



Village Appraisal 2008

**Thorrington Parish
Council**

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SUMMARY

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to pull together an analysis of the 2008 Thorrington Village Appraisal responses which were received during the period August – October 2008.

Scope

The document will include:

- Recommendations
- A consolidated summary of responses for each of the sections within the questionnaire
- Detailed tables of responses
- Appendices of comments
- An copy of the questionnaire

Issues

- There has been only a 25% response rate
- The age profile for responses to the questionnaire does not seem to reflect the age profile of the village. The views of the older members of the population will have been overstated.
- Brightlingsea road is under-represented

Introduction

Between late July and early August 2008 a questionnaire was distributed to all households in the village. This questionnaire was in two parts:

- Part A to be completed by an adult and represent the consensus views of all adults within the household.
- Part B was a Youth survey to be completed by a 'teenage' member of the family (8-18) where applicable.

The original time frame for responses was expanded from the end of August in response to criticism that people had been away on holiday and responses were accepted up until the end of October 2008. This gave households 3 months in which to reply.

All responses received have been analysed and views/trends/problems have been identified which can be reflected in day-to-day Parish Council management and developed further within the village plan. The questionnaire was designed to be easy to complete, being based largely on multiple choice questions but also giving the opportunity to comment within certain questions. The questionnaire was anonymous.

The feedback from this village appraisal questionnaire should provide essential input to Thorrington Parish Council during its preparation of a village plan. It is intended that a village plan will give residents and others a clear view of the way the village community has indicated it wishes to exist and also to develop in the future. It will also provide information for the Parish Council when prioritising projects, applying for grants, making investment decisions and representing the views of the community when responding to external organisations.

A copy of this document can be found on the Parish Council website, copies can also be obtained from the Parish Clerk and a copy will be made available at Brightlingsea Library.

Findings

- Most people in the village were satisfied with Thorrington as a pleasant and convenient village in which to live and the overall feeling was that it had good community spirit.
- The Parish Council also received a positive rating with less than 1% dissatisfied with the Council. More people knew who the Parish Councillors were than District and County councillors but even so this was only just over 52% of respondents. Few people were interested in getting more involved.
- The major issue for community safety was the level of speeding and the large number of HGVs on narrow country roads.
- There was support for small-scale developments to encourage local employment in Thorrington. Only about a quarter of respondents worked more than 20 miles away.
- Housing should be limited to small scale developments as infill and there was support for affordable housing.
- Whilst most people thought there was a litter problem, and they also felt that residents should be encouraged to litter pick in their own area, few said that they would like to be involved themselves. A case of actions not speaking louder than words!
- Reflecting the limited public transport available, most people used their own cars for shopping, work and taxiing of children to activities. However, there is a higher than average proportion of older residents and a number of these suggested that the walk to Thorrington Cross was a problem and that the 74 bus service was very limited.
- It was recognised that there was a need for more activities within the village for children. For adults the picture was less clear. However, there was a clear indication that evening classes and fitness classes could be a way forward. Art classes and Gardening classes received some support.
- The village shop is well supported with 84% using it at least once a week and is seen as a vital asset. The village pub had a far less positive rating reflecting the difficulties of reconciling the villagers' requirement for a cosy social pub and the commercial impetus towards a more formal restaurant facility.
- So few Youth surveys were completed that no conclusions can be drawn from the responses.

We would like to thank all those who took the time to complete the survey.

RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

Communications

1. For future surveys Brightlingsea Road, Tenpenny Hill and rural areas should receive stamped addressed envelopes.
2. Grapevine and the Website should include bus timetables.
3. Grapevine and the Website should include an events calendar.
4. The website should be kept up to date with events, minutes and newsletters.

Village Facilities

1. The Shop and the Pub and the Village Hall committee will receive details of the responses received for the relevant questions.

Community Safety

1. The police have already been given details of the relevant section via the Neighbourhood Action Panel. This should ensure that issues which have a relevance to the wider community are passed on.
2. The Highways department will be asked to take into consideration the issues raised by the community.
3. From the responses it is clear that the Parish Council and other interested parties need to consider once again the problems of the junction of Chapel Lane at the shop.

YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Q1 Where is your Household located?

