



Starston
Parish Plan
2008



Introduction

Preparing a Parish Plan is a process which allows the whole community to voice their opinions on what actions they wish to see taken in their local area in the future. The finished Plan may highlight actions that can be taken by community members, be used to influence service providers such as the local authority, and act as evidence of need when applying for funding. Parish Plans provide an opportunity for everyone in the community to make themselves heard.

Starston Parish Council recognised that it was important to involve the residents of Starston in shaping the future of our community so it was decided that the village should develop its own Parish Plan.

On 7 October 2006 Janet Peachey of Norfolk Rural Community Council gave a presentation to the village on Parish Plans, and a steering committee of volunteers from the local community, including members of the Parish Council, was formed. This group developed a questionnaire which was delivered to every household in the parish. The information in this document is an analysis of those responses, including many comments on a wide range of topics. Funding for the plan came from South Norfolk Council and Norfolk Rural Community Council, and also the Parish Council, but even so nothing could have been achieved without the countless hours of work from the steering committee volunteers.

The Starston Parish Plan will be used by the Parish Council, South Norfolk Council and other agencies to understand the needs and priorities of the people living in Starston on a wide range of issues such as planning, traffic calming, village facilities and the environment. The list of actions at the end of the report will help guide the Parish Council when planning future projects to improve the quality of life for Starston residents.

What this document contains

Inevitably a Parish Plan is aimed at a number of different audiences. For those whose interest is solely the statistical information gleaned from the questionnaires, then that information begins on page 7. However, for those who are interested in how the Plan was created and for some information about Starston, past and present, then please read on.

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Creating the Starston Parish Plan

Following encouragement and support from the Parish Council, a Parish Plan Steering Committee was established in October 2006. An outline plan of the project was developed, cost estimates prepared and various agencies were approached to secure funding.

Once funding had been agreed, the committee started working on a detailed questionnaire. To ensure that the questions were those most relevant to the community, an open day was held in the Jubilee Hall on 27 March 2007 when residents were presented with a range of topics and asked to identify which issues were important to them. Comments and further ideas were invited and people were encouraged to show their support for various topics by marking the displays with coloured dots and 'post it' labels.

Using examples of questionnaire formats from other parish plans as a guide, a questionnaire was developed with a great deal of debate and discussion in the

Village group photo



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committee. The final document had 54 questions. As the main questionnaire was aimed at the household as a unit, a separate Young Persons' Questionnaire was produced in order that this key group in our community could have their own say.

Using the Electoral Register and drawing on informed local knowledge, a total of 147 properties were identified as being within the boundaries of the parish, of which 139 were occupied. The list of addresses was divided amongst the team and each member took responsibility for hand delivering and collecting the questionnaires in person. This personal approach paid huge dividends, with over 95% of the questionnaires being returned – an outstanding response which reinforces the validity of the conclusions. To ensure that people's comments could be as candid as possible, the unmarked questionnaires were returned in sealed envelopes and shuffled randomly before opening.

The completed questionnaires were then distributed among the committee and the data and comments collated in a database. Each member worked with a partner to cross-check the results to avoid errors. The biggest task was to collate all the comments made against the questions asked, in order to draw out themes and conclusions.

At this stage, March 2008, two open public meetings were held in Starston Jubilee Hall to update residents on the key findings that were emerging and to hear their views. The turnout was excellent and the feedback was very encouraging, with many positive and supportive comments and suggestions. Despite the poor weather on both occasions, this response was another indication of the commitment of so many villagers towards this project.

All the information and data was then assembled and a draft Action List was drawn up in the light of the views expressed by Starston residents on the various issues. This Action List not only lists the 'Actions' but also provides an indication of the resources required and the level of priority, (see page 19).

The final Parish Plan document was presented to the Parish Council for approval and distributed to every Starston household, as well as to key organisations which, in one way or another, could have an impact on the future of Starston.

Open meetings March 2008



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Starston History



Starston's conservation area

L-R:
The Gate Public House;
the School 100 years ago;
the Blacksmith's Shop



Starston appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 as 'Sterestuna' and measured a mile and five furlongs long and five furlongs wide. 'Tun' was the Old English word for enclosure but as settlements grew in size it came to mean a farm, a village or even a town. The name of the village may mean 'an enclosure for cattle' (steers) or 'the farm belonging to Styrr' (an Old Norse personal name).

The main centre of the village is designated as a Conservation Area. There are numerous listed buildings in the village, ranging from St Margaret's Church to a number of farmhouses and other dwellings. Inevitably a number of notable buildings have been demolished over the years, several within living memory. Starston Place, probably at least the second manor house to be built on the site, was demolished around 1960 and the remains of Priory Farm along Skinner's Lane can still be seen when the soil is ploughed. Rather longer ago, Archdeacon Oldershaw's house, which was next to the Rectory, was pulled down around 1850.

The old 'Town House' for housing the poor of the parish, which stood on what is now the new part of the churchyard, was demolished in the early part of the nineteenth century and replaced by the Stone Cottages, built in 1828, along Pulham Road. A windmill in Rushall Road was physically moved to St James, South Elmham in the 1870s where it continued to operate as a working mill until 1923.

Other notable buildings remain, but are now private houses – the school which closed in 1969, The Gate public house which closed in 1954 (although it continued as the village shop and post office for some years), the farm buildings originally part of Home Farm at Starston Place, the Rectory, the Station House and the Blacksmith's Shop. The Jubilee Hall is a converted cowshed formerly belonging to the Rectory. The wind-pump, which is a rare hollow-post wind-pump, one of only two in the country, was originally

installed to provide a water supply from the Beck for the livestock at Home Farm. It is a scheduled monument which remains a well recognised feature of the village and is undergoing restoration.

