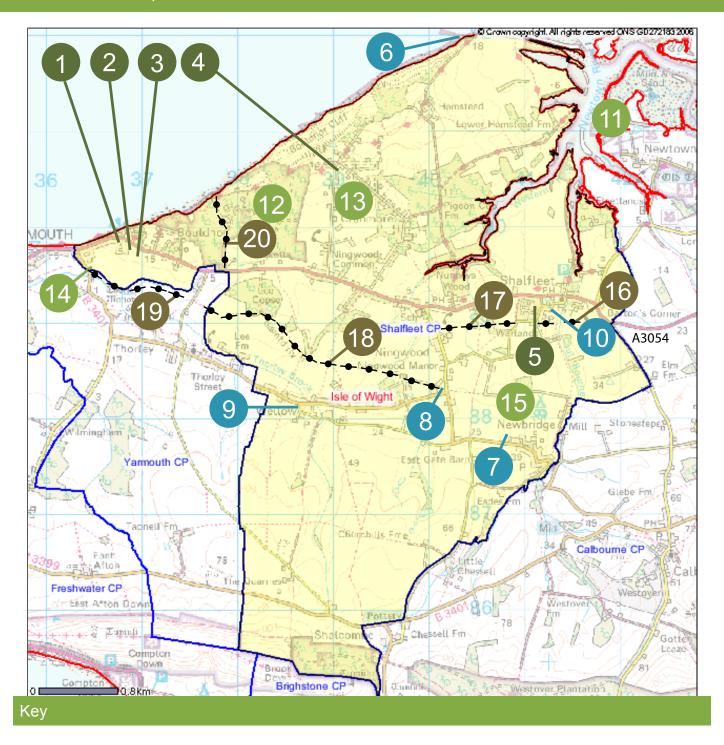
# Shalfleet Parish Community Plan





- 1 Bouldnor Mead
- 2 Bouldnor Play Area
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- 4 Cranmore Green
- 5 Fleetway Green
- 6 Hamstead Dover
- 7 Newbridge Playing Field
- 8 Ningwood Green
- 9 Wellow Millenium Green
- 10 Witlyfield Open Space

- 11 Newtown National Nature Reserve
- 12 Bouldnor Copse
- 13 Ningwood Nature Reserve
- 14 Former Unapproved Traveller's Site
- 15 Parish office
- 16 Barton Corner to Warlands Lane →
- 17 Warlands Lane to Station Road
- 18 Station Road to Hill Place Lane
- 19 Hill Place Lane to Thorley Road
- 20 Main Road to Coastal Path

2003 Parish Hierarchy: Shalfleet CP ( Parish )

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"Our Parish is beautiful and to keep it so needs all of us to actively manage/comment on all situations to make sure it stays lovely and peaceful."

Quotation taken from questionnaire responses.

# Foreword by Mrs Brenda Baxandall, Chairman, Shalfleet Parish Council.

In 2010 it was requested that the Shalfleet Parish Council consult the Parish residents with a view to preparing a local Community Plan.

A questionnaire was widely circulated which received an excellent response, thus enabling a steering group to be set up to collate and prioritise the comments. After much time and effort these were then used to produce this Parish Plan.

My thanks and those of the Parish Council, go to all those who have helped with this project.

Introduction to the Community Plan by Mrs. Helena Hewston, Chairman of the Shalfleet Parish Community Plan Steering Group.

The preparation of this Plan has given the people of Shalfleet Parish the opportunity to participate in and influence the way in which our area develops in the future – to say what they value about the area as it is now, what they would like to preserve, what they would like to improve, and, as importantly, what they do not wish to see.

A steering group to carry this work forward was formed in March 2010 and has met regularly to gather information, analyse it and prepare this plan.

The Plan describes our area and the communities within it, it says how communities were consulted, describes the findings arising from that consultation and sets these findings in a series of action plans to guide and influence the Parish in the future.

The Parish Council initiated the venture and supported the steering group with a small loan. A National Lottery grant funded the project and paid for the preparation and printing of the questionnaire and publication of the Plan.

Throughout the process we have worked closely with both the Parish Council and the Isle of Wight Council, and in particular we have been encouraged by advice, guidance and support from the Planning staff.

My thanks go to the small core steering group whose members have given so generously of their time and skills. I am deeply grateful to all those volunteers who have helped in so many ways and have made this a truly co-operative community led effort.

# 1. Our Parish - Its Setting and Community Facilities

Shalfleet Parish is a large and very rural parish in the north west of the Isle of Wight. It derives its name from the old saxon "Scealden Fleot" meaning "safe haven". This referred to Newtown Harbour, which in olden times was an important anchorage serving the local community as well as being a gateway to the Solent, mainland and the rest of the Island. Newtown was originally part of Shalfleet Parish.



'The creek which gives the Parish it's name'

The Parish covers some 20 square kilometres, is bounded on the north by the Solent, to the west by the communities of Yarmouth and Thorley Parish, to the east by Calbourne Parish and the south by Brighstone Parish and the Downs.

