

ANALYSIS OF WRITTEN ANSWERS from 'WATLINGTON SPEAKS' QUESTIONNAIRE

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The scanned data has been included with the written answers, to make it easier to assess the response to questions. It should be kept in mind that many responses are one-off suggestions, but they offer a valuable insight into the issues that concern those living in and near Watlington and can be used as a sounding board to introduce constructive ideas for consideration. Some similar replies and suggestions have been combined for ease of use (where same answers exceed one, this is indicated in brackets).

The items in italics are comments made, or questions, rather than answers.

The total number of respondents to the Questionnaire was 706. Many did not answer all questions and those who included written answers often made more than one suggestion so, in some cases, there are more answers than respondents.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Questions 4 & 5 (and scanned data from Q's 3, 4 5)

Q1 What gender are you?

Male	42%	
Female	58%	based on 706 answering

Q2 How old are you?

16-25	7%	
26-39	15%	
40-64	42%	
65 or older	36%	based on 702 answering

Q3 How long have you lived in Watlington?

- Less that 1 year 2%)
 - 1-10 years 43%)
 - 11 years or more 34%)
 - Most of my life 21%)
- based on 705 answering

Q4 Why did you come to live in Watlington?

- Grew up here 18%)
 - Attractive country environment 39%)
 - Work related location 32%)
 - Family needs 19%)
 - Schools 7%)
- based on 698 answering

Other reason (not listed) you came to live in Watlington? *Number answered (1)*

- To live with partner

Q5 Where do you work?

- 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%)
- based on 700 answering

Other place (not listed) you work? - number who answered 4

- Oxford
- Reading
- Swindon
- Wales

‘COMMUNITY & FACILITIES’

ASSESSMENT OF AMENITIES, FACILITIES & NEEDS

Question 7 (and scanned data from Q6)

Q6 How well are your needs catered for in Watlington?

Very well	43%)	
Satisfactory	49%)	
Not well	8%)	based on 683 answering

Q7 If your needs are not well catered for please say why - number who answered = 149

- *better use could be made of local facilities for classical music events*
- *can't get all needs in town*
 - *not large enough to have many more shops*
 - *cannot be expected to compare with Thame, Henley, Wallingford etc.*
- *Council & other authorities look on young people as a problem – our needs are not catered for*
- *local facilities & activities should be better advertised*
- *main road still a big safety issue – should be addressed*
- *Memorial Club & Pavilion charging overpriced rentals*
- *most things catered for/excellent for small town, but always room for more facilities*
- *public toilets not well signed – could be cleaner*
- *please retain Age Concern bus trips to Aylesbury*
- *town environment & community being spoilt by heavy traffic and congestion (8)*
- *unaddressed issues could improve town environment – upkeep of pavements (very uneven for mobility scooter) and amenity areas*

Inadequate:

- bank opening hours
- car parking spaces
- disabled access (3) facilities for disabled with limited mobility/disabled parking
- healthcare (2)
- information about community & activities (4) *willing volunteer but difficult to meet people when new*
- policing (lack of) – allows vandalism

- public transport (56) especially Reading/Thame/Henley/High Wycombe/Christmas Common/link to Oxford Tube/link to Princess Risborough train station/weekends & Bank Holidays - *stranded if no car*
- transport for the elderly

Lack of:

- adult education classes (7) *cancelled due to lack of interest by others/used to be more*
- cultural activities
- facilities for retired people
- good public houses (6) wine bar
- welcome to newcomers would help them get involved quicker

Need:

- 6th Form 'A' level provision
- Community Centre (as Chinnor) for all ages & needs
- community notice board (3) in town centre/Town Hall/near Church – *most people walk into town, so car park board is inconvenient*
- fitness activities - evenings
- help with shopping/collecting prescriptions for elderly

Need more:

- amenities
- affordable housing/accommodation (2)
- cafe/tearooms (3) (child-friendly) perhaps at Recreation Ground
- independent shops (30) affordable shops (7)
- leisure facilities all ages (13) theatre/cinema/nowhere to go/especially swimming & gym - ***see numbers under swimming pool Q8***
- leisure facilities for young people (13) e.g. village hall/internet shop/swimming pool/sports facilities need improvement
- local employment opportunities
- local businesses – retail & trade
- restaurants/bistro/places to eat (6)
- small hotel or B & B would be an asset

Would like:

- 24hr cash point
- Lloyds Bank
- NHS dentist (3)
- optician (2)

REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Question 8 (and scanned results of Q 9)

Q8 Is there any activity, not available in Watlington, in which you would take part? - *number who answered = 177*

- *need (access to) coach travel*
- *places for older teens and younger to hang out*

Learning/skills/hobbies

- adult education (15) evening classes (*U3A not good enough yet*)
- art (5) classes/society - drawing/painting
- French classes
- local history group (2)
- Bible study or Church 'home' group
- computing (2) computer Club
- cookery (4)
- photography (2) club/digital
- pottery classes
- textile workshop

Clubs

- book club
- bridge club (4)
- cinema/cinema club (17) art & culture features
- doll's house/miniatures club for adult collectors
- scrabble
- social clubs/discos (3)

Events/opportunities

- consultation for building of first really outstanding piece of modern architecture in Watlington
- village festival or landmark event

Exercise/dance

- dance classes (6)
 - adult modern dance
 - ballroom *just closed*
 - belly dancing
 - ceroc
 - salsa
 - street *for teenagers*
- exercise/swimming for disabled
- gym (31) health & fitness centre/club *new fitness trail not sufficient*

- keep fit (2) Tai Chi *or suitable activities for older people*
- Pilates – *beginners*
- ‘Tumbletots’ type activity for toddlers
- Yoga (2)

Music/drama

- acoustic nights
- amateur dramatics
- classical concerts
- jam sessions
- musical appreciation (2)
- singing group (2)
- theatre (6) theatre club/group

Sport

- *tennis club needs more equipment – youngsters break into pavilion through windows to steal balls & equipment*
- *someone volunteered to organise football event – no name given*
- archery (2)
- badminton (4) *junior badminton*
- childrens’ sports activities/ *most activities aimed at older generation*
- clay pigeon shooting (2)
- climbing
- cycling club (2)
- football/rugby/for under 5’s (2) 5-a-side football
- golf
- horse riding (3)
- mountain biking (4)
- roller skating - need skate park like Chalgrove
- running club (2)
- swimming (97) can’t we make a swimming pool viable i.e. ‘Sponsor a Tile’ etc?
- table tennis (2)
- tennis coaching
- volleyball
- walking/rambling group (3)

Q9 If you have suggested an activity, would you help set up and organize or help with it?

