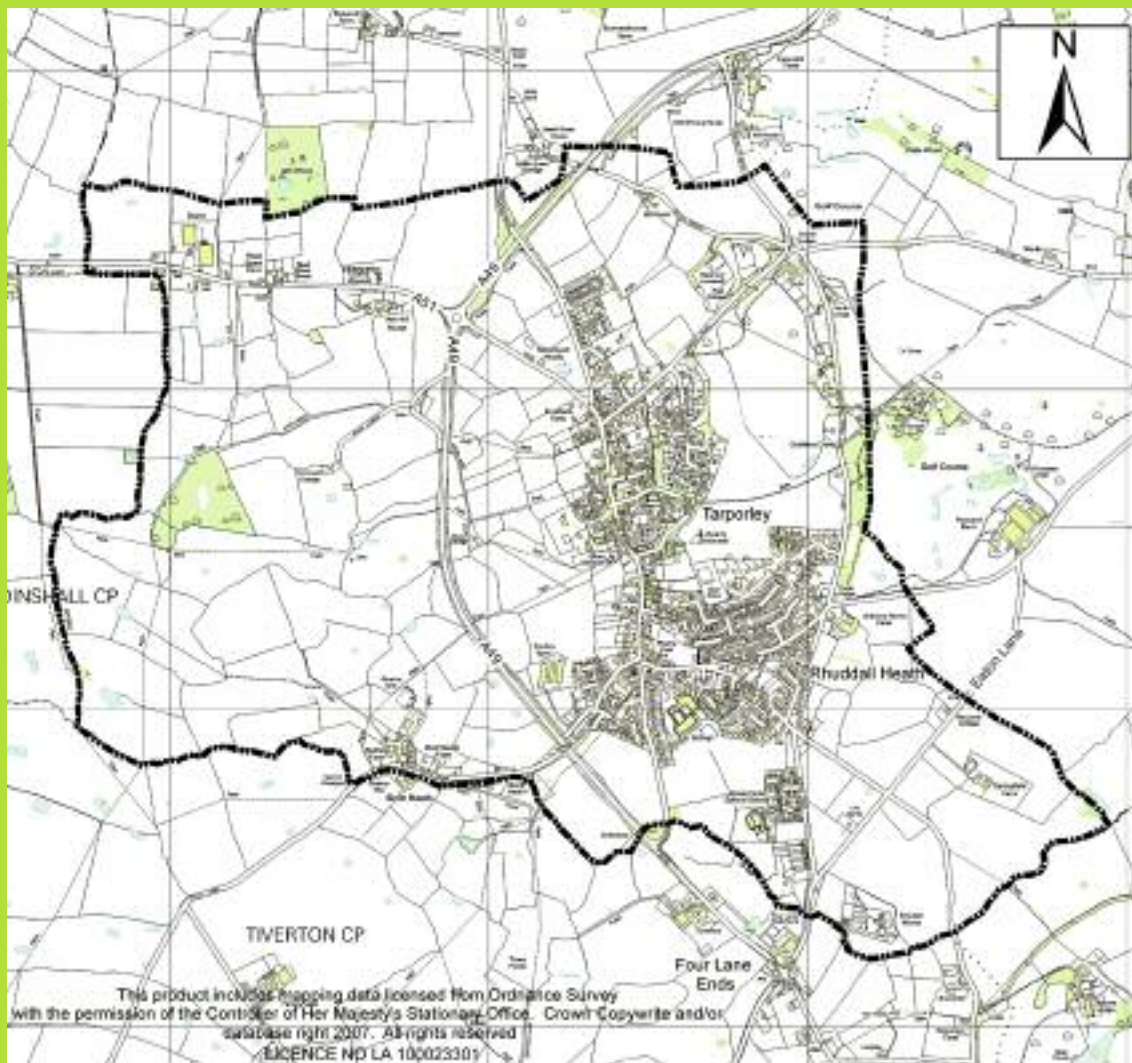




TOMORROW'S TARPORLEY

The Parish Plan
produced by local residents



The Parish of Tarporley, Cheshire in the North West of England

The Tarporley Parish Council has supported the Parish Plan from conception to completion and at its meeting on the 9th July 2007 the Parish Council reviewed the final draft and congratulated and thanked the Parish Plan Steering Group for the hard work undertaken in carrying out the task of producing this comprehensive and valuable document. The Parish Council resolved to adopt the plan, to take forward the actions identified in the plan and regularly review the progress of the plan.

This Parish Plan is dedicated to the memory of Helen Watson, longstanding Parish Councillor and Chairman of Tarporley Parish Council, and lead investigator of the Parish's Plan.

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Tomorrow's Tarporley Logo

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Aerial View of Tarporley, Cheshire

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In 2005 the Parish Council decided it would be beneficial for a Parish Plan to be prepared for Tarporley, as recommended by the then Countryside Agency, and sought the help of the community to undertake the work.

A Steering Group of residents was established which then carried out extensive consultations with households, businesses, schools, clubs, societies and other organisations to identify issues of particular concern to these groups. Further consultation via a detailed household survey helped to clarify the importance of the issues and some possible courses of action.

Key issues are:

- Retaining the viability and variety of commerce in the village
- Traffic and parking problems, especially in High Street
- Insufficient sports facilities in the village
- The future of the Community Centre
- Ensuring the heritage of the village is conserved and the rural environment protected.

An Action Plan was drafted setting out ways of overcoming these problems or identifying the need for other authorities to address them. The public was invited to indicate its view on priorities for action.

Major projects include:

- Setting up a farmers' or country market in Tarporley
- Reducing congestion in High Street by re-routing the school buses and limiting shop/business vehicle delivery times
- Setting up a dog anti-fouling campaign
- Working with the High School to develop sports facilities for the community
- Securing a site and developing sports facilities
- Undertaking a major refurbishment of the Community Centre
- Establishing a village information and tourist information point or centre

ACTION PLAN

From the results of the household questionnaires and the many consultation events in the village, this Action Plan was drawn up by the Steering Group. The voting at the Action Plan Consultation Event, which was held in May 2007, was also used to prioritise the actions as high, medium and low. Timescales of short (within the next 2 years), medium (within the next 5 years) and long (over 5 years) were applied to each action. Finally the organisations, which might be the lead players in undertaking each action, were assigned.

Category	Action	Priority	Time – scale	Lead Organisation
VILLAGE ASSETS AND VIABILITY				
1	To set up a farmers' / country market for the sale of local produce.	high	short	Business Association, Parish Council (PC)
2	To campaign for more low cost housing to be provided in the village.	medium	medium	PC
3	To investigate how the two parts of High Street (north and south of Manor House) might be better integrated into one shopping street.	medium	short	PC
4	To campaign for more accommodation for older people to be provided in the village.	medium	medium	PC, Age Concern Cheshire
5	To investigate introducing a local shopping loyalty card for residents.	low	medium	Business Association, PC
6	To promote Tarporley as a place to shop and as a place to visit.	low	medium	Vale Royal Borough Council (VRBC) Business Association
7	To produce local publicity materials, local postcards, calendars etc.	low	medium	VRBC
TRANSPORT, PARKING AND ROADS				
8	To reduce congestion in High Street by - re-routing the school buses. - limiting the times that large vehicles can deliver to the shops and/or having dedicated unloading bays.	high	medium	Cheshire County Council (CCC) PC
9	To establish time limited parking along High Street and in the car park behind the Rising Sun.	medium	medium	VRBC PC
10	To obtain an improvement in the local road and pavement surfaces.	medium	medium	CCC PC
11	To increase the provision of off-street parking in the centre of the village.	medium	long	VRBC PC
12	To campaign for the re-opening of Beeston Station.	medium	short	J. Doug Haynes
13	To improve vehicle access onto the bypass from the southern end of the village (from Nantwich Road).	high	medium	CCC PC
14	To encourage use of public transport by publicising the local bus service.	low	medium	CCC PC
VILLAGE APPEARANCE				
15	To set up a "Dog Anti-fouling" campaign.	high	short	PC, VRBC, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

ACTION PLAN continued...

Category	Action	Priority	Time – scale	Lead Organisation
VILLAGE APPEARANCE continued...				
16	To improve the visual appearance of - the roundabout at the northern entrance into Tarporley. - the southern entrance into the village from the bypass.	high	medium	CCC PC VRBC
17	To start a “Keep Tarporley Tidy” campaign, which would be both educational and practical.	medium	short	PC, Local schools, PCSO
18	To investigate options for how the land leading to the Done Room might be brought into public use.	medium	medium	Parochial Church Council, PC
19	To provide more litter bins within the village.	low	medium	PC VRBC
20	To establish a village amenity society.	low	long	PC with local volunteers
21	To improve the vehicle and pedestrian access to the Done Room.	low	long	Parochial Church Council
SPORTS AND LEISURE				
22	To work with the High School to develop sports facilities/ sports centre for year round use by the community as well as the school.	high	medium	CCC, PC, local sports group
23	To improve the sports facilities available in and around the village by obtaining land to provide facilities such as football pitches, cricket field, squash courts, with club house and changing facilities, and a swimming pool.	high	long	CCC, PC local sports group
24	To provide a means of transport for young people to get to the Tattenhall skate park at the Bone Yard.	low	short	Local church youth groups, PC
25	To investigate the setting up of a skate park in Tarporley.	low	long	Local volunteers
26	To develop a means of transport to enable local people to have easy access to the new sports facilities proposed for Winsford.	low	medium	PC, VRBC
COMMUNITY CENTRE				
27	To seek funding to undertake a major refurbishment.	high	medium	Its management committee
28	To investigate the feasibility of the Centre being run by paid staff, with set opening hours.	high	medium	Its management committee
29	To expand facilities with particular emphasis on those for older people and young people.	medium	medium	Its management committee
30	To provide an Access Point with computer and internet facilities.	low	medium	PC, Its management committee
VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION				
31	To establish a village information and tourist information point/centre, in conjunction with a village museum.	high	long	VRBC, PC
32	To relocate the library to a more central position within the village so that it is more accessible to local people.	high	long	CCC, PC
33	To hold a regular village open day for the clubs, societies and organisations to publicise their work/events.	medium	short	PC, the organisations
34	To improve the means of communication about local news and events around the village.	medium	medium	PC
35	To hold a training/information event about applying for grants etc for local clubs and organisations.	low	short	PC, Vale Royal Voluntary Action

INTRODUCTION

1 Parish Plans were announced in the November 2000 'Rural White Paper' which set out the Government's plans for the countryside. Central Government wants local communities to take more control of their own lives; to say what they want to have in their own neighbourhoods and to engage with other powers to achieve their aspirations. This Parish Plan, while sitting alongside the Tarporley Village Design Statement (published in 2003) with its concern about the built environment, sets a framework to plan our own future.

2 Tarporley Parish Council asked for volunteers from the village community to form a Parish Plan Steering Group which, when formed, agreed the following Mission Statement:

Our aim is to develop a Parish Plan that encompasses the past, present and future needs of Tarporley. This plan will set out the views of the local residents to help evolve the village for the future whilst recognising its historic traditions. A plan that:

*Unites our community
Enhances our future
Respects our heritage*

A means of working towards Tomorrow's Tarporley.

3 The Steering Committee made reference to The Countryside Agency publication 'Parish Plans – Guidance for Parish and Town Councils' in carrying out the work leading to our plan called 'Tomorrow's Tarporley'.

TARPORLEY, OUR VILLAGE

4 Tarporley is located in the Borough of Vale Royal in central Cheshire and is one of the county's most attractive larger villages (population 2,634 in the 2001 national census). It has always been an important settlement being mentioned in the Domesday Book and receiving a Royal Charter in 1292. It was on the coaching route to London and today the Swan Hotel still retains the high archway that coaches passed under to the stabling area at the rear. The old milestone on High Street records the distance from Tarporley township to London as 172 miles. In days gone by horses and wagons travelled through Tarporley transporting salt from south Cheshire to Chester and beyond. Salters Well was the place where the horses were watered and the sandstone cottages on Forest Road were long known as the Wagoners' Cottages.

5 Later the A51 and A49 main roads crossed at Tarporley, burdening the village streets with volumes of heavy traffic but with the more welcome increase in trade. Now the village has been by-passed but still has a thriving commercial centre along the spine of High Street, even though it has a traffic and a car parking problem.