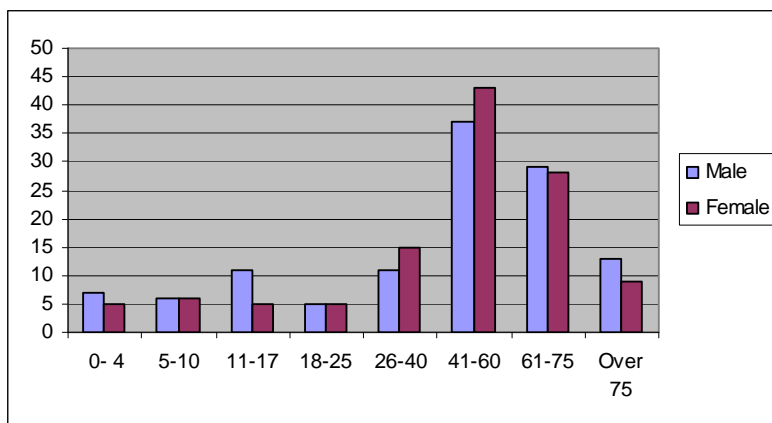
Village Centre	84
Brightlingsea Road	15
Tenpenny Hill	7
Rural/Other	20

This is a poor reflection of Brightlingsea road which should have a larger number of responses to reflect the numbers who live there

Q2 Number of persons in Household

No response	1
1	15
2	79
3	10
4	11
5	7
6	3

Q3 Age profile



Q4 How strong is the community spirit within the village?

Very Strong	3
Strong	32
Average	57
Weak	11
Don't Know	23

Q5 Do you feel involved in the village community?

Yes	56
No	68

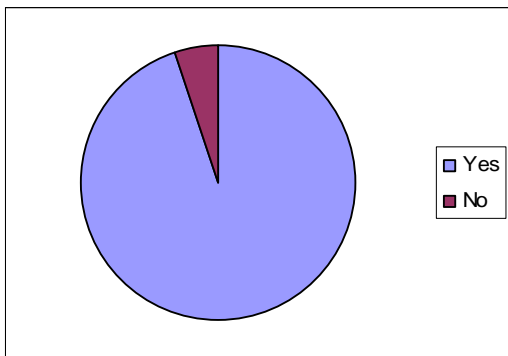
Q6 If you don't feel involved, why is this?

Don't have the time/too busy	18
No existing activities interest me	21
Not interested in being more involved	17
Don't know who to contact	10
Other reasons (list below)	8

Q7 If you would like to become more involved, please indicate which areas/activities may interest you .

Existing clubs/societies	12
New clubs/societies if established	39
Organising youth activities	10
Parish Council initiatives/projects	11
Environmental/nature projects	28
Voluntary work	11
Other	3

Q8 Are you generally satisfied with Thorrington as a pleasant and convenient village in which to live?



Q9 What sort of activities would you like to see taking place in the village to strengthen community spirit?

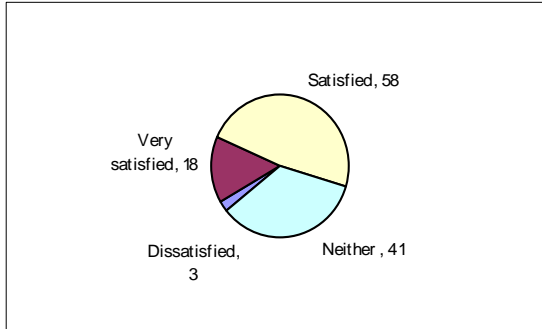
Fete	56
Street Parties	21
Sports Teams	22
Entertainment in the Village Hall	53
Evening Classes/Further Education	55
Environmental Projects	39
Others (list below)	6

Q10 What is most important to you about Thorrington?

The community	31
The General environment	88
The convenience of the location	25
Other	12

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Q11. How satisfied are you with how Thorrington Parish Council discharges its responsibilities?



Q12. Please suggest below any areas where Thorrington Parish Council could discharge its responsibilities more effectively.

There was a request that reports in Grapevine should be more regular and that more than one newsletter a year should be produced. The latter is a concern since we produce, on average, 4 newsletters a year. Other comments suggest that people are not fully aware of the limits of Parish Council powers – e.g. provision of a footpath down Tenpenny Hill and of play area in Hazel Close. Both of these are topics which have been raised by the Parish Council with the relevant authorities on a large number of occasions. See detailed comments

Q13. Would you like to be more closely involved with Parish Council business, including sub-committees and project work?

Yes	16
No	102

Q14. Do you know who your local representative(s) are on the following councils?

This could be seen as a poor result but may reflect the fact that recently there has not been a burning issue in the parish which would engage residents. If taken in conjunction with the results of Q13 it seems that this result may be more a reflection of lack of interest rather than poor communication.

County Council

Yes	33	27%
No	88	73%

District Council

Yes	33	27%
No	87	73%

Parish Council

Yes	63	52%
No	59	48%

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION

Q15. Levels of crime within Thorrington are low and we have limited police presence. There have been concerns that it is difficult to get in contact with the police.

Have you tried to contact the police in the past year?

Yes	30
No	96

Did you get in contact easily and was the response satisfactory?

Yes	17
No	13

See detailed comments

Q16. Would you like to see a regular summary of reported crime and crime-related advice in the Grapevine and on the Village Website?

Yes	105
No	12

Q17. Do you consider there to be any dangerous junctions or other hazards on roads in the village?

