

THE WOOBURNS
FUTURE OF OUR VILLAGE
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This Community Led Plan for the Wooburns has been produced using the results from the questionnaire issued in September 2013, together with comments raised at Wooburn Residents' Association meetings and by some businesses. The summary version of this document was delivered to 2000 homes in the area in June 2014.

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Introduction

The Wooburns consist of Wooburn Town, Wooburn Green, Wooburn Common and Wooburn Moor, and much of the area is located in the valley of the River Wye between Bourne End, Loudwater and Holtspur in South Buckinghamshire. In fact, the name “Wooburn” is likely to have derived from “Wyeburn”, relating to the Wye bourn or small stream running through it. Wooburn forms part of the Wooburn and Bourne End Parish, and has good transport links to the M40 and M4 motorways and also to the railways at Bourne End and Beaconsfield.

Historically, much of the development of the area was associated with the water mills based along the River Wye. These mills would initially have ground corn, but in more recent times, they focussed on paper-making. Soho Mill closed in the 1980s and Glory Mill in 2000, making way for business and housing developments.



Figure 1: Glory Mill with St. Mary’s Church in the foreground circa. 1921



Figure 2: Current views of some of the offices and houses built on the old Glory Mill site

Key Facts and Figures

The Wooburns Ward has approximately 2,300 households and a population of almost 5,300, an increase of nearly 9% since 2001. The 2011 census results for The Wooburns, Bourne End and Hedsor Electoral Division show a population density of 10.5 people per hectare which is an increase of 5.3% since 2001 and 3.3 times the average density for Buckinghamshire. The Wooburns cover an area of 502 hectares. The area around The Green is a conservation area. Wooburn Park was purchased by the Parish Council in 1937 and it is actively used for sports and recreation. There are also many wooded areas, including Farm Wood which was acquired by the Parish Council in 1994 on a 999-year lease. The River Wye runs through the village to join the River Thames at Bourne End. It is one of only a few rare chalk stream habitats in the South Buckinghamshire Chilterns.

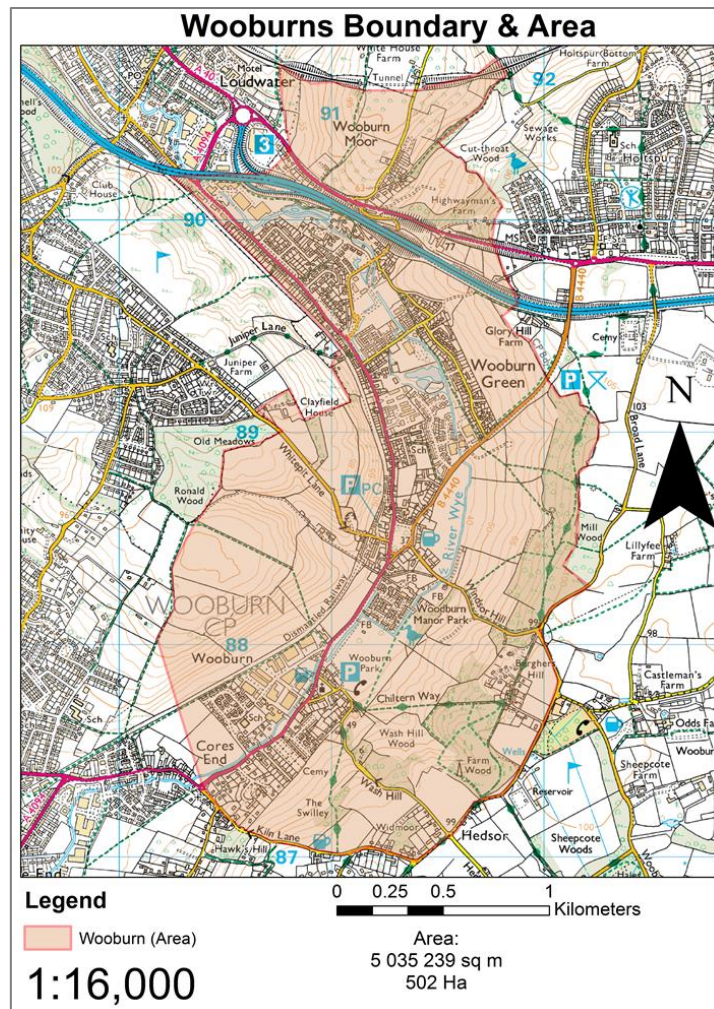


Figure 3: The Wooburns – area covered by the Community Led Plan is highlighted in pink. Map produced by Phil Pitcher.

Population (according to 2011 census)	5261
Area	502 hectares
Education – Primary	The Meadows School St. Paul’s Church of England Combined School
Pubs and Restaurants	Alainchi Bombay Dreams The Chequers Inn Dolce The Falcon The Old Bell The Queen & Albert The Red Lion
Retail and Other Services	A range of shops and other services and businesses. Most shops are independent with some national brands.
Leisure facilities – Open Spaces	Allotments above the Cemetery Farm Wood The Green Sappers Field Warren Nature Reserve Watery Lane Wooburn Park
Leisure facilities – Other	David Lloyd Gym Glory Mill Bowls Club Wooburn Narkovians Cricket Club Wooburn Tennis Club The Wooburn Club
Churches - Church of England - Other	St. Paul’s and St. Mary’s The Community Church

Table 1: Key Facts and Figures about the Wooburns



Figure 4: View of Wooburn Park and Farm Wood in the Spring

Community Led Plan

A Community Led Plan is produced by and for the community, resulting in a vision for the local area that can benefit everyone and includes an action plan to achieve it. It highlights those aspects which residents like and also those where they have concerns and feel improvements can be made. Thousands of communities across the country have created Community Led Plans, but the one for the Wooburns is largely influenced by the Community Plan recently produced by our neighbouring area of Bourne End. Whilst both the Wooburns and Bourne End have unique characteristics, it is also clear that we share many concerns.

Wooburn Residents' Association (WRA) started to consider the feasibility of creating a Community Led Plan for the Wooburns back in 2012. It was felt that such a project would meet the Association's objectives which are:

- To work for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Wooburns, without the distinction of religion, sex, race, politics, or other opinion, and to create a sense of community in the neighbourhood, by bringing together the inhabitants, the local authorities and voluntary associations in common accord;
- To promote the preservation, development and improvement for public benefit of the character and amenities of the neighbourhood;
- To establish and maintain links with the relevant local and other authorities.

