Barking Parish Plan Report

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Introduction

A Parish Plan is a community led project, produced at a very local level with a high degree of community involvement. It identifies the needs of the whole community with clear priorities, and provides an Action Plan to achieve them. There is also an opportunity for all parishioners to have a say in how the local area and services are managed. Lastly, a Parish Plan puts us on the agenda with the district and county councils, giving us a much-needed voice.

The first Parish Plan for Barking was produced in 1996 and led to many improvements in our Parish. These included the Youth Club, new play equipment on the Tye, the Art Group, the clearing out of the pond, the footway from Needham Market, and replacement windows in the Village Hall. It was time for an update so each household in Barking and Darmsden was asked to complete a questionnaire and each person over the age of 18 was asked to complete their own personal questionnaire. 77% of households completed the Household Questionnaire and 59% of the adults completed the General Questionnaire. 40 young people between the ages of 8 and 17 completed the Youth Questionnaire and 23 people completed the Business Questionnaire. Your responses have been used to write this Plan. It has been a very long task, and I am grateful to the Steering Group who worked so hard and without whom this would not have been possible.

Barking Parish Council pledged its support for this very worthwhile project and contributed 5% of the budget. Going forward, the Parish Council continues to give its full support to the project and to the Parish Plan Action Group to ensure the Action Plan is implemented and regularly reviewed.

Susan Marsh, Chairman, Barking Parish Council, April 2011
The Parish Plan Project

At the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2007, residents were invited to a presentation by a representative of Suffolk ACRE to hear about Parish Plans. The decision was taken at that meeting to begin the process and volunteers were sought to form a Steering Group. The first meeting of the Steering Group was on 24th January 2008, when the advantages of undertaking a Parish Plan were defined as:

- Making the parish a better place to live
- Raising the profile of the parish with key partners
- An investment in the parish
- Good value for money/ROI (return on investment)

During the next initial meetings, a budget was agreed and funding applied for. The majority of the funding was given by DEFRA RSCP, administered by Suffolk ACRE (£1,350); with additional funding from Mid Suffolk District Council (£620), Suffolk County Council Locality Grant (£100) and the remainder from Barking Parish Council (£104.92). Barking Community Council approved a grant of £100 but it was not needed. The total funding received was £2,174.92. The Budget for the project was £2,098.37. Our sincere thanks to all those organisations which provided the funding to enable this very worthwhile project to be undertaken.

Steering Group members attended a Consultation Training Day on 15th March 2008 to learn about the process of undertaking a Parish Plan. Suffolk ACRE was chosen as the software provider (the software which produced the questionnaire and the data analysis). In June 2008 every household, every business and a sample of the youth, were asked to identify the broad issues and once the Steering Group had received the responses, these were analysed and work got underway to design the four questionnaires, one general questionnaire to be given to every household, one personal questionnaire for every person over the age of 18, one youth questionnaire for every young person between the ages of 8 and 17, and a business questionnaire for all the local businesses within the parish. The broad headings identified were Communication, Environment, Natural Environment (the Tye/woods), Health, Transport, Traffic, Emergency and other Services, Housing, Faith, Community and the Village Hall. The questions were devised and prioritised by the Steering Group and then the task to populate the software with all the questions began. Sample questionnaires were trialled and when the Steering Group was happy with the final selection, the questionnaires were printed. The decision was taken to offer on-line access to the questionnaire for those residents who had access to a personal computer. It is understood that the Barking Steering Group was the first to use this method. The questionnaires were distributed and collected during the Summer of 2009. The data-inputting was outsourced to Suffolk ACRE and completed in September 2009. Following the interrogation of the data, preliminary results were available both at the Chestnut Club Coffee Morning on 14th November 2009 and again at the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2010.

The Final Report and Action Plan were published in April 2011. An initial 30 copies have been printed and sent to key stakeholders such as Suffolk ACRE, Suffolk County Council, Mid Suffolk District Council, local GP practices, Community Police, Barking Parish Council and the various Parish Groups and Organisations. The Final Report and Action Plan are also available on-line via the Parish Website www.barking.suffolk.gov.uk. Anyone else interested in seeing a paper copy should contact the Parish Clerk Rosemary Cochrane 01473 657009.

Barking Parish Plan Steering Group
Steering Group Members:

Sue Marsh - Parish Council Representative
Rosemary Cochrane - Finance & Admin
Sue Bailey - Barking Representative
Steve Austin – Chairman (2008 – 2010)
David Page - Barking Representative (2008 - 2009)

Budget

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The Parish of Barking

The Parish of Barking includes the small hamlet of Darmsden. Barking is a linear village situated on the B1078, some 2 miles from Needham Market. Darmsden is located approx 2 miles from Needham Market, via the B1113. In 1251 a survey carried out by the Bishop of Ely states "there is a certain common pasture called barkingtye which has within itself about 50 acres in which all the town may common with the Lord Bishop and pasture their beasts". Certain farmers grazed their stock up until the 1940's. During the Second World War, it was ploughed for cereal production. The Tye was inherited in 1959 by the Rev. John Bickersteth, who generously gave it to Barking Parish Council. In 1965 it was registered as common land under the Commons Registration Act 1965 and its management and use governed by byelaws passed in 1969. Six commoners still have the right to graze stock but this is no longer exercised.

Today the Tye is down to grass with a hay crop being sold for the benefit of the parish. The Tye was managed for many years under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme (DEFRA) and has now been accepted into both the Entry and Higher Levels of the Environmental Stewardship Scheme to secure income for the next few years. Most of the Tye, approx 18 hectares, falls within this scheme, part of which is cut as a hay crop each year. The remaining area is regularly cut short as amenity areas. A small area is devoted to a children's play area, and there is a full sized football pitch.

In 2000, monies from the Barking 100 Lottery was used to create a Millennium Wild Flower Meadow. Situated near the children's play area on the Tye, it has now established itself with a wide range of flowers. In flower at present are ox-eyed daisies, ragged robin, redshank, red clover and of course buttercups and daisies.

The parish boasts a number of ancient woodlands. In 1251 a survey for the Bishop of Ely records the following woods, Tykele (Titley) 5 acres, Prestele (Priestley) 30 acres, Wethersheg (Swingens) 7 acres, Park Wood 9 acres and Boynhey (Bonny Wood) 180 acres. Today the trees are coppiced and the wood sold for logs.

The Tye and woods are a rich source of flora and fauna, including orchids, bluebells, deer and nightingales. Today, the general public is allowed to wander in those owned by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and the Woodland Trust.

The parish is fortunate in having some 24 miles of walkable footpaths which afford some of the most splendid scenery in the County. They are well maintained and used by many local and visiting walkers. In 1998 the Suffolk Ramblers Association awarded Barking cum Darmsden their ‘Premier Pleasure to Walk Award'.
**Barking Village Hall**  The present building was opened in 1894. This Board school was the infant school for Barking and surrounding villages, with older children going to Needham Market. The school was closed in December 1951 when a new school was opened in Ringshall, at that time lighting was still by oil lamp and heating from a coke stove. Cannon S.H. De la Bere who was vicar of Barking and Chairman of the School Managers was instrumental in the building being used as the Village Hall.

This is a traditional village hall with wheelchair access and facilities for the disabled. The main hall is approx. 30’ x 60’, with adequate power points and induction loop for the hard of hearing. There is a well equipped kitchen with serving hatch to the main hall. It is an ideal venue for parties, dances, meetings, exhibitions, wedding receptions etc. and caters for approx. 100-120 people.

There is a large, fenced, grassed area to the rear of the hall with children's play equipment (junior) and car parking to the side and front. There are also 3 bottle banks, a clothing bank, and a paper bank for the use of the local community.

**The Village Sign**  The Village sign was designed by Mrs. Herring. The religious figure represents the Bishop of Ely, once owner of Barking Manor. The Lebanon cedar tree represents the cedar trees in the Churchyard planted by Rev. Robert Uvedale rector from 1699-1723 and the plough represents the importance of agriculture in the Parish.

**St Marys Church, Barking**  From a document dated 951 we know there was a church here in Saxon times. This records the gift of the church and lands to the Abbey of Ely when the young Leofsige, son of an Ealdorman (Alderman) of Essex and later to become Abbot of Ely, entered the abbey as a postulant.

The original wooden and thatched church was rebuilt in flint and stone and over a 200 year period from 1350 it was enlarged by having north and south aisles and a clerestory added. Until 1901 St. Mary's was the parish church of both Barking cum Darmsden and Needham Market, hence its size. A bridle way between Barking and Needham Market known as the ‘Causeway’ is a corruption of corpse way and was the route taken by funeral processions from Needham. It was last used in 1914.

**St Andrews Church, Darmsden**  A church has stood on the present site since mediaeval times but due to subsidence had to be rebuilt in 1880. The church and rectory were united with Barking which was also the mother church for Needham Market. In 1979 a Trust was formed to buy the Church after it was declared redundant and there was fear that it may be used for agricultural use. It was eventually purchased for £1000 on 1 February 1983.
**Barking Chapel**  At the start of the twentieth century, a Wilfred Maw often accompanied by his brother Geoffrey would cycle from Needham Market to Barking and preach on the Tye. It is reported that many villagers gathered to listen and eventually regular meetings were held in the school. There being no non-conformist place of worship in the village, it was decided to build a meeting house. A piece of land at the edge of the Tye was given and donations were received for the building work, which cost £400. A brick built hall, still in use today was opened in 1903 as the Hall of Barking Tye Friends' Mission but is more frequently referred to as ‘the Chapel’. During 2010, an impressive extension to create a separate chapel and meeting room, kitchen and toilet facilities was completed.

**Barking People**  There are currently 372 electors in the parish, 35 of which live in Darmsden. This is an increase in population since the 1996 Village Appraisal (333 and 32 respectively). A biennial Summer Fair takes place and in alternate years, a hotly contested scarecrow competition has become a firm favourite. An annual bonfire and firework display is held on the Tye on November 5th. Regular suppers in the Village Hall are held, plus a monthly social evening. The very active Barking Community Council is made up of approximately 12 volunteers from the village which, with the valuable help of a number of supporters, organises social and recreational events and activities throughout the year. Village Hall events include Summer and Winter Suppers, Games Evenings, Murder Mystery evenings, themed evenings, the scarecrow competition, the Village Bonfire night and the Inter Village Quiz. Monies raised at events help to finance the firework display and some of the upgrades and maintenance required at the Village Hall. The Barking Pre-school meets every weekday morning in the Village Hall. Other popular village groups and organisations are the Ringshall & Barking WI, Barking Carpet Bowls Club, the Barking Art Group and the Barking Chestnut Club for the over 60’s. There is a Local History Recorder and a Parish Paths Partnership. The Barking Village Hall Committee manages the day to day running of the Village Hall, and comprises approx. 12 members, many of whom represent village organisations who use the hall on a regular basis. It also manages upgrades to meet community needs and to comply with current legislation.

**Barking Parish Council**  The Parish Council is responsible for the approval and monitoring of Council expenditure, annually analysing future funding requirements and recommends the precept to be raised. The Council arranges insurance of parish property, loans and donations and other associated activities requiring finance.

As the registered owner of the Tye, the Parish Council ensures the Tye is maintained and through the Parish Paths Partnership, ensures the Public Footpaths are kept in good condition. Parish property includes the play equipment both on the Tye and on the amenity area behind the Village Hall, several benches, a notice board, an Interpretation Board, litter and dog waste bins, street lights and the War Memorial. The Parish Council receives and considers consultation copies of all Planning Applications relating to the parish, and oversees highways matters such as the need for road repairs, signposting, street lights and the supply of electricity for street lighting.

**The Barking Business Community**  There are a few small businesses in the Parish, between them employing no more than a dozen people, aside from the business owners themselves. There are also several sole traders resident in the Parish. There is one Public House in Barking.
Household Questionnaire

Q 1 - Where do respondents live?