Yes – would help set up and organise	9%)	
Yes - would help	31%)	
No	62%)	based on 257 answering

INFORMATION ACCESS**Question 10 (including scanned data from Q10)****Q10 Where do you look for local information, events, organizations and Parish Council news?**

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%)	based on 682 answering

Where else do you look for information? - number who answered = 11

- Bucks Free Press
- doctors' surgery
- Google
- Post Office (5)
- Round & About
- school newsletter
- Watlington web site
- www.chilternsounds.com for music events

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

Yes	39%)	
No	61%)	based on 678 answering

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

Yes – interested and would help	3%)	
Yes – interested but would not help	17%)	
No – not interested	80%)	based on 672 answering

VENUES (how often these are used)**Question 21 (and scanned data from Q's 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20)****Q13 How often, if at all, do you use the Town Hall?**

Weekly	5%)	
Monthly	8%)	
Less often	37%)	
Never	49%)	based on 693 answering

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

Weekly	3%)	
Monthly	7%)	
Less often	25%)	
Never	65%)	based on 703 answering

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

Weekly	8%)	
Monthly	1%)	
Less often	39%)	
Never	52%)	based on 700 answering

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

Weekly	3%)	
Monthly	1%)	
Less often	7%)	
Never	89%)	based on 695 answering

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

Weekly	8%)	
Monthly	8%)	
Less often	34%)	
Never	50%)	based on 704 answering

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

- *Tried to hire West Room for granddaughter's Christening party – was told children would disturb nearby elderly residents but, when I surveyed some residents, was told they would welcome children.*

Weekly	3%)
Monthly	3%)

Less often	11%)	
Never	83%)	based on 705 answering

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

Weekly	1%)	
Monthly	1%)	
Less often	13%)	
Never	84%)	based on 697 answering

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

➤ *Watlington Primary School is excellent venue for reception*

Weekly	2%)	
Monthly	0%)	
Less often	10%)	
Never	88%)	based on 694 answering

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

Weekly	31%)	
Monthly	8%)	
Less often	11%)	
Never	50%)	based on 507 answering

How often do you use any other facilities (not listed)? - number who answered = 165

- *use Pyrton Village hall weekly as nowhere available or suitable in Watlington*
- *would like to pay for single hire of tennis court, rather than annual membership*

- Age Concern Drop-in daily - *good for tea & chat*
 - weekly (8)
 - monthly (5)
 - less often (2)
- Age Concern bus ... monthly
- Allotments ... weekly (4)
- Bowls Club ... weekly (5)
 - less often
- Butcher ... weekly (2)
- Car Park ... weekly (5)
- Childrens' Centre ... weekly
 - monthly
- Church Hall ... weekly (2)

- Co-op ... weekly (7)
monthly
less often (2)
- Fire Station ... weekly
- Library ... weekly (12)
monthly (7)
less often (2)
- Mansle Park ... weekly
- Memorial Club ... occasionally
- Paddock ... weekly (13)
monthly
less often (2)
- Parish Council Office ... occasionally (2)
- Pavilion ... weekly (2)
occasionally
- Pharmacy ... monthly
less often
- Post Office ... weekly (2)
- Public footpaths/fields ... weekly
- Public Houses ... weekly (7)
monthly
- Public Toilet ... weekly (3)
monthly (3)
- Recreation Ground ... weekly (27) *or more*
monthly
less often (2)
- Restaurant ... weekly (2)
- St. Leonard's Church ... weekly (7)
less often
- Scout Hut ... weekly (5) *or more*
- Shops ... weekly (12)
- Sports Field ... monthly
- Surgery ... weekly
monthly
- Tennis Club/Courts ... weekly (24)
monthly (4)
less often (2)
- Town Hall ... occasionally

- Undercroft ... weekly (4)
- Vets ... sometimes (3)
- Walking ... weekly (4)
- West Room ... occasionally
- Youth Club ... monthly

USE OF AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE AND FUNDING OF THE CHURCH HALL

Questions 24 & 25 (and scanned data from Q's 22, 23 and 26)

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 with 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 Masons' Wood protected. Please tell us how you feel about these projects. Do you:

Agree	20%)	
Disagree	51%)	
No strong feelings	29%)	based on 702 answering

Q23 Bearing in mind that the church council feel 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 – Pavilion – Memorial Club – Icknield Community College – Methodist Church Hall – nave of St. Leonard's Church, would you like to see the Church Hall retained as a facility for the community?

Yes	45%)	
No	17%)	
No strong feelings	39%)	based on 701 answering

Q24 Constructive ideas for retaining & financing the Church Hall - number who answered = 177

- a great central position, ideal car parking – it would be greatly missed
- as the Church of England is second largest landowner, surely they could finance Church Hall themselves?
- as the Church Hall is used daily, why is it not self-financing? (5)
- Church Hall is essential for church to fulfill its mission
- Church Hall should be kept for what was intended
- Church should be kept for services, not secular activities (2) sacred area should be respected/ concerts might be appropriate
- community should be consulted – minority view should not be imposed
- no other venues have enough space for exercises, pilates, circle dancing etc. - only place available for judo
- other villages (I have lived in) have taken down Hall to build houses – every case was regretted

- *there are too many houses already (2) causing extra traffic/pollution*
- apply for Lottery funding/grants (18) *might be more eligible for this if run by different group*
- fund raising/collections (21)
 - by professionals
 - by those who use it
 - as done by other (successful) churches
 - as proved successful for Recreation Ground (4) i.e Fun Day
 - like library – use similar events
 - six weeks to make £10 investment grow
 - donations & gifts (2)
- fund-raising events
 - antique fairs
 - art shows/exhibitions (3)
 - barn dances (2)/ tea dances
 - car boot sales (6)
 - childrens' shows/fun days (2)
 - Christmas sales
 - craft market
 - cream teas
 - dog shows & fun days (4)
 - fetes (5)
 - football match
 - games night
 - horticultural shows/plant sales (4) fruit & produce competitions
 - jumble sales (2)
 - music/concerts (*affordable*)/social events (6) *relative isolation make it suitable for evening events*
 - new/nearly new sales
 - quiz nights
 - raffles
 - sponsored activities for children, teenagers and adults
- help from local councils, including WPC (2)
- increase charges (12) by 10%/levy charge of £2 per person per class
- modernisation would make Church Hall more attractive than other venues in town and it could be used for more events (26) with increased fees i.e. Wedding Receptions, Christenings, Funeral Refreshments etc./marquee could be put on lawn
- 'Parish Charge' via Community Tax

- pro-active publicity (13) advertising for hiring and wider use
- ring-fence present income for use of Hall, not Church
- sell existing rectory (12) rebuild (with proceeds) next to existing Church Hall/rebuild to include new Church Hall/relocate vicar
- sell plot for two houses only
- sell shares to the community
- volunteers/community project workers to help re-decorate & update (6)

Suggested Regular Wider Use

- *Church should use it more (5) especially church-goers - it is mostly used by outside interests*
- *rental income would help Church Hall to be self-financing (3)*

