



## North Mymms Parish Plan

# A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY



# ***“This is your vision for how you wish to see North Mymms evolve over the coming years”.***

We hope you will enjoy reading it and that as many people as possible will take an active part in helping us make North Mymms an even better place in which to live and work by getting involved in the implementation of the Action Plans.

The Parish Plan is a way for us to shape our future. The Coalition Government has accepted that local communities should take more control of their own lives. The Parish Plan is a way of “taking the pulse” of village communities. It aims to identify features and local characteristics that people value and to ascertain issues and opportunities. The 2010 Parish Plan questionnaire helped us to do this. It helped us to produce Action Plans to show how we could achieve the vision expressed by residents and these Action Plans are the main part of this document.

The Parish Plan represents a powerful tool to influence decisions by other authorities such as the Borough and County Councils. It can be a focus to enable the villages in our Parish to work together.

North Mymms Parish Council has been the sponsor of the Parish Plan and has provided support and advice. The Parish Plan is now due to be reviewed and adopted by the Parish Council. Responsibility for implementation of the individual items in the Action Plan now rests with Parish Council and the Parish Plan Steering Group Committee together with its Working Groups. The Members of the Parish Plan Steering Group Committee and its Working Groups are all volunteers and all are to be thanked for their commitment to the Parish Plan together with other people and organisations who can be found listed in the Acknowledgements at the end of this document. The work of the Parish Plan to date has been facilitated by the provision of some financial assistance by North Mymms Parish Council. The Steering Group aims to become self funding and if you would like to help us through sponsorship and fund raising please contact the Chairman of the Steering Group.

November 2011.

*Front Cover Photographs:*

*Top Centre – Welham Green*

*Mid Left – Bradmore Green, Brookmans Park*

*Mid Right – Folly Arch, Little Heath*

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# Introduction by the Chairman of The North Mymms Parish Plan Steering Group Committee

I write this Introduction to the North Mymms Parish Plan at a time of potential change in the way our Community will function. Localism is now the way forward. The Coalition Government is considering the draft National Planning Policy Framework and we have yet to see the impact of this.

However, it is clear that the residents of North Mymms now have much greater potential to influence the future of our Parish. The Parish Plan Steering Group Committee was set up, following an initiative by the Parish Council in late 2008, to research and write a Parish Plan. Residents were each asked, in Mid 2009, to put forward five items to improve the Parish via flyers and a series of public meetings. We sought guidance from various local organisations and a full list of these can be found in the Appendices to the Plan. We circulated questionnaires to some 3,800 households in the Parish and to some 400 businesses and organisations in the Summer of 2010. We sought the views of the under 18's. The summaries of the responses to the questionnaires can be found in the Appendices. The response rate to our Questionnaire for Residents of 16% is somewhat greater than that achieved for some other Parish Plans in Hertfordshire.

We established Working Groups in the Autumn of 2010 to consider the issues raised by the various responses and the work of the Groups can be found in each of the main chapters of the Plan – Development & Planning, Environment, Leisure, Services to Residents, Transport and the Under 18's.

We have identified various projects which could make good contributions to the quality of life in our Parish. We now need to implement these projects and if you would like to help us to achieve our targets I should be delighted to hear from you. Examples of our next steps could include:

- Measures to properly address speeding and other traffic problems.
- The provision of services for the elderly and perhaps a Drop-In Centre.
- More facilities for young people.
- “Share a garden scheme” for those waiting for allotments which could help those struggling to cope with large gardens.
- Consideration of our housing needs.
- Preservation of our Green Belt
- Many other projects both small and large.

We believe that we have a SMART Parish Plan, that is, our objectives can be seen as specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timed.

In the current economic climate we can only move forward with volunteers. I hope that our community will rise to the challenge. Finally, I must record my sincere thanks to the members of the Steering Group Committee and the Working Groups.

Mrs. Sheila M. King  
Chairman – North Mymms Parish Plan Steering Group Committee

**November 2011**

# Background information about the Parish

North Mymms has been classified as a “Large Parish” and has a population of around 11,000. It is a rural Parish, located between the towns of Potters Bar to the South and Hatfield to the North. It comprises much of Little Heath which touches Potters Bar, the village of Brookmans Park in the middle of the Parish and to the North, the village of Welham Green with an industrial estate which creates one of the largest industrial villages in the County. It also includes the hamlets of Bell Bar and Water End, together with a part of Bullens Green, although the boundary between North Mymms and the adjoining Parish of Colney Heath is now due to be adjusted following a review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

We have good road links. The A1(M) runs North/South on the Western side of the Parish and the A1000 runs on the Eastern side. We are close to the M25. The East Coast railway line runs North/South through the centre of the Parish, with Brookmans Park and Welham Green stations lying within the Parish.

We have primary schools in Little Heath, Brookmans Park and Welham Green. Southfields Primary School for children with moderate learning difficulties is located close to the northern boundary of the Parish. Chancellor’s School in Brookmans Park has pupils 11–18 years old. Queenswood, an Independent Boarding School for Girls aged 11-18, lies within the Parish as does a small part of the grounds of Lochinver House Preparatory School for Boys

The Church of England is represented by St. Mary’s Church, North Mymms and Christ Church, Little Heath. St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church lies between Brookmans Park and Welham Green and the United Reformed Church is in Brookmans Park.

Local shops can be found in Brookmans Park and Welham Green. Many of our residents commute to London to work but we have a strong community spirit and various organisations, clubs and societies have been formed. Many people see our Parish as a pleasant place to live but many residents consider that they live in one of the villages and do not feel that they “belong” to the somewhat larger Parish. The identity of the Parish needs to be developed and perhaps the achievement of some of the projects set out in the Parish Plan will help in this aim.



*A view of  
the lake in Gobions Open Space in Winter*



*A view of  
St. Mary's Church, North Mymms*

**The top two locations identified in response to the question,  
“What is your favourite part of the Parish?”**

# The History of The Parish

BY THE LATE MARIAN BENTON

(formerly The Programme and Publications Secretary, North Mymms Local History Society)

From 1086 when the Bishop of Chester held Mimmine as recorded in the Domesday Book, the Parish has been associated with a rich pageant of famous names. Simon de Swanland; Sir John More, Father of Thomas; Lord John Somers, a former Lord Chancellor; Arthur Young, farmer at Bradmore, an authority on agriculture; George Knott, pioneer photographer; Mrs Cooke; headmistress of Waterend School and a pioneer motorcyclist and many more. However, we must not forget the agricultural labourers, strawplaiters, craftsmen, servants and innkeepers who made the Parish what it is for old and new families, the commuters, the elderly and the schoolchildren who make up the community today.

In the 18<sup>th</sup> C the Parish of North Mymms had an area of 4900 hectares; land with the exception of Gobions was in two manors of North Mymms Park and Brookmans. North Mymms Common which compromised 730 acres was enclosed, the Commissioner's Award being made in 1782. In 1786 the Gausson family bought the Manor of Brookmans and this remained in the family until 1923.

