

Hurst Green Action Plan

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Introduction

An Action Plan for Hurst Green has been a Parish objective for some time and the process of public consultation and subsequent preparation of a plan was started in 2007.

This report details the consultation process that was used to find out what our community wished to see happening for the good of their village for the future enhancement of facilities and lifestyle in Hurst Green.

The principal sections of this report give a brief history of the village, details of the questionnaire used to find out what people wanted and the results of the questions asked. Finally, the way ahead for the village is discussed

What is a Parish Plan

All Parish Councils have been asked to prepare a plan for the future reflecting the views and the requirements of their inhabitants, as well as their views of how their village facilities should be developed. This information can then be used by the District Council to enhance and make local adjustments to the Local District Plan.

The project to formulate an Action Plan for Hurst Green was started by inviting all residents of Hurst Green to an Open Day in Hurst Green Village Hall on 14 April 2007. This was done by delivering leaflets to all households in the Parish.

An Action Group was elected representing various groups within the village to act on behalf of the Parish Council and to carry out the following tasks:

- To identify support and funding and to budget and monitor expenditure.
- To work with relevant authorities, to involve the whole community, and to gather the views of as many groups and organisations as possible.
- To determine the types of survey and consultation, to analyse the results, and to be responsible for the production and distribution of the final report.
- To identify priorities and timescale and potential sources of funding for local action.
- To report back to the Parish Council on progress, issues and outcomes.

A reasonable number of Hurst Green people came to the Open Day and gave us their views on the subjects we should be addressing. These comments were then used to help in designing a questionnaire to be distributed to all residents of the village.

The questionnaire was prepared and distributed to every household in September 2007. Some 450 questionnaires were delivered of which 157 were completed and placed in the collecting boxes. The answers represented 374 residents.

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Hurst Green now and then





A Brief History of Hurst Green

It is important to distinguish between *parish* and *village*. Today's Civil Parish of Hurst Green was created in 1953 out of lands taken from the centuries-old parishes of Salehurst, Etchingham, and to a lesser extent, Ticehurst. Hurst Green's own parish church, Holy Trinity, was built in 1884. Local historians spend much time examining documents recording the business of that ancient institution, the *parish*, and so much of the story of Hurst Green prior to those two events is entwined with the records of the other three parishes.

If we focus on the *village*, we find the earliest surviving document referring to "herst grene" is dated 1574. However, there are references to the great manors of Bernhurst in 1230, and Iridge in 1248, and records of some of the surrounding farms- Burghham, Eyelid, Boarzell, Bourne - are at least as old as Domesday Book.

For centuries, the village has been important on the London - Tonbridge – Lamberhurst - - Robertsbridge - Battle route to the ancient Cinque port of Hastings, with all the business that such a highway implies. Boarzell's accounts of the 1570s show purchases from itinerant travellers of spices - ginger, aniseed, sugar, garlic, mace, cloves, pepper, mustard and cinnamon; exotic fruits - dates, olives, figs, pomegranates, Jordan almonds, prunes, raisins, rice, and oranges; and at least fifteen types of fish.

During much of the 1700s and early 1800s smuggling was rife, with the Hawkhurst Gang (and others) operating between the south coast and London. Several "incidents" with Excise men are recorded in and around Hurst Green. In 1796, Richard Russel, possibly the youngest highwayman on record at 13 years of age, was charged at the assizes for robbing the Hurst Green mail. He stole a draft to the value of £32 14s 0d, the property of a Mountfield man James Bourne. In consideration of his age he was only jailed for 6 months.

The first regular London-Hastings passenger carrying coach ran in 1745 taking three days to cover the route in either direction - reduced to one day by the end of the century. Traffic through the village increased with the development of the sea-side resort of Hastings, to be joined by St Leonards from 1830 onwards.

From the mid nineteenth century there was a slow process of transferring non-religious responsibilities (the poor, highways, education) from the ancient ecclesiastical parishes to lay bodies. Hurst Green's "penny school" became a "free school" in September 1891, (but records still show erratic attendance, and frequent epidemics). The Courthouse was opened in 1892 on the site of the old Toll Gate Cottage. The Toll Gate stood at the junction of the roads from London, Hastings and Etchingham . The Toll Cottage had a large lantern which was maintained by public subscription, the forerunner of local street lighting. The building ceased to be a court house about 1973.

Towards the middle of the twentieth Century the village was still largely self sufficient, with four hotel/inns, two butchers, a slaughterhouse, baker, fishmonger-poulterer, two grocers, two sweet shops, a newsagent, two cobblers, two tailors, a doctor and a vet, foundry, blacksmith, plumber's shop, builder's yard, coal yard, furniture and wireless shop, cycle shop, laundry, and a once-a-week bank.

The last sixty years have seen an expansion in the number of residents and houses in the village, (Coronation Gardens, Ridgeway, Great Oak) but a catastrophic decline in services available locally - it is the age of the motor car and the supermarket.

Alan C M Hughes for Hurst Green Local History Society

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Where is Hurst Green?

