STUTTON VILLAGE PLAN

FINAL REPORT AND ACTION PLAN

OCTOBER 2009

WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT YOUR VILLAGE



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From <u>Tim Yeo MP</u> House of Commons

I have represented Stutton at Westminster for 25 years now. The Village has certainly changed and developed over that time and is a mix of both old and new, historical architecture and some modern housing. Yet by assimilating newer developments, the Village has successfully retained its essential character as a traditional Suffolk Village.

Beautifully situated in Suffolk countryside with its wonderful river foreshore, close to the Shotley Peninsula and with a history traceable to the Domesday Book, Stutton is ideally placed to continue to offer its residents a wonderful quality of life for generations to come. This is what makes the development of the Stutton Village Plan so valuable. Because it will form a focus for the future development of this Village and help to ensure that its essential qualities are never lost

From <u>Dave Wood</u> <u>District Councillor</u>

I would like to congratulate the Steering Group for the production of the Stutton Village Plan. The publication of this plan has been made possible by much hard work over a long period of time. This, however, should be just the start. The Village as a whole have been involved in giving their views as to how they wish to see the Village evolve over the next few years, indeed the overall impression gained was mainly of contentment with the Village as it is.

By working in partnership with the County and District Council and other agencies, many of the targets identified in this Plan will be brought to fruition. This plan will be an extremely useful tool in obtaining funding to enable the Parish Council and other organisations to complete a great many of the projects.



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Stutton Parish Council is both pleased and proud to accept the 2008 Parish Plan. This will be an important document for us to help shape the future of our Village. We would like to thank the Steering Group for their enthusiasm and for giving so much of their own time to this project over the last two years, with special thanks to Martin Delacamp for taking up the reins of Chairman. It was extremely pleasing to find that the consultation produced such a high return, which gives a truly democratic basis to future action of this blue print for the future of Stutton and the Parish Plan will serve as an historic time snap of our Village.

The Plan and its implementation are the responsibility of the Parish Council but it would be unreasonable to expect just a few elected councillors to action and to guarantee to progress all the Action Points forward. Therefore I feel it would be appropriate to pass some these proposals on to other organisations within the Village and I will be delighted to see other new activities and interest groups springing up in our very busy little Village.

To maintain momentum, the Parish Council will conduct an annual review of progress and developments on the Parish Plan Action Points so that updates can be made and this becomes a living document.

It is especially pleasing for myself to see such a valuable document produced, since I originally proposed we undertake a Village Plan at a council meeting in May 2006.

Chris Leach - Chairman - Stutton Parish Council

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INTRODUCTION

THE STEERING GROUP

The Steering Group was formed at a meeting of interested parties on 30th November 2006 and comprised initially as follows: -



ChairmanNeil MordeySecretaryJohn WesleyTreasurerWill PritchardSally RussellChris Leach**Parish Council Representatives

Martin Delacamp Sally Pritchard Adrian Gray Keith Kennell*

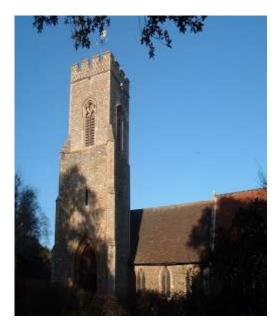
Neil Mordey was sadly unable to continue in post due to personal circumstances and a debt of gratitude is owed to Neil for giving this venture such a solid start. His hard work and enthusiasm for the project were instrumental in getting this project off the ground and he laid excellent foundations for the future work; his early efforts being much appreciated.

Martin Delacamp took over the role of Chairman as well as retaining his position as Treasurer.

Pelham Ship joined the Steering Group in May 2008 to assist with the analysis of the data received.

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PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENT



Production of a Village Plan for Stutton has been a vision of the Parish Council for some time and the first steps were taken back in May 2006 when the Parish Council voted in favour of proceeding with a Village Plan project. A well-attended open meeting at the Community Hall demonstrated good support from residents for the proposal and subsequently a Steering Group was formed and the project began with a team of willing volunteers. The timetable of subsequent events is shown in a later section.

Funding to support the project was obtained as follows: -

Stutton Parish Council	£ 300.00
County Councillors Locality Budget (D Wood)	£ 200.00
DEFRA/RSCP Parish Plan Funding	£1300.00
Babergh District Council	£ 500.00
Suffolk County Council Rural Services Scheme	£ <u>300.00</u>
TOTAL	£2600.00

Expenditure has been held well within the budget set. This Final Report will be formally accepted and adopted by Stutton Parish Council who will accept responsibility for taking the various Action Points forward for further consideration as to how and when they will or can be put into place.

THE HISTORY OF STUTTON

Stutton is listed in the Domesday Survey in 1086 as half a church with 15 acres (under land of Robert Grenon), 2 Beehives (Count Alan of Brittany) as well as several manors. The name Stutton comes from Stuttuna, meaning Gnats or Bullocks enclosure or homestead on a hill.

In 1086 the population was shown as 36. This had increased to 501 by 1901 and 808 in 1981. The 2001 Electoral Register recorded some 673 persons and based on the returns from our Questionnaire, we estimate the current population to be about 800, this including 44 people resident in Oak House, the Very Sheltered accommodation in Bentley Lane.

Historical dates and events of interest are: -

1265 1275	First Stutton Hall owned by Roger de Pavely Mention of early Creping Hall (as then spelt). Once the seat of the Wingfield family
1303	Mention of Crowe Hall - present Crowe Hall built in 1605 by the Latimer family and much altered in the 19 th Century
15 th Century	Present church of St. Peter built of flint, mostly perpendicular with Norman fragments and a square tower housing 6 bells that are rung regularly (the list of Rectors began in 1165) Quarhams built next to the church, probably the oldest existing building in the Village
16 th Century	King's Head Public House built Present Stutton Hall built by Sir Edmund Jermy (Knight) circa 1550 - there are Jermy monuments in St. Peter's Church
1750	Stutton House rebuilt as the rectory by the Rev. Tobias Rustat. Dutch gables added in 1832. Rebuilt after the fire of 1984 without the gables.
1803 1835	Friendly Society formed. Stutton's first primary School built, now known as the Old Mission Hall, next to the present school, which was built in 1897 and rebuilt after the fire in 1964.
1840 1863 1895	Wesleyan Chapel built. Almshouses built by the Misses Baker in memory of their father, Rev. Geo. Baker. Trial boring at Stutton by the Eastern Counties Coal-boring Association reached a depth of over 1350 feet without discovering coal.
1912	Parish listed as 2294 acres of land, 166 acres of tidal water and 968 acres of foreshore.
1935	Evans Farm land sold to create Lewis Lane.
1957	Larksfield Road built. Previously used by the Army for a wartime searchlight site.
1965 1973	Cattsfield built. Alton Watermill dismantled and rebuilt at the Museum of East Anglian Life at Stowmarket.
1976	Alton Water Reservoir under construction.
1977	Stutton Community Hall opened, replacing the wooden Victory Hall from the 1920's
2003	Post Office portion of the Village Shop closed
2004	Oak House opened.
July 2005	Village Shop closed due to retirement of owners
2008 Lata 2008	Orchard House demolished and the site redeveloped including 'affordable' houses.
Late 2008	Community Shop opened next to the Community Hall

THE VILLAGE OF STUTTON

Stutton is situated within the County of Suffolk, some 8 miles to the south east of the County Town of Ipswich on the Shotley Peninsula.

The Village is bounded by the River Stour to the south and Alton Water to the north and is basically a linear Village spread mainly along the B1080. Once a farming community, it is now largely a dormitory village for Ipswich. All major services i.e. High School, G.P. Surgery, Shops, Post Office are in Holbrook some 2 miles away. The countryside is very rural and beautiful.

The 2001 Census recorded 708 electors resident in Stutton living in 385 properties. In 2008 the Electoral Roll showed a modest reduction to 693 people in 383 properties. The questionnaire for this project was delivered to 390 households including the 36 flats at Oak House and based on the returns received, it is estimated that the current population as at February 2008 is about 800.

