

# THE APPLEDORE PARISH PLAN

2008 / 2009



Key Findings & Proposals, Action Plan & Timetable



Aerial views of Appledore





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### The Appledore Parish Plan 2008/2009

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## **Introduction**

### **What is a Parish Plan and why do we want one?**

The Parish Plan is essentially a document that summarises the state of the parish today and its hopes for the next 5-10 years. It is a survey of the community to establish local assets and the needs and wishes of the people of Appledore. It should also highlight any deficiencies or problems within the community. The Parish Plan will then provide the framework for the 'Action Plan' to address the issues raised.

The other important feature of the Parish Plan is that it provides written evidence of the community's wishes and as such can be used to influence decision makers in local government and other agencies in matters such as planning and highway safety improvements. It can also be used to secure funding for projects that the parish plan has highlighted.

The concept of the Parish Plan grew out of the Government's Rural White Paper 'Our Countryside – The Future' in November 2000. The paper states that the purpose of the plan is to 'set out a vision of what is important, how new development can best be fitted in, the design and quality standards it should meet, how to preserve valued local features and to map out the facilities which the community needs to safeguard for the future'. It was said that plans should 'identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how distinctive character and features can be preserved'.

### **Appledore Parish Plan Compilation and Production.**

In February 2007 the Appledore Parish Plan Committee was set up with volunteers from the parish, instigated by the Appledore Parish Council.

The Mission statement of the Committee was:

To produce and publish a Parish Plan after a full appraisal of the wishes of village residents and research, identification and agreement of the key amenities and issues with the following aims:

- a) To provide the Appledore Parish Council with a structured and comprehensive record and guide for the future.
- b) To convince Ashford Borough Council to recognise the Parish Plan and adopt it as 'supplementary planning guidance' for any future development proposal.

During subsequent meetings it was decided that the best way to obtain feedback from the people of Appledore was to deliver a questionnaire to every household.

The first task for the committee was to carry out an open day to gather information to form the framework for the questionnaire. The Open Day was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at Appledore village hall. The event was attended by more than 100 Parish residents.

From the Open Day the committee was able to establish issues that were of concern to parishioners and from that develop the Questionnaire.

The parish magazine was used to keep parish residents informed about the development of the Parish Plan, the Open Day and the aims of the Questionnaire before its delivery. Information was also available on the Appledore Parish Council website.

In June 2008, the questionnaire was distributed by hand by the committee to every household in the parish. The Questionnaire was collected a week later. Of the 338 households 221 completed the questionnaire. This corresponded to a 65% return.

As you look at the results it must be remembered that, although they do not represent the views of all, they do represent nearly 2/3rds of all households in Appledore.



Some Members of the Appledore Parish Plan Committee



Appledore Parish Plan Open Day, November 2007  
(Photo included with the kind permission of the Kent Messenger Group)



## **A Glimpse at Appledore's History**

Once a coastal town and port with river access inland, the Domesday Book of 1086 describes Appledore as having a church and six fisheries. The Romans passed by in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD and encamped on Oxney where they left their alter to Mithras.

Then came the Saxon tribes and the Jutes who settled here in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, followed in the 9<sup>th</sup> century by the Danes who built a fort in the area.

By the 11<sup>th</sup> century the Normans had conquered the country and 'Apuldre Manor' was owned by Christchurch, Canterbury until the dissolution of the monasteries in 1536.

In the 12<sup>th</sup> century it was the monks who began the 'inning' of the salt marshes to provide valuable pasture land.

In the 13<sup>th</sup> century severe storms killed many, devastated crops and diverted the Rother from New Romney port and, despite efforts in the early 14<sup>th</sup> century to canalise the river from Appledore to flush out the harbour down what is now known as the Rhee Wall, silting up continued.

By this time the Hornes had arrived and become tenants of a farm owned by Christchurch, Canterbury, who were Lords of the Manor, and in 1366 were granted Licence to hear Mass in the Chapel there, possibly to serve the Church dignitaries.

In 1348 Plague (the Black Death) decimated the village and the French were making increasing raids along the coast, burning Appledore in 1380.

Hornes Place was attacked by some of Wat Tyler's men in 1381 so Christchurch moved to Court Lodge where it continued with its Courts Baron, tithe collecting, the Easter and Michaelmas accounts and lodging for the Visitations of the Archbishop and Bailiffs.

Discontent was rife in the 15<sup>th</sup> century with poverty, high taxes, ill health and wars. Fishing had declined and more crops were grown. The last ship had been built in about 1446.



By the 16<sup>th</sup> century Sir Philip Chute, Standard Bearer to King Henry VIII, had arrived and been granted Hornes Place by Queen Elizabeth I. Appledore had become an inland town but with river access to Rye. Farming and sheep rearing were the main occupations with a weekly market and two fairs a year. Also, there were a variety of tradesmen in the town. There were also a number of stables where horses could be hired in order to ride further on to New Romney or Lydd.

By the 18<sup>th</sup> century Marsh Ague was still accounting for many deaths. The wars with France had brought soldiers to the area with barracks at Reading Street and an encampment down Old Way, no doubt bringing trade to the beer houses. Smuggling continued to be an occupation of many.

The early 19<sup>th</sup> century saw the building of the Military Canal as a defence against Napoleon and in the process provided better drainage for the stagnant marshes. Later on barges used it to carry coal, timber, straw, beer and other items, tying up at the wharf across the bridge.

By the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century common land, like the Heath, had been divided into small fields and sold. A school and the Wesleyan Chapel had been built and there were about twenty tradesmen in the village, including a farrier, saddlers, carpenters, millers, bakers, shoemakers, grocers and butchers, with at least four beer houses. Health had improved and with better facilities, including the railway, came a new type of resident, the retired!



The 20<sup>th</sup> century brought the car and increasing mobility, but also the horrors of two World wars, the Memorial to which is inside the Church on the North Wall. In World War II Appledore and the Marsh became a Restricted Area when passes were required to enter and sheep were evacuated inland. There was much military activity including the building of block houses, gun and searchlight sites, bridges mined or blown up and the laying of pipes for Pluto, the pipeline under the ocean, the secret means of supplying troops in France with fuel, also a secret radar site, part of the “Chain On” complex connecting with the seven pylons at Dungeness. Bombers and fighter planes were a daily sight and the inevitable crashes were of great interest to local lads collecting souvenirs. Even the doodle-bugs did not stop the villagers continuing normal life although many houses were requisitioned for troop accommodation and nearly everyone 'dug for victory' which came in 1945 with street parties and flags all over the country. Everyone was proud to be British!

In 1997 two people from Hastings came to Appledore with metal detectors and made the find of the century according to the British Museum. While working in a field near Hornes Place they discovered a hoard of nearly 500 Anglo-Saxon coins minted at 36 different places from York to New Romney. These coins covered the entire period of Danish and Saxon rule from Canute in 1016 to Edward the Confessor 1042-1066 and finally Harold Godwinson killed at the Battle of Hastings. It was declared a Treasure Trove and is now at the British Museum.

Appledore welcomed the Millennium with due celebration and now the 21<sup>st</sup> century stretches ahead with more house-building and cars but with just the Post Office Stores, two pubs, two antique emporiums, a tea room but, as can be seen from the Parish Magazine, farming and other businesses continue to contribute to the overall economy. This attractive village has seen many changes and will no doubt see more, but it is to be hoped that the charm it holds for so many will remain undimmed.



