



Disley Parish Plan

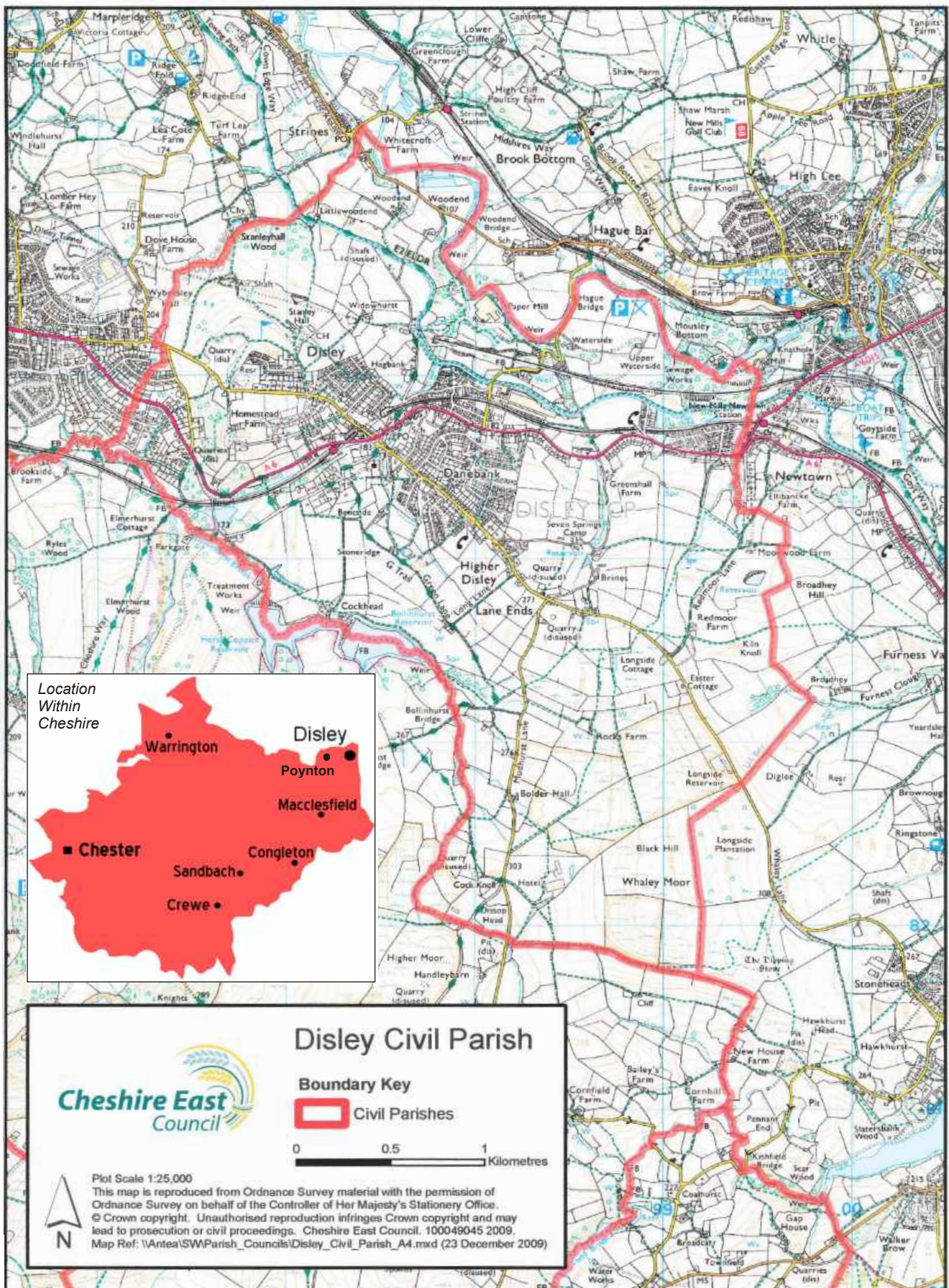


**A Plan to
Make a
Difference**

2011



Map of the Parish





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1. Introduction to the Disley Parish Plan

Foreword by Joe Casey, the Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Group

A Parish Plan is an opportunity to take stock of the current situation, to capture the aspirations of those who have an interest in the community and to put forward a plan of action to bring these to fruition.

The Disley Parish Plan took root at the 2008 Parish Council annual meeting when the process was outlined by the Parish Plans Development Officer from Cheshire Community Action. The idea was greeted enthusiastically by those present and the decision was taken to present the initiative to the community.

The response was encouraging and since then volunteers have met, talked, e-mailed and generally planned the way forward.

An initial consultation at Disley Primary School involved many residents but the main source of information was the survey carried out in the summer of 2009 which was very successful with a 40% return. In addition special consultations were carried out with the young people of the parish.

During the preparation of the plan the steering group has tried to keep you informed of progress and gauge your response with updates, presentations and information on the web site.

The parish plan is now complete and I commend it to you.

However, this is really just the beginning of the process.

The next stage of the parish plan is to turn the proposed actions into reality. Some of them need little money but will need your help. Please volunteer if you feel you can give some time to help. Other actions depend on external funding and in these challenging times this might prove more difficult. This community informed plan will be the prime factor supporting bids for such funding.

Finally, I have to thank anyone who has in some way helped towards the completion of the plan but I most of all thank members of the Steering Group and Working Groups who have worked very hard over the last months to bring the project to fruition.

Joe Casey
January 2011





2. History of Disley and Disley Parish

The History of Disley is long and varied. Its Anglo-Saxon name was Dystiglegh meaning "windy settlement". The modern village now sits astride the main A6 road built in the 19th century. In Roman times the Manchester to Buxton road followed what is now Jacksons Edge Road and Buxton Old Road with another track along Greenshall Lane and Ward Lane which connected Yorkshire and Staffordshire.

It is difficult to know when and where the earliest settlement was in Disley but it seems likely to have been around Disley Hall, Corks Lane in the 7th and 8th Centuries and was within the extensive Forest of Macclesfield. Small settlement single farm manors were common in Cheshire and it seems that Disley Hall, Stanley Hall and perhaps Greenshall were farm manor settlements in Disley. Large barns were needed to store grain and fodder and there remains an excellent example of a cruck frame barn at Stanley Hall on Disley Golf Course.

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, Sir Peter Legh who inherited the Lyme estates from his grandfather, built a new and magnificent Lyme Hall in the typical Elizabethan style with a centre block and two side wings. The Legh family gave the house and the surrounding parkland to the nation in 1947 and it is now a National Trust property.

Places of Worship

Sir Piers Legh built a chantry chapel (for saying Mass) in the 16th century in a prominent place now the site of St.Mary's Parish Church. The Church was substantially re-built in 1825 and 1835 as it had become too small for the community and the tower is probably the only remaining structure of the original building.

In 1825 a Methodist Chapel was built in Redhouse Lane known as Lodge Row Chapel and a further chapel was built in Higher Disley in the 1860's. In the early 20th century a new Methodist Church was constructed on the A6 and this was opened in 2009. The Baptists established their place of worship in 1892 also on the A6 and the Quakers opened the former public house Ring O'Bells as their place of worship in 1940.

Interesting Facts

Around 1640 the village was enhanced with the construction of the Ram's Head Inn which was a very important coaching inn between Manchester and Buxton. It was rebuilt around 1840 (the old stables on the right side are probably the only remaining original part) but with the arrival of the railway in Disley in 1857 the coaching trade diminished.

The Peak Forest Canal was opened in 1800 which encouraged the building of the Waterside Cotton Mill as the waterway was ideal for transport and the village needed alternative employment to farming. The cotton mill was converted to a paper mill in 1887 and is still used for the production of tissue paper products.

In 1825 a school was built in Disley in the village centre through the generosity of the Legh and Orford families. The school moved to new buildings in 1911 in Dane Bank Drive. The Orford brothers also generously donated the fountain in Fountain Square which provided a source of clean drinking water for the village.

Population

The population of Disley grew steadily during the 19th century. In 1801 at the first census the population was 995. It had grown to 3312 by 1881 but then part of Newtown was transferred to New Mills and by 1891 the population had dropped. Throughout the 20th Century there was an increase, particularly in the 1960's and 1970's with new housing on the Chantry and Goyt Road estates. Population in 2010 is estimated at a total of 4,600.

Governance

From 1723 until 1894 local government in Disley was organised by the Poor Law Union. Disley Rural District Council was then formed as the local authority until 1974 when Macclesfield Borough Council took over with the formation of Disley Parish Council. In 2009 Disley Parish Council became part of a new unitary authority of Cheshire East.

Disley's history is fascinating. If you would like to know more, please visit Disley library and ask to see the archive historical section.

Disley Trivia

1. Did you know the people of Disley were often referred to as "peewits" because of the large number of peewits/lapwings that used to be found on the moors above the village?
2. Famous people that have lived in Disley include:
 - Christopher Isherwood, Anglo-American novelist
 - A.J.P. Taylor (Dylan Thomas used to visit him here!)
 - Lord John Hunt who led the first successful Mount Everest expedition in 1953



3. Disley Today

In 2010 there are approximately 4,600 people living in the Parish of Disley in 2,000 homes. It is a dormitory village which has retained a semi-rural character.

The busy A6 runs through the centre of the village and the majority of the shops and other businesses are situated on either side of this road. To the rear of the shops there is a small community centre and library.

The only remaining large employer is the Kruger tissue factory as the other factory site, adjacent to the canal, is shortly to be developed for housing and light industrial units..

The village also boasts an excellent selection of pubs, restaurants and takeaways.

Local bed and breakfast and self-catering accommodation is available and the Moorside Hotel is just a mile out of the village centre.

Disley has good transport links with regular bus and train services to Buxton, Stockport, Manchester City Centre and Manchester Airport and easy access to the motorway network. It is situated 10 miles from Macclesfield, 13½ miles from Manchester, 30 miles from Sheffield and 45 miles from Chester.

Disley is a vibrant village with lots to do for people of all ages. There are 3 childrens' playgrounds, 3 allotment sites, 2 playing fields with football pitches, a multi use games area, tennis and basketball courts, Disley Golf Club, the Ram's Head Bowling Club, the Amalgamated Sports Club and a leisure club with swimming pool at the Moorside Hotel. The village also boasts a wide variety of public houses and restaurants.

There are numerous footpaths in the area. The village is close to the Goyt Valley and is considered to be one of the gateways to the Peak District. The beginning of the Gritstone Trail is situated adjacent to Disley railway station and the entrance to Lyme Park, one of the National Trust's treasures is just ½ mile out of the village centre. Disley is also on the Peak Forest Canal, now a busy recreational

Disley Facilities

waterway and many visitors moor up and walk the 400 metres in to Disley to eat and shop.

There is a very active community and regular meetings of the numerous clubs and societies are held in the village every week. These include art, history, film, fellowships, WI, Probus, luncheon clubs, exercise classes including tai chi and yoga and regular coffee mornings on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Many of the groups meet at the Community Centre, at the St Mary's Schoolrooms and in the churches.

Parent and toddler groups are available for people to attend each day and full and part-time nursery care is available within the village.

A recent survey confirmed that the children and young people in Disley are very active, taking part in a wide range of sporting activities. Many of them are members of 1st Disley Scout Group, Disley Brownies and the Basement Youth Group. The young people are encouraged to have a voice in the village and have taken part in several consultations during the preparation of the parish plan.

The churches in Disley often work and worship together and members organise and host many community and fundraising events including fashion shows, quiz nights and musical evenings.

Annual community events include the Horticultural Show and Disley Primary School's Summer and Christmas fairs. The evening event when the Christmas lights are switched on in the village has become very popular with hundreds of people attending to sing carols, greet Father Christmas and sample a selection of food and drink supplied by the village traders.

Resident and visitor information can be obtained from:

- the quarterly village newsletter
- Disley Village Guide
- "Visit Disley" promotional leaflet
- on line at www.disley.info
- the "Visit Chester & Cheshire" website
- Disley Footpath Map.

Shops

Bread shop
Butcher
Green grocer
Paper & sweet shop
Delicatessen
Post Office
Small supermarket.

Specialist shops

Fireplaces
Flowers & gifts
Hand-made glass
Bicycles,
Art & framing
Clock repairs
Electrical equipment.

Other services and businesses

Doctor's surgery
Two dentists
Physiotherapist
Podiatrist
Several hair salons
Barber
Beautician
Pharmacy
Numerous Public Houses and Restaurants

Travel agent
Garages and car salesrooms
Petrol station
Two banks
Several estate agents,
solicitors, surveyors,
architects and an
advertising agency.



4. Setting the Scene

4.1 What is a Parish Plan?

A Parish Plan is a detailed, critical but at the same time constructive survey of a community by the people who live and work in that community or have some other close connection with the it (such as owning land or owning a business in the Parish). It provides an opportunity for people to take stock of their community and to decide which aspects they like and wish to preserve, and perhaps enhance, and which aspects they do not like and want to change. The idea is for the community to develop its own voice and to use this to create a shared vision for the future and an action plan for turning that vision into reality.

Plan on the Web

More information about the Parish Plan and a down-loadable copy of this is available on the Parish Plan website
www.disleyparishplan.co.uk

4.2 Why produce a Parish Plan? Why is it important for Disley?

Over fifty Parish Plans have now been completed in the Cheshire Area and among the tangible benefits that have been derived from these Parish Plans and which are of particular relevance to Disley as identified by the Survey are:

- the construction of a new playground;
- the reinstatement of a village event that had fallen by the wayside;
- the setting up of new youth clubs;
- the reduction of speed limits;
- receiving grant funding for street furniture, signage, seating etc;
- funding for a canal towpath upgrade to provide a safe walkway/cyclepath;
- new Community Newsletters and What's On publications produced;
- creation of a Youth Council; and
- attendance and inclusion of young people at Parish Council meetings.

