

HANNEY COMMUNITY PLAN 2011

APPENDIX 2

'Other Comments' from the Questionnaire & Consultations

Hanney War Memorial Hall (Q2-Q3)
The village hall needs reconfiguring / reorganising so that, for example, all chairs are accessible at ground floor level.
Village hall is good - make effort to increase usage.
The function rooms are enough for village use but storage room would be an asset.
Allow the village hall to be used for Hanney School functions, eg Plays, discos, free of charge.
Use it or lose it - village hall.

Playing Fields & Children's Playground (Q4-Q5)
What about trim trail around the village or just playing fields?
Children's playground could do with equipment for age 7 plus.
We would like to have tarred basket ball pitch - please. And the current basket is a bit too high, but its not really necessary to make it lower.
Concrete ping pong table.
I would like a skate park for all ages so we don't have to go to Grove.
The playing field was provided by some people, who paid 25p (half a crown in those days) every month for at least 2 years and help from playing fields associations. So therefore it belongs to the village people. The late Horace Jones did all this without much thanks.
I would like to see a fitness or 'trim trail' installed around the playing fields to encourage children and adults to get fit, and use the village facilities. I am happy to get involved setting up this project.

Hanney Pre-School / Play Group (Q6)
Q6/Q51 - Pre-school is open everyday and behind St James 'Playgroup' is Mondays only. They are not the same group.
Being new to the village, the pre-school has been vital to us in meeting other families and young children's introduction to the school community.

Hanney Community Shop & Post Office (Q7-Q10)
Village shop run by volunteers, many over 70 years old. Increased hours may need more volunteers!!
Who will operate shop if extended hours. If more people do not use it, it will not be open at all. How many of those posing the questions use the shop?
Keep post office at all costs.
Rather than consider increasing the range of goods in the Community Shop, why not consider more focus with a limited range of goods - bread, milk, vegetables, meat (deal with Dews Meadows??), eggs, fresh cakes (ideally made in the village by an enterprising young lady), fruit and whatever else is a current good seller....but avoid trying to be all things to all men.
The Community Shop should stay open until 17.00 on Saturdays.
I would use the shop here if it sold items which were not animal tested.
We would like the community shop a lot more if it was open on Sundays.
Much bigger and better community shop, eg co-op selling much wider range of products. Locals would not need to drive to supermarkets.
Use it or lose it, ie community shop and farm shop.

Litter and Waste (Q12-Q13)
Are the recycling bins located at the Lamb being used?
Rubbish skip - currently sited at end Snuggs Lane x2 yearly. If this were increased to x3 yearly, this would be adequate.
Better control of dog fouling.
Better emptying or larger sizes of dog bins.
Dog fouling is becoming a problem around the village.
Deposit of household waste in bins by and opposite bus stop.
Need more dog litter bins, as lots of dog poo around Hanney.
Dog waste bins at various points.
More bins required for dog poo.
Q12 - Litter just a problem in the ditches.

East Hanney provides a skip every two months. I sometimes use this. I do not need one monthly.
More doggy mess bins please.
We object to people using the playing fields as a dog toilet and not cleaning up after them. Dogs not on a lead being a nuisance to other people. Also people from other places bringing dogs in cars and letting them run wild over field. These people not fussy about cleaning up. We are responsible dog owners.
There are a number of people who park on the car park then allow their dogs to run loose on the playing field and then leave without picking up any 'droppings'. This also applies to some local dog owners.
We need more rubbish bins / dog poo bins.
The footpath toward the church from the village hall and along the brook are always covered in dog mess. Also the dog bins are over flowing. As parents of young children this makes me go elsewhere for short walks and makes me ashamed of my neighbourhood.
Garden waste dumped in the field behind School Road and The Croft and Winter Lane.
I would like to see more dog bins around both East and West Hanney. There are many dog owners who don't pick up their dog mess along the main path between East and West Hanney.
The recycle bins currently at The Lamb should be relocated to the village hall.
Dog waste bins too few or not emptied enough.
Dog mess by side of the stream.
More dog poo bins - we are dog owners and always clear up after our dogs.... but some don't. More bins would help encourage others to do so.
More litter bins outside for the cricketers and footballers. The rubbish is everywhere, discarded drink bottles, etc..
More poo bins for the dogs as they are often overflowing or to be emptied more regularly.