The Village has two Public Houses, a Hairdresser, a Veterinary Surgery, small farm-based commercial units, Church of England and Methodist Churches, a small but very popular Primary School, a recently opened Very Sheltered Housing complex, Oak House, plus recreational facilities at Alton Water Sports Centre.



There are many footpaths, bridleways and cycle routes criss-crossing the Parish and many regularly walk these routes. Alton Water also has numerous paths and a cycle route around the complex. Today Stutton is a buoyant and thriving village, popular with people seeking to move away from the larger towns and very well appreciated by the majority of the 800 or so residents for its peace and quiet, the community spirit and friendly and caring residents. Stutton is very fortunate to have a thriving and very popular Primary School that has some 80 pupils, with roughly half drawn from the Village.



Behind the thriving Community Hall is the Village Playing Field and the locally maintained Canham Wood. Stutton's very popular Post Office and Shop was lost a few years ago; the Post Office facilities closing in 2003, the shop closing in July 2005 due to the retirement of the owners, a facility that has been sorely missed. Since then a Steering Group has been working towards setting up a replacement shop. These efforts have now come to a successful conclusion; as a new Community Shop has opened next to the Community Hall, see Page 10 for more details. The Village supports many clubs and activity groups providing for a wide range of interests and these seem likely to increase as a result of further interests being identified as part of this Plan process. Yoga and Keep-Fit appears to be in demand and already a qualified resident has offered to run classes at the Community Hall. The numerous additional comments that were added to the completed questionnaires made it very clear that many feel strongly that Stutton is a friendly and supportive Village that has a strong sense of community and regard for neighbours and their needs.

A major contributor to this closeness and feeling of well being is the bi-monthly newsletter, Roundabout, that is delivered to every household and contains news and information about Stutton and it's neighbouring villages. Many warm and appreciative comments about Roundabout were forthcoming.

There has been little recent development of new housing in Stutton, the only site affected being Orchard House on Holbrook Road where the original buildings have been demolished and five new properties are being built including two 'affordable' homes.

Business in Stutton is mainly farming. The main commercial enterprise is Anglian Water's Alton Water Reservoir and recreational facilities, a popular and attractive facility that is very well supported by residents and visitors alike. Alton Water was mentioned many times in resident's responses as an asset to the Village. There are some 21 businesses within Stutton, including business units within Manor Farm.



The convenient location of Stutton was a feature cited by several residents, mainly from the work viewpoint, recognising the easy access from Stutton to Ipswich, Colchester and London as well as good links to the Midlands. The majority of Stutton's residents are retired; those who work go to Ipswich or Colchester mainly, with some commuting to London, and some working from home.

Many of those who reside in Stutton expressed their appreciation of the area in general and the Village in particular, Their comments frequently included the words "peaceful", "quiet", "friendly", and community spirit" and it is abundantly clear that Stutton is thought by many to be a comfortable and happy place to live.

The predominant feeling was wonderfully summed up by the following two comments that were added to separate completed questionnaires: -

The first from a citizen who has lived in Stutton between 26 and 50 years: -

"I have filled this in to the best of my ability. I hope it will be adequate. Stutton is a great place to live in; any improvements can only make it better."

The second is from a typical family, Mum, Dad and 2 children aged between 11 and 15, the parents have been in the Village over 26 years: -

"Stutton has a uniqueness unrivalled by other Villages, its location, Stutton shore, the plentiful varied walks, the Church, an active village community which cares about residents & their needs, allotments, revival of the Village shop scheme, a thriving pre-school & school, social clubs. For us it is more about realising what we have and taking care to preserve that. Change is part of life & the Village will evolve but it would be better not to lose any valued aspect in the process."



OBJECTIVES

- To obtain the views and opinions from all residents of Stutton on local issues of importance to them
- To identify what the Community does want to change and what should remain unaltered
- To seek the views and opinions of the younger residents of Stutton
- To seek the views and opinions of the businesses in Stutton
- To inform local councils of issues raised in this consultation so they may consider incorporating our issues in their local plans
- To put forward Action Points to address important issues raised
- To identify a lead responsibility and partners for each action



CHRONOLOGY

8 MAY 2006	Stutton Parish Council voted in favour of proceeding with a Village Plan
14 SEPTEMBER 2006	Open Village Meeting held at the Community Hall attended by about 50 people were addressed by Annette Gray of Suffolk Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) on the benefits and reasons for a Village Plan
30 NOVEMBER 2006	Meeting of interested people held and a Steering Group formed
20 JANUARY 2007	First meeting of Steering Group at which Officers were elected
1 FEBRUARY 2007	Constitution agreed and signed
26 FEBRUARY 2007	Grant application submitted
14 MARCH 2007	Grant application accepted and received
21 JUNE 2007 25 JUNE 2997 28 JUNE 2007	 { Village consultation meetings held at Community Hall to enable residents { to discuss and record their views on the issues affecting Stutton. Some 40 { people attended these meetings
FEBRUARY 2008	Questionnaires delivered personally to each House, Business and Young Person aged 8 – 16
MARCH – JUNE 2008	Questionnaires collected and received back
JULY – AUGUST 2008	Analysis of the vast amount of data received undertaken
SEPTEMBER 2008	Preparation of Final Report commenced
FEBRUARY 2009	Issue of draft report to Suffolk ACRE
OCTOBER 2009	Proof to the printers
DECEMBER 2009	Report issued to Residents and other interested parties and Presentation Meeting arranged with residents and other stakeholders to formally present the report and discuss findings. Report formally presented to Stutton Parish Council for adoption.



METHODOLOGY

The Steering Group decided that the main method of seeking resident's demographic data and opinions would be by firstly consulting with residents to establish their ideas on the issues affecting Stutton. This was done by means of three consultation evenings at the Community Hall when residents were invited to



come and discuss and record the views on a wide range of topics. Some 40 people attended these sessions and a huge list of topics and opinions were recorded. Residents were kept abreast of progress of the project by means of regular updates in Roundabout.

At an early stage of the process, contact was made with officers of the local councils, Babergh D C and Suffolk C C, the local Health Authority, the Police and the local School to seek support for our project.

A flyer was inserted in the June/July 2007 issue of Roundabout asking residents to identify topics they felt were important to be the subject of the Plan process and many of these were returned completed via two suggestion boxes or delivered directly to the Steering Group members. Once this information was analysed and collated a questionnaire was drafted and issued containing a detailed set of 82 questions

covering all of the major and many minor topics raised in the earlier consultations. A team of collectors delivered the questionnaires to the 390 households in the Village, including the 36 flats in Oak House. In due course 313 were collected personally, in sealed envelopes where so wished by the residents for confidentiality. The high return of 313 questionnaires (80%) was very rewarding and much credit is due to the efforts of the dedicated team of deliverers and collectors who visited each household, often on several occasions and were very motivated in helping to achieve this successful outcome. A list of the deliverers and collectors is shown under the Acknowledgements section of this report.

Since the return of the questionnaires, work has been ongoing to analyse and assimilate the huge mass of information obtained. This naturally took some time and enabled the Steering Group to draw out what they feel are the relevant and interesting facts and opinions and to then prepare this report. It is simply not possible to record all of the very interesting comments added by many residents to their individual forms but should anyone wish to read all 19 pages of recorded comments, these will be made readily available (for further details can be obtained from the key contact, see page 3). These comments make fascinating reading and provide an excellent insight to the thoughts, worries and warm feelings residents have about their Village.





STUTTON'S NEW COMMUNITY SHOP

At the time the Questionnaire for this project was compiled, much work had already been done to consider the need for and feasibility of a new Community Shop to replace the previous Village Shop that closed in 2005. As a full consultation had been carried out before concluding that a shop was wanted, the Village Plan Committee decided that it would be inappropriate to revisit the many arguments for and against setting up a Community Shop. Preparatory work to set up a shop was already going ahead whilst the Village Plan process was in progress. Many respondents expressed their support for a shop in the Village in their responses to the Questionnaire and some of their comments have been referred to in this report.

The following picture of the new shop is testament to the hard work and determination of the Shop Steering Committee who have successfully introduced a Community Shop to our Village.