4.3. Developing the Plan

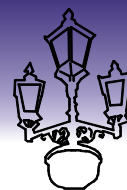
Because of the importance of canvassing the opinions of the greatest numbers of people within the Parish it was found necessary to carry out a survey of every household within the Parish. The preparation and distribution of this plus its subsequent analysis supported by personal interviews has meant that the development of the Parish Plan has taken over two years.

4.4 Agreed Working Groups and Themes

To cover all aspects of local planning four groups were set up looking at the differing aspects of Disley: Community, Environment, Transport and Travel and Children and Young People. Each group had a leader with a team of volunteers with a Steering Group overseeing the entire process. These themes had been agreed after the Public Meeting in February 2009 as shown on the milestones map on the next page.

Welcome sign - Buxton Old Road





Milestones along the way:

May 2008:

Idea introduced at Parish Council AGM. Five people formed a working party to progress the idea.

May to September 2008:

Working party introduced the idea of a plan to residents at the Disley & Lyme Horticultural show, distributed questionnaires around the village (good response) and began press releases.

27th September 2008:

Open Meeting at Disley Primary School. 96 residents attended, more information was collected and a vote taken to proceed with the Plan. Those wishing to be involved in its preparation were invited to a further meeting.

October 2008:

A Steering Group of thirteen was elected. 84 people offered to assist with the preparation of the Plan.

February 2009:

Application for Funding submitted. From the information collected at the Public Meeting it was decided that the areas to be addressed in the Plan would be **Community, Environment, Transport & Traffic and Children and Young People** and these would form the basis for the Working Groups.

March 2009:

Funding awarded.

16th March 2009:

Meeting to form Working Groups from volunteers at Open meeting (50 attended) Working Groups to draft Survey.

July 2009:

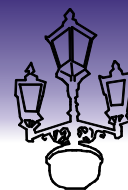
Surveys delivered to every household in Parish (2000) and requested to be returned by 31st July. There was 40% return which is excellent for this type of survey.

August to December 2009:

Data analysed and initial recommendations prepared.

30th / 31st January 2010:

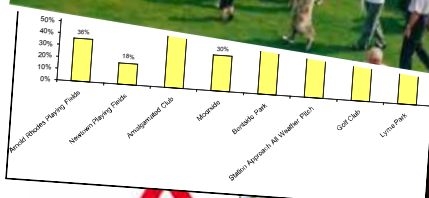
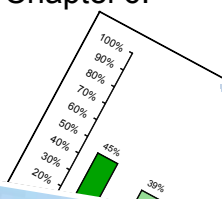
Public Open Days in the Community Centre to share the findings and invite suggestions both days well attended.



5. The Working Groups: Key Issues and Recommendations

The Working Groups set about their tasks with great enthusiasm and gave considerable time and effort in identifying priorities.

A full picture of each section was built up and each group moved towards their proposals with recommendations which finally led to the Action Plans in Chapter 6.



Disley
Community Centre



Humps
650 yds





5.1 Community

This Group looked at the responses to the survey, together with the results of the many other consultations that were carried out and have put forward proposals which relate to how the well-being of residents might be improved. These include:

- Information and Communication
- The Community Centre
- Sport, leisure and social activities
- Safety
- Housing

5.1.1 Information and Communication

5.1.1.1 Findings

The Survey showed that 75% of respondents know where to go to find information, make a complaint or suggestion. However 20% did not know where to go and 5% did not reply to this question.

The most popular chosen source of information was a 'delivered newspaper' (82%) followed by notice boards (50%). The results of the other options, Information Centre (48%), Church Magazine (47%), Emailed Newsletter (43%) and Parish Website (41%) were very similar.



5.1.1.2 Recommendations

- Enable residents to be better informed regarding village information and events.
- Ensure new residents obtain information on the village activities.
- Encourage all residents to attend Parish Council meetings

5.1.2 Community Centre

5.1.2.1 Findings

Forty-four percent of respondents to the survey used the Community Centre and 53% didn't. Of those people who did not use the Community Centre 37% felt that there was nothing there to interest them. Of those who used the Community Centre, most did so on a weekly or monthly basis. The Community Centre is mainly used for various coffee mornings or other leisure activities. Of the residents who used the Centre 43% wanted to see it enlarged but the same percentage had no opinion. A view expressed was that a complete refurbishment should be done.

Twenty-three percent of respondents stated that they would use the Centre more frequently if there were additional facilities although 67% said that it would not affect their use.

Suggestions put forward for additional facilities included:

- Wi-Fi and internet connections.
- Projectors and AV equipment.
- Storage lockers.
- Café/internet café.



5.1.2.2 Recommendations

- Ascertain existing use of community centre and users views on possible changes.
- Increase the community's awareness of the activities available at the community centre and the library.
- Simplify the hiring of the centre.



5.1.3 Sport, Leisure and Social Activities

5.1.3.1 Findings

When asked whether they were satisfied with the current sporting and leisure facilities in the village 29% of respondents were satisfied and 28% dissatisfied. Forty-three percent of respondents gave no answer or indicated that they had no opinion. A number of people responded that they did not know what sports and leisure activities were available and some said they did not know how to access them.

In total 20% of respondents made additional comments. These included wishing to see improved outdoor facilities for young people. Popular suggestions were for a skate boarding park or a BMX track.

The availability of private leisure facilities at the Disley Amalgamated Sports Club, Disley Golf Club and the Moorside Hotel was recognised, but many commented that access can be expensive. Some respondents wanted to use facilities locally without having to join a club.

Many wanted to see improved facilities at the Arnold Rhodes Playing Field and the Parish Council have recently received a grant to upgrade the children's playground. However respondents of all ages wanted to see investment in the village sports fields and tennis courts making them a resource for the whole community.

A need was expressed for a local swimming pool as lack of public transport links to Poynton or Macclesfield makes access to pools there difficult for those without transport. This is a particular difficulty for younger and older residents. Other facilities that were seen as important were indoor bowls, full size football fields and greater access to fitness classes, yoga, pilates and similar activities in the evenings.

On the question of social and leisure activities that residents would like to see in the village, the most popular were:

- Markets (76%)
- Tearoom (70%)
- Annual Event (69%)
- Charity Shop (55%)
- Museum/Heritage Centre (48%)
- Extended opening hours for the library (46%)

5.1.3.2 Recommendations

- Ascertain what additional leisure groups and activities could be provided.
- Examine opportunities for a "Village event".
- Examine opportunities and gauge support for opening a village market to promote local produce.
- Examine opportunities and gauge support for opening a community café.
- Improve existing and develop new sporting and leisure facilities.
- Produce a directory of leisure and sporting activities.
- Press for improvements in public transport links to Poynton and Macclesfield to give access to more facilities.
- Consider the provision of increased library opening hours.

A tearoom was a popular suggestion from the survey





5.1.4 Safety

5.1.4.1 Findings

Overall 91% of respondents do feel safe in Disley during the day and only 13% feel unsafe at night. Of the minority of respondents who felt unsafe at night it wasn't only older people over 65 that felt unsafe. There was a mix of age ranges.

Some of the reasons given for feeling unsafe at night were youths in the village centre, some overspill outside one particular public house and late night drinking at the train station & around the community centre. There was also mention of the lack of presence of local Police and Community Support Officers.

Disley village has very low crime rates and is a safe place to live. The Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2007 rates Disley in the lowest 3% in the country for crime and safety deprivation. The fact that Disley is a safe place to live should be promoted.

5.1.5 Housing

5.1.5.1 Findings

The most popular view expressed (28%) was the need for more low cost housing to be available. However a nearly equal number (27%) felt that the village had sufficient housing. More local authority rented accommodation received support from 16% of residents and 15% saw the need for more sheltered accommodation.

5.1.4.2 Recommendations

- Eradicate alcohol consumption in public areas in the village.
- Promote Disley as a safe place to live.
- Extend the Homewatch scheme to cover the whole of Disley
- Discourage anti social behaviour.

5.1.5.2 Recommendations

- Ascertain Cheshire East guidelines for housing
- Assess the housing needs for Disley in particular with regards to affordable housing





5.2 Environment

The Environment Working Group's remit was to assist in the formulation and production of the Parish Plan by focusing specifically on those matters, raised through public consultation, relating to the environment. Our recommendations arise directly from residents' concerns and requests highlighted in the survey, feedback from the open days and our own further research prompted by those concerns, and are grouped under

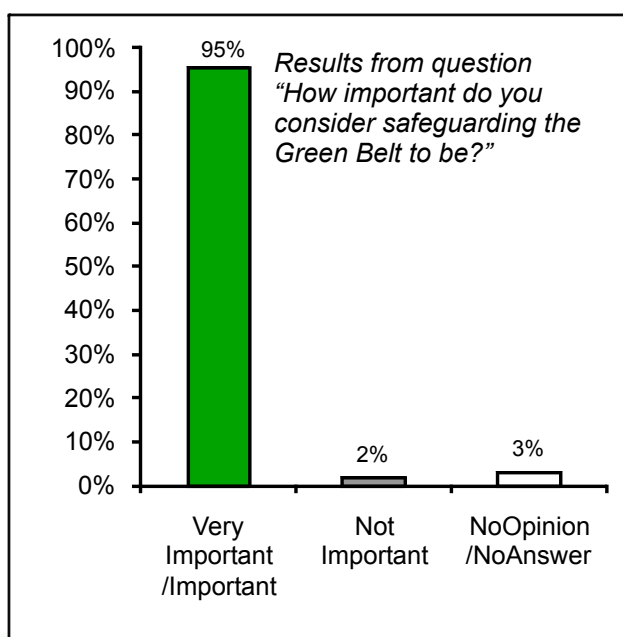
- **Green belt & conservation areas**
- **Street scene**
- **Sustainability & recycling**

Disley is surrounded by the North Cheshire Green Belt a large part of which is also designated as an Area of Special County Value. Disley also has two Conservation Areas, the village centre and Higher Disley. (See maps on page 14.)

5.2.1 Green Belt

5.2.1.1 Findings

When asked how important they considered safeguarding the Green Belt to be, 95% of respondents to the Survey said: 'very important' or 'important'. A key priority must therefore be to retain the character and separate identity of the village and its rural environs by preserving intact the Green Belt around the village.



5.2.1.2 Recommendation

Retain the character of the village and its rural environs by preserving the Green Belt and the Areas of Special County Value

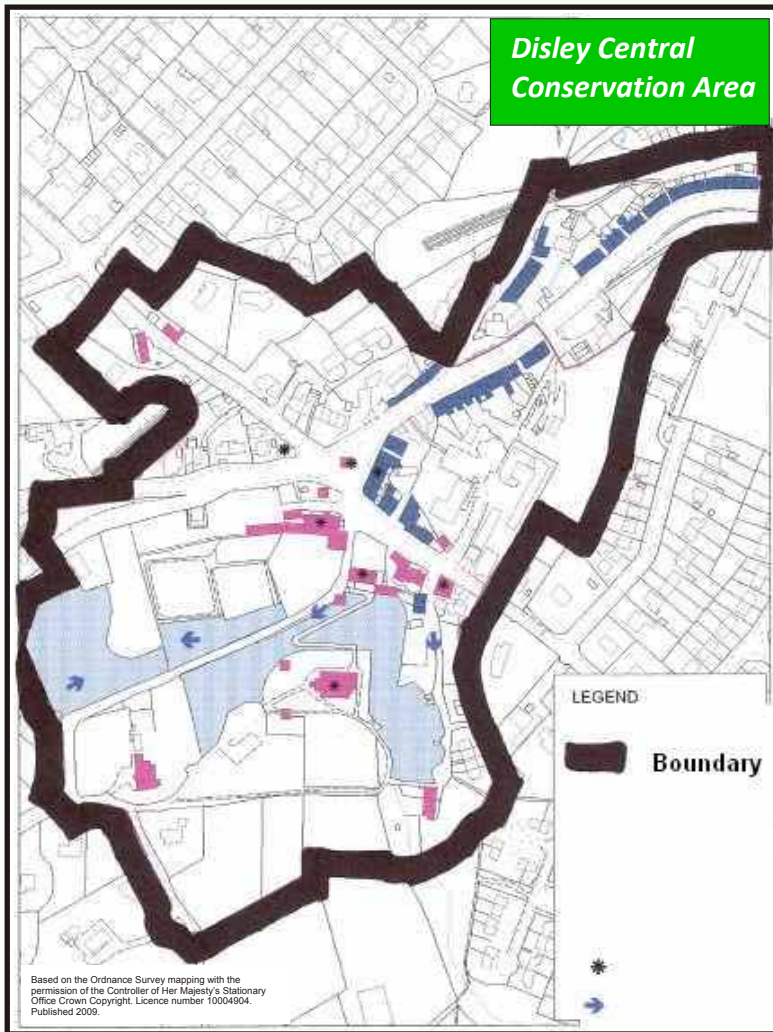
5.2.2 Conservation Areas

5.2.2.1 Findings

It was clear from the unprompted comments in the survey and the many comments made at the open days that Disley residents were concerned about the shabby state of the **Barlow Meadow area** (that is, behind the shops, between the library and the Co-op and including the grass bank), and felt it could be better used. Although very few residents referred to it by name, the following comments illustrate the concerns:

'The area at the back of the shops is untidy and I feel could be used better perhaps for more parking or landscaping with seats and a play area'; 'improvement to lighting, look and cleanliness of cut-through between shops and car park at community centre would be great'; and 'Area behind shops is generally poor and under used.'

Barlow Meadow is within the Conservation area and contains a stream, open spaces occupied by a car park, landscaped areas, public footpaths/rights of way and what were private gardens. A strong case could be made that the Council treat dwelling houses fronting onto this space as coming within the controls of the Conservation Area. One further option suggested by residents (at follow-up meetings) would be to seek funding to commission a professional consultancy to advise on the viability of making the area a more attractive and accessible feature of the village.

