206 (16.6%)

Question Number: 29

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 1,208

Is there need for more accommodation of the following types in Brantham?

Private rented	61 (5.0%)
Local authority/housing association ren	128 (10.6%)
Owner occupied	53 (4.4%)
Shared ownership	33 (2.7%)
Sheltered housing	160 (13.2%)
Restricted sale to local people	108 (8.9%)
Adapted housing (e.g. for disabled)	118 (9.8%)
Low cost housing	172 (14.2%)
Bungalows	127 (10.5%)
There is no need for any of these	335 (27.7%)
No opinion	370 (30.6%)

Question Number: 30

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

What type(s) of housing development would be acceptable in Brantham?

None	458 (37.9%)
Single dwellings (in-filling)	292 (24.2%)
Small group(s) of less than 10	324 (26.8%)
Larger group(s)	20 (1.7%)
No opinion	227 (18.8%)

Question Number: 31

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 1,298

Is your doctor's surgery/health centre in?

Capel St Mary	4 (0.3%)
East Bergholt	866 (66.7%)
Manningtree	281 (21.6%)
Ardleigh	69 (5.3%)
Dedham	3 (0.2%)
Holbrook	23 (1.8%)
Other	52 (4.0%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

Do you have any difficulty in getting to the following?

	often	occasionally	never
Hospital	40 (2.6%)	205 (13.4%)	799 (52.1%)
Doctor	63 (4.1%)	235 (15.3%)	826 (53.8%)
Chemist	56 (3.7%)	182 (11.9%)	792 (51.6%)
Chiropodist	25 (1.6%)	42 (2.7%)	620 (40.4%)
Optician	28 (1.8%)	107 (7.0%)	766 (49.9%)
Dentist	49 (3.2%)	145 (9.5%)	812 (52.9%)
Other medical facility	18 (1.2%)	51 (3.3%)	533 (34.7%)

Question Number: 33

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

Have you used any of the following services which cover Brantham in the last year?

	often	occasionally	never	not applicab
Doctor	244 (15.9%)	702 (45.8%)	248 (16.2%)	36 (2.3%)
District Nurse	23 (1.5%)	86 (5.6%)	624 (40.7%)	222 (14.5%)
Health Visitor	15 (1.0%)	69 (4.5%)	580 (37.8%)	254 (16.6%)
Home help	2 (0.1%)	3 (0.2%)	540 (35.2%)	363 (23.7%)
Ambulance	6 (0.4%)	37 (2.4%)	695 (45.3%)	182 (11.9%)
Maternity care	18 (1.2%)	19 (1.2%)	486 (31.7%)	388 (25.3%)
Chiropody	30 (2.0%)	40 (2.6%)	633 (41.3%)	240 (15.6%)
Loan of medical equipment	6 (0.4%)	26 (1.7%)	580 (37.8%)	307 (20.0%)
Meals on wheels	3 (0.2%)	2 (0.1%)	500 (32.6%)	404 (26.3%)

Question Number: 34

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

Are you registered as disabled?

Yes

54 (4.3%)

No

1208 (95.7%)

Question Number: 35

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

Are the following local facilities for people with disabilities in Brantham?

	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion	do not use
Access to shops	59 (3.8%)	293 (19.1%)	221 (14.4%)		230 (15.0%)
Access to sports facilities	17 (1.1%)	106 (6.9%)			374 (24.4%)
Education	71 (4.6%)	125 (8.1%)		, ,	384 (25.0%)
Housing	27 (1.8%)	113 (7.4%)	` '		305 (19.9%)
Transport	8 (0.5%)	56 (3.7%)	, ,	. ,	327 (21.3%)
Access to Village Hall	25 (1.6%)	96 (6 3%)	•	, ,	324 (21 1%)