### Action Key

APC = Appledore Parish Council  
ADC = Appledore Development Committee  
APC & ADC = Joint Working Party  
APPC = Appledore Parish Plan Committee

### Timetable Key

O = Ongoing  
S = 1 – 2 Years  
M = 2 – 5 Years  
L = Over 5 years

## Appledore Parish Plan Committee

# Key Findings, Proposed Actions

## From results of Parish Questionnaire 2008

Topic	Key Finding	Proposed Action	Action & Timetable
<b>Recycling</b>	The majority would use recycling facilities for plastic cardboard and green waste if available in Appledore, the majority would like doorstep recycling but not collections every two weeks.	a) To lobby the county council for recycling facilities for plastic, cardboard and green waste and also b) investigate private sector options.	a) APC : <b>S</b> b) ADC : <b>S</b>
<b>Young People</b>	The most popular suggestions for activities for young people were a youth club and a holiday club.	Find volunteers to become youth leaders who would start up and run a youth club and a holiday club	ADC : <b>O-S</b>
<b>Highways &amp; Footpaths</b>	Half those who responded believe that there should be a footpath by Griffin Cottages.	Lobby via Parish Council to have a footpath installed there	APC : <b>S-M</b>
<b>Highways &amp; Footpaths</b>	81 respondents said they would use a cycle path to the station and for safety and environmental reasons plus use by others outside the parish, this matter should be pursued.	Lobby for cycle path and footpath to station with KCC, Kent Highways and Sustrans (Sustainable transport charity)	APC : <b>S</b>

Topic	Key Finding	Proposed Action	Action & Timetable
<b>Highways &amp; Footpaths</b>	Majority thought that footpaths should be kept clearer and respected by landowners.	Find a volunteer to monitor footpaths and report back to the Parish Council	ADC : <b>Done</b> Ken Girkin is taking over from John Lindsay
<b>Health Service</b>	The Appledore surgery is not being used due to limited appointment times. It appears that there would be a business case for keeping the surgery open longer and that there would be interest in peripheral services if provided there.	a) APP Committee to make surgery owners aware of the findings of this questionnaire b) To encourage better publicity of services already available	a) ADC : <b>Done</b> b) ADC : <b>S</b>
<b>Crime &amp; Community</b>	c) The belief is that there is not enough for the young people to do, thus leading to problems in the community. d) Strong interest in introducing Restorative Justice. e) Need for Community Warden presence after dark, closer liaison with Warden and better communication of Warden role	f) See “Young People” above. g) Restorative Justice. Work with Community Warden and Police. h) Parish Council to liaise with Community Warden to address.	a) ADC : <b>O-S</b> b) ADC : <b>S-M</b> c) ADC : <b>S</b>
<b>Parish Hall</b>	a) The majority feel that the Parish should buy the hall and that it definitely needs to be updated. b) The facilities behind the hall need to be better signed. Events need to be better publicised.	a) Pursue avenues for funding to buy and/or improve the hall. b) Work with Village Hall Committee for better signage, increasing use and better publicity of activities and events.	a) APC & Hall Committee : <b>O-S</b> b) APC & Hall Committee : <b>S</b>

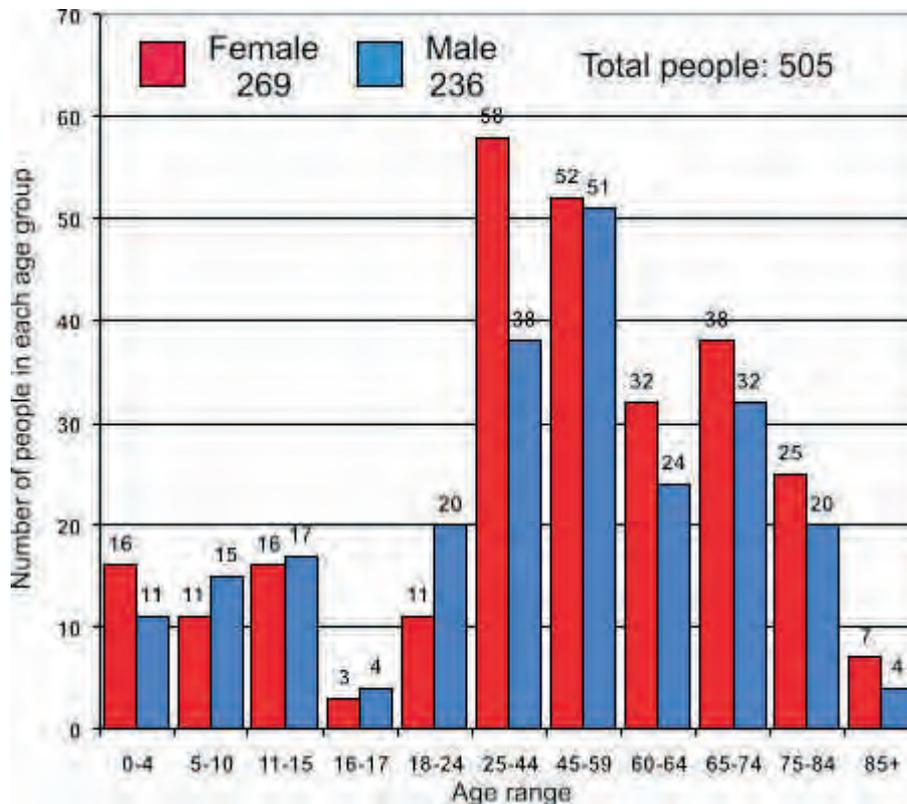
Topic	Key Finding	Proposed Action	Action & Timetable
<b>Recreation Ground</b>	The majority view was that the facilities on the recreation ground need improvement for all ages of children, e.g. the play area needs updating and to be fenced off.	<p>a) APP and Recreation Ground Management Committees to work jointly to arrange funding for improved resources.</p> <p>b) Encourage the youth leaders, once found, to liaise with the recreation ground committee regarding projects that would be most worthwhile.</p>	<p>a) ADC : <b>O-S</b></p> <p>b) ADC : <b>S</b></p>
<b>Businesses</b>	The majority would like there to be a petrol station in the Parish.	Potential businesses to be notified.	APC & ADC : <b>S</b>
<b>Attraction of visitors</b>	The majority would like more to be made of the walks along the canal.	Encourage the Environment Agency, National Trust and PROW (Public Rights of Way) to improve signage of walks, increase publicity and provide better information on their website	APC & ADC : <b>S</b>
<b>Local Community education</b>	There is a willingness by a number of respondents to share their knowledge with local children.	<p>Encourage local advertising so that there is awareness of the local knowledge pool.</p> <p>Village hall could be used for tutorials or clubs.</p>	ADC : <b>S</b>
<b>Facilities and activities for older people</b>	The needs of the over 50's of the Parish are not being met	<p>a) Investigate how transport options can be improved. *</p> <p>b) Encourage further help with shopping within the Parish. Encourage the development of clubs that would be of interest to the over 50's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taxi service now available - see Parish Magazine</li> </ul>	<p>a) ADC : <b>S-M</b></p> <p>b) ADC : <b>S-M</b></p>

Topic	Key Finding	Proposed Action	Action & Timetable
<b>Housing development</b>	Most people felt that the Parish could only sustain developments of up to 20 houses. In order to sustain this there would have to be improvements in transport, schools, drainage. Most people would rather see one house developments taking place. Housing for younger people is most lacking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Alert ABC to these findings.</li> <li>b) Highlight these findings in the Parish Plan such that external parties can see what the Parish wants in terms of housing development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) APC : <b>S</b></li> <li>b) APPC : <b>O</b></li> </ul>
<b>Speed limit</b>	The majority felt that the 30mph speed limit is an improvement but that the 30mph zone should be expanded. There is demand for sensor speed limitation to be implemented	Pursue Highways proposal, supported by APC, for an extension of the 30mph speed limit zone to Hawthorn; also lobby for sensors to be installed	APC : <b>S-M</b>
<b>Car parking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The majority felt that parking on the grassed areas is not acceptable.</li> <li>b) That there needs to be improved signage for the village hall car park (see also Village Hall) and that this car park should be used for overnight parking .</li> <li>c) That there is a need for an additional car park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) APC to note</li> <li>b) Inform the Village Hall Committee of the need for improved signing of the car park.</li> <li>c) Investigate the possibility of an additional car park with possible sites located.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) APC : <b>S</b></li> <li>b) APC &amp; ADC : <b>S-M</b></li> <li>c) APC &amp; ADC : <b>S-M</b></li> </ul>
<b>Public transport</b>	Train service was thought to be adequate. The bus service is very poor and is not used due to its inadequacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Publicise train and bus timetables e.g.on.website, in Parish Magazine and newcomers welcome pack.</li> <li>b) Lobby for improved bus services to and from Appledore.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) ADC : <b>S</b></li> <li>b) APC &amp; ADC : <b>S-M</b></li> </ul>

## About the people of Appledore

The first part of the Questionnaire was designed to find out about the people of Appledore.