Within the parish are the settlements of Bouldnor, Cranmore, Hamstead, Newbridge, Ningwood, Shalfleet and Wellow. Each is a distinctive community with its own local character and priorities.

The Parish is divided into three distinct and different areas by the two main roads running east-to west. To the north of the A3054 is largely wooded terrain on heavy clay. The central belt between the A3054 and the B3401 is mainly alluvial clay lowland with small fields and copses and crossed by small streams. South of the B3401 is a more open landscape underlaid by Bembridge Limestone, with large arable fields and gently rising hills to the southern chalk Downs.



'Looking south across the Parish'

# Community Facilities

For such a rural parish with a relatively small population of around 1500 people (see appendices for detail) we are lucky to have an excellent range of meeting places, open spaces and other facilities.



'Our school, Churches and Social Clubs'

Amongst these are the religious centres of St Michael The Archangel Church at Shalfleet and the Baptist Chapel in Wellow; the community Halls are at Shalfleet, Newbridge and Wellow; the public open spaces are at Bouldnor, Ningwood Green, Wellow Green and Withyfield and the public playing fields with children's play areas are at Bouldnor, Newbridge and Wellow.

The Parish Office is situated in Newbridge.

We have a vibrant, successful and popular primary school and Pre-School located in Ningwood.

The two thriving pubs with eating facilities are the Horse and Groom at Ningwood, and the New Inn at Shalfleet, both of which are regularly used for community gatherings.





'The two pubs in the Parish'

There are well used shops - the Village Stores and Dairy Deli in Shalfleet, and a seasonally open shop for holidaymakers and the public at the Orchards Caravan Park in Newbridge.

Shalfleet shop and Rossiters Vineyard in Wellow support sub post offices.

Four public computer terminals with internet connection, available for anyone, are sited at the Parish office in Newbridge.

Some other private businesses offering services are;

the car sales, servicing and hire at Primedrive in Shalfleet, boat servicing and sales at Shalfleet quay, architectural services, accountant services, bed and breakfast accommodation, building supplies and skip hire, cattery, computer services, horse livery, schooling and activities, kennels, landscape gardening, plant nurseries and tree surgery; the list is not exhaustive.

There is a heated swimming pool at the Orchards Caravan Park which local residents may use for a fee.

Other local facilities well used by parish residents are ready available in our neighbouring parishes where car boot sales, sporting activities, festivals and exhibitions take place.

# 2. Why We Need A Plan

Local people know the area best. It gives local communities the chance to say what they want and what they don't want. It sets out the things that are important to the community and identifies both problems and opportunities.

The Community Plan can be adopted by the Isle of Wight Council as a supplementary planning document and thus forms part of the planning process. This will give guidance on future decisions in and for our area.

It can provide evidence when applying for grants and other funding.

It provides guidance on actions needed to resolve issues and how to achieve solutions.

It provides information and evidence for service providers such as the Isle of Wight Council, the Shalfleet Parish Council, police, fire, health and utilities, to help them provide and enhance their services.

The Plan itself fits within the National Planning Policy framework, and the Isle of Wight Council's Planning policies. During the course of preparation, the Localism Act was passed. This Act emphasises the need for local consultation and determination of factors affecting local communities. Towards the closing stages of preparation of the Plan the Isle of Wight Council's Draft Core Strategy went through examination and approval by the Planning Inspectorate and was formally adopted by the Council in March 2012.

The Shalfleet Community Plan is a working document and is subject to review.

# 3. How The Plan Was Prepared

After the initial decision by Shalfleet Parish Council, a core steering group of volunteers was formed to start the preparation. It was decided at the outset that the process should be as open and inclusive as possible. One of the first actions was to set up a series of exhibitions so that everyone had the opportunity to find out about the Plan and to help with it if they wished. Secondly a questionnaire was prepared and sent to every household in the Parish. At each of the key stages the Parish Council and the IW Planning Department were kept informed of progress and offered comment and guidance.

# 4. The Exhibitions

Five public exhibitions launching the Community Plan were held at:

- Shalfleet School on 16th and 17th September 2010
- Wellow Literary Institute on 25th September 2010
- Newbridge Social Club on 2nd October 2010
- Shalfleet Church on 9th October 2010

Over a hundred people visited these exhibitions. Those attending were invited to comment on the various issues important to them.



'Local residents viewing the exhibitions'

This was encouraged by preparing exhibition boards with a total of 24 different subjects, each subject with an accompanying photograph, and a further board an inviting additional subjects which were of particular interest or concern and to comment if they felt it appropriate. Conversely, they were asked to make adverse comments if appropriate.

