# Broughton Parish Plan

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Introduction
In 2000, there was a Government White Paper on the subject of Parish Plans with grants being made available for the preparation and production of plans. In 2006, Broughton Parish Council reviewed the question of a Plan for Broughton. In light of the many consultations in the wider Northamptonshire area regarding the Milton Keynes South Midlands Development Study and with the increasing demand for new developments within Broughton, the Parish Council considered that it was important to understand the needs of the village and it was agreed to support the project of a Parish Plan.

The Role of the Parish Plan

- To take stock of what we have or don’t have
- Be better informed on potential threats to village assets
- Be better informed on how the village has developed over recent years and how it looks like developing in the future
- Form the basis for local voluntary action eg self help groups
- Be better able to inform the statutory authorities about the community’s needs
- Foster a sense of community spirit through people working together on the project
- Encourage a sense of pride and heritage
- Collect evidence to influence decision makers

How we did it in Broughton

A sub-committee from the Parish Council started work and felt that initially, it was important for everyone to have the opportunity to be aware of what is going on in the village. A Village Exhibition was organised and voluntary groups and organisations that were operating in the village along with local businesses and trades people were invited to exhibit. It was agreed that this would be the springboard to launch the idea of a Parish Plan within the village and to see if there would be any support for it.

It was very clear at the Village Exhibition that there was overwhelming support for the Parish Plan with very many residents asking questions and pledging their help in many ways for the project. Everyone who had left their name was contacted and a small steering group was formed with a much wider group of volunteers ready to help with various parts of the project at different stages.

We were on our way, the funding for the project was secured and the next stage of the process was to focus totally on the Parish Plan and another Open Day was organised - this time a “Have Your Say” day where residents were invited to come along and leave comments regarding very many aspects of how they live their lives in the village. All the comments were taken away and the steering group worked on producing a questionnaire to go out to each household.

Individual questionnaires were sent out along with the household questionnaires and then, taking it a stage further, it was decided to send questionnaires to our young residents and to our very many organisations and clubs.
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900 questionnaires were distributed to households and approx 1,700 to individuals. 527 household and 858 individual questionnaires were returned * and were professionally analysed and the steering group worked on staging another Open Day, this time a “Results Day” where the findings of the analysis were made available to the village.

At each of these stages in the Parish Plan process, there was massive feedback from the village and a corresponding huge amount of work for the steering group, supported along the way by the many volunteers who wanted to help with this project.

However, although the steering group and their volunteers have managed the development of the Parish Plan and have contributed a great deal of voluntary time and effort, it is in fact everyone in the village who has either attended an Open Day (Village Exhibition, Have Your Say, Results Day) or who has completed a questionnaire that has made a vital contribution to the project and has made a Parish Plan for Broughton possible.

* 527 household questionnaires were collected - a 58% response rate (a sample size of 527 gives a margin of error of +/- 2.9% at the 95% confidence interval (this means the range either side of the survey results within which the "true" results for the whole population of Broughton lie) and 858 individual questionnaires were collected - a 50% response rate (a sample size of 858 gives a margin of error of +/- 2.5% at the 95% confidence interval.

What Next?

The result of the whole process so far is that there are recommendations that the community in Broughton have voiced and that they would like to see implemented.

The Parish Plan document is now adopted by Broughton Parish Council and has been lodged with Kettering Borough Council, and, whilst not a guarantee, it will greatly enhance the ability of the Parish Council to express clearly with Borough and County authorities, the desires and needs of our community. It will serve as an evidence base for the impending Local Development Framework and will also be used as material consideration in determining planning applications.

The Parish Plan will be reviewed periodically in the future as part of an on-going process in the village.
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HERITAGE & IDENTITY

Broughton dates back to the Doomsday Book (Burton) and was the site for a middle age settlement, remains of which can still be found in the village. Farming has been a continuous industry in the history of the village and is still very much in evidence today. Cransley Furnaces, and more recently, shoemaking have also provided much employment for villagers.

Whilst still retaining very many traditional stone buildings and features from its earlier history, Broughton has evolved and grown in size - particularly in the more recent past with Carter Avenue, Glebe Avenue, Grange Road Estate and then the "New" estate of Baker Avenue/Donaldson Avenue. In addition to these major developments, we have seen significant infill of plots within the village boundaries.

In April 1989, the parishes of Little Cransley and Broughton were merged and a new Broughton Parish Boundary established.