The Swan Hotel

TARPORLEY, OUR VILLAGE

6 Tarporley was mainly a farming settlement with two large estates on the borders of the parish (part of the estate land has since been developed as a golf complex) and a number of smaller farm holdings within and on the edge of the village. In common with other areas, agriculture has declined in importance. Farms, mainly dairy, still surround the village occupying about two thirds of the parish area and contributing to the attractive landscape and habitat diversity. The open land coming right up to High Street, the views out to Beeston Castle and the Peckforton Hills and footpaths out into the countryside are highly valued by residents and visitors.

7 Tarporley is approximately 10 miles from the county town of Chester and a similar distance from Nantwich. The M53, M56 and M6 motorways are easily accessible and Manchester, Liverpool and the Potteries are within reasonable reach of a daily commute to work. Crewe railway station is the nearest major rail junction, about 13 miles away. The good communications make it an attractive location for commuters and the average length of journey to work is over 13 miles. Although it is not surprising that the vast majority of people travel to work by car (as 85% of households own at least one car with not far short of half owning two or more) only a few travel to work by bus despite Tarporley having a half hourly daytime service to Chester, Nantwich and Crewe. More than one in ten people work mainly from home.



Chestnut Tree High Street

8 The village has a good range of facilities and acts as a focus for surrounding smaller settlements, a total catchment of about 10,000 people. Shops include a couple of small supermarkets and many small independent retailers that add to its distinctiveness and attraction. For instance, Tarporley is well known for The Old Fire Station Chocolate Shop where chocolate is made on the premises as well as brought in from elsewhere. Locally produced farm ice cream is also sold. Beauty and hair salons are to be found on the High Street together with several estate agents, banks, a travel agent and the post office. A Royal Mail sorting office is based in the old post office building. The commercial enterprises are currently (March 2008) trying to re-form a Tarporley Business Association to jointly confront problems and to promote the attractions of the village and the wide range of goods, services and opportunities available.

TARPORLEY, OUR VILLAGE

9 The village is well known for its eating and drinking establishments which are popular places for people from a wide area to visit as well as receiving plenty of local patronage.

10 The range of local employment opportunities extends to small industrial and business parks within Tarporley. There are several professional offices, repair garages, bespoke furniture fitters as well as many jobs in the retail, finance and service sectors. The Golf Club at Portal Park, though just outside the parish boundary, also provides various employment opportunities and these increased when the large hotel with associated leisure and spa facilities opened in summer 2007. The 2001 census showed that over three quarters of those working are employed in the service sector; a high proportion are in managerial and professional occupations and only small numbers are now employed in agriculture. Unemployment is low in Tarporley, well below county and national averages.

11 Tarporley is a popular place to live – and to retire to; nearly one fifth of residents were of retirement age at the time of the census. The higher than county average proportion of managerial and professional residents and of self employed and small employers helps to boost the level and quality of demand for services and support for local businesses. On the other hand there is a higher proportion of pensioners in Tarporley than in Cheshire as a whole.

12 Tarporley has expanded quite rapidly in the post-war period with a substantial area of local authority houses built off Eaton Road (most of these are now in private ownership), private housing estates off Forest Road in the 1960's and later at the south end of the village and on the eastern side. Small infill developments within the heart of the village have generally been well integrated with building materials, scale and design reflecting the essential characteristics of Tarporley. Most of the new development has been of larger detached

houses, often 4 or 5 bedrooms, which attracts incomers to the village rather than catering for local needs.

Property in Tarporley commands high prices due partly to the quality of the houses themselves; to the location and to the range of services available and general attractiveness of the village. There is a lack of affordable houses for first time buyers. There are a few shared-ownership houses but insufficient to meet local demand and the Parish Council is striving to get more built.

13 Education provision extends to pre-school and nursery facilities and both primary and secondary schools. These schools are well regarded and in recent years the primary school could not accept as many pupils as wanted to attend. The High School is a community school specialising in maths and computing and is the venue for a number of non-vocational classes. The library located there is open part time to the public. The former special school at Brook Farm on the outskirts of the village closed in 2001 and its long-term future still has to be decided.

14 Tarporley is well provided with health and medical services. There is a purpose-built health centre and an adjacent cottage hospital where various clinics are held and small operations carried out as well as recuperation and respite care being available. Two dental practices are located on Nantwich Road and there are opticians on High Street. For animals, there is a veterinary clinic on the industrial estate on Birch Heath Road.



Tarporley War Memorial Hospital

TARPORLEY, OUR VILLAGE

15 There are various community buildings where a wide range of organisations and clubs meet ranging from the Flower Club to army cadets, Autumn Club to pilates. The main location is the Community Centre but groups also meet at the Done Room, both the schools and the British Legion. The scout group has its own hut built in the 1990s. St Helen's church is a focal building in the village and there is a Catholic Church and a Baptist & Methodist Church.

16 Regular community events include the annual carnival, organised by the Rotary and Round Table groups, held each July. Twice a year the Amateur Dramatic Society put on a show at the Community Centre for three consecutive nights. These are to a very high standard and are well patronised.

17 Keeping people in touch with local news has moved into the technical age with village and Parish Council websites and a Tarporley podcast. Notice boards on High Street are still an important part of the communications process and parish and local business newsletters are now published and delivered free to every household. Even so with a growing population, and an increasingly busy one, informing everyone is quite difficult.

18 There has long been a fire service available in Tarporley with the original station being in Park Road, now established as a museum with a horse-drawn engine on display. The current modern station is located on Birch Heath Road with "retained" firemen. There is no longer a police station in the village. However, from 2007 the Parish Council has, with residents support, engaged a Police Community Support Officer solely for Tarporley.

19 The older core of the village and its setting became a Conservation Area in 1972 and was among the first settlements in Cheshire to be designated. In 2002/3 the community of Tarporley, led by the Parish Council, prepared a Village Design Statement (VDS) that has been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance by Vale Royal Borough Council and is used in considering the merits of planning applications.

20 Tarporley has been a regular winner in the county's Best Kept Village competitions (now known as Community Pride competitions), won the Cheshire Community Vibrancy award in 2004 and represented the county in the Calor Village of the Year competition. Most recently (2007) it won the Cheshire County Council Countryside Award for its Children's playground.

21 The Parish Council was recognised as a Quality Parish Council in 2004 for its organisation, work involving the whole community and its achievements.

22 In short, Tarporley is an attractive and generally prosperous settlement without many of the problems found in some other parts of the country. However, prosperity and growth brings its own pressures and challenges.



Traffic Congestion in High Street

THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

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23 A diary of the consultation process can be found in Appendix 2 and details about each method used in Appendices 3 to 10.

24 One of the aims of the consultation process was to include those who run and work in the businesses, the clubs, organisations and societies in the community as well as residents.

25 The Steering Group's first task was to establish the key issues that concern the community through an Initial Household Questionnaire. In the follow-up Detailed Questionnaire residents were asked about specific aspects of those issues.

26 Early on two sub-groups were set up, one to find out the views of all the sports clubs and another to visit the local businesses to seek their views. Representatives from clubs (other than sports clubs), organisations and societies were invited to a meeting and, through discussion groups, gave their views and concerns about running their groups in Tarporley.

27 The Initial Questionnaire (Appendix 4) involved having 1,250 forms delivered, one to each household, with "Tarporley Talk" – a free local commercial booklet. 405 completed questionnaires were returned (a response rate of 32%) and of those 179 households also agreed to take part in another more detailed questionnaire later in the year.

28 Children at the Primary School were invited to design a logo for the Tomorrow's Tarporley publicity material and to fill in a simple questionnaire.

29 Graphic displays, including the results from the Initial Questionnaire, were set up at the village carnivals in 2005 and 2006, and the public's views sought on what they liked/disliked and what needed improving in the village.



The Carnival Field

30 In November 2006, the Detailed Questionnaire (Appendix 6) was delivered to the 179 households who expressed an interest in taking part in a further survey. Others were made available to anyone who requested a form and copies were also left in various locations around the village. The six sections of the questionnaire related to the key issues that had been identified during the initial consultation period, namely:-

1. Community News and Information
2. The Community Centre
3. Sport and Leisure
4. Village Appearance
5. Transport, Parking and Roads
6. Village Assets and Viability

31 153 completed Questionnaires were received (a response rate of about 70%).

FINDINGS OF THE CONSULTATIONS

32 The following sections summarise the responses from the various consultations carried out in preparing this Plan; the appendices at the back of the report give detailed results.

VILLAGE ASSETS AND VIABILITY



Tarporley Church of England Primary School

VILLAGE ASSETS AND VIABILITY

33 The village has a wide range of small shops catering for the everyday needs of local people. These are very well supported because of convenience, good service and the quality of goods on offer. The long opening hours of the Co-op and Spar stores are much appreciated, as is the availability of nearby parking, even though this needs to be improved. Many shoppers feel that goods are generally priced slightly above the big supermarkets but there is a strong feeling that the small premium is worth paying to support the local economy. Special events, promotions and other incentives are welcomed, and would be supported to increase trade.

34 The range of shops in the village could still be extended. There is considerable interest in having a high quality greengrocer or farm produce shop, and also interest in a fishmonger, a bookshop and lower priced clothes/shoe shops. Some requests have been received for a shop renting out CDs, DVDs and computer games. On the other hand, there is concern about the number of estate agents and luxury goods shops, as these are seen to appeal to a minority of the local population.

35 A resounding 90% of those who responded to the Detailed Questionnaire stated that they would shop at a farmers market or country market held in the village.

36 The most important goods purchased in the village are general groceries, bread and cakes, newspapers, meat, delicatessen, and stationery items. The availability of vehicle fuel is also considered very important.

37 Tarporley is very well supported by services. The Post Office, GP surgeries, Cottage Hospital, Banks, NHS dentist and car repair garages are all considered very important. Local people use these services on almost every occasion. The Community Centre and restaurants are also considered to be important and used frequently. The churches are ranked highly, and are well supported by their congregations. The opticians, solicitors and estate agents are considered important, but because of the nature of the service provided, are used less frequently. The take-away food shops are well used by a proportion of local residents. Doorstep milk delivery is firmly supported by its regular customers.

38 The primary and secondary schools are considered very important and are well supported by the children and young persons in the local population. Many adults without children of school age still consider the schools to be very important, in terms of keeping a “vibrant” village with a wide range of ages.

39 There is a wide measure of agreement that more employment opportunities should be developed locally, and some support for having additional business premises. There is also significant support for further development of local tourism. The opening of the new hotel at the golf complex in summer 2007 provides opportunities in these respects.

TRANSPORT, PARKING AND ROADS

40 Tarporley, at the junction of the A51 and A49 roads, is conveniently situated for access to motorways (M53, M56 and M6), rail (Chester or Crewe junction) and Manchester and Liverpool Airports.

41 An efficient daily half hourly bus service (the 84) runs to Chester, Nantwich and Crewe. Two special local services supported by Cheshire County Council under the Rural Regeneration Programme are the Rural Bus Service (which must be booked the day before travel and runs to Northwich and Winsford on three days per week) and a Village Bus Service (available by telephoning the day before travel and offering door to door transport in a fully accessible vehicle to link the surrounding villages with Tarporley for the main 84 bus route on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). However, these special services are under threat of closure because the government funded programme ceased in summer 2007. Tarporley Parish Council, with neighbouring parishes affected, is activating a campaign for their continuation. There is only a once-weekly bus service (the 88) from Tarporley to the Borough administrative centre at Winsford.

42 During the consultations the question of re-opening a rail link at Beeston Station received very strong support with 254 people saying they would use it regularly.



School Buses in High Street

43 Parking in Tarporley was the main subject for comment. As well as people having difficulty finding parking places in the centre of the village, the main car park has only one disabled parking bay and the tight layout does not make it user-friendly. In the Detailed Questionnaire there was considerable support for introducing time-limited parking (a maximum of 2 hours) on High Street. Parking on the zig-zags by the pedestrian crossing and the speed of cars on High Street and on many residential roads was a matter of real concern. There appeared to be very little support for a traffic control system or a one way system on High Street but the suggestion of a weight limit for goods vehicles in the village received majority agreement.

44 There is concern at school buses to and from the High School using High Street, further blocking traffic at some of the busiest times of day especially in the mornings when they coincide with delivery vehicles on the main village street.

45 Better access at the junction of Nantwich Road with the by-pass either with traffic lights or a roundabout, was supported to assist school contract buses and other large vehicles turning right rather than driving along the High Street.

46 Cycle paths in High Street were considered totally impractical and there was very little support for cycle racks with very few people apparently being prepared to cycle to the village more often.