Although the buildings and landscape of a village give it a permanent character and identity, it is the people who bring a parish alive. Generations of villagers, some ancestors of those still living in Starston, have walked these streets, worshipped in the church, attended the school and worked in the fields. Parish records, the census returns, estate and school records all provide us with details of those folk who helped to shape the history of this village.

Perhaps one of the most bizarre tales from our small Norfolk village is of the untimely death of the Rector, the Reverend William Whitear, who was accidentally shot one November night in 1826 when leading a group of local farmers to try to apprehend poachers in the woods near Gawdy Hall. Unfortunately a young man in the Rector's party mistook him for one of the poachers and opened fire and the Rector died a few days later.



The rare hollow-post wind-pump, currently undergoing restoration

St Margaret's Church, just one of Starston's numerous listed buildings



Starston Today



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Unveiling the restored village sign in November 2005

Lying on the outskirts of Harleston, Starston parish now extends about 4 miles from north to south and nearly 1½ miles east to west at its widest. The land is gently undulating and slopes towards the Beck and the River Waveney.

The village has retained its agricultural importance with most land down to cereal-based arable rotations and sugar beet, oil seed rape, and maize for the dairy cows. Grassland remains in large blocks near the long-established dairy units at Colby's Farm, home of the Streamlet herd of pedigree Holstein Friesian cows, and some Ayrshires, and at Cranes Watering Farm, home of the Depwade herd of pedigree Jerseys. There are several large poultry units in the village. Starston is well served by woodland, and most fields are divided by hedgerows and trees, providing a valued wildlife habitat and an important landscape feature. The heart of the village near St Margaret's Church lies in a wooded valley with the meandering stream – the Beck – providing a timeless water-meadow landscape, in contrast to the more mechanised agriculture on the higher slopes. Kingfishers, and even otters, are now regular visitors to the Beck suggesting that wildlife must also be flourishing below the water. There is a good network of footpaths across the parish which are well used and provide links to neighbouring parishes.

Holstein cows in Beck meadows



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BELOW RIGHT: one of Starston's unspoilt rural views, BELOW: harvesting the wheat

Starston has enjoyed – and still does – many memorable social events over the years from annual church fetes, lunches, exhibitions, socials and open gardens to celebrations of the Silver Jubilee and the Millennium. All these events help bring the community together, thanks to the inexhaustible willingness of volunteers. The village enjoyed a particularly proud moment in 1982 when Richard Lombe Taylor was appointed High Sheriff of Norfolk, with villagers holding a celebratory dinner in his honour at Cranes Watering Farm. The national award-winning village magazine, *Pigeon Post*, has been produced in Starston since 1991 and continues to provide a valuable source of news and information to the community.



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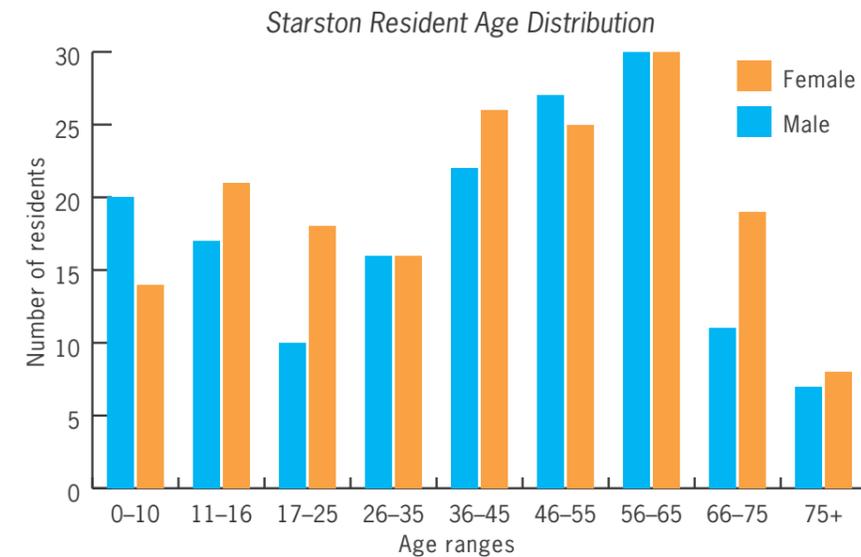
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Questionnaire Responses

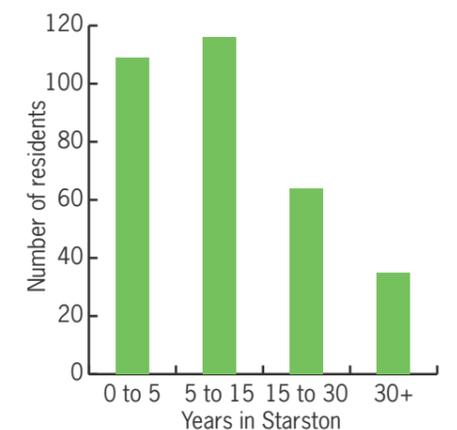
We identified 139 occupied households in Starston all of which received a copy of the questionnaire and 132 were returned, an outstanding 95% response rate. These 132 households represented 337 residents. In addition 35 households asked for a Young Persons' Questionnaire representing 40 young people aged 17 or under: all of these were returned completed. The following represents a summary of the information provided by the questionnaire responses.

The Community in General

The age distribution of residents shows a relatively young population with 29% under the age of 25 and only 13% over 65. Females outnumber males 177 (53%) to 160 (47%).



