

Lyneham and Bradenstoke Community Led Plan



What is a Community Led Plan?

A Community Led Plan helps residents to influence what happens in their community, and can be used to influence improvements in services, facilities and help to raise funds for the community.

The plan identifies what people value about their community, what they want to change, the concerns, specific needs, ideas and vision for the future of their community.

A steering group of volunteers was set up in September 2011 to consult with the community as to the need for a Community Led Plan. In November 2011, public consultations were held in Bradenstoke attended by 36 residents and in Lyneham attended by 39 residents, asking for comments on what issues affect life in this community. The result of these public consultations was that the majority of those who attended agreed that a Community Led Plan should be produced.

In March 2012 the steering group increased membership to gain further representation of community and began the process.

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Our Parish

Lyneham

The village of Lyneham lies in the north east of Wiltshire, on the A3102 between Royal Wootton Bassett, 5 miles to the north east and Calne, 5 miles to the south. Chippenham lies 7 miles to the west on the B4069. Lyneham is 8 miles from both junctions 16 and 17 of the M4 motorway giving reasonable commuter distance to Bristol and London for employment. Swindon is a distance of 10 miles, convenient for employment and retail facilities.

In 1938, the Ministry of Defence established Royal Air Force Lyneham which over the years provided employment and economy in the area, and played a major role in community life. The Royal Air Force vacated the airfield December 2012 and the Ministry of Defence are now establishing the Defence College of Technical Training, which will open in 2016 with about 2,000 students and staff and the end “state will see around 5,500 students and staff on site by 2019. The movement of military personnel on the closure resulted in a 15% reduction in population. This has caused an approximate 40% reduction in trade for local businesses. In the interim, the military are housing personnel and their families from other nearby military establishments.

Lyneham is one of the largest villages in Wiltshire, in a rural location with surrounding agricultural land.

The population of Lyneham in 2011 was 4,535, including military personnel, their families and the residents of Lillybrook Estate and Lyneham Banks.

Bradenstoke

Bradenstoke is a considerably smaller settlement than Lyneham with a population of 470 (in 2007).

It was historically, known as “Bradenstoke-cum Clack.” Bradenstoke Priory dates back to the 11th Century and owned land from Gloucestershire to Dorset. There is little of the Priory and its buildings now in existence, English Heritage are involved in the preservation and conservation of the remains. There are three medieval houses, grade 2* listed, in the village, which were guest houses to the priory.

Bradenstoke lies south from the B4069, along Hollow Way and adjoins the northern boundary of MOD Lyneham.

Housing is mainly clustered on the main village road, which is narrow and with poor access.

There are 2 mobile home parks, housing a relatively high elderly population.

Bradenstoke has a close relationship with the military base and is reliant on the retail facilities and services in Lyneham especially since the recent closure of the only shop. The village has its own sense of community and supports a public house, village hall and three churches.

Preston and Thickthorn

The combined population of these two hamlets is 43 (in 2007), with 17 residences that lie along Preston Lane, which runs east from the roundabout in central Lyneham on the A3102.

New Zealand

There are three residences on the outskirts of New Zealand that are part of the Parish of Lyneham and Bradenstoke. They lie to the east of A3102 at Goatacre, on the southern boundary of MOD Lyneham.

The Parish of Lyneham and Bradenstoke is a community affected by significant change. The Community Led Plan is one of several projects in progress to explore the change and its potential impact on the community.

Other projects include:

- MOD changes – consultation process about future of site and impact on community
- Area chosen as a Neighbourhood Plan Frontrunner in 2011. An ongoing series of consultations on local needs and aspirations around land use planning.

How the plan was produced

The primary aim of the public consultations held in November 2011 and during the Jubilee celebrations June 2012 was to raise awareness of the project and to identify key issues and concerns.

The steering group then researched what was already known about the issues raised and consulted with key stakeholders, including Wiltshire Council, Police, the MOD, Parish Council, neighbouring parishes, business representatives and the Neighbourhood Planning project manager. The next step was to develop a number of questionnaires with the help of Community First.

The questionnaires were aimed at exploring the issues and concerns in more detail with the community. They were distributed to 1,475 households in the community in January 2013. 24% of households responded.

There was a separate Business Survey distributed to all known businesses, and a Young Persons Survey.

The children of Lyneham Primary School also carried out their own survey, and presented the results for the Community Led Plan.

The results from the questionnaires were analysed by Community First, Wiltshire's Rural Community Council, giving an independent analysis. The results of the survey combined with existing evidence, have provided the information for this document.

The Neighbourhood Plan project has been running alongside the Community Led Plan and, where possible, information gained from this and other consultations i.e. MOD, Housing Needs survey, have been shared, leading to a comprehensive set of evidence on local needs and concerns.

Summary of the Results of the Survey

Who responded?

Household questionnaire:

The overall response rate to the household questionnaire was 24%. One questionnaire was delivered to each household, so when we refer to “a respondent” this is a household not an individual. The geographic spread of responses was as follows:

- 57% responses from Lyneham
- 41% responses from Bradenstoke
- 2% responses from Preston, Thickthorn and New Zealand

There was roughly a 50/50% male/female gender split in the households that responded. All age groups were represented.

Business questionnaire:

The household survey contained a number of questions aimed at people working in the Parish. As not all of the local businesses are run by people living locally, a separate copy of the business related questions was sent out. We received 18 individual responses.

Young People’s questionnaire:

This was incorporated in the household questionnaire and delivered to every household. We received 34 individual responses.

Why do people live in the Parish?

The top 4 reasons were:

- Rural community
- Retirement
- Availability of housing to suit their needs
- Sense of community

What if anything would people change?

The following represent the issues raised in order of those most frequently mentioned:

Shopping facilities

Respondents felt there was a need for a local store and Post Office in Bradenstoke.

People would like to see a wider range of shops in Lyneham.

Some respondents commented that an improvement was needed in the local pubs, and a need for a coffee shop/family pub/community meeting place.

Road and Traffic

There is no footpath in Hollow Way, which is narrow, with high verges making walking to the main road hazardous.

The junction from Hollow Way onto B4069 is hazardous due to lack of visibility and speed of oncoming traffic.

Traffic speed is an issue in Lyneham on A3102.

HGV's and speeding are issues on the Lyneham Banks, the B4069, due to road subsidence and bends in the road.

There is a lack of parking space in Lyneham and Bradenstoke.

Medical Service

10% of respondents highlighted the lack of health facilities and identified the need for GP surgery, dentist and chemist.

Environment

Tidy up area around takeaways, public spaces, pub frontages, bus shelters, overgrown vegetation on footpaths, ditch and drainage maintenance

More regular grass cutting, identify green and village boundaries, regulations for use of The Green in Lyneham.