47 Speed of traffic on High Street and on residential roads such as Walkers Lane, Brook Road and Eaton Road is a matter that causes concern with more speed limits or traffic calming measures required.

48 The state of the roads received many comments. Road surfaces are poor and pavements are uneven causing a hazard for pedestrians.

VILLAGE APPEARANCE

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49 Nearly everyone finds Tarporley an attractive village. The impression given to first-time and regular visitors and residents is of “a very charming village”, “clean, quiet and friendly”, “a lovely place”. In the Initial Questionnaire residents rated the attractiveness of Tarporley as the main reason they liked the village, followed by its rural setting. However, they also expressed concern about buildings being left empty, the design of some new development and the need to keep the open green spaces within the village and its outward views.

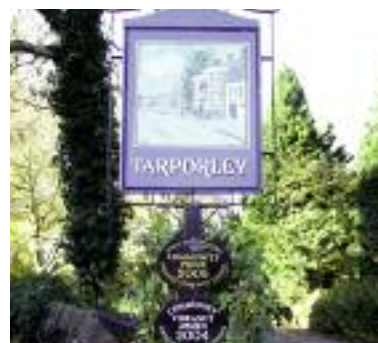
50 It is the Georgian-style High Street that defines Tarporley and makes it so distinctive for the vast majority of people with the Swan Hotel being singled out as the chief “landmark” building. St. Helen’s Church and the Manor House are also particularly appreciated by local people together with the other historic buildings. Responding to how streetscenes might be improved, the area around the crossroads of High Street, Nantwich Road, Birch Heath Road and Eaton Road and the entrance of the High School were reckoned to be in need of attention. Buildings mentioned as most in need of visual improvement were the Community Centre (key work was carried out in Summer 2007), the old police station, the telephone exchange site and the British Legion.

51 The chestnut tree is a distinctive feature in the High Street and is central to the display of festive lights at Christmas that nearly everyone agrees enhances the appearance of High Street at this time of the year. During the summer months residents strongly support the decoration of High Street with flower tubs and hanging baskets. These opinions are repeated by the children who noted in the Primary School survey that having open spaces and trees and flowers were things they particularly liked about Tarporley.

52 The new playground merited mention as a much improved facility (especially appreciated by children at the Primary School) and the adjacent playing field was considered to be another significant area of green space although it was felt to be in need of improvement. Consultation with local clubs and organisations had identified the lack of a place such as a park where people could meet, sit, chat and enjoy being together outdoors. In the Detailed Questionnaire the possibility of improving access to the Done Room (used for various community purposes) and utilising the adjacent land as a small park resulted in a very positive response.

53 Clean and tidy streets are important to the way the village is viewed. More litter bins were felt to be needed. The rear of the Community Centre and the High School entrance were identified as worst for litter, followed by High Street and the area around the take-away on Forest Road/High Street. Enforcing penalties for dropping litter in the street and having more bins were supported. The same action should be taken to reduce the problem of dog fouling which seemed to affect most areas of the village. Primary School children also recorded their dislike of dog fouling, litter, chewing gum and pollution.

54 Residents agreed that the entrance roads to the village are important in creating a positive impression of Tarporley. They would like to see better planting on the roundabout and better signs about services in the village.



Some Recent Village Awards



Public Playing Field

SPORT AND LEISURE

55 Sport was considered to be the third most important area for improvement in the village. Existing facilities are insufficient to meet the present-day needs of the village in type, quality and, in some cases, quantity. There is a public playing field behind the Community Centre used for football as well as general kickabout (it is also the venue for the annual village carnival) and there are pitches at the High School; the Tennis Club and the bowling green are located in the village centre and various halls are used for exercise and leisure classes but there is no centralised sports venue. Details of the facilities for different sports are given in Appendix 8. Some surrounding villages of similar or smaller size have significantly better facilities than those in Tarporley.

56 The main participatory activities currently pursued by residents are swimming, fitness classes, football, cricket and tennis. The consultation process revealed a demand for improvement in facilities especially for a swimming pool, a fitness centre, gym and squash court as well as a number of well-drained football pitches with on-site changing facilities.

57 The recent opening of the spa and leisure facility at Portal Hotel with a swimming pool and gym has improved certain provision locally but membership fees mean that it is not available to all. The lack of local pitches has caused many sports to be played elsewhere. For example, Tarporley Vics, a successful and well-supported football team, has to play its home matches in Tattenhall and youth cricket is not able to be played in Tarporley.

58 The award-winning children's playground and teen shelter demonstrates how popular and successful modern facilities can be as this well-designed and well-used venue is a real asset for local youngsters. Correspondingly better provision in sport and leisure facilities for youth and adults in Tarporley would increase participation levels, help to draw the community together and contribute to improved health and fitness.



Children's Playground

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE



Community Centre

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59 Tarporley and District Community Centre is located at the southern end of the High Street on land which was donated to the people of Tarporley, probably in the 1920's. The Centre was originally known as the Victory Hall and was of wooden construction. In the 1960's a brick building replaced this structure and since then there have been a number of alterations and additions. The building is showing signs of deterioration to both its inside and outside fabric and the management committee has recently sought external funding to redress these problems. An £80,000 refurbishment scheme carried out during 2007, addressed some of the buildings problems. However further work is still required.

60 The Initial Questionnaire, together with comments made at the carnival, indicated that the Community Centre was well used by villagers although improvements are required. At a meeting of village organisations, a need was identified for the Centre's refurbishment or renewal to facilitate better utilisation. Organisations also pointed out that there was no central point for dissemination of information and suggested that the Community Centre would be an ideal location with perhaps public access computer facilities. Also noted was the increasing number of older people in the village with little provision for them. The need for improved lighting at the car park was also mooted.

61 Data gathered from the Detailed Questionnaire indicated very strong support for the Community Centre to be the social centre of the village and that its facilities should cater for all age ranges with particular emphasis on pensioners and young people. As well as retaining and improving the current range of accommodation, there is very strong support for the provision of snacks, fitness, sports, an information point and cinema facilities. There is medium interest in providing access to the internet, a crèche, indoor games and play, library and a lesser interest in having video facilities. There is very strong support for opening the centre for set hours and running it with paid staff.

62 Although dissatisfaction has been reported regarding the state of the accommodation, its current range of facilities and opening hours, there is limited interest in offering assistance in helping to run the centre or set up new clubs and societies despite receiving many suggestions on what should be provided in the future.

VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

63 News and information about parish affairs are conveyed by a number of printed publications and electronically via the web.

64 “Tarporley Talk”, a free advertising magazine, although including a page devoted to Parish Council news, seems to be the most widely consulted publication, followed secondly by the Parish Council Newsletter. “Buy Sell” also contains notices of forthcoming events in the mid-Cheshire area as does the Chester Chronicle newspaper. The village notice board and the Parish Council notice board, both located on High Street, and one by the playground are less popular ways of knowing what is going on in the village than printed newsletters.

65 There appears to be far less interest in the electronic communication of news via the village website and even fewer logging onto the Parish Council website. This situation will possibly change in the future as a more computer minded generation evolves. A recently introduced Tarporley podcast has received a great deal of publicity and seems to be popular.



Village Notice Board

66 Despite, or because of, all these various means of getting news about village affairs there were feelings expressed during the consultations that people still did not know how to find out about regular or one-off events or whom to contact. There was also a lack of communication between those running clubs and societies. Having a number of meeting places and no single information point exacerbated these difficulties. Nevertheless, the Questionnaire revealed that respondents favoured the publication of the Parish Council Newsletter be changed from quarterly to monthly.

IN CONCLUSION

67 The various consultations with the residents, businesses, clubs and organisations in Tarporley have given some clear indications about what is valued, what needs improving and what actions should be taken.

68 All agree that there is much to commend in Tarporley, the way it presents itself, the opportunities it offers, the wide range of services and facilities it supports. Many people are satisfied with life here whilst others see the potential – or need – for change. The Action Plan (see pages 3 and 4) draws out the key messages from the public for improving the community whilst maintaining Tarporley’s heritage and building on its prosperity.

APPENDIX I: Census profile of Tarporley

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The following figures are based on the 2001 Census unless otherwise stated.

Figures for England and Wales are shown only when there is a significant difference from Cheshire.

Population

	Number	Percentage of total		
		Tarporley %	Vale Royal %	Cheshire %
Total population *	2634			
Male	1262	47.91	49.03	48.68
Female	1372	52.09	50.97	51.32

* population estimate end 2005 2680 people

Ages

	2001 Census	2005 Estimate
0-4	132	120
5-15	349	300
16-24	195	220
25-44	659	690
45-64	782	810
65-74	256	280
75 and over	261	270

Mean average age	Tarporley	Vale Royal	Cheshire	England & Wales
	43	39	40	39

Health

	Number	Percentage of total		
		Tarporley %	Vale Royal %	Cheshire %
People with a limiting long term illness	393	15	18	17.5
People whose health was good *	1964	75	70	70
People providing unpaid Care within population	249	9.5	10.5	10.5

*This figure does not include people who said their health was "fairly good".

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Dwellings

All dwellings 1180*

	Number	Percentage of total		
		Tarporley %	Vale Royal %	Cheshire %
Detached house or bungalow	548	46	35	34
Semi detached/ terraced house/bungalow	551	47	57	56
Flat or maisonette	81	7	8	10

*estimated dwellings end 2007,1236

Households

	Tarporley	Vale Royal	Cheshire
Average number of persons	2.3	2.4	2.4
Average number of rooms	6.1	5.8	5.8

All households - 1131

Household Categories

	Number	Percentage of total		
		Tarporley %	Vale Royal %	Cheshire %
One person – pensioner	208	18	13	14
One person – other	113	10	12	13
One family – all pensioners	127	11	10	10
Couple, no children	219	19	21	20
Couple, dependent children	259	23	24	23
Lone parent, dependent Children	38	3	5	5
One family, all children non-dependent	124	11	11	10

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Socio-Economic Groups (Occupation)

All people aged 16 - 74.

	Number	Percentage of total		
	Tarporley	Tarporley %	Vale Royal %	Cheshire %
Managerial/professional	730	39	29	31
Intermediate	121	6	8	8
Small employers and Self employed	141	7	7	7
Lower supervisory and Technical	110	6	8	8
Semi routine and Routine	311	16	21	19

Travel to Work

All people aged 16 –74 in employment

	Tarporley	Tarporley %	Vale Royal %	Cheshire %	Eng/WV %
Public Transport	33	3	3	5	14.5
Motorcycle, car or van*	898	72	76	72.5	63
Other means or work at home	320	25.5	20	23	22

* Includes motorcycle, scooter or moped, driving a car or van, passenger in car or van and taxi or minicab.

Average Distance Travelled (km) to place of work -

	Tarporley	Vale Royal	Cheshire	England and Wales
	21	16	15	13

Vehicle Ownership

	Number	Percentage of total			
	Tarporley	Tarporley %	Vale Royal %	Cheshire %	Eng/Wales %
None	167	15	17	19	27
One	431	38	42	42	44
Two	432	38	33	31	24
Three or more	101	9	8	8	6

Appendix 2: Consultation Diary

2003-04	Tarporley and District Parish Council consultation with Cheshire Community Council about undertaking a Parish Plan and sourcing funding.
Spring 2005	Parish Council decision to proceed with a Parish Plan; funding received and Parish working group meetings held.
July 2005	Public asked for their views at the Tarporley Carnival and Cheshire Community Council invited to inaugural meeting to enlist public Support.
Sept. 2005	Parish Council hold public meeting to form a Steering Group for preparation of Parish Plan.
Oct. 2005	Face to face survey of local business started.
Oct. 2005	Consultation of the sports clubs started.
Feb. 2006	Views sought at consultation meeting with Tarporley's organisations, groups and societies.
April 2006	Initial Household Questionnaire delivered to all households in Tarporley. (See Appendix 4 for copy of the Questionnaire and results of findings)
June 2006	Questionnaire completed by pupils at Tarporley Primary School. (See Appendix 5 for copy of the Questionnaire and results of the findings)
July 2006	Display of main findings from Initial Household Questionnaire at Tarporley Carnival. Further comments sought.
Sept. 2006	Findings of the Initial Questionnaire presented to the Parish Council and their views sought.
Nov. 2006	Detailed Household Questionnaire delivered to people who had expressed interest in further consultation in the Initial Household Questionnaire. (See Appendix 6 for copy of the Questionnaire and results of the findings)
May 2007	Consultation on Action Plan and priorities through a staffed exhibition of survey results in Community Centre and discussion with Steering Group.
July 2007	Tarporley and District Parish Council adopt the Parish Plan.

