

BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH PLAN 2006



Burton upon Stather

Normanby

Thealby

The Parish of Burton upon Stather

INTRODUCTION

The Parish of Burton upon Stather is approximately five miles north of Scunthorpe. The Parish is part of the electoral Ward of Burton and Winterton in the North Lincolnshire Unitary Authority.

There is a population of approximately 2800 in the Parish (2737 in the 2001 census).

In the 2003 North Lincolnshire Local Plan Burton was classed as a "minimal growth settlement" where house building is restricted to infilling within the development boundary. Normanby and Thealby are classed as rural hamlets where no new house building can take place unless it is essential for the requirements of agriculture, forestry or rural diversification.

In Burton there are two pubs, a primary school, a post office, a grocery and newsagent's, a flower shop, a working men's club, two churches, a health centre, a caravan and camp site, wharf facilities, the village hall and a hairdresser's. There are no shops or meeting rooms in Normanby and Thealby. There is a limited bus route between the Parish and Scunthorpe.

Community spirit is high, represented by over 28 voluntary organisations.

In 2005 Burton won the Northern Lincolnshire Village of the Year, the best village in the whole of the north of England for older people and has won numerous awards in the Calor Best Kept Village competition.



CONSULTING THE COMMUNITY

In December 2005 Defra awarded Burton upon Stather Parish Council a grant to fund a **PARISH PLAN** for Burton, Normanby and Thealby, the three villages which form the Parish of Burton upon Stather.

The project was launched on 21 January 2006 at a public exhibition held in the Village Hall. Residents were invited to write on "post it" notes to highlight issues which concerned them. These were analysed and used to compose the adult and young people questionnaires, which were delivered to every house in Burton, Normanby and Thealby - approximately 1200 households. A second young

people questionnaire was taken into Burton upon Stather County Primary School, Foxhills Technology College and Winterton Comprehensive School, as the response rate was low from the first questionnaire.

In addition, the Parish Council wrote to every local voluntary organisation asking their members to think about their organisation's needs for the future.

The results of all this information have been analysed and summarised in this report and will form the basis of an action plan for the next 5 - 10 years.

WHO RETURNED THE QUESTIONNAIRES?

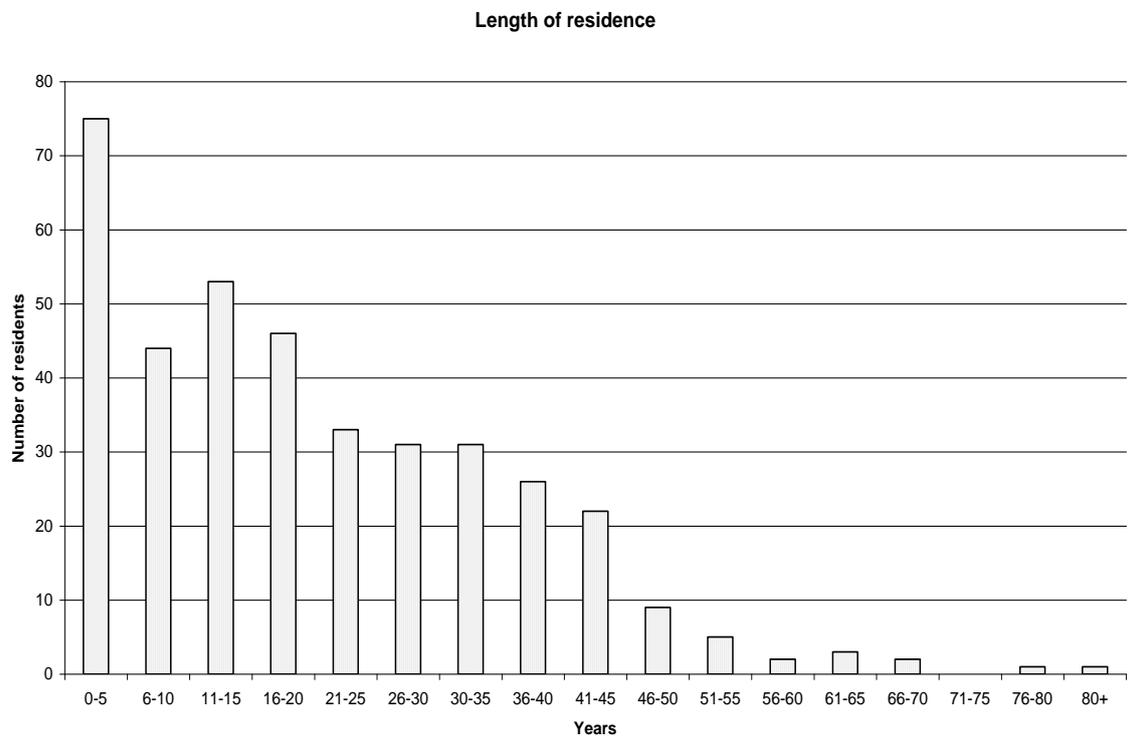
385 adult questionnaires were returned, 154 from men and 231 from women. The majority of these, 344, lived in Burton with 22 from Normanby and 18 from Thealby. Just over half of respondents were of working age and 184 were retired people with only 3 in full time education. Over three

