

Old Bolingbroke and Hareby Village Plan



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1 FOREWORD

We have been a small and evolving group, both in terms of our thinking and our membership. The development of this plan has provided an interesting insight into the thoughts and opinions of those living in the Parish of Old Bolingbroke & Hareby. It has also given us the opportunity to examine some of the Parish's history and occasionally "myth busting" some of the commonly held beliefs that exist.

After consultation with the Duchy of Lancaster we discovered that we are not entitled to refer to Old Bolingbroke as a "Royal Village" as this is a defined term that signifies royal patronage. The fact that The Duchy of Lancaster own land within the parish makes it little different from many places across the country and doesn't signify royal status. However, we should not allow this to detract from the pride we have in our village due to its royal connections.

In the development of the plan we have frequently found ourselves walking a tightrope (some might say a knife edge). In particular we have tried not to become a rallying call for individual causes or opinions whilst making sure that we provide plenty of opportunity for these to emerge naturally through the consultation process. This presented another balancing act - between avoiding controversy whilst ensuring that the end result is not bland and of no particular consequence; with the end objective of it being of benefit to us all.

I hope that you find our document interesting and relevant, although it is likely that you, as an individual, may not entirely agree with some of the conclusions and recommendations. We have included some of the comments from the questionnaire throughout the document, where they represent the findings and recommendations we have arrived at or help to demonstrate a particular point being made. These are in a blue font (like [this](#)).

The process we have started is more of a journey than a destination and there might need to be more consultation. As such, please accept this document as the first steps of that journey - which we will continue by setting up a support network to help volunteer groups and others to carry out the recommendations made – starting with a launch of the plan in the New Year.

As part of the compliance with various data control regulations, we removed any personal names from the comments we received from the questionnaire. It is notable that the only personal names we could find were those that specifically singled out individuals for the wonderful work they do in the village. This is a clear indication of the spirit and positivity that exists in the village, for which we are and will remain very thankful.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who helped us in our endeavour; either as part of our small working group, as volunteers to "test" some of our work or just in the wider assistance and help provided along the way with printing, signs and artwork.

Almost a hundred people responded in the questionnaire that they would be willing to volunteer on community projects. Together, with all your help, we can work for the good of the Parish, all its residents and visitors.

Enjoy.

Bruce

Bruce Talmage

Chairperson (Old Bolingbroke & Hareby Village Plan Group)

2 PARISH CONTEXT

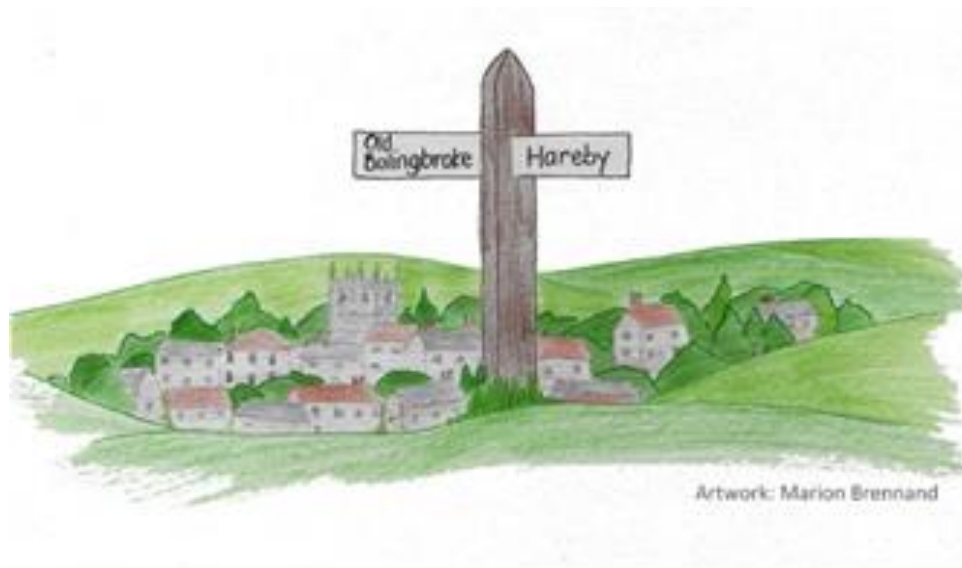
Our Parish lies within the beautiful Lincolnshire countryside. It nestles at the foot of the Lincolnshire Wolds and sits in an Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV). There are many good walks and wonderful natural views around and about with country parks and nature reserves close by.

Situated 15 miles north of Boston, 15 miles west of Skegness and the Lincolnshire coast, 3.5 miles from the market town of Spilsby and just over 2 miles from the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Museum, the Parish is rich in history and was once an important gateway to the Wolds from the Fenlands in the South.

Old Bolingbroke is home to the ruin of Bolingbroke Castle, which was built in the 13th century¹ by Ranulf de Blundeville, the Earl of Lincoln, and is the birthplace of Henry of Bolingbroke, who later ascended to the throne of England as Henry IV. The castle is a listed ancient monument, which English Heritage and Heritage Lincolnshire manage on behalf of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Within the Parish are two churches, a chapel, a village hall, a children's play area and a public house. A stone war memorial sits in the centre of the village of Old Bolingbroke adjacent to the rose garden, and a new memorial dedicated to the memory of the American aircrew, who lost their lives during the second World War, is situated close to the crash site on Hareby Hill.

East Lindsey District Council (ELDC), our local government district, covers an area of around 700 square miles, and had a population of 136,401 at the 2011 census. The population of our parish at that time was 325.



¹ Additional earthworks have been found on Dewey Hill (500 yards north of the existing castle ruin) dating to the 11th century.

3 HOW WE DEVELOPED THE PLAN

3.1 OUR QUESTIONNAIRE/S

The Village Plan Group has worked in association with the Parish Council to develop a plan that sets out hopes and aspirations for our community. It has been developed using responses and comments received in the Village Questionnaire, and the discussions and conversations that have taken place with residents over the last year.

Questionnaires were delivered to each home and collected back. In total, 311 adult questionnaires were distributed with 182 (58.5%) completed questionnaires being returned.

In addition, 23 questionnaires were distributed to the children and young people of the Parish, of which 20 (86.9%). questionnaires were returned

"Thank you for taking the time to see what children and residents of the village are interested in"

Using the two separate and distinct questionnaires has ensured that every age range had the opportunity to comment, from the young to the young at heart.

Our questionnaire was divided into the following sections;

- Something about you – where you live, what you do, how old you are, getting out and about and your pets
- The character of Old Bolingbroke and Hareby – the character of the village, local heritage and conservation, green spaces and planting, signage, lighting, roads and traffic, footpaths, housing development and tourism
- Village facilities and amenities – the churches, chapel, village hall, children's play area, the village field, the pub and the castle and rout yard.
- Living and working here – safety, communication, utilities, public transport and volunteering
- Any other comments

These headings and the questions that arose from them were primarily derived from the comments and suggestions from the first of our drop-in sessions, that was held at the Ramsden Village Hall in Old Bolingbroke on 3rd February 2018. 40 people attended this session and the feedback was positive and supportive.

Where possible we tried to establish closed questions to avoid leading the respondent in any particular direction. This was to try and simplify the data analysis and make the results as objective as possible. We were aware that some subjects that came up during the drop-in session were harder to quantify. In order to broaden the discussion on some subject areas but avoid leading it we decided to provide space in the questionnaire for further comments to be added.

3.2 FURTHER CONSULTATION

At the Dragon Egg Hunt on 8th April we collected views and opinions of visitors to the village and have included some of the findings in the section on tourism (4.2.11).

On 22nd September we held a second drop-in session to provide residents another opportunity to find out how we were progressing and to present some of the findings of the questionnaire and our early view on the recommendations arising from the analysis we had completed so far. 20 people attended.

The following organisations were contacted for their views and invited to comment, with varying degrees of engagement, which have been reflected in our thinking and the village plan:

- Duchy of Lancaster
- English Heritage
- Lincolnshire Heritage Trust
- Historic England
- Anglia Water
- BT Open Reach
- ELDC

- LCC
- Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
- Environment Agency

We also extended an invite to local businesses to present their views and perspectives on working within the village. These have also been reflected in the plan.

3.3 OUR APPROACH TO THE ANALYSIS

All the data from the two questionnaires (Adult and Young Persons) were captured electronically². This mammoth task of typing all the results and comments into spreadsheets allowed the cutting and slicing of the information into documents to start to establish common themes and threads from which we could, as a group, start to piece the recommendations together.

The group decided that it should be the comments that would primarily drive these themes and that we would use statistical data to establish the level of support (and/or otherwise) for these. We also recognised that, in some cases³, some comments deserved further investigation and we would look to further opportunities for consultation. These have been highlighted in the recommendations.

Note. Unless otherwise stated, the percentages provided in the text are of all those who returned their completed questionnaire i.e. of a total that includes those who have left the question blank.

² Where an individual's name and/or contact details were provided, this information was removed from the data stored - in order to meet GDPR regulations.

³ There were examples of interesting points being raised that we hadn't previously considered and therefore we hadn't included relevant questions to establish wider support.

4 RESULTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

4.1 A LITTLE ABOUT YOU

182 residents responded to the questionnaire; 165 (91%) from Old Bolingbroke, 11 (6%) from Hareby, 3 (2%) who lived elsewhere but owned property in Old Bolingbroke, and 3 (2%) who didn't seem to know where they lived. 98% are full time residents, and there is one part time resident and one visitor.

84 (46%) were in either full time or part time employment, with a further 78 (43%) retired.

The age of respondents fell into the following groups; 57 (31%) in the range 16 to 54, 43 (24%) in the range 55 to 64 and 74 (41%) were 65 and over.

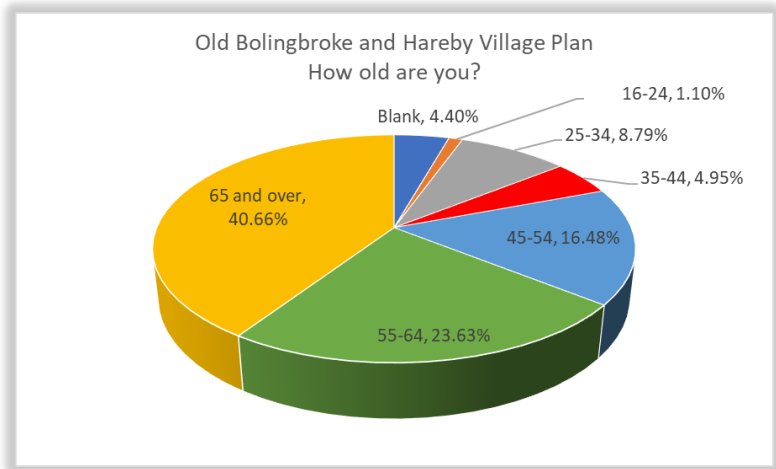


Figure 1 - How Old Are You

4.2 THE CHARACTER OF OLD BOLINGBROKE & HAREBY

4.2.1 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT THE CHARACTER OF THE VILLAGE WHERE YOU LIVE

Perhaps not surprisingly, almost all (97%) of those who responded either agreed or strongly agreed that the character of the village where they live is important to them.

This was reflected across both Old Bolingbroke and Hareby, where the individual results were largely in line with the overall results.

"We have a beautiful village of some historical importance and we do need to preserve that nature, if we do wish to attract visitors. What makes our village interesting and attractive and different from many others are the number of open spaces, green areas and a varied/interesting network of roads around it."

"Character of the village is of most importance."

Likewise, the impression created on entering the villages was also found to be important to respondents.

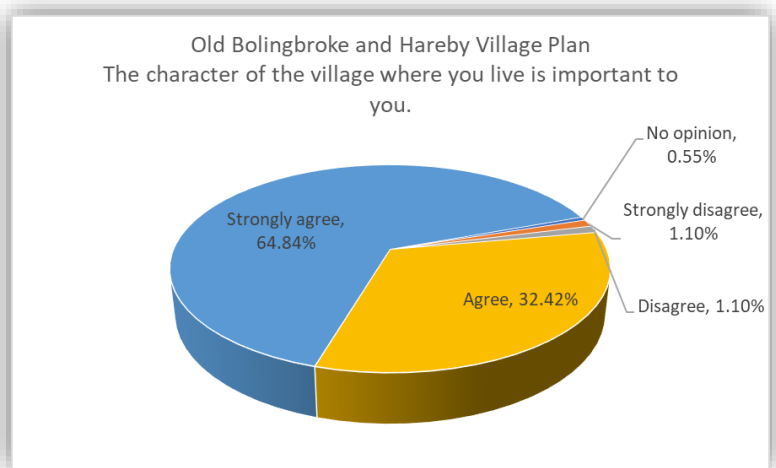


Figure 2 - Character is Important

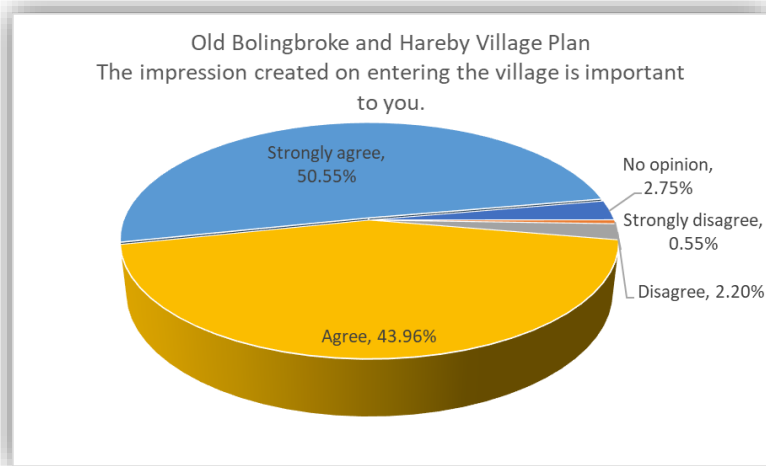


Figure 4 - Impression of Village

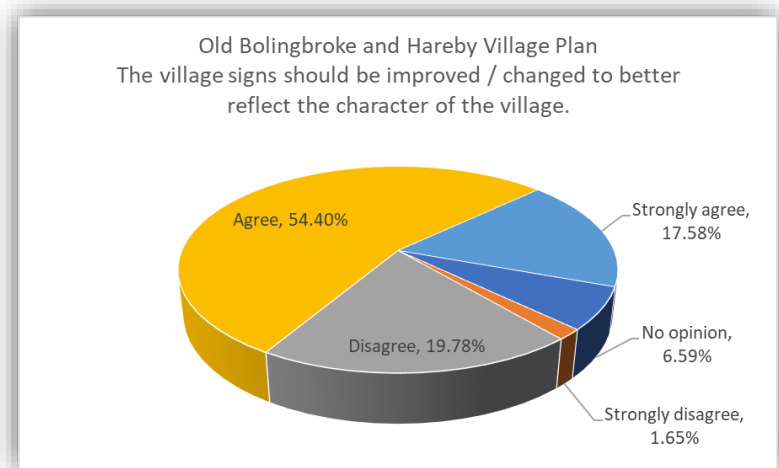


Figure 3 - Village Signs

4.2.2 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT LOCAL HERITAGE & CONSERVATION

When asked whether more should be done to protect hedgerows and trees 81% either agreed or strongly agreed.