Robert William Gausson bought Gobions in 1838 but it was demolished by 1841 and Brookmans House was destroyed by fire in 1891.

At the beginning of 20<sup>th</sup> C Gausson was still the biggest landowner owning 86% of the whole area. After him came Mrs W H Burns at North Mymms Park; J Thompson of Mymwood, S Sheppard at Leggatts, the Marquis of Salisbury and the executor of C Field at Hawkshead. In 1914 596 acres were sold which included Redhall, Tollgate and Parsonage Farms. In 1923 the syndicate of White/Calder/Hattrell and Burton bought the rest of the Gausson land.

An ambitious plan to make Brookmans Park a garden city with public buildings and a town square was abandoned but many houses began to be built. In 1926 the railway station was built as the company realised that to have a market for the houses there would have to be links to London.

Little Heath became another settlement in North Mymms parish in the last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> C. By the turn of the century the two communities around Church Road and Christ Church had been established. In 1881 Little Heath, Herts had 186 people and Little Heath, Potters Bar 165. The formal separation from North Mymms ecclesiastical parish took place in 1894 though Little Heath remained in the Civil Parish.

Until 1894 the vestry was the sole means of government in parish affairs. The last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> C saw a spate of home building. C Sibthorp was modernising his work people's cottages and J E Gray was developing the Pancake Hall area, which included Balloon Corner and Pooleys Lane. The vestry's most important task was to decide how much each ratepayer should contribute to the precept of poor relief. It also had responsibility for the roads and also raised a voluntary rate for the support of the Parochial Schools.

In 1894 the Local Government Act in England established parish councils which displaced the vestries, not least for the 1500 inhabitants of North Mymms. The 20<sup>th</sup> C building continued apace and the Congregational Church opened in 1949 and the chapel at St Michaels and All Angels was consecrated in 1951. The Girls School at Waterend closed in 1960, it had been made a county primary school in 1953. The population of the Parish had risen to 12,522 in the 1950's and put pressure on the two schools in Welham Green. By 1963 Bushwood School had taken in the infants and the Church School no longer needed to use the Memorial Hall. The future lay with the amalgamation of Bushwood with the Church of England Mixed School but this did not occur until 1980. Chancellors School was opened in 1964.

Thus we come to the parish of today where no doubt changes will continue to be made just as they have been for all the past inhabitants of North Mymms Parish.

***Marian reported that she was indebted to the publications written by Brian Warren, the late Bill Killick, Peter Kingsford and Dorothy Colville. Marian wrote this brief history in June 2011 shortly before her death and the members of the Parish Plan Steering Group Committee would like to record their thanks.***

# Working Groups – Summaries and Action Plans

## Development & Planning Working Group Summary and Action Plan

### Key Points

1. Development is generally unwanted, Green Belt should be maintained.
2. Some support for affordable housing, homes for the elderly, the disabled and young adults from families in the Parish.
3. Employment and Business Development in the Parish concentrated in Welham Green but there may be a general need for serviced offices/workshops for small business.
4. Additional sports facilities supported.

### Summary

#### North Mymms Local Development Capacity

Ninety Seven Percent (97%) of the respondents to the Parish Plan Questionnaire said that the Green Belt boundaries were in the right place. There is widespread resistance to the idea of building on Green Belt land in North Mymms because residents want to preserve the ambience of the villages.

Local housing capacity is very small without infringing the Green Belt. The recent Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment carried out by the Borough Council identified an added dwelling capacity of 105 throughout Brookmans Park, Little Heath and Welham Green. The same Assessment found that *“the main settlements of Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield have the largest number of potential housing sites, most of which, if economic conditions improve, are ready to come forward immediately”*. We consider that planning approvals for the Parish should therefore be initially restricted to the available “Brownfield” and infill capacity, future development should be in keeping with the surrounding areas. Developments should facilitate adequate parking space within the sites to avoid the increasing problem of parking in roads. The provision of cellar and attic rooms together with underground parking should be encouraged in order to make better use of the limited land capacity.

Development in the gardens of existing houses might also be supported as this reduces the pressure on the Green Belt but only if the general character of the area and immediately adjoining properties are not adversely affected – some 31% of respondents to the Questionnaire supported garden land development.

## **Housing Need**

In response to the question, “Is additional housing needed?”, 73% of the respondents said “No”. Those who thought that some additional housing was needed supported Low-cost Starter Homes (78%); Homes for the Elderly (76%) and Homes for the Disabled (65%). In contrast only 6% supported the need to address accommodation for Travellers and 20% wanted more accommodation for Students.

The 2003 based projections of population data provided by Hertfordshire County Council indicate that the population of Welwyn Hatfield could increase by approximately 5,800 people (5.9 percent) to 2021. Household formation, however, was predicted to rise at almost twice the rate of population increase, that would suggest 0.6% growth per year. Such a figure in North Mymms could equate to 2/3 new households per year. Housing affordability is a major issue with 67% of “concealed households” unable to afford to buy property or rent privately. Demand outstrips affordable housing unit supply, nearly 75% of respondents to the Questionnaire who wanted additional housing supported low cost starter provision. The retired population represent the fastest growing segment of population but they generally have property. Downsizing by members of this group who can no longer cope with large houses and gardens also increases demand for lower priced property making existing stock less affordable to the younger age groups. A need for housing specifically designed for the elderly was supported by 75% of the respondents who wanted additional housing.

## **Affordable Housing Provision:**

Given the limited availability of suitable development land it is clear that the local provision of affordable housing may require recourse to the use of “Exception Sites”. That is, sites that would not usually secure planning permission for housing, for example fringe agricultural land next to but not within a local settlement area. Such development may find local support if it addresses the local preference for Starter Homes for local young people; Homes for the Elderly and Homes for the Disabled and of course is sympathetic to the existing village environment. Given the necessary recourse to “Exception Sites” then the provision of affordable housing should be sought via the planning process (controlling the nature of occupation) and in conjunction with partner Housing Associations (Registered Social Landlords). A progressive and proactive approach for the future may offer the advantage of a suitable mix of development and avoid the necessary resistance.

## **Business Development**

Of the respondents who said that they would like to see more businesses in the Parish, the most support, at 59%, was for Small Business facilities. The Parish and local area are in fact fairly well provided with rentable units. However, the Parish does have many home based businesses and it may be that there is an opportunity for the provision of serviced office facilities and workshops which may complement the embryonic home enterprises.

## **Sports Facilities**

Sports facilities were highly supported by respondents and particularly by the under 18’s. A fuller assessment of the need and current utilisation of existing sports and school facilities will need to be undertaken in the first instance.

## DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING WORKING GROUP – ACTION PLAN

ISSUE	LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	RESPONSIBLE GROUP OR AGENCY	3 <sup>RD</sup> PARTY INVOLVEMENT	PRIORITY	COORDINATOR	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
Private house building	North Mymms	Monitor the emerging policy of the Local Planning Authority (Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council) following Core Strategy Consultation “How many new homes?”-the closing date was 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	Development & Planning Working Group	Parish Council	High	Volunteer*	Monitor for one year , then review action
Private house building	North Mymms	Promote “Brownfield” sites, infill and use of gardens as first choices. Consider request for Neighbourhood Development Orders or Community Right To Build Orders (site specific)	Development & Planning Working Groups	Parish Council Borough Council	High	Volunteer*	On going
Affordable housing	North Mymms	Contact Registered Social Landlords to establish whether there might be scope to expand their Housing Association operations for “target” groups e.g. the elderly, the disabled and young adults from families in the Parish	Development & Planning Working Group	Parish Council Borough Council and Housing Associations	Medium	Volunteer*	Initially Oct. 2012
Affordable housing	North Mymms	Review above outcome for possible further action with Private Sector and specific (restricted use) planning applications. Consider request for Neighbourhood Development Orders or Community Right To Build Orders (site specific)	Development & Planning Working Group	Parish Council Borough Council	Medium	Volunteer*	Initially Oct. 2013

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Business and Employment Developments	North Mymms	Assess the demand for serviced office and workshop facilities	Development & Planning Working Group	Enterprise Bodies and other Development Agencies	Medium	Volunteer*	Initially Oct. 2013
Sports Facilities	North Mymms	Assess the demand for new facilities (possible Joint schemes with schools)	Development & Planning Working Group	Local sports groups, North Mymms Youth Project and local schools	Medium	Volunteer*	October 2013
Green Belt	North Mymms	Enhance working relationship with North Mymms Green Belt Society to protect the Greenbelt	Development & Planning Working Group	North Mymms District Green Belt Society	High	Volunteer*	On going
Conservation Bradmore Green	Brookmans Park	Consider promoting the Listing of The Former Estate "Hut" on Green or creation of Conservation Area	Parish Council	Borough Council, North Mymms District Green Belt Society	Medium	Volunteer*	Initially Oct. 2012
Royal Veterinary College	Hawkshead Lane	Monitor to try to ensure that any new development does not adversely affect car parking and traffic movements in Hawkshead Lane whilst not preventing the continuing operations of this World Class facility	Development & Planning Working Group	Parish Council Borough Council and RVC	Medium	Volunteer*	On going

\* Volunteers are required to work on the individual action points with the Working Group and Parish Plan Steering Group Committee.

# Environment Working Group Summary and Action Plan

## Key Points

1. Improved signage for recycling point between Brookmans Park and Welham Green
2. Easy use signs for each recycling bin
3. Dog bins – provision of additional dog waste bins
4. Improved signage of access to open spaces to maximise enjoyment of local environment
5. Improved accessibility of specific footpaths
6. To protect the character of Bradmore Green
7. To provide local information regarding Green and Home Improvement issues



*Views of Bradmore Green, Brookmans Park*

## Summary

### Recycling

North Mymms recycling facilities are used by 80% of respondents. Of the 20% who said they did not use them, the reason given was mainly (32%) that they preferred nearer or more convenient locations. A significant number (20%) were unaware of the North Mymms recycling locations and an added 10% had a lack of mobility to reach them.

*Recycling facilities at North Mymms  
Youth and Community Centre*



The most frequent (54%) proposal for improvement was for recycling of plastic. No doubt the subsequent introduction of fortnightly plastics collection is much appreciated. The validity of the

views expressed regarding the possibility of further recycling points in Brookmans Park and Little Heath is considered dependent upon the success or otherwise of the new recycling arrangements and should be revisited at a later date.

### **Waste Management**

Results indicate that the majority (56%) are now against landfill as a means of dealing with household waste. On the other hand, incineration is also supported by a majority (59%). However, concern was expressed regarding the siting of an incinerator in the area. Whilst at the date of the last Environment Working Group meeting the decision to locate the incinerator at New Barnfield was not announced, the Working Group felt that the proposed siting was totally inappropriate. It is unclear what benefits (if any) the local community would gain from having to endure such an imposition especially when we face the adverse effects of increased lorry traffic and potential pollution issues.

The Working Group considered that the wording within the Parish Plan Questionnaire did not deal with the issue properly and questioned the use of the question addressing recycling in general terms rather than the effect of this incinerator specifically. The Working Group will monitor the progression of the New Barnfield incinerator project and contribute to the work of Hatfield Against Incineration as may be appropriate.

### **Problems Moving Around**

Although the majority (78%) of respondents did not encounter any problems in North Mymms with regard to: wheelchair access to premises; pavement obstructions; lack of seating or of crossing the road, there is a sizable minority (22%) (perhaps, the elderly) who did and widespread instances were cited. These will be investigated and action initiated, if possible.

### **Public Space and Footpaths**

Public spaces are used weekly or more often by 55% of respondents. Usage is for walking (51%), dog walking (17%), children's play (10%), recreation (5%) and cycling (3%). In order to improve our public open space 19% suggested improved removal of dog mess and restriction of dog areas; 17% said "do nothing"; 14% wished for less litter, fly tipping and cars; 7% asked for improved maintenance of paths, hedges and verges; 5% desired improved facilities for children; 4% sought more seats and picnic tables; 3% identified a need for improved access to Gobions and its car park.

North Mymms public footpaths are used by 70% of respondents. In order to improve them 33% identified the cutting back of vegetation; 18% said that they are fine; 10% desired less dog mess; 9% suggested improved signage and 7% wanted improved repairs of pot holes etc. New footpath suggestions included Little Heath to Brookmans Park, Colney Heath to Welham Green, Bolton's Park to RVC (which now exists). A footpath in Calder Avenue, Brookmans Park was also suggested by residents who felt vulnerable as a pedestrian forced to walk in the road (this may also be the case along other private roads in Brookmans Park).



## ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP – ACTION PLAN

ISSUE	LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	RESPONSIBLE GROUP OR AGENCY	3 <sup>RD</sup> PARTY INVOLVEMENT	PRIORITY	COORDINATOR	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
Signage for recycling point	N Mymms Community Centre, Station Road	Provision of new/additional signage	Environment Working Group	Borough Council Refuse Dept.	High	Volunteer*	April 2012
Easy use signs for each recycling bin	Primary Schools, Little Heath. Brookmans Park and St Marys Welham Green	Invite each school to design stickers to be attached to each bin clarifying usage. A competition might be held for the best design	Environment Working Group	Parish Council to invite each Head Teacher and Refuse Dept. to distribute stickers with own promotional literature	High	Volunteer*	June 2012
Dog bins – provision of additional dog litter bins	<p>Brookmans Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18-20 Mymms Drive</li> <li>• 58A/60 Mymms Drive</li> <li>• Bluebridge Road – Gobions</li> </ul> <p>Welham Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Green - Welham Green</li> <li>• Corner of Parsonage &amp; Pooleys Lane</li> <li>• Entrance to recreation area adjacent to community centre</li> </ul> <p>Little Heath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Folly Arch – increased provision</li> <li>• Primary School</li> </ul>	To provide additional bins	Environment Working Group	Parish or Borough Council	High	Volunteer*	May 2012