Shop opened on 12th December 2008

(The picture shows Shop Steering Group Chairman, Ray Fishwick and Shop Manager, Martin Delacamp, outside the door to the shop shortly after opening day.)

CONSULTATION RESULTS and FINDINGS

The following detailed analysis, pages 11 - 25, provides, in summary form, brief details of the 82 questions posed, an analysis of the recorded answers and results, plus, in the third column, comments on each question together with a sample of the many comments recorded by residents who completed the Questionnaire.

Because many of the 82 questions offered multiple choice options, the total of the answers shown, for this type of question, naturally exceeds the number of respondents shown against individual questions as respondents, typically, will have opted for more than one of the alternatives offered. In some cases, details of answers/responses that attracted very few "votes" have been excluded for brevity.

DEMOGRAPHICS, EDUCATION & WORK

Questions 1, 2, 11, 12	Male 335 47%	The slight female bias is reflected in most age bands and not just at the
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN STUTTON	Female 368 53%	senior end of the scale.
5101101		The largest age band is 44-59 at 23%.
	703 Residents ¹	63% of people are age 45 or over.
(Based only on questionnaires actually returned)	313 Households	Children of school age or under are 13% of the total.
Question 13		At least 20 people have lived in Stutton
	More than 15 years: 56% of pe	all of their lives, although when asked if
TIME LIVING IN STUTTON	More than 25 years: 30% of pe	this was the whole of their life, 2 people said "NOT YET!"
581 Respondents		
Question 14		The number of people in retirement
EMDLOVED DETIDED OD	People Working 53	reflects the strong bias to an older population, many of whom have lived in
EMPLOYED, RETIRED OR IN EDUCATION	1	^{9%} Stutton for many years.
	People in Education 8	3%
568 Respondents		
Questions 2 & 9		Stutton Children attended the following:
CHILDREN UNDER THE	Age Male Femal $0-4$ 12 6	e Play Group 9
AGE OF 16	5 - 10 22 18	Nursery School 3
	11 – 15 17 19	Primary School 45
313 Respondents	Totals 51 43	Middle School 9
		Secondary School 24
Question 3	Based on returned Questionnair	es At the time (Feb 2008) we issued the
Question 5	Based on returned Questionnan	Questionnaires, there were 390
IN WHICH AREA OF STUTTON DO YOU LIVE?	Properties Peo	pple residential properties in Stutton including 13 vacant houses and 36 flats
STUTION DO TOU LIVE?	Area A 119 2	at Oak House.
212.11 1.11		77 Extrapolating from the left hand
313 Households 703 Residents		column, we calculate there are approx.
	10tai 315 7	03 800 persons resident in Stutton in the first half of 2008.
<u>AREA A</u>	<u>AREA B</u>	<u>AREA C</u>
Holbrook Road	Church Road Stutton Cl	•
Larksfield Road Alton Hall Lane	Findley Close Crowe Hall Lower Street Church Field	
Cattsfield	Hyams Lane Stutton Gr	
Catts Close		Crepping Hall Drive

¹ All age groups

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Question 15 LOCAL JOB VACANCY BOARD PRINTED IN ROUNDABOUT 532 Respondents	Of no use	293 55% 148 28% 91 17%		10 of the 21 local businesses felt it was difficult to recruit staff from the local area and that largely, local people lack the required skills and/or experience SIX businesses anticipate increasing their work force over the next year One person thought it would help their family members. Another felt the East Anglian Daily Times was sufficient.
Question 55				The huge popularity of Roundabout is no
WHERE DO YOU GET INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL EVENTS 525 Respondents	Notice Board Roundabout Local Paper Website Other	207 399 497 959 69 139 54 109 40 8%	% %	surprise, 449 read every issue and a further 78 read issues less frequently Only 7 people say they never read it
Question 57				The Website attracts 54 people for local
ROUNDABOUT or WEBSITE? 538 Respondents	N Roundabout Website	lumber of re	aders 527 122	event information, this number rising to 122 for other information and interests 209 people never read the Website
Question 56				Although 456 (85%) believe the amount
AMOUNT OF INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS IN STUTTON 539 Respondents	Good Reasonable Poor No Opinion	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	% %	of information is either GOOD or REASONABLE, the aim should be to improve the amount of information even more, perhaps utilising the points in the next section.
Question 59				Residents suggested: -
IS THERE A NEED FOR MORE SOURCES OF INFORMATION?	Notice Board Local Information Po Map	117	5 51% 7 44%	A local information point and map, the display of Emergency Information on Notice Boards and at the Shop and in Roundabout
	Tourist Information	Point 54	4 21%	
				Extra Notice Boards were also suggested, in addition to the three already in Stutton
				Other sources of information listed were "Word of Mouth", "Posters", & "the Hairdressers"
263 Respondents				
Question 60 TELEPHONE BOX	Never Use It Use It Occasional Use It Often	ly 40	92% 8% 0.4%	The statistics bode badly for the future of our telephone box, if its fate has not already been sealed by the time this report is issued. The telephone box has sentimental value to residents who are loath to see it go and with the poor local mobile coverage the telephone box is important in the case of an emergency.
536 Respondents				ACTION POINT

Question 58 MORE COVERAGE IN ROUNDABOUT & THE WEBSITE 304 Respondents	Leisure Arts Sports Local Events Other	172 98 104 251 42	57% 32% 34% 83% 14%	For the Roundabout editorial team to respond for the demand for coverage of these topics, people need to tell them about events and activities they organise. The OTHER suggestions included: - Issue Roundabout monthly (2), Include Emergency Details, include details of neighbouring village activities e.g. Farmer's Markets.
Question 61 RECEPTION DIFFICULTIES FOR RADIO/TV/MOBILE PHONES 520 Respondents MOBILE PROVIDERS USED	1	81% 56%	No 52 10% 270 52% 211 41%	The known reception difficulty for Mobile Phone signals was not restricted to any one provider nor did it vary much between the three areas we specified. Virgin was only mentioned once, "3" not at all. Rather than suggesting there is no reception problem for these two providers, we suspect very few use these particular services in Stutton.
Question 62 WOULD YOU SUPPORT A SENSITIVELY SITED MOBILE PHONE MAST IN THE VILLAGE	YES 350 NO 173	67% 33%		With 2 out of every 3 people, from all age ranges, who expressed a view, supported the erection of a sensitively sited mast. ACTION POINT "YES please" "YES as long as it isn't near houses or the School" "Sorry but I detest Mobile Phones" "Sensitively sited" was circled or underlined by 2 people. "Mobile only owned for security"
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Question 10 CHILDREN UNDER 16 UNABLE TO TAKE PART IN SCHOOLACTIVITES 313 Respondents	No Transport1.6%Distance0.6%Expense0.6%		Only a small percentage unable to take part in school activities (2.8%. Generally not thought a problem.
Question 45 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME 369 Respondents	Prescription Collection Collective Bulk Fuel Purchase First Responder Visiting Neighbours Carry Out Small Household Jobs Car Sharing to Ipswich Car Sharing to Manningtree Emergency Plan Coordinator	167 159 156 128 125 102 88 73	Prescription collection and bulk fuel buying were both separately commented upon as being needed ACTION POINT