The chart below shows the profile of the population of 219 households.



64% of the respondents were under retirement age. The average age of people in these 219 households is 45. In England as a whole, the average age of the rural population is 42 (and rising), compared to 36 (and falling) in the towns.

## Car Ownership

The study showed that 92% of respondents owned a car and there were an average of 1 ¾ cars per household, totalling 353 vehicles.

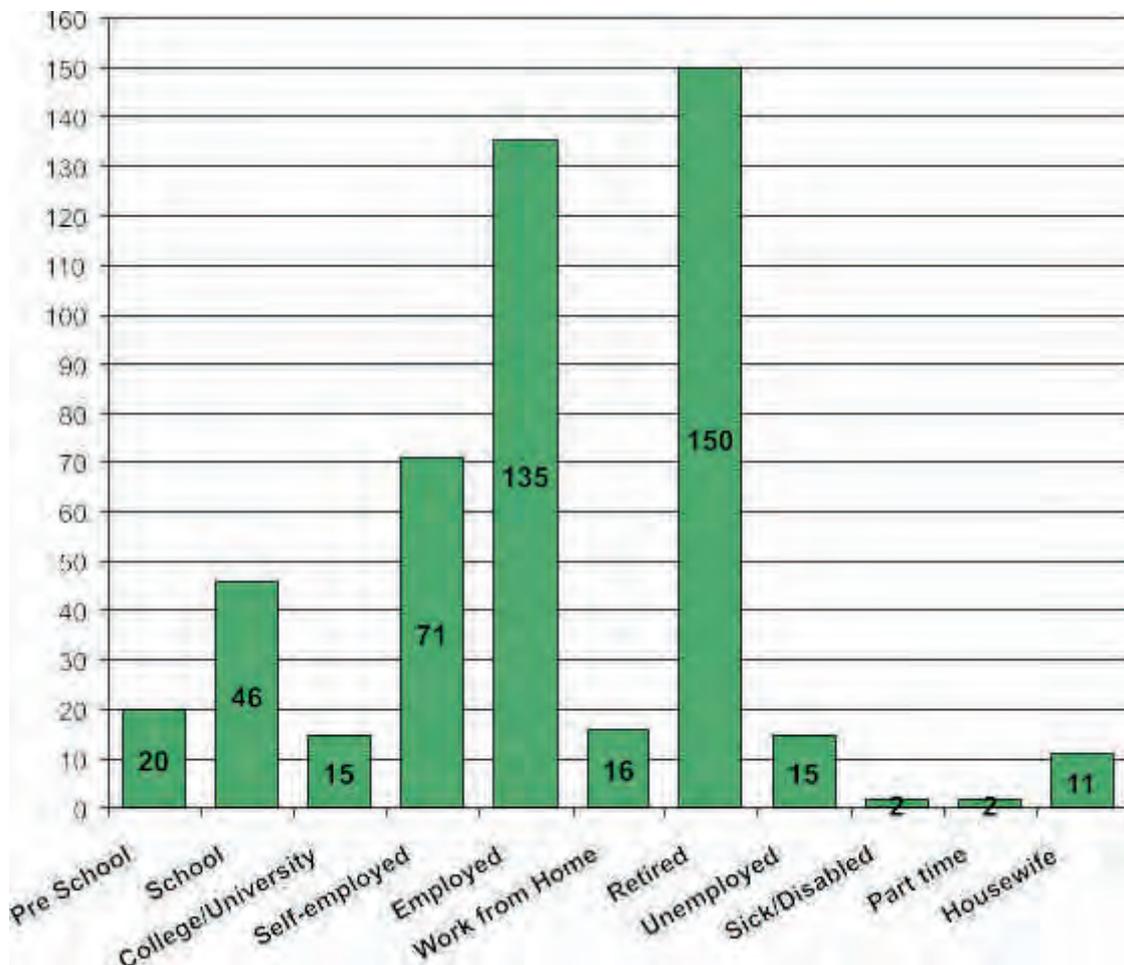
These cars were mainly parked off road (53%) with 28% being garaged and 19% or 66 cars parked on the road.



The Street, Appledore

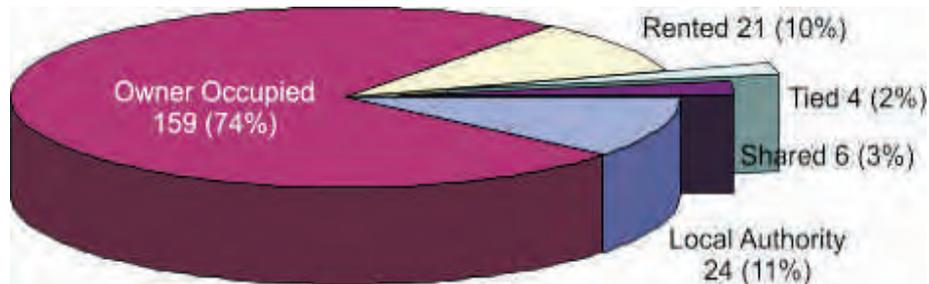
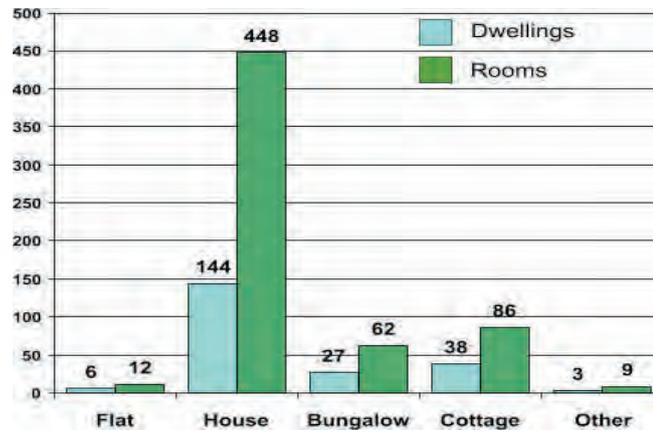
## Occupations

As can be seen from the chart below, 222 people, namely 46%, were in full time employment and 12% were in full time education.

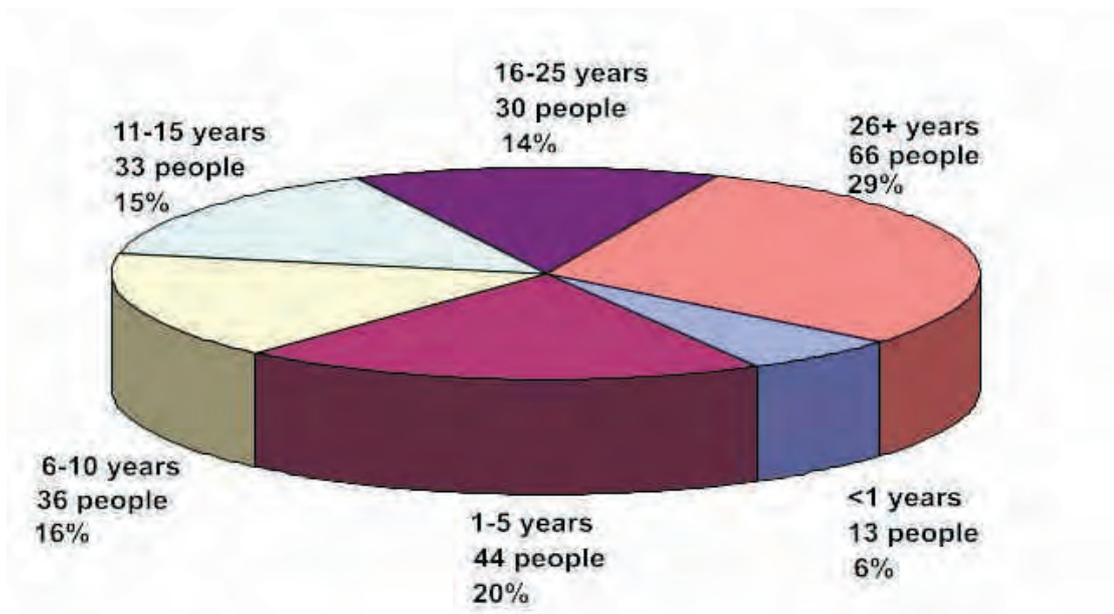


## Dwellings

The charts below show an average household of 2.3 people with 2.8 bedrooms. Of the total dwellings 66% were houses. 74% of all dwellings were owner occupied.