The interactive boards were a popular element of the exhibition and a total of 944 responses on over 47 different topics were made, or put in the comments box.

| Key Topic                                 | Important or Desired | Unimportant or Undesired |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
|   |                      |                          |
| Traffic and Transport                     |                      |                          |
| Good public transport                     | 59                   | 1                        |
| Reduced traffic speeds                    | 51                   | 2                        |
| Better local parking                      | 10                   | 3                        |
| Improved village and road signs           | 15                   | 12                       |
| Supporting cycling, walking, horse riding | 36                   | 0                        |
| Safety and Access to services             |                      |                          |
| Improved street lighting                  | 2                    | 36                       |
| More local policing                       | 24                   | 3                        |
| Better access to services for the elderly | 38                   | 0                        |
| Fast fire service response                | 26                   | 0                        |
| Fast access to healthcare                 | 36                   | 0                        |
| Environment                               |                      |                          |
| Preserving the coast and countryside      | 55                   | 0                        |
| Preserving and encouraging wildlife       | 53                   | 0                        |
| Preserving the character of the parish    | 50                   | 0                        |
| Improved footpaths and bridleways         | 45                   | 0                        |
| Wind turbines                             | 12                   | 42                       |
| Better flood defences                     | 16                   | 0                        |
| More litter / dog mess bins               | 26                   | 3                        |
| More recycling points                     | 21                   | 2                        |
| Housing                                   |                      |                          |
| More housing development                  | 7                    | 33                       |
| Develop local affordable housing          | 24                   | 16                       |
| Children and Young People                 |                      |                          |
| Better children's play areas              | 20                   | 3                        |
| More youth activities                     | 30                   | 1                        |

# **Uncategorised topics**

The following additional topics were identified, though most had only one comment. Where there was more than one comment the number is in brackets.

Better maintenance of Cranmore Avenue (private road) 4) / clear knotweed 2) / control lorry weights / reduce electricity use / move school / preserve stone buildings / larger school playing field 2) / encourage mobile shops / preserve local shops 3) byway for horse drawn vehicles / landscape oil drill sites / no more second homes 2) / extend main sewer / faster broadband / control hedge height & width 2) / improve rubbish collection / no bus depot in Wellow 5) / improve Shalfleet Village Hall / deal with potholes / start local book club / more community use of Shalfleet school / by-pass for Shalfleet / allotment provision.

During the course of the first 5 exhibitions an additional 25 people volunteered to help with various aspects of plan preparation.

Subsequent to the survey three further public exhibitions were held in March 2012 at Shalfleet School, Wellow Literary Institute and Newbridge Social Club, showing the analysis of the information collected from the questionnaire and the proposed Action Plan.

# 5. The Questionnaire

The information from these exhibitions helped to decide on the issues which were of most concern to residents, and questions about these topics were included in the questionnaire sent to each household.



'This questionnaire went to every household'

Questionnaires were returned to the parish office, or were collected by volunteers. Out of 784 issued over 450 were returned and analysed. This represented over a 56% response. The collation, interpretation and presentation of the data collected is shown in the sample analysis pages in the Appendices. The full data can be seen at the Parish Council's office in Newbridge.

The following sections give comment on responses and the findings drawn from the data.

The narrative, data analysis and action plans are grouped into three broad areas:- Community, Environment and Economy.



5.1 The Community

# Recreational Spaces

94% of respondents answered this question. The use of the open public spaces was low, perhaps reflecting the open rural nature of the area. Responses confirmed the view that they are perceived as important. Suggestions were made as to how our recreational spaces could be improved. It was clear there was no demand for additional open space.



'Bouldnor public open space and children's play area'

# **New Outdoor Facilities**

This question sought interest in a number of possible outdoor facilities, including allotments, a bowling green, a petanque pitch, with the opportunity to add additional ones to cater for special interests. The response to this question was low, with less than 50% of respondents completing it. Of those that responded, the additional facility most likely to be used was allotments.



'Wellow Millennium Green'

# Housing

Several questions were asked about housing, to gauge both the changing needs, and the time frame within which that change might take place. Questions were also asked about the type of housing that was preferred. Responses were generally good, with around 80% of people answering most questions.

There was a clear need for affordable housing and more provision for suitable retirement accommodation. The majority of residents feel that additional accommodation should be provided by small scale development as infill in existing villages. One of the perceived brakes to suitable development is the inadequate infrastructure, such as drainage and transport links in parts of the Parish.

#### Travellers

Over 92% responded to this question with over 50% saying there should not be a site and a further 22% not expressing an opinion. 25% were prepared to see a site provided but many comments were that the site should only be available to genuine travellers, not accepted as a permanent location. Historically there has been little need for provision as the high cost of crossing the Solent has provided a deterrent.

## **Burial Sites**

There was a 93% response to a question as to whether residents would seek to be buried within the Parish, with a reasonably even split between yes and no, though the 'no' response might be linked to what is considered as 'burial.' A number of residents commented that they would prefer cremation with the opportunity for their ashes to be interred in the Shalfleet Churchyard. The Civil Parish is not a Burial Authority but may be able to assist with the provision of additional space as the need arises, in liaison with Church Authorities. There were some interesting responses to this question as to burial including one resident with a delightful sense of humour who commented "not yet"!