Pavements (Q14-Q15)
The Causeway outside the Chaffinches is not in keeping with the village.
Pavements adequate but not when cars are parked.
Q15 - pavements in some areas would be good but care must be taken not to allow every lane, etc... to become 'towny'.
I am especially concerned about the state of the pavement opposite the Green in East Hanney where (I think) tree roots are pushing up the tarmac. I have had 2 hip replacements so am always worried about tripping over these bad areas.
Pavements - Winters Lane and the Causeway.
Poor standard of pavement renovation after flood in West Hanney. Weeds appeared after 2 weeks of being tarmacked.
Poor pavements are dangerous for my son walking back to West Hanney from East Hanney late at night.
In addition to Q23, I am concerned about heavy vehicles using the narrow road between the old raised pavements on the approach to the church in West Hanney. Both pavements are adjoining walls are listed and are being damaged by vibrations.
Pedestrian crossings from School to Causeway and from the Village Hall to the Causeway.
A pavement is urgently needed in Summertown, East Hanney.
Q14 Pavements - some are in a poor state and many are not wide enough.
Hand rails on all Causeway roadside steps.

Public Footpaths (Q16-Q18)
Who's responsible for clearing the alleys between Church Street / Main St and Main St / The Meads?
Urgent action should be taken to concrete / tarmac the extremely muddy path around the side of the church to the extended new graves plots. At present the path is a disgrace, esp for undertakers and folk attending graves. Funding from National Lottery!!
Footpaths extremely muddy and dangerous between iron bridge and N towards 1st field. This happens every winter. It is OK in summer.
I find the beautiful stone paths from the church to the Green are now becoming quite a hazard to walk on - due to the many dislodged stones.
Pathway from village hall car park and school needs to be fenced off to reduce risk of children falling off the Causeway.
The raised footpath between the two Hanneys should be kept clear of low branches and fallen leaves at this time of year (autumn)!!!! Hazardous for school children and mothers going to the school - also for senior citizens.
Stinging nettles need to be removed from Iron Bridge on either side.
Gardener's overgrown, trees over front paths, shrubs...
Footpath along side of Letcombe Brook and British Legion is dangerous and narrow - requires attention.
Pathway from playground to school needs a fence or moving away from the road. Recent work shows greater value for veg / allotments over the lives of our children. Similar problem on raised path to West Hanney. Needs common sense and lateral thinking.
Footpath delineation for residents of Summertown (EH).
Improved and extended bridle paths.
Footpaths need to be planned re above.
Q16 and Q17 - Public footpaths are deemed 'highways' and county councils are responsible for signs and access, so they should be help to this duty. In the same way, in the past, contractors digging service trenches to properties were required to maintain the repaired surface for a given period where after the Council Highways Dept were responsible for a permanent surface. This has never occurred in Winters Lane.
Footpath safety - pedestrians at risk from speeding cyclists.

A wheelchair friendly path along a section of the brook would be good.
A safety rail along the footpath in front of the Causeway houses is essential for those walking at night between the villages.
A footpath from Summertown to link with the main village system would be good idea to make walking more safe.
Q18 - Footpaths - only because we already use them as they are.

Cycle Paths (Q19-Q20)
6 users would benefit from a cycle path from Hanney to Wantage and Steventon.
In favour of cycle track but have had to put no as we no longer cycle.
It would be good if gravel or similar could be use to fill boggy, muddy parts of Green Lane... more amenable near set aside ??? In E Hanney. Also Green Lane to Grove
Provision of a cycle route to Steventon would be a priority for me.
We need cycle tracks.
Cycle paths need to be planned re above.

