

Watlington Speaks

Summary Questionnaire results

Q1. What gender are you?

	Total
Base	706
Male	42%
Female	58%

Q2. How old are you?

	Total
Base	702
16-25	7%
26-39	15%
40-64	42%
65 or older	36%

Q3. How long have you lived in Watlington?

	Total
Base	706
Less than 1 year	2%
1-10 years	43%
11 years or more	34%
Most of my life	21%

Q4. Why did you come to live in Watlington?

	Total
Base	698
Grew up here	18%
Attractive country environment	39%
Work related location	32%
Family needs	19%
Schools	7%
Other	20%

Q5. Where do you work?

	Total
Base	700
In Watlington	10%
Nearby town or village	22%
In London	5%
From home	9%
No paid work	4%
In full time education	4%
Retired	38%
Other	9%

Q6. How well are your needs catered for in Watlington?

	Total
Base	683
Very well	43%
Satisfactorily	49%
Not well	8%

Q7. If you answered other than very well please say why?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q8. Is there any activity, available in Watlington, in which you would take part?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q9. If you have suggested an activity, would you help set up and organise or help with this?

	Total
Base	257

Yes - would help set up and organise	9%
Yes - would help	31%
No	62%

Q10. Where do you look for local information, events, organisations and Parish Council news?

	Total
Base	682
Watlington Website	11%
Library	34%
Posters around town	67%
Parish News	64%
Watlington Times	72%
Henley Standard	36%
Notice Board on Hill Road car park	32%
Other	10%

Q11. Would you be interested in receiving local information by e-mail?

	Total
Base	678
Yes	39%
No	61%

Q12. Would you be interested in a Watlington blog? If so, could you help set this up?

	Total
Base	672
Yes - interested and would help	3%
Yes - interested but would not help	17%
No - not interested	80%

Q13. How often, if at all, do you use the Town Hall?

	Total
Base	693
Weekly	5%
Monthly	8%
Less often	37%
Never	49%

Q14. How often, if at all, do you use the Sports Pavilion?

	Total
Base	703
Weekly	3%
Monthly	7%
Less often	25%
Never	65%

Q15. How often, if at all, do you use the Church Hall?

	Total
Base	700
Weekly	8%
Monthly	1%
Less often	39%
Never	52%

Q16. How often, if at all, do you use the Methodist Church Hall?

	Total
Base	695
Weekly	3%
Monthly	1%
Less often	7%
Never	89%

Q17. How often, if at all, do you use the Memorial Club?

	Total
Base	704

Weekly	8%
Monthly	8%
Less often	34%
Never	50%

Q18. How often, if at all, do you use the West Room, Old School Place?

	Total
Base	705
Weekly	3%
Monthly	3%
Less often	11%
Never	83%

Q19. How often, if at all, do you use Icknield Community College facilities for recreational use?

	Total
Base	697
Weekly	1%
Monthly	1%
Less often	13%
Never	84%

Q20. How often, if at all, do you use Watlington Primary School facilities for recreational use?

	Total
Base	694
Weekly	2%
Monthly	0%
Less often	10%
Never	88%

Q21. How often, if at all, do you use any other facilities in Watlington?

	Total
Base	507
Weekly	31%
Monthly	8%
Less often	11%
Never	50%

Q22. In order to secure the future viability of St Leonard's Church, the church council is looking to consolidate its assets and create a community venue within the church. To assist in funding this they plan to replace the Church Hall with up to four houses on the site of the hall. The car park would be retained and Mason's Wood protected. Please tell us how you feel about this project. Do you:

	Total
Base	702
Agree	20%
Disagree	51%
No strong feelings	29%

Q23. Bearing in mind that the church council feels St Leonard's can no longer afford to keep the Church Hall going and there are a number of other venues in Watlington, Town Hall and Pavilion, Memorial Club Methodist Church, Nave of St Leonards Church. Would you like to see the Church Hall retained as a facility for Community Use>

	Total
Base	701
Yes	45%
No	17%
No strong feelings	39%

Q24. If you have answered yes to the above question, do you have any constructive ideas for retaining (and financing) The Church Hall?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q25. Some to the work required on the Church Hall is necessary to keep it structurally sound or to comply

with regulations, but some are to make it a more attractive venue. If the Church Hall is retained, what improvements would you like to see?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q26. Would you be willing to be involved in helping or raising funds?

	Total
Base	621
Yes - would help raise funds	10%
Yes - would help	22%
No - would not help	69%

Q27. The Watlington May Festival was not held in 2009, following two years of disastrous weather a of enough helpers. Some people have asked for a bigger better festival to put Watlington on the map and and raise funds for local organizations and charities. Please say whether you would support a new Festival and would you help?

	Total
Base	682
Yes - support idea and would help	25%
Yes - support idea but would not help	51%
No - not interested	23%

Q28. The Christmas Fair was revived last year. Would you like this to become an annual event and would you support this? Would you be willing to help?