# Waste Disposal

During the period of preparation of the Plan the way in which resident's waste is collected and disposed of was substantially changed. A very great number of residents supported additional recycling and there were numerous suggestions about additional recycling for card, paper, plastics, metal and glass. Much of this has now been incorporated in the new refuse collection and disposal arrangements, and the Isle of Wight Council reports that three times more waste is now recycled than under the previous system. There are recycling facilities at Ningwood, adjacent to the Horse and Groom, at Newbridge and at Shalfleet Quay.



'Recycling facilities at Ningwood'

# Young People

The demographic of the Parish shows that there are relatively few young people, so provision for their needs by way of meeting places and communal facilities is largely met from outside the Parish. Their needs will continue to be monitored using social media and contact with the West Wight representatives on the Island's Youth Council. The Parish Council may be able to act as a facilitator for those who wish to develop organised activities.

#### Law And Order

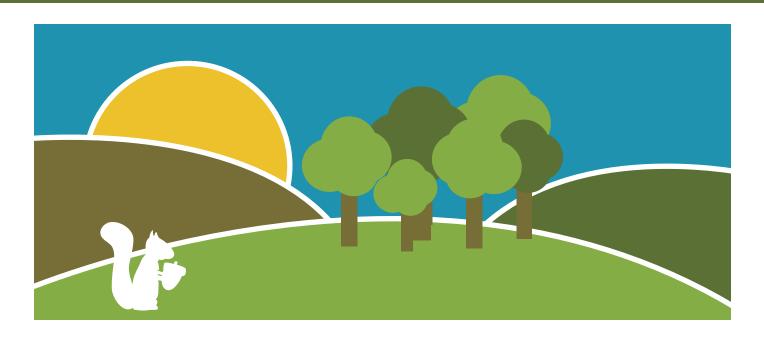
90% responded to this question and the substantial majority felt that the current level of policing and community support was adequate, though there were several comments that Police were rarely seen. This is perhaps a reflection of the fact that we are fortunate to live in a low crime area.

# **Emergency Response**

The Parish is a 'red zone' for emergency response vehicles which signifies that responses take longer than elsewhere on the Island- a result of it being remote from major centre of population. This means that we depend heavily on first response teams. Of the 83% who answered this question most would support a voluntary first response team in the Parish, although there were disappointingly few who would volunteer.

## Parish Led Facilities

90% of questionnaires were answered, though of the respondents almost all (92 %) said they never used Parish Office facilities, supported by many comments saying they did not know the facilities existed. This suggests that the PC more needs to be done to promote awareness.



# 5.2 The Environment

# Access to the Countryside

This is an area where both local and national organisations have a notable presence. These include Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), Conservation areas, Heritage Coast, National Trust (NT) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Because of the rural nature of the parish, all residents have access to the countryside, and many live either within it, or in dwellings close to it. (Rarely more than a hundred yards) or backing onto fields and copses.



'Footpath through woodland in the north of the Parish'

There is a well used network of footpaths and bridleways and a number of roads are either private or very lightly trafficked. The questionnaire showed that residents appreciated and valued the countryside around them and the access they already enjoyed.

We are fortunate that the Parish enjoys such an attractive variety of landscape, seascape and habitat. There is a great diversity of flora and fauna, with some nationally rare and unique species. This attracts many visitors to the area, extending the tourist season, with cyclists, walkers, horse riders, campers, caravaners, sailors, naturalists and bird watchers.



'Looking across the nature reserve'

It was clear from the comments made at the public meetings, the responses given in the questionnaire and the many individual written comments, that residents have a very strong desire to safeguard, maintain and where possible enhance the attractiveness of their surrounding environment.



'Poppyfields in the middle of the parish'

85% of respondents were keen to see additional links between existing paths and bridleways and a similar percentage expressed support for the development of wildlife corridors to enable expansion of habitat, especially for red squirrels, bats and hares.

There was a mixed response to the question about improved signage and information boards about sites of interest, wildlife, footpaths and bridleways, with some wishing to see better signs and others concerned about the number of boards and signs. Existing information boards and signage need updating and reviewing in relevant locations.

## Roads and Traffic

The questionnaire included consultation on both parking and additional locations. Surprisingly only just over 50% of the questionnaires had a response of some kind. Parking is not seen as a major problem for most residents. There are however areas of known difficulty, and in particular there was a high response to the question about possible additional parking for the School. To relieve congestion and parking on Station Road, those responding to this issue, 83% supported additional parking close to the school, with most suggesting the field opposite.

There is a perceived need for improved safety at the junction of the A3054 (Yarmouth Road) and Station Road. There was strong support, for a variety of suggested measures to improve safety.

There was a good response to the consultation on speed limits with most seeking a lower limit on specific roads, or specific sections of roads although there was support for a higher limit on parts of the A3054.