ISSUE	LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	RESPONSIBLE GROUP OR AGENCY	3 <sup>RD</sup> PARTY INVOLVEMENT	PRIORITY	COORDINATOR	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
Signage of access to open spaces to maximise enjoyment of local environment	At each of North Mymms open spaces	To provide : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of open spaces suitable for walking</li> <li>• A map on each Parish Notice Board</li> </ul>	Environment Working Group	Parish Council Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust		Volunteer*	June 2012
Improved accessibility of following footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brookmans Park to Little Heath – Hawkshead Road</li> <li>• Welham Green to Colney Heath – Tollgate Road</li> <li>• Welham Green to Water End</li> <li>• Great North Road approaching Little Heath</li> </ul>	To trim back vegetation. Finish footpath where necessary	Environment Working Group	Herts County Council Highways		Volunteer*	Initially Sept. 2012
To create conservation area	Bradmore Green	To raise conservation status	Parish Council	Borough Council	High	Volunteer*	October 2012
To provide local information regarding Green and Home Improvement issues	Throughout Parish	To supply information via : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice Boards</li> <li>• Insert literature with local Council circulars</li> </ul>	Environment Working Group	Borough Council and other appropriate agencies	Medium	Volunteer*	On going

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# Leisure Working Group Summary and Action Plan

## **Key Points**

1. List of Clubs and Activities in the Parish and the creation of a Parish Diary
2. Day Centre/Over 60's Facility and Community Café – possibly adapting for use by the Under 18's in the evening.
3. Internet Radio Station.
4. Time Banking Scheme



*North Mymms Memorial Hall*



*North Mymms Youth and Community Centre*



*North Mymms Bowls Club*



*Gardening - a much enjoyed activity*

## **Summary**

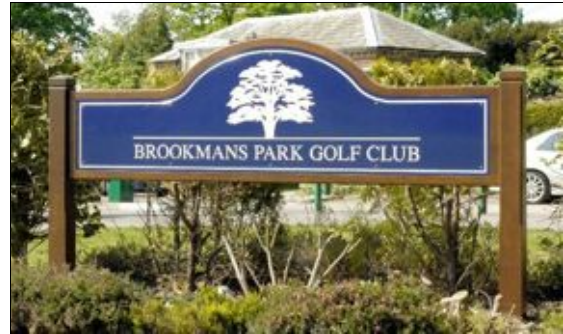
### **Clubs**

Approximately 50% of the respondents to the Questionnaire were members of one or more local clubs. In response to the question “What clubs would you like?” the most frequent response (14%) indicated a need for Youth Clubs. A further fifty club types were identified each polling a response

of 5.5% or less. Such a wide range of interests supports the need for clubs to offer membership across a wide geographical area and for local residents to be prepared to travel in order to participate in the activity of their choice. It is unlikely that North Mymms could ever offer club attractions to meet such diverse demands. The aim is therefore to establish a list of Clubs and activities within and beyond the Parish for communication to residents via the internet, libraries and doctors' surgeries etc. It was felt that whilst there are many clubs and societies, information about them is not readily available.



*North Mymms Cricket Club*



### **Facilities**

In response to the question “What facilities are needed to help those over retirement age?” sixty-six respondents (19%) called for more clubs or a day centre. One way of achieving this would be a facility located in a central location providing a Day Centre for the community with a café element included. Such a facility is operated successfully in Potters Bar. The Leisure Working Group will investigate its operation and assess the feasibility for a North Mymms centre. It might be possible to adapt it for use by the under 18's in the evenings.

### **Community Spirit**

In support of a need to foster community spirit and good neighbourliness, the Leisure Working Group proposes two added initiatives namely: a North Mymms Internet Radio station facilitating cross-generation involvement and a Time-banking scheme in which participants “deposit” their time in the “bank” by giving practical help and support to others and are able to 'withdraw' their time when they need something done themselves. Each credit might be worth one hour of time. Participants could spend their time credits on the skills and support of other participants when they need a helping hand. It is a volunteer scheme for those with a skill or time to share with the community. Such a scheme would require a data base of people and skills. It would foster improved community spirit and cross-generation sharing.



*The Woodman at Water End*



*The Sibthorpe Arms, Welham Green*

## LEISURE WORKING GROUP – ACTION PLAN

ISSUE	LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	RESPONSIBLE GROUP OR AGENCY	3 <sup>RD</sup> PARTY INVOLVEMENT	PRIORITY	COORDINATOR	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
List of Clubs and Activities in the Parish and a Parish Diary.	North Mymms	Construct “database” of all known existing and proposed activities. Produce hard copy, make available for website, face book page etc. Update regularly	Leisure Working Group	Parish Council	High	Volunteer* possibly with one part-time post in the future	March 2012
Day Centre/Over 60’s Facility and Community Café (Possibly with shared use with under 18’s)	North Mymms	Provide a facility preferably a shop front for a café/ day centre with internet facilities, bookshelves and space for meetings etc.	Leisure Working Group	Parish Council	Medium	Volunteers* possibly with one part-time post in the future	March 2014
Internet Radio Station.	North Mymms	Explore requirements and feasibility. Canvas local youth groups, article on website and local papers	Leisure Working Group	Parish Council	Medium	Volunteer*	March 2014
Time Banking Scheme	North Mymms	Complete a study of existing schemes and explore demand for and requirements of local scheme implementation	Leisure Working Group	Parish Council	Low	Volunteers* possibly with one part-time paid post in the future	March 2016

\*Volunteers are required to work on the individual action points with the Working Group and Parish Plan Steering Group Committee.

# Services to Residents Working Group Summary and Action Plan

## **Key Points**

1. Broadband Access
2. Good Neighbour
3. Ageing Population
4. Street Lighting
5. Neighbourhood Watch

## **Summary**

### **Internet Broadband**

Broadband access is available to the majority (77%) of respondents, telephone access was used by most (77%) and broadband cable connection by 17%, the remainder by other means e.g. satellite. The speed of connection is acceptable to 75%. However, it is apparent that internet service levels in Brookmans Park and Little Heath are significantly lower than that available in Welham Green. As Welham Green is the only area within the Parish having an industrial area, it is speculated that an enhanced service is provided purely for commercial reasons. Although, it is understood that when the cable service was being installed some years ago by NTL (now Virgin Cable) in Welham Green it was not physically possible to access Brookmans Park because the private roads from the A1000 and the railway bridge formed barriers. It is further understood that at that time Hertsmere “signed up” to a different cable system and it was not possible to connect up to the Potters Bar system. There is a need to investigate whether following changes in the providers it might now be possible to connect to Hertsmere’s cable service. The absence of cable services to other areas of the Parish has implications in cost terms to consumers who are unable to benefit from bundling services.