Question 51			One respondent suggested
AWARENESS OF WHAT IS ON OFFER 530 Respondents	Village Hall Playing Field Holbrook Leisure Centre	YesNo69%23%40%36%39%32%	newcomers to the Village should be advised of what is available ACTION POINT
Question 52 NEW SPORTS CLUBS / ACTIVITIES 530 Respondents	Keep Fit Yoga Badminton Snooker/Billiards Play Area behind Community Hall Pool Outside Bowls Darts Volleyball Skittles	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	It was suggested that a tennis court be provided on the Playing Field behind the Community Hall. A Stutton resident has, helpfully, already offered to run YOGA & KEEP FIT Classes at the Community Hall if numbers allow ACTION POINT
Question 53 NEW CLUBS / ACTIVITIES 234 Respondents	Gardening Club Rambling Club Art Club Lunch Club / Drop In Cent Senior Citizens' Group Drama Choir/Music/Band Internet Facility Creative Arts for Children Whist Drive Young People's Drama Gro Sunday School	$\begin{array}{cccc} 45 & 19\% \\ 42 & 18\% \\ 37 & 16\% \\ 27 & 11\% \\ 24 & 10\% \\ 23 & 10\% \end{array}$	Gardening and Rambling are the clear favourites although there is interest in the Village for Music/Drama/Creative activities ACTION POINT "There is a need to attract more younger people & families to Stutton, if we don't the aging population will in time lead to closure of the school, as this no longer serves the community children"
Question 54 VIEWS ON LOCAL FACILITIES 485 Respondents	Age group Up to 17Good 5% Re $17 - 25$ $<1\%$ $25 - 60$ 5% Over 60 9%	asonable Poor 19% 29% 9% 40% 31% 19% 37% 13%	Respondents asked that information on activities in the two Pubs should be published in Roundabout and that meeting place(s) other than the pubs and clubs were requested.
Question 73 NEED FOR A PROJECT TO RECORD STUTTON'S HISTORY 525 Respondents	YES 314 NO 58	60% 11%	This response should be of considerable encouragement and support for the existing History Group to continue their excellent work, which builds on Phillip Willis's outstanding contributions to Stutton's history.
Question 80 IMPORTANT ASSETS TO OUR VILLAGE 505 Respondents	Stutton Primary Scho Community/Village St. Peter's Church Mobile Library Methodist Church Allotments		Clearly many appreciate these six major contributions to the Village

Question 81 WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU ABOUT STUTTON?	A considerable number of people contributed their views to this "free-form" question and full details of all of these responses are available upon request.	An overwhelming majority said the Village was FRIENDLY, QUIET, PEACEFUL and UNSPOILT. The relatively small size of the Village was an important factor to many residents, creating what was said to be a COMMUNITY SPIRIT, together with an excellent environment comprising pleasant rural facilities as well as the local Pubs, Primary School and the two Churches. Many people don't want this to change and would resist substantial development within Stutton.
Question 46		Several people commented that they
POLICE COVERAGE IN STUTTON	Good 20 4% Reasonable 123 23% Poor 235 44% No Opinion 160 30%	"never see the Police". See TRANSPORT section for comments regarding speeding and parking problems.
538 Respondents		ACTION POINT
Question 47	V	There is clearly a demand for a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME	Yes 348 66% No 39 7% No opinion 137 26%	ACTION POINT
524 Respondents		
Question 48 ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT VARIOUS CRIMES AND ANTI- SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN STUTTON?	Vandalism 71 19%	doop concorn soveral poople
	Noise6417%Theft from Vehicles5916%Drunkenness4411%Foul Language4211%Substance Abuse195%Violence / Mugging / Intimidation195%	School and its playing field and generally from Traffic, Aircraft, hunting and shooting. Residents ask for prior warning of Hunting and
		Graffiti is a specific problem in the Bus Shelters
381 Despendents		Drunkenness, foul language, noise, theft from vehicles and vandalism worried fewer people and violence, mugging, intimidation and substance abuse were generally not felt to be such a problem.
381 Respondents		

Question 76 DOES STUTTON SUFFER	The top eight concerns		Low-flying and Commercial Aircraft are clearly of concern to a sizeable number of people
FROM ANY OF THESE TYPES OF DISTURBANCE?	Low-Flying Aircraft Traffic Noise Commercial Aircraft	117 47% 109 44% 101 41%	Those concerned about local flooding probably refer to known problems in Bentley Lane or Larksfield Road.
	Hunting Noise Pollution Light Pollution	34 14% 31 12% 29 12% 24 10%	ACTION POINT
249 Respondents	Local Flooding Military Exercises	24 10% 10 4%	

The following are a brief selection from many similar comments relating to the character of the Village

"We feel very lucky to live in a Village like Stutton. It is as perfect as it can get"

"Basically there is nothing wrong with Stutton. Why tamper with it? Don't urbanise it!"

"The Village on the whole now shows a total lack of civic pride"

"We have moved here from a similar sized Village. There is much more for everyone to do in Stutton and far fewer street lights (both good things) but the bus service is equally bad in both places."

"Retain all of Stutton's good features."

"There is not much wrong with the Village, leave it alone. Far too many Villages have been developed and spoiled."

"I would really appreciate a seat just inside the entrance of the reservoir from Alton Hall lane. I can just walk there but need to sit down."

Question 49 USE OF RECYCLING FACILITIES 446 Respondents	Chelmondiston Public Tip Kings Head Bottle Bank School Paper Bank Clothing Bank Can Bank	37985%33174%17940%7918%43<10%	The low use of the School Paper Bank might be due to the few newspapers delivered in Stutton and that residents are unaware the School benefits directly from the recycled papers. Cans may go in Blue Bins and Clothing is collected regularly by Charities. ACTION POINT "Clothing and Can Bank - where are these?"
Question 50 THE NUMBER, LOCATION AND FREQUENCY OF EMPTYING OF LITTER AND DOG MESS BINS IN STUTTON 516 Respondents	Good59Reasonable196Poor128No Opinion133	11% 38% 25% 26%	There are 6 Litter Bins and 4 Dog mess Bins in the Village. The number of bins in Alton Water grounds is not known. Comments suggested that the number of litterbins in the Village was adequate but that the number in Alton water needed to increase, as did the frequency of emptying especially after weekends. "Villagers to keep Village clean & tidy" "Educate people to take litter home"

ENVIRONMENT

Question 75 ARE MORE DOG MESS BINS REQUIRED? 337 Respondents	Alton Water 280 83% Village 242 72%	More Dog Bins are wanted in both the Village and the grounds of Alton Water ACTION POINT "Dog owners should be educated to clean up after their animals" "People should pick up their dog mess - bins are unsightly"
Question 70 PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENT 470 Respondents	Top Eight SuggestionsIn favourRecycling62%Improved Public Transport51%Energy Saving46%Community Composting33%More Local Employment33%Solar Power33%Reduce Traffic29%Car Sharing22%	There is strong support for the protection and enhancement of the local environment with many keen on recycling, improved public transport, energy saving and car sharing. Individual ideas that arose included a large communal waste bin and litter clearing. ACTION POINT
Question 71 IMPORTANT FEATURES OF SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE 517 Respondents	Top six features supported as "very important" or "important" 1) Alton Water 2) Stutton Shore 3) Meadows and Green Fields 4) Hedges 5) Small Woods 6) Canhams Wood	The majority of Stutton's local features were well supported apart from modern farm buildings. Two people commented on the lack of orchards now. "What Orchards?"
Question 72 WHAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF STUTTON? 520 Respondents	Top eight suggestions supported as "very important" or "worth doing" 1) Look After Woodlands 2) Clean up the Beach at Stutton Shore 3) Preserve Single Trees in Special Places 4) Plant More Trees 5) Keep Hedges Short & Tidy 6) Plant more hedges and trees 7) Plant new orchards 8) Let hedges grow naturally	All of the suggested methods of improving Stutton's environment were supported, apart from cutting down trees. Conversely, more favoured keeping hedges short and tidy rather than letting them grow naturally. Stutton Shore is clearly popular as 408 people wanted to see it cleaned up, only 22 thought this not necessary or didn't know.
Question 79 WHAT COULD BE DONE TO MAKE LOCAL ROADS, LANES AND FOOTPATHS MORE ATTRACTIVE? 498 Respondents	Details of the various responses to this multi-option question are available on request. The strongest opinion was clearly in favour of litter removal.	Other ideas included: - More signposts Repair Gates Stiles and Bridges More Footpaths are wanted. Improve and encourage access for the disabled wherever possible. Wheelchair access was a problem. Reinstate the pond at The Drift. Mow and tidy Roadside verges "Let hedges grow for wildlife, where visibility for traffic is not a problem."