Comments showed recognition that better enforcement was as important as altering speed limits.



'A3054 through Shalfleet Village conservation area'

A specific question was posed about a by-pass at Shalfleet and when this should be re-considered. 78% of residents responded and were almost equally divided, with 49% saying in 10-15 years time or not at all, and 51% saying it should be reviewed sometime within the next 10 years.

"We don't want things that will blight the landscape and not be as effective as stated."

Quotation taken from questionnaire responses.

## **Power Production**

Questions about this were included as within the Parish there have been several planning applications submitted for commercial renewable energy developments.

The responses reflect residents opinion and are useful as a gauge of local feeling for both the Parish Council and the Isle of Wight Council, though it is not an issue which easily translates into clear actions for the local plan, as most developments rely on proposals put forward by commercial operators.



'Solar Park at Wellow'

There was a very good (86%) response to this question, and around 50 comments, showing that it is an issue of great interest to residents. The replies showed that the most popular form of power generation would be the use of marine current turbines (22%) followed by photovoltaic farms(16%). Wind power received 9% approval and nuclear around 4%. The Parish Council will support appropriate projects which will not have a detrimental environmental or economic impact on the area.

# Lights At Night

This question sought opinion on whether the Parish Council should be pro-active in deciding the placing, style and strength of street and property lights. The Council already supports the 'dark skies' initiative, which attempts to reduce light pollution.

The question received an 85% response with about two thirds of respondents supporting a more pro-active stance. However a sizeable minority (19%) did not support the initiative, and comments showed that the main concerns of those not supporting were house security and personal choice.



# 5.3 The Economy

Because the area is predominantly rural the economic activity sited within the Parish is based around agriculture, leisure and tourism, home working, and local services. Employment is mostly with small scale businesses.

The demographics of the area (see detail at appendices) indicates a larger than usual proportion of retired people whose income mainly derives from pensions and other private means rather than employment.

Residents were asked if more business sites (eg business parks) should be provided locally. There was an 88% response of whom, 87% said no.

There was good support for local facilities with over 85% of the 92% responding using one or more. The most frequently used being the local pubs and Shalfleet shop.

Appropriate support will be given to economic initiatives. The Parish Council is especially supportive of those which lead to employment opportunities for the young people of the parish.

# 6. Action Plans

The following pages tabulate proposed actions and by whom. The Action Plans are an indicator and will change as time moves on, circumstances alter as progress is made. Any revisions will always be guided by the wishes of residents as expressed in the data collected from public consultation through the exhibitions and questionnaires.

| Section and<br>Questionnaire<br>Reference | Action   | Time Scale                             | Responsibility Of  | Funding   |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| Section 1 The Community                   | ty   |  |  |   |
| Recreational spaces                       | Record – what exists - what it needs - present facilities - who is responsible Record data on the parish website.  | Continuous as from 2012                | PC to appoint a voluntary action group which meets ad hoc or regularly (1x / x3 yr) Representative from each village plus children and youth | Voluntary   |
| Allotments                                | Establish list of who would wish to take one on, or whether shared a garden scheme would be more suitable.  Determine potential sites.   | 2013 - 14                              | Liaise with Footprint Trust/Al-<br>lotments association and other<br>stakeholders  | Precept for running costs<br>Rents<br>Start up grants |
| Housing                                   | Set in motion the determination of a site and find a developer.  2. Produce a paper setting out the proposals. Give due and effective consideration to the Village Design Statements of Cranmore and Ningwood. | 2012 – 14<br>2013 - 14                 | PC to appoint a Sub-Committee or Working Party Housing Groups Developers IWC Southern Housing Association RCC Other stakeholders             | Various and multiple including government grants      |
| Travellers Site                           | Work with IWC Core Strategy Policies   | As required                            | As above   | As above  |
| Burial Sites                              | Consider appropriate action in consultation with stakeholders.   | Continuous                             | Church of England, local Church and Diocesan authorities. Baptist Chapel other stakeholders  | Grants, Church and local Council support.             |
| Waste Disposal                            | Seek regular reports Keep sites used under review to ensure suitability. Explore feasibility of dog waste bin at sea end of Shalfleet Quay and elsewhere.  | 2013 -14<br>Provide a bi-annual review | IWC<br>PC<br>PC/ National Trust  | PC/ National Trust/ Solent Protection Society etc.    |

