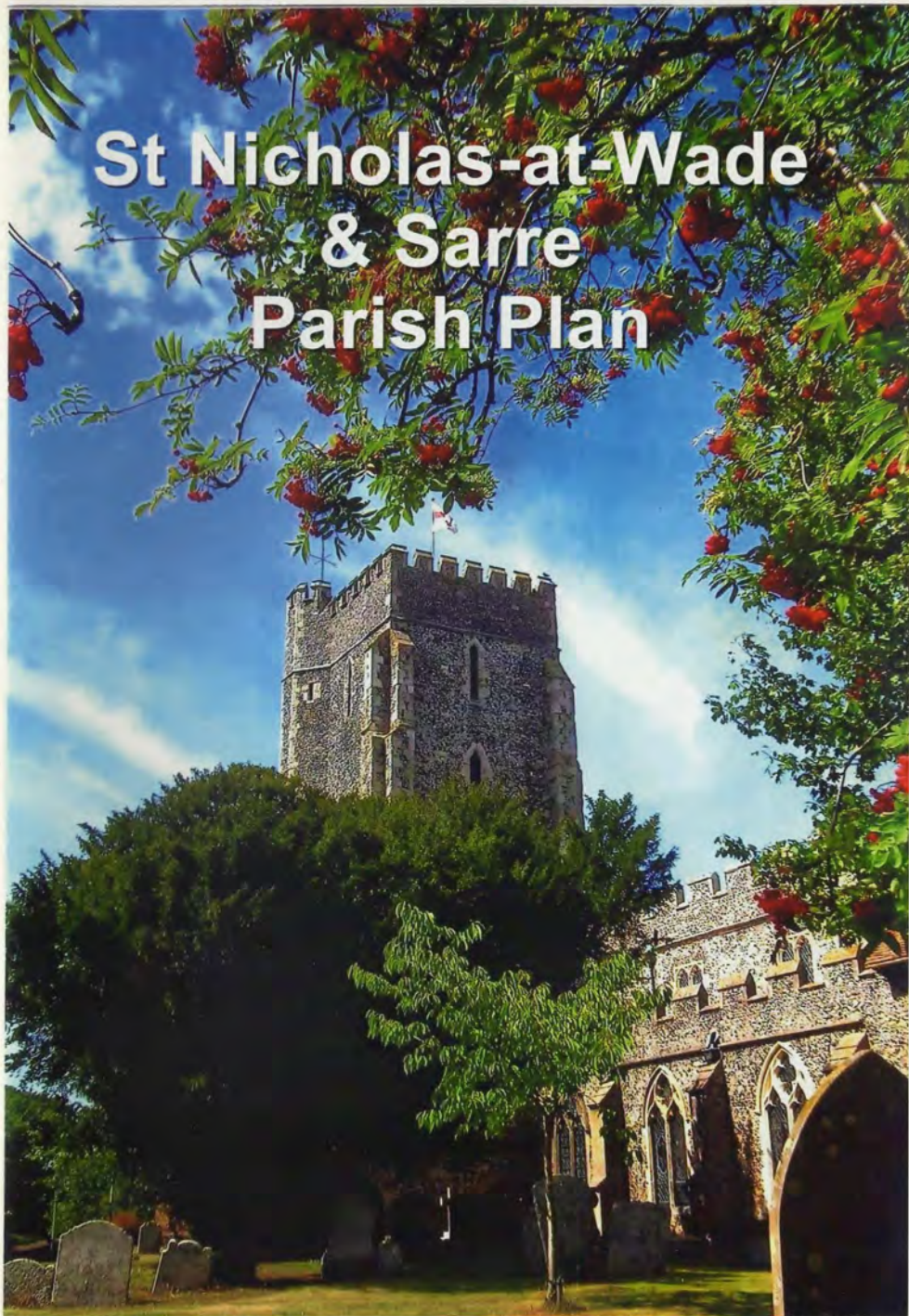


St Nicholas-at-Wade & Sarre Parish Plan



St Nicholas church

Photograph courtesy of Molly Holman

BACKGROUND

Parish Plans

The concept of Parish Plans was announced in the Rural White Paper 'A Fair Deal for Rural England'. The aim was to give local communities a say in their future. Parish Plans should 'identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how the distinctive character and features can be preserved'.

Practically, the key reasons for producing a Parish Plan are twofold. Firstly, it is a point of focus which enables the parish community, through extensive consultation, to identify its aspirations and needs. Secondly, it provides a framework for producing a concise and prioritised action plan which addresses the issues raised and details how members of the community can work together to achieve the agreed objectives.

Because a Parish Plan provides written evidence of community priorities, it can be very influential when working with decision makers in local government and other agencies to get changes made. Parish planning in other communities has already led to concrete benefits such as:

- Highway safety improvements
- Environmental improvements
- Village hall refurbishments
- Installation of IT facilities
- New recreational facilities for adults and children
- Revitalised parish councils
- Improved community spirit

Why we did it

In September 2009 the subject of a Parish Plan was first considered by the parish council who, after attending a presentation by 'Action with Communities in Rural Kent' in Minster, decided that producing a Parish Plan was likely to be of considerable benefit to the community. Following a short 'Love it/Hate it' survey and a display at the Village Hall Christmas Fair, a public meeting was held in the village hall to see if there was enough interest from the local community to take on the task of producing a Parish Plan. Around fifty residents attended that meeting and soon after, a Parish Plan Steering Committee of twenty was formed.

In order to produce the Plan, the Steering Committee, meeting regularly in the Pavilion at Bell Meadow, needed to undertake a three stage process:

- 1 To take steps to keep residents informed as to the process of producing a plan, what it was for and its progress.
- 2 To find ways of gathering the views of as many parish residents as possible about the many aspects of village life in St Nicholas and Sarre and, where appropriate, to ask them what they would like to do to change or retain them.
- 3 To translate the findings into an accessible Parish Plan document which could support the Parish in its endeavours to obtain funding for projects arising.

Informing Residents about the Process

The process started with the simple Love it/Hate it Survey, delivered to all 500 parish households in November 2009. Whilst only around 50 were returned, the follow up stall at the Village Hall Christmas Fair stirred up more interest. All those residents who had indicated they would be interested in finding out more about a Parish Plan were invited to a public meeting in the village hall. Over 50 residents attended and a Steering Committee of 20 was formed.

Following the first meeting of the committee, when Action with Communities in Rural Kent gave an initial presentation, the committee have met regularly over the last eighteen months, working their way through the process which has culminated in the production of this Plan.

In October 2011 the Committee published its first draft of the Plan at a public drop-in session in the village hall in St Nicholas to get residents' views, to see if they had missed anything important, and to present the prizes for the photographic competition held to find some illustrations for the Parish Plan.

The final Parish Plan has now been delivered to every household in the parish and residents' comments and help with carrying out the action plan are welcome.

Gathering Residents' Views

Family questionnaires were delivered by the Steering Committee to every household in the parish together with Youth questionnaires. 46 family surveys (57%) were completed by Sarre residents and 225 (65%) by St Nicholas residents.

Action with Communities in Rural Kent analysed the data and a report was produced. Initial findings were published in the parish council's newsletter and the Parish Magazine, along with more general articles about the Plan. The Steering Committee studied the results, together with residents' comments, at their regular meetings.

How the Plan was paid for

The parish council kick-started the process with a grant of £500, Action with Communities in Rural Kent provided £1,000 and County Councillor Charles Hibberd awarded a further grant of £1,100 from the Kent County Council 'Members Community Grant Scheme'.

Parish Plan Steering Committee

Janice Juett (Chairman), Eric Fewkes (Treasurer), Lisa Bryant, Tania Burnard, Bernard Clayson, Chris Cole, Nigel Connell, Virginia Da Costa, Amy Donald, Kathryn Evans, Ben Jones, Louise Lewer, Eddie McManus, Irene Miller, Leigh Palmer, Joanna Pitt, Peter Radclyffe, Sarah Rodgers, Dick Tapp, Paul Tatham, Moira Thompson and Arthur King (Secretary).

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"Being involved in this project brought home to us how many residents get involved in community life. Whether it is on the Village Hall Committee, Open Gardens and Church committees, Wantsum Sports Committee, the Parish Council or the Parish Plan Steering Committee, it proves that there really are many public-spirited residents in our community that really care about their neighbours and our village way of life".