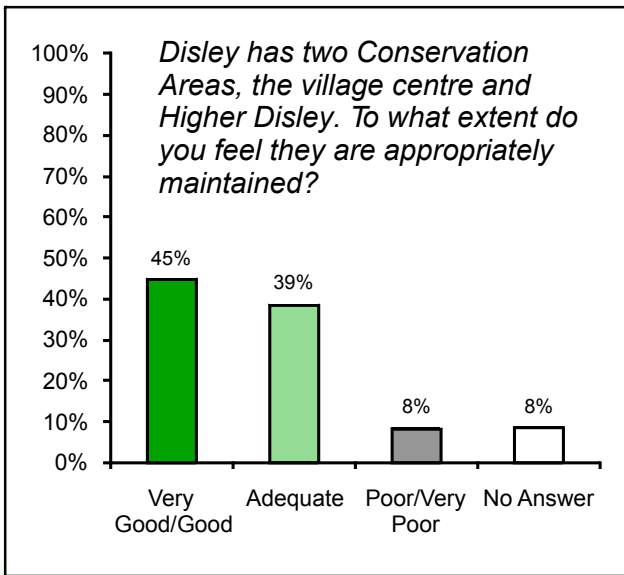
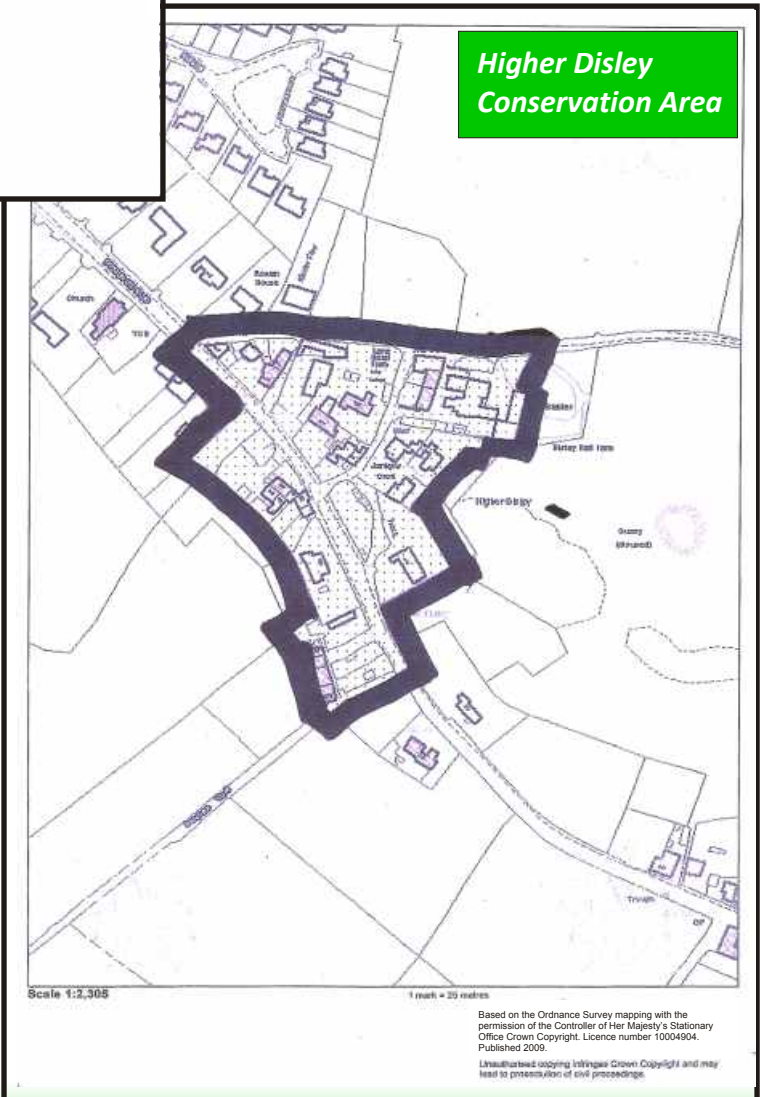


"The village centre is a disgrace. Conservation laws have been ignored - hotch potch shop signs ghastly frontages, all of which should not have been allowed. This area is shamefully neglected Barlow Meadow an unspeakable disgrace."

Comments from the survey

"Stream through community car park is often filthy. The natural spring should be presented, not hidden and surrounded by dog poo"

"Horrible ugly walkway from car park over stream to village, fouled by grease running down wall, broken fence, gaping gas meter, ugly handrails, uneven path."





Views of
"Barlow
Meadow"



Forty-five percent of respondents to the survey felt the conservation areas were maintained to a good or very good standard, 39% felt the standard was only adequate while eight percent felt the standard was poor. There was also a low level of awareness and some confusion about where the conservation areas were and the restrictions that applied. Both in the survey and at the open days many expressed surprise that there were any conservation areas, and asked for information on where they were.

The poor state of many of the shop frontages was extensively commented on. Various solutions were proposed (in the survey and at consultation meetings) and a pro-active stance was generally advocated. For example, 'Any development in the conservation areas should be monitored ... very important we keep the conservation areas for the future generations'; and we should 'have a Civic Society to check on such things'.

Fourteen percent of survey respondents wanted more appropriate signage, especially signs that drew attention to the historic character of the village and specific points of interest. A small number commented that more attention should be paid to the state of the area around Crescent Row and to non-Conservation areas such as Newtown.

The Macclesfield BC Local plan Chapter 3 Section BE14 stated:

Council will seek to preserve and enhance:

- 1 the open areas and wooded slopes;*
- 2 the central square and surrounding properties;*
- 3 the shops and houses fronting the A6;*
- 4 the area to the rear of the shops on the southern side of Market Street.*

Given residents' views, it would clearly be welcome to see this re-adopted by Cheshire East Council.

5.2.2.2 Recommendations

- Disseminate to the community as widely as possible information about the Green Belt, Conservation Areas and Areas of Special County Value
- Ensure that all areas within the two Disley conservation areas are effectively preserved and enhanced.



5.2.3 Street Scene

This section covers aspects of the built environment: including

- Litter and dog fouling
- Maintenance of pedestrian areas and the village environment
- The general appearance of Disley village and the public areas
- Pavements

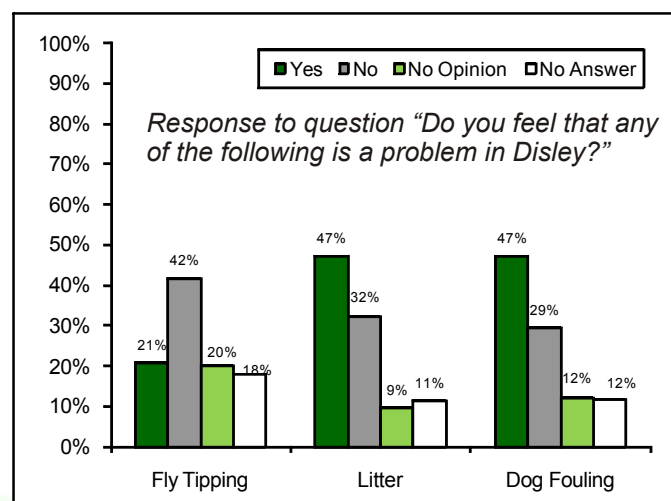
5.2.3.1 Findings

From the survey results, it became apparent that many of the respondents were unaware of who the relevant authorities were as far as remedying problems was concerned. Information on reporting problems needs to be incorporated in the Disley Parish guides and newsletters.

Litter, dog fouling and fly tipping

Of the nearly 1100 comments in the survey that related to environmental matters, some 37% related to litter and dog-fouling. The same 'hot spots' emerged time and again, notably the canal towpath at Higgins Clough (where there are no dog-litter bins), and along the A6 and stretches of Buxton Old Road.

Fly-tipping was a concern to 21% of respondents. Again, certain hot-spots have been identified, for example, at the top of Lower Greenshall Lane, sections of Waterside Road and near the quarry on Jackson's Edge Road.



Maintenance of the pedestrian areas and village environment

Perceptions of the standard of maintenance in the village were mixed. Sixty-two percent of respondents thought that the standard of cleanliness in the village centre was good or very good. However, the Railway Station, bus stops and areas beyond the centre did not score so well: while 38-48% felt they were adequate, only around 40% saw them as good or very good. As one respondent put it, 'The village starts at the Ram and ends at the Co-op.'

The recently introduced street cleaning programme for the whole village should bring improvement but will need to be monitored.

Maintenance of hedges, overhanging trees, grass verges and lighting was seen as adequate or better by 68-80% of respondents (see graphs on page 17); however, there were specific complaints by respondents about over-grown hedges; neglected areas such as the banking between the A6 and the school and on sections of Buxton Old Road; and indiscriminate use of grass verges and pavements, in particular for parking and as bridle ways for horses. There were greater concerns about drainage, air quality and noise pollution which nearly half of respondents felt were poor or very poor.

Again, more needs to be done to raise awareness among residents of the relevant authorities to contact in order to remedy specific problems.

There was some concern expressed (in the survey and at the open days) about the way in which trees had been lopped and, although there was praise for the planting carried out by PRIDE, a number of residents (in unprompted comments in the survey and more at the open days) urged that a more wildlife-friendly policy be adopted. Planting on roadside verges for example could include native perennials (which would also be less labour-intensive).

Although in general the state of the footpaths was thought to be good, thanks largely to the work of Disley Footpaths Society, there were significant concerns (expressed in unprompted comments in the survey and many more at the open days) about the state of the canal towpath (one of the most heavily used footpaths in the parish) with unfavourable comparisons being made with the work carried out on the Derbyshire and Stockport sections (see picture on next page).

Concern was also expressed about the lack of local information at both the railway station and the bus shelters at the Rams Head.



Canal Towpath After Rain

Pavements

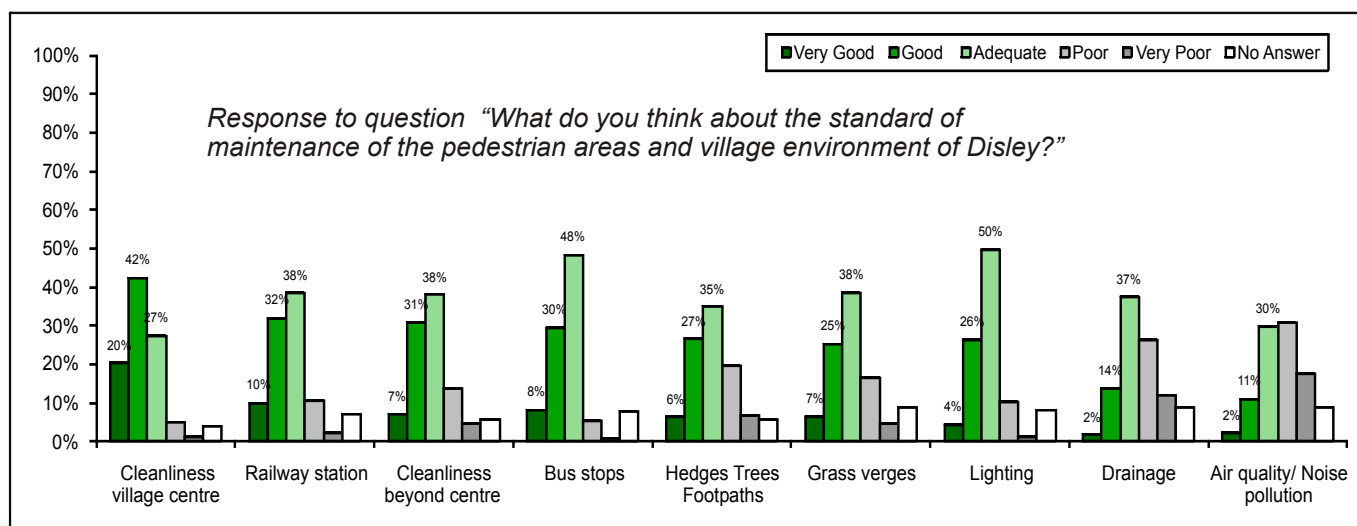
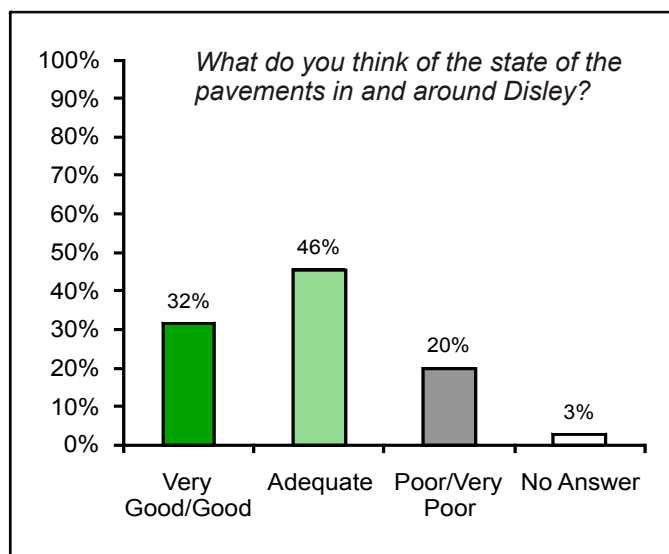
Pavements (as opposed to footpaths) were perceived by 46% of respondents to be adequate; 32% considered them good/very good and 20% poor/very poor. Adverse comments were directed mainly at the newly paved village centre; however at the time of printing, Cheshire East Council has just completed the relaying of the pavement which has significantly improved the situation.