The length of time the respondents had lived in the village is illustrated by this pie chart.

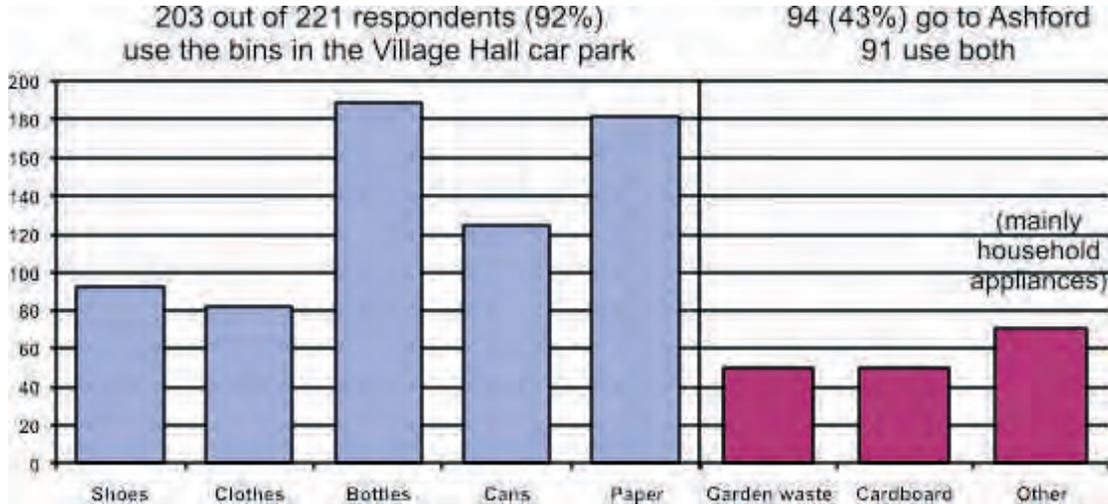


If anyone has left the Parish, these are the reasons :

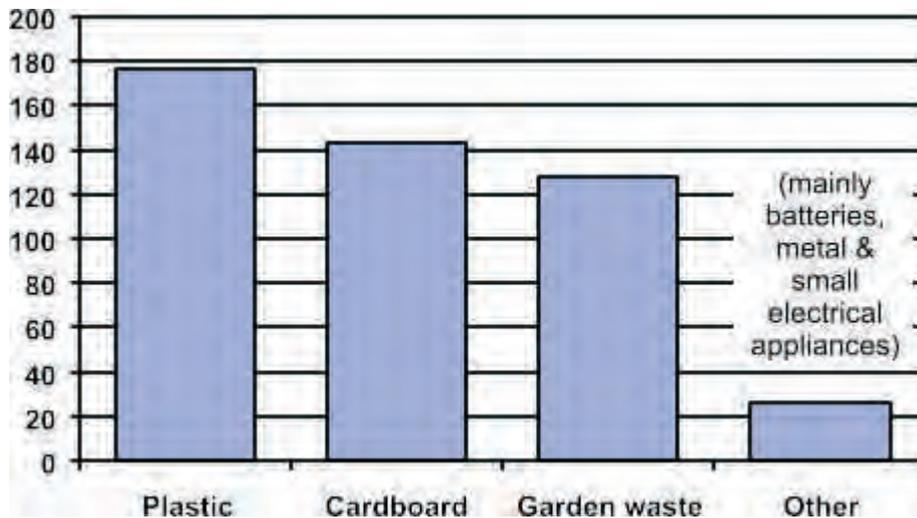
Employment (20) College/University (9) Cost (11) Marriage (4)

## Recycling, Conservation and the Environment

From the charts below it can be seen that a large number of the residents use the recycling facilities at the village hall car park. However, 90% felt that this could be improved by including facilities for recycling cardboard, plastic and garden waste. 57% of respondents would sign a petition for doorstep recycling but 72% of those said not if that meant that regular refuse collection was changed to fortnightly. The charts below illustrate recycling currently being used by residents :



The Recycling residents would like to see



When asked whether residents would sign a petition to ban bonfires, 78% were not in favour.



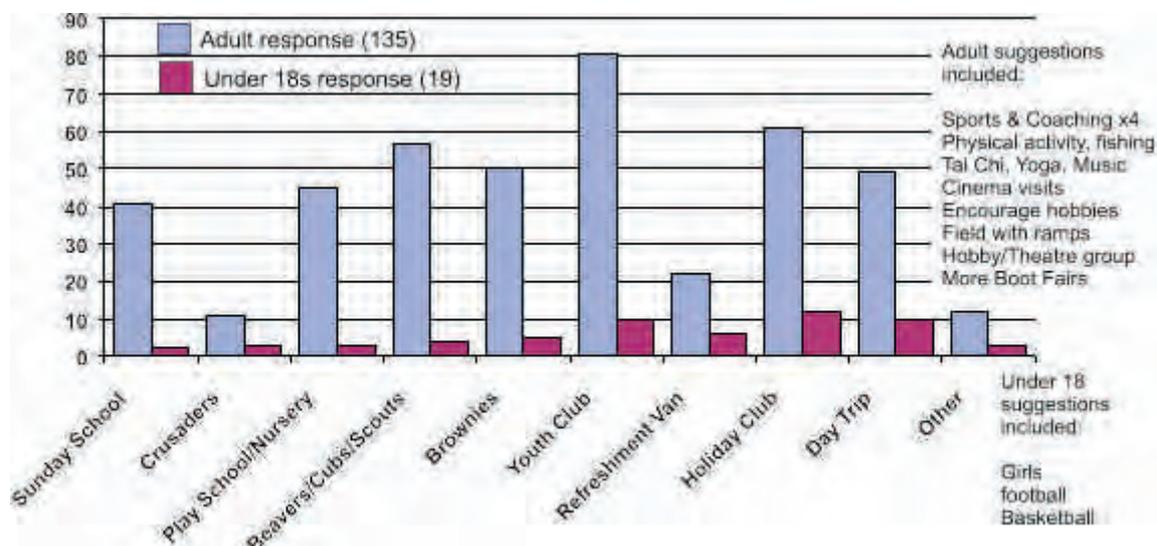
Recycling Area, Appledore (In Parish Hall car park)