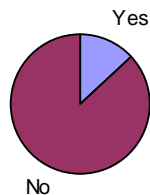
Yes	90
No	33

If the answer is yes, where are they and what should be done to make them safer?

See detailed comments

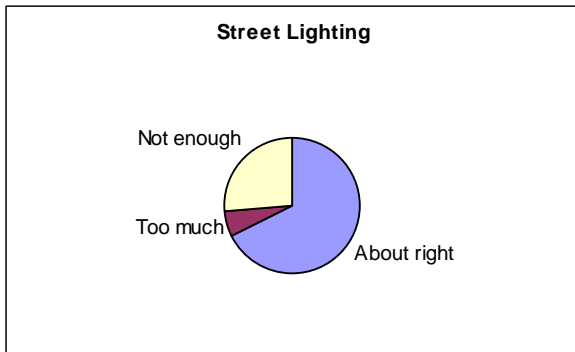
Q18. Speeding. Please tick the boxes below which reflect your views.

Is Speeding a problem in Thorrington?



Increased police emphasis should be placed on catching speeding motorists	61
The Parish Council should spend money on deploying fixed or mobile visual warning signs to encourage drivers to slow down	55
Traffic calming measures should be introduced in some locations	50
Additional road signs such as 'children at play' should be installed	40

Q19. What is your opinion on the general levels of street lighting in Thorrington?



Additional street lighting is required in	
Chapel lane	4
Clacton road estate to Thorrington Cross	2
Station Road	1
Church Road	3
There is excessive street lighting at	
Thorrington cross	1

Q20. Are you content with the condition of roadside verges/hedges in the village?

Yes	87
No	28

Verges requiring attention	
Chapel Lane	2
Clacton road from estate to Thorrington Cross grass growing over path	1
Station road	3
Brightlingsea road	2
Church Road	2

Q21. Cycling

Do you or members of your family cycle regularly on local roads?

Yes	39
No	86

If not, why not?

The major reasons given were that the respondents had no bikes, that they were old and the unsafe nature of the roads. In particular, those who had children, cited HGVs and narrow roads as being a factor. This marries up with the opinion of the police who support the need for a school bus to Great Bentley due to the danger of the Thorrington to Great Bentley road

Do you feel safe when cycling in the village?

Yes	33
No	26

Even those who did cycle, were concerned about the levels of safety.

How could the cycling experience in Thorrington be enhanced?

The majority expressed a wish for cycle paths; in particular down Tenpenny hill. There was also concern about the speed of vehicles in the relatively narrow country roads near the village. HGVs were again cited as a problem.

THE NATURAL AND DEVELOPED ENVIRONMENT

Q22. Thorrington has a small industrial estate at Thorrington Cross. What are your views on the provision of employment opportunities within Thorrington? Please tick the boxes which reflect your views:

Strategic employment land is required in the Thorrington area	11
Small-scale employment-generating developments, including farm diversification, should be encouraged to create local employment in Thorrington	56
Strategic employment land is not required in the Thorrington area	26
Small scale employment-generating developments, including farm diversification, should not be encouraged in Thorrington	38

Q23. What are your views on the provision of additional housing in Thorrington? Please tick the boxes which reflect your views:

Additional housing should be limited to infill within existing settlement boundaries	46
Small scale developments of up to 10 houses should be allowed	17
Medium scale developments of up to 25 houses should be allowed	9
The provision of up to 12 'affordable houses' should be supported	37
Additional housing is not required	36

Q24. Footpaths

I use at least one footpath regularly	46
I do not use the footpaths but believe that they should be fully maintained	36
Parish Council funding should be used to maintain the footpaths in very good condition	26
I would volunteer to help maintain footpaths in the village	13
Footpaths in my area are in adequate condition	43
Footpaths in my area need additional maintenance	10
The following footpath is unsatisfactory for the reasons stated below	7

Q25. Litter

There is a problem with litter in the village	53
There is not a problem with litter in the village	30
The Parish Council should pay for additional litter picking	14
Residents should be encouraged to litter pick in the vicinity of their property	82
Voluntary litter picking should be organised throughout the village	21
I would like to be involved with litter picking in the area that I live	13
I would like to be involved with litter picking in the village generally	7

Q26. Would members of your household actively participate in an annual 'spring clean' day

Yes	70
No	51

Q27 Thorrington has not entered the Best Kept Village Competition for several years. Please tick the boxes below which reflect your views on this issue

Thorrington should enter this competition in the future	48
A considerable effort will need to be made by residents if Thorrington is to win this competition - and I am prepared to actively participate	28

Q28. The Parish Council maintains the trees surrounding the playing field. Please tick the boxes which reflect your views on tree planting and preservation in the village