Other issues raised included:

More activities for younger people

Lack of footpaths, and maintenance

Lack of sports and leisure facilities

Lack of community spirit – “fragmented” villages, lack of central focus for community

More homes for elderly people

Need to restrict further development

Pressure on existing utilities

Issues relating to ineffective communication were raised regarding local governance

Greater police presence on the streets

Action on antisocial behaviour

Dog fouling



Shops and Services

Local Shops

Lyneham has two small supermarkets, a general store, several takeaways, a charity shop, hairdresser, beauty salon and florist.

The village shop in Bradenstoke closed during the consultation period.

Use of local shops

86% felt that shopping facilities were good or reasonable.

Most respondents told us that they used the local supermarkets daily or weekly. They used the petrol station, takeaways, farm shops and general store less than once a week.

Issues highlighted:

Closure of the shop in Bradenstoke

- 33% of comments related to this. There are a high percentage of elderly residents in Bradenstoke with a particular difficulty of accessing day to day essentials if they have no access to a car.

The milk door step delivery service offers a limited number of items such as tea, coffee, biscuits and cheese

There are also some local companies who offer a vegetable box weekly delivery

Major supermarkets deliver in this area from an online service

Quality of products on offer

- 17% commented on the range of products on offer and shops not catering for larger families

Price

- 15% commented that items are too expensive, particularly in comparison to larger outlets elsewhere.

Type and number of shops

- 15% commented on this. 5 highlighted the need for a local chemist, 2 felt there were too many takeaways. One wanted shops such as a butcher and a delicatessen. One felt a better pub was needed. 6 mentioned a lack of choice of shops and products.

Parking

- 2 respondents felt there were insufficient parking facilities, and 1 wanted better, safer parking.

Local Services

The Post Office in Lyneham closed in January 2014 and to date there is no plan for it to relocate.

Lyneham has a small library, manned by volunteers in the centre of the village.

The community halls in Lyneham consist of a village hall, two church halls and the Community rooms at the primary school. There are two churches in Lyneham.

In Bradenstoke there is a village hall and 2 church halls, 3 churches and one public house in Bradenstoke.

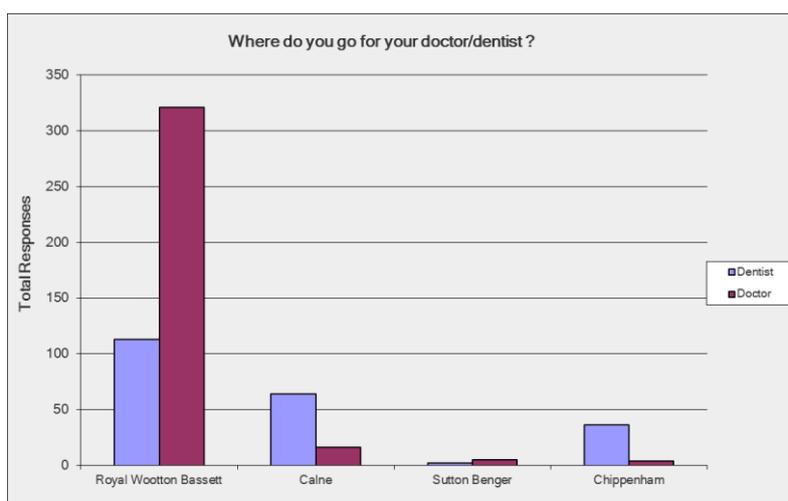
Community transport in Lyneham and Bradenstoke is provided by Connect 2 (Bradies) and Link 6 Scheme.

Use of local services

Respondents were asked how regularly they used a range of local services:

Service	Use
Post Office	100+ respondents used the service on a weekly basis
Community halls	All are used on a regular basis, although use was higher in Bradenstoke
Church	50+ respondents attend church on a weekly basis
Pubs/restaurants	Response showed higher use in Bradenstoke
Library	100+ respondents used this service on a daily/weekly basis
Community transport schemes	100 respondents used these services on a weekly basis
Access to health services	Respondents used dental practices as far afield as Birmingham and Bradford on Avon

“Wootton Bassett/Calne and Sutton Benger all claimed that they did not serve Bradenstoke. We had to be allocated by Family Health Service to Wootton Bassett”.



Issues highlighted:

Key issues included:

Accessing an NHS dentist

Registering with a local GP surgery and long waiting times for appointments.

When asked what difficulties had been experienced with accessing local health services 118 households responded with 126 individual comments:

- 48% (61) indicated that they had no problems.
- 11% (14) reported problems accessing an NHS dentist.
- 16% (21) comments related to getting an appointment with a doctor, 20 of these reporting long waits of up to 3-4 weeks for appointments with specific doctor.
- 14% (18) comments related to difficulties in registering with a new surgery, local surgeries claiming they did not serve Lyneham and Bradenstoke area, oversubscription and waiting lists for local surgeries.
- Transport was also a difficulty for some residents to access local medical facilities.

Finding out about local services

Respondents were asked how they found out about local services. Most people responded that they found out about local services by word of mouth.

33% of respondents mentioned use of the website or online resources.

Since the survey the Lyneham Village Online website has closed down.

Comments from the survey mentioned noticeboards out of date or illegible. Some respondents did not find out about events after they had taken place.

The survey asked if a directory of local businesses/community information would be useful?

- 67% of respondents supported the idea of a local business/services directory.
- 44% would use a loyalty scheme for local businesses if available.

What has already been achieved or in progress?

As a result a group in the community are seeking funding for the publication of a Business and Services directory for the Parish.

The Parish Council are currently in the process of setting up a web site. Information can be found on the Parish Council Facebook page.

There is currently a review in progress by Local Area Team for NHS England for the GP surgery provision and catchment areas in this parish.



Business and Economy

Prior to December 2012 Royal Air Force (RAF) Lyneham employed a number of civilians from the local area, the largest employment sector being public sector/defence. The closure of the RAF Lyneham caused a fall in this with residents having to go further afield for employment. This closure also caused an approximate 40% loss of income reported by many of the local businesses. It is anticipated this will improve on the opening of the Technical Training College in 2015.

Local employment opportunities are in retail, two small supermarkets, florist, general store, takeaways, restaurant, café, petrol station and two public houses. There are two vehicle servicing businesses and two car sales locally owned. Other businesses include hairdressers, beauty salons, small machinery servicing and shop fitting. The survey results show that there are several self-employed people and homeworkers in the community. There are various small businesses in nearby parishes which provide local employment.

According to census figures, retail was the second largest employment sector prior to December 2012.

The third largest employment sector is health and social work both locally and in nearby towns of Swindon, Royal Wootton Bassett, Calne and Chippenham.

Local Business

60 respondents stated they worked from home or ran a business in the Parish.

