

Nynehead Appraisal

2003



ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

HOUSEHOLD SECTION

Question Number: 1 (95 Households responded)

How many people including children normally live in your household? 237

Question Number: 2

Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group

	Male	Female
0-4	4	3
5-10	14	7
11-15	3	10
16-17	3	2
18-24	10	4
25-44	26	26
45-59	39	35
60-64	11	8
65-74	8	11
75-84	5	4
85+	0	2

PERSONAL SECTION

Question Number: 3 (192 Respondents)

What is your gender?

Male	98	51.0%
Female	94	49.0%

Question Number: 4 (193 Respondents)

What age group do you belong to?

11-15	5	2.6%
16-17	5	2.6%
18-24	12	6.2%
25-44	51	26.4%
45-59	73	37.8%
60-64	19	9.8%
65-74	18	9.3%
75-84	8	4.1%
85+	2	1.0%

Roads & Transport

Question Number: 5 (181 Respondents)

Do you experience transport difficulties in getting out of Nynhead to other places?

Often	8	4.4%
Occasionally	67	37.0%
Never	106	58.6%

Question Number: 6 (209 Respondents)

If you have access to a private vehicle would you be prepared to take part in a scheme to share it for?

	Often		Occasionally		Never	
Shopping	5	2.4%	34	16.3	90	43.1%
School	6	2.9%	9	4.3%	85	40.7%
Social or leisure	7	3.3%	37	17.7%	96	45.9%
Work	5	2.4%	18	8.6%	99	47.4%

Note: 5 people completed the 'Blue Form' indicating that they would be interested in this scheme.

Question Number: 7 (184 Respondents)

How often do you use the local taxi services?

Daily	0	0.0%
Weekly	3	1.6%
Monthly	55	29.9%
Never	126	68.5%

Question Number: 8

(172 Respondents)

Do you think there are any major 'danger-spots' on the roads in and around Nynehead?

Yes	115	66.9%
No	43	25.0%
No opinion	14	8.1%

Comments

<i>Not apart from flooding</i>
<i>Usually due to flooding</i>
<i>Danger spot below Island Cottage - + Map</i>
<i>Major danger spots between Poole cross, Nynehead Court & Hollow - cars driven too fast</i>
<i>Blind corner at Heywood Farm & narrow road by Ploughing Competition site</i>
<i>Danger spots in Ash Lane & Hollow</i>
<i>'T' Junction near Oakridge & bend by Old Rectory</i>
<i>Gudensham, Milverton Road, Road to tip from Nynehead - 2 places</i>
<i>Road between Nynehead Rd and Poole tip / Ind. Estate needs speed limit & regular cleaning - including drains to stop flooding</i>
<i>The Hollow, Higher Nynehead, Fruit Farm, East Nynehead, Road to Langford Budville, Ash Lane to Poole tip, Oake & to causeway in Parish, Road to Milverton</i>
<i>Ash Lane top bends - corner by old granary</i>
<i>Heavy mud on road makes conditions slippery</i>
<i>Bad potholes</i>
<i>1st bend from Langford into Nynehead by 'The Lynch'.</i>
<i>The Hollow, Oakridge Junction, Top of Hollow, bends by Heywood Farm</i>
<i>'S' bend at top of Nynehead - several drivers are on wrong side of road as you come up the Hollow</i>
<i>Any narrow road when faced by big farm vehicles</i>
<i>Narrow bend coming through East Nynehead. Blind corner, poor road & farm entrance at Ash Farm</i>
<i>Ash farm corner - Corner at top of hill after railway crossing - Junction at Poole tip road.</i>
<i>Nynehead to Oake road - THE Hollow - corner by the Old Vicarage</i>
<i>The Hollow - Road to the tip at Poole</i>
<i>Nynehead to Oake road.</i>
<i>Blackdown View towards Club - due to children playing in the road & no proper car-parking, leaving little or no room for two cars to pass - accident waiting to happen</i>
<i>By school - Bend by Village Hall and Bevlad Copse bungalow - Straight by Farthings Close</i>
<i>Hollow - Entrance to playing field</i>
<i>2 blind areas in East Nynehead - Blind junction at Oakridge - cars travel at crazy speeds by Farthings Close, by lane at back of Island Cottage and in narrows near Wharf Cottage</i>
<i>The main 'danger spot' is people driving too fast along country roads and very often in the middle of the road, especially on bends!</i>
<i>Access road to Poole tip</i>
<i>Through Nynehead</i>
<i>All roads in and around Nynehead</i>
<i>Top of the Hollow - Island Cottage - Nynehead Bridge (river) - Approach to Nynehead Railway bridge.</i>
<i>Poole Cross - Hornshay Hill</i>
<i>The Hollow & approach roads</i>
<i>Higher Nynehead Milverton Junction</i>
<i>Junction at Poole - I think priority should go to Poole & turn off to Nynehead</i>
<i>The narrow sections between Hornshay & Island Cottage and Wharf Cottage & the Railway bridge</i>
<i>Outside Nynehead School - Nynehead Hollow - Junction Nynehead & Poole roads</i>
<i>Bottom of Hollow junction and junction at Poole & Lodge Copse</i>
<i>Opposite Village Hall (people walking on road) - Children & animals by Farthings Close.</i>
<i>100m North of Hornshay Farm the road is narrow on the bend.</i>
<i>Most of the lane between Langford Gate and Nynehead can be dangerous if people drive too fast on the blind bends.</i>

Question Number: 9

(148 Respondents)

Would you support the following speed control measures in and around Nynehead?