Further tree and hedge planting is not required	75
Additional trees should be planted in the following areas	31
On the Playing Field	12
On public/highways land at	5
In conjunction with the landowner at the following roadside or footpath locations	5
The Parish Council should work with local landowners to plant trees and hedgerows in the village on private land adjacent to public rights of way for the benefit of the natural environment	37
The following tree(s) in the village are of special merit and should be considered for the award of a Tree Preservation Order (see notes)	7
I would volunteer for tree and hedge planting work within the village	7
I have the following suggestions regarding tree and hedgerow planting in the village	6

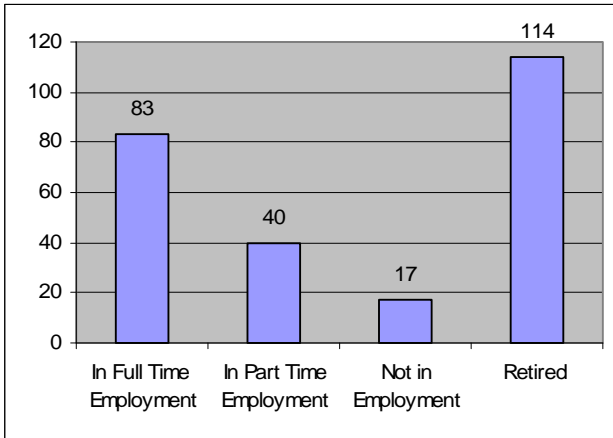
A number of respondents suggested that trees along the field boundary from Clacton Road to Thorrington Cross would be useful to provide shelter.

The Horse Chestnut tree with the bench at the east end of the Playing field was also picked out as being worthy of attention. NB the Parish Council has already asked TDC tree officers about this tree on a number of occasions. The tree officers do not feel that it is worthy of a TPO and have noted that Highways would object to a replacement in the same position due to the sight problems it causes for road users.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Q29. How many adult members of your household are:

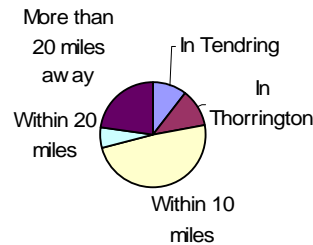
This is possibly the most significant graph in the report. It shows just how far Thorrington has come in being a 'retirement' village. The Parish Council is, however, concerned that this reflects more the people who were prepared to respond to the survey rather than being a true picture.



Q30. For those in employment, how many have their main place of work:

This shows that the majority of those in employment work locally with a significant number working some distance away.

In Tendring	12
In Thorrington	13
Within 10 miles	56
Within 20 miles	7
More than 20 miles away	26



NB The survey does not reflect the numbers of children in the village and the schools that they attend.

Q31. For children aged 16 and under, how many attend:

Thorrington Playgroup	4
Other playgroup	5
Brightlingsea Infant/Junior school	2
Great Bentley Primary School	11
Other Primary Schools	4
Colne High School	9
Secondary Schools in Colchester	1
Special Needs Schools	
Boarding Schools	
Other Schools	5

Q32. Should occasional activities within a holiday play scheme be organised within the village?

Yes	48
No	5

Q33. Of Primary school age children, how many travel to school by:

Car	14
Shared Car	2
Bus	2
Walking	
Cycling	
Other	

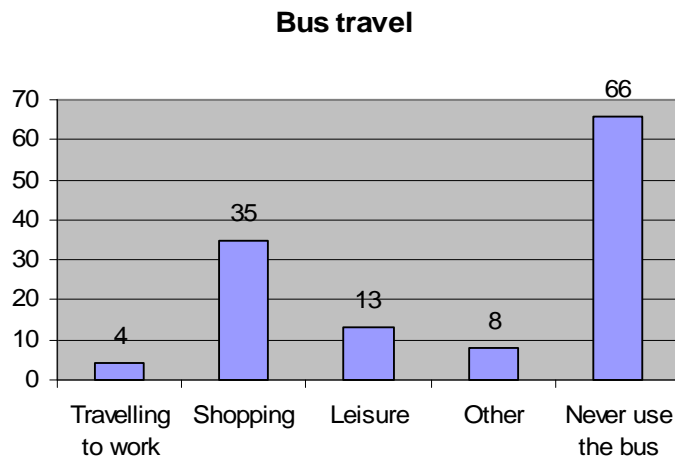
Q34. Of Secondary School age children, how many travel to school by:

Car	2
Shared Car	1
Bus	13
Walking	
Cycling	
Other	

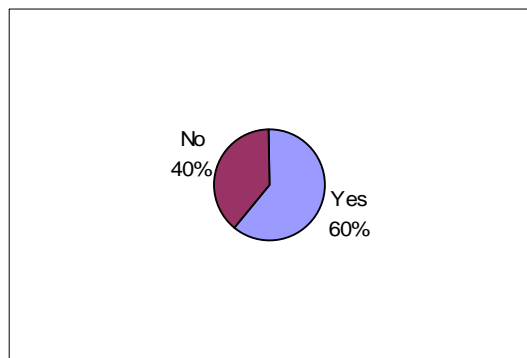
These results reflect the general view that the roads around Thorrington are not suitable for cycling and/ walking.