How long have you lived in Starston?

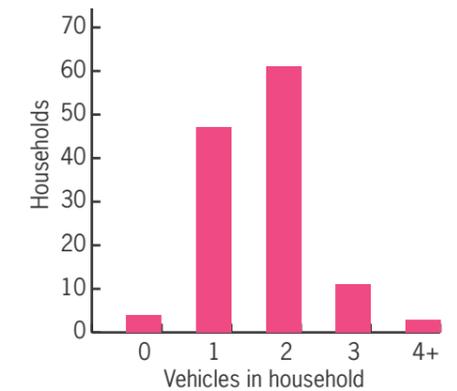


There appears to be a noticeable turnover of people and properties in the parish with 69% of residents living here for less than 15 years and only 10% living here for more than 30 years.

Not surprisingly for a rural area with few facilities, car ownership is high with 92% of households having at least 1 car. However, unlike more urban areas, all but 5 residents said they could park their cars off the road.

Bicycle use is high with 44% of families saying they use their bicycles mainly for recreation and exercise. Only 7 households said they used a bike to get to work. There is strong support for using bicycles but there were many

Number of motor vehicles



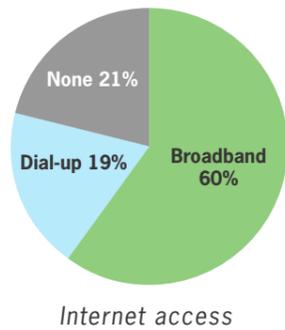


Cyclist and car have little space when crossing the bridge

comments about the hazardous nature of cycling due to speeding cars and lorries, narrow roads, particularly with HGV traffic passing very close, and unfilled pot holes.

Public transport is relied on by 13 households to get to work and to access shops and services. Poor timetables and limited services were cited as reasons for the low uptake of public transport services. Distances for those travelling to work ranged from 3 miles to over 60, which suggests there is a dependence on the car for longer journeys. Of the 156 individual respondents to this question, 33% travel less than 5 miles to work (including those working from home) and 48% travel more than 10 miles.

Starston residents are clearly well connected with 79% saying they had access to the internet and 76% of these had a Broadband connection.



The Environment

We asked what residents thought of the environment in and around Starston. Most people thought that footpaths, verges, ditches, the Beck and hedge maintenance were generally fair to good. Comments were made about the inaccessibility of some footpaths and how it was difficult to walk on some of them. It was also felt that verges were suffering an unacceptable amount of damage caused by lorries and farm vehicles.

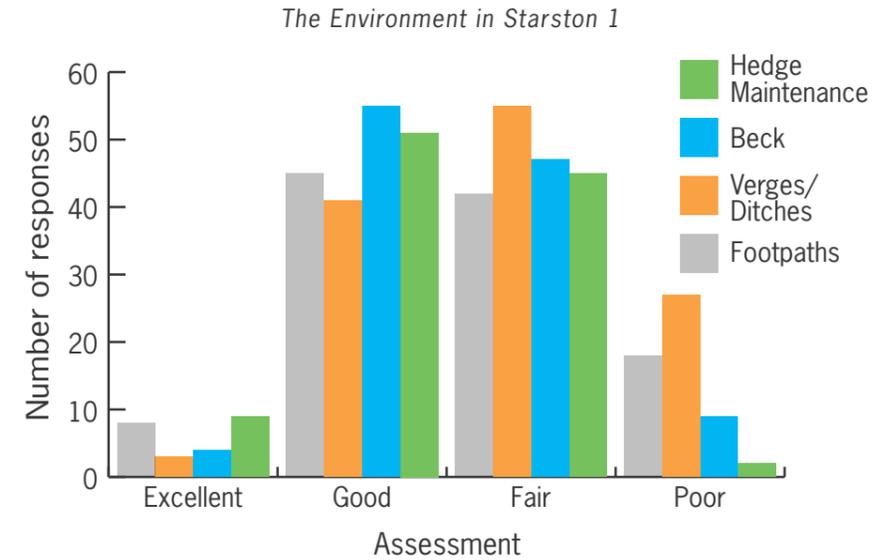
Littering and fly-tipping were not generally regarded as problems but there were some areas of concern. Many respondents said they regularly had to collect litter around where they lived. Much of this seems to come from passing motorists who dump litter from their vehicles.

On support services, the majority of households were happy with septic tank emptying, in spite of it being a paid-for service, though there was support for investigating potential cost savings from a community-led scheme. Refuse collection services scored well but many felt that black bins should be collected every week, especially in the summer. Recycling also scored well, although there were several comments about the need to expand the range of items that could be recycled and the possibility of a recycling point in the village.

One of the litter-picking parties keeping Starston clean



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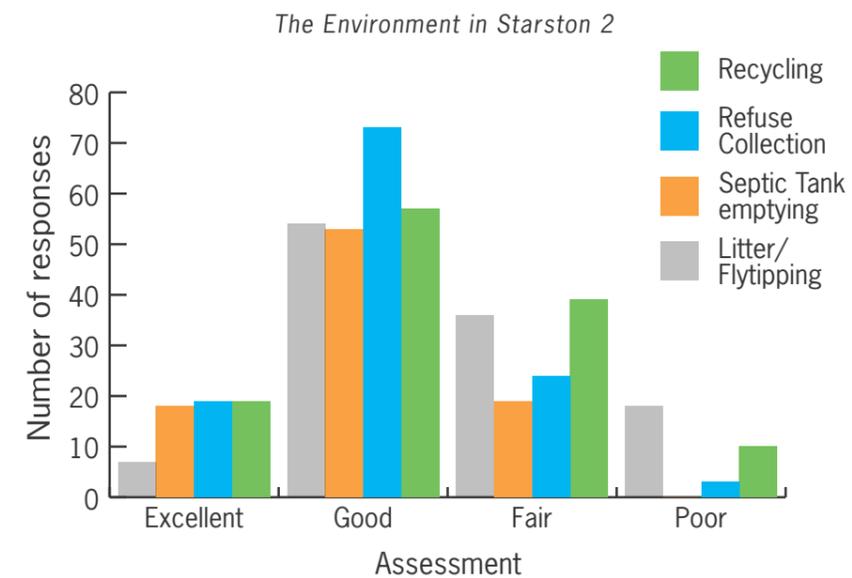