WRA had a stand at the Jubilee Celebration on The Green in June 2012 to canvas local views and there was an initial presentation on the Future of the Wooburns given at the WRA meeting in November 2012. However, the Wooburns' Community Led Plan was not officially launched until March 2013 when an open afternoon was held at the Wooburn Club for local residents to come and discuss their concerns. A colouring competition was also arranged for the pupils of The Meadows and St. Paul's Church of England Combined schools. The children were asked to create a picture of something that they liked about living in Wooburn and the winners were presented with prizes. Many of the issues raised by residents at the open afternoon and at the regular WRA meetings were incorporated into the questionnaire (The Wooburns – Future of our Village) which was delivered to 2000 households in the area at the end of September 2013 and also made available online. Over 400 responses were received and these have been collated and analysed using Survey Monkey, and the results are shown in this document.

At the back of this document there is an action plan which is based on the recommendations shown under each section. This action plan is a working document and it will be updated as actions are completed and new actions are identified. The success of the action plan will ultimately depend on support from the local community. A sub-committee will need to be formed to implement the action plan. If you would like to be involved, please get in touch with Wooburn Residents' Association, via the website <http://www.wooburnresidents.org> or telephone Maggi Fraser on 01628 522806.

The Questionnaire contained 8 Sections:

- About You
 - Location / Age and Sex / Accommodation – 6 questions
- Transport Priorities
 - Buses 5 questions
 - Roads 8 questions
 - Parking 6 questions
- Community Priorities
 - Village 6 questions
 - Services 2 questions
- Economy and Policing
 - Economy: Shops, Restaurants and Pubs 3 questions
 - Policing Issues 7 questions
- Housing and Development
 - Planning: Housing 5 questions
 - Alternative sites for development (open question) 1 question
- Access and Environment Priorities
 - Access 4 questions
 - Environment: Open Spaces and Countryside 10 questions
 - Amenity Land (open question) 1 question
- Other Issues (open question) 1 question



Figure 5: Advertising the Community Led Plan at the Meadows School Fête in 2013

About You

There were 422 responses for this section. More than 400 respondents had “HP10 0..”postcodes with the majority of the remainder coming from “HP10 9” and “SL8” postcodes.

Age and gender of family members living at home:

Age	Female	Male
Under 5	50	55
6-16	66	92
17-30	56	64
31-65	278	241
Over 65	99	96

Those sharing accommodation were:

Families in shared accommodation	8
Families in sole occupancy	414

Type of properties:

Detached	104
Semi-detached	146
Terraced	126
Flat	20
Other e.g. bungalow, mobile home etc	26

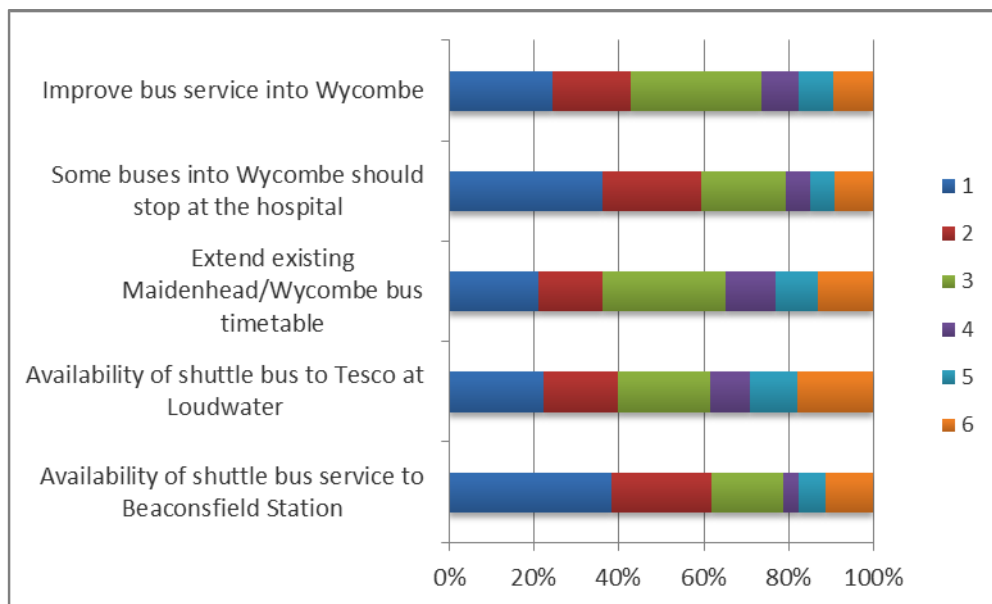
Number of bedrooms:

One bedroom	19
Two bedrooms	80
Three bedrooms	209
Four or more bedrooms	114

Transport Priorities

Buses

A number of suggestions were made in relation to possible future bus services and respondents were asked to rate them, with '1' being 'Very Important' and '6' being 'Very Unimportant'.