TRANSPORT

Q35. Apart from children in full time education, do members of your household use the local bus services regularly for:



Q36. Are the existing bus services through the village adequate for your needs?



A significant number requested that the service should be more regular ; it seems that a lot of bus users find the walk to Thorrington cross a problem so the 74 bus is very limited. A number of people requested that the bus timetables be published in the village magazine

Q37. The railway station car parks at Colchester/Manningtree/Great Bentley/Wivenhoe are often full. Does this influence your choice of transport for longer journeys?

Yes	36
No	87

This statistic seems to be influenced by the relatively few numbers who work over 20 miles away.

Q38. If a voluntary transport service was established in the village to assist those in genuine need, would a member of your household use it?

Yes	29
No	90

Q39. If a have a private car, would you be prepared to take part in a voluntary transport service and provide lifts to others on occasions convenient to you?

Yes	29
No	87

LEISURE AND RECREATION

Q40. There are very few organised activities for children in the village. Do you consider that an effort should be made to organise more activities?

Yes	68
No	24

Q41. Please tick which of the following children's activities members of your household would probably attend if they were organised within the village

Youth Club in Village Hall	20
Rounders/Baseball Club	21
Computing/Technology Club	17
Computer Games Club	7
Holiday Activity Club	23
Hobbies Club	16
Book Club	14
Music/Dance Club	22
Others (Please list)	5

Q42 Would you volunteer to organise or assist in the running of additional activities for children in the village?

Yes	17
No	69

Two people said that they would help with a youth club and others said they would help with rounders or other sport related activities. Most emphasised that this was subject to the time the clubs took place

Q43. Are there adequate leisure activities for adults within the village?

Yes	53
No	52

Q44. Which of the following adult activities would you attend/support if they were organised within the village?

Evening Classes/Further Education	55
Dancing/entertainment	29
Games Evenings	16
Film Evenings	22
Fitness Club	35
Bingo	8
Others (Please list)	5

Both Gardening and Art clubs were requested more than once as well as activities for adults during the day for those with young children.

Q45. Are there adequate facilities for indoors and outdoors recreation for all in the village?

Yes	69
No	25

Q46. Do members of your household regularly use any of the facilities on the Playing Field?

Yes	39
No	77

Q47. Do members of your household use the tennis court?

Yes	11
No	94
Didn't know about it or how to get the key	17

Q48. How many times have members of your household used the village hall in the last 12 months?

Never	62
Less than 10 times	40
More than 10 times	21

Q49. Which type of events have you attended at the village hall?

Sports	8
Social	38
Club	15
Fundraising/Charity	39
Playgroup	7
Other	29

Q50. List the most important improvement you would like to see made to the village hall:

See Detailed Comments

Q51. Would you consider hiring the village hall for a private function?

Yes	95
No	14

HEALTH, COMMUNITY CARE AND WELFARE

Which GP surgery do you use -

There was obviously a problem with this question since most people did not answer – It may be that the positioning/format of the question caused it to be missed.

Great Bentley	29
Brightlingsea	11
Wivenhoe	4
Alresford	1
Other	2

Q52. Are you content with the healthcare available to residents of Thorrington?

Yes	97
No	17

Q53. Are current arrangements for the transport of patients to local hospitals adequate?

Yes	30
No	23

A lot of people did not know what arrangements were and those that did mentioned that the bus service no longer went straight to the hospital. The hospital bus service going from Great Bentley was frustrating since there is no public transport from Thorrington to Great Bentley.

Q54. Would you like to have access to a community bus within Thorrington?

Yes	46
No	55

PROMOTING GOOD COMMUNICATIONS

Q55. Do you read the monthly village magazine – the Grapevine?

Cover to Cover	83
Certain sections only	6
Glance through it	30
Do not read it	5

Q56. Is the content of the magazine about right?

Yes	99
No	13

Q57. List 2 ways in which the Grapevine could be enhanced:

A number of respondents requested that Village events be published and that the distribution of the magazine should ensure that the events had not passed before the magazine got to them. Perhaps a monthly calendar would be appropriate.

There was a request for personal or small adds
Less Churchy emphasis

Q58. Are there any other features you would like to see regularly included?

Gardening
More articles by residents
Calendar of events
Bus timetables
Tide tables

Q59. Local advertising helps defray the costs of producing the magazine. Is the amount of advertising:

Excessive	11
About right	85
I would like to see more advertising	13

Q60. There have been suggestions that the Grapevine should be combined with Great Bentley Parish magazine, would you support this ?