Road & Speed Limits (Q21-Q24)
Traffic calming near school - 20 mph.
Needs the school to submit a transportation review.
A roundabout at the Steventon Rd junction could be helpful, but not traffic lights, which tend to make situation worse.
I would not support lights or a roundabout. We need slower traffic on A338.
We need sleeping policemen outside school gates to slow traffic, because of no lollipop lady. Lights at iron bridge.
Bad access to A338, no notice taken of 30mph speed limit.
30mph speed limit in village is adequate - if only every motorist kept to it.
Discourage rat run.
Control traffic on A338 - prevent development in Wantage / Grove further increasing traffic.
The roadway by the church is daunting for elderly people, especially as the stone path is hazardous. I am 78 years old and was born and have lived in Hanney all my life. It is very frightening to meet an extremely large foreign lorry. This is a part of the village that must not be destroyed.
Some prioritisation could be good but, personally, I feel traffic lights would have a detrimental effect for those of use exiting from houses on the A338.
Divert through traffic away from Main St to the South of the village onto the A338 rather than at the La Fontana exit.
Most dangerous part of the village is the 5-ways junction with cars heading south from Frilford and turning right into the village. Also cars turning onto Steventon road from A338 are legally able to drive at 60mph before the entrance to La Fontana (extremely dangerous due to low visibility).
Five ways - improve vehicle access at A338.
Steventon road is used as a race track. Traffic calming or police radar units would be a big improvement.
It would be nice for people who live in Brookside not to have cars banned from driving onto the fields for the allotments; as its leaving car imprints on the field.
Would find traffic management at Dews Meadow end of Hanney very helpful. Don't think it needed at La Fontana end.
Increased traffic (particularly rat run traffic) at peak times is more of a problem. We need traffic calming measures - a roundabout on the southern East Hanney access to A338, white centre of road markings (Summertown - East Hanney) and Lay House bend (EH).

Very heavy traffic problem / large Homeserve lorries.
No point having a 20mph speed limit or traffic calming if the current 30mph is not enforced.
Speed camera as you come into Hanney on A338. They do not slow down, they still doing 40mph.
We believe the following items are of prime importance and when finances allow should be dealt with: (1) traffic calming, (2) speed of traffic, (3) volume of traffic, (4) heavy goods vehicles which include very large farm equipment with trailers which obviously causes road surface damage and in turn vibration to properties when vehicles are driven at speed.
I would prefer that the enforcement of existing lower speed limits did not involve the use of speed bumps.
Apparently it is impossible to enforce a 30mph speed limit in the villages, so why start dreaming about a 20mph limit?
Winters Lane - heavy vehicles and lightly loaded daily charging up and down this road causes terrific noise and vibration to properties. The heavies to 'Fyfield Wick' should be forced to use the A415.
The new sign off the A338 'not suitable for Heavy vehicles' is LAUGHABLE.
While I do not support the introduction of a 20mph speed limit or traffic calming measures within the villages (apart from junction with A338), I would support effective enforcement of the 30mph limit, not just in School Road, but also in Winter Lane and other roads in the two villages.
Parking in East Hanney is very dangerous, especially west of Black Horse (residents - not Black Horse customers). It is on a bend!
Traffic speed in Winter Lane is major concern.
Traffic speed is our major concern, as we walk our two children to school daily (from West Hanney).
It would be good to have sign warning people of the narrow bridge near the British Legion or a traffic priority system.
In addition to Q23, I am concerned about heavy vehicles using the narrow road between the old raised pavements on the approach to the church in West Hanney. Both pavements are adjoining walls are listed and are being damaged by vibrations.
Heavy lorries (HGVs) should be stopped. Use of connecting roads to A338 by tractors, horseboxes, etc... to be encouraged instead of public highways.
Traffic calming. I suggest sleeping policeman, they are effective.