quarters of those answering the questions did not have a young person or child living with them.

119 young people returned their own questionnaires, the results of which are given at the end of the report.



**We asked:
HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED HERE?**



The vast majority said that they did not feel isolated or lonely living in the Parish.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Almost a third expressed an interest in some form of further training, either recreational or with a view to furthering career plans. By far the most popular was a request from 33 people for classes in information technology, while 13 were

keen to study a language, 10 wanted to pursue photography, particularly digital photography. Art was popular with 9 respondents and 22 residents wanted to see a variety of keep fit, exercise and dance classes.



COMMUNICATIONS

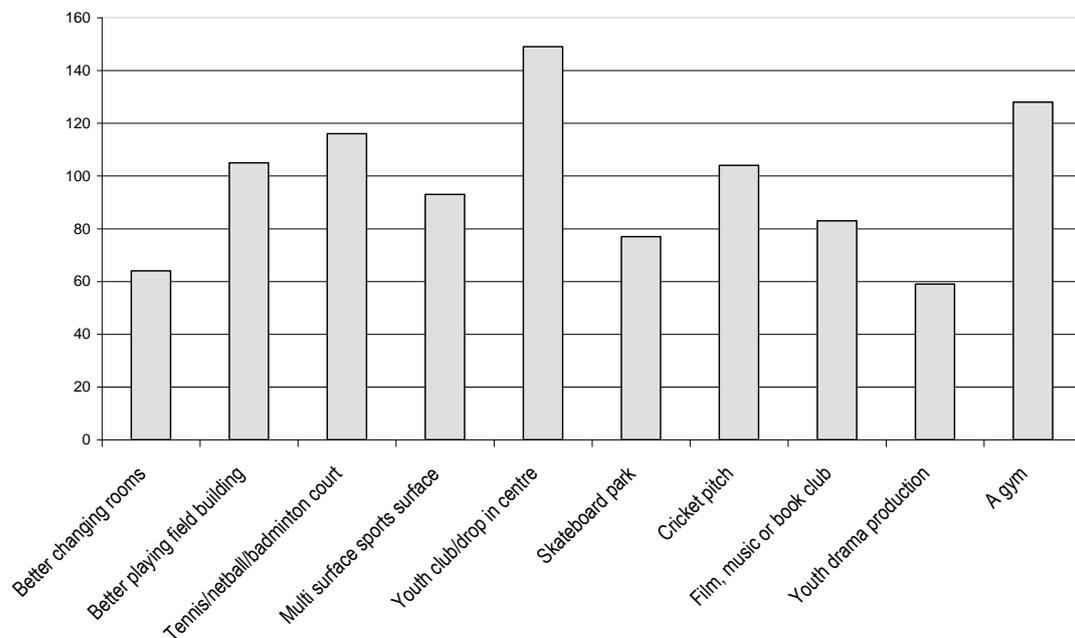
42% of respondents felt that **internet access** should be made available in the Parish with a choice of locations.
14% asserted that there was no need or demand.

