

## Your survey

Here are the results of the Hale Parish Plan Survey in full. Please note that not every respondent answered every question so percentages are based on the total number of respondents who answered each question, not the overall number of respondents per survey.

### 1. Which facilities do you use in Hale?

	Never	Rarely	Sometime	Often
The phone box.	93%	5%	2%	0%
Any of the 9 benches.	20%	30%	41%	9%
The post box:				
on the Green	24%	11%	40%	25%
on Queen Street	78%	6%	9%	7%
on Forest Road.	41%	21%	28%	10%
Read the noticeboard:				
Woodfalls Cross	26%	28%	34%	12%
Green	16%	20%	44%	20%
Cemetery.	75%	18%	7%	0%
Downton Link.	81%	5%	5%	9%
Footpaths.	12%	7%	26%	55%
	Never	Rarely	Sometime	Daily
How often do you use the bus?	55%	25%	20%	0%
	School	Work	Shopping	Social
Where do you go on the bus?	0%	7%	74%	19%
	Never	Rarely	Sometime	Often
Hale recently lost its mobile library service. Would you use a voluntary donation library set up in the Village?	29%	35%	29%	7%

### 2. Communication

Which village communication method do you use?

Parish Magazine.	33%
Posters (Village Hall / elsewhere).	22%
Parish Council Notices.	18%
Word of mouth.	27%
Would you be interested in a more comprehensive village website with future events, information and a	60%

Comments:

*Could be interesting; don't want to be bombarded by e-mail; would need to be up to date; would be helpful; 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

## Changes made over the last 10 years

The 2011 Parish Plan focused on traffic measures, social provision in the village and environmental issues. Below are some of the changes that came about as a result of that plan. We would like your opinion on the success/ impact of these changes.

### 3. Traffic calming measures

What do you think about the effect of the lower speed limits on the Forest Road, the Purlieu and Tethering Drove?

	Yes	No
Has the lower speed limit had a positive effect?	69%	31%

If not, why not?

*40 mph would be a more realistic speed limit for Forest Road.  
The speed limit is most frequently broken on Forest Road.  
Rush hour is the most frequent time for speeding.  
Additional interventions on Forest Road may be warranted.  
Tethering Drove is used as a cut through.*

	Yes	No
Are there any other places that you think are 'hot-spots' or still dangerous?	64%	36%

Please tell us where these 'hot spots' are:

*Hale Lane – 40mph is too high.  
Suggested 20mph limit around Hale School.  
School run traffic is too fast.  
Forest Road with a higher frequency of large and public transport vehicle use.  
Walkers and children are terrified of school traffic.  
More signs on Hale Lane – narrow roads with passing*

What would you suggest to reduce the danger in these spots:

*Reduce speed limit on Forest Road.  
More signage at the start and end of Hale Lane and Moot Lane advising of narrow road with passing places.  
Traffic calming at the bends of Hale Purlieu.*

	Yes	No
Do you feel there are any daily traffic problems in	50%	50%

Hale? Details:

*Parents dropping off and collecting children during the school run.*

## 4. Social Club

Do you or any of your family go to any of the events/activities in the Village Hall?

	Never	Rarely	Sometime	Often
Farmer's market.	8%	10%	31%	51%
Brownies.	94%	2%	1%	3%
Table tennis.	82%	2%	7%	9%
Film nights.	49%	10%	19%	22%
HOG the Limelight.	51%	7%	15%	27%
Horticultural Society.	54%	13%	21%	12%
Other talks.	29%	28%	42%	1%
School assemblies.	88%	2%	5%	5%
School shows/events.	68%	14%	9%	9%
Community teas.	54%	19%	14%	13%
Friend's Café.	58%	17%	10%	15%
Cricket Club.	82%	8%	9%	1%

Others

*Queens Jubilee; Tai Chi classes; Village Hall Management AGM; dog training classes; pre-school events; toddler sessions.*

Please tell us about anything else you would like to see happening in the village hall. As detailed as you like!

