

Grandborough Parish Plan Survey 2016

Results

There were 177 Questionnaires distributed of which 102 (58%) were returned. Please note that in the tables below apart from the first three and the eighth (residency) the figures refer to the number of household responses falling into a particular category. Please also note that not all respondents answered every question.

Number of people in responding households by age category

Ages	2011	2016
0 - 16 years	44	42
17 - 19 years	9	7
20 - 25 years	11	16
26 - 49 years	58	50
50 - 59 years	38	54
60+ years	60	83
Total	220	252

Detailed breakdown of number of children

Ages	2011	2016
0 - 4	10	9
5 - 7	6	6
8 - 9	4	4
10 - 14	12	15
15 - 16	12	5
Households with none	50	70
Total	44	39

Housing Circumstances

Current housing	2011	2016
Rented Council house	5	2
Tied accommodation	0	0
Private renting	8	8
Owner occupier	77	91
Total	90	101

Current housing	2011	2016
House	78	82
Bungalow	11	14
Maisonette	0	2
Barn Conversion	0	3
Total	89	101

Number of Bedrooms	2011	2016
1	1	2
2	10	12
3	31	33
4	30	29
5 or more	11	16
Total	83	92

Age of Property

Age	2011	2016
Up to 10 years	11	3
10 to 29 years	21	37
30 to 49 years	19	13
50 years or over	38	43
Total	79	96

Parish residency

How long have you lived here	2011	2016
Less a year	5	5
1 – 5 years	11	16
5 – 10 years	14	12
10 – 15 years	27	31
More than 15yrs	31	38
Total	88	102

Employment, number of adults over school leaving age by category

Employment category	2011	2016
Full time	52	68
Part time	27	18
Self employed	30(12 at home)	38(23 at home)
Not in Paid employment	54	53
Continuing education	15	15
Total	178	192

Proposed Lodge Farm Development

Do you think such a development would be beneficial to our parish?

Yes 8

No 87

Don't Know 8

Disadvantages anticipated:

Traffic	89	Flooding	39
Loss of Countryside/views	29	Noise and Pollution	24
Strain on Infrastructure	26	Loss of Community	18
Open door for further development	9	Light Pollution	7
Loss of Wildlife habitat	6	Increased crime	5

Benefits anticipated:

Shop	8	School	5
Affordable Housing	4	Doctor	4
Better public transport	3		

Children and Young Persons

Do you think that a small equipped area of play should be provided on one of the open spaces?

Yes 63 No 25 Don't Know 2

Suggested Age Ranges Catered for:

0 to 7 years 8; 8 to 14 6; 15 to 18 2.

Suggested equipment;

Swings 13; Slide 11; Climbing Frame 10; Roundabout 4.

Preferred site:

Aikman Green 23; Behind Village Hall 42

16 respondents are prepared to join team carrying out regular safety checks.

Do you believe that the current youth provision is adequate?

Adequate	2011	2016
Yes	16	7
No	16	40
Don't Know	40	45
Total	72	92

Do you believe that more should be done for Children and Young People?

Do More	2011	2016
Yes	28	21
No	12	
Don't Know	12	
Total	52	

Six respondents said that they would be willing to help with some additional provision. The following suggestions were made (number of responses supporting each is shown in brackets) : Youth Club(5); Sports(3); Scouts/Cubs/Brownies/Guides (1); Discos(1); Film nights(2).

Babies and Toddlers.

There were 7 respondents interested in joining a **Parent and Toddler group**; 2of them also offered to help run such a group.

Adults not in full time employment

Would you join a weekday group

29 respondents were interested in joining a weekday group. 12 offered to help support such a group. Monthly meetings were favoured by 20.

A number of suggestions for activities were made:- Walking/Path maintenance(12);Coffee Mornings(12); Outings(12); Working Parties(8); Speakers(4);Book club(2);

Persons with disability or special needs

No respondents said that they require assistance with day to day tasks.

Assistance

45 respondents said that they would be prepared to add their name to a list of those able to provide back up help in for example the collection of prescriptions, lifts to doctors, etc.

Environment and Design

Which, if any, single buildings or groups of buildings do you find particularly attractive?

The Church, its Spire and its flanking Wellingtonias are seen by a majority of respondents as a defining feature of Grandborough whether one is in the village or looking from a distance.

In relation to other buildings respondents were attracted to older, smaller scale buildings that they generally felt were more appropriate to a village setting. A number of replies mentioned favourably properties that were well kept and/or had been extended in a manner sympathetic to their location.

It is worth noting that views do vary. Buildings which some regard as attractive others find unattractive.

Buildings seen as attractive were:-

Church (and graveyard) (and Wellingtonias)	44
Shoulder of Mutton	16
Cottages in Main Street/ Church Road	12
Village Hall	7
Harrow House	6
Mill House	5
Moat House and Barn	5
Woolscott Manor	4
Old School	3
Badger Cottage	3
Old Vicarage	2
Birchen Fold	2
Aikman Green	2

Also mentioned (once each): 'Barn' in The Lane; Castle Farm; Chapel; Gilbert House; Meadow Cottages; Moat House; Steeples; Woolscott House.