Hurst Green, East Sussex (there is another in the Ribble Valley, Lancashire and another in Surrey) lies about 2 miles north of Robertsbridge on the A21, the busy main road from London to Hastings. It lies between Hastings (13 miles away) and Tunbridge Wells (16 miles away). Villages close by include:



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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Benenden 5.9 miles | Hawkhurst 2.6 miles |
| Bodiam 3.2 miles | John's Cross 3.7 miles |
| Brede 8.3 miles | Mountfield 4.2 miles |
| Brightling 4.9 miles | Newenden 6.3 miles |
| Broad Oak 7.2 miles | Northiam 6 miles |
| Burwash 3.8 miles | Robertsbridge 2.3 miles |
| Burwash Weald 5.6 miles | Salehurst 2 miles |
| Cranbrook 6.1 miles | Sandhurst 4.1 miles |
| Cripps Corner 4.8 miles | Sedlescombe 6 miles |
| Etchingham 1.6 miles | Staplecross 4.5 miles |
| Flimwell 2.6 miles | Wadhurst 6.5 miles |
| Goudhurst 6.5 miles | Whatlington 6.1 miles |



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Map of Parishes before the Hurst Green Parish was established



Hurst Green Church of England Primary School

Hurst Green is a Church of England Controlled School for children aged 4+ to 11. It was originally founded by the Church of England to provide, "Education for the poor of the parish," in accordance with the Trust Deed. Today, as a Controlled school, it is maintained by the Local Education Authority, but still retains links with the church. The Governing body includes three Foundation Governors appointed by the church.

The school has grown considerably since it was built. The original Victorian buildings - founded by the church - constitute the Hall, Kitchen and School Office. The School House has been converted to provide a Library, Staff Room, Head's Office and Resource Room. New classrooms and toilets were built in the 1950's and since 1972 a permanent classroom and two prefabs have been added. The newest part of the school is the purpose-built Reception/Year 1 Infant classroom which was completed in 1985.

The school has a good, level playground, garden areas and a large playing field, all overlooking some beautiful countryside.

Hurst Green Primary has been selected for the latest round of Building Schools for the Future. A feasibility study has been completed and we are waiting to move to the next phase in our exciting new building project to benefit the whole school community.

Head teacher: Mr Matthew Sandaver

Authority: East Sussex Type: Voluntary controlled

Gender of entry: Mixed Age range: 4-11 Number of students: 129

Who is Hurst Green?

Hurst Green has 568 Households with an average of 2.57 people per household.

Hurst Green covers 1037 Hectares making 1.4 Hectares per resident.

Demographic Table

| Hurst Green | All | 0-14 yrs | 15-29 yrs | 30-44 yrs | 45-64 yrs | 65-74 yrs | 75-84 yrs | +85 yrs |
|----------------|------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Residents | 1424 | 290 | 220 | 274 | 407 | 114 | 85 | 34 |
| Residents as % | 100% | 20.4% | 15.4% | 19.2% | 28.6% | 8.0% | 6.0% | 2.4% |
| Male | 727 | 174 | 115 | 130 | 209 | 56 | 31 | 12 |
| Female | 697 | 116 | 105 | 144 | 198 | 58 | 54 | 22 |



Questionnaire Results

The questionnaire was divided into seven sections covering:

- Roads and transport
- Housing
- Education and leisure
- Health and wellbeing
- Crime reduction
- Local transport

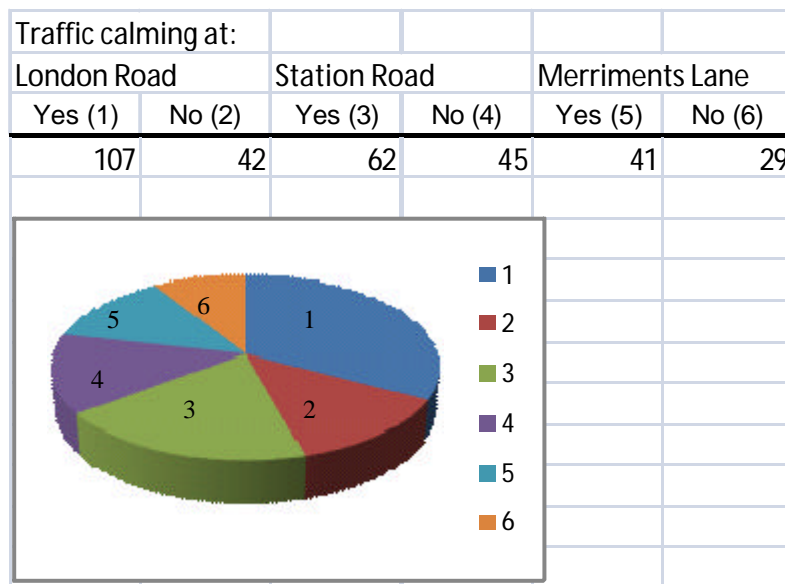
Roads and Transport

Comment was received about the A21 which divides the village in two. This is an ongoing matter that the Parish Council review from time to time. Our latest information is that the by pass will be reviewed yet again in 2016.

Traffic calming

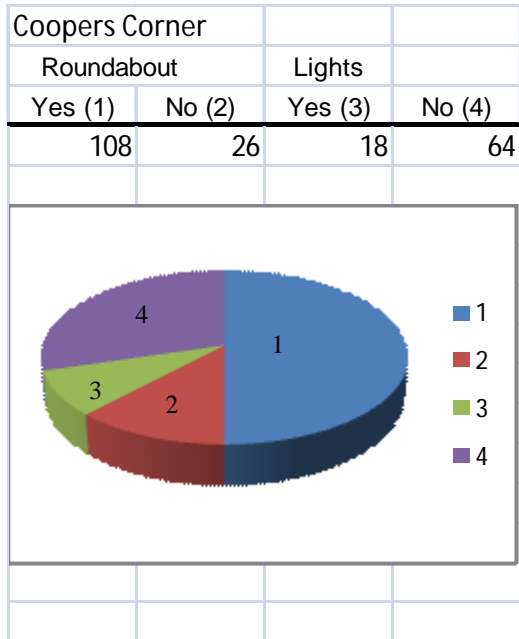
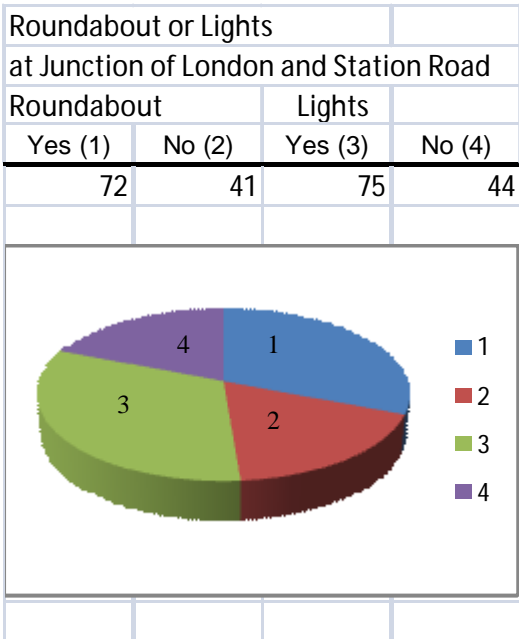
Junctions

The questionnaire posed questions about traffic calming in the village and its surroundings.