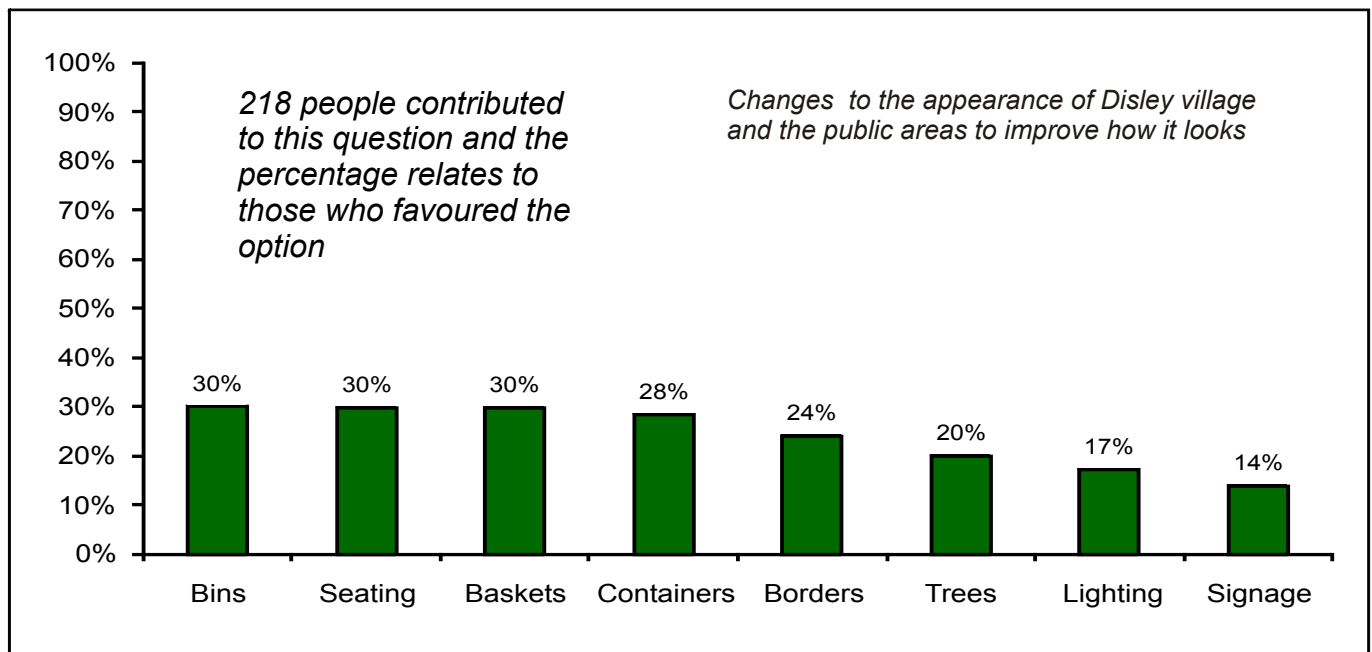
In other areas of the village, away from the four main roads, Redhouse Lane, Hollinwood Road, Leafield Road, The Ridgeway and Hilton Road were singled out by individual respondents for criticism. A thorough survey is needed to assess the work needed to bring pavements up to an acceptable standard.

Although no question was asked in the survey about disability issues (eg ease of access to high street amenities or to rural footpaths), such issues were raised at open days and in other meetings. A further survey will therefore be needed to assess the adequacy of access to high street amenities (shops, pubs, etc) and to village and rural footpaths for the disabled including wheelchair users.

The general appearance of Disley village and the public areas

Those who replied to this question thought that more bins, seating, flower baskets and containers would improve the appearance of the village. Trees and lighting were again seen as areas where improvements were needed. About 14% of respondents commented on signage in the village, although this was split between those who wanted to see some 'de-cluttering' and others who thought that information signs to local 'attractions' such as Lyme Park, the canal, and local facilities and a 'heritage walk' would be useful.





War memorial, Ram Green



5.2.3.2 Recommendations

- Improve the appearance of the village as a whole, especially through the production and implementation of a 'Village Design Statement'
- Reduce litter, fly-tipping and dog-fouling
- Improve the condition of the Peak Forest Canal towpath, within the Disley parish, to ensure it is accessible and safe
- Improve signposting and information about - and generally promote - local facilities, shops, countryside and heritage
- Improve conditions and safety for pedestrians



5.2.4 Sustainability and Recycling

The current recycling and waste disposal systems in place in the Parish consist of:

- Alternate weekly kerb-side collection of (1) Household waste, paper and cardboard, and (2) Garden waste, bottles and cans.
- Facilities, situated in the station car park, for plastic, shoe and Tetrapak recycling



Recycling at Disley Station

5.2.3.1 Findings

Comments made in the Survey and at the public meetings identified that many in the community were not aware of the facility at the station car park. There is a need for more information on all current facilities and systems in place.

Improvements suggested included:

- kerb-side collection of plastic
- better quality containers for kerbside collection, particularly sacks for paper and cardboard
- facilities for the disposal of domestic batteries, aluminium foil and directories
- provision of the size and number of bins appropriate to the household.

Respondents were interested in finding out about:

- ways in which they could have a positive impact on the environment
- raising awareness of global environmental issues, and
- how local action can contribute to tackling these issues.

Ways to create less waste and to increase the energy efficiency of their home were of interest to over 60%. More than half of respondents were interested in finding out more about discounted

renewable energy initiatives for their home (e.g. wind turbines, solar and photovoltaic panels), and about water saving measures.

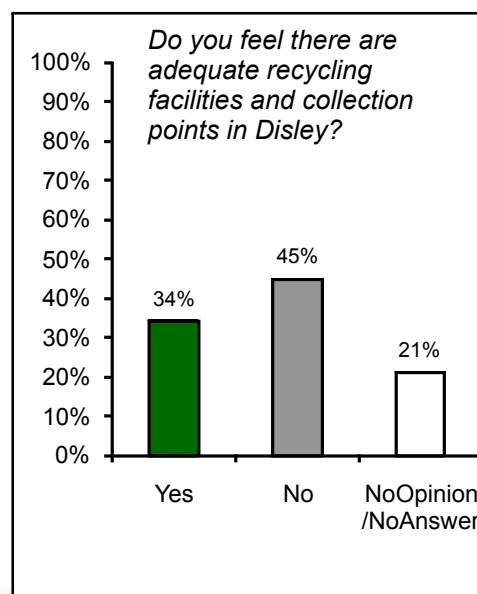
Fifty percent wanted more information on the impact of climate change and 49% on the impact of 'Peak Oil' (the coming shortage of oil/petrol).

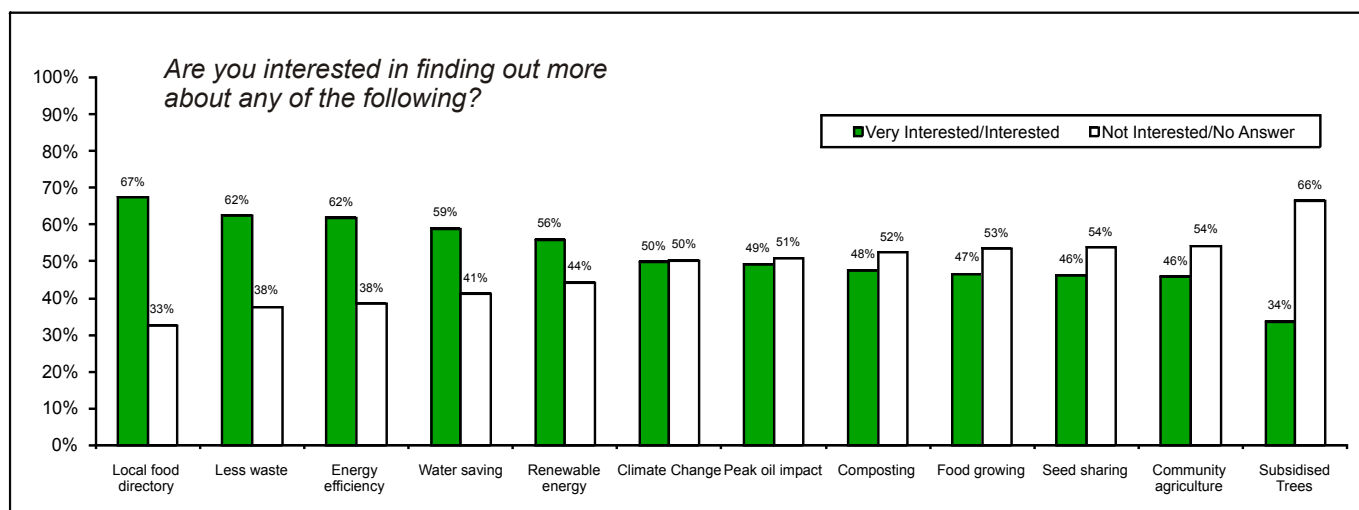
Sixty-seven percent of respondents would welcome information on a directory of locally produced food. Interest in learning more about composting, food growing, seed sharing and the idea of a community orchard, all received over 40% support from respondents, while 34% expressed interest in subsidised trees.

Other individual suggestions for ways to improve sustainability and adopt a greener approach for the village included:

- having a car sharing scheme
- having beehives on the allotment sites
- making it easier to dispose of large items
- Disley to be a plastic bag free village
- appointment of a part-time Environmental Officer for the village whose job would be to promote, co-ordinate and monitor environmental initiatives.

The survey results show that environmental issues and creating a more sustainable way of living are important to many people in Disley. Funding is unlikely to permit the appointment of an Environmental Officer, but, given the interest shown in promoting Disley as an environmentally friendly village, other, less costly initiatives, such as the establishment of a volunteer-based "Eco Team", should be explored.





5.2.3.2 Recommendations

- Promote greater community awareness of, and action on, 'green' issues and sustainability.
- Improve recycling rates in Disley.





5.3 Transport and Travel

5.3.1 Introduction

5.3.1.1 Discussion

The A6 passes through the centre of both Disley and Newtown and, in addition to providing the main access route for all road-based transport, impacts heavily on many aspects of community life as a result of the high volume of through traffic.

The construction of the 'SEMMMS' bypasses of Poynton and Hazel Grove will ease traffic flows in these areas making the route along the A6 even more attractive to through traffic. This may add further to the volume of traffic routing through Newtown and Disley. Measures should be considered as part of the 'SEMMMS' project to discourage increased use of the unimproved sections of the route. Consideration should be given to the transportation of construction materials (particularly locally quarried stone from Derbyshire) for the 'SEMMMS' by-passes.

The opportunity to construct a by-pass of Newtown and Disley has received lengthy consideration in the past, but was removed from the programme of national road projects several years ago.

The implementation of a road improvement scheme to by-pass Disley and Newtown was not considered to be something that can be achieved within the life of this Plan, however many of the comments received from members of the community whether relating to cycling, walking or just to the general environment of the village relate to traffic volumes, speed, and the numbers of heavy goods vehicles travelling along the A6

corridor and people chose to refer to the need for a by-pass and their support for such a project. Although some of the problems giving rise to these concerns can be improved by the introduction of local measures over the short term it is also clear that the only complete solution would be the construction of a by-pass in the long term and it is therefore only correct that an aim of this Plan should be to lobby for the reinstatement of a by-pass on the local and national road building programme.

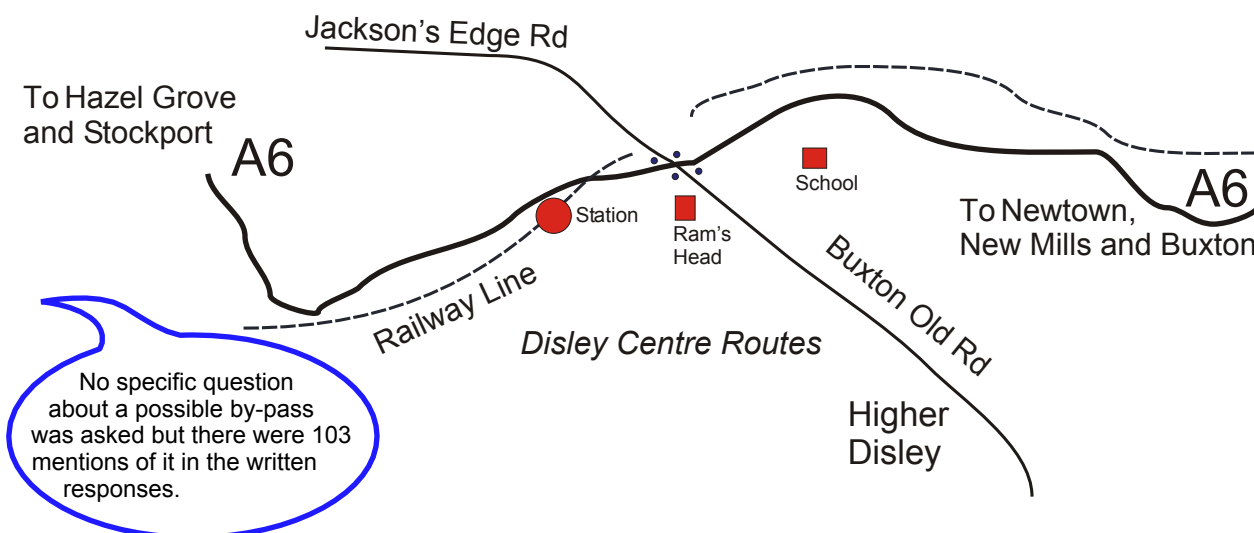
Any scheme for a by-pass would, of course, be the subject of a public enquiry when its effect on the green belt would receive careful consideration.

5.3.1.2 Recommendations

- Reinststate the Disley/High lane by-pass into the schemes programme.
- Restrict movement of additional construction material along A6 through Disley and Newtown.