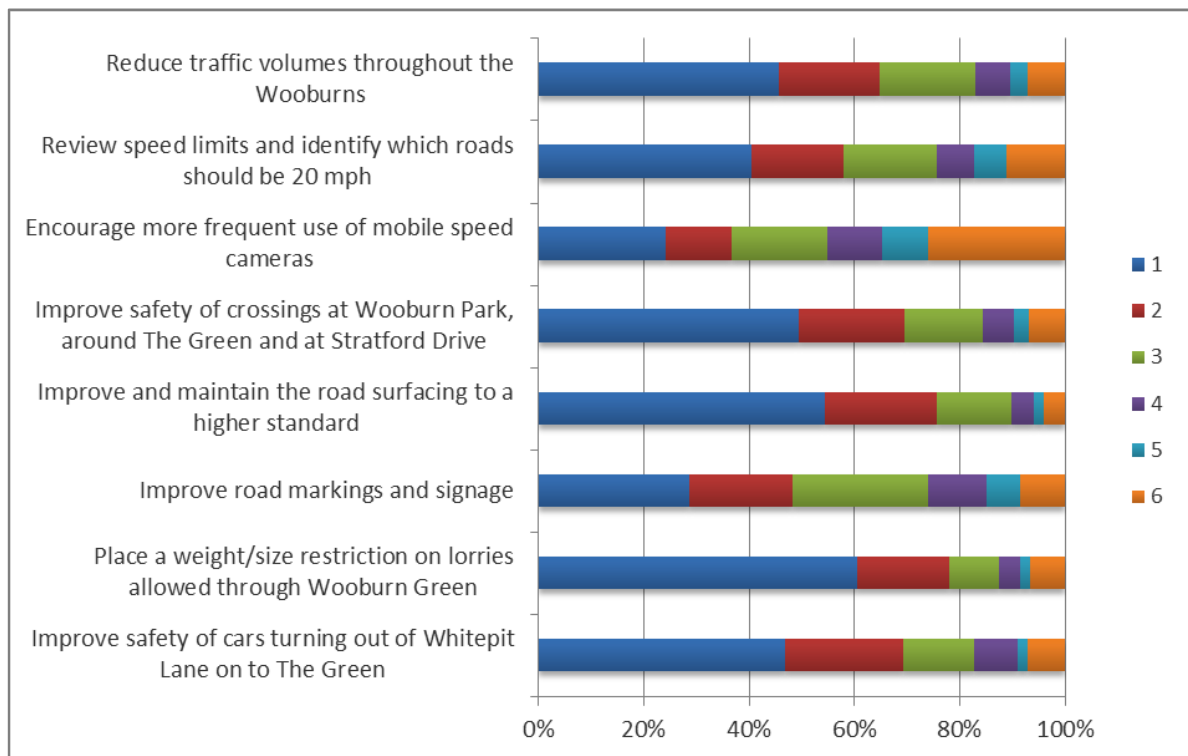


The main bus route serving the area runs between Wycombe through Wooburn to Bourne End and on to Maidenhead, and it is a very important resource for the community. Over 73% of respondents (i.e. ratings between 1 and 3) called for improvements to be made to the service. They raised particular concerns about the reliability of the service and access for wheelchairs, pushchairs and the elderly. There was also significant support for extending the hours of the service to include earlier and later buses. Almost 60% of respondents thought it important or very important for some buses to stop at Wycombe hospital.

There was strong support for a shuttle bus service between Wooburn and Beaconsfield, giving access to the shops, supermarkets and railway station, with 62% ranking it as important or very important. A number of requests were also made under the comments field for a bus service to Marlow.

Roads

Traffic volumes and congestion are often raised as concerns at Wooburn Residents' Association meetings. Respondents were asked what measures they would favour for traffic flows around the Wooburns and to rate them, with '1' being 'Very Important' and '6' being 'Very Unimportant'.



Much of Wooburn is located along the A4094 between the M40 and Bourne End. The amount of traffic using this road has grown considerably, including a large number of heavy lorries using the road as a passageway between the industrial sites located between The Green and Bourne End. During the rush hours, there are frequent delays and congestion, especially around The Green. Concerns were also raised about the lorries travelling along Wooburn Common Road to the quarry and up Whitepit Lane to Flackwell Heath. Almost 80% of respondents thought it important or very important to reduce the size and the number of lorries passing through the area. There was a general desire to reduce overall traffic volumes throughout the Wooburns, with 83% ranking this between 1 and 3 (i.e. very important to quite important).

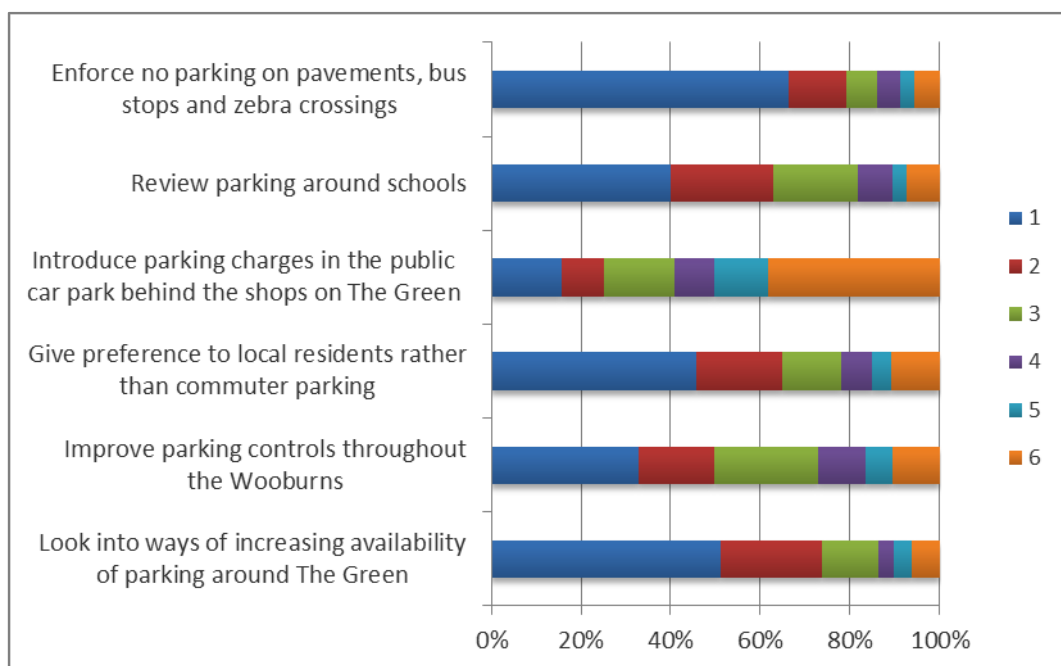
Road surfaces have been deteriorating and are considered poor throughout the Wooburns. Over 75% of respondents regarded the urgent repair and regular maintenance of the road surfaces as important or very important.

Major concerns were raised about the need to improve safety around the junction of Whitepit Lane on to The Green and also of the pedestrian crossings at Wooburn Park, Stratford Drive and The Green, with around 70% of respondents ranking this as important or very important.

Respondents noted that the amount of illegal parking and the infringement of speed limits are the main contributing factors. Whilst many comments were received calling for the enforcement of existing speed limits, there was little support to increase the use of mobile speed cameras, with only 37% ranking this as important or very important. As regards reviewing speed limits throughout the Wooburns, 58% of respondents ranked this as important or very important. There was particular support for reducing the speed limit along Boundary Road from 40 mph to 30 mph, because of the amount of housing and the number of side roads and blind driveways along this route. In addition, respondents highlighted Whitehouse Lane in Wooburn Moor, Watery Lane and Glory Mill Lane/Holtspur Avenue as possible roads where it would be more appropriate to have a 20 mph limit.

Parking

Parking is always an emotive subject and respondents were asked what priorities they looked for in connection with parking around the Wooburns, rating them from '1' being 'Very Important' to '6' being 'Very Unimportant'.



The heavy traffic flows through the Wooburns have highlighted the requirement for good parking facilities and the enforcement of existing parking rules and regulations across the area, with 79% of respondents rating it important or very important to enforce no parking on pavements, bus stops or pedestrian crossings. Many of the comments received highlighted the dilemma between wanting to encourage people to use the shops around The Green and bemoaning the lack of consideration shown by some car and van owners. 74% of respondents rated it as important or very important to increase the availability of parking near the shops around The Green, and there was little support for implementing parking

charges in the car park behind the shops in case this would deter shoppers from using the car park. A review of parking around the schools, particularly The Meadows School, was supported by 63% of respondents. Other areas where residents have raised particular concerns about parking are Northcroft, Boundary Road and Wooburn Town. The Parish Council is currently looking into the possibility of increasing the parking spaces in Wooburn Park to take some of the pressure off Wooburn Town, especially at weekends.