A specific aspect of traffic calming recommended was that a similar number of people voted for either a roundabout or traffic lights at the junction of London Road and Station Road.

Figures for Coopers Corner, on the A21 showed that a majority of people wanted a roundabout with the bulk of the answers being no for traffic lights.

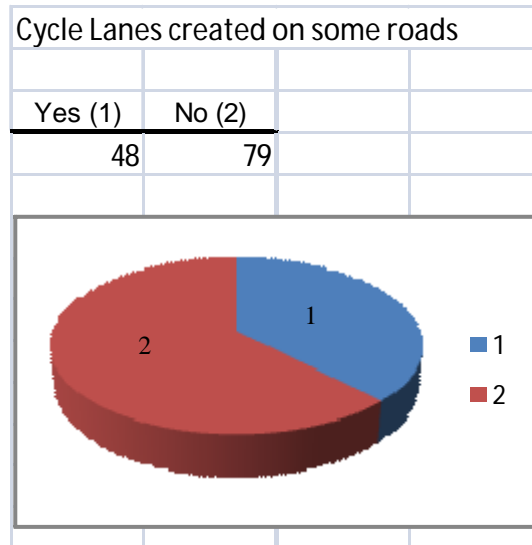
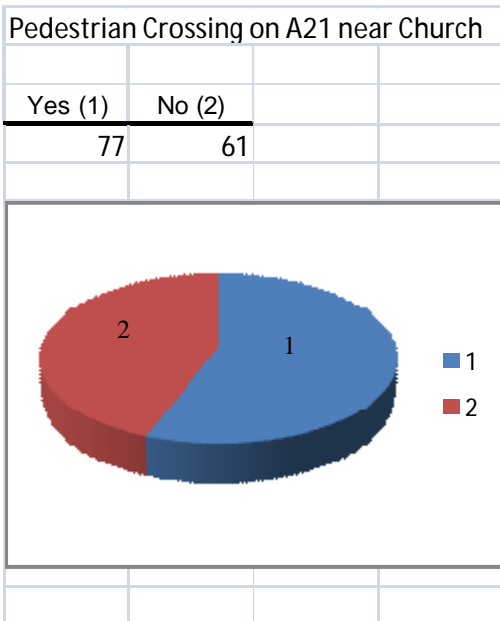


Pedestrian crossing

Would people like a second pedestrian crossing established near the church on the A21?

Cycle lanes

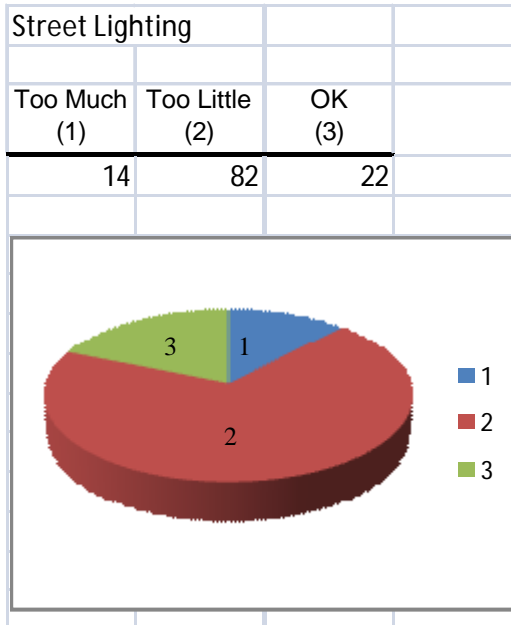
A question about creating cycle lanes in the village drew an emphatic vote against the idea.