Just under 50% expressed an opinion on the need for a **Parish link office**. Of those, the majority thought it should be based at the post office, closely followed by the Village Hall.

Just under 50% commented on the current format of the free quarterly **Parish News**, the vast majority of whom were entirely happy with it as it stands.

RECREATION

Most were satisfied with the recreation facilities already provided, but over 70% opted for various improvements, if the chance arose. The most popular choices were a youth club/drop in centre, a gym, a tennis/netball/badminton court, a better playing fields building with internet access and a cricket pitch.



FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Over 80% of respondents did not want Burton to grow.

"Burton is a lovely old village and it would be tragic to spoil it"

13% were not opposed, suggesting sites on Darby Road between Burton and Thealby, down Tee Lane or beyond Cliff Drive for new house building.

Similarly, over 80% did not want to see Normanby grow either.

Fewer people were opposed to growth in Thealby, but there was still 73% against. Those not opposed suggested linking the two parts of Thealby.

COTTAGE INDUSTRY

Only 14% replied to this question, over one third of whom said there should not be any at all.

SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION

Just over 53% thought that there was a need for housing for the elderly. Most thought it should be close to amenities such as the shops and the health centre.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

Opinion was divided with 49% opposed and 37% in favour.



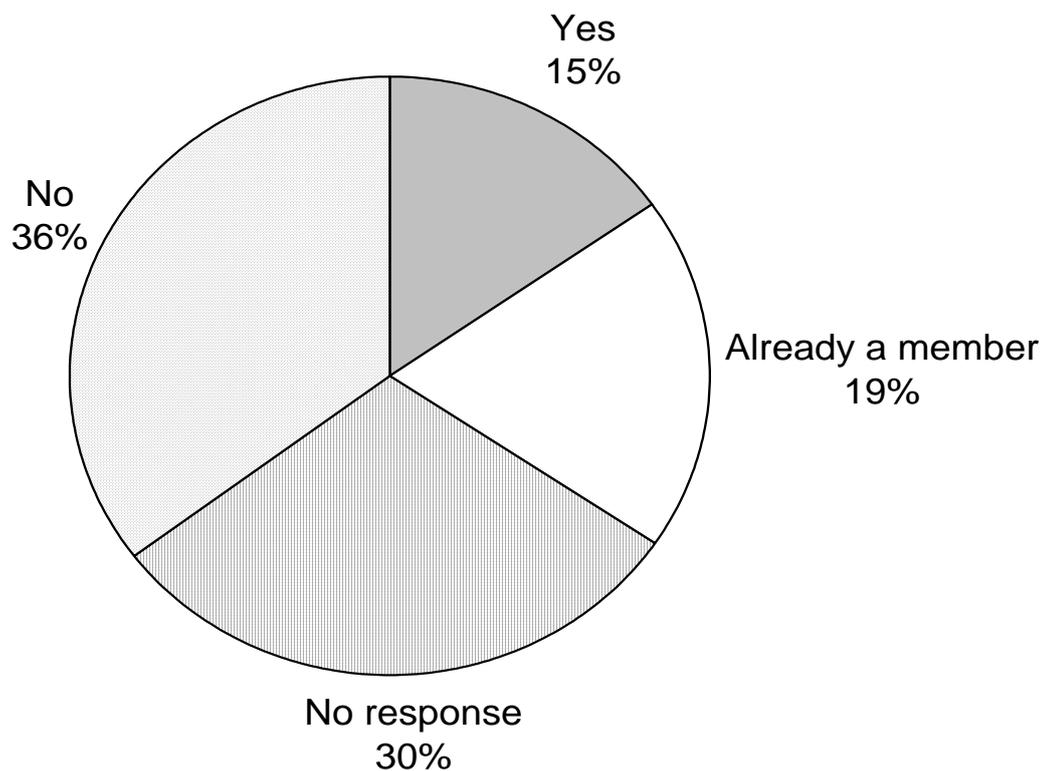
CRIME AND SAFETY

About 40% replied to this question mentioning, in order of priority, vandalism, speeding, car crime, litter, dog mess, noise and inconsiderate parking.