Recommendations

- Discuss with the local bus service improvements to the reliability of the service between Wooburn and High Wycombe and the possibility of routing some of the buses via the hospital.
- Review possibility of having a shuttle bus service between Wooburn and Beaconsfield.
- Make representation to Buckinghamshire County Council for improved maintenance of road surfaces and repair of potholes.
- Discuss with the local authorities measures to improve the safety of the junction between Whitepit Lane and The Green and also the pedestrian crossings around The Green and at Wooburn Park and Stratford Drive.
- Review with the local authorities and local businesses the parking situation around The Green, Wycombe Lane/Boundary Road, Northcroft and Holtspur Avenue.
- Discuss with the local authorities measures that can be taken to enforce parking restrictions across the area.
- Continue the dialogue with the local schools as to how parking can be improved possibly via increased parking facilities or support for a “walk to school” campaign or the introduction of school shuttle transport.

Community Priorities

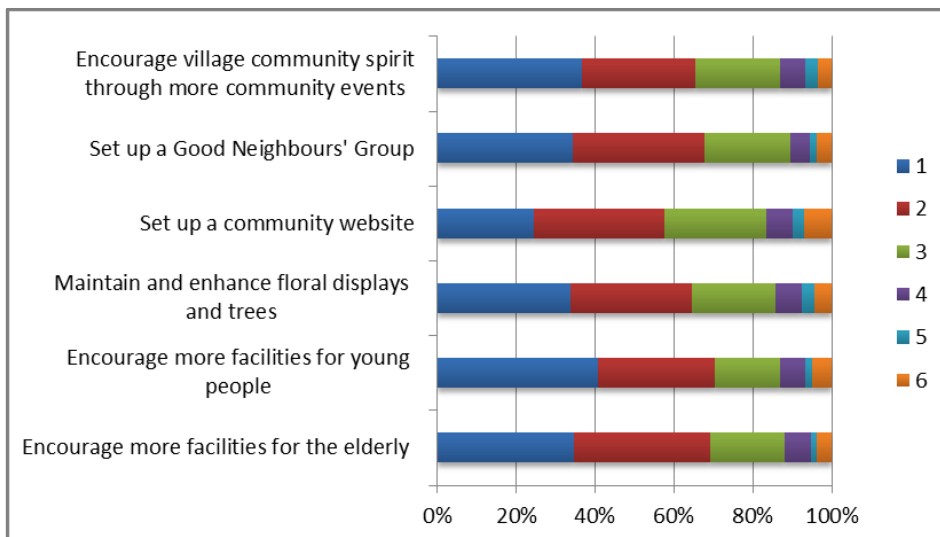
This section of the questionnaire sought to obtain residents' views about the community in which they live, the ways in which they interact with each other and the services provided.



Figure 6: Organisers of the Jubilee Celebration held in June 2012

Community - Village

Various suggestions were made to improve the look of the village and make residents feel that they are part of a vibrant community. Respondents were asked to rate these with '1' being 'Very Important' to '6' being 'Very Unimportant'.



In relation to the provision of facilities for the young and the elderly, the responses were almost equal (at approximately 70%) in wanting to see more facilities provided in the community, perhaps being encouraged in The Wooburn Club. Some suggestions included social clubs for all ages, covering topics such as drama, music and literature, as well as increasing the number of youth club evenings and sports facilities. It was also suggested that more day trips could be organised, both for families and the elderly.

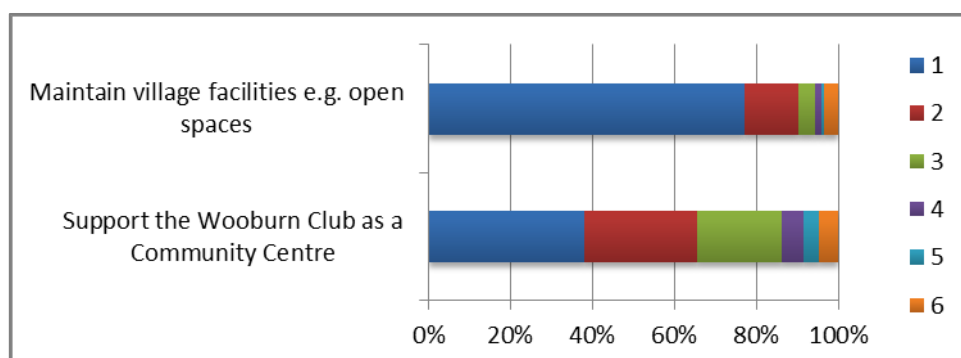
There was similar support for more community events on The Green or in Wooburn Park, although some commented that there should be fewer fairs on The Green and that the fairs should not be allowed to use The Green as a place to stay between venues. Following the success of the Jubilee Celebration in 2012 and The Meadows School Centenary Fair in 2013, Wooburn Residents' Association is organising a Fête on The Green in June 2014 and hopes that it will become a regular event. The Christmas Lights Event held in November is a popular event and it received favourable comments, with some suggesting that it would be nice if more shops and businesses put up lights around The Green. The Wooburn Festival has also been held in and around the area for almost 50 years. It takes place in September and October each year and includes music, drama, arts and crafts events.

Setting up a Good Neighbours' Group to organise litter picking and to offer help to the elderly and vulnerable members of the community was also rated of high importance. Some of these services could be extended by encouraging more people to get involved with the Wye Valley Volunteers, which is based in Bourne End, but covers the Wooburns as well.

It was encouraging to see that over 57% of respondents wanted to see improved publicity for local businesses, clubs and events through a community website, whilst some commented that some well-placed, regularly updated notice boards around the area would also be useful for those residents who don't have internet access. The new Wooburn Residents' Association's website was launched earlier this year, www.wooburnresidents.org. We aim to keep it up-to-date with local issues affecting the Wooburns, so please visit it from time to time. You can also visit the Wooburn Residents' Association Facebook page at [Facebook.com/wooburnresidents](https://www.facebook.com/wooburnresidents), or via the link on the website.

Community – Services

Respondents were asked how important they felt the following services were for the future of the Wooburns, rating each option with '1' being 'Very Important' and '6' being 'Very Unimportant'.