Street Lighting

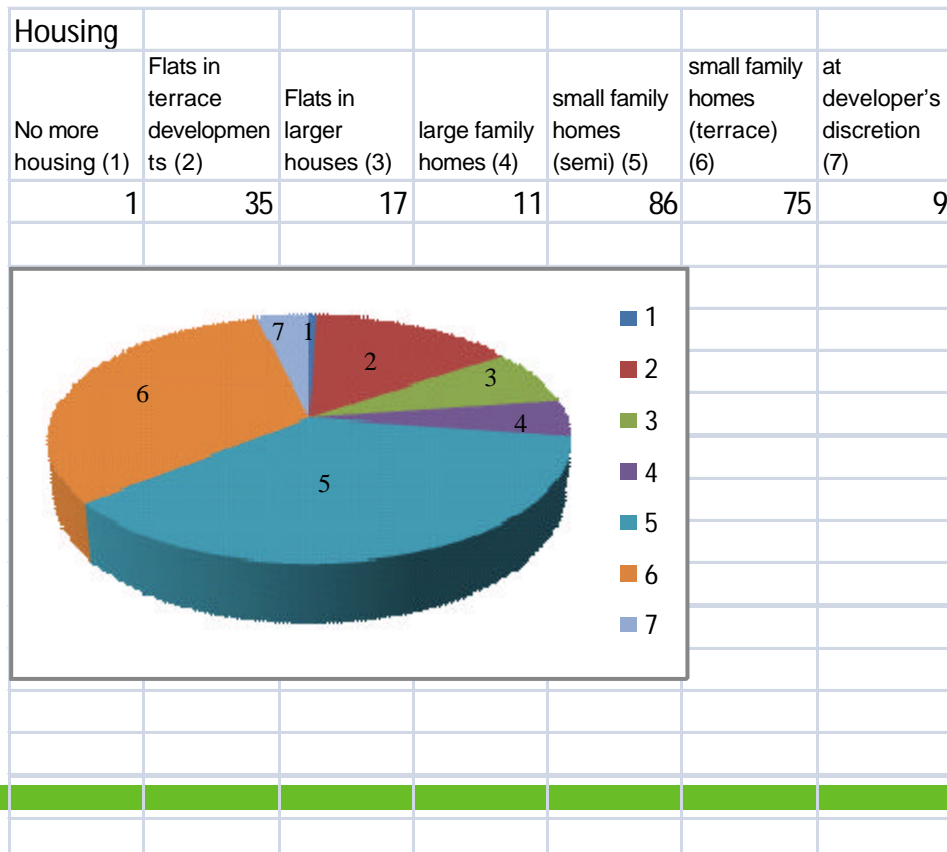
99 of 157 replies contained comments about street lighting.



Housing

The replies from villagers about housing focussed on the need for smaller affordable housing. The questionnaire detailed the following types of housing: Flats in terraced developments, Flat conversions in larger houses, Small family semi-detached homes, Small terraced family homes, Large family homes, and Houses built at developers discretion.

A point of note is that over 90% of the replies received said people were strongly in favour of retaining commercial properties in the village.

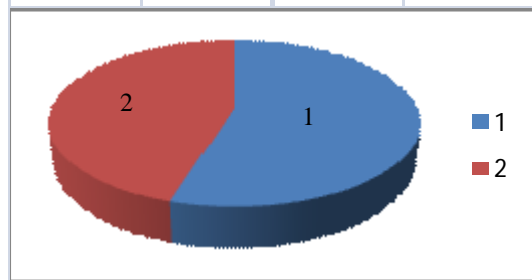




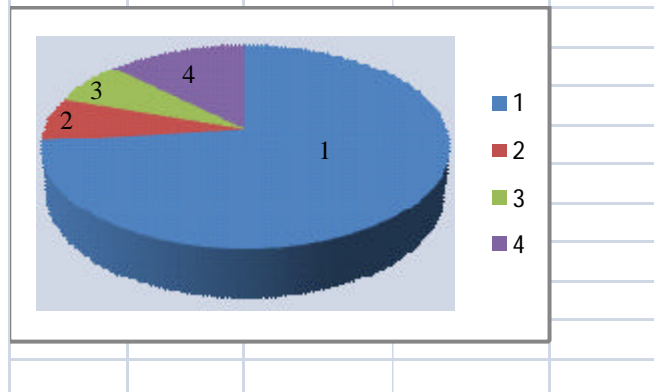
Education and Leisure

The questionnaire asked if people would attend if more regular events were held in the village.

| Would attend Adult classes | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Yes (1) | No (2) |
| 70 | 58 |



| Leisure | | | |
|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fete | Youth | Use Drop | Would be |
| Attend (1) | Attend (2) | in centre (3) | Organiser (4) |
| 106 | 10 | 10 | 19 |



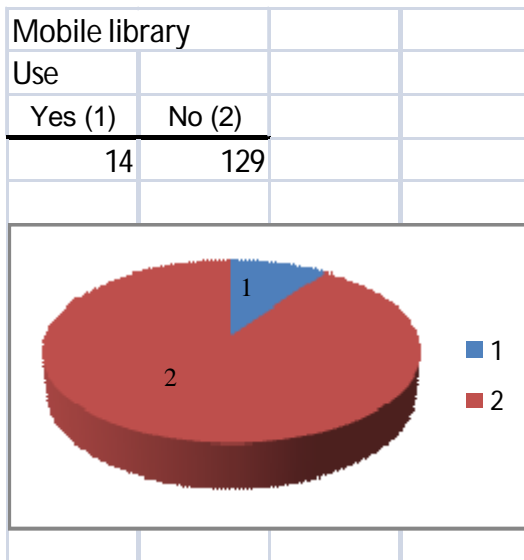
Slightly more than half the replies said people would attend adult education classes held in the village hall. Typical subjects recommended were:

| | Votes | | Votes |
|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| A levels | 1 | Gardening | 2 |
| Aerobics | 1 | GCSE | 1 |
| Architecture | 1 | History | 5 |
| Arts | 12 | Jewellery | 1 |
| Astronomy | 2 | Karate | 1 |
| Ballroom dancing | 3 | Languages – undefined | 19 |
| Book discussion | 1 | Languages – French | 3 |
| Chess | 1 | Languages – German | 1 |
| Crafts | 7 | Languages – Spanish | 1 |
| Cooking | 4 | Mathematics | 3 |
| Computer | 18 | Photography | 5 |
| Dancing | 1 | Pilates | 1 |
| DIY | 1 | Pottery | 1 |
| Exercise for seniors | 1 | Sport | 1 |
| Fitness | 8 | T'ai chi | 1 |
| Flower arranging | | Travel | 1 |
| | | Yoga | 4 |