OUR VILLAGES CAPTURED IN PHOTOGRAPHS

The Steering Committee held a photographic competition open to all parish residents. The theme was to find photographs that celebrated and illustrated the character of our two villages and countryside with which to illustrate the Parish Plan. The competition proved popular, attracting almost 50 entries. Competition winner was Molly Holman and her photograph of St Nicholas Church is featured on the front cover of the Plan.



Dennis Kirby –Second Prize



Molly Holman – Third Prize



Oliver Maughan

The standard of entries was extremely high and the judges felt that many more entries, although not prize winners, should be shown.



Dennis Kirby



Molly Holman



Molly Holman



George Maughan



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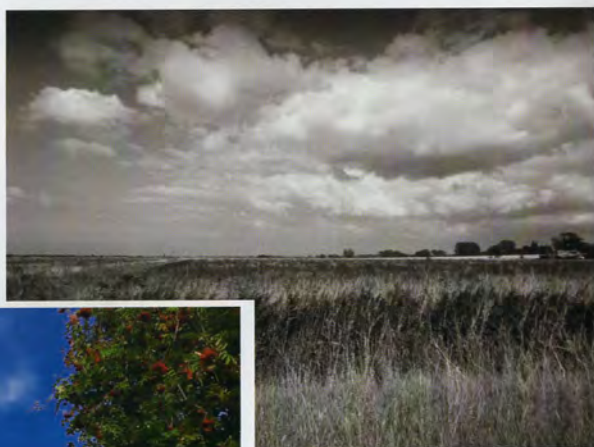
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ST NICHOLAS-AT-WADE AND SARRE – OUR VILLAGES

St Nicholas-at-Wade is both a village and a civil parish in the Thanet District of Kent



The name derives from its location on the western border of the Isle of Thanet, which was originally separated from the Kent mainland. Before the channels of the River Wantsum and River Stour silted up, one would have been able to 'wade' at this point over a ford. In Roman times the channel was navigable and the site likely very busy with the Saxon Shore Forts of Regulbium (Reculver) and Rutupiae (Richborough) both close by. Remains of Roman shipbuilding yards are said to have been found between St Nicholas-at-Wade and nearby Sarre.

The 13th Century parish church of St Nicholas, after which the parish is named, was a chapel of ease for St Mary's church at Reculver. The first rector is recorded as Adam de Brancaster in 1294. Built in flint, the church houses some fine 16th century brasses, a carved oak pulpit dated 1615, and a coat of arms of King George III.



St Nicholas-at-Wade village and church



Sarre Windmill

The neighbouring village of **Sarre**, appointed a 'limb' of the Cinque Port of Sandwich in the 14th century, is also part of the civil parish. Sarre is located at the point where the old 'Island Road' from Margate to Canterbury crossed the Wantsum Channel, initially by a ferry and from the Middle Ages by a bridge. The route of this bridge is followed by a short section of the modern A28 and is still marked on some maps as 'Sarre Wall'.

The village has a pretty working windmill which until recently produced stone-ground flour from local wheat crops.

The parish has 473 properties, an electoral roll of 790 and a population of 970. It is the second largest in area of the Thanet rural parishes, with just over 1,700 hectares. Mainly agricultural, with some light industrial businesses situated on a small business park on the edge of St Nicholas, there are limited local employment opportunities, although Thanet Earth, the UK's largest and most hi-tech vegetable producing greenhouse, is a new development that sits on the parish border with neighbouring Manston. Employment opportunities for villagers are mainly provided in urban Margate, Ramsgate, Canterbury and Ashford. Unemployment in the parish at 1.7% is well below the average for the District at 6.1%.



Sarre village sign – photograph courtesy of Peter Radchlyffe

Of the 532 residents who are of working age (16–65), 312 are in employment (229 full-time and 83 part-time) and 107 (26% of those employed) are self-employed, over twice that of the District average. The remainder are unemployed, students, full-time housewives/husbands or carers, or permanently sick or disabled. Apart from the self-employed, these statistics are roughly comparable with the District as a whole.

Around 180 parish children (20% of the population) are of pre-school or school age, yet demand for places at the village primary school fills only 25% of places available. Demand from outside the villages exceeds supply as a result of its 'outstanding' rating in its 2009 Ofsted report. One of the down sides of such large 'external' demand is the impact of morning and afternoon traffic, dropping off and collecting children, on a very small village. As with most villages, older children have to travel considerable distances to attend secondary schools, which also presents travel problems, often involving a change of buses. In its leadership capacity, these are problems with which the parish council is currently wrestling, negotiating with the Kent County Council and transport operators.

14% of parish residents (130) are retired, slightly higher than the District average of 12%. Whilst organised village activities, village hall, church etc. cater mostly for the over 18s, social activities for the under 18s within the two villages are limited. Over the last twelve months, the council has facilitated an increase in recreational and sporting opportunities for the young and developed two Cycle Cross tracks at its recreation ground, one for under 6s, the other for 6–18 year olds. Whilst a youth club exists for children aged 7–14, nothing is in place for older children. An in-depth survey aimed at the young to find out their needs and aspirations, was included with the Parish Plan questionnaires that were sent to every household in the parish in October 2010.

Road links into the parish are good with the now duelled A299 Thanet Way linking us to the coastal and urban areas of Thanet, and via the M2 to the Medway towns and London. The A28 passes by the village from Canterbury, Ashford and the M20 to Margate, branching off to the A253 to Ramsgate, with its commercial and passenger port and fast rail link to London. Manston Airport, a freight and passenger terminal, is situated just two miles away.

There is a post office/general store in St Nicholas serving the two villages but Birchington provides the nearest shopping centre. Major shopping venues are either Westwood Cross, 8 miles away in Broadstairs, or Canterbury, 10 miles distant. Bus services to Canterbury are good and travel to Westwood Cross is served by a dedicated Island Hopper bus service.



New planters in The Street, St Nicholas-at-Wade

The community focal points are St Nicholas Church, the post office, the village hall and the Bell Meadow Recreation Ground with its pavilion and social facilities. The parish is well served for pubs with the Bell and the Sun Inn in St Nicholas and the Crown Inn, also known as the Cherry Brandy House, in Sarre first established 500 years ago.

The villages hold their 'Open Gardens' weekend every two years, an event that attracts over 3,000 visitors to the parish.



The Crown Inn or 'Cherry Brandy House' at Sarre (Photograph courtesy of Peter Radclyffe)

Starting in 2009, the Parish Council, working with other agencies brought about the rejuvenation of the parish recreation ground as a sporting venue for cricket and football, providing a centre of excellence for players and specialising in youth coaching with links to the village primary school. Integral to the project was that it should equally provide social facilities and events for its users and village residents. County Councillor Charles Hibberd officially opened the refurbished sports pavilion and grounds to complete phase 1 of the project in April 2010.



The refurbished Bell Meadow pavilion and recreation ground

Cricket coaching for youth teams on the new artificial wicket supervised by KCB qualified coaches



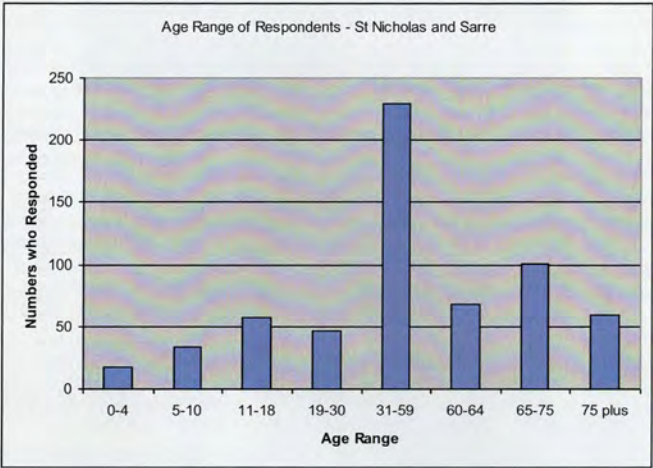
In 2011 the new Cycle Cross track, designed with the help of village children and laid out in the wooded area adjacent to Bell Meadow, was completed, providing another facility for parish children.

The Parish Council won Quality Parish Council Status in 2010 and has committed its wholehearted support to this Parish Plan. With that support it is hoped that the Plan will be the catalyst to identify further recreational, environmental and community projects which will further enhance village life for all residents.