| Section Reference          | Action  | Time Scale | Responsibility Of                          | Funding                   |
|----------------------------|---|------------|--|---------------------------|
| Youth and Young<br>Persons | Set up communication with youth of the Parish to listen to their concerns via regular meetings, facebook pages and other social media. Liaise with providers of youth related facilities in adjoining communities and wards. Discuss with Orchards to promote joint facilities. | 2013 -14   | Ward and Parish Councillors                |                           |
| Law and Order              | Set up action group to discuss with the police what initiatives could be brought into play to deal with law and order issues and report back to the Parish Council.   | Ongoing    | PC<br>Police<br>Neighbourhood watch groups |                           |
| First Response             | See Law and Order also Medical Provision  |            |  |                           |
| Parish Led Facilities      | Improve tourist information<br>Examine and promote tourism and facilities.<br>Update Parish website   | 2013 -14   | РС   |                           |
| Medical Provision          | At present needs are met. When the community raises concerns there will be a response.  |            |  |                           |
| Section 2 The Environment  | ent   |            |  |                           |
| Access to the Country-side | Working party to consult with wildlife representatives and wardens e.g. bats, trees, and to suggest corridors for squirrels and other wildlife.  Annual report, Interpretation boards, Community Orchards, Parish walk maps.  New website.                                      | 2013 - 14  | PC   | Economic Development Fund |

| Section Reference     | Action  | Time Scale | Responsibility Of  | Funding                    |
|-----------------------|---|------------|--|----------------------------|
| Roads and Traffic     | Negotiate for 'off road' parking for Newbridge and Bouldnor Forest Negotiate with Highways and other bodies re school parking and traffic control for junction of Station Road and A3054 Annual report of road conditions in the area including street and security lighting. | Continuous | PC Sub-Committee Ward Councillor Police Neighbourhood watch Volunteers | IWC Private sector funding |
| Power Production      | Support suitable appropriate projects which have minimal environmental and economic impact.   | Continuing | PC<br>IWC<br>Stakeholders  |                            |
| Section 3 The Economy |   |            |  |                            |
| Business activities   | Support initiatives as they are presented. Promote suitable and appropriate business and economic activities, especially those supporting or leading to employment opportunities for young people   |            |  |                            |

PC = Parish Council RCC = Rural Community Council IWC = Isle of Wight Council Key:

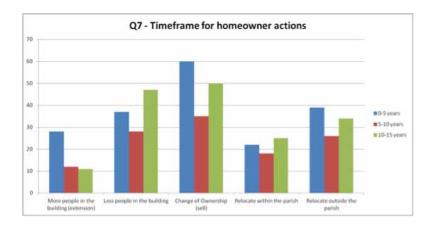
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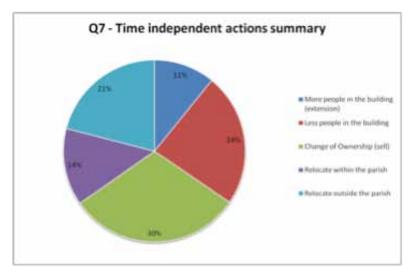
# estate and change its rural character"

"Expanding housing outside of the planning envelope will turn the parish into a housing

Question 7: If you are a home owner, in what time frame do you foresee the following happening?

|   |   | 0-5 years | 5-10 years | 10-15 years | No Response | Error | 0-5 years | 5-10 years | 10-15 years | Overall % |
|---|---|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| 7 | 7.1 More people in the building (extension) | 28        | 12         | 11          | 405         |       | 54.9%     | 23.5%      | 21.6%       | 11%       |
| 7 | 7.2 Less people in the building             | 37        | 28         | 47          | 344         |       | 33.0%     | 25.0%      | 42,0%       | 24%       |
| 7 | .3 Change of Ownership (sell)               | 60        | 35         | 50          | 311         |       | 41,4%     | 24.1%      | 34.5%       | 31%       |
| 7 | 7.4 Relocate within the parish              | 22        | 18         | 25          | 391         |       | 33.8%     | 27.7%      | 38.5%       | 14%       |
| 7 | 7.5 Relocate outside the parish             | 39        | 26         | 34          | 357         |       | 39.4%     | 26.3%      | 34.3%       | 21%       |





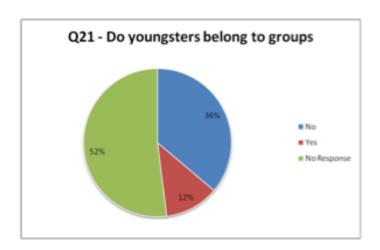
There was a 73.2% response to this question, although a number of these were just comments, so a more detailed analysis is necessary in order to clarify whether the comments were 'Not Applicable' or had a clarification. With 20/20 hindsight perhaps it would have been easier to process if the questions could have been grouped into 'Home Owner' and 'Rented'.

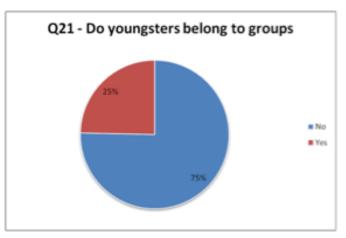
The simple analysis of this question suggests that the most frequent response was to sell, this ties in with the response to Q5, suggesting a significant percentage of the Parish that consider themselves temporary residents in the Parish. The indefinable is the stable population that do not foresee any of these changes within the given timescales, so the statistics may be biased towards mobility. A small but significant percentage (11%) were considering extending their property. The breakdown by timescale was not very revealing, being somewhat polarised to the extremes, suggesting that the responders were slightly unsure of timescales. This point was also raised in the comments. The most significant was the building of extensions, which was significantly skewed to the 0-5 year bracket, perhaps understandable as such projects are usually planned and completed relatively quickly. Many multiple responses were received, these have not been analysed in detail.