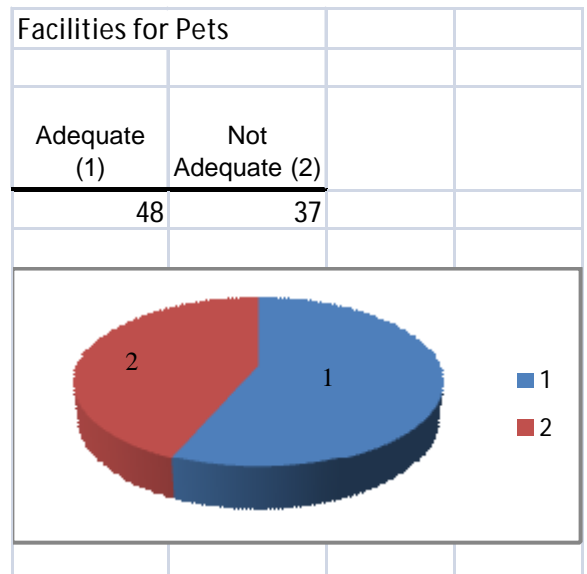
Mobile library

A mere 14 people reported that they use the mobile public library which parks in Station Road, outside the Village Hall. However, it is felt that this is a vital service to the people who use it.



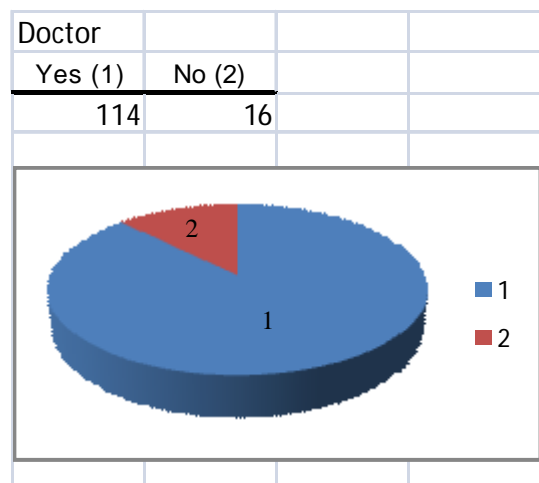
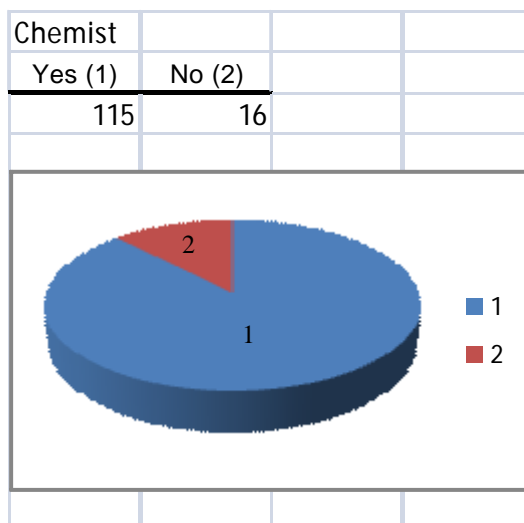
Pets

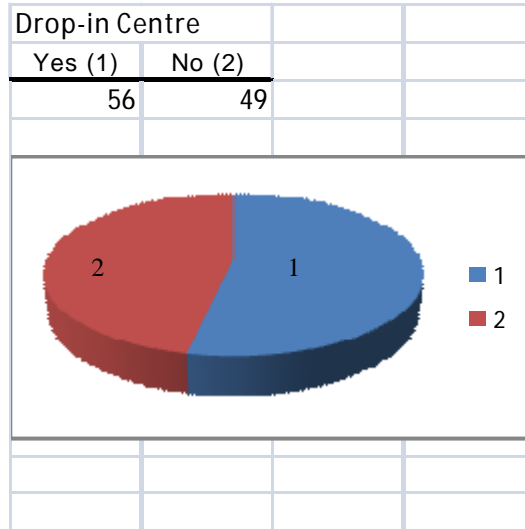
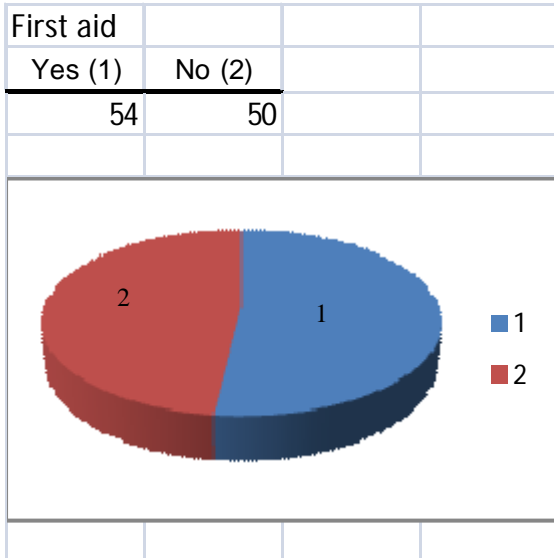
54% of people thought that the facilities available in the village for pets were adequate.



Health and Wellbeing

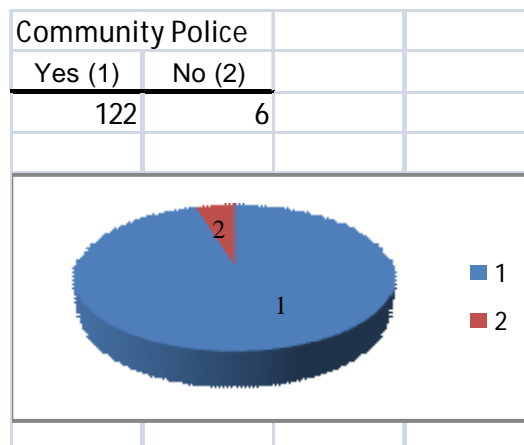
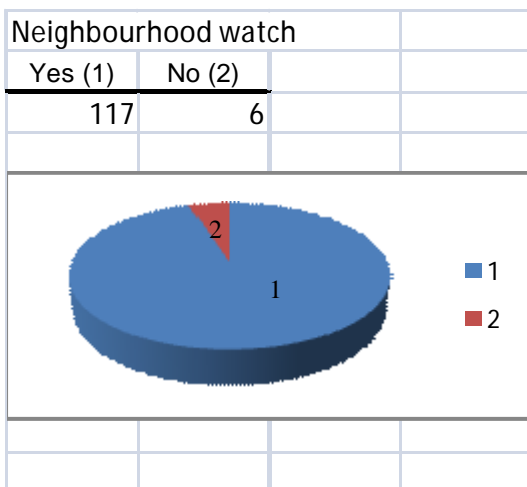
A large majority of people would like to see both a dispensing chemist in the village as well as a doctors surgery. Support for a voluntary run first aid centre and a drop-in centre for young people for advice on drugs and sex was finely balanced.





