

PARISH SURVEY 2005

SYNOPSIS

700 COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES WERE RECEIVED, REPRESENTED BY (Bold figures

represent the West Berks percentages)

MALES									
0-4	5-11	12-17	18-24	25-44	45-59	60-64	65-74	75-84	85+
78	69	62	81	263	222	57	55	13	2
9%	8%	7%	9%	29%	25%	6%	6%	1%	-
6%	7%	13%	5%	31%	20%	5%	9%	3%	1%
FEMALES									
66	46	75	65	254	230	56	43	14	6
8%	5%	9%	8%	29%	27%	6%	5%	2%	1%
6%	7%	13%	5%	31%	20%	4%	8%	5%	1%

MAIN PLACE OF WORK



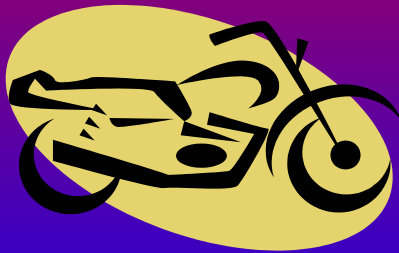
- 70% of those working had their place of work in Reading and the next largest group was those working from home about 8%

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- 13% of respondents never use public transport to Reading and 74% never use public transport to Newbury. As bus services to Newbury and Theale and rail services from Theale do not have significant use, is it because they are not required or because they are not easily accessible? Why do not people use the services – is this a focus for the Transport Group? Those using the bus services to Reading rate them good/reasonable.



MAJOR DANGER SPOTS



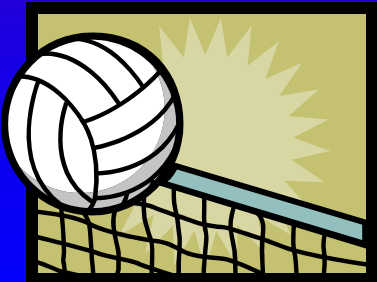
- 360 of the respondents (51%) identified major danger spots in their neighbourhood. Significantly 55% stated that they would support a reduction in the speed limit and 67% the enforcement of the speed limit.
- 350 respondents (50%) would like to see more warning signs. Conversely 45% would not support more traffic calming measures such as speed humps and chicanes.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- 23% of people have been affected by litter
- 23% have been affected by vandalism
- 19% have been affected by theft
- 19% have been affected by dog fouling
- 11% have been affected by graffiti
- 3% have been affected by drugs
- 2% have been affected by muggings
- 24% of respondents felt that a greater police presence was needed
- 18% felt that there ought to be more CCTV coverage
- 18% want better consultation between police and local people
- 12% want more community activities
- 10% requested improved street lighting
- 10% requested more drink/drug education/prevention
- 8% wanted wider use of neighbourhood watch

AMENITIES

- Just over 50% of respondents had no opinions on local amenities for the under 5's. Poor ratings were given for amenities for 6-11 year olds, 12-17, 25-60 and 60+.
- 26% did not know where the Linear Park is and 90% would like to see Linear Park made into a nature reserve. It is good to know that 77% feel safe in the park but of the remainder who said that they did not feel safe we would like to know why.
- 50% of respondents use the park just for pleasure.



INFORMATION



- Our respondents stated that most information came from free/local papers. These are significantly the highest rated methods and community groups should note this when advertising events.

LOCAL SERVICES



- Local services are generally rated good to reasonable when and where used.
- 47% expressed no opinion on local schools
- 39% had no opinion on public libraries
- 74% had no opinion on social services
- 70% had no opinion on youth services
- 51% had no opinion on planning

INFORMATION PROVIDED

- The most important and useful information provided by the survey was from open questions/comments:-
- Identification of danger spots
- What would you like to see happen at Underwood Road
- Protection of our local environment
- What you like most
- What you like least which has had a significant influence and has informed the proposed projects