APPENDIX 3: Summary of Comments at Tarporley Carnivals July 2005 & 2006

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At the July 2005 carnival, the Parish Council collected 85 comments as follows:-

Question	Number of Comments	Analysis of Comments
What is good about Tarporley?	21	Friendly people – 3 Pleasant village/environment – 12 Good facilities – 6
What needs improving?	29	Parking/traffic/roads – 23 Community Centre – 3 Sewage system – 1 Access to local school – 1 Provision of youth club – 1
What do we need?	35	Swimming pool/leisure/sports centre – 17 Play ground – 4 Facilities for young people – 3 More parking – 2 Brook Farm school being used – 2 Police – 2 Skate park - 2 More school places – 1 Cycle way to High School – 1 Speed limits – 1

At the 2006 carnival, members of the Parish Plan Steering Group mounted an exhibition showing the results from the Initial Household Questionnaire and the Primary School Questionnaire. On the neighbouring stand, the Parish Council collected yes/no votes on whether they should employ a Police Community Support Officer (village bobby). There was an overwhelming yes vote!



The Carnival Procession



Tarporley Vics at the 2005 Carnival

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The Steering Group collected 118 comments from the 66 people who wrote their views down on labels about what was needed in Tarporley, as shown below:-

What does Tarporley need?	Number of Comments	Analysis of Comments
Sports facilities	67	General comments - 13 Request for:- swimming pool – 20 more football facilities – 10 cricket facilities – 9 skate park – 4 tennis – 3 other sports - 7 Against a skate park – 1
Village amenities	26	Wider range of shops – 8 Facilities for young people – 7 Up-grade community centre – 2 More bins – 2 Proper library – 1 A pond – 1 Misc. – 5
Roads/ traffic/ parking	19	More car parking space - 8 Traffic calming measures - 7 Roundabout – provision of - 1 Roundabout design - 1 Better road surfaces- 1 Misc. – 1
Housing	3	Affordable housing – 2 No more houses – 1
Police	1	
Misc	2	“Brilliant as it is!” More support needed for local groups

APPENDIX 4

The figures in green are the results from the questionnaire.

Tomorrow's Tarporley - Questionnaire

Have your say and help to shape the future of your community. Through completing this questionnaire you will help ensure that your views are reflected in the forthcoming Parish Plan. The aim of this Parish Plan is to identify the needs and issues of the people of Tarporley and provide a definitive view of how the village should evolve over the next few years and how these changes may be achieved.

Guidance Notes

Please indicate your responses clearly with black or blue ink. You may complete this questionnaire anonymously and you do not have to answer any question if you do not wish to do so.

1. What is your postcode?

2. How long have you lived in Tarporley?

Average 17.9 years

3. How many people including children usually live in your household?

Total 987

Please enter the number of people in each age group.

5.0% Under 4 years

10.3% From 5-11 years

7.6% From 12-17 years

17.0% From 18-39 years

42.6% From 40-64 years

17.5% 65 years and older

4. How many people in your household are employed and how far do they travel to work?

Total 742

Please enter the number of people in each group.

36.1% Do not work

9.6% Work from home

15.0% Under 4 miles

6.1% From 5-9 miles

16.4% From 10-19 miles

16.8% Over 20 miles

5. How often do members of your household use the following facilities in the village?

Please tick one box for each facility.

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less Often	Never
Post office	4.7%	68.2%	25.9%	5.7%	0.5%
Bank	3.9%	54.1%	23.6%	10.9%	7.5%
Food stores or supermarket	47.8%	48.3%	2.7%	1.0%	0.2%
Other shops or services	11.4%	59.6%	20.5%	8.5%	0.0%
Pubs or restaurants	5.7%	41.5%	26.3%	23.7%	2.8%
Health centre or hospital	1.0%	5.1%	28.9%	61.4%	3.6%
Church	0.8%	14.4%	7.3%	40.5%	37.1%
Community centre	0.0%	12.8%	12.8%	52.7%	21.7%
Library	0.3%	7.9%	13.0%	30.2%	48.7%
Schools or nurseries	23.8%	2.4%	0.5%	4.1%	69.1%
Bus services	3.1%	14.8%	12.8%	26.1%	43.2%
Other (specify).....	10.9%	67.4%	2.2%	15.2%	4.3%

6. What do you like most about living in Tarporley?

Please tick the 3 you consider most important from the following list of topics.

- 24.2% Attractive village
- 18.8% Rural setting
- 8.7% Safe environment
- 11.6% Sense of community
- 18.7% Range of shops and services
- 6.1% Quality of schools
- 1.9% Types of houses available
- 3.4% Proximity to work
- 5.4% Proximity to family
- 1.2% Other (please specify).....

7. What aspects of Tarporley village life do you think need improving?

Please score the following list in order of most importance (5) to least importance (1)

- 16.5% Car parking for High Street shops & services
- 6.1% Library (location/opening hours)
- 9.9% Sports facilities
- 6.3% Footpaths and cycle-ways
- 7.0% Street litter collection
- 7.5% Waste collection & recycling facilities
- 8.4% More affordable housing
- 14.7% Community or local policing
- 8.1% Protection of the environment across the parish
- 5.0% Public transport
- 8.2% Youth activities
- 2.3% Other (please specify).....

8. How satisfied are you with Tarporley?

Total 404

Please tick one of the following boxes.

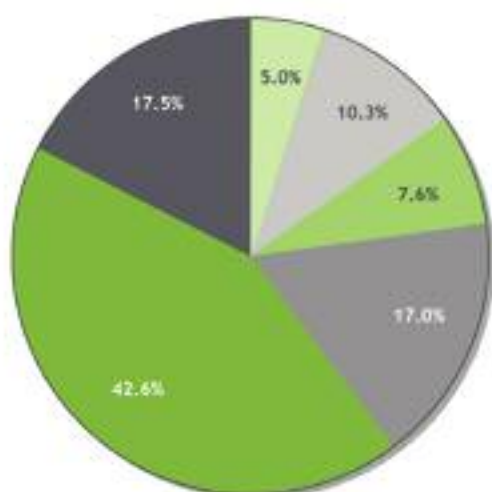
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| 36.1% Very satisfied | 50.0% Satisfied |
| 10.9% Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | |
| 2.5% Dissatisfied | 0.5% Very dissatisfied |

9. Would you like to complete a more detailed questionnaire or participate in a group discussion?

Please tick all that apply.

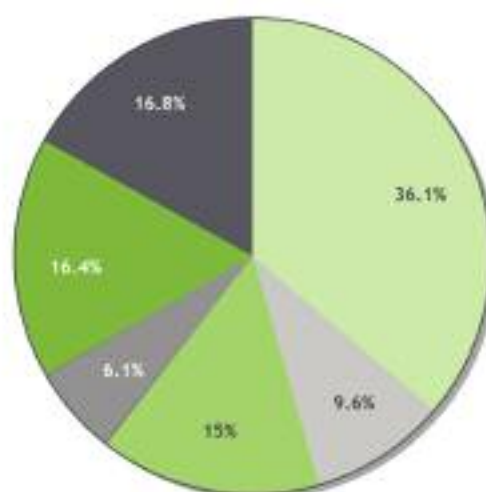
- 42.5% No further participation
- 45.7% Detailed questionnaire
- 21.7% Group discussion

Our Community by Household



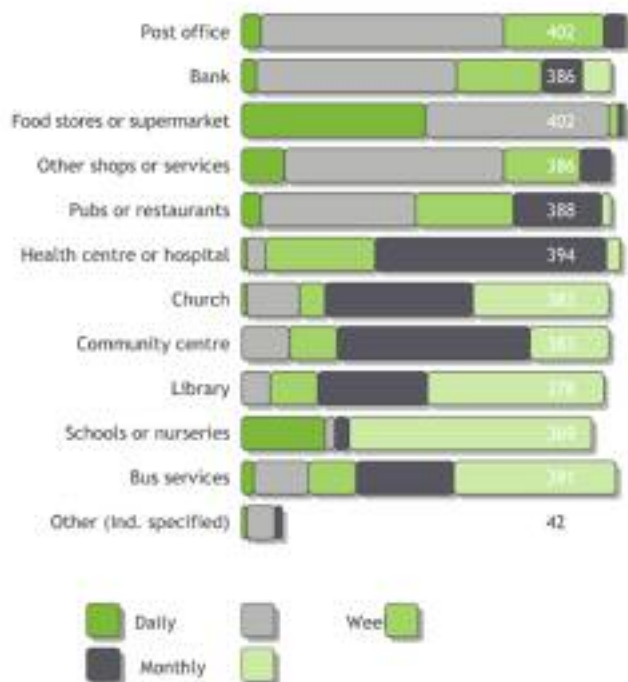
Sample size 405 households Total 987

Our Community by Employment



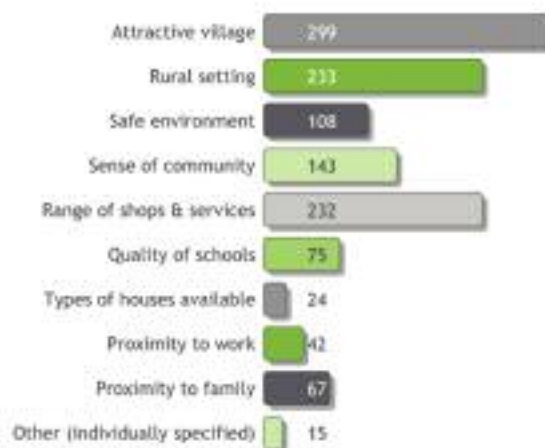
Sample size 405 households Total 742

Community Use of Tarporley's Facilities



Sample size 405 households Total score 4354

What Our Community Likes



Scored by selecting the 3 most important topics from the above list

Sample size 405 households Total score

Aspects for Future Improvement

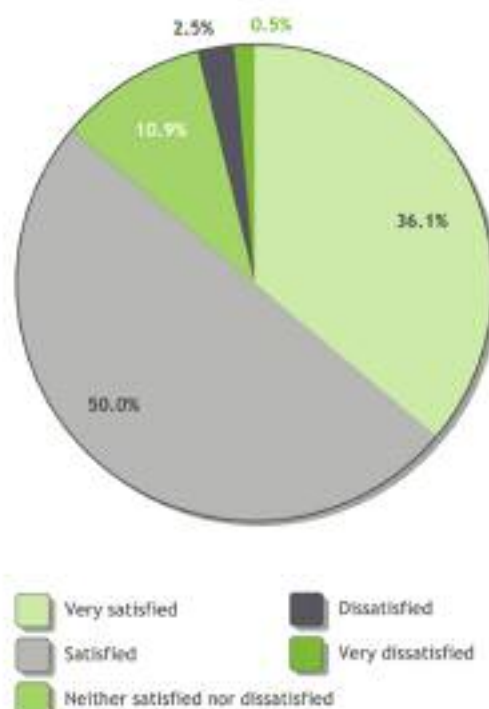


Scored most important (5) to least important (1) from the above list

Sample size 405 households

Total score

Community Satisfaction



Sample size 405 households

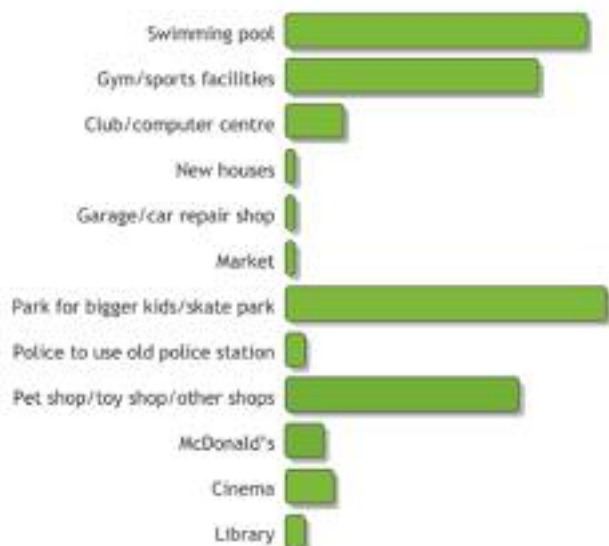
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APPENDIX 5

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Tomorrow's Tarporley - Children's Questionnaire