Respondents identify very strongly with the village. One of the questions that was asked is whether residents are proud to live in Broughton - 64% of respondents said they were, 25% expressed no opinion and 11% said they weren't. It was less clear whether people felt that the quality of life in Broughton had altered over the past 10 years: 30% felt that it was worse, 30% felt that it was the same, 35% said that they didn't know but just 5% said that it was better.

What do we say is important to us about our village?

Our community exists with many valuable village assets. Residents have indicated that they place great importance on these features.

Broughton occupies a unique position in that it is the largest village in the Borough of Kettering and is sited in close proximity to the town. However, the results from the questionnaires have demonstrated overwhelmingly that Broughton residents value the rural nature and village status very highly.
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HERITAGE & IDENTITY (cont.)

Tradition
We have a tradition that continues in the village that is the Tin Can Band. Each year, this event takes place on the first Sunday in December following the 12th of the month. The origins of the tradition are unclear but it has knowingly been in place for more than 200 years. It has courted controversy in its history but has continued with varying attendance levels through the years with at times hundreds of followers and at others just one. In addition to the Tin Can Band, in recent years the “Not The Broughton Gala” enjoyed great success and played an important role in the unity of the village. The Tin Can Band and the Not The Broughton Gala are both featured in our village sign.

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**Actions**

- Development within the village boundary to be considered with a view to preserving or enhancing the existing character of the village
- Encroachment on the village boundary to be resisted
- Develop with the help of Kettering Borough Council a Conservation Area Appraisal
- Resist spread of Kettering towards Broughton through Parish Council action and representation with Borough and County Authorities
- Broughton Parish Council to encourage knowledge of village history via the Broughton Archive
- Encourage the compilation of the Village History

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<td>Endeavour to promote village unity and encourage village participation</td>
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**Actions**

- Parish Council to work with Kettering Borough Council to nurture physical village pride and care for surroundings through promotion of their Operation Springbloom, Kleensweep and active use of Street Doctor and ELVIS schemes
- Promote pride in the village and surroundings through compilation of an historical base for the village
- Encourage village school and other organisations to promote awareness of village history and surroundings
- Encourage promotion of whole village events
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Are you aware of organisations operating in the village?

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<td>Broughton Old Boys</td>
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Village Organisations

Our very many village organisations have a great heritage and provide a substantial social framework within the village. The majority of these organisations are run by volunteers and require the support of the village to continue.

Most of our organisations are well established and have been operating for more than 15 years (80%) however there is room for new as 15% have been operating for less than 5 years.

Suggestions that were put forward for new groups included:

- Adult Art & Craft Club, Badminton, Snooker Club, Basketball Club, Choir, Historical Society, Gardening Club, Cricket Club, Dancing, Needlework, Cycling Club, Writing/Poetry Club, Rambling Club, Fishing, Reading Circle, Music Workshops, Wine Club, Photographic Club, Youth Club, Rugby, Slimming Club, Tennis Club

Recommendation

Develop profile of and encourage participation in village organisations

Actions

- Parish Council to provide an umbrella framework to promote well-being of village organisations: to channel fundraising opportunities and sources and to assist with the promotion of activities.
- Encourage village organisations to promote activities through village communication channels.
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Housing

Nearly three quarters of those who responded to the survey had lived in the village for 6 years or more with 42% having lived in Broughton for more than 15 years. Liking the village and their properties were the main reasons for respondents coming to live in Broughton.

Responses from the survey questionnaires indicate that happily the population of Broughton is fairly static with 95% not looking to move. Of those who are looking for alternative accommodation the majority wish to stay in Broughton or live within a 10 mile radius.

Those that want to move are mostly young people, the sons and daughters of existing householders.

Some households have not been able to move for reasons of:

- Price
- No suitable property to buy
- Lack of private rented accommodation
- Lack of local authority/housing association homes

Those who are looking to move require the following type of accommodation:

Recommendations

Ensure good mix of available accommodation to enable local people to stay in the village

Actions

- Establish a fact base of existing village accommodation
- Broughton Parish Council and Kettering Borough Council to investigate the question of building shared ownership or rented Housing Association accommodation together with low cost owner/occupier housing.
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### Development in Broughton

Views of residents who took part in the village survey established that the majority thought that either there has been too much new housing in Broughton over the last 10 years or that it was about right.

Some residents commented that not enough affordable housing had been built and those which had been built, were too expensive.