- charity shop
- coffee/snack facility (2) mornings
- community centre
- computer training courses
- dance classes (5) Scottish/line/circle etc.
- disabled exercise/social gathering
- drama
- encourage more groups to use Church Hall facilities (9) clubs, societies, Scouts etc./meetings
- farmers' market
- film shows (5) for children, teenagers & adults
- flower arranging
- hire for private functions (6) self-catering/social events
- indoor sports
- (more) organised activities/chess/table games etc.
- play groups (2) regular & during holidays/weekends, with lunchtime snack-boxes etc.
- teenagers' activities - Youth Club should be reinstated (3)
- W.I. stall - weekly or monthly

Change of Management

- *under present management, booking can be difficult*
- *Church should tell community how much they need to raise*

- committee (not necessarily church people) to run Church Hall
- involve local groups e.g. Scouts, Guides, Youth Club, Band and existing user groups to take over management of Church Hall (10) maybe lease or buy
- lease Church Hall to parish/community (4)
- WPC should run Church Hall

Change of Use

- changing area for possible swimming pool (3) – financed by donations/lottery/dept. for sports
- convert or use as gym (3) charge subscription to raise money
- sports' field with 'Astroturf'
- swimming pool (retaining Hall)

Q25 If the Church Hall is retained, what improvements would you like to see? - number who answered = 216

- *improvements and repairs could be carried out at less cost than elaborate plans for Church*
 - *improvements should be looked at as an investment, not a cost*
 - *none necessary - leave it as it is (7)*
 - *take a look at Benson*
 - *ugly, anyway, so difficult to make attractive*
- enlarge/extend (4) for quiet room/offices/annexe (could be used for small meetings, bride's changing room etc.)
 - make as good, or better, than competing venues (4) **see also Q.24**
 - only essential/necessary structural repairs (9) minimal redecoration (2) meet Health & safety requirements (2)
 - rebuild (18) up-to-date venue/Swedish style wooden building/modern, clean, cosy & eco friendly/ nearer to Church
 - redecorate/refurbish (69) make more attractive/create more-friendly feel/*volunteers could undertake some work*
 - redesign
 - renovate/modernise (42) cost effective and in keeping with continued and more use/full works!

Suggested internal improvements

- *regular maintenance (7)*
- *under new management by user groups, these could undertake required works (see also Q.24)*
- *use good quality workmanship (2)*

Improve:

- access for wheelchairs (4) disabled ramp
- acoustics
- cleaning (3) *volunteers could keep kitchen and furniture clean*
- heating (7)
- lighting (7)

Install :

- better/bigger kitchen facilities/equipment (46) for self-catering events/more convenient
- ceiling (8) open up ceiling to roof rafters (2)

- changing rooms (3)
- cloakroom facilities
- curtains (8) or blinds (3)
- doors (2)
- floor (11) polished/for dancing
- heating (4)
- movable partitions/screening (3) to hide unused tables, chairs, equipment
- movable screen & projector

New:

- serving bar
- sound system
- stage (6) could be movable
- storage facilities
- tables & chairs (9) current ones too institutional
- toilets/cloakrooms (52) baby changing facilities (6) disabled toilets (6) showers
- windows (11) double glazing

Suggested external improvements:

- decorate exterior (8) render walls (3) re-vamp exterior (3)
- landscape grounds (10) plant trees/new fencing/clean up & grass over
- new/improved (oak?) porch (6) new front door (2) with lobby, internal doors
- outside seating
- repair fascia (2)
- repair/renew roof
- smoking area
- use outside grass area (3) install goal posts/secure play area for children at this end of village

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

Yes – would help raise funds	10%)	
Yes – would help	22%)	
No – would not help	69%)	based on 621 answering

EXISTING AND SUGGESTED EXTRA EVENTS**Question 29 (and scanned data from Q's 27, 28 and 30) Events**

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

Yes – support idea and would help	25%)	
Yes – support idea but would not help	51%)	
No – not interested	23%)	based on 682 answering

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?

Yes – support idea and would help	19%	
Ues – support idea but would not help	64%)	
No – not interested	17%)	based on 676 answering

Q29 Is there any (extra) event you would like to suggest? - number who answered = 123

- *advertise Children’s Centre around town*
- *central calendar of events in Library/Parish Office etc.*
concentrate on one or two events per annum and put all efforts to make those really good (2)

More:

- *events to bring community together (3) in Paddock*
- *creative use of Paddock & Recreation Ground*
- *summer events*
- *activities for older people*
- *U3A needs support to develop*

Annual Events:

- bonfire/fireworks night (5)
- Carnival /Fun Fair (2) *used to have Charter Fair Oct 10th in High Street*
- carol singing (3) *around Christmas tree at Memorial*
- Christmas
 - Fair/could be bi-annual/‘Dickensian’ theme
 - sale
 - tree festival *already done*
- circus/fair at recreation ground *as years ago*
- Easter events
 - Christian event (*i.e. Chinnor’s cross carrying*) (2)
 - Easter egg hunt
 - ‘Easter Egg Rolling’ event down High Street with shops open, stalls, parade, cake & hat competitions etc./down Watlington Hill
 - Easter Fayre
- fete/summer fair/festival (4) July
- firework display
- ice-skating rink in winter (*in barn*)

- Mayday celebration/Maypole dancing (2)
- Morris Dancing *already have in St. George's Day week*
- 'Music On The Hill' every year (10)
- Pudsy Bear (Nov)
- St. George's Day – keep celebration (3) - on the day (2)
- quarterly Forum
- Watlington Festival:
 - back to basic WatFest – core appeal of all day carnival (*as Chalgrove*)
 - bi-annual
 - become 'Ickniel Festival' at end of exams *celebration of success & fundraising for School*
 - keep Festival small – 2 days, 1 evening
 - move to June/July
 - move to sports ground
- Watlington in Bloom *committee formed*

Art/Entertainment:

- art show/festival/events (4)
- book fair
- childrens' shows (puppet/pantomime)
- film festival (2) foreign films/shorts/outdoor
- music festival
 - classical/concert or recital (2)
 - combined with Watlington Festival (9)
 - concerts (6) open air – bring picnic
 - folk music
 - in Paddock (6) for local young musicians of area
 - jazz concerts (4)
 - singing
 - "Watlington's Got Talent"
- theatre (4) plays
- photography events

Exhibitions/Shows:

- antique fair - regular
- dog show (5)
- exhibitions in Church
- food & cooking using local produce
- 'Gardeners' Question Time'
- horticultural (3) /flower show
- local history exhibition

- (more) talks/slide shows in town hall (2)

Markets/Fairs:

- beer/real ale festival (6)
- car boot sale
- cheese festival (2) local food festival (3)
- farmers'/foreign (French) market (5) *Church Hall suitable*
- 'Green Fayre' (*as Chinnor*)
- wine Festival (3) local wines