*Pilates; bridge club; dance lessons; library service; yoga; quiz nights; live music; local beer festival; plant sales; craft evenings; race night; night club; burlesque evening; live bands; piano quartet; coding club; knitting club; non- school related events for children; mindfulness classes; bingo; barn dances; IT classes; poetry classes; horticulture classes; vintage car rally; plays; whist drives.*

What one-off social events organised by the Village have you attended?

*Race nights; auction of promises; Queen's Jubilee; Burn's Night quiz; Summer BBQ; pop-up restaurant; fetes; picnics; Village Hall refurbishment opening ceremony; safari suppers; Christmas events; curry night; Big Lunch on the Green; school fetes; church concerts; open gardens; square dance at Clark's historical exhibition; Hog the Limelight.*

## Other Hale issues

### 5. Broadband / Internet Provision

	Yes	No
Do you have broadband?	92%	8%
If yes, are you happy with the speed of it?	57%	43%
Is this speed reliable / consistent?	48%	52%

BT/Open Reach are installing fibre (FTP) for speeds of around 70Mbps; enough for most businesses and teenagers. The cost is co-funded by the government and the householder. Each participating household is worth £350 and a school is worth up to £20,000 of government funding; and each householder liability may be around £500+ depending on level of up-take.

In order to get a BT quote each community must submit name, address and fixed line telephone number of all interested households. This does not commit you to anything; it is only to gauge level of interest and to move towards a more accurate quotation.

The advantages lie in catch up television; online movies; video-gaming; home security; small & medium business function or admin; happy short term renters; smart house applications and happy grandchildren.

	Yes	No
Are you interested in potentially participating? If yes, please provide the	40%	60%

## 6. The Cemetery

The Parish Council is responsible for maintenance of the cemetery using some of the money gathered from residents via the Council Tax Precept. Currently it is run at a significant loss.

Annual Costs	£1,300
Average Annual Income (variable)	£400
Average Annual Deficit	£900

The Parish Council are currently reviewing the costs and maintenance needed to improve the condition of the cemetery and to reduce the income /expenditure gap.

	Yes	No
Do you think maintenance of the cemetery is good use of Parish Council Funds?	91%	9%
Would you be willing to volunteer to help with regular maintenance such as	19%	81%
Would you be willing to volunteer to help if we held an annual maintenance 'tidvina-up' dav?	72%	28%

## Looking at new initiatives

### 7. Housing

The high price of houses has resulted in many young people brought up in the village being unable to afford to buy or even to rent a house in the Village. There is an initiative in the Village to set up a non-profit making Village Community Land Trust to build a few new houses spread around the Village to be managed by the Village residents for the benefit of the Village. These houses would either be let at low rents or be part owned properties with a substantial share retained by the Community Trust and to remain in the ownership of the Trust in perpetuity.

The New Forest District Park Authority rules on planning for affordable housing within the Park have recently been amended making it easier to achieve planning permission to build affordable housing. As a result the Parish Council would like to explore/support possible opportunities to try and build some affordable homes. The plans are currently in the *exploratory* stages. The first stage is to try and establish the level of potential need in the village.

	Yes	No
Do you know anyone in the village or someone currently living elsewhere who has family connections to the village and would like to live in the village but cannot afford to?	26%	74%
Would you support plans for the Village to build some affordable homes?	77%	23%

If no, can you say why?

*I would like to be more involved if the Land Trust can ensure control over allocation of homes. It would spoil the aesthetics of the village; National Parks are not suitable for affordable housing; affordable housing needs to be near places of work; the surrounding infrastructure could not support it. Would be nice to get younger people into the village; Yes, let's keep the younger generation from leaving.*

## Support Networks

The Parish Council is looking at a variety of support networks that could improve our village. We already have the Downton Link to help travel, but would like to gauge villager interest in some of our other ideas.

### 8. Neighbour Support

We would like to set up a rota to ensure any villagers needing support have a person they can call on in the event of an emergency and who will call them regularly to ensure they are OK and have social contact. We know this happens within the village on an informal basis but we would like to centralise this so we can work towards there being support for anyone who would like it.