VILLAGE SURVEYS, FINDINGS AND ACTIONS

General

46 family surveys (57%) were completed by Sarre residents and 225 (65%) by St Nicholas residents. Those families that responded comprised 293 males and 320 females. Of those that responded, 18% of residents are in education, 45% are of working age and 37% of retirement age. By far the greatest representation (229) is within the age range 31-59.



In families that responded with children living at home, 13 are pre school (7 males and 6 females), 39 at primary school (24 males and 15 females), 43 at secondary school (24 males and 19 females), 26 at college or university (11 males and 15 females), 30 are working (19 males and 11 females) and 6 are unemployed (4 males and 2 females).

In those households that responded, 263 adults are employed: 60 within the parish and 203 outside the parish. 121 of those residents that responded are self-employed with 37 of those based in the villages, 9 in Sarre and 28 in St Nicholas.

For those with disabilities, busy roads, lack of pavements, pavement parking and no chemist are issues that affect their daily lives.

238 members of parish households drive cars, 40 in Sarre and 198 in St Nicholas; 20 drive commercial vehicles (vans, lorries etc.), 6 in Sarre and 14 in St Nicholas; 83 ride bicycles, 11 in Sarre and 72 in St Nicholas; and 10 ride motorcycles, mopeds or scooters, all in St Nicholas.

205 families have an internet connection (76% of all households that responded), while 66 do not. 78% thought more should be done to provide internet access to village families. As expected, 90% of all respondents would like to see more done to increase broadband speed.

Action AP1 – Lobby Kent County Council to provide better broadband access and speed.

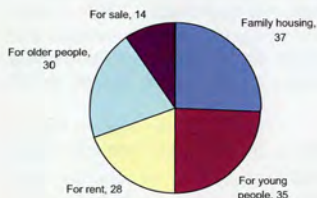
The family questionnaires then went on to ask questions in specific areas including 'Housing', 'Highways and Transport', 'Local Environment' and 'Local Services', and finally

asked residents what were the 'Plus Points' of living in St Nicholas and Sarre and conversely what were their 'Problems and Worries'.

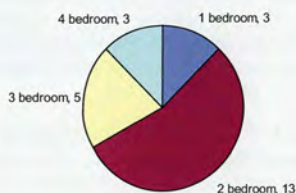
Housing

Only 23% of residents, 51 in St Nicholas and 8 in Sarre thought additional housing was needed in the villages; 17 (all in St Nicholas) said members of their families were looking for housing in the village, mostly 2 bedroom bungalow or semi-detached accommodation.

Additional Housing Required in the Parish – number of responses



Size of accommodation required - number of responses



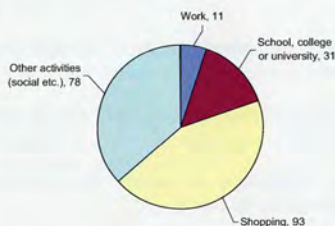
Suggested suitable sites for housing development included the old farm yard by Sarre Windmill, the fields opposite the windmill, Summer Road, Manor Road and agricultural land on the outskirts of the village. At the present time, however, the Planning Authority (Thanet District Council)'s policy will not support any development in the villages other than small infill sites. The Steering Committee make no specific recommendations for the Action Plan in respect of housing other than to pass on a copy of this document and residents' comments, to take into account in any future strategic development proposals.

Action AP2 – Pass survey statistics of housing demand and residents' comments on to Thanet District Council.

Highways & Transport

Bus services are quite well used with 98% of users rating the bus service 'Fair' to 'Very Good'. By far the majority (80% of bus journeys made by 37 bus users in Sarre and 134 users in St Nicholas) are for shopping and social activities.

Purpose of bus journeys – Number of Responses



113 (46% of respondents) said they would consider using the bus service rather than driving their cars and 69 respondents, 38 from St Nicholas and 31 from Sarre, said they would use the number 9 service, the direct route from Sarre to Ramsgate, if a bus stop was provided. 24 Sarre residents said they would regularly use a bus service to the Westwood supermarkets if it was made available to the village.

Action AP3 – Pass survey statistics relating to public transport demand on to Stagecoach and to the Kent County Council Joint Transportation Team.

Action AP4 – Ask Sainsbury's if they would change the shoppers' bus service back to Tuesday or another day (from Mondays).

Action AP5 – Ask Stagecoach to bring the No 8 bus service into St Nicholas village.

159 St Nicholas families (78%) thought a bus shelter should be provided in the village and 143 of those (87%) thought it should be placed at The Oaks. Some felt it would become a meeting place for noisy youths. Demand clearly exists with overwhelming feeling that it should be sited at The Oaks.

Action AP6 – Work with Kent County Council to obtain a grant to help provide a bus shelter at The Oaks.

46% (113 respondents – 25 in Sarre and 88 in St Nicholas) thought that oversize vehicles (vans and lorries) were an issue within the villages.

117 respondents said they are affected by the morning and afternoon school runs, either as a parent or as a local resident.

Action AP7 – Lobby Kent County Council for an access road to the local school to avoid Down Barton Road – ask the parish council and Paramore Trust to make a contribution to kick-start funding.

192 respondents (72%) from both villages thought that speeding was an issue. Suggestions included providing a footpath in Manor Road, an alternative route for school runs, cycle lanes, speed bumps, flashing signs, cameras, pedestrian-only areas, and reducing speed limits to 20 mph. Answers were very much the same when asked for suggestions on how to improve the village for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists.

Action AP8 – Recruit volunteers to gather Speed Watch statistics to support demand for speed restrictions.

Action AP9 – Request Kent Highways to introduce 20 mph speed limits through the two villages using the survey results and Speed Watch statistics to support a case.

Action AP10 – Introduce vehicle priority signs coming out of St Nicholas by Rose Cottage in The Length.

Action AP11 – Introduce flashing speed signs at various points in St Nicholas and Sarre to reduce traffic speed.

Action AP12 – Work with Kent Highways and Sustrans to introduce a programme of cycle lanes around the villages.

Action AP13 – Ask Kent Highways to repair the damaged footpath along the Canterbury Road, from St Nicholas to Sarre.

129 respondents in St Nicholas and 25 in Sarre (69% overall) thought there were black spots in the villages that needed attention. The most common problem areas were the A28

approaching the Sarre roundabout from St Nicholas, the Ramsgate Road approach into Sarre, the exit from The Length into Canterbury Road, and Down Barton Road.

Action AP14 – Remove traffic island on the chicane entering Sarre from Birchington to prevent vehicle accidents.

Action AP15 – Ask Kent Highways to move the current highways signs further back along the Canterbury Road as it enters Sarre to reduce traffic speeds.

Action AP16 – The mini roundabout in Sarre village is especially identified as an accident blackspot as a result of greater traffic movements bound for Westwood Cross and Hersden Industrial Estate – work with Kent Highways to seek a remedy.

Action AP17 – Construct a footpath along bend in Manor Road for pedestrian safety.

Action AP18 – In the short term and until a footpath can be constructed, install signs ‘Blind Bend’, ‘Slow’, ‘Beware pedestrians – no footpath’ along Manor Road.

Local Environment

205 respondents (79%) are satisfied that the villages are well maintained, although 104 (41%) think there is a problem with dog fouling and 88 (36%) think there is a litter problem. Residents identified a number of problem areas.

Action AP19 – Provide additional litter bins in Bell Meadow by the shelter alongside the football pitch, the multi-play pitch and in Sarre village.

Action AP20 – Ask Thanet District Council to empty the litter bins by the post office in St Nicholas and by Sarre village sign more frequently.

Action AP21 – The Steering Committee felt that there was no need for any more dog bins but better education, with notices and leaflets, and more warden patrols should be provided.

Action AP22 – Obtain the street cleaning schedules from Thanet District Council and put up signs ‘Don’t park this side – street cleaning due’ to enable the mobile sweeper to be more effective.

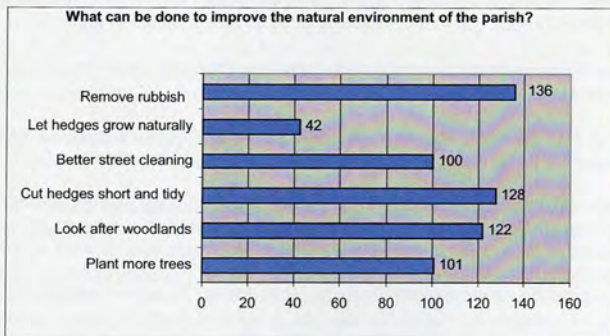
Action AP23 – Investigate the cost of providing a part-time village cleaner for St Nicholas and Sarre.