48 respondents were affected by one or more of the following issues:

- 73% by poor internet connection
- 71% by poor mobile phone reception
- 19% by lack of business support

Business Space

9 businesses indicated they may need more business space in the next five years

- 3 may need workshops
- 2 respondents indicated need for office space/storage units/home office/workshop space
- 1 may need retail space

A separate business survey was carried out asking if there were any other issues that required consideration:

Issues highlighted

Impact of loss of RAF personnel on business.

Need for more information on MOD plans for Lyneham.

Rental of empty MOD housing on a short term basis.

- Some of the service accommodation is currently being used to house military families from other units.

Lack of opportunity to advertise local employment opportunities at a central point.

Suggestions from survey

Businesses made a number of suggestions on what was needed:

- An Information pack/local business and services directory
- Signage for local businesses
- Central point for information on local businesses and services

What has already been achieved?

As a result of the survey an informal group, Lyneham Business Buddies, was set up in September 2013. The group meets every 6 weeks to discuss issues affecting the local business people and gives an opportunity for information to be passed on. Representatives from the MOD attend to give updates on progress for the training college.

The Business Buddies have obtained permission from the Parish Council to use part of a noticeboard in Lyneham to advertise local employment opportunities and have requested that MOD and Construction contractors notify Business Buddies when employment opportunities are advertised and where.

It is anticipated that the siting of Defence College of Technical Training at MOD Lyneham will improve trade for local businesses in the next 18 months.

Lyneham Steering Group was set up in 2011 to provide liaison between MOD and the Parish and provide a voice for community concerns. The role of this group is changing and the main channel of information from MOD Lyneham will be via Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board meetings.



Social and Cultural

Child Care Facilities

There is a pre-school in Lyneham for 2- 5 year age group. This has limited space at present and is anticipating expanding in the future. There are several registered child minders in the parish.

295 households responded to questions about child care facilities

- 90% did not have children under school age.
- 5% felt that child care facilities were adequate, 2 felt there were sufficient number of child minders.
- 5% felt child care facilities inadequate.

Issues highlighted:

The lack of nursery facilities for children under 2 years

No playgroups for children under 3 years

Comments from respondents suggested poor child facilities for working parents

Loss of Little Albert's nursery

- This was housed on MOD property and closed prior to Royal Air Force leaving Lyneham

Limited places in the sole pre-school facility

- The pre-school is now under new management and is hoping to expand in the future

Local Clubs and Activities

There are several clubs and organised activities in the parish, using the various venues available.

Bradenstoke has 15 organised activities including:

Golden Girls (keep fit for the more mature residents) Indoor Short Mat Bowls, Line Dancing, Choir, Games Club, Whist Club, Art Group

Lyneham has 24 organised activities in Lyneham including:

W.I., Keep Fit, Martial Arts, Bridge Club, Pilates, Zumba, Coffee Mornings, Scouts, Guides, Gentleman's Breakfast Club.

Respondents were asked to indicate which clubs and activities they took part in.

60 - 80 respondents indicated membership clubs and organised activities identified in the community from gathered evidence, covering all age groups.

Issues highlighted:

The main reason given for not attending local clubs and activities was a lack of information about what was available locally.

There will be an opportunity for all clubs and organised activities to advertise in the planned Business and Services directory.

There were 85 suggestions for new clubs. The most popular were:

- Activities for young people
- Walking group
- Yoga

Volunteering

- 26% of respondents volunteered in the local community.
- 64% of respondents did not know where to find information about local volunteering opportunities.

The Business and Services directory will have a section indicating local voluntary opportunities and contact details for voluntary services.



Crime and Safety

The Rural Neighbourhood Police Team consists of one Police Constable and one Police Community Support Officer who cover 5 villages in the community area, based at Royal Wootton Bassett Police Station. Cover is also provided by the Response Team from Swindon.

The crime figures for this community area are relatively low in comparison to other areas with 41% of reported crime referring to antisocial behaviour.

Do people feel safe in their community?

95% of respondents felt safe in their community.

Issues highlighted:

Lack of visible police presence

Young people/ teenagers hanging around, antisocial behaviour and petty crime

- This issue was also highlighted in the young peoples' survey

What has been achieved?

The Neighbourhood Police Team has identified three key priorities for the neighbourhood. These include responding to antisocial behaviour, police visibility and traffic related issues.

Neighbourhood Watch

28% of respondents were involved in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

39% did not know whether they were in a Neighbourhood Watch Area

32% were interested in getting involved in a local scheme

There is an active Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Bradenstoke, which in the past has had positive results. To date there is no scheme in Lyneham. This has been highlighted in the Parish Council Newsletter, to find volunteers to set up a scheme.

Local Policing

77% of respondents were satisfied with the current level of policing in the community.

Issues highlighted:

Lack of visible police presence

Difficulties in accessing police

Handling of issues: 1 respondent reported that they were broken in to and received no police response, 3 reported antisocial behaviour and received no response or were put on hold for 25 minutes and 1 respondent felt that the police were not interested.

15 comments related to the loss of the MOD police officer on the closure of RAF Lyneham

60% of respondents did not know who their local community police officers were.

What is already being done?

101 non-emergency telephone number has been introduced to improve communication.

There are quarterly Neighbourhood Police Tasking Group meetings held at Royal Wootton Bassett Police station which Parish Councillors and Neighbourhood Watch representatives can attend. The minutes are then circulated to the public.

The local Police team hold street briefings, details can be found on the Wiltshire Police web site, Police Facebook page, the library and local noticeboards.

It is understood that at present there is no intention to replace the MOD police officer.



Housing and New Development

Housing

There is a mixture of housing types although in Lyneham there is a large area of military housing. There are also three park home sites in Bradenstoke and one in Lyneham with a relatively high proportion of elderly residents.

Wiltshire Council is developing a new development plan. This has yet to be approved, although it is in the later stages of the process. This defines Lyneham as a large village and Bradenstoke as a small one. In these areas the draft policy states that new development should be limited to that needed to help meet local housing needs and improve employment opportunities, services and facilities. The emerging plan had identified a need for 1,250 homes in the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade community area as a whole, the majority being focused on Royal Wootton Bassett. However, since the draft was written, these figures have come under further review and will be the subject of a sites allocation development plan document, due to be published in the summer of 2015. In the meantime, Lyneham and Bradenstoke parish is involved in the development of a neighbourhood plan.