Many commented that Wooburn is a nice place to live and that it would be a shame to lose the open spaces:

“It’s really nice to feel so “open” in such a crowded area of Buckinghamshire.”

“The mixture of “village” feel, and amazing links to London, Heathrow, Beaconsfield, the Chalfonts and High Wycombe, is a very special combination.”

“I think the local volunteering initiatives are really good ideas and time and effort should be placed on those, rather than trying to change the systems to tackle housing, policing and transport which are already in place. It is the community feel that makes a place, not a speed camera”.

Over 90% of respondents gave maintaining village facilities a rating of high importance. Apart from wanting to maintain our open spaces, a number of respondents also requested that the public toilets behind the shops on The Green be reinstated. Complaints about the closure of the picnic area at the top of Holtspur were also received from a number of respondents, although this area actually falls outside our Parish Council boundaries.

There were mixed comments about the pubs in the Wooburns ranging from “We should be doing all we can to keep them open” to “The clientele in the pubs on The Green lets the area down”.

In relation to the Wooburn Club, 86% of respondents ranked their support for it as a Community Club from very important to quite important. There was a desire to make the Club’s facilities available to every resident of Wooburn, both as a pub and for more general social and community events, if fees are paid. Its position on The Green at the centre of the Wooburns and its facilities make it an ideal community venue.

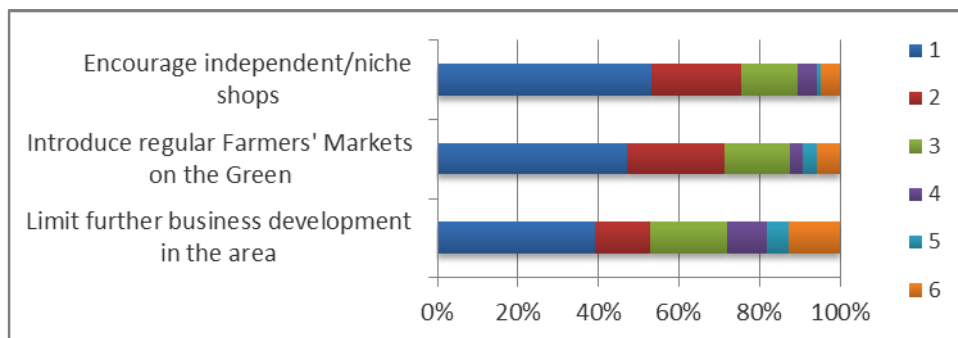
Recommendations

- Investigate the provision of more facilities for the young and the elderly.
- Set up a Good Neighbours’ Group.
- Promote community spirit by supporting local clubs and organisations and arranging community events, such as an annual fête on The Green.
- Open a dialogue with the Wooburn Club to see to what extent its facilities could be used by a wider section of the community.
- Work with the Parish Council to reduce the amount of time that fairs are allowed to stay on The Green between venues.

Economy and Policing

Economy

Residents were asked to comment on the shops, restaurants and pubs across the Wooburn area and to rate each of the following suggestions, with '1' being 'Very Important' and '6' being 'Very Unimportant'.



Encouraging local/niche shops and introducing a farmers' and local produce market received strong support with 76% and 72% respectively rating it as important or very important. There were mixed views about limiting further business development in the area with 53% rating it as important or very important, and 18% rating it as unimportant and the remaining 29% relatively neutral.

The additional comments showed strong support for local independent shops and a desire to restrict the number of multiple chains in Wooburn. There was strong sentiment to preserve the character of Wooburn Green. It was also recognised that local businesses provided employment and prevented Wooburn becoming a dormant commuter village. It was felt important to support local pubs and restaurants to prevent future loss of amenity, but it was also necessary to control late night trade and loud music.

There is a large amount of empty business space, especially at Glory Mill, and requests were made that no new office development be undertaken until this space is occupied, especially as the roads are struggling to cope with the current levels of traffic and limited amount of parking. Further development should not be allowed unless the infrastructure is there to support it.

Recommendations

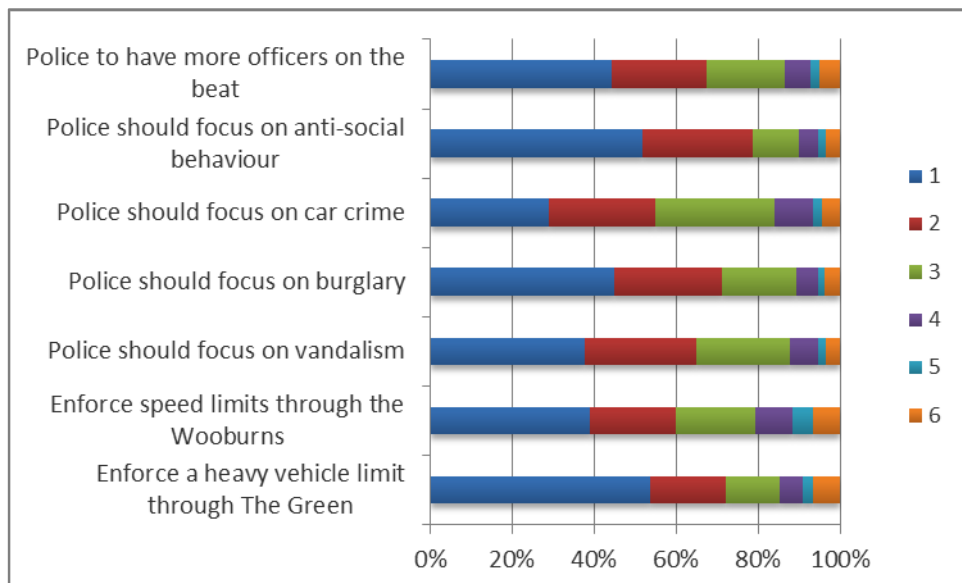
- Keep a watching brief on all planning applications to ensure that existing retail/office space is utilised before further development is considered, and also limit multiples taking commercial space.
- Encourage more local businesses and investigate possibility of introducing regular farmers' markets to Wooburn.



Figure 7: Historical views of the same buildings on The Green (1920's, 1960's and present day)

Policing Issues

A greater police presence has been suggested but enforcement issues tend to be centred on traffic matters more than crime. Residents were asked to consider and rate each of the following with '1' being 'Very Important' and '6' being 'Very Unimportant'.