Q23 - I would like to see heavy vehicles restrained from using road from The Green to the church in West Hanney. Both raised pavements and the walls on both sides are listed and are vulnerable to the vibration - as indeed is my Grade II listed house!
Concerned about heavy vehicular traffic along Church St because of damage to adjoining ancient high walls & pavements.
Speed limits are essential in village and on A338 - suggest speed warning signs that light up. Please no speed humps.
The biggest threat to our villages is the great number of HGVs that struggle through our lanes. Garford and Goosey have refused to permit this. Why does Hanney not follow suit? The likeliest reason for this is profoundly disturbing.
Speed limits to be raised to 50mph.
No traffic lights. <u>Unhumped</u> mini roundabout at both junctions.
Road narrowing chicane at Ashfield Lane junction to be removed and replaced with <u>unhumped</u> mini roundabout.
Concerned about speed of traffic through village.
We would prefer measures to enforce the existing speed limit rather than reducing the speed to 20mph.
Rather than a 20mph speed limit, enforcement of the present limit needs prompt attention <u>before</u> a child is killed.
My biggest issue is speeding. I have had 3 cats run over in West Hanney. Whilst the police and council claim 'the majority' of people don't speed, they only monitor the problem at 8.30 - 9am outside the school! Try concealing a real police speed trap between 7am and 8am between Winter Lane and the school. White van man and fat exec car will be caught out. Dog walkers, cats and kids doing paper rounds are in serious danger, especially in winter.
Traffic-calming measures needed.
Speeding traffic is our greatest concern. Anything which slows it would be welcome.
Traffic through the villages - I'm not sure about the weight, but the SIZE of some lorries concerns me. I feel the drivers of them might have preferred not to have been allowed onto such a narrow winding road as, for instance by Dandridge's Mill.
On the whole drivers seem OK going through the villages, but we do have a few who go far too fast. I don't know what can be done about that.
Any speed limit should be enforced.

Buses / Shelters (Q25-Q27)
Would like covered bus shelter on main Road (A338) on grass verge by seat. Also opposite old Bakery on Main Street.
More buses to West Hanney.
Sorry that new bus sign has gone at East Hanney.
A point of concern to this household is the lack of consultation over the bus-time display at East Hanney. This has been removed without, as far as we are aware any regard to the bus users views, particularly those in West Hanney. We found it very useful and wish it to be reinstated. We have made our feelings known at the Parish Council. Democracy should not just be for a chosen few.
All three of us would like the bus information sign to be reinstated.
I am very happy with the present bus arrangements.
Replace the bus sign to roof of bus shelter and replace the bus timetable to bus shelter which has been removed.
Have real time bus display back at Black Horse. As a resident of East Hanney, I believe the electrical timetable should be bought back and those who do not rely on the bus should not have a say whether to have it or not.
Bring back the electronic bus timetable by the Black Horse.
Why is it, Hanney residents can't ride the bus to Oxford on a duo Ticket (two for £5.50), when Wantage and Grove can? Unfair!
We would like an illuminated bus information sign at the bus stop at the Ashfields Lane on the A338 road.
Everybody should have a 'say' in decision like the electronic bus stop alteration, instead of 'a few' being allowed to make decisions. The bus service is vital for Hanney.
I think it was a shame that the electronic bus sign was removed opposite the Black Horse. Just because some people felt it inappropriate in the village. It was useful.
I would like to see an improved bus service from West Hanney to Oxford and Wantage town. Not everyone has a car and have to use a taxi just to do main shopping. I go to work and it takes me 50 mins to walk to the Black Horse and the same to walk back in the dark. I am 57 years old.
Why was the digital bus sign removed from by the Black Horse?
An afternoon bus from West Hanney to Wantage and return would be useful.
It would be nice to see more buses in West Hanney.