121 people answered this multiple choice question.

12 respondents lived in Area A (9.92%)
33 respondents lived in Area B (27.27%)
53 respondents lived in Area C (43.8%)
11 respondents lived in Area D (9.09%)
12 respondents lived in Area E (Darmsden) (9.92%)

Q 2 - How many people, including children, normally live in the household?

123 people answered this single selection question.

The majority of households in the Parish of Barking are occupied by 2 people, and 21 households are single occupancy.
Questions 3 & 4 - How many MALES and how many FEMALES live in the household?
109 and 108 people answered these questions respectively.

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There are 159 males in the Parish of Barking. The majority are in the age range 31 – 64. There are 22 boys between the ages of 0 – 15.
There are 149 females living in the Parish of Barking. The majority are in the age range 31 – 64. There are 18 girls between the ages of 0 – 15

Housing

Q 5 - What type of housing is there in the Parish of Barking?
121 people answered this single selection question.

Type of Housing

The large majority of housing in the Parish of Barking is privately owned (88.43%). There are no Housing Association properties in the Parish and none are provided as part of employment (ie tied/MOD)
Q 6 - What style of housing is there in the Parish of Barking?
122 people answered this single selection question.

The majority of housing in the Parish comprises of detached dwellings – 80 houses & 16 bungalows. There are some listed buildings, barn conversions and chalet bungalows. There is no sheltered housing in the parish.

Q 7 - How many bedrooms do dwellings in the Parish of Barking have?
122 people answered this single selection question.

The majority of dwellings in the Parish have either 3 or 4 bedrooms.

Q 8 - How many years have people lived in their current property?
123 people answered this single selection question

More than a quarter of the people living in the Parish have lived in their current property more than 26 years. Less than a quarter have only lived in their current property for less than 4 years.
Environment

**Q 9 - What is the main source of energy in Parish households?**
119 people answered this rated question.

- **Room Heating**
  - Oil: 93
  - Electricity: 14
  - Other: 6

- **Hot Water Heating**
  - Oil: 80
  - Electricity: 31
  - Other: 3

- **Cooking**
  - Gas: 1
  - Electricity: 95
  - Solid Fuel: 3
  - Oil: 9
  - Other: 10

Other forms of room heating = Bio Mass Wood Pellets, Liquid Propane Gas, Oil & Solid Fuel, Wood burning stove

Other forms of hot water heating = Bio Mass Wood Pellets, oil, Liquid Propane Gas, electricity & oil, solar panels

Other forms of cooking = Gas hob/Electric oven, Oil/Solid Fuel, Gas hob/electric oven, electric oven/lpg hob

As there is no gas connection to the majority of the Parish, it is not surprising that oil is the main source of fuel for room and water heating, and electricity the main source of fuel for cooking.

**Q 10 - Would householders be interested in becoming part of a 'Parish Buying Group' that would seek to purchase bulk orders/items such as heating oil, coal, electricity, telephone, etc. with benefits to the parish and/or themselves?**
120 people answered this single selection question.

- Yes: 52%
- No: 27%
- Don’t Know: 19%

Action: To consider setting up a parish buying group for heating oil, electricity, etc
Do properties in the Parish have any of the following energy saving features? 119 people answered this multiple selection question.

* Other = BIOMASS, Economy 7, sprinkler system on washing machine, cistern has water-saving device, water butts, wood burner.

Top 5 energy saving devices used in the Parish:

1. Loft Insulation 105 (88.24%)
2. Double Glazing 97 (81.51%)
3. Lagged Hot Water Tank 96 (80.67%)
4. Low energy lighting 95 (79.83%)
5. Central Heating Programmer 86 (72.27%)

Action (s):
1. There appears to be quite a bit more we can do as a parish to improve energy efficiency.
2. To arrange for help from the Energy Saving Trust to help our community to reduce its environmental impact and become a greener community.

Would people be interested in, and give support to, the following energy sources? 101 people answered this multiple selection question.

Other* = GEOthermal, BIOMASS wood pellet, wood burner

Action (s)
1. Consider lobbying British Gas for a mains gas connection to the parish - (Action Group/ Barking Parish Council)
2. Consider the purchase of a Community Wind Turbine (Action Group/Barking Parish Council)
13 - Do householders in the Parish consider the amount of energy/water used?
118 people answered this multiple selection question.

**Top Answers**
- Turn lights off when last person leaves the room 86.44%
- Boil only enough water for what is needed 82.2%
- Shower instead of having a bath 64.41%
- Shut doors 65.25%
- Turn appliances off at the mains 62.71%

A large majority of households take measures to reduce the amount of energy and water they use.

**Question 14 - Would people support, or be interested to find out more about the following?**
67 people answered this multiple selection question.

**Action:** Research the Community Renewable Energy Initiative 69%

Additional Comments: “Probably not practical in Darmsden”

**Question 15 - What water sources do households in the Parish use?**
123 people answered this multiple selection question.

**Action:** To consider bulk purchase of water butts

Other * = Bottled water to drink due to mains often tasting of TCP.

Additional comment: “Water Co explained this is when chemical is added to mains and when demand high has insufficient time to “disappear”

A high percentage of households collect and re-cycle rain water. However, this is still less than half the households, so could be improved by the bulk purchase of water butts!
Q 16 - Which of the following sewerage systems do households in the Parish use?
121 people answered this multiple selection question.

- Mains Sewage 89 (74%)
- Septic Tank 20 (17%)
- Cess Pit 4 (3%)
- Bio-digester 7 (6%)
- Other (Don't Know) 1 (1%)

Q 17 - For houses not connected, would the householders be interested in having their properties being connected to the mains sewerage system?
81 people answered this single selection question.

- Yes 14 (17.28%)
- No 15 (18.52%)
- Not Applicable as already connected 52 (64.2%)

Additional comment: “If the price was free to be connected to the mains sewer pipe which runs through our back garden”.
Not an overwhelming demand 14 for/15 against, so no action considered necessary.

Q 18 - Do households in the parish suffer from flooding caused by surface water or storm damage?
120 people answered this single selection question.

- Many problems 1 (0.83%)
- Few problems 20 (16.67%)
- No problems 99 (82.5%)

Additional comment: “In the past, surface water from field behind and flood water from rising ditches around our property during winter storms”.

Very few problems are suffered from flooding caused by surface water or storm damage.

Action: * Please would that one person identify their property so that the problem can be addressed if possible?
Q 19 - What and where do parish households usually recycle?

116 people answered this rated question.

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Where?

**Tin**

- Local recycling bank: 1%
- Another recycling bank: 16%
- Make own compost: 0%
- Bi-weekly recycling: 81%
- Does not recycle: 3%

**Aluminium**

- Local recycling bank: 1%
- Another recycling bank: 18%
- Make own compost: 0%
- Bi-weekly recycling: 77%
- Does not recycle: 5%

**Plastic**

- Local recycling bank: 2%
- Another recycling bank: 11%
- Make own compost: 2%
- Bi-weekly recycling: 83%
- Does not recycle: 3%

**Paper/Cardboard**

- Local recycling bank at Barking Village Hall: 12%
- Another recycling bank: 6%
- Make own compost: 3%
- Bi-weekly recycling collection: 78%
- Does not recycle: 1%
Additional comments: “Hand down clothes” “Feed kitchen waste to chickens”

Conclusion – Barking parishioners are active re-cyclers and good use made of bottle banks in Barking.

Action: Promote the use of the recycling banks at Barking Village Hall, especially for paper/cardboard and clothing as all revenue goes to Barking Village Hall. (Barking Village Hall Management Committee)

Q 20 - Would Darmsden households be interested in, and use recycling banks in Darmsden (if provided)?
112 people answered this single selection question.

The majority of Darmsden householders said they were not interested in having recycling banks in Darmsden.
Q 21 - Would people be prepared to keep certain items entirely separate from their refuse for recycling if a separate collection was made?

98 people answered this multiple selection question.

Additional comments:
- “It is more convenient to take the items to the recycling bank personally”
- “Provided the scheme can be processed correctly and timely by the Council
- “Use recycling centre Barking Village Hall”

Over half the respondents said they would be prepared to keep some items entirely separate from their refuse for recycling if a separate collection was made.

Action: Refer responses to Mid Suffolk District Council who is the refuse collection authority.

Question 22 - Would households make use of certain services in Barking/Darmsden if they were provided?

116 people answered this rated question.

Garden Machinery for Community Use

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Bulk Waste Collection (e.g. Washing Machines)

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Bulk waste collection (eg washing machine, etc) : Out of 115 responses (99.14%)
Garden machinery for community use : Out of 100 responses (86.21%)

Additional Comments: “Not worth it in Darmsden I suspect”
Q 23 - How many of each of the following do households in the Parish of Barking own?
120 people answered this rated question.

Total owned in Parish

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Education

Q 24 - We asked how many children in Parish households attended various educational facilities.
30 people answered this rated question.

NB: Barking Pre-School -
At the time of the Parish Plan questionnaire, no children from the Parish attended Barking Pre-School
Other = Prep School, Independent School, Library/Music Club, Private School in Ipswich

Q 25 - We asked, if people drive their children to school, to give the reasons why.
25 people answered this multiple selection question.

Q 26 - We asked people, if any of their children are unable to take part in 'out of school' activities, to give the reason(s) why?
15 people answered this multiple selection question.

Other = all of these responses were that their children did take part in school activities.
10 gave reasons why their children did not take part in school activities, 8 responded that their children did.
Action Point – is there a case for some after school activities to be provided within the Parish, ie at the Village Hall as the location/lack of transport appears to be a contributory factor?
Q 27 - We asked how many children were there in the parish who have been classed as having special educational need.
3 people answered this single selection question and it was found that there are 3 children who have been classed as having special educational need.

Q 28 - We asked if there was anyone in parish households with problems due to long-term illness, disability, loneliness, etc that would benefit from some sort of help, and if so, what type of help would be of most benefit to them.
78 people answered this single selection question.

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Comments included:

- “Local disability transport service (taxi style)”
- “No help at present is required.”
- “Handyman”
- “Large sums of money!”
General Questionnaire

This whole questionnaire has been completed by 222 people.

Q 1 - What is the respondent's postal address?
214 people answered this single selection question.

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<td>Needham Market</td>
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Q 2 - Gender of respondents
215 people answered this single selection question.

- Male: 103 (48%)
- Female: 112 (52%)

Q 3 - What age were the respondents?
214 people answered this question.

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Q 4 - We asked how long have the respondents lived in Barking/Darmsden?
215 people answered this single selection question.

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<td>51 years +</td>
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Housing
Q 5 - *We asked people if they had alternative accommodation outside Barking/Darmsden?*
Of the 202 people answered this multiple selection question, 14 people had alternative accommodation outside the Parish.

![Bar chart showing the distribution of responses.](chart)

Q 6 - *We asked respondents what they anticipated their housing needs to be in Barking/Darmsden, within the next 10 years?*
200 people answered this single selection question.

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<td>Sheltered housing</td>
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<td>Bungalow</td>
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<td>Family home</td>
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<td>Housing Association homes for rent</td>
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<td>Shared equity property (part purchased and part rented)</td>
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<td>Low cost/smaller home (1 or 2 bedroom)</td>
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**Conclusion** – The majority of respondents felt their housing needs would not be changing within the next 10 years, whereas 28 thought they would need a family home and 17 would be in need of a bungalow. 14 respondents felt they would need a smaller/low cost affordable home.

**Action:** Data to be passed to Mid Suffolk District Council to determine the likelihood of some low cost affordable housing for the Parish, to include bungalows.

Q 7 - *We also asked people, bearing in mind any new housing in Barking/Darmsden is likely to be low cost/affordable housing only, would you support this in principle?*
202 people answered this single selection question.