We asked residents if they would support the Parish Council investigating possible environmental projects such as a wind turbine and additional hedge and tree planting. The issue of a wind turbine generated a considerable response, with almost as many against as for an investigation. Small home-based turbines seemed to be acceptable, but many were concerned that a larger turbine would not be suitable for a rural location like Starston, and many doubted whether the output from a turbine would necessarily benefit the village. Comments about tree and hedge planting were very supportive, with the proviso that planting locations and species choices should be made carefully.



Residents were very supportive of tree and hedge planting plans

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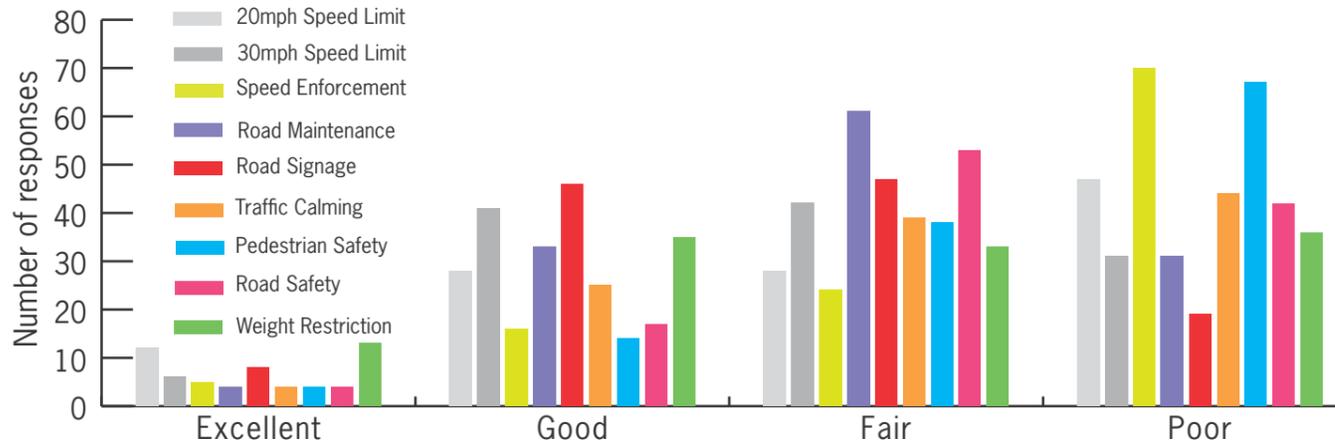


Traffic

As could probably be expected, residents had strong views about the level and speed of traffic in and around the village. The greatest concerns were expressed about poor speed enforcement and pedestrian safety. A few thought the 20 mph limit along The Street was too low, but most were more concerned with the lack of enforcement of both speed and weight restrictions. There were 13 specific references to speeding along Hardwick Road alone. People were very concerned about speeding traffic, particularly at commuter times.

'Speed limits are good. It's a shame that people don't stick to them.'

Residents' opinions on traffic controls, road maintenance and safety



The traffic calming measures introduced in the village some years ago certainly need to be reviewed and updated as their current effectiveness is questioned.

Pedestrian safety is a concern to many. The narrowness of the roads and lack of pavements and footpaths is a particular concern in areas where

Heavy vehicles are a hazard



regular pedestrian traffic takes place. The addition of specific pavements and footpaths, including a separate pedestrian bridge across the Beck alongside the road-bridge, need to be considered.

The introduction of weight restrictions on roads around the village does not appear to have been effective, with most people considering that the restrictions were frequently ignored and rarely enforced.

Planning, Housing and Development

Housing development was seen overwhelmingly as the major planning issue. It was the subject of around 60 responses. The major concern was with the pace and scale of development. A cluster of responses focused on housing need in the village, both affordable housing to allow people, including young people, to stay or return, as well as bungalows for the elderly. There is inevitably a tension between those who want to see no change at all at one end of the scale, and at the other, those who wish to see some new housing and a degree of growth in the village including other kinds of development. However, there does not seem to be widespread support for anything more than slow and careful development.

22 respondents (16%) said that affordable housing or starter homes were necessary for the health of the village and, from comments received, 4 respondents said there was a need in their family. On the issue of sheltered housing, only 2 residents said they were actively looking.

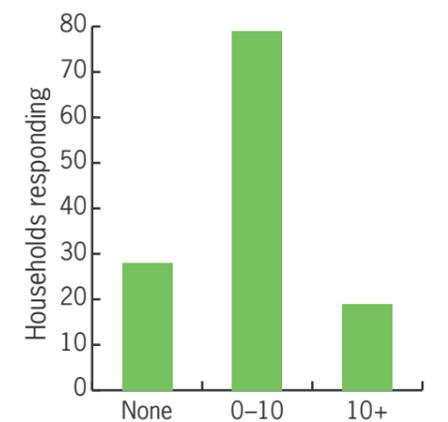
When we asked how much additional housing can Starston accommodate over the next 10 years, 28 (22%) said none, 79 (63%) said from 0 to 10 houses, and 19 (15%) said more than 10. From the comments, many supported modest and sympathetic infill development but were opposed to any major development due to the impact it would have on the character of the village, the lack of facilities such as schools and shops and the lack of infrastructure including mains sewage and adequate roads.

