

Finally we very much hope there will be a good turnout on 22nd November, following the very high response rate (89%). Through the grant received we are able to provide refreshments of an alcoholic and non-alcoholic variety.

This is an opportunity to make the village an even better place to live than it now is.

This is your final chance to contribute to the Village Plan, so make the most of it.

STOP PRESS: There are new threats to village Post Offices in general. The underlying threat is the change in Government policy. It longer sees the post office as a service, but as a commercial undertaking.

In the survey a very high percentage of people said how much they valued our Post Office.

You can do two things now:

- The most important is to use it. It is still possible to get your pension and other benefits paid locally.
- The second is to write to David Heath, our MP, who is active on this front. He can be contacted at

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Fivehead Matters

The newsletter of the Fivehead Parish Plan Steering Committee

The Village Plan PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday 22 November

8.00 pm

Fivehead Village Hall

- **Next steps for the Village Plan**
- **Report on questionnaire response** (spoken and written)
- **Displays illustrating key concerns**
- **Opportunity to help identify priorities**
- **Questions and discussions**
- **Talk it over with a glass of wine and a snack**
- **Tea, coffee and apple juice also available**



Interim Report

We are now more than halfway through and hope to publish the Village Plan in the first quarter of 2007. From that point on we will begin to implement many of the questionnaire's findings. To do this effectively we need your help.

Almost 90% of the population returned the questionnaire delivered in July. Some did so in much greater detail than others. Some people gave their names, others did not. We shall present the figures with the interim report.

There was a great deal was express about the road system and road safety, particularly along the A378 and the various access points to it. In addition people in all parts noted areas where improvements might be made, or inconveniences were suffered This was mostly in the middle of the village. What should be done? This needs further discussion.

A speed monitoring group has been set up and is starting soon with two stations on the A378.

There was a big response to our question about leisure facilities, either at the village hall or elsewhere. Someone requested almost every class or activity you could think of, from Tai-chi to tap-dancing to music making. The biggest numbers were after some sort of physical exercise and, of those, yoga scored the highest; followed by dancing. Computers too figured high as well as history. (A start has been made on forming a history group.)

We also need to start thinking about who will take on the responsibility of implementing the results.

There were many suggestions made about the village hall and the playing fields. Almost all forms of sport were mentioned.

Many were concerned about the appearance of the village, from the detail of litter in particular places, to car parking, hedges, fences, lights, what gives the village its identity, and so on.

Then the matter of community, good neighbourliness, village spirit, the places where people meet. Here the responses were varied. Suggestions included the parish council, organisations such as the village hall and churches, W.I., focal points like the shop and pub, communications etc

You can also see the village age structure, and that we are predominantly a white community. Many people put themselves down as Caucasian, others just English or whatever. Some expressed concern on green/eco-friendly issues; better waste disposal, composting, cardboard collection, solar energy, etc. There was much support for a village facility for waste disposal and composting.

You can also see how many dogs, cats, horses and cars there are.

On Wednesday 22 November there will be available a preliminary report on the questionnaire findings, but the final report will be much strengthened and more useful with fuller and further responses.