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<td>109</td>
<td>53.96%</td>
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<td>24.75%</td>
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<td>No opinion</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>21.29%</td>
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Given the response to the previous question, it is clear that there is support for such a scheme of low cost affordable housing within the Parish.

**Action:** This also to be communicated to Mid Suffolk District Council.
Q 8 - We asked people what they saw as important, in Planning terms, in their village, bearing in mind the Village Design Statement?
203 people answered this multiple selection question.

There is a strong desire for the character of the village and existing buildings to be maintained. Off road parking was also strongly supported. Bearing in mind, the Barking Tye Bye Laws prohibit parking on the Tye, this would be a challenge for the Parish Council to achieve.

Action: An area for off road parking to be considered by the Barking Parish Council.

Employment

Q 9 - We asked people how they would describe their situation regarding employment?
206 people answered this multiple selection question.

Unemployment within the Parish is extremely low @ 0.97% (2 people). 63.10% of respondents were either full or part-time employed or self-employed, with 31.55% of respondents being retired. There is currently no-one in a government training scheme.
Q 10 - We asked people how far did they travel to their main place of study/work/occupation?
198 people answered this single selection question.

For those who do have to commute to their place of work, most only have to travel between 3 – 14 miles from the Parish.

Q 11 - We asked people which business-types should be encouraged in Barking/Darmsden?
192 people answered this multiple selection question.

Additional comments made:
“Something else”  “Farm type shop”  “Land based”
“We should keep Barking as a residential village”
“I should hate to see any form of commercial or industrial business in so peaceful a village.”

There appears to be a good level of support for small, local businesses – either small home-based business development or small manufacturing/rural craft workshops within the parish. There is also a good level of support for shops and pubs/restaurants/takeaways.

Action(s)
1. Pass results to all local business ie Barking Forge, Clarke Fencing, Barking Tye Service Station & the Peking Barking Fox.
2. Set up free advertising on the Parish website to actively support local traders.
3. Parish Council to support planning applications for development of small businesses within the parish?
4. Support the Shop Local theme.
Q 12 - We asked those who are in business in Barking/Darmsden, into which category does it fall?

39 people answered this single selection question.

Of those who responded, the majority, unsurprisingly, are in the business of agriculture/horticulture, with the second highest in finance/professional services.

Q 13 - We asked people, if they were actively seeking work, what barriers (if any) were preventing them from taking up employment opportunities.

143 people answered this multiple selection question.

From the responses given in question 9, we know that unemployment is low in Barking, so the high percentage of those not seeking work is not surprising. Of those people who responded to this question, the barriers for any job seekers within the Parish appear to be mainly around lack of/inconvenient transport.

Action: Lobby bus companies to improve timetables/routes. Incl. links to Needham Market to access other public transport routes/service (Barking Parish Council).
Education

Q 14 - We asked how important the Barking Pre-School is to the community?

194 people answered this single selection question.

Not important 15 (7.73%)    Important 127 (65.46%)    No opinion 52 (26.8%)

Q 15 We asked respondents if they had a need for any of the following in Barking/Darmsden?

201 people answered this multiple selection question.

There appears to be a demand for Adult evening classes. Refer to the Youth questionnaire to cross check response regarding School Holiday Clubs and Youth Club responses.

Action: Invite suggestions/offers of support from parishioners.
Environment

Q 16 - We asked people how they thought the Parish should be kept clean and tidy.
189 people answered this multiple selection question.

Top 5 answers

- Continuing to pay for a litter picker
- Fencing off the play area on the Tye
- Having a ‘Village Litter Pick Day’
- Enforcing the system of fines
- Nominating dog exercise areas

Action(s):

1. Parish Council to continue to pay for a litter picker, provided the funding continues from MSDC. As there is a high level of support for a Litter Pick Day, Parish Council to arrange an annual event (Hopefully the 66 people who showed support for this event will turn up!).
2. Parish Council to encourage dogs to keep away from the play area on the Tye, using whatever reasonable action they are able to take bearing mind the restrictions of the Commons Act 2006, and the ability to enforce fines where necessary.
3. Parish Council to consult with Darmsden residents on how they would like to keep where they live clean and tidy.
Q 17 - We asked people what items in the Parish should be maintained and preserved?
193 people answered this multiple selection question.

Additional Comments
“More trees around the perimeter of the Tye”
“The Gun Emplacements on the Tye should be demolished. There is War Memorial to remember WWI and II. To defray demolition costs believe Army Engineers would welcome training. Worth investigating strength of dynamite required. Not sure it would blow out nearby windows.”

There was strong support to maintain and preserve all of these items, in particular the War Memorial (165 responses), the Village Sign (154), and the wooden benches (152).

Action: Barking Parish Council to continue to fund the maintenance of all these Parish Assets/features.

Q 18 - We asked people what they thought could be done to help protect and enhance the environment within the Parish.
204 people answered this multiple selection question.

Top 5 responses
1. Protect the Tye
2. Reduce speeding
3. Promote recycling
4. Improve public transport
5. Reduce traffic

Action (s):
1. Barking Parish Council to continue to maintain and protect the Tye;
2. Continue to lobby SCC Highways and Police to reduce speeding;
3. Work with MSDC to promote more recycling
4. Continue to provide a recycling centre at Barking Village Hall
5. Lobby bus companies to improve timetables/routes (see also question 13).
Natural Environment

Q 19 - We have many public footpaths in the Parish. We asked people if they or members of their family use these paths regularly.
203 people answered this single selection question.

Of the 203 respondents, only 13 said they never use the public footpaths. However 31 use them rarely.

Action: Parish Paths partnership to consider promoting the use of the footpaths throughout the Parish.

Additional Comments: • Everyday • Twice a day

Q 20 - We asked people how they rated the general condition of the public footpaths in the Parish?
202 people answered this single selection question.

Over 77% of respondents felt the conditions of the public footpaths in the Parish are satisfactory.

Action(s):
1. Pass responses to Parish Paths Partnership and SCC Rights of Way Officer.
2. Parish Paths Partnership to continue their good work of maintaining the footpaths.

Additional Comment: “Could be more clearly sign posted”

Q 21 - We asked people if they would be interested in using any of the following in Barking/Darmsden should they become available.
150 people answered this multiple selection question.

A low response to these questions (based on the number of people living in the Parish) indicates that these are not high priorities. However, the number of people indicating the desire for an allotment is sufficient for the Parish Council to consider this if a suitable plot of land becomes available.

Action: Barking Parish Council to consider providing allotments if a suitable plot of land becomes available.
Q 22 - We asked people if they would like to see more trees planted on the Tye.  
204 people answered this single selection question.

Additional Comment: “The trees along the Barking Needham Market straight road, from Barking Garage to Barking village sign were planted too near the road and electricity wires. Could Barking PC consider planting one of each further back and in time the existing ones would be felled?”

Responses seem to justify keeping the status quo regarding tree planting on the Tye.

Q 23 - Are you happy with the way the Tye is managed?  
198 people answered this single selection question.

Additional comments:
“Don’t like the daffodils on the Tye”
“Would like all the grass cut more often”
“Parking should be allowed near the play area”
“Over regulation discourages use of Tye by clubs and social groups e.g lack of parking and poor pathways - uneven surfaces for summer games”
“As The National Trust are opening up parts of their gardens to develop community allotments so should Barking with the Tye. Having a space for community allotments would provide opportunity for better interaction between people in the village, support the drive for improved sustainability & reduce food miles by growing produce on our doorstep”
“When I moved here 9 years ago, there was an uninterrupted view of the Tye (apart from one notice) Now there is the memorial fence, letter box, tarmac lay by, 2 dog litter bins and another notice. This is a lot of hardware in a few years. I’m concerned about what will appear next.......... Apart from these concerns, I’m happy with how the Tye is managed.”

Q 23 - If no, how could the management of the Tye be improved?  
6 (3.03%)

“Fencing off play area”
“Cut the amount of grass as before “
“No parking. No loose dogs, grow a proper crop eg barley or wheat as it used to be, cut the wild flower section at the current time not early because of barking fayre!
“Would be useful to develop area for specific activities eg Tennis court, cricket field (pavilion)”

Of the 198 people who responded, only 10 said they were not happy with the way the Tye is managed.

Action: Responses and suggestions for improvement to be passed to the Parish Council.
Q 24 - We asked people what uses they thought could be made of the Tye in Barking?

198 people answered this multiple selection question.

Additional Comments:
- Provide off road car parking at the Tye
- Use part of it as a community allotment space to grow crops / there should be an area designated for safe parking
- Investigate possibility of building Village/Community Hall
- Continue to run Fair every other year
- Dedicated car parking area
- Improve surface of footways on Tye so that they can be used in poor weather conditions (ie all weather surfaces)
- Offer wider range of sports facilities other than football
- Community grazing cattle and sheep
- Village hall cricket clubhouse
- Stop locals driving over the Tye particularly in winter time when it becomes a quagmire
- Community tennis court/cricket field
- Keep Vehicles off the Tye, except on special occasions with PC approval

There was strong support for the way the Tye is currently used plus some interesting ideas for future use. Some are not possible as the Tye is registered common land, therefore the erection permanent buildings is not possible.

Q 25 - We asked people what they thought could be done to improve the countryside and wildlife in Barking / Darmsden?

206 people answered this multiple selection question.

Additional comments:

“Just leave it alone. It will look after itself”

“Leave alone”

Top 5 answers:

1. Maintain footpaths
2. Maintain existing hedges/ trees
3. Clean out silted ponds
4. Plant more trees
5. Plant more hedges

Action(s):

1. Pass responses to Barking Parish Council and Parish Paths Partnership
2. Consider forming a working party to clean out the silted pond near the village hall

Traffic

Q 26 - We asked people if they were experiencing any of the following situations in Barking/Darmsden?

193 people answered this multiple selection question.
Additional Comments:

- “What time are the non-emergency helicopters supposed to stop flying at night? 1.15am is not acceptable.”
- “People park on the main road while using the Tye – cause congestion”
- “Double parking outside living room window...exhaust fumes prevent window opening in summer”
- “Double parking outside living room window making it impossible to open in summer months due to exhaust fumes. Car parked at junction.”
- “Difficult to park on roadside, without pulling in a driveway as road is too narrow and busy with bends.”
- “Plagued by excessive speed.”
- “People using drive entrance to stop (and block it / damage verge)”
- “Difficult to park on side of road without pulling into driveway due to lorries trying to pass with narrow roads and bends.”

Conclusion – NB. All of the responses regarding problems were from Barking residents. There was a significant response that people are not experiencing problems with parked cars. However some people are. Barking Tye Bye Laws prohibit parking on the Common, so enforcement of the Bye Laws is a consideration.

Action: Responses will be passed to Barking Parish Council for consideration.

Q 27 - We asked people what their main concerns were regarding traffic?
193 people answered this multiple selection question.

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<td>Inadequate signage</td>
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<td>Too much signage in this rural location</td>
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<td>Condition of road edges due to heavy vehicles</td>
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<td>Agricultural vehicles</td>
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<td>The existing methods of speed controls in operation</td>
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<td>Difficulty of safe access on to the road from your drive</td>
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<td>Lack of parking</td>
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<td>The lack of alternative route for the army camp traffic</td>
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<td>The enforcement of the laws regarding speed limits</td>
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<td>Lack of footways (pavements)</td>
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<td>Lorry traffic</td>
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*Road Danger Spots

Various road danger spots were identified and all will be included in the Action Plan for consideration by Suffolk County Council Highways. The main ones identified were the bends at both ends of Barking, the access road to B1113/Darmsden access road junction, the Battisford Road/B1078 junction and the Willisham Road/B1078 junction. See Action Plan.