They were also concerned that many houses were built too closely together at too great a density.

Nearly three quarters of residents responded that Broughton could not accommodate any more new housing and two thirds stated that new housing would spoil the environment.

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<td>39%</td>
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### Development respondents would like to see...

- Conversion of redundant buildings
- Single dwellings within the village frame work
- Affordable housing
- Bungalows for the elderly

Many stressed that it is important that the village keeps its character and felt that the current infrastructure is insufficient to support further development.

Residents were in agreement that new development should:

- be in a style in keeping with the village
- have adequate off road parking spaces.

### Recommendations

Retain the character of the village

### Actions

Whenever possible, emphasise with Local Authorities the importance of:

- Including starter homes in new developments
- Managing new development in line with guidance contained within this plan
- Careful consideration being given to higher densities of building to plot size and resisted where possible when the density detracts from the traditional streetscape and built form where this is worthy of safeguarding.
- Including adequate off road parking spaces.

“Just don’t build anything that would be detrimental to keeping Broughton a village. We are here because we want to live a village life. Leave the building to the town areas - don’t spoil our village” comment from an individual questionnaire.
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Business and Commercial Development

At the present time there are 3 shops, 2 public houses, a car repair garage, a blacksmiths, Chinese takeaway, hairdressers, Post Office, agricultural home-based businesses and a number of cottage industries run from home. 12% of respondents live and work in Broughton.

Many respondents are in favour of encouraging cottage industries in and around Broughton.

Other business/commercial development that people would like to encourage include:

- ✔ Surgery and/or pharmacy
- ✔ Butchers
- ✔ Bakers
- ✔ Tea /Coffee Shop

Where could business and commercial development be located?

Whilst most people did not know where to locate business or commercial development in Broughton some people made the following suggestions:

- ✔ Northampton Road where it meets the A43
- ✔ Kettering Road allotments
- ✔ Gate Lane
- ✔ Mile End Lane
- ✔ Wellingborough Road towards Pytchley

Recommendations

Where possible, promote and support cottage industries

Actions

- Give sympathetic but realistic encouragement for small industrial units outside the present village envelope.
- Promote village website as a communication tool for use by local businesses
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Public Transport

At the time of the Broughton Survey there were two main bus routes passing through the village. One was the 39 Kettering to Northampton and the other the 79 Connect bus to/from Kettering, both operating at one hour intervals throughout the working day. The 79 has since been withdrawn and the 17 Kettering to Desborough service running three times a day has taken its place.

In addition to these services, which are run by Stagecoach, there is a weekly coach run by Buckby's to Northampton on a Wednesday and one to the Co-Op in Kettering also on Wednesdays.

Since April 2008 bus travel for the over 60s has been free and this has increased passenger numbers on all routes.

For 90% of all respondents to the survey, their major means of transport was a car but only 8% selected a bus.

Cars were more likely to be used on a daily or weekly basis while the bus was used only occasionally.

The main reasons given for not using buses were cost and frequency and there were many requests for a late evening and Sunday service.

![Suggested Improvements Chart]

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<td>Bus Stop location</td>
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<td>Timetable</td>
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Recommendations

Improvement of overall public transport facilities and links for the village

Actions

- Liaise with Stagecoach on possibility of an improved service and more direct routes.
- Improved advertising of existing service to increase use of public transport
- Improve disabled access to buses
- Improve existing service timetable to match the working day
- Improve connections for onward travel e.g. Train station
- Improve services to enable access for social activities eg. Evening service to town centres and cinema complex.
Parking Problems at Home

Nearly three quarters of residents park their cars on their driveways or in garages, with 12% parking on the road.

Many residents have problems parking in Broughton because of:
- Traffic speed
- Fear of car damage
- Traffic blocking the road
- Traffic volume

Other parking problems include:
- Parked cars making visibility difficult when moving off
- Inconsiderate parking on pavements and verges
- Parked cars blocking driveways

Noted problem areas where residents have difficulty in parking at home are:

**HIGH STREET** particularly near the Co-op and newsagents due to delivery vehicles and inconsiderate or unsafe parking by customers to shops.

**CRANSLY HILL** where the road is narrow but still has parking on both sides. There is a particular problem at the start/finish of school time with parents parking as near to the school as they can and even blocking driveways. Lorries and buses also use this road.