Because I can not walk far, I would feel cut off from Wantage, Grove, Abingdon, etc. It is just as well I have a car.
Bring back the electric bus display sign that was removed due to complaints.
Poor bus services are dangerous for my son walking back to West Hanney from East Hanney late at night.
The diversion of the express bus via the Black Horse would seem a sensible idea, to provide a half hour service with the Abingdon routed bus. A shuttle service should be considered between Charney, Lyford, West and East Hanney.
The return of time table at the Black Horse Stop.

Internet & Web-Site (Q28 - Q30)
As long as HPC decisions are in Hanney News, do not need to email.
We need faster broadband.
Much improved broadband access for village and fibre optic available.
Q29 - village website - not needed daily, but just when needed / updated information.
I think a useful addition to the village website would be the inclusion of the parish records and census information, etc... This would be of great interest to anyone trying to trace their family tree.
Q29 - a website may not need daily updates each week would be OK.

Village Communications (Q31-Q32)
Current adverts in 'Hanney News' seem adequate.
Q31 (directory of village firms and services) and Q32 (directory of officials of village clubs & societies) are covered by the Hanney News.
Support Hanney News (if required).
Q31 & Q32 - covered by Hanney News.
A directory of village services and societies would be very useful indeed.

Street Lighting (Q33)
Can we have the lights out in Morlands? People have porch lights and security lights, so street lighting isn't necessary. The lights make life difficult for the amateur Astronomer.
If it ain't broke don't fix it! If a street light is erected outside my property there will be vandalism - I'll knock it down!
Street lights up the lane in East Hanney also in dark places.
Street lights up the lane for people to use at night and round the road. Start to finish in Hanney, eg roads although the Hanneys.
Street lighting essential in certain areas, as Ashfields Close is extremely dark area.
Q33 (appears) to be phrased in such a fashion that it is unsympathetic to those who are opposed to any form of street lighting.
Q51 difficult - would also like young persons club and street lighting.
The street lighting should be along all main routes through both villages and not just confined to 'vulnerable locations' which you did not specify.
Poor lighting is dangerous for my son walking back to West Hanney from East Hanney late at night.
The village needs street lighting.
Lighting along Causeway foot path. Hand rails on all Causeway roadside steps.

Investment in Environment (Q34)
Q34 (which would you enjoy... pond, tree planting, bulb). Persons A & B would not enjoy any of the choices available. Tree planting and bulb planting already occurs in both villages. Thus redundant question.
We used to have a pond but the council filled it in.
We don't need a village pond. We already have a lovely brook and seating along it (not used much).
We don't need more bulbs or trees. There's plenty already.
We had ponds and ditches in both villages and they have been filled in and built on.
Bulbs and trees planted are adequate in village.
I would contest a 'bulb planting scheme' over the safety of our children.

Planning (Q36-Q42)
Make development in Wantage / Grove have alternative disposal of rain water / sewerage.
Q36 (if further properties were to be built...) is a leading question - as it is prefaced by IF. A negative answer, as in Q44, should have been possible. I hope the answers to Q36 won't be misrepresented, eg Hanney residents would like.....
The Green in North Green is still a disgrace. Have been waiting 25 years for the promised improvements.
We chose West Hanney to live because of the rural nature of the village. We do not need more development to increase the size.
We have answered 'No' to Q40 (additional premises for business / employment in the village), but would not object to 'conversion of existing buildings'.
Current village composition - mixed housing, shop, church, school, pubs, etc... in farming / agricultural countryside setting should be retained.
Electricity and telephone poles and overhead wires are too obtrusive.
Q36 - each on own merit.
If suitable land in the village became available, could it be considered for building small energy efficient homes for retired people to purchase? In this way a community could be developed where residents could support each other when necessary. Each have a small area of garden and perhaps share a car park instead of garages. Need to be near bus services. It would release larger houses for families to purchase.
Businesses in villages should be minimal impact for residents.
Business use - support extra small amount so as not to increase traffic greatly.
There is too much knee-jerk NIMBY-ism eg against developments, from vociferous people who don't want anything to change.
There are one, perhaps two, farmyards within the village that will eventually become derelict . West Hanney would be blighted if these were not in the future to be developed in some way.
There is sufficient new housing going on in Didcot / Oxford / Abingdon / Wantage / Grove without screwing up our village(s). We moved here to get away from development, not get swallowed up in it.