Introduce a speed limit	117	79.1%
Children at play signs	45	30.4%
More road warning signs	44	29.7%
Speed reducing 'humps'	41	27.7%
Vehicle width restrictors	29	19.6%
Others	2	1.4%

Comments

<i>Road warning signs where deemed necessary</i>
<i>Don't spoil look of Lower Nynehead with ugly road signs or humps etc..</i>
<i>30mph through village. Speed humps from Village Hall to Playing Fields and by School</i>
<i>Outside School</i>
<i>20mph through all residential areas</i>
<i>The whole village should be within a 20mph speed limit</i>
<i>20mph restrictions through all parts of village</i>
<i>Speed signs and humps as on map</i>
<i>Speed limit all through village.</i>
<i>Better road signs for East Nynehead. Traffic lights on Hollow</i>
<i>By Farthings Close & School</i>
<i>Not much point in putting up signs as most people ignore them</i>
<i>Mandatory speed limit (30? 40?) on all minor roads and/or unclassified roads and/or any designated cycle route.</i>
<i>Top & bottom of hollow</i>
<i>20mph at Farthings Close</i>
<i>Speed humps near Village Hall & Prings Cottages</i>
<i>Bottom of the Hollow junction</i>

Question Number: 10

(209 Respondents)

In relation to paths and streetlights, would you like to see any of the following in Nynehead?

	Yes		No	
Cycle Paths	24	11.5%	83	39.7%
More Footpaths	45	21.5%	77	36.8%
More street lights	36	17.2%	102	48.8%
More road drains	105	50.2%	51	24.4%
Others	2	1.0%	4	1.9%

Comments

<i>More drains outside the school</i>
<i>Want cyclists to sound bell or horn when coming down hollow! - Bikes fast & silent.</i>
<i>Just keep existing drains clear</i>
<i>Street light in Ash Lane</i>
<i>At least 6 street lights would help stop vandalism of vehicles and property in Upper Nynehead</i>
<i>I don't see any need for more road drains, just keep those that we have clean</i>
<i>Reduce streetlights - not necessary if responsible farming practices followed.</i>
<i>Not necessary to have streetlights. No need for further drains if farmers more responsible and less maize grown.</i>
<i>Footpath above Hollow</i>
<i>The Hollow</i>
<i>Cycle path over hollow</i>
<i>Alleviate flooding between river bridge and Wharf Cottage</i>
<i>Hornshay Farm area</i>
<i>Road drains - just make sure the ones we have are kept clear</i>
<i>Footpath needed to reduce risks of walking in the Hollow</i>
<i>By the side of the Hollow - Footpath along the road into Hornshay Farm - drains</i>

Question Number: 11

(209 Respondents)

The 'Wivey Link' community bus service has just been introduced and brochures were distributed with the April edition of Nynehead News. Please comment on the following

	Yes		No	
Was the information provided clear?	137	65.6%	14	6.7%
Are the charges reasonable?	129	61.7%	3	1.4%
Are you likely to benefit from this service?	13	6.2%	156	74.6%

Comments:

<i>East Nynehead bus stop unsafe. Where is the time-table</i>

Question Number: 12 (83 Respondents)

If a bus service from Nynhead to Taunton was available (say) once a week with 2 or 3 collection points, departing mid-morning and returning mid-afternoon, would you be interested in using it?

Yes	41	22.4%
No	142	77.6%

Note: 7 people completed the 'Blue Form' indicating that they would be interested in this service.

Comments:

<i>Possibly in School holidays</i>
<i>Only on a Saturday</i>

Question Number: 13 (209 Respondents)

Cooks Coaches have been operating a bus service every Thursday via East Nynhead and Nynhead to Wellington High Street since 2000. Full details of the service, including times & fares, were provided by an insert that was delivered with the April edition of The Nynhead News

	Yes		No		Possibly	
Were you already aware of this service	63	30.1%	114	54.5%	0	0.0%
Have you ever used it?	1	0.5%	179	85.6%	0	0.0%
Are you ever likely to use it?	21	10.0%	144	68.9%	11	5.3%
Should the stops be clearly marked?	97	46.4%	36	17.2%	35	16.7%
Should time tables be clearly displayed	129	61.7%	17	8.1%	23	11.0%
Do you think it is of value to the community?	158	75.6%	7	3.3%	12	5.7%
Others	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%

Comments:

<i>Bus stops clearly marked - not in Lower Nynhead - timetable on notice board only</i>
<i>Cooks Coaches - Do not stop in Higher Nynhead</i>

Health, Housing & Environment

Question Number: 14 (209 Respondents)

Should the following be encouraged in and around Nynehead to improve employment prospects?

	Strongly in favour		In favour		No strong opinion		Have reservations		Definitely not	
Tourism development/attractions	10	4.8%	37	17.7%	42	20.1%	38	18.2%	48	23.0%
Small scale industrial units in Poole & area	19	9.1%	42	20.1%	31	14.8%	36	17.2%	49	23.4%
Other employment	1	0.5%	3	1.4%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%

Comments:

<i>Rural office units are much more compatible than industrial ones</i>
<i>If you lived in Poole you would not want to increase traffic. Why is the tip not accessed from Chelston Ind. Est. as it is nearer to this and would not pass domestic premises?</i>
<i>Tourism - Reinstatement of the Grand Western Canal.</i>

Question Number: 15 (209 Respondents)

What kind of accommodation do you think Nynehead needs?

Homes for young people	50	28.1%
Large family homes	19	10.7%
Small family homes	43	24.2%
Executive homes	5	2.8%
Homes for people with disabilities	11	6.2%
Homes for single people	21	11.8%
Sheltered housing	8	4.5%
Housing Association properties	13	7.3%
No further homes are needed	106	59.6%
Other	2	1.1%

Comments:

<i>Old people's homes - bungalows for elderly or warden controlled</i>
<i>The Hollow and roads into Nynehead & East Nynehead are not suitable for more housing</i>
<i>No more houses required, for one, the infrastructure (i.e. roads and lanes) cannot, with all safety, take the extra traffic.</i>

Question Number: 16

(209 Respondents)

What are your views on the standard of the following environmental services in Nynehead?