### **Good Neighbourliness**

A good neighbour type of volunteer scheme is said to be needed by a majority (62%) of respondents. The main needs were identified as help for elderly, a driving/taxi scheme and support to disabled and vulnerable people. A minority (33%) of respondents indicated a preparedness to help implement such schemes. It should be noted that “A Guide to my Council” advises of the following volunteer opportunities within the Borough of Welwyn Hatfield which includes North Mymms Parish. There is however a need for more ‘voluntary offers of advantage’ with good access for the targeted users.

### **Volunteer opportunities:**

Shopmobility	Tel. 01707 336688
Helping at museums/demonstrating hobbies/ gardening /restoration	Tel. 01707 271362
Nature reserves, woodlands and open spaces	Tel. 01707 357329
Reporting on fly-tipping, litter and graffiti – Serco	Tel. 01707 379175
Volunteer tree wardens	Tel. 01707 357329
WHCVS Volunteering & Community Care	Tel. 01707 273875

**Notes:**

1. With regard to Neighbourhood Watch, interested individuals may contact [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk) in the first instance.
2. On-line socialising is nothing new but can it also help neighbours ‘click’ in real life? This is the idea behind Streetlife.com. The Parish Plan Steering Group Committee and the Services to Residents Working Group could investigate the promotion of on-line services specifically for North Mymms residents. There is a need to cross reference this with the Leisure Working Group’s proposals for an internet radio station.
3. The “Time Bank” proposal put forward by the Leisure Working Group potentially provides a scheme for good neighbourliness.



*St. Mary's Church,  
North Mymms*



*St. Thomas More Church,  
Welham Green*

*Much of the voluntary work currently undertaken in the Parish is promoted by our Churches*



*The United Reformed Church,  
Brookmans Park*



*Christ Church, Little Heath*

## SERVICES TO RESIDENTS WORKING GROUP – ACTION PLAN

ISSUE	LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	RESPONSIBLE GROUP OR AGENCY	3 <sup>RD</sup> PARTY INVOLVEMENT	PRIORITY	COORDINATOR	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
Broadband access	Brookmans Park and Little Heath	Make representation to improve service in specified locations (? Fibre optics to BT cabinets- BT Infinity to follow)	Services to Residents Working Group	Appropriate political authority and Virgin Media and/or BT	Low	Volunteer*	On going
“Good Neighbour” Schemes	North Mymms	Make available to those seeking assistance and those prepared to provide it. Ref. “Time Bank” proposals made by Leisure Working Group	Services to Residents Working Group and Leisure Working Group	Parish Plan Committee, Borough Council	High	Volunteer*	March 2016
Street Lighting	Further lighting required at following sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travellers Close and Huggins Lane</li> <li>• Swanley Bar Lane</li> <li>• Pathway adjacent to post box at Folly Arch</li> </ul>	Make representation for additional street lighting	Services to Residents Working Group	Herts County Council Highways	Medium	Volunteer*	June 2012
Neighbourhood Watch	Welham Green	Promote increased coverage of Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Welham Green	Services to Residents Working Group	Contact already made. Local PCSO	High	Volunteer*	On going
Share a Garden Scheme	North Mymms	Co-ordinate scheme to link up those with garden space to offer with those on the allotment waiting list etc.	Services to Residents Working Group	Parish Council and North Mymms Horticultural Society	Medium	Volunteer* and/or Parish Clerk	March 2013

\*Volunteers are required to work on the individual action points with the Working Group and Parish Plan Steering Group Committee

# **Transport Working Group**

## **Summary and Action Plan**

### **Key Points**

1. Speeding traffic and calming enforcement
2. Public Transport inadequacies
3. Car Parking at stations - Charges resulting in under usage and problem parking on nearby roads
4. Safety at Stations at Night.
5. Transport costs for under 18's

### **Summary**

#### **Speeding**

The Questionnaire sought responses regarding what the Police should prioritise. The highest (36%) response polled was “speeding”. The second highest (13%) concerned bad or inconsiderate parking. Anti-social behaviour and Police visibility then followed at 11% and 10% respectively. Various locations with speeding problems need to be prioritised and options need to be discussed with the Highways Authority’s professional traffic engineers.

#### **Public Transport**

The Questionnaire indicated a considerable level of satisfaction with local rail services in contrast to the 53% responding that they were not satisfied with regard to the adequacy of local bus services. The Working Group concluded that the only way for bus service recommendations to be made would involve an up to date “Origins and Destinations Bus Passenger Survey”. As a possible supplement to public services the merits of a local “Dial a Ride” scheme for communal taxis will be appraised. To address the expressed concern regarding personal safety improved rail station lighting and assistance points are to be promoted and a subsidised youth travel scheme is to be explored as it is considered that easier access to clubs and sports venues beyond the Parish boundary may lessen the noted anti-social behaviour and loitering culture.

#### **Parking**

On street parking is not a problem to 70% of respondents. However, 30% reported that it is. Given the localisation of the issue to streets near to the Railway Stations this point is categorised as “key” and is considered to be sufficiently serious for the Working Group to investigate the issue further. The Station car parks at Brookmans Park and Welham Green are underused and the introduction of yellow lines to prevent on street parking near stations has only served to push the problem onto other roads nearby. The problem of on street parking in Hawkshead Lane raised by a number of respondents to the Questionnaire has been resolved following the provision of additional parking within the RVC site.

## TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP – ACTION PLAN

ISSUE	LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	RESPONSIBLE GROUP OR AGENCY	3 <sup>RD</sup> PARTY INVOLVEMENT	PRIORITY	COORDINATOR	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
Speeding/traffic calming/enforcement (various locations with speeding problems throughout Parish but top 3 to be prioritised).	<p>1. Bluebridge Road from the bridge to the station including section running through Bradmore Green.</p> <p>2. Dixons Hill Road from 30 mph start (possibly adding Swanland Road junction) to A1000 roundabout</p> <p>3. Hawkshead Road from Folly Arch to A1000.</p>	Solutions difficult to establish and options need to be discussed with the Highways Authority	Transport Working Group	Parish Plan Committee, Herts County Council Highways/Police	High	Work Group volunteer	2013
Public Transport inadequacies	Throughout Parish	<p>1. Investigate “Dial a Ride” scheme for communal taxis</p> <p>2. Lobby bus company and County Council and ascertain data for “Origins and Destinations”</p>	Transport Working Group	Bus Operators, County Council	Medium	Work Group volunteer	2014

ISSUE	LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	RESPONSIBLE GROUP OR AGENCY	3 <sup>RD</sup> PARTY INVOLVEMENT	PRIORITY	COORDINATOR	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
Car Parking at stations - Charges resulting in under usage and problem parking on nearby roads	1. Brookmans Park 2. Welham Green	Investigate the options that might be available to address this issue	Transport Working Group	The Rail Operators and their car parking contractor, Parish Council, The Rt. Hon. Grant Shapps MP (who was involved with this issue when it first arose and persuaded the Rail Operator to reduce parking charges)	High	Work Group volunteer	2013
Safety at Stations at Night.	Brookmans Park – particularly on the path past the ticket office and on the slope up to the road. Welham Green – generally.	Better lighting. Assistance point(s), eg close to ticket office at Brookmans Park .	Transport Working Group	Rail Authorities	High	Work Group volunteer	Sept. 2012
Transport costs for under 18's	For all young people in the Parish.	Investigate a card similar to London's "11-15 Oyster photocard" which provides free travel at any time on the buses, child fares on the tube and National Rail	Transport Working Group	Bus and Rail Operators, County Council	Medium	Work Group volunteer	2015

\* Volunteers are required to work on the individual action points with the Working Group and Parish Plan Steering Group Committee.