Wooburn has evolved into a large, diverse community and this has had an impact on the infrastructure and the way of life across the community. The method of policing has also changed markedly over the years. Nowadays we rely on an “online” style of policing from centralised Thames Valley support services. There are Neighbourhood Policing teams which include police community support officers (PCSOs), often together with volunteer police officers and other partners, and they may serve one or more neighbourhoods. The Wooburns are supported by the Marlow Neighbourhood Policing Team and their aim is to work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and prevent local low-level crime, anti-social behaviour, and any ongoing concerns. However, the lack of a visible police presence is a concern amongst the respondents to our survey, with around 86% ranking it between quite important to very important to have more officers on the beat.

Our questionnaire suggested a few priorities for the police. 79% of respondents ranked the need to focus on anti-social behaviour as important or very important, with particular complaints about the areas around some of the pubs on The Green and Tesco. Calls were made for a greater police presence at certain times of the day and at weekends to combat this issue. Requests for the police to deal with anti-social parking on pavements and crossings also featured in the comments, as well as the enforcement of speed limits across the Wooburn area.

71% of the respondents thought it important or very important for the police to focus on burglary, with 65% giving a similar rating to tackling vandalism.

The increase in the volume and size of lorries passing through Wooburn was noted by respondents with 72% calling for the enforcement of a heavy vehicle limit through The Green.

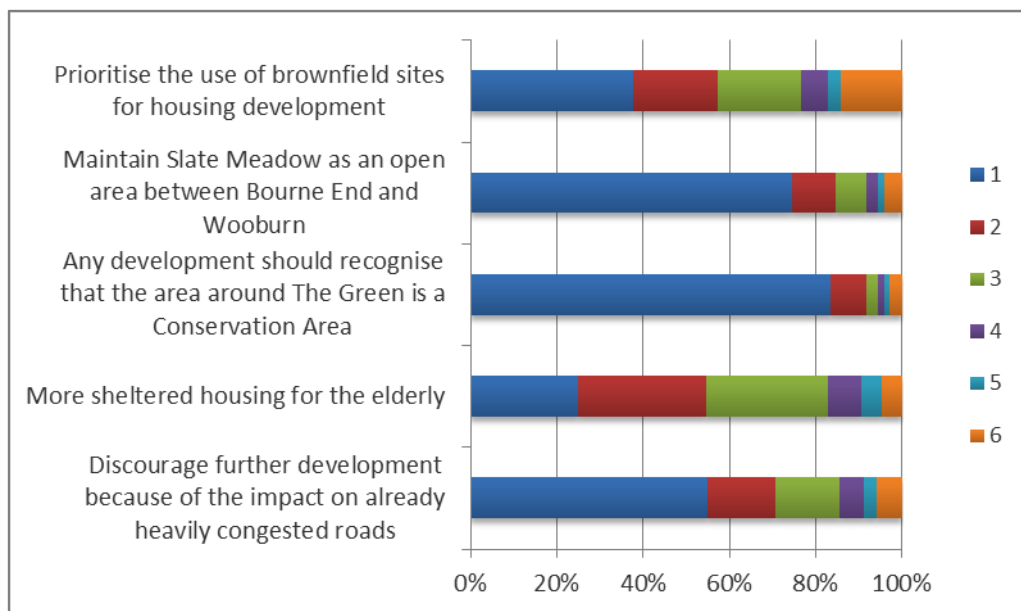
Recommendations

- Talk to the local police about residents’ concerns relating to anti-social behaviour and the enforcement of speed limits throughout the area.
- Review load restrictions around Wooburn Green and the requirements of local businesses for heavy load vehicles.
- Discuss with the local authorities the possibility of re-routing some of the heavy goods vehicles away from The Green.

Housing and Development Priorities

Housing and Development

All levels of government are under pressure to provide more housing and this issue has implications for the future shape of the Wooburns. Residents were asked to consider and rate the following suggestions with '1' being 'Very Important' and '6' being 'Very Unimportant'.



The top priority of respondents was that any development should recognise that the area around The Green is a Conservation Area with 92% rating it as important or very important. Wooburn Green is considered a village and respondents felt strongly that it should not form part of the urban sprawl with 85% rating as important or very important to maintain Slate Meadow as an open area between Bourne End and Wooburn. This is particularly relevant given that the Local Plan for Wycombe has identified Slate Meadow as a reserve site with the possibility of supporting the development of 175 homes.

Over 70% thought it was important or very important to discourage further development because of the impact on already heavily congested roads. Road congestion, limited parking and the speed of traffic in the area were repeatedly highlighted as areas of concern. Respondents also felt that further development would put additional pressure on the already busy doctors' surgery and local schools.

Nearly 58% of respondents thought it important or very important to prioritise the use of brownfield sites (sites that have had previous development on them and are no longer in economic use) for housing development. Respondents commented that there were already a lot of empty homes in Wycombe and Beaconsfield which should be occupied before any new housing development was undertaken.

Almost 55% of respondents thought the provision of more sheltered housing for the elderly important or very important. Comments were also received about more affordable housing for young families and first time buyers, as well as retirement bungalows for the elderly.

Recommendations

- Work with the Parish and District Councils to ensure that they:
 - use existing housing stock before developing new housing;
 - preserve open spaces to prevent urban sprawl, allowing communities, such as Bourne End and Wooburn, to keep their individual identities;
 - consider impact on already congested roads and local services such as doctors' surgeries and schools;
 - ensure that any new development has sufficient off road parking provision;
 - provide housing which fits the needs of local people.

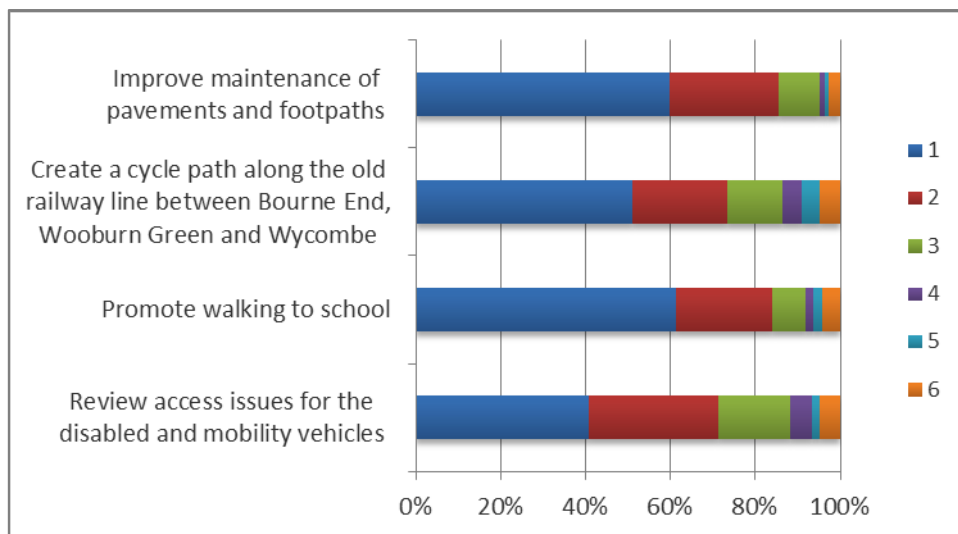


Figure 8: Picture of Slate Meadow looking over towards Stratford Drive

Access and Environment

Access

A number of improvements were suggested for pedestrians and cyclists and respondents were asked to rate them, with '1' being 'Very Important' and '6' being 'Very Unimportant'.