What Children Would Like in Tarporley



Sample size 68 children

The Children's Favourite Logo



1st Place



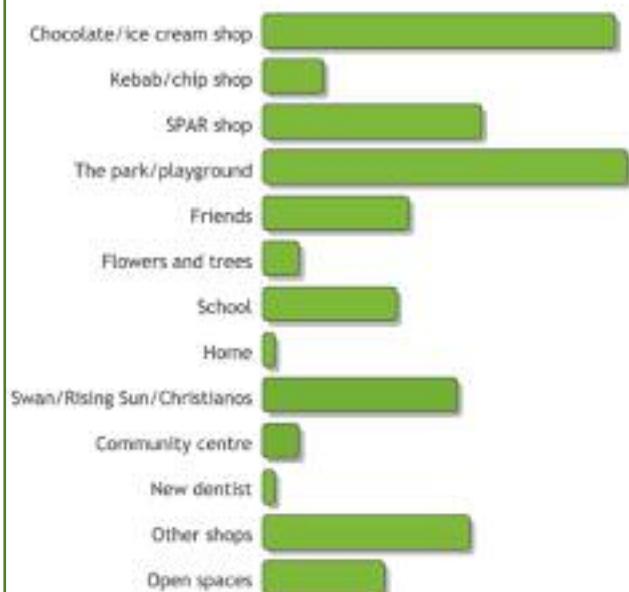
2nd Place



3rd Place

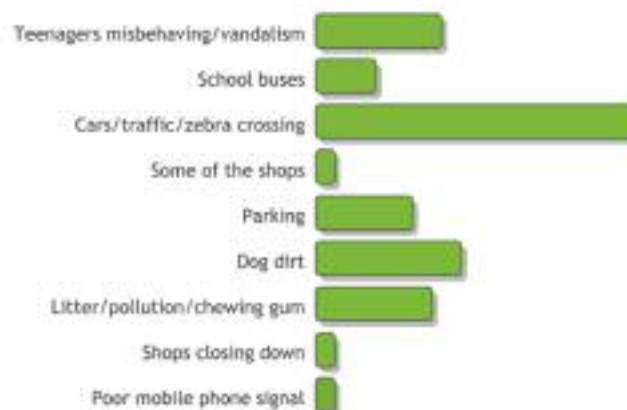
Sample size 68 children

What Children Like About Tarporley



Sample size 68 children

What Children Dislike About Tarporley



Sample size 68 children

APPENDIX 6

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Tomorrow's Tarporley - Detailed Questionnaire

Thank you for completing the 'Tomorrow's Tarporley' household questionnaire in April this year and agreeing to take part in a more detailed survey. The first questionnaire gave us some important information and now we want to explore in more detail the issues raised.

We are interested in not only your personal response, but also the opinions of other members of your household, so please include them in your answers where appropriate.

Guidance Notes

Please indicate your responses clearly with black or blue ink. You may complete this questionnaire anonymously and you do not have to answer any question if you do not wish to do so.

Please return your completed form in the envelope provided by 8th December 2006.

Background Information

In order that we can judge how representative the returned forms are of all the households in the village, please can you provide the following information:

1. What is your postcode?

2. How long have you lived in Tarporley?

Please enter the number of years in the box.

Average 18.9 years

3. How many males including children usually live in your household?

Total 191

Please enter the number of males in each age group.

7.3% Under 5 years

11.0% From 5-11 years

5.8% From 12-17 years

9.9% From 18-39 years

48.2% From 40-64 years

17.8% 65 years and older

4. How many females including children usually live in your household?

Total 195

Please enter the number of females in each age group.

5.6% Under 5 years

11.3% From 5-11 years

8.7% From 12-17 years

14.4% From 18-39 years

46.2% From 40-64 years

13.8% 65 years and older

5. Do you have a computer in your household and if so how many?

Please enter the number of computers in the box.

Average 1.4 computers

Total 147

6. Is your computer connected to the Internet and if so how?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

10.9% Do not have a computer

4.8% Not connected to the Internet

18.4% Connected via dial-up modem

66.0% Connected via ADSL Broadband

0.0% Other type of connection, please state

1. Community News & Information

We would like to know more about how you keep up to date with village events and parish news. The following questions will help us to communicate information and news more effectively.

1. Which of the following village notice boards, newspapers, magazines, newsletters and web sites do you read?

Please tick one box for publication listed.

	Regularly read	Sometimes read	Hardly ever read	Never read
Parish Council notice board	24.0%	46.6%	18.5%	11.0%
Rotary Club notice board	4.9%	26.1%	23.2%	45.8%
Village notice board	32.4%	45.5%	15.9%	6.2%
British Legion notice board	4.2%	16.9%	21.8%	57.0%
Community Centre notice board	6.3%	22.2%	25.7%	45.8%
Buy-Sell	62.4%	24.2%	6.7%	6.7%
Chester Chronicle	45.9%	33.1%	16.9%	4.1%
Chester & District Standard	17.4%	23.2%	22.5%	37.0%
Tarporley Talk	80.1%	14.6%	3.3%	2.0%
Parish Newsletter	67.6%	20.9%	5.4%	6.1%
Village web site (www.tarporley.net)	0.7%	20.1%	21.6%	57.6%
Parish web site (www.tarporley.org.uk)	0.0%	16.4%	18.7%	64.9%

2. Do you think that events and issues in the village are currently communicated effectively?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

4.0% Strongly agree	33.6% Agree
39.6% Neither agree nor disagree	
18.1% Disagree	4.7% Strongly disagree

3. Do you think that the Parish Newsletter should be published more frequently e.g. every 2 months?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

13.4% Strongly agree	47.0% Agree
29.5% Neither agree nor disagree	
8.7% Disagree	1.3% Strongly disagree

4. How would you prefer to receive the Parish Newsletter?

Please tick all boxes that apply.

21.4% Email	16.5% Collecting from village shop
51.5% Hand delivered	10.7% By post
0.0% Not wanted	

2. Community Centre

Discussion groups and the initial household survey have indicated that some people would like to see improvements to the Community Centre. Funding is currently being sought for a significant refurbishment of the existing buildings and so we would like to know your views.

1. What do you think of the current facilities presently provided at the Community Centre?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

4.0% Very satisfactory	38.0% Satisfactory
28.7% Neither satisfactory nor unsatisfactory	
27.3% Unsatisfactory	2.0% Very unsatisfactory

2. Do you think the Community Centre should be the social centre of the parish?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

21.3% Strongly agree	60.9% Agree
14.7% Neither agree nor disagree	
2.7% Disagree	1.3% Strongly disagree

3. Do you think the community centre should have facilities for people of all ages?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

50.7% Strongly agree	47.4% Agree
1.3% Neither agree nor disagree	
0.0% Disagree	0.7% Strongly disagree

4. What facilities would you like to see available at the Community Centre?

Please tick one box for each facility listed. You may also add other suggestions you have.

	Yes	Don't know	No
Large hall - available for hire	98.7%	0.0%	1.3%
Small meeting rooms - available for hire	94.5%	1.4%	4.1%
Area that can be set up as a temporary bar	87.8%	4.7%	7.4%
Kitchen available for cooking meals	69.4%	10.9%	19.7%
Kitchen for use to serve refreshments and light snacks	91.3%	3.4%	5.4%
Catering facility - refreshments/meals are on sale	52.5%	23.7%	23.7%
Fitness centre	69.4%	14.3%	16.3%
Internet café	35.9%	31.7%	32.4%
Cinema facility	55.2%	23.8%	21.0%
Indoor sports	71.0%	8.3%	20.7%
Crèche	50.0%	16.2%	33.8%
Games room e.g. snooker, pool, darts etc.	49.0%	26.6%	24.5%
Theatre facility	78.5%	7.6%	13.9%
Library	42.7%	35.7%	21.7%
Conference/business centre	33.6%	36.4%	30.0%
Pensioner's club	77.1%	4.2%	18.8%
Indoor play area	45.1%	25.7%	29.2%
Public information/access point	79.9%	4.9%	15.3%
Youth facilities	79.5%	6.8%	13.7%
Video games room	17.9%	56.6%	25.7%
Other			
Other			

5. Do you think the Community Centre should be run by paid staff, using money raised through hire charges, events etc?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

18.9%	Strongly agree	40.5%	Agree
27.0%	Neither agree nor disagree		
11.5%	Disagree	2.0%	Strongly disagree

6. Do you think that the Community Centre should be open (at set hours) for people to drop in e.g. to visit an internet café, or an information centre?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

22.8%	Strongly agree	50.3%	Agree
15.4%	Neither agree nor disagree		
9.4%	Disagree	2.0%	Strongly disagree

7. Please write any other comments you wish to make about the community centre in the space below.

.....
responses recorded and analysed separately
.....

8. Which community activities and clubs/organisations in Tarporley (e.g. a church, cubs/brownies) are you and your family involved in? *Please list below.*

.....
responses recorded and analysed separately
.....

9. Which activities, clubs, organisations or events would you and your family like to join/take part in if they were set up in Tarporley? *Please list below.*

.....
responses recorded and analysed separately
.....

10. Would you be interested in helping to set up/run a club or organisation with others?

Please provide your name and address, stating which club(s) you are interested in helping with.

.....
responses recorded and analysed separately
.....

11. How could more people be encouraged to take part in community activities and clubs?

Please write your comments below.

.....
responses recorded and analysed separately
.....

12. Please add here any further comments you would like to make about the future of Tarporley

.....
responses recorded and analysed separately
.....

3. Sports

Many people have told us that they would like more sports and sporting facilities in the village itself, rather than having to travel to other areas to take part. Please help us to understand what sports you undertake and what activities you would like to participate in.

1. Which of the following sports/activities do you think are available in Tarporley?

Please tick one box for each activity listed.

	Available	Don't know	Not available
Football	84.4%	12.9%	2.7%
Aikido / martial arts	72.8%	27.2%	0.0%
Bowls	70.7%	23.8%	5.4%
Cricket	37.6%	41.4%	21.3%
Self Defence	42.6%	53.2%	4.3%
Fitness Classes	80.0%	19.3%	0.7%
Yoga / pilates	53.9%	43.3%	2.8%
Tennis	95.2%	4.1%	0.7%
Badminton	62.0%	34.5%	3.5%
Netball	9.2%	75.9%	14.9%
Hockey	25.5%	61.7%	12.8%

2. Please list which sports you and members of your household take part in on a regular basis?

In the Tarporley area.

.....
responses recorded and analysed separately

Outside of Tarporley, stating where.

.....
responses recorded and analysed separately

3. How likely would members of your household play the following sports if they were available in the village?

Please tick one box for each sport listed.

	Very likely	Likely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Unlikely	Very unlikely
Football	19.7%	3.9%	7.1%	16.5%	52.8%
Cricket	9.7%	8.1%	10.5%	21.0%	50.8%
Athletics	7.3%	13.0%	13.8%	17.1%	48.8%
Squash	10.5%	18.5%	7.3%	17.7%	46.0%
Rugby	9.8%	5.7%	9.0%	18.0%	57.4%
Other.....					
Other.....					

4. How many people in your household go swimming?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

	More than once a week	Once a week	Once a month	Once a year	Never
Adults	10.2%	17.6%	24.9%	26.8%	20.5%
Children	9.2%	38.2%	32.9%	11.8%	7.9%

5. If there was a swimming pool in Tarporley, please tell us the numbers in your household who would go swimming?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

	More than once a week	Once a week	Once a month	Once a year	Never
Adults	39.1%	39.5%	12.1%	0.9%	8.4%
Children	43.8%	46.1%	6.7%	1.1%	2.2%

6. How often do you think you and your household would use a sports centre (with indoor and outdoor sports facilities) if there was one in the Tarporley area?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

	More than once a week	Once a week	Once a month	Once a year	Never
	41.0%	25.7%	11.8%	4.2%	17.4%

7. If a sports centre were built in the Tarporley area, how likely are you and your household to use the following facilities?

Please tick one box for each category listed.

	Very likely	Likely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Unlikely	Very unlikely
Squash	15.2%	14.4%	8.3%	16.7%	45.5%
Cricket	6.9%	10.7%	9.2%	17.6%	55.7%
Indoor Football	13.8%	15.4%	5.4%	12.3%	53.1%
Outdoor Football	16.2%	9.2%	6.2%	12.3%	56.2%
Rugby	6.3%	7.9%	11.1%	11.9%	62.7%
Tennis	16.8%	18.3%	17.6%	7.6%	39.7%
Athletics	6.3%	14.3%	13.5%	12.7%	53.2%
Swimming	69.2%	18.2%	2.1%	1.4%	9.1%
Aerobics	27.5%	28.2%	12.2%	7.6%	24.4%
Fitness Training	36.7%	29.5%	10.1%	5.8%	18.0%
Badminton	14.4%	15.9%	19.7%	9.8%	40.2%
Table Tennis	7.7%	16.2%	16.9%	16.2%	43.1%
Athletics	6.3%	10.9%	17.2%	11.7%	53.9%
Netball	6.9%	7.7%	12.3%	14.6%	58.5%
Basketball	2.3%	7.8%	11.6%	17.1%	61.2%
Skate Park	8.5%	10.1%	6.2%	13.2%	62.0%
Other.....					
Other.....					