HOUSING

Question 11 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS, RESPONDING TO SURVEY 313 Households	313 Surveyed households703 Residents	This is an average occupancy of 2.25 persons per dwelling.
Question 4 TYPE OF HOUSING STOCK IN STUTTON 313 Households	Owner Occupied25080%Public Rented279%Private Rented258%	The Village Plan team did not seek to carry out a more detailed examination of the housing stock. However, it is interesting that nationally, (2001) figures indicate that the average level of owner occupier is 69% Source ESRC Society.
Questions 5 & 6 HOUSING NEEDS 703 Respondents 313 Households	Number of persons living in Stutton looking for alternative accommodation 12	Just 12 people (3.8%). This comprises 3 whole families and a very small number of other family members looking for alternative accommodation in Stutton.
Question 7 REASONS STATED AS TO WHY PEOPLE ARE UNABLE TO MOVE WITHIN THE VILLAGE 313 Households	Price and lack of housing stock 6% Lack of rental opportunities 3%	Indications suggest that there may be a need for a small number of 'affordable' dwellings for rent within the village, as will become apparent within the Development Section. Would this also allow others from outside the boundaries of Stutton to settle here?
Question 8 ACCOMMODATION NEEDED BY PEOPLE SEEKING TO STAY IN STUTTON 313 Households	Owner Occupied8Housing Association Rented2Local Authority Rented5Private Rented2Starter Home2Other2	See above The twelve people seeking alternative accommodation in Stutton ticked more than one option each ACTION POINT

DEVELOPMENT

Question 37 CAN STUTTON ACCOMMODATE MORE NEW HOUSING? 544 respondents	No Yes Do not know	255 47% 193 35% 96 18%		Although over a third of respondents believe more new housing can be accommodated, the figures show that just over half consider new housing will spoil the environment.
Question 38 DO YOU THINK MORE NEW HOUSING IN STUTTON WILL? 526 Respondents	Spoil environment No Change No Opinion Don't know Improve environment	268 94 66 60 38	18% 13% 11%	Although 268 people feel more new housing will spoil the environment, it appears, from answers to other questions, that many nevertheless recognise the need for some (sensitive) housing development, especially affordable housing for local young people, despite the anticipated effect on the environment.

Questions 39 & 40 WHAT KIND OF ACCOMMODATION IS NEEDED IN STUTTON? 502 Respondents IS THERE NEED FOR MORE ACCOMMODATION OF SPECIFIED TYPES? 459 Respondents	Homes for young people No more required Small family homes Homes elderly or disabled Homes for single people See Column 3	206 41% 186 37% 170 34% 110 22% 82 16%	It would appear that this question has produced a mixed reaction to new housing development with some individuals for and some against? 459 respondents that felt that more rented accommodation should be available and indicated what type this should be. Respondents could select more than one answer. 163 people stated that there is no need for any further accommodation; with 162 suggesting either Housing Association or Private Rented is needed, with 33 in favour of some form of shared ownership scheme; 129 are in favour of low cost homes for sale and 121 would like homes restricted for sale to local people. 45 favoured sheltered housing.
Question 41 WHAT TYPE OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE? 494 Respondents	Conversion of redundant buildings Single dwellings in controlled locations None required Groups up to 10 dwellings Expansion on the edge of Stutton	198 28% 183 25% 127 17% 124 17% 87 13%	It is apparent that many do not favour more housing in Stutton. Nevertheless, many respondents do believe that there is a need for some small-scale housing development(s) to provide affordable homes for sale or for rent within Stutton! It is interesting that 198 respondents considered converting redundant buildings into dwellings. It is not clear where these redundant buildings are in Stutton?
Question 42 OBJECTIONS TO DEVELOPMENTS MEETING NEEDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE?	No 308 Yes 102 No opinion 101	20%	A substantial majority replied in favour of such development.

511 Respondents

OTHER TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT

Question 17 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT 506 Respondents	Definitely not in favour Have reservations Favourable to more No strong opinion	33% 27% 20% 20%	It seems the people of Stutton have mixed views on tourism development, which encompasses wide-ranging areas of development from tourism attractions e.g. Alton Water's suggested provision of touring accommodation.
Question 17 continued	Favourable to more	31%	It would appear that there is some
SMALL SCALE	No strong opinion	26%	support for development and therefore
INDUSTRIAL WORKSHOPS	Definitely not in favour	25%	employment opportunities within
443 Respondents	Have reservations	18%	Stutton.

Question 17 continued SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT 451 respondents	Favourable to more42%No strong opinion22%Have reservations19%Definitely not in favour17%			However it would appear that, of any development, 'white' collar businesses are preferred over more traditional workshop based businesses. Perhaps there are opportunities for traditional rural craft based workshops with a limited tourism appeal?
Question 18 DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST ACCOMMODATION 294 Respondents	In favour of Bed and Breakfast / Guesth Camping sites Sites for touring caravans Others	ouses	66% 14% 11% 9%	Do these responses prompt the question "should tourism be encouraged?"
Question 69 WHICH TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT WOULD YOU SUPPORT IN STUTTON? 486 Respondents	None Small Groups of Houses Workshops Sheltered Workshops Light Industrial	180 175 173 118 113	37% 36% 36% 24% 23%	The responses should be read in conjunction with the earlier questions under Housing and Development as they overlap to some extent

TRANSPORT

Question 16 MAIN MEANS OF TRANSPORT TO WORK 503 Respondents Question 22	Car30761%Bus214%Train204%Walking184%	Unsurprisingly for a small rural Village, the car is the main means of transport for a great majority, whether for social reasons or commuting.
MAIN MEANS OF TRANSPORT (SOCIAL) 565 Respondents	Car50690%Bus346%	
Question 19 DO YOU EXPERIENCE TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING OUT OF STUTTON TO OTHER PLACES? 532 Respondents	Never 341 64% Occasionally 144 27% Often 47 9%	Not clear from these answers what causes the difficulties, whether limited Public Transport, Road hold-ups or some other reason

Question 21		Ves ² Ne	Only a minority showed interest in a car share scheme, with over half of
CAR SHARING SCHEME	Social or Leisure Shopping Work School	Yes ² No 185 242 174 268 81 280 63 275	respondents for all 4 categories saying "NEVER". The Tattingstone car scheme model was commended by several people ACTION POINT Slightly different results were recorded under the Question 45 asking about a Good Neighbour Scheme as regards sharing a car to Ipswich or Manningtree (see p 13)
Question 23			Use of the Scheduled Bus services is
USE OF SCHEDULED BUS SERVICES 457 Respondents	Shopping Social or Leisure Medical Visits Work Other	Yes No 161 255 82 270 37 307 33 310 23 207 20 216	reasonable. Shopping and leisure being the main reason for catching a bus. However the majority of residents clearly use their own cars.
Question 25	Education	20 316	A majority rated the route, reliability
SCHEDULED BUS OPINION	n	Good or	and cost favourably but the timetable was criticised by more than two to one.
	Route Timetable Reliability Cost Disabled Access	easonablePoor152918117216555116787448	Lack of a service to Manningtree and Tesco was a frequent comment. ACTION POINT "No service to Manningtree" "They only run occasionally"
431 Respondents			"Bus to Manningtree would be helpful"
Question 24 USE OF BUZABOUT BUS	Social or Leisure Education Shopping Work Medical Visits	Yes No 52 310 20 316 15 341 13 339 11 337	Very few Stutton people appear to use Buzabout, the vast majority never making use of it. ACTION POINT "Don't know anything about Buzabout" "Every time Buzabout contacted for use it has been unavailable as fully booked" "You can never get the Buzabout when
398 Respondents			needed and often doesn't turn up"
Question 26 BUZABOUT BUS OPINION	Route Timetable	Good or easonable Poor 61 19 55 21	The Buzabout service appears to be under utilized by Stutton residents as few responded to this question. Of those that did, the majority rated these five categories favourably.
91 Respondents	Reliability Cost Disabled Access	$\begin{array}{cccc} 53 & 21 \\ 62 & 19 \\ 74 & 10 \\ 52 & 13 \end{array}$	14 people made specific comments regarding problems accessing the scheme and booking trips.