Yes	60
No	50

This question has been overtaken by events. St Mary Magdalene Church, Thorrington which previously was linked with Great Bentley is now linked with Alresford. It is not, therefore, appropriate for the Parish magazines of Thorrington and Great Bentley to be linked.

Q61. Have you accessed the village website at www.essexinfo.net/Thorrington?

Yes	12
No	111

Q62. List up to three ways in which the village website could be enhanced.

Kept up to date

A calendar of village events

Q63. Do you regularly look at one or more of the noticeboards?

Yes	63
No	57

Are there sufficient noticeboards in the village?

Yes	81
No	15

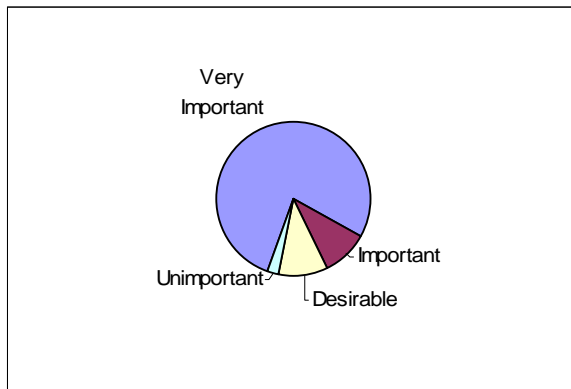
Are the existing noticeboards in convenient and accessible locations?

Yes	90
No	12

PUBLIC FACILITIES IN THE VILLAGE

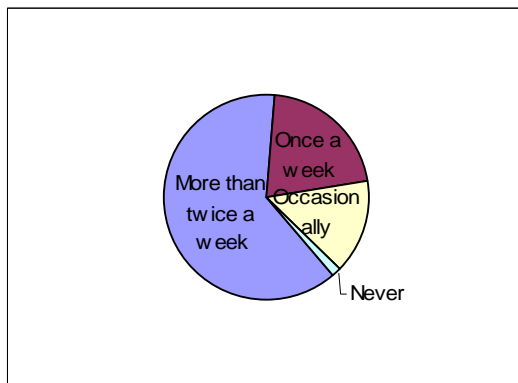
Q64. How important is provision of a post office in the village to you?

The village post office is not only very important to the village with 88% of respondents rating it very important or important; significantly, it was also well used with 84% using it at least once a week.



Very Important	96
Important	12
Desirable	13
Unimportant	3

Q65. How often do you use the village shop?

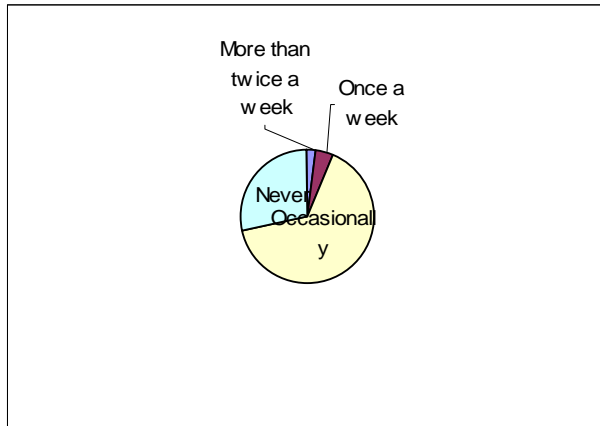


More than twice a week	78
Once a week	27
Occasionally	18
Never	2

What would tempt members of your household to use the village shop in Thorrington more often?
See Detailed Comments

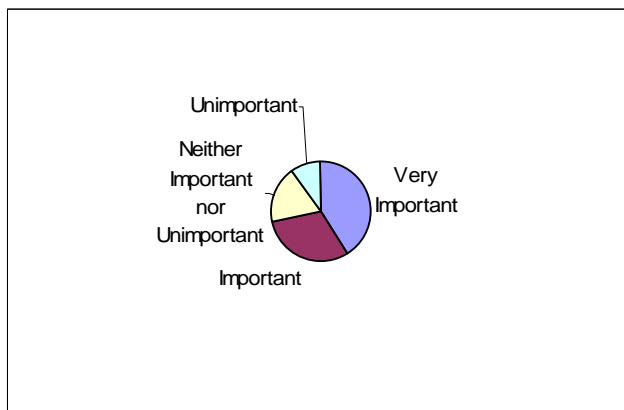
Q66. How often do you use the pub in the village?

There was a stark contrast between how important the pub was rated in terms of being a facility needed by the village and people's behaviour. 72% stated that it was important but only 6% of the respondents used the pub regularly. Perhaps this could be put down to some of the reasons why people did not use it more regularly. The question asked about its importance as a social venue and one of the main criticisms was that it had become too much of a restaurant rather than a 'cosy' pub.



More than twice a week	3
Once a week	5
Occasionally	81
Never	36

How important do you consider the village pubs to be as venues to meet other residents in the village and enhance community spirit generally?