I think the high average age of Hanney residents is not good for the future of the village. More social / affordable homes should be a major objective.
Land to the rear of Lay House. A constant source of noise, smoke and pollution. Needs to be sold!
What is required is a living and dynamic village. This requires more young families with children. To this end, truly affordable housing must be provided. In particular for the indigenous inhabitants and their extended families, should they wish to live here. The houses must be family sized, with 3 or 4 bedrooms. Perhaps a very limited number of 1 or 2 bedroom flats for individuals.
Second homes should be discouraged. The village must not be an urban retreat.
Intelligent village growth will maintain a healthy school population and make the prospect of a mini supermarket, and other facilities realisable.
The farming community should not be hindered in any way.
Small-scale commercial and industrial developments should be encouraged, and be allowed to sensitively integrate. This will attract entrepreneurial activity and provide local employment.
We moved to West Hanney because of its size and character. Any additional houses will change this and move the Hanneys closer in character to Grove.
Warden assisted retirement homes would be an asset or a small Old Folks Home.

People Issues & Clubs (Q45-Q49)
12 year old does not know of any facilities (entertainment or meeting facilities) for your people aged 12 to 18.
Would encourage but not use young persons social club in the village hall.
Village facilities are excellent but fewer people to run these, eg no brownies. If there were more facilities for retired who would run these?
There is a great need for people under 50 to take responsibility for organising committees and Parish Councils.
November 5th Village Bonfire and Fireworks party would be good.
Would be nice if the village had a cub / scout group (which caters now for boys and girls).
A fete / carnival should be bi-annual.
I am too young for older peoples clubs (Under 50). I have no young children. I never use the village hall.
No provision of childcare facilities either nursery or before / after school clubs.
Without a knowledge of the list of 'over 40 different organisations, etc.', I don't know if the following already exists, but under 'People Issues' (pg 6) I would have liked a question about a 'Good Neighbour Scheme'. Many instances exist of informal arrangements but there are downsides to these, as those involved know, including reluctance to ask for necessary help. Links to IAC and local Health - important benefits of organised help.
I would support more seasonal events such as an annual Bonfire, Summer fete and Christmas Fayre.
Q51 difficult - would also like young persons club and street lighting.
I would like to see an arts / crafts / social event held in the HM in the evenings, allowing teenagers, pensioner and those who work to meet and get to know each other.
Additional ideas - organised fireworks for villages (5th Nov).
Children's and youth facilities have to be improved.
More arts and craft clubs for all ages.
Q47 - Expand the school fete into a village one.
Should have a street carnival every year to boost village morale.

Parish Council (Q50)
I understand a YES to Q50 (single parish council) would necessitate an Act of Parliament.
Most sensibly such needs should emanate from an enhanced Parish Council for each village, already in place and with a wealth of experience, incorporating members of this project willing to serve, who should then hold joint meetings, say twice a year, to progress these community matters. (see other comments from person 69).
Would need to know what difference joining the Parish Councils together would make before agreeing.
I am not sure how this all interacts with the duties of EHPC but I don't feel EHPC does a good job.
I would like to see more information from the Parish Council about meeting dates and places, plus issues affecting the village.
Q50 - Decided by parliament.
People of E & W Hanney share a Church, Village Hall, Playing fields and school - Why not Parish Council??
Quite like to start this process with a 'wish list' but will the Parish Council(s) consult again on the way available funds are spent on preferred projects and allow changed preferences once relative costs are known?
West and East Hanney have always been separate villages and should remain so, and retain their own Parish Councils. All or most of the matters dealt with in this survey could and should be dealt with through the Parish Councils.