Open Days:

- allotments open day
- open gardens week (6) annually/every 3 to 5 years

Social Events:

- dances/barn dances (4) for children (2)
- drama
- fun days
- ladies' & gents' night
- line dance social
- safari supper (2)
- treasure hunts (2)

Sport:

- *More sports events*
- athletics
- cycling events (3) Hill Climb Time Trial on Watlington Hill
- marathon (3)
- roller skating in summer
- soap box Grand Prix on Watlington Hill
- tennis tournaments
- pony rides/drives (2)
- 'Walk for Health'/walking events (3)
- X-country race/10K annual

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

Yes	53%)	
No	47%)	based on 153 answering

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

Yes – would join and would help	5%)	
Yes – would join but not help	26%)	
No – not interested	70%)	based on 676 answering

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

Yes – would join and would help	4%)	
Yes - would join but not help	21%)	
No – not interested	75%)	based on 673 answering

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

Yes – would join and would help	5%)	
Yes – would join but not help	27%)	
No – not interested	68%)	based on 671 answering

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

Yes – support idea and would help	8%)	
Yes – support idea but would not help	59%)	
No – not interested	33%)	based on 681 answering

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?

Yes – support idea and would help	1%)	
Yes – support idea but would not help	21%)	
No – not interested	78%)	based on 680 answering

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

Yes – support idea and would help	5%)	
Yes – support idea but would not help	36%)	
No – not interested	59%)	based on 677 answering

‘TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT’

PARKING PROBLEMS

Question 39 (and scanned data from Q’s 37, 38 and 40, 41) parking

Q 37 If you have a car, do you have off-road parking?

Yes	85%)	
No	15%)	based on 677 answering

Q38 If you don’t have off-road parking is this a problem?

Yes	58%)	
No	42%)	based on 123 answering

Q39 Where is off-road parking a problem? - number who answered = 86

N.B. It is apparent that some people have used this question to say where parked cars are a problem, rather than where they, as residents, find it difficult to park

- *car park often full (12)*
 - *especially mid morning/Mondays*
 - *it is our only parking area*
 - *not enough parking spaces*
 - *filled by those parking all day to take bus to J6 M40*
 - *spaces are used by someone selling cars*
- *even with off-road parking ourselves, parking for visitors is a problem*
- *illegal parking on pavements creates problem for other residents*
- *increasing number of residents do not have sufficient off-road parking (2)*
- *Junction 6 parking needs to be improved*
- *on road parking for shoppers & visitors is compromised by business people parking all day*
- *parking on grass verges etc. detracts from pleasant environment*
- *peak time parking (e.g. Saturday am) could be offered at:*
 - *Catholic Church in Watcombe Road*
 - *Watcombe Manor Industrial Estate*
- *reluctant to use car park overnight due to vandalism and damage to vehicles*

Town Centre:

- **Couching Street (16)**
- **High Street (17) bottom end/esp. for residents with children, shopping, workbags etc. to carry from car park**
- **Shirburn Street (10) by Fox & Hounds/for residents**

Residential areas:

- Britwell Road (2)
- Brook Street (5)
- Brookside (2) *non-residents park here*
- Chapel Street (3)
- Church Street (8)
- Cuxham Road - near Pyrton Lane junction
- Davenport Place (4) residents
- Gorwell (14) rarely possible to park outside one's own house/very difficult getting oil delivered
- Hurdlers Green (3) junction with Cuxham Road
- Letts Alley (2) residents
- Love Lane (6) top & corner Ingham Lane
- New Road (2)
- Old School Place (2)
- Paul's Way - residents with driveways still park on road
- The Close (2)
- The Goggs (5) many non-residents park here – residents should have priority – community police no longer monitor this area
- Watcombe Road (2) residents of Brooke Street park here/use could be made of Catholic Church car park

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

Yes	47%)	
No	38%)	
Don't Know	15%)	based on 671 answering

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

Yes – often	0)	
Yes- sometimes	3%)	
No – never	97%)	based on 650 answering

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

Yes	36%)	
No	64%)	based on 652 answering

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

Yes	62%)	
No	38%)	based on 631 answering

RELIEF ROAD**Scanned data from Q 44****Q44 Taking these factors into account (as listed on questionnaire), what are your views of a relief road?**

Yes – strongly in favour	49%)	
No – not in favour	28%)	
No strong feelings	23%)	based on 678 answering

COMMUNITY BUS**Question 45****Q45 Is there a (Community Bus) route that you would use frequently? At what times? - number who answered = 69**

- *didn't know about community bus until questionnaire!*
- *inadequate service*
- **Need:**
 - bus pick up point in Gorwell
 - later service in evenings
 - more routes
 - regular service to J6 throughout day would enable young people to get to college or shop in Oxford
 - Ridgeway drop-off point for cyclists to cycle back (weekends)
 - weekend services (3)
- **Routes:**
 - Benson (3) to link with services there
 - Booker Shopping Centre
 - Chinnor - Watlington (5) at weekends/late at night at weekends/Friday
 - Christmas Common to Henley & Reading (2)
 - Christmas Common to Lewknor & Watlington (3) High Wycombe (2)
 - Henley (16) - mornings/Saturdays/earlier & later am & pm esp. Friday/direct once a week/weekends – this service could double
 - High Wycombe (13) Asda/10am & midday/via West Wycombe & Walters Ash
 - High Wycombe train station (2) anytime day or evening/am & pm
 - Lewknor (J6) connection & return more frequent (44) on the hour/throughout day at regular known intervals/upon request/earlier - from 5am/8am & later 11.30-12pm/esp. weekends
 - Marlow
 - Oratory Prep School
 - Oxford (4) this service could double

- Pishill
- Princess Risborough (4) 7am return 6-7pm (via Christmas Common) train link
- Reading (4)
- Stockenchurch (5) – to link with services there
- Thame (12) especially market day/early am, midday, evening
- Wallingford (8) evenings/nights

COMMERCIAL BUS SERVICES

Question 46

Q46 Is there a destination you need to reach (by commercial bus service) not provided? - number who answered = 182

- *airport (Gatwick/Heathrow) buses to stop at Lewknor*
- *bus stop, pick-up point at Recreation Ground*
- *commuter services to Benson, Wallingford, Didcot*

- Abingdon (2)
- Amersham
- Aylesbury (7)
- Bampton
- Banbury
- Benson (2)
- Chinnor
- Christmas Common
- Didcot (9) *it is possible to go to Didcot in pm, but there is no return service*
- Henley (85) more frequent/direct/late Fri/Sat
- High Wycombe (46) more frequent/Asda/Cressex
- Little Chalfont
- London
- Maidenhead
- Marlow (5)
- Milton Common
- Milton Park
- Nettlebed
- Oxford (3) faster service, esp. Sunday/101 on Sunday
- Princess Risborough (11) train station
- Reading (51) more frequent service /link for London Heathrow & trains/late return
- Slough

- Sonning Common
- Stadhampton on Sundays
- Stokenchurch - co-ordinate bus to make connection to High Wycombe
- Thame (19) more frequent
- Wallingford (9) more regular, at present you can only stay just over 1 hour
- West Wycombe & Walters Ash
- Windsor

VOLUNTARY SCHEME FOR HOSPITAL DRIVERS

Scanned data from Q's 47, 48, 49 and 50

Q47 Do you have a problem getting to hospital appointments?