The Working Group considered the following areas:

- General Safety
- Walking
- Cycling
- Parking
- Public Transport





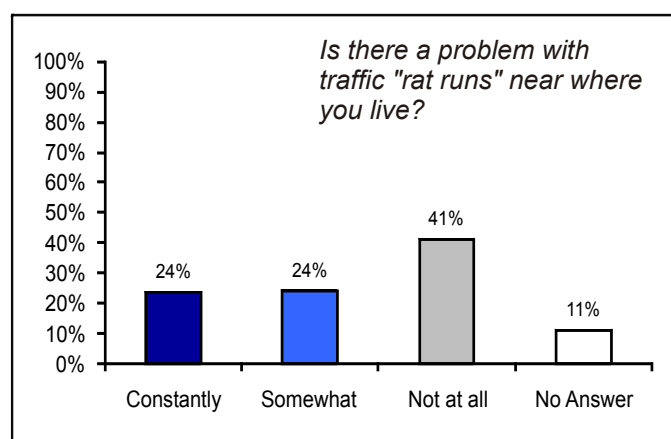
5.3.2 General Road Safety

5.3.2.1 Findings

Concerns over road safety featured strongly in the responses to a number of questions in the survey. The common factors are that most road safety issues particularly relate to the A6 and to a lesser degree to the Jacksons Edge Road/ Buxton Old Road route. Excessive traffic speed was considered a problem at times along the A6, Buxton Old Road, and Jackson's Edge Road. Thirty-seven percent of residents considered excessive traffic speeds on the A6 to be a problem, with 28% highlighting Buxton Old Road and 26% Jacksons Edge Road. Almost 70% of residents considered that achieving slower traffic through the village was either important or very important. The current road humps on Buxton Old Road were disliked by many, but residents along the road supported the retention of some form of traffic calming. Both Jacksons Edge Road and Buxton Old Road were considered to be used as 'rat-runs' to avoid sections of the A6.



The A6 in Disley centre



The volume and type of traffic using the A6 was highlighted as having a major detrimental impact on the communities of both Disley and Newtown from a road safety perspective and for supplementary reasons such as noise, pollution

and dust. Many people asked for measures to slow traffic in addition to reducing the number of heavy goods vehicles (particular reference was made to lorries carrying quarried stone). All types of road-user commented adversely about traffic conditions on the A6 and specifically pedestrians and cyclists.

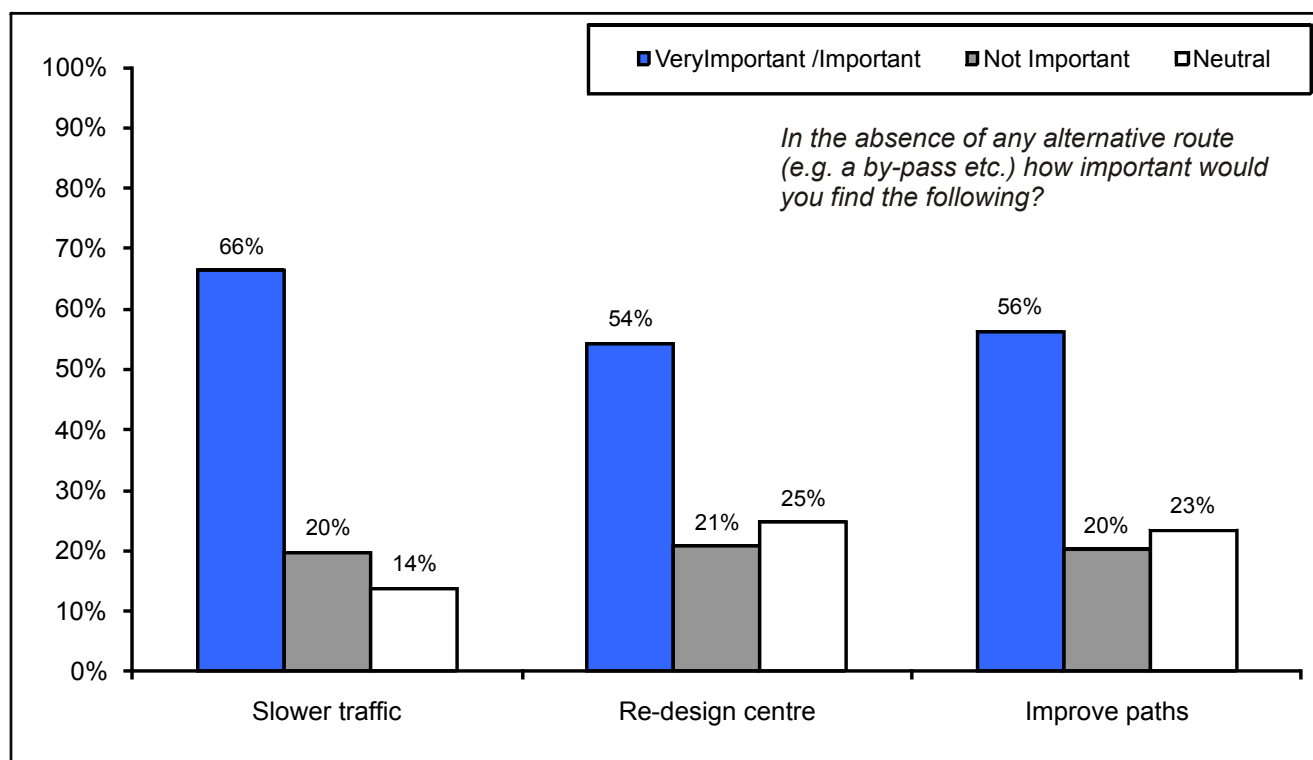
Over 50% considered that some form of redesign of the Disley village centre was either important or very important to reduce the impact of the A6 traffic on village life. Some safety issues unrelated to the through roads were also raised, notably support for 20mph zones in some residential areas. The restricted visibility for drivers exiting Redhouse Lane onto the A6 was highlighted as a hazard, and concern was expressed over the redevelopment of the Harcostar site which is likely to add substantial additional traffic to this junction.

Comments from Survey	Total number of comments	Comments which mentioned:		
		Speed	Parking	HGVs
The A6	442	186	134	69
Jackson's Edge Road	250	133	62	2
Buxton Old Rd	380	144	211	7
Other Routes	199	47	82	4



The safety of the traffic signals in the centre of Disley was raised; specifically the parking on Jacksons Edge Road close to the junction being considered hazardous; improved enforcement

rather than extension of the existing waiting restrictions may be the required solution. Some people also highlighted the lack of road markings to guide turning movements within the junction.



5.3.2.2 Road Safety Recommendation

- Improve road safety within Disley and Newtown.





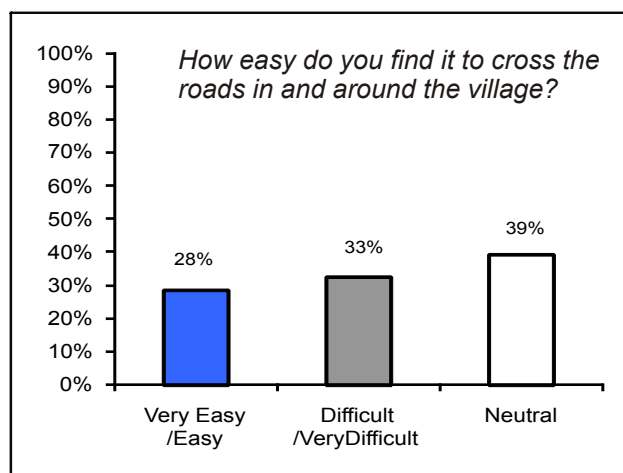
5.3.3 Walking

5.3.3.1 Findings

Many residents indicated they had difficulty in crossing roads due to the heavy traffic flow and/or speed with over a third indicating that they found crossing the road either difficult or very difficult.

By far the greatest number of concerns from pedestrians related to the A6. The vast majority considered there were insufficient places to cross the road safely, both in Disley and Newtown. Elderly people and parents with young children had the greatest difficulty crossing roads and the routes to the school involving crossing the A6 were regularly singled out for criticism in the survey results (notably at the school entrance opposite The Crescent Public House).

People walking around Disley also indicated that the quality of some footpath links was poor and that the high number of cars parked on footways caused a major obstruction and hazard for pedestrians. Around 400 people indicated that improving paths was either important or very important to them.



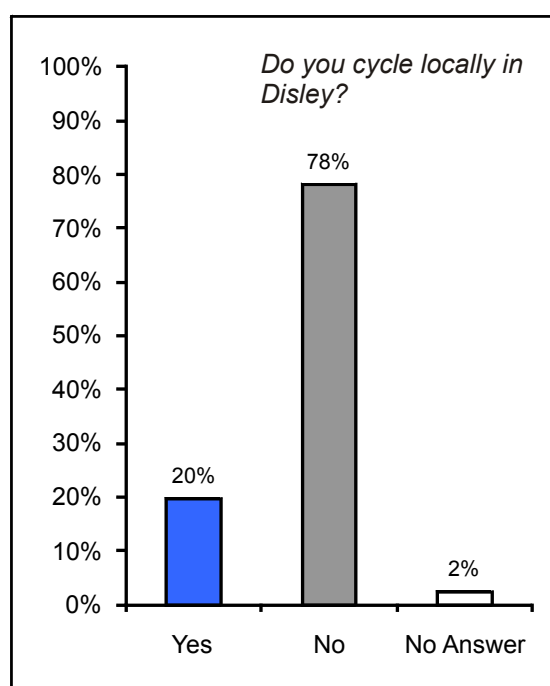
5.3.3.2 Recommendation

- Investigate the provision of pedestrian controlled crossings on A6.

5.3.4 Cycling

5.3.4.1 Findings

One hundred and forty-four people indicated they cycled in the area and there was a balance of views over the quality of cycling trips, however the vast majority (70%) rated their experience as adequate, good or very good. The main concern raised by local cyclists was the traffic conditions on the A6, with many cyclists stating that they found the traffic on the road to be so intimidating that they would not cycle on the A6 at all. Some requested improvements such as cycle lanes, while others wanted alternative routes to be considered.



5.3.4.2 Recommendation

- Improve Cycling safety within the Parish



5.3.5 Parking

5.3.5.1 Findings

The general level of car parking within Disley was considered insufficient by some and to be adequate by others, but almost 50% indicating that current parking provision did not meet their needs. The variation in the survey responses appears to relate to individuals differing needs in terms of the proximity of available parking spaces to required destination, and the variation in parking demand depending on time of day and day of the week. Elderly people and people with impaired mobility have the least flexibility in terms of parking space choice and therefore suffer the greatest difficulties when suitable parking spaces are difficult to find.

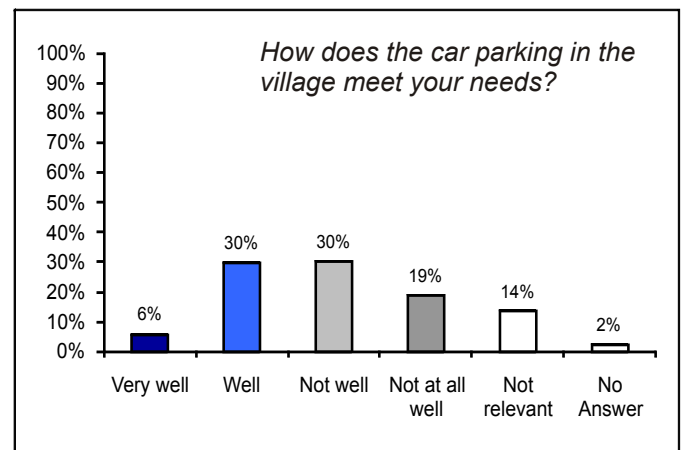
The availability of parking space in Disley village centre was highlighted as a problem by almost 50% of people; a few specifically referred to long stay parking occurring in areas that were signed as being restricted to two hour parking, which often leads to insufficient parking being available for shoppers and other short-stay visitors in areas closest to the village centre. The management of public car parking throughout the village centre therefore requires investigation to determine whether the balance of available long and short stay parking spaces is correct and whether better enforcement of time-limited parking areas is required.

The extensive and regular use of the Ram's Head car park was highlighted by some people, who considered this currently resulted in an underestimation of the true parking problems within Disley village centre, and could be a potential cause of future increased parking pressures should this car park ever become restricted to patrons only. Parking, vehicle manoeuvres and deliveries by goods vehicles in Cooperative Street in Disley were considered to be problematic in this small but busy area.

Sign on Buxton Old Road



Parking on Buxton Old Road, outside the houses on the eastern side of the road (opposite the Dane Hill Close junction and beyond) was referred to by some residents as a problem as it resulted in traffic 'shuttle working' (traffic in one direction being forced to give way to traffic travelling in the opposite direction) on the hill causing congestion at busy times. It was also acknowledged, however, that parking in this location was assisting in reducing traffic speeds on this road, which was obviously beneficial to road safety.



5.3.5.2 Recommendation

- Undertake a detailed parking survey in Disley and Newtown

Jacksons Edge Road





5.3.6 Public Transport

5.3.6.1 Findings

The use of public transport varied considerably with 20% of people being weekly or more frequent bus users, compared to 15% of people being frequent train users. This compares to 30% of people who never use the bus and 15% of people who never use the train (see actual percentages of frequency of use in table). Approximately 77% of people, however, used the train at some time with approximately 64% using the bus. People using the train considered the stations were accessible but requested increased frequency of services along with lower fares (over 400 people in each case) to encourage increased usage. Over 250 people also indicated in each case that increased frequency, increased hours of operation and lower fares on the buses would increase patronage. A few Disley residents requested that a new station on the old 'Midland' rail line should be considered, particularly in view of the proposed redevelopment of the 'Harcostar' site, which is close to this line.

The 199 bus service along the A6 is well used but can suffer substantial delays during peak traffic periods due mainly to heavy congestion along sections of the route (particularly Hazel Grove, Stockport and the Motorway). Problems of variable journey times and unreliable timetables are common at these times and cause problems for

existing passengers in addition to discouraging increased patronage of this service. There were considered to be insufficient buses to some destinations such as Macclesfield and Marple etc, in addition to Poynton in view of the attendance at Poynton High School. Public transport in general was considered to terminate too early in the evening providing difficulties for people attending leisure venues in Stockport and Manchester.