54 additional comments were added to this question, the majority of these (48) were included where there was no valid answer.

**Question 21:** Do any young persons in the household belong to any clubs/groups. If yes specify which they belong to.

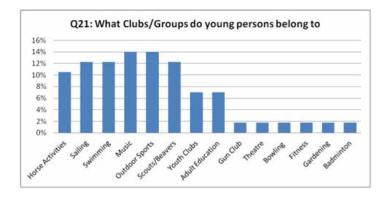
| 21   |   | No  | Yes | No Response | Error |
|------|---|-----|-----|-------------|-------|
| 21.1 | Do any young persons in the house<br>belong to clubs/groups | 165 | 54  | 237         |       |

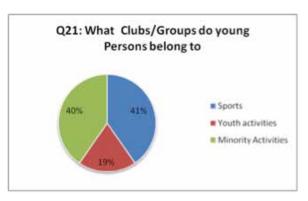




There was a 63% response to this question, with around 130 comments, although 70 comments were not supported by any valid reply suggesting that they were not applicable. The raw number of Yes/No replies probably gives an indication of the number of households with children (219 or 48%). Of these 75% had children that did not belong to clubs.

|                               | Categories    | Responses | Responses | Key Words                                    |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Horse Activities              | 1             | 6         | 10.53%    | •  |
| Sailing                       | 1             | 7         | 12.28%    |  |
| Swimming                      | 1             | 7         | 12.28%    |  |
| Music                         | 1             | 8         | 14.04%    |  |
| Outdoor Sports                | 4             | 8         | 14.04%    | Motor sport, football, cricket and badminton |
| Scouts/Beavers                | 1             | 7         | 12.28%    |  |
| Youth Clubs                   | 1             | 4         | 7.02%     |  |
| Adult Education               | 2             | 4         | 7.02%     |  |
| Gun Club                      | 1             | 1         | 1.75%     |  |
| Theatre                       | 1             | 1         | 1.75%     |  |
| Bowling                       | 1             | 1         | 1.75%     |  |
| Fitness                       | 1             | 1         | 1.75%     |  |
| Gardening                     | 1             | 1         | 1.75%     |  |
| Badminton                     | 1             | 1         | 1.75%     |  |
|                               | Total         | 57        |           |  |
| Sports                        | 4             | 23        |           |  |
| Youth activities              | 2             | 11        |           |  |
| Minority Activities           | 8             | 23        |           |  |
|                               | Total         | 57        |           |  |
| Number of Comments in Respons | es Worksheet: | 131       | 43.51%    |  |

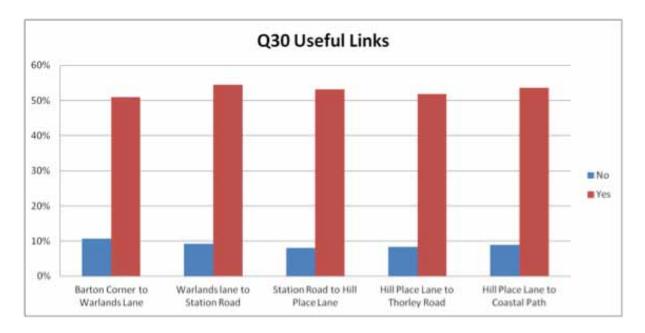


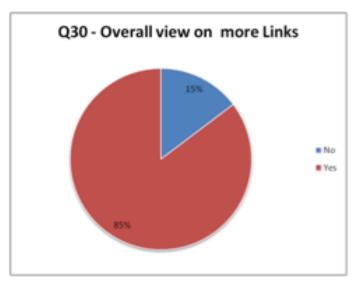


A total of 57 clubs/activities were listed compared with a 'Yes' reply of 54, suggesting that some households had children belonging to more than 1 club. The most popular clubs were outdoor sports and music, with activity sports (sailing, swimming and riding) coming second. Scouts/Beavers was also popular, with a smaller number taking part in specialised activities.