We asked whether the conservation area provides adequate protection regarding development in the village and only 52% thought that it did. This would appear to reflect comments received around a perceived inconsistency of planning and control decisions and enforcement by ELDC.

"The Parish Council should affirm its support of strong conservation design principles and seek ELDC to provide better consistency and activity regarding enforcement. Also suggest a helpful design leaflet be prepared with the assistance of ELDC for use by residents and businesses."

"ELDC planning department does not give enough regard for the character of the village when granting planning permission/building regulations. 'Permitted development' appears to cover a multitude of sins."

There is actually very little/no "Permitted Development" available in our Conservation Area currently, as most of it is covered by what is known as an "Article 4 Direction" under the Planning Acts. This does not necessarily disallow alterations/additions - to provide new windows, porches, fences, sheds, etc – but it does mean that these otherwise normally 'Permitted' additions and alterations do require planning permission first, so as to ensure that they are carried out sympathetically and in accordance with policies. There is currently no planning fee for applications processed by ELDC under an Article 4 Direction. The issue, which no doubt has contributed to the perception of inconsistency and

reduction in quality, is that many residents seem unaware of the requirements of the Direction and ELDC has generally not been pro-active in enforcing except in extreme cases. The Old Bolingbroke Article 4 Direction is now also almost 50 years old, based on former regulations and probably requires urgent review. A good example of such a recent review is in Woodhall Spa where a Local Development Order has also been implemented which advises of alterations and developments that can take place, rather than simply saying which of those cannot happen.

When asked whether the conservation area boundary needs to be reviewed to improve the protection of the village environment 56% agreed or strongly agreed.

Ref:	Recommendation
4.2.2.1	Seek ELDC's support in producing a detailed Conservation Area design guide, to aid improved understanding of our heritage assets and to assist householders in both maintaining and altering their properties in a way which conserves and enhances the quality of the village built environment. ⁴ .
4.2.2.2	To understand the review process for the conservation area boundary and to request (of ELDC) a review of both it and the 1970 Article 4 Direction, mindful of the initiative that has been implemented in Woodhall Spa by ELDC

A small number of villagers commented on unsightly properties or land spoiling the look of the village.

There are provisions available through the national planning acts that can be implemented by ELDC to respond to complaints involving untidy land and/or buildings and where it can be demonstrated this is detrimental to the amenity of an area. Notices known as Section 215 Notices can be served on owners, requiring reasonable improvement measures to be taken. Residents can raise such complaints directly with ELDC's Enforcement Team or ask the Parish Council to take any concerns up with ELDC on behalf of the community at large.

⁴ Need to investigate developments adopted in Woodhall Spa, regarding Article 4 Directions, Permitted Development and Local Development Orders (LDOs)

4.2.3 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT GREEN SPACES & PLANTING

Nearly three quarters of respondents wanted better planting at entrances to the village to make it more welcoming and create a better image. However, fewer thought that there should be better planting along routes in the village.

Comments on this tied in with the comments in the road and safety section, as it was seen as pointless to plant up verges that were constantly being driven over by traffic due to the narrow village roads.

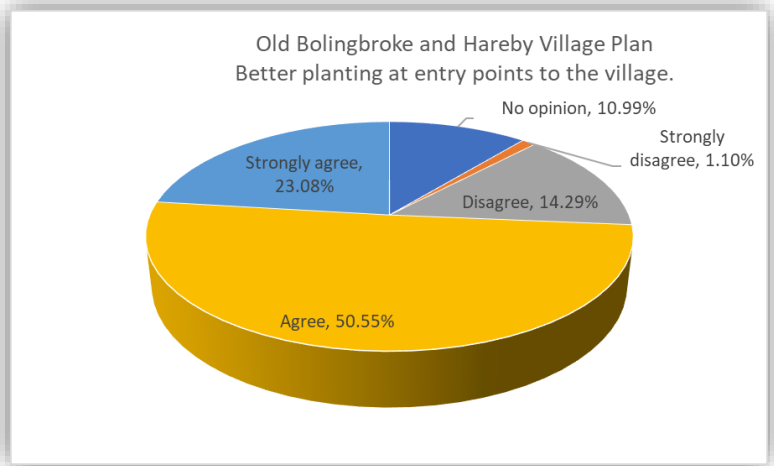


Figure 5 - Better Planting at Entry Points

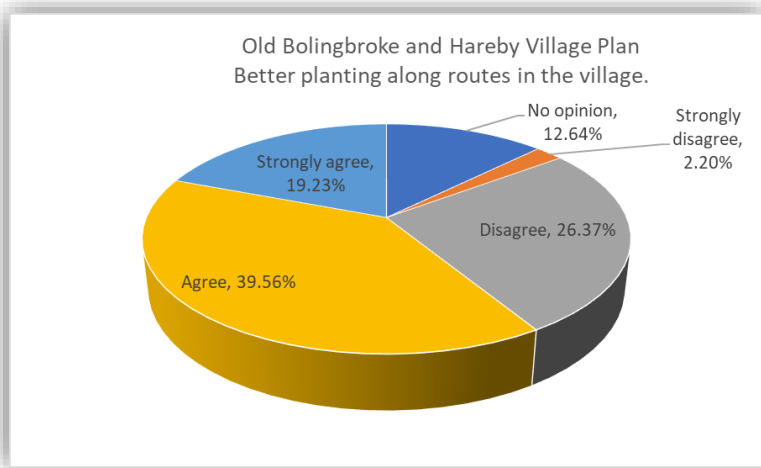


Figure 6 - Better Planting Along Routes

Opinion on the better conservation and protection of the green triangles, the war memorial and the rose garden mirrored opinion on the better planting at entry points. It was felt that balance was needed between conservation in their current state and finding a suitable medium to protect the green areas other than kerbs similar to the cobbles round the rose garden.

Ref:	Recommendation
0.1	To identify who is responsible for maintaining verges on green triangles and investigate the provision of protection of these e.g. in way similar to the cobbles on the rose garden.

4.2.4 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT SIGNAGE

Overwhelmingly, residents expressed a need for improvement in the signage in the village, both for directional purposes and to aid emergency services in locating residences and amenities.

Although it should be noted that 25% of respondents disagreed with additional signage in the parish, as the wrong approach to signage may have the effect of 'urbanizing' the character of the village.

"Street names would be useful but should be kept within the character of the village."

"A priority must be to provide long overdue quality heritage welcome signs for the main entry routes into the village. The current signs are standard functional highway ones and detract from the quality and potential of the village."

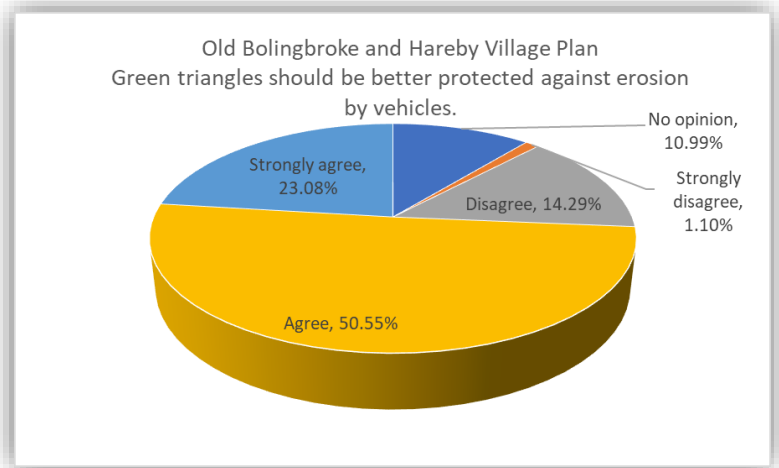


Figure 7 - Protection of Green Triangles

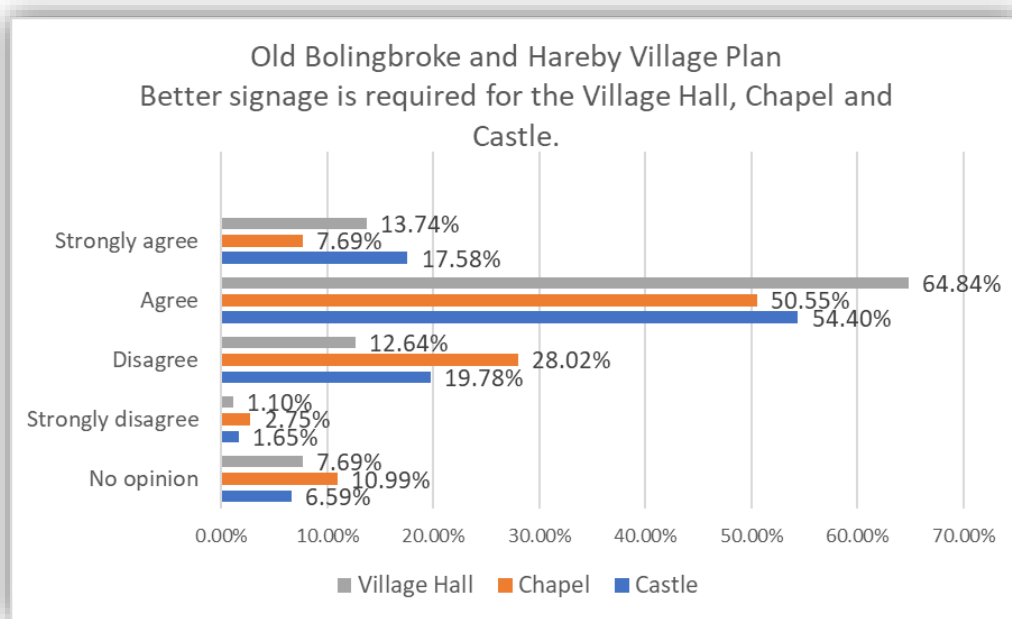


Figure 8 - Signage to Castle, Village Hall and Chapel

A large percentage of respondents felt that better signage is required to direct visitors to amenities such as the Castle, Old Bolingbroke Village (Ramsden) Hall, and the Methodist Chapel.

Ref:	Recommendation
4.2.4.1	To investigate the costs and process for funding and supplying heritage style signs at key entry points to the villages.
4.2.4.2	To investigate the costs and process for funding and supplying signs for directional purposes e.g. to the castle, the village hall, church etc.

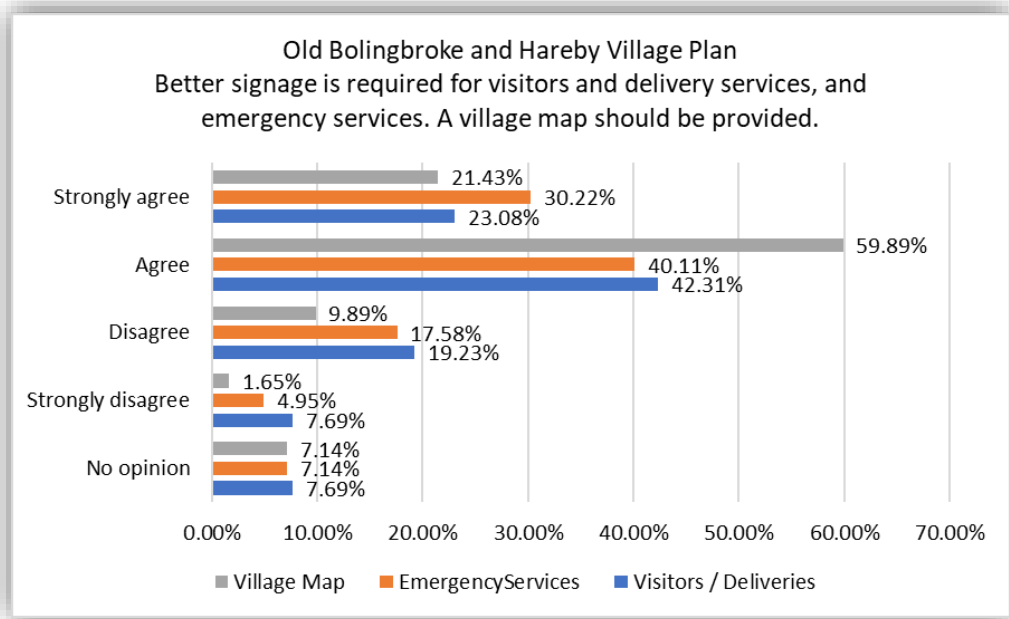


Figure 9 - Signage and Village Map

Other suggestions were for a 'Children Playing ' sign at the roadside near the Village Hall playground, and more visible signage for the hall itself.