Very Important	49
Important	36
Neither Important nor Unimportant	22
Unimportant	12

What would tempt members of your household to use the pub in Thorrington more often?

See Detailed Comments

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Q67. Are you an active member of:

St Mary Magdalene , Thorrington	18
Another C of E Church	9
A Roman Catholic Church	5
A Methodist Church	
A Baptist Church	1
A Synagogue	
A Mosque	
Another Church/Religious Organisation not listed above	8

Q68. Irrespective of whether you are a member of the Church, how important to you is the upkeep and conservation of St Mary Magdalene Church as a historic building?

Very Important	63
Important	31
Desirable	13
Unimportant	4
Irrelevant	5

Q69. Do you think that a thriving St Mary Magdalene Church community is important in Thorrington?

Yes	88
No	17

Q70. If you are a member of the Church of England but do not worship at St Mary Magdalene Church, why is this?

My spiritual needs are not met by the current services	7
There are inadequate facilities for children	3
The timings of services are inconvenient	6
Other	7
Comments:	

PART B YOUTH SURVEY 8-18 YEARS

1 Age

8-10	2
11-13	6
14-16	1
17-18	2

2 Schools

Great Bentley Primary School	2
Brightlingsea Infant/Junior school	
Colne High School	4
Sixth form college	1
Secondary Schools in Colchester	1
Other Schools	1

3. How do you travel to school/college?

School Bus/Taxi	6
Public Bus	1
Parents Car	2
Own Moped/Motorcycle	
Bicycle	
Walk	
Other (please specify	

5 Do you think there is a large problem with juvenile crime/vandalism in Thorrington (ie graffiti, broken trees)?

Yes	2
No	7

6. Do you think that there would be fewer incidents if more clubs and activities for teenagers were available within the village?

Yes	5
No	4

8. When you walk or cycle around the village, do you feel endangered by road traffic?

Yes	6
No	3

9. List any particularly dangerous or tricky junctions

Chapel lane and Clacton road at shop
Thorrington Cross roundabouts

10. Would you like to have more nature areas and off-road walks within the village, in addition to the comprehensive network of footpaths which already exist?

Yes	5
No	4

11. Would you like to help with environmental projects within the village, such as tree planting and pond maintenance?

Yes	3
No	6

12. Would you like to have more activities organised within the village for those in your age group(s)?

Yes	6
No	3

13. Tick up to three activities which you would take part in if they were organised:

Football	2
Youth Club	1
Badminton	2
Computer Club	4
Dance/Music	4
Fitness Club	4
Nature Projects	3
Others (please specify)	1

Bike club /BMX

14 If you participate in any sporting or club activities outside Thorrington (including activities organised at your school) please give details below:

Football
Cubs
Guides
Netball

15. Would you like to have any activities you have written down in Question 13 organised within the village (for example a football team)? If so, please list these activities below:

16. Do you do any full time or part time work?

Yes	8
No	1

17. If you do work, is this within the village?

Yes	
No	2

18. If you do not currently work, would you like to have part time work within the village?

Yes	5
No	1

19.. Do you enjoy living in Thorrington

Yes	6
No	1

20. What are the three best things about living in Thorrington?

The park
Friends

21. What are the three worst things about living in Thorrington?

Nothing to do
Traffic

23. What is your main method of transport within the village?

Parents car	7
Bus	1
Own car/moped/motorcycle	3
Bicycle	3
Walking	1
Other	

DETAILED COMMENTS

Q12 Parish Council

Be more aware about issues away from where councillors live - traffic speeding on Clacton road
Be tougher on Tendring planning
By not allowing the village to grow bigger
Change times of meetings so that not always in evening
Control excessive height of trees
Dog bins for dog poo
Don't know what they do
Don't give money for doggy bags and don't give to charity - if we want to give we will do it ourselves
Excessive speed in Church road ; its use as a rat run
If there was a footpath to Gt Bentley would use this to get to station rather than use car and no train
Improve pavements for disabled to walk in safety
Living on Tenpenny hill have done little to get footpath and slow traffic
Making sure the litterbugs are made to clear up after themselves and their dogs
More regular reports in grapevine
Parking on the roads, keeping foot paths clear (up to the church) dog fouling on paths
Pc needs to show more interest in overgrown hedgerows and large potholes in church rd
Play area in hazel close "sand pit area"
Take a greater interest in the whole, rather than just the village centre, a more positive approach to control traffic speed
TDC to grit Church road
Thorrington Garage - no parking on verges , hedges trimmed , clean bus shelters better access to footpaths
Treat the village as a whole not just specific areas money always seems to be spent in same places
We receive yearly newsletter but quarterly would be helpful

Q15 Police response

Bad communication
Crime being committed which I witnessed was treated as low priority
No reply to problem
Noisy neighbours could not get hold of right people
Speeding traffic - no action taken

Telephone call diverted from Brightlingsea to Clacton where officers were ignorant of the area

Very worried about crime in Thorrington. Next door neighbour was burgled a couple of weeks ago and have heard of others along Station Rd, not what was expected when moved here.