Action AP24 – Request Kent Highways to provide a more frequent drain cleaning service for St Nicholas and Sarre.

Action AP25 – Request Kent Highways to repair pot holes around the villages – Sandalwood Drive in particular.

Action AP26 – Try to re-establish the ‘Linksman Scheme’ with Kent Highways to enable such problems as blocked drains to be resolved more quickly.

The parish is the largest of the Thanet rural parishes in area, with a varied natural environment and wildlife habitats. A good response was given when asked what can be done to improve the natural environment of the parish.



When asked if respondents would volunteer with improving the natural environment, 60 said they would help with clearing rubbish, 71 with planting trees and hedges, and 83 with protecting wildlife habitats.

Action AP27 – Organise a village clean-up with a volunteer task force twice a year, providing volunteers with free refreshments at the Pavilion.

Action AP28 – Draw up a plan of tree planting to see where wanted – Shuart Lane, Bell Meadow and Summer Road were suggestions – and try to access grants for a volunteer task force to implement a planting scheme.

Action AP29 – Work with Thanet District Council to ensure roadside hedges and trees are regularly trimmed.

When asked what features in the villages are important and need preserving or enhancing, a large majority (88%) of respondents thought that the conservation area, listed buildings, Sarre Windmill, local pubs, the church, public seats, floral planting, the recreation ground and the village hall were very important. There was a wide range of other suggestions put forward for the Steering Committee to consider.

Action AP30 – Provide more planting troughs around the villages, in particular outside the village hall, at St John's Green, in Manor Road and at Sarre village centre.

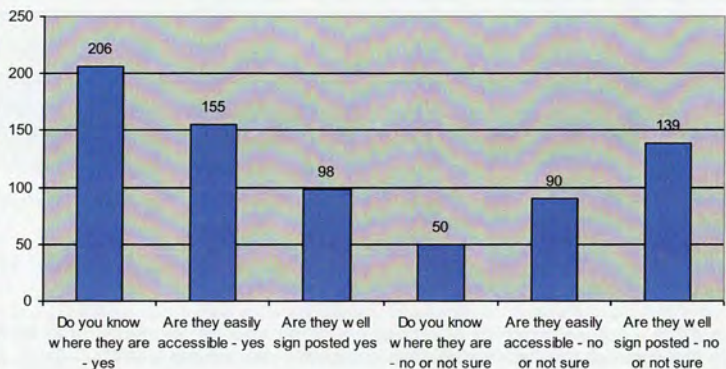
Action AP31 – Plant bulbs e.g. primroses and bluebells by the entrance to St Nicholas off the Thanet Way, at the St Nicholas roundabout and at Potten Street.

Action AP32 – Create a wild meadow adjacent to the Manor Road entrance in Bell Meadow.

Action AP33 – Start a programme of cemetery clean-up and improvements using the volunteer task force.

Whilst responses from parish residents to questions relating to footpaths, bridleways and cycle paths indicated a good level of knowledge, the Steering Committee, after much discussion amongst themselves, thought that the picture was not so clear cut and have made some recommendations for the benefit of both residents and visitors to the area.

Questions relating to Footpaths, Bridleways and Cycle Tracks



Action AP34 – Identify poorly sign-posted footpaths and bridleways, and pass on details of where signs and better ‘arrowing’ are needed to Kent County Council to make improvements.

Action AP35 – Install footpath information maps/history boards at strategic sites around the parish.

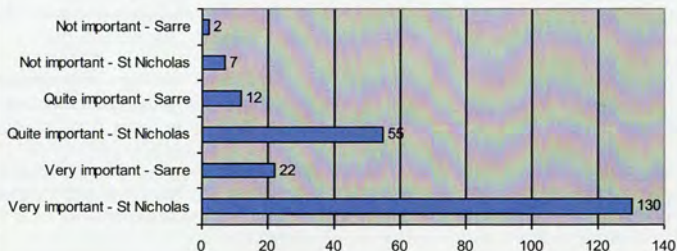
Action AP36 – Print smaller versions of the maps, make these available in the post office, the church and on the council’s website for visitors, and deliver to all houses in the parish for residents.

69 (30%) of respondents did not understand airport owner Infratil’s proposals on night flights and 182 (72%) said they will attend Thanet District Council’s road show in the village hall to hear more.

Local Services

The first question in this section concerned childcare. Whilst there is an excellent playgroup based in the village hall in St Nicholas, it caters for morning provision only. 67% of respondents thought that pre-school child groups were important to village life whilst a further 29% thought they were quite important.

How important are pre school child groups to village life



Whilst many did not answer the question which asked whether there is a need for 'after school' childcare in the parish, of those that did, 83 respondents in St Nicholas and 20 in Sarre said there was; and 18 in St Nicholas and 6 in Sarre said that the lack of 'after school' provision affected their ability to work.

Not all residents were aware that a doctor from the Minster surgery held surgeries in the village hall twice a week. Some of those that were aware thought that the surgeries were only for elderly and infirm residents. Several would like the Birchington surgery to provide a similar service.

Action AP37 – Contact Minster doctors' surgery to find out who is and who is not allowed to attend the St Nicholas village surgery.

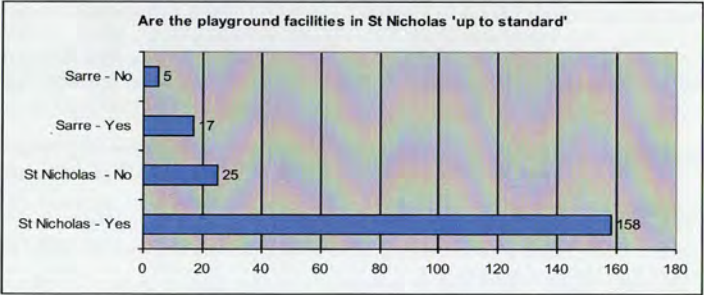
Action AP38 – Contact Birchington doctors' surgery to try to make similar arrangements for a surgery to be held in St Nicholas village hall.

Action AP39 – Advise residents of arrangements for doctors' surgeries in St Nicholas village hall through the Parish Magazine and parish council newsletter.

99 respondents said that there are sufficient recreational facilities for children in the parish (84 in St Nicholas and 15 in Sarre), and 63 in St Nicholas and 17 in Sarre said not. There were a number of suggestions for additions and improvements by those that said not.

10 Sarre families thought that such facilities were reasonably accessible for Sarre children and 15 said not.

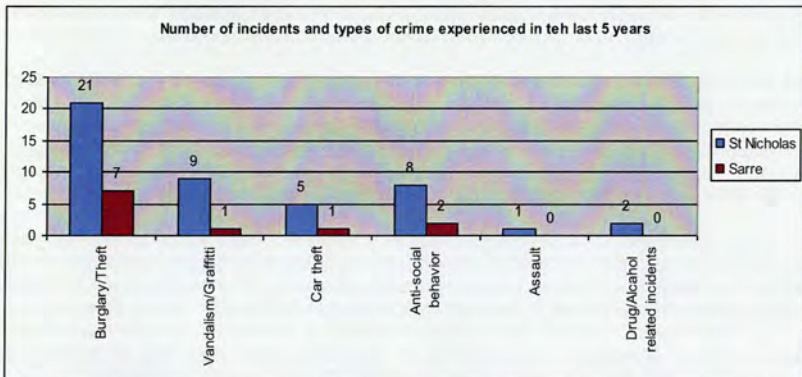
Respondents were asked whether they consider the playground in St Nicholas 'up to standard', and most said they did.



The number of incidents of crime in the last five years was relatively low in the villages. Including agricultural theft (machinery, tools, fuel etc) which make up a large proportion of the burglary/theft category, 18% of respondents (48: 40 in St Nicholas and 8 in Sarre) had been a victim of crime in the last five years, including burglary, vandalism, graffiti, car theft and anti-social behaviour.

42 reported the crime to the police, 25 did not. 22 were advised of the outcome and 16 were happy with the outcome. 133 (67%) were happy with the level of policing in the area.