Ref:	Recommendation
4.2.4.3	To investigate the costs and process for funding and supplying village map/s.
4.2.4.4	To investigate the costs and process for funding and supplying a “warning children playing” sign by the Ramsden Village Hall.

4.2.5 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF STREET LIGHTING

Almost three quarters said that the amount of lighting was about right.

There were numerous comments suggesting that lights be switched off between midnight and 6am. Although it was suggested that Hagnaby Road and Spilsby Hill should be excluded from this as they are Red Emergency Routes.

“A certain level of street lighting is necessary along main thoroughfares, but it is not so necessary in side roads and the lights do not need to remain on all through the night”

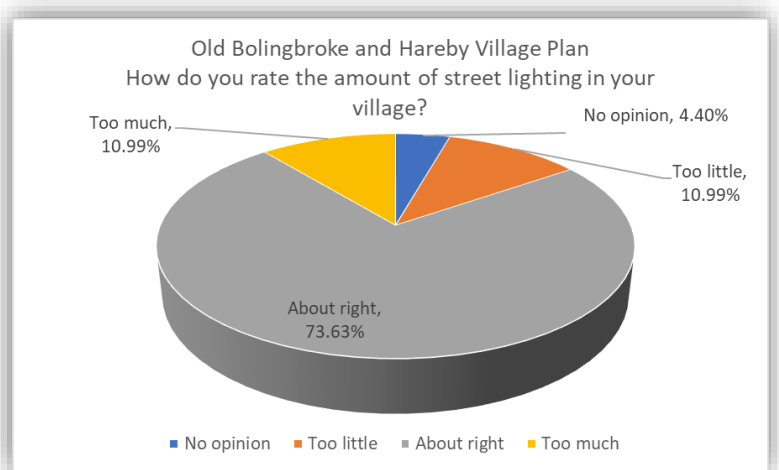
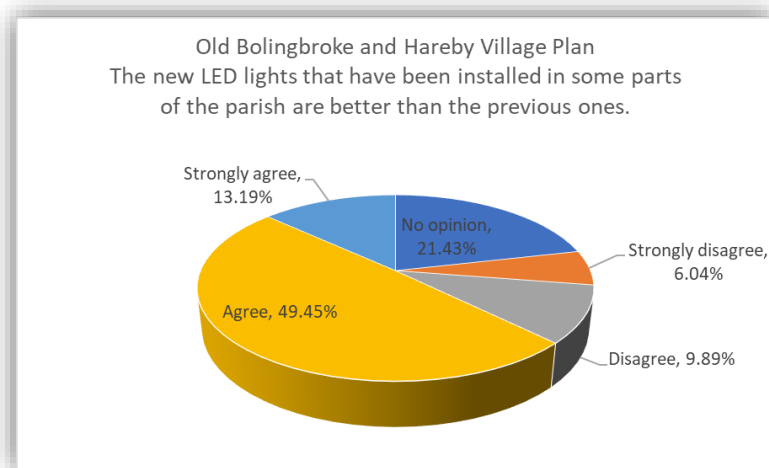


Figure 10 - Amount of Street Lighting

4.2.6 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT LED LIGHTING



The new LED lighting, where installed, is considered an improvement over previous lighting but it was noted from the comments that Hareby did not yet have any. It was noted that two lights on Hagnaby Road still needed upgrading⁵.

It was also suggested that an additional light is required along Hagnaby Road.

Figure 11 - LED Lights Better?

Ref:	Recommendation
4.2.6.1	To consult further with Hareby residents regarding the need for additional lighting in Hareby.
4.2.6.2	To follow-up with the relevant authorities regarding the incomplete installation of LED light along Hagnaby Road.
4.2.6.3	Investigate the installation of additional lighting along Hagnaby Road.
4.2.6.4	To follow-up on the suggestion that street lights should be turned off overnight e.g. midnight to 6.00am

4.2.7 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT "DARK SKIES"

53% think that Dark Skies are more important than street lighting and 33% disagreeing.

Three quarters of those who responded thought that the lighting balance appears to be right.

"Dark Skies are a perk of village life!"

"Needs to be a balance between dark skies and safety."

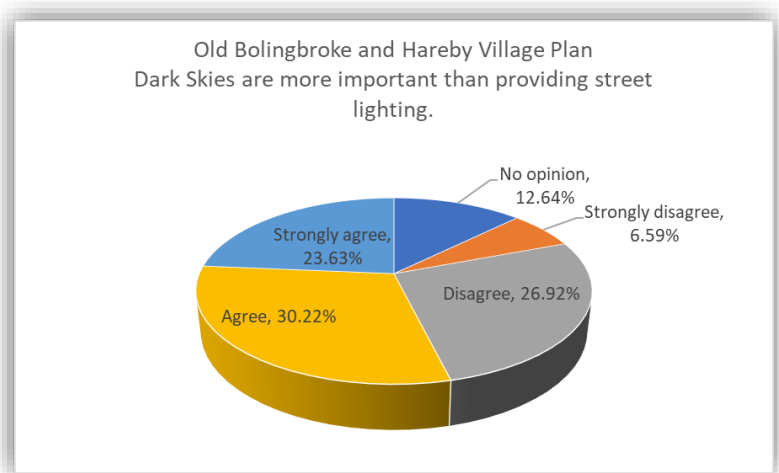


Figure 12 - Dark Skies Better?

⁵ Initial investigations have highlighted that the cause of this is due to different authorities being responsible for the lighting along Hagnaby Road.

4.2.8 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT ROADS AND TRAFFIC

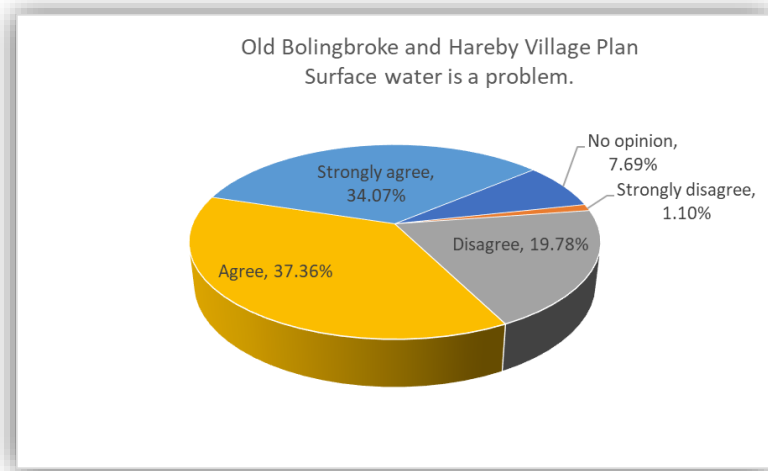


Figure 13 - Surface Water

Surface water is seen as a problem, with Hagnaby Road, Chapel Lane, Back Lane and Keal Hill being repeatedly named. Old Bolingbroke receives run-off from the five hills that surrounds it, as well as natural springs running permanently on Horncastle Hill, Spilsby Hill, and more recently on Moat Lane.

Whilst water on the road is unavoidable, the speed of its dispersal is the real problem, with poor drainage and poorly maintained roadside ditches specifically on Hagnaby Road and Back Lane causing water to stand on the road after downpours, unable to drain away as quickly as possible.

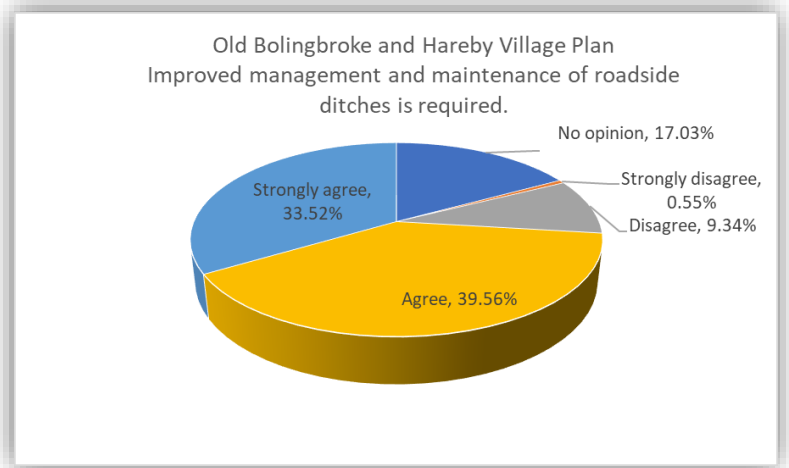


Figure 14 - Ditch Management

Ref:	Recommendation
4.2.8.1	Continued representations by the Parish Council to the landowners and appropriate authorities whose drains are not being maintained satisfactorily.

Typical of small villages there is one major route through the village, from which smaller lanes lead. Comments included concerns on:

“The use of Old Bolingbroke as a cut through from Hagnaby to Spilsby”

“The amount of litter left by through traffic which ends up in the ditches”

“The need for better parking for visitors (to the Castle), walkers, and those attending events”

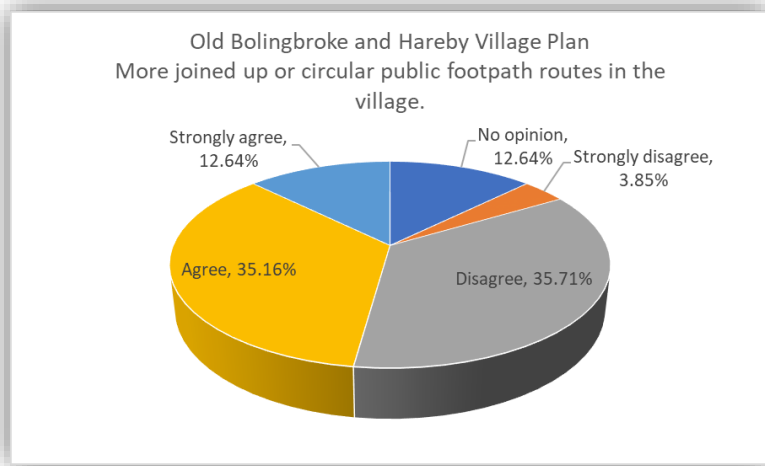
“Speed reduction measures - 20 mph limits, electronic signs”

“One-way system (e.g. Moat Lane, Back Lane, The Row)”

“Passing places to preserve verges (e.g. Keal Hill)”

Ref:	Recommendation
4.2.8.2	Mobilise volunteers to form a litter picking group/rota/event in the village.
4.2.8.3	To explore traffic management for events and/or an increase in visitors to the village e.g. one-way restrictions, passing places.
4.2.8.4	To investigate options for controlling speed e.g. active speed indication signs.

4.2.9 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT FOOTPATHS



Opinions about footpaths in the questionnaire responses were not so strong, although in a subsequent meeting several residents expressed support for the re-opening of a few of the previously documented footpaths that have fallen into disuse or have been closed by landowners.

In particular the footpath leading up to Grantham Point on Hall Hill from the base of Keal Hill, which would re-establish a loop footpath leading over towards West Keal.

Figure 15 - Circular Footpaths

Previous Ordnance Survey maps (See section 8.2 for an example) indicate several other historic footpaths, which may still potentially have a public right of way.

It has been noted that under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, footpaths that are not recorded on the Local Highways Authority's 'Definitive Plan' but were in use prior to 1949 will cease to exist after 2026 if not recorded prior to that date.

"Footpaths routes should lead also from - to somewhere not just circular."

"The footpath on the top of Grantham Point could be extended via the village hall field to provide a safe route for walkers to reach the village without using the narrow road via High Barn."

The Greenwich Meridian Trail

Whilst investigating the available footpaths and as a result of discussions held with visitors to the drop-in session in September, we discovered that residents and visitors are unaware that a national trail, the Greenwich Meridian Trail, passes through the parish. It follows the 0⁰ meridian line from the channel coast up to the point where it enters the North Sea.

Better signage would both increase awareness and improve walkers' and other visitors' experience of our parish, as they follow the trail as it winds up Hagnaby Road, around the castle grounds and up Horncastle Hill.



The issue of dog poo and notices was very emotive and received a lot of comments! In summary it was felt that bins were needed in Hareby and by the Village Hall.

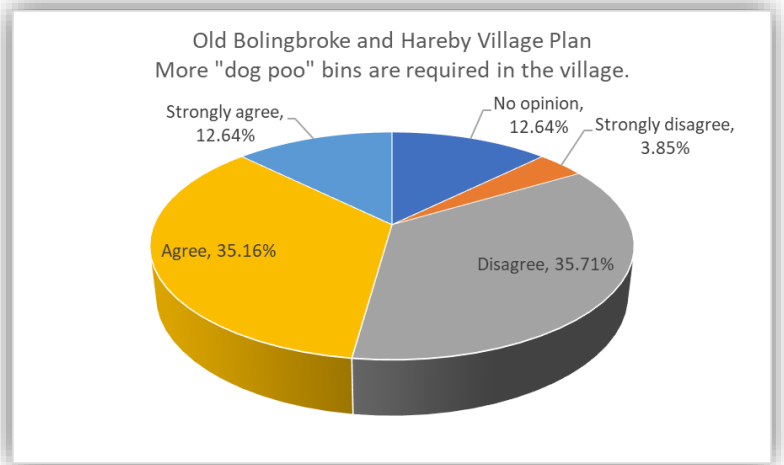


Figure 16 - Dog Poo Bins

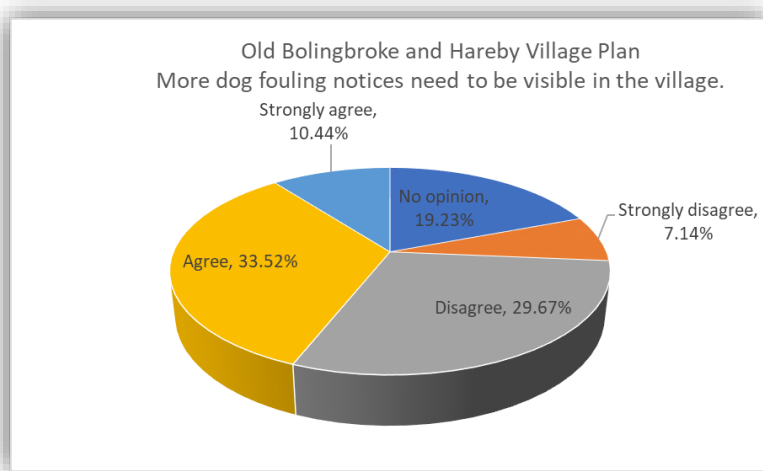


Figure 17 - Dog Fouling Notices

Whilst responses indicated that more notices were needed, there were quite a few comments that any more could spoil the village.