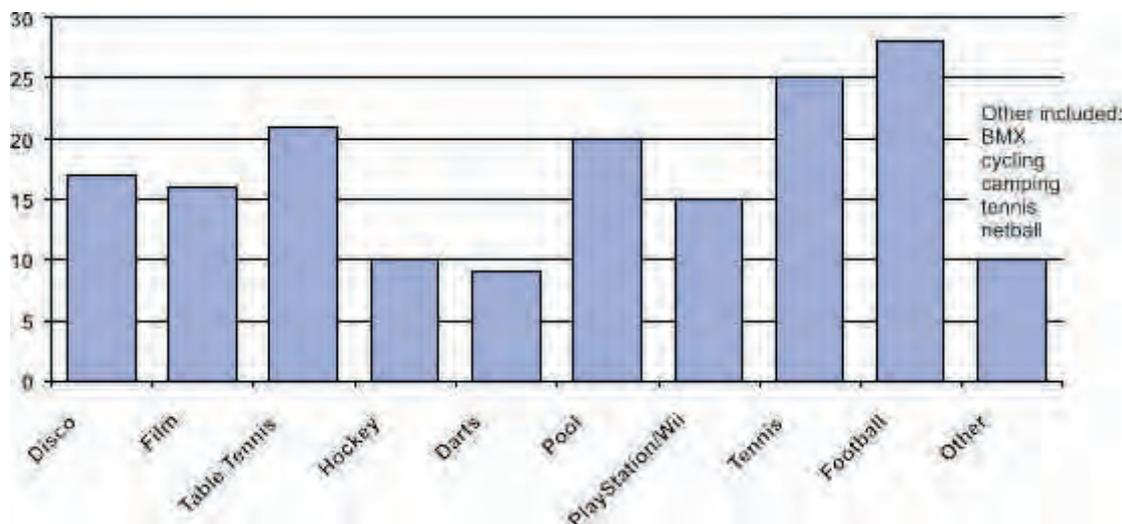
Appledore Methodist Church, The Street, Appledore

## Facilities and Activities for Young People

It was felt that there was a shortage of activities and facilities for young people in the village. As can be seen from the chart below the most popular activities suggested by all respondents, including those under 18, were a youth club, holiday club and day trips.



A wide range of activities were suggested by young people, as can be seen below :



23 respondents expressed a willingness to help run some of these activities.

Small numbers attended baby and toddler groups within the village but only 2 felt that they should be held more often. 5 people said they would help run these groups.

## Highways and Footpaths

There appeared to be concern over the lack of pavements in some parts of the parish. By far the area of most concern was the absence of pavements in front of Griffin Cottages and Victoria Terrace. This issue has been discussed over many years at Parish Council meetings. Lobbying of Kent County Council in the past has not resolved the issue. Perhaps with the degree of concern – 110 respondents or 50% shown by the people of Appledore, there may be a fresh opportunity to raise the issue again.

Other areas of concern were Kenardington Road and Station Road. The latter could be resolved to a degree with a cycle path to the station.

In response to the question as to whether a cycle path to the station would be used, 37% or 81 people said that they would use it. Although clearly this is not a majority view the path may well be used by cyclists and walkers from outside the parish keeping people off what is quite a hazardous road. This new dimension to the parish would also be environmentally friendly, encouraging people to use the station and leave their cars at home.

There are a number of footpaths around the parish that are used by locals and visiting walkers. The Questionnaire illustrated the concern and interest of respondents in the condition of such footpaths and pedestrian bridges. People wanted gates that were “child, dog and elderly person friendly”. There seems to be a need for more identification of footpaths in the parish. A small number of people indicated a wish for more bridle paths.



Griffin Cottages, Victoria Terrace, Appledore

## Health Service

39% of people in the parish stated that they did not use either Appledore surgery or the Hamstreet surgery. Of the remaining 61 % of respondents, only 17 % said that they only used the Appledore surgery. 34% said that they only used the Hamstreet surgery and 49% said that they used both.

Respondents said that the reasons for not using Appledore surgery were as follows:

- Limited Appointments at Appledore
- Uncertainty over surgery times
- Work place made Hamstreet more convenient
- Female Doctor
- Specialised treatments
- Nurses available in Hamstreet

56% of people said that they would prefer to use Appledore surgery if there were more regular appointments.

The questionnaire also identified other services that would be of interest to parishioners. These included:

- Hair washing – 5 people
- Osteopath –44
- Pharmacy –64
- Chiropodist –65
- Dentist – 77

Other suggestions included nurse services and a physiotherapist.



Appledore Surgery, The Street, Appledore

## Crime and Community Safety

### Community Warden

While over 50% of respondents felt there was a benefit from the presence of the Community Warden, over 80% felt there was a need for one after dark.

The Community Warden's 37 hour week is flexible and can be arranged within reason between 7.30 am and 10.00 pm any day of the week including week-ends.

The Community Warden's role and purpose needs to be communicated in greater detail to the Parish. Closer liaison between the Parish Council and Emily Rayner, the Kent Community Warden Area Supervisor, Ashford Area, to agree a variable weekly duty roster is also recommended. This should include a certain number of evenings per week. It is most important that the times when the Warden is on duty are different each week/month.

### Restorative Justice

190 respondents (91%) stated that Restorative Justice should be introduced. Linked to some extent with this topic was the question, **What changes should be made to ease tension between young and older people in the community?** The suggestions are shown made in the table below:

More communication	113
More activities to combat boredom	149
Restorative Justice	94
More Police involvement	141
Other	20

#### Under "Other"

- 3 placed the blame on children
- 3 thought more directed activities was needed
- 1 said we should show "more kindness & understanding toward young people, respect works both ways"
- 12 blamed the parents



Parish Community Warden working with Kent Police Authority

## Parish Hall

At present the hall is owned by the church. The majority (69%) felt that the hall should be purchased by the Parish and this option is currently under discussion at the Parish Council meetings. Obviously a significant amount of fund raising would need to be undertaken and a few people volunteered to help with this.

The hall is in need of some modernisation and repair. When asked whether people felt that it should be completely replaced 60% were against this suggestion.

The chart below illustrates peoples' ideas for refurbishment :



There were other ideas to improve this valuable asset and these included:

- Better lighting
- Better access
- Better arrangement of internal space
- New toilets
- Sound proofing

For many parishioners the hall was a priority over other concerns within the parish.

The hall is currently used for a large number of activities. These include:

Aerobics, Arts and Crafts, Bowls, WI, Quiz nights, Council Meetings, Gardening Club, Village show, Children's Christmas party, Harvest supper, Private functions, Pensioners' lunch and Voting.

People generally felt that more publicity was needed to promote the hall. One person commented that they didn't feel that the hall was used that much despite all of the above events. Perhaps better advertising would increase its use.

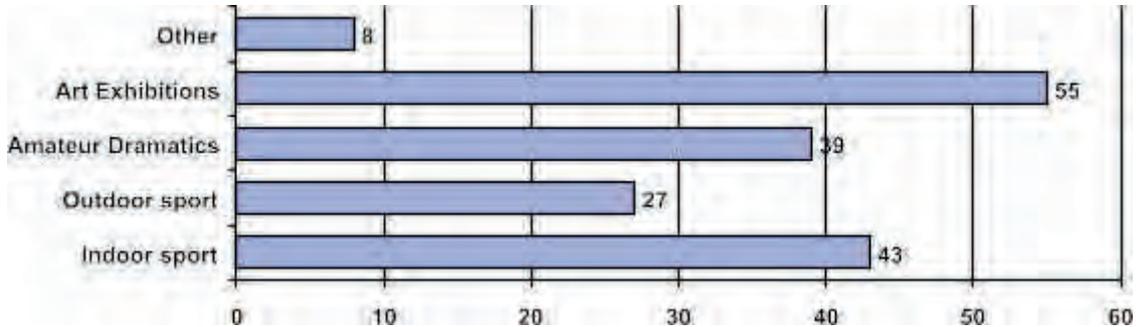
This could include a more prominent feature in the parish magazine.