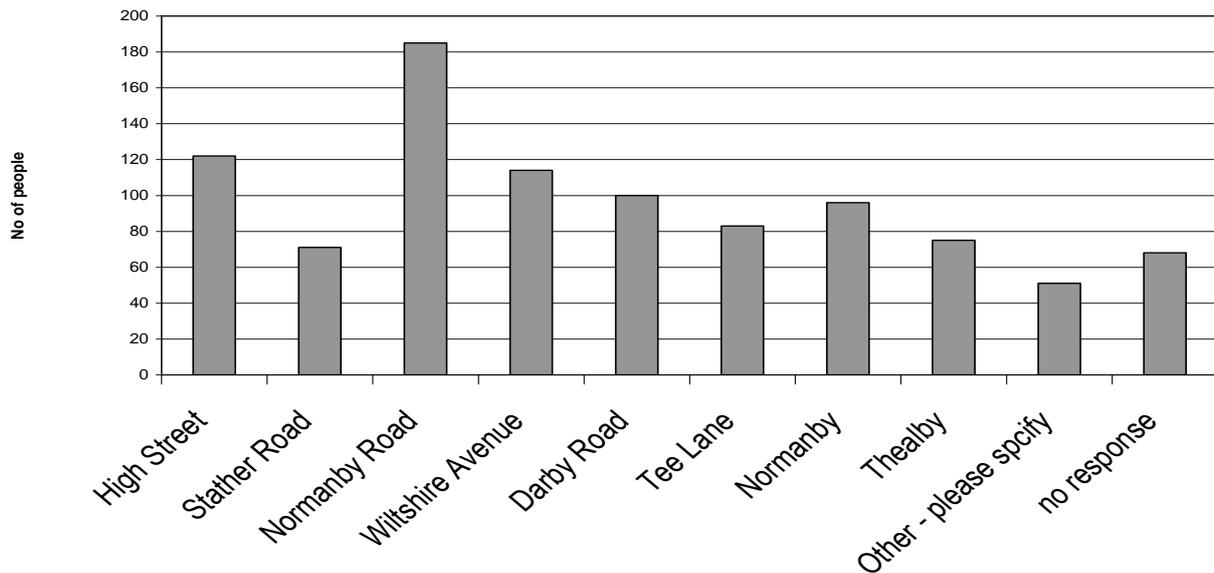
15% mentioned young people as the cause of their concern.

We asked:

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME?



TRAFFIC and TRANSPORT



Over 80% thought that there was a particular **speeding problem** in the areas as shown. Flixborough Road was most often mentioned as another speeding problem area.

Just below 50% offered suggestions for alleviating **parking problems on the High Street**, but a small percentage did not think there was a problem.

By far the most popular suggestion was to walk or cycle.

Other suggestions included:

- A new car park
- A complete ban on parking or yellow lines
- A time limit on parking
- A pedestrian only area
- A one way system
- More use of the Health Centre car park.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Just over 20% of respondents said that they used the buses. Of these, just 8 were satisfied, but others suggested the following:

- A more frequent service (34)
- A later service (12)
- A Sunday service (4)
- A wider choice of routes or a revision of the routes (16)



HIGHWAY PROBLEMS

Inconsiderate parking was a major concern with nearly 70% of those who answered this question. Of particular concern was Flixborough Road around Burton County Primary School and Main Street, Normanby. Obstructive parking and on verges and paths was a problem for some.

Road surface repairs were highlighted, particularly entering Normanby from Burton, and the road between Thealby and Burton. Thealby residents were worried about HGV lorries.

Dropped Kerbs

106 people replied to this question, mentioning specific locations such as Darby Road to Glebe Paddock, High Street, Barnston Way and Normanby Road. One respondent said:

"Take a whole village approach (Burton) and allow easy navigation throughout"

Street Lighting

About 30% of respondents specified certain areas for improved street lighting as follows in order of priority:

- Tee Lane
- Snicket footpaths
- Stather Road
- Normanby Road

A few did not want any changes, 4 said it was already too bright and 1 person actually wanted it removed.