Ref:	Recommendation
4.2.9.1	Investigate loss of public footpaths and their re-introduction
4.2.9.2	Investigate the inclusion of the Greenwich Meridian Trail signs in any additional signs in the village.
4.2.9.3	Review the location of existing "dog poo" bins and propose changes and additional locations where required.

4.2.10 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The issue of new housing development is invariably contentious. However, there was unanimous consensus on one thing: that there should be no large-scale development within the parish and an effort should be made to preserve the present character of the village including both its housing stock and green spaces.

Many consider that any new development should be either on the site of existing buildings or where there has been previous development. Some accept the concept of infill development with one to three houses maximum. Others felt it would be better for development sites to be on the outskirts of the village.

Note. The recently adopted Local Plan (2018) has introduced a new policy regarding small scale housing development in small villages. The new policy potentially enables up to two houses in appropriate locations subject to a range of caveats. For further clarification/information please refer to the ELDC Local Plan (2018).

“The character of the village is of most importance. If the village becomes too big it risks losing its charm.”

“Whilst I don't believe the village can sustain or is designated for large scale development, it would be good to see any small-scale plots available for first time buyers.”

The issue of low-cost housing is more divisive.

There is nowhere left to build low cost housing and it doesn't stay low-cost once on the market again!

Many commented that there is a need in the village for some affordable housing to encourage first-time buyers, younger couples and families into the village.

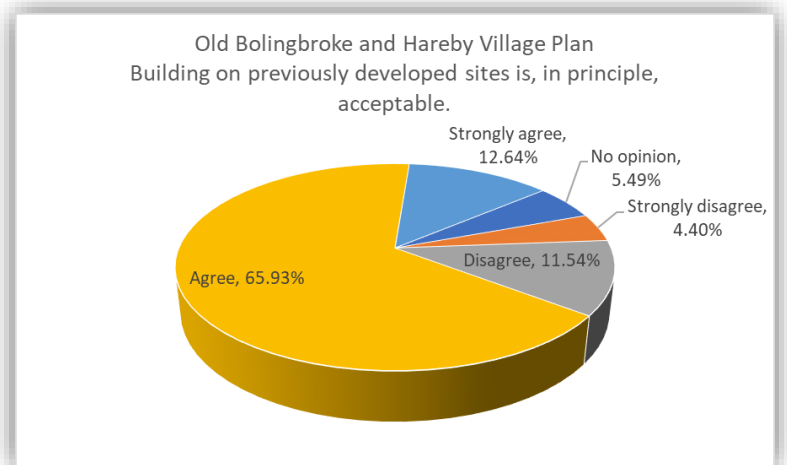


Figure 18 - Development on "Brown Field" sites

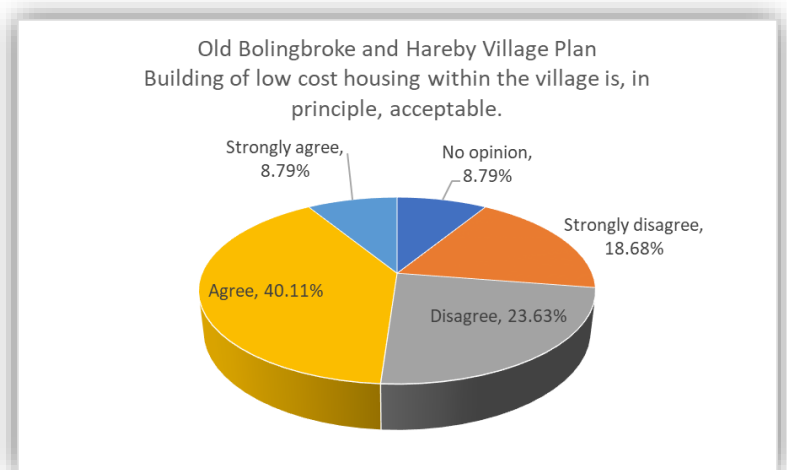


Figure 19 - Low Cost Housing

4.2.11 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT TOURISM

The majority of respondents expressed a desire to be able to share the village and to encourage visitors to the village.

Concern was expressed about traffic, parking in general and the ongoing problem regarding the damage to the grass verges and green triangles.

"Before too many visitors are encouraged into the village parking issues need to be resolved. Also, roads and verges need to be greatly improved as the village is being spoilt by poor condition of roads and verges."

"It's all well and good encouraging visitors to the village but as parking is limited at the castle where are they to go?"

"Until parking issues at village events are addressed why spend time effort and money planting verges with spring flowers when they will certainly be flattened or driven over due to lack of parking organisation for events."

66.5% of respondents agreed, or strongly agreed, that we need more parking for visitors to the village.

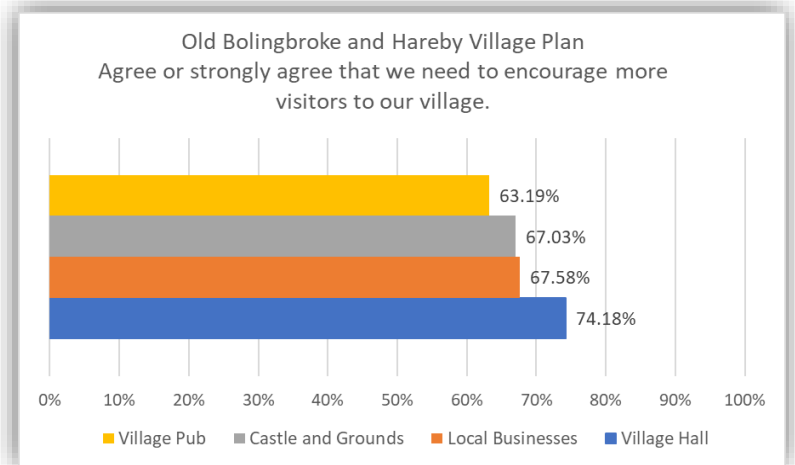


Figure 20 - Tourism

Ref:	Recommendation
4.2.11.1	Consider options for improving/increasing parking in the village – either for events or general visitor parking.

At the Dragon Egg Hunt in April we collected views and opinions of visitors.

We asked if they had visited before and the reason for their visit. We also asked if they would come again and what we could do to make the visit better. In addition, we asked how far they had travelled that day. 54 survey sheets were completed, some individually and some as families.

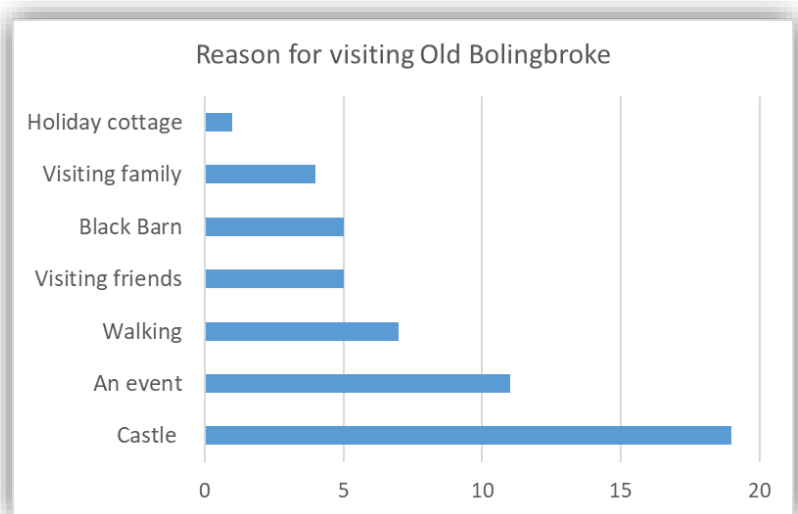


Figure 21 - Reasons for Visiting

"My children and their friends love coming to play here, especially in the summer when play dates and picnics are organised"

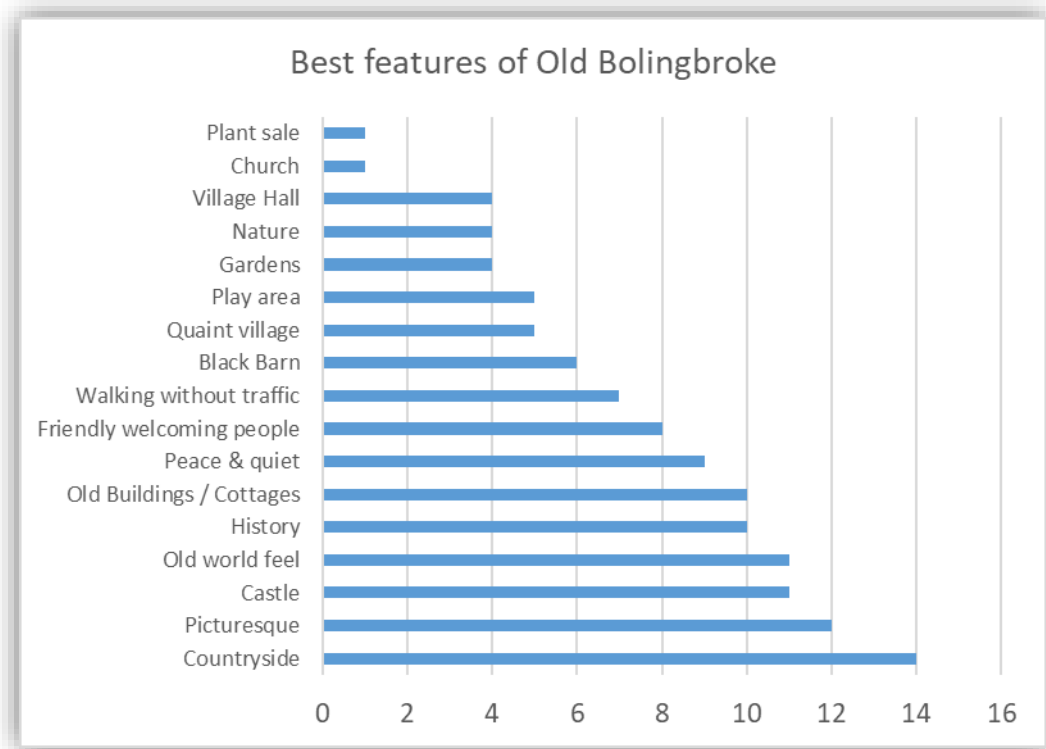


Figure 23 - Best Features

Many suggested better refreshment facilities and improved parking would make a visit more enjoyable, whilst two of our younger visitors suggested rebuilding the castle!

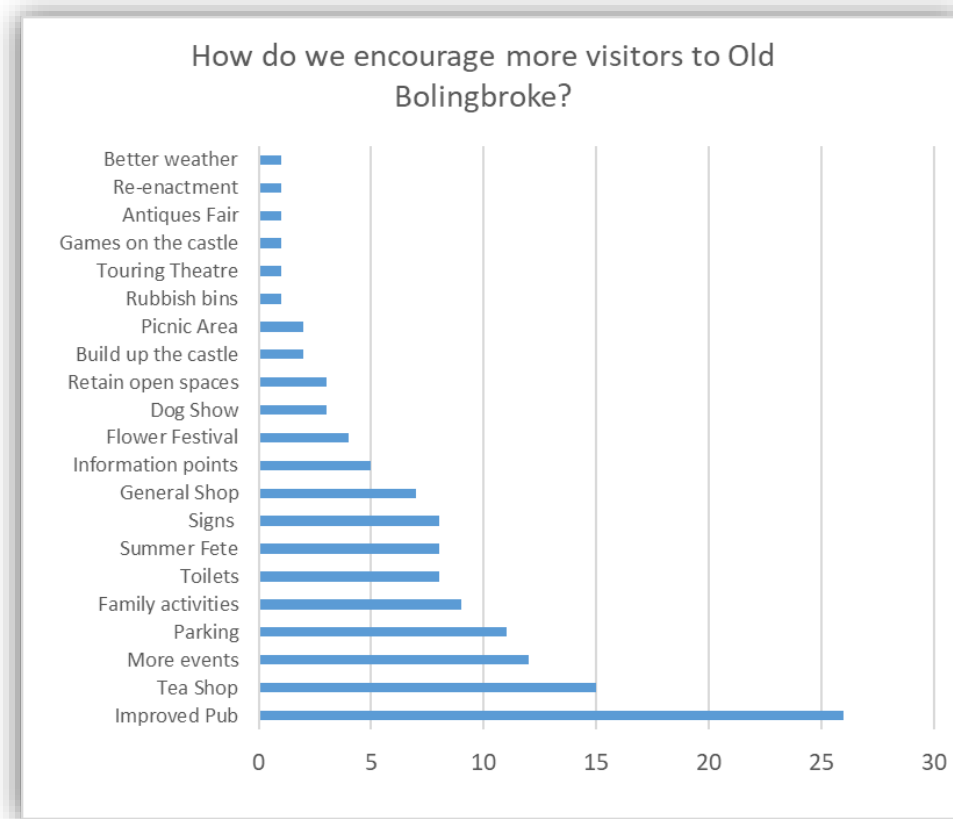


Figure 22 - Encouraging More Visitors

Ref:	Recommendation
4.2.11.2	Consider options for providing more toilet facilities for visitors to the village.

4.3 VILLAGE FACILITIES & AMENITIES

4.3.1 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

Old Bolingbroke and Hareby share a variety of facilities and amenities including the Ramsden Village Hall, the playing field and playground, two churches, a chapel, Bolingbroke Castle and a village public house.