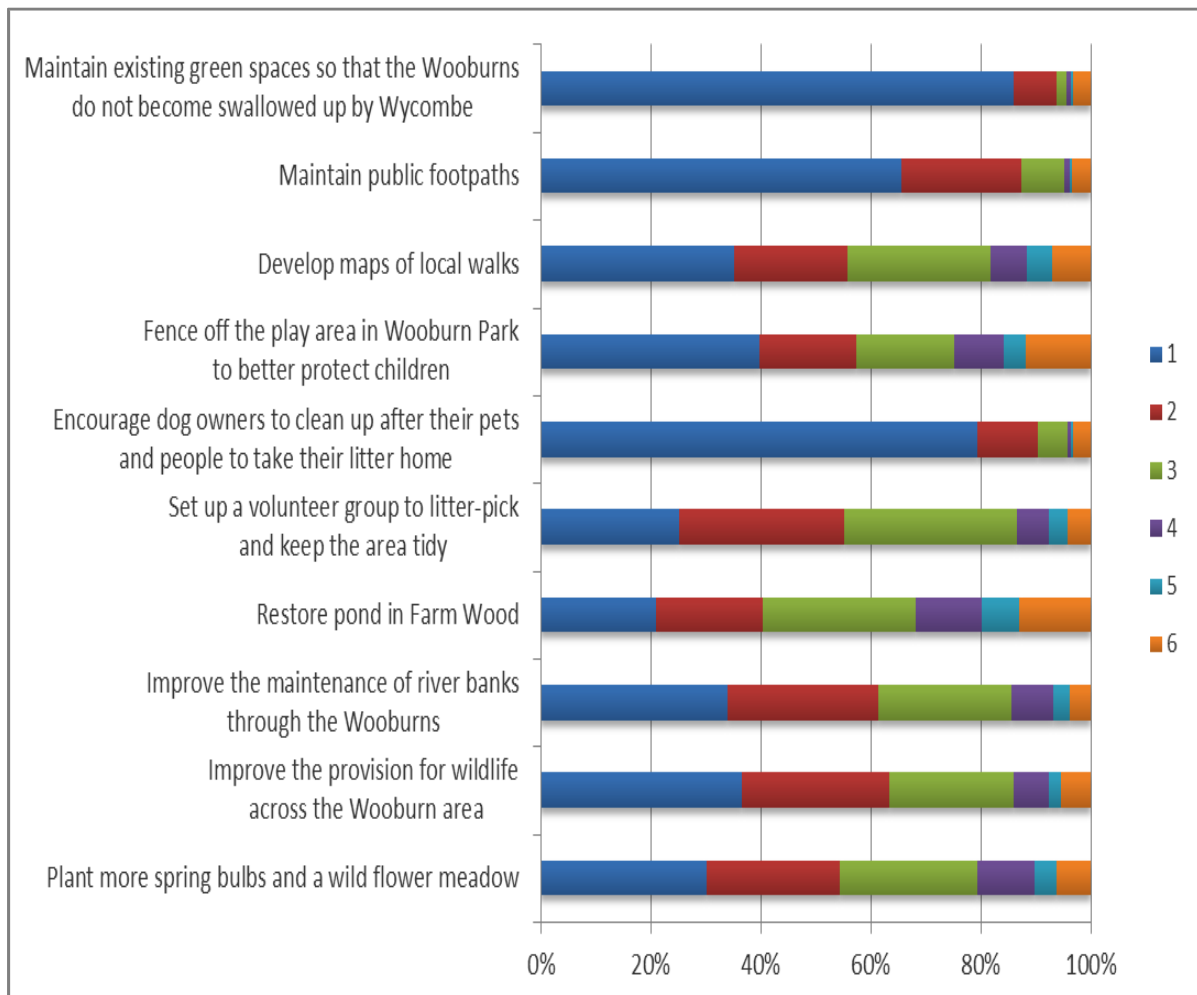


There was strong support for all options, with the need to improve the maintenance of pavements and footpaths being the top priority (86% of respondents ranked it as important or very important), closely followed by encouraging children to walk to school (ranked as important or very important by 84% of respondents). In addition, there were comments about the need to resurface some of the pavements and to cut back overgrown bushes, hedges and grass in order to make the paths wide enough to walk along. There was general criticism about wheelie bins and parking on pavements which make it difficult and dangerous for pedestrians, especially children and the disabled. The speed of traffic throughout the area was also a concern and seen as a deterrent to encouraging more children to walk to school. Whilst a number of dropped kerbs had been installed, more were required to help those residents with wheelchairs or mobility vehicles.

The proposed cycle path along the old railway line between Wooburn Green and Bourne End was generally welcomed, especially since residents feel it is quite dangerous to cycle on the main road. However, some fears were raised about the possibility of the cycle path being used by motorbikes and also causing potential problems after dark. It was also felt that the cycle path should retain its natural characteristics and that it should not negatively impact those residents whose houses back on to the path.

Environment: Open Spaces and Countryside

A number of suggestions were made for possible improvements to the local open spaces and countryside and respondents were asked to rate them, with '1' being 'Very Important' and '6' being 'Very Unimportant'.



The top priority for respondents was the maintenance of our existing green spaces and public footpaths. 94% of respondents felt that it was important or very important for the Wooburns to keep their own identity and not be swallowed up by Wycombe. Wooburn Park is particularly valued by residents and visitors alike, and requests were made for the provision of toilet facilities, a tea hut and a swing gate into Farm Wood. There was strong support for fencing off the play area in Wooburn Park, both to keep the dogs out and to prevent the children from running off into the river or the road.

Over 60% of respondents thought it important or very important to improve the provision for flora and fauna and to maintain the riverbank, making sure that the relevant conservation organisations are consulted for guidance on the best ways to improve the environment.

The need to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets and people to take their litter home received huge support from respondents, with over 90% of respondents ranking it as important or very important. There were requests for more dog litter bins to be made available throughout the Wooburn area and, whilst there was support to set up a volunteer group to litter-pick, a number of respondents felt that it was a shame that people didn't pick up their own litter and/or that penalties for dropping litter weren't enforced.