**NORTHAMPTON ROAD** with the provision of new houses and dropped kerbs restricting the number of parking areas available.

**IVYDENE TERRACE** where households with more than one vehicle experience a shortage of parking space

**SILVER STREET** has double parking on occasions

**Recommendations**

To increase parking provision and promote considerate parking arrangements

**Actions**

- Lobby for increased parking spaces for all new developments
- Assess impact of conversion of garages to living accommodation
- Look at possibility of increasing parking/garage provision

**IF RESIDENTS FOR A VEHICLE WHERE DO YOU USUALLY PARK IT?**

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Highways
Overall, 75% of respondents thought that there were major ‘danger spots’ on the roads in Broughton.

Issues identified were mainly related to speeding, parking, access and visibility. The pedestrian crossing outside the Co-op was of major concern to many.

Parking Hot Spots identified
- Co-op/Bellamy’s and the High Street
- Cransley Hill
- Silver Street
- Post office & junction of Wellingborough Road & Northampton Road
- Church Street
- Gate Lane
- Wellingborough road
- Ivedene Terrace & West Street
- Carter Avenue
- Areas of Northampton Road
- Areas of Kettering Road
- Podmore Way

Speeding Hot Spots identified
- Co-op/Bellamy’s and the High Street
- Cransley Hill
- A43 / Kettering Road Junction
- Post Office & Junction of Wellingborough Road and Northampton Road.
- Church Street
- Gate Lane
- Wellingborough Road
- Northampton Road
- Kettering Road
- Carter Avenue

Pedestrian Crossing
Respondents expressed concerns that the crossing is badly sited and crossing markings are not prominent enough. In addition, visibility of and also from the crossing is obscured by parked cars and delivery lorries. It was felt that the problem is compounded by speeding traffic in this area.

“Cars rarely stop when I am waiting to cross”

Recommendations
Raise existing village highway issues that have been identified with the appropriate local authorities

Actions
- Investigate the possibility of improving the pedestrian crossing in the High Street.
- Ensure that the difficulties experienced in the village with regard to parking are highlighted with local authorities whenever possible
- Investigate existing parking issues that have been identified with the appropriate local authorities and evaluate all means of improvement that might be available.
- Work with our local Safer Community Police team on tackling speeding hot spots in the village.
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**Highways - Junctions**

The junction opposite the CO-OP is in need of much thought and careful planning according to the feed back from the community.

A43 Junction with Kettering Road is the junction which the community has the most concern about and is perceived as a severe hazard.

A43 Junction with Northampton Road the community wish to see altered to a four way roundabout.

**Recommendations**

Improve quality and safety of junctions in and around the village and improve access to and from the village.

**Actions**

- Local Highways Authority to provide four way access to the roundabout at the junction of Northampton Road and the A43 and to improve safety at the Kettering Road/A43 exit.
- Resolve the hazard issues at the two central junctions at each end of the High Street.
- Improve safety at Pytchley Crossroads

The junction of Wellingborough Road & Northampton Road is seen to be a potential hazard with speeding traffic and children playing in the road.
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Law and Order
There appears to be much concern in the village with regard to crime and personal safety. The results from the questionnaires have indicated that:
✓ A high percentage of people in the village do not feel safe
✓ 60% of people are very concerned about being burgled
✓ 91% of people are concerned about anti-social behaviour
✓ 91% of people are concerned about vandalism/criminal damage

How Concerned are Residents About Burglary

- Very 60%
- Quite 25%
- Not Very 12%
- Not At All 2%
- 1% No Opinion

How Concerned are Residents about their Safety in the Village?

- Very 41%
- Quite 27%
- Not Very 23%
- Not at all 8%
- 1% No Opinion

With 90% of people using a car as their major means of transport, motoring and parking are also areas of concern:
✓ 83% of people are concerned about vehicle crime
✓ 63% of people have problems parking in Broughton
✓ 54% of people have concerns over speeding vehicles

Recommendations
Provide reassurance with regard to crime and safety within the village

Actions
- Improve communication within the village with our local police officers.
- Raise awareness of local crime figures
- Encourage police surgeries
- Develop Neighbourhood Watch co-ordination throughout the village
- Encourage reporting of incidents by residents to the Police
- Investigate setting up a village Speedwatch Scheme

Safer Community Teams
Working together locally

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Problems with litter and dog fouling

Many respondents expressed concern about the level of litter and dog fouling in the village. The questionnaires completed by our young children also reflected very strongly these two issues.