Yes	8%)	
No	92%)	based on 670 answering

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

Yes	26%)	
No	74%)	based on 633 answering

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

Yes – would help	4%)	
No	96%)	based on 648 answering

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

Yes	8%)	
No	92%)	based on 645 answering

'ENVIRONMENT'

SUGGESTIONS TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Question 52 (and scanned data from Question 51)

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?

Yes	23%)	
No	77%)	based on 663 replies

Q52 What would you consider the single, most important, action that could be taken in Watlington to reduce our environmental impact? – number who answered = 295

- *reduced traffic would mean many more children could walk to school, which at present is unsafe*
- *research success in other small towns i.e. Totnes*
- *would like to get involved with litter-picking (4)*

Amenities

- better policing (6) to prevent vandalism (esp. Recreation Ground & Paddock)
- cut back hedges etc ., obstructing footpaths
- footpaths to be better maintained (3) and better lit to encourage walking
- maintain roads/pavements
- improve sewage works (2)
- encourage:
 - recreational visitors/tourists (2) need more shops/café
 - use of local shops (4) retain diverse range of shops
- introduce local currency scheme to extend & encourage 'Think Local'
- more space for vegetable gardens
- rubbish
 - go back to old system
 - public re-cycling bins
 - remove wheelie bins around town (4)
 - skips - 2 or 3 annually in local villages (2) incl. Christmas Common which used to have one
 - weekly rubbish collection (2)
- Swap Shop (2)
- swimming pool & gymnasium within walking distance
- Youth Centre (i.e. former Ann Brown Club)

Environment:

- ban plastic bags (4)
- educate about environment
- improve air quality
- discourage:
 - keeping of domestic animals (2) dog fouling
 - littering (14) - everywhere, not just town - educate adults and children to pick up their litter/ more litter bins/stop youths dumping litter at Recreation Ground
 - use of mobile phones (especially while driving)
- encourage:
 - vegetarianism (2)
- maintain Conservation Area
- modify farming practices and road-side trimming to improve flora and bird habitats

- reduce overflying of aircraft
- restrict new building to minimum
- retain open space by Church Hall and Masons' Wood (3)
- social housing near Church Hall
- 'Transition' town status (2)
- turn off/reduce street lighting (9) stop orange glow from lighting – e.g. Care Home/turn off at midnight to 1pm - esp. Hill Road car park
- use renewable energy/save energy
 - apply for grants for solar panels/photo voltaics/domestic wind turbines (6) also for Parish Office
 - environmental audit of Town Hall – probably needs insulating etc
 - become self-sustaining
 - green heat & electricity generation (8) using local waste/biomass
 - insulate houses better (2) and Parish Office
 - new buildings to be environmentally sustainable - incorporate heat pumps/small wind turbines
 - remove planning restrictions on alternative energy
 - wind turbines in Watlington (8) on either side of motorway cut/on Watlington Hill

Parking

- prohibit parking:
 - in Brook Street (3) between Ingham Lane & Couching Street
 - in Couching Street (12) - to alleviate congestion/improve traffic flow
 - in Shirburn Street (4)
 - in High Street (3) on double yellow lines & pavements
- proper car park at J6 of M40 (2)

Transport

- Need better:
 - bus service (every 30mins) and more direct route to Oxford (3) esp. weekends
 - link to J6 of M40 (2)
 - links to mainline stations
 - public transport (3) user-friendly bus services
- railway station

Traffic

- ban:
 - cars in Watlington centre (2) pedestrianise town
 - HGV's (51) or restrict to certain times – also in surrounding villages/enforce limit
 - on-road parking (2)
 - through traffic

- build bridge over M40 to divert heavy traffic (2)
- cycle (and pedestrian) lanes/routes (5) to J6 of M40 along old railway line
- (more) cycle parking at J6 of M40
- cut back hedgerows to increase visibility
- discourage:
 - driving to shops (7)
 - school run traffic (11) walk to school/walking buses
- encourage:
 - use of public transport
 - car/lift sharing (3) – esp. to work
 - more walking/cycling (1) instead of using vehicle
- improve traffic flow (2) would reduce congestion & pollution
- introduce traffic lights (2)
- no relief road (2) – would increase traffic
- relief/ring road (43) restrict housing to inside this/but not if it means large supermarket
- re-locate Industrial Estate (2) - near J6/and build housing to rent and buy on existing site
- reduce:
 - car journeys
 - congestion (6) on Couching Street
 - through traffic (64) to reduce pollution/more police enforcement of restriction
 - HGV's in particular (39) through town
 - traffic on B4009 (3)
- stop speeding traffic (23) incl. surrounding villages
 - 20mph through town
 - enforce limit esp. High Street
 - speed bumps
 - speed enforcement on Cuxham Road and B4009

SAFETY & POLICE PRESENCE

Question 55 (and scanned data from Q's 53, 54 & 56)

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

Yes	95%)	
No	2%)	
Not always	3%)	based on 691 answering

Q54 Do you feel safe walking around Watlington – after dark?

Yes	75%)
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No	8%)	
Not always	17%)	based on 679 answering

Q55 If you have answered 'no' or 'not always' to the above questions, please say why - number who answered = 129

- Police presence needed at night
- PCSO should introduce herself

In daytime:

- danger of injury by wing mirrors of moving vehicles in Couching Street & corner of High Street and Shirburn Street
- passing heavy traffic makes narrow footpaths unsafe with pushchair/esp. Britwell Road
- speeding traffic causes anxiety, especially with children
- uneven paths & pavements (3) and overhanging plants/esp. path to Davenport Place

At night:

- elderly feel apprehensive (4) fear of 'drunks', muggers or being mugged
- fear of crime/possible violence (7) some people have been accosted or attacked
- Hill Road car park – wary of groups of people gathered here
- inadequate/unreliable lighting (79)
 - alleyways and paths
 - Brook Street
 - by Masons' Wood
 - Davenport Place
 - from car park to town centre
 - near Church
 - Paddock
 - Recreation Ground car park – very dark in winter, unsafe to walk there
- only when alone (3)
- traffic – passing pavements close and fast & mounting pavements (9) esp High Street - **also daytime**
- very quiet/feel vulnerable (7) especially near Masons' Wood
- would not feel completely safe anywhere, not just Watlington (12) esp. women
- young people hanging around (31) intimidating due to drink, drugs & size (often abusive) esp. near Town Hall & High Street/car park/in Paddock, including play area, at night