Of 230 respondents, 170 (74%) were comfortable going out in the villages after dark. 75 respondents in St Nicholas and 19 in Sarre said they would like a neighbourhood watch scheme in their area and 74 said they would volunteer to join the scheme.

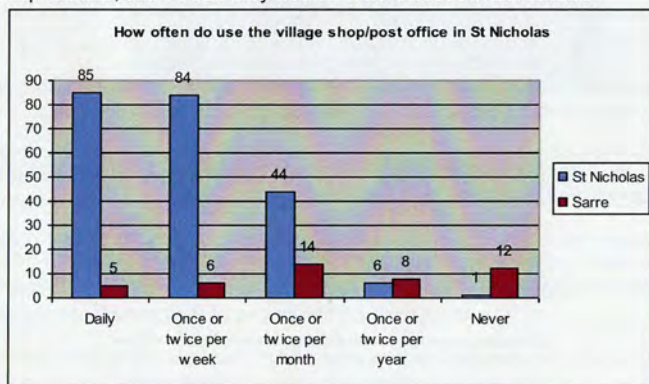


Action AP40 – Ask the Community Warden to provide information to residents about neighbourhood watch schemes and give a talk to residents in the village hall.

Action AP41 – Invite volunteers to establish neighbourhood watch schemes in both St Nicholas and Sarre.

The village shop/post office St Nicholas is well used: 169 respondents (77%) use it at least once or twice each week (85 daily and 84 at least once or twice each week).

179 (87%) respondents in St Nicholas said there was a need for and would regularly support a general shop. 36 Sarre families (84%) said there was a need and they would support a general shop in Sarre, and 14 said they would if it were based in St Nicholas.



Individual comments in the surveys indicate that a commercial rethink on how the current store presents and markets itself would be welcome, e.g. a better layout, more goods stocked, and improved ambience.

As an alternative, 101 (43%) (75 in St Nicholas and 26 in Sarre) said they would support a mobile shop visiting the villages on specified days. 67 (26%) (54 in St Nicholas and 13 in Sarre) shop online and have their shopping delivered. For those that don't have internet access and would like to shop online, the Steering Committee thought that the proposed computer room in the new village hall extension would provide a valuable facility and specific training could be given to help develop internet shopping in the two villages.

Action AP42 – Investigate whether there is demand for an internet shopping facility from the new village hall computer room once the building is complete.

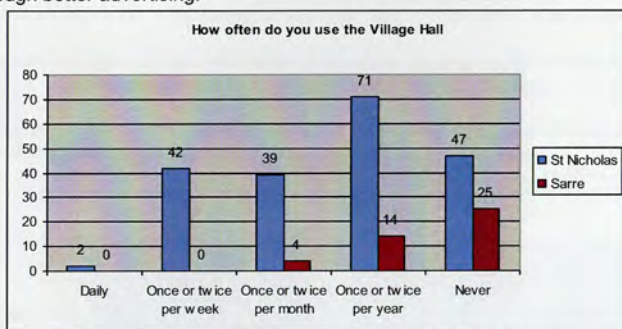
141 residents think the performance of the parish council, working for its residents, is either good or very good; 48 said fair, 4 said very poor and 65 didn't know.

236 respondents think the council's newsletter is either 'quite important' or 'very important', 14 said it was of 'little importance' and 13 have 'never read it'. 196 (79%) believe they get enough information on parish council affairs. The results are similar for the Parish Magazine.

191 thought there should be recycling facilities in or near the villages for things such as glass and paper, 64 did not. When asked where they should be sited, suggestions included Bell Meadow car park, The Oaks, St Nicholas roundabout and by the post office in St Nicholas. Ostlers Lane and outside the King's Head were suggested for Sarre.

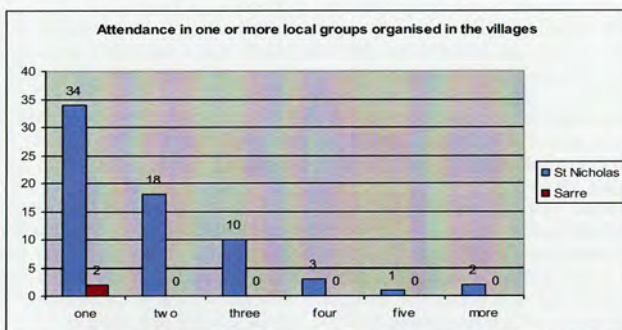
Action AP43 – Investigate the viability of providing glass recycling containers at suitable sites, and as a test, site one at the end of Shuart Lane by the bridge.

The frequency of use of the village hall by St Nicholas residents was quite good with 42 residents using the hall at least once or twice each week. Use by Sarre residents was poor and the Steering Committee felt that levels of awareness of activities and events should be raised through better advertising.



Action AP 44 – Increase advertising in Sarre of village hall activities and events by distributing regular flyers directly to Sarre households.

Whilst 50 respondents from St Nicholas attend local groups and organisations in the parish, e.g. Village Hall Committee, gardening club, school governors, dance clubs, Friends of the Church, Wantsum Sports, etc., 143 said they did not. Only 2 in Sarre said they did and 41 said not.

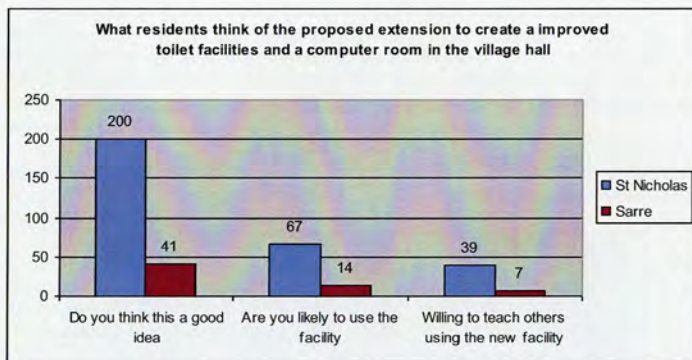


When asked what other organisations, clubs or self-help groups would residents like to see set up in the villages, there were many and varied responses.

Action AP45 – Pass suggestions regarding new clubs etc. to the Village Hall and Wantsum Sports Committees and Church group to circulate a tick sheet of suggestions, to find out how many residents are interested in each – those that suggested them might like to organise them.

195 (87%) respondents thought the village hall adequate for the needs of the villages, 29 did not.

There was strong support for the Village Hall Committee's plans to extend the village hall to provide improved toilets and a computer room with internet access for residents. 241 (94%) thought it was a good idea. However only 81 said they would be likely to use such a facility, while 46 said they would be willing to give some time to teach others in the new facility.



Improvements suggested included better toilet facilities with access from the outside as well, better catering facilities including a bar, and more storage space for the playgroup.

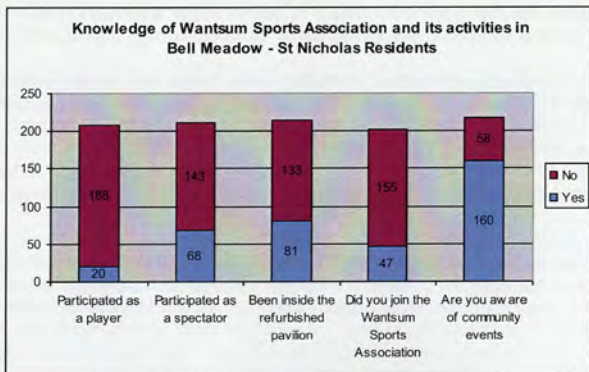
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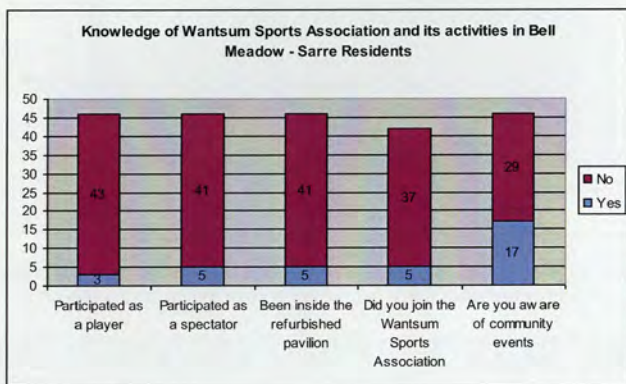
Action AP48 – Pass list of new activities suggested by residents to the Village Hall Committee to see if any could be provided by a third party.