Housing needs

49% of respondents felt that no further homes were needed. However the remaining respondents thought there was a need for:

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| • Accommodation for older people | 68 votes |
| • Small family homes 1-2 bedrooms | 58 votes |
| • Bungalows | 53 votes |
| • Adapted accommodation | 53 votes |
| • Housing Association/shared ownership | 47 votes |

A separate housing needs survey was undertaken in January 2013 by Wiltshire Council. Thirty-eight respondents replied indicating their need for housing in Lyneham and Bradenstoke. The respondents requiring accommodation in the parish were asked what type of tenure they sought. The majority of respondents (30.8%) were looking for open market purchase, with the remainder interested in shared ownership and either socially or privately rented properties. A smaller percentage of respondents (5.8%) sought armed services accommodation.

New Development

The community led plan questionnaire asked where any new accommodation should be built. 262 households responded. (Again, respondents could choose more than one option)

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| • Redevelopment of existing development land or buildings | 100 votes (38%) |
| • None | 89 votes |
| • Small groups of less than 5 houses | 77 votes |
| • Infill | 67 votes |
| • Expansion on edge of settlements | 26 votes |
| • Larger groups | 24 votes |
| • MOD property | 4 votes |
| • No development without improvements in utilities | |

Issues concerning “land use” will be covered in the Neighbourhood Plan. This plan will have policies covering concerns of local residents, and will have statutory weight in the planning processes. Data from the questionnaire has been shared with the Neighbourhood Plan team and will be used to help shape the plan.

Utilities

70+% of respondents were satisfied with electricity, gas and water supply/ sewerage system.

- Levels of satisfaction were generally lower amongst residents of Bradenstoke
- 50% were satisfied with their gas supply (LPG, no mains gas supply)
- 64% were satisfied with their water supply

Issues highlighted:

These are the issues raised from the 30% of respondents who were not satisfied:

Poor/low water pressure

This has been an ongoing problem in Bradenstoke for many years, and appears to be the result of problems at the local pumping station.

Poor sewerage system

The water company responsible for the sewerage in Bradenstoke clear the system on a regular basis.

Poor drainage/blocked drains and flooding

Flooding incidents of roads in Lyneham and Bradenstoke are increasing, storm drains are blocked despite regular clearing by Highways Department

Cost of utilities

This has been raised by residents in Lyneham, especially the water supply.

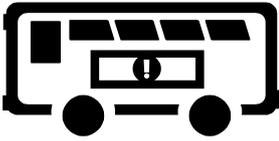
Bradenstoke has no natural gas supply, so residents have to buy bottled gas, have LPG tanks or oil fired central heating. Both these options are expensive.

Communications

Issues highlighted:

30% of respondents reported poor mobile phone reception.

27% reported slow or dropped connection to Internet more than once a week.



Transport

Bus Services

Lyneham

There is a regular bus service, 55 route, provided by Stagecoach, which runs every 20 minutes during peak and day time, to Chippenham via Calne and Swindon via Royal Wootton Bassett.

Bradenstoke

There a regular shuttle, Connect 2, to Lyneham to connect with 55 service. There is also a daily bus to Chippenham, a bus to Royal Wootton Bassett on Wednesday and a bus to Swindon on Friday.

Connect 2 run a service to Asda, West Swindon 3 days a week.

There has also been a pilot scheme service to nearby local market towns on a monthly basis.

Connect 2 also provide a regular service to Great Western Hospital from Bradenstoke and Royal Wootton Bassett.

Use of public transport

- 29% of respondents used local buses for shopping daily or weekly
- 20% used them for leisure
- 9% used them for work
- 5% for school or college

A significant majority never use the local bus services and when asked why, 76% preferred to use the car for convenience.

23% (10) were deterred by the distance to bus stops at either end of their journey and 7 respondents indicated that a disability made it difficult for them to access local bus services.

19% of respondents use Connect 2 or Link 6 scheme

- 10 praised the services
- 4 did not know about the schemes
- 3 used the schemes for hospital appointments
- 2 wanted to be able to access service from home

Paths and Cycleways

44% of respondents reported problems using paths and pavements

14% reported problems cycling around the area

Issues highlighted:

26% commented on the poor state of repair/maintenance of paths and pavements

9 respondents commented on parked cars/lorries on pavements especially near the shops in Lyneham and in Bradenstoke

30 respondents felt more pathways were needed especially Hollow Way, Bradenstoke

10% commented on HGV's, volume of traffic and speeding in Lyneham

5% commented on uneven, narrow paths and lack of dropped kerbs, proving difficult for pushchair/mobility scooter/wheelchair users

Gravel from nearby driveways on pavements

Overhanging vegetation from gardens on pavements

Poor signage/lighting in the community

11 respondents commented on lack of clearance of pavements in poor weather

1 respondent commented on tractors using paths

What is already being done?

The issue of the lack of a footpath in Hollow Way, Bradenstoke has been investigated several times in recent years. The difficulty is the high banks and narrow road as there is no space to provide a footpath. MOD has investigated the possibility of putting a path between the road and boundary fence but the incline up the bank would be a hazard.

The Parish Council have set up a Community Speed Watch Scheme and speeding traffic is a frequent priority with the local Police.

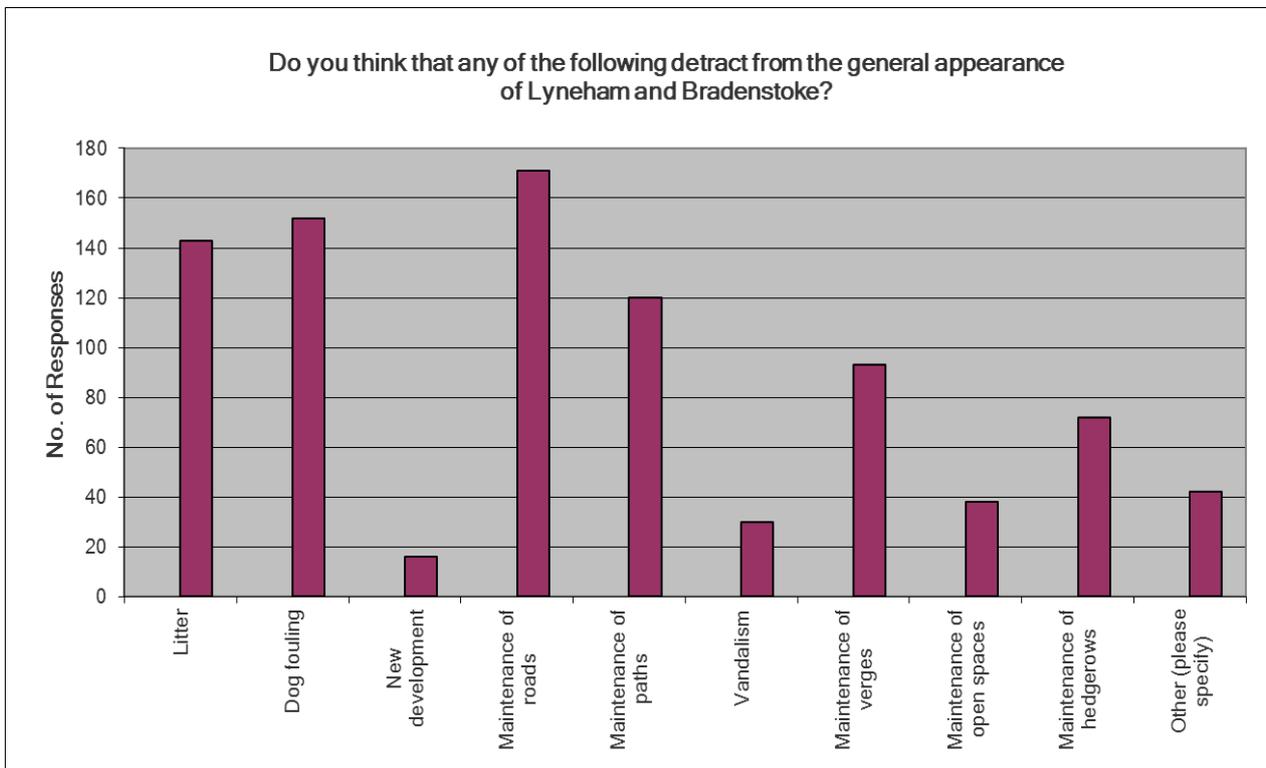
Wiltshire Council is in the process of assessing sites in the Parish for dropped kerbs.