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

Yes	49%)	
No	19%)	
No strong feeling	31%)	based on 687 answering

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

Yes	31%)	
No	69%)	based on 635 answering

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

Yes – support idea and would join	69%)	
Yes – would help set up and run	2%)	
No – not interested	30%)	based on 454 answering

LIGHTING**Question 60a & 60b (and scanned data from Q59)****Q59 Do you think the lighting in Watlington is appropriate? Would you like to see...**

More lighting	28%)	
No change	39%)	
Less lighting	6%)	
Don't mind – no strong feelings	28%)	based on 688 answering

Q60a Where would you like to see more lighting? - number who answered =152

- *improved lighting could be as good as more lighting*
- *make sure lights are working*
- *use movement sensors*

- alleyways & paths (23)
 - from Britwell Road /Cuxham Road to Church Meadow (3)
 - Cuxham Road to Church Street
 - approaches to and around Church (16) Church Meadows
 - near Masons' Wood & towards houses in Pyrton Lane
 - (near) Church Hall car park (5) esp. Masons' Wood
 - Chapel Street to Saunders Close alley
 - alley leading to Davenport Place
 - Letts Alley (6) junction with Shirburn Street
- footpath to Lewknor - *nearly non-existent*
- generally (5)
 - especially town centre (5)
 - road junctions
- Britwell Road (5) Britwell Road with Cuxham Road junction

- Brookside
- Brook Street (20) junction with Couching Street/junction with Gorwell
- Chapel Street (5) High Street end
- Chestnut Place – entrance to main area
- Chiltern Gardens
- Church Alley (2)
- Church Street (5)
- Church Street to Church (6)
- Church to St. Leonard's Close
- Couching Street (12) part/junction with Brook Street
- Cuxham Road (7) by bus stop/roundabout
- Cuxham Road footpath + footpaths that lead to school (2)
- Davenport Place (12)
- Gorwell (9) top end/opposite Fire Station
- High Street (12) a little more
- Hill Road car park (4) to Market Place (2)
- Hill Road (7) entrance to surgery/hospital - distance between lights too great
- Hurdlers Green
- Johnsons Alley (3)
- Lilacs Place
- Love Lane (2) opposite Icknield Community College
- New Road (2)
- Paddock (5)
- Pauls Way
- Pyrton Lane/St. Leonard's Close junction
- Recreation Ground access
- Recreation Ground (3)
- School Alley
- Shirburn Street (5)
- Shirburn Road (2)
- Spring Lane (7) towards end
- Watcombe Road

Q60b Where would you like to see less lighting? - *number who answered = 33*

- *remove lights that shine directly into nearby houses(5)*
- *less lamp posts*
- *carry a torch! (2)*

- *reduce light pollution*
- *less use of orange lights (inappropriate for small town) – use white (4)*
- approach roads to town
- Carrier's Arms car park
- Care Home (5)
- Couching Street – reduce brightness
- generally (10)
 - change to stimulus-activated lights (2)
 - reduce brightness (3)
 - reduce or turn off security lights
 - reduce street lights (5) by half (2) - esp. town centre
 - turn off earlier and on later (5) off at 10.00, 11.00 or midnight to 5am
- Hill Road
- Icknield Community College & surrounding area (3)
- in shops/library when not open
- Pryton Lane (proximity to houses)
- Stonor Green
- Trading Estate

LITTER

Questions 61 and 62 (incl. scanned data from Q61)

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

More litter bins	47%)	
Litter bins emptied more frequently	38%)	
Education	54%)	
Other	5%)	based on 545 answering

Other - *number who answered = 17*

- bigger and/or more bins (3) especially down Masons' Wood alley
- education:
 - anti-litter campaigns/more anti litter signs
 - remove all litter bins and launch campaign to take litter home
- fines (2)
- more re-cycling options
 - at litter bins (3) – drinks containers a problem, especially glass
 - outside Co-op – 1 for recycling 1 for non-recycling
 - skip once a week

- more road sweeping
- organised community litter picks
- Recreation Ground play area needs at least two bins – one each end/needs clearing daily
- regular cleaning everywhere, not just some places

Q62 Is there a specific area where litter is a problem? – number who answered = 231

- *areas not looked after by Bob*
- *Bob is great! - does a wonderful job, but some people don't care*
- *Co-op leave their bins open and litter flies around/deliveries cause litter – staff should pick this up*
- *due to excellent caretaker, no problem now in Gorwell*
- *general, random littering*
- *local residents should be more responsible and lead by example*
- *more bins would help Bob and keep Watlington tidy*
- *new rubbish collection causing more litter on streets*
- *plastic meal trays thrown into gardens*
- *there should be on-the-spot fines*
- *we still need bottle bank*

- **Town centre**

- Couching Street (8)
- Couching Street/Brook Street junction
- High Street (4) outside Memorial Club
- Hill Road car park (30)
 - around bottle bank - bins overflowing/too small
 - esp. outside phone box
- Market Place (5) esp. fish & chip litter/between Kingfisher and car park
- outside Co-op
- Town Hall & bench (68) chip wrappers/mostly caused by young people in evening
until Bob arrives! Due to extreme littering here, he can't keep up
- War Memorial (3)
- Watcombe Road to Co-op (2)

- **Residential areas & streets :**

- Beech Close green
- Britwell road – litter thrown from cars
- Brook Street
- Bus stops
- Chapel street (2) - children going to school
- Cuxham Road (6)
 - roundabout

- junction with Brookside
 - Marlbrook to Pyrton Road/bin at end of alleyway overflows/residents throw grass cutting etc in hedges
- Hill Road (8)
 - near hospital
 - to Watlington Hill & Christmas Common/rubbish thrown from cars up hill
- Howe Road
- Icknield Community College field (9)
 - path behind College
 - surrounding hedgerows (4)
 - vicinity of Schools (15) incl. nursery school
- Ingham Lane (2)
- Love Lane to Recreation Ground
- Mansle Park (2) & vandalism
- Paddock (9) young people leave litter after all-night drinking – esp. summer & use area as toilet
- Paddock entrance car park – litter from cars
- Recreation Ground (64)
 - (around) Sports Pavilion
 - cricket ground/sports field – esp. after matches
 - play areas incl. new playground - empty can, bottles, fish & chip and other food wrappers and young people who are sometimes around until 2am use area as a toilet
- routes to schools
- Shirburn Street (3)
- Spring Lane (2)
- St. Leonard's Church (10)
 - around Church Hall
 - car park & grass
- **Alleyways & Footpaths (16)**
 - Cuxham Road to Church Meadow
 - entrance on Cuxham Road near bulrushes
 - footpath crossing Cuxham Road
 - leading to St. Leonard's Church/Masons' Wood path
 - Letts Alley
- **Outside town**
 - B4009 towards motorway (2)
 - Christmas Common (2) parking areas
 - Icknield Way