Requests for grit boxes

199 respondents wanted grit boxes to be provided at the following locations, in order of priority:

- Stather Road
- High Street
- Wiltshire Avenue
- Normanby Road
- Darby Road
- Tee Lane
- Normanby
- Thealby
- plus others such as Flixborough Road and the Health Centre



THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Litter and dog waste bins

By far the most popular locations for bins were Burton Hills and the High Street, although some thought that people should use existing ones and some wanted action taken against offenders under current legislation. Tee Lane, Stather Road and the riverbank were also places where litter and dog mess caused concern.

"The dog mess on the high street is really bad at the moment but bins are already in place. If dog owners refuse to clean up, perhaps the High Street should be out of bounds to dog walkers?"

"As we bring our 'dog litter' home, this does not affect us. We are appalled by the ignorance/lack of education of some residents"

Volunteering

61 volunteered to take part in litter picking, but not all gave their names. The vast majority, 231, were not keen to help.

"I clean my own litter and do not wish to encourage idleness"

21 kindly volunteered their services to village organisations and 14 were willing to attend a focus group to work with youth groups.

Tree planting

Under a third replied to the question about more tree planting. Replies were varied:

- Everywhere
- There are enough trees
- Approach roads to the 3 villages
- Newer areas e.g. Cliff Drive, Ashwood Close
- Other suggestions; Wiltshire Avenue, Barnston Way and Linton Rise.

Renewable energy schemes

Over a third, 100, expressed interest in learning more about such schemes.



HEALTH ISSUES

We asked:

Are there any improvements you would like to see at Burton or Winterton Health Centres?

Just over 40% of respondents replied to the question, 10% of whom were happy with the services provided.

There were many suggestions for improvements, mainly at Burton, most of which are listed below:

- More convenient opening times
- More appointments to be made available
- More doctors and a nurse to be available
- Better parking facilities
- A chemist shop
- Better tannoy system
- Improved facilities in general
- Support for those without transport who have to travel to Winterton
- Better privacy
- Improved access, particularly for the disabled
- Improvements to the grounds and building

"More than one doctor at a time and open for longer hours per day"

"Support for people who have to attend clinics at Winterton e.g. the dressing clinic and have no transport. It is extremely frustrating for people who otherwise aim to be self sufficient to have to either beg for lifts or pay for transport on a weekly basis"

"The radio in the waiting rooms turned off - you can't hear your call properly on the muffled tannoy "

"Facilities for deaf and blind people need improvement"

"Doctors covering Burton clinic if normal doctor off ill/holiday"

"Burton residents should demand to see the Doctor in Burton Surgery"

"More privacy when speaking to reception"

"Earlier or later opening so working people can attend before/after work."



THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Exhibitions or Shows

Just under two thirds expressed opinions about the kind of exhibition or show they would like in the village. Suggestions, in order of priority were:

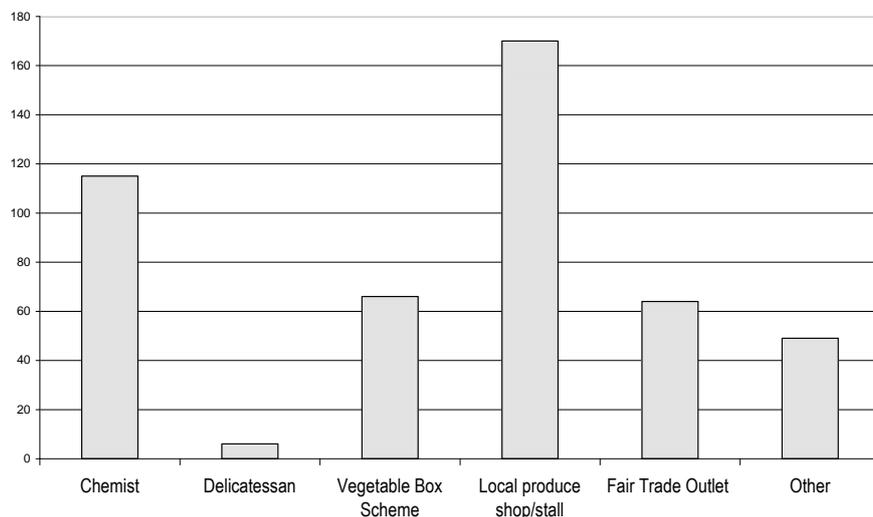
- Concerts closely followed by
- Horticultural/flower show
- North Lincolnshire Council consultations
- Community activities/local history
- Promotion of local business
- Pet show
- Art and craft show

Community use of school facilities

Over 50% were keen to see this amenity used, providing that matters of insurance, security and permission could be addressed. 36% were not, some expressing concerns about traffic and noise.