Environment

General Appearance of the Area

The following graph shows the information obtained:
290 households responded, and respondents could tick all that applied.



Respondents felt the things that most detracted from the area were lack of road maintenance, dog fouling and litter.

42 respondents made additional comments:

- 7 felt that the area around the takeaways detracted from the general appearance.
- 1 commented that there were plenty of litter bins, but people did not use them.
- 2 felt that the Aeropark detracted from the area and 1 felt that the RAF homes did as well. Another respondent identified the RAF hangar on Hollow Way.
- 4 highlighted lack of maintenance to ditches.

Other comments related to:

- Flailing of hedges was destructive, need for hedges on Clack Hill to be cut
- Fly tipping, dumped rubble and tarmac in laybys
- Lack of maintenance of grass verges
- Cars parked on yellow lines
- The need for more dog bins and dog fouling signs

Issues highlighted:

Lack of maintenance to roads and pavements

Dog fouling

Litter

- This issue was also highlighted in the young peoples' survey

Maintenance of hedges and verges

What is already being done?

Condition and maintenance of roads and pavements is currently under review by Wiltshire Council Highways.

There is currently a project to address the issue of dog fouling by Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board. The Parish Council have a representative involved in this project.

To address the issue of litter the Parish Council have organised a community litter pick, which will be on a regular basis.

Community Open Spaces

Lyneham

In Lyneham, community open spaces include The Green and Pound Close play area which are owned and maintained by the Parish Council. The Aeropark, Slessor Road play area and Melsome Road play area are owned and maintained by the MOD. There is also a memorial garden at the rear of library.

Bradenstoke

Bradenstoke has a recreational field including a play area and dog walking field. These are owned and maintained by the Parish Council.

87% of respondents did not feel there was a need for more community spaces.

Of those that did, the following comments were made:

4 respondents wanted more parks for children and 1 wanted a playing field for under 16's near the military quarters. 1 respondent wanted a gated play area with a café nearby. 3 respondents wanted something for teenagers and one suggested a skate park.

4 respondents suggested parks for families and people of all ages, and 1 wanted a park near the shops without play equipment, suitable for older people. 1 respondent felt that there should be an official designated village green and 1 wanted somewhere for village events to be held.

2 respondents suggested an accessible community woodland/orchard and 1 wanted to keep spaces for wildlife. 3 respondents wanted more sports facilities and ideas included a swimming pool, tennis courts and a trim trail.

3 respondents wanted better opportunities for dog walking.

Various sites for new community open spaces or greater use of existing areas were suggested: These included the school grounds, land behind the fairground site, the grassed area along Preston Lane and Lancaster Square, although it was recognised this may be under private ownership and local residents may object.

Issues highlighted:

The existing play areas are in a poor condition and lack equipment

Creation of new community open spaces

What is already being done?

There is currently a project, involving the Parish Council and MOD, to update and refurbish existing play areas. This will take into account the needs of all age groups.

The Memorial Garden, with seating behind the Library provides a quiet place to sit near the shops.

The Dragon's Den project at Lyneham Primary School involves a woodland walk, gardens and sports area for use by the community.

A member of the Parish Council is currently in the process of forming a community group to enter the parish in Britain in Bloom

Recycling

There are currently clothes and shoe recycling bins in the Co-op car park and near the White Hart pub.

In Bradenstoke, Church Park and Lillybrook park homes have recycling bins.

There is a Wiltshire Council kerb collection service fortnightly for plastic, cardboard, glass, paper and cans. There is a recycling centre on Sutton Benger Road, Chippenham.

There is kerb side recycling collection by Wiltshire Council on a fortnightly basis.

77% of respondents were satisfied with local recycling facilities.

Issues highlighted:

15 respondents commented on a lack of central recycling facilities

12 were not aware of any facilities

17 felt more were needed

2 felt kerb side collections were not regular enough

3 commented that facilities were always full

1 felt there was poor signage

4 mentioned a need for composting facilities

Energy Saving

22% of respondents said they would like more information on energy saving

Information on energy saving resources will be published in the Business/Services Directory.



Governance

Parish Council

It should be noted that as a result of the election in May 2013, there was a change in the Parish Council, since the survey was carried out.

29% of respondents had attended a Parish Council meeting.

- 49% of those people found out about the meeting from noticeboards
- 14% by word of mouth
- 37% by other means - local councillors, Bradenstoke Bugle

45% of respondents felt well informed about work of the Parish Council

- 49% did not
- 6% were not interested

Issues highlighted:

More information required and on a regular basis regarding current issues and projects undertaken by Parish Council

Newsletter containing out of date information

Minutes of meetings need to be published more quickly and more copies made available to the public. Some minutes were missing from the website.

Some respondents felt there was a lack of action/awareness of issues, and suggested that the Parish Council needed to work with other agencies and the community.

More involvement of the military community needed in local governance and decision making.

What is already being done?

The Parish Council are currently setting up a website and have recently joined Facebook to help inform the community on current and future projects.

There has been a suggestion that the Parish Council hold evening surgeries and informal meetings to allow residents to discuss issues.

The issue of out of date information in the parish newsletter is being addressed by the Parish Council.

In May 2013 a member of the military community was elected to the Parish Council and is a Parish Council representative on the Community Led Plan steering group. The Defence Infrastructure Organisation team at MOD Lyneham currently liaise with the Parish Council via the Area Board meetings and the Lyneham steering group.