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

Fire Ambulance (Emergency) Hospital (Transport) Police (Emergency)	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion	have not used
	145 (9.5%)	104 (6.8%)	15 (1.0%)	57 (3.7%)	856 (55.8%)
	100 (6.5%)	139 (9.1%)	68 (4.4%)	54 (3.5%)	820 (53.5%)
	49 (3.2%)	69 (4.5%)	29 (1.9%)	75 (4.9%)	944 (61.5%)
	53 (3.5%)	116 (7.6%)	89 (5.8%)	55 (3.6%)	850 (55.4%)
Police (local PC/WPC)	33 (3.5%)	116 (7.6%)	89 (5.8%)	55 (3.6%)	850 (55.4%)
	86 (5.6%)	142 (9.3%)	135 (8.8%)	59 (3.8%)	753 (49.1%)

Question Number: 37

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

.206

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Which, if any, of the following crimes and anti-social behaviour concern you in Brantham?

Theft	643 (53,3%)
Vandalism	885 (73.4%)
Drunkenness	374 (31.0%)
Drugs	588 (48.8%)
Not concerned	165 (13.7%)

Question Number: 38

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

1,534

What are your views on the standard of the following environmental services in Brantham?

	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion	not applicab
Mains water supply	834 (54.4%)	282 (18.4%)	36 (2.3%)	61 (4.0%)	5 (0.3%)
Mains gas supply	805 (52.5%)	151 (9.8%)	11 (0.7%)	68 (4.4%)	150 (9.8%)
Mains electricity supply	840 (54.8%)	274 (17.9%)	39 (2.5%)	54 (3.5%)	5 (0.3%)
Refuse collection	1077 (70.2%)	113 (7.4%)	5 (0.3%)	27 (1.8%)	6 (0.4%)
Street lighting	413 (26.9%)	509 (33.2%)	201 (13.1%)	47 (3.1%)	33 (2.2%)
Roadside care/street cleaning	279 (18.2%)	608 (39.6%)	244 (15.9%)	51 (3.3%)	12 (0.8%
Winter weather service	125 (8.1%)	454 (29.6%)	428 (27.9%)	127 (8.3%)	43 (2.8%)
T.V. reception	593 (38.7%)	403 (26.3%)	192 (12.5%)	18 (1.2%)	6 (0,4%)
Radio reception	584 (38.1%)	433 (28.2%)	153 (10.0%)	22 (1.4%)	8 (0.5%)
Sewerage	723 (47.1%)	341 (22.2%)	49 (3.2%)	62 (4.0%)	27 (1.8%)

Question Number: 39

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 1,259

Would you be prepared to keep certain items separate from your refuse for recycling if a separate collection was made?

Yes	1125 (894%)
No	56 (4.4%)
No opinion	78 (6.2%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

1,030

Would you use the following?

Bottle bank	755 (73.3%)
Public bulk rubbish tip	521 (50.6%)
Skip for garden waste	211 (20.5%)
Newspaper bank	636 (61.7%)
Clothing bank	450 (43.7%)
Can bank	325 (31.6%)

Question Number: 41

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 1,534

How often do you use the following shops and services?

	daily	weekly	monthly	less frequently	never
Local shops at Acacia Court	320 (20.9%)	637 (41.5%)	98 (6.4%)	156 (10.2%)	16 (1.0%)
Brantham Mill	2 (0.1%)	7 (0.5%)	4 (0.3%)	39 (2.5%)	1013(66.0%)
Court Farm	4 (0.3%)	6 (0.4%)	6 (0.4%)	112 (7.3%)	935 (61.0%)
Post Office at Acacia Court	61 (4.0%)	462 (30.1%)	219 (14.3%)	290 (18.9%)	167 (10.9%)
Chinese takeaway	2 (0.1%)	41 (2.7%)	208 (13.6%)	337 (22.0%)	508 (33.1%)
Fish & Chip Shop	6 (0.4%)	94 (6.1%)	160 (10.4%)	384 (25.0%)	490 (31.9%)
Mobile fish & chip van	5 (0.3%)	92 (6.0%)	134 (8.7%)	358 (23.3%)	537 (35.0%)

Question Number: 42

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 1,534

If the following opened in Brantham how often would you use them?