It was suggested that the local schools should get involved in an anti-litter campaign and that shops should be responsible for keeping the pavements outside their shops free of litter.

Apart from the existing areas such as Wooburn Park, The Green and Farm Wood, residents were asked if they could suggest other areas which could be used for "amenity land" (an open space for recreational or public use). The main areas noted by the respondents were:

- the area of Slate Meadow which is not already designated as a village green
- the picnic area at the top of Holtspur Lane, although this area actually falls outside the Wooburn and Bourne End Parish
- the field at the top of Brookfield Road, which the Parish Council is making available for allotments
- the undeveloped land around the old Glory Mill site
- the unused field behind Meadows School
- the land to the rear of Clapton Approach
- the lake behind Five Acres
- Mill Wood at the top of Windsor Hill

Recommendations

- Support Bourne End Residents' Association and work with the Parish Council to preserve Slate Meadow as a nature reserve or public open space.
- Support the local group working on the implementation of a cycle path along the old railway line between Bourne End and Wooburn Green.
- Liaise with Buckinghamshire County Council Highways Department to improve the frequency and quality of grass and hedge cutting.
- Liaise with NSL regarding parking on pavements.
- Promote further anti-dog fouling campaigns and liaise with the Parish Council regarding the provision of more litter bins.
- Initiate a local anti-litter campaign and set up a group of volunteers to litter-pick.
- Liaise with the schools to promote walking to school and anti-litter campaigns.
- Investigate the feasibility of fencing off the play area in Wooburn Park.
- Work with local conservation groups and the Parish Council regarding any improvements to the provisions for wildlife or maintenance of the riverbanks.
- Work with the local shops to improve access for the disabled.

ACTION PLAN

Category	Issue for improvement or change	Action (Immediate or ongoing)	Recommendation or Action	Partners and others
TRANSPORT	Improvements to reliability of bus service and possible routing of some buses via hospital	Ongoing	Open discussions with the bus company about service reliability and the potential to route some buses via the hospital	Arriva Buses
	Possibility of starting shuttle bus service between Wooburn Green and Beaconsfield	Ongoing	Approach bus company to investigate possibility of a service between Beaconsfield and Wooburn Green	Arriva Buses
	Improvements to the repair and maintenance of road surfaces	Ongoing	Make representation to Buckinghamshire County Council for improved road maintenance	Bucks CC – Transport for Bucks department
	Improvements to the safety of the Whitepit Lane/The Green junction and also to the pedestrian crossings around Wooburn	Ongoing	Make representation to Buckinghamshire County Council for a review of the safety of certain road junctions and pedestrian crossings	Bucks CC – Transport for Bucks department
	Parking problems, particularly around The Green, Wycombe Lane/ Boundary Road, Northcroft and Holtspur Avenue	Ongoing	Review the parking problems with the local authorities and local businesses	Wycombe DC, Bucks CC, NSL and local businesses
	Traffic and parking around the schools	Ongoing	Continue the dialogue with the local schools as to how parking can be improved and ways to promote walking to school	The Meadows School and St. Paul's Church of England Combined School

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COMMUNITY	More facilities required for the young and elderly	Ongoing	Investigate the types of facilities required and how these might be provided	Local clubs, Youth Club, Wooburn Club
	Promote more community spirit and neighbourliness	Immediate	Work with local clubs and community groups to set up a Good Neighbours' Group and to arrange more community events, such as an annual fête	Local clubs and organisations, schools, residents
	Reduce the time that fairs are staying on the Green between venues	Ongoing	Make representation to the Parish Council for changes to the time that fairs can remain on The Green	Parish Council
	Possibility of using the Wooburn Club as a community club	Ongoing	Open a dialogue with the Wooburn Club to see to what extent its facilities could be used by a wider section of the community	Wooburn Club
ECONOMY	Review future business development to ensure that it doesn't have a negative impact on the area	Ongoing	Keep a watching brief on all planning applications to ensure that existing retail/office space is utilised before further development is considered and also limit multiples taking commercial space	Bucks CC, Wycombe DC, Parish Council
	Encourage local shops and introduce Farmers' Market	Ongoing	Discuss the possibility of a Farmers' Market on The Green with the Parish Council and existing farmers' markets in the locality	Parish Council, Beaconsfield Farmers' Market, local producers

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POLICING	Concerns about anti-social behaviour and burglary	Immediate	Discuss the residents' concerns with the Police and ask what further measures can be put in place to reduce anti-social behaviour and burglary	Police, Neighbourhood Watch
	Concerns about speeding	Immediate	Discuss the enforcement of existing speed limits with the Police and also the possibility of introducing lower speed limits on certain roads	Bucks CC, Wycombe DC, Police
	Concerns about the number and size of lorries passing through the area	Ongoing	Review load restrictions around The Green and the possibility of re-routing some of the heavy goods vehicles away from The Green	Bucks CC, Wycombe DC, Police
HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT	Ensure that any future development recognises that The Green is a conservation area and open spaces are preserved to prevent urban sprawl	Ongoing	Work with the Parish Council to create a Neighbourhood Plan which considers the impact of further development on the existing facilities, roads and open spaces. Keep a watching brief on all planning applications	Parish Council, Wycombe DC, Bourne End FooV, Bourne End Residents' Association
ACCESS & ENVIRONMENT	Maintain existing open spaces	Immediate	Support Bourne End to develop Slate Meadow as a nature reserve or public open space	Parish Council, Wycombe DC, Bourne End FooV, Bourne End Residents' Association

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ACCESS & ENVIRONMENT	Create cycle path along the old railway line between Wooburn and Bourne End	Ongoing	Support the local group working on the implementation of the cycle path	Richard Williams, Rebecca Griffith, Sustrans
	Improvements to maintenance of pavements and footpaths	Ongoing	Liaise with Bucks CC Highways Department to improve frequency and quality of grass and hedge cutting	Bucks CC
	Need to reduce amount of dog fouling and litter in Wooburn Park and other areas	Ongoing	Work with Parish Council and volunteers to discuss anti-litter campaign and further measures to deter dog fouling	Parish Council, Good Neighbours' Group, Schools
	Fence off play area in Wooburn Park	Ongoing	Work with Parish Council and local residents to investigate possibility of fencing off play area	Parish Council, Schools
	Provisions for wildlife and maintenance of the river	Ongoing	Work with local conservation groups regarding provisions for wildlife and maintenance of river	Parish Council, Revive the Wye, Chiltern Society