Additional Comments:

- A cycle path to Needham Market would have a huge impact on children in village (and adults) perhaps using Causeway for some of the route as it’s a bridgeway? (though lighting would be an issue)
- This county has been desecrated by road signs in an effort to make Safest County. In an open flat county giving good visibility of signs, need to think of alternatives. How many are killed or injured per mile travelled per year?
The heavy traffic starts early in the morning and very noisy especially J T Few tippers and larger lorries. I have at present a broken double glazed window caused by a large stone coming from the back of a tipper truck. The wall at the front of my home has been damaged badly by a car leaving the Barking Road and ended up outside the Forge (the car was written off) due to speeding.

- It is the size of vehicles not the road widths that concerns me
- Overtaking just round bend after 30 mph sign finishes near Barking Church main entrance, with oncoming Needham Market traffic (during rush hour hours mainly in the morning.)
- Motorbikes on a Sunday, ignoring speed limits.

Conclusion:
We asked what your main concerns were – and you told us! Thank you.
Top responses:
1. Volume of traffic
2. Speed of traffic
3. The lack of alternative route for the army camp traffic
4. The enforcement of the laws regarding speed limits
5. Lack of footways

Action:
Responses will be passed to Barking Parish Council as support for ongoing discussions with the Police and Suffolk County Council Highways.

Transport

Q 28 - We asked people, with regards to public footpaths, footways (pavements) and street lights, would they like to see in Barking/Darnsden?
189 people answered this multiple selection question.

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<td>Easily available Map of Local Footpaths</td>
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<td>More guided walks of the area</td>
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<td>Better sign posts of existing public footpaths</td>
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<td>More footpaths (Public Rights of Way)</td>
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<td>More street lights</td>
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<td>More footways (pavements)</td>
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<td>Cycle paths</td>
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Additional Comments:
- “Would not like to see more footpaths. Preferably any new footpath up the Tye east side actually on Tye rather than immediately in front of houses with access path from road. Where possible any such footpath to be assimilated into the Tye”
- “Signing where the footpaths goes”
- “The footway to Needham Market is fine but inadequate. The walker is too close to passing traffic to be comfortable. Were it better I for one would use it much more. It would also be nice to see the footway to the Tye extended. What has been done so far is good but insufficient.”

The majority wanted to see more footways (pavements) and more cycle paths.

Also, an easily available map of local footpaths.

Action(s):
1. Pass responses to Barking Parish Council to support their efforts to press or a footway through Barking.
2. Parish Paths Partnership to promote their map of Parish Footpaths.
Q 29 - We asked people what was their most commonly used means of transport?
197 people answered this single selection question.

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Action: Club 88 now re-named Gipping Link is very accessible, but needs more promotion, such as in the Four Parishes Magazine.

Q 30 - We asked those who were users of the Bus Service, if they would like to see any improvements to the service?
186 people answered this multiple selection question.

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<td>Cost</td>
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<td>Bus stop location</td>
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Additional Comments:
- Would use bus services if we had one. At this time the service only serves a few houses in Barking. The majority have no service at all.

The majority of those who responded to this question do not use the bus service. Of those who do, (35 people), felt that the timetable, reliability and the route could be improved.

Action: Contact the bus companies to request an improvement of the timetable, reliability and route.
Q 31 - Regarding the Community Bus Service (provided by Needham Market and Barking Charities), we asked if users would like to see any improvements to the service. 183 people answered this multiple selection question.

The majority of those who responded to this question do not use the Community Bus Service. Of those who responded only 29 people use the service. 25 people wanted more information about the service.

**Action(s):**
1. Promote the service via the Four Parishes Magazine, Parish Website, & Parish Notice Board.
2. Contact the Needham Market & Barking Welfare Charities to request that the service be promoted within the Parish and to communicate the feedback from the 29 users about the service.

**Emergency and Other Services**

Q 32 - We asked people how they rated certain services and utilities in Barking/Darmsden?

200 people answered this rated question.

**Internet/Broadband reception**

- **Very Poor**: 16%
- **Poor**: 25%
- **Don't Know**: 21%
- **Good**: 35%
- **Excellent**: 3%

**Radio Reception**

- **Very Poor**: 3%
- **Poor**: 13%
- **Don't Know**: 9%
- **Good**: 6%
- **Excellent**: 69%

**Mobile Phone Reception**

- **Very Poor**: 26%
- **Poor**: 25%
- **Don't Know**: 9%
- **Good**: 34%
- **Excellent**: 5%

**Network Providers**: Vodafone x 26, O2 x 16, Orange x 6, T Mobile x 10, 3 x 2, Virgin x 1, M3 x 1, TESCO x 1, Fresh x 1, PLUS x 1
Digital TV Reception
- Very Poor: 7%
- Poor: 30%
- Don't Know: 11%
- Good: 8%
- Excellent: 30%

Standard TV Reception
- Very Poor: 14%
- Poor: 17%
- Don't Know: 10%
- Good: 8%
- Excellent: 54%

Winter Weather Service (Gritting)
- Very Poor: 7%
- Poor: 8%
- Don't Know: 16%
- Good: 7%
- Excellent: 62%

Roadside Care/Street Cleaning
- Very Poor: 5%
- Poor: 15%
- Don't Know: 35%
- Good: 3%
- Excellent: 44%

Street Lighting
- Very Poor: 7%
- Poor: 5%
- Don’t Know: 19%
- Good: 30%
- Excellent: 33%

Postal Service
- Very Poor: 1%
- Poor: 5%
- Don’t Know: 14%
- Good: 64%
- Excellent: 1%

Mobile Library
- Very Poor: 3%
- Poor: 4%
- Don’t Know: 17%
- Good: 6%
- Excellent: 70%

Dog Waste Bins
- Very Poor: 2%
- Poor: 14%
- Don’t Know: 45%
- Good: 5%
- Excellent: 34%

Litter Bins
- Very Poor: 3%
- Poor: 12%
- Don’t Know: 39%
- Good: 40%
- Excellent: 6%

Refuse Collection
- Very Poor: 12%
- Poor: 12%
- Don’t Know: 6%
- Good: 6%
- Excellent: 62%

Additional Comment: “Gary is fab!”
Mains electricity, drainage and water all rated mainly good to excellent, with mains gas rated mainly poor. Refuse collection and recycling were rated mainly good, but some improvement is needed by Mid Suffolk District Council. The postal service is rated as mainly good to excellent. 32.1% of respondents rated street lighting as poor to very poor, so this needs to be improved. Also some improvement may need to be made to roadside care, but with 35% having no opinion, the standard of service is more difficult to quantify. Winter weather service (gritting) was mainly rated good. Mobile phone reception – of the 175 people who responded, over half rated the service they were receiving from their providers as poor/very poor. There was not a general consensus when it came to Digital TV reception, with nearly 43% rating it as good, and nearly 38% poor/very poor. Apart from mobile phones, the majority of respondents were satisfied with the services provided.

Action(s):
1. Service providers will be notified of responses where possible.
Q 33 - We asked people what crimes and anti-social behaviour (if any) concerned them in Barking / Darmsden?

207 people answered this multiple selection question.

Additional Comment:
- Noise mainly caused by young drivers!

Top 5 Responses
1. Speeding through village, 60.87%
2. Dog Fouling, 26.09%
3. Burglary, 23.19%
4. Litter, 23.19%
5. I’m not concerned, 20.29%

All crimes against the person rated very low, but anti-social behaviour such as speeding, litter & fly tipping and dog fouling all scored reasonably high.

Action(s): Pass responses to the Police, and Barking Parish Council to attempt to address these concerns.
Q 34 - We asked those who had suffered a crime or anti-social behaviour in Barking/Darmsden in the last 3 years and did not report it to the police, why that was.

180 people answered this multiple selection question.

Not applicable 163
Didn’t know how to report it  1
Were not prepared to give a statement  2
Were afraid of a revenge attack  1
Did not want to waste police time  4
Considered it too trivial  5
Didn’t think anything would be done  8

Only 17 (less than 10%) of those who responsible to this question did not report the incidents to the Police for various reasons.  Action: Pass responses to local Community Police

Q 35 - We asked people if they think certain measures are needed in Barking/Darmsden?

201 people answered this multiple selection question.

None of these 35
Drug/drink education/information/prevention  7
Personal safety talk/exhibition  7
Home security talk/exhibition  10
More dog waste bins  31
More litter bins  18
Improved existing street lights  50
Road safety training for young people  30
Extend Neighbourhood Watch Area (Barking)  29
Set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (Darmsden)  7
CCTV cameras  8
More activities for young people  72
Speed gun training for local people  43
Random Police speed-gun checks  114

Additional Comments
“Barking Neighbourhood Watch extends from Moat Farm to Surgery including Willisham road. Although not official, Battisford is also counted.”
“There is a real need for speeding traffic and heavy vehicles to be monitored more vigorously and corrected.”
“Dog waste bins are needed in the village going towards Needham Market.”

Top 5 responses:
1. Random Police speed-gun checks  114  (56.72 %)
2. More activities for young people  72  (35.82 %)
3. Improved existing street lights  50  (24.88 %)
4. Speed gun training for local people  43  (21.39 %)
5. None of the above  35  (17.41 %)

It was not surprising that, given the top responses in Question 33, respondents want to see measures taken to reduce speeding. Also, more dog waste bins rated quite highly (6th top answer)

4 Respondents (25% of Darmsden respondents) from Darmsden would like to see a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme set up in Darmsden.

Action(s):
1. Responses to be passed to the local Community Police to consider addressing the speeding issue and to review the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the Parish, incl. setting up a NW scheme in Darmsden.
2. Also to Barking Parish Council to consider the street lighting and dog waste bins issues.
Q 36 - We asked people if they used certain services in the local Post Office in Needham Market. 194 people answered this question multiple selection question.

The Needham Market Post Office appears to be well used, with 194 residents from the Parish using a variety of the services provided. Postal services, vehicle tax and travel services were the top responses.

Other Services * = Newspapers, Depositing cheques for other banks/savings account, Cards & Stationery

Q 37 - We asked people if a Community Shop was opened in Barking, how often would they use it?

206 people answered this single selection question.

152 respondents said they would support a Community Shop, with 39 using it daily and 68 weekly.

Action: see Question 38
Q 38 - We asked people if there was a Community Shop in Barking, what sort of goods/services would they want to be available?

196 people answered this question multiple selection question.

Other * = Local produce

Additional Comments:
- A community shop would be a very popular addition and be much used by villagers and passing trade.
- Newspaper delivery

Top 5 responses

1. Groceries 69.9%
2. Newspapers & magazines 68.88%
3. Fresh vegetables & fruit 66.84%
4. Refrigerated goods 53.06%
5. Cards & stationery 50.51%

There appears to be strong support for a local community-run shop.

Action: Set up working party to consider the feasibility of starting up a Community Shop.

Q 39 - We asked people how important they felt the (Peking) Barking Fox Public House is to the local community?

204 people answered this single selection question.

Not important 81 (39.71%)  No opinion 63 (30.88%)  Important 60 (29.41%)

Additional Comments:
- Of no importance at all and 'locals' are of no importance to the owners
- If it was a pub it would be important
- Important only if it was a traditional pub/restaurant as it is it serves no purpose
- Whilst it’s a Chinese - should have a traditional village pub.
- Although it would possibly serve the community better as a pub rather than a Chinese restaurant!
- Not important because it is not a "village" pub.
- Not important but it should be - needs garden to encourage families
- Rather see traditional pub serving Sunday Roast etc. In a village setting.
- I would wish that the residents of Barking would support the Barking Fox a high percentage of the village haven’t set foot in the Fox for several years
- I would like to have a proper country pub. Though the Chinese is nice, it's not really traditional. It would be better if it had a nice garden though.