The 199 bus service is popular

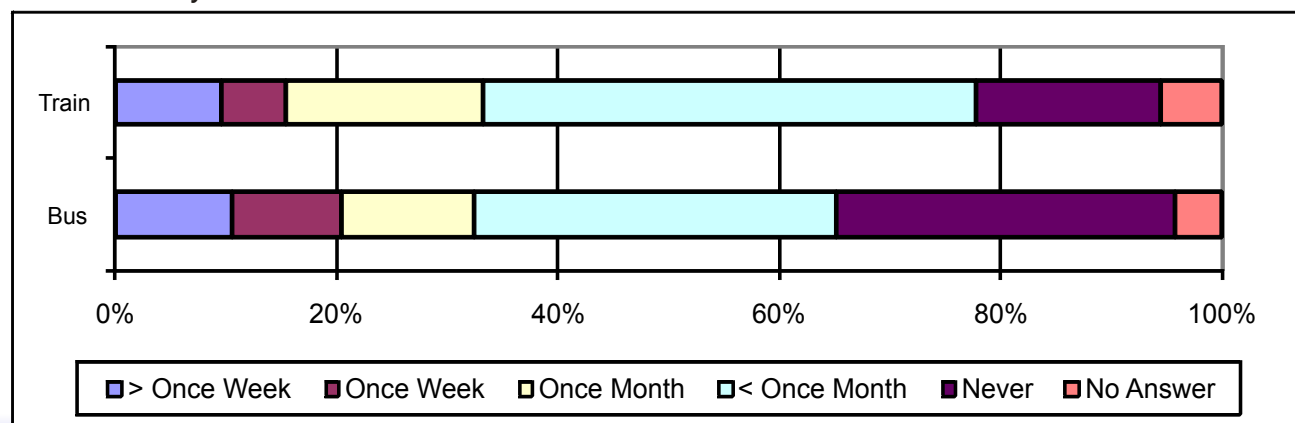


Disley Station

5.3.6.2 Recommendation

- Improve the present Public Transport services, both road and rail, to ensure that they fully meet user needs.

How often do you use the train or Bus?





5.4 Children & Young People

This section of the Parish Plan includes opinions from residents of all ages regarding existing facilities and activities available to Children & Young People in Disley and Newtown. It also includes recommendations for additions and improvements.

Members of the Children and Young People group decided that they needed to assess people's opinions of:

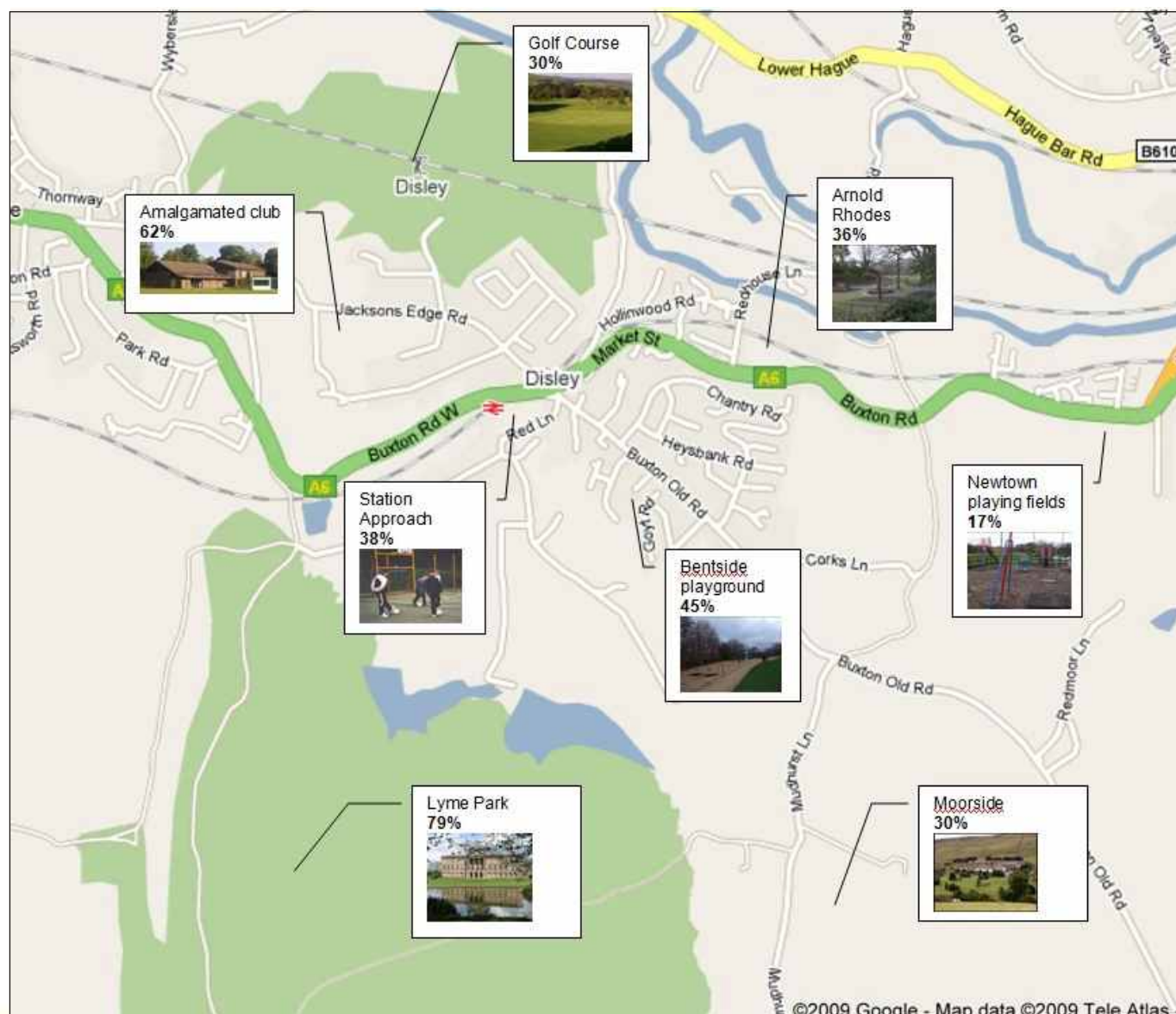
- The quality of existing facilities in Disley, including information about which ones they use and how often
- What additional sporting, social & leisure activities they would like to have available in Disley

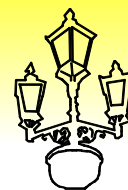
- Issues related to living in Disley eg. safety, transport, obtaining information

- The possibility of holding workshops and information sessions related to Children and Young People's issues.

The group discussed ways of obtaining this information in order to make a fair assessment and decided to prepare 3 questions to be contained in the Parish Plan survey.

Use of local facilities by young people showing what percentage of those surveyed use each facility.





It was also decided that members would interact directly with the young people in order to get their views and opinions by carrying out youth surveys on the Ram Green in Disley and at the bus stop in Newtown when school buses and trains returned to the village. Further information was obtained from the Parish Plan Exhibition, held at Disley Community Centre, which was attended by approximately 300 people and an informal discussion with young people at the Basement Youth Club.

5.4.1 Main Survey Findings

There were 738 responses to the main survey (approximately 40% of households in Disley) and 20% of these were from households with children and young people.

The results showed that Disley & Newtown residents are generally very satisfied with pre-school facilities and with facilities for primary school age children.

Playground areas

Responses to the question about playgrounds showed that people were generally satisfied with playground facilities in Newtown and at Bentside but the Arnold Rhodes Play Area was considered to be out-dated and in need of refurbishment with over 50% of respondents stating this facility was poor.

News: Since results of the survey have been made available the Parish Council has made a successful grant application to WREN and refurbishment work at the play area should begin soon and be complete by Spring 2011. Results from the survey were

used to identify the need for work to be carried out and so the Parish Plan has already been a useful tool in obtaining funding for a community project.

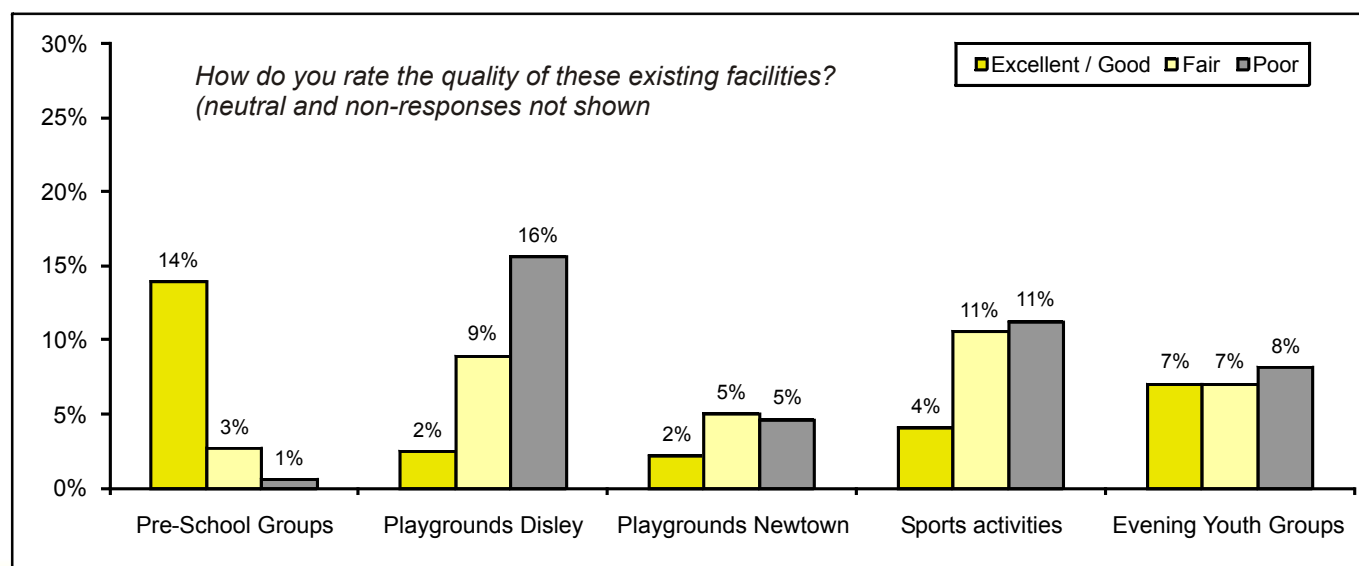
Sports Activities & Evening Youth Groups

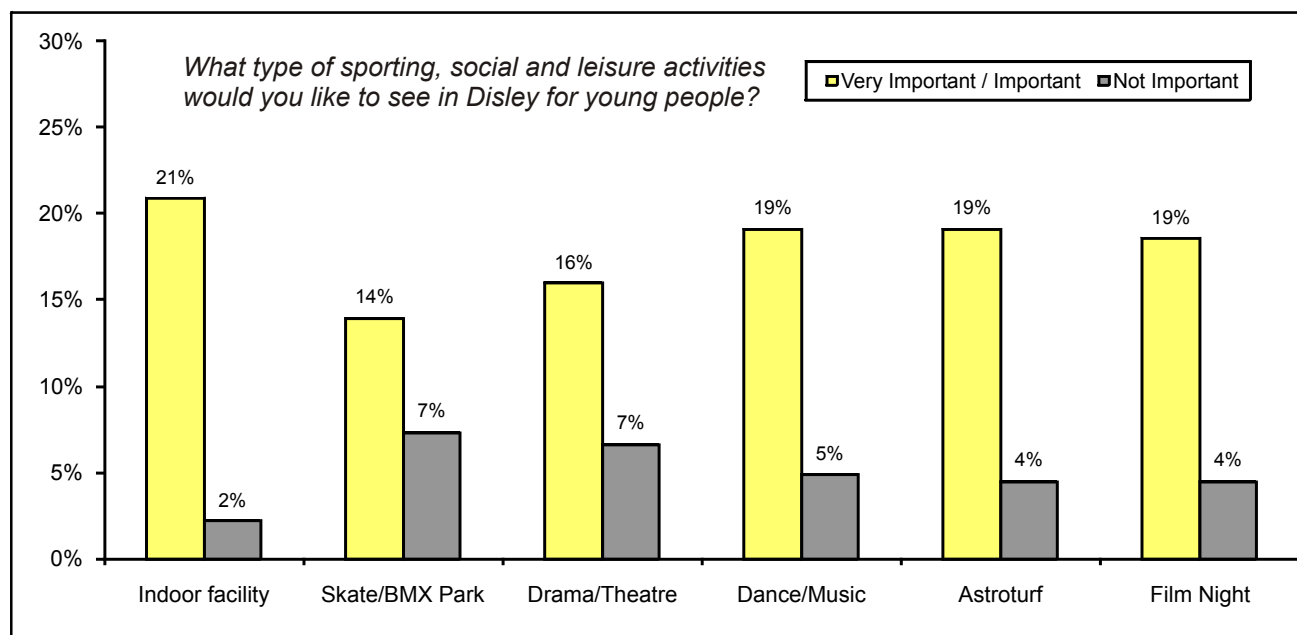
For secondary age young people, Scouts and Explorers are very popular, as is the Basement Youth Group (held downstairs at the Baptist Church) with 60% of respondents rating the evening youth groups as excellent, good or fair. Approximately 40% of respondents in the main survey rated the sports activities and social activities as generally poor or thought that there is not enough for young people to do in the village. However, this seems to be somewhat at odds with the responses from the young people themselves in the Ram Green & Newtown Survey who seem to be generally very active.

The working group found that respondents to the Main Survey would like to see the following additional facilities in the village :

- Music, dance, drama or cheerleading classes or groups
- An indoor meeting place for young people
- A BMX track
- An Astro turf football pitch
- Improved play & sports facilities at the Arnold Rhodes Playing Fields (demonstrated specifically by the additional comments made by respondents in the main survey)
- Film nights for young people

These aspirations from the main survey were reinforced by our findings in the consultation with the young people, as detailed overleaf.





5.4.2 Ram Green and Newtown Young People's Survey

Members of the group considered it important to ask the opinions of the young people themselves and so designed a survey specifically aimed at 11-18 year olds.