Allotments
No mention has been made of provision of more allotments - this is something we would be keen on.

Church
I would like the church and village working together, also a Sunday School.
Group to tidy up the area of church yard immediately behind the church.
My dream would be to see the church tower restored to its former glory. I think this at least deserves a mention in the village plan. The current state was only meant to be temporary and here it is still the same over 50 years later.

Flood Defences
Additional funding should be provided for flood defences.
We believe the following items is of prime importance and when finances allow should be dealt with: Flooding in both villages.
Flooding - Over the years, some people have been allowed to fill their ditches. Hence one of the main reasons for flooding.

Helicopters
Need a communal resistance to lower flying helicopters making Hanney into a war zone. Individual complaints are ignored.
I don't like low flying helicopters flying over my home late at night.
There is nothing 'rural' about the excessive noise that we constantly suffer day and night because of low flying helicopters.
What about the MOD helicopters which fly so low and at all times of the day and night over the Hanneys.

Others
Some of the horticultural work may be carried out through the community service scheme
Would like a cash machine in village
The lighting of bonfires during the day, especially in the summer is not only anti-social but also extremely annoying and needs to be addressed sooner rather than later
NHW is missing from the volunteer section on the back page

Power Generation
Disappointed that community power generation is not one of the options considered here. We should be considering a village project to install solar panels and microgeneration.

Pubs
It is time village pubs were compelled to provide disabled access and facilities.
Support local pubs - important social facility.
The village pub needs more support, ie Black Horse and less unnecessary complaints.
I notice that Hanney Fest has not been mentioned. Personally, I enjoyed the event.
Use it or lose it - pub.

Railway

Wantage road railway station at Grove needs to be encouraged.

Rats

Rats are a great problem in both villages. Pest control should be provided free of charge

Reservoir

Please continue to object to the reservoir.

I cannot understand the opposition to the proposed reservoir. The suggested site is low quality largely unproductive land and it would be a wonderful addition to leisure facilities of the area. I understand concern over the construction upheaval but a small price to pay.

This localism initiative is to be applauded, however, issues such as the proposed reservoir development are driven by national / large scale commercial imperatives, which local communities are only likely to have a limited influence on. If it goes ahead could local people get preferential access to it?

School

Why were there no questions about the school? Any increase in the size of the village will have a knock on effect for the school. The school needs to be supported by the whole village as funding is always tight and inevitably will decrease.

Toilets

Toilet facilities are required close to the children's park.

Q5 - Children's playground - toilets needed by playground for school children to use.

The villages need a public toilet open 24/7 for use by visitors to weddings and funerals, walkers and people using the play area and sports field.

We need public toilets by the school / park.

Volunteering

Volunteers for any committee are in short supply, those employed between the hours of 7am and 6pm have little time to spare, even to deliver pamphlets such as this according to the Hanney News.

Volunteering seems to be a dying 'art' - some, if not all of these proposals need volunteers - where will they be found?

A voluntary transport scheme needs to be organised for the elderly / vulnerably / sick non drivers, non car owners of the villages.

I would like to see the formation of a group along the lines of the 'Charney Army'. This is a group of retired people in Charney Bassett who meet once a month and spend the morning doing useful work around the village, eg tidying footpaths, cutting back hedges, cleaning the children's play area, etc... They then retire to the pub for pensioners lunch.

General Comments About The Villages

We have only lived here for just over a year, and as a family we love the village. It is peaceful and a lovely environment for our children to grow up here.

Hanney has changed over the years and will change in the future especially if the reservoir is passed... from volume of traffic, roads changed, an influx of people and exit of others. It is 'Life in Hanney'. Those who don't want to stay will obviously go.

As far as I am aware the vast majority of Hanney residents love it as it is!

The Hanneys are pleasant rural villages and should retain this environment.

