

PARISH PLAN ANALYSIS

Thank you so much for completing the Parish Plan questionnaire which was distributed recently. Attached are the results from those questionnaires and the following gives further information to help understand the figures.

We hope you will take the time to read this and hopefully it will help you become more involved in your village in the future.

Question 3 Easton School

Of the 61 households who said the school was of **very important**, 18 were households with school-age children and 43 were households without school age children. Not only current parents, but residents in general thought the school was important in Easton.

Question 9 Business development

Following the results this is a matter to be progressed by Easton Parish Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council as and when applications for business development occur.

Question 10 Mains Gas

A volunteer is required to make contact with British Gas to see if there is the possibility of bringing this facility to the village. If you would be prepared to do this, please contact the Clerk.

Question 11 Community Composting Project

2 people offered a parcel of land for this project and 12 expressed an interest in the management. If you offered land or wish to help manage the project, please contact the Clerk with your details and all interested parties can be introduced to each other to take the matter forward.

Question 12 Village Volunteers

A large number of people offered their services for various works around the village. Please look out for information on community works which will be published in the Parish Magazine and on the notice board.

Question 13 Activities for the elderly

There appears to be a lack of interest from those aged 75 – 84 and someone commented that elderly people do not require exclusive activities.

Question 14 Youth activities (ages 5 – 17)

Youth Bus – only 8 out of 51 (16%) of young people were interested. However, 27% were interested in a youth club. The Go with the Flow youth bus (mobile youth club) is visiting Easton for two taster sessions on Tuesday 12th June and Tuesday 26th June from 6.30 – 8.00 pm. It is aimed at young people aged between 10 and 14 years and will be situated in the car park. It is run by fully trained youth workers and provides a variety of activities from computer games to music and cooking to craft activities or the opportunity to get together for a chat. Parents will be welcomed on to the bus for the first 15 minutes to see the facilities and then the children will have the remainder of the time for the activities. A separate flyer will be distributed before the event.

21% of young people were interested in indoor sports and 21% in outdoor sports

Ages of group in years	Number in age group	Number and percentages requesting following activities							
		Youth Bus		Youth Club		Indoor Sports		Outdoor Sports	
		Nos	%	Nos	%	Nos	%	Nos	%
5 – 10	23	4	17	8	34	5	21	4	17
11 – 15	20	4	20	5	25	2	10	4	20
16 – 17	8	0	0	1	12	3	37	3	37
Total for each activity		8		14		10		11	
% of 51 young people		16%		21%		20%		21%	

Activities suggested by the young:

Tennis - need for a court
Hockey and netball – older girls
Craft club for both children and adults

A large number of residents felt that there should be facilities for the young even if they have no young people in their households.

Question 16 Additional village activities

A number of activities were suggested which could suit both adults and younger people:

Pilates, Karate; a running group, photography, calligraphy, art club, astronomy, languages, beekeeping, gardening club, whist, wine tasting, craft club, indoor bowls, table tennis for women as well as the current men's group, badminton, seated exercises for the elderly

As with all activities they require someone to get them underway and to run them. If you offered to run one of the above, would be interested in doing so or wish to join, please contact the Clerk and like minded people can be introduced to one another.

Question 18 Broadband

Ric Ackland-Snow has been looking at the options to try to gain better broadband reception in our rural village and a summary of these options is given below:

- A national government initiative (Broadband Delivery UK –BDUK) is making £530m available on the basis of matched funding from local authorities. Each County Council can apply for a share of this money and Suffolk has done this already and produced a plan which will cost £45m, about half of which will come from central government and local council funding, matched by private sector investment from a competitively selected commercial operator. The council is also seeking further funding from other programmes and local authorities to fund a demand simulation programme and to meet programme operating costs. The full Suffolk plan is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/broadband

The plan is to provide typical speeds of 100mbs to 100% of homes and businesses by 2020. This plan assumes a predominantly fibre based solution of FTTC and FTTH to 85/90% of premises by 2015 with interim solutions (probably fixed wireless broadband and some satellite) serving the remaining 20/15% of premises also by 2015. The plan aims to ensure that 20% of all Suffolk premises that currently get less than 2Mbs will get more than 2Mbs by 2015. Ultimately the plan envisages 100% fibre complemented by the availability of 4G/LTE mobile broadband.

- A service is being rolled out by a commercial operator (County Broadband) which is serving North Essex and Suffolk. More information can be found at www.countybroadband.co.uk It is a 5MHz wireless service and, as yet, no cost information is available. However Mr Ackland-Snow has arranged a meeting with the company and will have more specific information then. It may well be more advantageous to join with neighbouring villages to increase the number of potential subscribers as Ufford have done with 420 households.
- A similar possibility is to work with Framlingham Technology Centre and the use of microwave repeater stations on tall buildings, such as churches, to beam the signal into the village. This option will, almost certainly, be expensive and fraught with issues such as planning and gaining permissions to install the equipment.

Question 19 Mobile Phone Receptions

This situation is not easily solved but for Vodafone subscribers who also have at least a 1Mbs fixed line broadband connection, the mobile signal can be improved substantially in the area of the village. The solution is to purchase a device called Sure Signal from Vodafone which costs £50

<http://shop.vodafone.co.uk/shop/mobile-accessories/vodafone-sure-signal>

Other mobile operators may well offer this type of solution in the future