# Under 18's Working Group Summary and Action Plan

## **Key Points**

1. Young people in the Parish would benefit from increased Youth Club activities and that there is a need to carry out further research about what facilities are most in demand. A skate park achieved the highest number of “votes” from under 18's who participated in the 2010 Questionnaire.
2. Transport costs deter young people from accessing additional facilities outside of the Parish. Possible subsidisation of transport costs, as in London, needs to be investigated.
3. Greater communication with young people and involvement of young people in Parish matters needs to be encouraged.
4. Use of sports, drama, art, computer facilities, etc. at local schools on an “out of hours” basis might contribute to the lives of our young people.

## **Summary**

The low response rate to the Under 18's Questionnaire (1.6%) was disappointing. However, a special meeting was held with the young people attending the North Mymms Youth Project and it is clear that a significant number of young people are keen to help raise finance for facilities for their age group and also for charity. This enthusiasm needs to be developed.

Undoubtedly the young people of our Parish would benefit from increased Youth Club activities. Indeed, it was the top issue identified in the main Residents' Questionnaire in response to the question asking about the need for new Clubs and Societies. Yet only 7% of respondents were prepared to help and undertake voluntary youth work, 93% saying that they would not do so!

Young people have diverse interests and would benefit from improved public transport and particularly from reduced transport costs, perhaps with subsidies as in London. The project proposed by the Transport Working Group to investigate Youth Travel subsidies is to be encouraged, as is the possibility of “out of hours” use of school facilities.

It is quite clear that the young people of our Parish have much to contribute but communication with their age group needs to be significantly improved.



## UNDER 18's WORKING GROUP ACTION PLAN

ISSUE	LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	RESPONSIBLE GROUP OR AGENCY	3 <sup>RD</sup> PARTY INVOLVEMENT	PRIORITY	COORDINATOR	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
The need for increased youth club activities	Throughout the Parish	Research and consultation with existing youth groups, including the possibility of a Drop-In Centre	Under 18's Working Group and Leisure Working Group	Parish Council, North Mymms Youth Group, Churches, Local Sports Clubs and Schools	Medium	Volunteer*	March 2014
Transport Costs for under 18's	For all young people in the Parish	Investigate a card similar to London's "11-15 Oyster photocard" which provides free travel at any time on the buses, child fares on the tube and National Rail	Under 18's Working Group and Transport Working Group	Bus and Rail Operators and County Council	Medium	Volunteer*	2015
Greater Communication with under 18's and the involvement of under 18's in Parish matters	Throughout the Parish	Consultation and targeted activities	Under 18's Working Group	Schools, Youth Groups and Organisations	Medium	Volunteer*	Initially March 2014
Investigate use of school facilities "out of hours"	All schools throughout the Parish	Consultation and investigation, including possible third party funding from charities	Under 18's Working Group	Schools, Charities and Grant Making Bodies.	Medium	Volunteer*	2015

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# Appendices

## Questionnaires – Summaries of Results

### Residents Questionnaire – Summer 2010

#### 1) Where do you live?

Brookmans Park	57%
Welham Green	35%
Little Heath	1%
Other	8%

#### 2) Which age band do you fit into?

65+	44%
40-64	46%
26-39	8%
18-25	2%

#### 3) Ages in the household?

	Male	Female
65+	34%	38%
40-64	40%	44%
18-39	17%	15%
12-17	8%	6%
5-11	6%	6%
U5	3%	4%

#### 4) How many clubs and societies do you and members of your household belong to in the Parish?

0	51%	1	23%
2	15%	3	6%
4	3%	5	1%
6	1%	7	1%

#### Top 3

Green Belt	69
Golf Club	51
Horticultural	49

#### 5) Top 3 requested

Youth Club	16
Art	7
Drama	5

#### 6) Use of local shops

BP	89%	WG	66%
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#### Top 3 encouragements to use the shops more often

Brookmans Park
1) Parking
2) Cheaper Prices
3) More variety

#### Welham Green

1) Cheaper Prices
2) More Variety
3) Parking

#### Top 3 discouragements

Brookmans Park
1) Parking
2) Prices too high
3) Distance

#### Welham Green

1) Distance
2) Price
3) Variety

#### 7) Use recycling?

Yes	81	No	19
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#### Top 3 reasons why not used

1) Other site nearer
2) Collected from home
3) Don't know where the NM facilities are

#### Top 3 improvements

1) Recycle Plastic
2) Empty more regularly
3) More regular doorstep collections

#### Support Incineration?

Yes	59%	No	41%
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#### Support Landfill?

Yes	44%	No	56%
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### 8) Do you have Broadband?

Yes 77% No 23%

If yes, how?

Telephone 77%

Cable 18%

Other 6%

Is the speed suitable?

Yes 75% No 25%

### 9) Is there a need for a Good Neighbour Scheme?

Yes 62% No 38%

Top 3 ideas for help

1) Help for Elderly

2) Don't know

3) Driving/Taxi Scheme

### 10) Would you help with a Good Neighbour Scheme?

Yes 33% No 67%

### 11) Do you encounter any of the following problems?

	Yes
Wheelchair access?	5%
Obstructions?	33%
Lack of seating?	21%
Crossing the road?	28%

### 12) What does North Mymms mean to you?

Top 3 answers

1) Lovely place to live

2) Home

3) Quiet area

### 13) How often do you use Open Space in The Parish?

Daily or more often 13%

2-4 times a week 18%

Weekly 13%

Fortnightly 2%

Monthly 4%

Bi-Monthly 2%

Occasionally 19%

Never 8%

Unspecified 20%

### For what purpose?

Top 3 answers

1) Walking

2) Dog walking

3) Children's play area

### 14) What can be done to improve them?

Top 3 answers

1) Remove dog mess

2) Nothing

3) Clean up litter

### 15) Do you use public footpaths in The Parish?

Yes 70% No 30%

### 16) What can be done to improve them?

Top 3 answers

1) Cut back vegetation

2) They are fine

3) Remove dog muck

### 17) Favourite part of The Parish?

Top 3 answers

1) Gobions

2) St Mary's Church

3) The Countryside

### 18) Worst part of The Parish?

Top 3 answers

1) Welham Green Shops

2) Industrial Estate

3) None

### 19) Is it difficult to get to Hospital?

	Yes
Barnet Gen	17%
QE II	12%
Lister	37%
Other	19%

Why do you feel this?