Of the few other planning issues raised, the proposed traveller site was mentioned several times, and also the village hall, traffic and chicken houses.



Effective signage?

How much housing in Starston over the next 10 years?



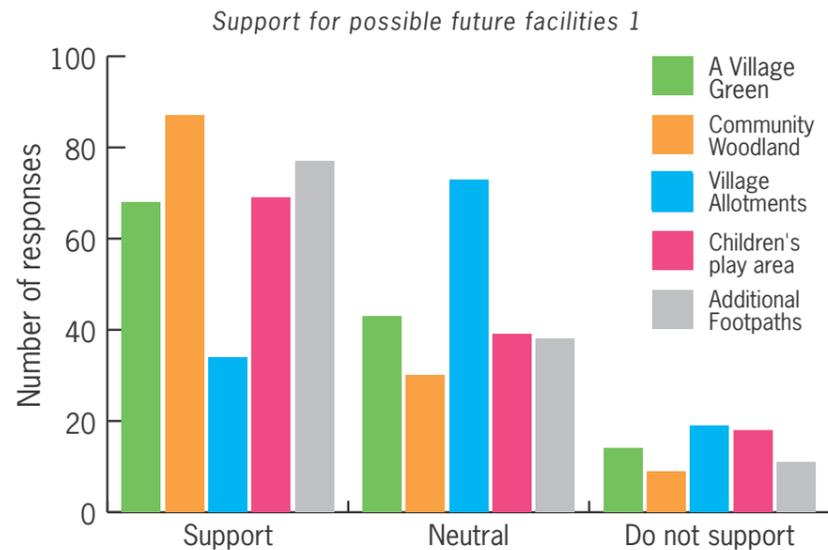
Village Facilities and Activities



The Jubilee Hall, originally a cowshed, was refurbished for The Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977

The only two public buildings remaining in Starston, St Margaret's Church and the Jubilee Hall, are well used by the village while the Borderhoppa bus and mobile library were little used, probably a reflection of the level of car ownership and the proximity of Harleston. However, some comments also indicated that not everyone knew about the mobile library and the Borderhoppa, so more publicity about these facilities might increase usage. Activities involving the Church and Jubilee Hall were well supported and a mother and toddler group is becoming established.

Comments were invited on a range of possible facilities. Indications of support were given for a community woodland, recycling and composting facility,



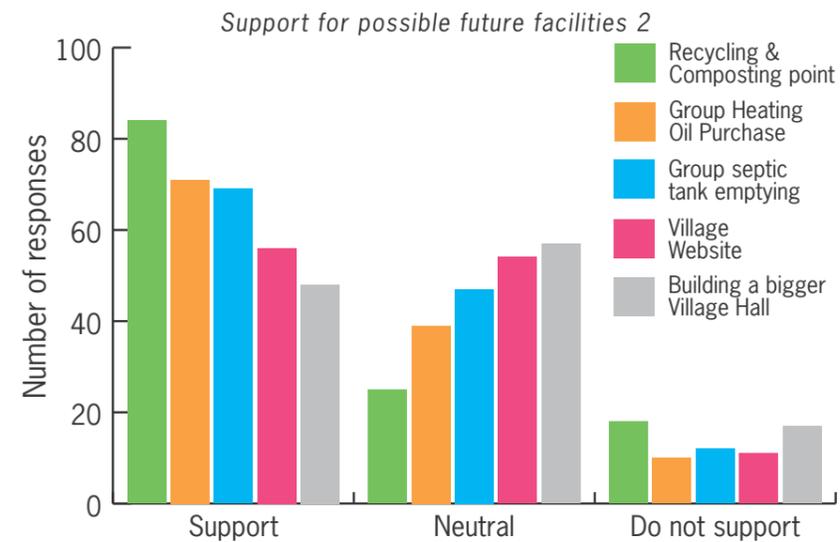
additional footpaths, group purchase of heating oil, children's play area and a village green. All these appear in the Action List so their feasibility can be explored further to see if they could be realised.

The comments about village facilities and activities provided further views.

The majority of respondents wanted better or more community activities and events and more opportunities to socialise in Starston. The detailed suggestions varied, but grouping together the comments under broad headings, the most popular idea was for a pub or licensed hall (25 mentions) with 20 respondents also specifically mentioning a bigger village hall. This contrasts with the slightly

less enthusiastic response to the specific question about a larger village hall, or perhaps those who are in favour feel very passionately about it! A village green or some other sort of outdoor communal facility was mentioned 17 times, additional facilities – particularly for children – 13 times and general social activities had 12 mentions. There was also some support for musical or arts activities, outdoor facilities for sports and events, safer walking and cycle routes, car parking and a village shop.

Not all comments were so positive of course – some were concerned about apathy in the village, about how new facilities would bring in increased traffic and potential disturbance, about Council Tax increases if we had a bigger



village hall and also questioning the need to have more facilities in the village when Harleston is so close.

Services Outside the Village

Most residents regard the services outside the village such as Medical/Dental, Schools, Emergency Services, Retail/Shopping and Leisure/Sports to be excellent or good. The close proximity of Harleston is clearly seen as a benefit here and residents accept that they have to travel to access these services. There was little negative comment other than the need to travel further than Harleston for some services such as clothes shopping.