- Pyrton Lane (7) especially adjacent to school grounds
- Ridgeway Path junctions with main roads
- roadsides outside centre (4) & hedgerows - windblown litter and thrown from cars
- Shirburn Road (4)
- Stadhampton Road/Bull Pathway
- Station Road
- The Wilderness (2)
- Willow Pond

DOG FOULING

Questions 63 and 64 (including scanned data from Q64)

Q63 Are there any other areas (besides Recreation Ground and playing field) where dog fouling is a problem? – *number who answered = 197*

➤ *general (10)*

➤ *grass verges, where parking occurs*

● **Town Centre:**

- High Street (4)
- pavements generally (10) Couching Street & High Street

● **Residential areas:**

- Beech Close grass area
- Brook Street (2)
- Chapel Street (16) between Chapel Street & allotments *this is a route to school*
- Church Hall vicinity
- Church Street (3)
- Davenport Place (4)
- Hill Road (9) & verges
- Icknield Community College vicinity (2)
- Love Lane (5)
- Mansle Gardens (2)
- Paddock (8) - inside play area/dogs allowed to run loose
- Recreation Ground (18) esp. around edge near hedges
 - play areas
 - sports' field (6)
- Spring Lane (3) lane to Stonor Green/cut-through to car park
- The Goggs (5) dog bins often overflowing
- Willow Close – grass verge

- **Alleyways & paths**
 - behind allotments
 - Church Alley (6)
 - Church Meadows (8) and lane *but has improved*
 - from Cuxham Road to Church Street (2)
 - general (26)
 - Icknield Community College to Church
 - Letts Alley (9)
 - Pyrton Lane path to recreation ground
 - St. Leonard's Close to town (2)
 - to allotments (2)
 - to St. Leonard's Church (12)
- **Public footpaths & open areas**
 - fields (8)
 - behind Goggs – there are no dog waste bins here
 - behind Quarrington Place
 - general (20)
 - path from Brook Street to West Meadow (2)
 - Ridgeway (2)
 - Watlington Hill (6) path from car park to hill/needs waste bins
 - West Meadow & paths (14)
 - Willow Ponds circle walk (12)

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

More dog litter bins	48%)	
Dog litter 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%)	
Don't know	3%)	based on 565 answering

Other (please specify) – number who answered = 45

- *educate owners particularly about danger of Toxocara Canis – warning posters (2)*
- *it is the older generation of dog owners who cause the problem*
- *no need to put bags by bins, you can buy these*
- *notices about fouling get removed*
- *we live in the country!!*

➤ *young people walking dogs don't pick up*

- bins needed
 - at bottom of Spring Lane and Ridgeway in Hill Road (for owners returning from country walks)
 - end of The Goggs area
 - footpath from Prospect Place to Cuxham Road
 - short Willow Ponds walk
 - West Meadow (both ends)
- biodegradable bags or shovels should be used
 - mess disposed of under hedges or into undergrowth to biodegrade (2)
 - put in 'dog loos' - no emptying of bins required)
- Dog Wardens/police the problem
- empty bins more frequently (5) esp. Hill Road car park
- encourage use of dry dog food
- keep bins free of overgrowing plants
- keep dogs on leads – would then know when they foul
- 'name & shame'
- limit number of dogs per person
- prosecute owners (24) enforce fines
- reporting line
- warnings to offending dog owners

WATLINGTON IN BLOOM
Scanned data from Q65

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

Yes – would help	14%)	
Yes – would sponsor	12%)	
No – neither	74%)	based on 640 answering

SUGGESTIONS FOR EXTRA BENCHES
Question 67 (and scanned data from Q66)

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

Yes	36%)	
No	13%)	
No opinion	50%)	based on 677 aswering

Q67 Where would you like an extra bench/benches? - number who answered = 146

- *extra benches would attract the wrong sort of people/teenagers would congregate/would be vandalised*
- *replace existing old benches*
- *seating at Town Hall dirty and greasy*

Town centre:

- Drop-in Centre/Library (10) bus stop
- general (13) need places to rest walking into town – especially the elderly (can be social disadvantage)
- High Street (21) top/midway between Town Hall & Memorial
- Hill Road car park (5) or nearby
- War Memorial (10) more benches - in shade/make it a meeting place

Residential areas:

- Beech Close (communal area)
- Britwell Road
- Brook Street (4) Couching Street junction
- Chapel Street – by SOHA housing
- (near) St Leonard's Church (8) Church Hall area (3) grave yard (3) Masons' Wood
- Church Lane & other paths to church (3)
- Church Street – near loos (2)
- Cuxham Road bus stop
- Gorwell (6)
- grassed areas around town
- Hill Road (33) especially for older people
 - another nearer the Surgery &
 - upper Hill Road
 - half way to town centre
 - opposite Carrier's Arms (2)
- Letts Alley
- Love Lane (5)
- Old School Place near offices
- Shirburn Street (3) Love Lane junction
- Spring Lane – opposite car park
- Surgery & Care home

Gardens/parks:

- allotment gardens (3)

- Paddock (4)
- Recreation Ground (31)
 - Pavilion area (2)
 - perimeter
 - play area
 - sports field/cricket pitch (8)
- tennis club

Out of town:

- any beauty spot with pretty view! (2)
- Chalk Pits' path
- footpath across fields behind The Goggs
- general - on local walks/footpaths (3)
- Icknield Way (2)
- Peafield Hill (top)
- pond behind main road (Britwell)
- Pyrton Church
- Watlington Hill (10)
- West Meadow (5) overlooking at both ends of diagonal path
- White Mark (2)
- Willow Ponds (2)

'SPORT, RECREATION & LEISURE'

REQUESTS FOR GYM AND SWIMMING

and

SPORTS FACILITIES AT ICKNIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Questions 71 & 73 (including scanned data for Questions 68, 69, 70, 71 & 72)

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

Yes – regularly	21%)	
Yes – sometimes	28%)	
No- not at all	51%)	based on 677 replies

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 in a nearby town, using arranged transport?

Yes – regularly 13%)

Yes – sometimes 17%) based on 675 answering

Q70 Would you help co-ordinate this group?

Yes 2%)
 No 98%) based on 559 answering

Q71 Do you have preferred venue for a swimming group?

Thame 12%)
 Henley 7%)
 High Wycombe 4%)
 Berinsfield 1%)
 Other (see below) 3%)
 No Preference 18%)
 Not interested 62%) based on 545 replies

Other – number who answered = 7

Abingdon
 Barton
 Chalgrove
 Didcot Wave – for children (2)
 Princess Risborough
 Temple Cowley

It is possible to hire some of the sports facilities at Icknield Community College, during evening and weekends.