Action: Pass responses to owner of the Peking Barking Fox
Health

Q. 40 - We asked people where do they access a Medical Practice?
211 people answered this question.

The Parish of Barking is served mainly by two G.P practices.

Q. 41 - We asked parishioners if they were able to make convenient appointments with GPs?
206 people answered this single selection question.

The majority of the 206 who responded said yes although surprisingly a number had no opinion:
151 reported no problem (73.3%)
36 had a problem (17.48%)
19 had no opinion (9.22%)

Action: Send copy of plan to Needham Market and Bildeston Practices

Q 42 – We asked if they had difficulty accessing medical and paramedical services.
Only 49 people responded reporting difficulties as follows:

G.Ps 16 [32.65%]
Hospital 11 [22.45%]
Occupational Therapy 1 [2.04%]
Pharmacy/dispensary 2 [4.08%]
Physiotherapy 2 [4.08%]
Chiropody 7 [14.29%]
Mobile Screening 2 [4.08%]
Optician 4 [8.16%]
but by far the most reported problems with 30 is NHS Dentist (61.22%)

Additional comment:
“We are able to manage at the moment”.

Action (s): 1. Results to Suffolk PCT, local GP practices and pharmacies. 2. Make enquiries into a collection and delivery service. 3. Promote Gipping Link service.
Q 43 - When asked to rate the services if used, a total of 172 people responded.

The remaining services - Health Visitor, Physiotherapist, Maternity Care, Baby Clinic, Contraceptive and Sexual Health services, Occupational Therapy, Mobile Screening, Social Worker, Loan of Medical Equipment and Meals on Wheels were all reported by the small numbers of users as Satisfactory which is good to know.

Action: Results to GP surgeries, LMC and Social Services.
**Q 44** We asked people how far they had to travel to see their Dentist
212 people answered this question

![Bar chart showing travel distances to dentists](chart)

- 31% travel less than 5 miles
- 35% travel 5 - 10 miles
- 25% travel 10 + miles
- 9% do not have a dentist

**Q45** - We asked people if they were caring for a member of their household with physical or mental health problems, and if so, did they need support.
There were 177 responses.

![Bar chart showing carers support](chart)

- Not applicable (145) 82%
- No (27) 15%
- Yes (6) 3%

**Q 46** – We also asked if there was a need for specified care/support services in Barking/Darmsden.
There were 177 responses.

![Bar chart showing care/support needs](chart)

- No opinion 132
- Transport to a surgery/clinic 20
- Transport to a day centre 9
- Someone to call and see that you are OK 23
- Help with personal tasks 5
- Social Activities 17
- Assistance to go/collect shopping 19
- Help with household repairs/adaptations to home 18
- Prescription Collection 31
- Pension Collection 17
Community

Q.47 asked “Is there a need for any of the following (as listed below) in Barking / Darmsden?”
189 people answered this multi selection question, of which 89 (47% had no opinion), therefore assume that majority of residents are satisfied with current situation.

Of the 100 people who had an opinion, 13% would like a prescription delivery service, but the most desired community activity within this category was a ‘Good Neighbour Scheme’ (22%), where residents help each other out in times of need. This could incorporate the need for a prescription delivery. A ‘Good Neighbour Week’ could trigger this into action, or a central register of those offering to help in various ways. Most people want to help others whenever they can but possibly do not have the confidence to make the first move. Any volunteers to get this off the ground?

Action: Liaise with surgery to look into prescription delivery.

Q. 48 asked “What new community events would you like to see taking place in Barking/Darmsden? ie village picnic, race night, village sports day etc.”
53 people answered this free text question.

Of those, 11 stated that there was already a good selection of events in Barking.
29 people (over 50%) would like to see more activities on the Tye, such as picnics, sports days and team sports, especially cricket.
In Question 50, 15 people have said that they would be prepared to help organise team games on the Tye. Please identify yourselves to the Community Council and, together, some sporting activities could be organised. Concerts, Discos and Film nights formed the majority of the rest of the responses, apart from suggestions of Pub nights, quizzes and parties in the Barking Fox.

Action: To notify the Community Council and Barking Fox.
**Q.49 asked “Would you be willing to assist any of the following local voluntary groups with your time?”**

50 people answered this multiple selection question

A good response for volunteer help, although numbers will obviously include those already members of the various committees/organisations.

**Action:** To produce a list of contact numbers for the various organisations and post in the village hall and on the village notice board, as well as at the end of this analysis, so that those willing to help can make direct contact.

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**Q.50 asked “Would you be prepared to help with the following leisure activities for young people if a need was identified in the young person’s questionnaire”**

**Action:** To identify and bring together volunteers, depending on need identified in Youth Questionnaire, especially regarding a School Holiday Club (5 volunteers), Youth Club (7 volunteers) and Organised Team Games on the Tye (15 volunteers).
Communication

**Q.51 - Where do you obtain information about events/activities taking place in the Parish?**

- Annual Parish Meeting: 17 (9%)
- Word of Mouth: 101 (54%)
- Emails: 15 (8%)
- Parish Website: 32 (17%)
- Four Parishes News-Link: 158 (84%)
- Flyers: 56 (30%)
- Notices in Village Pub - Barking Fox: 4 (2%)
- Notices in Village Hall: 20 (11%)
- Village Notice Board: 32 (17%)

188 people answered this multiple selection question. 158 people said they learned about local activities from the Four Parishes News-link. Congratulations to the producers and contributors and distributors of this excellent monthly news magazine. But more astonishing is that 101 people learned by word of mouth. It shows we all live in a village! Flyers, notice boards, the website, Annual Parish Meeting and e-mails also play an important part in letting residents know what is going on in their area.

**Q.52 - Do you think that community events/activities are advertised/promoted sufficiently?**

193 people answered this YES/NO question. 148 answered YES.

Action: To encourage the continued promotion of all events via all the options available.

**Q.53 If no to Q.52, how would you like to find out about village events/activities?**

Although only 45 people said ‘No’ in Q.52, 61 people answered this question! Of these, 38 people would like to see a new Village Newsletter. Action: Parish Council and Community Council to consider. In 2nd place was the Four Parishes News-Link with 31 respondents. Notice Boards, more flyers, website and e-mails formed the remainder of the responses.

Action: To list contacts for the News-Link so that every household can order it, if required. Volunteers needed to deliver!
Q.54 - "Which of these additional Community Communication methods would you use regularly if they were adopted to find out about issues affecting the parish as well as local events?"

- E-mail alerts: 88% (88 out of 108 people)
- E-mail Groups: 23% (23 out of 108 people)
- Social networking sites such as Facebook/Myspace/Bebo: 14% (15 out of 108 people)
- Text messaging: 21% (23 out of 108 people)
- Other methods*: 6% (7 out of 108 people)

Out of 108 people who answered this question, 88 said they would welcome e-mail alerts re issues affecting the Parish. The remainder would be interested in e-mail groups, social networking and text messaging.

Action: Parish Council and Community Council to consider e-mail alerts in particular.

Q.55 - If broadband internet access was available in the Village Hall, would you use it?

174 people answered.

137 would only use it in exceptional circumstances as they have internet at home. 30 residents do not have a need for the internet, leaving only 7 residents who might use it on a weekly/monthly basis.

Action: Possibly postpone follow-up until a greater need identified.

Q.56 - How often do you use the telephone box and letter box in Barking/Darmsden?

199 people answered this rated question.

- **Letter Box**
  - Daily: 3% (6 people)
  - Weekly: 21% (42 people)
  - A few times a month: 33% (66 people)
  - A few times a year: 14% (28 people)
  - Never: 21% (42 people)

- **Telephone Box**
  - Daily: 1% (2 people)
  - Weekly: 3% (6 people)
  - A few times a month: 96% (192 people)
  - A few times a year: 0%
  - Never: 0%

- Telephone box: 157 (96%) of people never use it, 5 use it occasionally with only 1 using it on a daily basis. 33 people did not answer this part of the question.
- Letter box: 70% use it on a regular basis, 18% occasionally with only 12% never using it.

Additional Comments: “There are neither in Darmsden"
Q.57 - Do you know how to contact the following? (as listed below):
175 people answered this question.

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<td>Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator</td>
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Of those, 70% knew how to contact a Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk, but only around 50% knew how to contact their District Councillor, County Councillor or elected Member of Parliament. Only 51% said they knew how to contact the Village Hall Booking Clerk (although the number is published in the Parish Magazine every month and posted in the Village Hall!) Just fewer than 50% know how to contact Church Wardens, Local religious leaders or members of the Community Council.

Action: To make those involved aware.

And 65% know how to contact the Electricity and Water companies. Maybe they are the ones who have had a need to do so!

Local Government (Parish Council)

Q 58 - We asked people. If they had attended a Parish Council meeting in the last 3 years, was it for the following reasons?
183 people answered this multiple selection question.

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Q 59 - We asked people if they agreed with the following statements concerning Barking Parish Council.
178 people answered this rated question.

Additional Comments:
“Would like to see PC circulate breakdown of precept in magazine or by e-mail”

Action: Pass results to Parish Council
Q 60 - We asked what improvements could be made to the statutory 'Annual Parish Meeting' to encourage more parishioners to attend?
105 people answered this multiple selection question.

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<td>Other*</td>
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Other*/ Comments:
- When is it? Send invites.
- Sign posts with what will be discussed. Quiz/skittles night.
- No opinion - very recently moved in
- Have not attended due to time held & family/work commitments
- More publicity not only about the dates of the meeting but about what the parish council remit is
- Let people know when it is.
- District & County Council reports (&Police) shorter and more relevant to Barking
- Publicise the Event

Action: Pass results to Parish Council for consideration.

Faith

Q. 61 - We asked respondents if the places of faith within the Parish were important to them.
(St Mary’s Church, Barking, Barking Chapel & St Andrew’s Church, Darmsden)
198 people answered this multiple selection question.

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<td>For ceremonies (baptism, weddings, funerals etc)</td>
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Q. 62 - We asked respondents if they would be happy to lose these places of worship
191 people responded to this single selection question.

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Q. 63 - We asked respondents, if they have never attended the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, why?

175 people responded to this single selection question.

Q. 64 - We asked people how well these religious organisations fulfil their needs in Barking/Darmsden.

Times of Services 134 Responses

Variety of Services 120 Responses

Pastoral Care 120 Responses

Visiting the Housebound 119 Responses

Visiting the Bereaved 119 Responses

Visiting the Sick 120 Responses

Additional Comment: “Barking has suffered from a C of E vicar who has too many parishes to cover and has not had the interest in Barking people and events”

“If pastoral care improved ie visits, villagers would feel more welcome to attend church. Never been introduced to vicar in 11 years - he should attend community events and introduce himself eg AGM of PC.”

Action: Pass results to Parochial Church Council and to Barking Chapel.
Q. 65 - We asked people, if they have not attended/do not attend regular worship, was it because ....
147 people answered this single selection question.

![Bar chart showing reasons for not attending worship](chart1.png)

Additional Comment: “Not felt welcome”

Q. 66 - Would you like to see Barking/Darmsden's Church/places of worship used as a meeting place for any of the following activities?
128 people answered this multiple selection question.

![Bar chart showing preferences for uses of worship](chart2.png)

Other = “Keep as place of worship”, Flower of Xmas Exhibitions, “no opinion”

Additional Comment: “To use the building for other activities would encourage me to attend other religious services”

Action: Pass results to Parochial Church Council and Barking Chapel.

Q. 67 - Would you be prepared to support these places of worship in any of the following ways? 181 people answered multiple selection question.

![Bar chart showing support for worship](chart3.png)

Action: Parochial Church Council to follow up/identify these people who are willing to volunteer.
### Amenities

**Q.68 - How often do you use the following facilities in Barking/Darmsden?**

204 people answered this rating question. Although all those did not answer every option, over 80% did.