NEW SHOPS OR BUSINESSES

263 people gave their views:



Other suggestions included a bakery, a butcher's shop and a few wanted to see an improvement to the existing general store or a small Co-operative store, but there was a note of caution:

"... no good unless the residents of the village patronise them for the benefit of the village as a whole".



YOUNG PEOPLE'S RESPONSES

WHO RETURNED THE QUESTIONNAIRES?

119 young people, 63 boys and 56 girls, returned the two questionnaires on life in the Parish. This represents approximately 25% of young people, the vast majority aged between 7 and 17.

WE ASKED HOW CHILDREN FELT ABOUT LIVING IN BURTON, NORMANBY OR THEALBY

The general response was that the Parish is a safe place to live, with a friendly community, not too much traffic and has a good environment for outside play.

"Burton is really peaceful and all the shopkeepers are really kind and so are the people who live there"

"A great area. Beautiful gardens, great facilities. I would prefer to live here than Bottesford"

The main drawbacks are the lack of out of school activities or a place to meet and inadequate sport facilities, especially for those who do not like football. Some were also tired of being blamed for everything that goes wrong. Some young children were wary of the newer play equipment at the playing fields.

"Teenagers have nothing to do so they wreck things"

"... cars too fast, mum not keen to let us cross roads and new climbing area at far end of field bit scary if left only with friends"

"Countryside, wildlife, friendly, not too much traffic, right size"

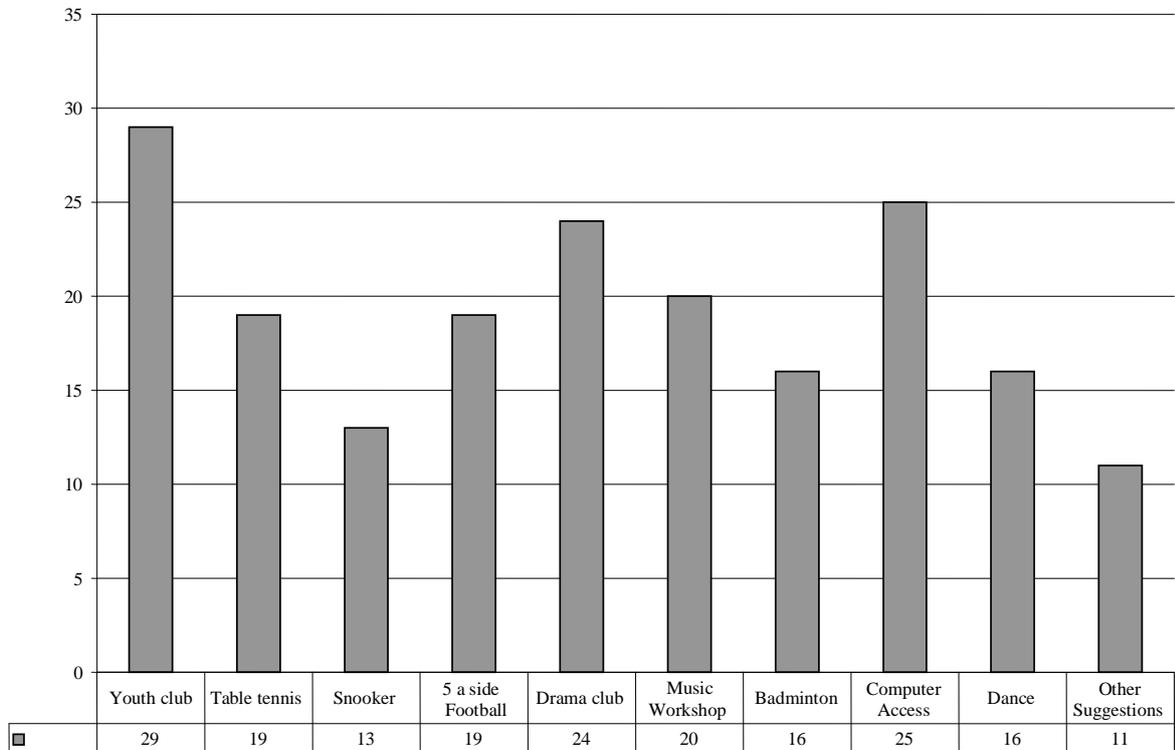
"There are not enough facilities for young people and when we are on the streets we get told off so we are usually bored, other than that it is alright"