The young people were asked to comment on transport, crime and vandalism, PCSO presence in Disley, activities and facilities available and the positive and/or negative aspects of living in the village.

Surveys were carried out on the Ram Green when the school buses and trains returned to the village and in Newtown at the school bus stop.

5.4.2.1 Findings

Fifty-five young people aged 11-18 completed the survey and results showed that they are generally very active. The graph on page 30 shows the range of activities that they participate in although 57% said that they go out of Disley to take part in their particular activities. The facilities in the village are all very well used and 80% said that they regularly visit Lyme Park. 85% said that they liked living in the village and 79% stated that although public transport was generally adequate it was difficult to get to Poynton. Crime and vandalism was not considered to be an issue by 77% of respondents with 50% saying that they knew the PCSOs and how to contact them.

The survey showed that all the existing facilities in the village are well used but identified a need for some specific additions. These were almost

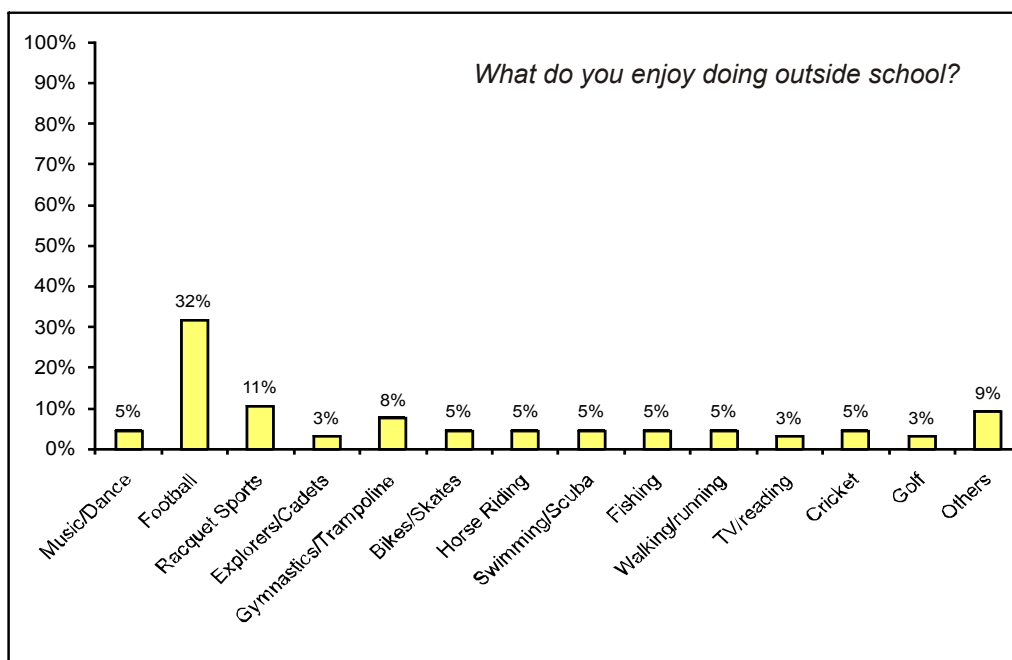
identical to the findings from the Main Survey with requests for a BMX area, an Astro turf pitch, additional activities to include music, dance, drama or cheerleading classes or groups and a meeting place for young people.

This survey also identified a need for improving information about what is available in Disley for Children and Young People.

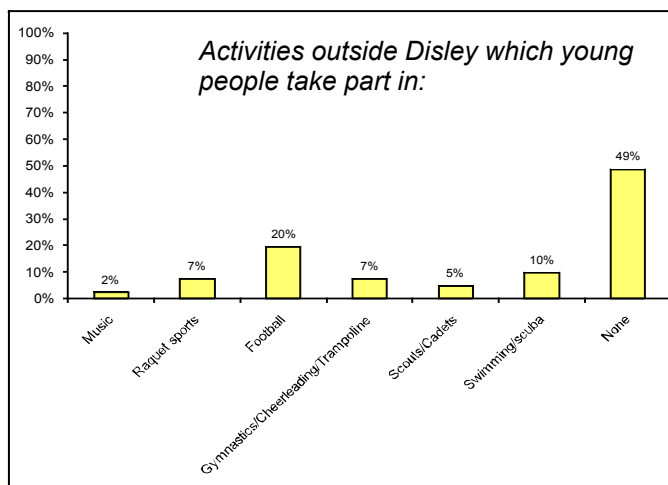
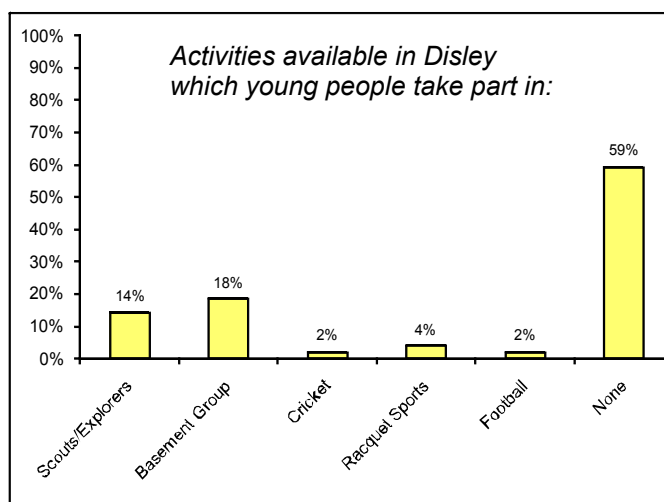
The graph on page 30 shows the activities that those surveyed are participating in - football being the most popular.

Arnold Rhodes Playground - prior to being upgraded





Basement youth club





Workshops

Interest in having workshops or information sessions on issues related to children and young people was very limited so the group suggests that these may be addressed by providing information via a newsletter or website.

Parish Plan Exhibition

This was a great success and there was genuine enthusiasm from all who visited the youth section with proposals for the Arnold Rhodes project receiving particular praise.

Additional suggestions included a training wall for practising a number of ball games e.g. tennis, and encouraging young people to join the New Mills and Disley Angling Club.

5.4.2.2 Recommendations

Playground areas:

- Improve Arnold Rhodes playground area
- Provide additional facilities at Arnold Rhodes Playing Fields
- Make improvements at Newtown Playing Fields

Both the main survey and the youth consultation demonstrated a need for updating of the playground areas, specifically Arnold Rhodes and Newtown. Respondents also wanted to see additional facilities, such as a BMX track and Astroturf pitch, which would best be accommodated at the Arnold Rhodes site.

Additional facilities and activities:

- Address desire for indoor meeting space/drop-in centre for young people
- Increase & broaden activities for young people

These should include music, dance, drama or cheerleading classes or groups, film nights for young people.

Communications:

- Improve communication with young people & residents in order to publicise existing and new activities & facilities.



There are a variety of pre-school groups in Disley

6.1 Community Action Plan

Information and Communication

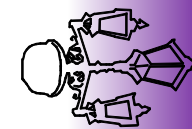
Recommendation	Actions	Potential Partners	Estimated Cost	Timescale
Enable residents to be better informed regarding village information and events	(i) The Parish Newsletter to be produced monthly plus a regularly updated Web Page of local events	Parish Council and Local Societies	Medium - Labour, Materials & Distribution	One year
	(ii) Conduct an audit of existing information sources	Parish Council and Cheshire East Council	Minimal	6 months
	(iii) Produce a guide to useful information sources for residents	Parish Council and Cheshire East Council	Medium - possibility of charge being made	One year
Inform new residents of information on the village	Produce a Welcome Pack	Parish Council	Could be self-financing with advertisements	One year
Encourage all residents to attend Parish Council meetings	Hold parish meetings in the Community centre which is more accessible.	Parish Council	Nil	Immediate



6.1 Community Action Plan

Community Centre

Recommendation	Actions	Potential Partners	Estimated Cost	Timescale
Ascertain existing use of community centre and users views on possible changes	Carry out survey of current use and suggestions for any improvements	Parish Council Cheshire East Council	Minimal	6 months
Increase the community s awareness of the activities available at the community centre and the library	Advertise all forthcoming events by newsletter, parish magazine and notice board.	Local organisations, Parish Council, advertisers, printers	Minimal	Ongoing
Simplify the hiring of the centre	Assess benefits and discuss these with Cheshire East Council and the Parish Council.	Parish Council and Cheshire East Council	Small cost	6 months



6.1 Community Action Plan

Sport, Leisure and Social Activities

Recommendation	Actions	Potential Partners	Estimated Cost	Timescale
Ascertain what additional leisure groups and activities could be provided	Hold an event providing a platform for local existing and new groups and organisations	Local organisations and societies. Special interest group wishing to gauge support for new activities. Parish Council. Church leaders.	Minimal	6 months
Examine opportunities for a Village event	Hold a public meeting to form a committee to reinstate an annual 'event' such as a village fete	Local organisations and societies. Local trades people. Parish Council. Church leaders.	Self financing	6 months
Examine opportunities and gauge support for opening a village market to promote local produce	Undertake a feasibility study.	Local organisations and societies. Local trades people.	Self financing	6 months
Examine opportunities and gauge support for opening a Community café	Undertake a feasibility study	Local organisations and societies. Local trades people. Parish council. East Cheshire Council	Moderate	Medium term. 1 to 2 years.
Improve existing and develop new sporting and leisure facilities	Ascertain plans CE or the PC may have to improve existing sport and leisure facilities. Use the Parish Plan as the basis to identify and bid for funding	Parish Plan Implementation Group. Parish Council. East Cheshire Council. Charities and funding bodies.		Medium to long term. 2 to 5 years
Produce a directory of leisure and sporting activities	Identify the activities. Maintain and publish a directory and contact list	Local organisations and societies. Parish Council. East Cheshire Council. Local private sporting facilities.	Minimal	6 months
Press for improvements in public transport links to Poynton and Macclesfield to give access to more facilities	To encourage bus companies to provide additional services to link Disley, Poynton & Macclesfield.	Disley Parish Council, Youth Council & Cheshire East Council	Unknown	Med to long term
Consider the provision of increased library opening hours	To contact Cheshire East Council to discuss increasing library opening hours	Cheshire East Council	Unknown	Med to long term



6.1 Community Action Plan

Safety

Recommendation	Actions	Potential Partners	Estimated Cost	Timescale
Eradicate alcohol consumption in public areas in the village	Monitor the extended alcohol exclusion zone. Landlords to be asked to require clientele to be more considerate when drinking outside pubs.	Local Pubs Cheshire East Council PCSOs	Minimal	Short term (3 months)
Promote Disley as a safe place to live	Articles in Newsletter and Information on website	Parish Council Residents PCSOs	Minimal	Short term (6 months)
Extend the Homewatch scheme to cover the whole of Disley	Extend the Home Watch Scheme to cover the whole of Disley. Home Watch representatives to meet the PCSOs regularly	Residents Homewatch co-ordinator PCSOs	Minimal	Short Term (6 months)
Discourage anti social behaviour	Install CCTV cameras at the train station if funds allowed PCSOs to be visible in the evenings	PCSOs Network Rail Parish Council Cheshire East Council Northern Rail	Moderate	Medium Term (1 year)

Housing

Recommendation	Actions	Potential Partners	Estimated Cost	Timescale
Ascertain Cheshire East guidelines for housing in Disley	Consult with Cheshire East on the Local Development framework for the village.	Cheshire East Council	Minimal	One year
Assess the housing needs for Disley in particular with regards to affordable housing	Request the Cheshire East Rural Housing Enabler to carry out the survey	Cheshire East Council, Disley PC.	Minimal	One year



6.2 Environment Action Plan

Green Belt and conservation Areas

Recommendation	Action	Potential Partners	Estimated Cost	Timescale
<p>Retain the character of the village and its rural environment by preserving the Green Belt and the Areas of Special County Value</p> <p>Disseminate to the community as widely as possible information about the Green Belt, Conservation Areas and Areas of Special County Value</p> <p>Ensure that all areas within the two Disley conservation areas are effectively preserved and enhanced</p>	Produce clear maps showing Green Belt, areas designated as of special county value, and Conservation Areas; and summaries of purposes and conditions of those designated areas.	Disley Parish Council, Cheshire East Council	Low to moderate	Short term
	Make this information available in library, Parish Council Office & Disley Online website; and draw residents' attention to the location of this information in newsletters & parish guide.	Cheshire East Council, Disley Parish Council	Low	Short term
	Proactively monitor compliance with current Cheshire East Council policies relating to the Green Belt, Areas of Special County Value and Conservation Areas, and their continued implementation in the Local Plan adopted after 2011. (See Appendix 9.1)	Cheshire East Council, Disley Parish Council	Low	Medium term
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Produce a stand alone leaflet, which succinctly describes the criteria and conditions of the Conservation Areas, incorporating the information on the Cheshire East Council website and that this, together with maps, are distributed to all premises in the Conservation areas. ● Review Cheshire East Councils current List of Conservation Areas at Risk, alongside the criteria drawn up by English Heritage (see summary of English Heritage guidance in appendix, page 43). Identify any Disley conservation areas that might be at risk, and take appropriate measures to safeguard them. 	Cheshire East Conservation Officer, English Heritage	Low	Short term
	Seek funding to commission consultancy (or feasibility study) on future development of Barlow Meadow area (i.e. behind the shops, between the library and the Co-op and including the grass bank).	Cheshire East Disley Parish Council. Other grant-giving bodies (e.g. WREN)	Moderate to high	Medium term