Crime Reduction

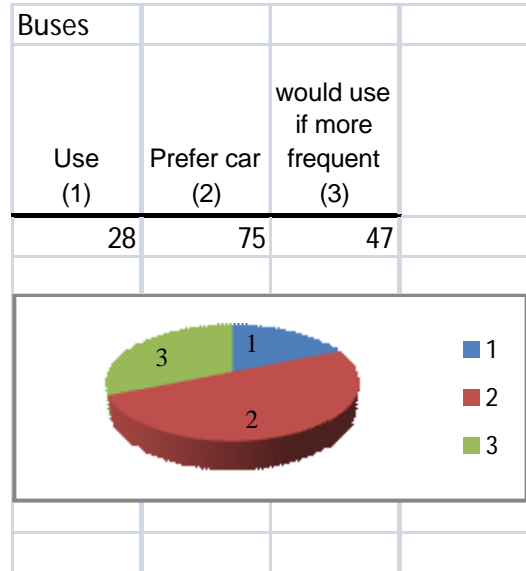
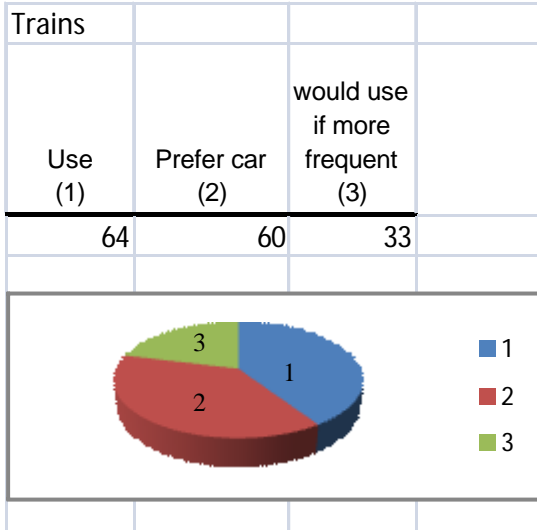
There was a massive yes vote to the question of re-introducing Neighbourhood Watch into the village. At the same time 95% of the village said they would like to see a regular and visible presence of the Community Police Officers in Hurst Green.





Local Transport

Questions were asked about peoples' travel preferences.





Plan of Action

| Future Projects | | |
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| Statement | Proposal | Action |
| Provision of a Community Shop in the Village | To investigate the viability of providing a store with drop-in centre and community facilities; if possible using the Catholic Church in Station Road and providing a village centre. | Working party set up and in communication with the Catholic Authorities, Surveyors and Legal Teams. Aim to instigate in 2009. |
| Introduction of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme | Re-instate the scheme and provide a fully operative Neighbourhood Watch Scheme with Police assistance. | Overall coordinator to be appointed from volunteers and local co-ordinators in place to cover whole village with appropriate numbers. Aim to instigate 2009. |
| Village fete | Review viability of holding a village fete again and contact volunteers and local businesses. | Committee to be formed with view to holding fete in Spring 2010. |
| Introduction of allotments for the village | Allotment site has been identified and legal teams involved with setting up scheme. | Complete legal requirements and advertise for allotment holders. Prepare site with view to start Summer 2009. |
| Quiet Lanes on some roads | Identified possibilities are Burgh Hill, Merriments Lane and Junction Lane (Bodiam Road). | Priority to Burgh Hill and this to be used as a test scheme. Engage Local Authorities and Police. Aim to instigate 2010. |
| Pedestrian crossing in London Road | To add a second crossing in London Road. Investigate feasibility and requirements. | View records and review requirements prior to making assessment and making proposal to the authorities. |
| By-pass for Hurst Green | Remain under constant review and in contact with the Highways Agency. | Review 2016. |
| Future of Drewetts field re blight by Bypass plans | To fully understand the issue and reduce any consequential issues regarding this site and possible affect from the proposed By-pass. | Identify and involve correct legal teams. Make quarterly reviews of the situation. |
| Community facility in Hurst Green Primary School | Work with the Primary School to identify opportunities for community facilities at the school | Parish Council to allocate resources. |



| Future Projects | | |
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| Statement | Proposal | Action |
| Adult Education Classes | Make provision for Adult Education on a range of subjects suggested by residents in the local environment. | Volunteer organisers identified and contacted. Interested parties identified and contacted. Range of lessons to be identified and costing agreed. Possibly form contacts and liaison with local Tertiary College. In development. |
| Senior citizens activities | Make provision for a number of Senior Citizen activities in the local environment. Improve support and communication for Senior Citizens. | Volunteer organisers identified and contacted. Interested parties identified and contacted. In development. |
| Computer classes and facilities for Senior Citizens. | Make provision for Senior Citizens to have access to computers with tuition and support. Improve support and communication for Senior Citizens. | Broadband to be installed in the Village Hall, on a one year contract. Tuition and support investigated and individuals contacted. |
| Improving Sporting facilities available in the Village. | Provision of facilities such as Skate Park, Tennis Courts, Bowling Green. | Set up committee to investigate opportunities and available funding. |
| Improve communications within the Parish | Set up methods for communication and support throughout the village. | Set up committee to investigate opportunities and possibilities for setting up communication and possible provision of village archive. |
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What is it like to live here?