Public Toilets

The Parish Council requested that households be asked whether they thought that the public toilets should be retained. The maintenance of the toilets takes approximately one third of the Parish Council's annual budget.

75% of respondents felt there was a need to maintain the public toilets.

There has been a suggestion from residents that a unisex, accessible toilet is retained and another use found for the remaining space in the building. The Parish Council are arranging a cost analysis for this project.

Local Government Representatives

- 52% of respondents knew who their Parish Councillors were.
- 49% knew who their Wiltshire Councillor was.
- 76% knew who their local MP was.

What do young people dislike?

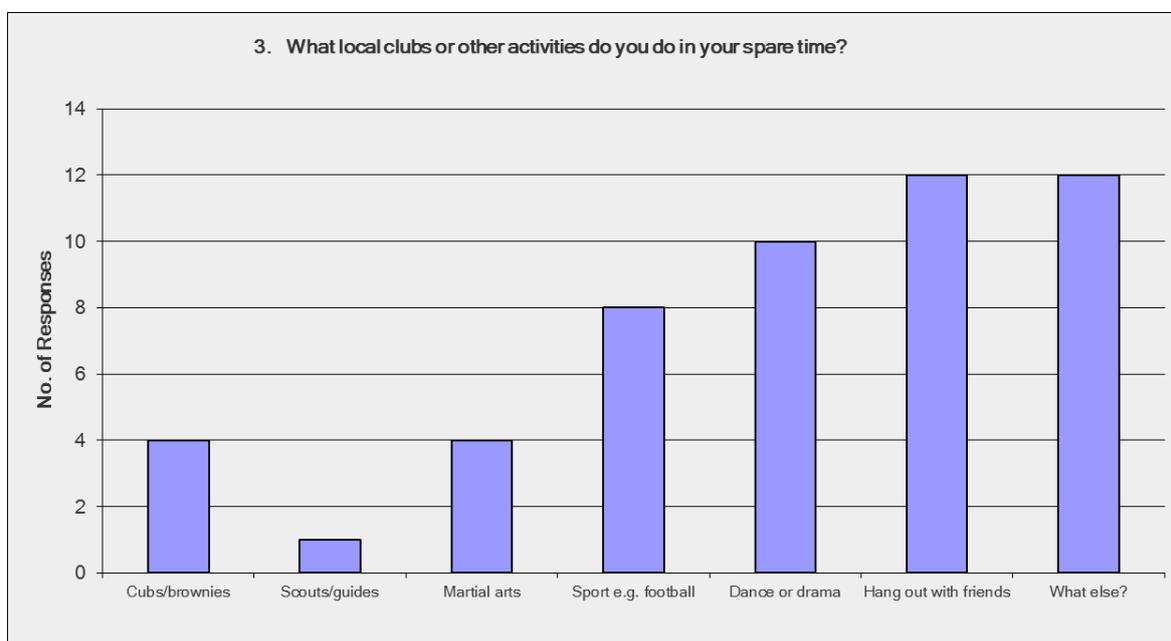
- 26 young people responded to this question, making a total of 40 comments.
- 12 (46%) felt that there was little or nothing to do, 2 felt there was nothing for teenagers.
- 1 wanted a swimming pool.
- 1 respondent said they felt isolated, 1 commented they had to travel to Royal Wootton Bassett or Swindon to find more activities.
- 3 highlighted their reliance on public transport, 1 young person from Bradenstoke commented on lack of transport links to Lyneham in the evening, 1 noted lack of local job opportunities and the difficulty of having to get a bus to anywhere when money was short .
- 4 said their friends did not live near them, 1 said this was because they did not attend the local school. 1 said they wanted to meet more friends in Lyneham.
- 2 didn't like some of the people they met in the area, 1 commented that they felt there were negative views about teenagers in Bradenstoke.

A number of young people made comments on the play park areas:

- 1 mentioned having to drive to play areas now the Hive was closed.
- 2 disliked vandalism in play park areas, 2 disliked the litter, chewing gum and dog fouling
- 1 felt that the play equipment was boring, 1 said that play equipment in Bradenstoke was “babyish” although they enjoyed climbing the tree.
- 1 wanted a toilet in their local park, and some asked for more shade in the parks.

Local Clubs and Activities

The questionnaire asked what local clubs and activities young people attended in their spare time.



The most popular thing that the young people do is hang out with friends, wanting a club or centre to meet their friends in the warm and dry.

12 young people said they were involved in other activities including:

Swimming 4	Air cadets 1	Zumba 1	Brass band 1	Youth club 2
Shooting 1	Cricket 1	Beavers 2	Motocross 1	Horse riding 1

The survey asked what activities would young people like to be able to do. The most popular options all related to having a club or centre to meet friends. A range of other ideas received individual support including:

Skate park	Tennis court	Organised sports
Indoor play area	Cycle paths	Swimming

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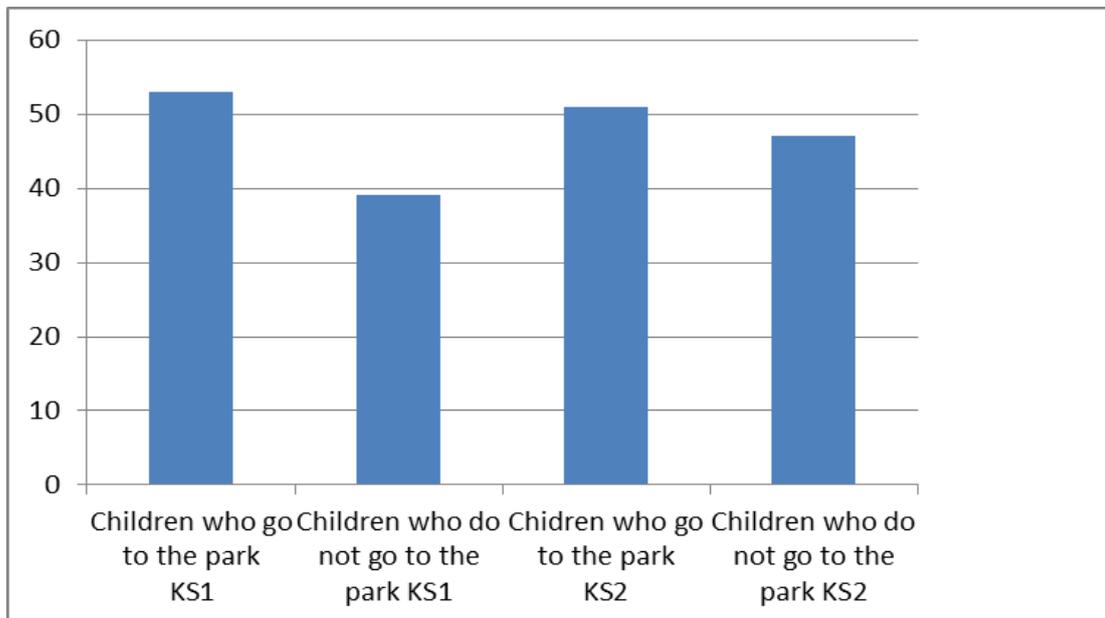
A young peoples’ survey was also carried out at Lyneham Primary School by the pupils as a community project. (School Council 2012-2013). The survey asked the following questions:

What do we like about Lyneham?