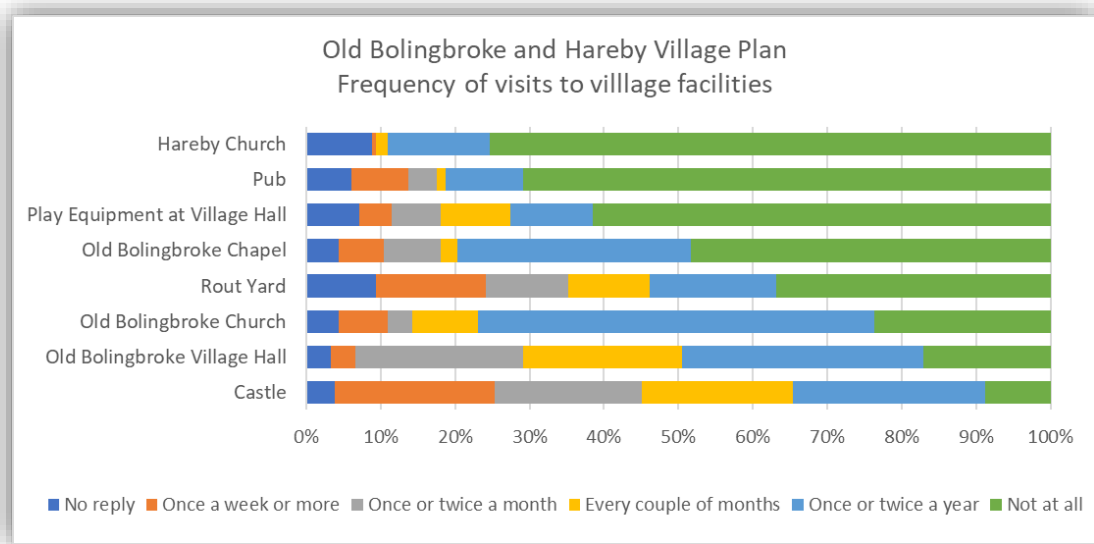


Figure 24 - Frequency of Usage of Village Facilities

Most respondents agreed that all of these are important to village life but at present usage varies considerably:

The village hall is well used but needs refurbishment and development.

“The Village Hall needs a bigger kitchen with better cooker, dishwasher etc. The village lunch is a wonderful event but they need better facilities.”

The land adjacent to the hall received many comments and suggestions. Many considered that it was under-utilised and should be redeveloped to include nature trails, exercise trails, a community garden or a wildflower meadow. It was also recognised that it could be partially reorganized to provide additional parking.

Some comments suggested that the current grazing arrangements do not maximise possible revenue.

Note. We have reviewed the deed of trust and can confirm that, despite suggestions to the contrary, there is no restriction on the type of animals that can be grazed on the field (See section 8.3).

“use field for all community events, with village hall and parking next door, derisory rent achieved for the field at auction each year.”

“The field/meadow should be protected and actively managed for its landscape character and habitat value.”

Ref:	Recommendation
4.3.1.1	Investigate options for use of the King George V field adjacent to the Ramsden Village Hall.

The play equipment is only used regularly by a small percentage of inhabitants, as could be expected with a relatively small number of children in the parish. It has been suggested that additional facilities for older children may be desirable.

“My children love the play area but will outgrow it. Things for older children would be fantastic. Please keep the play equipment maintained as it is a fantastic asset.”

The castle grounds and rout yard are well used (although some commented that dogs need to be kept under control).

Both the church and chapel in Old Bolingbroke are regularly used by residents although St. Peter and St. Paul at Hareby is used less.

While many commented on the potential importance of a pub to a village as a community hub, only a small percentage of respondents use the Black Horse on a regular basis.

As part of our consultation with businesses, the management of the Black Horse Pub stated that the existing level of trade is acceptable to them and that increasing turnover was not a significant driver.

They also stated a willingness to work with the village and village groups to support events in the future and to collaborate through the extended use of the pub facilities and their capacity for providing food and drink to visitors and event-goers.

85% felt that the telephone box on Chapel Lane should be maintained and hold more information on the village, with several suggesting that it should house a defibrillator as part of the emergency plan.

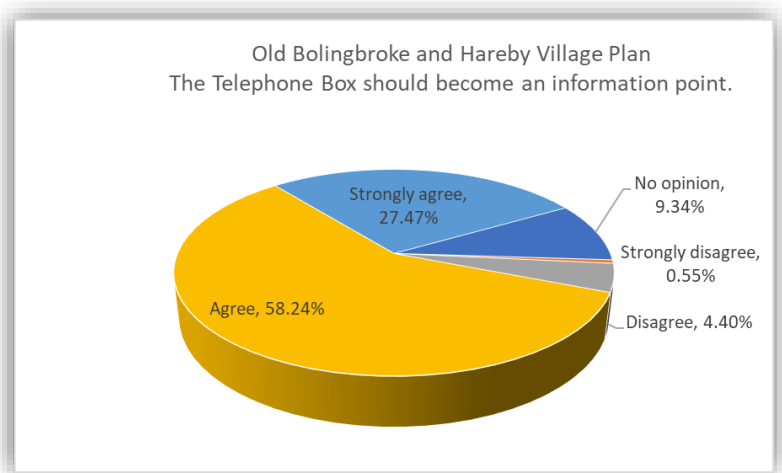


Figure 25 - Telephone Box Use

Ref:	Recommendation
4.3.1.2	Consider additional uses of the phone box, to include a location for the defibrillator and/or village map.

4.4 LIVING AND WORKING HERE

4.4.1 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT SAFETY

Whilst the vast majority of you feel safe at all times there are instances where safety is a concern.

Most people feel safe living here but there are a small number of residents over 65 who felt unsafe. No reasons were given to support these feelings; therefore it is difficult to identify what might be changed to improve feelings of well-being and safety. Further discussion and fact finding is necessary to understand the underlying causes of concern.

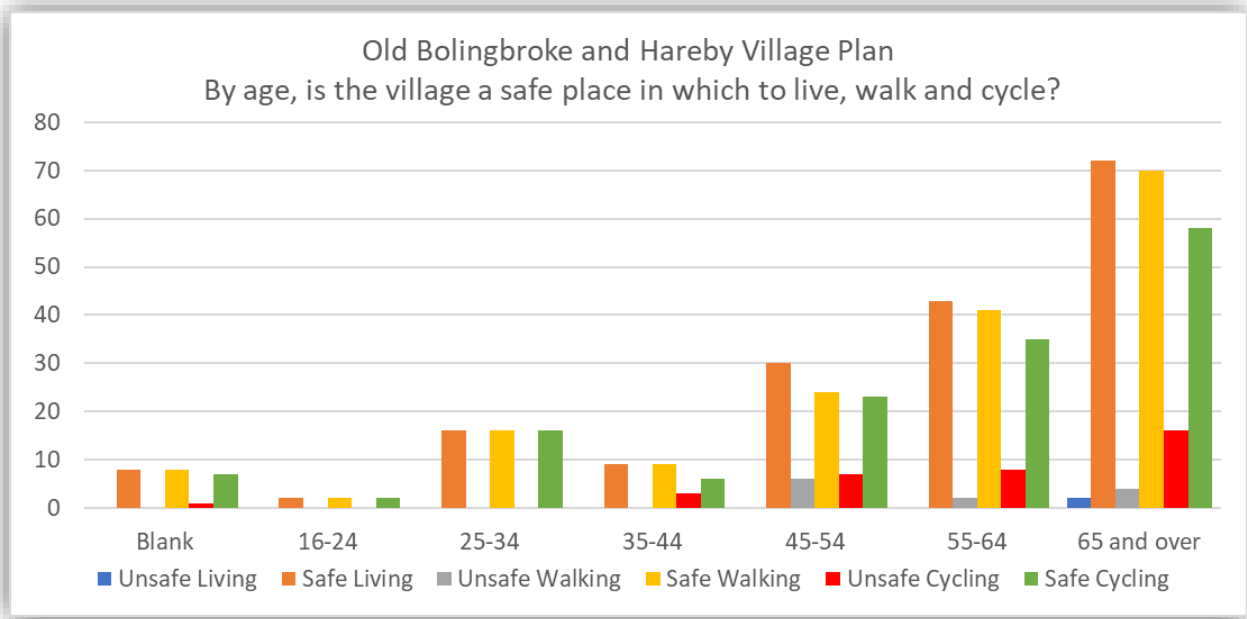


Figure 26 - Safety

There is a clear distinction between the views of adult residents in Old Bolingbroke and Hareby, with those of Hareby feeling safe in all areas.

Recommendation	
4.4.1.1	Undertake specific consultation with residents aged 65 and over to gain insight into improving well-being and safety

We asked our children and young people the same questions on safety; they said they did not feel as safe when walking or cycling around the village and commented that this was due (mostly) to speeding vehicles. These views are mirrored in the comments made by adult residents.

"People drive too fast through the village"

"Anti-social and bad driving"

"Speed limit within the village should be reduced to 10 or 20 mph"

Nearly 20% of you felt that cycling wasn't safe and commented that road edges are too uneven to cycle on safely.

"Cars come through the village too fast. Walkers have a chance to get out of the way, but cyclists have no real chance"

Ref	Recommendation
4.4.1.2	Introduce traffic calming measures to increase safety for walkers and cyclists

Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) are developing a county wide approach to emergency planning which would assist local communities during times of crisis or adversity, such as the heavy snowfall experienced earlier this year. The Parish Emergency Plan requires updating and harmonizing with the systems being developed by LCC.

Ref	Recommendation
4.4.1.3	Set up a working group to develop an emergency plan that meets County standards.

4.4.2 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT COMMUNICATIONS

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme came out very positively in the questionnaire with nearly 85% of respondents aware of the scheme and who to contact.

However, when it came to the Parish Council (PC) the knowledge of who our PC representatives are and when they meet fell to less than 65%.

Some comments were made regarding value for money of the PC and the apparent lack of impact that the PC has on planning decisions made by ELDC that appear to ignore its recommendations. It was also suggested that PC spending seems to concentrate on the village of Old Bolingbroke and that other areas of the parish do not receive an appropriate share of the budget or the PCs attention.

A suggestion was made that volunteers could achieve much of what the PC budget provides.

However, this doesn't recognise the wider obligations of the PC. If we could mobilise the volunteers in the village more effectively then it would result in savings that could enable existing funds to be used to benefit the village in other ways, and/ or help to control precept levels in the future.

"Village precept needs to be kept under control."

"The Parish Council to be more pro-active in consulting residents on budget setting and precept, setting a 5-year spending plan, with precept recommendations based on implementing the village plan and to allow choices to be made by residents and businesses."

We asked how people find out about news and events and whether the village requires its own newsletter and web-site. Just over 85% agreed, or strongly agreed, that a newsletter and web site is required.

Figure 27 shows how important the more traditional forms of communication are to the villagers.

As of 8th October 2018, the number of users of the Facebook⁶ page is increasing and there are now 95 members (a quarter of all residents).

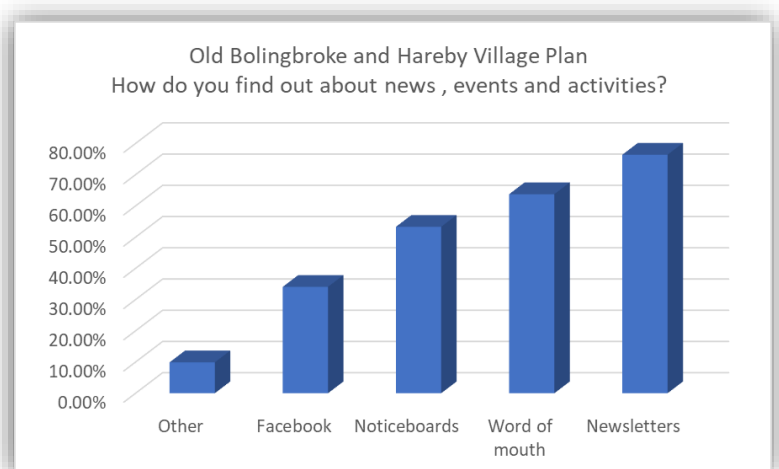


Figure 27 - Communications

⁶ The Old Bolingbroke Village Facebook group is a closed and moderated group. Facebook users can request to join the group.

Although not everyone wishes to (or feels able to) engage with social media, or Facebook in particular, the site performs a useful and timely means of interaction. However, we do need to make sure that the other forms of communication are used to ensure all residents are equally informed.

Note. Since the questionnaire, volunteers have come forward and the village now has a quarterly newsletter.

"Village Facebook page is a good source of information and communications."

It was also noted that "leaflet drops" are very useful in reminding people of upcoming events; particularly when the timing of these is not compatible with the quarterly newsletter.

"FOBC⁷ emails are informative"

"The Grapevine⁸ booklet is very useful"

Ref:	Recommendation
4.4.2.2	The Parish Council formally recognise the importance of the newsletter and support its production through funding, either directly or assistance in finding external/alternative funding.

It was suggested that an information booklet could be produced for the village; for residents (old and new) and visitors.

Ref:	Recommendation
4.4.2.3	To investigate the cost and viability of producing an information welcome booklet or leaflet for villagers and visitors.

4.4.3 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT UTILITIES

49% of you thought that alternative energy sources should be promoted, whilst 17% had no opinion on this. 80% favoured a recycling point, but as ever there is a conflict between siting for convenience and siting for concealment.

With regard to broadband, 46% thought reliability was satisfactory and 44% thought it wasn't. There was a similar split on the issue of broadband speed.

A mains gas supply was felt by the majority (58%) to be unnecessary.

Mobile coverage in the village is clearly an issue of concern with 78% of respondents feeling it was unsatisfactory. Providers in order of preference were EE a clear leader with 28%, then BT 18%, next was Vodafone tied with Three on 14%, followed by Tesco, O2, Orange, Giffgaff, Talk and Virgin all with under 10%.