Details from St Margaret's Church

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Safety & Well-being

A large majority (74%) felt safe and 72% would be willing to support Home Watch, but several respondents commented that they were not convinced that it was an effective deterrent. The main concern for safety was from speeding traffic and the apparent lack of police cover.

Future of Starston

What would you NOT like to see happen to the village over the next 10 years?

The topic which attracted the highest number of comments was large scale housing development, mentioned negatively over 50 times. Some people linked it to absorption by Harleston:

'Too much new build by poor quality developers, and possibility of Starston becoming a suburb of Harleston.'

...while others insisted on at least some development:

'I do not want to see Starston become a sleeping village, full of week-end families.'

'I do not want to see the exodus of young people, hence the need for affordable housing.'

...tranquil, and picturesque.



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Angel watching over us from window in St Margaret's Church



PHOTO: ROSEMARY STEER



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Some thought that large scale developments would entail such things as increased traffic, pavements and streetlights, security lights, a wind farm and ribbon development, along with holiday lets and second homes.

Several respondents were afraid that a sense of village identity and community spirit could be lost – even that the church might be closed. However, a few respondents thought it would be a shame if nothing happened. There were also one or two who felt that if no development were allowed, this could lead to the village becoming 'frozen in time.'

While development was overwhelmingly the largest issue, some fears were expressed about increasing traffic and about the possibility of traveller sites being established in the vicinity.

What characteristics of the village do you particularly want to see maintained?

Many people want Starston to remain as it is now, with the rural charm which attracted them to the village in the first place. The largest number of responses to this question described the village as having a quiet, rural character which ought to be maintained. Words which were used to describe it included:

'unspoilt,' 'peaceful,' 'relaxed,' 'leafy,' 'tranquil,' and 'picturesque.'

...unspoilt, peaceful, relaxed, leafy, ...



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The Beck, a beautiful area that residents considered well worthy of more care and effort

Beside this many perceived a friendly community spirit or camaraderie. Things which were said to contribute to the general feel of the village were the houses, the Church, the Jubilee Hall, the bridge, the open spaces and trees. Also mentioned were a low crime rate, a sense of history, village events and the very successful village magazine *Pigeon Post*.

Alongside this general approval were a number of items which could, or should, be better looked after or improved. The Beck and the Beck side should be cleaned up, along with the village sign and railings, and the wind-pump repaired and looked after. The bridge should be cleaned or repainted, and footpaths needed some attention. Finally there were some calls for more bus services and for less intensive farming surrounding the village.

What would you most like to see happen in the village over the next ten years?

A number of responses were firmly for a policy of no change – or as little as possible; others called for a greater community sense, or involvement, and for any activities which would foster these.

There was a good deal of discussion around the idea of a more developed village centre:

...which represents village society and its attitudes as they are today, not those of the past.'

Some of the suggestions which might contribute to this development were a recreation area for children and the community, or a village green; an enlarged, or new, village hall; a village social club with a licence, or a pub/restaurant, 'The Starston Arms'; a village shop; the Church to be available for a wider range of activities and better care of trees, verges and hedgerows.

A number of respondents called for the provision of some affordable housing or starter homes. Others asked for improvement in the bus services, and others again for extended footpaths or safe pavements.

Other clusters of responses were in favour of electricity generation by wind turbine, or asked for better traffic control and enforcement.

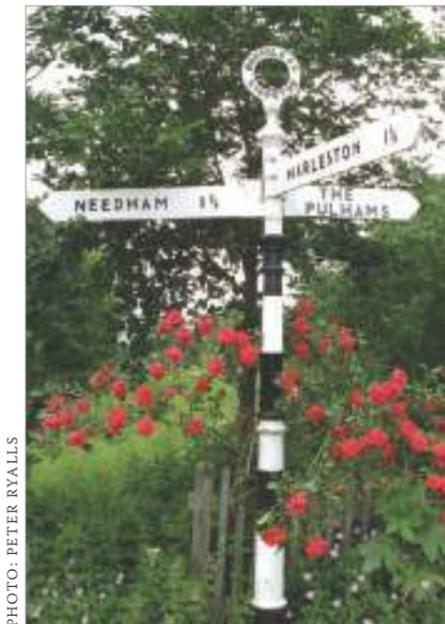


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Some of the village's more utilitarian objects have been made attractive

Young Persons' Questionnaire

A total of 35 young persons' questionnaires were requested and all were returned completed on behalf of 40 young people. The returns represented an equal split between boys (20) and girls (20) living in Starston. These children attended an astonishing 17 different schools in the area, with most at Archbishop Sancroft School in Harleston. Only 1 was described as unemployed. Many children (47%) are driven to school by parents, 22.5% travel by school bus and 17.5% cycle, the rest walk or use public transport.

Cycling is a popular pastime with 56% saying they cycle regularly. Most would like to see more cycle paths provided around the village to improve safety – the speed of traffic on narrow roads is seen as a major problem. The majority (81%) said they felt safe in and around Starston with 13% saying they did not feel safe. As many as 91% of young persons said they used the internet at home, compared with 79% of households having internet connection.

Young people in the village are members of a variety of local organisations such as Harleston Young Farmers and Harleston Army Cadets. They also participate in a variety of sporting activities outside school such as football, hockey and sailing.