	Total
Base	676
Yes - support idea and would help	19%
Yes - support idea but would not help	64%
No - not interested	17%

Q29. Some people have also asked for extra events in Watlington. Is there any event you would like to suggest?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q30. If you have suggested an event, would you help with it?

	Total
Base	153
Yes	53%
No	47%

Q31. There have been requests for visits to the theatre and the cinema. Would you join a theatre group if so, would you help run this

	Total
Base	676
Yes - would join and would help	5%
Yes - would join but not help	26%
No - not interested	70%

Q32. Would you join a cinema group and, if so, would you help run this?

	Total
Base	673
Yes - would join and would help	4%
Yes - would join but not help	21%
No - not interested	75%

Q33. Would you join a film club in Watlington? If so would you help set up and run this?

	Total
Base	671
Yes - would join and would help	5%
Yes - would join but not help	27%
No - not interested	68%

Q34. People have suggested Watlington should have exhibitions of local life/history/artefacts. Would you be interested?

	Total
Base	681

Yes - support idea and would help	8%
Yes - support idea but would not help	59%
No - not interested	33%

Q35. There used to be popular poetry and art events run by the Parish Council. Due to pressure of work, these were discontinued and cannot be undertaken again by the Parish Council. Would you be interested in re-introducing Poetry events? Would you be willing to help organise them?

	Total
Base	680
Yes - support idea and would help	1%
Yes - support idea but would not help	21%
No - not interested	78%

Q36. And would you be interested in re-introducing Arts events? Would you be willing to help organise them?

	Total
Base	677
Yes - support idea and would help	5%
Yes - support idea but would not help	36%
No - not interested	59%

Q37. If you have a car, do you have off-road parking?

	Total
Base	619
Yes	85%
No	15%

Q38. If you don't have off-road parking, is this a problem?

	Total
Base	123
Yes	58%
No	42%

Q39. If you have answered yes to the above question, please say where off-road parking is a problem.

Awaiting collation of responses

Q40. Do you think there is enough public parking in Watlington?

	Total
Base	671
Yes	47%
No	38%
Don't know	15%

Q41. Do you use the space available at the Recreation Ground for long term parking?

	Total
Base	650
Yes - often	-
Yes - sometimes	3%
No - never	97%

Q42. Do you ever park at Junction 6 of the M40 motorway at Lewknor?

	Total
Base	652
Yes	36%
No	64%

Q43. If there were better parking at Junction 6 of the M40 motorway at Lewknor, would you use it?

	Total
Base	631
Yes	62%
No	38%

Q44. Taking these factors into account (as listed on questionnaire), what are your views of a relief road?

	Total
Base	678

Yes - strongly in favour	49%
No - not in favour	28%
No strong feelings	23%

Q45. Is there a route that you would use frequently if available?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q46. Although Watlington has regular bus links with Oxford and some other towns, is there another destination you need to reach, which is not provided for by these services?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q47. Do you have a problem getting to hospital appointments?

	Total
Base	670
Yes	8%
No	92%

Q48. Would you use a scheme with voluntary drivers to help people get to hospital appointments?

	Total
Base	633
Yes	26%
No	74%

Q49. Would you be willing to help organise and co-ordinate a scheme for volunteer drivers?

	Total
Base	648
Yes - would help	4%
No	96%

Q50. Would you act as a volunteer driver to take people to hospital appointments?

	Total
Base	645
Yes	8%
No	92%

Q51. Would you like to get involved in environmental work parties in and around Watlington? This could include conservation work at Watlington Chalk Pits, Watlington Hill, the Churchyard and other local sites or, less regularly, litter-picking or other activities around the town?

	Total
Base	663
Yes	23%
No	77%

Q52. What would you consider the single, most important, action that could be taken in Watlington to reduce our environmental impact?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q53. Do you feel safe walking around Watlington - in the daytime?

	Total
Base	691
Yes	95%
No	2%
Not always	3%

Q54. Do you feel safe walking around Watlington - after dark?

	Total
Base	679
Yes	75%
No	8%
Not always	17%

Q55. If you have answered no or not always to the above question please say why.

Awaiting collation of responses

Q56. Some people have said they would like more police presence in Watlington, do you agree?

	Total
Base	687
Yes	49%
No	19%
No strong feeling	31%

Q57. Is there an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme where you live?

	Total
Base	635
Yes	31%
No	69%

Q58. If you have answered no to the last question, would you support a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area and would you join?

	Total
Base	454
Yes - support idea and would join	69%
Yes - would help set up and run	2%
No - not interested	30%

Q59. Do you think the lighting in Watlington is appropriate? Would you like to see...

	Total
Base	688
More lighting	28%
No change	39%
Less lighting	6%
Don't mind - No strong feeling	28%

Q60. If you have more or less lighting in the last question, where would you like to see the change made?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q61. If you think litter is a problem, what should be done to improve the situation?