4. Village Appearance

The first 'Tomorrow's Tarporley' questionnaire showed that an attractive village was important to three out of four households. This section explores in more detail what you think makes Tarporley attractive and where improvements need to be made.

1. What do you consider to be the best/most important aspects of the village?

Please write your examples next to each of the following categories.

Views
 Street scenes responses recorded and analysed separately
 Buildings
 Open spaces and trees

2. What aspects of the village do you think need improving?

Please write your examples next to each of the following categories.

Views
 Street scenes responses recorded and analysed separately
 Buildings
 Open spaces and trees

3. Do you think that the appearance of the entrance roads to the village are important?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

59.1%	Strongly agree	33.6%	Agree
7.4%	Neither agree nor disagree		
0.0%	Disagree	0.0%	Strongly disagree

4. Would you like to see changes to the village entrances?

Please tick one box for each change.

	Yes	Don't know	No
Planting on the roundabout	74.4%	11.3%	14.3%
Better signs about services in the village	55.8%	23.2%	41.5%
Gateway features such as 'pinch points' in roads	38.5%	41.5%	20.0%
Traffic calming features such as road humps	44.0%	48.5%	7.5%
Other, please state			

5. How satisfied are you with the following?

Please tick one box for each category

	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied
Planting on the roundabout	16.4%	50.7%	32.9%
Number and type of signs in the village	39.6%	50.7%	9.7%
Shop fascias and advertisements	57.4%	33.8%	8.8%
Overhead wires	22.5%	62.3%	15.2%
Notice boards	53.1%	40.1%	6.8%
Seats	58.9%	24.7%	16.4%

6. Do you think it is important to have flower baskets/tubs along the High Street to make its appearance attractive? Please tick one of the following boxes.

77.6%	Strongly agree	15.1%	Agree
5.3%	Neither agree nor disagree		
2.0%	Disagree	0.0%	Strongly disagree

7. Do you think it important that there are festive lights along the High Street at Christmas time?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

85.4%	Strongly agree	12.6%	Agree
1.3%	Neither agree nor disagree		
0.7%	Disagree	0.0%	Strongly disagree

8. Do you think the access to the Done Room should be improved with the land alongside better utilised, e.g. as a small public park?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

37.3%	Strongly agree	32.7%	Agree
14.7%	Neither agree nor disagree		
7.3%	Disagree	8.0%	Strongly disagree

9. In the near future St Helen's church yard will be closed for burials and there will be a new burial ground run and maintained by the Parish Council. What do you think should happen to the church yard when it is closed and not maintained as it is now?

Please tick your preferred option below.

21.1%	Allow to become a 'living churchyard' encouraging more wildflowers, birds and butterflies
40.4%	Encourage more use as a quiet area for reflection with provision of additional seats etc
38.6%	Pay more from the Parish Council rate to continue the current level of up-keep and mowing
	Other - please state

10. Do you think that the Parish Council should take over the running of the public conveniences if Vale Royal Borough Council decide that they can no longer afford to run them?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

38.7%	Strongly agree	37.3%	Agree
14.0%	Neither agree nor disagree		
6.0%	Disagree	4.0%	Strongly disagree

11. Please state which areas of Tarporley you think are worst for:-

Please write your examples next to each of the following categories.

Litter
Dog fouling responses recorded and analysed separately

12. Do you think that the areas mentioned in question 11 could be improved by:-

Please tick one of the following boxes for each action.

Enforcement of penalties

53.9%	Strongly agree	26.2%	Agree
12.8%	Neither agree nor disagree		
5.0%	Disagree	2.1%	Strongly disagree

Provision of more bins.

44.6%	Strongly agree	38.8%	Agree
11.5%	Neither agree nor disagree		
4.3%	Disagree	0.7%	Strongly disagree

5. Transport, parking & roads

In the initial household survey, by far the most comments were made about the parking and traffic problems in the village. These matters have been of concern to the Parish Council for a long time and in 2005 a transport survey was undertaken via Cheshire County Council. We would like to receive your opinions.

1. How do you and your family travel into the centre of Tarporley?

Please tick all that apply for each person in your household.

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
Walk	68.8%	29.8%	1.4%	0.0%
Cycle	6.7%	17.3%	20.0%	56.0%
Bus	0.0%	1.5%	4.5%	94.0%
Car	40.0%	37.4%	11.3%	11.3%

2. Do you think the village would benefit from cycle paths e.g. along the High Street?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

14.2%	Strongly agree	10.8%	Agree
14.9%	Neither agree nor disagree		
36.5%	Disagree	23.6%	Strongly disagree

Please state below where you think cycle paths might run to and from.

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 responses recorded and analysed separately

3. Do you think there is a need for cycle racks in the High Street?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

9.2%	Strongly agree	31.6%	Agree
33.6%	Neither agree nor disagree		
16.4%	Disagree	9.2%	Strongly disagree

4. If the High Street were to have cycle racks and a cycle path, would you and members of your household cycle more often into the village rather than use your car?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

20.9%	Yes	34.0%	No
8.5%	Don't know	36.6%	Not applicable (e.g. always walk)

5. Do you think the High Street should have wider pavements, with a single lane for traffic and traffic lights to control the flow of traffic?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

10.6%	Strongly agree	9.3%	Agree
11.3%	Neither agree nor disagree		
31.8%	Disagree	37.1%	Strongly disagree

6. Do you think the High Street should be made into a one way street so that the number of parking spaces on the High Street can be increased?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

8.0%	Strongly agree	6.0%	Agree
6.0%	Neither agree nor disagree		
28.7%	Disagree	51.3%	Strongly disagree

7. Do you think that there should be time limited parking on the High Street?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

60.7%	Strongly agree	22.0%	Agree
5.3%	Neither agree nor disagree		
4.7%	Disagree	7.3%	Strongly disagree

If so, what do you think the time limit should be?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

Under 1 hour	1-2 hours	3-4 hours	more than 4 hours
40.0%	51.5%	6.9%	1.5%

8. Would you use the car park at the Community Centre, now that it has been designated as a long stay car park, if the High Street and the car park behind the Rising Sun were for short stay (under 1 hour) parking only?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

Yes	No	Don't know	Not applicable
43.0%	22.8%	4.0%	30.2%

9. Do you think that the High School buses should not be permitted to travel along the High Street?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

60.3%	Strongly agree	13.9%	Agree
10.6%	Neither agree nor disagree		
8.6%	Disagree	6.6%	Strongly disagree

10. Do you think that there should be a weight limit (and hence size limit) on vehicles delivering goods to the shops in the village?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

40.8%	Strongly agree	22.4%	Agree
19.0%	Neither agree nor disagree		
15.0%	Disagree	2.7%	Strongly disagree

11. Do you think there should be a round-about or traffic lights to allow safe access onto the A51 at the southerly entrance to the village?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

36.9%	Strongly agree	27.5%	Agree
14.8%	Neither agree nor disagree		
12.1%	Disagree	8.7%	Strongly disagree

12. Do you think that the Beeston-Tarporley railway station should be re-opened on the Chester to Crewe railway line?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

48.3%	Strongly agree	25.2%	Agree
19.2%	Neither agree nor disagree		
4.0%	Disagree	3.3%	Strongly disagree

13. Please tell us the numbers of your household who might use this railway station?

Please enter the number of people in the box.

254 people

6. Village assets & viability

The first questionnaire showed that people rated the importance of the local shops and services very highly. We would like to find out more about your views on these subjects and how the shops and services can be maintained and/or increased.

1. If you shop in Tarporley, what are your reasons?

Please tick all that apply.

- 23.2% Convenience
- 20.1% To support the local economy
- 13.9% Late opening hours
- 4.4% Good value
- 1.3% Cheap priced items
- 8.5% High quality goods on sale
- 1.3% No transport to shop elsewhere
- 5.5% Able to park nearby
- 10.7% Small shops
- 11.1% Better service
- Other, please state
- Do not use the local shops

2. What would encourage you to shop more often in the village?

Please tick all that apply.

- 6.4% Later opening hours
- 26.8% Cheaper priced items
- 13.6% Higher quality goods on sale
- 17.3% Better parking
- 35.9% Wider product ranges
- Other, please state

3. What new shops would you like to see open in the village?

Please list below.

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 responses recorded and analysed separately

4. Do you think you would shop at a farmers market or WI Country Market if one were held in Tarporley?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

Yes	No	Don't know
92.6%	2.0%	5.4%

5. Do you support the following ideas to maintain/ increase the trade and the use of services and businesses in Tarporley?

Please tick all that apply.

	Yes	No	Don't know
Incentives for local people to shop /use services	84.4%	3.5%	12.1%
Adverts signs outside of the village e.g. at the roundabout	34.8%	46.7%	18.5%
Regular media adverts	50.4%	23.7%	26.0%
Special events/promotions in the village	83.4%	2.1%	14.5%
Other, please state			

6. How important it is to you and your household to be able to purchase the following in the village?

Please tick one box for each category listed.

	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Unimportant	Very unimportant
Meat	36.5%	44.6%	14.2%	3.4%	1.4%
Bread & cakes	51.4%	39.9%	7.4%	1.4%	0.0%
General groceries	52.4%	42.2%	4.1%	0.7%	0.7%
Delicatessens	29.0%	39.3%	26.2%	4.1%	1.4%
Newspapers	62.9%	27.8%	6.0%	1.3%	2.0%
Stationery	25.2%	34.3%	25.9%	11.2%	3.5%
Alcohol	19.7%	46.5%	21.8%	9.2%	2.8%
Clothing	15.9%	25.5%	33.8%	19.3%	5.5%
Petrol	58.7%	28.0%	10.7%	2.7%	0.0%

7. How important it is to you and your household that the following services are available in the village?

Please tick one box for each service listed.

	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Unimportant	Very unimportant
Bank	74.8%	15.2%	5.3%	3.3%	1.3%
Post office	90.7%	9.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NHS dentist	66.0%	15.3%	14.0%	2.7%	2.0%
Optician	33.3%	26.5%	25.9%	9.5%	4.8%
Solicitors	23.5%	34.2%	30.9%	8.7%	2.7%
Estate agent	21.6%	36.5%	29.7%	8.8%	3.4%
Internet café	3.4%	11.7%	35.2%	29.7%	20.0%
GP surgery	95.4%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%
Cottage hospital	77.5%	17.9%	4.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Travel agent	12.2%	25.7%	39.2%	15.5%	7.4%
Doorstep milk delivery	35.1%	24.3%	28.4%	6.1%	6.1%
Restaurants	53.0%	37.6%	8.1%	1.3%	0.0%
Take-away food	32.4%	30.4%	20.9%	6.8%	9.5%
Church	51.7%	24.8%	12.8%	6.7%	4.0%
Primary school	66.4%	18.1%	8.1%	3.4%	4.0%
Secondary school	63.8%	18.8%	9.4%	4.7%	3.4%
Allotments	25.5%	28.2%	30.2%	8.1%	8.1%
Community halls	54.4%	35.6%	9.4%	0.7%	0.0%
Service/ repair garage	64.0%	26.0%	6.0%	2.7%	1.3%

8. How often do you use the following services in the village?

Please tick one box for each service listed.