	Good		Reasonable		Poor		No opinion		Not applicable	
Mains water supply	133	63.6%	38	18.2%	10	4.8%	2	1.0%	0	0.0%
Electricity supply	129	61.7%	46	22.0%	6	2.9%	2	1%	0	0.0%
Refuse collection	125	59.8%	41	19.6%	12	5.7%	6	2.9%	0	0.0%
Roadside care	15	7.2%	64	30.6%	98	46.9%	7	3.3%	0	0.0%
Street cleaning	10	4.8%	52	24.9%	89	42.6%	25	12.0%	0	0.0%
Drains maintenance	6	2.9%	37	17.7%	137	65.6%	4	1.9%	0	0.0%
Winter weather service	16	7.7%	42	20.1%	55	26.3%	55	26.3%	0	0.0%
TV reception	84	40.2%	64	30.6%	31	14.8%	4	1.9%	0	0.0%
Radio reception	95	45.9%	63	30.1%	20	9.6%	5	2.4%	0	0.0%
Mobile telephone reception	73	34.9%	68	32.5%	22	10.5%	13	6.2%	1	0.5%

Comments

<i>Roadside care too enthusiastic - excessive cutting with flails</i>
<i>Abandoned / dumped cars need to be removed - eye sore!</i>
<i>And why are they there?</i>
<i>Remove derelict vehicles</i>

Question Number: 17

(209 Respondents)

What do you think of the state of the following?

	Good		Reasonable		Poor		No opinion	
Roads	7	3.3%	64	30.6%	108	51.7%	1	0.5%
Pavements	8	3.8%	22	10.5%	39	18.7%	79	37.8%
Verges	11	5.3%	79	37.8%	72	34.4%	9	4.3%
Street lighting	20	9.6%	21	10.0%	45	21.5%	4.3	35.9%
Parking facilities	13	6.2%	43	20.6%	66	31.6%	75	21.5%
Others	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	2	1.0%	45	0.0%

Comments:

<i>Verges over-trimmed and often damaged; occasionally destroyed</i>
<i>This is a village, not a town!</i>
<i>Remove derelict vehicles</i>
<i>I believe good enough - don't want to see more lights, except for stars in the sky.</i>
<i>Why street lighting in a village? Do we wish the village to become part of Wellington in all but name?</i>

Question Number: 18

(182 Respondents)

Would you be prepared to keep certain items separate from your refuse for recycling if different collections were made?

	169	92.9%
No	13	7.1%
No opinion	0	0.0%

Comments:

<i>Definitely! - Great Idea!</i>
<i>Already do so!</i>

Question Number: 19 (179 Respondents)

Do you use the following facilities at Poole?

Bottle bank	133	74.3%
Public bulk rubbish tip	165	92.2%
Skip for garden waste	115	64.2%
Newspaper bank	114	63.7%
Clothing bank	61	34.1%
Can bank	84	46.9%

Comments:

<i>Use Wellington</i>
<i>Plastic bottle bank in Taunton</i>

Question Number: 20 (209 Respondents)

How many times a month do you use the following?

	More than 10		Between 6 & 10		Between 1 & 5		Less frequently		Never	
Village Hall	0	0.0%	5	2.4%	40	19.1%	88	42.1%	50	23.9%
Nynehead Club	8	3.8%	8	3.8%	20	9.6%	42	20.1%	101	48.3%
All Saints Church	00	0.0%	2	1.0%	21	10.0%	67	32.1%	90	43.1%
Telephone Box	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	16	7.7%	163	78.0%
Local letter Boxes	28	13.4%	56	26.8%	52	24.9%	29	13.9%	21	10.0%

Question Number: 21 (147 Respondents)

What additional or improved facilities would you like to be made available in Nynehead to help people with disabilities?

Improved public transport	87	59.2%
Improved access to the Village Hall	60	40.8%
Improved access to All Saints Church	30	20.4%
Improved access to the school	25	17.0%
Improved access to the Jubilee Playing Fields	34	23.1%
Improvements to the footpaths in general	64	43.5%
Certain footpaths made 'wheel-chair' friendly	54	36.7%
The provision of disabled parking areas	31	21.1%
Better visible access to notice-boards	35	23.8%
More direct distribution of Parish information	35	23.8%
Greater support for the carers of those with disabilities	56	38.1%
Others	1	0.7%

Comments:

<i>Information on Internet</i>

Question Number: 22

(209 Respondents)

What do you think could be done to improve the environment of the Parish?

	Very important		Worth doing		Not necessary		Don't know	
Plant more trees	51	24.4%	79	37.8%	31	14.8%	12	5.7%
Cut down some trees	8	3.8%	30	14.4%	100	47.8%	20	9.6%
Look after woodlands	88	42.1%	59	28.2%	10	4.8%	11	5.3%
Preserve single trees in special places	86	41.1%	53	25.4%	15	7.2%	14	6.7%
Plant new orchards	25	12.0%	46	22.0%	65	31.1%	27	12.9%
Keep hedges short and tidy	77	36.8%	46	22.0%	43	20.6%	6	2.9%
Let hedges grow naturally	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	1.4%
Plant more hedges and trees	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	1.4%
Don't know	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	1.4%
Others	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Comments

<i>Cut down dead elm trees</i>
<i>Ecologically aware road verge & hedge cutting</i>
<i>"Short & Tidy" hedges are an embarrassment to communities that understand the importance of wildlife and landscape</i>
<i>Only cut down trees if dangerous - e.g. Hollow. Must be replaced if so.</i>
<i>Hedges are being trimmed to an extremity - in places they have been 'raised' to the ground. Over zealous farmers! Using trimming equipment as destruction equipment round lanes & travelling too fast.</i>
<i>Hedge laying rather than 'short & tidy' flailing.</i>
<i>Keep roads clear of mud and animal excrement. Stop dog owners allowing their dogs or foul roadside verges and footpaths.</i>
<i>Remove derelict vehicles from every approach to East Nyehead.</i>
<i>Keep roads clear of mud</i>
<i>Tidy-up the Hollow</i>
<i>Keep footpaths free of dog mess.</i>
<i>Qualifying 'Hedges short and tidy' - timing of maintenance needs to be sensitive to birds nesting, butterfly & insect food sources - i.e. at dormant times ...end of wild-flowers seeding.</i>
<i>Preservation order of fantastic ???of poplars order.</i>
<i>Stop the scalping of verges and destruction of wild flowers and remove the rusting cars that litter the Parish.</i>
<i>Utilise traditional hedge management for wildlife - hedge laying rather than flail cutting</i>
<i>Cut down trees - except in the Hollow where a few dead / dying trees are a danger</i>

Question Number: 23

(209 Respondents)

How important are the wild plants, birds and animals of the countryside around Nyehead to you?