When asked what facility or activity they would most like to see in the village there was a wide range of responses; several asked for some form of outdoor play facility, a number were interested in having a swimming pool and a small shop. While a 'sweet shop, park or zoo' might be too ambitious for the small village of Starston, a communal/play area could possibly be combined with other ideas put forward in the Parish Plan.



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Cycling is a popular pastime with 56% saying they cycle regularly



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Tyre Stack Race during the Inter Village Sports Day, July 2008, at Weybread Hockey Club

Generally, the young people of Starston have to travel to Harleston for their activities, and although close by, transport can still pose a problem

Young Persons' Questionnaire

When asked about how to improve the environment in Starston, our young respondents wished for safer roads, more footpaths, less litter, eco-friendly measures and more social events and activities to include young people.

When asked what they liked least about Starston, the responses included: dangerous roads, speeding traffic and the difficulty of getting anywhere, even Harleston. Other comments said:

'lack of paths and buses' 'not much for people of my age to do' 'lack of facilities and activities' 'nowhere to hang out' 'nothing ever happens'

When asked what they liked most about Starston an overwhelming number of young people who responded to this question appreciated the quiet and peaceful nature of living in a small village. Both children and teenagers said how they enjoyed the green countryside, the open space and the picturesque views. The majority of young respondents found people friendly, sociable and enjoyed the community atmosphere.

'What do I like most? Everything, space, fresh air, friends.'

'friendly people, good community spirit' 'countryside, room for horses' 'space, quietness, people' 'the nature and wildlife'

Starston Autumn: winner of the photographic competition



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Action List

All the above comments and suggestions have been gathered together in the following Action List which includes an estimate of resources required and a suggestion as to priorities.

Key
PC Parish Council
AG Action Group
FW Footpath Warden
WP Working Party
TW Tree Warden
STG Starston Traffic Group
HWC Home Watch Co-ordinator
NCC Norfolk County Council
L Low
M Medium
H High
YP Young Persons

	Issue	Proposed Action	Lead	Re-source Implications	Priority	Remarks
1	Action group	To form a group of volunteers who would meet to ensure this action list is both progressed and kept under review	PC AG	L	H	This group will lead on implementing the action list and liaising with the relevant people/organisations, including sources of funding. It would include representatives of young persons in Starston.
2	Footpaths	Review possibility of opening new footpaths and promoting existing footpaths around the village	PC FW	H	M	This could be looked at in conjunction with new cycle ways. It could include permissive paths in agreement with landowners. Maps showing footpaths could also promote the village in general.
3	Cycle Paths	Investigate the possibility of developing more cycle paths around the village	PC AG	H	M	Needs to be looked at in conjunction with pedestrian safety and footpaths. Sustrans could be approached for support/possible funding.
4	Verges	Consider improving and preserving the verges around the village	PC AG	M	L	A village wide survey is needed, and liaison with Norfolk County Council Highways Dept.
5	Beck	Clean up area in and around the Beck	PC WP	M	M	Permission would need to be obtained where private property is involved.
6	Litter	Arrange regular cleanup	AG	L	M	Regular litter picks need to be carried out by willing volunteers.
7	Recycling & Composting	Investigate possibility and efficiency of locating recycling and composting facilities in the village. Research if the range of plastic being recycled could be extended	PC	H	M	Funding could be available for this.
8	Micro-power Generation	Monitor performance of wind power or other generation in villages of similar size to see what might be practical and cost effective	PC	H	L	Studies are needed in the first instance to see if this is a possibility for the village & research is needed into other local schemes.
9	Tree & Hedge Planting	Develop a long-term plan for tree and hedge planting around the village.	PC TW	M	L	New tree & hedge planting has been under way for several years and some funding is available. Maintenance of newly established hedges & trees is also essential.
10	Traffic Calming	Review effectiveness of speed limits & current traffic calming measures and possible improvements with NCC Highways.	PC STG	M	H	Carry out in conjunction with traffic count and survey.
11	Traffic Signage	Review signage around the village for effectiveness.	AG	L	M	Liaise with PC. Survey needed, see Conservation Appraisal.*
12	Pedestrian Safety	Investigate whether roadside footpaths in and around the village can be changed to improve pedestrian safety.	PC STG	M	H	This would need to be carried out in consultation with Norfolk County Council Highways Dept.
13	Weight Restriction	Carry out traffic survey to determine effectiveness of weight restrictions.	PC STG	M	M	Traffic survey should identify the number of HGVs.
14	Affordable Housing	Brief results of Parish Plan survey to South Norfolk Council Housing and the Built Environment Dept and to Registered Social Landlords eg Saffron Housing Trust.	PC	H	M	Norfolk Rural Community Council conducts Affordable Housing Needs Surveys.
15	Sheltered Housing	Brief results of Parish Plan survey to South Norfolk Council Housing and the Built Environment Dept and to Registered Social Landlords eg Saffron Housing Trust.	PC	H	L	To consider in conjunction with affordable and other housing provision.
16	Planning & Housing Policy	Feedback to South Norfolk Council Housing and the Built Environment Dept & local councillors results of questionnaire on future criteria for housing development.	PC	H	H	To take into account both affordable and sheltered housing.