	Yes	No
Do you think a rota where volunteers telephone neighbours or others regularly to ensure they are OK is a good idea?	87%	13%
Would you be willing to participate in this rota should this idea go ahead:		
As a person to be telephoned?	28%	72%
As a volunteer to make a call?	52%	48%
Do you already help a neighbour(s)?	57%	43%
Would you be willing to join the list of volunteers to help with calling neighbours or shopping or other	52%	48%

### 9. Other suggestions

	Yes	No
Holiday Jobs—would it be useful if we had a facility where local residents can advertise work they would like to have done and local teenagers/students can advertise their skills and availability to work either part-time or in	83%	17%

Comments:

*Yes, if it was well managed; use of local community website; for gardening, odd jobs, decorating. How would living wage, pension contributions, tax, liability insurance etc. be handled? Use Nextdoor network; this exists in Woodgreen; not just teenagers and students.*

Your ideas—do you have any ideas for services that could be started in Hale to improve our community?

*Library and DVD lending service; regular litter clearing; regular pot-hole repair; baby sitting; gardening; housework and car cleaning services; Community Land Trust to manage some affordable housing; ensuring everyone knows what's happening around them; 'Dine in my Home' week/ month; cheese club; running club; maintain the phone box and bus stop on the Green.*

## Volunteering in Hale

### 10. The School

The School has provided a broad, high standard and happy primary school education for many children of the village over 150+ years. Since the School joined in federation with Breamore School (2016), its future is stable and secure. The school is always looking for villagers to get involved with what it does whether you have children there or not.

Would you be interested in volunteering for any of the activities below?

	Yes	No
Helping children who need extra help with reading?	23%	77%
Helping by volunteering to run a school club?	4%	96%

Please specify:

*Helping with reading, science and maths; sports club.*

NOTE: any volunteers within the school will be required to go through a Criminal Record Check.

### 11. St. Mary's Church

The church is the oldest institution in our community. St Mary's joined with St Boniface in Woodgreen in 1925. Church staff offer residents in both our villages spiritual and moral support, plus running a variety of charitable activities.

	Yes	No
Do your children use any of the holiday clubs run by Revd. Davies and her team?	5%	95%
Would you like to know more about being involved with St Mary's?	8%	92%
Are you involved with volunteering through the	10%	90%

If yes, please say in what areas:

*Flower rota; church repair and party venue provider; treasurer; sides-man; finance; church magazine.*

## 12. Cricket Club

Although the Cricket Club is based on the Woodfalls Recreation ground it is the Redlynch and Hale CC and several of their teams regularly play on Hatchet Green during the summer. Also there are many residents of Hale, both adults and children, who are members of the club.

Further information about the club and its activities can be found on their website: [www.rhcc.play-cricket.com](http://www.rhcc.play-cricket.com)

	Yes	No
Would you or any of your family be interested in joining the cricket club?	3%	97%
Would you or anyone in your family be interested in volunteering for the club?	1%	99%
Coaching.	1%	99%
Team management.	1%	99%
Treasurer.	1%	99%
Other.	1%	99%

### 13. Other areas of interest

Would you be interested in becoming involved with; like further information on, or do you have any comments /points you would like to raise concerning any of the below issues.

	More Informatio	Comment
Affordable housing planning team.	35	
Brownies.	2	
Footpath monitorin	29	
Elderly support	28	
Neighbourhood Watch.	25	
Holiday jobs.	14	
Cricket Club.	1	
School.	8	
Rights of Way.	26	
Cycle / walking	28	
Litter in Hale / surrounds.	29	
Home security.	13	

Would you be willing to contribute to a village blog? Yes 19% No 81%

Is there any other subject that you would like to discuss, bring to our attention, suggest, or raise for further research? Please detail below. This is a good moment to air all those thoughts

Your thoughts:

*Concerns over car dumping; verge destruction with parking; sinking of electricity cables; setting up a community speed-watch; a village skip at certain times of the year.*