Appledore Parish Hall, The Street, Appledore

## Arts, Sport and Recreation

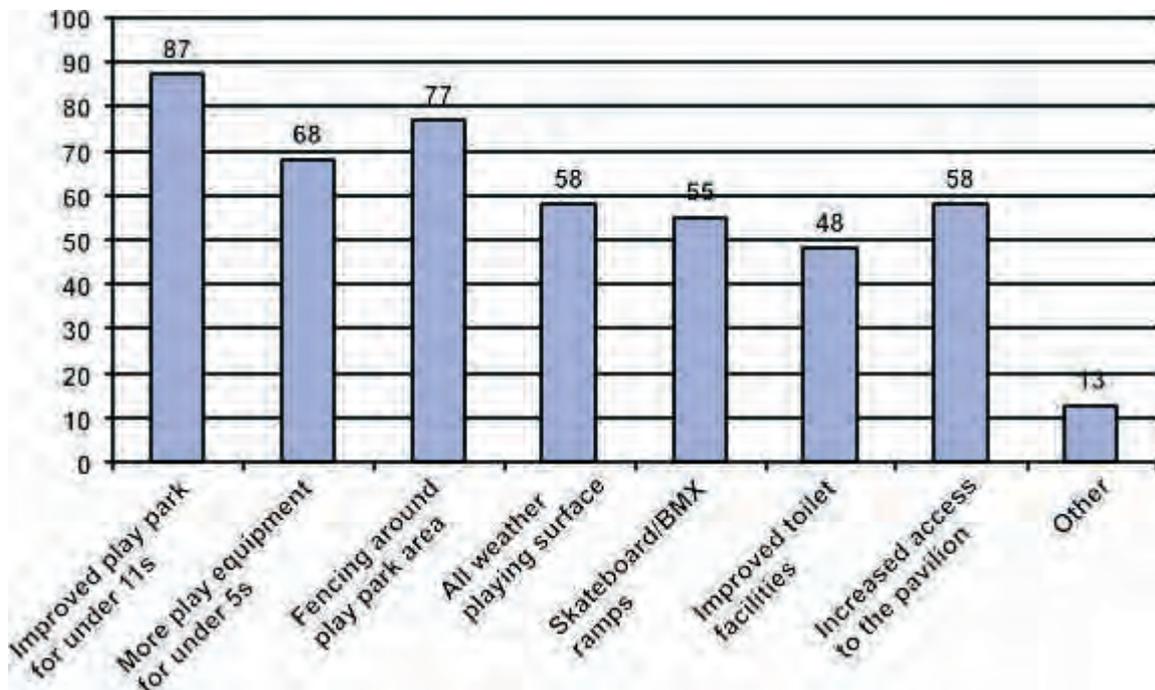
This section of the Questionnaire looked at activities for parishioners of all ages and at finding out what activities and facilities would be of interest in the future. The chart below illustrates in what activities people would be interested.



Other activities that were suggested included:

Adult education, Farmers markets, Antique fairs, Gourmet and gastronomic demos, Reading club, Senior club, Lectures, Yoga, Dancing – eg salsa, le roc, Circuit training and Youth club.

The recreation ground is a great asset to the parish but it was generally felt that facilities could be improved to increase its use. As can be seen below many people felt that the existing play area for children would benefit from some improvements and should be fenced off to prevent dogs and foxes fouling in that area.



## Arts, Sport and Recreation (Continued)

In addition to the recommendations on the chart on the previous page other suggestions included:

- Cameras and increased security
- Lighting
- A meeting point for young people / youth shelter
- Measures to prevent vandalism
- Punch bag and zipline

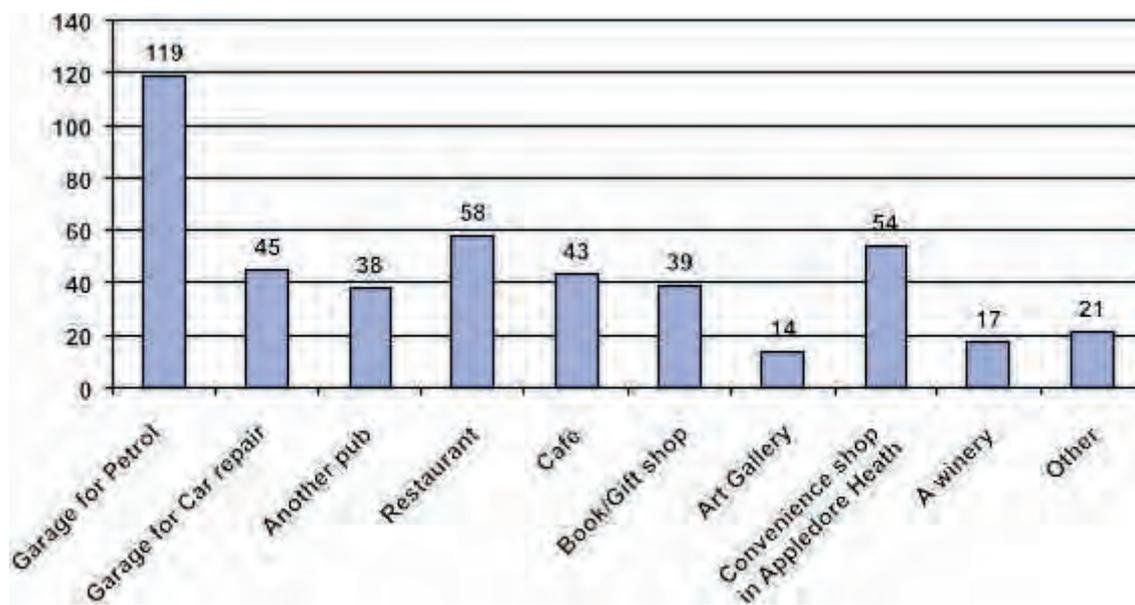
Despite a large amount of interest in improvements in the recreation ground nobody expressed an interest in joining the Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee.



Appledore play area, The Street, Appledore

## Business

The chart below illustrates the businesses that parishioners felt would be most useful additions to the Parish :



There seemed to be a great deal of interest in a garage for petrol but sadly when there was one in the village it could not make a profit and was forced to close.

Other suggestions for new business included:

Butcher, Farm Shop with local products, Chemist, Hairdresser,  
Off license and Take away.

Many people felt that the village shop was sufficient as it provided a number of services and sourced local products where possible.

12 people expressed an interest in setting up a business in Appledore and they included:

Bookshop/giftshop, craft shop, garden design company, holiday let,  
mail order company and survey equipment provider.



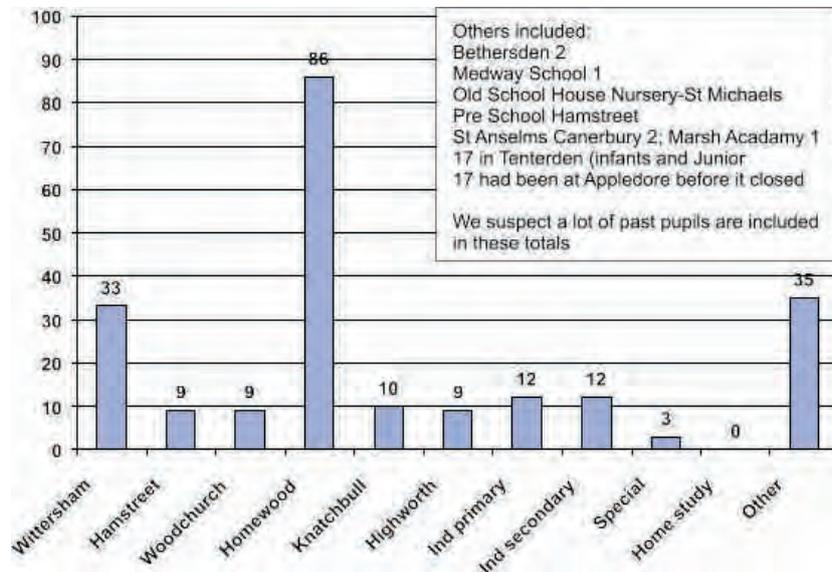
Appledore Stores, The Street, Appledore

## Education

The children of Appledore attend a wide variety of schools. The main primary school attended is Wittersham CEP school and the main secondary school is Homewood in Tenterden. Transport is provided to both of these schools

17 Children attend Tenterden Primary School and seven of these expressed an interest in a bus service if one was available.