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• ‘Peking’ Barking Fox: 12% visit regularly and almost 50% occasionally.
• Village Hall: An average of 70% never uses the Village Hall grounds or play equipment but 74% of respondents do use the village hall itself on a regular or occasional basis.
• The Tye: 90% of respondents use the Tye on a regular/occasional basis but only 13% use the 5-a-side goal and football pitch.
• The play equipment has better usage with 41% using it on a regular/occasional basis. Maybe the Youth Questionnaire will reveal more users of the play facilities on the Tye.
• It is good to see that 79% of respondents visit the woodlands on a regular/occasional basis.

Q.69 - Should there be better access, via a firm footpath, to the play equipment on the Tye?
203 respondents answered this single selection question.

Only 43 people (21%) would like to see a firm footpath to the play equipment on the Tye.
79% (160 people) either opposed it, “didn’t know” or had “no opinion”.
Additional Comment: “Would be nice to be a small fence around due to dogs!!”

Q.70 - Do you consider that there is sufficient play equipment for children on the Tye and at the rear of the Village Hall? If not, what would you like to see?
196 people answered this single selection question.

Of those, 86 (41%) were satisfied with the present equipment and another 81 people (41%) either “didn’t know” or had “no opinion”. Of the 16 respondents (8%) who said there isn’t sufficient play equipment, the main suggestions were a slide, see-saw and something for older children such as a skate park.

Additional Comments: “Grand children become easily bored after a very short time.”
“A children’s slide on the Tye for under fives!!”

Action: Tie these results in with the Youth Questionnaire before any considerations made.

Q.71 - What is your opinion of the condition of the facilities provided in the Children’s Play Area on the Tye?
201 respondents answered this single selection question.

Only 3% (6 people) thought the play equipment on the Tye was not satisfactory. 97% thought it satisfactory/didn’t know/had no opinion.
Additional Comments: “But the positioning of the dog waste bin is terrible! It should be moved away from the children’s play equipment.”

Action(s):
1. Should be compared with Youth Questionnaire to see what young people think.
2. Pass comments re dog waste bin to Parish Council

Q.72 - What is your opinion of the condition of the facilities provided in the Children’s Play Area behind the Village Hall?
197 people answered this single selection question.

NOBODY thought that the equipment was unsatisfactory. 100% thought satisfactory or didn’t know or had no opinion.

Additional Comment:
“Didn’t know these facilities were there”
Action: Again, should be compared with results of Youth Questionnaire.
Barking Village Hall

This section deals with questions surrounding the current and future use of the Village Hall

Q.73 Do you use the Village Hall for (meetings/community events / parish activities, organisations / private bookings)

204 respondents answered this multiple selection question.

Of these, 73 (35%) do not use the Village Hall at all. Of the remaining 65%, 53% use it for meetings/organisational activities and 52% attend community events. It must be noted that many organisations/events attract residents from surrounding villages who do not provide the same activities – and they are all welcome! Only 14% have hired it privately but again it must be noted that many private bookings come from outside the village.

Q.74 - If you use the Village Hall, what are your views on the quality of the facilities?

134 people answered this rated question.

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Facilities for the heard of hearing 81%

- No opinion
- Satisfactory
- Not Satisfactory

Kitchen Facilities 96%

- No opinion
- Satisfactory
- Not Satisfactory

Main Hall 93%

- No opinion
- Satisfactory
- Not Satisfactory

Decoration inside 93%

- No opinion
- Satisfactory
- Not Satisfactory

Furniture 94%

- No opinion
- Satisfactory
- Not Satisfactory

Toilets 94%

- No opinion
- Satisfactory
- Not Satisfactory

Disabled Toilet 78%

- No opinion
- Satisfactory
- Not Satisfactory

Storage 81%

- No opinion
- Satisfactory
- Not Satisfactory

Other * 4%

- No opinion
- Satisfactory
- Not Satisfactory

*Other = recycling, flooring throughout needs attention/replacing, Not sure about hearing or disabled access
The vast majority (80% plus) thought that the facilities and equipment provided in the village hall were satisfactory (or had no opinion). This also included the car park and disabled access. The 2 areas where improvements could be made are the heating and storage. It is hoped that the new central heating system and roof insulation installed during last Summer’s break has resolved the heating problem. This major project included redecoration and new lighting. Regarding storage, the VH Management Committee is currently working on plans to build an extension which will include extra (more accessible) storage and an extra meeting room. Plans are that this will be executed during 2011.

Action: Pass results to Village Hall Management Committee

**Q.75 - What additional facilities/improvements would you like to see at the Village Hall.**
Only 100 people (less than half of respondents) answered this multiple selection question.

**Top 5 responses**

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Heating, interior decoration and lighting were popular suggestions for improvements, reiterating answers to the previous question. Hopefully these have been resolved. The obvious need for a meeting room is now in the pipeline, see Q.74. In order of popularity, other suggestions included bar facilities, a sound system, meeting rooms and internet connection.

Action: Pass results to Village Hall Management Committee for consideration.
Q.76 - Would you be interested in attending new clubs/activities in Barking/Darmsden?
111 people answered this multiple selection question.

61% (68 respondents) said they would be interested in ‘Flicks in the Sticks’ (cinema). The Community Council has recently investigated this and would like to form a ‘Cinema Club’ to answer this need. Details are in the February 2010 Parish Magazine, asking for potential members to come forward. Other new activities identified as most popular and worth pursuing now are a Gardening Club (46 interested), Rambling Club (25 interested) and Book Club (24 interested).

Action: Pass results to Parish Plan Action Group, to advertise the need in Parish Magazine / Newsletter / Mailshot to identify 1 or 2 respondents willing to start up and organise these activities. Plus maybe list some of the other activities suggested with more than 10 respondents, eg. CAMEO, Coffee Mornings/Afternoon Socials and Drama. It must be noted that the Community Council does not have the resource to start new clubs/activities. It will always give support where possible but requires others to come forward to take responsibility.

Q.77 - Would you be interested in attending new sports clubs/activities in Barking/Darmsden?
125 people answered this multiple selection question.

The most popular new sports activities suggested require specialised equipment and space (maybe a designated court). These include in priority order, Pilates, Badminton, Circuit Training, Snooker, Table Tennis, Kick Boxing, Tennis, Golf and an Outdoor Gym. Regulations on open spaces in Barking would make it difficult for the Parish Council to allow hard courts and equipment to be permanently sited. Keep Fit (the most popular activity with 55 interested), Yoga, Football, Pool, Petanque, Darts and cricket could possibly be organised in the Village Hall or on the Tye, by those interested.

Action: Advertise, as with new clubs above and seek volunteers.
Question 78 - How is your quality of life now, compared with when you first moved / lived here?

201 people answered this single selection question.

- Better 87 (43.28%)
- Worse 16 (7.96%)
- The same 86 (42.79%)
- No opinion 12 (5.97%)

Just under half of those who responded to this question (87) said their quality of life was better and just under half said it was the same (86).

Additional Comments: When we first moved to Barking it was a peaceful tranquil place, now a busy East London road with a bus route on each side where my son lives is more peaceful than Barking.

Action: Ask those who said their Quality of Life is now worse, to explain why.

Question 79 - What is important to you about Barking/Darmsden?

109 people answered this free text question.

Here is a selection of their comments - good and bad:

- The atmosphere of friendliness and support that I have enjoyed since moving here. There is a general air of acceptance. There are beautiful views and sounds (the work going on at the farm beyond the garden). It is a perfect habitat.

- The community, the countryside, the woodlands, the Tye, the Village Hall

- The friendliness of all the villagers and all activities organised by the committee

- The huge increase in traffic as a result of the army air corps move to Wattisham has had an unfortunate negative impact.

- Unspoilt countryside and views - great for walking. But easy access to A14

- The peace and quiet, and the non-existent crime levels, restrictions on further development

- The general ambience, the friendliness and acceptance of newcomers by the local inhabitants. It could have been very difficult for us to integrate but we were made very welcome. There is much to be involved in and there is no pressure to have to do anything. I love it!

- Unspoilt village with a friendly community spirit

- The location, countryside, peace & quiet, historic buildings, wildlife, dark nights

- The sense of community, the openness of the countryside, access to the countryside, the sense of space
Businesses – Understanding Business in the Parish of Barking

The questions were designed to gain a snapshot of the businesses within the parish as well as to understand how the parish best assesses and where appropriate helps to meet the needs of those businesses.

A total of 23 people answered the parish business questionnaire, all of whom had a business located in the village of Barking (as opposed to Darmsden or the few properties that have a postal address of Needham Market within the parish).

Highlights

- The businesses jointly employed 9 people aside from the business owners themselves, of which 6 actually live within the parish as well.

- Most businesses did not expect to create any job opportunities within the next 5 years, but the following new appointments were expected:
  - 7 businesses expect to create up to 3 opportunities
  - 2 expected to create 10 or more opportunities

- The majority of our businesses advertise new vacancies by word of mouth (61.5%) but a couple use the job centre and a couple use the local press.

- 45% of those questioned thought that they would not be able to expand their premises within the parish if it was necessary. Note: This may include responses from our 9 home workers who would not intend to expand.

- In terms of vehicles owned by our businesses:
  - 9 own 1 or 2 cars
  - 1 own more than 10 cars
  - 2 businesses own 1 or 2 vans each
  - No business own any lorries or motorcycles

- 72.2% of people did not feel that there was a shortage of suitable business premises in the parish, but 22.2% felt that there was a shortage of office space.

- Regarding the various communication methods available, our businesses use the following:
  - 2 use some sort of business forum
  - 4 belong to email groups that are shared with other local businesses
  - 3 attend networking meetings regularly
  - 16 of the businesses that answered the questionnaire do not use any of the methods included

- Regarding communicating with local people, the majority (6) use the Four Parishes Newsletter and 2 use the parish council website, others use social networking and forums (3) and 1 has taken advantage of consultation with the parish council

- With respect to skills:
  - 1 business felt that they needed a gardener
  - 1 felt that generic training to improve mathematics was required
Most businesses (at 72.7%) did not know that there was an Economic Development Officer within the district and county councils who can provide guidance on local business services.

- Dawn Easter is the Economic Development Officer for MSDC (Business Based Projects) can be contacted on 01449 724635 or at dawn.easter@midsuffolk.gov.uk
- Dawn Turpin is the Economic Development Officer for Suffolk County Council who can be contacted on 01473 264817 or at dawn.turpin@suffolk.gov.uk

**How do people who work in Barking travel to work?**

This graph shows the number of people that would find the following items useful in running their businesses.
Do you feel parish or local councils encourage local business?

- Business owners feel that councils could better encourage local businesses in the following ways:
  - Advertising of local businesses in Village Hall Notice Board
  - Keep granting planning applications for small businesses
  - Provide links from own website to local business websites.
  - Hold local farmers markets and local business/trade fairs/craft fairs to support local businesses.
  - Use local businesses to carry out village works wherever possible

Although some people could not be certain either way, one person felt that “many of the parish councillors do not understand business and do not encourage new businesses in their area”.

Do you have access to Broadband for internet access?

- Yes - The speed is sufficient: 8
- Yes - The speed is quite slow and can't be upgraded further: 11
- No but would like access: 1
- No, not required: 3
Would you use a meeting room in Barking Village Hall if this could be made available for a reasonable charge?

This series of graphs show where people would be interested in advertising

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The Youth Questionnaire

This whole questionnaire has been completed by 40 Barking & Darmsden Young People.

**Q 1 - What was the gender of the respondents?**

40 young people answered this single selection question.

![Gender Distribution](chart)

**Q 2 - What age were the respondents?**

40 young people answered this single selection question.

![Age Distribution](chart)

**Q 3 - We asked respondents if they had any friends in their village?**

40 young people answered this single selection question.