- 85% of adults surveyed said that they were quite or very concerned about litter in Broughton
- Broughton children are unhappy about the amount of litter in Broughton - 55% of children who responded felt that this was an issue

There were also calls for improved recycling facilities being located within the village. Some suggestions were:

- Could there be extra recycling facilities on an occasional basis at the village hall?
- Do we need more litter picks or notices around the village?
- Could there be a skip for villagers to use on occasion so that they could recycle large items instead of paying to get them taken away?

Fouling - and not just by dogs!

82% of the villagers surveyed said that they were very or quite concerned about dog fouling with many providing examples of their bad experiences! Some dog owners commented that they wished other dog owners were more responsible. In addition to the normal waste bins, there are several dog litter bins in the village and bags are available free from Kettering Borough Council Dog Warden. Additional bins specifically for dog waste were highlighted with specific locations given.

Respondents also mentioned horse fouling of roads and footpaths stating that this should be treated just as seriously as dog fouling. Cat fouling also caused problems for some villagers.

Recommendations
Reduce the amount of litter and fouling in Broughton

Actions
- Review the number of litter bins in the village and request additional facilities if appropriate
- Request additional dog litter bins
- Investigate additional recycling facilities
- Request additional dog fouling notices, and educational literature from Kettering Borough Council and request regular visits to the village by the Dog Warden.
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Youth

Our younger population have played an active part in the Parish Plan process - first of all by taking part in an art competition which was organised with Broughton Primary School and then by completing questionnaires aimed at ages up to 11. The participation level was very much in line with that of the adult questionnaires and very definite points of view were expressed.

Are our young children happy living in Broughton?

Play areas feature very strongly - we are fortunate to have several in the village: Podmore Way, High Street, Village Hall Playing Fields and Play Area. From the results, our most popular play area by far at the moment is the new installation at the Village Hall.

Our young children who responded are happy with where they live. They expressed considerable concern about litter, vandalism, dog mess and didn't think people were looking after the village very well.

Recommendations
To ensure our young children enjoy their village and feel safe

Actions
- Encourage our village school and other village groups working with children to promote village status and values
- Encourage family activities through walk and play
- Encourage sense of place eg through bulb planting scheme (Kettering Borough Council Operation Springbloom)

Do our young children feel safe in Broughton?
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Village Meeting

To discuss
Anti-Social Behaviour in Broughton

and
Forming a “Friends Broughton Comedy Group”

Date and Time:
Friday 2nd February 2007
At the Village Hall
7.00pm

The Meeting will be attended by representatives of the Parish Council, Parish Councillors and Police who will present background information.

Everyone is welcome to come and listen and contribute to helping us solve this problem.

Many respondents indicated that they felt that there isn’t enough for our youngsters to do. There are several village clubs and organisations that are currently working with young people (Little Fishes, Minnows Praise, Toybox, 4 Spikes Youth, Brownies, Beavers, Broughton Youth, Scouts, Guides, Broughton Chapel Youth Group, Broughton Players, Kung Fu classes, youth football and table tennis). All of these groups are run by volunteers and many of them are actively fundraising to continue their activities.

However, it is evident from the comments that were provided that better provision of activities for teenagers was felt to be a constructive way of providing a possible solution to these serious issues and encouragingly, many positive suggestions and ideas were put forward. The most popular suggestion would be for a youth club dedicated to teenagers that would provide focus and interest.

Youth issues played a large part in the “Have Your Say” part of the Parish Plan process and, over and above the 61% of respondents that said more youth activities were required, the responses to the individual questionnaires provoked considerable debate about youth in general with much concern relating to behaviour and respect for property and individuals.

Youth vandalism and anti-social behaviour have been the subject of several village initiatives and meetings in the more recent past with our Parish Council, our Borough Councillor and Police being very attentive to these issues.

Recommendation

To encourage healthy youth-adult and adult-youth perceptions

Actions

- Develop a structured communication route with youngsters
- Establish a whole village approach to youngsters and youth issues
- Encourage respect for village surroundings - through school and village projects
- Broadcast what the village already has to offer
- Encourage volunteer and parental support for village groups working with youngsters
- Encourage parental support for and youth participation in activities
- Encourage parental responsibility for their children’s behaviour and actions
- Establish a village recognised, youth relevant and successful youth club
Communications

The vast majority (86%) of respondents usually get information about events in the village from the monthly Four Spires Parish Magazine. Posters on lamp posts (45%) and word of mouth (45%) were also common ways of finding out about what goes on.