This is illustrated by the chart below :



Local community education could be a way to promote more of a community spirit within the parish and there were a number of people who expressed a willingness to share their knowledge or experience with local children/adults on a tutorial or club basis. Subjects that could be covered included :

Maths, English, Sciences, French, Music, Arts, Sports, Astronomy, History, Theatre Design, Wildlife and Drama.

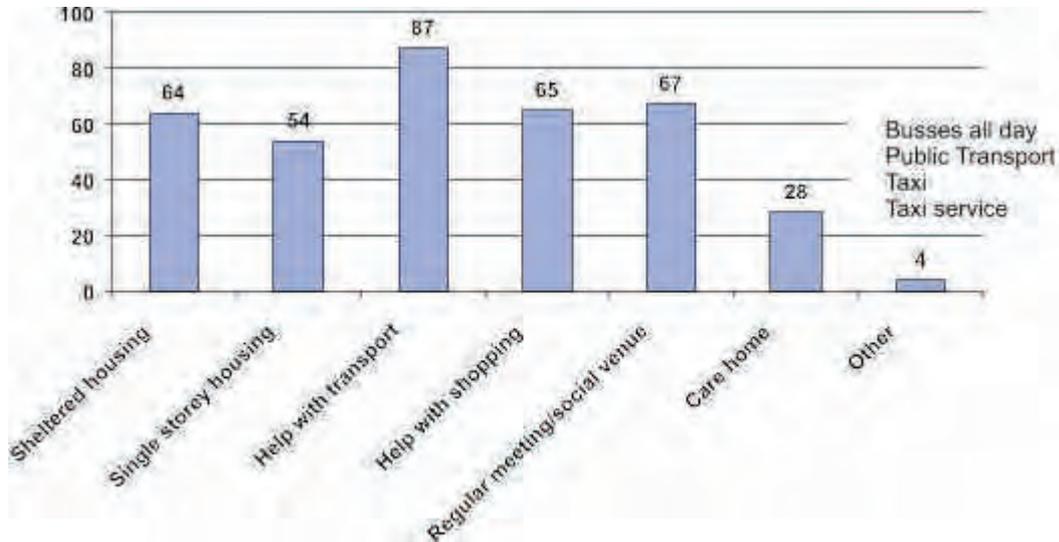
With such a number of willing volunteers the children and adults of Appledore could really benefit from these local skills.



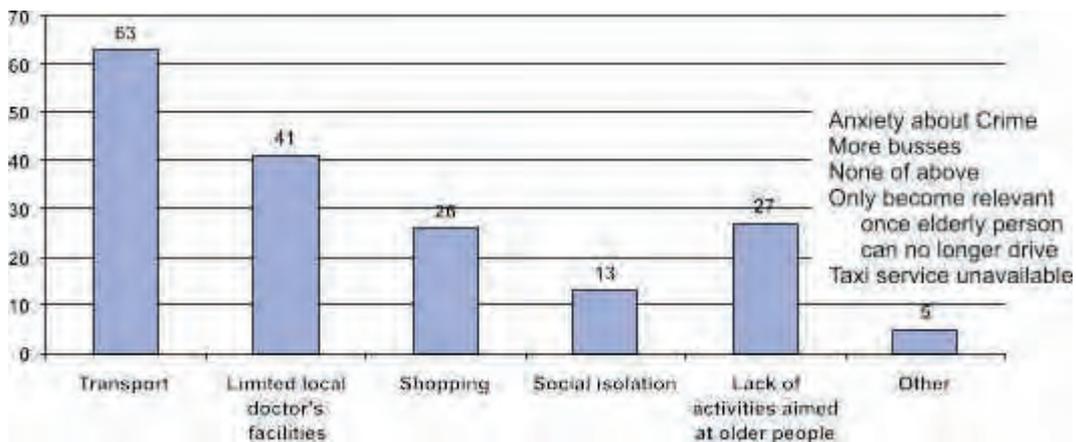
Former Appledore Church of England Primary School (Closed 1991)

## Facilities & Activities for Older People

The needs of the over 50's are not being met, the biggest issue being the need for help with transport. A social venue for a regular meeting, help with shopping, sheltered housing and single story housing were also cited as a requirement by an almost equal number of respondents. The facilities and activities older people felt they would like to see are shown below :



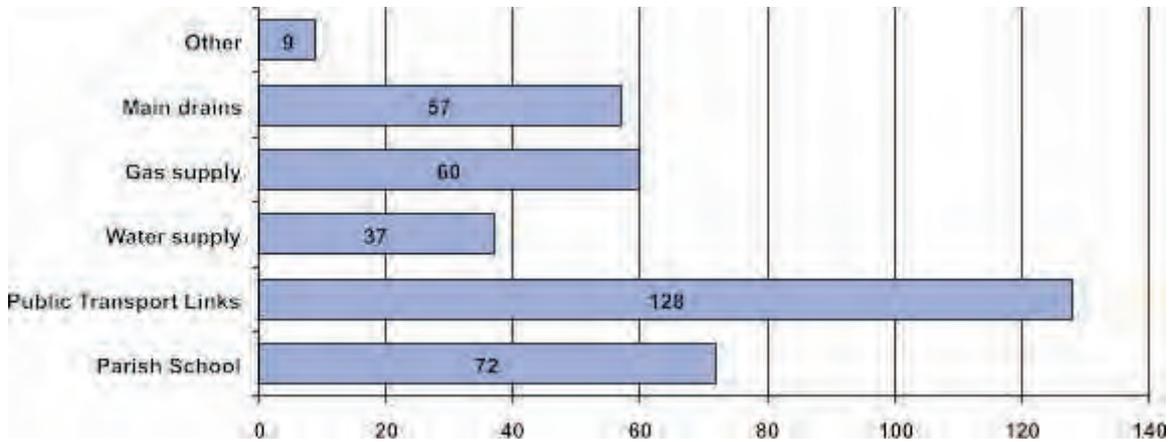
Regarding difficulties faced living in the Parish by those over 50, again transport was the number one concern although other difficulties such as the limited doctor's facilities can be seen from the chart below :



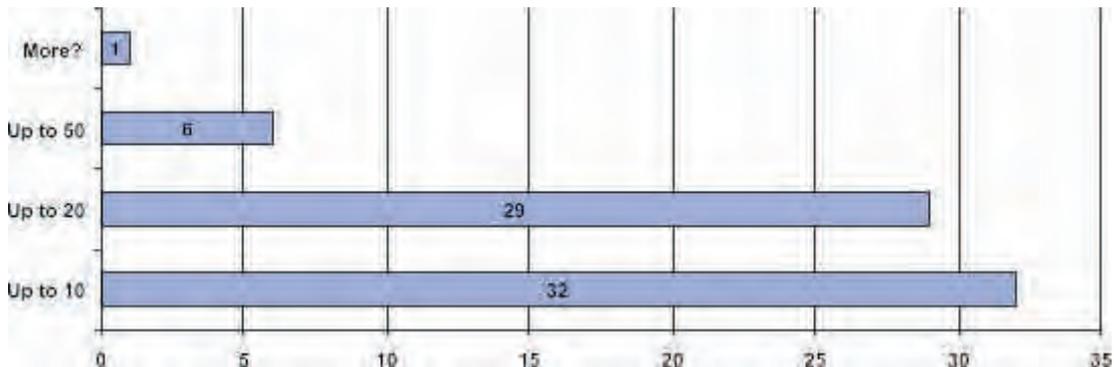
# Housing and Development

## More Housing?

60% of respondents felt that the Parish could not sustain more housing. The residents who felt that the Parish could not sustain any further housing said the following would need to be improved or provided before any further houses should be built :



68 respondents felt that Appledore could sustain further houses as follows :



## Local Needs Housing

If facilities could be improved, 70% of respondents had no objection to local needs housing and also were in favour of new housing being of a style and in keeping with the Parish and local area.