Which Building(s) do you find unattractive?

Dislikes focused on properties that were felt to be out of keeping with their location mainly because they were seen to be too large and tended to dominate surrounding buildings. There were also a number of adverse comments about 'improvements' and extensions that were felt to have been carried out with little regard to their visual impact.

Any other built structures you find attractive?

Respondents generally like items which they felt contributed to a traditional rural community. The bus shelter was mentioned by 38 respondents. Other items mentioned were seats around village; planters; telephone box (though in need of care) :

Any built structures you find unattractive?

Power lines and poles	13
Too many road signs	7
Planters	4
Road names	4

The reasons for nominating the above were variously : intrinsically ugly, poorly maintained or vandalised, or seen as 'urban' clutter.

Which areas or views do you find attractive?

The consistent factor in replies to this question was an appreciation of open green countryside, with good distant views and little traffic noise. The Church Spire and its flanking Wellingtonias were seen as providing an attractive focus for views of the village from virtually all approaches, whilst open views and 'bowl' of middle distance higher ground contributed to the attraction of routes around and out of Grandborough.

Which areas or views do you find unattractive?

The limited number of responses to this question would suggest that respondents generally were positive about the parish. Four respondents mentioned the lorry park at Fields Farm

Areas of Pavements and Verges which need improvement

39 respondents thought that there were areas for improvement in Parish pavements and verges, and referred to many locations. The most frequently mentioned were: Pavements, particularly those from Meadow Cottages to Church Road, and outside Moat House; lack of verge/walkway on access roads particularly on bends on road to A45; the need to widen the Causeway, and problems with horse dung on the causeway..

Lengthsman

Do you think there has been an improvement in village appearance in last 18 months: Yes 61; No 19
Should we continue to employ a lengthsman: Yes 69; No 10

Mowing

Would you support a weekly mowing cycle: Yes 27; No 54.

Transport Issues

Main means of transport in, around and out of the Parish?

The overwhelming majority (95 respondents) rely on their car, with a few using motor cycle(4), bus(2) or farm vehicle(1).

Vehicles owned by household and in regular use: Cars 205; Motor cycles 3.

Public transport issues

Use of the school bus service

There were 12 respondents whose children use the school bus service. Most users(9) considered the service adequate, but 3 felt it was inadequate because of late running or in one case use of old bus with no seat belts..

Use of the Public Bus service

There were only 3 respondents who said that they used the public bus service, and only 1 of these thought that the service was adequate.

Road and Pavement users other than Motorists/Motor cycle users

Numbers of Cyclists, horse riders, and walkers using local roads

Use	2011	2016
Cycling	48	50
Horse Riding	9	14
Walking	74	86

39 of the above users indicated some problems in using parish roads and virtually ALL pointed to the problems caused by motorists passing too close, too fast, and without warning, and 5 respondents complained of the lack of consideration to other road users demonstrated by some cyclists. Others commented that lack of footpaths or even flat verges made some road sections a hazard, and 5 complained of horse dung on the causeway.

Are you inconvenienced by motorists parking on pavements or verges?

Inconvenienced	2011	2016
Yes	25	30
No	52	62
Total	77	92

Locations where such parking occurs were identified as follows :-
Main Street(14); Aikman Green(5); Outside Village Hall(2); The Lane(2).

Footpaths and Bridleways.

Do you walk local footpaths or ride local bridleways?

Use	2011	2016
Yes	62	86
No	21	2
If yes Daily	14	16
Weekly	23	26
Monthly	11	16
Infrequently	16	28

Of these users 7 reported having met some difficulties, and gave the following details:-

Footpaths overgrown; Lack of signs; Dogs not under control; Cattle slurry; Spring gates difficult when on horseback.

Landowners.

6 landowners reported problems with riders or walkers on their land. The problems were :-
Leaving gates open; Dogs off lead; Failing to pick up dog faeces.

Other comments concerning roads & transport not covered elsewhere.

Concerns were raised over groups of cyclists showing lack of consideration to others; large agricultural vehicles speeding; and articulated lorries taking a short cut and ignoring the weight limit

Parish Amenities and Utilities.**Maintenance of ditches and brooks**

25 respondents identified ditches they thought needed maintenance. Between them they referred to virtually every ditch in the Parish.

Street lighting

Number of Lights	2011	2016
More lights	20	15
Enough lights	49	68
Fewer lights	4	4
None at all	9	6

There were a number of suggestions as to where to add/remove lights. Most mentioned addition was The Lane. Most mentioned removal was Aikman Green.

Other comments on Amenities or Utilities not covered elsewhere

Street lights should be shaded to light the ground not the sky, and private lights should be masked to illuminate immediate curtilages only.

Street maintenance and litter.**Effort to keep the parish tidy**

Level of Effort	2011	2016
Not enough is done	2	2
Maintenance is sufficient.	69	77
More should be carried out to keep the parish tidy and catch offenders.	11	15

Landline telephone

Service Provider	Happy with the service	Unhappy with the service
BT	51	13
Utility Warehouse	8	1
Sky	5	1
Talk Talk	4	1
Vodaphone	1	-
EE	-	1
Plusnet	-	1
Fuel	?	?