We feel satisfied with the village as a whole, as can be seen from our replies. Our biggest worry is that the village will be tidied up too much, to the detriment of the wildlife.

The questionnaire focuses a lot on doing things but not on preservation of character of village.

The Hanneys appear to be community minded and services such as the website, footpaths, community shop, newsletter are great.

I have lived in my house all my life (78 years). I think we have a lovely village.

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Questionnaire and Information Gathering
It is not results that require analysis, but the questions. Q 9 & Q10.
Some of the questions are of the kind where a man is asked 'have you stopped beating your wife?'
We left some questions blank as we did not want to commit to 'yes'.
This questionnaire is hardly anonymous with the information above having been given (ie postcode).
Poor questionnaire does NOT ask the right questions. Most of the answers will be of little use to the Parish. Prizes should NOT be needed - waste of our money, which could have been spent on improving the Parish.
The questionnaire would have been better if we had the option of 'not applicable' for some questions.
The matters referred to in the questionnaire seem to mirror much of the work of the Parish Council. There seems little purpose in adding a further layer of bureaucracy in the village despite the government's best intentions.
The paid officials of the local authorities are employed to respond to, discharge and act in accord with the requirements of the villagers who are also ratepayers. These duties should not easily be set to one side. (see other comments from person 69).
Avoid a multiplicity of committees which may prove counter productive. Success is usually achieved by having one strong voice rather than several disparate ones, the latter as you may or may not be aware allowing officialdom to be selective in their choice of options which may in the end not meet the desired objectives. (see other comments from person 69).
Any unanswered questions are because I have no opinion or they are irrelevant in my case.
As newcomers to Hanney there are aspects of community life with which we are not familiar - hence some of the 'blanks' in our responses.
I did not answer any of the questions regarding children, as we do not have any.
Some questions where I have answered 'yes' may be desirable but I know that practically it might not be possible.
Important - School, Church, Pubs - No mention.
I think the questionnaire should include problems like verbal harassment.

There should have been a 'don't know' box as well as a yes/no box... maybe next time.
Excellent range of issues within the questionnaire.
We have not answered questions concerning young children / families as we have no experience of facilities to this age group.
Not able to answer some questions as we moved here just 2 months ago.
It would be better to do the next questionnaire in the spring / summer - light evenings and thus more available collection time for the distributors.
We enter a period of financial austerity and up pops an organisation, I've never heard of asking 'how would we like to spend money?'. The people of Hanney have always looked after their own affairs and been very effective at doing it. This looks like a 'make work' project.
Query - What are we paying the Council for? A lot of the issues listed should be covered by Council tax, ie lighting, maintenance.
I am sight impaired and at present physically impaired, so therefore there are negative responses that would be positive if the above was not the case.
We are the XXXX family at XXXXX and are happy to be contacted to discuss the views we've expressed. Thank you for seeking our views. <i>[personal details removed for confidentiality]</i>
An excellent questionnaire.
Maybe, don't know and NA would have been useful for some questions.
Thanks to those producing this - would have been good to see you credited.
Many of the issues here do not relate to me, or ask about things I do not know about. I also feel some individual answers would be enhanced if there was room for comment for each, eg housing, business, shop, etc.. A bold Yes / No seems insufficient.
This questionnaire is unnecessary and will probably cost a lot of money, which would have been better used for the church of clubs. We remember WHPC did this several years ago and nothing stood out.

Suggestions received at the Public Meeting 14/05/11
Tricky getting onto A338 but if lights/roundabout put at the end of Main Street, it would be difficult to get out of drive as traffic is backed up.
Solar panels on village hall roof. - Community Energy Policy.
There is a big opportunity for the Hanneys to look at a community project for renewable energy technologies. Solar panels, wind energy and ground heat could make a substantial contribution to village energy needs.
The questionnaire did not offer the option for no development in the villages. There would be no concerns over developments if there weren't any.