Nearly two thirds (64%) of respondents to the parish survey think that the amount of information available about what is going on in the village is reasonable and 20% think it is good.

Over half of respondents to the survey think there is a need for a main village notice board.

Where should it be located? Overwhelmingly, respondents would like to see it located centrally, somewhere near to the Co-op or newsagents on the High Street. Another popular location was in the vicinity of the War Memorial and Post Office at the junction of Wellingborough Road and Northampton Road.

There is wide use of internet/email in the village and over three quarters of respondents have access to Broadband but very few (3%) get information about what goes on in the village from the village website.

- 92% internet/email
- 77% Broadband

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Other suggested locations for a main village notice board include:

- Near the Red Lion / by the village sign
- Near the park

Some people suggested that there should be more than one location and suggestions included:

- School / War Memorial / near the Social Club
- Near War Memorial / Near Chinese Takeaway

Recommendations

Establish clear communication within the village

Actions

- Investigate potential sites for main village notice board
- Encourage increased use of village website (www.broughton-village.co.uk)
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Recreation and Leisure
From the questionnaires, there was a demonstrable interest shown in leisure and recreational activities right across the age spectrum. A fair number of respondents knew of some of the activities and facilities offered, however a great number of people responding to the questionnaire were unaware of the extent of what was available within the village.

The survey showed that 94.5% of the leisure and recreational activities currently operating in the village were run by volunteers. Despite this, most of the organisations were crying out for volunteers to help, particularly by the parents of children who attend the various youth activities offered.

The children also showed an active interest in the facilities offered to them, particularly the parks and playgrounds. A fair number requested that more age appropriate equipment be offered in the playgrounds across the age range of the children using the facilities.

The following activities are currently offered in Broughton

- 4Spires WI
- Broughton Medical Action Research
- Broughton Art Exhibition
- Broughton Charities of Bentham
- Broughton for Youth
- Broughton Ladies Circle
- Broughton Old Boys
- Broughton Old Folks Parcel Fund
- Broughton Playing Fields and Village Hall Association
- Royal British Legion (Women's Section)
- Broughton Rainbows
- Broughton Social Club
- St Andrew's Church
- Sunday School
- Keep Fit
- Yoga
- 4 Spires Youth
- Broughton Archive
- Broughton Chapel
- Broughton Cubs
- Broughton Indoor Bowls Club
- Broughton’s Over 60’s
- Broughton Players
- Youth Football
- Broughton Scouts
- Brownies/Guides
- Minnows Praise
- Little Fishes
- Flute Circle
- Kung Fu

Recommendations
To promote, encourage and support the existing activities within the village and to facilitate the generation of other leisure and recreational activities, with improvement to the existing facilities where possible.

Actions
- Parish council to facilitate awareness of what is offered within the village and to promote and sponsor improvements in the public facilities within the village.

It would seem that we like to relax at home - 95% of respondents said that they do not attend adult education classes although if there were suitable courses (56%) and class times (30%) we might be tempted.
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The Environment (Footpaths and cyclepaths)

Enjoyment of the countryside featured very strongly with respondents with Places to Walk in Broughton being important to 93%. Retention and maintenance of our footpaths is therefore very important. There were calls for a safe footpath to Kettering.

Cycling also featured very strongly with respondents with 69% saying that they think it is important to have places to cycle in and around the village.

Wildlife in our surroundings is enjoyed by very many with 94% saying that it is an important element of the countryside to them.

Although there are not many regular cyclists in Broughton the survey suggests that this is because it is not straightforward to cycle beyond the village. For example there is no cycle path to Mawsley, Loddiswell or Pytchley and the roads are very hazardous.

The cyclepath to Kettering is considered to be noisy and dangerous and the route over the A14 is difficult for some. The cycle path does not go all the way to Northampton.

Recommendations
Promote enjoyment of local rural environment

Actions
- Publish current network of local footpaths.
- Ensure correct maintenance of existing footpaths.
- Investigate development of local footpath network.
- Promote local cycling routes.
- Investigate options to provide additional cycle routes and a new footpath to Kettering.
Some of your Comments

"Preserve Broughton's identity and heritage. Avoid it growing towards Kettering. Provide more interest for youths. Possibly more local small shops and trade in centre."