 $^{^2}$ Yes here covers respondents answering both "often" and "occasionally" \$21\$

TRAFFIC / PARKING ROADS & SPEEDING

Question 20			The majority of respondents indicated
DO YOU EXPERIENCE PARKING PROBLEMS AT YOUR HOME? 524 Respondents	Nowhere to park Cars blocking entrance Cars blocking road	YESNO2439966363114325277198	that there were few parking problems at their home. However of those expressing concern 277 - 53% thought street parking in Stutton was a safety risk.
Questions 27 & 28 NEED FOR PARKING CONTROL	No need 15	4 47% 9 29% 7 24% 169 ad 62 38	There is clearly a concern and a need for restricted parking within Stutton. Of the 254 people expressing concern 66% highlighted the area between the Primary School and Larksfield Road as a major problem area. ACTION POINT "Parking - very difficult in front of school" "Parking near the school remains a major problem"
Questions 29 & 30 ARE THERE DANGER SPOTS ON STUTTON ROADS? 507 Respondents		74% 19% 7% 182 106 68	Every junction and bend was at some point highlighted as a concern. However the road by the Post Office corner, School and Gardner's Arms were highlighted as being a major issue along with speeding along the Holbrook Road. Several comments raised concern over increased traffic levels in Alton Hall Lane ACTION POINT "The increased traffic down Alton Hall Lane makes it difficult for walkers (especially the elderly) & impossible for those in disabled buggies"
Question 31 SPEEDING DANGER POINTS 431 Respondents	Manningtree Road School / PO Corner Gardeners Arms Holbrook Road Bentley / Stutton Lane Lower St / Church Rd	232 224 223 195 178 59	Speeding traffic throughout the village is clearly a major concern and issue. ACTION POINT
Question 32 WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING SPEED CONTROLS MEASURES IN STUTTON? 513 Respondents	Flashing "slow down" signs More speed cameras Speed limit reduction Children at Play Signs Traffic calming More road warning signs None of the above	325 63% 166 32% 131 26% 127 25% 126 25% 102 20% 85 17%	Obviously people opted for more than one measure. The numbers in favour of each option indicates strong support for speed control measures, Flashing 'Slow Down' signs by far the most popular. ACTION POINT

PARISH COUNCIL/LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Question 63 ATTENDENCE AT PARISH	No Yes	369 68% 176 32%	These figures suggest a reasonable interest is shown in Parish matters. Should more be done to encourage a greater attendance?
COUNCIL MEETINGS	1.00	110 02/0	
545 Respondents			
Question 64			90% of those who expressed an opinion felt
DO THE ISSUES DISCUSSED REFLECT LOCAL ISSUES?	No opinion Yes No	298 64% 153 32% 17 4%	local issues were well reflected
468 Respondents			
Question 65			The Parish Council has already responded to
PUBLICITY OF DECISIONS	Reasonably Well No Opinion Badly	207 41% 143 29% 112 22%	this by publishing Minutes of meetings in Roundabout.
502 Respondents	Very Well	40 8%	
Question 66			The Parish Council has already responded to
HOW WELL DOES THE	Don't know how it is spent	267 52%	this by publishing Minutes of meetings in Roundabout
PARISH COUNCIL SPEND ITS MONEY?	Satisfied Dissatisfied	$161 \ 31\%$ 20 4%	Re money spent - "never seen any accounts!!"
515 Respondents	Distantinea	20 170	
Question 68			Although the Parish Council follows the
PUBLICITY FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUFFICIENT?	No Yes No opinion	232 45% 152 29% 132 26%	regulations regarding publicity, even more needs to be done to keep residents fully advised. The Planning process is driven by regulations set by Babergh District Council
516 Respondents			
Question 67			83% of opinions expressed were satisfied
AWARENESS OF ELECTED COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL CONCERNS AND FEELINGS	Council Stutton Parish Babergh District Suffolk County	Satisfied 83% 60% 42%	Stutton Parish Council was at least quite aware of local concerns. The local awareness for Babergh District Council was less favourable at 60% and even less for Suffolk County Council at 42%. ACTION POINT
499 Respondents			

SIGNS/FOOTPATHS/PAVEMENTS

Question 33 ARE THE ROAD SIGNS IN AND TO STUTTON ADEQUATE? 542 Respondents) 83% 5 10% 7 7%	Despite the sizeable response of GOOD, several people commented on the lack of Stutton signs at any point along Stutton Lane or Bentley Lane and the unclear signage at the Brantham Bull junction. It was also suggested that a Stutton sign was needed along The Drift and/or Churchfield Road for those approaching Stutton down these two roads. ACTION POINT
Question 34 HOW USER FRIENDLY ARE THE PAVEMENTS IN STUTTON TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, PUSHCHAIRS OR WHEELCHAIRS? 535 Respondents	Poor 151	9 41% 1 28% 3 22% 7 9%	Problems highlighted were: - Car parking on pavements. Wheelie bins left on pavements. Overgrown hedges limiting the width. Stones from driveways made walking difficult. Dog Mess is a hazard. The pavement from Bentley Lane to the War Memorial was criticised as being too narrow with fast traffic going past.
Question 35 IS THERE A NEED FOR A PAVEMENT FROM OAK HOUSE INTO THE VILLAGE? 510 Respondents		4 85% 5 15% at one?"	An overwhelming response. Many were shocked that a Pavement was not put in place when Oak House was erected, as was shown on the Plans. A strong demand for a Pavement, one occupant of the Almshouses asked that it reached to the Almshouses as well. ACTION POINT
Question 36 WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MORE PATHS AND STREETLIGHTS? 428 Respondents	Environmental lights Street lights Cycle paths Footpaths Pavements Less street lights	226 53% 200 47% 156 36% 117 27% 114 34% 70 16%	Stutton has 33 footpaths and bridleways plus in Alton Water there are numerous footpaths and cycle ways. Clearly, Stutton Community feels that the existing streetlights are appreciated and are in favour of more lights by a margin of 3 to 1 respondents, particularly the environmentally sensitive type. Consideration should therefore be given to improving street lighting. ACTION POINT
Questions 74 HOW SHOULD STUTTON BE KEPT CLEAN AND TIDY? 486 Respondents	More frequent emptying of litter & dog bins Two spring clean days Enter village of the year competition Annual spring clean day Put up notices Paid litter warden Paid road sweeper	219 45% 148 31% 130 27% 100 21% 91 19% 67 14% 62 13%	These responses indicate a strong desire to keep Stutton clean and tidy by a variety of methods. ACTION POINT As already highlighted elsewhere, litter and dog mess are thought to be a particular problem.

Question 77 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS	Do You Know WheYes412No63No opinion30	80% 12% 6%	A significant number of people (412) are not aware of the location of footpaths and bridleways. A map was placed at the Community Hall in 2000 as part of the Millennium project. Similarly, the number of people (95)
	Can You Use Them Wi Yes 314 No 95	61%	who feel they have difficulty using footpaths is not insignificant.
514 Respondents	No93No opinion58Are They Well SiYes296No94No opinion79	11%	The sign posting of our footpaths needs to be checked in the light of the number of people (94) who feel they are not well sign posted. ACTION POINT
Question 78 WHAT DIFFICULTIES DO YOU HAVE USING FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS? 397 Respondents	Major difficulties Bushes/Nettles Mud/Water Crops across Paths No Sign Posts No Difficulty	130 33% 103 26% 71 18% 69 17% 163 41%	The need for regular clearance of the footpaths was a frequent comment. Some felt that it would be good practice to divert footpaths around fields and some requested more continuous footpaths to provide more circular routes.



HEALTH AND WELFARE

Question 43 DIFFICULTY GETTING TO MEDICAL SERVICES	Hospital Holbrook surgery Chemist Chiropodist Optician Dentist Other medical facility	50 51 22 42 60	No 410 420 403 364 399 405 329	A sizeable majority recorded no difficulty accessing the local Hospital, the Holbrook Surgery and other health facilities. The minority that do, however, is of concern and will warrant further consideration, perhaps a Car Scheme, see Questions 21 & 45 ACTION POINT
Question 44 VIEWS ON VARIOUS LOCAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL FACILITIES?	Holbrook surgery District Nurse Health Visitor Home Help Ambulance Maternity care	ood/Reaso 477 Foo few an to be worth mentio	91% swers hy of	Holbrook Surgery is EXTREMELY well regarded by the vast majority of Stutton Residents. The much smaller numbers who use the other 10 services listed expressed satisfaction with them although many indicated they had not used them.
Respondents 526	Physiotherapy Services			

The Health & Welfare topic enabled many respondents to comment favourably about the health benefits of living in Stutton as regards peace and quiet, safety and family links. The topic also revealed concerns about the dangers for Oak House residents due to the lack of a footpath, which is a specific topic under the heading of Footpaths - Question 35.