"There's not much to do apart from the park which is getting boring now, because it's been the same for years. This makes children stay at home, not doing any exercise"



LEISURE AND RECREATION

On the first survey, 82% said that they thought that Burton needed a new recreational building. They chose the following activities from those suggested for a new building:



OTHER SUGGESTIONS

They had many other suggestions for activities which would interest them: art, film, book or music clubs; a study club, healthy living activities, netball, a small cinema, a gymnastics club, a small swimming pool, a skate park and disabled facilities.





Children in our Parish undertake a wide variety of sports and leisure activities, some organised and some more informal.

Football, cricket, swimming and rugby were most popular but rounders, tennis, hockey, netball and trampolining were also mentioned.

Other popular outdoors activities included biking/cycling/BMX, horse riding, walking/running and athletics.

Many children played musical instruments or were involved in performance arts and music. Surprisingly few listed computers or games consoles as their hobby or interest.



Some children were travelling in order to do their activity, usually to Scunthorpe or Winterton, but one was travelling as far as Lincoln.



TRANSPORT

Nearly half of those who answered the first questionnaire used the bus and some were satisfied with the service. Those who were not satisfied said they wanted more routes, more services or cheaper services.

LOOKING AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT

An encouraging 20% of children who returned the first survey said they would be willing to take part in community activities such as litter collecting or hedge planting. Some showed that children can be just as aware of unsightly litter and dog poo as adults, referring to

"...the mess around the fish and chippy" and "...increase dog poo fine"



VOLUNTEERING

12 children were interested in joining a youth council. The second survey asked if they thought their parents would be interested in helping with running youth facilities etc and just over 24.4% said yes - although not necessarily with parental consent!



YOUNG PEOPLE SAID THEY WANTED:

"A place where we can hang out with friends and stay out of trouble"

"More things down at park, a youth club, dirt tracks for quads and mini motos to go on"

"Swimming pool then we wouldn't have to go to other places"

"More clubs/ activities to do, places to go and relax"

"Skate park, more swings, slides"

"A new playing fields building with a rock climbing wall, table football, table tennis etc"

"Cubs, beavers, scouts."

Toilets near park, change village hall into a café"

"New fencing along the edge of the park and new clubs like a pony club and art and golf"

"The swings at the park (need to be) higher up because you hit your feet on the floor, comfier seats"

"I'd like to see a cricket pitch"

"New goal posts in the park, make a bike and skateboard park"

"More use of the village hall/working men's club; having a youths' night, encouraging youth, community in youth events"

"Skateboard/rollerblade/bike area e.g. Sheffield Park & Ashby, doesn't have to be high or steep"

"I think that it would be really nice if we had a little cafe near the park because in summer it gets really hot and you can go there for a drink and some food"



**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
ACTION PLAN 2006 - 2012**

Burton upon Stather Parish Council, in conjunction with other authorities, will look at the issues raised as Action Points and try to solve or make improvements to existing problems. A new Burton upon Stather Parish Action group will be formed to promote any new ideas, which emerged from the survey.