	Very important		Important		Not very important		No opinion	
Wild flowers	132	63.2%	40	19.1%	5	2.4%	7	3.3%
Birds	146	69.9%	32	15.3%	2	1.0%	5	2.4%
Wild animals	139	66.5%	31	14.8%	6	2.9%	8	3.8%

Question Number: 24

(209 Respondents)

What do you think could be done to protect wildlife in Nynehead?

	Very important		Worth doing		Not necessary		Don't know	
Create local nature reserves	43	20.6%	73	34.9%	41	19.6%	14	6.7%
Discourage too many people using the countryside	11	5.3%	24	11.5%	120	57.4%	11	5.3%
Reduce pollution in the countryside	137	65.6%	25	12.0%	9	4.3%	6	2.9%
Campaign against litter & rubbish	126	60.3%	44	21.1%	6	2.9%	5	2.4%
Create new ponds	49	23.4%	71	34.0%	39	18.7%	15	7.2%
Other	5	2.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	1.4%

Comments:

<i>Don't allow farmers to cut the hedges when birds start nesting or before hedges have produced fruit. No GM Crop & less pesticides.</i>
<i>Ensure hedges & verges are trimmed at times when fauna and flora are 'dormant' 'encourage' or compel farmers to maintain broad uncultivated margins around all cultivated fields. (And while they're at it they could re-instate the footpaths they plough up!)</i>
<i>Stop spraying</i>
<i>Avoid cutting verges until the wild flowers have set seed & only then where road conditions demand. If a sight line is unimpaired <u>do not cut</u></i>
<i>Education!</i>
<i>Encourage farmers to improve natural habitats</i>

Question Number: 25

(180 Respondents)

Do you think we should have special nature reserves in Nynehead & area?

Yes	96	53.5%
No	52	28.9%
No opinion	32	17.8%

Comments:

<i>As long as access to our walks / leisure are not restricted too much by them.</i>
<i>How about the stream feeding into the Hillfarrance Brook</i>

Question Number: 26 (151 Respondents)

Would you be prepared to help with any of the following?

Protecting wildlife habitats	52	34.4%
Surveying trees	26	17.2%
Creating & maintaining ponds	23	15.2%
Not prepared to help with any	88	58.3%
Others	1	0.7%

Note: 28 people completed the 'Blue Form' indicating that they would be interested in these areas.

Comments:

<i>Depends on when it is!</i>
<i>Research data-bases of wildlife / landscapes</i>
<i>My studies do not allow me to give this much time although I would like to see these things established.</i>

Education

Question Number: 27 (209 Respondents)

Bearing in mind that their provision and servicing would be an additional cost to the Parish how do you feel about the provision of:

	In favour		Not interested		Against	
Litter bins	77	36.8%	44	21.1%	41	19.6%
Dog bins	64	30.6%	47	22.5%	48	23.0%

Comments:

<i>Dog & litter bins in public recreational areas only</i>
<i>Litter bins by Notice Boards, School, Court, Hall/Club, Ash Bridge, Strawberry Fields</i>
<i>People should take their rubbish home with them. Bins need emptying and are open invitations to vandals</i>
<i>By Parish Hall, Playing Field, Ash Bridge 'beach', School triangle</i>
<i>Village Hall & playing field</i>
<i>One in each of the three separate parts of the village.</i>
<i>Required at Playing Field</i>
<i>Suggest bins be placed at, or very near to, the main footpaths where they cross or start at a lane or road. Dog walkers should take poop-scoops! - and take their litter home.</i>
<i>Litter bins in Playing Fields - I don't believe dog bins would be used.</i>

Question Number: 28 (179 Respondents)

How important is the school to the local community

Very important	109	60.9%
Important	44	24.6%
Not very important	11	6.1%
No opinion	15	8.4%

Question Number: 29 (108 Respondents)

If the following classes for adult education were provided would you attend

Computing	55	50.9%
Languages	34	31.5%
Crafts	36	33.3%
Woodwork	11	10.2%
Photography	22	20.4%
U3A (University of the 3rd age)	17	15.7%
Others	1	0.9%

Comments:

<i>Dancing Classes</i>
<i>Yoga</i>

Question Number: 30 (123 Respondents)

Which of the following venues would you prefer to attend for classes if they were available?

Village Hall	100	81.0%
The School	74	60.2%
The Church	4	3.3%
Other	0	0.0%

Question Number: 31 (209 Respondents)

Do you have, or have access to, any of the following

	Yes		No	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Computer with a wide range of software	105	50.2%	56	26.8%
Computer with modem for Internet connection	127	60.8%	52	24.9%
Scanner	87	41.6%	70	33.5%
Printer	124	59.3%	50	23.9%
Email address	130	62.2%	46	22.0%

Social & Sports Facilities

Question Number: 32 (179 Respondents)

Are the facilities provided for children at the Jubilee Playing Field?

Good	30	16.8%
Reasonable	66	36.9%
Poor	13	7.3%
No opinion	70	39.1%

Question Number: 33 (167 Respondents)

How often, over the last year and - as far as you are aware - would you estimate your children (under the age of 16) have used the Jubilee Playing Field?