³ Yes here covers respondents answering both "often" and "occasionally"

YOUTH SURVEY SUMMARY

The Youth Questionnaire was aimed at the age range 8-16. Of a total of 66 questionnaires issued to this specific group, 46 (70%) young people responded to the Questionnaire. The 46 were distributed evenly across the age range with roughly equal numbers in terms of gender, most being long term (6 - 16 years) residents of the village. About three quarters were being educated in the locality, Stutton, Tattingstone or Holbrook. **Q1-5**

To a large degree, they share the lifestyles and concerns of their parents' generation - travelling by car and valuing the peace and quiet of village life, the downside being a perceived lack of activities for their age group. **Q8**. When it comes to filling this gap, the need for Tennis Courts leads the way, cited by half of those responding, closely followed by Football. Others would welcome facilities for Cricket, Badminton, Pool, a Cycle Track and a Skateboard Park. **Q 10**. <u>ACTION POINT</u>



More than half make use of the playing field behind the Community Hall, and a slightly smaller number say they use the play area adjoining the Primary School. **Q 11**.

Virtually all live in homes where there is a computer with an internet connection, **Q 13**, which probably explains the lack of support for a Village Internet facility. **Q 15**. On the other hand a majority of two to one thinks the Village should have a Youth Club. **Q 16** <u>ACTION POINT</u>

When asked to itemise the advantages and disadvantages of living in Stutton, while many enjoyed the rural peace and freedom (see above) there was an expressed anxiety about speeding traffic and lack of safety for cyclists. Three named good schooling among the benefits while, for one ten-year-old, 'lots of nice pubs' was cited as a good reason for living here! **Q 19**



Although all rely on their parents' cars for most transport needs **Q 23**, a significant minority (20/46) use public bus services - **Q 20**, although 12 experience difficulties in doing so, with lack of frequency cited by 11 of these. **Q 21**, 22 <u>ACTION POINT</u>

For entertainment outside Stutton, Ipswich - unsurprisingly perhaps - was the almost unanimous choice. **Q 24**

On the question of youth involvement in Village affairs 27 out of 44 think it is 'a good idea 'to have a 'Youth Parish Council', although fewer (19) would be willing to serve on it. **Q 25, 26** <u>ACTION POINT</u>

When questioned about future education, about half (21/43) would like to go to University. Q 28.

Still thinking about the future, 25 foresee a need for affordable housing for young people in the Village whereas only 5 thought otherwise. **Q 32**.

Reassuringly, in answer to the question 'Do you feel safe in Stutton?' 44 out of 45 answered 'yes'. Q 33

BUSINESS SURVEY SUMMARY

22 businesses responded to the questionnaire. Agriculture accounted for 4 of these with two Public Houses, a Veterinary Surgery and a Hairdresser with the Water Utility being the largest. Whilst some were home workers, discretely placed in other parts of the Village were small business units involved in manufacturing, retail and other services of which 7 have been based in Stutton between 1-5 years and 12 over 10 years. 6 businesses in Stutton are marketing World Wide & 7 Nationally with 9 Regional.

Asked what attracted them to the Village, replies included the local environment, suitable premises and easy access to road and rail links. 5 businesses pointed out that the bus service failed to connect with Manningtree train station. **Q1-4**

2 businesses employed more than 25 people, 8 employed 4-10 and 9 employed 1-3. 12 people walk to work or used bicycles, travel by means of their own car or car sharing was the main means of getting to work. Recruiting staff locally appears not to be a major problem although 7 businesses found that lack of special skills or experience locally was of concern. 4 thought inadequate local transport was a difficulty. 6 employers anticipated increasing their work force, 15 remaining static. Asked how they would advertise for staff, 11 would use local press, while none anticipated using Roundabout or the Web Site. **Q5-13 ACTION POINT**

Asked how easy it was to find suitable premises, 5 thought it was very easy, 8 quite easy. 3 expected to require more accommodation in the next 3 years. **Q14/16**

General refuse collection was not considered a problem with 17 being either very satisfied or satisfied. However, recycling came in for criticism with 8 being dissatisfied or very dissatisfied; the main problem being lack of recycling facilities for cardboard and boxes which had to be put with general rubbish. **Q28-29** ACTION POINT



Road access and car parking was satisfactory although 6 considered public transport a problem. The local planning system was thought "helpful" by only 5 and "restrictive" by 3. Stutton Parish Council and Babergh District Council were thought by several to be helpful although most had no opinion as, with Utility's and Telecom. **Q17-19**

15 responded about road and traffic issues. Road maintenance, HGV's using our narrow local roads, speeding traffic and limited public transport were the main issues. Traffic congestion and dangerous parking in the area of the school (as

indicated by the main report) came in for criticism. 5 considered signage to the Village needed improvement and 8 felt signage to the actual businesses was inadequate. **Q20-22** <u>ACTION POINT</u>

Although Stutton is, generally, a low crime rate area, of the 19 who answered this question 13 have experienced no incidents, 3 have experienced 1 or 2 incidents and 3 have experienced more than 2 incidents. 12 businesses had installed specific measures e.g. alarms etc. Opinion was divided as to whether local police coverage was effective or not. **Q23-25** Roundabout was highly regarded by 13 businesses as a means of learning about facilities and activities in the Village. 10 favoured the local Notice Boards and 4 the Web site.

Asked if tourism or camping or holiday homes should be encouraged, opinion was fairly divided amongst the 20 businesses that responded. They were more strongly in favour of small business and industrial workshops to bring more jobs to Stutton. **Q26-27**

One respondent said: - "Stutton stands in an area of outstanding natural beauty and with Alton Water, the Village attracts people world wide for my type of business."



STUTTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

The detailed analysis pages plus the Youth and Business Survey Summaries note where an ACTION POINT has been felt to be appropriate.

The following five pages list each of the ACTION POINTS under the following headings: -

CATEGORY - link with the Rural Theme

ISSUE – Brief indication of the issue under consideration

ACTION – Brief note of the proposed action to be taken

LEAD ORGANISATION - The organisation to take the lead in the proposed future action

PARTNERS - Details of other organisations who may be able to assist in the future action proposed

RESOURCES - An indication of the resources needed, if any

PRIORITY - Details of the proposed allocation of priority



STUTTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

PRIORITY 1 = URGENT 2 = MEDIUM TERM

2 = MEDIUM TERM3 = LONG TERM/ONGOING

CATEGORY	ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD ORGANISATION	PARTNERS	RESOURCES	PRIORITY
Access to Information	Mobile Phone Communication Q62 (p13)	Investigate potential for a sensitively sited Mobile Phone Mast	Parish Council	Babergh District Council Telecoms Companies	Telecoms Companies Time & Effort	2
Access to Information	Telephone Box Q60 (p 12)	Continue to seek retention of the existing Telephone Box	Parish Council	British Telecom	Time & Effort	1
Access to Information	Information Q51 (p 14)	Promote the issue of an "Information Pack" to newcomers including details of "What's On" at the Community Hall & the Playing Field	Parish Council	Community Council	Seek Grant Funding	3
Emergency Planning	Emergency Details & Local Information Q59 (p 12)	Display Emergency Details and other local information on Notice Boards, on the Website, in the Shop and in Roundabout	Parish Council	Shop Website Roundabout	Time & Effort	1
Voluntary & Community Activity	Good Neighbour Scheme Q45 (p 13)	Form a working party to seek to set up a Good Neighbour Scheme	Parish Council	Volunteers Suffolk ACRE	Seek Grant Funding	2