- We like to walk around the lovely village
- We like to play in the park
- Lots of kind people
- I like the takeaways
- Local cafes
- The school
- Youth Club
- Everything – it is a nice environment

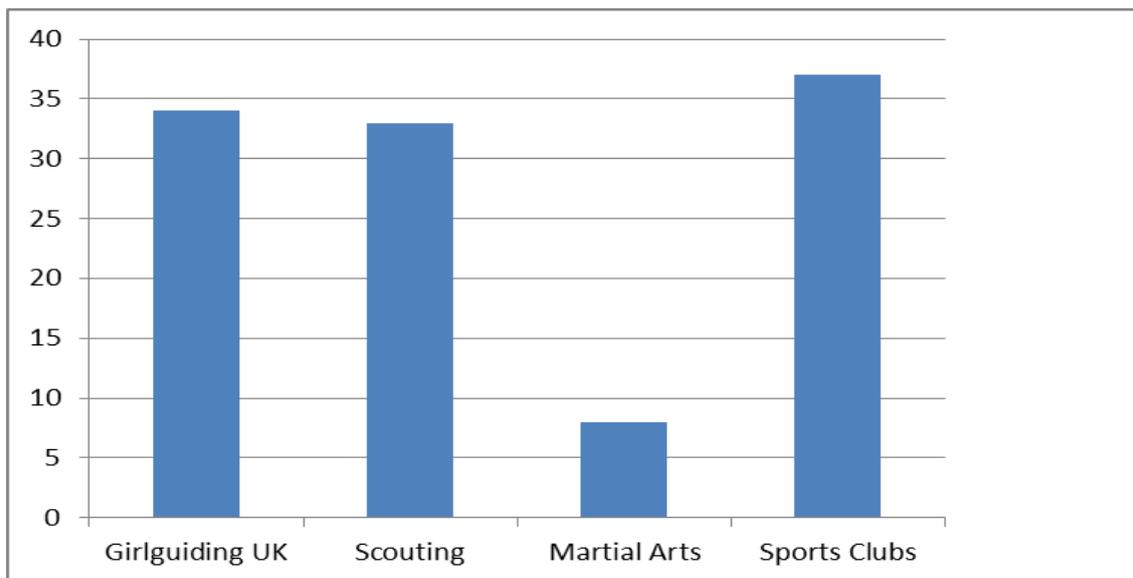
The Park

The majority of the children who attend the school loved their local park.



What do we like to do in Lyneham?

The children take part in a range of activities, including brownies/guides and cubs, and sports including martial arts.



What do we not like about Lyneham?

The children said that:

- The roads are busy and noisy
- Too much litter
- Teenagers damaging the things we enjoy
- It's too cold
- People bullying us
- Not enough play equipment

What would we like to see in Lyneham?

The children had lots of ideas about what they would like to see in Lyneham:

- Swimming pool to include a diving club
- More play equipment
- DJ equipment in the Youth Club
- People respecting the facilities – make posters to be displayed with rules on for equipment in the park
- Horse riding facilities
- Cricket Club
- Archery Club
- Pet shop so we have somewhere to go and get things for our pets
- Tennis Club

Issues highlighted:

Lack of safe places to meet
Roads are busy and noisy
Too much litter
Vandalism in the play parks
Not enough play equipment
Young people feel that the play equipment is not being respected by others
Lack of pet shop
Lack of sports club
Lack of job opportunities

Suggestions for future projects involving young people:

The creation of a Youth forum/young peoples' voice
Holiday activities in the school
The creation of a science club
A purpose built youth centre including a dance studio

What has already been achieved?

A new Scout and Guide Headquarters is currently progressing well and it is hoped that it will be open in the near future. This project has benefitted from the Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme.

There are currently further applications to the Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme for projects involving young people.

After school clubs are now available at the primary school including dodge ball, athletics, tap dancing and football.

There has now been a youth club set up at Teal House, Monday evenings for 7-11 years old. This is in partnership with Wiltshire Council and funding from Green Square.

There is a youth cafe on Wednesday evenings at Lyneham Methodist church hall, 8-18 year age group.

Friday evenings "Fun House Lyneham" youth club, at the school community rooms, 8-12 year age group, run by Army Welfare Service and volunteers, funded by the Parish Council and Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board.

A suggestion was put forward for the primary school children to design a poster for an anti-litter campaign and encourage respect for play areas.

Regular inspections by members of the Parish Council and local residents

Allsorts for U, the general store in Lyneham, are now stocking pet food and provisions.

Business Buddies is creating a central point in Lyneham to advertise local employment opportunities.

Next Steps

Lyneham and Bradenstoke Community Led Plan was completed in February 2014 and the intention is that the plan will be reviewed in 5 years.

It is hoped that this plan will set the aspirations of the community and provide information on the issues that concern the people of the Parish. The Community Led Plan is a living document and as such the Action Plan will be updated from time to time as various projects are achieved. In the near future the idea is to set up community groups of volunteers with a particular interest in the topics highlighted to support the proposed action plans.

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Theme	Issue	Action	Outcome sought	Key milestones	Responsible person(s)/ organisation(s)	Resources needed	Expected completion date
Shops and Services	No retail facilities in Bradenstoke	Provide information on local transport to retail facilities. Investigate possible improvements	Local people have access to retail facilities.	Promote existing services in Parish newsletter, website and local business/services directory. Meeting with community transport services	Editors of each publication.	Time	6 months review Current services to be reviewed in 6 months
	Lack of choice of shops and products Lack of car parking	Investigate feasibility of extending choice and car parking.	Increased choice dependent on results	Issue to be taken to Business Buddies meeting for discussion.	Business Buddies and Parish Council	Re use of existing property. Available land, Investors.	Ongoing
	Difficulties in accessing Dr's surgery. Lack of Chemist/ Pharmacy	To identify the opportunities for a local surgery and pharmacy. Promote community transport services providing transport to local health facilities	Residents have access to local health facilities Improved information on supporting transport services	Form a local community group to liaise with organisations involved Publicity campaign	Wiltshire Council, NHS England, Local community group Connect 2 Link 6	Available land or premises Investment	Ongoing