Weekly	16	9.6%
Monthly	6	3.6%
Quarterly	1	0.6%
Occasionally	8	4.8%
Never	15	9.0%
Not applicable	121	72.5%

Comments:

Used by grandchildren when they visit

I am over 16 and use the park quite often. It's OK but the field is very rutted - more suited to farming and is usually overgrown, and have tripped over many times whilst playing football, might be worth building a skateboard/BMX ramp

Question Number: 34 (209 Respondents)

What are your views on local social facilities for?

	Good		Reasonable		Poor		No opinion	
Children up to 16	13	6.2%	22	10.5%	54	25.8%	76	36.4%
Young people 17-25	5	2.4%	22	10.5%	63	30.1%	73	34.9%
People 26-60	9	4.3%	81	38.8%	29	13.9%	49	23.4%
People over 60	16	7.7%	51	24.4%	32	15.3%	69	33.0%

Question Number: 35 (209 Respondents)

Regarding the possibility of reinstatement of the Grand Western Canal

	Strongly agree		Agree		Not interested		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
A detailed feasibility study should be conducted	51	24.4	65	31.1	25	12.0	11	5.3	11	5.3
A reinstated canal would benefit Nynehead	46	22.0	65	31.1	21	10.0	31	14.8	13	6.2
There is no need for reinstatement	18	8.6	28	13.4	18	8.6	47	22.5	40	19.1

Religion

Question Number: 36 (162 Respondents)

Is Nynehead's All Saints Church important to you?

For Sunday worship	41	25.3%
For baptisms	50	30.9%
Weddings and funerals	87	53.7%
As a focal point for the community	69	42.6%
As an historic building	137	84.6%
Other	1	0.6%

Question Number: 37 (156 Respondents)

If you attend places of worship outside Nynehead is it because

Times better	6	3.8
My religion/denomination not catered for	12	7.7
Better facilities for children	3	1.9
Access problems in local place	0	0.0
Poor local information	2	1.3
Not applicable	130	83.3
Others	8	5.1

Comments:

<i>Playing Field</i>
<i>Involvement as a Choir Member.</i>
<i>The church does not take Christianity seriously and does not abide by its own confession</i>
<i>I find the service irrelevant and unhelpful and was disappointed in the response to our enquiry about confirmation</i>
<i>The services don't have relevant teaching. The rector refused to confirm me.</i>
<i>Historic Links</i>
<i>Historic links & strong community round the church in Fitzhead</i>

Local Government

Question Number: 38 (184 Respondents)

Have you ever attended the Annual Parish Meeting which is open to all the electors of the Parish?

Yes	65	35.3%
No	119	64.7%

Question Number: 39 (184 Respondents)

How well does the local Parish Council publicise its decisions and activities

Very well	40	21.7
Reasonably well	104	56.5
Badly	14	7.6
No opinion	26	14.1

Question Number: 40 (185 Respondents)

The Parish Council is empowered to raise money through the council tax. How do you feel about the way this money is spent?

Very satisfied	54	29.2%
Quite satisfied	4	2.2%
Quite dissatisfied	4	2.2%
Very dissatisfied	10	5.4%
Don't know how it is spent	85	45.9%
No opinion	28	15.1%

Question Number: 41 (185 Respondents)

Would you be prepared to pay a slightly higher council tax to meet additional needs of the Parish?

Yes	43	23.2%
No	79	42.7%
Possibly	63	34.1%

Comments:

<i>Possibly, but would like detailed information about what it was for</i>
<i>Pay enough already - petrol - tax - bills etc.</i>
<i>No - but I'd be prepared to see the money already raised more wisely spent I.e. a <u>far</u> smaller proportion wasted on the minutes.</i>

Question Number: 42 (209 Respondents)

Do you feel your elected representatives in local government are sufficiently aware of local concerns and feelings?

	Fully aware		Quite aware		Not aware		No opinion	
Parish Council	41	19.6%	77	36.8%	22	10.5%	43	20.6%
District Council	15	7.2%	50	23.9%	60	28.7%	50	23.9%
County Council	5	2.4%	30	14.4%	80	38.3%	61	29.2%

Policing

Question Number: 43 (183 Respondents)

Do you regard the police coverage of Nynehead to be?

Good	12	6.6%
Reasonable	49	26.8%
Poor	102	55.7%
No Opinion	20	10.9%

Question Number: 44 (181 Respondents)

Is the service normally provided by the community police officer?

Good	16	8.8%
Reasonable	49	27.1%
Poor	53	29.3%
No opinion	29	16.0%
Do not have one	34	18.8%

Question Number: 45 (176 Respondents)

Would you like a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to be operating in your area?

Yes	139	79.0%
No	37	21.0%
No opinion	0	0.0%

Note: 22 people completed the 'Blue Form' indicating that they would be interested in this scheme.

Comments

<i>We have one in Poole</i>
<i>Already we look out for each other</i>
<i>Neighbourhood watch already in our area</i>

Question Number: 46 (178 Respondents)

Would you support the appointment of a Community Warden to supplement the Policing of the village, even if this meant a nominal increase in council tax?

Yes	75	42.1%
No	103	57.9%

Comments:

<i>Does this mean the police would be off the hook - figuratively speaking</i>
<i>Don't know - depends on what they would actually do.</i>
<i>It's the wrong solution</i>
<i>Agree with idea but tax should already be used for this.</i>
<i>Policing should be undertaken by Police only</i>

Information & Communication

Question Number: 47 (177 Respondents)

The current version of The Nynehead News has been produced every 3 months for just over a year. What changes would you like?

More frequent publications	16	9.0%
Less frequent publications	1	0.6%
Active Selling of advertising space	41	23.2%
Introduction of a 'small ads' section	83	46.9%
Introduction of a 'letters' section	63	35.6%
Introduction of a modest charge to cover cost	40	22.6%
No changes required	72	40.7%
Others	1	0.6%

Comments:

<i>Charge for small ads & advertisements</i>
<i>The News should be funded (with or without advertising) through the Parish Council's budget.</i>
<i>A space for children's contributions</i>
<i>Some public funding?</i>

Question Number: 48 (171 Respondents)

Would you be prepared to help with the production and / or distribution of The Nynehead News?