"Whilst we appreciate new housing is necessary in the country, our concern is that the village should be preserved and not become a "suburb" of Kettering. The history and originality of Broughton could be so easily destroyed by over-development. The barn conversions and some infill have been very well done but it seems more and more are being put on quite small plots. We moved to Broughton as we wanted and fell in love with village life – we are very concerned that this could be eroded by over development."

"Why not have a good neighbour award. My neighbours are excellent, we all get on, we all check on one another if we don’t see one or the other for more than a day. I have always lived in a big city so moving here was a dream come true. To me life here couldn’t get any better."

"Broughton is a great place for children but the High Street play area needs doing up the way that the village hall has. Broughton 4 Youth, Scouts and St. Andrews youth group are brilliant examples of people doing something to keep young people occupied and off the streets, should be staffed and funded by the council and not totally reliant on volunteers. The Christmas lights/flower beds by the entrances etc are all important signs that this is a great village to live in with people who care."

"We moved here 18 months ago after living in Wellingborough 7 years and then Thrapston 9 years. We drove through the village before looking for a house. We fell in love with size of the village, the idea of not too many shops and the feel of Broughton itself. The people were so friendly and then finding a house we totally adored we couldn’t ask for more, it was also a bonus to move next to our neighbours on both sides. I don’t know what could be an improvement on Broughton. It’s perfect as it is. Please don’t build any more houses, it would spoil somewhere that is an idyllic village."

"We moved to Broughton nearly six years ago and wish that we had found it earlier as we love it here"

"There is nothing for the youth of the village to do, so they hang around street corners or bus stops which gives the village a bad image. They look so out of character. Nothing appears to be done about any anti-social behaviour that occurs or the mindless vandalism."

"To be able to turn right into Kettering again from Northampton Road end of the village would create far less problems on leaving the village and would again mean far less vehicles charging their way through the High Street."

"To make it safe for everyone and to keep it a village. Village life is the best way to live. “I am pleased to be a resident of Broughton. It is a good place to live - not perfect!"

"The village appears to have very little civic pride. In other villages where I have lived, for example litter clearance is undertaken on a regular basis by volunteers responsible for particular areas. In Broughton the litter seems to lie uncollected for months."

"The village has a lot to offer for young families like ours. The community and people are strong. There just doesn’t seem to be any one organisation pulling it all together that is engaged, pro-active and effective. We need improved traffic calming and need to reduce the shock new build estates or 10-20 homes which are eating away at the countryside."

"The village should not be extended outside the current boundary as the schools and road infrastructure will not support an increase in the village population. Broughton is already quite a large village and extending it further would cause it to loose the village feel."

"Resurfacing of pavements - some are in very poor condition. Keep village as living village not just houses for town folk. Encourage small businesses."

"My only grumble would be litter - both my husband and I pick up bottles, crisp packets and all sorts every morning."
Some of your Comments (cont.)

“My family moved here in 1971. I was born and brought up in Kettering so I knew the village well before moving in. We were very pleased with the peace and quiet of Broughton compared with Kettering, the close contact with the countryside has also been greatly valued by us and our children. Now grandchildren love the country walks or bike rides. The above were very important influences in our decision to live in Broughton. Accordingly, large scale development which might change this would be very disappointing and reduce the quality of life of those who follow. Small scale light industrial/retail units would be an asset particularly to those looking for starter jobs. Broughton should maintain its village identity and not be overwhelmed by Kettering-on-the-hill.”

“We are here because we want to live a village life. Leave the building to the town areas. Don’t spoil our village.”

“I would like to see the local school open in the evening for adult education classes as it did years ago. Classes for leisure that enable people to get out and meet others.”

“I think some kind of central village activity would benefit everyone. An idea maybe to hold a village event for the tin can band. Perhaps a street party with stalls incorporating local businesses and the church and chapel. A children’s route could start the fun off in the afternoon and then the traditional route could be followed by whoever wished to join in at the usual time. If all the groups in the village were able to have a stall or run some kind of fund raising entertainment then everyone can benefit not only for fundraising but also awareness of groups. I think groups that encourage different age groups to mix will be a good idea. Perhaps having events at the village hall where older people can teach either games, dancing or cookery to younger people. Also younger people could do the same and share their ideas with the older people too.”

“I would like to see the space between Broughton and Kettering kept as green. It is a village that has life in it and is not just a pretty “English Village” where only the wealthy live. It is good as a village but could well die if Kettering encroached on it.”