Top 3 answers

1) I can drive

2) It's a long way to Lister

3) Poor public transport

### 20) Will QE2 A & E closure adversely affect you?

Yes 88%

Why? - Top 3 answers

1) Alternative too far

2) It's our local hospital

3) We need a local A&E

**21) What facilities are needed to help older people?**

Top 3 answers

- 1) More buses/dial a ride
- 2) More clubs/day centre
- 3) Don't know

**22) Would you help with activities for young people?**

Yes 7% No 93%

**23) Is additional housing needed?**

Yes 27% No 73%

**24) If so, what sort?**

Local Authority	54%
Low cost starter	78%
Houses	58%
Bungalows	60%
Maisonettes	47%
For Disabled	65%
For Elderly	76%
Student	20%
Travellers	6%
Other	

**25) Where should this be located?**

Brownfield	92%
Infill	53%
Existing gardens	31%
Green belt	15%

**26) Which specific sites would you suggest?**

Top 3 answers

- 1) Don't need any more
- 2) Don't know area well enough
- 3) Don't use Green Belt

**27) Are Green Belt boundaries in right place?**

Yes 97% No 3%

What changes would you support?

Top 3 answers

- 1) Unsure where boundaries are
- 2) Don't alter them
- 3) Favour Green Belt being expanded, not removed

**28) Do you have enough info about Green Improvements for your home?**

Yes 71% No 29%

If No, what areas would you like more info about?

Top 3 answers

- 1) Grants available
- 2) Solar Panels
- 3) Everything!

**29) Do you feel safe at:**

	Day	Night
Home	99%	96%
Streets	97%	73%
Open Space	92%	46%
Transport	93%	54%
Arr/Dep		
Train & Bus	91%	42%

If No then where/why

Top 3 answers

- 1) Station (Dark, unmanned, remote, teenagers hanging around)
- 2) Antisocial behaviour by "yobs"
- 3) Just wary at night time

**30) Are there places you avoid in NM?**

Yes 24% No 76%

Where and why?

Top 3 answers

- 1) Local shops eve/night
- 2) Stations at night
- 3) Local open spaces

**31) Are you in Neighbourhood Watch?**

Yes 46% No 54%

Would you like to be?

Yes 27% No 66%

**32) 3 issues for police**

Top 3 answers

- 1) Speeding
- 2) Parking
- 3) Anti Social Behaviour

**33) Adequate bus service?**

Yes 48% No 52%

If not, what additional requirements?

Top 3 answers

- 1) More regular service than once an hour
- 2) Direct service to St Albans
- 3) Direct service to QE 2

### 34) Adequate train service?

Yes 93% No 7%

If not, what additional requirements?

Top 3 answers

- 1) More frequent services
- 2) Faster trains to London
- 3) Services later at night

### 35) Are rail station facilities adequate?

Yes 36% No 64%

Top 3 comments

- 1) Station should be manned during daytime
- 2) Ticket office should be open longer
- 3) Ticket machine often not working/difficult to read

### 36) Car parking at stations

Top 3 comments

- 1) Should be free
- 2) Put parking restrictions on local residential roads
- 3) CCTV

### 37) Are lights, speed limits & pavements adequate?

Yes 56% No 44%

Why are they not adequate?

Top 3 answers

- 1) Pavements need to be better maintained
- 2) Speed limits enforced or improved
- 3) Street Lighting

### 38) Any danger spots?

Yes 75% No 25%

Is speeding an issue? If so where?

Top 3 answers

- 1) Dixons Hill Road
- 2) Bluebridge Road
- 3) Hawkshead Lane

### 39) Is parking a problem for A&E vehicles?

Yes 30% No 70%

### 40) Impact of traffic noise

No impact 58%

Notice outdoor 28%

Notice indoors 6%

Nuisance 8%

Intolerable 0%

### 41) Main place of work

Top 3 answers

- 1) Retired
- 2) London
- 3) Home

### 42) What would you like to see more of in North Mymms?

Large Business 11%

Small Business 59%

Small Industry 22%

Tourism/Leisure 36%

Sports Facilities 53%

Hotel/Guesthouse 32%

Restaurant 46%

Top 3 other answers

- 1) Better Pub
- 2) Better variety of shop
- 3) It's fine as it is

*RESPONSES – 620 out of 3,851, a 16.1% response rate.*

A Questionnaire was despatched to each household in the Parish.

## Questionnaire for Businesses and Organisations – Summer 2010

Responses – 12 out of 400 questionnaires sent to Businesses and Organisations in the Parish. Analysis did not reveal any new issues and the poor response (3%) did not justify analysis. This could be as a result of the pressures of economic difficulties not allowing Managers and Proprietors to spend time on the matter or it could be indicative of a lack of interest by them in the community. The Parish Plan Steering Group Committee proposes to find a way to improve communications with Businesses and Organisations.

## Young People's Questionnaire – Summer 2010

### 1) Where do you live?

Brookmans Park	44.3%
Welham Green	32.8%
Little Heath	8.2%
Other	14.8%

### 2) How old are you?

Under 11	36.1%
11-16	54.1%
Over 16	9.8%

### 3) If you are aged 16 or over are you...

At secondary school	90%
In Full Time Employment	10%

### 4) Do you use the local bus/train services for any reason?

Yes	56.9%
No	43.1%

### 5) Is the service good?

Yes	64.1%
No	35.9%

### 6) About the buses...

If they ran earlier would you use them?	41.4% said yes
If they ran later would you use them?	58.6% said yes
Should they run more frequently?	73.3% said yes
Do you think they keep to the timetable?	54.2% said yes
If they ran to more places would you use them more?	77.8% said yes
Would you use them if they were cheaper?	100% said yes

### About the trains...

Should they run more frequently?	66.7% said yes
Do they keep to the timetable?	76.0% said yes
Would you use them if they were cheaper?	86.7% said yes

### Other comments about transport...

Buses should be more frequent (1)  
 Buses are late (2)  
 Too expensive (1)  
 Thugs on buses in morning (1)  
 No (1)

### 7) Do you use in Welham Green...

Playground	41.9% yes
Tennis/Basketball Court	36.4% yes
Football Pitches	20.0% yes
Bowling Green	0% yes
Youth Shelter	8% yes

### Brookmans Park...

Tennis Courts	15% yes
Golf Course	13.5% yes
Gobions Playground	53.3% yes
Gobions Open Space	57.8% yes

### Little Heath...

Playground	11.1% yes
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### 8) What would you like to see?