On February 18, 2018 the government issued the following press release:

'Church spires across the UK will be used to boost digital connectivity in rural areas following an agreement between the Government and the Church of England.'

The agreement provides for Church of England church spires to be used for devices to improve mobile and internet connectivity in rural areas. This might include masts, internal antennae or fibre-optics hubs. The installations would be implemented in a way which would not visually or materially damage the building. Another benefit to the parish is that the installation of devices would provide

⁷ Friends of Old Bolingbroke Castle. **Note** circulation of this is limited to members of the FOBC.

⁸ This is provided by the Bolingbroke Deanery and available for 50p a month.

site rental income, which could be used to finance other improvements as well as maintenance of the church buildings.

Ref:	Recommendation
4.4.3.1	Engage with mobile phone companies to put in place a learning opportunity for villagers on how technology such as wi-fi can be used to boost available mobile network in and around village houses. Possibly combine with computer/IT lessons.
4.4.3.2	Parish Council to liaise with ELDC to understand policy and consider an appropriate site for a recycling point in the village
4.4.3.3	Engage with the Old Bolingbroke PCC to investigate the possibility of taking advantage of the recent opportunity to boost digital connectivity.

4.4.4 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT TRANSPORT & CALL-CONNECT

69% felt that their quality of life was not impacted by the availability of public transport, with a staggering 88% not using Call Connect at all and no-one at all using it monthly or weekly.

4.4.5 WE ASKED YOU ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN VILLAGE LIFE

The following chart shows the number of respondents that would support each of the suggested village events.

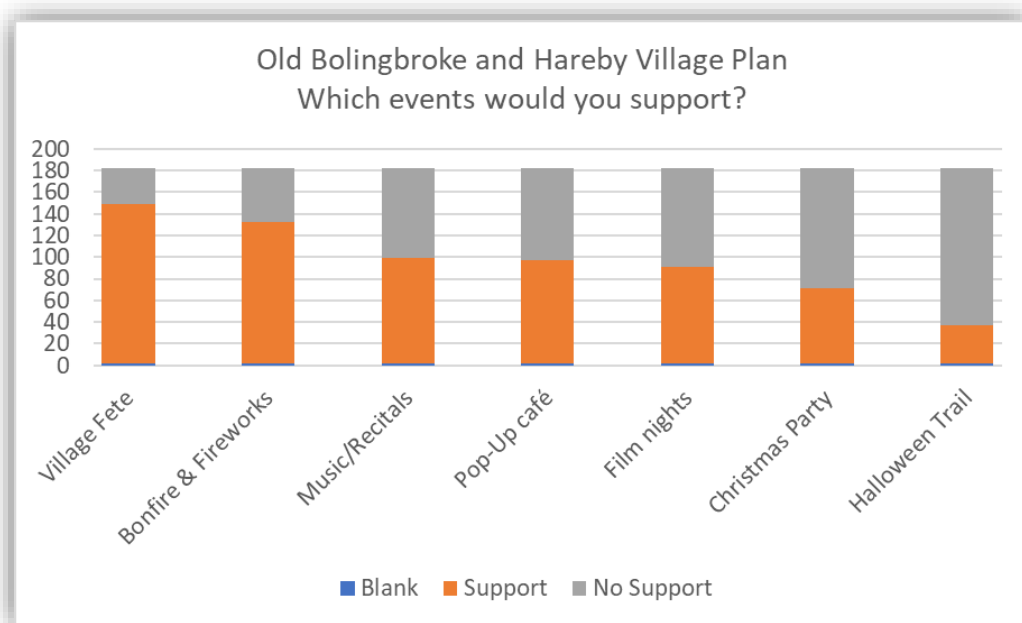


Figure 28 - Supporting Events

The village hall is not seen as the only venue in the village and respondents are keen to see other locations used too (e.g. the chapel, the churches and the castle), for things such as:

- Re-Enactments
- Theatre and films on the castle grounds
- Village picnic

Many comments highlighted the lack of awareness of activities already taking place in the village. We need to find a better way of making people aware of what activities already take place or to advertise new suggestions to garner support.

Ref:	Recommendation
4.4.5.1	Investigate ways to promote wider awareness of events and activities in the village.

5 YOUNG PERSONS' QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

We have 23 residents aged 16 and under living within the Parish. 20 of our young people returned questionnaires that asked about what they thought of living here. We asked about their age; how they travelled to school; their pets; if they felt safe; did they use/like the play equipment and how often they used it and; what activities they would like.

14 of those who responded live in Old Bolingbroke and 6 live in Hareby.

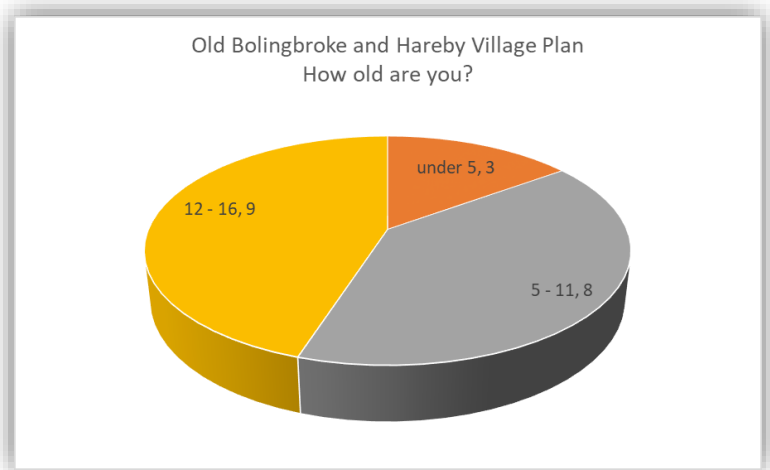


Figure 29 - Children's' Age

Nearly all those travelling to school are driven there by their parents or use the school bus with only one young person walking to school.

Our young people have a range of pets, including cats, dogs, horses, chickens, ducks, fish, hamsters and guinea pigs, and the aspiration to own goats!

5.1 WE ASKED WHAT OUR YOUNG RESIDENTS THOUGHT OF THE PLAY EQUIPMENT?

The playground, or park as some of our young residents refer to it, is well used and liked, mostly by those aged 11 and under. This is reflected in comments made around the equipment being boring and babyish and the desire to see it developed for all those under 16 including activity equipment for the older children. Children from surrounding villages frequently visit the playground and are equally supportive of the need to retain, refurbish and further develop the equipment.

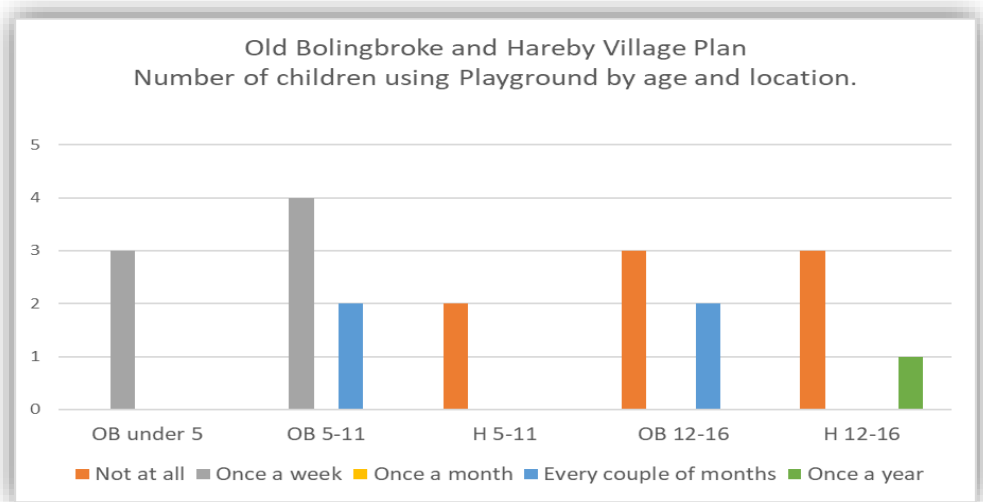


Figure 30 - Playground Use

"A bigger park for bigger kids (8-13) so more kids could live here"

"Play equipment for me is too baby, I go to the village hall to play ball games"

"Play equipment not appropriate for me anymore, it's become boring"

Ref	Recommendation
5.1.1	Maintain, refurbish and further develop the play equipment

5.2 WE ASKED OUR YOUNG RESIDENTS IF THEY FELT SAFE

They said they feel safe most of the time but not when walking or cycling due to speeding vehicles and dogs not being kept under control.

There is a clear distinction between the views of the children of Old Bolingbroke and Hareby, with those of Hareby feeling safe in all areas. The majority of Old Bolingbroke’s children feel safe living and playing in the village but, the more road-based activities, walking and cycling, made them feel less safe. The same questions around how safe it felt to live in the parish were asked of our adult residents, whose responses mirror those of our younger people.

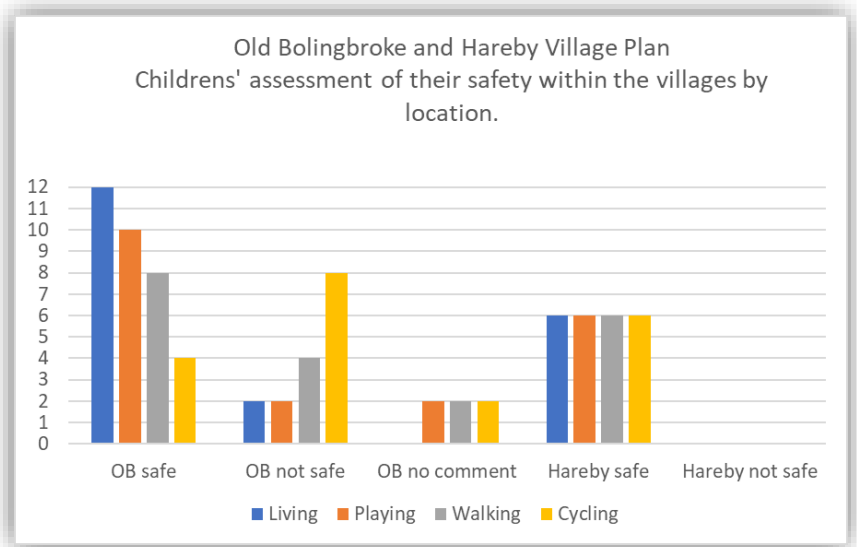


Figure 31 - Childrens' Safety

Ref	Recommendation
5.2.1	Introduce traffic calming measures to increase safety for young walkers and cyclists

“Slow the cars down”

“Speed cameras push on road safety”

“More strict speeding rules, wider roads and safer footpaths”

“More strict speeding signs because people are speeding”

“Cars travel too fast outside our house, the speed limit should be 10 or 20 miles (per hour)”

“Dogs should not be allowed to walk around the village on their own, it’s scary for kids and other dogs and needs to be stopped”.

5.3 WE ASKED WHAT COULD BE DONE TO MAKE THE VILLAGE BETTER

Our younger residents would like to see activities focused on them and have more family- oriented events that bring people of all ages together.

They would like somewhere safe to ride their bikes and have suggested the development of a safe route or footpath to the park. One suggestion is to develop a small “shop” they could walk to, to buy sweets whilst another is the opening of a Costa coffee shop. Summer activity clubs in the Village Hall along with film nights and an annual Christmas party were popular suggestions.

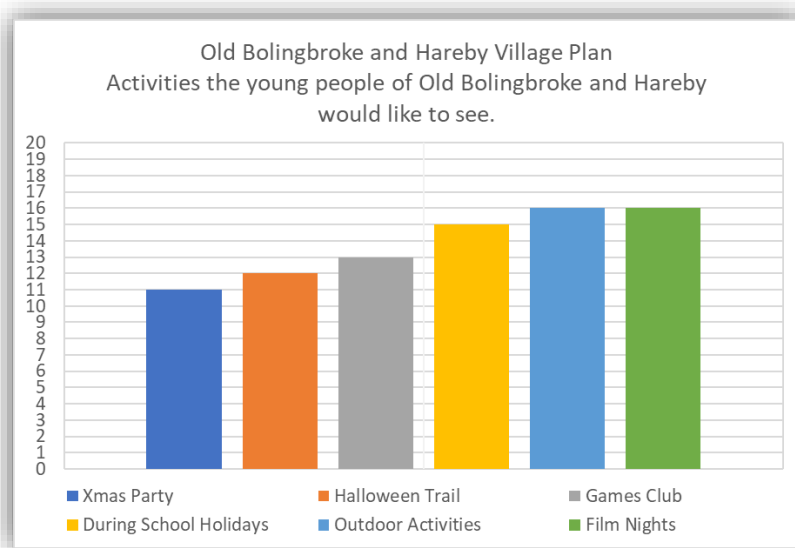
“The only thing I would change is to have more bridle paths but I realise they’re not easy to do”

“There’s nothing I would change, I love living here”

Ref	Recommendation
5.3.1	Investigate developing a safe route/pathway that connects directly to the play area
5.3.2	Investigate the feasibility of providing a tuck shop or somewhere to buy sweets

5.4 WE ASKED WHAT ACTIVITIES OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE?

“All the activities sound fun. I’d love to have a party and a club to go to – sports events such as rounders or tennis comps – learn survival skills – horse riding/in hand events/shows – dancing and parties”



Many of the activities suggested could be delivered through a programme of activities centred on the Village Hall and playground, and where possible the castle.

Figure 32 - Activities for Young People

Ref	Recommendation
5.4.1	Create a young residents forum and with them, develop an annual programme of activities

5.5 WE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

Additional comments suggest that our younger residents are generally happy living in the village but would like a greater focus on their needs.

"Nope, I believe it's a generally amazing all round, good community to be around/in"

"The dragon egg hunt was fantastic this year with all of the supporting events"

"I don't feel that there is a lot to improve on, but I really enjoy living here. I appreciate the offer of having clubs, groups and themed events"

"Horse riding trails please!!!!"