Local Needs Housing, Hop Garden, Appledore

## Housing and Development (Continued)

### Location and extent of all development

A majority of people favoured development being on a “one house at a time” basis with approximately half of respondents voting for development to be confined to the conservation area while the other half felt development could be spread over the whole Parish.

Regarding the specific location of any housing development, there were a wide variety of suggestions ranging from around Appledore Heath, close to the Appledore surgery and to near Scotland & Bates premises.

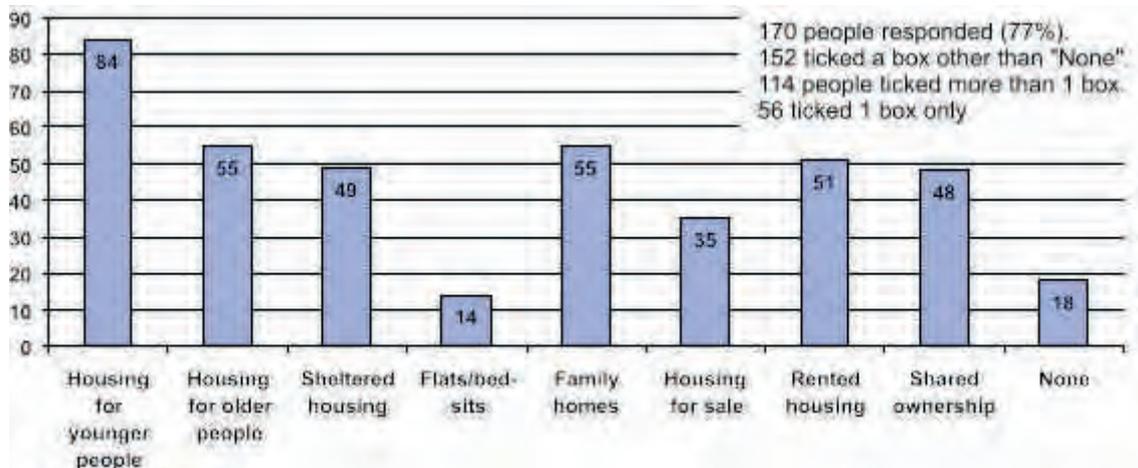
### Affordable Housing

18 people who left the Parish indicated they would return if affordable housing was provided.

10 Residents felt that a member of their family had separate housing needs now and 8 would have needs within the next 3 years

### What type of housing and when?

As can be seen from the chart below, responses indicate there are a significant number of different requirements, the strongest need being housing for young people.



## Transport and Traffic

### Speed Limit

In general, while the recently introduced 30 mph speed limit was considered to be an improvement, over half of respondents took a negative view in terms of it working in practice. Many people, however, voted for the speed limit to be extended in the areas shown below :



Approaching Appledore from Woodchurch direction

### Additional Speed Management Measures

While a relatively small number of people were in favour of further speed management measures, such as traffic calming, pedestrian crossings and speed cameras, nearly 50% of respondents were in favour of a sensor speed limit sign.

### Parking in The Street

Asked whether a number of options to solve the problem of parking in The Street were acceptable or unacceptable, the largest response concerned the increased use of the village hall car park.

69% voted for more/better signs to highlight the existence of the village hall car park. 62% were in favour of overnight parking in the village car park. A minority felt CCTV was either necessary or desirable.

A majority of respondents felt that parking on the grass areas in The Street was unacceptable and a significant number were in favour of a new car park.

## Transport and Traffic (Continued)

### Public Transport

As can be seen from the chart below, train services in Appledore were rated as 'adequate' or 'good' while the majority view on bus services was that these were 'poor'.

		Poor	Adequate	Good
<b>Trains</b>	Rye - Hastings - Brighton	40	87	23
	Ashford	38	93	26
<b>Bus</b>	Rye	108	21	1
	Ashford	115	28	0
	Tenterden	113	28	0
	Lydd/New Romney	99	17	0

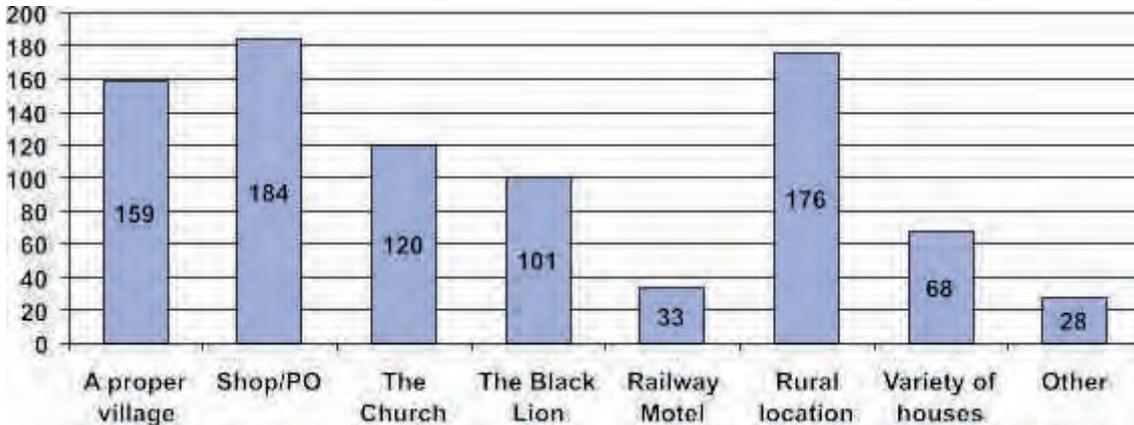
As a result of the above, 85% of respondents never or only occasionally use the train or bus.

Clearly, however, there appears to be a case for a daily bus service to Tenterden and Ashford. There is also a need for greater publicity of information about service, timetables and location of bus stops. The chart below indicates the frequency that residents would like to see transport services

Bus service to:	Daily	Twice weekly	Weekly
Ashford	60	12	11
Tenterden	61	10	16
Lydd-New Romney	24	5	4

## Likes and Dislikes

The residents of Appledore had very clear views about what they liked and disliked in the village. The main features that people liked about Appledore can be seen in the chart below:



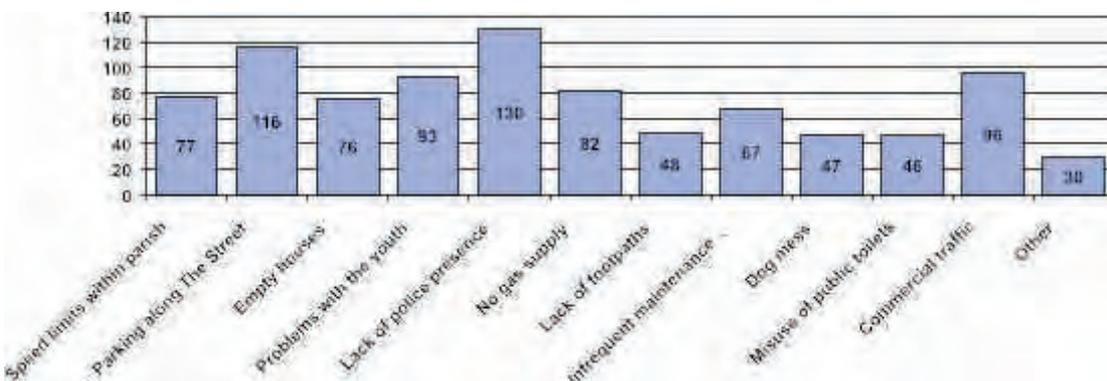
Royal Military Canal, Appledore



St Peter and St Paul Church, Appledore

People also liked the community spirit, the Military Canal, Miss Mollet's Tea Rooms and the fact that there is a good social mixture of people

The chart below illustrates the things people most disliked about the village:



Some residents also expressed a dislike for antisocial neighbours, the lack of respect for other neighbours and the way that age divides the Parish.

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Aerial views of Appledore