Wished to report suspicious person with firearm only got answering machine

Would like a neighbourhood watch - ran one at last address but ill health prevents organising one here
Yobs parked down private road fighting - police coming sooner rather than later

Q17 Dangerous roads

At the T junction on to the estate there is often a car parked opposite, making it difficult to turn left or right

Bottom of Church road

Boy racers

B'sea road

B'sea road station road should be 30mph and have speed flashing signs

Post office

Chapel lane

Chapel lane

Chapel lane

Chapel lane

Chapel lane Church road

Chapel lane f

Chapel lane, level crossing

Chapel lane, Luffkins corner

Chapel road parking and people parking right on the corner at post office

Chapel lane

Chapel lane

Chapel lane, Thorrington Cross

Church road bend near farm and coming out of village hall

Church road speed

Clacton road

Clacton road needs flashing sign at Thorrington cross roundabout

Control parking to keep sight lines at junction of Chapel lane/ Clacton road clear

Cut the hedge back on corner of chapel road and clacton road

Frating road too narrow for arctic lorries

If motorists kept to speed limits it would be ok!

Install speed cameras - flashing signs inadequate

Level crossing

Lower speed limit station road

Lufkins farm

Mud on roads cleaned more often

New station road crossing

Pavements unsafe

Post office corner

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Post office corner should have double yellows

Post office corner, Thorrington cross turning right from Clacton rd to Station rd

Railway crossing

Remove or reduce hedgelines near old chapel and Clacton road end of Church road

Salmons lane

Salmons lane Chapel lane

Saltwater bridge like a race track cars sometimes 3 abreast overtaking

Speed traps

Speeding traffic through Church rd

Station but worried about unmanned level-crossing gates

Tenpenny hill

Tenpenny hill needs footpath

The speed down Brightlingsea road makes exit and entry to all houses dangerous - lower speed limit please

Thorrington Cross

Turning from Chapel road and Church road right onto Clacton road

Turning out of Church road over the level crossing

Q50 Village Hall

?drinks licence

A warmer feel to it

Bands should not use this facility to practice esp if door left open

Car parking

Current tables and chairs not suitable

Lighting

More things to do there

New chairs

Organised parking facilities

Playgroup pictures etc removed

Village hall to be enlarged, car park badly marked

Village people to give more support

Q65 Village Shop

What would make you use the shop more ?

Better parking

Better prices - deli counter

Bigger bakery and less women's mags!

Cheaper pricing

Fresh fruit and veg

Fresh produce

Good tidy up inside and out would help

Locally sourced fresh fruit and veg/ fresh bread

Lower prices

Move shop to pub

Prices on goods

Rather cramped for space. Building should be larger.

Real asset to the village

Q66 Pub

Why do you use a pub outside the village

Because the Red Lion has lost its way and no longer provides the right ambience

Beer garden for children

Beer kept better

Better beer*

Better food

Better food quality and value for money, friendlier atmosphere

Change of location prices and menu
Expensive, no drinking area- more restaurant than village pub.
Food which I might consider paying for and that old chestnut, culture!! Again...
It doesn't feel like a village pub and doesn't have a welcoming feel as when tom & eileen had ownership
Lost its character more like a wine bar
Meeting friends
More atmosphere and cheaper
More atmosphere and cheaper
More cheerful landlords
More room
No comfortable relaxed areas-
Not a pub atmosphere - more a wine bar
Not a pub more a restaurant -
Not a pub more a restaurant -
Not a pub more a restaurant -
Not a pub more a restaurant - need to feel more welcoming and cheaper prices
Not open on a Monday
Prices of drinks lower in brit legion b'sea
Quality of food variable and prices high - more cheap pub food
Red lion no longer has welcoming atmosphere and food is variable
Senior citizen meals
Simple meals at lunchtime at reasonable price
Since new ownership food is less affordable and less child friendly
Too much like a bistro

What would make you use the pub more

A sexy young bar maid
Become more sociable
Beer garden
Better food
Cheaper catering
Cheaper drinks
Events
Facilities for families
Make it child friendly with a garden for families to enjoy
Meals at lower prices
More cosy atmosphere
More family facilities
More cosy atmosphere
More staff /extension
Not sure. Haven't tried the restaurant yet but will. If good will frequent it.
No pool table
Previous publicans - Tom Byrne
Price
Quiz night
Quiz nights, cheaper food
Restaurant rather than a pub -food nice but pricey
Special offer to try it out. Is it child friendly? Can we take our child in?
Transport for disabled (especially lunchtime)
Vastly improved food, good wine, real ales & local ciders

APPENDIX A – VILLAGE APPRAISAL