“I feel that Broughton is of a size where further housing development would seriously compromise its village feel and dilute any sense of community. I think it is important that Broughton retains some amenities as not everyone drives and shops create a focal point and an excuse to walk somewhere. Broughton is a great place to live and I love living here!”

“Encouraging the community to work together to make Broughton a good place to live. Work on stamping out the vandals by working with the young people to give them something else to focus on.”

“We need to keep the community spirit in the village and have consideration towards others. This appears to be vanishing along with the green spaces and country walks too. Lets keep the countryside and have time for consideration and encourage the new youth to be interested in keeping this and making it a worthwhile place to live.”

“Broughton is a big enough village. The new housing/infrastructure in Mawsley has catered for an enormous amount of development in the area. Broughton is a lovely village especially the old part (St. Andrew’s Church and Church Street areas). Tranquility is very important and I would hate to see Broughton become a town and lose its identity if it got any bigger.”

“We should continue to be proud of our village and continue to do all things possible to make it better, irrespective of the element that are out to destroy it.”

“It is important to keep the feeling of being a village. Develop an awareness of the heritage parts of the village – something to be provided on the old memorial garden site.”

“Broughton is made up of a mixture of people, some whose families have been in the village for years, some who have move in more recently. It perhaps lacks a great sense of village identity but it is still small enough to have a real feeling of a village community and large enough to sustain the amenities and organisations that we enjoy. I would not like to see it grow so large that we lost this community feeling or we lost our feeling of being surrounded by lovely countryside or, heaven forbid, that we merged into a suburb of Kettering.”
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<td>Develop a Conservation Area Appraisal</td>
<td>Broughton PC to liaise with KBC to establish methodology and timescale</td>
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<td>Ensure good mix of available accommodation to enable local people to stay in the village</td>
<td>Parish Council to establish a fact base of existing village accommodation and investigate opportunities when available for shared ownership, housing association accommodation and low cost owner/occupier housing</td>
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<td>Where possible, promote and support cottage industries</td>
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<td>Encourage knowledge and compilation of village history via the Broughton Archive</td>
<td>Publicise Broughton Archive where possible and encourage interested parties to prepare a history framework and then build with detail</td>
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<td>Nurture village pride and care for surroundings through promotion of Operation Springbloom, Kleensweep and active use of Street Doctor and ELVIs schemes</td>
<td>Parish Council to work with KBC to introduce these existing schemes into the village and encourage knowledge of local village history and engage with the local school to promote awareness of village history and surroundings</td>
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<td>Develop profile of and encourage participation in village organisations</td>
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<td>Review existing village highway issues with the appropriate local authorities</td>
<td>Parish Council to work with our Local Safer Community Police team to tackle speeding hot spots and investigate setting up a village Speedwatch Scheme. Parish Council to investigate the possibility of improving the pedestrian crossing in the High Street</td>
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<td>Improve quality and safety of junctions in and around the village and improve access to and from the village.</td>
<td>Parish Council to liaise with local highways authority at every available opportunity regarding: the provision of a four way access to the roundabout at the junction of Northampton Road and the A43; to improve safety at the Kettering Road/A43 exit, Pytchley crossroads and the two central junctions at each end of the High Street.</td>
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<td>Provide reassurance with regard to crime and safety within the village</td>
<td>Parish Council to liaise with our Local Safer Community Team to improve communication through police surgeries and development of village-wide neighbourhood watch scheme. Local crime figures to be published by Parish Council and Police to encourage reporting of incidents by residents.</td>
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<td>Reduce the amount of litter and fouling in Broughton</td>
<td>Parish Council to review the number of existing litter and dog waste bins and request additional facilities, if required and to request additional dog fouling notices, education literature and visits to the village by the Dog Warden as necessary. Parish Council to investigate additional recycling opportunities with Kettering Borough Council</td>
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<td>To ensure our young children enjoy their village and feel safe and develop respect for their surroundings and other villagers</td>
<td>Encourage use of village website to broadcast youth activities Secure funding for organised youth group with youth leader to promote village awareness and involvement Promote where possible parental involvement and responsibility</td>
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Art Competition that was run by Broughton Primary School as part of the Parish Plan process. The winning picture was selected by members of the community who attended the Parish Plan "Have Your Say Day"
Winner: Chloe Cotton