	weekiy	monthly	occasionally	never	don't know
Butcher	331 (21.6%)	81 (5.3%)	334 (21.8%)	183 (11.9%)	204 (13.3%)
Library	172 (11.2%)	310 (20.2%)	346 (22.6%)	140 (9.1%)	145 (9.5%)
Cash dispenser	562 (36.6%)	104 (6.8%)	184 (12.0%)	189 (12.3%)	92 (6.0%)
Chemist	304 (19.8%)	331 (21.6%)	448 (29.2%)	26 (1.7%)	81 (5.3%)
Baker	612 (39.9%)	70 (4.6%)	298 (19.4%)	61 (4.0%)	109 (7.1%)
Hardware/DIY	105 (6.8%)	163 (10.6%)	620 (40.4%)	93 (6.1%)	153 (10.0%)

Question Number:	43	3
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# NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

1.534

How do you rate the postal service for Brantham?

	good	reasonable	poor	no opinion
Location of post boxes	575 (37.5%)	517 (33.%)	108 (7.0%)	24 (1.6%)
Number of post boxes	366 (23.9%)	544 (35.5%)	193 (12.6%)	81 (5.3%)
Number of deliveries	622 (40.5%)	479 (31.2%)	82 (5.3%)	25 (1.6%)
Number of collections	522 (34.0%)	537 (35.0%)	71 (4.6%)	63 (4.1%)
Speed of service	436 (28.4%)	517 (33.7%)	185 (12.1%)	55 (3.6%)
Size of post box	237 (15,4%)	481 (31.4%)	250 (16.3%)	204 (13.3%)
Other	43 (2.8%)	38 (2.5%)	13 (0.8%)	12 (0.8%)

Question Number: 44

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

1.534

How often do you use the following facilities?

B.A.S.C.	weekly 160 (10.4%)	monthly 36 (2.3%)	occasionally 322 (21.0%)	never 706 (46.0%)
Institute	36 (2.3%)	11 (0.7%)	138 (9.0%)	1013 (66.0%)
Methodist Church Hall	5 (0.3%)	3 (0.2%)	44 (2.9%)	1150 (75.0%)
Village Hall	23 (1.5%)	43 (2.8%)	425 (27.7%)	719 (46.9%)
ICI Imagedata Club	66 (4.3%)	37 (2.4%)	316 (20.6%)	788 (51.4%)

Question Number: 45

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

Are you aware of what is on offer at the following places?

	Yes	No	Not Interest
B.A.S.C.	664 (43.3%)	389 (25.4%)	174 (11.3%)
Institute	298 (19.4%)	617 (40.2%)	282 (18.4%)
Methodist Church Hall	168 (11.0%)	602 (39.2%)	425 (27.7%)
Village Hall	466 (30.4%)	519 (33.8%)	223 (14.5%)
ICI Imagedata Club	458 (29.9%)	508 (33.1%)	239 (15.6%)

Question Number: 46

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 1,13

Are the facilities provided in the existing children's playground?

59 (5.2%)
375 (33.2%)
248 (21.9%)
449 (39.7%)

Question Number: 47 Comment Question

Are there adequate children's play areas? If not where should they be sited? - summarised in section 4.8.2

Question Number: 48 Comment Question

Which new sports clubs/activities would you attend in Brantham if they were provided? - summarised in section 4.8.5

Question Number: 49

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 1,182

The BASC land and buildings belong to the village and is leased to BASC (a private members club). How do you think it should be run?

 Leave as it is
 207 (17.5%)

 Community Club
 606 (51.3%)

 Private commercial enterprise
 88 (7.4%)

 Other
 3 (0.3%)

 Don't know
 278 (23.5%)

Question Number: 50 Comment Question

Do you think the present facilities at the above (BASC) could be improved, and if so how? - summarised in sections 4.8.3 & 5.1

Question Number: 51

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 1,238

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

 Notice Board
 305 (24.6%)

 Post Office
 168 (13.6%)

 Library
 29 (2.3%)

 Brantham Bugle
 1140 (92.1%)

 Ipswich Advertiser
 60 (4.8%)

 East Anglian Daily Times
 310 (25.0%)

 Manningtree & Harwich Standard
 188 (15.2%)

 Other
 223 (18.0%)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

1.235

Is the number of telephone boxes in Brantham?