Q72 Would you use the(se) sports facilities

Yes 14%)
 No 86%) based on 624 replies

N.B. many respondents were not aware what is available

Q73 What sports facilities would you use at Icknield Community College? - number who answered = 81

- *apply for lottery funding to finance swimming pool for use of College and Community*
- *need more information (13) not advertised*
- *tennis courts should be available to young of the town*

- all/any
- any suitable for OAP's

- badminton (21)
- general sports
- gym/keep fit /fitness equipment (21)
- hockey
- netball (4)
- running track
- sports hall (6) for indoor football/aerobics/dance classes (2)/pilates /yoga
- sports field
- squash (5)
- swimming pool (21) if available
- table tennis (2)
- team sports pitches
- tennis (10)
- trampolining (2)
- treadmill
- volleyball

CYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

Question 75 (and scanned data from Q's 74 & 75)

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

Yes	23%)	
No	77%)	based on 440 answering

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

Worried about traffic	39%)	
No convenient cycle tracks	35%)	
Other reason (see below)	54%)	based on 353 answering

Q75 Is there another reason why you do not cycle as often as you would like? – number who answered = 8

- *This area has some of the best cycling in England (4) but direct access not sufficient*
 - B 4009 very dangerous – need cycle track along old railway line (3) safe cycle path to Lewknor
 - no convenient cycle tracks to Henley
 - Ridgeway very bumpy and slippery when wet

'COMMERCE'**SHOPS AND SERVICES****Question 76 & 77 (with scanned data from Q's 76 and 78)****Q76 What most influences your decision to shop in Watlington? Mark all that apply**

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%)	based on 668 answering

Other (not listed) - *number who answered = 8*

- convenience (2) *Co-op near and open long hours*
- excellent: fruit & veg/butcher/post office
range of services
- nice to shop with friends
- Post Office great asset
- savings made by buying locally
- they all do a fantastic job – well done!

Q77 Is there any extra service shop keepers could offer? - number who answered = 282

- *better advertising of local businesses and services*
- *Business Rates should be lower or nonexistent to encourage small businesses and crafts*
- *(stop) shops closing down (13) limits choice/causes concern*
- *stop all day parking for Oxford Tube and leave room for residents and shoppers*
- *too many Antique Shops & Estate Agents*
- *we need more (good quality) shops and small services*

Extra services:

- 24 hour opening (2)
- be more welcoming/shop owners should reach out into community more
- demonstrations in store
- garage to open later/cheaper petrol/diesel
- groceries (3) need better range and quality
- hairdressing – reduced prices for elderly

- hire of:
 - building/large gardening equipment
 - carpet shampoo machine
 - fax machine
 - specialist cake tins – *now available in galley*
- home delivery service (11)
- itemised receipts – items added without till open to error
- lower/competitive prices (4) quality shops too expensive for many
- loyalty cards (3) ‘local currency’
- open days – serve coffee
- price-match promise
- shops:
 - are limited for everyday needs (6)
 - need more variety (19) especially foodstuffs (7)
 - don’t change stock variety often enough – should be more commercial and not complacent
- special offers (3)/reduced prices/discount booklets for locals/reminders & offers better advertised
- ‘quick stop’ parking outside to run in a collect goods
- unified/longer opening times (29) - *lunchtime & half day closing are out of date, inconvenient*
 - 6-day trading/earlier, later
 - open Wed pm & Sat pm, incl. library & butcher
 - stay open during lunch hour
 - Pharmacy open after 6pm
 - DG Homecare open Sundays for DIY
- welcome pack, with vouchers, for newcomers

Would like:

- another supermarket (9) *co-op has no competition*
- art materials
- bakery (12)
- book shop (2)
- Boots chemist
- (another) Cash Machine
- clothing (3) general outfitter/mens (2) clothes & shoes (9)
- coffee/tea shop (5) good quality food & drinks (7) with WiFi/pushchair friendly
- cosmetics
- drapers/haberdashery (3)
- DVD hire (3)
- electrical/TV’s

- farmers' market (weekend)
- fishmonger (3) - *only available wed am.*
- independent newsagent/paper shop (11) *Co-op unsatisfactory*
- restaurant - Chinese/Tai, incl. take-away, or other (12) *would be better than two Indian restaurants*
- shoe shop/cobbler/repairs (3) or agency
- taxi service
- wine shop was a loss (2) need off-license

Services that existing outlets could offer:

- dry cleaning- *already available at DG Homecare*
- film processing/photo development
- key cutting (3) *available now with visiting service*
- (more) organic/local products produce (2)
- paint mixing service
- Undercroft Fruit & Veg open more days (3) Friday/every day
- veg. box scheme

Suggestions were made to improve the service at Co-op:

➤ *Some of the following, if addressed, would encourage people to stay in Watlington to shop*

- back entrance/exit to car park
- better stock levels (9) often out of stock of basics – bread/milk (2)
- better customer services (5) happier staff (2)
- cheaper prices (24) Watlington is more expensive than Chinnor Co-op
- home delivery - esp. for elderly
- lacks variety (6) some food items unavailable (2)
- needs better:
 - queuing
 - check out system (4) *it has improved*
- revert to 'general' not 'convenience' store

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

Yes	72%)	
No	10%)	
No strong feeling	18%)	based on 685 answering

Q79. Would you use a Charity Shop?

Yes – would use	62%)
Yes – would help set up and run	2%)
Yes – would help	7%)

No – none of these 35%) based on 672 answering

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

Yes – would use 52%)
 Yes – would help set up and run 1%)
 Yes – would help 3%)
 No – none of these 47%) based on 659 answering

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

Yes – would use 29%)
 Yes – would help set up and run 2%)
 Yes – would help 4%)
 No – none of these 67%) based on 635 answering

‘HOUSING AND PLANNING’

FUTURE NEEDS

Question 84 (with scanned data from Q's 82, 83, 84, 85, 86)

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

- *We need low cost housing for the young*
- *More housing desperately needed, but NIMBY's object*

Yes 17%)
 Yes, but with sympathetic infill only 44%)
 No, no more development 39%) based on 677 answering

Q83. What sort of housing development would you support?

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 0 2 bedrooms 23%)
 Houses with 3 or more bedrooms 17%)
 Mixed housing 26%)
 None 25%) based pm 609 answering

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

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%)	
Houses with 1 0 2 bedrooms	13%)	
Houses with 3 or more bedrooms	55%)	
Other (see below)	13%)	based on 276 answering

Q84 If you plan to move within the next 5 years, what other sort of housing would you be looking for?

No replies

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

Very important	66%)	
Quite important	20%)	
No strong feelings	15%)	based on 668 answering

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

Yes	57%)	
No	18%)	
No strong feelings	25%)	based on 676 answering