Yes, lots  3  (7.5%)  Yes, a few  23  (57.5%)  No  14  (35%)

**Q 4 - We asked if the respondents socialise with friends in their village?**

39 young people answered this single selection question.

Yes  17  (43.59%)  No  22  (56.41%)
Q 5 - We asked the respondents if they answered ‘yes’ to Question 4, where did they socialise?
39 young people answered this single selection question.

Other* 4
Each others houses 16
Village Hall 3
Play Area 1
Woods 4
Football pitch 1

80% of the young people who responded to this question met up in each other’s homes.

Q 6 - We asked respondents what their hobbies or interests were.
39 young people answered this multiple selection question.

Other * 20
Walking 10
Swimming 19
Rugby 8
Netball/Basketball 10
Music 18
Gardening 10
Football 9
Dance 9
Cricket 8
Cooking 15
Computers/Games 21
Art 16

The most popular responses of those listed in the questionnaire were:

Q 7 - We asked respondents if they thought their village offers enough activities for young people.
36 young people answered this single selection question.

Yes  9  (25%)  
No   27  (75%)

75% of those who responded to this question, felt that there are not enough activities for young people.
Action: Pass results to the Community Council for consideration

Q 8 - We asked what new activities/events would they like to see held in their village?
39 young people answered this multiple selection question.

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Other *  A park that is safe, Paintball, A Hunt meet, tennis court (team), photography competitions, Cooking group, Badminton group, A wildlife hide in Bonny Wood, Craft Fair

Action: Pass results to the Community Council for consideration

Q 9 - We have recently had new play equipment installed on the Tye. We asked respondents if there is any other equipment they would like to see, and if so what?
39 young people answered this multiple selection question.

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Action: Pass results to Parish Council for consideration.
Q 10 - We asked the respondents where do they currently go to socialise?
40 young people answered this multiple selection question.

Other * Beating (Muckinger), at different friends around Suffolk, Great Finborough, Lion Barn, Chelmsford, Felixstowe, friend’s home

Q 11 - We asked them how they get to these places?
40 young people answered this multiple selection question.

Other * Train occasionally, Train from Needham

The majority of those who responded to this question (87.5%) rely on being a passenger in a car to socialise outside of Barking/Darmsden.
Q 12 - We asked respondents if they thought the public transport in their village is adequate?
38 young people answered this single selection question

- Yes 14 (36.84%)
- No 24 (63.16%)

Over 63% of the youth who answered this question do not feel that public transport serving Barking/Darmsden is adequate.


Q 13 - We asked respondents if they thought their village needed bus shelters?
40 young people answered this single selection question.

- Yes 23 (57.5%)
- No 17 (42.5%)

Over 57% of the youth who answered this question thought that Barking/Darmsden needs bus shelters.

Action: Pass results to Parish Council for consideration.

Q 14 - We asked respondents, if there was a shop in their village, run by villagers, would they use it?
39 young people answered this single selection question.

- Yes 33 (84.62%)
- No 6 (15.38%)

Over 84% of the youth who answered this question said they would use a village-run shop.

Action: Consider setting up working party to determine feasibility of a village shop in Barking.

Q 15 - Of those who said they would use a village shop, the following is a list of what they would like the shop to sell.
34 young people answered this question.

- Balloons
- Toys
- Drinks
- Sweets
- Magazines
- OS Games
- Chocolate
- Cakes
- Crisps
- Lucozade
- Corner shop items
- Tennis Racquets
- General supplies ie eggs, milk, bread
- Would be useful for people unable to travel
- Fruit
- Mobile phone top-ups
- Newspapers
- General groceries
- some joke toys
- Sandwiches
- Newsagents
- Comics
- Cards
- Stationery
- Snacks
- Vegetables
- DVDs
- Pet shop

Comment: “A village shop would be a good idea”

Action: See question 14
**Q 16 - We asked respondents if they have internet access at home?**

39 young people answered this single selection question.

Over 97% of respondents have access to the internet at home.

**Q. 17 - We asked respondents if they use internet networking sites, and if so, which ones?**

32 young people answered this multiple selection question.

Other * MINT CLIP, Club Penguin, Google Mail, games, Twitter

**Q. 18 - We asked respondents if they felt their village needs a youth web site and/ or Networking page?**

40 young people answered this single selection question.

Over 67% of those who answered this question, did not feel the Barking/Darmsden needs a youth web site or networking page.

See also Q 19
**Q. 19 - We asked if they would be willing to provide input onto these sites and help maintain them?**

37 young people answered this single selection question.

Of those who responded to this question, only 24% would be willing to provide input into any web site/networking page.

Conclusion to questions 18 & 19: No current requirement for a youth Web Site and/or Networking page.

**Q. 20 - We asked respondents if they thought youth events and activities in Barking/Darmsden should be organised by a Youth Council?**

40 young people answered this single selection question.

See Q. 21

**Q. 21 - ... and would they be willing to be a member of such a council?**

40 young people answered this single selection question.

Of those who responded to this question, 12 said they would be willing for be a member of a Youth Council, if one was formed.

Action: Pass to Parish Council to consider the possibility of forming a Youth Council for Barking/Darmsden.
**Question 22 - We asked respondents if they felt safe in their village.**
40 young people answered this single selection question

**Conclusion:** Over 97% of the young people who responded to this question feel safe in Barking/Darmsden.

**Action:** Inform Mid Suffolk South Safer Neighbourhood Team

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**Q 23 - We asked the youth of Barking/Darmsden if they had ever been affected by any of the following crimes in the village, if so what?**
28 young people answered this multiple selection question.

There was a nil return for the following: Bullying, Vandalism, Drunkenness, Public Order offences

Other * Cars driving too fast up our lane, Fly tipping, Loud parties, Lots of fly tipping in the pit behind the farm yard and at Robuck Farm

**The majority of crimes experienced by the youth of Barking/Darmsden were:**

- **Dog Fouling** 60.71%
- **Littering** 35.71%
- **Motoring Offences** 21.43%

**Action:** Parish Council to continue to tackle dog fouling, littering and traffic offences within the Parish.
Q 24 - We asked the youth of Barking/Darmsden what would make them feel safer in and around their village?

34 young people answered this multiple selection question.

![Bar chart showing responses]

- **Footways**: 24 responses (71%)
- **More street lighting**: 15 responses (44%)
- **A Call a Friend Service**: 5 responses (15%)
- **Other***: 4 responses (12%)

Other * = Zebra crossing, Cars going slower, “I think the ‘call a friend service’ would be good.”

Over 70% of those who responded said they would feel safer if there were more footways.

Action: Parish Council to continue to press for a footway in Barking.
Question 25 - We asked the youth of Barking/Darmsden what they like best about living in their village?
39 young people answered this question. Here is a selection.

Common/popular themes

- The Tye
- Countryside
- Community
- Quiet
- Space
- Walking
- Woods
- Scarecrows
- Playground
- Views

Community spirit; all the open space
I like the country and the space.
Good views unspoilt by buildings
It’s got a big Tye to play on
I live down a lane so there is privacy.
there is a lot of space
It’s got a big field
It is peaceful
Nothing because the park is boring and unsafe
scarecrow competition, tye
Views unspoiled by buildings, street lights etc.
It is quiet, you don’t get gangs hanging around
the Tye and the people in the village
Where my house is situated and living in the countryside
It’s got a fantastic village spirit
The fact I have friends who live near and I like it we have a playground
Views and surroundings, local footpaths, the Tye
That there is a playground and you can walk a lot
living near the woods
I like the swings and the space
the quite life and friends around you and the scarecrow activity and visiting the gardens
The suppers at the village hall
The space (Tye) the togetherness of the community, most people being friendly, talking to each other.
you are always safe
Tye, local footpaths, views, feel
Q 26 ...... and we also asked what do they think are the main improvements that could be made in their village in the future?

35 young people answered this question.

Here is a selection.

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<td>Rugby posts and basketball hoops</td>
<td>A tennis court</td>
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<td>Better playground (more things)</td>
<td>A full football pitch</td>
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<td>Better bus service and regular service to Ipswich</td>
<td>Cycle path to Needham</td>
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<td>Rebuild the windmill and turn it to a museum</td>
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<td>More ways to get to Needham Market without a car</td>
<td>Clean up the pill boxes</td>
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<td>Bus shelter for when waiting for the school bus</td>
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<td>Repair the pillboxes and cut the brambles</td>
<td>Path through village</td>
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<td>Speed camera on Battisford Road near the bottom</td>
<td>More sports facilities</td>
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<td>Older kid facilities on Tye : basketball court</td>
<td>More transport – public</td>
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<td>Xbox lan party facilities in the village hall</td>
<td>More paths</td>
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<td>No fences that involve removing hedges for them</td>
<td>Youth club</td>
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<td>A football or cricket team, to bring children of all ages together.</td>
<td>Tennis court</td>
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<td>Stopping people fly tipping up the lane (especially at the pit behind the farmyard at Robuck.)</td>
<td>More activities</td>
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<td>Village is boring, make more use of Tye - different activities??</td>
<td>More bus services to Needham</td>
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<td>Zebra crossing and a fenced off park that’s safe</td>
<td>A local shop</td>
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<td>Pathways connecting Barking and Needham</td>
<td>No holes in nets of the goals</td>
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<td>More areas to practise parkour (free running type activity)</td>
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<td>More things for teenagers to do</td>
<td>Slower/less traffic</td>
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<td>There are no things to change mostly very good</td>
<td>Make the activities more fun</td>
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44 ideas were provided including two suggestions that nothing else should be done to improve their village. There were several suggestions for more sporting facilities, improvements to the play areas, more activities, and improvement of public transport and footways.

Action: Pass results to Parish Council and Community Council for consideration.
We asked children under 8 years old to draw a picture of Barking. Here is a selection.

Zac Harper Aged 5

Lewis Bennett aged 5

‘The Tye at Sunset’ by Monty Storer, aged 15 months

Max Deeley 22 months

Thank you to all the Youth of Barking and Darmsden for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.
Thank you to all the residents of Barking and Darmsden for taking the time to complete the Household and the General Questionnaires.

We hope you found the outcomes of this Parish Plan interesting. The results will now be passed to the relevant groups and organisations.

The Actions will be incorporated into an Action Plan which is a separate document and which will be distributed to all the Parish Groups and organisations.