Adequate Inadequate 500 (40.5%)

274 (22.2%)

No opinion

461 (37.3%)

Question Number: 53

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

1,182

How could the environment of Brantham be improved?

Preserve single trees in special places	547 (46.3%)
Keep hedges short and tidy	542 (45.9%)
Let hedges grow naturally	189 (16.0%)
Reduce street lighting	87 (7.4%)
Improve access to river estuary	498 (42.1%)
Plant more trees & hedges	547 (46.3%)
Energy saving schemes	287 (24.3%)
Improved public transport	670 (56.7%)
Community composting	271 (22.9%)
More employment locally	441 (37.3%)
Improved rights of way	309 (26.1%)
Reduce traffic	645 (54.6%)

Question Number: 54

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

What do you think could be done to protect wildlife in Brantham?

	very	worth doing	not	don't know
	important	doing	necessary	
Create local nature reserves	281 (18.3%)	482 (31.4%)	88 (5.7%)	77 (5.0%)
Discourage too many people using countr	44 (2.9%)	89 (5.8%)	512 (33.4%)	101 (6.6%)
Reduce pollution in the countryside	548 (35.7%)	332 (21.6%)	34 (2.2%)	55 (3.6%)
Campaign against litter and rubbish	614 (40.0%)	363 (23.7%)	25 (1.6%)	42 (2.7%)
Create new ponds	174 (11.3%)	363 (23.7%)	219 (14.3%)	79 (5.1%)
Look after riverbank habitats	388 (25.3%)	474 (30.9%)	26 (1.7%)	60 (3.9%)
Encourage children's projects	439 (28.6%)	457 (29.8%)	27 (1.8%)	74 (4.8%)

Question Number: 55 Comment Question

Are there any places where litter is a problem in Brantham? - summarised in section 4.10.3

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

Do you think Brantham should be kept clean and tidy by?

Paying for a litter warden	510 (43.7%)
Paying for a roadsweeper	271 (23.2%)
Putting up notices	230 (19.7%)
Entering a 'Best Kept Village Competition'	289 (24.8%)
Having regular 'Spring Clean' days	284 (24.3%)
Having more litter bins	782 (67.0%)
Involve groups/children in litter campaign	664 (56.9%)

Question Number: 57

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 1,

In relation to local footpaths and bridleways, can you answer the following questions?

	Yes	No	No opinion
Do you know where the local paths are?	813 (53.0%)	310 (20.2%)	44 (2.9%)
Can you use them without difficulty?	604 (39.4%)	239 (15.6%)	204 (13.3%)
Are they well signposted?	349 (22.8%)	490 (31.9%)	220 (14.3%)
Would you be willing to maintain them?	205 (13.4%)	618 (40.3%)	187 (12.3%)

Question Number: 58

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 1,3

How well does the Parish council publicise its decisions and activities?

 Very well
 84 (6.8%)

 Reasonably well
 642 (52.2%)

 Badly
 296 (24.1%)

 No opinion
 207 (16.8%)

Question Number: 59

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 1,2

Would you be prepared to pay a slightly higher council tax to meet some of the needs of Brantham?

 Yes
 414 (33.5%)

 No
 652 (52.8%)

 No opinion
 170 (13.8%)

Question Number: 60 NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION

1.534

Do you feel your elected representatives in local government are sufficiently aware of local concerns and feelings?

	fully aware	quite aware n	ot aware	no opinion
Parish Council	222 (14.5%)	480 (31.3%)	199 (13.0%)	283 (18.4%)
District Council	41 (2.7%)	428 (27.9%)	360 (23.5%)	331 (21.6%)
County Council	30 (2.0%)	253 (16.5%)	488 (31.8%)	384 (25.0%)

End of Listing