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17	Community Woodland	Investigate potential use, possible locations, cost and funding for a community woodland.	AG	H	M	
18	Village Hall	Investigate potential use, possible locations, cost and funding for an improved village hall.	AG	H	M	Licensing & car parking are issues with the current village hall.
19	Village Green	Investigate potential use, possible locations, cost and funding for a village green in the village.	AG	H	L	Could combine with children's play area and other facilities.
20	Children's Play Area	Investigate potential use, possible locations, cost and funding for a children's play area in the village.	AG	H	M	Include families with young children as part of this process.
21	Wind-Pump	Liaise with owner over progress on restoration and potential for being made operative for demonstrations etc.	AG	H	M	Many regard the wind-pump as an important symbol for the village.
22	Allotments	Investigate possible interest in / location for village allotments	AG	H	M	
23	Websites	Review current village websites and see if they can be linked, or the formation of a single village website.	AG	M	M	Good progress has already been made.
24	Homewatch	Review current arrangements for the Homewatch programme and publish in <i>Pigeon Post</i> and on website.	PC HWC	L	M	Need to consult with the Homewatch coordinator.
25	Group Purchase Heating Oil	Investigate economics and effectiveness of group purchase of heating oil for Starston residents.	AG	L	M	
26	Septic Tank Emptying	Investigate possible cost reduction of group purchase of septic tank emptying service.	AG	L	M	
27	Mobile Library	Review current arrangements for the mobile library	AG	L	M	Need to liaise with Norfolk County Council Library Service about making better use of this service including time, location and means of publicity.
28	Borderhoppa	Review current arrangements for the Borderhoppa minibus service.	AG	L	M	Need to publicise services to the village on website and in <i>Pigeon Post</i> .
29	Public Transport	Publicise routes & stops for public transport.	AG	L	H	
30	Social Events	Investigate the possibility of reviving the existing Starston Events Committee to develop community events.	AG	M	H	Include young persons' representatives.
31	Young Persons' Activities	Collect information and contact details of young persons' activities in the area and publish .	AG	L	H	Consult with young persons' representatives as to best approach.

* Conservation Appraisal: Starston Conservation Area Character Appraisal undertaken by South Norfolk Council Planning Department, February 2000

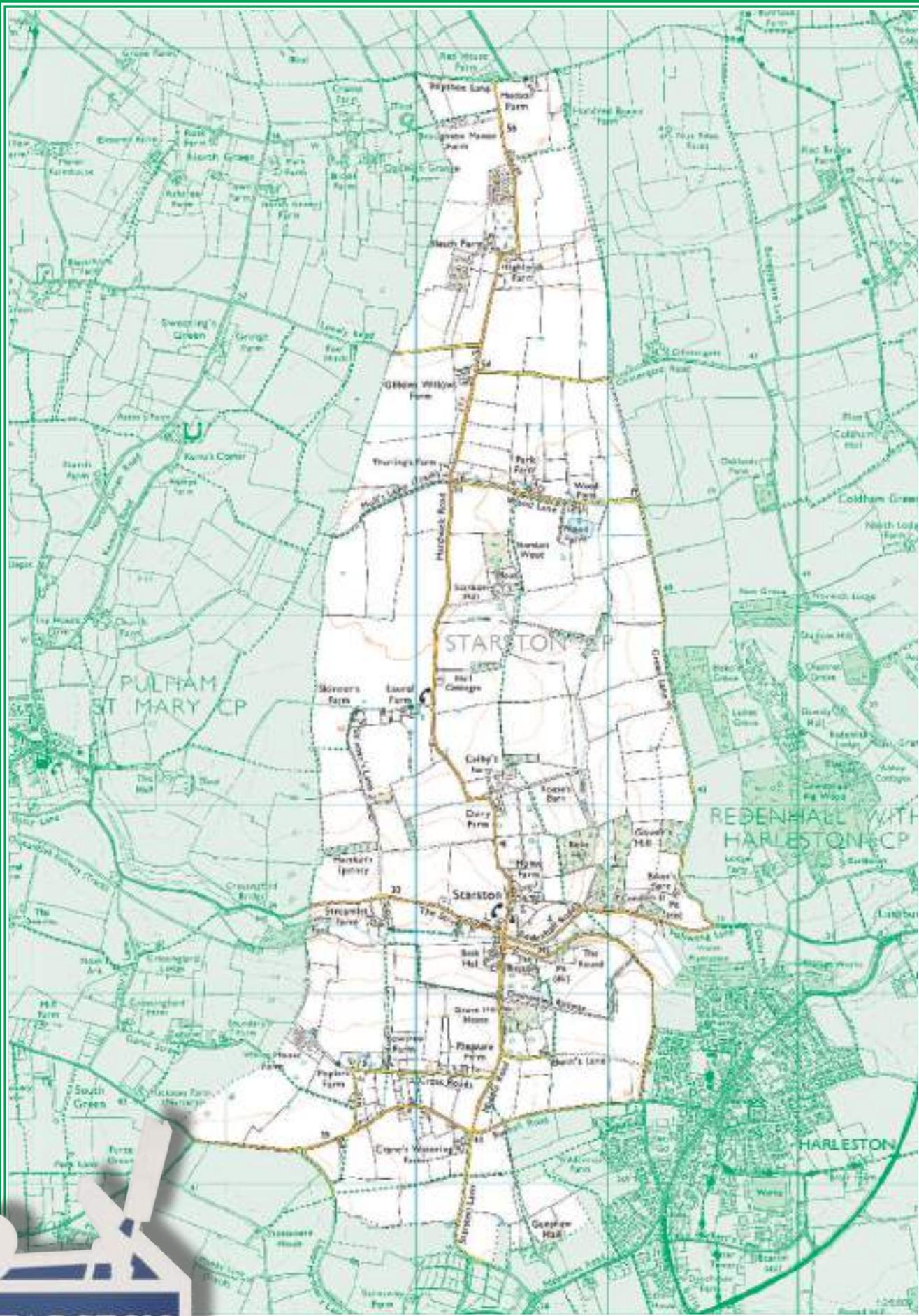
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