Mobile Telephone

Service Provider	Happy with the service	Unhappy with the service
O2	9	25
Vodaphone	8	12
EE	2	15
Tesco	2	3
Orange	1	3
T Mobile	-	4
BT Mobile	-	1
Talk Talk	-	1
Three	-	4

Internet

Service Provider			Download	Speed		
	Very poor	Not Known	0-1mg	+1-5mg	+5-10mg	+10mg
Grandborough Community	-	29	-	3	5	1
BT	9	7	6	2	-	=
Sky	3	2	2	-	-	=
Plusnet	-	-	2	-	-	=
Three	1	-	-	-	-	=
Utility Warehouse	1	2	1	-	-	=
Vodafone	-	1	-	-	-	=
EE	2	-	-	-	1	=
Talk Talk	1	1	1	-	-	=
Zen	-	-	1	-	-	=
Fuel	-	-	1	-	-	=
Satellite	-	-	-	-	-	1

Allotments.

Eleven respondents said that they would be interested in having an Allotment. No one had suitable land available.

Shops.

Need for Community shops, Farm shops

See a need	2011	2016
Yes	61	62
No	21	35

Prepared to help run a Community shop

	2011	2016
Yes	20	31
No	57	57

One respondent said they had premises which might be suitable for use as a community shop.

Would use a local pick up point for newspapers

	2011	2016
Yes	26	21
No	57	75

One respondents said they might have premises suitable for use as a pick up point.

Village Hall

Use Village Hall	2011	2016
Often	23	31
Sometimes	42	47
Never	22	19

Suggestions for improvements/additional uses included:- Modernise Kitchen, d, Film night, dance/disco night

Parking for village hall

42 respondents expressed a preference for off-road parking, 21 had no opinion and 31 were happy with the current situation

Defibrillator

48 respondents expressed an interest in attending a training session.

Local Businesses

35 respondents run a business or work from home.

60 respondents said a directory of Parish Businesses would be helpful.

Church and Chapel

Use Church/Chapel	2011	2016
Often	9	9
Sometimes	45	50
Never	33	37
Use Farmers' Market		
Often		32
Sometimes		41
Never		29
Use Messy Church		
Often		10
Sometimes		3
Never		81

Suggestions for additional uses included:- Coffee mornings; Films.

Emergency Services.

Response Times

Responses presumably reflect the fact that fortunately emergency services are rarely called out

Police	2011	2016
Very good	6	6
Acceptable	12	8
Poor	9	2
Fire and Rescue		
Very good	4	2
Acceptable	8	-
Poor	0	-
Ambulance and Paramedics		
Very good	17	16
Acceptable	11	7
Poor	1	2

Experience of Crime

Most respondents had no experience of crime in the last five years, those reported were:

Nature of Crime	2011	2016
Theft from Person	0	0
Theft from House or other building	11	7
Theft of or from Car	4	1
Assault	0	1
Criminal Damage or Vandalism	11	4

Response by Police

Response	2011	2016
Speedily and effectively	5	4
Got there in the end	2	3
Tried to deal but little effect	4	3
I was not aware of any real effort	6	1
Not Reported	1	2

Recycling

91 respondents were satisfied with the two-weekly cycle of bin collection, while 10 were not.

52 use Stockton recycling centre most, with 30 using Daventry, and 27 using Rugby, while 2 were unaware of any of these.

61 respondents said that they would find a freecycling notice board (or equivalent) useful

The Pub

Importance of a successful pub	2011	2016
Very Important	65	63
Important	21	33
Not Important	2	4

How often do you use the Pub	2011	2016
3 or more days per week	6	7
Once per week	20	25
Once per Month	28	26
A couple of times per year	29	30
Never	5	12

Suggestions for improving trade (Analysis provided confidentially to Pub)

Community Affairs.

Information about Grandborough events

Source Used	2011	2016
Parish Council Notice Board	22	15
Parish Council Website		11
Village Hall Notice Board	22	30
Leam Valley Churches Newsletter	59	65
Village Hall Newsletter	75	82
Parish council Newsletter	74	77
Delivered notes from Village Organisations	74	71
Rugby Advertiser	23	25
Facebook		26
Word of Mouth	6	4
Direct e mails		2

If Funding became available what should be priority areas for attention (5 votes or more):

Flood Protection	56
Traffic Calming/Speed limits	36
Widening Roads	17
Extending Footpaths/verges	14
Improve Internet/mobile phone coverage	12
Pot Holes	5
Increase/Sign passing places	5

What do you like most/least about living in Grandborough (5 votes or more):

Like Most		Like Least	
Community	56	Poor Broadband/Mobile	32
Quiet	52	Floods	14
Countryside	44	No shop	12
Size of Village	12	Speeding Traffic	12
Low traffic	10	No public transport	6
Views	8		
Well kept	7		
Pub	6		
Village Hall	5		
Social Activities	5		
Accessibility to (rest of UK/World)	5		