Yes	29	17.0%
No	142	83.0%

Note: 15 people completed the 'Blue Form' indicating that they would be interested in helping.

Comments:

<i>Maybe - I'd need more information about it.</i>
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Question Number: 49 (183 Respondents)

There is one Notice Board at the Village Hall for official use only, as well as an old one for 'public' use that is due to be renewed. Another two, that may be used by the public on request, are located by the Church and at East Nynehead.

How often do you view the notices in a year?

Weekly	20	10.9%
Monthly	33	18.0%
Quarterly	12	6.6%
Occasionally	71	38.8%
Never	47	25.7%

Others

Question Number: 50 (178 Respondents)

If mains gas were available, would you like your property to be connected?

Yes	103	57.9%
No	75	42.1%

Comments:

We already have mains gas in Poole

Question Number: 51 (171 Respondents)

Would you advertise events you organise in any of the following places?

Notice board	12	7.0%
The Nynhead News	10	5.8%
Wellington Weekly	9	5.3%
Somerset Gazette	8	4.7%
Local radio	4	2.3%
Library	11	6.4%
Do not organise events	149	87.1%
Other	3	1.8%

Comments:

Internet web sites

Do not organise events as yet - but may well do so in the future & would use all of the above.

Question Number: 52 (180 Respondents)

In general, do you think the amount of information available about what's going on in the Parish is?

Good	67	37.2%
Reasonable	104	57.8%
Poor	9	5.0%
No Opinion	0	0.0%

Footpaths

Question Number: 53 (180 Respondents)

Over the past year, how often have you used any of the public footpaths in the Parish?

Weekly	72	40.0%
Monthly	34	18.9%
Quarterly	8	4.4%
Occasionally	48	26.7%
Never	18	10.0%

Question Number: 54 (209 Respondents)

In relation to local footpaths, can you answer the following questions?

	Yes		No	
Do you know where most of the footpaths are?	108	51.7%	54	25.8%
Do you know where some of the footpaths are?	124	59.3%	8	3.8%
Are those you know well signposted?	108	51.7%	54	25.8%
Would you be willing to help maintain them?	21	10.0%	127	60.8%

Note: 16 people completed the 'Blue Form' indicating that they would be interested in helping

Comments:

Depends on what it involves

Question Number: 55

(162 Respondents)

If you experienced difficulties when using the local footpaths which, if any of the following, did you find?

Farm animals	27	16.7%
High stiles	25	15.4%
Locked gates	13	8.0%
Barbed wire	9	5.6%
Mud/water	79	48.8%
Crops across path	55	34.0%
Bushes/nettles	39	24.1%
Cyclists	2	1.2%
No difficulty experienced	58	35.8%
Other	5	3.1%

Comments:

<i>Bull on WG 8/18 & crops on WG8/19</i>
<i>Mud/ water & crops - WG8/4 & WG8/14</i>
<i>East Nynehead & Bryant's land (WG8/13)</i>
<i>Crops - WG8/1; 8/2; 8/3; 8/19; 8/31; 8/15; 8/17;</i>
<i>Mud & water WG8/6 & WG14/4; Crops - WG8/13, Bottom WG8/5.</i>
<i>No guidance or way marks on the footpath through Haywood Farm</i>
<i>When will the Parish Council prosecute farmers when they plough up footpaths and do not reinstate?</i>
<i>All local ones at different time. Ploughed too close - too narrow.</i>
<i>WG8/19 - Woodland are full of rubbish - drinks bottles & cans - seen on 6th May</i>
<i>High stile at end of Blackdown View - Mud on corner of Perry Farm - Crops next to playing field</i>
<i>WG8/7</i>
<i>WG8\2 WG8\3 WG 8\15 WG8\17 WG8\19 WG8\21 - are all commonly obstructed by crops and/or bushes, nettles etc. When ploughed these paths are never reinstated.</i>
<i>Would prefer kissing gates - find stiles difficult.</i>
<i>Mud & water at Sewage works</i>
<i>Broken gate at pumping station</i>
<i>Entrances & exits to fields. Some fields have uneven verges which fill with water.</i>
<i>All stiles cause difficulty due to mobility.</i>
<i>Dog dirt along most footpaths</i>
<i>Below sewage works</i>

Question Number: 56

(130 Respondents)

In relation to footpaths, would you like to see any of the following?

Maps of local footpaths	92	70.8%
Guided walks of the area	46	35.4%
Information boards at strategic points	61	46.9%
Other	4	3.1%

Comments:

<i>Cycle path from Village Hall to Wharf cottage and along canal bank to Tonedale</i>
<i>At Village Hall / Club, East Nynehead & other notice boards, Church</i>
<i>Enforcement of farmer's duties to maintain footpaths properly</i>
<i>Dog 'gates' to be installed where there are stiles - it's very difficult to get old large dogs over stiles if they don't fit through.</i>
<i>Outside Church & Village Hall</i>
<i>Information boards about the history of ruined / historic buildings - i.e. Nynehead Court & the Canal</i>
<i>Information boards where the footpaths meet the roads.</i>
<i>By Village notice boards?</i>
<i>Free map sent out once a year with council tax bill by Taunton Deane of all f.p, RUPPS, BOATS, bridleways etc in their area.</i>
<i>Direct 'Heywood' footpath so that walkers need not walk near to farm. Divert the footpath near school because of 'intimidation'.</i>
<i>At Village Hall</i>
<i>Village Hall notice board</i>

Nynehead Village Hall

Question Number: 57 (166 Respondents)

Which of the following possible options for improving or redeveloping the Village Hall would you prefer?

Refurbish the existing hall without any additions	49	29.2%
Refurbish the existing hall and extend it to include additional meeting room(s) and storage space.	45	26.8%
Completely rebuild the hall to modern standards	74	44.0%

Comments

Need more information re condition of existing hall

The hidden agenda of this proposal is to open up farmland for housing development thereby benefiting financially messes Darby and Ling! There has been a 25% increase in housing in Nynehead already despite the permanent restrictions on the parish' road network. This proposal should be aired fully at a public meeting where all the facts and the real reasons for development should be revealed.