What is it like to live in a village like Hurst Green- a child's view.

People live in a variety of places and children grow up in different environments and experience different things. We would like to tell you what we feel it is like to live in a small village like Hurst Green.

There are many positive things about living in villages. As villages are small you get to know lots of people. Furthermore neighbours are friendly and are supportive when you are in need or in trouble – always helping you out. Growing up in a small village allows us to get to know people as we grow up. Another good thing about living in a village is there is a variety of wildlife including birds, squirrels, rabbits, insects and pond-life. As children we can learn about these creatures in their natural habitats, as well as learning about flowers and trees.

Living in a village there is space to play, in gardens, parks or sometimes in woods which is very important to our development. Also living in a village we are usually close to schools which are small, happy and friendly. Small villages often have less crime and are safe for us to play, parents giving us more freedom in the knowledge that we are safe.



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On the other hand there are things which we would like to see changed. The busy road is noisy and not safe for us to cross, let alone cycle or skateboard on. A youth club would be useful and would give young people and teenagers something to do as opposed to hanging around and causing a disturbance and minor vandalism. Parking in the village is very dangerous as people park on pavements blocking them. We feel that either more bins or the bins being emptied more regularly would be a big improvement.

Further improvements could be made to the transport, more regular buses and perhaps buses going to and from the train station which would allow elderly people to travel freely, and even free bus passes for people in villages. We also feel that another pelican or zebra crossing would be useful.

Furthermore we feel that improved facilities in Hurst Green Park are needed, in particular a larger sports field, interesting activities for 10-14 year olds such as a skate board ramp or half-pipe and a vandal-proof shelter or one which the young people design and help build themselves.

A very important thing that the village needs is a shop in the heart of it which would be of great use to the whole community. At the moment people have to go to the garage either by car which causes pollution or on foot which is very dangerous. Despite the things we would like to improve, we are very happy to live and grow up in villages like Hurst Green.

Leah, Clare, Georgie and Fabian - *Many thanks to Leah, Clare, Georgie and Fabian who are students at Hurst Green Church of England Primary School.*



The **Hurst Green and Ellerhoop Twinning Association** was established in the early 1980s, the Charter being signed in 1984, to foster stronger links between the people of Hurst Green in East Sussex, UK, and of Ellerhoop, in Schleswig Holstein, Germany. Since then, at least twenty-two twinning trips have taken place, with many people gaining long-lasting friendships. We believe that it is important to experience life in another country - to try their food and explore their local area - and we hope that many more people will travel with us to Germany in the coming years.

The Hurst Green Twinning Association holds many events each year, including both social and fundraising occasions as well as the bi-annual trip to Germany.

The Hurst Green Twinning Association holds its committee meetings in Hurst Green Village Hall, usually at 8pm. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the association, please feel free to come along to one of them. They are usually advertised in the communities section of the East Sussex Courier one week in advance, and more information can be found out from our Chairman. Please visit the "contact" section or look in the Hurst Green Parish Magazine for contact details.

Ellerhoop is a municipality in the district of Pinneberg in Schleswig Holstein, Germany. Ellerhoop is situated to the north of Hamburg, close to the A23 Autobahn.



Hurst Green Social Club

In the late 19th and early 20th century, billiards and later snooker was becoming a popular pastime, but there were no facilities in the village to play either game both requiring the same kind of table. To the rescue came the Shakespeare family who were living in the 'Lodge' at that time, now the residence of the 'Donkin' family. They had a snooker room with a full size table and invited their friends in the village to use the facility from time to time.

With more interest growing it was apparent that a purpose made building was required in the village and plans were made for a building to house a table and a bar. A suitable piece of land was acquired from the 'Bernhurst' estate and the club building was erected on the site where it still stands today. At the same time a second hand snooker table was purchased and installed along with all paraphernalia, cue's, rests, scoreboard etc that go with it and as the 'Minutes' go back as far as 1912 it can be assumed that is when the 'Working Mens Club' as it was known then was formed

Prior to the club being constructed another building occupied the site and there is some conjecture over what it was, with one camp suggesting that it was an extension of the 'Courthouse' in the form of a Jail, and the other a large greenhouse to supply produce for 'Bernhurst', but why you would install one so close to a road and on a junction is anybody's guess.

As time went on more villages around the area formed their own clubs and played each other at billiards and snooker and 'The Hurst Green Snooker League' came into being. In the 1970's Hurst Green had four teams in the league. At some point in the 1960's the name of the club was changed from a working mans club to 'The Hurst Green Social Club' to make way for female members. Unfortunately in latter years snooker has gone into a decline and many clubs have sold off their snooker tables with Hurst Green being no exception although this has freed up much needed space to allow for event nights such as Discos, Karaoke, Race Nights etc. A pool table has been installed and there are currently two teams in the Pool league and a Darts team in their own league. The Club always has a strong membership but more members are always welcome.



**ASHDENE SERVICE STATIONS
LONDON ROAD, HURST GREEN
TEL: 01580 862050**

Family owned and operated since 1981 the petrol filling stations have developed from single manned service from a small kiosk to forecourts with a substantial shop offering, developing a car wash facility with both vacuum and mat washing facilities.

As a small business we endeavour to achieve the highest possible standards in not only customer care but also the services we offer.

As the shops have developed we have maintained our relationships with local suppliers supporting not only local farms for fresh eggs, milk and other produce but also local butchers for both fresh meats and homemade pies and pastries and locally supplied fruit and vegetables. At Christmas we take orders from local farmers for Geese and Turkeys. We also support a full range of Sussex based grocery lines from locally produced cakes and pastries through to local beers and wines.