	Service used every time	Service used most times	Service not used in Tarporley	Service not used
Bank	47.3%	41.2%	7.4%	4.1%
Post office	66.9%	32.5%	0.0%	0.7%
NHS dentist	47.6%	8.2%	24.5%	19.7%
Optician	17.2%	14.5%	53.1%	15.2%
Solicitors	20.1%	20.8%	41.7%	17.4%
Estate agent	26.2%	31.0%	9.0%	33.8%
Internet café	0.7%	0.7%	10.1%	88.5%
GP surgery	92.6%	6.0%	0.7%	0.7%
Cottage hospital	53.4%	29.1%	3.4%	14.2%
Travel agent	9.7%	29.9%	27.8%	32.6%
Milkman	41.1%	3.4%	11.6%	43.8%
Restaurants	28.3%	59.7%	8.1%	4.0%
Take-away food	16.3%	40.1%	10.9%	32.7%
Church	30.8%	28.7%	11.2%	29.4%
Primary school	25.5%	1.4%	5.0%	68.1%
Secondary school	25.5%	2.8%	3.5%	68.1%
Allotments	9.9%	1.4%	5.0%	83.7%
Community halls	23.6%	54.2%	3.5%	18.8%
Service/ repair garage	51.0%	25.5%	11.4%	12.1%

9. Do you think that more employment opportunities should be developed in Tarporley?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

29.7%	Strongly agree	43.9%	Agree
21.6%	Neither agree nor disagree		
4.1%	Disagree	0.7%	Strongly disagree

10. Do you think more business premises should be provided in Tarporley?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

10.7%	Strongly agree	38.3%	Agree
30.9%	Neither agree nor disagree		
18.1%	Disagree	2.0%	Strongly disagree

11. Do you think that tourism should be developed in Tarporley?

Please tick one of the following boxes.

15.5%	Strongly agree	48.0%	Agree
27.7%	Neither agree nor disagree		
6.8%	Disagree	2.0%	Strongly disagree

APPENDIX 7: Business Survey

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The survey was carried out to identify common interests and concerns in the business community. It took the form of a short “yes/no” questionnaire with opportunities for additional comments and suggestions. Businesses could complete the questionnaires themselves or through discussion with a Parish Plan representative. The results are contained in the Table below.

Table of the Results of the Business Survey

Topic	Of concern		Comments / Suggestions
	Yes	No	
Security / disorder / vandalism	29	6	More visible police presence desirable (especially evenings and weekends) (4). Need more direct communications with police (1). Would like CCTV in High St. (1). Problem with shoplifting (1). Problem with vandalism (1).
Recruitment	13	16	Difficulty with recruiting locally (2).
Employment needs / staff training	9	26	
Links with High School (not generally shops?)	12	23	Would like to see work experience or similar links (3).
Re-establishment of Chamber of Trade	22	13	Positive comments (4).
Disabled / pushchair access	16	19	Problem for High Street premises (2). Suggest review of pavements and crossings (1).
Refuse collection / litter / bins	20	15	Would like to recycle cardboard etc. but provision is lacking (3). Problem with disposal of packaging materials (3). Charges are too high for the service provided (2). Need more bins (1). Use of litter bins for disposal of business/domestic rubbish (1).
Delivery access	17	18	Problem for High Street shops etc. (4). Deliveries to Co-op are a particular problem (1). Suggest designated loading areas (1).
Staff travel / parking	24	11	Traders and staff should not park all day on High Street (4). Suggest time limit for parking in High Street (2). Main car park is inadequate (2). Main car park is insecure (1). Provisions for disabled and parent/child are inadequate (1). Parking for medical patients and volunteers (RNIB) is difficult (2). Parking provision in Park Road and Birch Heath Road is inadequate (2).
Overheads	20	15	Business rate is too high (6). Rents are too high (1).
Tourism	19	16	Would benefit shops (3). Website(s) need updating (1).

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Although the majority of the businesses were concerned about security and vandalism issues, most of those interviewed said that they had not encountered problems and several regarded Tarporley as being very good in this respect.

Half of the businesses had issues with recruitment and a third were concerned over staff training. About a third of businesses, including a number of shopkeepers, felt that stronger ties with the High School would be of mutual benefit. For example, involvement of local traders in the setting and assessment of design projects could introduce a sense of objectivity and practicality.

A Tarporley Chamber of Trade had been defunct for several years and a question was included in the survey to gauge support for its re-establishment. During the course of the survey the Tarporley Business Association was inaugurated so the survey was able to establish the level of support for the new organisation. About two thirds of businesses were supportive, including most of the retail trade. However the Association is presently (July 2007) in abeyance as it seeks to find a new person to volunteer to be its chair person/leader.

Disabled and pushchair access was of interest to about half of the businesses, mainly High Street shops and there is only one disabled parking bay in the centre of the village. Neither are there any wide bays in the off-street car parks for handling pushchairs. The poor condition of the pavements in the centre of the village was also considered to be a hazard to the infirm, as well as looking unattractive to residents and visitors alike.

About a third expressed dissatisfaction with refuse collection arrangements. The major problem appears to be disposal of packaging and, in particular, the inability to recycle the large quantity of plain cardboard under the present system.

Delivery access was a particular problem for about half of businesses, particularly the High Street retailers. About two thirds of the businesses, mainly those in the centre of the village, experienced problems with parking.

Business overheads, particularly rates and rent, were regarded as an important issue by two thirds of businesses. The exceptions were mainly those who owned the premises.

Two thirds of businesses considered that tourism was important. The exceptions were mainly the non-retail businesses and those retailers specialising in the basic convenience goods. Many of the other traders considered that promotion of tourism was vital to the continued vitality of the village.



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APPENDIX 8: Sports and Leisure

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Information about sport and leisure facilities and participation has come from the household questionnaires and from the clubs themselves.

Football

Football is by far the best represented sport in Tarporley with training and teams representing all age groups from Primary School through to retired members of the community. Currently more people participate in football outside the village than within the village, which puts a travel burden on parents, players and organisers.

Local facilities are the High School sports hall, the Brook Farm School sports hall, a number of High School football pitches and an unmarked goalless pitch in front of Brook Farm School but these are insufficient, unavailable or of poor quality for the number of teams in Tarporley. It means several teams have to play their games outside the village. The Community Centre playing field has also recently been re-introduced as a match venue since new posts were erected in 2005.

The High School pitches are very poorly drained and become boggy for much of the football season. The Tarporley Vics play football at quite a high level in the Mid Cheshire league but need a better quality pitch with changing facilities for home and visiting teams.

Use of the all-weather pitch at the High School in the evenings under floodlights would be a huge improvement for training and recreational use. The provision of a number of well drained pitches and adjacent changing facilities is seen as a minimum requirement to sustain the Tarporley Vics long term future in the village, as well as satisfying the need for all the other football clubs.

Cricket

Some years ago there used to be six cricket teams in Tarporley. There are now two teams based in the village and the only local venue is the school pitch, which is of insufficient quality to play at a high standard. There are no changing facilities and no clubhouse, which presents a problem to visiting teams.

Tennis

The Tarporley Tennis Club has good facilities with two tarmac courts, floodlights and changing facilities / clubhouse. Furthermore group lessons or private lessons can be organised with the local pro. Although there is seemingly adequate provision a significant proportion of people still play elsewhere. A large number of local households are either unaware or feel unable to participate with the current facilities. There is concern about the hard tarmac surface at the local club. Consideration should be given to supplying a softer surface for the courts and increasing the participation by some form of publicity within the Parish.

Hockey

The local hockey club is Deeside Ramblers which has many teams. Some matches are played at on a floodlit pitch at nearby Tiverton but other “home” matches have to be played at venues in Nantwich and elsewhere.

It seems that the all-weather pitch at the Tarporley High School was made 15 metres too short for a full sized football or hockey pitch. If the pitch were to be extended and floodlights installed, it would enable more matches to be played at home.

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Swimming

There is currently no public swimming pool in Tarporley and people have to travel to villages and towns in the surrounding area. However, if such a swimming pool were available in Tarporley, there could be a 136% increase in participation and a four fold increase in the frequency of swimming amongst adults and children.

Badminton

There is a Badminton Club based at the High School that is very well attended. Nevertheless, many respondents suggested that they would be keen to participate if the facility was available in Tarporley. It is unclear why they believe there is nowhere to play badminton in the village but it could be due to a number of factors:-

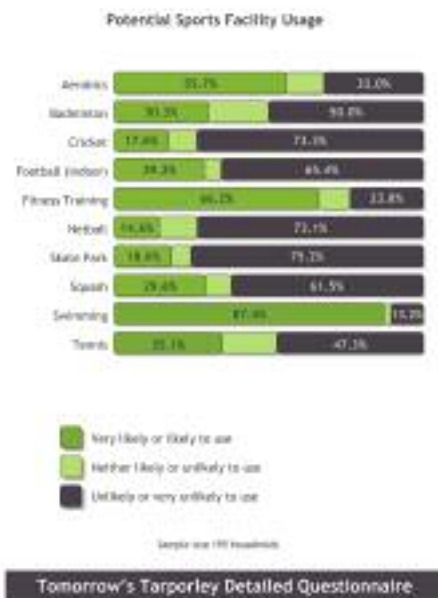
1. The current club system does not accommodate casual/family players.
2. There is a perception that courts and membership is oversubscribed.
3. Low level of awareness.

Squash

Squash is currently not available in the Parish but levels of interest for the sport are high. If a court or courts were available, participation would increase by more than 200 percent.

Bowls

There is a very strong bowls club that is well organised and well attended. There are specialist facilities with a clubhouse, bowling green and floodlights. A general comment was that it would be useful if the Community Centre could be used for indoor bowls during the winter.



(Bar Chart of Potential Sports Facility Usage)

Fitness/Aerobics/Gym

The Community Centre provides an adequate venue for the keep fit classes. Currently more people participate in fitness activities outside the village than inside the village, due to the popularity of gym workouts requiring expensive and specialist equipment. It is very difficult to assess the extra demand that local facilities would generate but indications from the consultation suggest that there is still unsatisfied potential within the village. After swimming this was the second most popular aspect for improvement of the local facilities.

Aikido

There is a very enthusiastic Aikido (self defence) club in Tarporley which has been in operation for 4 years at the Done Room.

Other Activities

There are a number of other 'minor' activities, in terms of participation levels, but nevertheless important sports for which the provision of a local facility would increase participation. The main sports for which this applies are netball and roller blading.

APPENDIX 9: Consultation with Organisations, Clubs and Societies

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Organisations, clubs and societies operating in Tarporley (other than sports groups who were consulted separately) were invited to a meeting in the Community Centre in February 2006 with the aim of:

- Informing them about the preparation of the Tarporley Parish Plan

- Inviting them to share their views, in discussion groups, about operating in Tarporley and how they would like to develop in the future.

A summary of the points made were circulated to all the organisations, clubs and societies after the meeting for them to share with their membership/officers.

Attendance

21 (43%) organisations, clubs and societies, out of the 49 invited, were represented at the meeting and 3 others submitted comments by e-mail/telephone.

Group Discussions

The following comments were recorded on flip charts by the 2 groups.

Group 1 – Organisations involving YOUNG PEOPLE

Positives

- Large number of families in parish
- New families arriving all the time
- Wide age range
- Good variety of venues
- Good variety of organisations and things to do
- Good support from local businesses, High School, Round Table etc and affluent local residents

Negatives

- Difficult to get local volunteers
- Lack of modern purpose-built facilities
- Lack of sufficient outdoor facilities
- Traffic congestion and difficult to park where you want
- Shortage of parking in village

Improvements

- Refurbished or renewed Community Centre
 - more meeting rooms
 - easy and safe parking
 - better utilisation of facilities
- Modernise the Done Room
- Utilise the Primary School / Brook Farm
- Modernise and utilise surrounding village halls
- Resolve High Street (traffic) problems
- Reduce traffic levels and speed
- Better publicity; information boards; parish web site
- Village “open day” for organisations; carnival day; schools
- Need a way for young people to tell us what they want, eg via schools
- Need better outdoor sports facilities



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Group 2 – Other Organisations

Positives

Good local support
Community Centre has good sized hall; caters for wide range of groups and age ranges; low cost to hire
Allotments used and well-kept and right scale
Hospital well-run and well-maintained and great benefit locally

Negatives

Difficult to find what organisations exist in village and contact points – poor communication
No central point for dissemination of information
Difficult to recruit volunteers (Age Concern)
Difficult to attract new members (British Legion)
Grants more difficult to attain as affluent area so eligibility criteria not met (Allotments Society)
Increasing number of elderly people in Tarporley but little provision for them
Lack of small (free or low cost) meeting rooms
More space required for certain activities (Army Cadets)
Parking problems – insufficient space at Community Centre (TADDFAS)
No lighting in car parks
Parking problems on High Street made worse by all-day parkers
No quiet outside space (such as a park) for people to meet/sit/chat/enjoy

Improvements

Better communication and information in village about local organisations via Parish Newsletter (organisations invited to contribute) and Chester Chronicle.
Information Access Point in Community Centre with computer facilities.
Parking strategy – linked to reducing car use for short journeys and provision of cycle racks in/near High Street

Improve knowledge of funding sources and requirements – set up seminar in village for organisations to hear from experts in County Council etc
Provision of low-cost housing (for first-time buyers) and bungalows for elderly (some sheltered accommodation) to meet local needs and keep vibrancy of village organizations.