| ACTION | LEAD AGENCY PARTNERS | TIMESCALE |
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| <p>Training requirements</p> <p>Liaise with training providers to suggest suitable courses.</p> | <p>Parish Council</p> <p>North Lincolnshire Council, North Lindsey College, John Leggott College, Workers Education Association, Burton upon Stather Parish Action Group, local providers.</p> | <p>2007 onwards</p> |
| <p>Communications</p> <p>Liaise with NLC and hall management groups for possible provision of a Local Link Office and internet provision.</p> | <p>Parish Council</p> <p>NLC, Village Hall Committee, PFA, Methodist Church Council, Post Office, Burton County Primary School, BUSPAG.</p> | <p>2007 onwards</p> |
| <p>Recreation</p> <p>Aim to improve recreational facilities by supporting local voluntary organisations. Encourage wider support from local community.</p> | <p>Playing Field Association</p> <p>PC, VHC, BUSPAG, BCPS, NLC, Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council, Humberside Association of Playing Fields.</p> | <p>2007-2012</p> |



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| <p>Housing and Development</p> <p>To respond to the North Lincolnshire Council Development Framework, reflecting opinion that housing development should be restricted.</p> <p>To review the need for sheltered or affordable housing periodically.</p> <p>To preserve the Burton and Normanby Conservation Areas.</p> | <p>Parish Council/NLC</p> <p>H&WRCC, BUSPAG, BUSLHA.</p> | <p>2006 - 2012</p> |
| <p>Crime and Safety</p> <p>To secure higher visibility policing.</p> <p>To publicise the Neighbourhood Beat Team and Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>To provide better recreational facilities for children and teenagers.</p> | <p>Humberside Police Parish Council</p> <p>NLC, PFA, VH, HANWAG, H&WRCC, Burton C.P.S., BUSPAG.</p> | <p>2006 onwards</p> |
| <p>Traffic and Transport</p> <p>To work with NLC and Humberside Police to minimise problems with traffic, parking, speeding and public transport.</p> | <p>NLC, Parish Council, Humberside Police</p> <p>BUSPAG, BURTON C.P.S., Burton and Winterton Health Centre, local businesses.</p> | <p>2007 onwards</p> |
| <p>Highways</p> <p>Work with NLC to secure improvements to roads, paths, signs, grass verge cutting, public rights of way, dropped kerbs, litter bins, dog bins and street lighting.</p> | <p>NLC, Parish Council</p> | <p>2007 onwards</p> |



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| <p>Health Services</p> <p>To channel suggestions for improvements to local health centres.</p> | <p>NLPCT, Burton and Winterton Health Centres</p> <p>BUSPC, BUSPAG.</p> | <p>2006 onwards</p> |
| <p>New Cemetery</p> <p>To aim to open the new cemetery by 2007/8.</p> | <p>Parish Council</p> <p>NLC, St Andrew's PCC, Methodist C.C.</p> | |
| <p>New Shops or Businesses</p> <p>To publicise survey findings to encourage "Fair trade" outlet or local entrepreneurs to provide improved services.</p> | <p>Parish Council</p> <p>BUSPAG, local service providers, Methodist C.C., NLC.</p> | <p>2006 onwards</p> |
| <p>New ideas</p> <p>To stimulate debate and encourage new ideas to improve life in Burton, Normanby and Thealby: e.g. various exhibitions, new clubs, floral displays, tree planting, renewable energy schemes, shared use of facilities, youth council and community action such as litter collections.</p> | <p>BUSPAG, BUSPC</p> <p>VHC, PFA, Burton in Bloom, all village organisations, NLC, Burton C.P.S.</p> | <p>2006 onwards</p> |

KEY

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| BCPS | Burton upon Stather County Primary School |
| BUSLHA | Burton upon Stather Local History Association |
| BUSPAG | Burton upon Stather Parish Action Group |
| BUSPC | Burton upon Stather Parish Council |
| HANWAG | Humberside Association of Neighbourhood Watch Groups |
| H&WRCC | Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council |
| JLC | John Leggott College |
| NLC | North Lincolnshire Council |
| NLCo | North Lindsey College |
| NLPCT | North Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust |
| PFA | Playing Fields Association, |
| VHC | Village Hall Committee |
| WEA | Workers Education Association |



The Parish Plan will be sent out to all residents together with regular updates on progress made in the newsletter, on notice boards, on the Burton website, in the press and in exhibitions.

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