6 NEXT STEPS

The hopes and aspirations for our community are set out in the Village Plan (The Plan). It sets out delivery focused recommendations on parish development that require co-ordination and oversight.

The role and function of the Delivery Group would be to oversee delivery of the recommendations set out in the Plan by working in association and partnership with residents and the Parish Council to:

- deliver Plan actions and recommendations
- create a network of delivery groups and volunteers
- bid for project funding as necessary

Suggested Terms of Reference and Constitution for the Delivery Group can be found at *Appendix A - Delivery Group Draft Terms of Reference*.

Work already undertaken by the Village Plan Group to understand funding options and processes along with a list of supportive networks will be made available to the Delivery Group.



Figure 33 - Delivering the Plan

Ref:	Recommendation
6.1 ⁹	To consider and then to approve the publication of the Village plan document - and to support the establishment of a Delivery Group to take the documented recommendations forward.

Appendix D – Summary of Recommendations is a compilation of the recommendations that have been documented throughout this document. The table includes a RACI matrix in order to try and attribute roles to those who should participate in actioning the recommendation and attempts to group the recommendations together into manageable packages of work.

A brief explanation of each of the RACI roles is as follows:

- (R)esponsible: person who performs an activity or does the work.
- (A)ccountable: person who is ultimately accountable and has Yes/No/Veto.
- (C)onsulted: person that needs to feedback and contribute to the activity.
- (I)nformed: person that needs to know of the decision or action.

Using the RACI approach is useful for:

- Understanding the workloads of groups and individuals.
- Making sure that key individuals or organisations are not overlooked.
- Guiding those doing the work on who they need to consult with and who their key decision makers are.

The matrix has been developed as a starter for getting each recommendation going and is likely to evolve along with the work progresses for each recommendation.

Notes

1. The parish residents are assumed to have this role of “Informed” for all recommendations.
2. Unless otherwise stated, the Parish Council is assumed to have the role for “Accountable” for all recommendations.

⁹ Achieved at the Parish Council meeting on 22/11/2018. Therefore, not shown in Appendix D.

7 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thanks to all those who were members of the village plan working group over the course of the last year, who together contributed a total of 877.5 hours¹⁰ on developing and producing this Village Plan. This group of people included (in alphabetical order):

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- Steve Lumb
- David Makins
- Pamela Powell
- Bruce Talmage
- Bruce Trewin
- Carol Wilby

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- Debra Talmage
- John Taylor
- Bruce Trewin
- Max Woodhead

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¹⁰ Up to the end of October 2018.

8 MAPS AND REFERENCES

8.1 CONSERVATION AREA

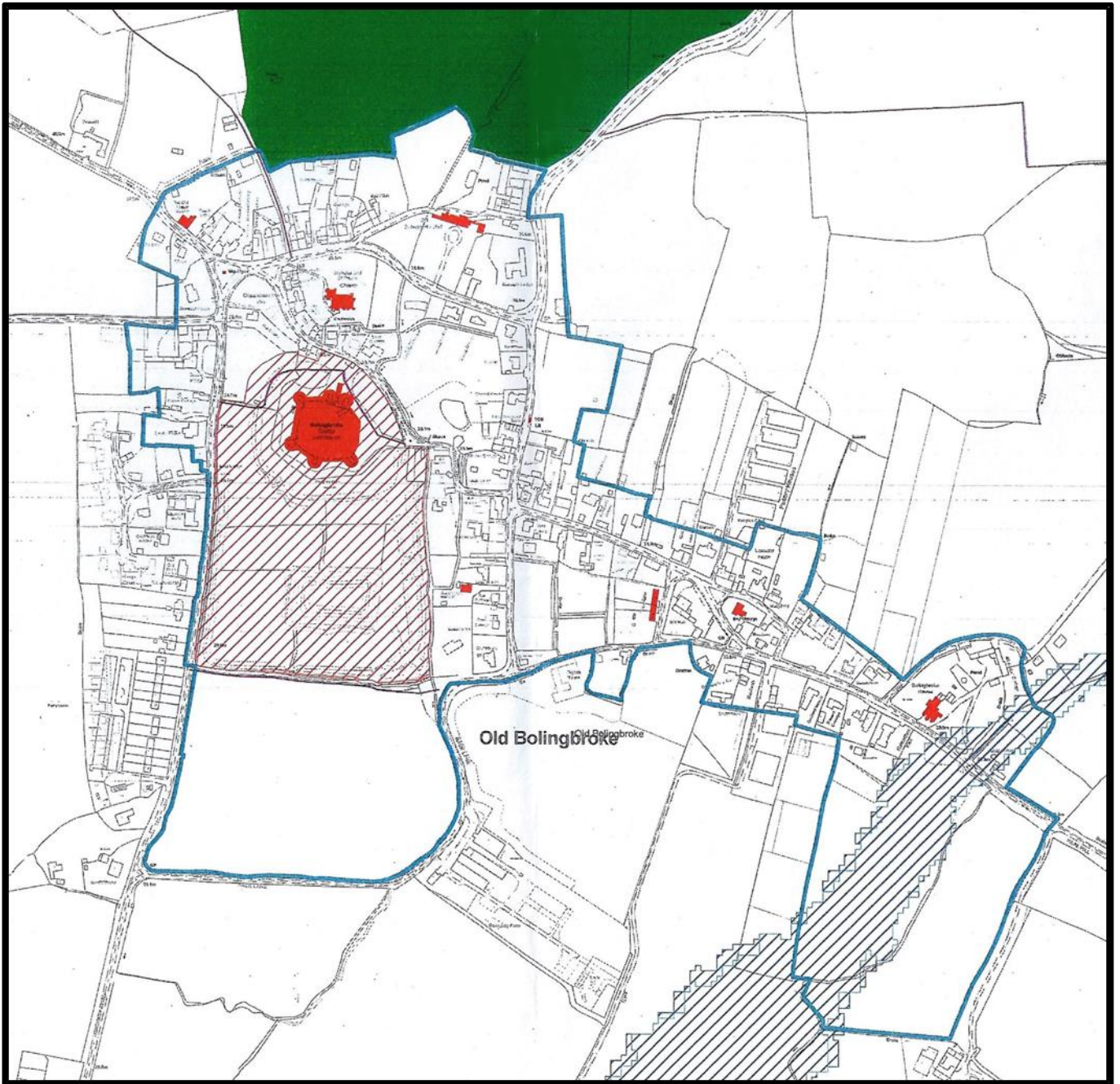


Figure 34 - Conservation Area as at 1st February 2018

Key:

- The blue line indicates the Conservation Area boundary
- The green shaded area is the Nature Reserve
- Listed buildings are shown in red
- The purple hatched area indicates the Duchy of Lancaster land
- The blue hatched area is the flood risk area.

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8.2 FOOTPATHS IN USE IN 1904

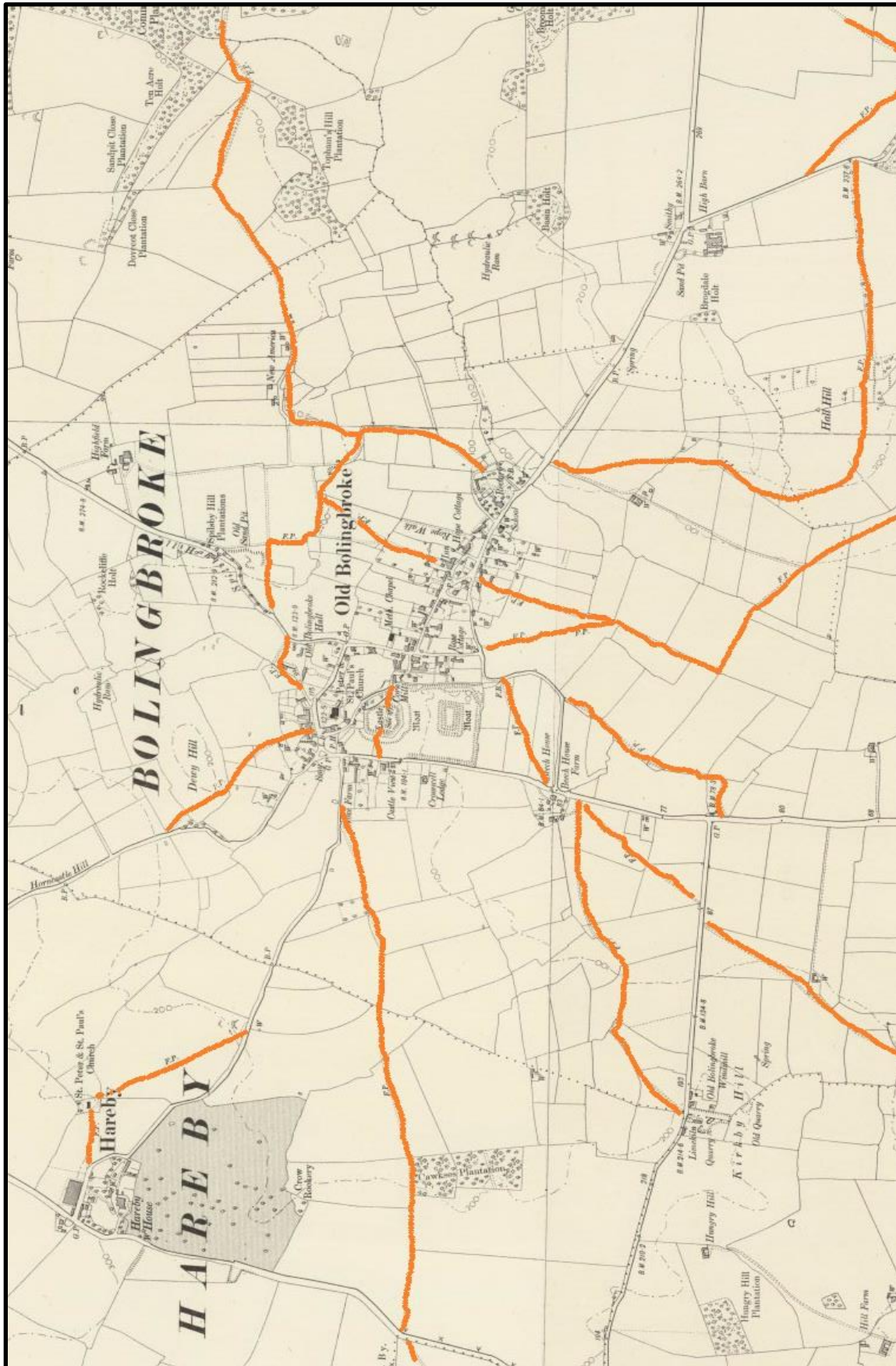


Figure 35 - Footpaths in Use in 1904

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8.3 DECLARATION OF TRUST FOR THE VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD

The following wording of the declaration of trust are a reproduced from the original document:

21st June 1937

Mr & Mrs J W Ramsden and Old Bolingbroke Parish Council

DECLARATION OF TRUST

Of a field situated in Old Bolingbroke to be known as

King George V Playing Field

This declaration of trust is made the Twenty first day of June one thousand nine hundred and thirty seven between John Watkinson Ramsden of Hareby House near Spilsby in the County of Lincoln Gentleman and Eleanor his wife (hereinafter called the settlers) of the one part and The Council of the parish of Old Bolingbroke in the County of Lincoln (hereinafter called the Council) of the other part.....

6.63 acres.....

1. It has been agreed that the Council hereby declare that the Council will stand possessed of the said hereditaments and of the rents and profits thereof upon trust as follows:

a. The said hereditaments shall be known as King George V Playing Field having been conveyed to the Council by the Settlers in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of his said Majesty.

b. The Council shall manage or superintend the management of the said hereditaments in all respects as if they were absolute owners thereof and may from time to time appoint or make provisions for the appointment of any persons (including all or any of the Council) as a committee for the purpose of administering the said hereditaments with such powers and in such manner and for such period as the Council may determine.

c. The said hereditaments shall be administered by the Council for purposes of recreation for the inhabitants of Old Bolingbroke and Hareby and such income as the Council may receive from the said hereditaments after providing for the maintenance (and equipment) thereof as aforesaid shall be applied for or towards assisting any child or children from Old Bolingbroke or Hareby to obtain a higher education provided (as long as such School shall be in use) that each such child shall be at or have been at the School of Old Bolingbroke aforesaid.

2. The Council shall in exercise of its' management plan hereinafter contained let the grazing of the said hereditaments annually by the ancient custom and method peculiar to Old Bolingbroke known as Candle-light auction. The pin shall be inserted in the side of the lighted candle not more than one inch from the top and the person who is the highest bidder when the pin drops out shall become the purchaser of the said grazing for the year.

MEMORANDUM to be attached to the Declaration of Trust

With reference to the Clause 1 c of the declaration of trust we think it is desirable that we should set down more fully than is stated in the deed what our wishes are. The primary purposes of our gift is that the field should be for the use of the people of Old Bolingbroke and Hareby as a playing field for all time and it is only a secondary purpose that any surplus income should be used for school scholarship purposes. By the term "maintenance and equipment" of the field we have in mind, not only the upkeep of the fences and gates, but also structural alterations such as levelling for a cricket or football ground and providing equipment for a children's playing ground such as swings, see-saw, etc. We have not in mind that any part of the income should be used to support the running of a football or tennis club, as we consider such should be seen to by the members of the club themselves, nor do we include any equipment not fixed; for instance we should exclude footballs, goal posts, tennis nets and the like.

Signed.....J W Ramsden, Eleanor Ramsden

APPENDIX A - DELIVERY GROUP DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND CONSTITUTION

The Old Bolingbroke & Hareby Village Plan Delivery Group (the Group) is constituted as a community group working in association and partnership with the Old Bolingbroke & Hareby Parish Council.

The hopes and aspirations for our community are set out in the Village Plan (the Plan). It contains the views of residents, recommendations drawn from those views and information that supports delivery of the recommendations.