Action AP49 – Raise the standard of Christmas tree decorations in St Nicholas and Sarre and organise a social event switch-on ceremony.

In 2010 the Wantsum Sports Association, working with the parish council, refurbished the pavilion and sports pitches in Bell Meadow to provide facilities for sport and community events. There events are advertised around the village and on their own website. In November 2010 and earlier this year, helped by grants from the parish council, the Association put on a grand firework display and celebrated the royal wedding. To find out how aware residents were of the Wantsum Sports Association and its activities, specific questions were asked.



For Sarre, fewer than one in nine had been inside the refurbished pavilion or joined the Association, and more worryingly, under half were aware of the community events held there.



Action AP50 – Pass survey statistics of Sarre residents’ lack of awareness of the Wantsum Sports Association’s activities on to the Association. Also ask them to consider more direct advertising in Sarre to make Sarre residents aware of the WSA website and future community events.

There were many, many suggestions for more community events at Bell Meadow and these will be passed on to the Wantsum Sports Association to take on board.

Action AP51– Pass list of events suggested through the survey to the Wantsum Sports Association; these included afternoon teas in the park, summer play schemes for children, a sports event between the villages, a Jubilee celebration in 2012 and a summer fete and funfair every two years, alternating with the biannual Open Gardens Weekend.

Action AP52 – Reinstall floodlighting for evening sports activities in Bell Meadow.

Action AP53 – Resurface the tennis courts in Bell Meadow.

Comment was made that, in wet weather in particular, access from the Manor Road entrance to the pavilion was difficult and muddy which could only be avoided by a journey along The Street, Down Barton Road and Bridges Close. This is difficult for wheelchair users and pushchairs in particular

Action AP54 – Provide a tarmac footpath from the Manor Road entrance of the Meadow to the pavilion.

If a venue for community activities in Sarre could be provided, 28 Sarre residents (74% of respondents) said they would use it. Suggested sites included the King's Head (no longer a pub), The Crown Inn, adjacent to Sarre Windmill (no longer open to the public), and somewhere on the Baxter's complex.

Action AP55 – Investigate whether as part of any future development proposals for Sarre, a section 106 agreement could provide for support towards a small community centre for Sarre.

56 residents said they would like an allotment if land was available. 3 said they would be willing to share or rent out part of their gardens as allotments.

Action AP56 – Identify any suitable sites in the parish for allotment use and negotiate with land owners.

There seems little demand for the mobile library: only 9 St Nicholas and 4 Sarre residents use it once or twice each month. However, it is a community service and the Steering Committee make no recommendations for change.

Demand for the telephone box in St Nicholas is low and follows the national trend: 173 respondents (87%) said they never use it, 18 said once or twice per year, 5 once or twice per month and 3 once or twice per week. No one uses it daily. However this survey did not take into account any summer demand from campsite visitors. Taking these statistics into account and the fact that there are no indirect costs to residents, the Steering Committee recommend that the telephone box is repaired and brought back into use.

Action AP57 – Repair the telephone box at The Oaks in St Nicholas.

56 respondents said they had skills such as gardening, carpentry, painting, computing, art, youth work and accounting, which they would be willing to offer voluntarily for the benefit of the community. Once the Parish Plan is published, the Parish Plan Committee will invite these respondents to come forward to help deliver community improvements.

Action AP58 – Advertise in the parish magazine and on the council's website to identify those residents that said they would volunteer their practical skills to help the community. Hold an Open Event to encourage them to come forward and keep a register of skills.

Plus Points of Living in the Parish

Almost all respondents, families and youths, thought the good points about living in St Nicholas and Sarre were plenty of space, fresh air and freedom to roam. 85 (51%) said village sports and 98 (58%) said clubs and groups. Although 150 (72%) said the church was a plus point for the villages, only 23 said they visited the church once or twice per week, 25 said once or twice per month and 122 said once or twice per year. Other good points included peace and quiet, friendly neighbours, crime-free and safe, good walks, excellent pubs, the post office, wildlife, and wonderful community spirit.

There were few problems and worries, perhaps only the lack of buses in the evening and frequent power cuts standing out.

Action AP59 – As a result of frequent power cuts in the villages, ask residents to complain immediately to the energy company as soon as they happen, to ensure complaints are logged – provide contact details in parish magazine, newsletter and council's website.

28 respondents would use a venue for community activities if sited in Sarre, 10 said they would not. Suggestions for siting such a venue included adjacent to Sarre Windmill, the business park, the field adjacent to Cleven Lodge, and the Crown Inn.

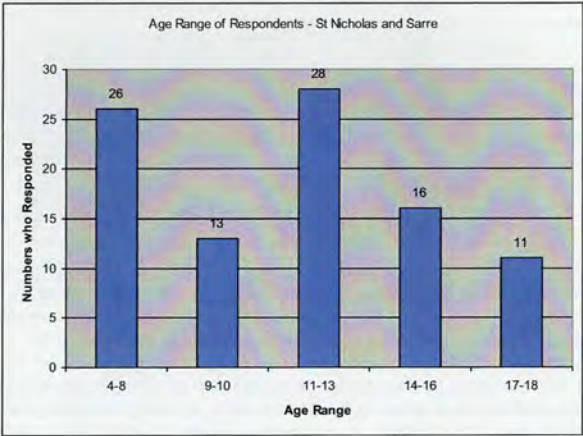
What were the concerns of businesses in the parish?

Although the definition of "a business" is rather vague, if one includes sole traders there are over 50 businesses based in the parish. A straw poll conducted after the main surveys indicated that most are happy with their situation, and few have concerns other than the poor speed of broadband connection, and the recent unreliability of the power supply, as frequent power cuts shut down their business completely, sometimes for long periods.

Both these issues have been dealt with elsewhere within the Action Plan.

And what did our Youth have to say?

94 children between the ages of 4 and 18 responded to the Youth Questionnaires: 80 from St Nicholas and 14 from Sarre. Of these, 53 were boys and 41 were girls.



82 are at school, 7 at college and 3 indicated they were working, while 2 did not say. Of all of these, 32 were at school, college or work in St Nicholas, 5 in Birchington, 1 in Margate, 14 in Broadstairs and 14 in Ramsgate, while 29 travel as far as Reculver, Herne Bay, Canterbury, Sandwich, Chislehurst and Ash.

The next question sought to find out the difficulties experienced by village children travelling to their various destinations, and whether bus services needed to be challenged.

41 travel by bus and 28 by car. Of the 41 that travel by bus, 35 travel directly to their destinations and 6 have to change buses. Of the 28 that travel by car it is not known whether they do so because they cannot get to their destination directly without changing buses.

Action AP 60 – Lobby the bus company to continue the number 9 service through Sarre and to install permanent bus stops to provide a direct service to Ramsgate.

Only 24 (29%) of the 83 young residents who responded to the question are members of beavers, scouts, guides, air cadets or other uniformed groups. Some travel to Canterbury, Birchington, Herne Bay and Broadstairs to take part. 59 (71%) said they are not in any groups, but importantly, 32 of all those who completed the questionnaires said they would attend such groups if they were organised in St Nicholas, showing strong evidence of demand for such a facility.

Action AP61 – Approach beaver/cub/brownie groups outside of the parish to see if anyone would be interested in running such groups in the villages.

New facilities suggested for children in the village included a drama club, running club, astroturf, skating, craft clubs, floodlights, a zip wire and better sporting and play facilities for older children in Bell Meadow, a chip shop, a bakery, and some organised trips. Sarre children would like to have their own play area in the village, not necessarily with play equipment.

Action AP62 – Identify an area in Sarre for a playground facility for Sarre children.

More and more local authorities are providing dynamic and more exciting play equipment. The Steering Committee were very supportive of this suggestion but before any money is committed would like to see what other villages have done.

Action AP63 – Before committing to future playground schemes, set up a working group, including village children representatives, to find out what others do e.g. Foulmead and let our children decide what they would like.

Adequate sports provision probably exists within 5 miles of the parish, in either Monkton, Minster or Birchington. It was thought neither practical nor the best use of limited resources to provide something within the parish if better facilities exist close by.