	Total
Base	545
More litter bins	47%
Litter bins emptied more frequently	38%
Education	54%
Other	5%

Q62. Is there a specific area where litter is a problem?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q63. Are there any other areas where dog fouling is a problem?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q64. If you think dog fouling is a problem, what should be done to improve the situation?

	Total
Base	565
More dog litter bins	48%
Dog litters bins emptied more often	18%
Bags made available at the litter bins	31%
More notices about dog fouling	36%
Ban dogs from playing surfaces	45%
Educate owners	66%
Other (please specify)	8%
Don't know	3%

Q65. Would you like to help or sponsor 'Watlington in Bloom'?

	Total
Base	640

Yes - would help	14%
Yes - would sponsor	12%
No - neither	74%

Q66. Some people have asked for more benches around Watlington. Do you agree?

	Total
Base	677
Yes	36%
No	13%
No opinion	50%

Q67. If you have answered yes to the question above where would you like this to be?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q68. Would you use a gym, if the facility could be made available in Watlington?

	Total
Base	677
Yes - regularly	21%
Yes - sometimes	28%
No - not at all	51%

Q69. A number of people have also expressed the wish to have a swimming pool in Watlington. Currently this is not financially viable but, provided there were sufficient numbers to make it possible, would you join a group which goes to a swimming pool/gym in a nearby town, using arranged transport?

	Total
Base	675
Yes - regularly	13%
Yes - sometimes	17%
No - not at all	70%

Q70. Would you help co-ordinate this group?

	Total
Base	559
Yes	2%
No	98%

Q71. If a swimming group were organised, do you have a preferred venue?

	Total
Base	545
Thame	12%
Henley	7%
High Wycombe	4%
Berinsfield	1%
Other	3%
No preference	18%
Not interested	62%

Q72. Would you use these sports facilities at Icknield Community College?

	Total
Base	624
Yes	14%
No	86%

Q73. If yes what facilities would you use?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q74. If you cycle, do you do so as often as you would like?

	Total
Base	440
Yes	23%
No	77%

Q75. If you don't cycle as often as you would like, why is this?

Total

Base	353
Worried about traffic	39%
No convenient cycle tracks	35%
Other reason	54%

Q76. What most influences your decision to shop in Watlington?

	Total
Base	668
Saving petrol/bus fares	38%
Nice to mix with familiar people	58%
Pleasant to walk to the shops	71%
Free to park	32%
Range of shops for everyday things	52%
Specialist shops	31%
Good friendly service	59%
Carry to car service	1%
Support for local traders	86%
Other	8%

Q77. Is there any extra service shop keepers could offer that would encourage you to use the shops in Watlington more?

Awaiting collation of responses

Q78. Do you find the opening times of the independent shops convenient?

	Total
Base	685
Yes	72%
No	10%
No strong feeling	18%

Q79. Would you use a Charity Shop?

	Total
Base	672
Yes - would use	62%
Yes - would help set up and run	2%
Yes - would help	7%
No - none of these	35%

Q80. Would you use a Swap Shop, which lets you swap something you don't want for something you do want?

	Total
Base	659
Yes - would use	52%
Yes - would help set up and run	1%
Yes - would help	3%
No - none of these	47%

Q81. Would you use a Skills Bank which enables you to share and trade your skills for mutual benefit?

	Total
Base	635
Yes - would use	29%
Yes - would help set up and run	2%
Yes - would help	4%
No - none of these	67%

Q82. Do you support the growth of Watlington with housing development?

	Total
Base	677
Yes	17%
Yes, but with sympathetic infill only	44%
No, no more development	39%

Q83. What sort of housing development would you support?

	Total
Base	609

Affordable housing for rent	40%
Affordable housing to buy	49%
Housing with shared ownership	22%
Housing for key workers	26%
Assisted living for older people	31%
Houses with 1 or 2 bedrooms	23%
Houses with 3 or more bedrooms	17%
Mixed housing	26%
None	25%

Q84. If you plan to move within the next five years, within Watlington, which sort of housing will you be looking for?

	Total
Base	276
Affordable housing for rent	11%
Affordable housing to buy	18%
Housing with shared ownership	4%
Housing for key workers	1%
Assisted living for older people	13%
A house with 1 or 2 bedrooms	13%
A house with 3 or more bedrooms	55%
Other	13%

Q85. How important to you is it that any new housing should reflect local building styles and materials?

	Total
Base	668
Very important	66%
Quite important	20%
No strong feelings	15%

Q86. Do you support the view that shop premises should not be granted change of use, to become residential?

	Total
Base	676
Yes	57%
No	18%
No strong feelings	25%

Q87. Do you have any other comments about issues raised in this questionnaire that you would like to add here?

Awaiting collation of responses