The Plan, produced following consultation with residents and adopted by the Parish Council, sets out delivery focused recommendations on Parish development.

The role and function of the Group is to oversee delivery of the recommendations set out in the Plan. It will work in association and partnership with residents and the Parish Council to:

- deliver Plan actions and recommendations
- create a network of delivery groups and volunteers
- bid for project funding as necessary

The Group will treat all residents equally; they will respect all views and listen to all opinions thereby ensuring all sections of the community have a voice.

Any resident of Old Bolingbroke & Hareby is eligible to be a member of the group.

Terms of Reference of the Group will be endorsed by the Parish Council and membership will be drawn from individuals within the community or from local groups. A Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed from the membership. The Group will have the authority to co-opt individuals with specific or specialist knowledge as required.

The Group will be accountable to the local community. It will be self-sustaining and signed notes of its meetings, along with progress reports, will be lodged with the Parish Clerk. It will be open in its business and members will be expected to:

- follow the NOLAN principles (the code of conduct in public life) in the way in which they approach the work of the group
- positively promote and champion inclusivity and partnership working

APPENDIX B – ADULT QUESTIONNAIRE DATA

A LITTLE ABOUT YOU

Where do you live?	Blank	3
	Old Bolingbroke	165
	Hareby	11
	Other	3
Which describes your residency?	Blank	4
	Full Time	171
	Part Time	7
	Visitor	0
Which describes your employment status?	Blank	10
	Full Time	61
	Part Time	23
	Retired	78
	Carer	7
	Unemployed	2
	Student	1
Which age group are you in?	Blank	8
	16-24	2
	25-34	16
	35-44	9
	45-54	30
	55-64	43
	65 and over	74
Do you have a disability?	Blank	9
	Yes	18
	No	152
	Not saying	3
Do you rely on others to get about?	Blank	15
	Yes	13
	No	154
	Not saying	0
Do you have pets?	Horse	12
	Dogs	79
	Cats	55
	Rabbits	1
	Poultry	15
	Donkey	2
	Sheep	5
	Guinea Pig	1
	Fish	3
Stick Insect	1	

THE CHARACTER OF OLD BOLINGBROKE & HAREBY

	Blank	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Character of village is important to you	1	2	2	59	118
Impression of village, on entering, is important to you	5	1	4	80	92
Should more be done to protect hedgerows and trees?	13	2	29	85	53
Does the conservation area boundary be reviewed?	22	10	48	62	40
Does the conservation area provide adequate protection to the village?	22	19	46	75	20
More / better planting at entry points to village	20	2	26	92	42
More / better planting along routes through the village	23	4	48	72	35
Should green triangles / memorial/ rose garden be:					
better conserved?	16	1	31	94	40
better protected?	10	1	12	79	80
Should village entry signs be improved?	14	0	39	77	52
	Blank	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Is better signing required to					
help visitors find castle	12	3	36	99	32
help visitors find chapel	20	5	51	92	14
help visitors to find Village Hall	14	2	23	118	25
help visitors and delivery drivers find addresses	14	14	35	77	42
help emergency services find addresses	13	9	32	73	55
Should there be village noticeboard / map?	13	3	18	109	39
	Blank	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Are the new LED street lights better than the old ones?	39	11	18	90	24
Dark Skies are more important than street lighting	23	12	49	55	43
	Blank	Too little	About Right	Too much	
Amount of street lighting is	8	20	134	20	

OLD BOLINGBROKE & HAREBY VILLAGE PLAN

	Blank	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Surface water on roads is a problem	14	2	36	68	62
Improved maintenance of roadside ditches is required	31	1	17	72	61
More joined up public footpath routes in the village	23	7	65	64	23
More dog poo bins required	26	8	42	84	22
More dog fouling notices required	35	13	54	61	19

	Blank	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
In principle, building:					
on previously developed sites is acceptable	10	8	21	120	23
infill sites within the village is acceptable	17	25	38	87	15
of low-cost housing within the village is acceptable	16	34	43	73	16

	Blank	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
We need to encourage more visitors to our village to:					
make more use of the Village Hall	17	5	25	111	24
visit the castle and its grounds	20	5	35	98	24
visit the local public house	28	16	23	74	41
to support local tourism related businesses	24	9	26	94	29

	Blank	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
There needs to be more parking available for visitors?	21	5	35	90	31

VILLAGE FACILITIES & AMENITIES

	Blank	Once a week or more	Once or twice a month	Every couple of months	Once or twice a year	Not at all
How often do you visit the:						
Ramsden Village Hall	6	6	41	39	59	31
Play equipment adjacent to the Village Hall	13	8	12	17	20	112
Church of St. Peter and St. Paul (Old Bolingbroke)	8	12	6	16	97	43
Church of St. Peter and St. Paul (Hareby)	16	1	0	3	25	137
Methodist Chapel	8	11	14	4	57	88
Castle	7	39	36	37	47	16
Rout Yard	17	27	20	20	31	67
Black Horse public house	11	14	7	2	19	129

	Blank	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
The Ramsden Village Hall is an important community asset	6	1	2	91	82
If the village hall was enlarged would you use it more	30	8	38	81	25
Having a village pub is important	14	1	7	64	96
The Old Bolingbroke church is an important part of the village	5	1	0	80	96
The Hareby church is an important part of the village	36	1	3	82	60
The Methodist Chapel is an important part of the village	7	1	7	103	64
The playground is a valuable asset and needs maintaining	11	2	9	97	63
Equipment for older children needs to be provided	25	12	57	60	28
The telephone box should be maintained and repurposed	17	1	8	106	50

LIVING AND WORKING HERE

	Blank	Yes	No
Do you feel the village is a safe place to:			
live	0	180	2
walk	3	167	12
cycle	14	132	36

	Blank	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
You know who your Parish Councillors are	5	2	59	99	17
You know when the Parish Council meet	8	5	55	100	14
You are aware of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme	4	3	22	107	46
The village requires its own newsletter and website	16	1	9	115	41

	Blank	Yes	No
How do you find out about news, events in the village			
Facebook	43	62	77
Word of mouth	27	116	39
Noticeboards	33	97	52
Newsletter	14	139	29
Other	56	18	108

	Blank	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
The village should promote alternative energy sources	30	9	54	61	28
The village should have a recycling point / bottle bank	9	9	37	85	42
The reliability of the broadband is satisfactory	17	38	43	75	9
The speed of the broadband is satisfactory	18	39	43	70	12
The village needs a gas supply	23	31	74	28	26
Mobile coverage in the village is satisfactory	14	83	59	19	7

OLD BOLINGBROKE & HAREBY VILLAGE PLAN

Which mobile phone service provider do you use?

Vodafone	51
EE	33
O2	29
BT	12
Tesco	11
Three	8
Virgin	4
Giffgaff	2
TalkTalk	2
Orange	1
Blank	29

	Blank	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
The availability of public transport impacts the quality of your life.	13	32	92	31	14

	Blank	Once a week or more	Once or twice a month	Every couple of months	Once or twice a year	Not at all
How often do you use Call Connect?	10	0	0	3	8	161

	Blank	Yes	No
Would you be willing to support village volunteer groups?	24	90	68

	Blank	Yes	No
Which of the following events would you attend / support?			
Annual Village Fete	2	147	33
Pop up Café	2	95	85
Annual Bonfire and Fireworks	2	130	50
Film Nights	2	89	91
Hallowe'en Trail	2	35	145
Christmas Party	2	69	111
Music / Recitals	2	97	83

APPENDIX C – YOUNG PERSONS’ QUESTIONNAIRE DATA

	Blank	Once or more a week	Once or Twice a month	Every couple of months	Once or Twice a year	Not at all
How often do you use the play area by the Old Bolingbroke Ramsden Village Hall?	0	7	4	0	1	8

	Blank	Boring	Ok	I like it	Brilliant
What do you think of the play equipment?	6	4	4	5	1

	Blank	Yes	No
Do you feel the village where you live is a safe place:			
to live	0	18	2
to play	2	16	2
to walk	2	14	4
to cycle	2	10	8

What other events for your age group would you like to see organised in the village?

Halloween trail	12
Childrens' Xmas party	11
Film nights	16
Activities during school holidays	15
Outdoor activities	16
Games Club (including)	13
any activities	4
table tennis	2
basketball	2
Lego club	1
rounders	1
video games	4
board games	2

APPENDIX D – SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS¹¹

Ref	Group	Recommendation	Parish Council	Delivery Group	Volunteer	N'hood Watch	V Hall	H Lincs/FOBC	LCC	ELDC	Timescale ¹²
4.2.2.1	Env ¹³	Seek ELDC's support in producing a detailed Conservation Area design guide, to aid improved understanding of our heritage assets and to assist householders in both maintaining and altering their properties in a way which conserves and enhances the quality of the village built environment.	A	R						C	B
4.2.2.2	Env	To understand the review process for the conservation area boundary and to request (of ELDC) a review of both it and the 1970 Article 4 Direction, mindful of the initiative that has been implemented in Woodhall Spa by ELDC	A	R				C		C	C
4.2.3.1	Roads	To identify who is responsible for maintaining verges on green triangles and investigate the provision of protection of these e.g. in way similar to the cobbles on the rose garden.	A	R	C				I	I	B
4.2.4.1	Signs	To investigate the costs and process for funding and supplying heritage style signs at key entry points to the villages.	A	C	R			C	C	I	B
4.2.4.2	Signs	To investigate the costs and process for funding and supplying signs for directional purposes e.g. to the castle, the village hall, church etc.	A	C	R			C	C	I	B
4.2.4.3	Signs	To investigate the costs and process for funding and supplying village map/s.	A	C	R			C	C	I	B
4.2.4.4	Signs	To investigate the costs and process for funding and supplying a "warning children playing" sign by the Ramsden Village Hall.	A	C	R		I		C	I	A
4.2.6.1	Lights	To consult further with Hareby residents regarding the need for additional lighting in Hareby.	A	R					C	C	A
4.2.6.2	Lights	To follow-up with the relevant authorities regarding the incomplete installation of LED light along Hagnaby Road.	A R	I					C	C	B
4.2.6.3	Lights	Investigate the installation of additional lighting along Hagnaby Road.	A R	I					C	C	B
4.2.6.4	Lights	To follow-up on the suggestion that street lights should be turned off overnight e.g. midnight to 6.00am	A R	I		I			C	C	B
4.2.8.1	Road	Continued representations by the Parish Council to the landowners and appropriate authorities whose drains are not being maintained satisfactorily.	A R	I					C		B
4.2.8.2	Env	Mobilise volunteers to form a litter picking group/rota/event in the village.	A	R	C	I					B
4.2.8.3	Road	To explore traffic management for events and/or an increase in visitors to the village e.g. one-way restrictions, passing places.	A	I	R	I		C	C	I	B

¹¹ See Section 6 for definitions of RACI roles,

¹² A= Early 2019, B= Within 2 years, C= Within 5 years

¹³ 'Env' = Environment. 'Fac' = Facilities.

Ref	Group	Recommendation	Parish Council	Delivery Group	Volunteer	N'hood Watch	V Hall	H Lincs/FOBC	LCC	ELDC	Timescale ¹²
4.2.8.4	Road	To investigate options for controlling speed e.g. active speed indication signs.	A	I	R				C	C	B
4.2.9.1	Paths	Investigate loss of public footpaths and their re-introduction	A	I	R				C		C
4.2.9.2	Signs	Investigate the inclusion of the Greenwich Meridian Trail signs in any additional signs in the village.	A	I	R				C		B
4.2.9.3	Env	Review the location of existing “dog poo” bins and propose changes and additional locations where required.	A	I	R	C	I	I		C	B
4.2.11.1	Road	Consider options for improving/increasing parking in the village – either for events or general visitor parking.	A	I	R	I	C	C	C		B
4.2.11.2	Fac	Consider options for providing more toilet facilities for visitors to the village.	A	I	R		C	C			B
4.3.1.1	Fac	Investigate options for use of the King George V field adjacent to the Ramsden Village Hall.	A	I	R		C			I	C
4.3.1.2	Fac	Consider additional uses of the phone box, to include a location for the defibrillator and/or village map.	A	I	R						A
4.4.1.1	Env	Undertake specific consultation with residents aged 65 and over to gain insight into improving well-being and safety	A	R		C					A
4.4.1.2	Road	Introduce traffic calming measures to increase safety for walkers and cyclists	A	I	R	I			C		B
4.4.1.3	Env	Set up a working group to develop an emergency plan that meets County standards.	A	I	R	C	I		C		A
4.4.2.2	Fac	The Parish Council formally recognise the importance of the newsletter and support its production through funding, either directly or assistance in finding external/alternative funding.	A R		I						A
4.4.2.3	Fac	To investigate the cost and viability of producing an information welcome booklet or leaflet for villagers and visitors.	A	I	R	C	C	C			B
4.4.3.1	Fac	Engage with mobile phone companies to put in place a learning opportunity for villagers on how technology such as wi-fi can be used to boost available mobile network in and around village houses. Possibly combine with computer/IT lessons.	A	R							B
4.4.3.2	Env	Parish Council to liaise with ELDC to understand policy and consider an appropriate site for a recycling point in the village	A R			I			C		B
4.4.3.3	Fac	Engage with the Old Bolingbroke PCC to investigate the possibility of taking advantage of the recent opportunity to boost digital connectivity.	A	R							B
4.4.5.1	Fac	Investigate ways to promote wider awareness of events and activities in the village.	A	R	C		C	C			B
5.1.1	Fac	Maintain, refurbish and further develop the play equipment	A R		I	I	I				B
5.2.1	Road	Introduce traffic calming measures to increase safety for young walkers and cyclists	A	I	R	I			C		B
5.3.1	Paths	Investigate developing a safe route/pathway that connects directly to the play area	A		C		R				B
5.3.2	Fac	Investigate the feasibility of providing a tuck shop or somewhere to buy sweets	A		R						B
5.4.1	Env	Create a young residents forum and with them, develop an annual programme of activities	A	R	C						A



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