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Street Scene

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Recommendation	Action	Potential Partners	Estimated Cost	Timescale
Improve the general appearance of the village as a whole especially through the production and implementation of a 'Village Design Statement'	Call for a meeting with Cheshire East Council planners to discuss the survey data and residents' concerns and ideas, with a view to producing a Village Design Statement . This would incorporate detailed matters such as Conservation Area controls and Article 4 directions and how they apply to areas such as Barlow Meadow; possible applications for funding to improve and develop the Barlow Meadow area; replacement or upgrade of the bus stops at the Rams Head and the waiting room on platform 1 at Disley Station; and an 'adopt a planter scheme'.	Disley Parish Council Cheshire East Council	Low to moderate	4 months & ongoing
	Approach village traders and village societies about the possibility of funding more flower baskets and containers in the village centre and promoting an adopt a planter scheme; and seek advice from the Cheshire East Council Conservation Officer on suitable types and locations.	Cheshire East Council; PRIDE. Village traders. Village societies	Low to moderate	4 months & ongoing
Reduce litter fly-tipping and dog-fouling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plot the location of existing litter and dog-waste bins and identify locations for additional bins Raise awareness of the role of Cheshire East Council dog wardens; and disseminate information about the relevant authorities able to deal with litter and fly-tipping problems Monitor the effectiveness of the new street cleaning schedule 	Disley Parish Council, Cheshire East Council	Low	4 months & ongoing
Improve the condition of the Peak Forest Canal towpath, within the Disley parish, to ensure it is accessible and safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out a survey of works needed to bring towpath up to a satisfactory standard of safety and accessibility. Seek funding to enable remedial work and improvements to be carried out. (At the time of going to press, initial meetings have taken place to progress this recommendation.) Carry out remedial work to banks Improve surface of towpath, using help from local volunteers under supervision of British Waterways or other appropriate body 	Parish Council British Waterways. Cheshire East Council. North-West Development Agency. Disley Footpaths Society. Grant-giving bodies eg WREN, Cheshire East Council 'Grassroots'	High	6 months to 2 years
Improve signposting and information about-and generally promote-local facilities, shops, countryside and heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a survey of local signposting, specifically to promote walks and places of historic and scenic interest in the village and surrounding area (Lyme Park, the canal, the church, etc) and provide information on local facilities Improve timetabling and local information at bus stops, rail station and in centre of village. Investigate cost of signage and identify locations for a Heritage Trail. 	Network Rail. Cheshire East Council. Disley Parish Council. Bus companies. Local societies Grant-giving bodies	Moderate	6 months to 1 year
Improve conditions and safety for pedestrians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out a survey of all pavements in the village with a view to drawing up a programme of repair works. Make publicly available the results of recent air quality surveys by Cheshire East Council and ensure that any measures which could lead to improvements are followed up. Gather further information on disability issues such as adequacy of access to high street amenities (shops, pubs, etc) and to village and rural footpaths for the disabled including wheelchair users. 	Cheshire East Council; Parish Council	Low	6 months & ongoing



6.2 Environment Action Plan

Sustainability and Re-cycling

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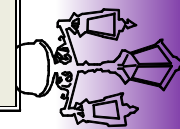
Recommendation	Action	Potential Partners	Estimated Cost	Timescale
Promote greater community awareness of, and action on, 'green' issues and sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hold a Green Event Week in Disley to include events such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ a Fairtrade Fair ■ talks and presentations on Climate Change, Peak Oil, Energy Efficiency, campaigns such as ACT ON CO₂, 10:10 (a project to achieve a 10% cut in the UK's carbon emissions in 2010 and beyond), making Disley a 'plastic bag free' village ■ free showings of environmental films ■ sales of good quality low energy light bulbs ■ free Home Energy checks ● Seek volunteers to form a committee to start the research and planning of such an event. 	Parish Council; Cheshire East Council; Local traders & shopkeepers; Disley Primary School; Friends of the Earth; The Energy Saving Trust; Act On CO ₂ ; 10:10; The Co-op	Moderate	To be held in 2011
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish an Eco Team for Disley - a volunteer group to promote awareness of sustainable living, improve recycling in the community and generally take forward the environmental & ecological issues coming out of the plan; and appoint a Cheshire East Council-backed Local Recycling Champion 	Cheshire East Council; Parish Council	Low to moderate	Medium Term
Improve recycling rates in Disley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Publicise existing local recycling facilities in Disley through all available methods ● Lobby Cheshire East Council for a kerbside plastics collection ● Set up links on the Parish Council website for advice on requesting additional or different sizes of black bins ● Provide better signs and publicity for the plastic and Tetrapak recycling facilities by the station. 	Parish Council Cheshire East Council	Moderate	Short term



6.3 Transport and Travel Action Plan

All Issues

Recommendations	Actions	Potential Partners	Estimated Cost	Timescale
Promote a by-pass for Disley & Newtown.	Request Cheshire East Council to include the construction of a by-pass of Disley and Newtown in the programme.	Parish Council & Cheshire East Council	High	Long term
Restrict movement of additional construction materials along A6 through Newtown & Disley.	Apply pressure on the Local Authorities involved in the Poynton & Hazel Grove by-passes to ensure as much of the construction materials as possible are transported by rail.	Parish Council, Cheshire East Council & Stockport Borough Council	Medium	Long term
Improve road safety within Newtown and Disley.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake speed surveys along A6, Buxton Old Road and Jacksons Edge Road with a view to introducing speed reducing measures. Initiate traffic surveys and accident surveys within Disley Parish Area Consider options to reconfigure the centre of Disley Village to reduce impact of the A6 and report. Ensure that any Planning Application for the former Harcostar site recognises and fully considers the problems of access and visibility at the junction of Redhouse Lane and the A6. 	Parish Council, Cheshire East Council, Police Authorities & Volunteers.	Medium	Long Term
Investigate the provision of additional pedestrian controlled crossing points along the A6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the agreement of the local highway authority, undertake pedestrian/traffic count at well used crossing points on the A6, Buxton Old Road and Jacksons Edge. 	Parish Council Cheshire East Council Police Authorities	Low	medium
Improve the cycling experience and safety.	Investigate the development of safe cycle routes either along or as an alternative to the A6, particularly the canal towpath.	Parish Council, Cheshire East Council & British Waterways	Medium	Medium Term
Undertake a detailed parking survey within and around the village centre including Buxton Old Road and Jackson's Edge Road.	Establish if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The balance of short stay and long stay parking provision is adequate to support the needs of the village. That improved parking enforcement is required to ensure that short stay parking areas operate satisfactorily to increase turn over and availability of spaces. There is a need for the provision of dedicated Disabled Persons parking bays close to Disley village shops and other amenities. 	Parish Council, Cheshire East Council & Volunteers	Medium	Medium Term
Improve the present Public Transport services both road and rail to ensure they fully meet the needs of the user.	Increase the dialogue on public transport issues with all relevant stakeholders to encourage greater use of both rail and bus services. Investigate with stakeholders the potential for a new station on the Sheffield line adjacent to Redhouse Lane.	Parish Council. Cheshire East Council & Transport Companies.	Medium	Medium



6.4 Young People's Action Plan

All Issues

Recommendation	Actions	Potential Partners	Estimated Cost	Timescale
Improve Arnold Rhodes playground area	Refurbishment due to be completed by spring 2011 following a successful grant application by Disley Parish Council to WREN	Disley Parish Council & Friends of the Arnold Rhodes Play Area	Funding from WREN & partnership funding from Disley Parish Council to provide full amount	Completion winter 2010/spring 2011
Provide additional facilities at Arnold Rhodes Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drainage work to existing football pitch Astroturf pitch/surfacing, BMX track, Running/cycle track, Tennis wall 	Parish Council Funding partners	Unknown	Unknown
Improvements at Newtown Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify need & provide additional play equipment Improvements to the Newtown football pitch 	Disley Parish Council Funding Partners	Unknown	Unknown
Address desire for indoor meeting space/drop-in centre for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify suitable place to build new venue Obtaining funding for the project Identify current venues such as church rooms, Scout hut, Community Centre that could be better utilised. Find volunteers to run/supervise 	Grant funders Costings available from venues	Unknown Variable	Unknown
Increase & broaden activities for young people	Introduce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> music/dance groups, gym/cheerleading groups drama/theatre groups 	Hire of venue & payment to event provider	Variable	
Improve communication with young people & residents in order to publicise existing and new activities & facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce Youth Council / Forum Youth section in parish newsletter Community website to provide "Whats On" with details of activities and facilities for children and young people Community website with Youth section 	Disley Parish Council Disley Parish Council & Youth Council Volunteers required to create Community Website	Minimal Nil Unknown	2011 2011





7. Glossary of Terms

BMX	Derived from Bicycle Motorcross, a form of racing but extended to include riding which involves manoeuvres on obstacles that are typically man made and not designed for bicycles.	WREN	Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd
DEFRA	Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs		
Peak Oil	The point in time when the maximum rate of global petroleum extraction is reached, after which the rate of production enters terminal decline.		
PCSO	Police Community Support Officers are members of support staff employed, directed and managed by their Police Force.		
PRIDE	People Restoring and Improving Disley's Environment. A community group working to improve the general appearance of Disley		
SEMMMS	South East Manchester Multi Modal Strategy. A 20 year strategy covering an area to the south east of Manchester including parts of Cheshire East, Derbyshire, Stockport and Tameside local authority areas. The strategy aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Improve public transport● Improve the use of road space● Encourage transport change● Encourage urban regeneration● Improve highways		
SIDs	Speed Indication Displays		



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9. Appendices

9.1 FURTHER INFORMATION ON GREEN BELT AROUND DISLEY

1. Disley is surrounded by the North Cheshire Green Belt a large part of which is also designated as an Area of Special County Value

2. The objectives of the Cheshire East Council's planning policy in a Green Belt is inter-alia ".... to keep land open and keep levels of activity at a minimum. Thus it is the intention that a Green Belt shall have a rural character and restrictions on building are severe. Within the Green Belt and Countryside, the presumption is against new building at any time, subject only to certain limited exceptions or as may be specially approved."

3. Current policy of Cheshire East Council is that no building development will be permitted, unless it is in accordance with Government Planning Guidance PPG2: Green Belts and Policy GC1 of the Macclesfield Local Plan. This Policy covers the period up to 2011.

4. Policy GC1 of the Macclesfield Local Plan states inter-alia in regard to Planning Applications that:

Approval will not be given, except in very special circumstances, for the construction of new buildings unless it is for the following purposes:

1. Agriculture and forestry (the provision of new dwellings will be subject to the principles contained in policy GC6)
2. Essential facilities for outdoor sport and outdoor recreation, for cemeteries, and for other uses of land which preserve the openness of the green belt and which do not conflict with the purposes of including land in it
3. Limited extension or alteration of existing dwellings, subject to policy GC12
4. The replacement of existing dwellings, subject to policy GC11
5. Limited infilling within the settlements of Gawsworth, Henbury, Lyme Green and Sutton provided that the development is in scale and character with the settlement in question
6. Limited affordable housing for local community needs in accordance with policies H8-H10



9.2 ENGLISH HERITAGE "CONSERVATION AREAS AT RISK" REGISTER

English Heritage has a campaign to identify and preserve conservation areas across the country that are deemed to be at risk from neglect or from inappropriate development.

Causes for concern may include:

- Unsympathetic replacement windows and doors
- Loss of front gardens to car parking
- Inappropriate alterations and extensions
- Derelict and vacant buildings
- Street clutter and traffic signs
- Ugly shop fronts and advertising
- Rundown streets, gardens and public spaces
- Lack of action against unauthorised alterations

It recently conducted a census, through partnership with local authorities, and published in 2009 the first national survey of *Conservation Areas at Risk*. The problems were found to be twofold: "what owners and residents do or fail to do to their properties, and how the council maintains the streets and public spaces."

Local amenity societies and groups are urged by English Heritage to identify neglected buildings in conservation areas and notify the local authority, which can then add those buildings to the "At Risk Register" and, where appropriate, take statutory action. Actions that can be taken at local level are helpfully listed on the English Heritage website, and in its booklet, *Heritage at Risk: Conservation Areas*, obtainable from English Heritage. (A limited number of copies is also currently available at the Parish Council Offices in Disley.)

Local authorities and English Heritage have important roles to play, and **Article 4 Directions** can be implemented to ensure adequate development control, but local communities can play a vital role in keeping an area 'special' and providing essential 'local knowledge' on which to base any remedial action. Communities can also be pivotal in preparing a '**Village Design Statement**' and a strategy for putting it into action: "These community-led projects identify what is special about a neighbourhood and how new development needs to complement what is already there." (*Heritage at Risk*, 2009).

Full details and further helpful information on what can be done to protect and enhance conservation areas can be found at www.english-heritage.org.uk/conservationareas.

See also the English Heritage *Heritage At Risk Register* at www.english-heritage.org.uk/risk.



9.3 FACILITIES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN DISLEY

	Pre School	Primary School Age	Secondary School Age
Monday	9.15 - 11.30am Toddleys Methodist Church 2.15 - 2.45pm Story time- Disley Library		
Tuesday	9.30 - 11.30am Tuesday Tots St Mary's Church	7.00 - 8.15pm Cubs (Girls & boys 8 - 10 yrs) The Scout Hut	
Wednesday	9.30 - 11.15am Tots Time Downstairs at the Baptist Church	6.00 - 7.00pm Beavers (Girls & boys 6 - 8 yrs) at The Scout Hut 7pm Basement Youth Club (Girls & boys 11 - 13 Yrs) at The Basement, Disley Baptist Church	7pm Basement Youth Club (11 - 13 yrs) at the Basement, Disley Baptist Church 7.30 - 9.30pm Explorers (14 - 18 Yrs) at The Scout Hut
Thursday	9.15 - 11.15am Mum & Toddlers Disley School	7.15 - 9.15pm Scouts (Girls & boys 10 - 14 yrs) at The Scout Hut 5.30 - 7.00pm Brownies (Girls 7-10) At the Scout Hut	7.15 - 9.15pm Scouts (10 - 14 yrs) At The Scout Hut
Friday		3.30 - 5.00pm Adventurers (Girls & Boys 5- 9 yrs) at St Mary's Schoolrooms	
Sunday	Story-Telling services at the churches - see individual church for details		
Daily	Disley Under-Fives Playgroup - Disley Primary School		

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