Action AP64 – Rather than trying to provide everything in the parish area, see what sport and recreation facilities exist elsewhere and advertise information in the parish magazine, newsletters and youth centre.

Only 11 out of 87 respondents attended a youth club and just 8 of those said they attended the Manor Hall Youth Club. However, 25 of all respondents said they would attend a club in the village hall and 28 said they would in the pavilion at Bell Meadow, if facilities were available.

69% of all respondents, whether they would attend or not, said a youth centre in St Nicholas should be open to different age groups at different times. 82% said it should have different rooms for different activities (e.g. games, chill-out, creative, etc.). 86% said they would like a kitchen available for hot drinks and snacks. 67% said they would like to have internet access and a games console (Wii etc.).

When asked about things to do, over 40 said they would like to play an instrument, 26 join a band, 27 take part in dance, 28 in drama, 40 would like to play basketball or netball, and 28 indoor hockey. Other things that would interest village youth were athletics and practical skills.

Actions AP65 – Contact Wantsum Sports Association/Village Hall Committee for use of pavilion and village hall as suitable venues for indoor youth activities.

Action AP66 – Ask for volunteers to provide a wider range of activities e.g. dance, drama and practical skills for village children.

Action AP67 – Look at Manor Hall and the School to see if these venues are more practical for some of the activities suggested (i.e. provide a number of specialist venues rather than a single venue trying to cater for all).

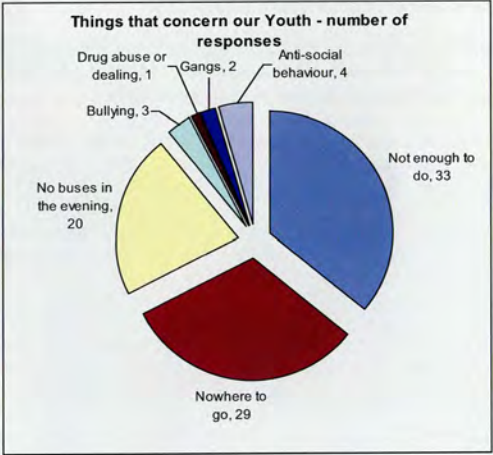
53% of respondents (an average of 44 youngsters for each) said they would like advice on such things as first aid, finding a part-time job, job interviews, writing a CV and keeping safe. These activities could be provided through a well-managed youth centre.

Over 40 children (52%) said they would like a real say in influencing village life, either by having a voice on the parish council, forming an advisory committee to the parish council, having a section in the parish newsletter, helping elderly or disabled neighbours, or helping to tidy up the village to keep it attractive. 17% did not want to be involved and 31% needed some persuasion.

Suggestions to support the community included giving a Youth Council a budget to spend and leaving the parish council to decide if it was a sensible investment, doing jobs around the villages, and bringing in entertainment and fun for the youth.

Action AP68 – Set up a Youth Advisory Committee to work with the parish council.

Clearly ‘not enough to do’, ‘nowhere to go’ and ‘not enough buses in the evening’ were the main concerns of our village young, but the few more worrying concerns of bullying, drug issues and anti-social behaviour will be passed on to the authorities to address.



Action AP69 – Lobby bus companies for a later bus service returning from Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Margate.

When asked what were the good points about living in St Nicholas and Sarre, of the 94 who responded 86 enjoyed ‘plenty of space’, and 87 ‘fresh air and freedom to roam’. Only 35 said ‘village sports’, 30 said ‘clubs and groups’ and 43 said ‘the church’. Other plus points included a friendly atmosphere, cycling and walking in the country, good friends, safety at night, and Bell Meadow.

One Last Thing

Overall there was a great deal of satisfaction with village life in the parish. So much so that the Steering Committee make one last recommendation:

Action AP70 – Plan and work towards entering and winning the Kent ‘Village of the Year’ competition by 2014.

ACTION PLAN

Ref	Issue	Action	Priority	Who will do it	Target for completion	Funding Implications
General						
AP1	Poor broadband reception in the villages	Lobby Kent County Council to provide better broadband access and speed.	High	Parish Council	2012	None
Housing						
AP2	Housing provision in the villages	Pass survey statistics of housing demand and residents' comments on to Thanet District Council.	Low	Steering Committee	2012	None
Highways and Transport						
AP3	Bus Travel	Pass survey statistics relating to public transport demand on to Stagecoach and the Kent County Council Joint Transportation Team.	Medium	Steering Committee	2012	None
AP4	Bus Travel	Ask Sainsbury's if they would change the shoppers' bus service back to Tuesday or another day (from Mondays).	High	Steering Committee	2012	None
AP5	Bus Travel	Ask Stagecoach to bring the No 8 bus service into St Nicholas village.	Low	Steering Committee	2012	None
AP6	Bus Travel	Work with Kent County Council to obtain a grant to help provide a bus shelter at The Oaks.	High	Parish Council	2012	Yes
AP7	Improving villages for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists	Lobby Kent County Council for an access road to the local school to avoid Down Barton Road – ask the parish council and Paramore Trust to make a contribution to kick-start funding.	High	Parish Council	2012	Yes
AP8	Improving villages for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists	Recruit volunteers to gather Speed Watch statistics to support demand for speed restrictions.	High	Steering Committee	2012	None

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AP9	Improving villages for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists	Request Kent Highways to introduce 20 mph speed limits through the two villages using the survey results and Speed Watch statistics to support a case.	High	Parish Council with Kent Highways	2012	Yes
AP10	Improving villages for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists	Introduce vehicle priority signs coming out of St Nicholas by Rose Cottage in The Length.	Medium	Parish Council with Kent Highways Parish Council	2012	Yes
AP11	Improving villages for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists	Introduce flashing speed signs at various points in St Nicholas and Sarre to reduce traffic speed.	Medium	Parish Council with Kent Highways Parish Council	2012	Yes
AP12	Improving villages for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists	Work with Kent Highways and Sustrans to introduce a programme of cycle lanes around the villages.	Medium	Parish Council with Kent Highways	2013	Yes
AP13	Improving villages for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists	Ask Kent Highways to repair the damaged footpath along Canterbury Road, from St Nicholas to Sarre.	High	Parish Council with Kent Highways	2012	Yes
AP14	Improving villages for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists	Remove traffic island on the chicane entering Sarre from Birchington to prevent vehicle accidents.	High	Parish Council with Kent Highways	2012	Yes
AP15	Improving villages for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists	Ask Kent Highways to move the current highways signs further back along the Canterbury Road as it enters Sarre to reduce traffic speeds.	High	Parish Council with Kent Highways	2012	Yes
AP16	Improving villages for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists	The mini roundabout in Sarre village is especially identified as an accident blackspot as a result of greater traffic movements bound for Westwood Cross and Hersden Industrial Estate – work with Kent Highways to seek a remedy.	High	Parish Council with Kent Highways	2012	Yes
AP17	Improving villages for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists	Construct a footpath along bend in Manor Road for pedestrian safety.	High	Parish Council with Kent Highways	2012	Yes

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AP18	Improving villages for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists	In the short term and until a footpath can be constructed, install signs 'Blind Bend', 'Slow', 'Beware pedestrians – no footpath' along Manor Road.	High	Parish Council with Kent Highways	2012	Yes
Local Environment						
AP19	Litter Clearance	Provide additional litter bins in Bell Meadow by the shelter alongside the football pitch, the multi-play pitch and in Sarre village.	Medium	Parish Council and Thanet District Council	2012	Yes
AP20	Litter Clearance	Ask Thanet District Council to empty the litter bins by the post office in St Nicholas and by Sarre village sign more frequently.	High	Parish Council and Thanet District Council	2012	None
AP21	Dog Litter	The Steering Committee felt that there was no need for any more dog bins but better education, with notices and leaflets, and more warden patrols should be provided.	High	Parish Council	2012	Yes
AP22	Street Cleaning	Obtain the street cleaning schedules from Thanet District Council and put up signs 'Don't park this side – street cleaning due' to enable the mobile sweeper to be more effective.	High	Parish Council and Thanet District Council	2012	None
AP23	Street Cleaning	Investigate the cost of providing a part-time village cleaner for St Nicholas and Sarre.	High	Parish Council	2012	Yes
AP24	Drain Cleaning	Request Kent Highways to provide a more frequent drain cleaning service for St Nicholas and Sarre.	High	Parish Council with Kent Highways	2012	None
AP25	Pot Holes	Request Kent Highways to repair pot holes around the villages – Sandalwood Drive in particular.	High	Parish Council with Kent Highways	2012	Yes
AP26	Highway problems	Try to re-establish the 'Linksman Scheme' with Kent Highways to enable such problems as blocked drains to be resolved more quickly.	Medium	Parish Council with Kent Highways	2012	None
AP27	A Tidy Village	Organise a village clean-up with a volunteer task force twice a year, providing volunteers with free refreshments at the Pavilion.	High	Steering Committee	2012	None