Question Number: 58 (168 Respondents)

If the Village Hall were to be completely redeveloped where would you wish to see it located?

On its current site	122	71.8%
In the field next to the Club.	36	21.2%
In the field across the road.	7	4.1%
Somewhere else	5	2.9%

Comments

No opinion - we live in Chipley and do not feel part of Nynehead community geographically

Near Jubilee Playing Field

Do not want redevelopment anywhere.

Leave alone

Not in the field opposite the Club - DEFINITELY.

Question Number: 59 (179 Respondents)

How many times a year do you use the Village Hall?

More than 12 times	20	11.0%
Between 6 and 12 times	34	18.8%
Between 1 and 6 times	89	49.2%
Never	38	21.0%

Question Number: 60**(150 Respondents)**

If you have attended the Village Hall during the last three years, other than for voting, what was the reason?

Attending Parish Council Meeting	40	26.3%
Attending Annual Parish Meeting	38	25.0%
Function organised by Nynehead Club	56	36.8%
Women's Institute meeting	14	9.2%
History Society meeting	37	24.3%
Community Market	57	37.5%
Public Celebration (Jubilee – Millennium etc)	100	65.8%
Private Function	30	19.7%
Quiz or Bingo night	29	19.1%
Playgroup / Under 5's	2	1.3%
Pantomime	67	44.1%
Other	8	5.3%

Comments:

<i>Watched a film</i>
<i>Watched a film</i>
<i>Wyvern Waste meeting</i>
<i>Cricket</i>
<i>Dancing & various fund Raising activities.</i>

Question Number: 61**(143 Respondents)**

If a new hall / community centre were to be built what facilities would you like to see incorporated?

Parish Council Office	23	15.9%
Play-group room	49	33.8%
Meeting room	64	44.1%
Information Technology (Computer) room	30	20.7%
Doctor's surgery / consulting room	44	30.3%
Space for shop / post office	80	55.2%
Main hall adequate for indoor sports	61	42.1%
Changing rooms	37	25.5%
Children's play area / park	58	40.0%
Sports ground (Football / cricket etc)	57	39.3%
Lounge bar area for social meetings / relaxation.	77	53.1%
Other	10	6.9%

Comments:

<i>A good useable kitchen for events and a proper stage</i>
<i>Stage</i>
<i>We do not need a new hall / community centre</i>

Question Number: 62 (122 Respondents)

Which indoor activities would you like to available at either a refurbished or new Village Hall?

Table Tennis	37	29.8%
Badminton	40	32.3%
Short Mat Bowls	22	17.7%
Pool / Snooker	53	42.7%
Skittles	58	46.8%
Martial Arts	10	8.1%
Aerobics	32	25.8%
Yoga	34	27.4%
Dancing	45	36.3%
Music	51	41.1%
Drama	53	42.7%
Other	1	0.8%

Comments:

Five a-side football

Question Number: 63 (117 Respondents)

Which social / community activities would you like to be available at the Village Hall?

Over 60's Club	31	26.1%
Lunch & Tea Clubs	13	10.9%
Gardening Club	51	42.9%
Licensed Social Club	65	54.6%
Carers support group	6	5.0%
Youth Club	45	37.8%
Others	0	0.0%

Nynehead Club

Question Number: 64 (168 Respondents)

On average, how frequently have you been to Nynehead Club, either as a member or as a guest, over the last three years?

Weekly	12	7.1%
Monthly	19	11.2%
Quarterly	10	5.9%
Occasionally	55	32.4%
Never	74	43.5%

Question Number: 65 (101 Respondents)

What additional or improved facilities would make the Club more attractive to you?

Opening more frequently	22	21.8%
Opening for longer hours	9	8.9%
Provision of light snacks (sandwiches / microwave 'bites' etc)	23	22.8%
Improved ventilation	51	50.5%
'No Smoking' areas	57	56.4%
Improved seating	47	46.5%
Improved decor & decoration	41	40.6%
More social evenings (music nights / quizzes etc)	44	43.6%
Others	5	5.0%

Comments:

Follow the licensing laws and not staying open till all hours allowing noisy drunks to stagger back through the village in the early hours of the morning especially to the fruit farm

Knock it down as rebuild for the "village"

The ability for the Club to 'borrow' the Village Hall for specific functions. Why are the Club / Hall so separate? This seems to promote a conflict of interests in Nynehead.

A more Pub like atmosphere / environment.

Question Number: 66 (145 Respondents)

The Club depends upon its members to form the management committee that is responsible for the day - to - day running. Would you be interested in helping to maintain the Club for the benefit of the community?

Yes	8	5.5%
No	130	89%
Already doing so	7	4.8%

Note: 5 people completed the 'Blue Form' indicating that they would be interested in helping

Young Persons Survey

Question Number: 1 (50 Respondents)

How old are you?

	Boys		Girls	
1 – 5 years	7	13.0%	0	0.0%
6 – 10 years	12	22.2%	5	9.3%
11 – 13 years	2	3.7%	4	7.4%
14 – 16 years	1	1.9%	2	3.7%

Question Number: 2 (27 Respondents)

Which School or College are you attending?

Nynehead School	6	22.2
Wellesley Park School	0	0.0
St Johns School	0	0.0
Courtfields	3	11.1
Kingsmead	2	7.4
Wellington School	10	37.0
Other	6	22.2

Comments:

<i>Milverton School</i>
<i>Milverton School</i>
<i>Taunton School</i>
<i>Milverton School from September</i>
<i>St Andrews Day Nursery</i>
<i>Home educated</i>

Question Number: 3 (25 Respondents)

What games or sports do you enjoy playing?