Youth Club (3)	Less Dog Fouling (1)
Skate Park (4)	Public Sports Facilities (3)
Nothing (12)	Goal posts at Gobions (1)
More soft play (1)	Rugby Club (1)

Sports Centre/Gym (2)	Tennis Club (1)
Cinema (1)	Art Club/Studio (3)
Netball Club (1)	Animal Centre (1)
Trampoline Centre (3)	Dance Club (1)
Ten Pin Bowling (1)	Internet (3)
Shooting Centre (1)	Free Running Centre (1)
Gokarting (1)	

**9) What would you use outside the Parish if transport was better?**

Rugby (1)	Hemel Hempstead (1)
Swimming (7)	Roller Skating (1)
None (11)	Café (2)
Yes (3)	All of the above (2)
Ice Skating (4)	Ten Pin Bowling (3)
Squash Club (1)	Off-road cycling (1)
Skiing (1)	

**10) Do you do any of the following regularly in the Parish?**

Scouting	20.5%
Guiding	2.9%
Drama Group	13.9%
Ballet/Dance	11.1%
Martial Arts	10.8%
Cricket	8.1%
Golf	8.1%
Tennis	10.8%
Badminton	13.5%
Bowls	2.7%

Others	
None	(1)
Christ Church Little Heath Theatre Group	(2)
Football	(4)
Rugby	(1)
Youth Club	(18)
Art Club	(1)
Netball	(1)

**11) Are there any other clubs/activities you would like to see running for young people in North Mymms (Please state what you would like it to be and where)**

Gardening Club (1)	Rugby (1)
Singing (1)	Live Music (1)
Young People's Club/Youth Centre (1)	Dancing (2)
Sport (1)	Extreme Sports (1)
Local Football (1)	Warhammer (1)
Kick Boxing (1)	No (12)
Ice Skating (1)	Horse Riding (1)
Dog Training (1)	Swimming (1)
Jambo Drums (1)	Yes (1)
History (1)	Ballroom Dancing (1)

**12) If help was needed to raise money for facilities would you help?**

Yes	71.7%
No	28.3%

**13) Would you be interested in helping to fundraise for charity?**

Yes	75.5%
No	24.5%

**14) Do you feel safe outside your home?**

Yes	81.3%
No	18.8%

**If no, where, when and why have you felt unsafe?**

By the shops where the teenagers hang around (1)  
 Traffic fumes, Dixons Hill Road/Dellsome Lane (1)  
 Dangerous dogs/dog mess nefarious types (1)  
 Dellsome Lane at night (1)  
 Alleyways (1)  
 When we were burgled (1)

Far away from home (2)  
 Shops (3)  
 Everywhere because "pikeys" get rude to me (1)  
 Near train station (1)  
 WG Shops (1)

**What would make you feel safer?**

Local police patrols in the evening (1)  
 Regular/More police patrols (6)  
 Traffic calming, better crime prevention, enforcement of dog related bylaws (1)  
 Lights (1)  
 Self defence (1)  
 More street lamps (1)

Paddling pool (1)  
 Don't accuse YP of hanging around when not doing anything at all (1)

*TOTAL RESPONSES RECEIVED = 61*

Questionnaires despatched with Resident's Questionnaires to each household (3,851) in the Parish. 20 responses received. A specific meeting held with members of North Mymms Youth Project produced a further 41 responses. 1.6% overall response rate.

**15) Do you think young people are informed about North Mymms issues?**

Yes	24.4%
No	75.6%

**16) Do you think young people should be able to inform the Parish Council about issues they feel are important to them?**

Yes	87.8%
No	12.2%

**17) Would you like to get involved with the Parish Council?**

No	7
Yes	4

**18) Anything else?**

More recycling bins (1)  
 More recycling, clean up Willowbrook – area not safe. Been limited investment in youth facilities for some time (1)  
 Stop binmen reversing over and breaking our concrete bollards (1)  
 Better lighting on Swanley Bar Lane (1)  
 Jobs available in Welham Green/Brookmans Park (1)

# List of Committee Members - September 2011

NAME	REPRESENTING	ADDRESS
Sheila King - Chairman		Little Heath
Loreley Anscombe	Gobions Woodland Trust (now Herts. & Middlesex Wildlife Trust) and North Mymms Scouts	Brookmans Park
Cllr Jacqui Boulton	Chairman North Mymms Parish Council 2008/9	Brookmans Park
Cllr Cyril Everard	North Mymms Parish Council and Governor, Brookmans Park Primary School	Brookmans Park
Kevin Jones	Brookmans Park United Reformed Church	North Mymms
Lisa Hesketh		Welham Green
Cllr Bob Horrocks	North Mymms Parish Council	Little Heath
Ian Humphries	Assistant Director of Estates (Project Management Services), Royal Veterinary College	Royal Veterinary College Hawkshead Lane North Mymms
Geoff Mills	St. Mary's Church, North Mymms	Brookmans Park
Joyce Mills	Brookmans Park Women's Institute	Brookmans Park
Michelle Page	Minute Secretary	Brookmans Park
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Tony Wilcock	St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church	Welham Green
Mike Williams	Rotary Club of Brookmans Park	Brookmans Park

## PREVIOUS MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP COMMITTEE VARIOUS DATES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 2008 & AUGUST 2011

NAME	REPRESENTING	ADDRESS
Iain Aitken	Gobions Woodland Trust (now Herts. & Middlesex Wildlife Trust)	
James Bentall	IT Adviser – Brookmans Park website	
Avril Brauns	Brookmans Park United Reformed Church	Brookmans Park
Shirley Clayton	Chaplain, Queenswood School until summer 2009	Queenswood School Shepherd's Way Brookmans Park

NAME	REPRESENTING	ADDRESS
Mark Dixon	Assistant Director of Estates, Royal Veterinary College	Royal Veterinary College Hawkshead Lane North Mymms
Colin Goff		Welham Green
Fr Philip Knights	St Thomas More Roman Catholic Church	Welham Green
Tim Marshall		Welham Green
Steve Northcott	Rotary Club of Brookmans Park	Brookmans Park
David Walford	Chancellors School PTA	Welham Green
Robert Ward	Rotary Club of Brookmans Park	Brookmans Park
Chris Willis	St Mary's Church Carers	Welham Green

THE WORKING GROUP MEMBERS WERE DRAWN FROM THE COMMITTEE  
AND THE FOLLOWING:

The late Marion Benton	Brookmans Park
Michelle Blackman	Little Heath
Tony Dood	Brookmans Park
Jenny Leach	Brookmans Park
Carole Linnell	Brookmans Park
Roger Murr	Little Heath
June Redgrove	Brookmans Park
Carolyne Smith	Welham Green
Steve Smith	Welham Green
Fred Weil	Brookmans Park
Jay Wheeler	Brookmans Park

**The Committee welcomes new members to assist in the implementation of the Plan and the development of community activities.**

**Please contact the Chairman, Mrs. Sheila King to discuss how you could contribute to our projects. Telephone – 07703 276937 and 01707 652304 or she can be contacted via the North Mymms Parish Council Office, 1a Bushwood Close, Welham Green, Nr. Hatfield, Herts AL9 7YZ or an email can be sent to [northmymmspc@waitrose.com](mailto:northmymmspc@waitrose.com) and it will be passed on to her.**

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Brookmans Park United Reformed Church  
Brookmans Park Women's Institute  
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Community Development Agency for Hertfordshire  
Gobions Woodlands Trust (now Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust)  
Little Heath Primary School  
North Mymms Local History Society  
North Mymms Memorial Hall - Trustees  
North Mymms Parish Council  
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