CATEGORY	ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD ORGANISATION	PARTNERS	RESOURCES	PRIORITY
Community Safety	Security Q47 (p 15)	Form a working party to seek to set up Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Parish Council	Volunteers Police	Seek Grant Funding	2
Risk Management	Flooding Q76 (p 16)	Investigate ways to reduce flooding in affected areas	Parish Council	Suffolk C C	Suffolk C C	1
Cultural, Sporting & Recreational Activities	Clubs & Activities in the Village Q52, Q53 (p 14)	Seek to develop expressed interest in more activities and clubs for all groups of residents	Parish Council	Community Council Community Hall Committee	Self Funding Seek Initial Grant Aid	3
Community Safety	Police Q46 (p 15)	Discuss response regarding level of Police coverage in Village with Police	Parish Council	Police District Councillor	Time & Effort	1
Recycling & Waste Management	Recycling Q49 (p 16)	Explore ways to extend existing recycling facilities in Stutton	Parish Council	Babergh District Council Business Units	Self Funding	2
Environmental Health & Pollution	Dog Mess Bins Q75 (p 17)	Seek ways to introduce more Dog Mess Bins in the Village and in Alton Water and to encourage their use by the Public	Parish Council	Babergh District Council Anglian Water Alton Water Workforce	Parish Funding (for Village bins) Anglian Water (for Alton Water site)	2

CATEGORY	ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD ORGANISATION	PARTNERS	RESOURCES	PRIORITY
Recycling & Waste Management	Community Composting Q70 (p 17)	Investigate the possibility of introducing a scheme	Parish Council	Babergh District Council Suffolk ACRE Horticultural Society	Seek Grant Funding	3
Affordable Housing	Housing Q8 (p 18)	Arrange Housing Survey	Parish Council	Suffolk ACRE	Suffolk ACRE	1
Voluntary & Community Activity	Car Sharing Q21 (p 21)	Seek details of Tattingstone Car Scheme and consider implementation in Stutton	Parish Council	Tattingstone P C Suffolk ACRE	Self Funding Volunteers	2
Public Transport Provision	Local Buses Q25 (p 21) Youth Survey Q21, Q22 (p 27)	Seek to address dissatisfaction with timetabling and routing of the local bus service	Parish Council	First Group/Eastern Buses Suffolk C C Babergh D C	Time & Effort	2
Community Transport	Buzabout Q24 (p 21)	Seek to promote and extend the availability of the Buzabout service	Parish Council	Suffolk ACRE Buzabout	Time & Effort	2
Traffic Management	Speeding Q32 (p 22)	Consider ways of introducing speed controls in Stutton	Parish Council	Police Suffolk C C Volunteers Community Speed Watch	Time & Effort	1

CATEGORY	ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD ORGANISATION	PARTNERS	RESOURCES	PRIORITY
Traffic Management	Traffic Danger Spots Q29, Q30, Q31 (p 22)	Address traffic danger spot problems identified by responses including specific problems affecting Alton Hall Lane	Parish Council	Police Suffolk C C	Time & Effort	1
Traffic Management & Parking	Parking Dangers Q27, Q28 (p 22)	Seek to address the widely expressed deep concerns about the major parking dangers at the School	Parish Council	Police Suffolk C C	Time & Effort	1
Local Democracy	Parish Council Q67 (p 23)	Seek ways to address the concerns expressed relating to the Parish Council	Parish Council	None	Time & Effort	1
Public Rights of Way	Oak House Pavement Q35 (p 24)	Continue to pursue the clear & vocal demand for a footpath between Oak House and the main road	Parish Council	Babergh D C Suffolk C C Housing 21	Time & Effort	1
Public Rights of Way	Footpaths Q77 (p 25)	Organise and publicise regular checks of Footpaths to deal with concerns expressed by residents	Parish Council	None	Time & Effort	3

CATEGORY	ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD ORGANISATION	PARTNERS	RESOURCES	PRIORITY
Public Rights of Way	Signage Q33 (p 24) Business Survey Q20, Q22 (p 28)	Seek to increase the number of road signs referring to Stutton and improve signs to local businesses	Parish Council	Babergh D C Suffolk C C	Babergh D C Suffolk C C	2
Maintenance – Roads and Footways	Cleanliness & Tidiness Q74 (p 24)	Seek ways to maintain and improve the cleanliness and tidiness of the Village	Parish Council	Residents Community Council	Time & Effort	3
Access to Healthcare/ Voluntary & Community Activity	Access to medical facilities & services Q43 (p 26)	Consider how to identify and assist those people in need of help ⁴ accessing medical facilities and service (e.g. Prescription collection).	Parish Council	Community Council Local Surgeries Community Transport	Volunteers Seek Grant Funding	3
Facilities for Teenagers and Younger Children	Clubs & Activities Youth Survey Q10 (p 27)	Consider making provision for more Clubs and Activities for young people of all ages	Parish Council	Community Council Community Hall	Self Funding Seek Grant Funding	3
Facilities for Teenagers and Younger Children	Clubs & Activities Youth Survey Q16 (p 27)	Consider setting up a Youth Club	Parish Council	Community Council Community Hall Suffolk ACRE	Self Funding Seek Grant Funding Volunteers Time & Effort	3

⁴ Link to Good Neighbour Scheme

CATEGORY	ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD ORGANISATION	PARTNERS	RESOURCES	PRIORITY
Facilities for Teenagers and Younger Children	Clubs & Activities Youth Survey Q25, Q26 (p 27)	Consider setting up a Youth Parish Council	Parish Council	Community Council Volunteers	Time & Effort	3
Jobs & Local Economy	Jobs/ Information Business Survey Q5-Q13 (p 28)	Consider using Roundabout and the Website to advertise local job vacancies	Parish Council	Roundabout Website	Time & Effort Self Funding	3
Recycling & Waste Management	Recycling Business Survey Q28, Q29 (p 28)	Press Babergh District Council to provide recycling facilities for local businesses	Parish Council	Babergh D C	Self Funding	3
Maintenance – Roads and Footways	Street Lights Q36 (p 24)	Consider improvement to the street lighting in Stutton	Parish Council	Babergh D C Suffolk C C	Funding from County, District and Parish	3

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Production of a Village Plan for Stutton has been a vision of the Parish Council for some time and the first steps were taken back in May 2006 when the Parish Council voted in favour of proceeding with a Village Plan project.

The remit was as follows:

- Obtain views and opinions from all residents of Stutton on local issues of importance to them
- Identify what the Community wants to change and what should remain unaltered
- Seek the views and opinions of younger residents and businesses of Stutton
- Inform local councils of issues raised so they can consider incorporating these in their local plans
- Put forward Action Points to address important issues raised

An open meeting at the Community Hall demonstrated good support from residents for the proposal. A Steering Group was formed and the project began with a team of willing volunteers.

Funding to support the project was sought and a total of $\pounds 2600$ was obtained. Expenditure has been held well within budget.

The return rate for the questionnaires was far higher than anticipated, with more than 80% responding. This has enabled the Steering Group to produce a comprehensive report on a truly democratic basis, which reflects the thoughts, concerns and future needs of the residents and businesses of Stutton.

Whilst many individuals made strong representations on points of personal interest, there was general agreement regarding major points of concern e.g. speeding, parking at the school, litter and dog mess and improved transport links. Having considered all of the representations, it is the Steering Group's conclusion that the overwhelming feeling within Stutton is one of pleasure at living in such a peaceful and attractive location. Apart from the few concerns, the general consensus is that little needs to be changed.

Additional comments show that most residents really do enjoy living in Stutton and it is hoped that the expression of warmth and well being within the community will continue for many years to come.

The Final Report will be formally accepted and adopted by Stutton Parish Council who will accept responsibility for taking the various Action Points and recommendations forward for further consideration.



WHAT NEXT ?

The issue and presentation of this report represents the completion of the Steering Group's remit, having undertaken wide consultation with the residents and other interested parties in order to identify people's views and concerns about the Parish and Village of Stutton. Our list of Action Points has been based on our analysis of the huge amount of information gleaned from this consultation and the Steering Group looks forward to these Action Points being considered in detail by our Parish Council.

The Steering Group strongly recommends that the Parish Council and all interested parties shall become involved and cooperate in a positive and active manner to find ways to implement the Action Points that will meet the ambitions and needs expressed by the majority of residents.

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Parish Council

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Stutton Toddlers Stutton Community Shop Community Hall Community Council Babergh District Council

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