In partnership with the Spar brand we have been able to develop an offering to meet our customers' demands ensuring we offer a more comprehensive range of quality products at competitive prices with promotional lines that offer excellent value for money.

Open 24 hours per day, 365 days per year we are proud to be involved in serving the local community.



**D + G Browne
Wincot, Hurst Green**



In 1954 Donald Browne (Bob) moved to 'Wincot' Hurst Green and, using hired equipment from the Agriculture Committee, established an Agriculture Contracting Business. The business provided threshing, hay making, sheep shearing and general farm services.

In 1971 his son Graham joined the business and in 1984 bought land that has now become 'Pooks Farm'.

Bob died in 1987. Graham continues Contracting and Farms Cattle and Sheep, also growing and retailing Potatoes, Swedes, Runner Beans, Pumpkins and more from 'Wincot'.



Teknique Station Road, Hurst Green

Teknique, formerly 'A Cut Above' has been established as a hairdresser for over 30 years. Lesley is now in her fourth year of trading and she, together with her friendly and professional team - Beccy, Karen and Jenny - welcome everyone to the saloon. Ladies, men, teens, children are all catered for. Traditional and up to date.

Tea - all sorts - fruit, herbal and builder's brew. Coffee - filter, decaf, cappuccino. Hot chocolate always on offer with biscuits and, occasionally, home made cakes. Children are bribed with a fruit lolly AFTER their cut!! Friday evening is late night, till 8 pm, when a glass of wine or beer is optional!

Cuts, shampoos and sets, blow dries, perms, all colours, re-styles, conditioning treatments all available by our experienced and talented team. We also have a Beauty Room offering lots of pampering treatments and, on Thursdays, Andrea is available by appointment at the salon, offering Reflexology. Watch our board outside the salon for details of Special Offers.

On special occasions - Valentines Day, Birthdays, Mothers Day, Anniversaries etc. treat your loved one - Gift Vouchers are available. Wedding Parties catered for with special packages.

We would like to think that Teknique is very much part of the community and we do our best to achieve this by being involved with school raffles, selling tickets for local events and generally being available to help out in the village. Weekly, on Thursday, we take delivery of prescriptions from a local doctors surgery to be collected by the patients.

Lastly, don't forget Baxter, Lesley's dog, who greets most of the Clients either with a wag of the tail or a sleepy look from her basket under the reception desk..

We look forward to seeing you all soon - present Clients and, hopefully, some new ones in the future.

Finance



ASHDENE Garage LONDON ROAD, HURST GREEN

ASHDENE GARAGE is one part of the family run business established in Hurst Green for 27 years and now including two third-generation members of the family.

Dealer Principal Allan Fisher heads up a team of highly trained and competent professionals who are very aware that Customer Satisfaction must be our watch word.

Fully Equipped Workshop can cater for Servicing and Repairs including minor bodywork on all makes of vehicles and are open 6-days per week availability is appreciated by many customers, particularly the MoT testing facility.

Service Plan has been appreciated by many of our customers over many years as a means of budgeting for as little as £5.77 per week with an additional £1.15 per week for the annual MoT where appropriate. Our service telephone number 01580 862008 - Yvonne or Jamie.

Main Dealer franchises for Proton and Daihatsu are included with an active pre-owned car dealership. All sales vehicles, new or used, carry our Personal Guarantee of value for money with Warranties designed to give peace of mind motoring.

Please do call in for a coffee break and chat with either Allan, Martin or Tony. Open seven days per week.

Our Promise. Your questions answered, with a warm welcome and absolutely no sales pressure. Our Sales telephone number 01580 862001 - Martin or Tony or visit our website www.ashdenegarage.co.uk.

London Road Hurst Green Mon-Fri 8.30am to 5.30pm. Saturdays 8.30am to 4.30pm. Sundays 10.00am to 4.00pm.

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Caravan Tech Services and Sales Ltd are an independent company based in Hurst Green with a big reputation for sales and after sales service which is at the forefront of our business. We are dealers for Swift Touring Caravans along with Bessacarr and Mondial Motorhomes.

Having been awarded numerous Swift dealer awards which reflects our true indication of our commitment to customer service. Our friendly team are firmly dedicated to offering sound advice covering all aspects of touring caravans and motorhomes. Now with a large display of new and pre-owned caravans and motorhomes, we can accept cars, caravans and motorhomes in part exchange, along with competitive finance rates. All caravans and motorhomes come with comprehensive warranty and are fully serviced prior to delivery along with our full handover on the day.

This is backed by our extensive camping and accessory shop which stocks everything from gas valves and replacement bulbs to awnings and motormovers along with a large decked tent display area. We have also now launched our new online shop. We are open 7 days a week.

Along with all of the above we have an NCC approved workshop for all your repairs and servicing needs, plus a mobile engineer service too.

Avards **Village Bakery**

Avards Village Bakery was established in 1869 and our main bakehouse is still based on the original site in Lamberhurst just a few miles away from Hurst Green.

We pride ourselves on our reputation of quality and all of our skilled bakers and confectioners use traditional methods for production.

As much as possible we try to source our raw ingredients locally at present this includes eggs, milk, meats and cheese.

We have four of our own retail shops in Lamberhurst, Mayfield, Tenterden and of course Hurst Green. We also have a thriving wholesale business and deliver 6 days a week throughout Kent and East Sussex.

With the support of the local community we hope to continue to trade in Hurst Green for many more years.

Mr Stephen Steadman
Managing Director.





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Hurst Green Historical Society
Hurst Green and Ellerhoop Twinning Committee
Hurst Green Social Club
Hurst Green Cricket Club
Royal British Legion
Hurst Green Short Mat Bowls Club
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