Barking Parish Steering Group
April 2011
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<td>Environment</td>
<td>Energy cost Saving</td>
<td>To consider setting up a parish buying group for heating oil, electricity, etc</td>
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<td>Energy Saving Trust&lt;br&gt;Suffolk Climate Change Partnership&lt;br&gt;– John Taylor&lt;br&gt;(Community Adviser)</td>
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<td>Energy cost Saving</td>
<td>To arrange for help from the Energy Saving Trust to help our community to reduce its environmental impact and become a greener community.</td>
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<td>Parish Council&lt;br&gt;British Gas</td>
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<td>Energy cost Saving</td>
<td>Consider lobbying British Gas for a mains gas connection to the parish</td>
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<td>Parish Council&lt;br&gt;Mid Suffolk District Council</td>
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<td>Energy cost Saving</td>
<td>Consider the purchase of a Community Wind Turbine</td>
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<td>Suffolk Climate Change Partnership&lt;br&gt;– John Taylor&lt;br&gt;(Community Adviser)</td>
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Barking Parish Action Plan – May 2011

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<th>Water conservation</th>
<th>To consider bulk purchase of water butts</th>
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<th>Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC)</th>
<th>Low</th>
<th>Most already have water butts</th>
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<td>Flooding</td>
<td>* Please would that one person identify their property so that the problem can be addressed if possible?</td>
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<td>Recycling</td>
<td>Promote the use of the recycling banks at Barking Village Hall, especially for paper/cardboard and clothing as all revenue goes to Barking Village Hall.</td>
<td>Barking Village Hall Management Committee</td>
<td>Parish Council</td>
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<td>Recycling</td>
<td>Refer recycling responses to Mid Suffolk District Council who is the refuse collection authority.</td>
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<td>MSDC Parish Council</td>
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<td>Housing</td>
<td>Low cost affordable housing</td>
<td>Low cost affordable housing data to be passed to Mid Suffolk District Council to determine the likelihood of some low cost affordable housing for the Parish, to include bungalows. Carry out a Housing Needs Survey.</td>
<td>Parish Council</td>
<td>MSDC Suffolk ACRE (Housing Enabler)</td>
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<td>Parking</td>
<td>An area for off road parking to be considered by the Barking Parish Council.</td>
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<td>Land Owners</td>
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<td>Employment</td>
<td>Local Businesses</td>
<td>Make results available to all local businesses ie Barking Forge, Clarke Fencing, Barking Tye Service Station &amp; the Peking Barking Fox.</td>
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<td>Local Businesses</td>
<td>Set up free advertising on the Parish website to actively support local traders.</td>
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<td>Web Master of local parish website</td>
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<td>Already actioned in 2010</td>
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<td>Parish Council to support planning applications for development of small businesses within the parish?</td>
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<td>Local Businesses</td>
<td>Support the Shop Local theme.</td>
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<td>Barriers to employment - public transport to/from employment</td>
<td>Lobby bus companies to improve timetables/routes. Incl. links to Needham Market to access other public transport routes/service</td>
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<td>Suffolk County Council (SCC) Public Transport Suffolk ACRE (Rural Transport)</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>Adult evening classes</td>
<td>Invite suggestions/offers of support from parishioners.</td>
<td>Implementation Action Group</td>
<td>Community Council VHMC</td>
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### Environment

#### Keeping Barking tidy
- Parish Council to continue to pay for a litter picker, provided the funding continues from MSDC. As there is a high level of support for a Litter Pick Day, Parish Council to arrange an annual event (Hopefully the 66 people who showed support for this event will turn up!).

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#### Keeping Barking tidy
- Parish Council to encourage dogs to keep away from the play area on the Tye, using whatever reasonable action they are able to take bearing in mind the restrictions of the Commons Act 2006, and the ability to enforce fines where necessary.

- Parish Council | Dog Owners |
- **High**       |            |
- Ongoing actions include erections of signs near play area.  
- Dog signs in place March 2011.

#### Keeping Darmsden tidy
- Parish Council to consult with Darmsden residents on how they would like to keep where they live clean and tidy.

- Parish Council | MSDC |
- **High**       | $> £156 per annum |
- Volunteer litter picker appointed for Darmsden May 2011.

#### Maintaining Parish Assets
- Barking Parish Council to continue to fund the maintenance of all these Parish Assets/features.

- Parish Council |
- **High**       |
- Maintenance budgeted for 2011/2012  
- Review Nov 2011 (2012 budget)

#### Protection of Parish Environment
- Barking Parish Council to continue to maintain and protect the Tye

- Parish Council |
- **High**       |
- Maintenance budgeted for 2011/2012  
- Review Nov 2011 (2012 budget)
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<th>Protection of Parish Environment</th>
<th>Continue to lobby SCC Highways and Police to reduce speeding</th>
<th>Parish Council</th>
<th>SCC Highways Police</th>
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<td>Protection of Parish Environment</td>
<td>Work with MSDC to promote more recycling</td>
<td>Parish Council</td>
<td>MSDC SCC</td>
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<td>Protection of Parish Environment</td>
<td>Continue to provide a recycling centre at Barking Village Hall</td>
<td>Parish Council</td>
<td>MSDC Barking Village Hall Management Committee</td>
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<td>Natural Environment</td>
<td>Footpaths</td>
<td>Promote the use of the footpaths throughout the Parish.</td>
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<td>Parish Council Barking Footpath Group/ Parish Paths Partnership SCC Public Rights of Way</td>
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<td>Footpaths</td>
<td>Barking Footpath Group/Parish Paths Partnership to continue its’ good work of maintaining the footpaths</td>
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<td>Allotments</td>
<td>Consider providing allotments if a suitable plot of land becomes available</td>
<td>Parish Council</td>
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<td>Management/Uses of the Tye</td>
<td>Investigate improvements/other uses for the Tye.</td>
<td>Parish Council</td>
<td>Suffolk Wildlife Trust Barking Tree Warden MSDC Countryside Team</td>
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<td>Improving countryside and wildlife</td>
<td>Consider suggestions to maintain footpaths, maintain existing hedges/ trees, clean out silted ponds, plant more trees, plant more hedges</td>
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<td>Suffolk Wildlife Trust Barking Tree Warden MSDC Countryside Team</td>
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<td>Use of St Marys churchyard as a nature reserve</td>
<td>Pass results to Parochial Church Council to consider setting aside part of the churchyard as a nature reserve</td>
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### Traffic

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<th>Issues with traffic</th>
<th>Consider concerns some residents have with parked vehicles.</th>
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| Concerns regarding traffic | Consider concerns expressed regarding volume and speed of traffic, and lack of footways. Parish Council to liaise with Police and Suffolk County Council Highways. | Parish Council | SCC Highways | Police | High | Community Speed Watch Scheme set up April 2011 in partnership with Somersham and Gt Bricett |

### Transport

| Footway in Barking | Barking Parish Council to continue efforts to press for a footway through Barking. | Parish Council | SCC | High | |

| Footpaths | Barking Footpath Group/Parish Paths Partnership to promote its map of Parish Footpaths | Barking Footpath Group/PPP | SCC Rights of Way Parish Council | Medium | |

<p>| Gipping Link Bus Service | Club 88 now re-named Gipping Link is very accessible, but needs more promotion, such as in the Four Parishes Magazine. | Parish Council | Gipping Link Four Parishes Magazine Web Master | High | Gipping Link flyer issued with every Four Parishes Magazine Sept 2010 Promoted in Welcome Pack Promoted on Parish website |</p>
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<th>Improvements to bus services</th>
<th>Contact the bus companies to request an improvement of the timetable, reliability and route.</th>
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<th>SCC Private contractors Suffolk ACRE (Rural Transport)</th>
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<td>Community Bus facility</td>
<td>Contact the Needham Market &amp; Barking Welfare Charities to request that the facility be promoted within the Parish and to communicate the feedback from the 29 users about the service. Promote facility to parish groups and organisations.</td>
<td>Needham Market &amp; Barking Welfare Charities</td>
<td>Parish groups and organisations</td>
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<td>Emergency &amp; Other Services</td>
<td>Standards of services and utilities</td>
<td>Service providers will be notified of responses where possible.</td>
<td>Implementation Action Group</td>
<td>All service providers</td>
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<td>Standards of services and utilities</td>
<td>Pass responses to service providers of litter picking, recycling, refuse collection, dog waste bins, litter bins, street lighting</td>
<td>Implementation Action Group</td>
<td>Parish Council MSDC SCC</td>
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<td>Standards of services and utilities</td>
<td>Pass responses to service providers of roadside care, winter weather service</td>
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<td>Concerns about crimes and anti-social behaviour</td>
<td>Responses to be passed to the local Community Police to consider addressing the speeding issue</td>
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Community Speed Watch Scheme set up effective form April 2011 in partnership with Somersham and Great Bricett.
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<th>Pass responses to local Community Police to review the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the Parish.</th>
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<td>Concerns about crimes and anti-social behaviour</td>
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<td>Police NW Darmsden volunteers</td>
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<td>Responses to be passed to Barking Parish Council to consider improvement to the existing street lighting.</td>
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<td>Concerns about litter</td>
<td>Responses to be passed to Barking Parish Council to consider dog waste bins for the Needham Market end of Barking.</td>
<td>Parish Council</td>
<td>MSDC SCC</td>
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<td>Community Shop</td>
<td>Set up working party to consider the feasibility of starting up a Community Shop.</td>
<td>Implementation Action Group</td>
<td>Community Shop Feasibility Group Barking VHMC (if a possible venue)</td>
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<td>Peking Barking Fox - Q 39</td>
<td>Pass responses to Peking Barking Fox as not seen as being important within the village. To be encouraged to be more of a local venue/village pub?</td>
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<td>Peking Barking Fox</td>
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<td>Healthcare</td>
<td>Access to health and paramedical services</td>
<td>Start a prescription collection and delivery service.</td>
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<td>Promote Gipping Link service as transport to/from health services</td>
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<td>Community Events</td>
<td>To notify the Community Council and Barking Fox about suggestion to hold some community events at the Fox</td>
<td>Community Council</td>
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<td>Voluntary Groups</td>
<td>To produce a list of contact numbers for the various organisations and post in the village hall and on the village notice board.</td>
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<td>Leisure activities for young people</td>
<td>To identify and bring together volunteers, depending on need identified in Youth Questionnaire, especially regarding a School Holiday Club (5 volunteers), Youth Club (7 volunteers) and Organised Team Games on the Tye (15 volunteers).</td>
<td>Implementation Action Group</td>
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<td>Communication Village events</td>
<td>To encourage the continued promotion of all events via all the options available</td>
<td>Implementation Action Group (website) Parish Council Community Groups and organisations</td>
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<td>Four Parishes News-Link</td>
<td>To list contacts for the Four Parishes News-Link so that every household can order it, if required. Volunteers needed to deliver!</td>
<td>Four Parishes News-Link Volunteers</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>Parish/village news updates</td>
<td>Parish Council and Community Council to consider e-mail alerts in particular.</td>
<td>Parish Council Community Council</td>
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<td>Contact details</td>
<td>Create a list of contact names (to include County &amp; District Councillors and MP) and publish on notice board. Maintain list on website.</td>
<td>Implementation Action Group Parish Council (website)</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<td>Annual Parish Meeting</td>
<td>Consider having a topical speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting.</td>
<td>Parish Council</td>
<td>✓ Topical speaker present at 2010 &amp; 2011 meetings. Medium Repeat for 2012 onwards</td>
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<td>Faith Barking PCC &amp; Barking Chapel</td>
<td>Pass results to Parochial Church Council and to Barking Chapel.</td>
<td>IAG Parochial Church Council Barking Chapel</td>
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<td>Places of Worship Support</td>
<td>Parochial Church Council to follow up and identify these people who are willing to volunteer to support, by cleaning or undertaking maintenance.</td>
<td>Parochial Church Council Volunteers</td>
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<td>Amenities</td>
<td>Adequacy of play equipment</td>
<td>Parish Council Youth representatives</td>
<td>Pass results to Parish Council and tie in with results of Youth Questionnaire.</td>
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<td>Dog waste bin near play area on the Tye</td>
<td>Consider relocating the dog waste bin currently near play equipment</td>
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<td>Barking Village Hall</td>
<td>Adequacy of facilities</td>
<td>Village Hall Management Committee for consideration.</td>
<td>Pass results to Barking Village Hall Management Committee for consideration.</td>
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<td>New clubs/activities</td>
<td>Advertise the need for new clubs/activities in Parish such as in the Magazine / Newsletter / Mailshot to identify the 1 or 2 respondents willing to start up and organise these activities.</td>
<td>Implementation Action Group Volunteers</td>
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<td>New clubs/activities</td>
<td>Consider new keep fit/yoga activities. Advertise, as with new clubs above and seek volunteers.</td>
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<td>Quality of Life</td>
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<td>Facilities for teenagers/ youth</td>
<td>Youth Council</td>
<td><strong>Consider the formation of a Youth Council.</strong></td>
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**By Whom:**

**Priority Key:**

- **High** – 3 monthly follow-up
- **Medium** – 6 monthly follow-up
- **Low** – 9 monthly follow-up