Question 30: Do you think the following links on the maintained bridleways/cycleways/footpaths would be useful.

| 30   |                                 | No | Yes | No Response | Error | No  | Yes | No Response |
|------|---------------------------------|----|-----|-------------|-------|-----|-----|-------------|
| 30.1 | Barton Corner to Warlands Lane  | 49 | 232 | 175         |       | 11% | 51% | 38%         |
| 30.2 | Warlands lane to Station Road   | 42 | 248 | 165         | 1     | 9%  | 55% | 36%         |
| 30.3 | Station Road to Hill Place Lane | 37 | 242 | 177         |       | 8%  | 53% | 39%         |
| 30.4 | Hill Place Lane to Thorley Road | 38 | 236 | 182         |       | 8%  | 52% | 40%         |
| 30.5 | Hill Place Lane to Coastal Path | 41 | 244 | 171         |       | 9%  | 54% | 38%         |





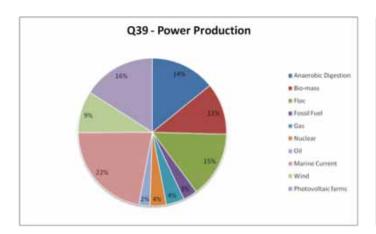
The overall response to this question was reasonable, with around 70% giving replies, seven of these were comments without valid replies to the questions.

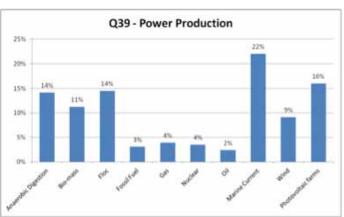
Generally the 'No response' to the individual questions was between 36 and 40%, so most people who replied provided responses to most of the suggestions. Overall, 85% of the Yes/No options were positive and wanted the links implemented. There was very little difference between the percentage replies for the different suggestions.

19 comments were provided, these have not been analysed in detail at this stage.

**Question 39:** What methods of commercial production of electricity would be acceptable to you to have in the parish? Tick all that apply.

| 39    |                     | Ticked | No Response | Error | % Ticked |
|-------|---------------------|--------|-------------|-------|----------|
| 39.1  | Anaerobic Digestion | 211    | 244         | 1     | 14%      |
| 39.2  | Bio-mass            | 168    | 286         | 2     | 11%      |
| 39.3  | Floc                | 216    | 239         | 1     | 14%      |
| 39.4  | Fossil Fuel         | 46     | 409         | 1     | 3%       |
| 39.5  | Gas                 | 59     | 396         | 1     | 4%       |
| 39.6  | Nuclear             | 53     | 402         | 1     | 4%       |
| 39.7  | Oil                 | 36     | 419         | 1     | 2%       |
| 39.8  | Marine Current      | 328    | 128         |       | 22%      |
| 39.9  | Wind                | 136    | 318         | 2     | 9%       |
| 39.10 | Photovoltaic farms  | 238    | 217         | 1     | 16%      |





There was an 86% response to this question, with around 50 comments. There was some lack of clarity on the question, since the inclusion of marine current within the parish boundaries is not feasible, so it is likely that the respondees have commented on the actual method of power production and irrespective of source. This may be clarified further if the comments are reviewed in detail. Local issues are clearly at work here as a number of comments clearly stated that some forms of power production (wind in particular) was not welcome in the Parish.

The replies to the question showed that the most popular form of power generation would be the use of Marine Current (22%), followed by Photovoltaic farms (16%) and then steam powered power stations using non fossil fuels (11-14%). Wind power received only 9% approval, with fossil fuels and nuclear all receiving less than 5%.

The large number of comments that were included with this question have not been reviewed in detail, but should be so that the flavour is truly reflected.

# Appendices 8 Demographics of The Parish

Statistics courtesy of Isle of Wight Council and Office for National Statistics

| Total population   | 1534 |
|--|------|
| Males  | 733  |
| Females  | 801  |
| Age 0 - 4  | 50   |
| Age 5 - 15   | 190  |
| Age 16 - 24  | 108  |
| Age 25 - 44  | 302  |
| Age 45 - 64  | 525  |
| Age 65 - 74  | 188  |
| Age 75 and Over  | 171  |
| Age 16 and over; single  | 227  |
| Age 16 and over; married   | 829  |
| Age 16 and over; divorced or widowed                                       | 238  |
| All people with a limiting long term illness                               | 300  |
| Employment   |      |
| People aged 16-74 economically active - in employment of some kind         | 638  |
| People aged 16-74 economically inactive – retired or not in any employment | 435  |
| Persons providing unpaid care  |      |
| Providing 1 to 19 hours per week   | 125  |
| Providing 20 to 49 hours per week  | 17   |



# 7. Those Who Helped - Shalfleet Parish Community Plan

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# Quotations taken from completed questionnaires

"The Isle of Wight is not an off shore theme park. Remember the residents."

"Newbridge is the site of the most important tourist facility in the parish and has no bus service. Something needs to be done NOW about the lack of bus service particularly for the elderly."

"Many facilities are mentioned (in the questionnaire) but we did not know they existed.

More publicity is needed."

"Living on the border between Yarmouth and the parish all we require is available in Yarmouth and Freshwater. Shalfleet Parish Council has little relevance or impact on us.

Consideration might be given to changing parish boundaries."

"I really object to new font being used on road signs to villages. Can the Council retain the old style to be consistant with signage?"

"The planning process for any new development or redevelopment should not be constrained or defined by a planning policy or guideline but judged on whether it is appropriate by those residents on whom it impacts."



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