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	Difficulties in finding out about local services	Improve communication and publicity about local services	Residents know how to access local services	Setting up of local web site, Find funding and publish Business/Services directory Use local noticeboards to post information about key services.	Parish Council Business Buddies	Possible funding Time Volunteers	12 months

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Business And Economy	Lack of central point to advertise local employment opportunities	Promote local employment opportunities. Setting up of a local job club.	Residents have access to local employment opportunities Provide support for people seeking employment.	Display local job opportunities on local noticeboards (on future Parish Council website) Engage with community to set up a local job club	Business Buddies Parish Council Community members and volunteers	Permission to use noticeboard Access to IT equipment e.g. library Premises	Completed 12 months
	Lack of business support	Promote networking between local businesses	Businesses support each other	Establish a business buddies group	Local businesses		Established
	Future needs for additional business space	Share findings with Neighbourhood plan (NP) working group	Local businesses able to meet future needs				Completed

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Social and Cultural	Lack of information about what clubs and activities are available	Promote local clubs and activities	Residents can access information about local social and cultural activities	Include information about local clubs and activities in the proposed Business/services directory and Parish Council web site	Business Buddies Parish Council Volunteers	Funding for directory Time from volunteers Responsible person to collate updates	Ongoing
	People are unaware of local volunteering opportunities	To promote local volunteering opportunities	More people become involved in local volunteering	Use of directory and website. Library	Volunteer coordinator	Time	Ongoing

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Crime and Safety	Lack of Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Lyneham	Encourage residents to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme	To maintain a safe environment and help address the antisocial behaviour issue	Engage community in setting up a scheme, with advice from local Police team	Volunteers With assistance from Rural Neighbourhood Police Team	Time given by volunteers	12 months
	Lack of awareness and visibility of local Police team	Increase local publicity and awareness	Improved Police/ Public relations	Police page on Parish Council website when live. Regular articles in Parish newsletter. Information in business/services directory. Distribution of minutes from Police Tasking group meetings as in Bradenstoke via neighbourhood watch network.	Parish Council website. Local police team		Ongoing
Housing and new development	Identified need for some new development	Share survey results with NP working group	Residents are able to meet their housing needs locally		NP representative		Completed

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Utilities	Poor/low water pressure especially in Bradenstoke	Encourage residents to report events to Thames Water	Improve water pressure	Ensure Thames Water are aware of this continuing issue	Thames Water	Individuals	Ongoing
	Poor drainage/ Blocked drains and flooding	Inform residents who to contact to report these issues	Flooding on roads Is reduced	Use of local directory and website	Wiltshire Council highways	Individuals Parish Council	Ongoing
	Poor mobile and internet reception	Encourage people to use test tool on Wiltshire online. Help raise awareness of the high speed broadband roll out programme	Improved mobile and internet reception	Use of evidence in community plan to inform providers		Individuals	Ongoing
Transport	Lack of maintenance to pavements	Encourage individuals to report issues to Wiltshire Council/ Parish Council	Improved pavements	Promote the My Wiltshire online form for reporting issues on the local website and in the directory	Wiltshire Council Clarence	Individuals	Ongoing
	Lack of dropped kerbs	Identify sites where dropped kerbs may be required	Improved accessibility for mobility scooters and pushchairs	County councillor currently investigating this issue	Wiltshire Council		Ongoing

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	Vegetation over hanging paths	Ensure that overhanging vegetation is cut back regularly	Improved accessibility		Local residents		Ongoing
	HGV's, speeding traffic	Maintain the Community speed watch	To make drivers aware of speed restrictions		Parish Council	Volunteers to take active part in community speed watch	Ongoing
Environment	Litter	Encourage individuals and community groups to help keep the parish clean and tidy	Cleaner, tidier environment	Organise an annual community litter pick Campaign to bring awareness: Posters Publicity on website. Involve local youth and adult organisations. More litter bins. Encourage people to take litter home.	Parish Council Local organisations Individuals	Parish Council have purchased litter picking equipment. This can also be loaned from Wilts Council. Volunteers. Posters	Ongoing

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	Play parks outdated and in need of refurbishment	Refurbish and provide new equipment	Play parks suitable for all age groups.	Play park project Group to apply for funding from various resources. Consultation with community on new equipment. Regular maintenance checks	MOD, Parish Council, Community groups and organisations Parish Council and MOD	Funding from MOD, Parish Council and other sources. Time from volunteers.	2 years
	Dog fouling	Bring awareness to community about health hazards and anti-social aspect of dog fouling	Cleaner environment	Education of community by poster campaign Involvement of Wilts Council dog warden. More dog fouling signs.	Wiltshire Council, Parish Council, Individuals	Funding for signs and posters	6 months
	Lack of maintenance to roads and pavements	Encourage individuals to report maintenance issues to relevant organisation		Provide information as to who to report issues to	Wiltshire Council, Parish Council	Individual	Ongoing
	Lack of new community spaces Lack of sports facilities and woodland walk	Look into provision of using existing space	More community space for woodland walk and sports facilities	These two issues were addressed in the “Dragons Den” project at the primary school	Lyneham Primary School	Funding secured from Wiltshire Council	2 years

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	High energy cost for heating homes	Raise awareness of how to save costs on energy bills	More people aware of energy saving	Raise awareness of local communal oil buying project. Invite Community First to deliver an Energy Best deal session Promote energy saving website in directory. Promote free energy monitors available to borrow from local libraries	Local energy action group to be set up by volunteers	Volunteers Venue	Ongoing
Governance	Lack of information about local government matters	Ensure people are aware of what the Parish Council is doing Ensure noticeboards accessible to wheelchair users	To allow community to be more informed on Parish Council processes	PC website and Facebook page to be set up. Transparency of financial processes. Minutes more comprehensive, publicity of projects & those planned. Information from Area Board meetings made available to community. Lower PC noticeboard.	Parish Council (PC)		Ongoing

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Young people	Roads are busy and noisy	Maintain Community speed watch (See Transport)	Safer roads	Speed limit awareness stickers for wheelie bins	Individuals	Funding	Ongoing
	Too much litter	Encourage individuals and community groups to help keep the parish clean and tidy	Cleaner tidier environment	Involve young people in anti-litter campaigns. (See Environment)	Individuals and local organisations		Ongoing
	Vandalism in play parks Lack of respect for play equipment	Community to be proactive in prevention of vandalism	Play parks are safe for local children to use	Inspection of play parks on a weekly basis Public awareness In newsletters, website and Facebook.	Parish Council Individuals Volunteers	Time	Ongoing
	Not enough play equipment	This has been addressed in the Environment Action plan	More play equipment			Funding	Ongoing