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AP28	Trees and Hedges	Draw up a plan of tree planting to see where wanted – Shuart Lane, Bell Meadow and Summer Road were suggestions – and try to access grants for a volunteer task force to implement a planting scheme.	Medium	Steering Committee and Parish Council	2013	Yes
AP29	Trees and Hedges	Work with Thanet District Council to ensure roadside hedges and trees are regularly trimmed.	High	Parish Council and Thanet District Council	2012	Yes
AP30	Floral decorations	Provide more planting troughs around the villages, in particular outside the village hall, at St John's Green, in Manor Road and at Sarre village centre.	High	Parish Council	2012	Yes
AP31	Floral decorations	Plant bulbs e.g. primroses and bluebells by the entrance to St Nicholas off the Thanet Way, at the St Nicholas roundabout and at Potten Street.	High	Steering Committee and Parish Council	2012	Yes
AP32	Floral decorations	Create a wild meadow adjacent to the Manor Road entrance in Bell Meadow.	Medium	Steering Committee and Parish Council	2013	Yes
AP33	Cemetery	Start a programme of cemetery clean-up and improvements using the volunteer task force.	Medium	Steering Committee and Parish Council	2012	None
AP34	Footpaths and Bridleways	Identify poorly sign-posted footpaths and bridleways, and pass on details of where signs and better 'arrowing' are needed to Kent County Council to make improvements.	High	Steering Group	2012	None
AP35	Footpaths and Bridleways	Install footpath information maps/history boards at strategic sites around the parish.	High	Parish Council	2012	Yes
AP36	Footpaths and Bridleways	Print smaller versions of the maps, make these available in the post office, the church and on the council's web site for visitors, and deliver to all houses in the parish for residents.	High	Parish Council	2012	Yes

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Local Services						
AP37	Access to Doctors	Contact Minster doctors' surgery to find out who is and who is not allowed to attend the St Nicholas village surgery.	High	Steering Committee	2012	None
AP38	Access to Doctors	Contact Birchington doctors' surgery to try to make similar arrangements for a surgery to be held in St Nicholas village hall.	High	Steering Committee	2012	None
AP39	Access to Doctors	Advise residents of arrangements for doctors' surgeries in St Nicholas village hall through the Parish Magazine and parish council newsletter.	High	Steering Committee	2012	None
AP40	Neighbourhood Watch	Ask the Community Warden to provide information to residents about neighbourhood watch schemes and give a talk to residents in the village hall.	Medium	Steering Committee	2012	None
AP41	Neighbourhood Watch	Invite volunteers to establish neighbourhood watch schemes in both St Nicholas and Sarre.	Medium	Steering Committee	2012	None
AP42	Shopping facilities	Investigate whether there is demand for an internet shopping facility from the new village hall computer room once the building is complete.	Medium	Steering Committee and Village Hall Committee	2013	None
AP43	Recycling	Investigate the viability of providing glass recycling containers at suitable sites, and as a test, site one at the end of Shuart Lane by the bridge.	Medium	Parish Council and Thanet District Council	2012	None
AP44	Village Hall activities	Increase advertising in Sarre of village hall activities and events by distributing regular flyers directly to Sarre households.	Medium	Steering Committee and Village Hall Committee	2012	Yes
AP45	Village Hall activities	Pass suggestions regarding new clubs etc. to the Village Hall and Wantsum Sports Committees and Church group to circulate a tick sheet of suggestions, to find out how many residents are interested in each – those that suggested them might like to organise them.	Medium	Steering Committee and various groups	2012	None

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AP46	Village Hall activities	Pass survey statistics on to the Village Hall Committee to help support its applications for grants towards the cost of building the proposed village hall extension.	High	Steering Committee	2012	None
AP47	Village Hall activities	Purchase projection equipment for the village hall.	Low	Village Hall Committee	2013	Yes
AP48	Village Hall activities	Pass list of activities suggested by residents to the Village Hall Committee to see if any could be provided by a third party.	Medium	Steering Committee and Village Hall Committee	2012	None
AP49	Christmas Decorations	Raise the standard of Christmas tree decorations in St Nicholas and Sarre and organise a social event switch-on ceremony.	Medium	Parish Council	2012	Yes
AP50	Wantsum Sports Association activities	Pass survey statistics of Sarre residents' lack of awareness of the Wantsum Sports Association's activities on to the Association. Also ask them to consider more direct advertising in Sarre to make Sarre residents aware of the WSA website and future community events.	High	Steering Committee and Wantsum Sports Committee	2012	Yes
AP51	Wantsum Sports Association activities	Pass list of events suggested through the survey to the Wantsum Sports Association; these included afternoon teas in the park, summer play schemes for children, a sports event between the villages, a Jubilee celebration in 2012 and a summer fete and funfair every two years, alternating with the biannual Open Gardens Weekend.	High	Steering Committee and Wantsum Sports Committee	2012	Yes
AP52	Recreation activities	Reinstall floodlighting for evening sports activities in Bell Meadow.	Low	Parish Council and WSA	2013	Yes
AP53	Recreation activities	Resurface the tennis courts in Bell Meadow.	Low	Parish Council and WSA	2013	Yes
AP54	Wantsum Sports Association activities	Provide a tarmac footpath from the Manor Road entrance of the Meadow to the pavilion.	High	Parish Council	2012	Yes

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AP55	Recreation activities	Investigate whether as part of any future development proposals for Sarre, a section 106 Agreement could provide for support towards a small community centre for Sarre.	High	Parish Council and Thanet District Council	2012	None
AP56	Allotments	Identify any suitable sites in the parish for allotment use and negotiate with land owners.	High	Parish Council	2012	Yes
AP57	Telephone box	Repair the telephone box at The Oaks in St Nicholas.	Medium	Parish Council and BT	2012	None
AP58	Volunteers	Advertise in the parish magazine and on the council's website to identify those residents that said they would volunteer their practical skills to help the community. Hold an Open Event to encourage them to come forward and keep a register of skills.	High	Steering Committee	2012	None

Plus Points of Living in the Parish

AP59	Power cuts	As a result of frequent power cuts in the villages, ask residents to complain immediately to the energy company as soon as they happen, to ensure complaints are logged – provide contact details in parish magazine, newsletter and council's website.	High	Steering Committee	2012	None
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And What did our Youth Have to Say?

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AP61	Children's activities	Approach beaver/cub/brownie groups outside of the parish to see if anyone would be interested in running such groups in the villages.	High	Steering Committee	2012	None
AP62	Recreation facilities	Identify an area in Sarre for a playground facility for Sarre children.	High	Parish Council	2012	Yes

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AP63	Play equipment	Before committing to future playground schemes, set up a working group, including village children representatives to find out what others do e.g. Foulmead and let our children decide what they would like.	Medium	Parish Council	2012	Yes
AP64	Children's activities	Rather than trying to provide everything in the parish area, see what sport and recreation facilities exist elsewhere and advertise information in the parish magazine, newsletters and youth centre.	High	Steering Committee	2012	None
AP65	Youth Centres	Contact Wantsum Sports Association/Village Hall Committee for use of pavilion and village hall as suitable venues for indoor youth activities.	Medium	Steering Committee	2012	None
AP66	Children's activities	Ask for volunteers to provide a wider range of activities e.g. dance, drama and practical skills for village children.	Medium	Steering Committee	2012	None
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AP68	Involvement in the Community	Set up a Youth Advisory Committee to work with the parish council.	High	Parish Council	2012	None
AP69	Late Night buses	Lobby bus companies for a later bus service returning from Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Margate.	High	Parish Council and Kent County Council	2012	None
One Last Thing						
AP70	Village of the Year	Plan and work towards entering and winning the Kent 'Village of the Year' competition by 2014.	Medium	Steering Committee	2014	Yes



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