Comments received by E-mail/Telephone

Positives

Ready supply of people willing to join
Good meeting venue
Good church attendance
Friendly and supportive local people

Negatives

Lack of facilities for young people
Poor facilities in the Community Centre, which is often cold and dirty.
No lighting in the car park

Improvements

Want more involvement with community support projects
Community Centre urgently needs a face-lift.
Start a Youth Club.

Conclusion

At the meeting there was a general feeling that people were happy with living in Tarporley but that there were also a number of ways in which life could be improved. For example people wanted improved means of communication between the organisations themselves and between them and the local community. There were concerns about the quality of the community buildings available for rent and about the car parking and other traffic related problems in the village.

APPENDIX 10: Action Plan Consultation

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The aim of this consultation exercise in May 2007 at the Community Centre was to ask residents to prioritize the actions within the 6 categories of the Action Plan. The Action Plan consisted of 35 actions in total, with each category having between 4 and 7 actions.

The event was published around the village; in the local press and 88 people, who had indicated that they would be interested in attending a discussion group in the Initial Household survey, were invited by letter.

Over 70 people attended the consultation at which people were asked, at each of the 6 categories in the Action Plan, to place 2 stickers against the actions (or action) they thought were/was the highest priority to undertake to improve the quality of life for the people in the village. Eighteen people also used the opportunity to record their views on the labels provided. Eleven of the eighteen comments came into the category “Transport, Parking and Roads”, again confirming that this is the most contentious / talked about subject in the village.



Consultation Poster

The findings are recorded in the tables below.

CATEGORY	ACTION	PRIORITY	
		Votes	% in category
VILLAGE ASSETS AND VIABILITY		112	100%
1	To investigate introducing a local shopping loyalty card for residents.	3	3%
2	To set up a farmers' / country market for the sale of local produce.	49	44%
3	To promote Tarporley as a place to shop and as a place to visit.	3	3%
4	To produce local publicity materials, local postcards, calendars etc.	1	1%
5	To campaign for more low cost housing to be provided in the village.	24	21%
6	To campaign for more accommodation for older people to be provided in the village.	14	13%
7	To investigate how the two parts of the High Street (north and south of Manor House) might be better integrated into one shopping street.	18	16%

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CATEGORY	ACTION	Votes	PRIORITY % in category
TRANSPORT, PARKING AND ROADS		137	100%
8	To reduce congestion in the High Street by a) re-routing the school buses. b) limiting the times that large vehicles can deliver to the shops and/or having dedicated unloading bays.	48	35%
9	To improve vehicle access onto the bypass from the southern end of the village (from Nantwich Road).	12	8%
10	To establish time limited parking along the High Street and in the car park behind the Rising Sun.	23	17%
11	To encourage use of public transport by publicising the local bus services.	5	4%
12	To obtain an improvement in the local road and pavement surfaces.	17	12%
13	To campaign for the re-opening of Beeston Station.	15	11%
14	To increase the provision of off street parking in the centre of the village.	17	12%
VILLAGE APPEARANCE		105	100%
15	To provide more litter bins within the village.	7	7%
16	To establish a village amenity society.	2	2%
17	To improve the vehicle and pedestrian access to the Done Room.	1	1%
18	To investigate options for how the land leading to the Done Room might be brought into public use.	11	10%
19	To start a “Keep Tarporley Tidy” campaign, which is both educational and practical.	17	16%
20	To set up a “Dog Anti-fouling” campaign.	35	33%
21	To improve the visual appearance of a) the roundabout at the northern entrance into Tarporley from Chester. b) the southern entrance into the village from the bypass.	32	30%
SPORTS AND LEISURE		103	100%
22	To improve the sports facilities available in and around the village by obtaining land to provide facilities such as football pitches, cricket field, squash courts, with club house and changing facilities, and a swimming pool.	38	37%
23	To work with the High School to develop sports facilities/sports centre for all year round use by the community as well as the school.	54	52%
24	To develop a means of transport to enable local people to have easy access to the new sports facilities proposed for Winsford.	3	3%
25	To investigate the setting up of a skate park in Tarporley.	4	4%
26	To provide a means of transport for young people to get to the Tattenhall skate park at the Bone Yard.	4	4%

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CATEGORY	ACTION	PRIORITY	
		Votes	% in category
COMMUNITY CENTRE		104	100%
27	To seek funding to undertake a major refurbishment.	44	42%
28	To expand facilities with particular emphasis on those for older people and young people.	20	19%
29	To provide an Access Point with computer and internet facilities.	6	6%
30	To investigate the feasibility of the Centre being run by paid staff, with set opening hours.	34	33%
VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION		101	100%
31	To establish a village information and tourist information point/centre, in conjunction with a village museum.	36	36%
32	To improve the means of communication about local news and events around the village.	14	14%
33	To hold a regular village open day for the clubs, societies and organisations to publicise their work/events.	14	14%
34	To hold a training/information event for local clubs and organisations about applying for grants etc.	5	5%
35	To re-locate the library to a more central position within the village so that it is more accessible to local people.	32	32%



The Southern End of High Street

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Comments Recorded on Labels by Category

VILLAGE ASSETS AND VIABILITY

1. Low Cost housing – yes. Release land from green belt on conditional basis.

Lower price to owner than normal e.g. £200,000 per unit, not £1 million. Houses sold to reflect reduced cost as a permanent percentage, including future sales. Combine Community centre with new sports facilities centrally behind the Crown

TRANSPORT, PARKING AND ROADS

2. Wish to support

- a) opening of Beeston Station
- b) re-routing of the school buses away from the High St
- c) better access onto the by-pass at the southern end of the village

3. If the High St. was closed for pedestrian access only and parking (paid) allowed in the community centre and behind the Rising Sun, the village centre would be so much nicer. Why does everyone need to park on the High St? It looks awful and detracts from our beautiful village.

4. Stop the garage in Park Rd. from parking their customers' cars in the road and sometimes leaving a truck there all weekend.

5. Improve as a priority the state of the roads especially from the Chester end. – that will reduce the noise through the village.

6. Please re-open Beeston Station and improve parking. Make access off A51 at south end safer.

7. Park Rd – entrance to passage way leading to Ash Close – request yellow lines are painted at this point on Park rd so that wheel chair and push chair users can get through (cars parked there prevent this)

8. Make the centre of Tarporley a traffic free zone and have a large car park at one or both ends of the village or make the High St one way.

9. Parking in Eaton Rd and parking on pavements. Oathills Drive obstruction on corners.

10. Transport, parking Roads – increase the provision of parking on the outskirts of the village

11. Let's make High St one way and create wider pavements, with seating, planting and parking bays

12. Please sort out parking times – if everyone can come and go more easily, more people will come to shop. PARKING – please sort.

SPORTS AND LEISURE

13. We were led to believe at the public meeting a couple of years ago, that residents would have a discounted membership of the spa at Portal. I have called there and written to J.T. and have been met with silence.

14. When considering a skate park consideration should be given to location i.e. not siting it near or close by any residential property.

15. Investigate options of funding for facilities – study successful projects in UK and Europe e.g. Belgium –council provide land and parish manage

16. I'd put both my dots on Item 23 (i.e. developing sports facilities at the High School) if it included a swimming pool.

VILLAGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

17. Locate library in a central information point/ museum

18. Rather than relocate the library it would be more useful to have extended opening hours. If you work late there are few opportunities to go in the week.

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Health

- 1 Chiropody, Podiatry & Physiotherapy Practice
- Tarporley War Memorial Hospital
- 2 Dental practices
- 2 Opticians
- 2 GP practices
- 1 Pharmacy

Hotels, Public Houses and Restaurants

- 3 Restaurants, inc. 2 with take-away facilities
- 1 Hotel with overnight accommodation and restaurant for non-residents
- 3 Public houses, 2 with overnight accommodation, 1 with restaurant
- 2 Coffee shops
- 1 Take-away kebab/pizza/burger/fish & chip shop

Education

- C of E Primary School
- Community High School specialising in maths and computing and with Library and Computer Centre
- Playgroups
- Adult Education/leisure classes

Places of Worship

- St Helen's CE Parish Church
- Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Chapel
- St Thomas Beckett RC Church
- Storehouse Church

Specialist Property

- Oathills Lea Sheltered Accommodation
- Rathbone Park Retirement Housing
- The Rowcliffe Homes

Shops

There are around 50 shops in and around the High Street including:-

- 3 Beauty salons
- Betting shop
- The Chocolate Shop
- 9 Clothes & shoe shops for women
- 2 Menswear shops
- 2 Children's clothes/shoe shops
- DIY
- Dry Cleaners
- Electrical shop
- 4 Estate Agents
- 6 Food and wine shops including:-
 - 1 Bakers/cake shop
 - 2 Small supermarkets
 - 1 Butcher
 - 1 Delicatessen
 - 1 off licence/wine store
- 6 Furniture/furnishing shops/businesses
- Gift shop
- 1 Health Store
- 5 Hairdressers/Barbers
- 2 Florists
- Jewellers
- Post Office
- Travel Agent

Financial, Banking and Legal Services

- 3 Banks
- 2 Chartered Accountants
- 3 Financial Advisors
- 2 Solicitors
- 3 Garages and 1 petrol station

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Other Businesses

There are about 20 businesses with dedicated premises, (excluding those mentioned above) including:-

- Architects
- Farmers
- Farrier
- Livery stables
- Racehorse simulator manufacturer
- Surveyor
- Tractor supplier
- Translator
- Transport contractor

In addition to this there are numerous 'home-based' businesses including:-

- Artist/signwriter
- Electrician
- IT support
- Lampshade manufacture
- Gardeners / landscape contractors
- Oven cleaning service
- Painter & decorator
- Plumber

Community Buildings

- Baptist & Methodist Church Hall
- Community Centre
- Done Room
- Royal British Legion
- Scout Hut

Sports and Leisure Facilities

- Allotments
- Bowling Green
- 2 Golf courses – mostly outside Parish boundary
- Football Pitch
- Playground and teen shelter
- Tennis Club

Other

- Age Concern Cheshire day centre
- Conservative Association
- Fire station
- Fire Station Museum
- Funeral Directors
- Milk roundsmen
- Parish Council
- Plant & tool hire
- Royal Mail sorting office
- Private ambulance/paramedic service
- Public toilets
- Recycling facilities for paper, clothes, shoes, cans, glass
- RNIB N.V. transcription centre
- Twinning with Bohars, France
- Veterinary clinic

Clubs and Associations

At the time of writing the following had been identified:-

- Allotment Society
- Army Cadets
- Autumn Club
- Anglers
- Aikido
- Brass Band
- Badminton Club
- Bellringers
- Children's Drama
- Children's Dance
- Dramatic Society
- Dog Obedience Classes
- Football Development
- Flower Club
- Girl Guides and Brownies
- Inner Wheel
- Karting Club
- Keep Fit classes including aerobics, Pilates
- Ladies Circle
- League of Friends - Tarporley War Memorial Hospital
- Mum & Toddlers
- Midweek Cricket Team

APPENDIX 12: List of Steering Group Members

Clubs and Associations continued...

Nat. Childbirth Trust
Nat. Women's Register
Play Boys Football team
PROBUS club
Rhythm Time
Rainbows
RNLI
Rotary Club
Round Table
Royal British Legion
Slimming World and Weight watchers
Salsa Dancing
Scouts, Cubs, Beavers
TADDFAS
Tarporey Wanderers
Tarporey Vics.
Tadwags
Tuesday Club
Water Colour Painting

Means of Communication

4 Notice Boards
Village web site
Parish Council web site
Pod cast
Monthly booklet Tarporey Talk
Quarterly Parish Newsletter
The Link (St.Helen's Church magazine)

Public transport

84 bus: Chester – Nantwich/Crewe, half hourly or hourly daily
51 Shuttle: Feeder to C84,
88 bus: Tiverton – Tarporey - Winsford
Rural Bus Service – 3 days a week
Village Bus Service – dial-up door to door, fully accessible service
Sandstone Trail Bus (summer months only) – now discontinued
2 Local taxi services

Appendix 12: List of Steering Group Members

Members of the Group met monthly (and occasionally twice a month) between September 2005 and July 2007.

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- Tarporley C of E Primary School
- The Hollies Farm Shop
- Vale Royal Borough Council

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