Football	17	63.0%
Cricket	13	48.1%
Tennis	17	63.0%
Rugby	11	40.7%
Badminton	6	22.2%
Basketball	13	48.1%
Hockey	11	40.7%
Netball	7	25.9%
Skate-boarding	13	48.1%
Cycling / BMX	22	81.5%
Athletics	17	63.0%
Others	6	22.2%

Comments:

<i>Milverton School</i>
<i>Milverton School</i>
<i>Taunton School</i>
<i>Milverton School from September</i>
<i>St Andrews Day Nursery</i>
<i>Home educated</i>

Question Number: 4 (31 Respondents)

How do you travel to see your friends?

Parents take me by car	33	100.0%
I usually walk	0	0.0%
I go by Taxi	0	0.0%
I am collected by friend's parents	18	54.5%
I cycle	7	21.2%
Other	0	0.0%

Question Number: 5 (33 Respondents)

If a Youth Club were established in the village would you support it?

Yes	8	24.2%
No	12	36.4%
Yes – when old enough	13	39.4%

Question Number: 6 (50 Respondents)

If any of the following were established in the village would you support them:?

	Yes		Yes – when old enough		No		No Opinion	
Junior Football Club	11	20.4%	7	13.0%	7	13.0%	0	0.0%
Junior Cricket Club	11	20.4%	4	7.4%	6	11.1%	0	0.0%
Girl Guides / Brownies	5	9.3%	2	3.7%	12	22.2%	0	0.0%
Scouts / Cubs	6	11.1%	3	5.6%	12	22.2%	0	0.0%
Junior Tennis Club	13	24.1%	2	3.7%	6	11.1%	2	3.7%
Computer Club	6	11.1%	1	1.9%	9	16.7%	2	3.7%
Music Group	9	16.7%	2	3.7%	8	14.8%	2	3.7%
Junior Drama Group	13	24.1%	3	5.6%	8	14.8%	0	0.0%
Others	1	1.9%	1	1.9%	4	7.4%	0	0.0%

Comments:

<i>Supercross Arena</i>
<i>Chess</i>

Question Number: 7 (33 Respondents)

Have you got access to a computer with Internet facility?

Yes	30	90.9%
No	3	9.1%

Question Number: 8 (32 Respondents)

Are you learning, or have you learnt any special skills (e.g. learnt to play a musical instrument)?

Yes	17	53.1%
No	15	46.9%

Comments:

<i>Guitar, Rounders, Netball, Hockey</i>
<i>Gym, Athletics</i>
<i>Sewing</i>
<i>Piano</i>
<i>Play 3 musical instruments. Qualified in 1st Aid, Speech & Drama exams/festivals. Play in school sports teams</i>
<i>We both play violin & I have just started playing piano</i>
<i>Riding / Swimming</i>
<i>Clarinet</i>

Other Comments

<p><i>A big problem is flooding; there is no mention in the questions. The lane to Wellington could have better drainage and could be open 100% of the time. We both like the Nynehead News - though I don't think it should carry a charge, perhaps it could be funded by the Parish.</i></p>
<p><i>What about a monthly / bi-monthly / annual barbeque specifically to welcome / entertain the foreign workers ay Nynehead Fruit? They seem interesting & pleasant (the ones I meet anyway!) and come from all manner of interesting places. Youngsters in Nynehead could only benefit from meeting such people - and you never know, cross-cultured links could be forged that could last a lifetime. But I get the impression the foreigners are regarded with suspicion and hostility. I gave some Rumanians a lift the other day. They had been here a fortnight & I was the first person to offer them a lift as they traipse in and out of Wellington to shop.</i></p>
<p><i>Can anything be done about antisocial behaviour by 1 or 2 teenagers in the village? Abusive language & behaviour More should be done about senior citizens walking their dogs in the playing field.</i></p>
<p><i>Keep Nynehead rural & avoid development, street lighting etc.</i></p>
<p><i>*There is less flora in Nynehead than on some Motorway embankments. Soon, campions, bluebells and others will be a thing of the past. So please stop the mindless destruction of these by contractors & local farmers (Blockhouse). Only restricted sight lines i.e. corners, need this treatment. *Nynehead needs no further housing development - the road structure cannot support it. Already the system is part of the daily 'rat-run' between Langford, Milverton & Oake. *There is a need for a weight limitation on the Nynehead - Oake road - this is used often by quarry lorries & such like. *How is it that the Nynehead - Ash road is now awash with signs yet still these is nothing in out own village! *Remove Nynehead's rusting cars.</i></p>
<p><i>footpath users made aware of importance of closing gates and keeping dogs under control at all times, and sticking to footpaths. Road drains would be adequate if only they were cleaned out properly. Speed control necessary from Wharf Cottage to Poole Industrial junction.</i></p>
<p><i>The village has about the maximum amount of housing development that it can take without major improvements to the roads and lanes. If we are to retain the village as such, and not become part of Wellington, then the major road works would not be required.</i></p>
<p><i>Remove abandoned cars from East Nynehead; Resolve flooding issue in East Nynehead; Protect the road verges</i></p>
<p><i>Excellent Questionnaire - about time!</i></p>
<p><i>Either stay with ticks or Yes / No answers</i></p>
<p><i>As we live in Chipley we do not consider ourselves as being part of Nynehead Community as Milverton & Wellington are both closer and easier to reach, although we are in Nynehead Parish. We appreciate the work that has gone into making, distributing, collecting and collating this questionnaire and have done our best to answer it. We also appreciate the fact that our copy of the Nynehead News is delivered.</i></p>
<p><i>The fact that the parish precept is about £2,000 and the clerk's salary & expenses often amount to £1600 seems to relegate the Parish Council's status to that of a 'gossip shop'.</i></p>
<p><i>Congratulations to the 'NAG' for organising this valuable exercise.</i></p>

Notes:

	Adults	Children
Total recorded time to complete the Questionnaire:	2239.25	115.5
Number of recordings	60	11
Average time to compete	37 Mins.	11 Mins.